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# MAT357

## Foundations of Real Analysis

### Class Lecture Notes

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## Preface

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# I Introduction and Preliminaries

## 1 Review, Metric, and Normed Vector Spaces

Lec 1 - Jan 6 (Week 1)

we start w some review, particularly of  $\mathbb{R}$ . recall the least upper bound property: for any  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $M$  is an upper bd for  $S$  if for all  $x \in S$  we have  $x \leq M$ .

**fact:** any nonempty  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  bdd above has a least upper bd.

### Theorem 1.1: Archimedean Property

If  $a < b \in \mathbb{R}$  are distinct, then  $\exists q \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $a < q < b$ .

### Proof.

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sps wlog  $0 < a < b$ . let  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  such that:

$$M > \frac{1}{b-a} \implies M(b-a) > 1$$

let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  be the largest s.t.  $N \leq Ma$ . then  $q = \frac{N+1}{M}$  satisfies  $a < q < b$ . indeed:

$$N+1 > Ma \implies a < \frac{N+1}{M} \quad Mb > Ma+1 \geq N+1 \implies b > \frac{N+1}{M}$$

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genuinely hes just reviewing 157. why. at least hes moved on to metric spaces at [checks watch] 9:47. its now 10:00 and hes defining a nvs.

Lec 2 - Jan 8 (Week 1)

$\ell^p$  spaces. we know these. note  $p \in [1, \infty]$ .

$$\ell^p = \left\{ (a_n) : \sum_n |a_n|^p < \infty, p < \infty \right\} \quad \ell^\infty = \{ (a_n) : \sup_n |a_n| < \infty \}$$

we know these norms. check  $\ell^p$  is a vector space:

$$\begin{aligned} |a_n + b_n|^p &\leq (|a_n| + |b_n|)^p \leq (2 \max(|a_n|, |b_n|))^p \leq 2^p(|a_n|^p + |b_n|^p) \\ &\implies \sum |a_n + b_n|^p < \infty \end{aligned}$$

now we claim  $p$ -norm is a norm. most important is triangle inequality.

### Lemma 1.2: Young's Inequality

if  $x, y \geq 0$ , then:

$$xy \leq \frac{x^p}{p} + \frac{y^q}{q}$$

for conjugate exponents  $p, q \in (1, \infty)$ .

### Proof.

exercise; consequence of the fact that  $s \mapsto \ell^s$  is cvx. apparently.

### Theorem 1.4: Holder's Inequality

sps  $p, q \in [1, \infty]$  s.t.  $1/p + 1/q = 1$  (conjugate exponents). let  $a \in \ell^p$ ,  $b \in \ell^q$ . then:

$$\sum |a_n b_n| \leq \|a\|_p \|b\|_q$$

### Proof.

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case  $p = 1, q = \infty$ . then:

$$\sum |a_n b_n| \leq \sum |a_n| \sup_n |b_n| = (\sup_n |b_n|) \sum |a_n| = \|a\|_1 \|b\|_\infty$$

case  $p, q \in (1, \infty)$ : wlog, assume  $\|a\|_p = \|b\|_q = 1$ . apply young's:

$$|a_n b_n| = |a_n| |b_n| \leq \frac{|a_n|^p}{p} + \frac{|b_n|^q}{q}$$

$$\sum |a_n b_n| \leq p^{-1} \sum |a_n|^p + q^{-1} \sum |b_n|^q = \frac{\|a\|_p^p}{p} + \frac{\|b\|_q^q}{q} = p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$$

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### Theorem 1.5: Minkowski's Inequality

let  $p \in [1, \infty]$ ,  $a, b \in \ell^p$ . then  $\|a + b\|_p \leq \|a\|_p + \|b\|_p$ .

### Corollary 1.6

$\ell^p$  is a nvs.

