

Last time

$$\int_A f(x) dx = \int_A f^+(x) dx - \int_A f^-(x) dx \quad (\text{Assumption: Both are finite})$$

$$(\Leftrightarrow \int_A |f| dx < \infty)$$

$$\|f\|_{L^1} = \int_A |f| dx, \quad \text{"L'-norm"}$$

• Basic properties: ①  $\int_A (c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2) dx = c_1 \int_A f_1 dx + c_2 \int_A f_2 dx, \quad \forall c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}.$

② If  $f_1 \leq f_2$ , then  $\int_A f_1 dx \leq \int_A f_2 dx.$

③  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x+y) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx.$

④  $f=0$  a.e.  $\Leftrightarrow \forall B \subset A$  measurable,  $\int_B f dx = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \forall \text{ box } B, \int_B f dx = 0.$

• Countably additivity:  $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^\infty, A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$   
 $f \in L^1(\bigcup_{i=1}^\infty A_i) \Rightarrow \int_{\bigcup_{i=1}^\infty A_i} f dx = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \int_{A_i} f dx.$  "signed measure"

Absolute continuity:  $f \in L^1(A) \Rightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $\forall m(B) < \delta, B \subset A$ , one has  
 $\int_B |f| dx < \varepsilon.$

Today: Convergence in "absolute integrability" theory

## 1. The Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem

• Thm. (LDCT) || Let  $\{f_n\}$  be measurable functions on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  a.e.  
 Suppose  $\exists g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  s.t.  $|f_n(x)| \leq g(x)$  a.e.,  $\forall n$ .  
 Then  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_n(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx.$

Proof: Let  $A = \{x, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)\}$ . Then  $m(A^c) = 0$ .

Since  $|f| \chi_A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |f_n| \chi_A \leq g \chi_A$ , the monotonicity implies

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f| = \int_A |f| = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f| \chi_A \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g \chi_A \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g < +\infty$$

So  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

• Now we apply Fatou's lemma to sequence  $\{g - f_n\}$  and  $\{g + f_n\}$ :

[Note:  $g \pm f_n \geq 0, \forall n$ , on the set  $\bigcap_{n=1}^\infty \{x: |f_n(x)| \leq g(x)\} =: A_1$ , with  $m(A_1^c) = 0$ .]  
 So we work on  $A_1$  below.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{A_1} g + \int_{A_1} f &= \int_{A_1} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (g + f_n) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{A_1} (g + f_n) = \int_{A_1} g + \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{A_1} f_n \\ \int_{A_1} g - \int_{A_1} f &= \int_{A_1} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (g - f_n) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{A_1} (g - f_n) = \int_{A_1} g - \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{A_1} f_n \\ \Rightarrow \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_n &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{A_1} f_n \leq \int_{A_1} f \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{A_1} f_n = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_n. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Cor. Under the same assumption of LDCT, we have a stronger conclusion

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f_n - f| dx = 0.$$

Proof. Since  $|f_n - f| \rightarrow 0$  a.e., and  $|f_n - f| \leq 2g(x)$  a.e., we can apply LDCT to  $\{|f_n - f|\}$  to conclude

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f_n - f| dx = 0, \quad \square$$

Def. We say  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^1$ -norm (or  $f_n$  converges to  $f$  in the mean) if

$$\|f_n - f\|_1 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f_n - f| dx \rightarrow 0.$$

Prop. Let  $f_n$  be a sequence of integrable functions.

If  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^1$ -norm, then  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in measure.

Lec. 7

$\forall \varepsilon > 0, m(\{x: |f_n(x) - f(x)| > \varepsilon\}) \rightarrow 0$

Proof. According to the Markov's inequality (Lec. 9), we have

$$m(\{x: |f_n(x) - f(x)| \geq \lambda\}) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f_n - f| dx.$$

So  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^1$ -norm  $\Rightarrow f_n \rightarrow f$  in measure.  $\square$

Cor. If  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^1$ -norm, then  $\exists$  subsequence  $f_{n_k} \rightarrow f$  a.e.

Remark. Uniform convergence  $\nRightarrow$  convergence in  $L^1$ -norm.

Example:  $f_n = \frac{1}{n} \chi_{[n, 2n]} \rightarrow 0$  uniformly.

But  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f_n| dx = 1 \nrightarrow 0.$

[So: none of the convergence modes we studied in Lec. 7 implies  $L^1$ -convergence]

We can also prove the following version of DCT (with "a.e. convergence" replaced by "convergence in measure")

Thm. (DCT, "convergence in measure" version.)

Let  $\{f_n\}$  be measurable functions on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , s.t.  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in measure

Suppose  $\exists g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  s.t.  $|f_n(x)| \leq g(x)$ , a.e.,  $\forall n$ .

Then  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^1$ -norm.

Proof. Since  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in measure, one can find a subsequence  $f_{n_k}$  s.t.  $f_{n_k} \rightarrow f$  a.e.

Please read the 2nd proof given in the book.

It follows from LDCT that  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , and  $\|f_{n_k} - f\|_1 \rightarrow 0$ .

