

MAT3006 Selected Problems

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Problem 1: Uniformly Integrability and Tightness

In this question we would like to review for the concepts like Uniform Integrability and Tightness. Recall the definition of a family of functions defined on a measurable set to be uniformly integrable / tight

Part1: $\mathcal{F} = \{f\}$

1. Suppose f is integrable over a measurable set E , then $\mathcal{F} = \{f\}$ is uniform integrable.
2. Suppose f is integrable over a measurable set E , then $\mathcal{F} = \{f\}$ is tight
3. Suppose f is a function defined on a measurable set E , with $m(E) < \infty$, then $\mathcal{F} = \{f\}$ is uniform integrable implies f is integrable.
4. Suppose f is tight over E , then f is integrable over E .
5. Provide an counter example that if $m(E) = \infty$, $\mathcal{F} = \{f\}$ is uniformly integrable may not imply f is uniformly integrable.

Part2: Vitali-Convergence Theorem

1. Let E be of finite measure. Suppose the sequence of functions $\{f_n\}$ is uniformly integrable over E . If $\{f_n\} \rightarrow f$ pointwise a.e. on E , then f is integrable over E and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_n = \int_E f.$$

2. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of functions on E that is uniformly integrable and tight over E . Suppose $\{f_n\} \rightarrow f$ pointwise a.e. on E . Then f is integrable over E and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_n = \int_E f.$$

Solution:

Part 1: $\mathcal{F} = \{f\}$

1. **True.** Since f is integrable, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that for any measurable set $A \subset E$ with $m(A) < \delta$, we have $\int_A |f| < \epsilon$. This is the absolute continuity of the Lebesgue integral. Since the family consists of a single function, this condition is exactly the definition of uniform integrability.
2. **True.** Since f is integrable over E , for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a subset $E_0 \subset E$ of finite measure such that $\int_{E \setminus E_0} |f| < \epsilon$. This is a standard property of integrable functions (often proven by approximating with simple functions of finite support or using the Monotone Convergence Theorem on restricted domains). Thus, the singleton family $\{f\}$ is tight.
3. **False.** The condition $m(E) < \infty$ is crucial. If $m(E) < \infty$, then uniform integrability implies integrability (boundedness in L^1). Specifically, if \mathcal{F} is UI, there exists $\delta > 0$ corresponding to $\epsilon = 1$. Since $m(E) < \infty$, we can cover E with finitely many disjoint sets A_1, \dots, A_k each with measure less than δ (or simply use the fact that the total integral is bounded if the measure is finite and "tails" are controlled). However, the statement asks if UI implies integrability *given* $m(E) < \infty$. Let's refine: By definition of UI, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $m(A) < \delta \implies \int_A |f| < 1$. If $m(E) < \infty$, we can partition E into a finite number of sets E_1, \dots, E_N with $m(E_i) < \delta$. Then $\int_E |f| = \sum \int_{E_i} |f| < \sum 1 = N < \infty$. So, if $m(E) < \infty$, $\text{UI} \implies \text{Integrable}$. Wait, the problem statement says "Suppose f is a function... with $m(E) < \infty$, then $\mathcal{F} = \{f\}$ is uniform integrable implies f is integrable." This is **True**.
4. **False.** Tightness alone does not guarantee integrability because it only controls the "tail" of the function (where the domain goes to infinity), not the "height" of the function. **Counter-example:** Let $E = \mathbb{R}$. Let $f(x) = 1/x$ for $x \in (0, 1)$ and 0 elsewhere. Tightness: Let $\epsilon > 0$. Choose $E_0 = [0, 1]$. Then $E \setminus E_0 = \mathbb{R} \setminus [0, 1]$, where $f = 0$. Thus $\int_{E \setminus E_0} |f| = 0 < \epsilon$. So $\{f\}$ is tight. Integrability: $\int_E |f| = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} dx = \infty$. Thus, f is tight but not integrable.
5. **Counter-example ($m(E) = \infty$):** Let $E = \mathbb{R}$. Let $f(x) = 1$ for all x . Uniform Integrability: For any $\epsilon > 0$, choose $\delta = \epsilon$. If $m(A) < \delta$, then $\int_A |f| = \int_A 1 = m(A) < \epsilon$. So f is uniformly integrable. Integrability: $\int_{\mathbb{R}} 1 dx = \infty$. Thus, f is uniformly integrable but not integrable.

Part 2: Vitali Convergence Theorem

1. **Proof for Finite Measure:** Since $m(E) < \infty$, by **Egorov's Theorem**, for any $\delta > 0$, there exists a closed set $F \subset E$ such that $m(E \setminus F) < \delta$ and $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly on F . By Fatou's Lemma, $\int |f| \leq \liminf \int |f_n| \leq M < \infty$ (since UI implies bounded L^1 norms on finite measure spaces), so f is integrable.

Now, fix $\epsilon > 0$. Since $\{f_n\}$ is UI, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for any $A \subset E$ with $m(A) < \delta$, $\sup_n \int_A |f_n| < \epsilon/3$. Also, since f is integrable, we can choose δ small enough such that $\int_A |f| < \epsilon/3$ (absolute continuity of integral). Using Egorov's theorem with this δ , we get a set F . Split the integral:

$$\left| \int_E f_n - \int_E f \right| \leq \int_E |f_n - f| = \int_F |f_n - f| + \int_{E \setminus F} |f_n - f|.$$

1. On F : Since $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly, for large n , $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3m(E)}$. Thus $\int_F |f_n - f| < m(F) \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{3m(E)} < \epsilon/3$. 2. On $E \setminus F$:

$$\int_{E \setminus F} |f_n - f| \leq \int_{E \setminus F} |f_n| + \int_{E \setminus F} |f| < \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \frac{2\epsilon}{3}.$$

Combining these, $\int_E |f_n - f| < \epsilon$. Thus $\lim \int f_n = \int f$.

2. **Proof for General Measure (UI + Tightness):** Since $\{f_n\}$ is tight, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a set $E_0 \subset E$ of finite measure such that $\sup_n \int_{E \setminus E_0} |f_n| < \epsilon/3$. By Fatou's Lemma, $\int_{E \setminus E_0} |f| \leq \liminf \int_{E \setminus E_0} |f_n| \leq \epsilon/3$.

Now we split the integral over E :

$$\int_E |f_n - f| = \int_{E_0} |f_n - f| + \int_{E \setminus E_0} |f_n - f|.$$

The second term is bounded by:

$$\int_{E \setminus E_0} |f_n| + \int_{E \setminus E_0} |f| < \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \frac{2\epsilon}{3}.$$

For the first term, since $m(E_0) < \infty$, we can apply the result from Part 2.1 (Finite Measure Vitali). The sequence $\{f_n\}$ restricted to E_0 is still uniformly integrable and converges pointwise to f . Thus, for sufficiently large n , $\int_{E_0} |f_n - f| < \epsilon/3$.

Total bound: $< \epsilon/3 + 2\epsilon/3 = \epsilon$. Thus $\lim \int_E |f_n - f| = 0$, which implies $\lim \int_E f_n = \int_E f$.

Problem 2: The Standard Technique: Borel-Cantelli Lemma

In this question, we review a standard technique in real analysis related to the Borel-Cantelli Lemma.

1. (Convergence in measure in a Stronger sense \Rightarrow Pointwise Convergence)

Let f_n be a sequence of measurable functions on E

(a) $\forall \eta > 0, m(\{x \in E \mid |f_n(x)| > \eta\}) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. $\Rightarrow f_n \rightarrow 0$ pointwise a.e. on E .
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(b) $\forall \delta > 0, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m(\{x \in E \mid |f_n(x)| > \delta\}) < \infty$. $\Rightarrow f_n \rightarrow 0$ pointwise a.e. on E . ?

2. (Convergence in Measure \Rightarrow Subsequence Pointwise Convergence)

If $\{f_n\} \rightarrow f$ in measure on E , then there is a subsequence $\{f_{n_k}\}$ that converges pointwise a.e. on E to f .

