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**The main result of this paper is a Radon-Nikodým theorem for measures taking values in a separable Hilbert space and on the bounded operators of such a space. The integral used for the representation is a Gelfand-Pettis integral, which in this case is also equivalent to the Bochner integral.**

1.1. **Basic definitions.** We will consider the following objects: a measure space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ , where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $\Omega$  and  $\mu$  is a  $\sigma$ -finite nonnegative measure; a separable Hilbert space  $H$  and the space  $B(H)$  of bounded linear operators from  $H$  into  $H$ , and also the objects which we define below.

1.2. **DEFINITION.** By *vector function* and *operator function* we will understand functions defined on  $\Omega$  and taking values in  $H$  and  $B(H)$  respectively. A vector function  $x(\omega)$  is *measurable* if for each  $y$  in  $H$ , the function  $(y, x(\omega))$  is measurable. An operator function  $A(\omega)$  is *measurable* if for each  $x, y$  in  $H$ , the function  $(A(\omega)x, y)$  is measurable. Obviously  $A(\omega)$  is measurable if and only if  $A(\omega)x$  is a measurable vector function for each  $x$  in  $H$ .

1.3. **LEMMA.** *If  $x(\omega)$  is a measurable vector function, then  $\|x(\omega)\|$  is measurable. If  $A(\omega)$  is a measurable operator function, then  $\|A(\omega)\|$  is measurable.*

*Proof.* Let  $x(\omega)$  be measurable and let  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots\}$  denote an orthonormal basis for  $H$ . Then  $(x(\omega), e_n)$  is measurable for each  $n$  and so  $\|x(\omega)\|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |(x(\omega), e_n)|^2$  is measurable. Now let  $A(\omega)$  be measurable and let  $S_0$  be a countable dense subset of the unit ball in  $H$ . Then  $\|A(\omega)\| = \sup \{\|A(\omega)x\| : x \in S_0\}$  is measurable.

1.4. **DEFINITION.** A measurable vector function  $x(\omega)$  is *integrable* if  $\|x(\omega)\|$  is integrable (i.e., it belongs to  $L_1(\mu)$ ). A measurable operator function  $A(\omega)$  is *integrable* if  $\|A(\omega)\|$  is integrable.

Let  $x(\omega)$  be integrable and let  $y \in H$ . Then  $|(y, x(\omega))| \leq \|y\| \cdot \|x(\omega)\|$  and  $(y, x(\omega))$  is integrable.  $\int (y, x(\omega)) d\mu(\omega)$  is a linear functional bounded by  $\int \|x(\omega)\| d\mu(\omega)$  and there is a unique vector  $z \in H$  such that  $\int (y, x(\omega)) d\mu(\omega) = (y, z)$ . The vector  $z$  is by definition the integral

$\int x(\omega)d\mu(\omega)$ ; we already proved that  $\left\| \int x(\omega)d\mu(\omega) \right\| \leq \int \|x(\omega)\| d\mu(\omega)$ . The integral is obviously linear. For each

$$x \in H, \|A(\omega)x\| \leq \|A(\omega)\| \cdot \|x\|$$

so that  $A(\omega)x$  is an integrable vector function. Since

$$\left\| \int A(\omega)x d\mu(\omega) \right\| \leq \int \|A(\omega)x\| d\mu(\omega) \leq \int \|A(\omega)\| d\mu(\omega) \cdot \|x\|,$$

$\int A(\omega)x d\mu(\omega)$  defines a bounded linear operator on  $x$ . This operator is by definition the integral of  $A(\omega)$ , so that  $\int A(\omega)x d\mu(\omega) = \left( \int A(\omega)d\mu(\omega) \right)x$  for each  $x \in H$ . Obviously  $\left\| \int A(\omega)d\mu(\omega) \right\| \leq \int \|A(\omega)\| d\mu(\omega)$  and the integral is linear.

**2.1. Indefinite integrals and the Radon-Nikodým theorem.** If  $x(\omega)$  is a measurable vector function and  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\chi_E(\omega)x(\omega)$  is also measurable and if  $x(\omega)$  is integrable, so is  $\chi_E(\omega)x(\omega)$ . Similarly, if  $A(\omega)$  is an operator function,  $\chi_E(\omega)A(\omega)$  will be measurable or integrable if  $A(\omega)$  has the same property. Thus, if  $x(\omega)$  and  $A(\omega)$  are integrable,  $\int_E x(\omega)d\mu(\omega) \equiv \int \chi_E(\omega)x(\omega)d\mu(\omega)$  and

$$\int_E A(\omega)d\mu(\omega) \equiv \int \chi_E(\omega)A(\omega)d\mu(\omega)$$

will exist for all  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Let  $\varphi(E)$  denote the integral over  $E$  of a vector or operator function. Then  $\varphi$  is  $\sigma$ -additive in norm, that is, if  $\{E_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of disjoint sets in  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $\varphi(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi(E_n)$  in norm. Also  $\varphi$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$  ( $\varphi \ll \mu$ ) in the sense that  $(\mu E) = 0$  implies  $\varphi(E) = 0$ . Finally if  $E \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\{E_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a disjoint sequence of sets in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $E = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$ , then we must have  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|\varphi(E_n)\| < \infty$ . We will denote this property saying that is  $\sigma$ -bounded on  $E$ .

