

Chapter 3: L^p -spaces

3.1 Completeness and dual space

Notation: In this section: $(\Sigma, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ a measure space, $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C} , $f: \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ measurable (see also Handout!)

[Definition 3.1] (L^p -spaces) Let $p \in (0, \infty)$.

(a) $\|f\|_p := \left(\int_{\Sigma} |f|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p}$ (possibly ∞)

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{\infty} &:= \inf \left\{ \alpha > 0 \mid \mu(\{x \in \Sigma \mid |f(x)| > \alpha\}) = 0 \right\} \\ &= \inf_{\substack{W \in \mathcal{A} \\ \mu(W) = 0}} \sup_{x \in \Sigma \setminus W} |f(x)| =: \text{ess sup}_{x \in \Sigma} |f(x)| \quad (\mu\text{-essential supremum}) \end{aligned}$$

(b) Vectorspace of p -integrable functions (w.r.t. μ):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^p &:= \mathcal{L}^p(\mu) := \mathcal{L}^p(\Sigma) := \mathcal{L}^p(\Sigma, \mathcal{A}, \mu) := \\ &:= \{f: \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{K} \mid f \text{ measurable and } \|f\|_p < \infty\} = \{f: \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{K} \mid |f|^p \text{ } \mu\text{-integrable}\} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Equivalence relation \sim on \mathcal{L}^p :

$$f \sim g \iff f = g \text{ } \mu\text{-a.e.}$$

Vectorspace of equivalence classes of p -integrable fct.'s wrt \sim :

$$\mathcal{L}^p := \mathcal{L}^p / \sim$$

[Warning] Notation does not distinguish between equivalence classes of functions, and their representatives!

[Lemma 3.2] (Hölder & Minkowski).

(a) $\forall r, p, q \in [1, \infty]$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{r}$: $\forall f, g: \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ meas.

$$\|fg\|_r \leq \|f\|_p \cdot \|g\|_q \quad (\text{generalised Hölder's ineq.})$$

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(b) Let $(\mathbb{X}_i, \mathcal{A}_i, \mu_i)$, $i=1, 2$, be σ -finite measure spaces, and $f: \mathbb{X}_1 \times \mathbb{X}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ measurable. Then, for $p \in [1, \infty)$,

$$(*) \quad \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{X}_2} \left| \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} f(x, y) d\mu_1(x) \right|^p d\mu_2(y) \right\}^{1/p} \leq \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} \left(\int_{\mathbb{X}_2} |f(x, y)|^p d\mu_2(y) \right)^{1/p} d\mu_1(x)$$

That is, (Minkowski's Integral Inequality)

$$\left\| \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} f(x, \cdot) d\mu_1(x) \right\|_p \leq \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} \|f(x, \cdot)\|_p d\mu_1(x)$$

(c) $\forall p \in [1, \infty]$:

$$(**) \quad \|f+g\|_p \leq \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p \quad (\text{Minkowski's inequality}).$$

Pf: (a) Ana III / Haarout / see exercises.

(b) Note that

$$\left\{ \int_{\mathbb{X}_2} \left| \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} f(x, y) d\mu_1(x) \right|^p d\mu_2(y) \right\}^{1/p} \leq \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{X}_2} \left(\int_{\mathbb{X}_1} |f(x, y)|^p d\mu_1(x) \right)^{1/p} d\mu_2(y) \right\}^{1/p},$$

hence, it suffices to consider $f \geq 0$.

Next, if $p = 1$, $(*)$ follows from Tonelli's Thm.

If $1 < p < \infty$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{X}_2} \left| \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} f(x, y) d\mu_1(x) \right|^p d\mu_2(y) &= \int_{\mathbb{X}_2} \left[\left| \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} f(x, y) d\mu_1(x) \right|^{p-1} \cdot \left| \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} f(x, y) d\mu_1(x) \right| \right] d\mu_2(y) \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{X}_2} \left[\int_{\mathbb{X}_1} |f(t, y)| d\mu_1(t) \right]^{p-1} \left[\int_{\mathbb{X}_1} |f(x, y)| d\mu_1(x) \right] d\mu_2(y) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{X}_2} \left(\int_{\mathbb{X}_1} \left| \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} f(t, y) d\mu_1(t) \right|^{p-1} |f(x, y)| d\mu_1(x) \right) d\mu_2(y) \quad (\text{linearity } \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} \cdot d\mu_1(x)) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Tonelli}}{=} \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} \left(\int_{\mathbb{X}_2} \left| \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} f(t, y) d\mu_1(t) \right|^{p-1} |f(x, y)| d\mu_2(y) \right) d\mu_1(x) \quad (II) \end{aligned}$$

Now, with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, i.e., $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$, Hölder gives

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{X}_2} \left| \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} f(t,y) d\mu_1(t) \right|^{p-1} \cdot |f(x,y)| d\mu_2(x) \\
& \leq \left(\int_{\mathbb{X}_2} \left| \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} f(t,y) d\mu_1(t) \right|^p d\mu_2(y) \right)^{q/(p-1)} \left(\int_{\mathbb{X}_2} |f(x,y)|^p d\mu_2(y) \right)^{(p-1)/q} \\
& = \left(\int_{\mathbb{X}_2} \left| \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} f(t,y) d\mu_1(t) \right|^p d\mu_2(y) \right)^{p-1/p} \left(\int_{\mathbb{X}_2} |f(x,y)|^p d\mu_2(y) \right)^{1/p}
\end{aligned} \tag{63}$$