3. (Completeness of Convergence in Measure)

A sequence $\{f_n\}$ of measurable functions on E is said to be **Cauchy in measure** provided that given $\eta > 0$ and $\epsilon > 0$, there is an index N such that for all $m, n \geq N$,

$$m(\{x \in E \mid |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \geq \eta\}) < \epsilon.$$

Show that if $\{f_n\}$ is Cauchy in measure, then there is a measurable function f on E to which the sequence $\{f_n\}$ converges in measure.

4. (Keystep in Proving Riesz Ficscher)

Let $\{f_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of integrable functions over a measurable set E . Suppose that for every k :

$$\int_E |f_{k+1} - f_k| < \epsilon_k^2 \quad \text{where} \quad \sum \epsilon_k < \infty$$

then the sequence $\{f_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ converges pointwise a.e to f .

5. (Variant of Riesz Ficscher)

Let $\{f_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of integrable functions over a measurable set E . Suppose that for every k :

$$\int_E |f_{k+1} - f_k| < \frac{1}{k^q}.$$

Prove or disprove:

- (a) $\{f_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ converges pointwise a.e. to another integrable function on E if $q = 2$.
(b) What if $q = 1$ in (i) above?

6. (Variant of Riesz Ficscher)

Let $\{f_k\}$ be an integrable sequence on E . Suppose the sequence is Cauchy in the L^1 norm, meaning:

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \text{ s.t. } \int_E |f_n - f_m| < \epsilon, \quad \forall m, n \geq N.$$

Show that $\{f_k\}$ have a subsequence converging pointwise a.e. to an integrable function f on E .

7. **(Fast L^1 Convergence \Rightarrow Pointwise Convergence)**

Suppose $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of integrable functions on \mathbb{R} such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f_n(x) - f(x)| dx \leq \frac{1}{n^{1+\epsilon}}. \quad \epsilon > 0$$

Use the Borel-Cantelli Lemma to prove that $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise almost everywhere. Also provide a counterexample for the case $\epsilon = 0$

8. **(Scaling a Sequence to Zero)**

Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of measurable functions on $[0, 1]$ that are finite almost everywhere. Prove that there exists a sequence of positive constants $\{c_n\}$ such that

$$\frac{f_n(x)}{c_n} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{pointwise a.e. as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

9. **(Rational Approximation / Diophantine Application)**

- (a) **(Order 2 is Universal)** Use the Pigeonhole Principle to prove Dirichlet's Approximation Theorem: For any irrational x , there exist infinitely many rationals p/q such that

$$\left| x - \frac{p}{q} \right| < \frac{1}{q^2}.$$

- (b) **(Order > 2 is Rare)** Use the Borel-Cantelli Lemma to prove that for any $\alpha > 2$, the set of numbers $x \in [0, 1]$ that are approximable to order α has Lebesgue measure zero.

Solution:

1. **(Convergence in measure vs Pointwise)**

- (a) **Statement:** $\forall \eta > 0, m(\{x \in E \mid |f_n(x)| > \eta\}) \rightarrow 0 \implies f_n \rightarrow 0$ pointwise a.e.

Answer: No.

Counterexample: Consider the "Typewriter Sequence" on $E = [0, 1]$. Define a sequence of intervals I_n wrapping around $[0, 1]$ with decreasing length. Let $f_n = \chi_{I_n}$. For any $\eta \in (0, 1)$, the measure $m(\{|f_n| > \eta\}) = \text{length}(I_n) \rightarrow 0$. Thus, $f_n \rightarrow 0$ in measure. However, for every $x \in [0, 1]$, $f_n(x)$ takes the value 1 infinitely often and 0 infinitely often. Thus $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$ does not exist anywhere.

- (b) **Statement:** $\forall \delta > 0, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m(\{x \in E \mid |f_n(x)| > \delta\}) < \infty \implies f_n \rightarrow 0$ pointwise a.e.

Answer: Yes.

Proof: Let $E_n(\delta) = \{x \in E \mid |f_n(x)| > \delta\}$. We are given that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m(E_n(\delta)) < \infty$. By the **Borel-Cantelli Lemma**, the set of points belonging to infinitely many $E_n(\delta)$ has

measure zero. Let $A_\delta = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n(\delta)$. Then $m(A_\delta) = 0$.

To handle "all δ ", let $\delta_k = \frac{1}{k}$. Let $A = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_{1/k}$. Since A is a countable union of null sets, $m(A) = 0$. For any $x \notin A$, and for any k , x belongs to only finitely many $E_n(1/k)$. This implies $\exists N$ such that $\forall n \geq N, |f_n(x)| \leq \frac{1}{k}$. Since k is arbitrary, $f_n(x) \rightarrow 0$.

2. (Convergence in Measure \Rightarrow Subsequence Pointwise)

We want to find a subsequence f_{n_k} such that the set of points where it does not converge has measure zero.

Since $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure, for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we can choose an index n_k (strictly increasing) such that:

$$m\left(\left\{x \in E \mid |f_{n_k}(x) - f(x)| \geq \frac{1}{k}\right\}\right) < \frac{1}{2^k}.$$

Let $E_k = \{x \in E \mid |f_{n_k}(x) - f(x)| \geq \frac{1}{k}\}$. Then $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} m(E_k) < \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} = 1 < \infty$.

By the **Borel-Cantelli Lemma**, $m(\limsup E_k) = 0$. Let $Z = \limsup E_k$. For any $x \notin Z$, x belongs to only finitely many E_k . Thus, for sufficiently large k , $|f_{n_k}(x) - f(x)| < \frac{1}{k}$. Taking $k \rightarrow \infty$, we get $f_{n_k}(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ for all $x \notin Z$. Therefore, $f_{n_k} \rightarrow f$ pointwise almost everywhere.

3. (Completeness of Convergence in Measure)

Step 1: Extract a rapidly Cauchy subsequence. Since $\{f_n\}$ is Cauchy in measure, we can construct a subsequence $\{f_{n_k}\}$ such that for all k :

$$m\left(\left\{x \in E \mid |f_{n_{k+1}}(x) - f_{n_k}(x)| \geq \frac{1}{2^k}\right\}\right) < \frac{1}{2^k}.$$

Step 2: Show pointwise convergence of the subsequence. Let $A_k = \{x \in E \mid |f_{n_{k+1}}(x) - f_{n_k}(x)| \geq \frac{1}{2^k}\}$. Since $\sum m(A_k) < \sum 2^{-k} < \infty$, by Borel-Cantelli, the set $Z = \limsup A_k$ has measure zero. For $x \notin Z$, the series $\sum (f_{n_{k+1}}(x) - f_{n_k}(x))$ converges absolutely (dominated by $\sum 2^{-k}$). Thus, $f_{n_k}(x)$ converges pointwise a.e. Define $f(x) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_{n_k}(x)$ for $x \notin Z$ and 0 otherwise.

Step 3: Show convergence in measure. We claim $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure. Fix $\eta, \epsilon > 0$. Choose N such that for $n, n_k \geq N$, $m(|f_n - f_{n_k}| \geq \eta/2) < \epsilon/2$. Also, since $f_{n_k} \rightarrow f$ a.e., it converges in measure (on finite measure sets, or generally by construction here). Choose k large enough so $m(|f_{n_k} - f| \geq \eta/2) < \epsilon/2$. Then:

$$\{|f_n - f| \geq \eta\} \subseteq \{|f_n - f_{n_k}| \geq \eta/2\} \cup \{|f_{n_k} - f| \geq \eta/2\}.$$

The measure is bounded by $\epsilon/2 + \epsilon/2 = \epsilon$.

