

# AUGUST 2024 MEASURE PRELIM TUTORING PROBLEM SET 1

Notation:  $m$  denotes the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  $[x_n]$  is used to denote a sequence.

1. (Jan 2023) Prove or disprove three of the following statements.
  - (a) If  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $m(A) > 0$ , then there exist  $x, y \in A$  such that  $x - y \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .
  - (b) Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If the sets  $\{x \in [0, 1] : f(x) = c\}$  are Lebesgue measurable for all  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $f$  is measurable.
  - (c) Let  $(X, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  be a finite measure space. Let  $[f_n], f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be measurable functions. If  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in measure, then  $f_n \rightarrow f$  almost everywhere.
  - (d) If  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are two measures on the same measurable space  $(X, \mathcal{F})$  that have exactly the same sets of measure 0, then  $L^\infty(\mu) = L^\infty(\nu)$ .
2. (Aug 2019) Let  $g : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a nonnegative Lebesgue measurable function.
  - (a) Prove that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the numbers  $I_n = \int g^n dm$  converge to a nonnegative limit that may be infinity.
  - (b) If  $I_n = C < \infty$  for all  $n$ , prove that there exists some Lebesgue measurable set  $A \subset [0, 1]$  such that  $g = \chi_A$   $m$ -almost everywhere.
3. (Aug 2023) Let  $1 < p_1 < p_2 < \infty$ .
  - (a) Let  $f_i \in L^{p_i}(m)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , be nonnegative measurable functions. Find  $r = r(p_1, p_2)$  for which  $(f_1 f_2)^r \in L^1(m)$ .
  - (b) If  $s \neq r(p_1, p_2)$ , show there exist nonnegative  $f_i \in L^{p_i}(m)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , for which  $(f_1 f_2)^s \notin L^1(m)$ .
4. (Aug 2022) Let  $E$  and  $F$  be Borel subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that
 
$$m^1(E_x) = m^1(F_x) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$
 where  $A_x = \{y \in \mathbb{R} : (x, y) \in A\}$  and  $m^1$  is the 1-dimensional Lebesgue measure. Show that  $m^2(E) = m^2(F)$ , where  $m^2$  is the 2-dimensional Lebesgue measure.
5. (Aug 2023) Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a finite measure space. Prove  $f \in L^1(\mu)$  if and only if
 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^k \mu(\{x \in X : |f(x)| \geq 2^k\}) < \infty$$
6. (Aug 2020) Suppose that  $W$  is a Lebesgue nonmeasurable subset of  $[0, 1]$ . Prove that there exists some  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  such that for any Lebesgue measurable subset  $E$  of  $[0, 1]$  with  $m(E) \geq \varepsilon$ , the set  $W \cap E$  must be Lebesgue nonmeasurable.

## AUGUST 2024 MEASURE PRELIM TUTORING PROBLEM SET 2

Notation:  $m$  denotes the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  $[x_n]$  is used to denote a sequence.

1. (Aug 2018) Show that there exists a Borel measure  $\nu$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  that satisfies both
  - (a)  $\nu$  and  $m$  are mutually singular
  - (b)  $0 < \nu(B(x, r)) < \infty$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $r > 0$
2. (Jan 2016) Let  $K \subset \mathbb{R}$  be a compact interval and  $f_n : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a sequence of functions.
  - (a) Suppose that the sequence  $[f_n]$  converges almost everywhere on  $K$  with respect to  $m$ . Show that  $[f_n]$  converges in measure.
  - (b) Must the conclusion of part (a) be true if  $K$  is not compact? Give a proof or counterexample.
  - (c) Suppose that all  $f_n$  are differentiable and
    - i. There exists  $M > 0$  such that  $\|f'_n\|_\infty < M$  for all  $n$ , and
    - ii. For each  $n$  there exists  $x_n$  such that  $f_n(x_n) = 0$
 Prove that there is a subsequence of  $[f_n]$  that converges uniformly on  $K$  to a continuous limit function  $f$ .

