

Exam Measure and Probability (191570401)

Monday 22 January 2018, 8.45 - 11.45 a.m.

This exam consists of 6 problems

1. Let  $\Omega$  be a set,  $\mathcal{F}$  a collection of subsets of  $\Omega$ , and  $\mu : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ . When do we call

a.  $\mathcal{F}$  a  $\sigma$ -field?

b.  $\mu$  an outer measure?

c.  $\mu$  a measure?

Suppose  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\sigma$ -field and  $\mu$  a *finitely-additive* set function, that is,  $\mu(A \cup B) = \mu(A) + \mu(B)$  whenever  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint sets in  $\mathcal{F}$ . Also suppose  $\mu$  has the following property: If  $E_1 \supset E_2 \supset E_3 \supset \dots$  are sets in  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $\bigcap_i E_i = \emptyset$ , then  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_i) = 0$ .

d. Prove that  $\mu$  is a measure on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ .

2. Consider the measure space  $((0, 1), \mathcal{M}_{(0,1)}, m_{(0,1)})$ .

a. What is meant by saying that  $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is measurable?

b. What is meant by saying that  $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is integrable?

A measurable function  $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be *mean-square integrable* if  $\int_{(0,1)} f^2 dm < \infty$ .

c. Show that every mean-square integrable function is integrable.

3. Consider the measure space  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{M}, m)$ .

a. State the *monotone convergence theorem*.

b. Suppose  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a measurable function. Show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} n \ln \left( 1 + \frac{f}{n} \right) dm = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f dm.$$

(Hint: Recall that  $(1 + x/n)^n$  increases to  $e^x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if  $x \geq 0$ .)

c. State the *dominated convergence theorem*.

d. Evaluate

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{n \sin(x/n)}{x(x^2 + 1)} dx$$

(and justify the result).

4. Consider the (Lebesgue) measurable function  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
- What does *Fubini's theorem* tell us about  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f dm_2$ ?
  - Show that if  $f$  is the joint density function of the absolutely continuous random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ , then  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent if and only if

$$f(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y) \text{ a.e.}$$

5. Let  $\mu_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  be finite measures on a measurable space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ .
- What is meant by  $\mu_1 \ll \mu_2$  ( $\mu_1$  is *absolutely continuous with respect to*  $\mu_2$ )?
  - What does the *Radon-Nikodym Theorem* say about the relation between  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  if  $\mu_1 \ll \mu_2$ ?
  - Let  $\mu_1 = \delta_0 + \delta_1$ ,  $\mu_2 = m_{[0,1]}$  and  $\mu_3 = \mu_1 + \mu_2$ . For which  $i \neq j$  do we have  $\mu_i \ll \mu_j$ ? Find the *Radon-Nikodym derivative* in each such case.

6. Consider the probability space  $([0, 1], \mathcal{M}_{[0,1]}, m_{[0,1]})$  and, for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , set

$$X_n(\omega) = \begin{cases} n^{2/3} & \text{if } 0 \leq \omega < \frac{1}{n} \\ n^{-1/3} & \text{if } \frac{1}{n} \leq \omega \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

- Determine the distribution function  $F_n(x)$  of  $X_n$  and utilize it to show that  $X_n$  converges weakly to 0.
- Which of the following statements are true? (Justify your answers).
  - $X_n \rightarrow 0$  in probability.
  - $X_n \rightarrow 0$  almost surely.
  - $X_n \rightarrow 0$  pointwise.
  - $X_n \rightarrow 0$  in  $L^1$ -norm.
  - $X_n \rightarrow 0$  in  $L^2$ -norm.
  - $X_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly.

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