

### Probability and Measure 1

**1.1.** Let  $E$  be a set and let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a set of  $\sigma$ -algebras on  $E$ . Define

$$\mathcal{E}^* = \{A \subseteq E : A \in \mathcal{E} \text{ for all } \mathcal{E} \in \mathcal{S}\}.$$

Show that  $\mathcal{E}^*$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $E$ . Show, on the other hand, by example, that the union of two  $\sigma$ -algebras on the same set need not be a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

**1.2.** Show that the following sets of subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  all generate the same  $\sigma$ -algebra:

$$(a) \{(a, b) : a < b\}, \quad (b) \{(a, b] : a < b\}, \quad (c) \{(-\infty, b] : b \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

**1.3.** Show that a countably additive set function on a ring is additive, increasing and countably subadditive.

**1.4.** Show that a  $\pi$ -system which is also a  $d$ -system is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

**1.5.** Let  $\mu$  be a finite-valued additive set function on a ring  $\mathcal{A}$ . Show that  $\mu$  is countably additive if and only if the following condition holds: for any decreasing sequence  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of sets in  $\mathcal{A}$ , with  $\bigcap_n A_n = \emptyset$ , we have  $\mu(A_n) \rightarrow 0$ .

**1.6.** Let  $(E, \mathcal{E}, \mu)$  be a finite measure space. Show that, for any sequence of sets  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  in  $\mathcal{E}$ ,

$$\mu(\liminf A_n) \leq \liminf \mu(A_n) \leq \limsup \mu(A_n) \leq \mu(\limsup A_n).$$

Show that the first inequality remains true without the assumption that  $\mu(E) < \infty$ , but that the last inequality may then be false.

**1.7.** Let  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of events in a probability space. Show that the events  $A_n$  are independent if and only if the  $\sigma$ -algebras  $\sigma(A_n) = \{\emptyset, A_n, A_n^c, \Omega\}$  are independent.

**1.8.** Let  $B$  be a Borel subset of the interval  $[0, 1]$ . Show that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a finite union of disjoint intervals  $A = (a_1, b_1] \cup \dots \cup (a_n, b_n]$  such that the Lebesgue measure of  $A \Delta B$  ( $= (A^c \cap B) \cup (A \cap B^c)$ ) is less than  $\varepsilon$ . Show further that this remains true for every Borel set in  $\mathbb{R}$  of finite Lebesgue measure.

**1.9.** Let  $(E, \mathcal{E}, \mu)$  be a measure space. Call a subset  $N \subseteq E$  *null* if  $N \subseteq B$  for some  $B \in \mathcal{E}$  with  $\mu(B) = 0$ . Write  $\mathcal{N}$  for the set of null sets. Prove that the set of subsets  $\mathcal{E}^\mu = \{A \cup N : A \in \mathcal{E}, N \in \mathcal{N}\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra and show that  $\mu$  has a well-defined and countably additive extension to  $\mathcal{E}^\mu$  given by  $\mu(A \cup N) = \mu(A)$ . We call  $\mathcal{E}^\mu$  the *completion of  $\mathcal{E}$  with respect to  $\mu$* . Suppose now that  $E$  is  $\sigma$ -finite and write  $\mu^*$  for the outer measure associated to  $\mu$ , as in the proof of Carathéodory's Extension Theorem. Show that  $\mathcal{E}^\mu$  is exactly the set of  $\mu^*$ -measurable sets.

**2.1.** Let  $(f_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of measurable functions on a measurable space  $(E, \mathcal{E})$ . Show that the following functions are also measurable:  $f_1 + f_2$ ,  $f_1 f_2$ ,  $\inf_n f_n$ ,  $\sup_n f_n$ ,  $\liminf_n f_n$ ,  $\limsup_n f_n$ . Show also that  $\{x \in E : f_n(x) \text{ converges as } n \rightarrow \infty\} \in \mathcal{E}$ .