### Proof.

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$p = 1, \infty$  easy, so sps  $p \in (1, \infty)$ . then:

$$\sum |a_n + b_n|^p = \sum |a_n + b_n| |a_n + b_n|^{p-1} \leq \sum |a_n| |a_n + b_n|^{p-1} + \sum |b_n| |a_n + b_n|^{p-1}$$

note:

$$p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1 \implies q^{-1} = 1 - p^{-1} = \frac{p-1}{p}$$

apply holder's to first sum:

$$\sum |a_n| |a_n + b_n|^{p-1} \leq \|a\|_p \left( \sum |a_n + b_n|^{(p-1)q} \right)^{1/q} = \|a\|_p \left( \sum |a_n + b_n|^p \right)^{1-p^{-1}}$$



applying to both sums gives:

$$\sum |a_n + b_n|^p \leq (\|a\|_p + \|b\|_p) \left( \sum |a_n + b_n|^p \right)^{1-p^{-1}} = (\|a\|_p + \|b\|_p) \|a + b\|_p^{p-1}$$

$$\|a + b\|_p^p \leq (\|a\|_p + \|b\|_p) \|a + b\|_p^{p-1} \implies \|a + b\|_p \leq \|a\|_p + \|b\|_p$$

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### Exercise 1.7

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prove that if  $p < q$  then  $\ell^p \subsetneq \ell^q$ . hint: consider  $\sum 1/n^s$  for some good  $s$ .

### Example 1.8

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$C[0, 1]$ , the nvs of cts  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .  $p$ -norm for  $p \in [1, \infty]$  entirely analogous.

### Exercise 1.9: HW 1.4

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repeat holder, minkowski pfs to show:

$$\|fg\|_1 \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q \quad \|f + g\|_p \leq \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p$$

“sequences and convergence” are we just doing topology again. well now we’re doing continuity, specifically seq continuity. so yes, we’re just doing topology again.

hint (idea?) for hw3, basically versions of 1-x but seq  $\rightarrow$  more curve.

Lec 3 - Jan 13 (Week 2)

some equivs btwn continuity, bdries, i forgot what else. evidently im not rly paying attn oh equiv of metrics/norms. note that if  $p < q$ , then  $\ell^p \subsetneq \ell^q$  so  $\|\cdot\|_p$  and  $\|\cdot\|_q$  not equiv.



## 2 Metric Space Topology

Lec 4 - Jan 15 (Week 2)

tdy was a snow day so going off posted notes but i still think nothings happened.

### Example 2.1

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$C([0, 1])$  is complete under sup norm.

let  $f_n$  be cauchy. for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ , we have:

$$|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \leq \sup_x |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| = \|f_n - f_m\|_\infty$$

thus,  $(f_n(x))$  is cauchy for fixed  $x$ , so  $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for fixed  $x$ . want to show that  $f \in C([0, 1])$  and  $\|f - f_n\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . then there exists  $N > 0$  s.t. for all  $n, m \geq N$ ,  $\|f_n - f_m\|_\infty < \varepsilon$ . since  $f_n$  is cauchy, for all  $x$ , we have for  $n \geq N$ :

$$|f(x) - f_n(x)| = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} |f_m(x) - f_n(x)| \leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sup_x |f_m(x) - f_n(x)| \right) < \varepsilon$$

thus for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $\sup_x |f(x) - f_n(x)| < \varepsilon$ , so  $f_n$  cvgs uniformly to  $f$ .

now we show  $f$  cts. let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $x \in [0, 1]$ . then there exists  $N$  such that  $\sup_y |f(y) - f_N(y)| < \varepsilon$ . since  $f_N$  cts,  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $\forall y \in [0, 1]$  w  $|x - y| < \delta$ , we have  $|f_N(x) - f_N(y)| < \varepsilon$ . thus:

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |f(x) - f_N(x)| + |f_N(x) - f_N(y)| + |f_N(y) - f(y)| \leq 3\varepsilon$$

this concludes the proof.

lol ok thats it.

Lec 5 - Jan 20 (Week 3)

still more cpt stuff ...



**Definition 2.2**

we say  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is **uniformly cts** if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $\forall x, y \in M$ , w/

$$d_M(x, y) < \delta \implies d_N(f(x), f(y)) < \varepsilon$$

notice the distinction btwn this and regular continuity.

**Theorem 2.3**

if  $f : M \rightarrow N$  cts and  $M$  cpt, then  $f$  uni. cts.

