

ERGODIC RAMSEY THEORY – EXERCISES WEEK 3

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Exercise 4.4. Show that the sequence $x_n = \sqrt{n} \bmod 1$ is uniformly distributed.

Exercise 4.5. Show that the sequence $x_n = \log n \bmod 1$ is **not** uniformly distributed.

Exercise 4.9. Adapt the proof of Lemma 4.8 to the following version for uniform Cesàro averages (see Remark 2.18): Let H be a Hilbert space and let $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ be a bounded sequence taking values in H . If for every $d \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\lim_{N-M \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N-M} \sum_{n=M}^N \langle x_{n+d}, x_n \rangle = 0 \quad (4.1)$$

then

$$\lim_{N-M \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N-M} \sum_{n=M}^N x_n = 0.$$

Exercise 4.10. (*)

Let $p \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ have at least one irrational coefficient (other than the constant term) and let $U \subset [0, 1]$ be open and non-empty. Is it true that the set $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : p(n) \bmod 1 \in U\}$ is syndetic? [Hint: Use Exercise 4.9 to obtain versions of Lemma 4.6 and Corollary 4.7 for uniform Cesàro averages and then use a similar argument as for Exercise 2.23.]

Exercise 4.20. Finish the proof of Theorem 4.19 by explicitly describing the measure preserving system structure of Y and showing that π is indeed a factor map.

Exercise 4.21. Let (X, \mathcal{A}, μ, T) be a measure preserving system and let (Y, \mathcal{B}, ν, S) be a factor. Prove that:

- If (X, \mathcal{A}, μ, T) is ergodic, then so is (Y, \mathcal{B}, ν, S) .
- If (X, \mathcal{A}, μ, T) is totally ergodic, then so is (Y, \mathcal{B}, ν, S) .

Exercise 4.22. Show that if $f, g \in H_{\text{rat}}$ are bounded, then their product $f \cdot g$ is also in H_{rat} . Can you find an example showing that the same is not true for H_{te} ?

Exercise 4.23. (*)

Show that the collection $\{A \in \mathcal{B} : 1_A \in H_{\text{rat}}\}$ is a σ -algebra.

Exercise 4.27. Adapt the proof of Theorem 4.26 to obtain that, under the same conditions, if additionally $\mu(A) > 0$, then

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mu(A \cap T^{-p(n)} A) > 0.$$

Exercise 4.28. (*) Using Exercise 4.9 in the proof of Theorem 4.26, show that for any set $E \subset \mathbb{N}$ with $\bar{d}(E) > 0$, the set $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : n^2 \in E - E\}$ is syndetic.