

- Return your assignments via Gradescope
- Solutions should be complete and concisely written. You can reference results/statements in either of the textbooks. Any other non-elementary fact must be proven.
- You are welcome to discuss problems with your colleagues, but should write and submit your own solution.
- Solutions are due on Thu, by 11:59PM.
- Credit: These problems were originally written by Brian White.

Problem 1

Suppose that $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ is a finite measure space and that f is a μ -integrable function. Let \mathcal{F} be a σ -algebra contained in \mathcal{A} . Prove that there is an \mathcal{F} -measurable function g such that

$$\int f \mathbf{1}_S d\mu = \int g \mathbf{1}_S d\mu$$

for every $S \in \mathcal{F}$.

Problem 2

Recall that $M(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{F})$ denotes the Banach space of signed measures on the measurable space $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{F})$, endowed with the total variation norm. Given a positive measure μ on $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{F})$, define

$$L(\mu) := \{\nu \in M(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{F}) : \nu \perp \mu\}. \quad (1)$$

(Here $\nu \perp \mu$ means that μ, ν are mutually singular.)

Prove that $L(\mu)$ is a closed vector space.

Problem 3

Let ν_1, ν_2, ν_3 be σ -finite measures on a common measurable space $(\mathbb{X}, \mathcal{F})$, such that $\nu_1 \ll \nu_2$ and $\nu_2 \ll \nu_3$.

- Prove that $\nu_1 \ll \nu_3$.
- Prove that, if f is a Radon-Nikodym derivative of ν_1 with respect to ν_2 and g is a Radon-Nikodym derivative of ν_2 with respect to ν_3 , then fg is Radon-Nikodym derivative of ν_1 with respect to ν_3 . In other words, the following holds ν_3 -almost everywhere

$$\frac{d\nu_1}{d\nu_3} = \frac{d\nu_1}{d\nu_2} \cdot \frac{d\nu_2}{d\nu_3}. \quad (2)$$

Problem 4

Let $\mathbb{X} := \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ be endowed with the σ -algebra generated by sets $C(\mathbf{z}; n)$, $\mathbf{z} \in \{0, 1\}^{[-n, n] \cap \mathbb{Z}}$ defined by

$$C(\mathbf{z}; n) := \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{X} : x_i = z_i \forall |i| \leq n \right\}. \quad (3)$$

For $p \in [0, 1]$ define the probability measure μ_p by

$$\mu_p(C(\mathbf{z}; n)) = (1 - p)^{2n+1 - |\mathbf{z}|} p^{|\mathbf{z}|}, \quad (4)$$

where $|\mathbf{z}|$ is the number of nonzeros in \mathbf{z} . (Informally, under μ_p , \mathbf{x} is a sequence of coin tosses with bias p .)

(a) Prove that the above indeed defines a unique probability measure μ_p .

(b) Letting $S_n(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=-n}^n x_i/p$, prove that for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $C(\varepsilon)$ finite such that, for all $n \geq 1$

$$\mu_p\left(\{|S_n(\mathbf{x}) - p| \geq \varepsilon\}\right) \leq \frac{C(\varepsilon)}{n^2}. \quad (5)$$

(c) Deduce the ‘strong law of large numbers.’ Namely, for any $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\mu_p\left(\left\{\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |S_n(\mathbf{x}) - p| \geq \varepsilon\right\}\right) = 0. \quad (6)$$

(d) Conclude that, for $p \neq q$, μ_p and μ_q are mutually singular.