

Solve the following problems from Royden and Fitzpatrick's *Real Analysis*.

p. 139: # 1, 3, 4 (second part only), 5

p. 143: # 7, 10, 12, 13, 14

p. 149: # 26, (32), (33), (34). Read # 35.

Also, solve each of these problems.

A. Let  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n$  be real numbers such that each  $p_i > 1$ , and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_i} = \frac{1}{p_0}.$$

If, for each integer  $i$  between 1 and  $n$ ,  $f_i$  belongs to  $L^{p_i}(a, b)$ , must it be the case that the product  $f_1 \dots f_n$  belongs to  $L^{p_0}(a, b)$ ? Justify your answer.

B. (i) Let  $p \in (0, \infty)$ . Show that a measurable function  $f$  belongs to  $L^p(0, 1)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m\left(\left\{x \in (0, 1) : |f(x)|^p \geq n\right\}\right) < \infty.$$

(ii) Use part (i) to help determine the set of all  $p \in (0, \infty)$  such that if  $f$  is any nonnegative, measurable function on  $(0, 1)$  satisfying

$$m\left(\left\{x \in (0, 1) : f(x) \geq t\right\}\right) \leq \frac{1}{1+t^2}$$

for all  $t > 0$ , then  $f \in L^p(0, 1)$ .

C. Let  $f$  and  $g$  belong to  $L^2(-\infty, \infty)$ . Define the convolution product  $f * g$  by

$$(f * g)(x) = \int_{(-\infty, \infty)} f(y)g(x-y)dm(y)$$

for all real  $x$ , and define the translate of  $f$  by  $t$  according to

$$f_t(x) = f(x-t)$$

for all real  $x$ .

(1) Show that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|f_t - f\|_2 = 0$ .

(2) Show that  $f * g \in L^\infty(-\infty, \infty)$ . (Do not neglect to check that  $f * g$  is a measurable function!)

Q. 150, #32. Let  $\langle f_n \rangle_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence in  $L^\infty(E)$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  a convergent series of positive numbers such that  $\|f_{k+1} - f_k\|_{\infty} \leq a_k$  for all  $k$ .

(a) Prove that there is a subset  $E_0$  of  $E$  which has measure zero and

$$|f_{n+k}(x) - f_k(x)| \leq \|f_{n+k} - f_k\|_{\infty} \leq \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} a_j$$

for all  $k, n$  and all  $x \in E \setminus E_0$ .

(b) Conclude that there is a function  $f \in L^\infty(E)$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $E \setminus E_0$ .

(a) Let  $E_k = \{x \in E : |f_{k+1}(x) - f_k(x)| > a_k\}$  for  $k=1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Since  $\|f_{k+1} - f_k\|_{\infty} \leq a_k$ ,  $m(E_k) = 0$  for all  $k$  and hence  $E_0 = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$  has measure  $m(E_0) = 0$ . If  $n$  and  $k$  are positive integers and  $x \in E \setminus E_0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |f_{n+k}(x) - f_k(x)| &\leq \sum_{j=k}^{n+k-1} |f_{j+1}(x) - f_j(x)| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=k}^{k+n-1} a_j \\ &< \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} a_j. \end{aligned}$$

[Note: She did not show  $|f_{n+k}(x) - f_k(x)| \leq \|f_{n+k} - f_k\|_{\infty}$  for all  $k, n$ , and  $x \in E \setminus E_0$ .]

(b) Because  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$  is a convergent series of positive numbers, part

(a) shows that  $\langle f_k \rangle_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is a uniformly Cauchy sequence of functions

on the set  $E \setminus E_0$  and hence (by completeness of  $\mathbb{R}$ )

$$g(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f_1(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (f_{k+1}(x) - f_k(x)) \quad (x \in E \setminus E_0)$$

exists and  $f_n \rightarrow g$  uniformly on  $E \setminus E_0$ . Define a function  $f$  on  $E$  by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} g(x) & \text{if } x \in E \setminus E_0, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in E_0. \end{cases}$$

Clearly  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $E \setminus E_0$  and

$$f(x) = f_1(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (f_{k+1}(x) - f_k(x)) \quad (x \in E \setminus E_0)$$

$$\text{so } |f(x)| \leq |f_1(x)| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \leq \|f_1\|_{\infty} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k < \infty \text{ a.e.}$$

on  $E$ . Hence  $f \in L^\infty(E)$ .

p.150, #33. Use the preceding problem to show that  $L^\infty(E)$  is a Banach space.

