

- 1: (a) A function  $f(\alpha)$  is concave if any line joining any two points on the graph is below the graph. That is to say,  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$f(a(1-t) + bt) \geq f(a)(1-t) + f(b)t \quad 0 < t < 1.$$

We know from Calculus that  $\ln(\alpha)$  is a concave function and therefore satisfies this relationship for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

$$\boxed{\ln(a(1-t) + bt) \geq \ln(a)(1-t) + \ln(b)t \quad 0 < t < 1.}$$

- (b) As  $t$  is parameterized from 0 to 1, the relationship between  $t$  and  $1-t$  is

$$t + (1-t) = 1.$$

We can reparameterize  $t$  to exploit some properties of  $\ln(x)$ . So let  $t = \frac{1}{p}$  with  $\infty < p < 1$ . Then  $1-t = \frac{1}{q}$  with  $1 < q < \infty$ . Rewriting the concavity relationship of  $\ln(x)$  gives us

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{q}a + \frac{1}{p}b\right) \geq \frac{1}{q}\ln(a) + \frac{1}{p}\ln(b).$$

Since the result above is true  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , we can utilize function composition by letting  $a = |f(x)|^q$  and  $b = |g(x)|^p$ . So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \ln\left(\frac{1}{q}|f(x)|^q + \frac{1}{p}|g(x)|^p\right) &\geq \frac{1}{q}\ln(|f(x)|^q) + \frac{1}{p}\ln(|g(x)|^p) \\ &= \ln(|f(x)||g(x)|) \end{aligned}$$

implying

$$\boxed{|f(x)||g(x)| \leq \frac{1}{q}|f(x)|^q + \frac{1}{p}|g(x)|^p}$$

- (c) **Holder Inequality.** Suppose  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  so that we can use the inequality from part b. Let

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int |f|^p\right)^{1/p} &= A \\ \left(\int |g|^q\right)^{1/q} &= B \end{aligned}$$

Dividing both sides by  $A, B$  respectively gets

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int \left|\frac{f}{A}\right|^p\right)^{1/p} &= 1 \\ \left(\int \left|\frac{f}{A}\right|^p\right)^{1/q} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Now we use the boxed inequality on  $|f|$  and  $|g|$ ,

$$\left| \frac{f}{A} \right| \left| \frac{g}{B} \right| \leq \frac{1}{p} \left| \frac{f}{A} \right|^p + \frac{1}{q} \left| \frac{g}{B} \right|^q$$

Apply the integral,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \left| \frac{f}{A} \right| \left| \frac{g}{B} \right| &\leq \frac{1}{p} \int \left| \frac{f}{A} \right|^p + \frac{1}{q} \int \left| \frac{g}{B} \right|^q \\ \frac{1}{AB} \int |fg| &\leq \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \\ \frac{1}{AB} \int |fg| &\leq 1 \\ \int |fg| &\leq AB \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\int |fg| \leq \left( \int |f|^p \right)^{1/p} \left( \int |g|^q \right)^{1/q} .}$$

**2:** For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , let

$$L^p(\mathbb{R}^d) = \left\{ f : \int |f|^p < \infty \right\}$$

(a) **Minkowski Inequality.** Show

$$\left( \int |f + g|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \left( \int |f|^p \right)^{1/p} + \left( \int |g|^p \right)^{1/p} .$$

For easier viewing, write the above as

$$\boxed{\|f + g\|_p \leq \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p} .$$

We start off with the hint,

$$\int |f + g|^p \leq \int |f| |f + g|^{p-1} + \int |g| |f + g|^{p-1}$$

Use the inequality from 1c on each term on the right-hand side and pulling out the common term, we get

$$\int |f + g|^p \leq \left\{ \left( \int |f|^p \right)^{1/p} + \left\{ \int |g|^p \right\}^{1/p} \right\} \left( \int |f + g|^{\frac{p-1}{q}} \right)^{1/q}$$

Now rewrite with the norm notation as

$$\|(f + g)^p\|_1 \leq (\|f\|_p + \|g\|_p) \|(f + g)^{p-1}\|_q$$

The term  $\|(f + g)^{p-1}\|_q$  can be rewritten as  $(\|f + g\|_p)^{p/q}$  as shown below:

$$\begin{aligned}\|(f + g)^{p-1}\|_q &= \left( \int |f + g|^{(p-1)q} \right)^{1/q} \\ &= \left( \int |f + g|^p \right)^{1/q} \\ &= \left( \int |f + g|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p} \cdot \frac{q}{p}} \\ &= \|f + g\|_p^{\frac{q}{p}}\end{aligned}$$

So we have that

$$\|(f + g)^p\|_1 \leq (\|f\|_p + \|g\|_p) \|f + g\|_p^{\frac{q}{p}}$$

The term on the left of the inequality,  $\|(f + g)^p\|_1$  can be rewritten as  $\|f + g\|_p^p$  since

$$\|(f + g)^p\|_1 = \left[ \left( \int |f + g|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right]^p = \|f + g\|_p^p.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\|f + g\|_p^p &\leq (\|f\|_p + \|g\|_p) \|f + g\|_p^{\frac{q}{p}} \\ \|f + g\|_p^{p - \frac{q}{p}} &\leq \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p\end{aligned}$$

Since  $p - \frac{q}{p} = 1$ ,

$$\boxed{\|f + g\|_p \leq \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p}$$

(b) Show  $\|\cdot\|_p$  is a norm.

(1) **Positive-Definite**  $\|f\|_p \geq 0$  is clear so we will show that  $\|f\|_p = 0 \iff f = 0$  a.e.

$$\begin{aligned}\|f\|_p = 0 &\Rightarrow \int |f|^p = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow |f|^p = 0 \text{ a.e. result after BCT} \\ &\Rightarrow f = 0 \text{ a.e.}\end{aligned}$$

In the other direction, we have

$$\begin{aligned}f = 0 \text{ a.e.} &\Rightarrow |f|^p = 0 \text{ a.e.} \\ &\Rightarrow \int |f|^p = 0 \text{ Lemma 1.2}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\boxed{\|f\|_p = 0 \iff f = 0 \text{ a.e.}}$$

(2) **Linearity**

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\lambda f\|_p &= \left( \int |\lambda f|^p \right)^{1/p} \\
&= \left( |\lambda|^p \int |f|^p \right)^{1/p} \\
&= \lambda \left( \int |f|^p \right)^{1/p}
\end{aligned}$$

(3) **Triangle Inequality** Minkowski Inequality in previous problem

(c) Show that  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is a metric space with respect to the metric

$$d(f, g) = \|f - g\|_p.$$

Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $\|\cdot\|_p$  and  $\{f_{n_k}\}$  be a subsequence s.t.

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

We define  $f(x)$  to be a telescoping series of this subsequence

$$f(x) = f_{n_1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (f_{n_{k+1}} - f_{n_k}).$$

Note that the  $N^{th}$  partial sum is the  $N + 1$  term by telescoping

$$f_N(x) = f_{N+1}(x)$$

and that  $f_n \nearrow f$ . By the triangle inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|f\|_p &\leq \|f_{n_1}\|_p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|f_{n_{k+1}} - f_{n_k}\|_p \\
&\leq \|f_{n_1}\|_p + 2^{-k} \\
&< \infty
\end{aligned}$$

which implies  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . That is to say, the subsequence converges to some  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . We now use the triangle inequality to show that the Cauchy sequence converges to  $f$ . So let  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\|f_n - f\|_p \leq \|f_n - f_{n_k}\|_p + \|f_{n_k} - f\|_p < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon.$$