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Let X be a metric space and let A and B be nonvoid subsets of X . Define

$$\text{dist}(A, B) = \inf \{ \rho(x, y) : x \in A, y \in B \}.$$

Then

- (a) If A and B are compact, then there exist $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ such that $\text{dist}(A, B) = \rho(a, b)$.
- (b) There exist disjoint nonvoid closed subsets A and B of $\mathbb{R}$ for which $\text{dist}(A, B) = 0$.

Proof: (a) By the definition of $\text{dist}(A, B)$, it is obvious to show that we can construct the following sequences:

$$\forall \text{ given } \gamma_n = \text{dist}(A, B) + \frac{1}{n}, \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

$$\exists a_n \in A \text{ and } b_n \in B, \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho(a_n, b_n) \leq \gamma_n, \quad n=1, 2, \dots$$

Now, since A and B are compact, [using theorem (3.43) that every sequence in a compact set (metric space) has a subsequence that converges to a point of this compact set]

we know there exist subsequences of $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ and $(b_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$, say $(a_{n_k})_{k=1}^{\infty}$ and $(b_{n_k})_{k=1}^{\infty}$, which converge to a point of A (say a) and a point of B (say b), respectively.

Then it is trivial to see that

$$\text{dist}(A, B) \leq \rho(a, b) \stackrel{\text{proof?}}{\leq} \lim_{n_k \rightarrow \infty} \left[\text{dist}(A, B) + \frac{1}{n_k} \right] = \text{dist}(A, B)$$

Hence, $\rho(a, b) = \text{dist}(A, B)$.

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a time.

Problem 4 (cont.)

(b)

$$A = \{2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$$

$$B = \{2 + \frac{1}{2}, 3 + \frac{1}{3}, 4 + \frac{1}{4}, \dots\}$$

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Page 112 Problem 8

If X is a metric space, then X is second countable if and only if X has a countable dense subset.

Proof: ($\Leftarrow$) If X has a countable dense subset.

$$S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots\}$$

Then we construct a countable ^{family} $\mathcal{B}$ of open sets as follows:

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ B_{\frac{1}{m}}(x_1), m=1, 2, \dots, \right. \\ B_{\frac{1}{m}}(x_2), m=1, 2, \dots, \\ \vdots \\ B_{\frac{1}{m}}(x_n), m=1, 2, \dots, \\ \left. \vdots \right\}$$

Then given any open set $V \subset X$ and $x \in V$, there is an open ball $B_{\frac{1}{m}}(x_n)$ such that $x \in B_{\frac{1}{m}}(x_n) \subset V$ for suitable m and n . Since if this argument is false, then we have either 1) $x \notin B_{\frac{1}{m}}(x_n)$ for any m and n which implies S is not dense and is a ^{con}tradiction or 2) $\forall m$ and $n, \exists x \in B_{\frac{1}{m}}(x_n)$ but $B_{\frac{1}{m}}(x_n) \not\subset V$.

This simply implies that V is not open which is also a ^{con}tradiction.

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Problem 8 (cont.)

($\Rightarrow$) If X is second countable, then by definition there exists some countable family $\mathcal{B}$ of open sets such that each open set $V \subset X$ can be expressed as the union of some subfamily of $\mathcal{B}$.

Let $\mathcal{B} = \{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n, \dots\}$ and choose a point x_n in each B_n . Then the set

$$S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots\}$$

is countable. Moreover, S is dense in X , since

otherwise the nonempty open set $X \setminus \bar{S}$ would contain ~~no~~ points of S . But $X \setminus \bar{S}$ is open, $X \setminus \bar{S}$ can be expressed as the union of some subfamily of $\mathcal{B}$ (or some sets of B_n) and B_n contains the point $x_n \in S$.

Hence, S is countable dense subset of X .

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Let A be any given bounded subset of $\mathbb{R}$ that is not closed.

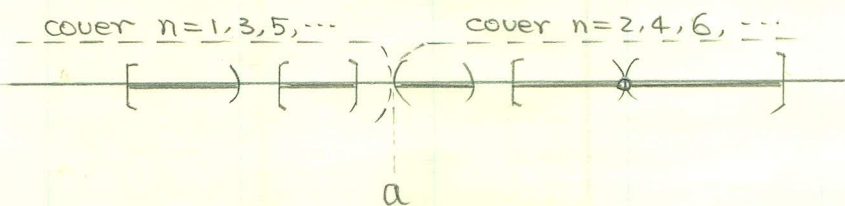
Construct explicitly an open cover of A that has no finite subcover.

Proof: Since A is bounded subset of $\mathbb{R}$ and since A is not closed, there must exist a limit point of A , say a and $-\infty < a < +\infty$, such that $a \notin A$. Then construct the following open cover

$$\mathcal{U} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (-\infty, a - \frac{1}{n}) : n = 1, 3, 5, \dots \\ (a + \frac{1}{n}, \infty) : n = 2, 4, 6, \dots \end{array} \right\}$$

which will cover A . However, it is obvious that any finite subcover ^{family} of $\mathcal{U}$ cannot cover A . *

Prove it anyway.



This point cannot be covered by finite subcover of $\mathcal{U}$.

This picture is not a proof.

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Page 120, Problem 3. (a) (b) (c)

Let X be a topological space, let Y be a metric space with metric ρ , and let f be a function from X into Y . Define the oscillation function ω of f on X by

$$\omega(x) = \inf \{ \text{diam } f(U) : U \text{ is a neighborhood of } x \}.$$

Then (a) f is continuous at $p \in X$, if and only if $\omega(p) = 0$.

Proof: ($\Rightarrow$) Since Y is a metric space, $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, we can define a neighborhood V_ε of $f(p)$ as follows:

$$V_\varepsilon = B_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}}(f(p)) = \{ y \in Y \mid \rho(y, f(p)) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \}.$$

Now since f is continuous at p , then by definition, there exists a neighborhood U_ε of p such that

$$f(U_\varepsilon) \subseteq V_\varepsilon.$$

By definition of diameter, we have

$$\text{diam } f(U_\varepsilon) \leq \text{diam } V_\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon.$$

By definition of $\omega(x)$, we have $\omega(x) < \varepsilon, \forall \varepsilon > 0$.

This implies $\omega(x) = 0$.

[Suppose $\omega(x) = a > 0$, then let $\varepsilon = a$, we have $\omega(x) < \varepsilon = a$, which is a contradiction.]

Problem 3(a) (cont.)

