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Question:	1	2	3	Total
Points:	20	35	50	105
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1. Let  $\mathcal{M}_1$  and  $\mathcal{M}_2$  be two  $\sigma$ -algebras of subsets of  $X$ . Let  $\mu_1$  be a measure defined on  $\mathcal{M}_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be a measure on  $\mathcal{M}_2$ .
- (a) (5 points) Give a definition for the measure  $\mu = \mu_1 + \mu_2$ . On which  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{M}$  is  $\mu$  defined? Show that your definition defines a measure.

**Solution:** We can define  $\mu(A) = \mu_1(A) + \mu_2(A)$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_1 \cap \mathcal{M}_2$ . Clearly  $\mathcal{M}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra. Moreover  $\mu$  is a measure on  $\mathcal{M}$ .

- (b) (5 points) Show that if  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are complete than  $\mu = \mu_1 + \mu_2$  is complete.

**Solution:** Let  $B$  be such that  $B \subset C \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $\mu(C) = 0$ . This implies that  $\mu_1(C) = 0$  so that  $B \in \mathcal{M}_1$  and  $\mu_1(B) = 0$ . Similarly  $B \in \mathcal{M}_2$  and  $\mu_2(B) = 0$ . Thus  $B \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\mu(B) = 0$ .

- (c) (10 points) Show that if  $\mu_1|_{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $\mu_2|_{\mathcal{M}}$  are  $\sigma$ -finite than  $\mu = \mu_1 + \mu_2$  is also  $\sigma$ -finite.

**Solution:** Let  $A_i \in \mathcal{M}$  be such that  $\mu_1(A_i) < \infty$  and  $\bigcup_i A_i = X$  and  $B_j \in \mathcal{M}$  be such that  $\mu_2(B_j) < \infty$  and  $\bigcup_j B_j = X$ . Clearly  $C_{i,j} = A_i \cap B_j \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\mu(C_{i,j}) \leq \mu_1(A_i) + \mu_2(B_j) < \infty$ . Moreover  $\bigcup_i C_{i,j} = X$ .

2. Let  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  be a measure space and  $(Y, \mathcal{N})$  be a measurable space and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a measurable function.

(a) (5 points) Show that  $\nu(B) = \mu(f^{-1}(B))$  is a measure on  $(Y, \mathcal{N})$ .

**Solution:** If  $B_i \in \mathcal{M}$  are disjoint then

$$f^{-1}\left(\bigcup_i B_i\right) = \bigcup_i f^{-1}(B_i)$$

so that

$$\nu\left(\bigcup_i B_i\right) = \mu\left(\bigcup_i f^{-1}(B_i)\right) = \sum_i \mu(f^{-1}(B_i)) = \sum_i \nu(B_i)$$

where we used that  $f^{-1}(B_i) \cap f^{-1}(B_j) = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ .

- (b) (10 points) Clearly if  $\mu$  is finite then  $\nu$  is finite. Is it true that if  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite then also  $\nu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite? Is it true that if  $\mu$  is complete then  $\nu$  is complete?

**Solution:** Assume that  $\mu(X) = \infty$  and let  $f(x) = y_0$  for every  $x \in X$  and a given  $y_0 \in Y$ . Clearly  $\nu$  is not  $\sigma$ -finite.

Suppose  $A \subset B \in \mathcal{N}$  with  $\nu(B) = 0$ . This implies that  $\mu(f^{-1}(B)) = 0$  and  $f^{-1}(A) \subset f^{-1}(B)$  so that  $f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\mu(f^{-1}(A)) = 0$ . But this does not imply that  $A \in \mathcal{N}$ . For example let  $f(x) = x$  where  $X = Y = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}$  is the Lebesgue  $\sigma$ -algebra while  $\mathcal{N}$  is the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra.

- (c) (20 points) Assume now that if  $X = Y = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{N} = \mathcal{L}$  and  $\mu$  is the Lebesgue measure. Assume moreover that  $f$  is an increasing function with  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} f = \infty$  and  $\inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}} f = -\infty$ . Show that  $\nu$  is a Borel-Stieltjes measure. Construct the distribution function  $F(x)$  of  $\nu$ . Show that  $F$  is a distribution function. (**Hint** assume first that  $f$  is continuous and strictly increasing.)

**Solution:** Assume first that  $f$  is continuous and strictly increasing. In this case  $f^{-1}$  is a strictly increasing continuous function and

$$f^{-1}((a, b]) = (f^{-1}(a), f^{-1}(b)]$$

so that

$$\nu((a, b]) = f^{-1}(b) - f^{-1}(a)$$

and  $F(x) = f^{-1}(x)$  is the distribution of  $\nu$ .

Let now  $f$  be still strictly increasing but not necessarily continuous. Then  $f$  has a countable set of discontinuity  $y_n$ . Let  $a_n^\pm = \lim_{y \rightarrow y_n^\pm} f(y)$  and  $I_n = [a_n, b_n]$ . Clearly  $f^{-1}(x)$  is well defined on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \bigcup I_n$ . Define  $F(x) = f^{-1}(x)$  on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \bigcup I_n$  and  $F(x) = y_n$  on  $I_n$ . Clearly  $F(x)$  is the distribution of  $\nu$ .

Finally if  $f(x)$  is not strictly increasing we have that  $f^{-1}(x)$  is always a closed interval, possibly empty. In this case we can define  $F$  as above if  $x$  is such that  $f^{-1}(x)$  is empty or a single point. If  $f^{-1}(x) = [a, b]$  we set  $F(x) = b$ . Again  $F(x)$  is the distribution of  $\nu$ .

3. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two Lebesgue measurable sets in  $\mathbb{R}$  with finite positive measure. Define

$$F(x) = \int \chi_A(x-t)\chi_B(t)d\mu(t)$$

where  $\mu$  is the Lebesgue measure and  $\chi_A$  is the characteristic function of  $A$ .

- (a) (20 points) Show that  $F$  is a bounded continuous function. (**Hint:** define  $F_\epsilon$  by replacing  $A$  with an open set  $A_\epsilon$  with  $A \subset A_\epsilon$  and  $\mu(A_\epsilon) < \mu(A) + \epsilon$ . Show that  $F_\epsilon$  is continuous. Compute  $F_\epsilon(x) - F(x)$  and take the limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  ...)

**Solution:** Let  $A_\epsilon$  be a finite union of open intervals with  $\mu(A_\epsilon \Delta A) \leq \epsilon$ . Let

$$F_\epsilon(x) = \int \chi_{A_\epsilon}(x-t)\chi_B(t)d\mu(t)$$

Observe first that

$$\chi_{A_\epsilon}(x-t)\chi_B(t) \leq \chi_{A_\epsilon}(x-t)$$

Moreover, by Theorem 1.21, we have

$$\int \chi_{A_\epsilon}(x-t)d\mu(t) = \mu(x - A_\epsilon) = \mu(A_\epsilon) < \infty$$

Let  $x_n$  be a sequence that converge to  $x$ . We have that  $\chi_{A_\epsilon}(x_n - t) \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} \chi_{A_\epsilon}(x - t)$  if  $t \notin \partial A_\epsilon$ . But  $\partial A_\epsilon$  is a finite set so that  $\mu(\partial A_\epsilon) = 0$ . Thus by Dominated Convergence we have that  $F_\epsilon(x_n) \rightarrow F_\epsilon(x)$  and  $F_\epsilon$  is continuous.

Observe that

$$|F_\epsilon(x) - F(x)| = \int \chi_{A_\epsilon \Delta A}(x-t)\chi_B(t)d\mu(t) \leq \int \chi_{A_\epsilon \Delta A}(x-t)d\mu(t) \leq \epsilon$$

so that  $F_\epsilon$  converge uniformly to  $F$ . Thus  $F$  is continuous. Finally it clearly follows that  $F \leq \mu(A)$ .

(b) (20 points) Compute

$$\int F(x)d\mu(x).$$

(**Hint:** this time define  $F_\epsilon$  by replacing  $A$  with an open set  $A_\epsilon$  with  $A \subset A_\epsilon$  and  $\mu(A_\epsilon) < \mu(A) + \epsilon$  and similarly for  $B$ . Show that in this case you can use Riemann integral.)

**Solution:** Assume first that  $A$  and  $B$  are bounded. Thus  $F(x) = 0$  for  $|x|$  large enough and  $F$  is integrable.

Let  $A_\epsilon$  be an open set such that  $A \subset A_\epsilon$  and  $\mu(A_\epsilon) < \mu(A) + \epsilon$  and  $B_\epsilon$  be an open set such that  $B \subset B_\epsilon$  and  $\mu(B_\epsilon) < \mu(B) + \epsilon$ . Let

$$F_\epsilon(x) = \int \chi_{A_\epsilon}(x-t)\chi_{B_\epsilon}(t)d\mu(t).$$

Observe that  $\chi_{A_\epsilon}(x-t)\chi_{B_\epsilon}(t)$  has a countable set of discontinuity so that

$$F_\epsilon(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \chi_{A_\epsilon}(x-t)\chi_{B_\epsilon}(t)dt.$$

We know that  $F$  is continuous so that

$$\int F_\epsilon(x)d\mu(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_\epsilon(x)dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \chi_{A_\epsilon}(x-t)\chi_{B_\epsilon}(t)dt dx = \mu(A_\epsilon)\mu(B_\epsilon)$$

by a simple change of variables.

In this case we have

$$F_\epsilon(x) - F(x) = \int \chi_{A_\epsilon \setminus A}(x-t)\chi_{B_\epsilon}(t)d\mu(t) + \int \chi_A(x-t)\chi_{B_\epsilon \setminus B}(t)d\mu(t) \leq 2\epsilon$$

and  $F_\epsilon(x) > F(x)$  so that, by Monotone Convergence,

$$\int F(x)d\mu(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int F_{\frac{1}{n}}(x)d\mu(x) = \mu(A)(\mu(B))$$

For generic  $A$  and  $B$ , approximate them by intersecting with  $[-n, n]$ .

- (c) (10 points) Let  $A + B = \{x + y \mid x \in A, y \in B\}$ . Show that  $A + B$  contains a non empty open interval. (**Hint:** Estimate  $\chi_{A+B}$  using  $F$ .)

**Solution:** Observe that, if  $F(x) > 0$  then there exists at least one  $t$  such that  $\chi_A(x - t)\chi_B(t) > 0$ . This implies that  $x \in A + B$  and  $\chi_{A+B}(x) = 1$ . Thus we have that

$$\chi_{A+B}(x) \geq \frac{F(x)}{\mu(A)}.$$

From  $\int F(x)d\mu(x) > 0$  we know that  $F$  is not identically 0. Thus there exists  $x_0$  such that  $F(x_0) > 0$ . Since  $F$  is continuous, there exists an open interval  $U$  containing  $x_0$  such that  $F(x) > 0$  for every  $x \in U$ . It follows that  $\chi_{A+B}(x) = 1$  for every  $x \in U$ , that is  $U \subset A + B$ .