

MA 711 The Theorems of Fubini and Tonelli

Let (X, \mathcal{E}, μ) and (Y, \mathcal{F}, ν) be two **complete** measure spaces and $(X \times Y, \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{F}), \lambda = \mu \times \nu)$ the associated product measure space. **Suppose throughout what is to follow that $f(x, y)$ is a λ -measurable function.** In the table below are three theorems that establish an equality of the form

$$(1) \quad \int_{X \times Y} f(x, y) d(\mu \times \nu) = \int_X \left\{ \int_Y f(x, y) d\nu \right\} d\mu = \int_Y \left\{ \int_X f(x, y) d\mu \right\} d\nu$$

under various additional assumptions about f , μ , and ν .

The two main theorems positing (1) are the theorems of Fubini and Tonelli. As we shall see, they both follow fairly easily from a third theorem, which I have dubbed below “Fubini Lite”. In stating the conclusions of each theorem in the table below, I have used the following notations:

$$(2) \quad f_x(y) = f(x, y) \quad (f \text{ as a function of } y \text{ for } x \text{ fixed});$$

$$(3) \quad h(x) = \int f_x(y) d\nu = \int f(x, y) d\nu \quad (\text{for } x \text{ such that the integral exists})$$

The Three Theorems

Fubini Lite	Fubini	Tonelli
If: $f \in L^1(\lambda)$ & $f \geq 0$	If: $f \in L^1(\lambda)$	If: $f \geq 0$ & μ, ν σ -finite
Then:	Then:	Then:
$f_x(y) \geq 0$ is ν -m'ble a.a. x	$f_x(y)$ is ν -int'ble a.a. x	$f_x(y) \geq 0$ is ν -m'ble a.a. x
$h(x) \geq 0$ is μ -m'ble	$h(x)$ is μ -int'ble	$h(x) \geq 0$ is μ -m'ble
$\int h(x) d\mu = \int f d\lambda$	$\int h(x) d\mu = \int f d\lambda$	$\int h(x) d\mu = \int f d\lambda$
Similar conclusions hold	with the roles	of μ and ν reversed