

HONOURS ANALYSIS IV FINAL REVIEW PROBLEMS

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In this text we shall solve problems suggested by Professor Toth as practice/review problems for the final exam. These problems are taken from Stein and Shakarchi's *Measure Theory, Integration and Hilbert Spaces* book. Detailed solutions to most of the problems assigned are given below:

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1. CHAPTER 1 PROBLEMS

Problem 16. *Prove the Borel-Cantelli Lemma. Let $\{E_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a countable family of measurable sets and suppose that*

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(E_k) < \infty$$

Then, if E denotes the set of points belonging to infinitely many of the E_k one must have $\mu(E) = 0$.

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Solution. The key step is to note that

$$E = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{k \geq n} E_k$$

This type of decomposition is widely encountered in probability theory but we explain it here nonetheless. Clearly, if x lies in infinitely many of the E_k there is no largest k for which $x \in E_k$ whence $E \subseteq \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{k \geq n} E_k$. For the reverse inclusion, if $x \in \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{k \geq n} E_k$ then $x \in \bigcup_{k \geq n} E_k$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and therefore lies in E .

Now, each term of the sum above is non-negative and therefore for each $\varepsilon > 0$ we may find $N \in \mathbb{N}$ so large that

$$\sum_{k \geq N} \mu(E_k) \leq \varepsilon \quad (1)$$

This follows from the fact that the tail of $\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(E_k)$ must tend to 0 since the sum is convergent. Thus, from (1)

$$\mu(E) \leq \mu\left(\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{k \geq n} E_k\right) \leq \sum_{k \geq N} \mu(E_k) \leq \varepsilon$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ was arbitrary we have $\mu(E) = 0$. \square

Problem 17. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of measurable functions $f_n : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with $|f_n(x)| < \infty$ for almost all $x \in [0, 1]$. Show that there exists a sequence of real numbers $\{c_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that

$$\frac{f_n(x)}{c_n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

for almost all $x \in [0, 1]$.

Solution. We first begin by selecting these c_n “carefully”. Define for $m \in \mathbb{N}$ the set:

$$E_m := \left\{ x \in [0, 1] : \frac{|f_n(x)|}{m} > \frac{1}{n} \right\} \quad (2)$$

Note that $E_{m+1} \subseteq E_m$ for all m . We claim that $\mu\left(\bigcap_{m \in \mathbb{N}} E_m\right) = 0$. Indeed, if this x lies in this intersection then $f(x)$ is surely not-finite and therefore the collection of all such x has measure 0. This implies (since these sets are decreasing) that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_m) = 0$$

hence, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we may associate $c_n \in \mathbb{N}$ (equal to some m in the limit) such that:

$$\mu\left(\left\{ x \in [0, 1] : \frac{|f_n(x)|}{c_n} > \frac{1}{n} \right\}\right) \leq 2^{-n}$$

Now, call $F_n := \left\{ x \in [0, 1] : \frac{|f_n(x)|}{c_n} > \frac{1}{n} \right\}$. We claim that if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_n(x)}{c_n} \neq 0 \quad (3)$$

then x belongs to infinitely many F_n . Certainly, if x belonged to only finitely many F_n there is some N such that $x \notin F_n$ for all $n \geq N$. This would imply that

$$\left| \frac{f_n(x)}{c_n} \right| \leq \frac{1}{n}, \quad \forall n \geq N$$

which is absurd. Then, letting F denote the set of all points such that (3) holds we find that $F \subseteq \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup_{k \geq n} F_k$ whence the result follows by invoking the Borel-Cantelli lemma (proven in the previous problem). \square

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Problem 4. Let $b > 0$ and $f \in L^1([0, b])$, define $g : (0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by setting

$$g(x) := \int_x^b \frac{f(t)}{t} dt$$

Prove that g is integrable on $[0, b]$ and that $\int_0^b g(x) dx = \int_0^b f(t) dt$.

