

[Hint: Let f_n be a Cauchy sequence in L^p . Pass to a subsequence $\{n_i\}_i$ such that $\|f_{n_{i+1}} - f_{n_i}\|_{L^p} \leq 2^{-i}$. Then the series $f = f_{n_1} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (f_{n_{i+1}} - f_{n_i})$ converges in L^p .]

1.1.9. Let (X, μ) be a measure space with $\mu(X) < \infty$. Suppose that a sequence of measurable functions f_n on X converges to f μ -a.e. Prove that f_n converges to f in measure.

[Hint: For $\varepsilon > 0$, $\{x \in X : f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)\} \subseteq \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n=m}^{\infty} \{x \in X : |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon\}$.]

1.1.10. Let f be a measurable function on (X, μ) such that $d_f(\alpha) < \infty$ for all $\alpha > 0$. Fix $\gamma > 0$ and define $f_\gamma = f\chi_{|f|>\gamma}$ and $f^\gamma = f - f_\gamma = f\chi_{|f|\leq\gamma}$.

(a) Prove that

$$d_{f_\gamma}(\alpha) = \begin{cases} d_f(\alpha) & \text{when } \alpha > \gamma, \\ d_f(\gamma) & \text{when } \alpha \leq \gamma, \end{cases}$$

$$d_{f^\gamma}(\alpha) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when } \alpha \geq \gamma, \\ d_f(\alpha) - d_f(\gamma) & \text{when } \alpha < \gamma. \end{cases}$$

(b) If $f \in L^p(X, \mu)$ then

$$\|f_\gamma\|_{L^p}^p = p \int_\gamma^\infty \alpha^{p-1} d_f(\alpha) d\alpha + \gamma^p d_f(\gamma),$$

$$\|f^\gamma\|_{L^p}^p = p \int_0^\gamma \alpha^{p-1} d_f(\alpha) d\alpha - \gamma^p d_f(\gamma),$$

$$\int_{\gamma < |f| \leq \delta} |f|^p d\mu = p \int_\gamma^\delta d_f(\alpha) \alpha^{p-1} d\alpha - \delta^p d_f(\delta) + \gamma^p d_f(\gamma).$$

(c) If f is in $L^{p,\infty}(X, \mu)$ prove that f^γ is in $L^q(X, \mu)$ for any $q > p$ and f_γ is in $L^q(X, \mu)$ for any $q < p$. Thus $L^{p,\infty} \subseteq L^{p_0} + L^{p_1}$ when $0 < p_0 < p < p_1 \leq \infty$.

1.1.11. Let (X, μ) be a measure space and let E be a subset of X with $\mu(E) < \infty$. Assume that f is in $L^{p,\infty}(X, \mu)$ for some $0 < p < \infty$.

(a) Show that for $0 < q < p$ we have

$$\int_E |f(x)|^q d\mu(x) \leq \frac{p}{p-q} \mu(E)^{1-\frac{q}{p}} \|f\|_{L^{p,\infty}}^q.$$

(b) Conclude that if $\mu(X) < \infty$ and $0 < q < p$, then

$$L^p(X, \mu) \subseteq L^{p,\infty}(X, \mu) \subseteq L^q(X, \mu).$$

[Hint: Part (a): Use $\mu(E \cap \{|f| > \alpha\}) \leq \min(\mu(E), \alpha^{-p} \|f\|_{L^{p,\infty}}^p)$.]

1.1.12. (Normability of weak L^p for $p > 1$) Let (X, μ) be a σ -finite measure space and let $0 < p < \infty$. Pick $0 < r < p$ and define

$$\| \| f \| \|_{L^{p,\infty}} = \sup_{0 < \mu(E) < \infty} \mu(E)^{-\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_E |f|^r d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{r}},$$

where the supremum is taken over all measurable subsets E of X of finite measure.

(a) Use Exercise 1.1.11 with $q = r$ to conclude that

$$\| \| f \| \|_{L^{p,\infty}} \leq \left(\frac{p}{p-r} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \| f \|_{L^{p,\infty}}$$

for all f in $L^{p,\infty}(X, \mu)$. (It is not needed that X be σ -finite here).

(b) Prove that for every measurable function f on (X, μ) we have

$$\| f \|_{L^{p,\infty}} \leq \| \| f \| \|_{L^{p,\infty}}.$$

(Y. Oi) Notice that if $X = \{1, 2\}$, $\mu(\{1\}) = 1$, $\mu(\{2\}) = \infty$, then X is not σ -finite, and verify that for the function $f = 1$ the preceding inequality fails.

(c) Show that $L^{p,\infty}(X, \mu)$ is metrizable for all $0 < p < \infty$, i.e., there is a metric on the space that generates the same topology as the quasi-norm. Also show that $L^{p,\infty}(X, \mu)$ is normable when $p > 1$, i.e., there is a norm on the space equivalent to $\| \cdot \|_{L^{p,\infty}}$.

(d) Use the characterization of the weak L^p quasi-norm obtained in parts (a) and (b) to prove Fatou's lemma for this space: For all measurable functions g_n on X we have

$$\| \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} |g_n| \|_{L^{p,\infty}} \leq C_p \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \| g_n \|_{L^{p,\infty}}$$

for some constant C_p that depends only on $p \in (0, \infty)$.

[Hint: Part (b): Write $X = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} X_k$ with $\mu(X_k) < \infty$ and take $E = \{|f| > \alpha\} \cap X_k$.]

1.1.13. Consider the $N!$ functions on the line

$$f_{\sigma} = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{N}{\sigma(j)} \chi_{[\frac{j-1}{N}, \frac{j}{N}]},$$

where σ is a permutation of the set $\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$.

(a) Show that each f_{σ} satisfies $\| f_{\sigma} \|_{L^{1,\infty}} = 1$.

(b) Show that $\| \sum_{\sigma \in S_N} f_{\sigma} \|_{L^{1,\infty}} = N! \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{N} \right)$.

(c) Conclude that the space $L^{1,\infty}(\mathbf{R})$ is not normable (this means that $\| \cdot \|_{L^{1,\infty}}$ is not equivalent to a norm).

(d) Use a similar argument to prove that $L^{1,\infty}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ is not normable by considering the functions

$$f_{\sigma}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{j_1=1}^N \dots \sum_{j_n=1}^N \frac{N^n}{\sigma(\tau(j_1, \dots, j_n))} \chi_{[\frac{j_1-1}{N}, \frac{j_1}{N}]}(x_1) \dots \chi_{[\frac{j_n-1}{N}, \frac{j_n}{N}]}(x_n),$$

where σ is a permutation of the set $\{1, 2, \dots, N^n\}$ and τ is a fixed injective map from the set of all n -tuples of integers with coordinates $1 \leq j \leq N$ onto the set $\{1, 2, \dots, N^n\}$. One may take

$$\tau(j_1, \dots, j_n) = j_1 + N(j_2 - 1) + N^2(j_3 - 1) + \dots + N^{n-1}(j_n - 1),$$

for instance.