

Real Analysis

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Chapter 5

Lp Spaces

Definition 5.0.1: $\|f\|_{1p}$

Suppose (X, \mathcal{S}, μ) is a measure space, $0 < p < \infty$, and $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is \mathcal{S} -measurable. Then the p -norm of f , denoted $\|f\|_{1p}$, is defined by

$$\|f\|_{1p} = \left(\int |f|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p}.$$

Also when $p = \infty$, $\|f\|_{1\infty}$ is called the *essential supremum* of f , and is defined by

$$\|f\|_{1\infty} := \inf \{t > 0 : \mu(\{x \in X : |f(x)| > t\}) = 0\}.$$

Definition 5.0.2: $L^p(\mu)$

Suppose (X, \mathcal{S}, μ) is a measure space and $0 < p \leq \infty$. The Lebesgue space $L^p(\mu)$ is denoted to be the set of all \mathcal{S} -measurable functions $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\|f\|_{1p} < \infty.$$

$L^p(\mu)$ is a vector space. However, it is NOT a normed vector space. There exists some $f, g \in L^p(\mu)$ such that $f \neq g$ but $\|f - g\|_{1p} = 0$.

We construct *equivalence classes*:

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

and identify each function with its own equivalence class.

Definition 5.0.3: Dual Exponent

Suppose $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. The *dual exponent* of p is denoted by $p' \in [1, \infty]$ that satisfies

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1.$$

Example.

$$2' = 2, 1' = \infty, \infty' = 1.$$

Proposition 5.0.4

- (Holder's Inequality) $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, $f, h : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, then

$$\|fh\|_{11} \leq \|f\|_{1p} \|h\|_{1p'}.$$

- $0 < p < q < \infty$, $\mu(X) < \infty$, then

$$\|f\|_{1p} \leq \mu(X)^{(q-p)/(pq)} \|f\|_{1q}.$$

for all $f \in L^q(\mu)$. Furthermore, $L^q(\mu) \subseteq L^p(\mu)$.

- $1 \leq p < \infty$, $f \in L^p(\mu)$. Then

$$\|f\|_{1p} = \sup \left\{ \left| \int fh \, d\mu \right| : h \in L^{p'}(\mu) \text{ and } \|h\|_{1p} \leq 1 \right\}.$$

- (Minkowski's Inequality: $\|\cdot\|_{1p}$ is a norm) $1 \leq p \leq \infty$,

$$\|f + g\|_{1p} \leq \|f\|_{1p} + \|g\|_{1p}$$

Now that we know L^p is a normed vector space. We want to show further that L^p is a Banach space.

Proposition 5.0.5

$1 \leq p \leq \infty$, $\{f_j\} \in L^p(\mu)$ such that for all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\|f_j - f_k\|_1 < \varepsilon, \forall j, k \geq n.$$

There exists $f \in L^p$ such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|f_k - f\|_{1p} = 0.$$

Proof for Proposition.

To prove a Cauchy sequence is convergent, it suffice to show the convergence of any subsequence.

To extract a subsequence with the following properties: Suppose $f_0 = 0$,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|f_k - f_{k-1}\|_1 < \infty$$

This step is valid because the sequence of Cauchy.

Define g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m such that

$$g_m(x) = \sum_{k=1}^m |f_k(x) - f_{k-1}(x)|$$

and

$$g(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f_k(x) - f_{k-1}(x)|$$

We have by Triangle Inequality,

$$\|g_m\|_{1p} \leq \sum_{k=1}^m \|f_k(x) - f_{k-1}(x)\|_{1p} < \infty$$

Moreover, we have pointwise convergence:

$$g_m(x) \rightarrow g(x), \forall x \in X$$

By DCT, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|g\|_{1p} &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|g_m\|_{1p} < \infty \\ \implies g &< \infty \text{ a.s} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{k=1}^m (f_k(x) - f_{k-1}(x)) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} f_m(x) = f(x)$$

Moreover, $|f| \leq g$ and $g \in L^p$, this implies that $f \in L^p$.

Finally, $\|f_k - f\|_{1p} \leq \liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|f_k - f_j\|_{1p} \leq \varepsilon$, for k large enough. This implies that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|f_k - f\|_{1p} = 0.$$