**2.2. LEMMA.** *Let  $X$  be a normed space and  $\varphi$  a  $\sigma$ -additive function from  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $X$ . Then there is a nonnegative measure  $\nu$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  such that for each  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\|\varphi(E)\| \leq \nu(E)$ , and  $\nu(E)$  is finite if and only if  $\varphi$  is  $\sigma$ -bounded on  $E$ . Furthermore if  $\varphi \ll \mu$ , then  $\nu \ll \mu$ . (Obviously in any case  $\varphi \ll \nu$ ).*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{E_1, \dots, E_n\}$  be a (measurable) partition of  $E \in \mathcal{A}$  and let  $|\mathcal{P}|$  denote the number  $\sum_{i=1}^n \|\varphi(E_i)\|$ . Temporarily we will say that  $E$  is *unbounded* if for each  $K > 0$  there is a partition  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $E$  with  $|\mathcal{P}| > K$ . Assume that  $\varphi$  is  $\sigma$ -bounded on  $E$ , but

that  $E$  is unbounded. We claim that  $E$  contains disjoint measurable subsets  $E_0, E_1, \dots, E_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$  with  $E_0$  unbounded and  $\sum_{i=1}^n \|\varphi(E_i)\| > 1$ . Otherwise each partition of  $E$  contains precisely one unbounded set and for positive integer  $n$  there is a partition  $\mathcal{P}_n$  with  $|\mathcal{P}_n| \geq n + 1$ , containing the unbounded set  $F_n$  for which we must have  $\|\varphi(F_n)\| \geq n$ . If necessary, by refining these partitions we may obtain that  $F_{n+1} \supseteq F_n$  for each  $n$ . Since  $F_n = F \cup \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} (F_k \setminus F_{k+1})$ , where  $F = \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k$ , and  $\varphi$  is  $\sigma$ -additive in norm, we have

$$n \leq \|\varphi(F_n)\| \leq \|\varphi(F)\| + \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \|\varphi(F_k \setminus F_{k+1})\|$$

which is impossible since  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|\varphi(F_k \setminus F_{k+1})\|$  is convergent,  $E$  being  $\sigma$ -bounded. Having proved our claim, we arrive at a new contradiction, since then we may construct a disjoint sequence  $\{E_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  measurable of subsets of  $E$  with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|\varphi(E_n)\| = \infty$ . Thus a  $\sigma$ -bounded set  $E$  is not unbounded, i.e., there is a constant  $K_E > 0$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|\varphi(E_n)\| < K_E$  for each disjoint sequence  $\{E_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of measurable subsets of  $E$ .

Now we define  $\nu$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  by  $\nu(E) = \sup \{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|\varphi(E_n)\| : \{E_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathcal{A}, \text{ disjoint and } \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = E\}$ . Obviously  $\|\varphi(E)\| \leq \nu(E)$ ,  $\nu(E) < \infty$  if and only if  $\varphi$  is  $\sigma$ -bounded on  $E$ , and  $\varphi \ll \mu$  implies  $\nu \ll \mu$ . We only need to prove that  $\nu$  is  $\sigma$ -additive. Suppose that  $E = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n$  where the  $E_n$  are disjoint and measurable. For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a disjoint sequence  $(G_m)_{m=1}^{\infty}$  of measurable subsets of  $E$  such that  $E = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} G_m$  and  $\nu(E) \leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \|\varphi(G_m)\| + \varepsilon$  (if  $\nu(E) = \infty$ ,  $E$  is not  $\sigma$ -bounded and the  $G_m$  may taken such that  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \|\varphi(G_m)\| = \infty$ ). Since

$$\varphi(G_m) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi(G_m \cap E_n),$$

we have  $\|\varphi(G_m)\| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|\varphi(G_m \cap E_n)\|$  and therefore

$$\nu(E) \leq \sum_{m,n} \|\varphi(G_m \cap E_n)\| + \varepsilon \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu(E_n) + \varepsilon.$$

On the other hand, for each positive  $n$  there is a disjoint sequence  $\{G_{nm}\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$  of measurable sets such that  $\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} G_{nm} = E_n$  and

$$\nu(E_n) \leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \|\varphi(G_{nm})\| + 2^{-n}\varepsilon.$$

Then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu(E_n) \leq \sum_{n,m} \|\varphi(G_{nm})\| + \varepsilon \leq \nu(E) + \varepsilon$ . Since  $\varepsilon$  was arbitrary, we obtain  $\nu(E) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \nu(E_n)$ .