Inserting this in (□) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{X}_2} \left| \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} f(x,y) d\mu_1(x) \right|^p d\mu_2(y) \\
& \leq \underbrace{\left(\int_{\mathbb{X}_1} \left(\int_{\mathbb{X}_2} \left| \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} f(t,y) d\mu_1(t) \right|^p d\mu_2(y) \right)^{p-1} d\mu_1(t) \right)^{1/p}}_{\text{indep. of } x} \cdot \left(\int_{\mathbb{X}_2} |f(x,y)|^p d\mu_2(y) \right)^{1/p} d\mu_1(x) \\
& = \underbrace{\left(\int_{\mathbb{X}_2} \left| \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} f(t,y) d\mu_1(t) \right|^p d\mu_2(y) \right)^{p-1/p}}_{\text{divide (!): } 1 - \frac{p-1}{p} = \frac{1}{p}} \cdot \int_{\mathbb{X}_2} \left(\int_{\mathbb{X}_1} |f(x,y)|^p d\mu_2(y) \right)^{1/p} d\mu_1(x)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{X}_2} \left| \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} f(x,y) d\mu_1(x) \right|^p d\mu_2(y) \right\}^{1/p} \leq \int_{\mathbb{X}_1} \left(\int_{\mathbb{X}_2} |f(x,y)|^p d\mu_2(y) \right)^{1/p} d\mu_1(x)$$

To divide: we need integral to be finite; is the case if $\mu_i(\mathbb{X}_i) < \infty$, $i = 1, 2$ and f bounded. For general case: Let $\mathbb{X}_i^k \nearrow \mathbb{X}_i$, $k \rightarrow \infty$, $\mu_i(\mathbb{X}_i^k) < \infty$ (\mathbb{X}_i σ -finite), consider the above for

$$\tilde{f}_k(x,y) := \mathbb{I}_{\mathbb{X}_1^k}(x) \mathbb{I}_{\mathbb{X}_2^k}(y) \mathbb{I}_{\{t \leq k\}} \cdot f(x,y) \text{ & take limit } k \rightarrow \infty$$

(C) Take $\mathbb{X}_1 = \{1, 2\}$, μ_1 = counting measure, $\int_{\mathbb{X}_1} \dots d\mu_1(x) = \sum_{i=1}^2$,

then (*) becomes, with $f(x,y) = f_i(y)$,

$$(*) \quad \|f_1 + f_2\|_p \leq \|f_1\|_p + \|f_2\|_p, \quad f_i \in L^p(\mathbb{X}_1, \mu_1) \quad \blacksquare$$

Remark (a) Take $\mathbb{X}_2 := \mathbb{N}$, μ_2 = counting measure, $\int_{\mathbb{X}_2} \dots d\mu_2(y) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty}$, then (**) becomes

$$(***) \quad \|x+y\|_p \leq \|x\|_p + \|y\|_p, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{L}^p$$

(b) Take $\Sigma_2 := \{1, \dots, N\}$, μ_2 = counting measure, $\int_{\Sigma_2} d\mu_2 = \sum_{i=1}^N$ (64)
 then (***) becomes

$$(\text{****}) \|x + y\|_p \leq \|x\|_p + \|y\|_p, x, y \in \mathbb{K}^N$$

(*) The proof above is "the same" as the standard proof of
 (**), (***) or (****) (check!).

[Theorem 3.3] (Riesz-Fischer) Let $(\Sigma, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ be a measure space. Then $(L^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$ is a Banach space for all $p \in [1, \infty]$. Moreover, L^2 is a Hilbert space with scalar product

$$\langle f, g \rangle := \int_{\Sigma} \overline{f(x)} g(x) d\mu(x) \quad \forall f, g \in L^2$$

Pf: Ann III.

(triangle inequality needs $p \geq 1$!)

[Remark] (a) Take $\Sigma = \mathbb{N}$, $\mathcal{A} = 2^\mathbb{N} = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$, μ = counting measure,
 $\int_{\Sigma} d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty}$, then 3.3 says: $(L^p, \|\cdot\|_p)$ is Banach.

(b) Take $\Sigma = \{1, \dots, N\}$, $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{P}(\Sigma)$, μ = counting measure, $\int_{\Sigma} d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^N$,
 then 3.3 says: $(\mathbb{K}^N, \|\cdot\|_p)$ is Banach.

[Lemma 3.4] If $\mu(\Sigma) < \infty$, $1 \leq r \leq p \leq \infty$, then

$L^p (\subseteq L^r)$ is dense in L^r (wrt. $\|\cdot\|_r$), and

$$\|f\|_r \leq [\mu(\Sigma)]^{\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_p \quad \forall f \in L^p.$$

Pf: Ann III.

The next theorem is about the geometry of L^p ,
 but also serves as preparation to compute its dual:

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Theorem 3.5 / Let $p \in (1, \infty)$. Then:

For all $\varepsilon > 0, r > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ s.t.:

For all $f, g \in L^p$:

$$\|f\|_p, \|g\|_p \leq r \text{ and } \|f - g\|_p \geq \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\| \frac{f+g}{2} \right\|_p^p \leq \frac{\|f\|_p^p + \|g\|_p^p}{2} - \delta.$$

In particular, L^p is uniformly convex (case (see drawing))
 $r = \|f\|_p = \|g\|_p = 1$

Pf (after Naoki Shioji)

Define the map $\alpha: \mathbb{K}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $z = (z_1, z_2) \mapsto \frac{|z_1|^p + |z_2|^p}{2} - \left| \frac{z_1 + z_2}{2} \right|^p$