3. (Aug 2013) Let  $[q_n]$  be an enumeration of the rationals in  $[0, 1]$ . Consider the series

$$s(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 \sqrt{|x - q_n|}}$$

- (a) Prove that  $s$  converges  $m$ -almost everywhere.
  - (b) Prove that  $s$  is unbounded on any non-empty open subinterval of  $[0, 1]$ .
4. (Aug 2023) Let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  be Lebesgue measurable with finite Lebesgue measure. Prove
 
$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow 0} m(A \cap (x + A)) = m(A)$$

Here  $x + A = \{x + y : y \in A\}$

5. (Aug 2020)
  - (a) Let  $(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  and  $(X, \Sigma, \nu)$  be two measure spaces with  $\nu(X) < \infty$ . Prove that  $\nu$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$  if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $A \in \Sigma$  with  $\mu(A) < \delta$  then  $\nu(A) < \varepsilon$ .
  - (b) Give an example of a pair of measure spaces  $(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  and  $(X, \Sigma, \nu)$  such that  $\nu$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$ , but given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is no  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\nu(A) < \varepsilon$  for every  $A \in \Sigma$  with  $\mu(A) < \delta$ .
6. (Jan 2017) Let  $f, g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n, m)$  be nonnegative functions such that

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_{B(x, 1/k)} f(y) dy}{\int_{B(x, 1/k)} g(y) dy} \leq 1$$

For  $x$ -almost everywhere in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that  $f \leq g$  almost everywhere.

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Notation:  $m$  denotes the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  $[x_n]$  is used to denote a sequence.

1. (Aug 2018) Let  $T = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq |x| \leq y \leq 1\}$  and let  $\mu$  be the restriction of  $m$  to  $T$ . Let  $f \in L^2(T, \mu)$ . Prove that

- (a)  $f \in L^1(T, \mu)$

- (b)  $\liminf_{y \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{-y}^y |f(x, y)| dx = 0$

2. (Jan 2022) Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be Lebesgue measurable. Prove there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\|f\|_1 \leq C(\|f\|_2 + \|x^2 f\|_2)$$

3. (Jan 2015) Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space and  $p \in [1, \infty)$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable and define

$$R_p(x) = x^{p-1} \mu(\{|f| > x\})$$

- (a) Prove if  $f \in L^p(\mu)$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x R_p(x) = 0$

- (b) Prove  $f \in L^p(\mu)$  if and only if  $R_p \in L^1([0, \infty), m)$  (Lebesgue measure)

4. (Aug 2016) Compute the limit

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-j}^j \frac{\sin(x^j)}{x^{j-2}} dx$$

and provide justification for all steps in your reasoning.

5. (Jan 2022) Prove or disprove the following statements:

- (a) If  $S^{n-1} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| = 1\}$ , then  $m(S^{n-1}) = 0$ .

- (b) Every nonnegative continuous  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$  satisfies  $\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) \in [0, \infty)$ .

- (c) If  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable, then  $f'$  is Lebesgue measurable.

6. (Aug 2015) Let  $f$  and  $[f_n]$  be measurable functions on a measure space  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  and suppose that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(\{x \in X : |f_n(x) - f(x)| > \varepsilon\}) < \infty.$$

Prove that  $f_n \rightarrow f$   $\mu$ -almost everywhere.

# AUGUST 2024 MEASURE PRELIM TUTORING PROBLEM SET 4

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1. (Aug 2021) Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space and  $[f_n], f \in L^1(\mu)$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^1(\mu)$ . Show that if  $\sup_n \|f_n\|_{L^4(\mu)} < \infty$ , then  $f \in L^2(\mu)$  and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^2(\mu)$ .
2. (Aug 2023) Let

$$f_n(x) = \frac{1}{1 + x^{\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\log(n+2023)}}}, \quad x \geq 0, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\infty f_n dm$

3. (Jan 2022) Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a Borel measurable function with  $\int_0^1 |f(t)| dt < \infty$ . Prove that the function

$$h(x) = \int_x^1 t^{-1} f(t) dt$$

is integrable on  $[0, 1]$  and  $\int_0^1 f(t) dt = \int_0^1 h(x) dx$ .

4. (Aug 2020) Let  $\{E_1, \dots, E_m\}$  be a finite family of Lebesgue measurable subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $k > 0$  be a positive integer. Let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a measurable subset with  $m(E) > 0$ . Suppose that almost every  $x \in E$  belongs to at least  $k$  of the  $E_j$ . Prove there is at least one  $E_\ell$  with  $m(E_\ell) \geq \frac{k}{m} m(E)$ .
5. (Aug 2017) Prove or disprove three of the following statements:
  - (a) If  $[f_n]$  is a sequence of measurable functions that converges in  $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , then it converges in measure.
  - (b) If  $[f_n]$  is a sequence of integrable functions that converges almost everywhere in  $[0, 1]$ , then it converges in  $L^1([0, 1])$ .
  - (c) If  $[f_n]$  is a sequence of measurable functions that converges almost everywhere in  $[0, 1]$ , then it converges in  $L^\infty([0, 1])$ .
  - (d) If  $[f_n]$  is a sequence of measurable functions that converges in  $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , then it converges almost everywhere.
6. (Jan 2017) Let  $g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n, m)$  such that

$$\int g(x) \phi(x) dx = 0$$

for all  $\phi \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , ie the space of all continuous functions with compact support on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Prove that  $g = 0$  almost everywhere.

