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1. Choose either  $d_1$  or  $d_2$  below and show that it is a metric on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$d_1(x, y) = \max\{|x_i - y_i|\} \quad \text{and} \quad d_2(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i| \quad (\text{taxicab metric}).$$

- i. Since  $d_2$  is a finite sum of positive numbers,  $0 \leq d_2(x, y) < \infty$ .
- ii.  $d_2(x, y) = d_2(y, x)$  since  $|x_i - y_i| = |y_i - x_i|$  for all  $i$ .
- iii.  $d_2(x, x) = 0$  since it is the sum of zeros.
- iv. Since we have  $|x_i - z_i| = |(x_i - y_i) + (y_i - z_i)| \leq |x_i - y_i| + |y_i - z_i|$  (using triangle inequality for each  $x_i, y_i, z_i \in \mathbf{R}$ ), we get

$$d_2(x, z) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - z_i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n (|x_i - y_i| + |y_i - z_i|) = d_2(x, y) + d_2(y, z).$$

Hence,  $d_2$  also satisfies the triangle inequality for  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .  
Thus,  $d_2$  is a metric in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . ■

2. Let  $C[0, 1]$  be the space of continuous functions on  $[0, 1]$ .

Show that  $d(f, g) = \int_0^1 |f(x) - g(x)| dx$  is a metric on  $C[0, 1]$

For all  $f \in C[0, 1]$ ,  $f$  is bounded. Let  $|f(x)| < M$  and  $|g(x)| < N$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$ .

- i. Then  $0 \leq \int_0^1 |f(x) - g(x)| dx \leq \int_0^1 |f(x)| + |g(x)| dx \leq (M + N)(1 - 0) < \infty$ . Hence  $0 \leq d(f, g) < \infty$ .
- ii.  $d(f, g) = d(g, f)$  since  $|f(x) - g(x)| = |g(x) - f(x)|$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ .
- iii.  $d(f, f) = 0$  since it is the integration of zero function.
- iv. For each  $x \in [0, 1]$  and  $f, g, h \in C[0, 1]$ , we have  $|f(x) - h(x)| = |(f(x) - g(x)) + (g(x) - h(x))| \leq |f(x) - g(x)| + |g(x) - h(x)|$  (using triangle inequality for real numbers). Then

$$d(f, h) = \int_0^1 |f(x) - h(x)| dx \leq \int_0^1 (|f(x) - g(x)| + |g(x) - h(x)|) dx = d(f, g) + d(g, h).$$

Hence,  $d$  satisfies the triangle inequality for  $f, g, h \in C[0, 1]$ .  
Thus,  $d$  is a metric on  $C[0, 1]$ . ■

3. Let  $x = \{x_n\}_1^\infty$  be a sequence.

(a) True or False: If  $x \in l^p$  for some  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , then  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Justify your answer.

True. If  $x \in l^p$  for some  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , then  $(\sum_1^\infty |x_i|^p)^{1/p} < \infty$ . Hence  $\sum_i^\infty |x_i|^p$  is a convergent series and  $|x_i|^p \rightarrow 0$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$  which implies that  $x_i \rightarrow 0$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ .

(b) True or False: If  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $x_n \in l^p$ , for some  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Justify your answer.

False. The sequence given by  $x = \{x_i = \frac{1}{\log(i+1)}\}_1^\infty \rightarrow 0$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$  but the sum  $\sum_2^\infty |x_i|^p$  does not converge for any  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . So,  $x \notin l^p$  for any  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

4. Let  $a, b \geq 0$ , and  $p \geq 1$ . Prove that

$$(a + b)^p \leq 2^{p-1}(a^p + b^p)$$

Use the hints from class.

Let  $f(x) = x^p$ ,  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  and  $p \geq 1$ . Since  $f$  is a *convex* function, we have

$$f(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y) \leq \alpha f(x) + (1 - \alpha)f(y) \quad \text{for } \alpha \in [0, 1].$$

Taking  $\alpha = 1/2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{2}\right) &\leq \frac{f(a)}{2} + \frac{f(b)}{2} \\ \text{or, } \frac{1}{2^p} f(a + b) &\leq \frac{1}{2} (f(a) + f(b)) \\ \text{or, } (a + b)^p &\leq 2^{p-1} (a^p + b^p). \end{aligned}$$

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5. For  $p > 1$ , let  $q$  be its conjugate, i.e.  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . Prove the following inequality:

$$u \cdot v \leq \frac{1}{p} u^p + \frac{1}{q} v^q, \quad \forall u, v \geq 0$$

Use the hints from class.