Solution. The idea here is to use Fubini to “swap the order of integration”. Typically, I’ve seen this done with algebraic manipulations of indicator functions but I believe a geometric argument is much better. We “compute”:

$$\int_0^b g(x) dx = \int_0^b \int_x^b \frac{f(t)}{t} dt dx$$

The region of $[0, b] \times [0, b]$ we integrate over here is described in Figure (1) below

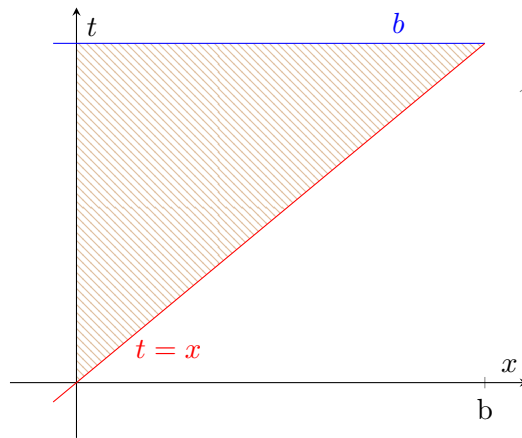


FIGURE 1. Integration Domain for Problem 4.

From the above we see that we may rewrite this integral as

$$\int_0^b g(x) dx = \int_0^b \int_x^b \frac{f(t)}{t} dt dx = \int_0^b \int_0^t \frac{f(t)}{t} dx dt = \int_0^b f(t) dt$$

since $f \in L^1([0, b])$ the proof is complete. (Short eh?)

Problem 6-(b). Prove that if $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is uniformly continuous and integrable then

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0 \quad (\dagger)$$

Solution. We argue by contradiction. Suppose this is not the case, then for some $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ we may find a sequence (x_n) in \mathbb{R} with $|x_n| \rightarrow \infty$ such that $|f(x_n)| \geq 2\varepsilon_0$ for all n . Now, since f is uniformly continuous for this same $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ such that for all $|x - y| < \delta$ implies $|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon_0$. Note that since there are infinitely many x_n as above we may construct the sequence in such a way that the intervals $(x_n - \delta, x_n + \delta)$ are disjoint for distinct n .

Now, for any $x \in (x_n - \delta, x_n + \delta)$ we note $|x - x_n| < \delta$ whence $|f(x) - f(x_n)| < \varepsilon_0$. On the other-hand:

$$|f(x_n)| - |f(x)| < \varepsilon_0$$

which implies that $|f(x)| \geq \varepsilon_0$. This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R})} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)| \, dx \geq \int_{\bigsqcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (x_n - \delta, x_n + \delta)} |f(x)| \, dx \\ &\geq \varepsilon_0 \int_{\bigsqcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (x_n - \delta, x_n + \delta)} dx \\ &= \varepsilon_0 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} 2\delta = \infty \end{aligned}$$

contradicting the integrability of f .

Problem 11. If $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and for all measurable sets $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ one has $\int_E f \geq 0$ then $f \geq 0$ almost-everywhere. Moreover, if $\int_E f = 0$ for all measurable sets E we have $f = 0$ almost-everywhere.

Solution. We first assume $\int_E f \geq 0$ for all measurable sets E . Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be given and define

$$A_n := \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d : f(x) < -\frac{1}{n} \right\}$$

then, $A := \{f < 0\} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$. Now, since A_n is measurable and

$$-\frac{1}{n} \mu(A_n) \geq \int_{A_n} f(x) \, dx = 0$$

we conclude $\mu(A_n) = 0$ so that $\mu(A) \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_n) = 0$. So, $f \geq 0$ almost-everywhere. Assume further that $\int_E f = 0$ for all measurable sets E . We still have $f \geq 0$ almost everywhere. Let now $B_n := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : f(x) > \frac{1}{n}\}$ so that

$$\{f > 0\} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n$$

by the argument above it suffices to prove that $\mu(B_n) = 0$ for all n . To see this write,

$$0 = \int_{B_n} f(x) dx \geq \frac{1}{n} \mu(B_n)$$

Problem 12. Show that there is $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ and a sequence $\{f_n\}$ in $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ with $\|f_n - f\| \rightarrow 0$ but $f_n(x) \not\rightarrow f(x)$ for all x .