**2.3. LEMMA.** *Let  $f(\omega)$  and  $r(\omega)$  be integrable functions, the first complex and the second nonnegative, such that for each  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\left| \int_E f(\omega) d\mu(\omega) \right| \leq \int_E r(\omega) d\mu(\omega)$ . Then  $|f(\omega)| \leq r(\omega)$  almost everywhere.*

*Proof.* If the lemma is false, there is a positive integer  $n$  such that  $\mu(\{\omega \in \Omega: |f(\omega)| > r(\omega) + 1/n\}) > 0$  since then  $\{\omega \in \Omega: |f(\omega)| > r(\omega)\}$  has positive measure. Also, for some open circle  $S$  of radius  $1/2n$  on the complex plane we must have  $0 < \mu(F) < \infty$ , where  $F$  denotes a subset of  $\{\omega: |f(\omega)| > r(\omega) + 1/n\} \cap \{\omega: f(\omega) \in S\}$ . Let  $z_0$  be center of  $S$ . Then for each  $\omega \in F$ ,  $|f(\omega) - z_0| < 1/2n$  and  $|f(\omega)| > r(\omega) + 1/n$ . Integrating the identity  $f(\omega) = z_0 - (z_0 - f(\omega))$  over  $F$  and taking absolute values we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_F f(\omega) d\mu(\omega) \right| &\geq \left| \int_F z_0 d\mu(\omega) \right| - \left| \int_F (z_0 - f(\omega)) d\mu(\omega) \right| \\ &\geq |z_0| \mu(F) - 1/2n \mu(F) > r(\omega) \mu(F) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\omega \in F$ , since  $r(\omega) < |f(\omega)| - 1/n < 1/2n \div |z_0| - 1/n$ . Integrating again over  $F$  and dividing by  $\mu(F)$  we obtain

$$\left| \int_F f(\omega) d\mu(\omega) \right| > \int_F r(\omega) d\mu(\omega),$$

which contradicts our hypothesis.

**2.4. THEOREM.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a measure defined on  $\mathcal{A}$  and taking values in  $H$  or  $B(H)$ . If  $\varphi$  is  $\sigma$ -additive in norm,  $\sigma$ -bounded and absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$  then  $\varphi$  is the indefinite integral with respect to  $\mu$  of an integrable vector function or operator function which is unique almost everywhere.*

*Proof.* We consider first the case in which  $\varphi$  takes values in  $H$ . Since for each  $z \in H$ ,  $(x, \varphi(E))$  is a complex, finite measure, absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$ , the Radon-Nikodým theorem says that there is a complex integrable function  $f_\omega(x)$  (with respect to  $\omega$ ) such that

$$(1) \quad (x, \varphi(E)) = \int_E f_\omega(x) d\mu(\omega)$$

and the function  $f_\omega(x)$  differs from another with the same properties at most in a  $\mu$ -null set. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are complex and  $x, y \in H$ , it is clear that  $f_\omega(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha f_\omega(x) + \beta f_\omega(y)$  except in a  $\mu$ -null set. Also

$$\left| \int_E f_\omega(x) d\mu(\omega) \right| = |(x, \varphi(E))| \leq \|\varphi(E)\| \cdot \|x\| \leq \nu(E) \|x\|,$$

where  $\nu$  is the measure defined in Lemma 2.2. Since  $\nu \ll \mu$  and  $\nu$  is finite, there is a nonnegative, finite and integrable function  $r_\omega$  such that  $\nu(E) = \int_E r_\omega d\mu(\omega)$ . From the inequality

$$\left| \int_E f_\omega(x) d\mu(\omega) \right| \leq \int_E r_\omega \|x\| d\mu(\omega)$$

for each  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ , by Lemma 2.3. we conclude that  $|f_\omega(x)| \leq r_\omega \|x\|$  for almost all  $\omega$ .

The next steps of the proof lead to the construction for each  $x \in H$  of a particular function  $f_\omega(x)$ , which for each  $\omega$  will be a continuous linear functional in  $x$ . Let  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots\}$  be an orthonormal base for  $H$  and let  $H_0$  be the set of linear combinations with rational complex coefficients of the base vectors.

