

Last time

- Structures: (Algebraic, ~~operation~~) Linear, multiplication, symmetry, duality
(Topological/geometric, position) Topology, metric, norm, inner product
(Analytic, limit) Measure, smooth,
(order, relation) order,
- $L^p(X, \mu)$: (For $0 < p < +\infty$) Vector space structure
(For $1 \leq p < +\infty$) Normed vector space. $\|f\|_{L^p} = \left(\int_X |f|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p}$
Hölder's inequality $\|fg\|_{L^r} \leq \|f\|_{L^p} \cdot \|g\|_{L^q}$ for $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{r}$. ($0 < p, q, r < +\infty$)
Minkowski inequality: $\|f+g\|_{L^p} \leq \|f\|_{L^p} + \|g\|_{L^p}$ ($p \geq 1$)

Today. More on L^p -spaces

1. L^∞ -space

- We have defined the spaces $L^p(X)$ for all $1 \leq p < \infty$.
Note that one function could belong to different $L^p(X)$.
In last problem set, we have seen that for $\mu(X) < \infty$,
• $p_1 < p_2 \Rightarrow L^{p_2}(X) \subset L^{p_1}(X)$.

• $\|f\|_{L^p} \rightarrow \|f\|_{L^{p_0}}$ for $p \rightarrow p_0$.

- A natural question is: what happens for $\|f\|_{L^p}$ as $p \rightarrow +\infty$?

Let's start with a simple example.

$X = [0, 4]$, $d\mu = \text{Lebesgue}$.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 4, & x=0 \\ 3, & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ -2, & 1 < x \leq 2 \\ 1, & 2 \leq x \leq 4 \end{cases}$$

Then $\|f\|_{L^p(X)} = \left(\int_0^4 |f|^p dx \right)^{1/p} = (3^p + 2^p + 2 \cdot 1^p)^{1/p} \rightarrow 3$ as $p \rightarrow +\infty$.

By computing more examples, you can easily find by yourself that $\|f\|_{L^p}$ should approximate the upper bound of $|f|$ (ignoring measure zero sets).

This is the upper bound of $|f|$ if we ignore the value 4 of f which is only attained by f on a measure zero set. According to Lebesgue, we should ignore events that only happens on a measure zero set.

Note: Minkowski inequality
 $\Leftrightarrow$ Triangle inequality of $\|\cdot\|$
 $\Leftrightarrow$ The norm function is convex
 $\| \lambda f + (1-\lambda)g \|_{L^p} \leq \lambda \|f\|_{L^p} + (1-\lambda) \|g\|_{L^p}$

Note: We don't have $\|f\|_{L^p} \rightarrow \|f\|_{L^{p_0}}$ for $p \rightarrow p_0^+$.
e.g., Let $X = [0, \frac{1}{2}]$, $f(x) = \frac{1}{x(\log x)^2}$.
Then by monotone convergence,
 $\int_X |f| dx = (\log 2)^{-1} < \infty$.
But for any $p > 1$,
 $\int_X |f|^p dx = +\infty$.

- Def. Let f be any measurable function on $(X, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$.
- (1) We say f is essentially bounded if $\exists M$ s.t. $|f(x)| \leq M$ for a.e. $x \in X$.
 - (2) The L^∞ -norm of f is $\|f\|_{L^\infty(X)} := \inf \{M: |f(x)| \leq M \text{ for a.e. } x \in X\}$.
 - (3) The L^∞ -space $L^\infty(X) = \{f: f \text{ is measurable and } \|f\|_{L^\infty} < +\infty\}$.

As for $0 < p < \infty$, one has

Thm. $L^\infty(X)$ is a vector space, and $\|\cdot\|_{L^\infty}$ is a norm on $L^\infty(X)$.

Proof. • $f \in L^\infty(X)$, $a \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \|af\|_{L^\infty} = a\|f\|_{L^\infty} < \infty$.

• $f, g \in L^\infty(X) \Rightarrow |f| + |g| \leq \|f\|_{L^\infty} + \|g\|_{L^\infty}$, a.e. $x \Rightarrow \|f+g\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|f\|_{L^\infty} + \|g\|_{L^\infty}$.
 $\Rightarrow L^\infty(X)$ is a vector space

• $\|0\|_{L^\infty} = 0$, $\|f\|_{L^\infty} = 0 \Leftrightarrow f = 0$ a.e. ✓

• $\|af\|_{L^\infty} = a\|f\|_{L^\infty}$ ✓

• $\|f+g\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|f\|_{L^\infty} + \|g\|_{L^\infty}$ ✓

$\Rightarrow \|\cdot\|_{L^\infty}$ is a norm. $\square$

Note. We have already proved the Minkowski inequality for $L^p(X)$. So

$$\|f+g\|_{L^p} \leq \|f\|_{L^p} + \|g\|_{L^p}$$

$$1 \leq p \leq +\infty$$

Similarly, we can also prove Hölder's inequality

~~Thm. Hölder's inequality~~ $\|fg\|_{L^1} \leq \|f\|_{L^p} \|g\|_{L^q}$, $0 < p, q, r \leq \infty$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{r}$.

