

General Analysis

1. (a) Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{A_t\}_{t \in T}$  be a partition of a set  $\Omega$ , i.e., a family of pairwise disjoint nonempty subsets of  $\Omega$  with union  $\Omega$ . Describe the  $\sigma$ -field of subsets of  $\Omega$  generated by  $\mathcal{P}$ . (5%)
- (b) Use (a) to show that no partition of the real line  $\mathbb{R}$  can generate the  $\sigma$ -field  $\mathcal{B}$  of Borel subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ . (5%)

2. Let  $X$  be a real-valued measurable function defined on a measure space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega} |X|^n d\mu \leq k < +\infty \quad \text{for all } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

where  $k$  is a finite constant.

- (a) If  $c$  is a real number larger than 1, show that

$$\mu\{|X| \geq c\} = 0. \quad (8\%)$$

- (b) Show that  $|X| \leq 1$   $\mu$ -a.e. (8%)

3. Show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^n (1 - \frac{t}{n})^n \log t dt = \int_1^{\infty} e^{-t} \log t dt$ . (8%)

4. Let  $\mu$  be a finite measure defined on the  $\sigma$ -algebra of Borel subsets of the real line  $\mathbb{R}$ . Determine whether or not the following limits exist? If so, say why, and find the limit. If not, say why not.

(a)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 - \cos \frac{x}{n}) \sin nx d\mu(x)$ . (8%)

(b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-nx^2} d\mu(x)$ . (8%)

5. Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be counting measures on  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively where  $X = Y = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ . Suppose

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2 - 2^{-x}, & \text{if } x = y \\ -2 + 2^{-x}, & \text{if } x = y + 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Compute two iterated integrals and show they are unequal. (10%)

- (b) Does (a) contradict Fubini Theorem? Why? (5%)

6. Let  $\Omega = [0, 1]$ ,  $\mathcal{A} =$  the Borel sets of  $\Omega$ ,  
 $\varphi \equiv \lambda$  be the Lebesgue measure on  $[0, 1]$ ,  
 $\mu \equiv$  counting measure.

- (a) Show that every measure on  $[0, 1]$  is always absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$ . (5%)

- (b) Show that it is impossible to represent  $\lambda$  as the indefinite integral with respect to  $\mu$ . Namely, there is no  $X$ , finite, integrable, such that

$$\varphi(B) = \int_B X d\mu \quad \text{for } B \in \mathcal{A}. \quad (5\%)$$

- (c) Does this example contradict the Random-Nikodym Theorem? Why? (5%)

7. Consider the  $L^p(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}, \lambda)$  spaces for  $p \in (0, \infty)$  where  $\mathcal{B}$  contains all the Borel subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\lambda$  is the Lebesgue measure. Construct an example showing  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $\mathbb{R}$ , however  $f_n \not\rightarrow f$  in  $L^p$  for any  $p \in (0, \infty)$ . (10%)

8. Let  $X$  be an integrable function on a measure space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  with  $\int_{\Omega} X d\mu < 0$ . Let  $t \neq 0$  be a real number. If  $\int_{\Omega} e^{tX} d\mu = 1$ , show that  $t > 0$ . (10%)

## Functional Analysis

1. If  $X$  is an infinite-dimensional topological vector space which is the union of countable many finite-dimensional subspaces, prove that  $X$  is of the first category in itself. Prove that therefore no infinite-dimensional  $F$ -space has a countable Hamel basis (note that a Hamel basis is a maximal linearly independent subset). (10%)
2. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces, and let  $T$  be a bounded linear transformation of  $X$  into  $Y$  such that the range  $\mathcal{R}(T)$  is closed in  $Y$ . Show that there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that every  $y$  in  $\mathcal{R}(T)$  can be written as  $y = Tx$  with  $\|x\| \leq M\|y\|$ . In particular, if  $T$  is one-to-one, then  $T$  is bounded below by  $\frac{1}{M}$ . (12%)
3. Let  $X = (C[0, 1], \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  and  $k(s, t)$  be a continuous function on  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ . Define  $K : X \rightarrow X$  by  $(Kx)(s) = \int_0^1 k(s, t)x(t) dt$ .
  - (a) Show that  $K$  is a bounded linear operator on  $X$  and find  $\|K\|$ . (8%)
  - (b) Prove that  $K$  is a compact operator. (10%)
4. Let  $X$  be a normed space.
  - (a) Show that if  $X^*$  (the dual space of  $X$ ) is separable, then  $X$  itself is separable. (10%)
  - (b) Show by an example that the separability of  $X$  does not imply that of  $X^*$ . (5%)
5. Suppose  $H$  is an infinite-dimensional Hilbert space.
  - (a) Show that every orthonormal sequence  $(e_n)$  in  $H$  converges to 0 weakly. (6%)
  - (b) Show that the closed unit ball  $B_1$  in  $H$  is the weak closure of the unit sphere  $S_1 = \{x \in H : \|x\| = 1\}$ . (6%)
  - (c) Construct a weakly dense subset  $A$  of  $H$  such that  $A \cap B_1$  is not weakly dense in  $B_1$ . (6%)
6. Let  $H$  be a complex Hilbert space and  $T$  be a bounded operator on  $H$  with the spectrum  $\sigma(T)$ .
  - (a) Show that  $\sigma(T)$  is bounded. (5%)
  - (b) Show that  $\sigma(T)$  is closed. (6%)
  - (c) Show that  $T$  is normal if and only if  $\|Tx\| = \|T^*x\|$  for all  $x \in H$ . (6%)
7. Prove that the closed unit ball of  $L^1[0, 1]$  (relative the Lebesgue measure) has no extreme points. (10%)