Solution. For all m define

$$-2^{2m} \leq k \leq 2^{2m}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (4)$$

Thus, for $m \in \mathbb{N}$ a finite range for k is induced. We first construct a finite “subsequence” for $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$ be given, define

$$(f_{m,k}) := \mathbb{1}_{\left(\frac{k}{2^m}, \frac{k+1}{2^m}\right]}$$

for k satisfying (4) for the associated $m \in \mathbb{N}$. This defines a sequence $(f_{m,k})_{(m,k)}$, as $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{N}$ is itself countable. Index these by $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and call the resulting sequence (f_n) . The crucial step is to note that for any pair of indices (m, k) (note k always has finite bounds):

$$\int f_{m,k} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{1}_{\left(\frac{k}{2^m}, \frac{k+1}{2^m}\right]} = \mu\left(\left(\frac{k}{2^m}, \frac{k+1}{2^m}\right]\right) = \frac{1}{2^m}$$

It is then obvious that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int f_n = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int f_{m,k} = 0 \quad (5)$$

This is because if $n \rightarrow \infty$, as k always has a finite range, one has $m \rightarrow \infty$. It then follows, if we set $f \equiv 0$ on \mathbb{R} , that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int |f_n - f| = 0 \quad (6)$$

On the other hand, if we let $x \in \mathbb{R}$ be given, we see that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$ is undefined. This is easy to see, since there are infinitely many $f_{m,k}$ where $f_{m,k}(x) = 0$ and likewise there are infinitely many where $f_{m,k}(x) = 1$ (as the intervals were taken to be disjoint for fixed m). If we had pointwise convergence, we would have two subsequences with different limits, which is impossible for a convergent sequence.

This is valid for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, as for large enough n the intervals $\pm \left(\frac{k}{2^m}, \frac{k+1}{2^m}\right]$ will eventually contain x for some k given by (4).

Problem 24. Recall that for $f, g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ we define the convolution:

$$(f * g)(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x - \xi)g(\xi) d\xi$$

Show the following:

- (a) If g is bounded then $(f * g)$ is uniformly continuous.
- (b) If g is integrable then $(f * g)(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$.

Solution.

(a) Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and label $h := x - y$. We shall then write out

$$\begin{aligned} |(f * g)(x) - (f * g)(y)| &= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (f(x - \xi) - f(y - \xi)) g(\xi) \, d\xi \right| \\ &\leq M \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(y + h - \xi) - f(y - \xi)| \, d\xi \\ &= M \|f_h - f\| \end{aligned}$$

where $M > 0$ is a bound on g and $f_h := f(x+h)$. It then suffices to show that $\|f_h - f\|$ may be made arbitrarily small by choosing h small enough. To see this, recall that $C_0(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is a dense subspace of $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$. We may therefore choose a continuous function of compact support, say, $p(x)$ such that

$$\|f - p\| = \|f_h - p_h\| \leq \varepsilon$$

for given $\varepsilon > 0$.¹ Now by the triangle inequality we have

$$\|f_h - f\| \leq \|f_h - g_h\| + \|g_h - g\| + \|g - f\| \leq 2\varepsilon + \|g_h - g\|$$

Since g_h, g are continuous functions of compact support they are bounded, and an application of the bounded convergence theorem shows that $\|g_h - g\| \rightarrow 0$ as $h \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $\|f_h - f\| \leq 3\varepsilon$ whenever $|h| < \delta$.

