

SERIE 9 SOLUTIONS

28) (i) SINCE f IS A MEASURABLE FUNCTION, λf IS ALSO A MEASURABLE FUNCTION.

LET US NOTE THAT $(\lambda f)^+ =$

$$\begin{cases} \lambda f^+ & , \lambda \geq 0 \\ |\lambda| f^- & , \lambda < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(\lambda f)^- = \begin{cases} \lambda f^- & , \lambda \geq 0 \\ |\lambda| f^+ & , \lambda < 0 \end{cases}$$

SINCE f IS "UNIGENETLICH" μ -INTEGRABLE, IT ~~NE~~ FOLLOWS THAT EITHER

$$\int_{\Omega} f^+ d\mu < +\infty \quad \text{OR} \quad \int_{\Omega} f^- d\mu < \infty.$$

HENCE DEPENDING ON THE SIGN OF λ , EITHER $\int_{\Omega} (\lambda f)^+ d\mu < \infty$

OR $\int_{\Omega} (\lambda f)^- d\mu < +\infty$

LET US CONSIDER THE CASE WHEN $|\lambda| < \infty$ μ -a.e., THE OTHER CASES FOLLOW SIMILARLY.

IF $\lambda > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda f)^+ &= \lambda f^+ = \sum_{a_k > 0} \lambda a_k \chi_{A_k} & \lambda f &= (\lambda f)^+ - (\lambda f)^- \\ (\lambda f)^- &= \lambda f^- = \sum_{a_k < 0} \lambda (-a_k) \chi_{A_k} & & \Rightarrow \lambda f = \sum_{a_k > 0} \lambda a_k \chi_{A_k} + \sum_{a_k < 0} \lambda a_k \chi_{A_k} \\ & & & = \lambda \sum_{a_k \neq 0} a_k \chi_{A_k} \end{aligned}$$

IF $\lambda < 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda f)^+ &= |\lambda| f^- = \sum_{a_k < 0} |\lambda| (-a_k) \chi_{A_k} & \lambda f &= (\lambda f)^+ - (\lambda f)^- \\ (\lambda f)^- &= |\lambda| f^+ = \sum_{a_k > 0} |\lambda| a_k \chi_{A_k} & & \Rightarrow \lambda f = \sum_{a_k < 0} |\lambda| (-a_k) \chi_{A_k} - \sum_{a_k > 0} |\lambda| a_k \chi_{A_k} \\ & & & = -|\lambda| \left(\sum_{a_k > 0} a_k \chi_{A_k} + \sum_{a_k < 0} a_k \chi_{A_k} \right) \\ & & & = \lambda \sum_{a_k \neq 0} a_k \chi_{A_k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \int_{\Omega} \lambda f d\mu = \lambda \sum_{a_k \neq 0} a_k \mu(A_k) = \lambda \int_{\Omega} f d\mu.$$

IF $\lambda = 0$, THEN $\lambda f = 0$ ~~a.e.~~ AND

$$\int_{\Omega} \lambda f \, d\mu = \int_{\Omega} 0 \, d\mu = 0 = 0 \cdot \int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu$$

ii) SINCE $A_k \cap A_j = \emptyset = A_k \cap B_j$, $\forall j \neq k$, AND $\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k = \Omega$,

WE CAN WRITE $A_k = \underbrace{\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} (A_k \cap B_j)}_{\text{DISJOINT}}$, $B_k = \underbrace{\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} (A_k \cap B_k)}_{\text{DISJOINT}}$

THEN $(f + g)(\Omega) = f(\Omega) + g(\Omega) = \sum_{j,k} (a_k + b_j) \chi_{A_k \cap B_j}$ IS A SIMPLE FUNCTION

AND HENCE $\int_{\Omega} (f + g) \, d\mu = \sum_{j,k} (a_k + b_j) \mu(A_k \cap B_j)$

AGAIN $\int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu + \int_{\Omega} g \, d\mu = \sum_k a_k \mu(A_k) + \sum_j b_j \mu(B_j) = \sum_{j,k} (a_k + b_j) \mu(A_k \cap B_j)$

$$\therefore \int_{\Omega} (f + g) \, d\mu = \int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu + \int_{\Omega} g \, d\mu$$

ii) LET $f \leq g$ μ a.e. AND $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ $a \in \text{supp } f$ SUCH THAT $a > b$.

SINCE $f \leq g$ μ a.e., $\exists N (\subseteq \Omega)$ WITH $\mu(N) = 0$ SUCH THAT

$$f(x) \leq g(x) \quad \forall x \in \Omega \setminus N$$

NOW LET $x_0 \in f^{-1}(a) \cap g^{-1}(b)$. THEN $f(x_0) = a$, $g(x_0) = b$.

