Statistics 330/600 2007: Sheet 1

Please attempt at least the starred problems.

- *(1.1) Please send to me (david.pollard@yale.edu) an email stating whether you have taken (or are in the process of taking) real analysis, measure theory, or any probability course.
- *(1.2) Suppose T maps a set \mathfrak{X} into a set \mathfrak{Y} . For $B \subseteq \mathfrak{Y}$ define $T^{-1}B := \{x \in \mathfrak{X} : T(x) \in B\}$. For $A \subseteq \mathfrak{X}$ define $T(A) := \{T(x) : x \in A\}$. Some of the following assertions are true and some are false.

$T\left(\cup_i A_i\right) = \cup_i T(A_i)$	and	$T^{-1}\left(\cup_i B_i\right) = \cup_i T^{-1}(B_i)$
$T\left(\cap_i A_i\right) = \cap_i T(A_i)$	and	$T^{-1}\left(\cap_i B_i\right) = \cap_i T^{-1}(B_i)$
$T\left(A^{c}\right) = \left(T\left(A\right)\right)^{c}$	and	$T^{-1}\left(B^{c}\right) = \left(T^{-1}\left(B\right)\right)^{c}$
$T^{-1}\left(T(A)\right) = A$	and	$T\left(T^{-1}(B)\right) = B$

Provide counterexamples for each of the false assertions.

- (1.3) The set R = {-∞} ∪ R ∪ {∞} is called the *extended real line*. Write A for the sigma-field on R generated by B(R) together with the two singleton sets {-∞} and {∞}. Show that A is also generated by & { [-∞, t] : t ∈ R}.
- (1.4) UGMTP Problem 1.1.
- (1.5) Suppose f_1, \ldots, f_n are functions in \mathcal{M}^+ and μ is a measure for which $\mu f_i < \infty$ for each i. Show that $\sum_i \mu f_i - \sum_{i < j} \mu(f_i \land f_j) \le \mu \left(\max_i f_i \right) \le \sum_i \mu f_i - \sum_{i < j} \mu(f_i \land f_j) + \sum_{i < j < k} \mu(f_i \land f_j \land f_k).$

Hint: For fixed nonnegative numbers a_1, \ldots, a_n establish inequalities like $\sum_i a_i \le \max_i a_i + \sum_{i < j} a_i \land a_j$. For simplicity assume $0 \le a_1 \le a_2 \le \ldots \le a_n$ then consider the coefficients of each a_{n-k} .