

1. A "totally unlucky" number is one that contains no seven in any decimal expansion. Compute the Lebesgue measure of the totally unlucky numbers in  $[0, 1]$ . (10)

$$\text{Let } \sigma = \frac{1}{10}.$$

Then the Lebesgue measure of the not totally unlucky

numbers is

$$L = \sigma \quad (\text{first digit after decimal point is } 7)$$

$$+ (1-\sigma)\sigma \quad (\text{second digit after decimal point is } 7,$$

$$+ (1-\sigma)(1-\sigma)\sigma + \dots$$

$$= \sigma \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1-\sigma)^{i-1} = \sigma \frac{1}{1-(1-\sigma)} = 1$$

So the totally unlucky numbers have Lebesgue measure 0.

Alternative Solution: Let  $E$  be the set of totally unlucky numbers.

Assume  $\mu(E) > 0$ . Then, by inner regularity of the Lebesgue measure, there exists  $K \subset E$ ,  $K$  compact, with  $\mu(K) > 0$ .

Since every compact set of the real line is a countable disjoint union of closed intervals<sup>2</sup> or points (this is e.g. the

complement of Folland, Proposition 0.24), there must be  $[a, b] \subset K$ ,  $a < b$ . But intervals always contain numbers

which are not totally unlucky. Contradiction.  $\square$

2. Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measure space,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , and  $f: \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  a measurable function. Show that

$$\mu\{x \in \Omega: f(x) > \alpha\} \leq \frac{1}{\alpha^p} \int_{\Omega} f^p d\mu. \quad (10)$$

$$\int_{\Omega} f^p d\mu = \int_0^{\infty} p t^{p-1} \mu\{x \in \Omega: f(x) > t\} dt$$

$$\geq \int_0^{\alpha} p t^{p-1} \mu\{x \in \Omega: f(x) > t\} dt$$

$$\geq \mu\{x \in \Omega: f(x) > \alpha\} \underbrace{p \int_0^{\alpha} t^{p-1} dt}_{= \alpha^p}$$

$\square$

3. Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measure space and  $f: \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  a measurable function with

$$0 < \int_{\Omega} f d\mu < \infty.$$

Find, with justification,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} n \ln \left( 1 + \left( \frac{f}{n} \right)^{\alpha} \right) d\mu$$

$=: I_n$

when

(a)  $\alpha = 1$ ,

(b)  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,

(c)  $\alpha > 1$ .

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(a)  $n \ln \left( 1 + \frac{f}{n} \right) = \ln \left( \left( 1 + \frac{f}{n} \right)^n \right) \nearrow \ln e^f = f$

since  $\left( 1 + \frac{x}{n} \right)^n \nearrow e^x$

$\Rightarrow I_n \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} f d\mu$  by monotone convergence

(b) The pointwise limit is  $\infty$  whenever  $f(x) > 0$ . Since this is  $\infty$  on a set of positive measure, we apply Fatou's Lemma to conclude

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I_n \geq \int_{\text{res: } f(x) > 0} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \ln \left( 1 + \left( \frac{f}{n} \right)^{\alpha} \right) d\mu = \infty.$$

(c) The pointwise limit is 0 (L'Hopital's rule). We want to conclude that  $I_n \rightarrow 0$  by dominated convergence.

Claim:  $\alpha f$  is a dominating function.

Proof:  $1 + x^{\alpha} \leq (1+x)^{\alpha} \Rightarrow \ln(1+x^{\alpha}) \leq \alpha \ln(1+x) \leq \alpha x$ . Now set  $X = \frac{f}{n}$ .

Long Proof of Claim: We first show that

$$g(x) = \alpha x - \ln(1+x^{\alpha})$$

is non-negative for  $x > 0$ . This is so because  $g(0) = 0$

and  $g'(x) = \alpha - \frac{\alpha x^{\alpha-1}}{1+x^{\alpha}}$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{1+x^{\alpha}} \left[ 1 + x^{\alpha} - x^{\alpha-1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{1+x^{\alpha}} \underbrace{\left[ 1 + x^{\alpha-1}(x-1) \right]}_{> 0} > 0.$$

Now set  $x = \frac{f}{n}$ :

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \frac{f}{n} - \ln \left( 1 + \left( \frac{f}{n} \right)^{\alpha} \right) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha f \geq n \ln \left( 1 + \left( \frac{f}{n} \right)^{\alpha} \right) \geq 0$$

□

4. Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . For  $f \in L^p((0, \infty))$ , which for simplicity you may assume nonnegative, define the local average function

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f(\xi) d\xi.$$

Show that  $F \in L^p((0, \infty))$  with

$$\|F\|_p \leq \frac{p}{p-1} \|f\|_p. \quad (10)$$

*Hint:* Find a differential equation for  $F$ , then multiply by  $F^{p-1}$  and integrate. You may assume first that  $f \in C_c^\infty((0, \infty))$ , then extend by density.

$$\begin{aligned} x F(x) &= \int_0^x f(\xi) d\xi \Rightarrow F + x F' = f \\ \Rightarrow \int_0^\infty F F^{p-1} dx + \int_0^\infty x F' F^{p-1} dx &= \int_0^\infty f F^{p-1} dx \\ &= \|F\|_p^p = \underbrace{\int_0^\infty x \frac{d}{dx} F^p dx}_{= -\frac{1}{p} \int_0^\infty F^p dx} \end{aligned}$$

if  $f$  is compactly supported so that  $F(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)}_{= \frac{p-1}{p}} \|F\|_p^p &= \int_0^\infty f F^{p-1} dx \leq \|f\|_p \|F\|_p^{p-1} = \|F\|_p^{p-1} \\ &= \|F\|_p^{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \|F\|_p \leq \frac{p}{p-1} \|f\|_p$$

Since  $C_c^\infty$  is dense in  $L^p$ , the claim extends to any  $f \in L^p$ .

5. Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $V \subset H$  a closed subspace. In linear algebra, the quotient space  $H/V$  is defined as the space of cosets  $\{x + V : x \in H\}$ . (In other words, it is the set of equivalence classes with respect to the equivalence relation  $x \sim y$  if  $x - y \in V$ .)

How can you define an inner product on  $H/V$  so that the quotient map  $p: H \rightarrow H/V$  defined by  $p(x) = x + V$  is continuous?

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We know that any  $x \in H$  can be uniquely decomposed as

$$x = x_{\parallel} + x_{\perp}, \quad \text{where } x_{\parallel} \in V, x_{\perp} \in V^{\perp}.$$

Thus, define

$$\langle x + V, y + V \rangle_{H/V} \equiv \langle x_{\perp}, y_{\perp} \rangle_H$$

Then

$$\|p(x)\|_{H/V}^2 = \|x_{\perp}\|_H^2 \leq \|x\|_H^2,$$

hence  $p$  is a bounded, thus continuous, linear map.

Note that  $\langle x + V, x + V \rangle_{H/V} = 0$  implies  $x_{\perp} = 0$

$\Rightarrow x \in 0 + V$ , the zero element in  $H/V$ .

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The other properties of the inner product follow readily from the definition.

6. Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space,  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset H$  and  $x \in H$  such that

$$x_n \rightarrow x$$

weakly.

(a) Show that

$$\|x\| \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n\|.$$

(b) Give an example where (a) holds with strict inequality.

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$$(a) \|x\|^2 = \langle x, x \rangle$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x, x_n \rangle \quad \text{as } x_n \rightarrow x$$

$$\leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x\| \|x_n\| \quad \text{by Cauchy-Schwarz.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x\| \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n\|$$

□

$$(b) H = L^2(\pi), \quad f_n(x) = \cos nx$$

$$\Rightarrow f_n \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{weakly (shown in class)}$$

$$\text{but } \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 nx \, dx = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2nx) \, dx = \pi \neq 0.$$

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7. Show that for  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x) - f(x-y)| \, dx = 0.$$

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Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Since  $C_c(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is dense in  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , there exists

$g \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^n)$  s.t.

$$\|g - f\|_{L^1} < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x) - f(x-y)| \, dx &\leq \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x) - g(x)| \, dx}_{< \frac{\varepsilon}{3}} + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |g(x) - g(x-y)| \, dx \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |g(x-y) - f(x-y)| \, dx}_{< \frac{\varepsilon}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $g$  is uniformly continuous on its compact support, we can choose  $y$  small enough s.t.

$$|g(x) - g(x-y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \mu(\text{supp } g)^{-1}.$$

$$\text{Then } \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |g(x) - g(x-y)| \, dx < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x) - f(x-y)| \, dx < \varepsilon.$$

□

8. Compute the Fourier transform of the function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f(x) = x e^{-x^2}.$$

Hint: Recall from class that

$$\hat{g}(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-i\xi x} f(x) dx;$$

when  $g(x) = e^{-x^2}$ , then

$$\hat{g}(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\xi^2/4}. \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-i\xi x} x e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{d}{d\xi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-i\xi x} e^{-x^2} dx$$

$$= i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{d}{d\xi} e^{-\frac{\xi^2}{4}}$$

$$= \frac{-i}{2^{3/2}} \xi e^{-\frac{\xi^2}{4}}$$

9. Let  $T \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $xT = 0$ . Prove that  $T$  must be a multiple of the  $\delta$ -distribution.

Hint: Choose two different test functions  $\phi, \psi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$  and apply  $T$  to  $\theta = \phi/\psi(0) - \psi/\psi(0)$ . (10)

Following the hint, note that  $\theta(0) = 0$ , so that

$$\theta = x \tilde{\theta} \quad \text{with } \tilde{\theta} \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}).$$

$$\Rightarrow T(\theta) = T(x\tilde{\theta}) \equiv (xT)(\tilde{\theta}) = 0 \quad \text{by assumption}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{T(\phi)}{\psi(0)} = \frac{T(\psi)}{\psi(0)}$$

Since the LHS does not depend on  $\psi$ , the RHS cannot depend on  $\psi$ , i.e. it must be a constant (only depending on  $T$ ). I.e.,

$$\frac{T(\psi)}{\psi(0)} = c \quad \Rightarrow T(\psi) = c \psi(0).$$

$\Rightarrow T$  is a multiple of the  $\delta$ -distribution.