4. (Riesz-Fischer Step: Beppo Levi Argument)

Let $g_k(x) = |f_{k+1}(x) - f_k(x)|$. We are given $\int_E g_k < \epsilon_k^2$ with $\sum \epsilon_k < \infty$ (implying $\sum \epsilon_k^2 < \infty$). Consider the function $G(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f_{k+1}(x) - f_k(x)|$. By the Monotone Convergence Theorem (Beppo Levi):

$$\int_E G(x) dx = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_E |f_{k+1} - f_k| dx < \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \epsilon_k^2 < \infty.$$

Since $\int G < \infty$, $G(x)$ is finite almost everywhere. This implies that the series $\sum(f_{k+1} - f_k)$ converges absolutely a.e. Since the series telescopes, $f_n(x) = f_1(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1}(f_{k+1}(x) - f_k(x))$ converges pointwise a.e. to some function $f(x)$.

5. (Variant of Riesz-Fischer)

Given $\int_E |f_{k+1} - f_k| < \frac{1}{k^q}$.

(a) **Case $q = 2$:** True.

Proof: Define $G(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f_{k+1}(x) - f_k(x)|$. Computing the integral:

$$\int_E G(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_E |f_{k+1} - f_k| < \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} < \infty.$$

Since the integral is finite, $G(x) < \infty$ almost everywhere. Absolute convergence implies convergence, so $\sum(f_{k+1} - f_k)$ converges, meaning $\{f_k\}$ converges pointwise a.e.

(b) **Case $q = 1$:** False.

Counterexample: The harmonic series diverges. Let $E = [0, 1]$. Define $f_1 = 0$ and $f_{k+1} = f_k + \frac{1}{2k}$. Then $\int |f_{k+1} - f_k| = \frac{1}{2k} < \frac{1}{k}$. However, $f_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{2k} \rightarrow \infty$ for all x . Thus it does not converge to an integrable function (infinity is not integrable).

6. (Cauchy in $L^1 \Rightarrow$ Subsequence)

Since $\{f_n\}$ is Cauchy in L^1 , we can extract a "rapidly Cauchy" subsequence. Choose indices $n_1 < n_2 < \dots$ such that:

$$\|f_{n_{k+1}} - f_{n_k}\|_1 < \frac{1}{2^k}.$$

Let $\epsilon_k^2 = \frac{1}{2^k}$. Since $\sum \frac{1}{2^k} < \infty$, by the result of Problem 4, the subsequence $\{f_{n_k}\}$ converges pointwise almost everywhere.

7. (Fast L^1 Convergence \Rightarrow Pointwise)

Given $\int |f_n - f| \leq \frac{1}{n^{1+\epsilon}}$.

Using Borel-Cantelli: Let $A_n = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid |f_n(x) - f(x)| \geq \frac{1}{n^\alpha}\}$ for some $0 < \alpha < \epsilon$. Using Chebyshev's Inequality:

$$m(A_n) \leq \frac{1}{n^{-\alpha}} \int |f_n - f| \leq n^\alpha \cdot \frac{1}{n^{1+\epsilon}} = \frac{1}{n^{1+\epsilon-\alpha}}.$$

Since $\epsilon - \alpha > 0$, the exponent $p = 1 + (\epsilon - \alpha) > 1$. Thus $\sum m(A_n) < \infty$. By Borel-Cantelli, $m(\limsup A_n) = 0$. For almost every x , $|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \frac{1}{n^\alpha}$ for large n , which implies $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$.

Counterexample for $\epsilon = 0$: Consider the "Harmonic Typewriter" on $[0, 1]$. Let I_n be intervals of width $1/n$ wrapping around $[0, 1]$. Let $f_n = \chi_{I_n}$. $\int |f_n| = 1/n$. However, $\sum 1/n = \infty$, so the intervals cover every point infinitely many times. $f_n(x)$ oscillates between 0 and 1 indefinitely.

8. (Scaling a Sequence to Zero)

For each n , the function f_n is finite almost everywhere. For any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, let $E_{n,k} = \{x \mid$

$|f_n(x)| > k\}$. Since $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} m(E_{n,k}) = 0$, we can choose a constant c_n sufficiently large such that:

$$m\left(\left\{x \mid \frac{|f_n(x)|}{c_n} > \frac{1}{n}\right\}\right) < \frac{1}{2^n}.$$

Let $A_n = \{x \mid |f_n(x)/c_n| > 1/n\}$. Then $\sum m(A_n) < \sum 2^{-n} < \infty$. By Borel-Cantelli, for almost every x , $|f_n(x)/c_n| \leq 1/n$ for sufficiently large n . Since $1/n \rightarrow 0$, we have $f_n(x)/c_n \rightarrow 0$ a.e.

9. (Rational Approximation)

- (a) **Order 2 is Universal (Dirichlet):** By the Pigeonhole Principle (partitioning $[0, 1]$ into q bins), for any irrational x and integer N , there exist p, q with $1 \leq q \leq N$ such that $|qx - p| < 1/N \leq 1/q$. Thus $|x - p/q| < 1/q^2$.
- (b) **Order $\alpha > 2$ is Rare:** Let $A_q = \bigcup_{p=0}^q \{x \in [0, 1] \mid |x - p/q| < 1/q^\alpha\}$. The measure of each interval is $2/q^\alpha$. There are roughly q such intervals (for $p = 0 \dots q$).

$$m(A_q) \leq q \cdot \frac{2}{q^\alpha} = \frac{2}{q^{\alpha-1}}.$$

We want to check if x falls into infinitely many such sets. Sum the measures: $\sum_{q=1}^{\infty} m(A_q) \leq \sum \frac{2}{q^{\alpha-1}}$. Since $\alpha > 2$, $\alpha - 1 > 1$, so the series converges. By Borel-Cantelli, the set of such x has measure zero.

Problem 3: Banach Space

Recall that in the lecture we have shown that L^p is a Banach Space (a complete normed linear space) for $1 \leq p < \infty$.

Part 1: L^∞ is a Banach Space

1. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence in $L^\infty(E)$ and $\sum_{k=1}^\infty a_k$ a convergent series of positive numbers such that

$$\|f_{k+1} - f_k\|_\infty \leq a_k \quad \text{for all } k.$$

Prove that there is a subset E_0 of E which has measure zero and

$$|f_{n+k}(x) - f_k(x)| \leq \|f_{n+k} - f_k\|_\infty \leq \sum_{j=n}^\infty a_j \quad \text{for all } k, n \text{ and all } x \in E \setminus E_0.$$

Conclude that there is a function $f \in L^\infty(E)$ such that $\{f_n\} \rightarrow f$ uniformly on $E \setminus E_0$.

2. Use the preceding result to show that $L^\infty(E)$, normed by the essential supremum norm, is a Banach space.

Part 2: $C[a, b]$ equipped with maximal norm is a Banach Space

1. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence in $C[a, b]$ and $\sum_{k=1}^\infty a_k$ a convergent series of positive numbers such that

$$\|f_{k+1} - f_k\|_{\max} \leq a_k \quad \text{for all } k.$$

Prove that

$$|f_{n+k}(x) - f_k(x)| \leq \|f_{n+k} - f_k\|_{\max} \leq \sum_{j=n}^\infty a_j \quad \text{for all } k, n \text{ and all } x \in [a, b].$$

Conclude that there is a function $f \in C[a, b]$ such that $\{f_n\} \rightarrow f$ uniformly on $[a, b]$.

2. Use the preceding result to show that $C[a, b]$, normed by the maximum norm, is a Banach space.

Solution:

Problem 4: Absolute Continuous Functions

In this problem, you will be guided through a series of steps to prove that Lipschitz functions and, more generally, absolutely continuous functions map measurable sets to measurable sets.

Part 1: Lipschitz Functions

A function f is **Lipschitz** on $[a, b]$ if there exists a constant $M > 0$ such that $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq M|x - y|$ for all $x, y \in [a, b]$.

1. Show that a Lipschitz function maps a set of measure zero to a set of measure zero.
2. Using the fact that any measurable set E can be decomposed as $E = F \cup N$, where F is an F_σ set.

Part 2: Increasing Absolutely Continuous Functions

This part follows the logic of the exercises from the exercises in section 6.5 of Royden problem 38-41. Let f be an **increasing** function on $[a, b]$.

