

(d) See exercise.

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1.3. Example: sequence space ℓ^p

Definition 1.15 (ℓ^p -spaces)

Let, for $p \in [1, \infty)$ ($= [1, \infty[$),

$$\ell^p := \ell^p(\mathbb{N}) := \left\{ x = (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mid x_n \in \mathbb{C} \forall n \text{ and } \|x\|_p := \left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_n|^p \right)^{1/p} < \infty \right\}$$

and ($p = \infty$)

$$\ell^\infty := \ell^\infty(\mathbb{N}) := \left\{ x = (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mid x_n \in \mathbb{C} \forall n \text{ and } \|x\|_\infty := \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_n| < \infty \right\}$$

($\|\cdot\|_p$ will be a norm for every $p \in [1, \infty]$, see later)

Lemma 1.16 For every $p \in [1, \infty]$, $d_p(x, y) := \|x - y\|_p$, $x, y \in \ell^p$, defines a metric d_p on ℓ^p

Pf. All properties clear (check!), except for triangle inequality, this follows from Lemma 1.17 (b) below (do!)

Lemma 1.17 (Hölder & Minkowski)

(a) Let $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ be (Hölder) conjugated exponents, i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 \quad (\text{convention: } \frac{1}{\infty} = 0).$$

Dual pairing and Hölder inequality: For all $x \in \ell^p$, $y \in \ell^q$:

$\langle x, y \rangle := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} x_n y_n$ is well-defined, and

$$|\langle x, y \rangle| \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_n y_n| \leq \|x\|_p \|y\|_q$$

(b) Minkowski inequality:

$$\text{For all } x, y \in \ell^p: \quad \|x + y\|_p \leq \|x\|_p + \|y\|_p$$

Pf. Both (a) & (b) follow from corresponding ineq.'s on $\mathbb{C}^N$, and then passing to the limit; for (a) f.e.x.

$$\sum_{n=1}^N |x_n y_n| \leq \left(\sum_{n=1}^N |x_n|^p \right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{n=1}^N |y_n|^q \right)^{1/q} \quad (\text{see ex. Forster, vol. 1})$$

& carefully (!) take limit

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- Remark 1.18 (a) Note: alternative notation: ℓ_p
- (b) Note: $\ell^p(\{1, \dots, n\}) := \{x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{C}, \|x\|_p = (\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p)^{1/p}\}$
 $(n \in \mathbb{N})$ is nothing but $\mathbb{C}^n$ with $\|\cdot\|_p$ -norm.
- (c) ℓ^p -spaces can also be defined for $p \in (0, 1)$ ($=]0, 1[$).
 But the Minkowski inequality does not remain true in this case. Instead, one has $\|x+y\|_p^p \leq \|x\|_p^p + \|y\|_p^p \quad \forall p \in (0, 1)$
 (quasi-norm). Therefore we consider ℓ^p -spaces for $p \geq 1$ only.

Theorem 1.19 (a) $\forall p \in [1, \infty)$: ℓ^p is separable
 (b) ℓ^∞ is not separable

Pf. (a) We use the separability of $\mathbb{C}$. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let

$$M_n := \{(x_1, \dots, x_n, 0, \dots) \mid x_j \in \mathbb{Q} + i\mathbb{Q}, j=1, \dots, n\}$$

So M_n is countable and $M := \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} M_n$ is also countable.

Claim: $\overline{M} = \ell^p$. Let $y \in \ell^p$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, then there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} |y_j|^p < \frac{\varepsilon^p}{2} \quad (\|y\|_p < \infty \Rightarrow \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} (\sum_{j=L}^{\infty} |y_j|^p)^{1/p} = 0),$$

and since $\mathbb{Q} + i\mathbb{Q}$ is dense in $\mathbb{C}$ there exists $x \in M_N$ such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^N |x_j - y_j|^p < \frac{\varepsilon^p}{2}. \text{ This implies } (d_p(x, y))^p = \|x - y\|_p^p < \varepsilon^p$$

(b) See exercise. ■

Theorem 1.20 ℓ^p is complete for every $p \in [1, \infty]$
 (that is, $(\ell^p(\mathbb{N}), d_p)$ is a complete metric space)

Pf: (a) Case $p \in [1, \infty)$: Let $(x^{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \ell^p$ be a Cauchy sequence w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_p$, where $x^{(n)} := (x_1^{(n)}, x_2^{(n)}, \dots)$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$(*) \quad \sum_{j=J_1}^{J_2} |x_j^{(n)} - x_j^{(m)}|^p \leq \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |x_j^{(n)} - x_j^{(m)}|^p < \varepsilon^p \quad \forall n, m \geq N, \quad \forall J_1 \leq J_2 \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Step 1: Find a candidate for the limit using the completeness of $\mathbb{C}$.

Let $J_1 = J_2 = J$, then $(*)$ implies $(x_J^{(n)})_n \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ is a Cauchy seq. ($\forall J \in \mathbb{N}$) and, since $\mathbb{C}$ is complete, there is some $x_J \in \mathbb{C}$ s.t.

$$(**) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_J^{(n)} = x_J \quad \forall J \in \mathbb{N}.$$

so our candidate is $x := (x_1, x_2, \dots)$

Step 2: Prove that the candidate belongs to the space: Use the Minkowski inequality in $\mathbb{C}^{J_2}$, $(**)$, and set $J_1 = 1$ in $(*)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{J_2} |x_j|^p \right)^{1/p} &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{J_2} |x_j^{(n)} - x_j^{(n)}|^p \right)^{1/p} + \underbrace{\left(\sum_{j=1}^{J_2} |x_j^{(n)}|^p \right)^{1/p}}_{\leq \|x^{(n)}\|_p} \\ &\leq \varepsilon + \|x^{(n)}\|_p \quad \forall J_2 \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq N \quad \leq \|x^{(n)}\|_p < \infty \end{aligned}$$

so we get $\|x\|_p \leq \varepsilon + \|x^{(n)}\|_p$ for every $n \geq N$, and hence $x \in \ell^p$

Step 3: Prove that the sequence converges to the candidate, in the norm of the space: Set $J_1 = 1$ in $(*)$ and $n \rightarrow \infty$, using $(**)$.

$(**)$ - Then, for every $n \geq N$,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{J_2} |x_j^{(n)} - x_j|^p \leq \varepsilon^p \quad \forall J_2 \in \mathbb{N},$$

so by sending $J_2 \rightarrow \infty$ in addition, we have

$$d_p(x^{(n)}, x) = \|x^{(n)} - x\|_p \leq \varepsilon, \quad \text{so } x^{(n)} \rightarrow x \text{ in } \ell^p.$$

(b) Case $p = \infty$: Replace " $\sum_{j=J_1}^{J_2}$ " by " $\sup_{J_1 \leq j \leq J_2}$ " and " $|\cdot|^p$ " by " $|\cdot|$ ".