**2.2.** Let  $(E, \mathcal{E})$  and  $(G, \mathcal{G})$  be measurable spaces, let  $\mu$  be a measure on  $\mathcal{E}$ , and let  $f : E \rightarrow G$  be a measurable function. Show that we can define a measure  $\nu$  on  $\mathcal{G}$  by setting  $\nu(A) = \mu(f^{-1}(A))$  for each  $A \in \mathcal{G}$ .

**2.3.** Show that the following condition implies that random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent:  $\mathbb{P}(X \leq x, Y \leq y) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq x)\mathbb{P}(Y \leq y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**2.4.** Let  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of events, with  $\mathbb{P}(A_n) = 1/n^2$  for all  $n$ . Set  $X_n = n^2 1_{A_n} - 1$  and set  $\bar{X}_n = (X_1 + \cdots + X_n)/n$ . Show that  $\mathbb{E}(\bar{X}_n) = 0$  for all  $n$ , but that  $\bar{X}_n \rightarrow -1$  almost surely as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**2.5.** The zeta function is defined for  $s > 1$  by  $\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s}$ . Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent random variables with

$$\mathbb{P}(X = n) = \mathbb{P}(Y = n) = n^{-s}/\zeta(s).$$

Write  $A_n$  for the event that  $n$  divides  $X$ . Show that the events  $(A_p : p \text{ prime})$  are independent and deduce Euler's formula

$$\frac{1}{\zeta(s)} = \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^s}\right).$$

Show also that  $\mathbb{P}(X \text{ is square-free}) = 1/\zeta(2s)$ . Write  $H$  for the highest common factor of  $X$  and  $Y$ . Show finally that  $\mathbb{P}(H = n) = n^{-2s}/\zeta(2s)$ .

**2.6.** Let  $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be independent  $N(0, 1)$  random variables. Prove that

$$\limsup_n (X_n/\sqrt{2 \log n}) = 1 \quad \text{a.s.}$$

**2.7.** Let  $C_n$  denote the  $n$ th approximation to the Cantor set  $C$ : thus  $C_0 = [0, 1]$ ,  $C_1 = [0, \frac{1}{3}] \cup [\frac{2}{3}, 1]$ ,  $C_2 = [0, \frac{1}{9}] \cup [\frac{2}{9}, \frac{1}{3}] \cup [\frac{2}{3}, \frac{7}{9}] \cup [\frac{8}{9}, 1]$ , etc. and  $C_n \downarrow C$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Denote by  $F_n$  the distribution function of a random variable uniformly distributed on  $C_n$ . Show that

- (a)  $C$  is uncountable and has Lebesgue measure 0,
- (b) for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ , the limit  $F(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x)$  exists,
- (c) the function  $F$  is continuous on  $[0, 1]$ , with  $F(0) = 0$  and  $F(1) = 1$ ,
- (d) for almost all  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $F$  is differentiable at  $x$  with  $F'(x) = 0$ .

*Hint: express  $F_{n+1}$  recursively in terms of  $F_n$  and use this relation to obtain a uniform estimate on  $F_{n+1} - F_n$ .*

## Probability and Measure 2

**3.1.** Suppose that a simple function  $f$  has two representations

$$f = \sum_{k=1}^m a_k 1_{A_k} = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j 1_{B_j}.$$

For  $\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_m) \in \{0, 1\}^m$ , define  $A_\varepsilon = A_1^{\varepsilon_1} \cap \dots \cap A_m^{\varepsilon_m}$  where  $A_k^0 = A_k^c$  and  $A_k^1 = A_k$ . Define similarly  $B_\delta$  for  $\delta \in \{0, 1\}^n$ . Then set  $f_{\varepsilon, \delta} = \sum_{k=1}^m \varepsilon_k a_k$  if  $A_\varepsilon \cap B_\delta \neq \emptyset$  and  $f_{\varepsilon, \delta} = 0$  otherwise. Show that, for any measure  $\mu$ ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^m a_k \mu(A_k) = \sum_{\varepsilon, \delta} f_{\varepsilon, \delta} \mu(A_\varepsilon \cap B_\delta)$$

and deduce that

$$\sum_{k=1}^m a_k \mu(A_k) = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j \mu(B_j).$$

**3.2.** Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be finite Borel measures on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f$  be a continuous bounded function on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $f$  is integrable with respect to  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ . Show further that, if  $\mu(f) = \nu(f)$  for all such  $f$ , then  $\mu = \nu$ .

