Problems for M.Sc. Workshop no.5, November 18, 2012 Prof. Y.Kifer

27. Show that the decimal (fraction) $\alpha = 0.1234567891011...$ (all natural numbers are written successively) is an irrational number. Prove that fractional parts $\{10^n\alpha\}, n = 0, 1, 2, ...$ form a dense set on [0, 1].

28. Disjoint disks of diameter 1 are put in the plane \mathbb{R}^2 so that every half line intersects at least one of them. Fix $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and let A_n be a number of disks whose centers are within distance at most n from x_0 . Prove that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_n}{n^2} = \infty.$$

29. Suppose that the sum $\xi + \eta$ of two independent integer valued random variables ξ and η has a binomial distribution. Prove that ξ and η also have binomial distributions.

30. Prove that no n+2 vectors in \mathbb{R}^n can have all pairwise angles larger than $\pi/2$.

31. Prove that there exists a real number α such that $1/3 \leq \{\alpha^n\} \leq 2/3$ for all natural n, where $\{a\}$ denotes the fractional part of a number a. Prove that the set of such α 's have Lebesgue measure zero.

32. Is there exist a natural number n such that both 2^n and 5^n begin with the digit 5?