Step 1. We choose finite functions  $\tilde{f}_\omega(e_k)$  such that  $(e_k, \varphi(E)) = \int_E \tilde{f}_\omega(e_k) d\mu(\omega)$  for each  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Step 2. We define  $\tilde{f}_\omega$  on  $H_0$  by linearity.

Step 3. We choose a nonnegative, finite function  $r_\omega$  such that  $\nu(E) = \int_E r_\omega d\mu(\omega)$  for each  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ .

Step 4. Since  $H_0$  is countable and for each  $x \in H_0$ ,  $|\tilde{f}_\omega(x)| \leq r_\omega \|x\|$  for almost all  $\omega$ , we choose a  $\mu$ -null set  $N$  such that  $|\tilde{f}_\omega(x)| \leq r_\omega \|x\|$  for all  $x \in H_0$  and  $\omega \in \Omega \setminus N$ .

Step 5. We define  $f_\omega(x)$  for  $\omega \in \Omega$  and  $x \in H_0$  by  $f_\omega(x) = \tilde{f}_\omega(x)$  if  $\omega \in \Omega \setminus N$  and  $f_\omega(x) = 0$  if  $\omega \in N$ . The functions we have defined have the following properties:

(a)  $(x, \varphi(E)) = \int_E f_\omega(x) d\mu(\omega)$ , for each  $x \in H_0$  and  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ .

(b)  $|f_\omega(x)| \leq r_\omega \|x\|$  for each  $x \in H_0$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,

(c) if  $\alpha, \beta$  are rational complex numbers and  $x, y \in H_0$ , then  $f_\omega(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha f_\omega(x) + \beta f_\omega(y)$ , for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

Step 6. Let  $x \in H$  and  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be a sequence in  $H_0$  converging to  $x$ . For each  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $|f_\omega(x_n) - f_\omega(x_m)| = |f_\omega(x_n - x_m)| \leq r_\omega \|x_n - x_m\|$ . Therefore  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_\omega(x_n)$  exists and obviously it is independent of the particular sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ . We define  $f_\omega(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_\omega(x_n)$ . From the continuity of the norm we obtain  $|f_\omega(x)| \leq r_\omega \|x\|$ . Also  $(x, \varphi(E)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n, \varphi(E)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_\omega(x_n) d\mu(\omega) = \int_E f_\omega(x) d\mu(\omega)$ , the last equality being valid by the dominated convergence theorem. Finally, if  $\alpha, \beta$  are arbitrary complex numbers and  $x, y$  are any two vectors in  $H$ , there are sequences  $\{\alpha_n\}_{n=1}^\infty, \{\beta_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  of rational complex numbers and sequences  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty, \{y_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  of vectors in  $H_0$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = \alpha$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n = \beta$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y$ . Then  $f_\omega(\alpha x + \beta y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_\omega(\alpha_n x_n + \beta_n y_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\alpha_n f_\omega(x_n) + \beta_n f_\omega(y_n)) = \alpha f_\omega(x) + \beta f_\omega(y)$ .

Thus for each  $\omega$ ,  $f_\omega(x)$  is a continuous linear functional and by the Riesz theorem there is a unique vector  $x(\omega)$  such that  $f_\omega(x) = (x, x(\omega))$  for each  $x \in H$ . Since  $f_\omega(x)$  is measurable,  $x(\omega)$  is measurable and since  $\|x(\omega)\| = \|f_\omega\| \leq r_\omega$ ,  $x(\omega)$  is also integrable. From the equation  $(x, \varphi(E)) = \int_E (x, x(\omega)) d\mu(\omega) = (x, \int_E x(\omega) d\mu(\omega))$  we obtain  $\varphi(E) = \int_E x(\omega) d\mu(\omega)$ . The uniqueness almost everywhere of the vector function  $x(\omega)$  is trivial.

The proof for the case when  $\varphi$  takes values in  $B(H)$  follows along the same lines. Now we obtain  $(\varphi(E)x, y) = \int_E f_\omega(x, y) d\mu(\omega)$ , where  $f_\omega(x, y)$  is for all  $x, y \in H$  an integrable function and for each  $\omega \in \Omega$  is a bilinear functional in  $x, y$ , bounded by some Radon-Nikodým derivative  $r_\omega$  of the measure  $\nu$ . By a corollary of the Riesz theorem,  $f_\omega(x, y) = (A(\omega)x, y)$  for some linear operator  $A(\omega)$ , with  $\|A(\omega)\| = \|f_\omega\| \leq r_\omega$  and as before we obtain  $\varphi(E) = \int_E A(\omega) d\mu(\omega)$  for each  $E \in \mathcal{A}$ . The uniqueness a.e. of  $A(\omega)$  is again trivial.

