

**Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore**  
**M. Math.I Year, First Semester**

**Semestral Examination Measure Theoretic Probability Time: 3 hours**

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Section I - Total Marks 10

Answer all and each question is worth 2 marks

1. Let  $X$  be an uncountable set and  $\mathcal{A} = \{E \subset X \mid E \text{ or } X \setminus E \text{ is countable}\}$ . Show that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.
2. Let  $f$  be a real-valued Lebesgue measurable function on a closed bounded interval  $[a, b]$ . Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , show that there is a  $M > 0$  such that  $|f(x)| \leq M$  except on a set of Lebesgue measure less than  $\epsilon$ .
3. For a r.v.  $X$ , show that  $X$  and  $e^X$  are independent if and only if  $X$  degenerates.
4. For any probability measures  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ , prove that  $\mu * \lambda$  has an atom implies  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  has atoms.
5. Let  $(\mu_n)$  and  $(\lambda_n)$  be sequences of probability measures on  $\mathbb{R}$  converging weakly to probability measures  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  respectively. Then prove that  $(\mu_n * \lambda_n)$  converges weakly to  $\mu * \lambda$ .

**Section II - Total Marks 20**

**Answer any four and each question is worth 5 marks**

1. Prove that any open interval is Lebesgue measurable.
2. Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a finite measure space and  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be an integrable function on  $X$ . Suppose  $S \subset \mathbb{C}$  is a closed set such that  $A_E(f) = \frac{1}{\mu(E)} \int_E f \in S$  for any  $E \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $\mu(E) > 0$ . Then prove that  $f(x) \in S$  for a.e.  $x$  in  $X$ .
3. Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space and  $\mu$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure. Show that there exists a probability measure  $\lambda$  on  $X$  such that  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are absolutely continuous with respect to each other and find  $\frac{d\lambda}{d\mu}$ .
4. Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{P})$  be a probability space and  $(E_n)$  be independent events in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Prove that  $\sum \mathcal{P}(E_n) = \infty$  implies  $\mathcal{P}(E_n \text{ i.o.}) = 1$ .
5. If  $(X_n)$  is a sequence of independent r.v.'s on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{P})$ , find the possible values of  $\mathcal{P}(X_n \text{ converges or diverges})$  and justify.
6. Let  $\rho$  and  $\lambda$  be probability measures on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Suppose  $(\lambda^n)$  converges weakly to  $\rho$ . Then prove that  $\rho * \rho = \rho$  and deduce that  $\rho = \delta_0 = \lambda$ .

**Section III - Total marks 20**

**Answer any two and each question is worth 10 marks**

1. (a) Let  $g$  be a Lebesgue measurable function on a Lebesgue measurable set  $E$  and  $f$  be a real-valued function on  $E$  such that  $f = g$  a.e. Then show that  $f$  is also Lebesgue measurable.  
  
(b) Let  $f$  be a bounded function on a Lebesgue measurable set  $E$ . Suppose there exist two sequences  $(f_n)$  and  $(g_n)$  of Lebesgue integrable functions on  $E$  such that  $-\infty < f_n \leq f \leq g_n < \infty$  on  $E$  and  $\int_E [g_n(x) - f_n(x)] dx \leq \frac{1}{2^n}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Then show that  $f$  is Lebesgue measurable.
2. Let  $(X_n), (Y_n)$  be sequences of r.v.'s on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{P})$ .  
(a) Prove that  $X_n \rightarrow 0$  a.e. if and only if  $\mathcal{P}(|X_n| > \epsilon \text{ i.o.}) = 0$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$   
(b) If  $X_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $Y_n \rightarrow 0$  in probability, then show that the sequences  $(X_n + Y_n)$ ,  $(X_n - Y_n)$  and  $(X_n Y_n)$  converge to 0 in probability.
3. (a) Let  $\mu$  be a probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $A$  be the set of atoms of  $\mu$ . Prove that  $A$  is countable and to each  $\epsilon > 0$ , there are  $x, y \notin A$  such that  $\mu([x, y]) > 1 - \epsilon$ .  
  
(b) Suppose a sequence  $(\mu_n)$  of probability measures on  $\mathbb{R}$  converge weakly to a probability measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then show that  $\hat{\mu}_n \rightarrow \hat{\mu}$  uniformly on compact sets in  $\mathbb{R}$ .