

1. For completeness, two general useful facts. Let  $(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  be any probability space.
  - (a) Every family  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \Sigma$  of pairwise disjoint sets of positive measure is countable.
  - (b) If  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $\Sigma$ - $\Theta$  measurable or some  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\theta$  in  $Y$  then the image measure  $\nu = f[\mu]$  defined on  $\Theta$  satisfies  $\int_Y h \, d\nu = \int_X h \circ f \, d\mu$ , whenever the integrals make sense.
2. The support of a measure  $\mu \in P(X)$  is the smallest closed set  $F \subseteq X$  of measure 1. Prove that for separable metrizable  $X$  such a support exists for every  $\mu$ ; such  $F$  satisfies  $\mu(F \cap V) > 0$  whenever  $V$  is open and  $V \cap F \neq \emptyset$ .
3. A measure  $\mu \in P(X)$  is **discrete** if  $\mu(A) = 1$  for some countable  $A \subseteq X$ . Note that a discrete measure is of the form  $\mu = \sum_n c_n \delta_{x_n}$ . A measure  $\mu \in P(X)$  is continuous if  $\mu(\{x\}) = 0$  for every  $x \in X$ . Note that every measure  $\mu \in P(X)$  is a sum of a discrete measure and a continuous one.
4. Prove that for a (as always, separable metrizable)  $X$ , a measure  $\mu \in P(X)$  is continuous if and only if  $\mu$  is nonatomic i.e. for  $B \in \text{Bor}(X)$ ,  $\mu(B) > 0$  there is a Borel set  $A \subseteq B$  such that  $0 < \mu(A) < \mu(B)$ .
5. Prove, using L2/A, that on every uncountable Polish space there is a continuous probability measure. We shall later see that this need not hold without Polishness.
6. **Limits along ultrafilters.** Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a nonprincipal ultrafilter on  $\mathbb{N}$ . For a sequence of points  $x_n$  in a topological space  $X$ , we say that  $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \mathcal{U}} x_n$  if  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : x_n \in V\} \in \mathcal{U}$  for every open neighbourhood  $V \ni x$ .  
 Prove that if  $\mathcal{U}$  is a nonprincipal ultrafilter on  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $(a_n)_n$  is a bounded sequence of reals then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \mathcal{U}} a_n$  exists and is uniquely defined for every  $\mathcal{U}$ . Actually, the same holds for any sequence of  $a_n$  in a compact topological space.
7. Define  $\varphi : C_b(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as  $\varphi(g) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \mathcal{U}} g(n)$  (see above). Check that  $\varphi$  is a positive norm-one functional which is **not** represented by any measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  (so the Riesz representation theorem fails in this case). If you know the number of ultrafilters on  $\mathbb{N}$  you can see that the space of functionals on  $C_b(\mathbb{R})$  is really huge, it has  $2^c$  elements; note that there are only  $c$  functionals on  $C([0, 1])$ .
8. Try to prove directly the Riesz theorem for  $C([0, 1])$ . For instance, check if the following works:  
 Given  $\varphi$  a positive norm-one functional, define  $D(t)$  to be the supremum of  $\varphi(g)$  for continuous  $g$  satisfying  $0 \leq g \leq \chi_{(0,t)}$ . Then  $D$  is the distribution function of some measure.
9. Check the following facts on convergence of measures in  $P[0, 1]$ :
  - (a)  $\mu_n \rightarrow \lambda$  iff  $\mu_n([0, t]) \rightarrow t$  for every  $t \in [0, 1]$ .
  - (b)  $\mu_n \rightarrow \mu$  iff  $\int_0^1 x^k \, d\mu_n \rightarrow \int_0^1 x^k \, d\mu$  for every  $k \geq 1$ .

Does (b) hold also for measures on  $(0, 1)$ ?