**2.5. REMARK.** From the proof of Theorem 2.4., we have that  $\|x(\omega)\| \leq r_\omega$  (a.e.), where  $r_\omega = d\nu/d\mu$  (a.e.). It is easy to see that  $\|x(\omega)\|$  is actually equal to  $r_\omega$  (a.e.). In fact, from  $\|\varphi(E)\| \leq \nu(E)$  and the definition of  $\nu(E)$ , we obtain  $\int_E \|x(\omega)\| d\mu \geq \nu(E)$  since

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|\varphi(E)\| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_E \|x(\omega)\| d\mu = \int_{E_n} \|x(\omega)\| d\mu$$

for each countable partition of  $E$ . Also  $\int_E \|x(\omega)\| d\mu \leq \int_E r_\omega d\mu = \nu(E)$  and therefore  $\|x(\omega)\| = r_\omega$  (a.e.). If we write  $x(\omega) = d\varphi/d\mu$ ,  $r_\omega = d\nu/d\mu$ , we have  $\|d\varphi/d\mu\| = d\nu/d\mu$ . Of course, the same formula holds for operator valued measures.

**2.6.** If  $x(\omega)$  is a measurable function which is not necessarily integrable, we may still integrate it on those sets in  $\mathcal{A}$  where  $\|x(\omega)\|$  is integrable. In fact, since  $\|x(\omega)\|$  is everywhere finite and  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite, there is a countable covering of  $\Omega$  consisting of such sets. On each of these sets the indefinite integral is  $\sigma$ -bounded. Reciprocally, if there is a countable covering of  $\Omega$  by measurable sets  $\Omega_n$  and a vector (or operator) valued measure  $\varphi$  defined on the measurable subsets of each  $\Omega_n$ , which is  $\sigma$ -additive and  $\sigma$ -bounded on each  $\Omega_n$ , then  $\varphi$  is the indefinite integral of some unique (a.e.)  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable vector (or operator) function, and this function will be integrable if and only if the (unique) extension of  $\varphi$  to all of  $\mathcal{A}$ , is  $\sigma$ -additive in norm and  $\sigma$ -bounded.

**2.7. A COUNTEREXAMPLE.** We may exhibit a vector (or operator) measure  $\varphi$  which is  $\sigma$ -additive on  $\mathcal{A}$ , absolutely continuous with respect to some non-negative measure  $\mu$ , but  $\sigma$ -bounded only on sets of  $\mu$ -measure zero. In fact there is a vector measure  $\gamma$  defined on the Borel subsets of  $[0, 1]$ , such that for each Borel set  $E$ ,  $\|\gamma(E)\| = \sqrt{\lambda(E)}$ , where  $\lambda$  is the Lebesgue measure of  $E$  (so that  $\gamma \ll \lambda$ ), and furthermore, if  $E_1 \cap E_2 = \emptyset$  then  $(\gamma(E_1), \gamma(E_2)) = 0$ , i.e.,  $\gamma(E_1)$  and  $\gamma(E_2)$  are

orthogonal. It is easy to see that such a measure is  $\sigma$ -additive in norm, absolutely continuous with respect to  $\lambda$ , and if  $\gamma(E) \neq 0$  (or equivalently,  $\lambda(E) \neq 0$ ), then  $\gamma$  is not  $\sigma$ -bounded on  $E$ .

In fact, let  $\mathcal{B}$  denote the Borel sets on  $[0, 1]$  and let  $\{E_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  be a disjoint sequence in  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\bigcup_{k=1}^\infty E_k = E$ . Then  $\|\gamma(E) - \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma(E_k)\| = \|\gamma(E) - \gamma(\bigcup_{k=1}^n E_k)\| = \|\gamma(\bigcup_{k=n+1}^\infty E_k)\| = \sqrt{\lambda(\bigcup_{k=n+1}^\infty E_k)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and therefore  $\gamma(E) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \gamma(E_k)$ .

Now let  $\gamma(E) \neq 0$ . Consider the sequence  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $[0, 1]$  defined by  $t_n = \inf \{t: \lambda(E \cap [0, t]) > 6\lambda(E)/\pi^2 \sum_{k=1}^n 1/k^2\}$  for  $n \geq 1$  and  $t_0 = 0$ . We define  $E_n = E \cap [t_{n-1}, t_n]$  so that  $\{E_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is a disjoint sequence in  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\bigcup_{n=1}^\infty E_n \subseteq E$ . Also  $\lambda(E_n) = 6\lambda(E)/\pi^2 n^2$  and therefore

$$\|\gamma(E_n)\| = \frac{\sqrt{6\lambda(E)}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{n},$$

so that  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \|\gamma(E_n)\|$  diverges, although  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \gamma(E_n)$  is obviously convergent and equal to  $\gamma(E)$ . (Let  $E_0 = E \setminus \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty E_n$ , then  $\lambda(E_0) = 0$  and therefore  $\gamma(E_0) = 0$ ).

