

Homework 10

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1. Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ and μ be the Lebesgue measure on X .

(a) Let $s: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a simple function defined by $s(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \chi_{B_k}(x)$ where $a_k \in \mathbb{R}$ and B_k is measurable for all $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ if $i \neq j$. Show that if $s(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in X$, then $\int_X s(x) d\mu(x) \geq 0$.

Remark: In particular, this implies that if $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a measurable and integrable function such that $f(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in X$, then $\int_X f(x) d\mu(x) \geq 0$.

(b) Let $s: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $h: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be simple functions. Show that for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$\int_X (as(x) + bh(x)) d\mu(x) = a \int_X s(x) d\mu(x) + b \int_X h(x) d\mu(x).$$

Remark: In particular, it is possible to obtain, that for any measurable integrable functions $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$\int_X (af(x) + bg(x)) d\mu(x) = a \int_X f(x) d\mu(x) + b \int_X g(x) d\mu(x).$$

(c) Let $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a measurable integrable function. Show that

$$\left| \int_X f(x) d\mu(x) \right| \leq \int_X |f(x)| d\mu(x).$$

You can use the remarks from the previous items.

2. Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ and μ be a measure on X such that $\mu(X) = 1$. Consider a measure-preserving map $T: X \rightarrow X$. Assume that for any measurable function $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f \circ T = f$ almost every where, we have f is constant almost everywhere. Show that for any measurable set $A \subset X$ such that $T^{-1}(A) = A$, we have $\mu(A) = 0$ or $\mu(A) = 1$.

Remark: We show in this problem that one definition of ergodic map implies the other definition.

3. Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ such that $\mu(X) = 1$, where μ is the Lebesgue measure on X . Let $A_1, A_2, A_3 \subset X$ be measurable sets. Show that

$$\mu(A_1 \Delta A_3) \leq \mu(A_1 \Delta A_2) + \mu(A_2 \Delta A_3),$$

where $A_i \Delta A_j = (A_i \setminus A_j) \cup (A_j \setminus A_i)$.

Hint: Show that $\mu(A_i \Delta A_j) = \int_X |\chi_{A_i}(x) - \chi_{A_j}(x)| d\mu(x)$.

4. Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ and μ be a measure on X such that $\mu(X) = 1$. Consider an ergodic measure-preserving map $T: X \rightarrow X$. Let $E \subset X$ be a measurable set such that $\mu(T^{-1}(E)\Delta E) = 0$. Consider a set $E_0 = \{x \in X | T^k(x) \in E \text{ for infinitely many } k \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

(a) Show that $T^{-1}E_0 = E_0$.

(b) Show that $E_0\Delta E \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E\Delta T^{-k}(E)$.

(c) Show that $E\Delta T^{-k}(E) \subset \bigcup_{i=0}^{k-1} T^{-i}(E)\Delta T^{-(i+1)}(E)$ for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

(d) Using the previous items, show that $\mu(E_0\Delta E) = 0$.

(e) Using the previous items, deduce that $\mu(E) = 0$ or $\mu(E) = 1$.

5. Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ and μ be a measure on X such that $\mu(X) = 1$. Consider a measure-preserving map $T: X \rightarrow X$. Assume that if $E \subset X$ is measurable and $\mu(T^{-1}(E)\Delta E) = 0$ then $\mu(E) = 0$ or $\mu(E) = 1$. Show that T is ergodic.

Remark: Notice that the previous two problems show that T is ergodic if and only if we have that if $E \subset X$ is measurable and $\mu(T^{-1}(E)\Delta E) = 0$ then $\mu(E) = 0$ or $\mu(E) = 1$.

6. Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$. Consider $R_\alpha: S^1 \rightarrow S^1$ defined by $R_\alpha(x) = x + \alpha \pmod{1}$. Prove that R_α is not ergodic with respect to the Lebesgue measure.