**Proof.**

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pick a seq  $(x_n, y_n) \in M^2$  s.t.

$$d_M(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow 0$$

since  $M^2$  cpt,  $\exists (x_{n_k}, y_{n_k}) \rightarrow (x, y)$ . then:

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, x_{n_k}) + d(x_{n_k}, y_{n_k}) + d(y_{n_k}, y) \implies d(x, y) = 0$$

so  $x = y$ . therefore:

$$d(f(x_{n_k}), f(y_{n_k})) \leq d(f(x_{n_k}), f(x)) + d(f(y), f(y_{n_k})) \implies d(f(x_{n_k}), f(y_{n_k})) = 0$$

since  $f$  cts. ■

oh hey connectedness

Lec 6 - Jan 22 (Week 3)

more connectedness ig

**Theorem 2.4** $\mathbb{R}$  is conn**Proof.**

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let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be non-empty clopen. wts  $U = \mathbb{R}$ .

let  $p \in U$  and defn:

$$X := \{x \in U : (p, x) \subseteq U\}$$

$X$  non-empty since  $U$  open,  $p \in U$ . claim:  $\sup X = \infty$ .

┌ sps otw, let  $s := \sup X < \infty$ . we show  $s \in X$ .

by defn,  $\exists x_n \rightarrow s$ . then  $\forall n, (p, x_n) \subseteq U$ , so:

$$(p, s) = \bigcup_n (p, x_n) \subseteq U$$

since  $x_n \in U$  and  $U$  closed,  $s \in U$  so  $s \in X$ . since  $U$  open,  $s + \varepsilon \in X$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ . ┐

thus, we must have  $(p, \infty) \subseteq U$ . by a symmetric argument,  $(-\infty, p) \subseteq U$ . we have  $(-\infty, p) \cup \{p\} \cup (p, \infty) \subseteq U$ , so  $U = \mathbb{R}$ . ■

“for culture”.

one place conn is used: pdes, known as *method of continuity*.

generally, want to find soln to eq:

$$Lu := \sum a_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} u = f$$

given  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , find  $u$  s.t.  $Lu = f$ . for(?)  $a = (a_{ij})$  is elliptic,  $\lambda^{-1} \leq ? \leq \lambda$  for some  $\lambda > 0$ . when  $a_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$ , ie  $a = \text{id}$ , this gives poissons eq'n.

for  $t \in [0, 1]$ , define:

$$L_t = t \sum_i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + (1-t) \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} \frac{p}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$$

$$I = \{t \in [0, 1] : L_t u = f \text{ has soln}\}$$

whs  $I = [0, 1]$ . let  $?? \in I$ , try to show ??? clopen.

anyway.

### Definition 2.5

let  $S \subseteq M$ .  $p \in M$  is a **cluster pt** of  $S$  if  $\forall r > 0$ ,  $|B_p(r) \cap S| = \infty$ .

### Theorem 2.6

tfae

1.  $\exists (x_n) \in S$  of distinct pts cvg to  $p$
2.  $\forall r > 0$ ,  $|B_p(r) \cap S| = \infty$
3.  $\forall r > 0$ ,  $|B_p(r) \cap S| \geq 2$
4.  $\forall r > 0$ ,  $B_p(r) \cap S$  contains a pt  $\neq p$

### Proof.

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clearly  $1 \implies 2 \implies 3 \implies 4$ . we show  $4 \implies 1$ .

let  $x_1 \in B_p(1) \cap S$  s.t.  $x_1 \neq p$ . then  $r_1 < d(x_1, p)$ . let  $x_2 \in B_p(r_1 \cap S)$  s.t.  $x_2 \neq p$ . note  $x_2 \neq x_1$  since  $r_1 < d(x_1, p)$ . take  $r_2 < \min(d(x_2, p), 1/2)$ , induct. ■

### Definition 2.7

a metric space is **perfect** if every pt is a cluster pt.

**Theorem 2.8**

complete non-empty perf metric sp is unctbl. (crl:  $\mathbb{R}$  is unctbl)

**Proof.**

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sps  $M = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$  ctbl. we construct a seq of closed sets of the form:

$$Y_i := \overline{B_{y_i}}(r_i)$$

s.t.  $\forall n$ :

1.  $x_n \notin Y_n$
2.  $Y_{n+1} \subseteq Y_n$
3.  $r_n \leq 1/n$

assuming the construction,  $(y_n)_n$  is cauchy. sps  $y_n \rightarrow y$ . by 2, since we have that  $y_m \in Y_n \forall m \geq n$ , then  $y \in Y_n \forall n$ . but  $x_n \notin Y_n$  so  $y \neq x_n \forall n$ , contradiction.

we now construct such a seq of sets. let  $y_1 \in B(x_1, 1)$  s.t.  $y_1 \neq x_1$ . next, define  $r_1 < \min(d(y, x_1), 1)$ . then  $Y_1 = \overline{B_{y_1}}(r_1)$  satisfies  $x_1 \notin Y_1$ .

