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SUBJECT: MATHEMATICS COURSE UNIT: MSP 3184 – MEASURE THEORY

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Show all work, simplify your answers and write out your work neatly for full credit.
- Answer **ALL** questions in **PART I**.
- Choose and answer **ONLY FOUR** questions in **PART II**.
- Time Allowed: **THREE** hours.

PART I

1. Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \text{ is rational;} \\ 0, & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational.} \end{cases}$$

Is  $f$  Riemann integrable? Justify your answer.

Find  $(L) \int_0^1 f(x) dx$ .

[40 points]

2. Find  $m^*(N)$ , where  $m^*$  is the Lebesgue outer measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

[40 points]

3. Let  $(X, \Theta, \mu)$  be a measure space, and let  $\{E_n\}$  be a countable collection of measurable subsets of  $X$ . Show that  $\mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(E_n)$ .

[40 points]

4. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 5, & \text{if } x < -1; \\ 2, & \text{if } -1 \leq x < 0; \\ x^2, & \text{if } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Show that  $f$  is measurable.

[40 points]

5. Give an example to show that the strict inequality may occur in Fatous lemma.

[40 points]

PART II

7. Define the Lebesgue outer measure  $m^*(E)$  of a subset  $E$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  and the Lebesgue measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . [10 points]

(a) Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$ . Show that  $m^*([a, b]) = b - a$ . [30 points]

Hence, show that

(i)  $m^*(I) = l(I)$ , where  $I$  is a bounded interval. [15 points]

(ii)  $m^*(J) = \infty$ , where  $J$  is an unbounded interval. [15 points]

(b) Show that the interval  $(a, \infty)$  is Lebesgue measurable, where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . [30 points]

8. (a) Let  $\Theta := \{E \subseteq \mathbb{R} \mid E \text{ is countable or } E^c \text{ is countable}\}$ .

Show that  $\Theta$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $\mathbb{R}$ . [30 points]

Show further that  $\Theta$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $\{\{x\} \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . [20 points]

(b) What it is meant by a measurable function? [10 points]

Let  $(X, \Theta)$  be a measurable space and let  $E$  be a subset of  $X$  that belongs to  $\Theta$ .

Suppose that  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are  $[\infty, -\infty]$ -valued measurable functions on  $X$ .

Show that  $\{x \in X \mid f(x) < g(x)\} \in \Theta$ . [40 points]

9. Let  $(X, \Theta, \mu)$  be a measure space and let  $f$  be a non-negative measurable function defined on  $X$ . Let the set function  $\lambda : \Theta \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  be defined by

$$\lambda(A) = \int_A f \, d\mu \text{ for all } A \in \Theta.$$

(a) Show that  $\lambda$  is a measure on  $X$ . [40 points]

(b) Show further that  $\int g \, d\lambda = \int g f \, d\mu$  for each of the following cases:

(i)  $g = \chi_A$  (characteristic function) for some  $A \in \Theta$ . [10 points]

(ii)  $g = \varphi$ , a non-negative simple measurable function on  $X$ . [20 points]

(iii)  $g$ , a non-negative measurable function on  $X$ . [30 points]

10. State the *Monotone Convergence Theorem*.

[10 points]

Let  $(X, \Theta, \mu)$  be a measure space.

(a) Let  $\varphi$  be a simple measurable function defined on  $X$  with the standard

representation,  $\varphi = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \mu_{A_i}$ , where  $\alpha_i$ 's are distinct and  $A_i = \{x \in X : \varphi(x) = \alpha_i\}$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

(i) Show that  $\int_E \varphi d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \mu(E \cap A_i)$ , where  $E \in \Theta$ . [10 points]

(ii) Hence, show that  $\int_{E \cup F} \varphi d\mu = \int_E \varphi d\mu + \int_F \varphi d\mu$ , where  $E$  and  $F$  are mutually disjoint measurable subsets of  $X$ . [10 points]

(b) Show that

(i)  $\int (\varphi + \phi) d\mu = \int \varphi d\mu + \int \phi d\mu$ , where  $\varphi$  and  $\phi$  are simple measurable functions defined on  $X$ . [30 points]

(ii)  $\int (f + g) d\mu = \int f d\mu + \int g d\mu$ , where  $f$  and  $g$  are non-negative measurable functions defined on  $X$ . [20 points]

(iii)  $\int (f + g) d\mu = \int f d\mu + \int g d\mu$ , where  $f$  and  $g$  are integrable functions defined on  $X$ . [20 points]

11. (a) State the *Fatou's Lemma*.

[10 points]

Let  $(X, \Theta, \mu)$  be a measure space. Let  $f_n$  be a sequence of non-negative measurable functions which converges pointwise to  $f$ .

Show that if  $f_n \leq f$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n d\mu = \int f d\mu$ . [30 points]

(b) State and prove the *Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem*.

[30 points]

Evaluate  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 \frac{1 + nx^2}{(1 + x^2)^n} dx$  justifying any interchange of limits you use. [30 points]