($\Leftarrow$) Since Y is a metric space, then for any neighborhood V of $f(p)$, there exists $\gamma > 0$ such that

$$B_r(f(p)) = \{y \in Y \mid \rho(y, f(p)) < \gamma\} \subseteq V.$$

[a neighborhood V of $f(p)$ is an open set containing $f(p)$.

And in a metric space, V is open $\Rightarrow (\exists \gamma > 0) B_r(f(p)) \subseteq V.$]

Now, $w(p) = \inf \{\text{diam } f(U) : U \text{ is a neighborhood of } p\} = 0$

implies that there exists a neighborhood U_r of p such that $\text{diam } f(U_r) < \gamma$.

By the definition of diameter, we have $\forall y \in f(U_r)$

$\rho(y, f(p)) \leq \text{diam } f(U_r) < \gamma$ which implies $y \in B_r(f(p)) \subseteq V$.

Hence, $f(U_r) \subseteq B_r(f(p)) \subseteq V$. That is

$\forall$ nbhd V of $f(p)$ ($\exists$ nbhd U_r of p) such that

$$f(U_r) \subseteq B_r(f(p)) \subseteq V.$$

By the definition, we conclude that f is continuous at p .

Q.E.D.

Page 120, Problem 3 (b)

(b) for each $\beta \leq \infty$, the set $\{x \in X : w(x) < \beta\}$ is open in X .

Proof: Let us define

$$S_\beta = \{x \in X : w(x) < \beta\}.$$

If $\beta \leq 0$, then $S_\beta = \emptyset$ and $\emptyset$ is open. In case of $\beta > 0$,

$\forall s \in S_\beta$, we have

$$w(s) = \beta_s < \beta$$

which implies that $(\exists \text{ a nbhd } G \text{ of } s)$ such that

$$\text{diam } f(G) = \beta_G \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_s \leq \beta_G < \beta.$$

Now, $\forall g \in G$, we note that G is also a nbhd of g and moreover

$$w(g) \leq \text{diam } f(G) = \beta_G < \beta$$

which implies $g \in S_\beta$ and hence $G \subseteq S_\beta$.

Thus S_β is open for any $\beta \leq \infty$.

_____ Q.E.D.

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Page 120, Problem 3(c)

(c) the set $\{p \in X : f \text{ is continuous at } p\}$ is a G_δ set in X .

Proof: It is shown in Problem 3(b) on page 03 that

$$S_\beta = \{x \in X : \omega(x) < \beta\}$$

is an open set for each $\beta \leq \infty$. Let us now construct a sequence of open sets by letting

$$\beta = 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}, \dots$$

In this way we obtain

$$S_1 \supseteq S_{\frac{1}{2}} \supseteq S_{\frac{1}{3}} \supseteq \dots \supseteq S_{\frac{1}{n}} \supseteq \dots$$

Now, let us define

$$S_0 = \{p \in X : f \text{ is continuous at } p\}.$$

From Problem 3(a) on page 01, we have

$$S_0 = \{p \in X : \omega(p) = 0\}.$$

Now, we need to show $S_0 = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} S_{\frac{1}{n}}$. It is simple

to see that $S_0 \subseteq \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} S_{\frac{1}{n}}$ since $0 < \frac{1}{n}$, $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$.

Next, we have to show $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} S_{\frac{1}{n}} \subseteq S_0$. We show this

argument by contradiction. Suppose $(\exists s \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} S_{\frac{1}{n}}) s \notin S_0$

which implies $\omega(s) = \beta_s > 0$. But

$$s \notin S_{\frac{1}{n}} \text{ for } n > \frac{1}{\beta_s}.$$

Thus $s \notin \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} S_{\frac{1}{n}}$ which is a contradiction. Hence,

$$S_0 = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} S_{\frac{1}{n}} \text{ and by definition } S_0 \text{ is a } G_\delta \text{ in } X.$$

Q.E.D.

Page 121 Problem 8

Suppose that f and g are continuous from a topological space X into a Hausdorff space Y and that $f(d) = g(d)$ for all $d \in D$, where D is a dense subset of X . Then $f(x) = g(x)$ for all $x \in X$.

Proof: Since D is dense in X , $\bar{D} = X$. And since we know $f(d) = g(d) \quad \forall d \in D$, hence we can prove that $f(x) = g(x) \quad \forall x \in X$ by showing $f(s) = g(s) \quad \forall s \in X \setminus D = \bar{D} \setminus D$.

By definition, we know that $\forall s \in \bar{D} \setminus D$, s is a limit point of D . From the definition of limit, we have

$$f(x) \rightarrow b_f \in Y \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow s \quad (x \in D)$$

$$g(x) \rightarrow b_g \in Y \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow s \quad (x \in D).$$

Since f and g are continuous functions on X , we have

$$f(x) \rightarrow f(s) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow s \quad (x \in D)$$

$$g(x) \rightarrow g(s) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow s \quad (x \in D).$$

Moreover, since $f(x) = g(x) \quad \forall x \in D$, we have

$$f(x) = g(x) \rightarrow g(s) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow s \quad (x \in D).$$

and since Y is Hausdorff, Theorem 3.64 says

$$f(s) = g(s) \quad \forall s \in X \setminus D.$$

Thus, we have

$$f(x) = g(x), \quad \forall x \in D \cup (X \setminus D) = X. \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

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Page 124, Problem 1

If X is a compact metric space and $A \subseteq X$ is nonvoid, then there is some $u \in X$ such that $\text{dist}(u, A) \geq \text{dist}(x, A)$ for all $x \in X$.

Proof: Let us first define a function $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as follows

$$f(x) = \text{dist}(x, A), \quad \forall x \in X \quad (A \subseteq X \text{ is nonvoid}).$$

We note that $f(X) = S$ with normal metric of $\mathbb{R}$ reduced on S is a metric space. Then for any $p \in X$ and $\forall$ nbhd V of $f(p)$, $(\exists B_r(f(p)))$ for some $r > 0$ such that

$$B_r(f(p)) = \{s \in S \mid |s - f(p)| < r\} \subseteq V.$$

Now, assume that the metric space X with a metric ρ and consider a nbhd of p to be a ball,

$$B_r(p) = \{x \in X \mid \rho(x, p) < r\}.$$

Then, $\forall g \in B_r(p)$, it follows from theorem 3.8 in text that

$$|f(g) - f(p)| = |\text{dist}(g, A) - \text{dist}(p, A)| \leq \rho(g, p) < r.$$

Hence $f(g) \in B_r(f(p)) \subseteq V$. This shows that f is continuous on X . Since X is compact, it follows from theorem 3.78 that $f(X) = S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is compact. ~~Moreover, it's closed and bounded.~~

Thus $(\exists s_0 \in S)$ such that $s \leq s_0 \quad \forall s \in S$, which implies that there exists a $u = f^{-1}(s_0) \in X$ such that

$$f(u) = \text{dist}(u, A) = s_0 \geq f(x) = \text{dist}(x, A), \quad \forall x \in X.$$

Q.E.D.