By the example on pp.137-138, we know that  $(L^\infty(E), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  is a normed linear space. It remains only to show that  $(L^\infty(E), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  is complete. To this end, let  $\langle f_n \rangle_{n=1}^\infty$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $L^\infty(E)$ . Choose a subsequence  $\langle f_{n_k} \rangle_{k=1}^\infty$  such that  $\|f_{n_{k+1}} - f_{n_k}\|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{2^k}$  for all  $k \geq 1$ . By the preceding problem, there is a function  $f$  in  $L^\infty(E)$  and set  $E_0 \subseteq E$  with measure  $m(E_0) = 0$  such that  $f_{n_k} \rightarrow f$  uniformly on  $E \setminus E_0$ . We claim that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^\infty(E)$ . To see this, let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and choose an integer  $N_0 \geq 1$  such that  $\|f_m - f_n\|_\infty < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  for all  $m, n \geq N_0$ . Choose an integer  $n_k \geq N_0$  such that

$$|f(x) - f_{n_k}(x)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{ for all } x \in E \setminus E_0.$$

Since  $m(E_0) = 0$ , it follows that  $\|f - f_{n_k}\|_\infty < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . Consequently, for all  $n \geq N_0$  we have

$$\|f - f_n\|_\infty \leq \|f - f_{n_k}\|_\infty + \|f_{n_k} - f_n\|_\infty < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon.$$

P.150, #34: Prove that  $\ell^p$  is a Banach space for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

Let  $\{\xi^{(j)}\}_{j=1}^{\infty} = \left\{ \left\{ \xi^{(j)}_v \right\}_{v=1}^{\infty} \right\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $\ell^p$ .

Choose a subsequence  $\{\xi^{(j_k)}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  such that  $\|\xi^{(j_{k+1})} - \xi^{(j_k)}\|_p < \frac{1}{2^k}$

for  $k=1, 2, \dots$ . Because

$$|\xi^{(j_{k+1})}_v - \xi^{(j_k)}_v| \leq \left( \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} |\xi^{(j_{k+1})}_v - \xi^{(j_k)}_v|^p \right)^{1/p} < \frac{1}{2^k}$$

for all  $v=1, 2, \dots$  and all  $k=1, 2, \dots$  we have  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\xi^{(j_{k+1})}_v - \xi^{(j_k)}_v| < 1$ .

Therefore, for each  $v=1, 2, \dots$  we may define a real (or complex) number

by

$$\xi_v = \xi_v^{(j_1)} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\xi_v^{(j_{k+1})} - \xi_v^{(j_k)}) \quad \left( = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \xi_v^{(j_k)} \right)$$

Completeness of  
 $\mathbb{R}$  (or  $\mathbb{C}$ ) is  
being used  
here.

and put  $\xi = \{\xi_v\}_{v=1}^{\infty}$ . Note that

$$\xi_v - \xi_v^{(j_k)} = \sum_{l=k}^{\infty} (\xi_v^{(j_{l+1})} - \xi_v^{(j_l)}) \quad \text{for all } v=1,2,\dots \text{ and}$$

$k=1,2,\dots$ . Therefore, by Minkowski's inequality for  $\ell^P$ ,  $\bar{\xi} = \{\xi_v\}_{v=1}^{\infty}$

$$\text{satisfies } \|\bar{\xi} - \xi^{(j_k)}\|_P \leq \sum_{l=k}^{\infty} \|\xi^{(j_{l+1})} - \xi^{(j_l)}\|_P \leq \sum_{l=k}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^l} = \frac{1}{2^{k-1}}.$$

Note in particular that  $\bar{\xi} \in \ell^P$ .