**3.3.** Let  $f$  be an integrable function on a measure space  $(E, \mathcal{E}, \mu)$ . Suppose that, for some  $\pi$ -system  $\mathcal{A}$  containing  $E$  and generating  $\mathcal{E}$ , we have  $\mu(f 1_A) = 0$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . Show that  $f = 0$  a.e.

**3.4.** Let  $X$  be a non-negative integer-valued random variable. Show that

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(X \geq n).$$

Deduce that, if  $\mathbb{E}(X) = \infty$  and  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  is a sequence of independent random variables with the same distribution as  $X$ , then, almost surely,  $\limsup_n (X_n/n) \geq 1$ , and moreover  $\limsup_n (X_n/n) = \infty$ .

Now suppose that  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots$  is any sequence of independent identically distributed random variables with  $\mathbb{E}|Y_1| = \infty$ . Show that, almost surely,  $\limsup_n (|Y_n|/n) = \infty$ , and moreover  $\limsup_n (|Y_1 + \dots + Y_n|/n) = \infty$ .

**3.5.** For  $\alpha \in (0, \infty)$  and  $x \in (0, \infty)$ , define  $f_\alpha(x) = x^{-\alpha}$ . Show that  $f_\alpha$  is integrable with respect to Lebesgue measure on  $(0, 1]$  if and only if  $\alpha < 1$ . Show also that  $f_\alpha$  is integrable with respect to Lebesgue measure on  $[1, \infty)$  if and only if  $\alpha > 1$ .

**3.6.** Show that the function  $\sin x/x$  is not Lebesgue integrable over  $[1, \infty)$  but that integral  $\int_1^N (\sin x/x) dx$  converges as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

**3.7.** Show that, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\int_0^\infty \sin(e^x)/(1 + nx^2) dx \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^1 (n \cos x)/(1 + n^2 x^{\frac{3}{2}}) dx \rightarrow 0.$$

**3.8.** Let  $u$  and  $v$  be differentiable functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  with continuous derivatives  $u'$  and  $v'$ . Suppose that  $uv'$  and  $u'v$  are integrable on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $u(x)v(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ . Show that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} u(x)v'(x) dx = - \int_{\mathbb{R}} u'(x)v(x) dx.$$

**3.9.** Let  $(E, \mathcal{E})$  and  $(G, \mathcal{G})$  be measurable spaces and let  $f : E \rightarrow G$  be a measurable function. Given a measure  $\mu$  on  $(E, \mathcal{E})$ , consider the image measure  $\nu = \mu \circ f^{-1}$  on  $(G, \mathcal{G})$ . Show that  $\nu(g) = \mu(g \circ f)$  for all non-negative measurable functions  $g$  on  $G$ .

**3.10.** The moment generating function  $\phi$  of a real-valued random variable  $X$  is defined by  $\phi(\theta) = \mathbb{E}(e^{\theta X})$ ,  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Suppose that  $\phi$  is finite on an open interval containing 0. Show that  $\phi$  has derivatives of all orders at 0 and that  $X$  has finite moments of all orders given by

$$\mathbb{E}(X^n) = \left( \frac{d}{d\theta} \right)^n \Big|_{\theta=0} \phi(\theta).$$

**3.11.** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be random variables with density functions  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  respectively. Suppose that the  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -valued random variable  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  also has a density function  $f$ . Show that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent if and only if

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f_1(x_1) \dots f_n(x_n) \quad \text{a.e.}$$

**3.12.** Show that, for all non-negative measurable functions  $f$  on  $[0, \infty)$ , the function  $(x, y) \mapsto f(|(x, y)|)$  is measurable on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and (without using the Jacobian formula)

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(|(x, y)|) dx dy = 2\pi \int_0^\infty r f(r) dr.$$

Hence show that  $(2\pi)^{-1/2} e^{-x^2/2}$  is a probability density function.

