

**Exam Measure and Probability (191570401)****Wednesday 11 April 2012, 8.45 - 11.45 a.m.**

This exam consists of 7 problems

1. Let  $\Omega$  be a non-empty set.
  - a. Define what is meant by a  $\sigma$ -field of subsets of  $\Omega$ .
  - b. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $\sigma$ -field of subsets of  $\Omega$  and let  $B \subseteq \Omega$ . Show that  $\mathcal{G} = \{A \in \mathcal{F} : A \subseteq B \text{ or } B^c \subseteq A\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -field.
  - c. Let  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a  $\sigma$ -field. What does it mean to say that  $f$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -measurable?
  - d. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be as in b, and let  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an  $\mathcal{F}$ -measurable function. Under what conditions will  $f$  be  $\mathcal{G}$ -measurable?
  
2. Let  $\Omega$  be a non-empty set,  $\mathcal{F}$  a  $\sigma$ -field of subsets of  $\Omega$ , and  $\mu$  a  $[-\infty, \infty]$ -valued function on  $\mathcal{F}$ . When do we call  $\mu$ 
  - a. an *outer measure*?
  - b. a *measure*?
  - c. a *probability measure*?
  
3. Consider the measure space  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{M}, m)$ .
  - a. State the *dominated convergence theorem*.
  - b. Investigate the convergence as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  of
$$\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^{\sqrt[n]{x}}} dx.$$
(Hint: Split the range of integration.)
  
4. Consider the probability space  $([0, 1], \mathcal{M}_{[0,1]}, m_{[0,1]})$ . Find  $F_X$ , the distribution function, and  $\mathbb{E}(X)$ , the expectation of
  - a. the random variable  $X$ , given by  $X(\omega) = 3\omega - 2$ ,
  - b. the random variable  $X$  given by  $X(\omega) = \min(\omega, 1 - \omega)$ .

5. Let  $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{F}_1, \mu_1)$  and  $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{F}_2, \mu_2)$  be two measure spaces, and let  $f : \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a measurable function on the product space  $(\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2, \mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2, \mu_1 \times \mu_2)$ .

a. (This is *Fubini's Theorem*.) Under which condition do we have

$$\int_{\Omega_1} \left( \int_{\Omega_2} f d\mu_2 \right) d\mu_1 = \int_{\Omega_2} \left( \int_{\Omega_1} f d\mu_1 \right) d\mu_2?$$

b. Use Fubini's Theorem to show that for any distribution function  $F$  and any real number  $a > 0$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} (F(x+a) - F(x)) dx = a.$$

6. Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  be a measurable space and let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be finite measures on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ .

a. What is meant by  $\nu \ll \mu$  ( $\nu$  is *absolutely continuous with respect to*  $\mu$ )?

b. What does the *Radon-Nikodym Theorem* say about the relation between  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  if  $\nu \ll \mu$ ?

c. Give the *Radon-Nikodym derivative*  $\frac{d\nu}{d\mu}$  if  $\nu \ll \mu$  and  $\Omega$  is finite.

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

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

a. Find the distribution function  $F_n(x)$  of  $X_n$ .

b. Which of the following statements are true? (Justify your answers).

(i)  $X_n \rightarrow 0$  in probability.

(ii)  $X_n \rightarrow 0$  weakly.

(iii)  $X_n \rightarrow 0$  almost surely.

(iv)  $X_n \rightarrow 0$  pointwise.

(v)  $X_n \rightarrow 0$  in  $L^1$ -norm.

(vii)  $X_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly.

points:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7	5	4	4	5	6	5

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