

## On Interchanging Sums and Integrals of Series of Functions

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§ 1. **Introduction.** One knows Lebesgue's bounded convergence theorem ([1] Theorem 26D. 2 etc.). John W. Prott has shown that a convergent sequence of integrable functions permits exchange of  $\lim$  and  $\int$  if it is bracketed by two sequences which permit this exchange [2]. In this paper we shall treat series. It is assumed throughout this note that all integrals are taken with respect to the same measure  $\mu$  on a measure space  $(X, \mathcal{S}, \mu)$ , all sets mentioned are measurable, all functions mentioned are measurable, inequalities hold almost everywhere ( $\mu$ ) and convergences of functions and series are either almost everywhere ( $\mu$ ) or in measure ( $\mu$ ). Proofs will be given for the case of convergence almost everywhere. (It follows that if a sequence of finite valued measurable functions converges *a. e.* to a finite limit on a set  $E$  of finite measure, then it converges in measure on  $E$ . See § 22 of [1]).

§ 2. **Statement of theorems and proofs.** We shall first state and prove the lemma.

**LEMMA.** *If  $\{f_n\}$  is a sequence of integrable functions such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int |f_n| d\mu < \infty$ , then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x)$  converges *a. e.* to an integrable function  $f(x)$  and*

$$\int f d\mu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int f_n d\mu \quad (\text{See } \S 27.2 \text{ of [1]}).$$

**PROOF.** If we write  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n |f_k(x)|$ , then  $S_1 \leq S_2 \leq \dots \leq S_n \leq \dots$ .

From Fatou's lemma  $\int \lim S_n d\mu = \lim \int S_n d\mu$ , that is  $\int \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f_n| d\mu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int |f_n| d\mu < \infty$ .

If we write  $v_n(x) = |f_n(x)| - f_n(x)$ , then it follows that  $\int \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n d\mu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int v_n d\mu$ ,

therefore  $\int \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|f_n| - f_n) d\mu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int (|f_n| - f_n) d\mu$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int f_n d\mu = \int \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n d\mu$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *If*

$$(i) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x) = S_1(x), \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_n(x) = S_2(x), \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n(x) = S_3(x),$$

$$(ii) \quad g_n(x) \leq f_n(x) \leq G_n(x) \text{ for all } n,$$

$$(iii) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int g_n d\mu = \int S_2 d\mu \text{ and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int G_n d\mu = \int S_3 d\mu$$

*with  $\int S_2 d\mu$  and  $\int S_3 d\mu$  finite,*

*then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int f_n d\mu = \int S_1 d\mu$  and  $\int S_1 d\mu$  is finite.*

**PROOF.** This follows by applying Theorem 1 of [2] to sequences  $\{S_{1n}\}$ ,  $\{S_{2n}\}$ , and  $\{S_{3n}\}$  defined by  $S_{1n} = \sum_{k=1}^n f_k$ ,  $S_{2n} = \sum_{k=1}^n g_k$  and  $S_{3n} = \sum_{k=1}^n G_k$ .

COROLLARY 1. *If*

- (i)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x) = S_1(x)$ ,
- (ii)  $g_n \leq f_n \leq G_n$  for all  $n$ ,
- (iii)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int |g_n| d\mu < \infty$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int |G_n| d\mu < \infty$ ,

then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int f_n d\mu = \int S_1 d\mu$  (finite)

PROOF. By Lemma, we have that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int g_n d\mu$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int G_n d\mu$  converge a. e. to integrable functions  $S_2(x)$  and  $S_3(x)$  respectively. The desired result follows from Theorem 1.

THEOREM 2. *If*

- (i)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x) = S_1(x)$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_n(x) = S_2(x)$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n(x) = S_3(x)$ ,
- (ii)  $g_n \leq f_n \leq G_n$  for all  $n$ ,
- (iii)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int g_n d\mu = \int S_2 d\mu$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int G_n d\mu = \int S_3 d\mu$  with  $\int S_2 d\mu$  and  $\int S_3 d\mu$  finite.
- (iv)  $g_n \leq 0 \leq G_n$  for all  $n$ ,

then

- (a)  $\int |\sum_{k=1}^n f_k - S_1| d\mu \rightarrow 0$ ;
- (b)  $\int_F (\sum_{k=1}^n f_k) d\mu \rightarrow \int_F S_1 d\mu$  uniformly in  $F$  ( $F$  measurable);
- (c)  $\int h(\sum_{k=1}^n f_k) d\mu \rightarrow \int h S_1 d\mu$  for all bounded functions  $h$ , uniformly in  $h$  for each bound.

