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3) Prove the generalized Hölder's inequality: if p_1, \dots, p_n are such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{p_j} = 1$$

and $f_j \in L^{p_j}(\Omega)$, then

$$\int_{\Omega} |f_1(x) \cdots f_n(x)| dx \leq \|f_1\|_{L^{p_1}} \cdots \|f_n\|_{L^{p_n}}$$

We'll first make a lemma:

lemma (Generalized Young's inequality): Let $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$. Then:

$$a_1 \cdots a_n \leq \frac{a_1^{p_1}}{p_1} + \dots + \frac{a_n^{p_n}}{p_n}$$

Proof: Since $x \mapsto \ln(x)$ is concave,

$$\ln\left(\frac{a_1^{p_1}}{p_1} + \dots + \frac{a_n^{p_n}}{p_n}\right) \geq \frac{1}{p_1} \ln(a_1^{p_1}) + \dots +$$

* $x \mapsto e^x$ is convex \Rightarrow

$$e^{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_i} \ln(a_i)^{p_i}} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_i} e^{\ln(a_i)^{p_i}}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 \cdots a_n &= e^{\ln(a_1 \cdots a_n)} = e^{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_i} \ln(a_i)^{p_i}} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_i} e^{\ln(a_i)^{p_i}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i^{p_i}}{p_i} \end{aligned}$$

which is what we wanted to show.

WLOG, assume that $\|f_i\| = 1 \ \forall i = 1, \dots, n$. Since we can normalize any $f \in L^{p_i}(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}$ (Hölder's is trivial when $f=0$), we can make such an assumption. This means that we have to show that

$$\int_{\Omega} |f_1 \cdots f_n| dx \leq 1$$

By the lemma

$$|f_1 \cdots f_n| \leq \frac{|f_1|^{p_1}}{p_1} + \cdots + \frac{|f_n|^{p_n}}{p_n} \quad \text{a.e. on } \Omega.$$

By the monotonicity and linearity of integration, we have.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |f_1 \cdots f_n| dx &\leq \int_{\Omega} \left[\frac{|f_1|^{p_1}}{p_1} + \cdots + \frac{|f_n|^{p_n}}{p_n} \right] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{p_1} \int_{\Omega} |f_1|^{p_1} dx + \cdots + \frac{1}{p_n} \int_{\Omega} |f_n|^{p_n} dx \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_i} \quad (\text{since } \|f_i\| = 1 \ \forall i=1, \dots, n) \\ &= 1 \quad (\text{by assumption}) \end{aligned}$$