Claim: $\forall z \in \mathbb{K}^2: \alpha(z) \geq 0$, with " $=$ " if $z_1 = z_2$ $(*)$

Pf Claim: $\left| \frac{z_1 + z_2}{2} \right|^p \leq \left(\frac{|z_1| + |z_2|}{2} \right)^p \leq \frac{|z_1|^p + |z_2|^p}{2}$
 A-inq. \mathbb{K} $(\cdot)^p$ strictly convex ($p > 1$)

A-inq. is equality $\Leftrightarrow z_1 = 0$ or $z_2 = \lambda z_1$ for some $\lambda \geq 0$

Strict conv. ineq. is equality $\Leftrightarrow |z_1| = |z_2|$

\Rightarrow (equality $\Leftrightarrow z_1 = z_2$) \vee claim

Now, fix $\varepsilon, r > 0$, and choose $\gamma \in (0, \frac{\varepsilon^p}{2r^p})$ small enough
 (f.e. $< z^p$) such that

$$D := \left\{ z \in \mathbb{K}^2 \mid |z_1|^p + |z_2|^p = 1 \text{ and } |z_1 - z_2|^p \geq \gamma \right\} \neq \emptyset$$

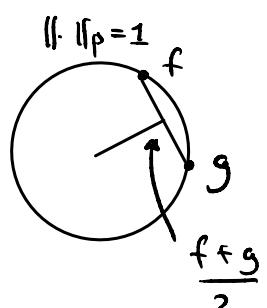
Then, by compactness (!) of D and continuity of α ,

$$\theta := \inf \{ \alpha(z) \mid z \in D \} = \min \{ \alpha(z) \mid z \in D \} \stackrel{(*)}{>} 0$$

$$\text{Claim: } |z_1|^p + |z_2|^p \leq \frac{\alpha(z)}{\theta}$$

(**)

$$\forall z \in F := \left\{ \tilde{z} \in \mathbb{K}^2 \mid |\tilde{z}_1 - \tilde{z}_2|^p \geq \gamma (|z_1|^p + |z_2|^p) \right\}$$



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Pf claim: $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}, z \neq (0,0) \quad (*) \text{ holds for } (0,0)$

Let $z \in F$, define $t := (|z_1|^P + |z_2|^P)^{1/P} > 0$ (since $z \neq 0$)

Note: (i) $|\frac{z_1}{t}|^P + |\frac{z_2}{t}|^P = 1$ (compute!)

(ii) $|\frac{z_1}{t} - \frac{z_2}{t}|^P \geq \gamma \quad (\text{since } z \in F)$

so $\frac{z}{t} \in D$. Hence, by def. of Θ , we have $\Theta \leq \alpha\left(\frac{z}{t}\right) = \frac{\alpha(z)}{t^P}$ ✓

Now, let $f, g \in L^P$ with $\|f\|_P, \|g\|_P \leq r$ and $\|f-g\|_P \geq \varepsilon$. (claim)

Define $N := \{x \in \Sigma \mid (f(x), g(x)) \in F\} \quad (\Sigma = M \cup M^c)$

and estimate:

$$\varepsilon^P \leq \int_{\Sigma} |f-g|^P d\mu = \int_{M^c} |f-g|^P d\mu + 2^P \int_M \left| \frac{f-g}{2} \right|^P d\mu =: I_1 + 2^P I_2 \quad (**)$$

By definition of M^c (& F), $M^c \subseteq \Sigma$

$$I_1 \leq \gamma \int_{M^c} (|f|^P + |g|^P) d\mu \leq \gamma \left(\|f\|_P^P + \|g\|_P^P \right) \leq 2\gamma r^P$$

Since $\alpha \geq 0$, we also get

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_M (|f|^P + |g|^P) d\mu \stackrel{(**)}{\leq} \frac{1}{2\Theta} \int_M \alpha(f(x), g(x)) d\mu(x) \\ &\stackrel{M \subseteq \Sigma}{\leq} \frac{1}{2\Theta} \int_{\Sigma} \left(\frac{|f|^P + |g|^P}{2} - \left| \frac{f+g}{2} \right|^P \right) d\mu. \end{aligned}$$

Inserting the inequalities for I_1 & I_2 in $(**)$ gives

$$\left\| \frac{f+g}{2} \right\|_P^P \leq \underbrace{\frac{\Theta(2\gamma r^P - \varepsilon^P)}{2^{P-1}}}_{=:-\delta} + \frac{\|f\|_P^P + \|g\|_P^P}{2}$$

with $\delta > 0$ by the definition of γ ↗

Theorem 3.6 | (Riesz' Representation Thm. for $(L^P)^*$)

Let $(\Sigma, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ be a measure space. Let $p \in [1, \infty)$, and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. If $p=1$, assume in addition that μ is σ -finite.

Then the map $J: L^q \rightarrow (L^p)^*$, $\ell_f: L^p \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$

$$f \mapsto \ell_f, \quad \ell_f(g) = \int_{\Sigma} f g d\mu \quad (*)$$

is an isometric isomorphism. Hence:

$$L^q \cong (L^p)^*, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, \quad p \in [1, \infty)$$

Remark 3.7 | (a) The map J is also well-defined and isometric for $p=\infty$, but fails to be surjective if $\text{supp}(\mu)$ has infinitely many elements (see exercise). I.e., $(L^\infty)^*$ is strictly larger than L' in this case (compare 2.38 and 2.39(b))

(b) The case $p=1$ in 3.6 would be wrong without additional hypothesis on the measure space; σ -finiteness of μ is sufficient, but not necessary, because of:

[Thm] The map $J: L^\infty \rightarrow (L')^*$ is

(a) Injective (\Rightarrow isometric $\Rightarrow (\Sigma, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ is semi-finite)

(b) Bijective (\Rightarrow isometric $\Rightarrow (\Sigma, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ is localisable & bijective)

Note: $(\Sigma, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ σ -finite \Rightarrow localisable \Rightarrow semi-finite

(For required def.'s & pf., see Salomon, "Measure and Integration", EOPS, (2016) Sect. 4.5)

Pf (of 3.6): By linearity of the integral, the map J is linear.