The only thing left is to check the inequality for $q=r$, $p=+\infty$ or $p=r$, $q=+\infty$.
 But we do have $|fg| \leq \|f\|_{L^\infty} |g|$, a.e.
 $\Rightarrow \|fg\|_{L^1} \leq \|f\|_{L^\infty} \|g\|_{L^1}$. Done. by symmetry.

Remark. For $X = \mathbb{N}$, $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{P}(X)$, and $\mu = \#$, we usually denote $L^\infty(X)$ by ℓ^∞ .

Since each point has positive measure ($\#\{n\} = 1$),

$$\|(a_1, a_2, \dots)\|_{\ell^\infty} = \sup_{k \geq 1} |a_k|$$

Thus $\ell^\infty = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots) : \exists M \text{ s.t. } |a_k| \leq M, \forall k\}$.

Remark. One can easily write down the Minkowski inequality and Hölder's inequality involving more than two functions:

$$\|f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_n\|_{L^p} \leq \|f_1\|_{L^p} + \dots + \|f_n\|_{L^p}, \quad 1 \leq p \leq \infty$$

$$\|f_1 \cdot f_2 \cdot \dots \cdot f_n\|_{L^r} \leq \|f_1\|_{L^{p_1}} \cdot \dots \cdot \|f_n\|_{L^{p_n}}, \quad 0 < p_i \leq +\infty, \quad \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{p_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{p_n}$$

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Try to prove this

2. L^p -spaces as metric spaces

For $1 \leq p \leq +\infty$, the norm $\|\cdot\|_p$ on $L^p(X)$ induces a metric on $L^p(X)$.

$$d_p(f, g) := \|f - g\|_p$$

One can easily check ① $d_p(f, g) \geq 0$, and " $=$ " $\Leftrightarrow f = g$ (a.e.)

$$② d_p(f, g) = d_p(g, f)$$

$$③ d_p(f, h) \leq d_p(f, g) + d_p(g, h).$$

We say a sequence $f_n \in L^p(X)$ converges in L^p -norm to $f \in L^p(X)$ if $\|f_n - f\|_p \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

We say a sequence $f_n \in L^p(X)$ is a Cauchy sequence in $L^p(X)$ if $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N > 0$ s.t.

$$\|f_i - f_j\|_p < \varepsilon, \quad \forall i, j \geq N.$$

A space is complete if any Cauchy sequence converges.

A normed vector space is called a Banach space if it is complete.

Thm. For any $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, the space $L^p(X)$ is a Banach space - [Riesz-Fischer]

Proof. [The proof is similar to the proof of completeness of $L^1(A)$ in Lecture 12]

Let $\{f_n\}$ be a Cauchy sequence in $L^p(X)$.

If $1 \leq p < \infty$ Step 1. Pick a subsequence f_{n_k} s.t. $\|f_{n_k} - f_{n_{k-1}}\|_{L^p(X)} \leq \frac{1}{2^k}$ by condition.

Step 2. Construct $g \in L^p(X)$ s.t. g dominates f_{n_k}

$$\text{Let } g_k = |f_{n_k}| + \sum_{i=2}^k \|f_{n_i} - f_{n_{i-1}}\| \rightarrow g \text{ by monotone convergence.}$$

$$\text{Note: } \|g_k\|_{L^p} \leq \|f_{n_k}\|_{L^p} + \sum_{i=2}^k \frac{1}{2^i} < \|f_{n_k}\|_{L^p} + 1 \Rightarrow g \in L^p(X).$$

$$|f_{n_k}| = f_{n_k} + (f_{n_k} - f_{n_{k-1}}) + \dots + (f_{n_k} - f_{n_1}) \Rightarrow |f_{n_k}| \leq g, \forall k.$$

Step 3. Let $f = f_{n_1} + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} (f_{n_i} - f_{n_{i-1}})$. Then $|f| \leq g \Rightarrow f \in L^p(X)$.

Since $f_{n_k} = f_{n_1} + \sum_{i=2}^k (f_{n_i} - f_{n_{i-1}}) \rightarrow f$, we apply dominate convergence to the sequence $|f_{n_k} - f|^p \leq 2^p |f|^p$ to get $\|f_{n_k} - f\|_p \rightarrow 0$.

Step 4. Use triangle inequality to prove $\|f_k - f\|_p \rightarrow 0$.

If $p = \infty$ Step 1. Same.

Step 2. Let $f = f_{n_1} + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} (f_{n_i} - f_{n_{i-1}})$. Then by def, $\|f\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|f_{n_1}\|_{L^\infty} + 1 < \infty$.

and $\|f_{n_k} - f\|_{L^\infty} \leq \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} \rightarrow 0$. So $f_{n_k} \rightarrow f$ in $L^\infty(X)$.

