

EXTRA CREDIT HOMEWORK

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This gives a completely “soft” alternative development of the uniqueness and continuity theorems, that is, it avoids all calculations. It is motivated by functional analysis. Write λ for Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R} , $L^1(\mathbb{R}) := L^1(\mathbb{R}, \lambda)$, and $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}) := L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \lambda)$. Recall that $M(\mathbb{R})$ is the set of finite Borel signed measures on \mathbb{R} . We define their Fourier transforms just as for probability measures: $\widehat{\mu}(t) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{itx} d\mu(x)$. Again, for $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$, we write $\widehat{f} := \widehat{f\lambda}$.

Prove each of the following statements in turn.

1. The set $\mathcal{A} := \{\widehat{f}; f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})\}$ is dense in $C_0(\mathbb{R})$. *Hint: Use the Stone-Weierstrass theorem. You may use without proof the facts that $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ is closed under convolution and $\widehat{f * g} = \widehat{f} \cdot \widehat{g}$.*
2. For all $\mu, \nu \in M(\mathbb{R})$, we have $\int \widehat{\nu} d\mu = \int \widehat{\mu} d\nu$.
3. Apply the preceding result to ν of the form $f\lambda$ for $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ to deduce uniqueness, i.e., that the map $\mu \mapsto \widehat{\mu}$ is injective.
4. Let μ_n and μ be in the unit ball of $M(\mathbb{R})$. Then $\mu_n \xrightarrow{w^*} \mu$ iff $\widehat{\mu}_n \xrightarrow{w^*} \widehat{\mu}$ in $L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ (regarded as the dual of $L^1(\mathbb{R})$).
5. Let μ_n be in the unit ball of $M(\mathbb{R})$. If $\widehat{\mu}_n \rightarrow g$ λ -a.e., then $\exists \mu \in M(\mathbb{R})$ such that $g = \widehat{\mu}$ λ -a.e. and $\mu_n \xrightarrow{w^*} \mu$.
6. If $g \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$, $h \in C(\mathbb{R})$, $g = h$ λ -a.e., and g is continuous at 0, then $g(0) = h(0)$.
7. Let μ_n be probability measures on \mathbb{R} with $\widehat{\mu}_n(t) \rightarrow g(t)$ for every t . If g is continuous at 0, then there is a probability measure μ such that $\mu_n \Rightarrow \mu$.