**3.13.** Let  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  be probability measures on  $(E, \mathcal{E})$  and let  $f : E \rightarrow [0, R]$  be a measurable function. Suppose that  $\nu(A) = \mu(f1_A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{E}$ . Let  $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of independent random variables in  $E$  with law  $\mu$  and let  $(U_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of independent  $U[0, 1]$  random variables. Set

$$T = \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} : RU_n \leq f(X_n)\}, \quad Y = X_T.$$

Show that  $Y$  has law  $\nu$ . (This justifies simulation by rejection sampling.)

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**4.1.** Let  $(f_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of integrable functions and suppose that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  a.e. for some integrable function  $f$ . Show that, if  $\|f_n\|_1 \rightarrow \|f\|_1$ , then  $\|f_n - f\|_1 \rightarrow 0$ .

**4.2.** Let  $X$  be a random variable and let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Show that, if  $X \in L^p(\mathbb{P})$ , then  $\mathbb{P}(|X| \geq \lambda) = O(\lambda^{-p})$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ . Prove the identity

$$\mathbb{E}(|X|^p) = \int_0^\infty p\lambda^{p-1}\mathbb{P}(|X| \geq \lambda)d\lambda$$

and deduce that, for all  $q > p$ , if  $\mathbb{P}(|X| \geq \lambda) = O(\lambda^{-q})$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $X \in L^p(\mathbb{P})$ .

**4.3.** Give a simple proof of Schwarz' inequality  $\|fg\|_1 \leq \|f\|_2\|g\|_2$  for measurable functions  $f$  and  $g$ .

**4.4.** Show that  $\|XY\|_1 = \|X\|_1\|Y\|_1$  for independent random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ . Show further that, if  $X$  and  $Y$  are also integrable, then  $\mathbb{E}(XY) = \mathbb{E}(X)\mathbb{E}(Y)$ .

**4.5.** A *stepfunction*  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is any finite linear combination of indicator functions of finite intervals. Show that the set of stepfunctions  $\mathcal{I}$  is dense in  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  for all  $p \in [1, \infty)$ : that is, for all  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$  and all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $g \in \mathcal{I}$  such that  $\|f - g\|_p < \varepsilon$ . Deduce that the set of continuous functions of compact support is also dense in  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  for all  $p \in [1, \infty)$ .

**4.6.** Let  $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be an identically distributed sequence in  $L^2(\mathbb{P})$ . Show that  $n\mathbb{P}(|X_1| > \varepsilon\sqrt{n}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Deduce that  $n^{-1/2} \max_{k \leq n} |X_k| \rightarrow 0$  in probability.

**5.1.** Let  $(E, \mathcal{E}, \mu)$  be a measure space and let  $V_1 \leq V_2 \leq \dots$  be an increasing sequence of closed subspaces of  $L^2 = L^2(E, \mathcal{E}, \mu)$  for  $f \in L^2$ , denote by  $f_n$  the orthogonal projection of  $f$  on  $V_n$ . Show that  $f_n$  converges in  $L^2$ .

**5.2.** Let  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be a random variable, with all components in  $L^2(\mathbb{P})$ . The covariance matrix  $\text{var}(X) = (c_{ij} : 1 \leq i, j \leq n)$  of  $X$  is defined by  $c_{ij} = \text{cov}(X_i, X_j)$ . Show that  $\text{var}(X)$  is a non-negative definite matrix.

**6.1.** Find a uniformly integrable sequence of random variables  $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  such that both  $X_n \rightarrow 0$  a.s. and  $\mathbb{E}(\sup_n |X_n|) = \infty$ .

**6.2.** Let  $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be an identically distributed sequence in  $L^2(\mathbb{P})$ . Show that

$$\mathbb{E}(\max_{k \leq n} |X_k|)/\sqrt{n} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

**7.1.** Let  $u, v \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and define  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $f(x) = u(x) + iv(x)$ . Set

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u(x) dx + i \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} v(x) dx.$$

Show that, for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x - y) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(-x) dx$$

and show that

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx \right| \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)| dx.$$

**7.2.** Show that the Fourier transform of a finite Borel measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is a bounded continuous function.

