

# MATH H104: Homework Explorations

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## 2 Some Interesting Problems

Professor Pugh, as per your suggestion. Here are some of the difficult problems I've done (attempted).

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $S, R \subset \mathbb{R}$  be closed intervals and  $\Sigma_l : C(R) \rightarrow C(S)$  be a linear operator such that*

$$\xi \mapsto \int_R \xi(i)w(i,j) \, di$$

*then for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and every  $\xi : R \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , there exists a weight function  $w(i,j)$  such that the supremum norm over  $S$*

$$\|K\xi - \Sigma_{l+1}\xi\|_\infty < \epsilon \tag{1}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\zeta_t : C(R) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a linear form which evaluates its arguments at  $t \in R$ ; that is,  $\zeta_t(f) = f(t)$ . Then because  $\zeta_t$  is bounded on its domain,  $\zeta_t \circ K = K^*\zeta_t$  is a bounded linear functional. Then from the Riesz Representation Theorem we have that there is a unique regular Borel measure  $\mu_t$  on  $R$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} (K\xi)(t) &= K^*\zeta_t(\xi) = \int_R \xi(s) \, d\mu_t(s), \\ \|\mu_t\| &= \|K^*\zeta_t\| \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Then if there exists a regular Borel measure  $\mu$  such that  $\mu_t$  is significantly smaller than  $\mu$  for all  $t$ , then we have that, by the Radon-Nikodim derivative,  $d\mu_t(s) = K_t(s)d\mu(s)$  under the assumption that  $K_t$  is  $L^1$  integrable over  $R$  with the measure  $\mu$ . Thus it follows that

$$K[\xi](t) = \int_R \xi(s)K_t(s) \, d\mu(s) = \int_R \xi(s)K(t,s) \, d\mu(s). \tag{3}$$

Therefore, for any bounded linear operator  $K : C(X) \rightarrow C(X)$  there exists a unique  $K(t,s)$  such that  $K[f] = \int_X f(s)K(t,s)d\mu(s)$ . Now we show that the operation of  $\Sigma_l$  can approximate any such operator. Because  $K$  is of the form of  $\Sigma_l$  where the only difference is the weighting function, so the proof follows.  $\square$