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Page 124, Problem 3

Let f and g be continuous real-valued function on $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(a) < g(a)$ and $f(b) > g(b)$. Then $f(x_0) = g(x_0)$ for some $x_0 \in [a, b]$.

Proof: Let us define a new function

$$h = f - g.$$

Hence, $h(a) = f(a) - g(a) < 0$ and $h(b) = f(b) - g(b) > 0$.

Next, we need to show that h is continuous on $[a, b]$.

Since f and g are continuous on $[a, b]$, $\forall p \in [a, b]$

and $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, $(\exists \delta_f \text{ and } \delta_g)$ such that

$$\forall x \in [a, b] \text{ and } |x - p| < \delta_f, |f(x) - f(p)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

and

$$\forall x \in [a, b] \text{ and } |x - p| < \delta_g, |g(x) - g(p)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Hence, we have $\forall x \in [a, b]$ and $|x - p| < \min(\delta_f, \delta_g)$

$$|f(x) - f(p)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad |g(x) - g(p)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Now we consider

$$\begin{aligned} |h(x) - h(p)| &= |f(x) - g(x) - f(p) + g(p)| \quad \forall |x - p| < \min(\delta_f, \delta_g) \\ &\leq |f(x) - f(p)| + |g(x) - g(p)| \\ &< \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Hence, h is continuous on $[a, b]$ and $h([a, b])$. Since $h(a) < 0$ and $h(b) > 0$, it follows from theorem 3.82 (Intermediate Value Theorem) that $0 = h(x_0)$ for some $x_0 \in [a, b]$. That $f(x_0) = g(x_0)$.

Q.E.D.

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Page 125 13 (a) (b)

(a) A topological space X is connected if and only if every continuous function from X into the discrete two element space $\{0, 1\}$ is a constant.

PROOF: $(\Rightarrow)$ (Proof by contradiction). Suppose that X is connected and f is a continuous function from X into the discrete two element space $\{0, 1\}$ is not a constant. That is $f(X) = \{0, 1\}$. Now, it follows from theorem (3.78) that X is connected implies $f(X) = \{0, 1\}$ is connected. But consider subsets $\{0\}$ and $\{1\}$ of $\{0, 1\}$, $\{0\} \cap \{1\} = \emptyset$ and $\{0\} \cup \{1\} = \{0, 1\}$, which implies $\{0, 1\}$ is disconnected and is a contradiction. Hence $f(X)$ is a constant.

$\frac{10}{10}$ $(\Leftarrow)$ (PROOF By Contradiction) Suppose every continuous function from X into $\{0, 1\}$ is constant, but X is disconnected. That is there exist open sets U and V of X , such that $U \neq \emptyset \neq V$, $U \cap V = \emptyset$, $X = U \cup V$. Now let us define a function from X in $\{0, 1\}$ as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \forall x \in U \\ 1 & \forall x \in V. \end{cases}$$

f is a continuous function but $f(X)$ is not a constant. This is a contradiction. Hence, X is connected.

Q.E.D.

Page 125 Problem 13 (b)

Let X be a topological space, let $A \subseteq X$ be connected and let $A \subseteq B \subseteq \bar{A}$. Then B is connected.

Proof: (Proof By Contradiction)

Suppose that B is disconnected. That is there exist open sets U and V such that $B \cap U \neq \emptyset \neq B \cap V$, $B \cap U \cap V = \emptyset$ and $B \subseteq U \cup V$. Now observe that

$$A \cap U \cap V \subseteq B \cap U \cap V = \emptyset \Rightarrow A \cap U \cap V = \emptyset \quad \dots (*)$$

and

$$A \subseteq B \subseteq U \cup V \Rightarrow A \subseteq U \cup V. \quad \dots (**)$$

The remaining task is to show $A \cap U \neq \emptyset \neq A \cap V$.

Let $x \in B \cap U$ and since $B \subseteq \bar{A}$. Hence, either $x \in A$ or x is a limit point of A . (1) If $x \in A \Rightarrow \underline{A \cap U \neq \emptyset}$.

(2) If x is a limit point of A and since U is open containing x , then by definition, we know U contains at least one point y of A . Hence, $\underline{A \cap U \neq \emptyset}$. In both cases, we have $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$. By similar argument, we will also obtain $A \cap V \neq \emptyset$. Together with the facts of (*) and (**), we show A is disconnected and which is a contradiction. Hence, B is connected. ($\bar{A}$ is connected either).

Q.E.D.

Page 125 Problem 17 (a)

Let X be a metric space and let f and g be complex-valued functions on X that are uniformly continuous on X . Then

$f + g$ is uniformly continuous on X .

Proof: f is uniformly continuous on X . $\Rightarrow$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ $(\forall \frac{\varepsilon}{2} > 0) (\exists \delta_f) (\forall x, y \in X)$ such that
 $\rho(x, y) < \delta_f \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$.

Similarly, g is uniformly continuous on $X \Rightarrow$

$(\forall \frac{\varepsilon}{2} > 0) (\exists \delta_g) (\forall x, y \in X)$ such that
 $\rho(x, y) < \delta_g \Rightarrow |g(x) - g(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

Now $(\forall \varepsilon > 0) (\exists \delta = \min(\delta_f, \delta_g)) (\forall x, y \in X)$

$\rho(x, y) < \delta \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} |(f+g)(x) - (f+g)(y)| &= |f(x) + g(x) - f(y) - g(y)| \\ &\leq |f(x) - f(y)| + |g(x) - g(y)| \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ &< \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by definition, $f+g$ is uniformly continuous on X .

Q.E.D.

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Problem 3 on Page 156

If X is a topological space and $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a function, we define the support of f to be the set $\overline{\{x \in X : f(x) \neq 0\}}$. Write

$$C_{00}(X) = \{f \in C(X) : f \text{ has compact support}\}.$$

If X is a locally compact metric space, then $C_{00}(X)$ is dense in $C_0(X)$.

PROOF: We will show $C_{00}(X)$ is dense in $C_0(X)$ by showing that $C_{00}(X) \subseteq C_0(X)$ is a self-adjoint, subalgebra that separates point and vanishes nowhere.

