# MA 544: Homework 12

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#### PROBLEM 12.1 (WHEEDEN & ZYGMUND §8, Ex. 2)

Prove the converse of Hölder's inequality for p=1 and  $\infty$ . Show also that for  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , a real-valued measurable f belongs to  $L^p(E)$  if  $fg \in L^1(E)$  for every  $g \in L^{p'}(E)$ , 1/p + 1/p' = 1. The negation is also of interest: if  $f \in L^p(E)$  then there exists  $g \in L^{p'}(E)$  such that  $fg \notin L^1(E)$ . (To verify the negation, construct g of the form  $\sum a_k g_k$  satisfying  $\int_E fg_k \to \infty$ .)

*Proof.* Let f be a measurable function such that  $|f| \leq M$  for some positive real number M. We will show that, for p = 1 and  $p = \infty$ , if  $||fg||_1 \leq M||g||_{p'}$ , there exists

## PROBLEM 12.2 (WHEEDEN & ZYGMUND §8, Ex. 3)

Prove Theorems 8.12 and 8.13. Show that Minkowski's inequality for series fails when p < 1.

### PROBLEM 12.3 (WHEEDEN & ZYGMUND §8, Ex. 4)

Let f and g be real-valued and not identically 0 (i.e., neither function equals 0 a.e.), and let  $1 . Prove that equality holds in the inequality <math>|\int fg| \le ||f||_p ||g||_{p'}$  if and only if fg has constant sign a.e. and  $|f|^p$  is a multiple of  $|g|^{p'}$  a.e. If  $||f+g||_p = ||f||_p + ||g||_p$  and  $g \neq 0$  in Minkowski's inequality, show that f is a multiple of g.

Find analogues of these results for the spaces  $\ell^p$ .

#### PROBLEM 12.4 (WHEEDEN & ZYGMUND §8, Ex. 5)

For  $0 and <math>0 < |E| < \infty$ , define

$$N_p[f] := \left(\frac{1}{E} \int_E |f|^p\right)^{1/p},$$

where  $N_{\infty}[f]$  means  $||f||_{\infty}$ . Prove that if  $p_1 < p_2$ , then  $N_{p_1}[f] \le N_{p_2}[f]$ . Prove also that if  $1 \le p \le \infty$ , then  $N_p[f+g] \le N_p[f] + N_p[g]$ ,  $(1/|E|) \int_E |fg| \le N_p[f] N_{p'}[g]$ , 1/p + 1/p' = 1, and  $\lim_{p\to\infty} N_p[f] = ||f||_{\infty}$ . Thus,  $N_p$  behaves like  $||||_p$  but has the advantage of being monotone in p. Recall Exercise 28 of Chapter 5.

### PROBLEM 12.5 (WHEEDEN & ZYGMUND §8, Ex. 6)

(a) Let  $1 \le p_i, r \le \infty$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^k 1/p_i = 1/r$ . Prove the following generalization of Hölder's inequality:

$$||f_1 \cdots f_k||_r \le ||f_1||_{p_1} \cdots ||f_k||_{p_k}.$$

(b) Let  $1 \le p < r < q \le \infty$  and define  $\theta \in (0,1)$  by  $1/r = \theta/p + (1-\theta)/q$ . Prove the interpolation estimate

$$||f||_r \le ||f||_p^{\theta} ||f||_q^{1-\theta}.$$

In particular, if  $A := \max\{\|f\|_p, \|f\|_q\}$ , then  $\|f\|_r \le A$ .

## PROBLEM 12.6 (WHEEDEN & ZYGMUND §8, Ex. 9)

If f is real-valued and measurable on E, |E| > 0, define its essential infimum on E by

$$f \coloneqq \sup\{\,\alpha: |\{\,x\in E: f(x)<\alpha\,\}|=0\,\}.$$

If  $f \ge 0$ , show that  $_E f = (1/f)^{-1}$ .

### PROBLEM 12.7 (WHEEDEN & ZYGMUND §8, Ex. 11)

If  $f_k \to f$  in  $L^p$ ,  $1 \le p < \infty$ ,  $g_k \to g$  pointwise, and  $\|g_k\|_{\infty} < M$  for all k, prove that  $f_k g_k \to f g$  in  $L^p$ .