If either  $u$  or  $v$  equals 0, then the inequality follows immediately. Suppose  $u > 0$ ,  $v > 0$  and let  $f(x) = e^x$ . Since  $f$  is a *convex* function,

$$\begin{aligned} u \cdot v &= \exp(\log u + \log v) \\ &= f\left(\frac{1}{p} \log u^p + \frac{1}{q} \log v^q\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{p} f(\log u^p) + \frac{1}{q} f(\log v^q) \\ &= \frac{u^p}{p} + \frac{v^q}{q}. \end{aligned}$$

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6. Prove Holder's Inequality for Sums. Use the hints from class.

**Holder's inequality:** Let  $p, q \geq 1$  be conjugate exponents. Let  $x = \{x_i\}_1^\infty \in l^p$  and  $y = \{y_i\}_1^\infty \in l^q$ . Then

a.  $xy = \{x_i y_i\}_1^\infty \in l^1$  and

b.  $\sum_1^\infty |x_i y_i| \leq (\sum_1^\infty |x_i|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot (\sum_1^\infty |y_i|^q)^{\frac{1}{q}}$ .

Let  $u_i = \frac{x_i}{(\sum_1^\infty |x_i|^p)^{1/p}}$  and  $v_i = \frac{y_i}{(\sum_1^\infty |y_i|^q)^{1/q}}$ . Then by Young's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} u_i \cdot v_i &= \frac{x_i}{(\sum_1^\infty |x_i|^p)^{1/p}} \cdot \frac{y_i}{(\sum_1^\infty |y_i|^q)^{1/q}} \\ &\leq \frac{x_i^p}{p \sum_1^\infty |x_i|^p} + \frac{y_i^q}{q \sum_1^\infty |y_i|^q} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $m = (\sum_1^\infty |x_i|^p)^{1/p}$  and  $n = (\sum_1^\infty |y_i|^q)^{1/q}$ . Then from above we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_1^\infty |x_i y_i| &= mn \sum_1^\infty |u_i v_i| \leq mn \sum_1^\infty \left| \frac{1}{pm^p} x_i^p + \frac{1}{qn^q} y_i^q \right| \leq mn \left( \frac{1}{pm^p} \cdot \sum_1^\infty |x_i^p| + \frac{1}{qn^q} \sum_1^\infty |y_i^q| \right) \\ &= mn \left( \frac{1}{pm^p} \cdot m^p + \frac{1}{qn^q} \cdot n^q \right) = mn \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\sum_1^\infty |x_i y_i| \leq mn = (\sum_1^\infty |x_i|^p)^{1/p} \cdot (\sum_1^\infty |y_i|^q)^{1/q}$  which proves (b). Since  $0 \leq \sum_1^\infty |x_i y_i| < \infty$ , we also have (a) by definition. ■

7. Prove Minkowski's Inequality for Sums. Use the hints from class.

**Minkowski's inequality :** Let  $p \geq 1$  and  $x = \{x_i\}_1^\infty \in l^p$  and  $y = \{y_i\}_1^\infty \in l^p$ . Then

a.  $x + y = \{x_i + y_i\}_1^\infty \in l^p$  and

b.  $(\sum_1^\infty |x_i + y_i|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq (\sum_1^\infty |x_i|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} + (\sum_1^\infty |y_i|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ .

First we show that  $x + y \in l^p$  by showing that

$$\left( \sum_1^\infty |x_i + y_i|^p \right)^{1/p} < \infty$$

We have,

$$\sum_1^\infty |x_i + y_i|^p \leq \sum_i^\infty (|x_i| + |y_i|)^p \leq 2^{p-1} \left( \sum_i^\infty |x_i|^p + \sum_i^\infty |y_i|^p \right) < \infty.$$

Now, since  $x, y \in l^p$ ,  $d_p(x, y) < \infty$ . If  $p = 1$  then the Minkowski inequality follows from the triangle inequality of real numbers. Let  $p > 1$  then

$$\sum_1^\infty |x_i + y_i|^p = \sum_1^\infty |x_i + y_i| |x_i + y_i|^{p-1} \leq \sum_1^\infty (|x_i| |x_i + y_i|^{p-1} + |y_i| |x_i + y_i|^{p-1}) \quad (1)$$

$$= \sum_1^\infty (|x_i| |x_i + y_i|^{p-1}) + \sum_1^\infty (|y_i| |x_i + y_i|^{p-1}) \quad (2)$$

Now let  $q$  be the conjugate exponent of  $p$ , then we have  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 \iff p + q = pq \iff p = p(q - 1)$ . Then, at line 2

$$\left( \sum_1^\infty |x_i + y_i|^{(p-1)q} \right)^{1/q} = \left( \sum_1^\infty |x_i + y_i|^p \right)^{1/q} < \infty$$

which shows that  $\{|x_i + y_i|^{p-1}\}_i^\infty \in l^q$ . Then by Holder's inequality,

$$\sum_1^\infty |x_i| |x_i + y_i|^{p-1} \leq \left( \sum_1^\infty |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \cdot \left( \sum_1^\infty |x_i + y_i|^{(p-1)q} \right)^{1/q} \quad (3)$$

$$= \left( \sum_1^\infty |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \cdot \left( \sum_1^\infty |x_i + y_i|^p \right)^{1/q} \quad (4)$$

