

**Measure and Integration**  
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**10.6 – Convergence in  $L^p$**

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$(X, \mathcal{S}, \mu)$  measure sp.  $L^p(\mu)$   $1 \leq p \leq \infty$   $\| \cdot \|_p$ .  
 $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\mu)$  if  $\|f_n - f\|_p \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$   
 Cauchy if  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N$  s.t.  $\forall n, m \geq N, \|f_n - f_m\|_p < \epsilon$ .  
**Lemma.**  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .  $\{f_n\}$  Cauchy in  $L^p(\mu) \Rightarrow$  the seq. is Cauchy in meas.  
**Pf.**  $\epsilon > 0$ .  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$   
 $A_{n,m}(\epsilon) = \{x \in X \mid |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \geq \epsilon\}$   
 $\int |f_n - f_m|^p d\mu \geq \int_{A_{n,m}(\epsilon)} |f_n - f_m|^p d\mu \geq \epsilon^p \mu(A_{n,m}(\epsilon))$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \mu(A_{n,m}(\epsilon)) \leq \frac{\|f_n - f_m\|_p^p}{\epsilon^p}$   
 $\{f_n\}$  Cauchy in  $L^p(\mu) \stackrel{20}{\Rightarrow} \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N, \forall n, m \geq N, \|f_n - f_m\|_p < \epsilon$ .

So,  $(X, \mathcal{S}, \mu)$  measure space. So,  $L^p(\mu)$  are the spaces,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  with the norm  $\| \cdot \|_p$ . So, we say  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\mu)$  if  $\|f_n - f\|_p \rightarrow 0$  as  $n$  tends to infinity. So, Cauchy if for every epsilon positive there exists a capital  $N$  such that for all  $n, m \geq n$  we have  $\|f_n - f_m\|_p < \epsilon$ .

So, we want to show that these spaces are complete, namely this symmetric space empty Cauchy sequence converges to its metric, then it is a complete space and a complete norm linear space is called a Banach space. So, we want to show you all these  $L^p$  spaces are Banach spaces.

So, before that let us start with the following lemma.

**Lemma.** So,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . So,  $\{f_n\}$  Cauchy in  $L^p(\mu)$  implies the sequence is Cauchy in measure.

*proof:* so, let  $\epsilon > 0$ , then for all  $n, m$  positive integers, we define

$$A_{n,m}(\epsilon) = \{x \in X: |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \geq \epsilon\}.$$

$$\text{So, then } \int_X |f_n - f_m|^p dx \geq \int_{A_{n,m}(\epsilon)} |f_n - f_m|^p dx \geq \epsilon^p \mu(A_{n,m}(\epsilon)).$$

$$\text{So, this implies that } \mu(A_{n,m}(\epsilon)) \leq \frac{\|f_n - f_m\|^p}{\epsilon^p}.$$

So,  $f_n$  Cauchy in  $L^p(\mu)$  implies of course, that  $\mu$  so, there exists a  $N$  such that for all  $n, m$  greater than equal to so, given  $\eta > 0$  and greater than equal to capital  $N$  we have

$$\|f_n - f_m\| < \eta.$$

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$\forall n, m \geq N \quad \mu(A_{n,m}(\epsilon)) \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon^p}$   
 $\Rightarrow \{f_n\}$  Cauchy in meas.  
Thm  $(X, S, \mu)$  meas. sp.  $(1 \leq p < \infty)$ . Then  $L^p(\mu)$  is a Banach sp.  
Pf Need to show every Cauchy seq. in  $L^p(\mu)$  is  $Cauchy$ .  
Step 1.  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .  $\{f_n\}$  Cauchy  $\Rightarrow$  Cauchy in meas.  
 $\Rightarrow \exists$  subseq.  $\{f_{n_k}\}$  a. unif. Cauchy  
 $\Rightarrow \exists$  f. a.e.,  $f_{n_k} \rightarrow f$  a.e. To show  $f \in L^p(\mu)$  and  $f_{n_k} \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\mu)$ .  
 $\epsilon > 0 \quad N \in \mathbb{N} \quad \|f_{n_k} - f\|_p < \epsilon \quad \forall n, m \geq N$ .  
 keep  $n$  fixed.  $(n \geq N)$ . Fatou  $\Rightarrow$



Therefore, for all  $n, m \geq N$ , we have  $\mu(A_{n,m}(\epsilon)) \leq \frac{\eta^p}{\epsilon^p}$  and therefore, you have  $\{f_n\}$  is Cauchy in measure.