Let $f \in L^q$. Then ℓ_f (see $(*)$) is linear (in g), $f g \in L^1 \forall g \in L^p$ by Hölder, and $|\ell_f(g)| \leq \|f\|_q \|g\|_p$. Hence, $\ell_f \in (L^p)^*$,

and

$$\|\ell_f\|_{(L^p)^*} \leq \|f\|_q. \quad (**)$$

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Hence, J in $(*)$ is well-defined, linear, and bounded.

Claim: $\|\ell_f\|_{(L^p)^*} = \|f\|_q \quad (\Rightarrow J \text{ is isometric, hence inj.})$

Pf claim: Wlog, $f \neq 0$ ($***$ clear for $f=0$).

(i) Case $p \in (1, \infty)$: Let $g(x) := \begin{cases} \bar{f}(x)/|f(x)|^{q-2} & , f(x) \neq 0 \\ 0 & , f(x) = 0 \end{cases}$

Then

$$|g|^p = |f|^{(q-1)p} = |f|^q \in L^1 \text{ since } (q-1)p = q(1 - \frac{1}{q})p = q$$

so $g \in L^p$, and $\|g\|_p = \|f\|_q^{q/p}$. Also $(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1)$.

$$\frac{\ell_f(g)}{\|g\|_p} = \frac{\int |f|^q}{\|g\|_p} = \frac{\|f\|_q^q}{\|f\|_q^{q/p}} = \|f\|_q^{q(1-\frac{1}{p})} = \|f\|_q, \text{ hence}$$

$\|\ell_f\|_{(L^p)^*} \geq \|f\|_q$. This, and $(**)$, imply $(***)$ (the claim).

(ii) Case $p=1$: Since μ is σ -finite, we have:

$$\Sigma = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Sigma_n, \quad \Sigma_n \subseteq \Sigma_{n+1}, \quad \mu(\Sigma_n) < \infty \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and, for $f \in L^\infty$, define

$$M := \{x \in \Sigma \mid |f(x)| \geq \|f\|_\infty - \varepsilon\}.$$

By definition of "ess sup", $\mu(M) > 0$. Then $M_n := M \cap \Sigma_n$

satisfies $0 < \mu(M_n) < \infty$ for (all) n sufficiently large.

Let

$$g(x) := \begin{cases} \frac{\bar{f}(x)}{|f(x)|} \frac{1}{\mu(M_n)} \mathbb{1}_{M_n}(x) & , f(x) \neq 0 \\ 0 & , f(x) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Then $g \in L^1$ with $\|g\|_1 \leq 1$, and

$$\ell_f(g) = \int_{\Sigma} fg d\mu = \frac{1}{\mu(M_n)} \int_{M_n} |f| d\mu \geq \|f\|_\infty - \varepsilon. \text{ As this holds } \forall \varepsilon > 0,$$

we get $\|\ell_f\|_{(L^1)^*} = \|f\|_\infty$. This, and $(**)$, imply the claim $(***)$.

It remains to prove that J is surjective.

Let $\xi \in (L^P)^*$. Need to prove: $\exists f_\xi \in L^q$ s.t. $\xi = \ell_{f_\xi}$ (see (#1))

Case $p \in (1, \infty)$: (We follow again N. Shioji)

Define the non-linear functional $F: L^P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$g \mapsto F(g) := \frac{1}{p} \|g\|_p^p - R \|\xi\|_* \|g\|_p$$

Since $p > 1$ and

$$F(g) \geq \frac{1}{p} \|g\|_p^p - \|\xi\|_* \|g\|_p,$$

F is bounded from below:

$$m := \inf \{F(g) \mid g \in L^P\} > -\infty$$

Claim: $\exists ! f \in L^P: F(f) = m$ (i.e. exists unique minimiser of F)

[This is where we need/use uniform convexity!]

Pf claim: For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $C_n := \{g \in L^P \mid F(g) \leq m + \frac{1}{n}\}$.

Then: (i) $C_n \neq \emptyset \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ (by definition of the infimum)

(ii) C_n closed $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ (since F cont. and $(-\infty, m + \frac{1}{n}]$ closed)

(iii) $C_n \supseteq C_{n+1} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

(iv) $\text{diam}(C_n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ (proof below)

From (i)-(iv) & completeness of L^P follows (see exercise!) that

$\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} C_n = \{f\}$ for some (unique) $f \in L^P$.

This implies the claim, since $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} C_n = \{g \in L^P \mid F(g) = m\}$.

It remains to do the

Proof of (iv): Note that (a) $C_1 \neq \emptyset$, (b) $\forall g \in C_1: \frac{1}{p} \|g\|_p^p - \|\xi\|_* \|g\|_p \leq m + 1$ and (c) $p > 1$ - so $r := \sup \{\|g\|_p \mid g \in C_1\} \in (0, \infty)$

Now let $\varepsilon > 0$, and let $g, h \in C_2$ (so $\|g\|_p, \|h\|_p \leq r$) be arbitrary but fixed.