The claim that  $\xi^{(j)} \rightarrow \bar{\xi}$  in  $\ell^P$ . To see this, let  $\epsilon > 0$  and choose an integer  $N_0 \geq 1$  such that  $\|\bar{\xi}^{(m)} - \bar{\xi}^{(n)}\|_P < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  for all  $m, n \geq N_0$ . Let  $n \geq N_0$  and choose an integer  $j_k \geq N_0$  such that  $\frac{1}{2^{k-1}} < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ . Then

$$\|\xi - \bar{\xi}^{(n)}\|_P \leq \|\bar{\xi} - \bar{\xi}^{(j_k)}\|_P + \|\bar{\xi}^{(j_k)} - \bar{\xi}^{(n)}\|_P < \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \epsilon.$$

Theorem 7, p. 148: Let  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of functions in  $L^P(0,1)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , which converges almost everywhere to a function  $f$  in  $L^P(0,1)$ . Show that  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges to  $f$  in  $L^P(0,1)$  if and only if  $\|f_n\|_P \rightarrow \|f\|_P$ .

Proof: By Fatou's lemma, we have (†)  $\|f\|_P \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n\|_P$ .

Suppose that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^P(0,1)$ . Then

$$(\star\star) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n\|_P \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\|f\|_P + \|f_n - f\|_P) = \|f\|_P.$$

It follows from (\*\*) and (\*\*\*) that  $\|f\|_p = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n\|_p$ .

Conversely, suppose  $\|f_n\|_p \rightarrow \|f\|_p$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Consider the sequence  $g_n(x) = 2^P(|f_n(x)|^P + |f(x)|^P) - |f_n(x) - f(x)|^P$ . Then each  $g_n$  is measurable,  $g_n \geq 0$ , and  $g_n(x) \rightarrow 2^{P+1}|f(x)|^P$  a.e. in  $(0, 1)$ . By Fatou's lemma,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 2^{P+1}|f(x)|^P dx &\leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \int_0^1 2^P|f_n(x)|^P dx + \int_0^1 2^P|f(x)|^P dx - \int_0^1 |f_n(x) - f(x)|^P dx \right) \\ &= \int_0^1 2^P|f(x)|^P dx + \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( - \int_0^1 |f_n(x) - f(x)|^P dx \right) \\ &= \int_0^1 2^P|f(x)|^P dx - \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 |f_n(x) - f(x)|^P dx. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 |f_n(x) - f(x)|^P dx \leq 0$ , and hence  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^P(0, 1)$ .

(B)

(i) Let  $f$  be a measurable functionon  $(0,1)$ ,  $p \in (0, \infty)$ , and  $E_n = \{x \in (0,1) : |f(x)|^p \geq n\}$  ( $n=1, 2, \dots$ ).Then  $f \in L^p(0,1)$  if and only if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m(E_n) < \infty$ .Note that  $n \cdot m(E_n \setminus E_{n+1}) \leq \int_{E_n \setminus E_{n+1}} |f(x)|^p dx \leq (n+1) \cdot m(E_n \setminus E_{n+1})$ for  $n=1, 2, \dots$  so the Monotone Convergence Theorem implies

$$\begin{aligned}
 (*) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \cdot m(E_n \setminus E_{n+1}) &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{E_n \setminus E_{n+1}} |f(x)|^p dx = \int_{E_1} |f(x)|^p dx \\
 &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1)m(E_n \setminus E_{n+1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m(E_n) < \infty$ . Then, since  $\{m(E_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a decreasingsequence,  $Nm(E_N) \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1)m(E_n \setminus E_{n+1}) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N (n+1)[m(E_n) - m(E_{n+1})] \right) \\
 &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( m(E_1) - (N+1)m(E_{N+1}) + \sum_{n=1}^N m(E_n) \right) \\
 &= m(E_1) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m(E_n) < \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore (\*) shows that  $\int_0^1 |f(x)|^p dx = \int_{E_1} |f(x)|^p dx + \int_{(0,1) \setminus E} |f(x)|^p dx < \infty$ .