**2.8. Construction of  $\gamma$ .** We construct first inductively a sequence of sets  $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $H$  having the following properties:

(i)  $A_n$  consists of  $2^n$  mutually orthogonal vectors  $a_n^1, a_n^2, \dots, a_n^{2^n}$  each of length  $2^{-n/2}$ .

(ii) For each  $n \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq p \leq 2^n$ ,  $a_n^p = a_{n+1}^{2p-1} + a_{n+1}^{2p}$ .

We start choosing a unit vector which we denote by  $a_0^1$  and call  $A_0 = a_0^1$ . Having constructed  $A_0, A_1, \dots, A_n$ , we construct  $A_{n+1}$  in the following way. Choose  $2^n$  vectors  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{2^n}$ , each of length  $2^{-n/2}$ , orthogonal with respect to each other and to  $a_n^1, a_n^2, \dots, a_n^{2^n}$ . Now define  $a_{n+1}^{2p-1} = 1/2(a_n^p + b_p)$ ,  $a_{n+1}^{2p} = 1/2(a_n^p - b_p)$ ,  $p = 1, 2, \dots, 2^n$  and then  $A_{n+1} = \{a_{n+1}^1, a_{n+1}^2, \dots, a_{n+1}^{2^{n+1}}\}$ . Obviously a sequence  $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  constructed in this way satisfies (i-ii).

Now we begin the construction of our measure. A *basic interval* of order  $n$  will be an interval of the form  $[p - 1/2^n, p/2^n]$  where  $n$  and  $p$  are integers and  $n \geq 0$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq 2^n$ .  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  will denote respectively the class of all finite unions and the class of all countable unions of basic intervals and  $\mathcal{B}$  will denote the Borel sets of  $[0, 1]$ . A set in  $\mathcal{F}$  (or in  $\mathcal{G}$ ) can always be expressed as a finite (or countable) union of disjoint basic intervals. For a set in  $\mathcal{F}$  this is obvious and for a set in  $\mathcal{G}$  a simple inductive process will give us the required decomposition. It is clear that  $\mathcal{F}$  is an algebra, that is, it is closed with respect to finite unions and complementation.  $\mathcal{G}$  is closed with respect to countable unions and finite intersections. The latter follows from the identity  $(\bigcup_{j=1}^\infty F_j) \cap (\bigcup_{j=1}^\infty H_j) = \bigcup_{i=1}^\infty (F_i \cap H_i)$ , where  $\{F_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  and  $\{H_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  are nondecreasing sequences of sets in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

If  $V$  is the basic interval  $[p - 1/2^n, p/2^n]$ , we define  $\gamma(V) = a_n^p$ . If  $V_1 = [2p - 2/2^{n+1}, 2p - 1/2^{n+1}]$  and  $V_2 = [2p - 1/2^{n+1}, 2p/2^{n+1}]$ , so that  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$ , by (ii) we have that  $\gamma(V) = \gamma(V_1) + \gamma(V_2)$ . By induction we obtain that if  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_{2^m}$  denote the  $2^m$  basic subintervals of  $V$  of order  $n + m$ , then  $\gamma(V) = \sum_{i=1}^{2^m} \gamma(V_i)$ . Finally if  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$  are disjoint basic intervals, not necessarily of the same order, such that  $V = \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i$  and  $n + m$  is the highest order among the  $V_i$ , we decompose each  $V_i$  in basic subintervals of order  $n + m$ , say  $V_i = \bigcup_j W_j^{(i)}$ , so that  $\gamma(V_i) = \sum_j \gamma(W_j^{(i)})$  and we obtain

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma(V_i) = \sum_i \sum_j \gamma(W_j^{(i)}) = \gamma(V).$$

Thus  $\gamma$  is additive on the basic intervals.

If  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $F = \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i$ , where the  $V_i$  are disjoint basic intervals, we define  $\gamma(F) = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma(V_i)$ . From the additivity of  $\gamma$  on the basic intervals it follows immediately that  $\gamma(F)$  is well defined, i.e., it doesn't depend upon the particular decomposition of  $F$  and that  $\gamma$  is additive on  $\mathcal{F}$ .

