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Exercise 1:

Give an example of $f_n, f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ such that $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly, but $\|f_n\|_1$ does not converge to $\|f\|_1$.

Solution:

Example 1: We suppose that $f_n(x) = \frac{1}{n}\mathbb{I}_{[1,n]}(x)$ and $f(x) = 0$. Since

$$|f_n(x) - 0| = \left|\frac{1}{n}\mathbb{I}_{[1,n]}(x) - 0\right| \leq \frac{1}{n},$$

we know that $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly. As $\|f(x)\|_1 = 0$ and

$$\|f_n\|_1 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f_n(x)| dx = \int_1^n \frac{1}{n} dx = \frac{n-1}{n} \rightarrow 1$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. So we have $\|f_n\|_1$ does not converge to $\|f\|_1$.

Example 2: We set $f(x) = 0$ and

$$f_n(x) = \left(-\frac{1}{2^{2n}} + \frac{1}{2^n}\right) \cdot \mathbb{I}_{[0,2^{2n}]}(x).$$

Since $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \frac{1}{2^n}$, we know that $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly. And as

$$\|f_n(x)\|_1 = \int_0^{2^{2n}} -\frac{1}{2^{2n}} + \frac{1}{2^n} dx = 2^n - 1 \rightarrow +\infty,$$

we have $\|f_n\|_1$ does not converge to $\|f\|_1$.

Exercise 2:

Show that for all $\epsilon > 0$ and all $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$, $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\|f - f_n\|_1 < \epsilon$ for some f_n with $|f_n| \leq n$ and $f_n = 0$ on $\mathbb{R} \setminus [-n, n]$.

Solution:

We suppose that

$$f_n(x) = f \cdot \mathbb{I}_{\{|f(x)| \leq n\} \cap \{x \in [-n, n]\}}(x),$$

so we know that $f_n = 0$ on $\mathbb{R} \setminus [-n, n]$ and $|f_n| \leq n$. Next we need to show that $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\|f - f_n\|_1 < \epsilon$. We know that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_n - f\|_1 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f_n - f| dx \\ &= \int_{\{|f| \geq n\} \cup \{x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus [-n, n]\}} |f| dx \\ &\leq \int_{\{|f| \geq n\}} |f| dx + \int_{-\infty}^{-n} |f| dx + \int_n^{+\infty} |f| dx. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\int_{\{|f| \geq n\}} |f| dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f| \mathbb{I}_{\{|f| \geq n\}}(x) dx$$

and $|f| \mathbb{I}_{\{|f| \geq n\}}(x)$ goes to 0 pointwise and $|f| \mathbb{I}_{\{|f| \geq n\}}(x) \leq |f| \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$, by the dominate convergence theorem, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f| \mathbb{I}_{\{|f| \geq n\}} dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |f| \mathbb{I}_{\{|f| \geq n\}}(x) dx = 0.$$

Similarly, since

$$\int_n^{+\infty} |f| dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f| \mathbb{I}_{[n, +\infty)}(x) dx,$$

and $|f| \mathbb{I}_{[n, +\infty)}(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ pointwise and $|f| \mathbb{I}_{[n, +\infty)}(x) \leq |f| \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$, by the dominate convergence theorem, we can get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f| \mathbb{I}_{[n, +\infty)}(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |f| \mathbb{I}_{[n, +\infty)}(x) dx = 0.$$

Then we also can get

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

Thus we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\|_1 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_{\{|f| \geq n\}} |f| dx + \int_{-\infty}^{-n} |f| dx + \int_n^{+\infty} |f| dx \right) = 0,$$

hence we know that $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\|f - f_n\|_1 < \epsilon$.

Exercise 3:

Let (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) be a measure space.

(i) If f is in $L^1(X) \cap L^\infty(X)$, show that $|f|^p \in L^1(X)$ for all p in $(1, \infty)$.

(ii) If f is in $L^1(X) \cap L^\infty(X)$, show that

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int |f|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \|f\|_\infty.$$

(iii) Set $A = \{x \in X : |f(x)| > 0\}$. If f is in $L^\infty(X)$, $\mu(A) < \infty$, and $\mu(A) \neq 1$, find

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\int |f|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

(iv) We now assume that the set A defined in (iii) satisfies $\mu(A) = 1$, that f is in $L^\infty(X)$, and $\ln |f|$ is in $L^1(X)$, find

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\int |f|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Solution:

(i) We need to show $|f|^p \in L^1(X)$, so we just need to show that for any $p \in (1, \infty)$, $f \in L^p(X)$. For any $p \in (1, \infty)$, since $f \in L^1(X) \cap L^\infty(X)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|f\|_p &= \left(\int_X |f|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left(\int_X |f| |f|^{p-1} d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq (\|f\|_\infty)^{\frac{p-1}{p}} (\|f\|_1)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty,\end{aligned}$$

thus we know that $f \in L^p(X)$. So, we know that $|f|^p \in L^1(X)$ for all p in $(1, \infty)$.