- (i) $f \in C_{00}(X) \Rightarrow f \in C(X) \Rightarrow (\forall \varepsilon > 0) \{x \in X : |f(x)| \geq \varepsilon\}$ is closed.
 more over $\{x \in X : |f(x)| \geq \varepsilon\} \subseteq \overline{\{x \in X : f(x) \neq 0\}}$ which
 is compact by definition $\Rightarrow (\forall \varepsilon > 0) \{x \in X : |f(x)| \geq \varepsilon\}$ is compact.

Hence $f \in C_0(X)$ and $C_{00}(X) \subseteq C_0(X)$.

- (ii) If $f \in C_{00}(X) \Rightarrow \overline{\{x \in X : f(x) \neq 0\}}$ is compact.

We note that $\bar{f} \in C(X)$ and $\bar{f}(x) = 0$ iff $f(x) = 0 \forall x$. Hence

$$\overline{\{x \in X : \bar{f}(x) \neq 0\}} = \overline{\{x \in X : f(x) \neq 0\}} \text{ is compact.}$$

By definition, $\bar{f} \in C_{00}(X)$. (self-adjoint)

- (iii) $\forall f \in C_{00}(X)$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\overline{\{x \in X : \alpha f(x) \neq 0\}} = \emptyset \text{ is compact if } \alpha = 0$$

$$\overline{\{x \in X : \alpha f(x) \neq 0\}} = \overline{\{x \in X : f(x) \neq 0\}} \text{ is compact.}$$

Hence, $\alpha f \in C_{00}(X)$. $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\forall f \in C_{00}(X)$.

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$$\forall f, g \in C_{00}(X)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{x \in X : f(x)g(x) \neq 0\} &= \{x \in X : f(x) \neq 0\} \cap \{x \in X : g(x) \neq 0\} \\ &\subseteq \overline{\{x \in X : f(x) \neq 0\}} \cap \overline{\{x \in X : g(x) \neq 0\}} \end{aligned}$$

which is compact and closed. Hence

$$\overline{\{x \in X : f(x)g(x) \neq 0\}} \subseteq \overline{\{x \in X : f(x) \neq 0\}} \cap \overline{\{x \in X : g(x) \neq 0\}}$$

is compact. Thus, $(f \cdot g) \in C_{00}(X)$.

$$\{x \in X : f(x) + g(x) \neq 0\} \subseteq \{x \in X : f(x) \neq 0\} \cup \{x \in X : g(x) \neq 0\}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\{x \in X : f(x) + g(x) \neq 0\}} &\subseteq \overline{\{x \in X : f(x) \neq 0\}} \cup \overline{\{x \in X : g(x) \neq 0\}} \\ &= \overline{\{x \in X : f(x) \neq 0\}} \cup \overline{\{x \in X : g(x) \neq 0\}} \end{aligned}$$

which is again compact. Hence $\overline{\{x \in X : f(x) + g(x) \neq 0\}}$ is compact and $(f+g) \in C_{00}(X)$.

Thus, $C_{00}(X)$ is a subalgebra.

(iv) Let ρ be the metric of metric space X . Let $x_0 \in X$ and

$$f(x) \triangleq \rho(x_0, x) \quad \forall x \in X.$$

$f \notin C_{00}(X)$

f separates points and

$$\overline{\{x \in X : f(x) \neq 0\}}$$

Page 157, Problem 7 (a)

Let X be a compact space and let $L \subseteq C^r(X)$ be a lattice
 $[f, g \in L \text{ implies } f \wedge g, f \vee g \in L]$.

(a) If $f \in C^r(X)$ and if for each $x, y \in X$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ there
 is some $h \in L$ such that $|f(z) - h(z)| < \varepsilon$ for $z = x$ and
 $z = y$, then there is an $h \in L$ such that $|f(z) - h(z)| < \varepsilon \forall z \in X$.

PROOF: $\forall x, y \in X, (\forall \varepsilon > 0) (\exists h_{x,y} \in L) (|f(z) - h_{x,y}(z)| < \varepsilon, \forall z = x, y)$

Let $V_{x,y} := \{z \in X \mid h_{x,y}(z) < f(z) + \varepsilon\}$ $x, y \in V_{x,y}$

As shown in the class, $V_{x,y}$ is open. Now fix x , then

$\{V_{x,y} \mid y \in X\}$ is open cover of X why? and since X
 is compact. There exist a finite subcover

$V_{x,y_1}, V_{x,y_2}, \dots, V_{x,y_n}$. Define

$$g_x \triangleq h_{x,y_1} \wedge h_{x,y_2} \wedge \dots \wedge h_{x,y_n} \in L$$

$$\Rightarrow g_x(z) < f(z) + \varepsilon \quad \forall z \in X.$$

Let $W_x = \{z \in X \mid g_x(z) > f(z) - \varepsilon\}$. Again W_x is open

why? and $x \in W_x$. Moreover $\{W_x \mid x \in X\}$ is another open
 cover of X . Hence there exists a finite subcover of X

$W_{x_1}, W_{x_2}, \dots, W_{x_m}$. Now define

$$g \triangleq g_{x_1} \vee g_{x_2} \vee \dots \vee g_{x_m} \in L$$

Then

$$f(z) - \varepsilon < g(z) < f(z) + \varepsilon \quad \forall z \in X.$$

Q.E.D.

why?

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Page 277. Problem 13 (a)

If $f \in L^r$ and $\phi \in M_0$, then $f\phi \in L^r$.

Proof: Let $\phi = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j \chi_{I_j} \in M_0$, where $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{R}$, $j=1, 2, \dots, n$.

$$\text{Then } f\phi = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j f \chi_{I_j}.$$

Now we need to prove that $f \chi_{I_j} \in L^r$ for $j=1, 2, \dots, n$.

$f \in L^r$ implies that $(\exists g, h \in M_1 \in L^r)$ such that $f = g - h$ a.e.

and $f \chi_{I_j} = g \chi_{I_j} - h \chi_{I_j}$ a.e.. By definition of M_1 , there

exist nondecreasing sequences (ϕ_n) and $(\psi_n) \subseteq M_0$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi_n(x) = g(x) \text{ a.e. and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi_n(x) = h(x) \text{ a.e.}$$

Then it is simple to see that $(\phi_n \chi_{I_j})$ and $(\psi_n \chi_{I_j}) \subseteq M_0 \subseteq L^r$

Moreover, they are nondecreasing with $|\phi_n \chi_{I_j}| \leq g$, $|\psi_n \chi_{I_j}| \leq h$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi_n \chi_{I_j} = g \chi_{I_j} \text{ a.e. and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi_n \chi_{I_j} = h \chi_{I_j} \text{ a.e.}$$

Apply LDCT, we have $g \chi_{I_j} \in L^r$ and $h \chi_{I_j} \in L^r$ and

Hence $f \chi_{I_j} = g \chi_{I_j} - h \chi_{I_j} \in L^r$, $j=1, 2, \dots, n$, which implies

$$f\phi = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j f \chi_{I_j} \in L^r.$$

Q.E.D.