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1. (Aug 2019) Let  $0 < a < b < \infty$  and consider the function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^a + x^b} \quad x > 0$$

For which values of  $p$  is  $f \in L^p(0, \infty)$ ?

2. (Aug 2018) Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space.

(a) Prove that if  $[f_n], [g_n], f, g \in L^1(\mu)$ ,  $|f_n| \leq g_n$  for all  $n$ ,  $f_n \rightarrow f$   $\mu$ -ae,  $g_n \rightarrow g$   $\mu$ -ae, and  $\int g_n d\mu \rightarrow \int g d\mu$ , then  $\int f_n d\mu \rightarrow \int f d\mu$ .

(b) Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Suppose  $[f_n], f \in L^p(\mu)$  and that  $f_n \rightarrow f$   $\mu$ -ae. Prove that  $\int |f_n - f|^p d\mu \rightarrow 0$  if and only if  $\int |f_n|^p d\mu \rightarrow \int |f|^p d\mu$ .

3. (Jan 2023) Let  $p : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a (nontrivial) polynomial in  $n$  variables, with  $n \geq 2$ . Prove that the set  $p^{-1}(\{0\}) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  has Lebesgue measure 0.

4. (Jan 2018) If  $\mu \ll \nu$  and  $\nu \ll \mu$  are finite measures on a measurable space  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ , show that the Radon-Nikodym derivatives satisfy  $\frac{d\mu}{d\nu} \frac{d\nu}{d\mu} = 1$   $\mu$ -almost everywhere.

5. (Aug 2021) Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be a Lebesgue measurable function with  $\|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} = 1$ . Show that if  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is Lebesgue measurable with  $m(E) \in (0, \infty)$ , then

$$\int_E \log f dm \leq -m(E) \log(m(E))$$

6. (Jan 2016) Compute

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^n \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n e^{-2x} dx$$

Provide full justification for all steps in your reasoning.

# AUGUST 2024 MEASURE PRELIM TUTORING PROBLEM SET 6

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1. (Jan 2022) Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space and  $[f_n], f$  be measurable functions. Show that if  $f_n \geq 0$  for all  $n$  and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in measure, then

$$\int f d\mu \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu$$

2. (Jan 2017) Let  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}, m)$  and set  $F(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$ . Prove there exists a constant  $C \geq 0$  such that

$$|F(x) - F(y)| \leq C|x - y|^{1/2}$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

3. (Jan 2017) Prove or disprove three of the following statements:
  - (a) If  $[f_n]$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n, m)$ , then  $[f_n]$  converges almost everywhere.
  - (b) If  $[f_n]$  is a sequence of measurable functions that converges in  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, m)$ , then  $[f_n]$  converges almost everywhere.
  - (c) If  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a subset whose boundary has Lebesgue outer measure 0, then  $U$  is Lebesgue measurable.
  - (d) Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \nu)$  be a measure space and suppose  $\mu$  is a signed measure on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  satisfying  $\mu \ll \nu$ . If  $\nu(A) = 0$  then  $\mu^+(A) = \mu^-(A) = 0$ , where  $\mu = \mu^+ - \mu^-$  is the Jordan decomposition of  $\mu$ .

4. (Aug 2018) Prove that if  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Lebesgue measurable, then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f^4 dm = 4 \int_0^\infty m(\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f(x)| > t\}) t^3 dt$$

5. (Aug 2021) Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. Suppose there exists some  $C \geq 0$  such that

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq C|x - y|, \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

- (a) Prove that  $m^*(f(A)) \leq C m^*(A)$  for all  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  ( $m^*$  is Lebesgue outer measure)
  - (b) Prove that  $f$  maps Lebesgue measurable sets to Lebesgue measurable sets.
6. (Aug 2019) Let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a Lebesgue measurable subset with  $m(A) < \infty$  and let  $t \in (0, m(A)/2)$ . Prove there exist disjoint Lebesgue measurable subsets  $B, C \subset A$  such that  $m(B) = m(C) = t$ .