**7.3.** Determine which of the following distributions on  $\mathbb{R}$  have an integrable characteristic function:  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ,  $\text{Bin}(N, p)$ ,  $\text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ ,  $U[0, 1]$ .

**7.4.** For a finite Borel measure  $\mu$  on the line show that, if  $\int |x|^k d\mu(x) < \infty$ , then the Fourier transform  $\hat{\mu}$  of  $\mu$  has a  $k$ th continuous derivative, which at 0 is given by

$$\hat{\mu}^{(k)}(0) = i^k \int x^k d\mu(x).$$

**7.5.** Define a function  $\psi$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  by setting  $\psi(x) = C \exp\{-(1 - x^2)^{-1}\}$  for  $|x| < 1$  and  $\psi(x) = 0$  otherwise, where  $C$  is a constant chosen so that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x) dx = 1$ . For  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$  of compact support, show that  $f * \psi$  is  $C^\infty$  and of compact support.

**7.6.** (i) Show that for any real numbers  $a, b$  one has  $\int_a^b e^{itx} dx \rightarrow 0$  as  $|t| \rightarrow \infty$ .

(ii) Show that, for any  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , the Fourier transform

$$\hat{f}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} f(x) dx$$

tends to 0 as  $|t| \rightarrow \infty$ . This is the *Riemann–Lebesgue Lemma*.

**7.7.** Say that  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  is  $L^2$ -differentiable with  $L^2$ -derivative  $Df$  if

$$\|\tau_h f - f - hDf\|_2/h \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $\tau_h f(x) = f(x + h)$ . Show that the function  $f(x) = \max(1 - |x|, 0)$  is  $L^2$ -differentiable and find its  $L^2$ -derivative.

Suppose that  $f \in L^1 \cap L^2$  is  $L^2$ -differentiable. Show that  $u\hat{f}(u) \in L^2$ . Deduce that  $f$  has a continuous version and that  $\|f\|_\infty \leq C\|(1 + |u|)\hat{f}(u)\|_2$  for some absolute constant  $C < \infty$ , to be determined. This is a simple example of a *Sobolev inequality*.

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**7.8.** Let  $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of random variables in  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $X$  be another such random variable. Show that  $X_n \rightarrow X$  weakly if and only if  $X_n \rightarrow X$  in distribution.

**7.9.** Let  $\mu$  be a Borel probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and let  $(\mu_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of such measures. Suppose that  $\mu_n(f) \rightarrow \mu(f)$  for all  $C^\infty$  functions on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  of compact support. Show that  $\mu_n$  converges weakly to  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

**8.1.** Let  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be a Gaussian random variable in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with mean  $\mu$  and covariance matrix  $V$ . Assume that  $V$  is invertible write  $V^{-1/2}$  for the positive-definite square root of  $V^{-1}$ . Set  $Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n) = V^{-1/2}(X - \mu)$ . Show that  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  are independent  $N(0, 1)$  random variables. Show further that we can write  $X_2$  in the form  $X_2 = aX_1 + Z$  where  $Z$  is independent of  $X_1$  and determine the distribution of  $Z$ .

**8.2.** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be independent  $N(0, 1)$  random variables. Show that

$$\left( \bar{X}, \sum_{m=1}^n (X_m - \bar{X})^2 \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \left( \frac{X_n}{\sqrt{n}}, \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} X_m^2 \right)$$

have the same distribution, where  $\bar{X} = (X_1 + \dots + X_n)/n$ .

**9.1.** Let  $(E, \mathcal{E}, \mu)$  be a measure space and  $\tau : E \rightarrow E$  a measure-preserving transformation. Show that  $\mathcal{E}_\tau := \{A \in \mathcal{E} : \tau^{-1}(A) = A\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra, and that a measurable function  $f$  is  $\mathcal{E}_\tau$ -measurable if and only if it is *invariant*, that is  $f \circ \tau = f$ .

**9.2.** Show that, if  $\theta$  is an ergodic measure-preserving transformation and  $f$  is a  $\theta$ -invariant function, then there exists a constant  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f = c$  a.e..

