

6.5.41 Suppose $1 < p \leq \infty$ and $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$. For the case $p = \infty$, assume that the measure is semifinite. If T is a bounded operator on L^p such that $\int (Tf)g = \int f(Tg)$ for all $f, g \in L^p \cap L^q$, then T extends uniquely to a bounded operator on L^r for all r in $[p, q]$ (if $p < q$) or $[q, p]$ (if $q < p$).

Solution First notice that $L^p \cap L^q$ is dense in L^q . Indeed, L^q -integrable simple functions are dense in L^q , and L^q -integrable simple functions are also L^p -integrable, since they are supported on a set with finite measure. We will use Theorem 6.13 from Folland: Let $f, g \in L^p \cap L^q$, where f, g are simple with $\|g\|_p = 1$. Then by Hölder's inequality,

$$\left| \int (Tf)g \right| \leq \int |f(Tg)| \leq \|f\|_q \|Tg\|_p \leq \|f\|_q \|T\| \|g\|_p = \|T\| \|f\|_q$$

where $\|T\|$ is the operator norm of T . Because T is bounded, $\|T\| < \infty$, so $(Tf)g \in L^1$. By density of $L^p \cap L^q$ in L^q , the inequality holds for all $g \in L^q$, so by the theorem,

$$\|Tf\|_q \leq \|T\| \|f\|_q,$$

and again by density of $L^p \cap L^q$ in L^q , this inequality extends to all $f \in L^q$.

Next, we will show that T is linear: let $f_1, f_2, g \in L^p \cap L^q$. Then

$$\int [T(f_1 + f_2)]g = \int (f_1 + f_2)Tg = \int f_1(Tg) + \int f_2(Tg) = \int (Tf_1)g + \int (Tf_2)g = \int (Tf_1 + Tf_2)g.$$

Hence,

$$\int [T(f_1 + f_2) - Tf_1 - Tf_2]g = 0$$

for all $g \in L^q$, by the same density argument as before. Hence, by Theorem 6.13 again,

$$\|T(f_1 + f_2) - Tf_1 - Tf_2\|_q = 0 \implies T(f_1 + f_2) = Tf_1 + Tf_2.$$

We may now apply Riesz-Thorin to T . We have that T is a bounded operator on L^p and on L^q , and if $p < r < q$, there exists $t \in (0, 1)$ so that

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1-t}{p} + \frac{t}{q},$$

so T extends uniquely to a bounded operator on L^r .

6.5.45 If $0 < \alpha < n$, define an operator T_α on functions on \mathbb{R}^n by

$$T_\alpha f(x) = \int |x - y|^{-\alpha} f(y) \, dy.$$

Then T_α is weak type $(1, n\alpha^{-1})$ and strong type (p, r) with respect to Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}^n , where $1 < p < n(n - \alpha)^{-1}$ and $r^{-1} = p^{-1} - (n - \alpha)n^{-1}$.

Solution Notice that by Corollary 2.51,

$$\beta^p m(\{|x|^{-\alpha} > \beta\}) = \beta^p m(\{|x| < \beta^{-1/\alpha}\}) = \beta^p m(B(0, \beta^{-1/\alpha})) = C\beta^p \beta^{-n/\alpha}.$$

So, if we choose $p = n\alpha^{-1}$, we see that $|x|^{-\alpha} \in \text{weak } L^{n/\alpha}$, and so by translation invariance of the Lebesgue measure,

$$[K(x, \cdot)]_{n/\alpha} = [K(\cdot, y)]_{n/\alpha} = [|x|^{-\alpha}]_{n/\alpha} \leq C < \infty.$$

Thus, by Theorem 6.36, T_α is weak type $(1, n\alpha^{-1})$. By the same theorem, T_α is strong type (p, r) , where $1 < p < r < \infty$ and satisfy

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{n/\alpha} = \frac{1}{r} + 1.$$