(b) Having established the above, we observe that it is a consequence of Problem-6-(b) that it suffices to show that $(f * g)$ is integrable whenever f, g are. This is an easy application of Fubini-Tonelli:

$$\begin{aligned} \|f * g\| &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x - \xi)| |g(\xi)| \, d\xi dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x - \xi)| |g(\xi)| \, dx d\xi \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} |g(\xi)| \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x - \xi)| \, dx d\xi \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} |g(\xi)| \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)| \, dx d\xi \\ &= \|f\| \cdot \|g\| < \infty \end{aligned}$$

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Problem 5. Prove that

- (a) Neither $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \subseteq L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ nor $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \supseteq L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ holds true.
- (b) However, if $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is supported on a set of finite measure then $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$.
- (c) Similarly, if $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is bounded then $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

Solution.

- (a) Consider $f = 1/x$ on $(1, \infty)$. Clearly, $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x^2} \, dx < \infty$ but $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x} \, dx = \infty$. Similarly, let $g(x) = 1/\sqrt{x}$ on $(0, 1)$. Then, g is integrable but not square-integrable, as is seen by usual calculus methods together with monotone convergence.

¹This last equality follows from translation invariance of the Lebesgue integral.

(b) Let $E \supseteq \text{supp}(f)$ be a measurable set. It suffices to estimate $\|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)}$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)| \, dx &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)| \mathbb{1}_E(x) \, dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)| \overline{\mathbb{1}_E(x)} \, dx \\ &= \langle |f|, \mathbb{1}_E \rangle \\ &\leq \|f\|_{L^2} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{1}_E(x) \, dx \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

whence $\|f\|_{L^1} \leq \|f\|_{L^2} \sqrt{\mu(E)}$.

(c) Assume there exists $M > 0$ such that $|f(x)| \leq M$ on \mathbb{R}^d . We write

$$\|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)|^2 \, dx \leq M \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)| \, dx = M \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

Problem 26. Suppose $\omega : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow (0, \infty]$ is a measurable function that is finite almost-everywhere. and that K is a measurable function defined on \mathbb{R}^{2d} that satisfies

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |K(x, y)| \omega(y) \, dy \leq A\omega(x), \quad \text{for almost all } x \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad (7)$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |K(x, y)| \omega(x) \, dx \leq A\omega(y), \quad \text{for almost all } y \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad (8)$$

where $A > 0$ is a fixed constant. Prove that the integral operator

$$Tf(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(x, y)f(y) \, dy$$

is bounded, and hence continuous.

Solution. We first estimate for almost all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |K(x, y)| |f(y)| \, dy &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |K(x, y)|^{1/2} \omega(y)^{1/2} \omega(y)^{-1/2} |K(x, y)|^{1/2} |f(y)| \, dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |K(x, y)|^{1/2} \omega(y)^{1/2} \overline{\omega(y)^{-1/2} |K(x, y)|^{1/2} |f(y)|} \, dy \\ &\leq \sqrt{A\omega(x)} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \omega(y)^{-1} |K(x, y)| |f(y)|^2 \, dy \right)^{1/2} \quad (\text{by (7)}) \end{aligned}$$

Now, we may calculate:

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tf\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |K(x, y)| |f(y)| \, dy \right)^2 \, dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} A\omega(x) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \omega(y)^{-1} |K(x, y)| |f(y)|^2 \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} A\omega(x)\omega(y)^{-1} |K(x, y)| |f(y)|^2 \, dx \, dy \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} A^2 \omega(y)\omega(y)^{-1} |f(y)|^2 \, dy \end{aligned}$$

by (8); which is no-greater than $A^2 \|f\|_{L^2}^2$. Note that we also get $\|T\| \leq A$ as a consequence.

Before we tackle problem 28 we shall prove a lemma, which may be found in Stein and Shakarchi. We give it here, nonetheless, for the sake of completeness.