Assume (for contradiction!): $\|g-h\|_p \geq \varepsilon$ (□) (70)

Then, by Theorem 3.5, $\exists \delta > 0$ (indep. of g, h) s.t.

$$\left\| \frac{g+h}{2} \right\|_p^p \leq \frac{\|g\|_p^p + \|h\|_p^p}{2} - \delta. \quad (\square \square)$$

On the other hand: $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}: \forall n \geq n_0: \frac{p}{n} < \delta$.

Now restrict choice of g, h to: $g, h \in C_n, n \geq n_0$.

Then def. of n

$$\begin{aligned} n &\leq F\left(\frac{g+h}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{p} \left\| \frac{g+h}{2} \right\|_p^p - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \xi(g) - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \xi(h) \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \left\| \frac{g+h}{2} \right\|_p^p - \frac{1}{2p} (\|g\|_p^p + \|h\|_p^p) + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (F(g) + F(h))}_{\leq m + \frac{1}{n}} \quad (\text{by def. of } C_n) \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\left\| \frac{g+h}{2} \right\|_p^p \geq \frac{\|g\|_p^p + \|h\|_p^p}{2} - \frac{p}{n} > \frac{\|g\|_p^p + \|h\|_p^p}{2} - \delta.$$

This contradicts $(\square \square)$, hence (\square) is wrong, so:

$\forall g, h \in C_n \ \forall n \geq n_0: \|g-h\|_p < \varepsilon$. This proves (iv), hence the claim v

So, let $f \in L^p$ be the unique minimiser from the claim, i.e.

$F(f) = m$, and let $g \in L^p$ be arbitrary.

Define

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_g: \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ t &\mapsto \zeta_g(t) := F(f+tg) = \frac{1}{p} \int_{\mathbb{X}} |f+tg|^p dm - t \operatorname{Re} \xi(g) - \operatorname{Re} \xi(f) \end{aligned}$$

Goal: Compute $\zeta'_g(0)$.

Lebesgue's Thm. on differentiability of parameter-dependent integrals (see Handout!) applies, since, for $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ open & bounded,

with $\sigma \in I$, we have:

$$(i) |f+tg|^p \in L^1 \quad \forall t \in I$$

(ii) $\varphi(t, \cdot) := \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |f + tg|_P \in L^1 \quad \forall t \in I$, since:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(t, \cdot) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[(f + tg) \overline{(f + tg)} \right]^{\frac{P}{2}} \\ &= \frac{P}{2} (1f + tg)^{\frac{P}{2}-1} [g \overline{(f + tg)} + (f + tg) \bar{g}] \\ &= P |f + tg|^{P-2} \operatorname{Re} [g \overline{(f + tg)}]\end{aligned}$$

(in the case $p \in (1, 2)$ with the convention that

$$\varphi(t, x) := 0 \text{ if } |f(x) + tg(x)| = 0$$

(iii) $\exists \underline{\Phi} \in L^1 : |\varphi(t, \cdot)| \leq \underline{\Phi} \quad \forall t \in I$.

Hence, since f minimises F (so δ_g has minimum at $t=0$),

$$0 = \delta_g'(0) = \int_{\mathbb{X}} |f|^{P-2} \operatorname{Re}(\bar{f}g) d\mu - \operatorname{Re} \xi(g)$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Re} \xi(g) = \operatorname{Re} \left(\int_{\mathbb{X}} f_{\xi} g d\mu \right), \quad f_{\xi} := |f|^{P-2} \bar{f} \in L^q \text{ (check!)}$$

If $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$, the claim follows.

If $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$, consider also $\mathcal{T}_g : \mathbb{R} \ni t \mapsto \mathcal{T}_g(t) := F(f - itg)$

By similar arguments, we get

$$0 = \mathcal{T}_g'(0) = \int_{\mathbb{X}} |f|^{P-2} \operatorname{Im}(\bar{f}g) d\mu - \operatorname{Im}(\xi g)$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Im} \xi(g) = \operatorname{Im} \left(\int_{\mathbb{X}} f_{\xi} g d\mu \right) \quad \checkmark. \quad (p \in (1, \infty) \text{ done})$$

Case $p=1$: Idea: Step 1: Reduce to the above case $p \in (1, \infty)$, if μ is finite. Step 2: Generalise to σ -finite μ .

Step 1: Assume $\mu(\mathbb{X}) < \infty$. Let $r > 1$. Recall from Lemma 3.4:

$L^\infty \subseteq L^r \subseteq L^1$ (the inclusion being dense).

Then:

$$|\xi(g)| \leq \|\xi\|_{(L^1)^*} \|g\|_1 \leq \underbrace{\|\xi\|_{(L^1)^*} [\mu(\mathbb{X})]^{1-\frac{1}{r}}}_{=: C_r} \|g\|_r \quad \forall g \in L^r$$

Hence, $\tilde{\xi}_r := \tilde{\xi}|_{L^r} \in (L^r)^*$. From the case $p \in (1, \infty)$ proved above (our) (72)

we get: $\exists ! f_r \in L^q$ ($\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$) : $\tilde{\xi}_r = \ell_{f_r}$ (see (*)), and

$$\|f_r\|_q = \|\tilde{\xi}_r\|_{(L^r)^*} \leq M_r. \text{ Hence: } \forall r_1, r_2 \geq 1, \text{ the } L^\infty (\subseteq L^{r_i}, i=1,2):$$

$$\ell_{f_{r_1}}(h) = \tilde{\xi}_{r_1}(h) = \tilde{\xi}(h) = \tilde{\xi}_{r_2}(h) = \ell_{f_{r_2}}(h) \text{ i.e. } \int_X (f_{r_1} - f_{r_2}) h d\mu = 0$$