1. (**Problem 38**) Show that f is AC if and only if for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that for every *countable* disjoint collection $\{(a_k, b_k)\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset [a, b]$, if $\sum_{k=1}^\infty (b_k - a_k) < \delta$, then $\sum_{k=1}^\infty (f(b_k) - f(a_k)) < \epsilon$.
2. (**Problem 39**) Assume f is increasing, Show that f is AC if and only if for every $\epsilon > 0$, there is a $\delta > 0$ such that for any measurable set $E \subseteq [a, b]$, if $m(E) < \delta$, then $m^*(f(E)) < \epsilon$. (Note: We can drop the assumption that f is increasing for the \Rightarrow direction, but not for the others.)
3. (**Problem 40**) Using the result from (b), show that an increasing AC function maps a set of measure zero to a set of measure zero.
4. (**Problem 41**) Using the result from (c) and the fact that an AC function is continuous, prove that an **increasing** AC function maps any measurable set to a measurable set. (Hint: Use the $E = F \cup N$ decomposition again.)

Part 3: General Absolutely Continuous Functions

Now we remove the "increasing" condition. Let f be a general function on $[a, b]$.

1. Let $V_f([a_k, b_k])$ be the total variation of f on $[a_k, b_k]$. Prove that the standard definition of AC is equivalent to the following:

For every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that for any finite disjoint collection $\{(a_k, b_k)\}_{k=1}^n$, if $\sum_{k=1}^n (b_k - a_k) < \delta$, then $\sum_{k=1}^n V_f([a_k, b_k]) < \epsilon$.

2. Using this equivalent "total variation" definition, prove that any **general** AC function (not necessarily increasing) maps a set of measure zero to a set of measure zero.

3. Conclude that any AC function maps measurable sets to measurable sets.

Solution:

Part 1: Lipschitz Functions

1. Lipschitz maps measure zero sets to measure zero sets.

Let $E \subset [a, b]$ with $m(E) = 0$. Let M be the Lipschitz constant. For any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a countable collection of open intervals $\{(a_k, b_k)\}$ covering E such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (b_k - a_k) < \frac{\epsilon}{M}.$$

Since f is Lipschitz, for any $x, y \in (a_k, b_k)$, we have $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq M|x - y| \leq M(b_k - a_k)$. Thus, the image $f((a_k, b_k))$ is contained in an interval of length at most $M(b_k - a_k)$. Consequently,

$$m^*(f(E)) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} m(f((a_k, b_k))) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M(b_k - a_k) < M \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{M} = \epsilon.$$

Since ϵ is arbitrary, $m(f(E)) = 0$.

2. Lipschitz maps measurable sets to measurable sets.

Let E be a measurable set. We can decompose E as $E = F \cup N$, where F is an F_σ set (a countable union of compact sets, since we are in \mathbb{R}) and $m(N) = 0$. Then $f(E) = f(F) \cup f(N)$.

- Since f is Lipschitz, it is continuous. The continuous image of a compact set is compact. Since $F = \bigcup K_n$ is a countable union of compact sets, $f(F) = \bigcup f(K_n)$ is also a countable union of compact sets, hence measurable (Borel).
- From part (a), since $m(N) = 0$, we have $m(f(N)) = 0$. Thus $f(N)$ is measurable.

Therefore, $f(E)$ is the union of two measurable sets, so it is measurable.

Part 2: Increasing Absolutely Continuous Functions

1. (Problem 38) Countable Interval Definition.

(\Rightarrow) Suppose f is AC (standard definition with finite collections). Let $\{(a_k, b_k)\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ be a countable disjoint collection with $\sum (b_k - a_k) < \delta$. For any finite N , the partial sum $\sum_{k=1}^N (b_k - a_k) < \delta$. By the definition of AC, $\sum_{k=1}^N (f(b_k) - f(a_k)) < \epsilon$. Taking the limit as $N \rightarrow \infty$, we get $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (f(b_k) - f(a_k)) \leq \epsilon$. (Strict inequality can be maintained by choosing slightly smaller parameters, but \leq suffices for continuity arguments).

(\Leftarrow) If the condition holds for countable collections, it trivially holds for finite collections (by padding with empty intervals).

2. **(Problem 39) Small measure implies small image measure.**

(\Rightarrow) Assume f is AC. Let $\epsilon > 0$. Choose δ corresponding to ϵ from the definition of AC. Let $E \subseteq [a, b]$ with $m(E) < \delta$. There exists an open set $O \supseteq E$ composed of disjoint intervals $\{(a_k, b_k)\}$ such that $m(O) = \sum(b_k - a_k) < \delta$. Since f is increasing, $f(O) = \bigcup(f(a_k), f(b_k))$ (ignoring endpoints which have measure zero). Thus, $m(f(E)) \leq m(f(O)) = \sum(f(b_k) - f(a_k))$. Since $\sum(b_k - a_k) < \delta$, by AC we have $\sum(f(b_k) - f(a_k)) < \epsilon$. So $m(f(E)) < \epsilon$.

(\Leftarrow) Assume the condition holds. Let $\{(a_k, b_k)\}$ be disjoint intervals with $\sum(b_k - a_k) < \delta$. Let $E = \bigcup(a_k, b_k)$. Then $m(E) < \delta$. Since f is increasing, $f(E)$ is the union of disjoint intervals $(f(a_k), f(b_k))$. The measure $m(f(E)) = \sum(f(b_k) - f(a_k))$. By hypothesis, $m(E) < \delta \implies m(f(E)) < \epsilon$, so $\sum(f(b_k) - f(a_k)) < \epsilon$. Thus f is AC.

3. **(Problem 40) AC maps null sets to null sets.**

Let $m(E) = 0$. For any $\epsilon > 0$, there is a δ satisfying the condition in (b). Since $m(E) = 0 < \delta$, we have $m^*(f(E)) < \epsilon$. Since ϵ is arbitrary, $m(f(E)) = 0$.

4. **(Problem 41) AC maps measurable sets to measurable sets.**

Let E be measurable. Write $E = F \cup N$ where F is an F_σ set and $m(N) = 0$. Since f is AC, it is continuous. Thus $f(F)$ is measurable (as in Part 1). By (c), $m(f(N)) = 0$, so $f(N)$ is measurable. Thus $f(E)$ is measurable.

Part 3: General Absolutely Continuous Functions

1. **Equivalence with Total Variation.**

(\Rightarrow) If f is AC, then its total variation function $V(x) = V_f([a, x])$ is absolutely continuous (a standard result: $V(x) = \int_a^x |f'(t)| dt$). Thus, applying the AC definition to V gives the result.

(\Leftarrow) Since $|f(b) - f(a)| \leq V_f([a, b])$, we have $\sum |f(b_k) - f(a_k)| \leq \sum V_f([a_k, b_k])$. If the sum of variations is small, the sum of differences is small.

2. **General AC maps measure zero to measure zero.**

Let $m(E) = 0$. Fix $\epsilon > 0$. Use the δ from the Total Variation definition in (a). Cover E with disjoint intervals $\{(a_k, b_k)\}$ such that $\sum(b_k - a_k) < \delta$. Then $f(E) \subseteq \bigcup f((a_k, b_k))$. The diameter of the image of an interval is bounded by the total variation: $m(f((a_k, b_k))) \leq \sup_{x, y \in (a_k, b_k)} |f(x) - f(y)| \leq V_f([a_k, b_k])$. Thus,

$$m^*(f(E)) \leq \sum m(f((a_k, b_k))) \leq \sum V_f([a_k, b_k]) < \epsilon.$$

So $m(f(E)) = 0$.

3. **Conclusion.**

Using the decomposition $E = F \cup N$ again: AC functions are continuous, mapping F_σ sets to F_σ (measurable) sets. By part (b), they map null sets N to null sets $f(N)$. Therefore, any absolutely continuous function maps measurable sets to measurable sets.

Problem 5: Comparison of Modes of Convergence

In this problem, we rigorously establish the relationships between Pointwise Convergence a.e., Convergence in L^p norm, and Convergence in Measure.