Step 3. ~~Thm~~ Triangle inequality. $\square$

Def. We say a metric space X is separable if it contains a countable dense subset.
In other words, there is a countable set $X_0 = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\} \subset X$ s.t. $\overline{X_0} = X$.

[Note: $\overline{X_0} = \{y \in X : \exists x_{n_k} \in X_0 \text{ s.t. } x_{n_k} \rightarrow y \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty\}$]

e.g.: $\mathbb{R}^d$ is separable since $\mathbb{Q}^d \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is a countable dense subset.

• $L^\infty([0,1])$ is NOT separable (exercise)

Thm. Suppose X is a finite measure space (i.e. $X = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} X_k$ and $\mu(X_k) < \infty$ for all k) and X is separable. Then for $1 \leq p < \infty$, $L^p(X)$ is separable.

We first prove a Lemma.

Lemma. For $0 < p < \infty$, the set $S := \{f = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \chi_{A_i} : \mu(A_i) < \infty\}$ is dense in $L^p(X)$.

Proof. Obviously $S \subset L^p(X)$. We need to prove S is dense.

Observation 1: $B := \{f \in L^p : \exists M \text{ s.t. } |f| \leq M\}$ is dense in $L^p(X)$.

Reason: $\forall f \in L^p(X)$, let $f_M = \begin{cases} f(x), & \text{if } |f(x)| \leq M \\ M, & \text{if } |f(x)| > M \end{cases}$

Then $|f_M| \leq f \Rightarrow f_M \in L^p$.

Since $|f_M| \nearrow f$ as $M \nearrow \infty$, the monotone convergence theorem implies that $f_M \rightarrow f$ in L^p .

Observation 2: $BB := \{f \in B : \exists N \text{ s.t. } \mu(\text{supp } f) < N\}$ is dense in $L^p(X)$.

Reason: Suppose $f \in L^p(X)$, and $f_n \in B$ s.t. $f_n \rightarrow f$ in L^p .

Note: $\int_X |f|^p d\mu =: A < \infty \Rightarrow \mu(\{x : |f| > \frac{1}{m}\}) \leq A m^p$.

Let $f_{n,m} = \begin{cases} f_n(x), & |f_n(x)| > \frac{1}{m} \\ 0, & |f_n(x)| \leq \frac{1}{m} \end{cases}$

Then $f_{n,m} \in BB$, and $f_{n,m} \nearrow f_n$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$.

By monotone convergence, $f_{n,m} \rightarrow f_n$ in L^p .

The diagonal trick implies $f_{n,m(n)} \rightarrow f$ in L^p .

Observation 3 For any $f \in BB$, $\exists f_k \in S$ s.t. $f_k \rightarrow f$ in L^p .

Reason: Let $A_i = \{x : \frac{i}{2^k} < f(x) \leq \frac{i+1}{2^k}\}$, $i = -\infty, \dots, +\infty$

Then only finitely many $A_i \neq \emptyset$, and each $\mu(A_i) \leq \mu(\text{supp } f) < \infty$.

Moreover, $f_i := \sum \frac{i}{2^k} \chi_{A_i} \rightarrow f$ in L^p .

Finally apply the ~~diagonal trick~~ Triangle inequality. $\square$

there is a countable family of open sets $U_1, U_2, \dots$ of X s.t. ① $\mu(U_i) < \infty$, $\forall i$. ② Any open set in X is a union of some open sets U_i 's.

This is true for $\mathbb{R}^d$, since we can take U_i to be open balls of the form $B(a_i, r_i)$, $a_i \in \mathbb{Q}^d$, $r_i \in \mathbb{Q}$

Now we prove the theorem that $L^p(X)$ is separable.

Proof: It is enough to prove that there exists a countable set $V_0 \subset L^p(X)$

s.t. any $f \in \mathcal{S}$ can be approximated by functions in V_0 under the L^p -norm.

We take $V_0 = \left\{ \sum_I r_I \chi_{U_I} : r_I \in \mathbb{Q}, I = (i_1, \dots, i_k), |I| < N, U_I = U_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap U_{i_k} \right\}$

Then V_0 is a countable set.

Let $f = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i \chi_{A_i} \in \mathcal{S}$. It is enough to prove $a_i \chi_{A_i}$ can be approximated by elements in V_0 .

----- χ_{A_i} -----
(since one can choose $r_n \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t. $r_n \rightarrow a_i$)

Finally to approximate χ_{A_i} , where $\mu(A_i) < \infty$, we notice that

$\exists$ open set $U \supset A_i$ s.t. $\mu(U) < \mu(A_i) + \varepsilon$.

Also $\exists$ countably many $U_{i_1}, U_{i_2}, \dots$ s.t. $U = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} U_{i_j}$.

By monotone convergence, $\exists K$ s.t. $\mu(U \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^K U_{i_j}) < \varepsilon$.

Now let $\varphi = \chi_{\bigcup_{j=1}^K U_{i_j}}$. Then $\varphi \in V_0$, and $\|\varphi - \chi_U\| < \varepsilon$.

So the proof is complete. $\square$