

## Chapter 3 - $L^p$ Spaces

Salvador Castagnino  
scastagnino@itba.edu.ar

### Exercise 3.

Let's suppose that  $\phi$  is not convex in  $(a, b)$  then there exist  $x, y \in (a, b)$  and  $t_0 \in [0, 1]$  such that

$$\phi((1 - t_0)x + t_0y) > (1 - t_0)\phi(x) + t_0\phi(y)$$

and assume  $x < y$ . Let's define  $g, h : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that,

$$g(t) = \phi((1 - t)x + ty)$$

$$h(t) = (1 - t)\phi(x) + t\phi(y)$$

and let  $f = h - g$ . We define the nonempty sets  $A = \{t \in [0, t_0) \mid f(t) = 0\}$  and  $B = \{t \in (t_0, 1] \mid f(t) = 0\}$  given that  $f(0) = f(1) = 0$ , and let  $t_a = \sup A$  and  $t_b = \inf B$ , we want to see that  $t_a \in A$  and  $t_b \in B$ . Let  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$  be sequences in  $A$  and  $B$  which converge to  $t_a$  and  $t_b$  respectively, by continuity of  $f$  we can see that

$$0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n) = f\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n\right) = f(t_a)$$

With this and the fact that  $t_a < t_0 < t_b$  as  $f(t_0) < 0$  we have that  $t_a \in A$  and the proof for  $t_b \in B$  is analogous. Now by the definition of  $t_a$  and  $t_b$  we have that  $f(t) < 0$  for all  $t \in (t_a, t_b)$ . Finally we take  $x' = (1 - t_a)x + t_ay$  and  $y' = (1 - t_b)x + t_by$  and by working algebraically over  $f\left(\frac{t_a + t_b}{2}\right) < 0$  we arrive at the following inequality

$$\phi\left(\frac{x' + y'}{2}\right) > \frac{\phi(x') + \phi(y')}{2}$$

which is a clear contradiction, as we wanted. This concludes the proof.

**Observation** This proof shows that to see that convexity holds it suffices to show that given each pair of points  $x, y \in (a, b)$  there exists a  $t \in [0, 1]$  (not necessarily  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) such that  $\phi((1 - t)x + ty) \leq (1 - t)\phi(x) + t\phi(y)$ .

**Exercise 4.** Let  $f$  be a complex measurable function on  $X$  and  $\mu$  a positive measure on  $X$  define

$$\phi(p) = \int_X |f|^p d\mu = \|f\|_p^p \quad (0 < p < \infty)$$

and now let  $E = \{p : \phi(p) < \infty\}$  and assume  $0 < \|f\|_\infty$ . Let's begin by characterizing  $E$ . Let  $0 < p < s < \infty$  and  $x \in [0, \infty)$  then  $x^p < x^s$  iff  $1 < x$  and  $x^s < x^p$  iff  $x < 1$ . With this in mind if  $0 < r < p < s < \infty$  then  $|f|^p \leq \max\{|f|^r, |f|^s\} \leq |f|^r + |f|^s$  and we get,

$$\int_X |f|^p d\mu \leq \int_X |f|^r d\mu + \int_X |f|^s d\mu$$

Suppose that  $s, r \in E$  then  $p \in E$ , which proves statement (a).

As a consequence of (a) we see that  $E$  is a connected set and with this in mind, supposing  $E$  is nonempty, we can see that  $E$  is an interval with endpoints  $a = \inf E$  and  $b = \sup E$ , this interval will be closed or not if  $E$  contains them or not, but for sure  $E^\circ = (a, b)$ .

To prove that  $\log \phi$  is convex in  $E^\circ$  we take  $x, y \in (a, b)$  and  $t \in (0, 1)$ . By the properties of the logarithm we get,

$$(1-t)\log \phi(x) + t\log \phi(y) = \log \left( \phi(x)^{1-t} \phi(y)^t \right)$$

given that the logarithm is a nondecreasing function, convexity holds if and only if

$$\phi((1-t)x + ty) \leq \phi(x)^{1-t} \phi(y)^t$$

rewriting  $\phi$  on both sides in terms of  $L_p$  norms we get the following,

$$\|f^{(1-t)x + ty}\|_1 \leq \|f^{(1-t)x}\|_{(1-t)^{-1}} \|f^{ty}\|_{t^{-1}}$$

finally, given that  $1 \leq (1-t)^{-1}$  and  $1 \leq t^{-1}$  are conjugate exponents, the last inequality holds by Hölder's inequality and this concludes the proof.

To prove that  $\phi$  is continuous in  $E$  we start by noticing that  $\log \phi$  is convex in  $(a, b)$  which implies convexity of  $\phi$  in  $(a, b)$  which in turn implies continuity of  $\phi$  in  $(a, b)$ , so we only need to prove continuity on  $a$  and  $b$ , in case they are elements of  $E$ .

Let  $\{p_n\}$  be a sequence in  $(a, b)$  which converges to  $a$  and let's suppose  $a \in E$ , we will show that  $\phi(p_n)$  converges to  $\phi(a)$ , the proof for  $b$  is analogous. By linearity of the integral and properties of the absolute value we get

$$|\phi(p_n) - \phi(a)| = \left| \int_X |f^{p_n}| - |f^a| d\mu \right| \leq \int_X ||f^{p_n}| - |f^a|| d\mu \leq \int_X |f^{p_n} - f^a| d\mu$$

Also, by continuity of the exponential we know that  $f^{p_n}$  converges pointwise to  $f^a$  as  $n$  goes to infinity so it suffices to find a real function  $g \in L^1(\mu)$  such that  $|f^{p_n}| \leq g$ . Let  $g = |f^a| + |f^{p_M}|$  with  $p_M$  the greatest element of the sequence  $\{p_n\}$  which exists given the convergence of the sequence. Then we can see that  $a \leq p_n \leq p_M$  for all  $1 \leq n$  and as mentioned above we have

$$|f|^{p_n} \leq \max\{|f|^a, |f|^{p_M}\} \leq |f|^a + |f|^{p_M} = g$$

Finally by Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem we get that

$$\int_X |f^{p_n} - f^a| d\mu \rightarrow 0$$

which concludes the proof of (b).

### Observation

Let  $0 < r < p < s < +\infty$  with  $p - r = s - p$  which is the same as  $2p = r + s$  then using Holder's inequality we get,

$$\|f\|_p^p = \|f^p\|_1 = \|f^{\frac{r}{2}} f^{\frac{s}{2}}\|_1 \leq \|f^{\frac{r}{2}}\|_2 \|f^{\frac{s}{2}}\|_2 = (\|f\|_r^r \|f\|_s^s)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

thus,

$$\|f\|_p^p \leq \sqrt{\|f\|_r^r \|f\|_s^s}$$

**Exercise 5.** In order to prove that  $\|f\|_p \leq \|f\|_r$  if  $0 < p < r \leq \infty$  we start by looking at case in which both  $p$  and  $r$  are finite. For every  $x \in (0, \infty)$  the function  $x^c$  is twice differentiable and we have that

$$(x^c)'' = (x^{c-1}c)' = c(c-1)x^{c-2}$$

Observe that if  $1 \leq c$ , the expression above is nonnegative for all  $x \in (0, \infty)$  and thus  $x^c$  convex over that interval. With this in mind and the fact that  $\mu(\Omega) = 1$  and  $1 \leq \frac{r}{p}$  we will use Jensen's Inequality to prove the result. Let  $A = \{x \in \Omega | f(x) \neq 0\}$  (the integral over it's complement is exactly 0 and in this way  $|f|(A) \subset (0, \infty)$ ), then

$$\|f\|_p = \left( \int_A |f|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \left( \int_A |f|^{\frac{rp}{p}} d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} = \|f\|_r$$

and this concludes the proof for the finite case.

Now let  $r = \infty$ , this case is much simpler. By definition of the essential supremum we have that  $|f| \leq \|f\|_\infty$  almost everywhere and using the fact that  $\mu(\Omega) = 1$  we get,

$$\|f\|_p = \left( \int_\Omega |f|^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \left( \int_\Omega \|f\|_\infty^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \|f\|_\infty$$

**Exercise 10.** Given that  $fg \geq 1$  and both  $f$  and  $g$  are positive we have  $f \geq \frac{1}{g}$  and using Holder's inequality and the fact that  $\mu(\Omega) = 1$ ,

$$1 = \|1\|_1 = \|g^{\frac{1}{2}}g^{-\frac{1}{2}}\|_1 \leq \|g^{\frac{1}{2}}\|_2\|g^{-\frac{1}{2}}\|_2 = (\|g\|_1\|g^{-1}\|_1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq (\|g\|_1\|f\|_1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

thus,

$$1 \leq \int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu \int_{\Omega} g \, d\mu$$