

ABSOLUTE CONTINUITY OF VECTOR MEASURES

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It is known [1] that if μ is a measure with values in a Banach space, then there exists positive finite measure ν on the same σ -algebra with respect to which μ is absolutely continuous. For a class of measures with values in locally convex vector spaces (l.c.v.s.), a similar problem was considered in [2].

The aim of this note is to give a characterization of those measures with values in l.c.v.s. for which an analogue of the above theorems holds. Our proof is different from that given in [1] and [2].

Let \mathcal{A} be a σ -ring of subsets of a non empty set S . If X is an abelian topological group and $\mu: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow X$ is a measure, then by $\mathcal{N}(\mu)$ we denote the σ -ideal of all $A \in \mathcal{A}$ such that, for every $B \in \mathcal{A} \cap A$, we have $\mu(B) = 0$.

Definition 1. If ν and μ are arbitrary measures taking values in groups X_1 and X_2 , respectively, and $\mathcal{N}(\mu) \subset \mathcal{N}(\nu)$, then we say that ν is *absolutely continuous with respect to μ* , and we write $\nu \ll \mu$.

Definition 2. A measure $\mu: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow X$ satisfies the *countable chain condition* (C.C.C.) if each family of pairwise disjoint sets of non-zero measure is at most countable.

LEMMA. Assume that, for two measures $\mu: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow X_2$ and $\nu: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow X_1$, the relation $\nu \ll \mu$ holds. If μ satisfies C.C.C., then for every $A \in \mathcal{A} - \mathcal{N}(\nu)$ there exists $B \in \mathcal{A} - \mathcal{N}(\nu)$ such that $B \subset A$ and $\mu \ll \nu$ on the σ -ring $\mathcal{A} \cap B$.

Proof. Suppose that there exists $A \in \mathcal{A} - \mathcal{N}(\nu)$ such that, for every $B \in \mathcal{A} \cap A - \mathcal{N}(\nu)$, there exists $D \in B \cap \mathcal{N}(\nu) - \mathcal{N}(\mu)$. The lemma of Kuratowski-Zorn and C.C.C. give the existence of at most countable maximal family $\{D_n\}$ of pairwise disjoint sets $D_n \in A \cap \mathcal{N}(\nu) - \mathcal{N}(\mu)$. Since $\bigcup_n D_n \in \mathcal{N}(\nu)$ and $A \notin \mathcal{N}(\nu)$, so $A - \bigcup_n D_n \notin \mathcal{N}(\nu)$, but this contradicts the maximality of $\{D_n\}$.

THEOREM 1. Let $\mu: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow X$ be a measure and let $K \neq \emptyset$ be a family of measures $\mu_a: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow X_a$. If $\mu_a \ll \mu$ for every a , and if μ satisfies C.C.C., then there exists at most countable family $\{\mu_n\} \subset K$ with the property

$$\bigcap_n \mathcal{N}(\mu_n) = \bigcap_a \mathcal{N}(\mu_a).$$

Proof. It follows from the Lemma that, for every a , there exists $B_a \in \mathcal{A} - \mathcal{N}(\mu_a)$ such that $\mu \ll \mu_a$ on $\mathcal{A} \cap B_a$. The lemma of Kuratowski-Zorn and C.C.C. give the existence of at most countable maximal family $\{B_n\}$ of disjoint sets B_n corresponding to measures μ_n .

Let

$$S_1 = \bigcup_n B_n.$$

If $A \in \mathcal{A}$ and $A \cap S_1 = \emptyset$, then it is easy to see that $A \in \mathcal{N}(\mu_a)$ for every a . Take an arbitrary $A \in \mathcal{N}(\mu_n)$, $n = 1, \dots$. We have $A \cap B_n \in \mathcal{N}(\mu)$ for all n , and hence $A \cap S_1 \in \mathcal{N}(\mu)$. The assumption $\mu_a \ll \mu$ yields now

$$A = (A - S_1) \cup (A \cap S_1) \in \mathcal{N}(\mu_a) \quad \text{for every } a.$$

COROLLARY 1. *Let X be a locally convex vector space and let $\mu: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow X$ be a measure satisfying C.C.C. Then there exists a sequence of functionals $\{x_n^*\} \subset X^*$ such that*

$$\mathcal{N}(\mu) = \bigcap_n \mathcal{N}(x_n^* \mu).$$

Proof. Let us observe that

$$\mathcal{N}(\mu) = \bigcap_{x^* \in X^*} \mathcal{N}(x^* \mu),$$

so that, by putting $K = \{x^* \mu: x^* \in X^*\}$ in Theorem 1, we get the desired result.

THEOREM 2. *Let X be a locally convex vector space and let $\mu: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow X$ be a measure. In order that there exists a positive finite measure ν on \mathcal{A} equivalent to μ (i.e. $\mu \ll \nu$ and $\nu \ll \mu$), it is necessary and sufficient that μ satisfies C.C.C.*

Proof. Necessity is obvious. Putting

$$\nu(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \frac{|x_n^* \mu|(A)}{1 + |x_n^* \mu|(S)},$$

where x_n^* are taken from Corollary 1, and $|\lambda|$ is the variation of a measure λ , we have also the proof of sufficiency.

COROLLARY 2. *If X is a metrizable locally convex space and $\mu: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow X$ is a measure, then there exists a positive finite measure ν on \mathcal{A} equivalent to μ .*

Using the definition of perfectness (see [5]) of a measure, we obtain the following

COROLLARY 3. *Let X , \mathcal{A} and μ be the same as in Corollary 1. Then the measure μ is perfect (compact) if and only if, for every $x^* \in X^*$, the measure $x^* \mu$ is perfect (compact). In particular, a measure with values in a metrizable locally convex vector space X , being perfect for every $x^* \in X^*$, is perfect.*

Added in proof. For alternative proofs of Corollary 2 the reader is referred to [3] and [4]. Theorem 2 has been also obtained (independently) by L. Drewnowski.

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