

Spring 2017 MATH5012

**Exercise 4**

- (1) Let  $\omega_n$  be the volume of the unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , so  $\omega_1 = 2, \omega_2 = \pi, \omega_3 = 4/3\pi$ , etc. Show that

$$\omega_n = 2\omega_{n-1} \int_0^1 (1-x^2)^{(n-1)/2} dx,$$

and deduce the formula

$$\omega_n = \frac{\pi^{n/2}}{\Gamma(n/2 + 1)}.$$

Look up the definition of the Gamma function yourself. This is supposed a problem on Fubini's theorem in advanced calculus.

- (2) Use Fubini's theorem and the relation

$$\frac{1}{x} = \int_0^\infty e^{-xt} dt \quad (x > 0)$$

to prove that

$$\lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^A \frac{\sin x}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

- (3) Complete the following proof of Hardy's inequality (chapter 3, Exercise 14 in [R]): Suppose  $f \geq 0$  on  $(0, \infty)$ ,  $f \in L^p$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , and

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f(t) dt.$$

Write  $x F(x) = \int_0^x f(t) t^\alpha t^{-\alpha} dt$ , where  $0 < \alpha < 1/q$ , use Hölder's inequality to get an upper bound for  $F(x)^p$ , and integrate to obtain

$$\int_0^\infty F^p(x) dx \leq (1 - \alpha q)^{1-p} (\alpha p)^{-1} \int_0^\infty f^p(t) dt.$$

Show that the best choice of  $\alpha$  yields

$$\int_0^\infty F^p(x) dx \leq \left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^p \int_0^\infty f^p(t) dt.$$

(4) Prove the following analogue of Minkowski's inequality, for  $f \geq 0$ :

$$\left\{ \int [f(x, y) d\lambda(y)]^p d\mu(x) \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \int \left[ \int f^p(x, y) d\mu(x) \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} d\lambda(y).$$

Supply the required hypotheses.

Many problems are taken from chapter 8, [R].