~~Now we have  $\|f_n - f\|_1 \leq 2g$  a.e.~~

Argue by contradiction.

Note that the above argument holds for any subsequence of  $f_n$ . In other words, we showed that ANY subsequence of  $f_n$  has a subsequence that converges in  $L^1$ -norm to  $f$ .

So we must have  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^1$ -norm.  $\square$

Rmk.: There is a 2nd proof, which is a direct proof, i.e. ~~without~~ without using LDCT.  
The idea is the following:

We want to ~~on~~ prove  $\int |f_n - f| dx < \varepsilon$  for  $n$  large.

Usually, to prove ~~that~~ that such an integral is small, one can decompose the integral into 3 pieces, one piece is small by itself (.....), the second piece is the integral of a small quantity over a bounded set and thus is small, the third piece is the integral of a bounded quantity over a small set and thus is also small.

Back to this problem, one has

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f_n - f| \leq \underbrace{\int_{\{x: |f_n - f| \geq \varepsilon\}} |f_n - f|}_{\substack{\text{small set} \\ \text{since } f_n \rightarrow f \text{ in measure}}} + \underbrace{\int_{\{x: |f_n - f| < \varepsilon\}} |f_n - f|}_{\substack{\text{bounded by } 2\varepsilon}}.$$

Maybe unbounded!  
Need more work

To bound the second term, one use the fact that

$$f_n - f \in L^1 \Rightarrow \exists N \text{ s.t. } \int_{|x| > N} |f_n - f| < \varepsilon.$$

So one can write

$$\int_{\{x: |f_n - f| < \varepsilon\}} |f_n - f| \leq \underbrace{\int_{|x| > N} |f_n - f|}_{\substack{\text{"small by itself"} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{bounded now!}}} + \underbrace{\int_{\{x: |x| < N, |f_n - f| < \varepsilon\}} |f_n - f|}_{\text{small}}.$$

This is the idea!

For details, please read P.157-158 of your book.

## 2. Completeness of $L^1(A)$ .

- Recall: A sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of numbers is a Cauchy sequence if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N$  s.t.  $\forall n, m > N$ , one has  $|x_n - x_m| < \varepsilon$ .
- The completeness of  $\mathbb{R}$ : Any Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  is a convergent sequence.
- Now we extend these conceptions to  $L^1(A)$ .

Def: A sequence of functions  $f_n \in L^1(A)$  is a Cauchy sequence if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N$  s.t.  $\forall n, m > N$ , one has  $\|f_n - f_m\|_{L^1} < \varepsilon$ .

Thm: (Completeness of  $L^1(A)$ ) (Riesz-Fischer Thm)  
Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $L^1(A)$ . Then  $\exists f \in L^1(A)$  s.t.  
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\|_{L^1(A)} = 0.$$

Proof: ~~A subsequence  $f_{n_k}$~~  Since  $\{f_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence, for any  $k, \exists N(k)$  s.t.  $\forall n, m > N(k)$ , one has  $\|f_n - f_m\|_{L^1(A)} < \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$ .

We can always arrange  $N(1) < N(2) < N(3) < \dots$ .

Now for any  $k$ , pick  $n_k > N(k)$ . Then we get a subsequence  $\{f_{n_k}\}$  of  $\{f_n\}$ , such that  $\|f_{n_k} - f_{n_{k-1}}\|_{L^1(A)} = \int_A |f_{n_k}(x) - f_{n_{k-1}}(x)| dx < \frac{1}{2^k}$ .

Now we let

$$f(x) = f_{n_1}(x) + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (f_{n_k}(x) - f_{n_{k-1}}(x))$$

$$g(x) = |f_{n_1}(x)| + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |f_{n_k}(x) - f_{n_{k-1}}(x)|.$$

Since  $\int_A |f_{n_1}(x)| dx + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \int_A |f_{n_k}(x) - f_{n_{k-1}}(x)| dx \leq \int_A |f_{n_1}(x)| dx + 1 < \infty$ , the monotone convergence thm implies that  $g \in L^1(A)$ .

[So  $g$  is finite a.e., which implies that the series defining  $f$  converges a.e.]

Since  $|f| \leq g$ , we see  $f \in L^1(A)$ .

Since  $f_{n_k} = f_{n_1}(x) + \sum_{i=2}^k (f_{n_i}(x) - f_{n_{i-1}}(x)) \rightarrow f$  a.e., we apply LDCT.

to conclude  $\|f_{n_k} - f\|_{L^1} \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

use:  $|f - f_{n_k}| \leq g$ .  
so  $g$  is a dominated.

In particular,  $\exists K$  s.t.  $\forall n > K, \|f_{n_k} - f\|_{L^1} < \varepsilon/2$

Since  $\{f_n\}$  is Cauchy,  $\exists N_{\varepsilon/2}$  s.t.  $\forall n, m > N_{\varepsilon/2}, \|f_n - f_m\|_{L^1} < \varepsilon/2$ .

$\Rightarrow \forall n > \max\{n_K, N_{\varepsilon/2}\}, \|f_n - f\|_{L^1} < \varepsilon. \quad \square$