If  $V = [p - 1/2^n, p/2^n]$ ,  $\|\gamma(V)\|^2 = \|a_n^p\|^2 = \|2^{-n}\|^2 = \lambda(V)$ , where  $\lambda$  denotes Lebesgue measure. If  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are disjoint basic intervals,  $\gamma_2(V_1)$  and  $\gamma(V_2)$  are mutually orthogonal, which implies that  $\|\gamma(F)\|^2 = \|\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma(V_i)\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \|\gamma(V_i)\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda(V_i) = \lambda(F)$ , where  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $F = \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i$  and  $V_i$  are disjoint basic intervals.

Suppose now that  $V = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i$ , where the  $V_i$  are disjoint basic intervals and  $V$  is also a basic interval. Then  $V \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i \in \mathcal{F}$  for each  $n \geq 1$  and therefore  $\|\gamma(V) - \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma(V_i)\| = \|\gamma(V \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i)\| = \sqrt{\lambda(V \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , which implies that  $\gamma(V) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma(V_i)$ , i.e.,  $\gamma$  is  $\sigma$ -additive on the basic intervals.

Now we define  $\gamma$  on  $\mathcal{G}$  by  $\gamma(G) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma(V_i)$ , where  $G = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i$  and the  $V_i$  are disjoint basic intervals. First we observe that since the vector  $\gamma(V_i)$  are pairwise orthogonal and  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|\gamma(V_i)\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma(V_i) = \lambda(G) \leq 1$ , the series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma(V_i)$  converges and  $\|\gamma(G)\|^2 = \lambda(G)$ . If  $G = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} W_j$  are two decompositions of  $G$  into disjoint basic subintervals,  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma(V_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \gamma(V_i \cap W_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \gamma(V_i \cap W_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \gamma(W_j)$  (the sums commute because the vectors are orthogonal) so that  $\gamma(G)$  is well defined. If  $\{F_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a nondecreasing sequence in  $\mathcal{F}$  with  $G = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$ , then  $\gamma(G) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(F_n)$ . In fact there is a sequence  $\{V_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  of disjoint basic intervals such that  $F_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^{r_n} V_i$ , where  $r_1 \leq r_2 \leq \dots$  are integers with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = \infty$ , so that  $\gamma(G) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{r_n} \gamma(V_i) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{r_n} \gamma(V_i) = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(F_r)$ . Suppose now that  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are in  $\mathcal{G}$  and that  $\{F_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{H_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are nondecreasing sequences in  $\mathcal{F}$  with  $G_1 = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$ ,  $G_2 = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n$ . Then we have that  $G_1 \cup G_2 = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (F_n \cup H_n)$ ,  $G_1 \cap G_2 = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (F_n \cap H_n)$ , and taking limits, from the relation  $\gamma(F_n \cup H_n) + \gamma(F_n \cap H_n) = \gamma(F_n) + \gamma(H_n)$  we obtain

$\gamma(G_1 \cup G_2) + \gamma(G_1 \cap G_2) = \gamma(G_1) + \gamma(G_2)$ , i.e.,  $\gamma$  is *modular* in  $\mathcal{G}$ .

It is clear that  $\mathcal{G}$  contains all open sets in  $[0, 1)$ . Therefore, if  $E \in \mathcal{B}$ , for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is some  $G \in \mathcal{G}$  such that  $G \supseteq E$  and  $\lambda(G \setminus E) < \varepsilon$ . Let  $G_1, G_2 \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $G_1 \subseteq G_2$ ,  $G_1 = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} V_i$ , the  $V_i$  disjoint basic intervals. Then for each  $n$ ,  $G_2 \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i \in \mathcal{G}$  and expressing  $G_2 \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i$  as a union of disjoint basic intervals we see that  $\gamma(G_2 \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i) = \gamma(G_2) - \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma(V_i)$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|\gamma(G_2) - \gamma(G_1)\|^2 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\gamma(G_2) - \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma(V_i)\|^2 \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\gamma(G_2 \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i)\|^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(G_2 \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^n V_i) = \lambda(G_2) - \lambda(G_1). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that if the sequence  $\{G_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of sets in  $\mathcal{G}$  is nonincreasing, each  $G_n$  contains  $G \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(G_n) = \lambda(E)$ , then  $\{\gamma(G_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $H$ . We define  $\gamma(E)$  as the limit of this sequence and obviously  $\|\gamma(E)\|^2 = \gamma(E)$ . In order to prove that  $\gamma(E)$  does not depend upon the particular sequence  $\{G_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , we take another such sequence, say  $\{\tilde{G}_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ . Evidently  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(G_m \setminus \tilde{G}_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(\tilde{G}_n \setminus G_m) = 0$  and since