So, now, we have the following important theorem, sometimes called the Riesz Fischer theorem also.

**Theorem:** So, let  $(X, S, \mu)$  measure space,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . Then  $L^p(\mu)$  is a Banach space. So that is all we need to show.

*proof: Step 1:*  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . So, then  $\{f_n\}$  Cauchy implies Cauchy in measure by the lemma above and that implies there exists a subsequence  $\{f_{n_k}\}$ , which is almost uniformly Cauchy.

We have seen this before given a sequence which is Cauchy in measure, then there is a subsequence which is almost uniformly Cauchy.

And, that implies that  $f_{n_k} \rightarrow f$ , almost everywhere. So, there implies, there exists  $f$  measurable such that  $f_{n_k}$  converges to  $f$  pointwise almost everywhere. So, let  $\epsilon$  be, we now have a candidate for the limit, so, we have to show this so, to show  $f$  belongs to  $L^p(\mu)$  and  $f_n$  goes to  $f$  in  $L^p(\mu)$ .

So, if we can show these two things, our theorem is proved so, let  $\epsilon$  be positive and let  $N$  belong to the natural numbers such that  $\|f_n - f_m\|_p$  is less than  $\epsilon$  for all  $n, m$  greater than equal to capital  $N$ . So, keep  $n$  fixed of course,  $n$  is greater than  $N$ .

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$\Rightarrow \exists$  subseq.  $\{f_{n_k}\}$  a. unif. Cauchy  
 $\Rightarrow \exists$  f m.e.,  $f_{n_k} \rightarrow f$  a.e. To show  $f \in L^p(\mu)$  and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\mu)$ .  
 $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\|f_n - f_m\|_p < \epsilon \forall n, m \geq N$ .  
 Keep  $n$  fixed, ( $n \geq N$ ). Fatou  $\Rightarrow (\int |f_{n_k} - f| d\mu)^p \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int |f_{n_k} - f|^p d\mu \leq \epsilon^p$ . ( $\forall n \geq N$ ).  
 $\Rightarrow f_n \rightarrow f \in L^p(\mu) \Rightarrow f \in L^p(\mu)$ .  
 Also  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\mu)$ .



So, by Fatou lemma, since  $f_n$  converges  $f_n$  converges to  $f$  almost everywhere and therefore,

$$\int_X |f_n - f|^p d\mu \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X |f_{n_k} - f|^p d\mu \leq \epsilon^p \quad (\forall n \geq N).$$

$$\Rightarrow f_n \rightarrow f \in L^p(\mu) \Rightarrow f \in L^p(\mu).$$

Also,  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\mu)$ .

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**Step 2:**  $p = \infty$ . So,  $f_n$  Cauchy in  $L^p(\mu)$ , so, there exists for every  $k$  in  $\mathbb{N}$  there exists  $N_k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $m, n \geq N_k$ , we have  $||f_n - f_m|| < \frac{1}{k}$ .

i.e., there exists  $E_k \subset X, \mu(E_k) = 0$  on  $E_k^c$ , and  $|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \frac{1}{k}$ . So, let  $E = \bigcup_{k=1}^\infty E_k, \mu(E) = 0, E^c = \bigcap_{k=1}^\infty E_k^c$ . So, if  $x \in E^c$ , it is in every  $E_k$  complement and therefore,  $f_n(x)$  is Cauchy. So, you take  $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x), f(x) = 0$  on  $E$ .

And, you have that  $f \in L^\infty(\mu)$  and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  a.e.  $X$ .

So, that proves that this is a Banach space. So, this completes the proof on both (11:58).

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Cor.  $(X, \mathcal{S}, \mu)$  measure sp.  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$   $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\mu)$ . Then  $\exists$  subseq.  $\{f_{n_k}\}$  s.t.  $f_{n_k} \rightarrow f$  a.e.

Pr.  $f_n \rightarrow f$  a.e. if  $p = \infty$ . | seen in pf of Thm. above.

$\exists f_{n_k} \rightarrow f$  a.e. if  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . | Cf. Rudin Real & Complex Anal. Chapter: Measure & Integration (TRIM 77)

Explicit construction of  $f_{n_k}$  also shows that the subseq. is bounded above by a fixed  $f_n$ .