Lemma. *Let $\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2$ be Banach spaces over a field \mathbb{F} and $\{T_n\}_{n=1}^\infty, T : \mathcal{B}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_2$ bounded linear operators. If the T_n are all compact, and $\|T_n - T\| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then T is compact.*

Proof. Let $(f_n)_n$ be a sequence in \mathcal{B}_1 that is bounded. There is a subsequence (f_{1n}) such that $\{T_1(f_{1n})\}$ converges. From this same subsequence we extract a subsequence such that $\{T_2(f_{2n})\}$ converges and so forth. This grants us a sequence of subsequences:

$$\{f_{kn}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$$

such that $\{T_k(f_{kn})\}$ converges, for $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Consider the subsequence $(g_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ where we take the k^{th} entry of the sequence (f_{kn}) . Then, for all k, ℓ large we estimate:

$$\|T(g_k) - T(g_\ell)\| \leq \|T(g_k) - T_n(g_k)\| + \|T_n(g_k) - T_n(g_\ell)\| + \|T_n(g_\ell) - T(g_\ell)\|$$

Since $\|T - T_n\| \rightarrow 0$, by taking n large enough we may these first and last terms $\leq \varepsilon$. Now, since $T_n(g_k)$ converges by construction, as $k \rightarrow \infty$ the sequence $\{T(g_k)\}_k$ is Cauchy, and by taking k, ℓ large we make this term $\leq \varepsilon$. \square

Problem 28. Let B be the unit ball in \mathbb{R}^d , and let $\mathcal{H} = L^2(B)$. Suppose $K(x, y)$ is a measurable function on $B \times B$ satisfying

$$|K(x, y)| \leq A |x - y|^{-d+\alpha}$$

for some $\alpha > 0$. Define an operator:

$$Tf(x) := \int_B K(x, y)f(y) \, dy$$

Prove the following:

- (a) T is a bounded operator.
- (b) T is compact.

Solution.

- (a) We first calculate:

$$\int_B |K(x, y)| \, dy \leq \int_B \frac{1}{|x - y|^{d-\alpha}} \, dy = \int_{B(x,1)} \frac{1}{|y|^{d-\alpha}} \, dy < \infty$$

where we know that this is finite because $\alpha > 0$. The key is to observe that there is a bound independent of x . Certainly, since $|x| \leq 1$ we find that

$$\int_B |K(x, y)| \, dy \leq \int_{|y| \leq 10} \frac{1}{|y|^{d-\alpha}} \, dy = C < \infty$$

In the above we could have probably chosen a bound on $|y|$ less than 10, but this works and who really cares anyways. Hence, it follows from Problem 26 with $\omega := 1$ that $T[\cdot]$ is a bounded operator.

(b) Let us define a series of kernels by

$$K_n(x, y) := \begin{cases} K(x, y) & |x - y| \geq \frac{1}{n} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

This induces an operator: $T_n f(x) := \int_B K_n(x, y) f(y) dy$. We claim that the T_n 's are compact. To see this, we need only show they are Hilbert-Schmidt and this follows from the following observation:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{B^2} |K_n(x, y)|^2 dy dx &= \int_{\{|x-y| \geq 1/n\} \cap B^2} |K(x, y)|^2 dy dx \\ &\leq \int_{\{|x-y| \geq 1/n\} \cap B^2} \frac{1}{|x - y|^{2(\alpha-d)}} dx dy \end{aligned}$$

which is clearly finite, for any $\alpha > 0$. Thus, $K \in L^2(B^2)$ and is compact. In light of the previous lemma, we need only show $\|T_n - T\| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ let us calculate:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_B |K_n(x, y) - K(x, y)| dy &= \int_{|x-y| \leq 1/n} A |x - y|^{-d+\alpha} dy \\ &= A \int_{B(0, 1/n)} \frac{1}{|x|^{-d+\alpha}} dx \\ &= AC_n \end{aligned}$$

with $C_n := \int_{B(0, 1/n)} \frac{1}{|x|^{-d+\alpha}} dx$. By Problem 26, we get as a corollary that $\|T_n - T\| \leq C_n$ for all n . This integral may be evaluated directly, and it is not hard to see that it tends to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Thus, T is compact.