$$\begin{aligned} \|\gamma(G_n) - \gamma(\tilde{G}_n)\| &\leq \|\gamma(G_n) - \gamma(G_n \cap \tilde{G}_n)\| \\ &\quad + \|\gamma(\tilde{G}_n) - \gamma(G_n \cap \tilde{G}_n)\| = \sqrt{\lambda(G_n \setminus \tilde{G}_n)} + \sqrt{\lambda(\tilde{G}_n \setminus G_n)}, \end{aligned}$$

we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\gamma(G_n) - \gamma(\tilde{G}_n)\| = 0$  and therefore  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(G_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(\tilde{G}_n)$ .

If  $G \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $G \supseteq E$ ,  $E \in \mathcal{B}$ , there is a nonincreasing sequence  $\{G_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of sets in  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $G \supseteq G_n$  and such that  $\gamma(E) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(G_n)$ . Then  $\|\gamma(G) - \gamma(E)\|^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\gamma(G) - \gamma(G_n)\|^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(G \setminus G_n) = \lambda(G \setminus E)$ .

Our next step is to show that  $\gamma$  is finitely additive in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Let  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  be disjoint sets in  $\mathcal{B}$  and let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  be such that  $G_1 \supseteq E_1$ ,  $G_2 \supseteq E_2$ ,  $\|\gamma(G_1) - \gamma(E_1)\| < \varepsilon$  and  $\|\gamma(G_2) - \gamma(E_2)\| < \varepsilon$ , where  $\varepsilon > 0$  is given. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|\gamma(G_1 \cup G_2) - \gamma(E_1 \cup E_2)\| &= \sqrt{\lambda(G_1 \cup G_2) - \lambda(E_1 \cup E_2)} \leq \sqrt{\lambda(G_1 \setminus E_1) + \lambda(G_2 \setminus E_2)} < \sqrt{2\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

Also since  $\gamma$  is modular in  $\mathcal{G}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\gamma(G_1 \cup G_2) - \gamma(G_1) - \gamma(G_2)\| &= \|\gamma(G_1 \cup G_2)\| \\ &= \sqrt{\lambda(G_1 \cap G_2)} \leq \sqrt{\lambda(G_1 \setminus E_1) + \lambda(G_2 \setminus E_2)} < \sqrt{2\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|\gamma(E_1 \cup E_2) - \gamma(E_1) - \gamma(E_2)\| &\leq \|\gamma(E_1 \cup E_2) - \gamma(G_1 \cup G_2)\| \\ &\quad + \|\gamma(G_1 \cup G_2) - \gamma(G_1) - \gamma(G_2)\| + \|\gamma(G_1) - \gamma(E_1)\| \\ &\quad + \|\gamma(G_2) - \gamma(E_2)\| < (2 + 2\sqrt{2})\varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that  $\gamma(E_1 \cup E_2) = \gamma(E_1) + \gamma(E_2)$ .

In 2.7. we proved that  $\gamma$  is countable additive under the assumption that it is finitely additive and  $\|\gamma(E)\|^2 = \lambda(E)$  for  $E \in \mathcal{B}$ . Thus  $\gamma$  is countably additive.

Next, in order to prove the orthogonality property, we observe that since disjoint basic intervals have orthogonal measures, if  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are disjoint sets in  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $\gamma(G_1)$  and  $\gamma(G_2)$  must be orthogonal. If  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are disjoint compact sets, there are nonincreasing sequences  $\{G_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{\tilde{G}_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of sets in  $\mathcal{G}$  such that  $G_n \cap \tilde{G}_m = \emptyset$  for all  $n$  and  $m$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(G_n) = \gamma(K_1)$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(\tilde{G}_n) = \gamma(K_2)$ , which implies that  $\gamma(K_1)$  and  $\gamma(K_2)$  are orthogonal. Finally if  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are disjoint sets in  $\mathcal{B}$ , there are nondecreasing sequences  $\{K_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $\{\tilde{K}_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of compact subsets of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  such that  $\lambda(E_1) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(K_n)$ ,  $\lambda(E_2) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(\tilde{K}_n)$ , so that  $\gamma(E_1) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(K_n)$ ,  $\gamma(E_2) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(\tilde{K}_n)$ , and this implies that  $\gamma(E_1)$  and  $\gamma(E_2)$  are orthogonal. We may extend  $\gamma$  to the Borel subsets of  $[0, 1]$  defining  $\gamma(\{1\}) = 0$ , and even "complete" it, defining  $\gamma(E) = 0$  if  $E$  is a subset of a Borel set of  $\lambda$ -measure zero.

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