for any  $k$ , choose  $y_k \in B(y_{k-1}, r_{k-1})$  s.t.  $y_k \neq x_k$ . choose  $r_k > 0$  s.t.:

$$r_k < d(y_k, x_k) \quad r_k \leq 1/k \quad B(y_k, r_k) \subseteq B(y_{k-1}, r_{k-1})$$

then  $x_k \notin \overline{B}(y_k, r_k)$ . ■

**Example 2.9: Cantor Set**

see below

as a fun ex of a perf space sth sth containing no interval, we construct the std middle thirds cantor set.

oh he drew some pictures

$$A_n := [0, 1] \setminus \left( \bigcup_{j=0}^{n-1} \left( \frac{1+3j}{3^n}, \frac{2+3j}{3^n} \right) \right) \quad C := \bigcap_n A_n$$

properties of  $C$ :

1. closed + cpt
2. “totally disconn”
3. non-empty
4. perf but contains no interval
5. unctbl

“totally disconn” means  $\forall r > 0, p \in C, \exists$  set  $U$  clopen in  $C$  s.t.  $U \subseteq B(p, r) \cap C$ .

n.b.: “proper” defn is that only singletons are conn.

**pf that  $C$  non-empty:** consider endpts.

**pf that  $C$  unctbl:** closed bdd subset of  $[0, 1]$ , so complete + perf thus unctbl.

**pf that  $C$  contains no interval:** sps  $(\alpha, \beta) \subseteq C$ . then if  $1/3^n < |\beta - \alpha|$ ,  $C_n$  is intervals of len  $1/3^n$ , so  $(\alpha, \beta) \subsetneq C_n$ . since  $C \subseteq C_n$ ,  $(\alpha, \beta) \subsetneq C$ .

**pf that  $C$  totally disconn:** let  $r > 0, p \in C$ . choose  $n$  s.t.  $1/3^n < r$ . then  $p \in C_n$  implies  $\exists$  interval  $I$  of len  $1/3^n$  in  $C_n$  s.t.  $p \in I$ . wts  $U = I \cap C$  satisfies:

- $U \subseteq B(p, r) \cap C$
- $U$  clopen in  $C$

since  $U = I \cap C$ ,  $I$  closed interval,  $U$  is thus closed in  $C$ . write  $I = [a, b]$  and choose  $\varepsilon < 1/3^n$ . then:

$$I \cap C = [a, b] \cap C = (a - \varepsilon, b + \varepsilon) \cap C = U$$

so  $U$  open in  $C$ .

**pf that  $C$  perf:** let  $p \in C$  and  $r > 0$ . wts  $|B(p, r) \cap C| \geq 2$ . if  $n$  s.t.  $1/3^n < r$ , then  $p \in I$  is a closed interval of len  $1/3^n$  in  $C_n$ . [take endpts]

defn: cvrng cpt: topo defn of cpt. thm: (seq) cpt iff cvrng cpt iff complete + totally bdd. note he phrased the 2nd one as a set  $\subseteq M$  being cpt iff *closed* + totally bdd, with  $M$  complete, rather than just complete + totally bdd.

### Definition 2.10

given metric sp  $M$ , a space  $M'$  is a **completion** of  $M$  if:

- i)  $\exists \iota : M \longrightarrow M'$  isometry onto  $i(M)$
- ii)  $M'$  complete
- iii)  $\iota(M)$  dense

note: he uses  $\widehat{M}$  but i dont feel like doing that so.

### Theorem 2.11

every metric sp has a completion

### Proof.

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sketch of “real” proof. define the set of cauchy seqs in  $M$  as:

$$\mathcal{C} := \{(x_n) : x_n \in M, (x_n) \text{ is cauchy}\}$$

defn:

$$a \sim b \iff \lim d(a_n, b_n) = 0 \quad M' := \mathcal{C} / \sim \quad D([a], [b]) := \lim d(a_n, b_n)$$

we check:

- i) lim exists and is well-defn'd  
pf: skipped, exercise
- ii) is a metric  
pf: triangle [basically] gets inherited, nothing to do



iii)  $M'$  complete

pf: uhh missing?

iv) inclusion is an isometry

pf: inclusion given by constant seqs, isometry follows

v) img of inclusion is dense

pf: also missing

