

Paper I — L_p SPACES AND BANACH ALGEBRAS
(Held in November 2009)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer any FIVE questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

1. (a) Prove that a real differentiable function ϕ is convex in (a, b) if and only if $a < s < t < b \Rightarrow \phi'(s) < \phi'(t)$.
- (b) If ϕ is convex on (a, b) prove that ϕ is continuous on (a, b) .
2. Let p and q be conjugate exponents, $1 < p < \infty$. Let X be a measure space with measure μ . Let f and g be measurable functions on X with range in $[0, \infty)$. Prove that

$$(a) \quad \int_X fg d\mu \leq \left[\int_X f^p d\mu \right]^{1/p} \left[\int_X g^q d\mu \right]^{1/q}$$

$$(b) \quad \left[\int_X (f + g)^p d\mu \right]^{1/p} \leq \left[\int_X f^p d\mu \right]^{1/p} + \left[\int_X g^q d\mu \right]^{1/q}$$

3. Prove that $L^p(\mu)$ is a complete metric space for $1 < p < \infty$ and for every positive measure μ .

4. State and prove Lusin's theorem.

5. If X is a locally compact Hausdorff space, prove that the completion of $C_c(X)$ relative to the metric defined by the supremum norm $\|f\| = \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)|$.

6. Let ϕ be a linear functional on a Banach algebra A such that $\phi(e) = 1$ and $\phi(x) = 0$ for every invertible $x \in A$. Prove that $\phi(xy) = \phi(x)\phi(y)$ for every $x, y \in A$.

7. (a) Let A be a Banach algebra and let $x \in A$. Prove that the spectrum $\sigma(x)$ is a compact nonempty subset of \mathbb{C} .

(b) Let A be a Banach algebra and let $x \in A$. Prove that $P(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x^n\|^{1/n} = \inf_{n \geq 1} \|x^n\|^{1/n}$.

8. (a) State and prove Gelfand-Mazur theorem.

(b) Let A be a commutative Banach algebra. Prove that:

The Gelfand transform $X \rightarrow \hat{X}$ from $A \rightarrow \hat{A}$ preserves the norm (isometry) if and only if $\|x^2\| = \|x\|^2$ for every $x \in A$.

9. If A is a Banach algebra with an involution, and if $x \in A$, then prove the following:

(a) $x + x^*$, $i(x - x^*)$ and xx^* are hermitian.

(b) x has a unique representation $x = u + iv$ where $u, v \in A$ and u and v are hermitian.

(c) the unit element e is hermitian.

(d) x is invertible in A if and only if x^* is invertible in which case $(x^*)^{-1} = (x^{-1})^*$.

(e) $\lambda \in \sigma(x)$ iff $\bar{\lambda} \in \sigma(x^*)$.

10. (a) If A is a commutative B^* algebra which contains an element x such that the polynomials in x and x^* are dense in A . Prove that the formula $(\psi f)^\wedge = f \circ \hat{x}$ defines an isometric isomorphism ψ of $C(\sigma(x))$ onto A which satisfies $\psi \hat{f} = (\psi f)^*$ for every $f \in C(\sigma(x))$. Prove also that if $f(\lambda) = \lambda$ on $\sigma(x)$, then $\psi f = x$.

(b) Suppose A is a commutative Banach algebra with an involution. If x is a self adjoint element of A and if $\sigma(x)$ contains no real number $\lambda \leq 0$, prove that there exists $y \in A$ with $y^2 = x$ and $y = y^*$.

8. (a) State and prove the inversion theorem.
- (b) Define a Banach algebra. Show that L' is a Banach algebra if we define multiplication by convolution.
9. State and prove the Plancherel theorem.
10. State and prove the theorem due to Paley and Wiener.
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Paper III — FOURIER TRANSFORMS
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1. (a) Define outer measure of a subset A of R . Prove that if $\{A_n\}$ is a countable collection of subsets of R , then $m^*(\cup A_n) \leq \sum m^*(A_n)$.
- (b) Prove that the collection m of all measurable sets in R is a σ -algebra.
2. (a) Prove that every Borel set is measurable.
- (b) Construct a nonmeasurable subset of R .
3. (a) If f and g are measurable sets, prove that $f + c$, cf , $f + g$, $f - g$ and fg are measurable sets for any constant c .