**Corollary:**  $(X, \mathcal{S}, \mu)$  measure space,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\mu)$ . Then, there exists a subsequence  $\{f_{n_k}\}$  such that  $f_{n_k} \rightarrow f$  a.e.

proof:  $f_n \rightarrow f$  almost everywhere if  $p = \infty$ , we have already seen and there exists  $f_{n_k} \rightarrow f$  a.e. if  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . We have seen this.

So, seen in the proof of the theorem above and therefore, this. Now, you can also explicitly construct the subsequence in case of  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and then you can find in almost any textbook on measure theory in particular I will say compare Rudin Real and Complex Analysis or the book I am following Measure and Integration Trim 77.

So, you can find it in either of the books and explicit construction now. There is an additional advantage in this proof that in fact explicit construction of  $f_{n_k}$  also shows that the subsequence is bounded above by a fixed function. Anyway, that is not very important for the moment and so, we will not give the proof we have used the convergence in measure arguments which is an easier argument to do.

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Pf.  $f_n \rightarrow f$  a.e. if  $p = \infty$ . seen in pf of Thm. above.  
 $\exists f_n \rightarrow f$  a.e. if  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . (cf. Rudin Real & Complex Anal. Chapter: Measure & Integration. Thm 7.7)  
 Explicit construction of  $f_n$  also shows that the converse is not true above by a fixed  $f_n$ .  
 Thm  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .  $\{f_n\}$  seq. in  $L^p(\mu)$ .  $f_n \rightarrow f$  a.e.  
 Then  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\mu) \iff \|f_n\|_p \rightarrow \|f\|_p$ .

**Theorem:**  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $\{f_n\}$  sequence in  $L^p(\mu)$ ,  $f_n \rightarrow f$  almost everywhere. Then  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\mu)$  if and only if  $\|f_n\|_p \rightarrow \|f\|_p$ .

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Pf:  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_p$  is a cont. mapping  
 $\implies \|f_n\|_p \rightarrow \|f\|_p$ .  
 Conversely  $f_n \rightarrow f$  a.e.  $\|f_n\|_p \rightarrow \|f\|_p$ ,  $f_n, f \in L^p(\mu)$ .  
 $F_n = |f_n - f|^p$  To show  $\int F_n d\mu \rightarrow 0$ .  
 $t \mapsto |t|^p$  convex.  $F_n = |f_n - f|^p \leq 2^{p-1}(|f_n|^p + |f|^p) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} G_n$ .  
 Then  $G_n$  is integrable,  $F_n \leq G_n$ .  $G_n \rightarrow G$  a.e.  $G = 2^p |f|^p$ .  
 Further, by h.p.,  $\int F_n d\mu \rightarrow \int G d\mu < +\infty$ .  
 By g.d.  $\implies \int F_n d\mu \rightarrow 0$  i.e.  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\mu)$ .

*proof:* so,  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\mu)$  is a continuous mapping and therefore, this implies that  $\|f_n\|_p \rightarrow \|f\|_p$ . So, that is obvious and therefore, you do not have to do anything here. Conversely,  $f_n \rightarrow f$  almost everywhere and  $\|f_n\|_p \rightarrow \|f\|_p$ ,  $f_n, f \in L^p(\mu)$ .

So, for that we take  $F_n = |f_n - f|^p$ . So, to show the integral  $\int F_n d\mu$  over  $X$  goes to 0. So, that is what we want to show. Now,  $t \rightarrow |t|^p$  is convex. Therefore,

$$F_n = |f_n - f|^p \leq 2^{p-1}(|f_n|^p + |f|^p) = G_n.$$

Then  $G_n$  is integrable,  $F_n \leq G_n$ , and  $F_n \rightarrow 0$  almost everywhere. Further by hypothesis we

$$\text{have } \int_X G_n d\mu \rightarrow \int_X G d\mu < +\infty.$$

integral  $\int F_n d\mu$ , sorry integral  $\int G_n d\mu$  over  $X$  goes to the integral over  $G$  sorry  $\int G d\mu$ , this is wrong  $G_n$  goes to  $G$  almost everywhere and where  $G$  is equal to  $2^p |f|^p$  and this is also finite because what is this integral this is  $2^p \int |f|^p d\mu$ .

So, this, so, by generalized dominated convergence theorem we have seen this, this implies

$$\text{that } \int_X F_n d\mu \rightarrow 0, \text{ i. e., } f_n \rightarrow f \text{ in } L^p(\mu).$$

So, that completes. So, we have shown that it is a Banach space we have seen about convergence. So, next time we will take up some other special properties of  $L^p$  spaces like density and then separability and such topological properties.