REAL ANALYSIS GRADUATE EXAM
Spring 2010

Answer all four questions. Partial credit will be awarded, but in the event that you can not fully solve a problem you should state clearly what it is you have done and what you have left out. Unacknowledged omissions, incorrect reasoning and guesswork will lower your score. Start each problem on a fresh sheet of paper, and write on only one side of the paper.

(1) A function $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ is said to be *upper semicontinuous* (or *u.s.c.*) if for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $f(y) < f(x) + \epsilon$ whenever $|y - x| < \delta$.

(i) Show that every u.s.c. function is Borel measurable. HINT: Consider $\{x : f(x) < a\}$.

(ii) Suppose μ is a finite measure on $\mathbb{R}$ and A is a closed subset of $\mathbb{R}$. Using (i) or otherwise, show that the function $x \mapsto \mu(x + A)$ is measurable. Here $x + A = \{x + y : y \in A\}$.

(2) Suppose $\{f_n\}$ and f are measurable functions on $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$ and $f_n \to f$ in measure. Is it necessarily true that $f_n^2 \to f^2$ in measure if:

(a) $\mu(X) < \infty$

(b) $\mu(X) = \infty$.

In each case, prove or give a counterexample.

(3) Suppose $f : [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$ is a strictly increasing absolutely continuous function. Let m denote Lebesgue measure. If $m(E) = 0$ show that $m(f(E)) = 0$.

(4) For $n \geq 1$ define h_n on $[0, 1]$ by

$$h_n = \sum_{j=1}^{n} (-1)^j \chi_{(\frac{j-1}{n}, \frac{j}{n}]}.$$

Here χ_E denotes the characteristic function of E. If f is Lebesgue integrable on $[0, 1]$, show that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \int_{[0,1]} f h_n \, dm = 0.$$

HINT: First consider f in a suitably smaller function space.