# MA 544: Homework 10

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#### PROBLEM 10.1 (WHEEDEN & ZYGMUND §7, Ex. 1)

Let f be measurable in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  and different from zero in some set of positive measure. Show that there is a positive constant c such that  $f^*(\mathbf{x}) \ge c \|\mathbf{x}\|^{-n}$  for  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \ge 1$ .

*Proof.* Let E be a measurable subset of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  such that  $f \neq 0$  on E. For now, let us assume that the measure of E is finite and that E contains a point  $\mathbf{x}$  of magnitude  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \geq 1$ . By Vitali's lemma, given a finite collection of cubes  $\{Q_j\}_{j=1}^N$  covering our set E, there exists a real number  $\beta > 0$  such that the following inequality is observed

$$|E| < \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{j=1}^{N} |Q_j|. \tag{1}$$

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#### PROBLEM 10.2 (WHEEDEN & ZYGMUND §7, Ex. 2)

Let  $\varphi(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n$ , be a bounded measurable function such that  $\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  for  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \ge 1$  and  $\int \varphi = 1$ . For  $\varepsilon > 0$ , let  $\varphi_{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{x}) := \varepsilon^{-n} \varphi(\mathbf{x}/\varepsilon)$ . ( $\varphi_{\varepsilon}$  is called an approximation to the identity.) If  $f \in L^1(\mathbf{R}^n)$ , show that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} (f * \varphi_{\varepsilon})(x) = f(\mathbf{x})$$

in the Lebesgue set of f. (Note that  $\int \varphi_{\varepsilon} = 1$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , so that

$$(f * \varphi_{\varepsilon})(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x}) = \int [f(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x})] \varphi_{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y}.$$

Use Theorem 7.16.)

## PROBLEM 10.3 (WHEEDEN & ZYGMUND §7, Ex. 6)

Show that if  $\alpha > 0$ , then  $x^{\alpha}$  is absolutely continuous on every bounded subinterval of  $[0, \infty)$ .

## PROBLEM 10.4 (WHEEDEN & ZYGMUND §7, Ex. 8)

Prove the following converse of Theorem 7.31: If f is of bounded variation on [a, b], and if the function V(x) = V[a, x] is absolutely continuous on [a, b], then f is absolutely continuous on [a, b].

## PROBLEM 10.5 (WHEEDEN & ZYGMUND §7, Ex. 9)

If f is of bounded variation on [a, b], show that

$$\int_{a}^{b} |f'| \le V[a, b].$$

Show that if equality holds in this inequality, then f is absolutely continuous on [a, b]. (For the second part, use Theorems 2.2(ii) and 7.24 to show that V(x) is absolutely continuous and then use the result of Exercise 8).

#### PROBLEM 10.6 (WHEEDEN & ZYGMUND §7, Ex. 12)

Use Jensen's inequality to prove that if  $a,b \geq 0,\, p,q > 1,\, (1/p) + (1/q) = 1,$  then

$$ab \le \frac{a^p}{p} + \frac{b^p}{q}.$$

More generally, show that

$$a_1 \cdots a_N = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{a_j^{p_j}}{p_j},$$

where  $a_j \ge 0$ ,  $p_j > 1$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^{N} (1/p_j) = 1$ . (Write  $a_j = e^{x_j/p_j}$  and use the convexity of  $e^x$ ).

# PROBLEM 10.7 (WHEEDEN & ZYGMUND §7, Ex. 13)

Prove Theorem 7.36.