

Exam Measure and Probability (191570401)

Monday 23 January 2012, 8.45 - 11.45 a.m.

This exam consists of 7 problems

1. Let Ω be a set, \mathcal{F} a collection of subsets of Ω and $\mu : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. When do we call
 - a. \mathcal{F} a σ -field?
 - b. μ an outer measure?
 - c. μ a measure?
 - d. $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ a probability space?

2. Consider the measure space $((0, 1), \mathcal{M}_{(0,1)}, m_{(0,1)})$.
 - a. Define what is meant by saying that $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is measurable.
 - b. Define 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.
(Hint: Separate the cases $|f| \geq 1$ and $|f| < 1$.)

3. Consider the measure space $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{M}, m)$.
 - a. State the *monotone convergence theorem*.
 - b. (*Borel-Cantelli lemma*) Suppose $\{E_k\}$ is a sequence of measurable sets satisfying

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} m(E_k) < \infty.$$

Show that $m(F) = 0$ when $F = \{x : x \text{ belongs to infinitely many sets } E_k\}$.

(Hint: Define $f_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{I}_{E_k}$, $f = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n$, and show that $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f dm < \infty$.)

4. Consider the measure space $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{M}, m)$.
 - a. State the *dominated convergence theorem*.

- b. Evaluate

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^{-n} \sin\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) dx.$$

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

5. Consider the (Lebesgue) measurable function $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.
- What does *Fubini's theorem* tell us about $\iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} f dm_2$?
 - 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

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

6. Consider the interval $[-1, 1]$ with Lebesgue measure $m_{[-1,1]}$. and let ν be a measure on the measurable space $([-1, 1], \mathcal{B}_{[-1,1]})$ such that

$$\nu([-1, x]) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } -1 \leq x < 0 \\ 1 + x^2 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

- Show that ν is *not* absolutely continuous with respect to $m_{[-1,1]}$.
 - Give the Lebesgue decomposition of ν with respect to $m_{[-1,1]}$, that is, determine ν_a and ν_s such that $\nu = \nu_a + \nu_s$, $\nu_a \ll m_{[-1,1]}$ and $\nu_s \perp m_{[-1,1]}$.
 - Determine the Radon-Nikodym derivative of ν_a with respect to $m_{[-1,1]}$.
7. Consider the probability space $([0, 1], \mathcal{M}_{[0,1]}, m_{[0,1]})$ and, for $n = 1, 2, \dots$, set

$$X_n(\omega) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{\log n} & \text{if } 0 \leq \omega < \frac{1}{n} \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{n} \leq \omega \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

- Find the distribution function $F_n(x)$ of X_n and $\mathbb{E}(X_n)$.
- 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.

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