Page 277, Problem 15 (a)

Suppose that f is a real-valued function defined on the plane $\mathbb{R}^2$ such that, for each fixed x , the function $y \rightarrow f(x, y)$ is in L^r and each fixed y , the function $x \rightarrow f(x, y)$ is continuous on $\mathbb{R}$. Define ϕ on $\mathbb{R}$ by

$$\phi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy.$$

(a) If there is some function $g \in L^r$ such that $|f(x, y)| \leq |g(y)|$ for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$ and all x in some open interval $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, then ϕ is continuous on I .

Proof: $\forall x \in I$, we will show ϕ is continuous at x by showing that $(\forall (x_n) \subseteq I) (x_n \rightarrow x \text{ implies } \phi(x_n) \rightarrow \phi(x))$.

Since for each fixed y , the function $x \rightarrow f(x, y)$ is continuous.

Hence, $(\forall (x_n) \subseteq I) (x_n \rightarrow x \text{ implies } f(x_n, y) \rightarrow f(x, y))$.

For each fixed x_n , $f(x_n, y) \in L^r$. Moreover,

$$|f(x_n, y)| \leq |g(y)| \in L^r \quad (g \in L^r \Rightarrow |g| \in L^r)$$

Apply LDCT, we have $f(x, y) \in L^r$. Furthermore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x_n, y) dy = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(x_n) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy = \phi(x).$$

Hence, ϕ is continuous on I .

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The sequence of functions f_n defined by $f_n(x) = \sin(nx)$ has no subsequence which converges a.e. on $\mathbb{R}$.

Proof: We prove this problem by contradiction. Suppose f_n has a subsequence $(f_{n_k})_{k=1}^{\infty}$ which converges some function f a.e. on $\mathbb{R}$.

Let

$$g_k = (f_{n_k} - f_{n_{k+1}})^2.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g_k &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (f_{n_k} - f_{n_{k+1}})^2 \\ &= (f - f)^2 = 0 \quad \text{a.e. on } [0, 2\pi] \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$h(x) = 4 \chi_{[0, 2\pi]}$$

Then it is simple to see that $h \in L^r_1$ and

$$|g_k \chi_{[0, 2\pi]}| < h \in L^r_1$$

Apply LDCT, we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int g_k \chi_{[0, 2\pi]} = \int_0^{2\pi} 0 = 0.$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} \int g_k \chi_{[0, 2\pi]} &= \int_0^{2\pi} [\sin(n_k x) - \sin(n_{k+1} x)]^2 dx \\ &= \cancel{\pi} \quad 2\pi \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int g_k \chi_{[0, 2\pi]} = 1$ and this is a contradiction.

Thus, the sequence of $f_n(x) = \sin(nx)$ has no subsequence which converges a.e. on $\mathbb{R}$.

Q.E.D.

P278, Problem 19 (a)

If $a < b$ in $\mathbb{R}^*$ and if $(u_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of functions in $L^1(a, b)$ satisfying

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_a^b |u_n(x)| dx < \infty,$$

then the series

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$$

converges absolutely for almost every $x \in (a, b)$, and the function f thereby defined is in $L^1(a, b)$ and satisfies

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_a^b u_n(x) dx.$$

PROOF: Let $g_k(x) = \sum_{n=1}^k |u_n(x)|$. We note that g_k is non-decreasing

$$\int_a^b g_k = \int_a^b \sum_{n=1}^k |u_n(x)| dx = \sum_{n=1}^k \int_a^b |u_n(x)| dx \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_a^b |u_n(x)| dx < \infty$$

Hence, $g_k \in L^1(a, b)$. Apply MCT, we have

$$g = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g_k = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |u_n| \in L^1(a, b), \text{ a.e.}$$

Hence, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x)$ converges absolutely a.e. on (a, b) to $f(x)$.

Now, let $f_k(x) = \sum_{n=1}^k u_n(x)$. Note that

$$|f_k| = \left| \sum_{n=1}^k u_n \right| \leq \sum_{n=1}^k |u_n| = g_k < g \text{ a.e.}, \quad g \in L^1(a, b)$$

Apply LDCT, we have

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_k(x) dx = \int_a^b \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx \text{ a.e. } f \in L^1(a, b)$$

Moreover,
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_k(x) dx$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b \sum_{n=1}^k u_n(x) dx$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^k \int_a^b u_n(x) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_a^b u_n(x) dx. \quad \underline{\text{Q.E.D.}}$$

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P279, 22(b)

If $f \in L^1$ is defined everywhere on $\mathbb{R}$ and is uniformly continuous on $\mathbb{R}$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0$, and so f is bounded.

Proof: $f \in L^1 \Rightarrow |f| \in L^1$. ^{o.k.} Moreover $|f|$ is defined everywhere on $\mathbb{R}$ and is uniformly continuous on $\mathbb{R}$. Let

$$g_n(x) = |f(x)| \chi_{[-n, n]}.$$

Then we have $g_n \in L^1$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(x) = |f(x)|$.

Moreover, $|g_n| \leq |f|$. Apply LDCT, we obtain

$$\int |f| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int g_n$$

or

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int |f| - g_n = 0.$$

$\Rightarrow (\forall \varepsilon > 0) (\exists N \in \mathbb{N})$ such that for all $n \geq N$,

$$\int |f| - g_n < \varepsilon \quad \dots \dots \quad (*)$$

Since $|f|$ is uniformly continuous on $\mathbb{R} \Rightarrow (\forall \varepsilon > 0) (\exists \delta > 0) (\exists \delta > 0) (|x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon)$.

Now Suppose that there exist a $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ ($|x_1| \geq N$) and

$$|f(x_1)| = a > \left(\frac{\delta + 1}{\delta}\right) \cdot \varepsilon \quad \dots$$

Dr. Watkins: I can't finish this problem. Please give me a hint.

Work with $|f|$. Suppose $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} |f(x)| \neq 0$.