Conversely, suppose  $f \in L^P(0,1)$ . Then  $n \cdot m(E_n) \leq \int_{E_n} |f(x)|^P dx$

for  $n=1, 2, \dots$  and the dominated convergence theorem implies

$$\int_{E_n} |f(x)|^P dx \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \text{ Consequently } n \cdot m(E_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Using (\*) we thus have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m(E_n) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( -Nm(E_{N+1}) + \sum_{n=1}^N m(E_n) \right)$$

$$= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N n(m(E_n) - m(E_{n+1})) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \cdot m(E_n \setminus E_{n+1})$$

$$\leq \int_{E_1} |f(x)|^P dx < \infty.$$

(ii) Suppose  $f$  is a nonnegative measurable function on  $(0,1)$  with the property that  $m(\{x \in (0,1) : f(x) \geq t\}) < \frac{1}{1+t^2}$  for all  $t > 0$ .

The claim that  $f \in L^P(0,1)$  for all  $p \in [1, 2]$ . To see this let

$p \in [1, 2]$ . Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m(\{x \in (0,1) : (f(x))^P \geq n\}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} m(\{x \in (0,1) : f(x) \geq n^{1/P}\})$$

$$< \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+n^{\frac{2}{P}}} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{2}{P}}} < \infty.$$

Part (i) then implies that  $f \in L^P(0,1)$ .

We claim that the minimum value of  $p$  for which  $f$  fails to be in  $L^P(0,1)$  is  $p=2$ . For let

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{x}-1} \quad \text{for } x \in (0,1).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } m(\{x \in (0,1) : f(x) \geq t\}) &= m(\{x \in (0,1) : \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{x}-1} \geq t\}) \\ &= m(\{x \in (0,1) : \frac{1}{x} \geq 4t^2 + 1\}) \\ &= m(\{x \in (0,1) : \frac{1}{1+4t^2} \geq x\}) \\ &= \frac{1}{1+4t^2} \\ &< \frac{1}{1+t^2} \quad \text{for all } t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

However  $f \notin L^2(0,1)$  because  $\int_0^1 f^2(x) dx = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^1 (\frac{1}{x}-1) dx = +\infty$ .

(c) (i) Let  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . There exists a continuous function  $g$ , vanishing outside an interval  $I$  of finite length, such that  $\|f-g\|_2 < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$  (cf. #15, p. 93). Because  $g$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  there exists  $\delta \in (0,1)$  such that

$$|g(x)-g(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3\sqrt{m(I)+1}} \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ satisfying } |x-y| < \delta.$$

Let  $|t| < \delta$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\|f_t - f\|_2 &\leq \|f_t - g_t\|_2 + \|g_t - g\|_2 + \|g - f\|_2 \\
&< \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(x-t) - g(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \\
&\leq \frac{2\varepsilon}{3} + \left( \int_{I \cup (I+t)} \frac{\varepsilon^2}{3^2(m(I)+1)} dx \right)^{1/2} \\
&\leq \varepsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

That is,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|f_t - f\|_2 = 0$ .

(2) Let  $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
|(f*g)(x) - (f*g)(y)| &= \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) [g(x-t) - g(y-t)] dt \right| \\
&\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(t)| |g(x-t) - g(y-t)| dt \\
&\leq \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \cdot \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(x-t) - g(y-t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \\
&= \|f\|_2 \cdot \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(\tau) - g(\tau + y-x)|^2 d\tau \right)^{1/2} \\
&= \|f\|_2 \cdot \|g - g_{x-y}\|_2
\end{aligned}$$

From part (1) of this problem and the previous estimate, we see that  $f*g$  is a (uniformly) continuous function on  $\mathbb{R}$ , and hence  $f*g$  is a measurable function on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Also note that, for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |(f*g)(x)| &\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(y)| |g(x-y)| dy \\ &\leq \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(y)|^2 dy \right)^{1/2} \cdot \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(x-y)|^2 dy \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \|f\|_2 \cdot \|g\|_2 < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $f*g$  is bounded on  $\mathbb{R}$ . It follows that  $f*g \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ .