$$t_0w_2\cdots=w_2^{m_1}t_0\cdots.$$

By the definition of q,  $w_2$  cannot be a left-factor of  $t_0$ . Therefore, by (3),  $t_0$  must be a left-factor of  $w_2$ . We may write  $w_2 = t_0 t_1$ .

Equation (1) clearly has the form  $vw_1 = v'w_2$ , where  $v, v' \in F(\Sigma)$ . This implies that  $w_2$  is a right-factor of  $w_1$ . However,  $w_1 = w_2^{d^{-1}} t_0 t_1 t_0$ . Since the length of  $t_1 t_0$  is equal to the length of  $w_2$ , it follows that  $w_2 = t_1 t_0$ . Thus,  $t_1 t_0 = t_0 t_1$  and by the remark,  $\rho(t_0) = \rho(t_1) = z$ . This implies  $\rho(w_2) = z$  and by (2) we also have  $\rho(w_1) = z$ . This completes the proof.

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## CONDITIONAL INTEGRABILITY OVER MEASURE SPACES

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Introduction. Let  $E^n$  be the *n*-dimensional Euclidean space,  $(A, \alpha, \mu)$  be a measure space and f be a measurable function from A into  $E^n$ . According to the theory of integration the function f is either integrable or not integrable. The aim of this note is to show that nonintegrable functions can be divided into two classes: the totally unintegrable functions and the conditionally integrable functions. Moreover we shall show that the conditionally integrable functions may be further characterized by an index of conditional integration which can take the values  $1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Notations. A subset  $\mathfrak{N}$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a nest if for any  $N_1$  and  $N_2 \in \mathfrak{N}$  we have either  $N_1 \subset N_2$  or  $N_2 \subset N_1$ . A nest  $\mathfrak{N}$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$  is called a sweeping nest for the measure space  $(A, \mathfrak{A}, \mu)$  if for each set  $D \in \mathfrak{A}$  with  $\mu(D) < \infty$  and for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a set  $N \in \mathfrak{N}$  such that