Part 1: Pointwise Convergence vs. L^p Convergence

1. (L^p Implies Subsequence Convergence)

Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence in $L^p(E)$ such that $f_n \rightarrow f$ in $L^p(E)$. Prove that there exists a subsequence $\{f_{n_k}\}$ such that $f_{n_k}(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ almost everywhere on E .

2. (Counter-Example: Pointwise $\not\Rightarrow L^p$)

Consider $E = [0, 1]$ and the sequence $f_n(x) = n \cdot \chi_{(0, 1/n)}(x)$.

(a) Show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = 0$ for all $x \in E$ (Pointwise convergence).

(b) Show that $\|f_n - 0\|_1 = 1$ for all n , and thus f_n does **not** converge to 0 in L^1 .

3. (The L^p Dominated Convergence Theorem)

Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of measurable functions converging pointwise a.e. to f on E . Suppose there exists a function $g \in L^p(E)$ such that $|f_n(x)| \leq g(x)$ a.e. for all n . Prove that $f_n \rightarrow f$ in $L^p(E)$.

4. (Vitali Convergence Theorem for L^p)

Let E be a measurable set and $1 \leq p < \infty$. Suppose $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence in $L^p(E)$ that converges pointwise a.e. on E to the function f which belongs to $L^p(E)$. Then

$$\{f_n\} \rightarrow f \text{ in } L^p(E)$$

if and only if

$$\{|f_n|^p\} \text{ is uniformly integrable and tight over } E.$$

5. (One more L^p Convergence Theorem for L^p)

Let E be a measurable set and $1 \leq p < \infty$. Suppose $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence in $L^p(E)$ that converges pointwise a.e. on E to the function f which belongs to $L^p(E)$. Then

$$\{f_n\} \rightarrow f \text{ in } L^p(E) \text{ if and only if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E |f_n|^p = \int_E |f|^p.$$

Part 2: L^p Convergence vs. Convergence in Measure

1. (L^p Implies Convergence in Measure)

Let $f_n \rightarrow f$ in $L^p(E)$. Use Chebyshev's Inequality to prove that for any $\epsilon > 0$:

$$m(\{x \in E : |f_n(x) - f(x)| \geq \epsilon\}) \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^p} \int_E |f_n - f|^p,$$

and conclude that $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure.

2. **(Counter-Example: Measure $\not\Rightarrow L^p$)**

Consider $E = [0, 1]$ and the sequence $f_n(x) = n^{1/p} \cdot \chi_{(0, 1/n)}(x)$.

- (a) Show that for any $\epsilon > 0$, $m(\{|f_n| \geq \epsilon\}) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ (Convergence in measure).
- (b) Show that $\|f_n\|_p = 1$ for all n , and thus f_n does **not** converge to 0 in L^p .

3. **(Convergence in measure \Rightarrow Convergence in L^p with additional conditions)**

Prove that a sequence $\{f_n\}$ in $L^p(E)$ converges to f in $L^p(E)$ **if and only if** $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure and $\{|f_n|^p\}$ is uniformly integrable and tight.

Part 3: Pointwise Convergence vs. Convergence in Measure

1. **(Finite Measure: Pointwise \Rightarrow Measure)**

Assume $m(E) < \infty$. Prove that if a sequence of measurable functions $\{f_n\}$ converges to f pointwise a.e. on E , then $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure on E .

2. **(Counter-Example: Infinite Measure Failure)**

Consider $E = \mathbb{R}$ and the sequence $f_n = \chi_{[n, n+1]}$.

- (a) Show that $f_n(x) \rightarrow 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (b) Show that $m(\{x : |f_n(x)| \geq 1/2\}) = 1$ for all n , and thus it does **not** converge in measure.

3. **(Counter-Example: Measure $\not\Rightarrow$ Pointwise)**

Consider the "Typewriter Sequence" on $[0, 1]$ defined by iterating through intervals $[j/2^k, (j+1)/2^k]$. Show that this sequence converges to 0 in measure, but $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = 1$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$, meaning it converges nowhere pointwise.

4. **(Riesz Subsequence Theorem)**

Prove that if $\{f_n\}$ converges to f in measure on E , then there exists a subsequence $\{f_{n_k}\}$ that converges to f pointwise a.e. on E .

Solution:

Part 1: Pointwise Convergence vs. L^p Convergence

1. **(L^p Implies Subsequence Convergence)**

We are given that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E |f_n - f|^p = 0$. We want to find a subsequence $\{f_{n_k}\}$ such that $f_{n_k} \rightarrow f$ a.e.

It suffices to show that for every $\epsilon > 0$, the set where the difference is large has measure zero in the limit. Let $E_k(\epsilon) = \{x \in E : |f_{n_k}(x) - f(x)| \geq \epsilon\}$. By Chebyshev's Inequality:

$$m(E_k(\epsilon)) \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^p} \int_E |f_{n_k} - f|^p.$$

Since $f_n \rightarrow f$ in L^p , we can choose a subsequence $\{n_k\}$ sufficiently rapidly such that:

$$\|f_{n_k} - f\|_p < \frac{1}{2^k}.$$

Then, for a fixed ϵ (or varying $\epsilon_k = 1/k$), we have $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} m(E_k) < \infty$. By the **Borel-Cantelli Lemma**, the set of x belonging to infinitely many E_k has measure zero. Thus, $f_{n_k}(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ for almost every x .

2. **(Measure $\not\Rightarrow L^p$)**

Counter-example: $f_n(x) = n^{1/p} \chi_{(0,1/n)}$. Convergence in measure is clear (support shrinks to 0). L^p norm: $\int |f_n|^p = \int_0^{1/n} n dx = 1 \not\rightarrow 0$.

3. **(L^p Dominated Convergence Theorem)**

We want to show $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E |f_n - f|^p = 0$. We estimate the integral by splitting the domain E .

$$\int_E |f_n - f|^p = \int_F |f_n - f|^p + \int_{E \setminus F} |f_n - f|^p.$$

Step 1 (The Core F): Since $|f_n - f|^p \rightarrow 0$ a.e., by **Egorov's Theorem**, for any $\epsilon > 0$, we can choose a set $F \subset E$ of finite measure such that $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly on F (except for a small set of measure δ which we can include in the tail or handle via absolute continuity). Specifically, on the set where convergence is uniform:

$$\int_F |f_n - f|^p \leq m(F) \cdot \epsilon.$$

Step 2 (The Tail $E \setminus F$): For the integral over $E \setminus F$, we use the dominating function g .

$$\int_{E \setminus F} |f_n - f|^p \leq 2^p \int_{E \setminus F} (|f_n|^p + |f|^p) \leq 2^{p+1} \int_{E \setminus F} |g|^p.$$

Since $g \in L^p$, we can choose F large enough such that $\int_{E \setminus F} |g|^p < \epsilon$. Combining these estimates, $\int_E |f_n - f|^p \rightarrow 0$.

4. **(Vitali Convergence Theorem for L^p)**

(\Rightarrow) If $f_n \rightarrow f$ in L^p , then convergence in measure, uniform integrability, and tightness follow immediately from the properties of the integral.

(\Leftarrow) Assume $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure, $\{|f_n|^p\}$ is uniformly integrable, and $\{|f_n|^p\}$ is tight. We split the integral:

$$\int_E |f_n - f|^p = \int_{E_0} |f_n - f|^p + \int_{E \setminus E_0} |f_n - f|^p.$$

Tail Control (Tightness): Choose E_0 such that $\sup_n \int_{E \setminus E_0} |f_n|^p < \epsilon$. Note that $|f_n - f|^p \leq 2^p(|f_n|^p + |f|^p)$. Thus, the integral over $E \setminus E_0$ is small.

Core Control (Uniform Integrability): On the finite set E_0 , we split further into a set A where $|f_n - f|$ is large, and $E_0 \setminus A$ where it is small.

$$\int_{E_0} |f_n - f|^p = \int_{E_0 \setminus A} |f_n - f|^p + \int_A |f_n - f|^p.$$

Since $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure, we can ensure $m(A)$ is small. By uniform integrability, $\int_A |f_n - f|^p < \epsilon$. On $E_0 \setminus A$, the difference is uniformly small. Thus, the total integral converges to 0.

