# Epic math battle of history: Grothendieck vs Nikodym Round 1 

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## Folklore

4. Every measure on $\mathbb{B}$ uniquely extends to a Radon measure on $\operatorname{St}(\mathbb{B})$

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Theorem (Andô)
Complete Boolean algebras have the Nikodym property.

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## Theorem (Głodkowski \& W.)

The existence of a Boolean algebra with the Grothendieck property and without the Nikodym property is consistent with $\mathfrak{c}>\omega_{1}$.

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\section*{First observation}
\(\operatorname{Clop}(C)\) is balanced.

\section*{Examples}

\section*{Second observation}

There exists a balanced set which is not clopen


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\section*{Third observation}

If \(\mathbb{B} \subseteq \operatorname{Bor}(C)\) is balanced, then it does not have the Nikodym property.

To see that take \(\mu_{n}=n \varphi_{n}\). The sequence \(\left(\mu_{n}\right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}\) is pointwise convergent to 0 , but \(\left\|\mu_{n}\right\|=n\) for every \(n \in \mathbb{N}\)

\section*{Extensions of countable balanced algebras}

Let \(\mathbb{B} \subseteq \operatorname{Bor}(C)\) be a countable balanced Boolean algebra. Suppose that
\& \(\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}\right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}\) is an increasing sequence of finite Boolean algebras such that
\[
\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{B}_{n}=\mathbb{B}
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\[
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\(* G \subseteq P\),
\(4 \forall n \leqslant k \mathcal{F}\left(\mathbb{B}_{n}, G\right)\) is \(\left(m_{n}, 2^{-n}\right)\)-balanced.
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\section*{8 hodín spánku} počas pracovného týždňa:

\section*{4 hodiny spánku} cez víkend:
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