SINCE $a > b$, WE HAVE $f(x_0) > g(x_0)$.

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \in N$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(a) \cap g^{-1}(b) \subseteq N$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(f^{-1}(a) \cap g^{-1}(b)) \leq \mu(N) = 0$$

$$\therefore \mu(f^{-1}(a) \cap g^{-1}(b)) = 0$$

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iv) LET $f \leq g$ μ a.e. AND $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$.

THEN,

$$\sum_{\substack{l=1 \\ \Delta_l \neq 0}}^n \Delta_l \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap f^{-1}(\Delta_l)) = \sum_{\substack{\Delta_l \neq 0 \\ \Delta_l > a}} \Delta_l \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap f^{-1}(\Delta_l))$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{\Delta_l \neq 0 \\ \Delta_l \leq a}} \Delta_l \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap f^{-1}(\Delta_l))$$

USING (iii), WE GET THAT FOR $\Delta_l > a$, $\mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap f^{-1}(\Delta_l)) = 0$

$$\therefore \sum_{\substack{l=1 \\ \Delta_l \neq 0}}^n \Delta_l \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap f^{-1}(\Delta_l)) \leq \sum_{\substack{\Delta_l \neq 0 \\ \Delta_l \leq a}} \Delta_l \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap f^{-1}(\Delta_l))$$

$$\leq \sum_{\{l: \Delta_l \neq 0, \Delta_l \leq a\}} a \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap f^{-1}(\Delta_l))$$

$$= \sum a \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap \left(\bigcup_{\{l: \Delta_l \neq 0, \Delta_l \leq a\}} f^{-1}(\Delta_l) \right))$$

$$[\because f^{-1}(\Delta_l) \cap f^{-1}(\Delta_l) = \emptyset, \forall l \neq l']$$

IF $a > 0$, WE CAN PROCEED AS FOLLOWS USING (ii),

$$\sum_{\substack{l=1 \\ \Delta_l \neq 0}}^n \Delta_l \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap f^{-1}(\Delta_l)) \leq a \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap \Omega)$$

$$\Rightarrow a \mu(g^{-1}(a)) \geq \sum_{\substack{l=1 \\ \Delta_l \neq 0}}^n \Delta_l \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap f^{-1}(\Delta_l)), \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

$$\text{IF } a < 0, \quad g^{-1}(a) \cap \mathbb{R} = g^{-1}(a) \cap \left(\bigcup_{\ell} \mathcal{I}^{\ell}(b_{\ell}) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap \mathbb{R}) = \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap \left(\bigcup_{\ell} \mathcal{I}^{\ell}(b_{\ell}) \right))$$

DISJOINT

$$= \sum_{\ell} \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap \mathcal{I}^{\ell}(b_{\ell}))$$

$$= \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap \mathcal{I}^{-1}(0)) + \underbrace{\sum_{\substack{b_{\ell} \neq 0 \\ b_{\ell} > a}} \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap \mathcal{I}^{\ell}(b_{\ell}))}_{\substack{\text{"} \\ \text{[USING (ii)]}}} + \sum_{\substack{b_{\ell} \neq 0 \\ b_{\ell} \leq a}} \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap \mathcal{I}^{\ell}(b_{\ell}))$$

0 [∵ a < 0 AND USING (ii)]

$$\Rightarrow \mu(g^{-1}(a)) = \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap \mathbb{R}) = \sum_{\substack{b_{\ell} \neq 0 \\ b_{\ell} \leq a}} \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap \mathcal{I}^{\ell}(b_{\ell}))$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(g^{-1}(a)) = \sum_{\substack{b_{\ell} \neq 0 \\ b_{\ell} \leq a}} \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap \mathcal{I}^{\ell}(b_{\ell}))$$

$$\geq \sum_{\substack{b_{\ell} \neq 0 \\ b_{\ell} \neq 0}} \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap \mathcal{I}^{\ell}(b_{\ell})) \quad (\text{ARGUING AS IN (*)})$$

$$\therefore \mu(g^{-1}(a)) \geq \sum_{\substack{\ell=1 \\ b_{\ell} \neq 0}}^{\infty} b_{\ell} \mu(g^{-1}(a) \cap \mathcal{I}^{\ell}(b_{\ell})), \quad a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}.$$