**9.3.** For  $x \in [0, 1)$ , set  $\tau(x) = 2x \bmod 1$ . Show that  $\tau$  is a measure-preserving transformation of  $([0, 1), \mathcal{B}([0, 1)), dx)$ , and that  $\tau$  is ergodic. Identify the invariant function  $\bar{f}$  corresponding to each integrable function  $f$ .

**9.4.** Fix  $a \in [0, 1)$  and define, for  $x \in [0, 1)$ ,  $\tau(x) = x + a \bmod 1$ . Show that  $\tau$  is also a measure-preserving transformation of  $([0, 1), \mathcal{B}([0, 1)), dx)$ . Determine for which values of  $a$  the transformation  $\tau$  is ergodic. *Hint: you may use the fact that any integrable function  $f$  on  $[0, 1)$  whose Fourier coefficients all vanish must itself vanish a.e..* Identify, for all values of  $a$ , the invariant function  $\bar{f}$  corresponding to an integrable function  $f$ .

**9.5.** Call a sequence of random variables  $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$

*stationary* if for each  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$  the random vectors  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  and  $(X_{k+1}, \dots, X_{k+n})$  have the same distribution: for  $A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{B}$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1 \in A_1, \dots, X_n \in A_n) = \mathbb{P}(X_{k+1} \in A_1, \dots, X_{k+n} \in A_n).$$

Show that, if  $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a stationary sequence and  $X_1 \in L^p$ , for some  $p \in [1, \infty)$ , then

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \rightarrow X \quad \text{a.s. and in } L^p,$$

for some random variable  $X \in L^p$  and find  $\mathbb{E}(X)$ .

**10.1.** Let  $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of independent random variables, such that  $\mathbb{E}(X_n) = \mu$  and  $\mathbb{E}(X_n^4) \leq M$  for all  $n$ , for some constants  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $M < \infty$ . Set  $P_n = X_1 X_2 + X_2 X_3 + \dots + X_{n-1} X_n$ . Show that  $P_n/n$  converges a.s. as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and identify the limit.

**10.2.** The Cauchy distribution has density function  $f(x) = \pi^{-1}(1+x^2)^{-1}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that the corresponding characteristic function is given by  $\varphi(u) = e^{-|u|}$ . Show also that, if  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent Cauchy random variables, then the random variable  $(X_1 + \dots + X_n)/n$  is also Cauchy.

**10.3.** Let  $f$  be a bounded continuous function on  $(0, \infty)$ , having Laplace transform

$$\hat{f}(\lambda) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda x} f(x) dx, \quad \lambda \in (0, \infty).$$

Let  $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of independent exponential random variables, of parameter  $\lambda$ . Show that  $\hat{f}$  has derivatives of all orders on  $(0, \infty)$  and that, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , for some  $C(\lambda, n) \neq 0$  independent of  $f$ , we have

$$(d/d\lambda)^{n-1} \hat{f}(\lambda) = C(\lambda, n) \mathbb{E}(f(S_n))$$

where  $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$ . Deduce that if  $\hat{f} \equiv 0$  then also  $f \equiv 0$ .

**10.4.** For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is a unique probability measure  $\mu_n$  on the unit sphere  $S^{n-1} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| = 1\}$  such that  $\mu_n(A) = \mu_n(UA)$  for all Borel sets  $A$  and all orthogonal  $n \times n$  matrices  $U$ . Fix  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and, for  $n \geq k$ , let  $\gamma_n$  denote the probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}^k$  which is the law of  $\sqrt{n}(x^1, \dots, x^k)$  under  $\mu_n$ . Show

(a) if  $X \sim N(0, I_n)$  then  $X/|X| \sim \mu_n$ ,

(b) if  $(X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a sequence of independent  $N(0, 1)$  random variables and if  $R_n = \sqrt{X_1^2 + \dots + X_n^2}$  then  $R_n/\sqrt{n} \rightarrow 1$  a.s.,

(c)  $\gamma_n$  converges weakly to the standard Gaussian distribution on  $\mathbb{R}^k$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .