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Assignment 1

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Problem 1

Part a

Part b

The closed unit ball clearly contains the points of the form $x_n = (0, 0, \dots, 1, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$ (1 is on the n th position and everything else is 0). So the distance between any two of these points is $2^{\frac{1}{p}}$. Thus this sequence has no converging subsequence (because no subsequence is Cauchy). Hence the closed unit ball is not compact in l^p .

Part c

Let $S = \{(q_n)_{n=1}^\infty : q_n \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ and } \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } q_n = 0, \forall n \geq N \text{ and } \|(q_n)\|_p < \infty\}$.

Claim: S is dense in l^p .

Proof: Let $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty \in l^p$. Let $\epsilon > 0$. Let $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\sum_{n=N}^\infty |x_n|^p < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$.

For each $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N-1\}$ find $q_i \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $|q_i - x_i|^p < \frac{\epsilon}{2(N-1)}$.

Now consider the sequence $(q_1, q_2, \dots, q_{N-1}, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$. Now we compute the difference between the two sequences in l^p :

$$\begin{aligned} (\|(q_n) - (x_n)\|_p)^p &= \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} |q_i - x_i|^p + \sum_{i=N}^{\infty} |q_i - x_i|^p \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} |q_i - x_i|^p + \sum_{i=N}^{\infty} |x_i|^p \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\|(q_n) - (x_n)\|_p < \epsilon^{1/p}$, but since ϵ was arbitrary and p is a constant, S is dense in l^p .

Problem 2

Part a

Let $A_n = [a, b - \frac{1}{n}]$. So We have: $A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots \subset \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = [a, b)$.
By the continuity of measure we have:

$$\begin{aligned} m([a, b)) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(A_n) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m([a, b - \frac{1}{n}]) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b - \frac{1}{n} - a \\ &= b - a \end{aligned}$$

Part b

Let $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ be a lebesgue measurable set. Let $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Need to show $A + t$ is lebesgue measurable.

Let $E \subset \mathbb{R}$. Since A is measurable, we have

$$m^*(E) = m^*(E \cap A) + m^*(E \cap A^c) \quad (1)$$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} x \in E \cap A + t &\iff x \in E \text{ and } x \in A + t \\ &\iff x \in E \text{ and } x - t \in A \\ &\iff x - t \in E - t \text{ and } x - t \in A \\ &\iff x - t \in (E - t) \cap A \\ &\iff x \in (E - t \cap A) + t \end{aligned}$$

So $E \cap A + t = [(E - t) \cap A] + t$. Thus,

$$m^*(E \cap A + t) = m^*([(E - t) \cap A] + t) = m^*((E - t) \cap A)$$

. By a similar argument we get $E \cap (A + t)^c = [(E - t) \cap A^c] + t$. Thus,

$$m^*(E \cap (A + t)^c) = m^*([(E - t) \cap A^c] + t) = m^*((E - t) \cap A^c)$$

. So we have:

$$\begin{aligned} m^*(E \cap (A + t)^c) + m^*(E \cap A + t) &= m^*((E - t) \cap A^c) + m^*((E - t) \cap A) \\ &= m^*(E - t) \\ &= m^*(E) \end{aligned}$$

Hence $A + t$ is lebesgue measurable.

Problem 3

Problem 4

Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}$ be open. Let $X \cap \mathbb{Q} = \{p_1, p_2, \dots\}$. For every $i \in \mathbb{N}$, let B_i be an open ball containing p_i such that $B_i \subset X$ (possible since X is open).

Claim: $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i$

Proof: It is clear that $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i \subset X$ because every B_i is inside X . So I prove the other inclusion. Let $x \in X$.

Problem 5

Part a

Let $C_0 = [0, 1]$. We define C_n recursively for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ as follows:

C_n is defined as every interval of C_{n-1} with the open middle third of each interval removed.

Now we have: $C = \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n \subset \dots \subset C_2 \subset C_1 \subset C_0$.