Choose $h = \frac{(f_{r_1} - f_{r_2})}{\|f_{r_1} - f_{r_2}\|} \in L^\infty$, then $f_{r_1} = f_{r_2} =: f$ is independent of

the chosen/used r . Hence, $f \in \bigcap_{q \in (1, \infty)} L^q$ and

$$1 - \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{q} \quad q \in (1, \infty)$$

$$\limsup_{q \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\|f\|_q}_{\leq M_r} \leq \limsup_{q \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \|\tilde{\xi}\|_{(L^1)^*} [\mu(\Sigma)]^{1/q} \right\} = \|\tilde{\xi}\|_{(L^1)^*} < \infty$$

Then (see exercise!) $f \in L^\infty$, and so $\ell_f \in (L^1)^*$ (see (*))

Since L^∞ dense in L^1 , we get: $\tilde{\xi}$ and ℓ_f agree on a dense subspace, so (by Thm. 2.31) $\tilde{\xi} = \ell_f$ on L^1 .

Step 2: Generalise to μ being σ -finite. See exercise \star

Remark (a) Compare with Thm 2.38 (for L^p). Recall that

$L^p = L^p(\mathbb{N}, \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}), \mu)$ with μ counting measure.

(b) Compare with Thm. 2.57 & 2.58 (for Hilb. space). Recall that

L^2 is a Hilbert space, with $\langle f, g \rangle := \int_X \bar{f} g d\mu$. Note the complex conjugate (also in 2.57 & 2.58) ($\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i = 1$).

(Recall also 2.54 & see next section)

(c) Another proof uses Radon-Nikodym Thm. to prove surjectivity of the map J ; see Werner, "Funktionalanalysis", 8. Aufl., Satz II.2.4 p. 65.

(d) A more abstract proof uses the uniform convexity & Milman-Pettis Thm., to conclude L^p , $p \in (1, \infty)$, is reflexive, to identify $(L^p)^*$; see 4.17 & 4.18 later.

3.2 Separability

We have the following general abstract result:

| Theorem 3.8 | Let $(\Sigma, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ be a σ -finite measure space which is countably generated (i.e., $\exists \mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Sigma)$ countable such that $\mathcal{A} = \sigma(\mathcal{C})$). Let $p \in [1, \infty)$. Then L^p is separable.

Pf.: See Behrends, "Mas- und Integrationstheorie" (1987) Run IV. 1.5 p. 160.

| Remark 3.9 | The theorem does not hold for $p = \infty$ (in general). We turn to the concrete case of $L^p(\mathbb{R}, d\lambda^d)$ with $\mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ open (non-empty) and $d\lambda^d$ Lebesgue measure, for which we will prove the result in 3.8.

Notation: (i) For $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the (topological) support of f is

$$\text{supp}(f) := \overline{\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid f(x) \neq 0\}} \quad (\text{closure wrt. rel. top. on } \mathbb{R} \text{ induced by Euclidean top.})$$

(ii) For $k \in \mathbb{N}$: Space of k -times cont. diff. fct's

$$C^k(\mathbb{R}) := \left\{ f \in C(\mathbb{R}) \mid \partial_{x_1}^{\alpha_1} \cdots \partial_{x_d}^{\alpha_d} f \in C(\mathbb{R}) \quad \forall \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d \in \mathbb{N}_0, \sum_{j=1}^d \alpha_j \leq k \right\}$$

Also, $C^\circ(\mathbb{R}) := C(\mathbb{R})$ and

$$C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) := \bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} C^k(\mathbb{R}) \quad (\text{(infinitely) smooth functions})$$

(iii) For $k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \cup \{\infty\}$: Space of k -times cont. diff. fct's with compact support :

$$C_c^k(\mathbb{R}) := \left\{ f \in C^k(\mathbb{R}) \mid \text{supp}(f) \subseteq \mathbb{R} \text{ is compact} \right\}$$

(iv) For $k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \cup \{\infty\}$: Space of k -times cont. diff. fct.'s vanishing at ∞ (!):

$$C_c^k(\mathbb{R}) := \left\{ f \in C^k(\mathbb{R}) \mid \begin{array}{l} \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists K_\varepsilon \subseteq \mathbb{R} \text{ compact s.t.} \\ |f(x)| \leq \varepsilon \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus K_\varepsilon \end{array} \right\}$$



Rest this section:

Consider $(\Sigma, \mathcal{A}, \mu) = (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}), \lambda^d)$, with $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ Borel- σ -algebra on \mathbb{R} (translation- σ -algebra to \mathbb{R} of Borel- σ -algeb. on \mathbb{R}^d) and λ^d Lebesgue-Borel measure on \mathbb{R}^d (see Handout). Main result is for $L^p(\mathbb{R}) := L^p(\mathbb{R}, \lambda^d)$:

| Theorem 3.10 | Let $\phi \neq \mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ be open and let $p \in [1, \infty)$.

Then

$$\overline{C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})}^{\|\cdot\|_p} = L^p(\mathbb{R})$$

(i.e. $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ is dense in $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_p$ -norm).

| Remark 3.11 | (See exercises)

(a) Theorem 3.10 does not hold for $p = \infty$. This follows from:

$$\overline{C_c(\mathbb{R})}^{\|\cdot\|_\infty} = C_c(\mathbb{R}).$$

(b) $C_c(\mathbb{R})$ is separable w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_\infty$.

| Corollary 3.12 | Let $\phi \neq \mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ be open, and let $p \in [1, \infty)$. Then $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ is separable.