(ii) We denote $t \in [0, \|f\|_\infty)$, then the set

$$A = \{x \in X : |f(x)| \geq t\}$$

has positive and bounded measure. Since

$$\begin{aligned}\|f\|_p &= \left(\int_{(0,1)} |f|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \geq \left(\int_A |f|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\geq \left(t^p \mu(A) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = t(\mu(A))^{\frac{1}{p}},\end{aligned}$$

if $\mu(A)$ is finite, then when $p \rightarrow +\infty$, we have $(\mu(A))^{\frac{1}{p}} \rightarrow 1$ and if $\mu(A) = \infty$, then $(\mu(A))^{\frac{1}{p}} = \infty$, in both cases we have

$$\liminf_{p \rightarrow +\infty} \|f\|_p \geq t.$$

Since t is arbitrary and $t \in [0, \|f\|_\infty)$, we have

$$\liminf_{p \rightarrow +\infty} \|f\|_p \geq \|f\|_\infty.$$

On the other hand, as $f(x)$ is in $L^1(X)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|f\|_p &= \left(\int_X |f|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left(\int_X |f| |f|^{p-1} d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq (\|f\|_\infty)^{\frac{p-1}{p}} (\|f\|_1)^{\frac{1}{p}}.\end{aligned}$$

Since $\|f\|_1 < +\infty$, then when $p \rightarrow +\infty$, we know that

$$\limsup_{p \rightarrow +\infty} \|f\|_p \leq \|f\|_\infty.$$

Thus we have

$$\limsup_{p \rightarrow +\infty} \|f\|_p \leq \|f\|_\infty \leq \liminf_{p \rightarrow +\infty} \|f\|_p,$$

then we know that $\|f\|_p \rightarrow \|f\|_\infty$ as $p \rightarrow \infty$.

(iii) When $\mu(A) < 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X |f|^p d\mu &= \int_A |f|^p d\mu \\ &\leq \|f\|_\infty^p \mu(A). \end{aligned}$$

Since $f \in L^\infty(X)$ and $\mu(A) < 1$, we know that

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\int |f|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \lim_{p \rightarrow 0^+} \|f\|_\infty (\mu(A))^{\frac{1}{p}} = 0$$

But if we set $f = 1$ and $\mu(X) < \infty$, we know that $f \in L^\infty(X)$, if $\mu(A) > 1$, we have

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\int |f|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \lim_{p \rightarrow 0^+} (\mu(A))^{\frac{1}{p}} = \infty.$$

Thus the limit is not exist.

(iv) Since we have $A = \{x \in X : |f| > 0\}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X |f|^p d\mu &= \int_{\{x \in X : |f| > 0\}} |f|^p d\mu + \int_{\{x \in X : |f| = 0\}} |f|^p d\mu \\ &= \int_A |f|^p d\mu. \end{aligned}$$

And we denote that $F(p) = \log(\int_A |f|^p d\mu)$, then we know that

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\int |f|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \lim_{p \rightarrow 0^+} e^{\frac{F(p)}{p}}.$$

As $F(0) = \log(\mu(A)) = 0$ and e^x is continuous, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{p \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\int |f|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} &= \lim_{p \rightarrow 0^+} \exp \left\{ \frac{F(p) - F(0)}{p - 0} \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ \lim_{p \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F(p) - F(0)}{p - 0} \right\} \\ &= e^{F'(0)}. \end{aligned}$$

As $F(p) = \log(\int_A |f|^p d\mu)$ and $\ln |f|$ is in $L^1(X)$, we have

$$F'(p) = \frac{\int_A |f|^p \cdot \log |f| d\mu}{\int_A |f|^p d\mu},$$

thus we have $F'(0) = \frac{\int_A \log |f| d\mu}{\mu(A)} = \int_A \log |f| d\mu$. Then we know that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{p \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\int f^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} &= e^{F'(0)} \\ &= \exp \left(\int_A \log |f| d\mu \right). \end{aligned}$$