5. (Radon-Riesz Theorem)

We assume $f_n \rightarrow f$ a.e. and $\|f_n\|_p \rightarrow \|f\|_p$. Consider the function:

$$h_n = 2^{p-1}(|f_n|^p + |f|^p) - |f_n - f|^p.$$

Note that $h_n \geq 0$ a.e. and $h_n \rightarrow 2^p|f|^p$ pointwise. By **Fatou's Lemma**:

$$\int_E \liminf h_n \leq \liminf \int_E h_n.$$

Substituting the limits:

$$\int_E 2^p|f|^p \leq \liminf \left(\int_E 2^{p-1}(|f_n|^p + |f|^p) - \int_E |f_n - f|^p \right).$$

Using the norm convergence assumption ($\lim \int |f_n|^p = \int |f|^p$):

$$2^p \int |f|^p \leq 2^p \int |f|^p - \limsup \int |f_n - f|^p.$$

Canceling terms yields $0 \leq -\limsup \int |f_n - f|^p$, which implies $\int |f_n - f|^p \rightarrow 0$.

Part 2: L^p Convergence vs. Convergence in Measure

1. (L^p Implies Measure)

Direct application of Chebyshev's Inequality:

$$m(\{x : |f_n(x) - f(x)| \geq \epsilon\}) \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^p} \int_E |f_n - f|^p.$$

Since the RHS goes to 0, $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure.

2. (Measure $\not\Rightarrow L^p$)

Example: $f_n(x) = n^{1/p} \chi_{(0, 1/n)}$. (See manuscript for details).

3. (Measure $\Rightarrow L^p$ with conditions)

This is the Generalized Vitali Theorem proven above. The "trick" is to split the set E based on the magnitude of the difference:

$$E' = \{x \in E : |f_n(x) - f(x)| \geq \delta\}.$$

Then decompose the integral $\int_E |f_n - f|^p$ into the integral over E' (controlled by uniform integrability since $m(E')$ is small) and the integral over $E \setminus E'$ (controlled by the small difference δ). For infinite measure, we first use tightness to restrict to a finite set.

Part 3: Pointwise Convergence vs. Convergence in Measure

1. (Finite Measure: Pointwise \Rightarrow Measure)

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Define sets $E_n = \{x : |f_n(x) - f(x)| \geq \epsilon\}$. We want to show $m(E_n) \rightarrow 0$. Consider $A_N = \bigcup_{n=N}^{\infty} E_n = \{x : \exists n \geq N, |f_n(x) - f(x)| \geq \epsilon\}$. Since $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise, $x \in \bigcap_{N=1}^{\infty} A_N$ implies $f_n(x)$ does not converge to $f(x)$ (or does so slower than ϵ). Since convergence is a.e., $m(\bigcap A_N) = 0$. Because $A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots$ and $m(A_1) \leq m(E) < \infty$, by continuity of measure from above:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} m(A_N) = m\left(\bigcap_{N=1}^{\infty} A_N\right) = 0.$$

Since $E_N \subseteq A_N$, $m(E_N) \rightarrow 0$.

2. (Counter-Example: Infinite Measure Failure)

- (a) Fix $x \in \mathbb{R}$. There exists $N > x$. For all $n \geq N$, the interval $[n, n+1]$ lies to the right of x , so $f_n(x) = 0$. Thus $f_n \rightarrow 0$ pointwise.
- (b) For any n , the set where $|f_n| \geq 1/2$ is $[n, n+1]$, which has measure 1. Since the measure is constantly 1, it does not converge to 0.

3. (Counter-Example: Measure \nRightarrow Pointwise)

Let f_n be the typewriter sequence $\chi_{[j/2^k, (j+1)/2^k]}$.

- **Measure:** For any $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$, $m(\{|f_n| \geq \epsilon\}) = 1/2^k$. As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $k \rightarrow \infty$, so the measure goes to 0.
- **Pointwise:** For any $x \in [0, 1]$, the intervals $[j/2^k, (j+1)/2^k]$ "scan" across x infinitely many times. Thus $f_n(x)$ takes the value 1 for infinitely many n , and 0 for infinitely many n . Consequently, $\limsup f_n(x) = 1$ and $\liminf f_n(x) = 0$. It converges nowhere.

4. (Riesz Subsequence Theorem)

Since $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure, for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we can find an index n_k such that

$$m(\{x : |f_{n_k}(x) - f(x)| \geq 1/2^k\}) < \frac{1}{2^k}.$$

We can ensure $n_{k+1} > n_k$. Let $E_k = \{x : |f_{n_k}(x) - f(x)| \geq 1/2^k\}$. Consider the set $A = \limsup E_k = \bigcap_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k=N}^{\infty} E_k$. By Borel-Cantelli (since $\sum m(E_k) < \sum 2^{-k} = 1 < \infty$), we have $m(A) = 0$. For any $x \notin A$, x belongs to only finitely many E_k . Thus for sufficiently large k , $|f_{n_k}(x) - f(x)| < 1/2^k$. This implies $f_{n_k}(x) \rightarrow f(x)$.

Problem 6: L^p spaces inclusion relationship

In this problem, we examine how the inclusion relationships between L^p spaces depend heavily on the total measure of the underlying space E . Assume throughout that $1 \leq p < q < \infty$.

1. (Finite Measure Space: $m(E) < \infty$)

Let E be a measurable set with $m(E) < \infty$.

- Use Hölder's Inequality to prove that $L^q(E) \subseteq L^p(E)$.
- Derive the inequality $\|f\|_p \leq C\|f\|_q$ and explicitly determine the constant C in terms of p, q , and $m(E)$.
- Give a counter-example to show that $L^p(E)$ is **not** contained in $L^q(E)$ (i.e., finding a function with a singularity that is integrable with power p but not q).

2. (Sequence Space: Counting Measure)

Let $E = \mathbb{N}$ equipped with the counting measure (the space ℓ^p).

- Prove that $\ell^p \subseteq \ell^q$. (Note that this is the *reverse* of the finite measure case).
- Give a counter-example to show that ℓ^q is **not** contained in ℓ^p (i.e., finding a sequence that decays fast enough for q but not for p).

3. (Infinite Measure Space: $m(E) = \infty$)

Let $E = (0, \infty)$ equipped with the standard Lebesgue measure. Explain why there is generally **no inclusion relationship** between $L^p(E)$ and $L^q(E)$ by providing:

- A function $f \in L^p(E)$ but $f \notin L^q(E)$.
- A function $g \in L^q(E)$ but $g \notin L^p(E)$.

Solution:

1. (Finite Measure Case)

- Let $f \in L^q(E)$. We compute the L^p norm:

$$\|f\|_p^p = \int_E |f|^p \cdot 1 \, dm.$$

Apply Hölder's Inequality with exponents $r = q/p$ (since $q > p$, $r > 1$) and its conjugate r' .

$$\int_E |f|^p \cdot 1 \leq \left(\int_E (|f|^p)^{q/p} \right)^{p/q} \left(\int_E 1^{r'} \right)^{1/r'}.$$

This simplifies to:

$$\|f\|_p^p \leq \|f\|_q^p \cdot (m(E))^{1/r'}.$$

Since $m(E) < \infty$ and $\|f\|_q < \infty$, we have $\|f\|_p < \infty$, so $f \in L^p(E)$.

- (b) Taking the p -th root of the inequality derived above:

$$\|f\|_p \leq \|f\|_q \cdot m(E)^{\frac{1}{p}(1-\frac{p}{q})} = \|f\|_q \cdot m(E)^{\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q}}.$$

Thus, the constant is $C = m(E)^{\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q}}$.

- (c) **Counter-example** ($L^p \not\subset L^q$): Let $E = (0, 1)$. Consider $f(x) = x^{-\alpha}$. For $f \in L^p$, we need $p\alpha < 1 \implies \alpha < 1/p$. For $f \notin L^q$, we need $q\alpha \geq 1 \implies \alpha \geq 1/q$. Since $p < q$, we can choose α such that $\frac{1}{q} \leq \alpha < \frac{1}{p}$. Then $f \in L^p$ but $f \notin L^q$.

2. (Sequence Space Case)

- (a) Let $\{x_n\} \in \ell^p$. Then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|^p < \infty$. Convergence of the series implies $|x_n| \rightarrow 0$. Thus, there exists N such that for all $n \geq N$, $|x_n| \leq 1$. Since $q > p$, for numbers $|y| \leq 1$, we have $|y|^q \leq |y|^p$. Thus,

$$\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} |x_n|^q \leq \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} |x_n|^p < \infty.$$

Since the tail converges, the whole series converges. Thus $\{x_n\} \in \ell^q$.

- (b) **Counter-example** ($\ell^q \not\subset \ell^p$): Consider the harmonic-type sequence $x_n = n^{-\alpha}$. We need convergence for q ($\sum n^{-q\alpha} < \infty \implies q\alpha > 1$) and divergence for p ($\sum n^{-p\alpha} = \infty \implies p\alpha \leq 1$). Choose α such that $\frac{1}{q} < \alpha \leq \frac{1}{p}$. Then $\{x_n\} \in \ell^q$ but $\{x_n\} \notin \ell^p$.

3. (Infinite Measure Case)

- (a) $f \in L^p \setminus L^q$ (**Decay issue**): We need a function that decays fast enough for p but not for q ?? Actually, on infinite domains, L^p requires faster decay than L^q (similar to sequences). Wait, if $p < q$, $x^{-2} \in L^1([1, \infty))$ and $x^{-2} \in L^2([1, \infty))$. Let's use specific α . We need $\int_1^{\infty} x^{-p\alpha} dx < \infty \implies p\alpha > 1$ and $\int_1^{\infty} x^{-q\alpha} dx = \infty \implies q\alpha \leq 1$. This is impossible since $p < q$. Correction: To be in L^p but not L^q on an infinite domain, we usually look at the "fat tail" (behavior at infinity) where the sequence logic applies ($L^p \subset L^q$), OR the "singularity" (behavior at 0) where finite measure logic applies ($L^q \subset L^p$).

Let's split the logic:

- $f \in L^p \setminus L^q$: We need a function with a singularity near 0 (like finite measure case). Let $f(x) = x^{-\alpha} \chi_{(0,1)}$. Choose $\frac{1}{q} \leq \alpha < \frac{1}{p}$. Then $\int |f|^p < \infty$ but $\int |f|^q = \infty$.
- $g \in L^q \setminus L^p$: We need a function with a "fat tail" at infinity (like sequence case). Let $g(x) = x^{-\beta} \chi_{(1,\infty)}$. Choose $\frac{1}{q} < \beta \leq \frac{1}{p}$. Then $\int_1^{\infty} x^{-q\beta} dx < \infty$ (since $q\beta > 1$) but $\int_1^{\infty} x^{-p\beta} dx = \infty$ (since $p\beta \leq 1$).

Problem 7: Approximation and Separability

Problem 8: The "Standard Library" of Counterexamples

In this problem, we examine five classic counterexamples that mark the boundaries of major theorems in Real Analysis (Differentiation, Convergence, and Compactness).

Part 1: The Cantor-Lebesgue Function

Let $\phi(x)$ be the Cantor-Lebesgue function on $[0, 1]$ and $\psi(x) = \phi(x) + x$.

1. **(Differentiation)** Compute $\int_0^1 \phi'(x) dx$ and compare it with $\phi(1) - \phi(0)$. What necessary condition for the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus does this function violate?
2. **(Measurability)** The function ψ is a homeomorphism from $[0, 1]$ to $[0, 2]$. Use ψ to prove that the preimage of a measurable set under a continuous map is **not necessarily** measurable. (Hint: Consider a non-measurable subset of the image of the Cantor set).

Part 2: The Typewriter Sequence

Consider the sequence of indicator functions on $[0, 1]$:

$$f_1 = \chi_{[0,1]}, \quad f_2 = \chi_{[0,1/2]}, \quad f_3 = \chi_{[1/2,1]}, \quad f_4 = \chi_{[0,1/4]}, \dots$$

1. Show that $\{f_n\}$ converges to 0 in measure and in $L^p[0, 1]$.
2. Show that $\{f_n(x)\}$ converges **nowhere** pointwise on $[0, 1]$.

Part 3: The "Spikes" (Mass Escape vs. Norm Escape)

Consider the following two sequences on $E = [0, 1]$:

$$g_n(x) = n\chi_{[0,1/n]}(x) \quad \text{and} \quad h_n(x) = n^{1/p}\chi_{[0,1/n]}(x).$$

1. For $\{g_n\}$, show that $g_n \rightarrow 0$ pointwise a.e., but $\lim \int g_n \neq \int \lim g_n$. Which assumption of the Dominated Convergence Theorem fails?
2. For $\{h_n\}$ (where $1 \leq p < \infty$), show that $h_n \rightarrow 0$ pointwise a.e., but $h_n \not\rightarrow 0$ in L^p . Which assumption of the Vitali Convergence Theorem fails?

Part 4: The Rademacher Functions

Let $r_n(t) = \text{sgn}(\sin(2^n \pi t))$ on $[0, 1]$.

1. Show that $r_n \rightharpoonup 0$ (weakly) in $L^p[0, 1]$ for $1 < p < \infty$.
2. Show that $\{r_n\}$ has **no** strongly convergent subsequence in $L^p[0, 1]$.
3. What does this imply about the compactness of the closed unit ball in L^p ?

Part 5: Constant Functions on Infinite Measure

Let $E = \mathbb{R}$ and consider $f(x) \equiv 1$.

1. Show that $f \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ but $f \notin L^p(\mathbb{R})$ for any $p < \infty$.
2. Contrast this with the inclusion relationships for $E = [0, 1]$ (where $L^\infty \subset L^p$).

Solution:**Part 1: The Cantor-Lebesgue Function**

1. Since ϕ is constant on each interval in the complement of the Cantor set C (and $m(C^c) = 1$), we have $\phi'(x) = 0$ almost everywhere. Thus, $\int_0^1 \phi'(x) dx = 0$. However, $\phi(1) - \phi(0) = 1 - 0 = 1$. The FTC fails because ϕ is not **absolutely continuous** (it is a singular function).
2. Let C be the Cantor set ($m(C) = 0$). Since ψ maps $[0, 1]$ to $[0, 2]$ and stretches the Cantor set to a set of measure 1 ($m(\psi(C)) = 1$), $\psi(C)$ contains a non-measurable set N . Let $A = \psi^{-1}(N)$. Since $A \subset C$, A has measure zero and is measurable. However, if we consider the continuous function $g = \psi^{-1}$, the preimage of the measurable set A is the non-measurable set N . (Alternatively: The composition of measurable functions need not be measurable).

Part 2: The Typewriter Sequence

1. **Measure/ L^p :** For any $\epsilon > 0$, $m(\{|f_n| > \epsilon\}) = \text{length}(I_n) \rightarrow 0$. Similarly, $\int |f_n|^p = \text{length}(I_n) \rightarrow 0$.
2. **Pointwise:** For any $x \in [0, 1]$, the intervals I_n "scan" over x infinitely many times. Thus, $f_n(x) = 1$ for infinitely many n and 0 for infinitely many n . The limit exists nowhere.

Part 3: The "Spikes"

1. $g_n(x) \rightarrow 0$ for all $x > 0$. However, $\int g_n = n \cdot \frac{1}{n} = 1 \neq 0$. The **Dominated Convergence Theorem** fails because there is no integrable dominating function G such that $|g_n| \leq G$ (the "spike" grows arbitrarily high).
2. $g_n(x) \rightarrow 0$ a.e. and bounded in $L^1([0, 1])$, but didn't have a weakly convergence subsequence. (That is, the unit ball in $L^1[0, 1]$ is not weakly compact.)
3. $h_n(x) \rightarrow 0$ a.e., but $\|h_n\|_p^p = \int n \cdot \frac{1}{n} = 1 \neq 0$. The **Vitali Convergence Theorem** fails because the family $\{|h_n|^p\}$ is not **uniformly integrable** (mass concentrates at a point too densely).