1. (20 points) Let  $k$  be an algebraically closed field and let  $V$  be a vector space over  $k$ . Let  $V^*$  denote its dual space. Suppose  $\{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$  are  $n$  distinct elements of  $V^*$ . Prove that there exists an element  $v \in V$  such that  $\lambda_1(v), \dots, \lambda_n(v)$  are all distinct elements of  $k$ .
2. (20 points) Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $k$  be a field of characteristic 0. Let  $k[G]$  denote its group ring, i.e.  $k[G] = \{\sum_{g \in G} a_g g \mid a_g \in k\}$ .  $k[G]$  is a vector space over  $k$  with basis  $\{g \mid g \in G\}$  and hence has dimension  $|G|$ . Let  $V$  be a  $k[G]$ -module and let  $W$  be a submodule of  $V$ . Prove that there exists a submodule  $\bar{W}$  such that  $V = W \oplus \bar{W}$ . (Hint: Let  $V = W \oplus W'$  be a direct sum of vector spaces. Let  $\pi_0 : V \rightarrow W$  be the projection onto  $W$ . Define  $\pi : V \rightarrow W$  by  $\pi(x) := \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} g^{-1} \pi_0(gx)$ . What can this "nice"  $\pi$  do for you?) You may NOT assume that  $k[G]$  is semisimple!
3. (20 points) Let  $k$  be field and  $A = k[[x]]$  be the ring of formal power series in  $k$ , i.e.  $k[[x]] = \{\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i \mid a_i \in k\}$ . What are the units in  $A$ ? Show that  $A$  has a unique maximal ideal  $M$  and every other ideal is of the form  $M^n$ , where  $n$  is a non-negative integer.
4. (20 points) Let  $K$  be a separable algebraic field extension of a field  $k$ . Suppose that there exists a fixed integer  $n$  such that  $[k[x] : k] \leq n$  for all  $x \in K$ . Prove that  $K$  is a finite field extension of  $k$ . (Hint: You may use the Primitive Element Theorem, because you have a separable extension.)
5. (20 points) Let  $G$  be a non-abelian group of order  $p^3$ , where  $p$  is a prime. Let  $Z(G)$  denote its center. Let  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  denote the cyclic group of order  $p$ .
  - a. Show that  $Z(G)$  is cyclic of order  $p$ .
  - b. Show that  $G/Z(G) \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p$ .
  - c. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of order  $p^2$ . Show that  $H$  contains  $Z(G)$  and  $H$  is a normal subgroup.

Mathematical Statistics

1. (a) For the location family with density  $f(x - \theta)$  ( $x, \theta$  real-valued).  
 Show that the amount of information about  $\theta$ ,  $I(\theta)$ , is independent of  $\theta$  and given by

$$I_f = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{[f'(x)]^2}{f(x)} dx. \quad (10\%)$$

- (b) What is the amount of information about  $\theta$  for the location-scale family with density  $\frac{1}{b} f(\frac{x-\theta}{b})$ ? ( $b > 0$ ) (10%)
2. Consider a random sample of size  $n = 5$  for testing  $H_0 : X \sim N(0, 1)$  against the alternative that  $X$  has this Cauchy p.d.f.:

$$f_1(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{1+x^2}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Find the Neyman-Pearson rejection regions. (20%)

3. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a population with density  $p(x, \theta)$  given by

$$p(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\mu)}{\sigma}\right\} \quad \text{if } x \geq \mu,$$

where  $\theta = (\mu, \sigma)$  with  $-\infty < \mu < +\infty, \sigma > 0$ .

- (a) Find the UMVU estimator of  $P_{\theta}(X_1 \geq t)$  for  $t \geq \mu$ . (10%)
- (b) What is the MLE of  $P_{\theta}(X_1 \geq t)$ ? (10%)
4. (a) Show that if  $\sqrt{n}(T_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{L} N(0, \tau^2)$ , then

$$\sqrt{n}[f(T_n) - f(\theta)] \xrightarrow{L} N(0, \tau^2(f'(\theta))^2),$$

provided  $f'(\theta)$  exists and is not zero. (10%)

- (b) Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d.  $N(\theta, \sigma^2)$ , both  $\theta$  and  $\sigma^2$  are unknown and let the estimand be  $\theta^2$ .  
 Find the UMVU estimator and its limiting distribution. (10%)

5. Suppose that  $\Lambda$  is a distribution of  $\Theta$  such that

$$\int R(\theta, \delta_{\Lambda}) d\Lambda(\theta) = \sup_{\delta} R(\theta, \delta_{\Lambda}).$$

Show that

- (a)  $\delta_{\Lambda}$  is minimax. (10%)
- (b)  $\Lambda$  is least favorable. (10%)

Note. A prior distribution  $\Lambda$  is said to be least favorable if  $r_{\Lambda} \geq r_{\Lambda'}$  for all prior distributions  $\Lambda'$ . Here  $r_{\Lambda} = \int R(\theta, \delta_{\Lambda}) d\Lambda(\theta)$ .