PROOF. (a)–(c) are equivalent, since (a) implies (c)

$$|(\sum_{k=1}^n f_k - \int h S_1) d\mu| \leq \int |h| |\sum_{k=1}^n f_k - S_1| d\mu \leq M \cdot \int |\sum_{k=1}^n f_k - S_1| d\mu \rightarrow 0,$$

$$\text{that is } \int h \sum_{k=1}^n f_k d\mu \rightarrow \int h S_1 d\mu,$$

(c) implies (b)

$$\left| \int_F \sum_{k=1}^n f_k d\mu - \int_F S_1 d\mu \right| = \left| \int_F (\sum_{k=1}^n f_k - S_1) d\mu \right|,$$

in (c), if we put  $h=1$ , then  $\int_F \sum_{k=1}^n f_k d\mu \rightarrow \int_F S_1 d\mu$  uniformly in  $F$ , and (b) implies

(a)

let  $F_\gamma$  ( $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ) ( $F_\gamma' = x - F_\gamma$ ) be a measurable set such that  $\mu(F_\gamma') < \varepsilon_\gamma$  and such that the sequence  $\left\{ \int_{F_\gamma} \sum_{k=1}^n f_k d\mu \right\}$  converges to  $\int_{F_\gamma} S_1 d\mu$  uniformly on  $F_\gamma$  ( $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ). If  $F' = \bigcap_{\gamma \in \Gamma} F_\gamma'$ ,

then  $\mu(F') \leq \mu(F_\gamma') < \varepsilon_\gamma$ , so that  $\mu(F') = 0$ , and it is clear that, for  $x \in F$ ,  $\left\{ \int_F (\sum_{k=1}^n f_k) d\mu \right\}$

converges to  $\int_F S_1 d\mu$ . We have  $\int |\sum_{k=1}^n f_k(x) - S_1(x)| d\mu \rightarrow 0$ .

To prove (i)–(iv) imply (a), note that, by (ii) and (iv)

$$0 \leq |\sum_{k=1}^n f_k - S_1(x)| \leq |\sum_{k=1}^n f_k| + |S_1| \leq \sum_{k=1}^n G_k - \sum_{k=1}^n g_k + S_3 - S_2 \rightarrow 2(S_3 - S_2),$$

while, by (iii),  $(\int \sum_{K=1}^n G_K - \sum_{K=1}^n g_K + S_3 - S_2) \rightarrow \int 2(S_3 - S_2)$  which is finite. Thus Theorem 1 applies with  $|\sum_{K=1}^n f_K - S_1|$  for  $\sum_{K=1}^n f_K$ , 0 for  $\sum_{K=1}^n g_K$ , and  $\sum_{K=1}^n G_K - \sum_{K=1}^n g_K + S_3 - S_2$  for  $\sum_{K=1}^n G_K$ . That is,

$$(i) \quad |\sum_{K=1}^n f_K - S_1| \rightarrow |S_1 - S_1| = 0, \quad 0 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\sum_{K=1}^n G_K - \sum_{K=1}^n g_K + S_3 - S_2 \rightarrow 2(S_3 - S_2),$$

$$(ii) \quad 0 \leq |\sum_{K=1}^n f_K - S_1| \leq \sum_{K=1}^n G_K - \sum_{K=1}^n g_K + S_3 - S_2 \text{ for all } n,$$

$$(iii) \quad \int 0 d\mu \rightarrow \int 0 d\mu, \text{ and } \int (\sum_{K=1}^n G_K - \sum_{K=1}^n g_K + S_3 - S_2) d\mu \rightarrow 2 \int (S_3 - S_2) d\mu \\ \int 0 d\mu \text{ and } 2 \int (S_3 - S_2) d\mu \text{ are finite.}$$

$$\text{Hence } \int |\sum_{K=1}^n f_K - S_1| d\mu \rightarrow 0.$$

COROLLARY 2. *If*

$$(i) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x) = S_1(x),$$

$$(ii) \quad g_n(x) \leq f_n(x) \leq G_n(x) \text{ for all } n,$$

$$(iii) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int |g_n| d\mu < \infty, \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int |G_n| d\mu < \infty,$$

$$(iv) \quad g_n \leq 0 \leq G_n \text{ for all } n,$$

then

$$(a) \quad \int |\sum_{K=1}^n f_K - S_1| d\mu \rightarrow 0;$$

$$(b) \quad \int_F (\sum_{K=1}^n f_K) d\mu \rightarrow \int_F S_1 d\mu \text{ uniformly in } F \text{ (} F \text{ measurable);}$$

$$(c) \quad \int h(\sum_{K=1}^n f_K) d\mu \rightarrow \int h S_1 d\mu \text{ for all bounded functions } h, \text{ uniformly in } h \text{ for each bound.}$$

PROOF. The desired result follows from Lemma and Theorem 2.

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