Then $(\exists \varepsilon > 0) (\forall n \in \mathbb{N}) (\exists x \geq n) |f(x)| \geq \varepsilon$.

$(\exists \delta > 0) (|x - y| < \delta \Rightarrow ||f(x)| - |f(y)|| < \varepsilon/2)$

Find $x_1 < x_2 < x_3 < x_4 < \dots$ such that $x_{i+1} > x_i + \delta \forall i$ and $|f(x_i)| \geq \varepsilon$.
Show that $\int |f| = \infty$.

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Page 310. Problem 14

If $f \in L_1$, and $\varepsilon > 0$, then there exists a continuous function $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ which vanishes identically outside some bounded interval and satisfies $\int |f - g| < \varepsilon$.

Proof: First we consider the special case where $f \in L_1^+$. Then it follows from Theorem (6.18) that there exists a sequence $(\phi_n)_{n=1}^\infty \subseteq M_0$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int |f - \phi_n| = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi_n(x) = f(x) \text{ a.e.}$$

Hence $(\forall \varepsilon > 0) (\exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \phi_N \in M_0)$ such that

$$\int |f - \phi_N| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

From the definition of step function, we can rewrite

$$\phi_N(x) = \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m \chi_{I_m} \quad \text{for some } M \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and disjoint intervals}$$

$I_m, m=1, \dots, M$. Also, we know ϕ_N vanishes identically outside some bounded interval, i.e., $\alpha_m = 0$ if I_m is unbounded.

(note that $\bigcup_{m=1}^M I_m = \mathbb{R}$). Now let $\alpha = \max\{|\alpha_1|, \dots, |\alpha_M|\}$ and

$$D = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \phi_N(x) \text{ is discontinuous on } x\}.$$

We note that D contains at most M points. Let us define

$$D_\varepsilon = \bigcup_{m=1}^M \left(x_m - \frac{\varepsilon}{4M\alpha}, x_m + \frac{\varepsilon}{4M\alpha}\right), \quad x_m \in D$$

and

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \phi_N(x) & \text{if } x \notin D_\varepsilon \\ \frac{2M\alpha}{\varepsilon} \left[\phi_N\left(x_m + \frac{\varepsilon}{4M\alpha}\right) - \phi_N\left(x_m - \frac{\varepsilon}{4M\alpha}\right) \right] \cdot \left(x - x_m + \frac{\varepsilon}{4M\alpha}\right) \\ \quad + \phi_N\left(x_m - \frac{\varepsilon}{4M\alpha}\right) & \text{if } x \in \left(x_m - \frac{\varepsilon}{4M\alpha}, x_m + \frac{\varepsilon}{4M\alpha}\right) \\ & \text{and } x_m \in D. \end{cases}$$

Problem 14 (cont.)

Hence, $g(x)$ is continuous on $\mathbb{R}$ and vanishes identically outside some bounded interval and satisfies

$$\int |\phi_N - g| \leq \alpha \cdot M \cdot \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{4\alpha M} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4\alpha M} \right) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int |f - g| &= \int |f - \phi_N + \phi_N - g| \leq \int (|f - \phi_N|) + \int |\phi_N - g| \\ &= \int |f - \phi_N| + \int |\phi_N - g| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Now, let us consider the general case, i.e., $f \in L_1$. Hence, we have $f = \operatorname{Re} f + i \cdot \operatorname{Im} f$, where $\operatorname{Re} f \in L_1^r$ and $\operatorname{Im} f \in L_1^r$. Then it follows from the special case we proved above that there exist continuous real valued functions $\operatorname{Re} g$ and $\operatorname{Im} g$ which vanish identically outside some bounded interval and satisfy

$$\int |\operatorname{Re} f - \operatorname{Re} g| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \int |\operatorname{Im} f - \operatorname{Im} g| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Let $g = \operatorname{Re} g + i \operatorname{Im} g$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int |f - g| &= \int |\operatorname{Re} f - \operatorname{Re} g + i(\operatorname{Im} f - \operatorname{Im} g)| \\ &\leq \int |\operatorname{Re} f - \operatorname{Re} g| + |i| \cdot \int |\operatorname{Im} f - \operatorname{Im} g| \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

Page 314, Problem 28 (d)

Let $(E_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be any sequence of measurable sets. Define

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n. \quad \text{Then } \lambda(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(E_n).$$

Proof: $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$, since $\bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n \subseteq E_n$, $n = k, k+1, \dots$

$$\text{hence } \lambda(\bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n) \leq \lambda(E_n), \quad n = k, k+1, \dots$$

Thus we have

$$\lambda(\bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n) \leq \inf_{n \geq k} \lambda(E_n). \quad \dots \quad (*) \quad \text{obvious!!}$$

Now, let us consider

$$\lambda(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n) = \lambda(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n) = \lambda(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} D_k)$$

where

$$D_k = \bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n.$$

We note that $D_k \subseteq D_{k+1} \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence

$$\lambda(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(D_k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(\bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n).$$

Using $(*)$, we have

$$\lambda(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E_n) \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{n \geq k} \lambda(E_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(E_n). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

[†] Subproof of equation $(*)$: By contradiction. Suppose $\lambda(\bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n) > \inf_{n \geq k} \lambda(E_n)$

which implies that (by definition of infimum) $(\exists E_N, N \geq k)$ such that

$$\lambda(E_N) < \inf_{n \geq k} \lambda(E_n) + \frac{1}{2} [\lambda(\bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n) - \inf_{n \geq k} \lambda(E_n)] < \lambda(\bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n).$$

This is a contradiction since $\lambda(E_N) \geq \lambda(\bigcap_{n=k}^{\infty} E_n)$. g.e.d.

Page 315, Problem 29(a)

Let $(f_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \subseteq M$ be given. Suppose that

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f_m(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \delta\}) = 0$$

for every $\delta > 0$. In this case we say that $(f_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is Cauchy in measure. Then there exists a subsequence $(f_{n_k})_{k=1}^{\infty}$ and an $f \in M$ such that $f(x) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_{n_k}(x)$ a.e. Moreover, the original sequence converges in measure to f which means that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \delta\}) = 0$$

for every $\delta > 0$.

Proof: Based on the fact that $\forall \delta > 0$,

$$\lim_{n, m \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f_m(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \delta\}) = 0,$$

let us construct a sequence as follows:

(i) Let $\delta = \varepsilon = 2^{-1}$, $(\exists n_1 \in \mathbb{N})$ such that $\forall m > n_1$

$$\lambda(\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f_m(x) - f_{n_1}(x)| \geq \delta = 2^{-1}\}) < \varepsilon = 2^{-1}.$$

(ii) Let $\delta = \varepsilon = 2^{-2}$, $(\exists n_2 \in \mathbb{N}, n_2 > n_1)$ such that $\forall m > n_2$

$$\lambda(\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f_m(x) - f_{n_2}(x)| \geq \delta = 2^{-2}\}) < \varepsilon = 2^{-2}.$$

(iii)

By induction, we obtain a sequence f_{n_k} , $k=1, 2, \dots$, which satisfies

$$\lambda(E_k) < 2^{-k}$$

where

$$E_k = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f_{n_{k+1}}(x) - f_{n_k}(x)| \geq 2^{-k}\}.$$

We now prove that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_{n_k}(x) = f(x)$ a.e. for some $f \in M$.

To do this suppose that

$$P_j = \bigcup_{k=j}^{\infty} E_k, \quad E = \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} P_j = \overline{\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty}} E_k.$$

Then since $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda(E_k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} = 1 < \infty$, by 28 (g), $\lambda(E) = 0$.

We will show that for any $x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus E$, $f_{n_k}(x_0)$ converges.

$\forall x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus E$, $(\exists j_0 \in \mathbb{N})$ such that $x_0 \notin P_{j_0}$, so that from the definitions of P_j and E_k

$$x_0 \notin E_k = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f_{n_{k+1}}(x) - f_{n_k}(x)| \geq 2^{-k}\}$$

for all $k \geq j_0$. It follows that

$$|f_{n_{k+1}}(x_0) - f_{n_k}(x_0)| < 2^{-k}$$

Since $\sum_{k=j_0}^{\infty} |f_{n_{k+1}}(x_0) - f_{n_k}(x_0)| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} = 1 < \infty$, hence

$$\underline{f_{n_k}(x_0)}, \quad k=1, 2, \dots$$

converges, i.e.,

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$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_{n_k}(x_0) = f(x_0), \quad \forall x_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus E$$

which implies (due to $\lambda(E) = 0$)

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_{n_k}(x) = f(x) \text{ a.e.}$$

Since $f_{n_k} \in M$, $f \in M$. Notice that

Verify this! $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \delta\} \subseteq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f_{n_k}(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \frac{\delta}{2}\}$

Using (28) (d), we have

$$\lambda\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \delta\} \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f_{n_k}(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \frac{\delta}{2}\} < \varepsilon$$

for all sufficiently large n . Hence f_n converges in measure to f .

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Q.E.D.

Page 315, Problem 29 (e)

If $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \int |f_m - f_n| = 0$, then (f_n) is Cauchy in measure.

Proof:

We will prove this problem by contradiction. Suppose (f_n) is not Cauchy in measure, i.e. for some $\delta > 0$

$$\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f_m(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \delta\}) \neq 0.$$

This implies that ^($\exists \alpha > 0$) there exist some $m, n \geq N$ for any $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\lambda(\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f_m(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \delta\}) \geq \alpha > 0.$$

Let us define

$$D_{mn} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f_m(x) - f_n(x)| \geq \delta\}$$

and a new function

$$g_{mn}(x) = \begin{cases} \delta & \text{if } x \in D \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin D. \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$|g(x)| \leq |f_m(x) - f_n(x)| \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Moreover

$$\int |f_m - f_n| \geq \int g = \int \delta \chi_{D_{mn}} = \delta \lambda(D_{mn}) \geq \alpha \delta > 0$$

which implies that $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \int |f_m - f_n| \neq 0$. This is a contradiction.

Hence the result.

Q.E.D.

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Homework No. 6

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Page 163, Problem 1

Let $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ and let $BV([a, b])$ be the set of all complex-valued functions f on $[a, b]$ such that $V_a^b f < \infty$. For $f \in BV([a, b])$ define the variation norm of f to be the number

$$\|f\|_v = |f(a)| + V_a^b f$$

and let

$$\|f\|_u = \sup \{ |f(x)| : x \in [a, b] \}$$

denote, as usual, the uniform norm of f . If $f, g \in BV([a, b])$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, then

$$(e) \quad fg \in BV([a, b]) \text{ and } \|fg\|_v \leq \|f\|_u \|g\|_v + \|f\|_v \|g\|_u.$$

Proof: Consider a subdivision of $[a, b]$

$$P = \{a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n = b\}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & |f(x_k)g(x_k) - f(x_{k-1})g(x_{k-1})| \\ &= |f(x_k)g(x_k) - f(x_{k-1})g(x_k) + f(x_{k-1})g(x_k) - f(x_{k-1})g(x_{k-1})| \\ &\leq |g(x_k)| \cdot |f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1})| + |f(x_{k-1})| \cdot |g(x_k) - g(x_{k-1})| \\ &\leq \|f\|_u \cdot |g(x_k) - g(x_{k-1})| + \|g\|_u \cdot |f(x_k) - f(x_{k-1})|. \end{aligned}$$

This implies $V_a^b(fg) \leq \|f\|_u \cdot V_a^b g + \|g\|_u \cdot V_a^b f < \infty$, since $f, g \in BV([a, b])$ implies that $\|f\|_u < \infty$, $V_a^b g < \infty$, $\|g\|_u < \infty$ and $V_a^b f < \infty$.

Hence, $fg \in BV([a, b])$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|fg\|_v &= |f(a)| \cdot |g(a)| + V_a^b(fg) \leq \|f\|_u \cdot |g(a)| + |f(a)| \cdot \|g\|_u + V_a^b(fg) \\ &\leq \|f\|_u \cdot |g(a)| + |f(a)| \cdot \|g\|_u + \|f\|_u \cdot V_a^b g + \|g\|_u \cdot V_a^b f \\ &= \|f\|_u \cdot \|g\|_v + \|f\|_v \cdot \|g\|_u. \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

P163, Problem 1 (g)

(g) Defining $\rho(f, g) = \|f - g\|_v$ makes $BV([a, b])$ a complete metric space.

Proof: First we show that ρ is a metric. It is simple to verify

that

$$(i) \quad \rho(f, f) = \|0\|_v = 0 \quad \forall f \in BV([a, b]).$$

$$(ii) \quad \rho(f, g) = \|f - g\|_v \\ = |f(a) - g(a)| + V_a^b(f - g) > 0 \quad \text{if } f \neq g.$$

$$(iii) \quad \rho(f, g) = \|f - g\|_v = |f(a) - g(a)| + V_a^b(f - g) \\ = |g(a) - f(a)| + V_a^b(g - f) \\ = \rho(g, f) \quad \forall f, g \in BV([a, b]).$$

$$(iv) \quad \rho(f, g) = |f(a) - g(a)| + V_a^b(f - g) \\ = |f(a) - h(a) + h(a) - g(a)| + V_a^b(f - h + h - g) \\ \leq |f(a) - h(a)| + V_a^b(f - h) + |h(a) - g(a)| + V_a^b(h - g) \\ = \rho(f, h) + \rho(h, g).$$

Thus ρ is a metric in $BV([a, b])$.