Part 4: The Rademacher Functions

1. By the Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma (generalized), $\int r_n g \rightarrow 0$ for any $g \in L^q$. Thus $r_n \rightarrow 0$.

2. $\|r_n - r_m\|_p \approx \text{const} > 0$ for $n \neq m$. Since the sequence is not Cauchy, it has no convergent subsequence.
3. This implies the closed unit ball in L^p (infinite-dimensional) is **not compact** in the strong topology.

Part 5: Constant Functions on Infinite Measure

1. $\|f\|_\infty = 1 < \infty$. But $\|f\|_p^p = \int_{\mathbb{R}} 1 \, dx = \infty$.
 2. On finite measure spaces, $L^\infty \subset L^p$. On infinite measure spaces, this inclusion fails (constant functions don't "decay" at infinity).
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Problem 9: Comparison of Modes of Convergence (Version 2)

In this problem, we analyze the subtle relationships between different modes of convergence, specifically focusing on **subsequence extraction** and the distinction between the reflexive case ($p > 1$) and the non-reflexive case ($p = 1$).

Part 1: Subsequence Implications on Finite Measure

Let E be a set of **finite measure** and let $\{f_n\}$ be a **bounded sequence** in $L^p(E)$ for $1 \leq p < \infty$. Consider the following four properties a sequence might have:

- (i) Strong Convergence: $\{f_n\} \rightarrow f$ in $L^p(E)$.
- (ii) Weak Convergence: $\{f_n\} \rightharpoonup f$ in $L^p(E)$.
- (iii) Pointwise Convergence: $\{f_n\} \rightarrow f$ pointwise almost everywhere on E .
- (iv) Convergence in Measure: $\{f_n\} \rightarrow f$ in measure on E .

For each of the cases below, determine if assuming the sequence has **Property A** implies that there exists a **subsequence** satisfying **Property B**.

1. Case $p > 1$ (Reflexive Case):

- (a) Assume (ii) Weak. Does a subsequence satisfy (i) Strong?
- (b) Assume (iii) Pointwise. Does a subsequence satisfy (i) Strong?
- (c) Assume (iii) Pointwise. Does a subsequence satisfy (ii) Weak?
- (d) Assume (iv) Measure. Does a subsequence satisfy (ii) Weak?

2. Case $p = 1$ (Non-Reflexive Case):

- (a) Assume (iii) Pointwise. Does a subsequence satisfy (ii) Weak?
- (b) Assume (iv) Measure. Does a subsequence satisfy (ii) Weak?

Part 2: Weak Convergence of Translations (Infinite Measure)

Let $1 \leq p < \infty$ and let $f_0 \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$. Define the sequence of translations $f_n(x) = f_0(x - n)$.

- 1. Show that for $1 < p < \infty$, the sequence $\{f_n\}$ converges **weakly** to 0 in $L^p(\mathbb{R})$.
- 2. Show that for $p = 1$, the sequence $\{f_n\}$ does **not** necessarily converge weakly to 0. (Provide a specific counterexample).

Solution:

Part 1: Subsequence Implications

1. Case $p > 1$:

1. Weak \Rightarrow Strong Subsequence? **NO.**

Counterexample: Rademacher functions $r_n(t)$ on $[0, 1]$. They converge weakly to 0 (Riemann-Lebesgue). However, $\|r_n - 0\|_p = 1$ for all n . Since the norm is constant and non-zero, no subsequence can converge strongly to 0.

2. Pointwise \Rightarrow Strong Subsequence? **NO.**

Counterexample: The "Spikes" $f_n = n^{1/p} \chi_{[0, 1/n]}$. $f_n \rightarrow 0$ pointwise. However, $\|f_n\|_p = 1$ for all n . The mass "escapes" but does not vanish. Thus, no subsequence converges strongly.

3. Pointwise \Rightarrow Weak Subsequence? **YES.**

Since $p > 1$, L^p is **reflexive**. The sequence $\{f_n\}$ is bounded in L^p . By Kakutani's Theorem (or Banach-Alaoglu), there exists a subsequence f_{n_k} that converges weakly to some limit g . Since $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise, the unique weak limit must be f . Thus $f_{n_k} \rightharpoonup f$. (In fact, the whole sequence converges weakly).

4. Measure \Rightarrow Weak Subsequence? **YES.**

If $f_n \rightarrow f$ in measure, the Riesz Subsequence Theorem guarantees a subsequence f_{n_k} converges to f **pointwise a.e.** We are then back to the previous case: Bounded L^p sequence ($p > 1$) + Pointwise limit \implies Weak limit.

2. Case $p = 1$:

1. Pointwise \Rightarrow Weak Subsequence? **NO.**

Counterexample: $f_n = n \chi_{[0, 1/n]}$. $f_n \rightarrow 0$ pointwise. $\|f_n\|_1 = 1$. Test weak convergence against $g \equiv 1 \in L^\infty$: $\int f_n g = 1 \neq 0$. Thus it does not converge weakly to 0.

2. Measure \Rightarrow Weak Subsequence? **NO.**

Same counterexample as above. $f_n \rightarrow 0$ in measure (support shrinks to 0). But the integral against $g = 1$ is always 1, so it never converges weakly to 0.

Part 2: Weak Convergence of Translations

1. Proof for $p > 1$:

Let $g \in L^q(\mathbb{R})$ be a test function ($1/p + 1/q = 1$). Since $q < \infty$, continuous functions with compact support, $C_c(\mathbb{R})$, are dense in L^q . It suffices to check dense subsets since $\{f_n\}$ is bounded ($\|f_n\|_p = \|f_0\|_p$). Let $\phi \in C_c(\mathbb{R})$ with support in $[-K, K]$.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_n(x) \phi(x) dx = \int_{-K}^K f_0(x - n) \phi(x) dx$$

For n sufficiently large, the support of $f_0(x - n)$ (effectively centered at n) becomes disjoint from $[-K, K]$. Specifically, since $f_0 \in L^p$, its "tails" vanish.

$$\left| \int f_n \phi \right| \leq \|\phi\|_\infty \int_{-K}^K |f_0(x - n)| dx = \|\phi\|_\infty \int_{-K-n}^{K-n} |f_0(y)| dy$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, the integration domain slides to $-\infty$, where the integral vanishes. Thus $f_n \rightarrow 0$.

2. **Failure for $p = 1$:**

Take $f_0 = \chi_{[0,1]}$. Then $f_n = \chi_{[n,n+1]}$. Let the test function be $g(x) \equiv 1$. Note that $g \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ (the dual of L^1).

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_n(x)g(x) dx = \int_n^{n+1} 1 dx = 1$$

This integral is constant 1 for all n , so it does not converge to 0. Thus $f_n \not\rightarrow 0$.

Does Property A imply a Subsequence has Property B?				
(Assume $m(E) < \infty$ and sequence is bounded in L^p)				
Property A $\downarrow \setminus$ Property B \rightarrow	Strong (L^p)	Weak (L^p)	Pointwise a.e.	Measure
<i>Case 1: Reflexive Range ($1 < p < \infty$)</i>				
Strong	YES	YES	YES	YES
Weak	NO	YES	NO	NO
Pointwise a.e.	NO	YES	YES	YES
Measure	NO	YES	YES	YES
<i>Case 2: Non-Reflexive ($p = 1$)</i>				
Pointwise a.e.	NO	NO	YES	YES
Measure	NO	NO	YES	YES

Key Differences:

- **Pointwise \Rightarrow Weak:** Holds for $p > 1$ (due to Reflexivity/Dunford-Pettis) but fails for $p = 1$ (mass can escape, e.g., $n\chi_{[0,1/n]}$).
- **Weak \Rightarrow Pointwise:** Never holds for subsequences (e.g., Rademacher functions oscillate too much).