Pf: From Remark 3.11(b) & Thm. 3.10 (see exercise for details). \square

The proof of Thm. 3.10 requires some preparations:

| Proposition 3.13 | (Young's Inequality (for convolution))

Let $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ with $1 \leq \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \leq 2$, and let $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $g \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)$

Then the convolution $f * g$ of f and g ,

$$\mathbb{R}^d \ni x \mapsto (f * g)(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x-y)g(y) dy \quad (*)$$

(where $dx := d\lambda^d(x)$, integration w.r.t. Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}^d)

exists for a.e. x , is commutative: $f * g = g * f$, and 75
 $f * g \in L^r(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with, for $\frac{1}{r} := -1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}$ (i.e. $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 + \frac{1}{r}$),

$$(***) \quad \|f * g\|_r \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q \quad (\text{Young's Ineq.}).$$

(Corollary 3.14) Let $p, q, r \in [1, \infty]$ such that $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{r} = 2$ (ii)

Let $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $g \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $h \in L^r(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Then

$$I := I(f, g, h) := \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} f(x) g(x-y) h(y) dx dy \right|$$

$$\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)| \cdot |g(x-y)| \cdot |h(y)| dx dy \leq \|f\|_p \cdot \|g\|_q \cdot \|h\|_r \quad (\text{iii})$$

Pf (of 3.14): Hölder & Young's ineq.: By 3.13, $f * g \in L^s$, $\frac{1}{s} = -1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}$.
Hence, $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{s} = 1$ by (ii), and so (iii) follows from Hölder's ineq.

(Remark 3.14) (a) Note that, by scaling, the r in (**) is the only one for which (**) could hold: For $\lambda > 0$, let $f_\lambda(x) := f(\lambda x)$. Then (change of variables!), $\|f_\lambda\|_p = \lambda^{1/p} \|f\|_p$ & $(f * g)_\lambda(x) = (\lambda f_\lambda * g_\lambda)(x)$. Hence, if (**) holds for some $p, q, r \in [1, \infty]$, then also, $\forall \lambda > 0$
 $\|f * g\|_r = \lambda^{1/r} \|(f * g)_\lambda\|_r \leq \lambda^{1/r} \lambda \|f_\lambda\|_p \|g_\lambda\|_q = \lambda^{\left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}\right)} \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$. This is only possible if (**) holds (let $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ and $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ above).

(b) Often (in applications) one encounters

$$J_\alpha(f, h) := \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} f(x) |x-y|^\alpha h(y) dx dy \right|, \text{ that is, (iii) with } g(z) = |z|^{-\alpha}.$$

Now, $g \notin L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)$ for $q \neq \alpha$. The replacement for (iii) (or, for (**) in 3.13) is called the Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev Ineq. (HLS):

$$J_\alpha(f, h) \leq C(p, \alpha, d) \|f\|_p \|h\|_r, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{r} + \frac{\alpha}{d} = 2 \quad \& \quad 0 < \alpha < d$$

Its proof requires much more work.

Pf (of 3.13): Commutativity (if integral exists):

$$y := x-z$$

$$(f * g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x-y) g(y) dy \stackrel{y=x-z}{=} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(z) g(x-z) dz = (g * f)(x)$$

The cases $p=1 < q=r$ and $q=1 < p=r$ follow directly from (76)

Minkowski's Ineq. (3.2(b)) (& commutativity, for $q=1 < p=r$): ($r < \infty$!)

$$\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (f*g)(x) \right|^r dx \right)^{1/r} = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(y)g(x-y) dy \right|^r dx \right)^{1/r}$$

$$\stackrel{3.2(b)}{\leq} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(y)g(x-y)|^r dx \right)^{1/r} dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(y)| \underbrace{\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |g(x-y)|^r dx \right)^{1/r}}_{= \|g\|_r \text{ by } *} dy = \|f\|_p \|g\|_r$$

Remains the most general case:

$$1 < p < r \text{ and } 1 < q < r, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 + \frac{1}{r}. \quad (**)$$

Strategy: write $|f(y)g(x-y)|$ as product of 3 factors & use (gen.) Hölder:

$$|f(y)g(x-y)| = (|f(y)|^p |g(x-y)|^q)^{\frac{1}{s_1}} |g(x-y)|^{\frac{q}{s_2}} |f(y)|^{\frac{p}{s_3}} \quad (\nabla)$$

We must have (check!)

$$p \left(\frac{1}{s_1} + \frac{1}{s_3} \right) = 1, \quad q \left(\frac{1}{s_1} + \frac{1}{s_2} \right) = 1$$

As we want to estimate the L^r -norm of $f*g$, we want $s_1 = r$.

