

REAL ANALYSIS  
QUALIFYING EXAM  
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You have three hours to solve as many of the following ten problems as you can.

1. a) Define Lebesgue outer measure  $\lambda$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Without assuming any properties of  $\lambda$  other than your definition, prove that

b)  $\lambda([0,1]) = 1$  and

- c) there exists a closed set  $F \subset [0,1]$  such that  $F$  contains no rational number and  $\lambda(F) > 1/2$ .

2. Let  $(E_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of Lebesgue measurable subsets of  $[0,1]$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(E_n) = 1$  and let  $0 < \epsilon < 1$ .

Prove that there exists a subsequence  $(E_{n_k})_{k=1}^{\infty}$  for which

$$\lambda\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} E_{n_k}\right) > 1 - \epsilon.$$

3. Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measure space with  $\mu(X) = 1$ . Define  $\log 0 = -\infty$  and  $\log \infty = \infty$ . Let  $f: X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable. Prove that if the integral on the left is defined, then

$$\int (\log f(x)) d\mu(x) \leq \log\left(\int f(x) d\mu(x)\right)$$

and that equality obtains if and only if  $f$  is  $\mu$ -a.e. equal to a constant. [Hint: Check that  $\log t \leq t - 1$  and put  $t = f(x)/\int f d\mu$ .]

4. Let  $f \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$ . Define  $\phi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$\phi(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(x)}{1 + x^2 t^2} dx.$$

Prove that

a)  $\lim_{|t| \rightarrow \infty} |\phi(t)| = 0.$

- b)  $\phi$  is differentiable at each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , and

c)  $\phi'(t) = -2t \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2 f(x)}{(1 + x^2 t^2)^2} dx$

5. Let  $(f_n)_1^\infty$  be a sequence in  $L_1$  on a measure space  $(X, A, \mu)$ . Suppose that  $f = \lim_n f_n$  exists a.e. on  $X$  and that

$$\|f_n\|_1 \leq C \quad \text{and} \quad \int_X \log |f_n| d\mu \geq -C \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots)$$

where  $C$  is a finite constant. Prove that both  $f$  and  $\log |f|$  belong to  $L_1$ .

Suggestion: Apply Fatou's Lemma to  $(|f_n|)_1^\infty$  and  $(g_n)_1^\infty$ , where  $g_n = |f_n| - \log |f_n|$ .

6. a) State Fubini's Theorem.  
b) Let  $f, g \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$ . Prove that the formula

$$h(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(xy)g(y) \sin y \, dy$$

defines a function  $h$  at almost every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and that  $h \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$ . [You may presume that the function  $(x, y) \rightarrow f(xy)$  is measurable.]

7. Let  $(X, A, \mu)$  be a measure space, and let  $\phi$  be a real-valued measurable function on  $X$ . Define

$$\nu(B) = \mu(\phi^{-1}(B)) \quad (B \in \mathcal{B}),$$

where  $\mathcal{B}$  denotes the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all Borel sets in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Prove the following:

- a)  $\nu$  is a measure on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B})$ .  
b) If  $f$  is a non-negative, simple, Borel function on  $\mathbb{R}$ , then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f \, d\nu = \int_X f \circ \phi \, d\mu.$$

- c) The above formula holds for all non-negative Borel functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

8. Let  $\mu$  be a regular Borel measure on the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Define  $\nu$  on the Borel sets  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  by

$$\nu(A) = \mu(A \times \mathbb{R}).$$

Prove that there exists a mapping  $B \rightarrow f_B$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  into  $L_1^+(\nu)$  such that

- a)  $\mu(A \times B) = \int_A f_B \, d\nu$  and  
b)  $f_{B_1} + f_{B_2} = f_{B_1 \cup B_2} + f_{B_1 \cap B_2}$  whenever  $A, B, B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ .

9. Prove that if  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is continuous with  $f(x+1) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and if  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$  is irrational, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f(j\xi) = \int_0^1 f(x) dx.$$

[Hint: Show first that the set  $F$  of all  $f$  for which the conclusion obtains is a linear space that contains all  $f$  of the form

$$f(x) = e^{2\pi i k x} \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z}).]$$

10. Prove that  $f \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$  implies  $\hat{f} \in C_0(\mathbb{R})$ , where

$$\hat{f}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{itx} dx \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}).$$

[Suggestions: (i) Consider the case where  $f$  is the characteristic function of a bounded interval. (ii) Use the fact that the step functions (in  $L_1(\mathbb{R})$ ) are dense in  $L_1(\mathbb{R})$ .]