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Page 164, Problem 4.

Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be of finite variation on $[a, b]$. Define g on $[a, b]$ by $g(x) = V_a^x f$. Then f is continuous at $x \in [a, b]$ if and only if g is continuous at x .

Proof: ($\Leftarrow$) Assume that g is continuous at x . Then $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ($\exists \delta > 0$) such that for all $y \in [a, b]$, $|y - x| < \delta$, $|g(y) - g(x)| < \varepsilon$.

Case 1: $y \geq x$, $|g(y) - g(x)| = |V_a^y f - V_a^x f|$
 $= V_x^y f < \varepsilon$ implies that

$$|f(y) - f(x)| \leq V_x^y f < \varepsilon$$

Case 2: $y < x$, $|g(y) - g(x)| = |V_a^x f - V_a^y f|$
 $= V_y^x f < \varepsilon$ which implies that

$$|f(y) - f(x)| \leq V_y^x f < \varepsilon.$$

Hence f is continuous at x .

($\Rightarrow$) Since g is nondecreasing with $g(b) = V_a^b f < \infty$, g has at most countably many simple discontinuities. Now suppose that x is one of such discontinuous point on $[a, b]$ and also without loss of generality we assume $g(x+) \neq g(x)$. [note that in case of $g(x-) \neq g(x)$, same argument applies].

We note that since $f(x+)$ exists due to $V_a^b f < \infty$,

$$0 < g(x+) - g(x) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0+} V_x^{x+\delta} f = |f(x+) - f(x)|.$$

thus f is also discontinuous at x .

Q.E.D.

The whole problem is to prove this.

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Let $0 < r < s < \infty$ be given.

(a) If $f \in M$ and $E \in \mathcal{M}$, then

$$\left(\int_E |f|^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \leq \left(\int_E |f|^s \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} (\lambda(E))^{\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{s}}.$$

Proof: Let $p = \frac{s}{r} > 1$. Then

$$p' = \frac{p}{p-1} = \frac{\frac{s}{r}}{\frac{s}{r}-1} = \frac{s}{s-r} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{r}{s}} > 1.$$

Using Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_E |f|^r &= \int |f|^r \cdot \chi_E = \int |f \cdot \chi_E|^r \cdot \chi_E \\ &\stackrel{(\text{Hölder})}{\leq} \left(\int |f \cdot \chi_E|^{r \cdot p} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \left(\int |\chi_E|^{p'} \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \\ &= \left(\int |f \cdot \chi_E|^{r \cdot \frac{s}{r}} \right)^{\frac{r}{s}} \cdot \left(\int \chi_E \right)^{1 - \frac{r}{s}} \\ &= \left(\int_E |f|^s \right)^{\frac{r}{s}} \cdot (\lambda(E))^{r(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{s})} \dots \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\left(\int_E |f|^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \leq \left(\int_E |f|^s \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \cdot (\lambda(E))^{\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{s}}.$$

Q.E.D.

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(b) If $E \in \mathcal{M}$ and $\lambda(E) < \infty$, then $L_s(E) \subset L_r(E)$.

Proof: $\forall f \in L_s(E)$. By definition, we have

$$\int_E |f|^s < \infty$$

which implies that

$$\left(\int_E |f|^s \right)^{\frac{r}{s}} < \infty.$$

Recall (*) in the proof of part (a),

$$\begin{aligned} \int_E |f|^r &\leq \left(\int_E |f|^s \right)^{\frac{r}{s}} \cdot (\lambda(E))^{1 - \frac{r}{s}} \\ &< \infty, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $f \in L_r(E)$ and hence

$$L_s(E) \subseteq L_r(E).$$

Q.E.D.

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$$(c) L_r([0, 1]) \setminus L_s([0, 1]) \neq \emptyset.$$

Proof: Let

$$f(x) = x^{-\frac{1}{s}} \quad \forall x \in [0, 1],$$

Then

$$\int_0^1 |f|^s = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} = \infty \Rightarrow f \notin L_s([0, 1])$$

But since $r < s$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 |f|^r &= \int_0^1 x^{-\frac{r}{s}} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{r}{s}} x^{(1 - \frac{r}{s})} \Big|_0^1 \\ &= \frac{s}{s - r} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $f \in L_r([0, 1])$. Moreover,

$$f \in L_r([0, 1]) \setminus L_s([0, 1]).$$

Thus

$$L_r([0, 1]) \setminus L_s([0, 1]) \neq \emptyset.$$

Q.E.D.

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If $0 < r < s < t < \infty$ and $f \in L_r \cap L_t$, then $f \in L_s$ and

$$\|f\|_s^s \leq \|f\|_r^{r\alpha} \cdot \|f\|_t^{t(1-\alpha)}, \text{ where } s = \alpha r + (1-\alpha)t$$

Proof: $s = \alpha r + (1-\alpha)t$ implies that

$$0 < \alpha = \frac{t-s}{t-r} < 1.$$

$$\text{Let } p = \frac{1}{\alpha} > 1 \text{ and } p' = \frac{p}{p-1} = \frac{1}{1-\alpha}.$$

Now consider

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_s^s &= \int |f|^s = \int |f|^{\alpha r} \cdot |f|^{(1-\alpha)t} \\ &\stackrel{(\text{Hölder})}{\leq} \left(\int |f|^{\alpha r p} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \left(\int |f|^{(1-\alpha)t p'} \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \\ &= \left(\int |f|^r \right)^{\alpha} \cdot \left(\int |f|^t \right)^{(1-\alpha)} \dots (*) \end{aligned}$$

Since $f \in L_r \cap L_t \Rightarrow \int |f|^r < \infty, \int |f|^t < \infty$.

Hence $\int |f|^s \leq \left(\int |f|^r \right)^{\alpha} \cdot \left(\int |f|^t \right)^{(1-\alpha)} < \infty$.

$\Rightarrow f \in L_s$. Moreover, it follows from (*) that

$$\|f\|_s^s \leq \|f\|_r^{r\alpha} \cdot \|f\|_t^{t(1-\alpha)}$$

Q.E.D.