(v) FIRST OF ALL, LET US NOTE THAT $a_i \mu(g^{-1}(a_i) \cap f^{-1}(a_i))$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a_i > 0 \\ \leq 0 & \text{if } a_i \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad (\text{SYM})$$

$$\therefore \int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu = \sum_{b_i \neq 0} b_i \mu(g^{-1}(b_i)) \stackrel{(ii)}{\geq} \sum_{b_i \neq 0} \sum_{a_i \neq 0} a_i \mu(g^{-1}(b_i) \cap f^{-1}(a_i))$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \sum_{b_i \neq 0} \sum_{a_i \neq 0} a_i \mu(g^{-1}(b_i) \cap f^{-1}(a_i)) + \sum_{a_i \neq 0} a_i \mu(g^{-1}(0) \cap f^{-1}(a_i)) \\ &= \sum_{a_i \neq 0} a_i \mu \left(\underbrace{\left(\bigcup_x g^{-1}(b_x) \right)}_{\Omega} \cap f^{-1}(a_i) \right) = \sum_{a_i \neq 0} a_i \mu(f^{-1}(a_i)) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu \leq \int_{\Omega} g \, d\mu$$

(vi) CASE 1: $\int_{\Omega} f^+ \, d\mu < +\infty$, $\int_{\Omega} f^- \, d\mu < +\infty$

IN THIS CASE, SINCE f IS ITSELF A SIMPLE FUNCTION AND A OBVIOUSLY SATISFIES $f \leq f$ a.e., WE CAN CONSIDER IT AS AN "APPROXIMATING" SIMPLE FUNCTION FROM ABOVE AND BELOW. HENCE WE HAVE

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu &\leq \int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu \\ \int_{\Omega} \bar{f} \, d\mu &\leq \int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} \bar{f} \, d\mu &\leq \int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu \\ \Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu &= \int_{\Omega} \bar{f} \, d\mu = \int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu \end{aligned}$$

CASE 2: $\int_{\Omega} f^+ \, d\mu = +\infty$, $\int_{\Omega} f^- \, d\mu < +\infty$.

THEREFORE $\int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu = +\infty$ AND SINCE $\int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu \leq \int_{\Omega} \bar{f} \, d\mu$, IT ALSO FOLLOWS THAT $\int_{\Omega} \bar{f} \, d\mu = +\infty$. HENCE WE NEED TO PROVE THAT $\int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu = +\infty$.

LET $A_{+\infty} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : f(x) = +\infty\}$, $A_{-\infty} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : f(x) = -\infty\}$.

SINCE $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f^+ d\mu < +\infty$, WE HAVE $\mu(A_{-\infty}) = 0$.

WITHOUT LOSS OF GENERALITY, WE MAY ASSUME THAT $\mu(A_{+\infty}) < +\infty$

$\mu(A_k) < +\infty$, μ_k

SUCH THAT $\mu_k(A_k)$

OTHERWISE WE HAVE TO REPEAT THE ARGUMENTS BY CUTTING THE DOMAINS WITH RADIUS n .

LET US WRITE $f = \sum_{q_k < 0} q_k \chi_{A_k} + \sum_{q_k > 0} q_k \chi_{A_k} + (+\infty) \chi_{A_{+\infty}} + (-\infty) \chi_{A_{-\infty}}$.

WE DEFINE $e_n = \sum_{q_k < 0} q_k \chi_{A_k} + \sum_{k=1}^n q_k \chi_{A_k} + n \chi_{A_{+\infty}}$

THEN AGAIN, (i) $e_n \leq f$ μ -a.e.

$$(ii) \int_{\mathbb{R}} e_n^+ d\mu = \sum_{k=1}^n q_k \mu(A_k) + n \mu(A_{+\infty}) < +\infty.$$

~~PROOF~~ BUT $\int_{\mathbb{R}} e_n d\mu \rightarrow +\infty$ AS $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}} f d\mu = +\infty.$$

CASE 3: $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f^+ d\mu < +\infty$, $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f^- d\mu = +\infty$.

PROOF IS ANALOGOUS TO CASE 2.

29) \Rightarrow LET $f, g: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ BE μ -INTEGRABLE FUNCTIONS AND LET $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

i) LET $\epsilon > 0$. THEN THERE EXIST SIMPLE FUNCTIONS $f_\epsilon, f_\epsilon^+, g_\epsilon, g_\epsilon^+$ SUCH THAT $\int_{\Omega} (f_\epsilon)^- d\mu < \infty$, $\int_{\Omega} (g_\epsilon)^- d\mu < \infty$.

$$\int_{\Omega} (f_\epsilon^+)^+ d\mu < \infty, \int_{\Omega} (g_\epsilon^+)^+ d\mu < \infty$$

ANS ~~f_ϵ~~ $\int_{\Omega} f_\epsilon^+ d\mu - \int_{\Omega} f^- d\mu < \epsilon$, $\int_{\Omega} f d\mu - \int_{\Omega} f_\epsilon^- d\mu < \epsilon$.

$$\int_{\Omega} g_\epsilon^+ d\mu - \int_{\Omega} g^- d\mu < \epsilon, \int_{\Omega} g d\mu - \int_{\Omega} g_\epsilon^- d\mu < \epsilon.$$

ALSO, $f_\epsilon + g_\epsilon, f_\epsilon^+ + g_\epsilon^+$ ARE SIMPLE FUNCTIONS SUCH THAT $f_\epsilon + g_\epsilon \leq f + g \leq f_\epsilon^+ + g_\epsilon^+$

AND $\int_{\Omega} (f_\epsilon + g_\epsilon)^+ d\mu < \infty$, $\int_{\Omega} (f_\epsilon^+ + g_\epsilon^+)^- d\mu < \infty$.

NOW, $\int_{\Omega} (f + g) d\mu \leq \int_{\Omega} (f_\epsilon^+ + g_\epsilon^+) d\mu = \int_{\Omega} f_\epsilon^+ d\mu + \int_{\Omega} g_\epsilon^+ d\mu$
 $\leq \int_{\Omega} f d\mu + \int_{\Omega} g d\mu + 2\epsilon$ — ①

SIMILARLY, $\int_{\Omega} (f + g) d\mu \geq \int_{\Omega} f d\mu + \int_{\Omega} g d\mu - 2\epsilon$ — ②

SINCE ϵ IS ARBITRARY, ① AND ② GIVES $\int_{\Omega} (f + g) d\mu \leq \int_{\Omega} f d\mu + \int_{\Omega} g d\mu \leq \int_{\Omega} (f + g) d\mu$

ALSO BY DEFINITION, $\int_{\Omega} (f + g) d\mu \leq \int_{\Omega} (f + g) d\mu$

$\therefore \int_{\Omega} (f + g) d\mu = \int_{\Omega} (f + g) d\mu = \int_{\Omega} f d\mu + \int_{\Omega} g d\mu$

ALSO, APPLYING THIS TO THE FUNCTIONS $|f|$ AND $|g|$, WE HAVE $\int_{\Omega} |f + g| d\mu \leq \int_{\Omega} |f| d\mu + \int_{\Omega} |g| d\mu < \infty \Rightarrow f + g$ IS μ -INTEGRABLE

(ii) LET $\lambda > 0$. AS IN (i) WE CAN CHOOSE A SIMPLE FUNCTION SUCH THAT $f_\epsilon \leq f \leq f_\epsilon$.

$\lambda > 0$ IN THIS CASE WE SEE THAT $\lambda f_\epsilon, \lambda f_\epsilon^-$ ARE SIMPLE FUNCTIONS SUCH THAT $\lambda f_\epsilon \leq \lambda f \leq \lambda f_\epsilon^-$, AND

$$\int_{\Omega} (\lambda f_\epsilon)^- d\mu = \lambda \int_{\Omega} (f_\epsilon)^- d\mu < +\infty, \quad \int_{\Omega} (\lambda f_\epsilon)^+ d\mu = \lambda \int_{\Omega} (f_\epsilon)^+ d\mu < +\infty$$

THEN $\int_{\Omega} (\lambda f) d\mu \leq \int_{\Omega} (\lambda f_\epsilon) d\mu = \lambda \int_{\Omega} f_\epsilon d\mu \leq \lambda \int_{\Omega} f d\mu + \lambda \int_{\Omega} f_\epsilon^+ d\mu$

AND SIMILARLY $\int_{\Omega} (\lambda f) d\mu \geq \lambda \int_{\Omega} f d\mu - \lambda \int_{\Omega} f_\epsilon^- d\mu$.