Using the results from line 2 and line 4 on line 1,

$$\sum_1^\infty |x_i + y_i|^p \leq \sum_1^\infty (|x_i| |x_i + y_i|^{p-1}) + \sum_1^\infty (|y_i| |x_i + y_i|^{p-1}) \quad (5)$$

$$\text{or, } \sum_1^\infty |x_i + y_i|^p \leq \left( \sum_1^\infty |x_i + y_i|^p \right)^{1/q} \cdot \left( \left( \sum_1^\infty |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p} + \left( \sum_1^\infty |y_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \right) \quad (6)$$

Dividing both sides by  $(\sum_1^\infty |x_i + y_i|^p)^{1/q}$ , we get the Minkowski's inequality (since  $1 - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p}$ ). ■

8. For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , let  $l^p = \{x = \{x_i\}_1^\infty \mid \sum_1^\infty |x_i|^p < \infty\}$ . For any  $x, y \in l^p$ , define

$$d_p(x, y) = \left( \sum_1^\infty |x_i - y_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

Prove that  $(l^p, d_p)$  is a metric space.

- i. Since  $d_p(x, y)$  is the  $p$ th root of a sum of positive numbers,  $d_p \geq 0$ . Also from Minkowski inequality (a.), we have  $d_p < \infty$ .
- ii.  $d_p(x, y) = d_p(y, x)$  since  $|x_i - y_i| = |y_i - x_i|$  for all  $i$ .
- iii.  $d_p(x, x) = 0$  since  $|x_i - x_i| = 0$  for all  $i$ .
- iv. The triangle inequality for  $d_p$  follows from the Minkowski inequality (b.)

$$\left( \sum_1^\infty |x_i - z_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \left( \sum_1^\infty |x_i - y_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \left( \sum_1^\infty |y_i - z_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$\text{or, } d_p(x, z) \leq d_p(x, y) + d_p(y, z)$$

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9. Prove Jensen's Inequality for Sums. Use the hints from class.

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i|^{p_2} \right)^{1/p_2} \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i|^{p_1} \right)^{1/p_1} \quad \forall 1 \leq p_1 < p_2 < \infty$$

Let  $|y_i| = |x_i|^{p_1}$ . Then we need to show that  $(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |y_i|^{p_2/p_1})^{p_1/p_2} \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |y_i|$ . First we show that this is true for a finite sequence  $\{x_i\}_1^n$  using induction on  $n$ . Then we take the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  to prove Jensen's inequality.

When  $n = 1$ ,  $(|y_1|^{p_2/p_1})^{p_1/p_2} = y_1$ . (True)

Let  $H(k) : \left( \sum_{i=1}^k |y_i|^{p_2/p_1} \right)^{p_1/p_2} \leq \sum_{i=1}^k |y_i|$  be true for some integer  $k > 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} |y_i|^{p_2/p_1} \right)^{p_1/p_2} &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^k |y_i|^{p_2/p_1} + |y_{k+1}|^{p_2/p_1} \right)^{p_1/p_2} \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^k |y_i|^{p_2/p_1} \right)^{p_1/p_2} + (|y_{k+1}|^{p_2/p_1})^{p_1/p_2} \quad [\text{by Minkowski inequality}] \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^k |y_i| + |y_{k+1}| \quad [\text{by induction hypothesis}] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} |y_i| \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $H(k) \implies H(k+1)$  which proves that  $H(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get the required Jensen's inequality. ■

10. Show that  $l^1 \subset l^2$  without using Jensen's inequality. Then show that inclusion is strict, i.e., find an element in  $l^2$  that is not in  $l^1$ .

Let  $x \in l^1$  then  $0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i| < \infty$  which implies that the sequence  $x$  converges to 0. Let  $N \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $x_i < 1$  for all  $i > N$ . Then for  $i > N$ , we have  $|x_i|^2 < |x_i|$ . Hence,

$$0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i|^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^N |x_i|^2 + \sum_{i=N+1}^{\infty} |x_i|^2 < \sum_{i=1}^N |x_i|^2 + \sum_{i=N+1}^{\infty} |x_i| < \infty.$$

So,  $l^1 \subset l^2$ .

The harmonic series given by the sequence  $x = \{x_i = \frac{1}{i}\}_1^{\infty}$  does not converge. However

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} < \infty.$$

Here we see that  $x \notin l^1$  but  $x \in l^2$ . Hence, the inclusion is strict. ■