If we pick r so that $r^{-1} = p^{-1} - (n - \alpha)n^{-1}$, we have

$$\frac{1}{p} - \frac{n - \alpha}{n} + 1 = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{\alpha}{n} - 1 + 1 = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{\alpha}{n},$$

so that value of r satisfies the equation. Lastly, from the choice of r ,

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{n - \alpha}{n} < \frac{1}{p} \implies 1 < p < r,$$

and because $p < n(n - \alpha)^{-1}$,

$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{n - \alpha}{n} > 0 \implies r < \infty$$

so the inequality $1 < p < r < \infty$ is satisfied. Hence, T_α is strong type (p, r) for the given conditions on p and r , as required.

8.1.4 If $f \in L^\infty$ and $\|\tau_y f - f\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$ as $y \rightarrow 0$, then f agrees a.e. with a uniformly continuous function.

Solution We follow the hint and consider

$$A_r f(x) = \frac{1}{m(B(r, x))} \int_{B(r, x)} f(y) dy.$$

We claim that the function defined by $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} A_r f(x)$ is well-defined and uniformly continuous.

By Lemma 3.16, we know that $A_r f(x)$ is continuous in both r and x . Indeed, since $f \in L^\infty$, for any bounded set $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, we have

$$\int_K |f(x)| dx \leq \int_K \|f\|_\infty dx = \|f\|_\infty m(K) < \infty \implies f \in L^1_{\text{loc}},$$

so we may apply the results of the lemma. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\tau_y A_r f(x) - A_r f(x)| &= \left| \frac{1}{m(B(r, x-y))} \int_{B(r, x-y)} f(z) dz - \frac{1}{m(B(r, x))} \int_{B(r, x)} f(z) dz \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{m(B(r, x))} \int_{B(r, x)} f(z-y) dz - \frac{1}{m(B(r, x))} \int_{B(r, x)} f(z) dz \right| \quad (z \mapsto z-y) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m(B(r, x))} \int_{B(r, x)} |f(z-y) - f(z)| dz \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m(B(r, x))} \int_{B(r, x)} \|\tau_z f - f\|_\infty dz \\ &\leq \|\tau_y f - f\|_\infty \xrightarrow{y \rightarrow 0} 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\|\tau_y A_r f - A_r f\|_u \xrightarrow{y \rightarrow 0} 0$, so $A_r f$ is uniformly continuous.

We will now show that $A_r f$ is uniformly Cauchy in r : Let $r, s > 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |A_r f(x) - A_s f(x)| &= \left| A_r f(x) - \frac{1}{m(B(r, x))} \int_{B(r, x)} A_s f(y) dy + \frac{1}{m(B(r, x))} \int_{B(r, x)} A_s f(y) dy - A_s f(x) \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{1}{m(B(r, x))} \int_{B(r, x)} f(y) - A_s f(y) dy \right| + \frac{1}{m(B(r, x))} \int_{B(r, x)} |A_s f(y) - A_s f(x)| dy \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m(B(r, x))m(B(s, x))} \int_{B(r, x)} \int_{B(s, x)} |f(y) - f(z)| dz dy + \|\tau_{y-x} A_r f - A_r f\|_u \\ &\leq \|\tau_{y-z} f - f\|_\infty + \|\tau_{y-x} A_r f - A_r f\|_u, \end{aligned}$$

where $z \in B(s, x)$ and $y \in B(r, x)$. Thus, $|y - z| \leq r + s$ and $|y - x| \leq r$, so as $r, s \rightarrow 0$, the above expression must go to 0. Indeed, the first term tends to 0 by assumption, and the second term vanishes because of uniform continuity of $A_r f(x)$ in x . This shows that $A_r f$ is uniformly Cauchy in r .

Hence, $Af(x) := \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} A_r f(x)$ exists for all x , and $\{A_r f\}_r$ is a sequence of uniformly continuous functions which converges uniformly to Af , so Af must be uniformly continuous.

By Theorem 3.18 in Folland, $Af(x) = f(x)$ for a.e. $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, which concludes the proof.