SINCE ϵ IS ARBITRARY, $\int_{\Omega} (\lambda f) d\mu \leq \lambda \int_{\Omega} f d\mu \leq \int_{\Omega} (\lambda f) d\mu$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} (\lambda f) d\mu = \int_{\Omega} (\lambda f) d\mu = \int_{\Omega} (\lambda |f|) d\mu = \lambda \int_{\Omega} |f| d\mu$$

$\lambda < 0$ IN THIS CASE WE NOTE THAT $\lambda f_\epsilon \leq \lambda f \leq \lambda f_\epsilon^-$, AND

$$\int_{\Omega} (\lambda f_\epsilon)^+ d\mu = \lambda \int_{\Omega} (f_\epsilon)^- d\mu < +\infty, \\ \int_{\Omega} (\lambda f_\epsilon)^- d\mu = \lambda \int_{\Omega} (f_\epsilon)^+ d\mu < +\infty.$$

THEN WE CAN PROCEED AS IN THE PREVIOUS CASE

~~∴~~ $\int_{\Omega} (\lambda f) d\mu = \lambda \int_{\Omega} f d\mu$, AND

$$\int_{\Omega} |\lambda f| d\mu = |\lambda| \int_{\Omega} |f| d\mu < +\infty, \text{ THAT IS, } \lambda f \text{ IS } \mu\text{-INTEGRABLE}$$

(iii) $f = g$ μ -a.e. $\Rightarrow f^+ = g^+$ μ -a.e., $f^- = g^-$ μ -a.e.

NOV. f, g INTEGRABLE $\Rightarrow f^+, g^+, f^-, g^-$ ARE INTEGRABLE

$$f^+ = g^+ \Rightarrow \begin{cases} f^+ \leq g^+ & \int_{\Omega} f^+ \leq \int_{\Omega} g^+ \\ f^+ \geq g^+ & \int_{\Omega} f^+ \geq \int_{\Omega} g^+ \end{cases} \Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} f^+ = \int_{\Omega} g^+$$

SIMILARLY, $\int_{\Omega} f^- = \int_{\Omega} g^-$ AND HENCE $\int_{\Omega} f d\mu = \int_{\Omega} g d\mu$

(30)

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty) \text{ such that } f(x) := \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 1, \\ \frac{1}{x}, & x > 1. \end{cases}$$

(i) WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN THAT f IS A MEASURABLE FUNCTION. ALSO $f \geq 0$. THEREFORE, f IS "UNESSENTIALLY" x^1 -INTEGRABLE.

(ii) NEXT WE SHOW THAT f IS NOT x^1 -INTEGRABLE.

TO SEE THIS, LET US DEFINE

$$a_1 = 0, \quad a_k = \frac{1}{k}, \quad k \geq 2$$

$$A_1 = (-\infty, 1], \quad A_k = (k^{-1}, k], \quad k \geq 2$$

$$\text{AND } g(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \chi_{A_k}.$$

THEN g IS A SIMPLE FUNCTION.

AND $g(x) \leq f(x)$ a.e.

$$\text{FURTHER, } \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(x) dx = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \mu(A_k) = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \underbrace{x^1(A_k)}_{\text{"1"}},$$

$$= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \text{ WHICH DIVERGES TO } +\infty$$

$$\therefore \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) dx \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(x) dx = +\infty$$

$\Rightarrow f$ IS NOT x^1 -INTEGRABLE.

(31) LET $q > 0$ AND $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ BE A μ -INTEGRABLE FUNCTION

LET US DEFINE

$$\begin{cases} f_1 := a^{-1}|f| \\ f_2 := \chi_{\{x \in \Omega: |f(x)| \geq a\}} \end{cases}$$

CLAIM: ~~SUPPOSE~~ f_1, f_2 μ -a.e.

SUPPOSE THAT THE CLAIM IS TRUE. THEN BY MONOTONICITY,

$$\int_{\Omega} f_2 d\mu \leq \int_{\Omega} f_1 d\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(\{x \in \Omega: |f(x)| \geq a\}) \leq a^{-1} \int_{\Omega} |f| d\mu.$$

PROOF OF CLAIM: LET $\tilde{\Omega} := \{x \in \Omega : |f(x)| \geq a\}$.

THEN $f_2 = \chi_{\tilde{\Omega}}$.

LET $x \in \tilde{\Omega}^c$. THEN $f_2(x) = 0$ AND BY DEFINITION,
 $f_1(x) \geq 0$.

$\Rightarrow f_1(x) \geq f_2(x) \quad \forall x \in \tilde{\Omega}^c$.

LET $x \in \tilde{\Omega}$. THEN $f_2(x) = 1$.

NOW, $x \in \tilde{\Omega} \Rightarrow |f(x)| \geq a$

$\Rightarrow a^{-1} |f(x)| \geq 1$

$\Rightarrow f_1(x) \geq 1$

$\therefore f_1(x) \geq f_2(x) \quad \forall x \in \tilde{\Omega}$

$\Rightarrow f_1 \geq f_2 \quad \mu$ a.e. Ω .

THIS PROVES THE CLAIM.
