

L^2 Norm

Theorem

$\|\cdot\|$ is a proper norm for L^2

Proof

N1: Assume $f \in L^2$

$$\|f\| = 0 \iff f = 0 \text{ a.e.} \quad (\text{property})$$

Note that, once again, we are dealing with equivalence classes, where:

$$f \sim g \text{ means } f = g \text{ a.e.}$$

N2: Assume $f \in L^2$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\|\alpha f\| = \left(\int |\alpha f|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(|\alpha|^2 \int |f|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = |\alpha| \left(\int |f|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = |\alpha| \|f\|$$

N3: Assume $f, g \in L^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \|f + g\|^2 &= \int |f + g|^2 \\ &= \int (f + g) \overline{(f + g)} \\ &= \int (f + g)(\bar{f} + \bar{g}) \\ &= \int (f\bar{f} + g\bar{g} + f\bar{g} + g\bar{f}) \\ &= \int |f|^2 + \int |g|^2 + \int f\bar{g} + \int g\bar{f} \\ &= \|f\|^2 + \|g\|^2 + \langle f, g \rangle + \langle g, f \rangle \\ &\leq \|f\|^2 + \|g\|^2 + \|f\|\|g\| + \|g\|\|f\| \\ &= \|f\|^2 + \|g\|^2 + 2\|f\|\|g\| \\ &= (\|f\| + \|g\|)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \|f + g\| \leq \|f\| + \|g\|$$