Hence, $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ q & q & 0 \\ p & 0 & p \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s_1^{-1} \\ s_2^{-1} \\ s_3^{-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{r} \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{\text{check!}}{\Leftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix} s_1^{-1} \\ s_2^{-1} \\ s_3^{-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{r} \\ (1-\frac{q}{r})\frac{1}{q} \\ (1-\frac{p}{r})\frac{1}{p} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\nabla\nabla)$

We see that $\frac{1}{s_1} + \frac{1}{s_2} + \frac{1}{s_3} = 1$, and (∇) becomes

$$|f(y)g(x-y)| = (|f(y)|^p |g(x-y)|^q)^{\frac{1}{r}} |g(x-y)|^{1-\frac{q}{r}} |f(y)|^{1-\frac{p}{r}} \quad (\nabla\nabla\nabla)$$

and so, by gen. Hölder (Thm T26; 3 factors; use (A) & (NNT))

$$|(f*g)(x)| \leq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(y)|^p \cdot |g(x-y)|^q dy \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \|f\|_p^{1-\frac{p}{r}} \|g\|_q^{1-\frac{q}{r}} \quad (\nabla\nabla\nabla)$$

Hence (raise to power r & integrate w.r.t. x),

$$\|f*g\|_r \leq \|f\|_p^{1-\frac{p}{r}} \|g\|_q^{1-\frac{q}{r}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(y)|^p |g(x-y)|^q dy \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} dx \right)^{1/r}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \|f\|_p^{1-\frac{p}{r}} \|g\|_q^{1-\frac{q}{r}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(y)|^p \cdot \underbrace{\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |g(x-y)|^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}} dy \right)^{1/r} \\ &= \|f\|_p \|g\|_q \quad \stackrel{*}{=} \|g\|_q^{\frac{q}{r}} \text{ by } * \end{aligned}$$

If $r = \infty$, then $(***)$ follows from (standard) Hölder, as $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ □

Next, we will study mollification: L^p -functions are made smooth (C^∞) by convolution with a mollifier:

Let $L_c^p(\mathbb{R}) := \{f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}) \mid \exists K \subseteq \mathbb{R} \text{ compact s.t. } f|_{\mathbb{R} \setminus K} = 0 \text{ a.e.}\}$

for the space of L^p -functions with compact support in \mathbb{R} .

We identify $f \in L_c^p(\mathbb{R})$ with its extension by 0 to all of \mathbb{R}^d .

(Lemma 3.15) Let $p \in [1, \infty)$, $\phi + \mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ open, $f \in L_c^p(\mathbb{R})$.

Let $j \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $j \geq 0$, $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} j(x) dx = 1$, and for $\varepsilon > 0$ define the mollifier $j_\varepsilon: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, \infty)$

Then, for all $\varepsilon > 0$ sufficiently

$$x \mapsto \varepsilon^{-d} j\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right).$$

small : $f_\varepsilon := j_\varepsilon * f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ and $\|f_\varepsilon\|_p \leq \|f\|_p$.

(Remark) Note that j_ε is a pointwise defined function (and not just an equiv. class of integrable fct's, defined a.e.), the convolution $j_\varepsilon * f$ has the canonical representation

$$\mathbb{R}^d \ni x \mapsto \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} j_\varepsilon(x-y) f(y) dy \quad (*)$$

which is pointwise well-defined $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, and independent of the choice of the representative for $f \in L^p$. It is the representative $(*)$ of the convolution $j_\varepsilon * f$ we denote by f_ε

PF: Norm: Use Thm 3.13 with $r = p$. Then $q = 1$ there, and so $f_\varepsilon \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\|f_\varepsilon\|_p \leq \|f\|_p \|j_\varepsilon\|_1 = \|f\|_p$.

Support: By assumption, $\exists K \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ compact with $f|_{\mathbb{R} \setminus K} = 0$.

Then (by T10(iii)) $\delta := \text{dist}(K, \partial \mathbb{R}) > 0$ (since K compact & $\partial \mathbb{R}$ closed)

By def. of the mollifier, $\exists \varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that, for all $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0]$:

(78) $\text{supp } j_\varepsilon \subseteq B_{\delta/2}(0)$. From (4) we conclude that

$$\text{supp } f_\varepsilon \subseteq \bigcup_{y \in K} B_{\delta/2}(y) \subseteq S.$$

In particular, $\text{supp } f_\varepsilon$ is bounded (!) and (since closed by def.), also compact.

Derivatives: Let $e \in \mathbb{R}^d$, let $|e|=1$, be a unit vector, and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$.

Then, $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$\begin{aligned} F_\lambda(x) &:= \frac{1}{\lambda} (f_\varepsilon(x+\lambda e) - f_\varepsilon(x)) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (j_\varepsilon(x-y+\lambda e) - j_\varepsilon(x-y)) f(y) dy \\ &\stackrel{\text{HDI}}{=} \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_0^1 \underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} [j_\varepsilon(x-y+t\lambda e)]}_{\lambda e \cdot (\nabla j_\varepsilon)(x-y+t\lambda e)} dt \right) f(y) dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \underbrace{\left(\int_0^1 (e \cdot \nabla j_\varepsilon)(x-y+t\lambda e) dt \right)}_{=: D} f(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

Since $|D| \leq \|(\nabla j_\varepsilon)\|_\infty < \infty$ and $f \in L'$ (because $f \in L^p$ & of compact support), using Dominated Convergence (twice, in dt & dy integral) gives that

$$e \cdot (\nabla f_\varepsilon)(x) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} F_\lambda(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e \cdot (\nabla j_\varepsilon)(x-y) f(y) dy = ((e \cdot \nabla j_\varepsilon) * f)(x)$$

exists $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d$. The existence of higher derivatives follows by induction in the same way. \square

Lemma 3.16 Let $p \in [1, \infty)$, let $A \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ be bounded.

Then

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \| \mathbb{1}_A - j_\varepsilon * \mathbb{1}_A \|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} = 0.$$

Proof: Step I: It suffices to prove the lemma for $p=1$, since :

Let $g_\varepsilon := \mathbb{1}_A - j_\varepsilon * \mathbb{1}_A \in L_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$; then $g_\varepsilon \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ & $p \in [1, \infty)$

and $\|g_\varepsilon\|_p^p \leq \underbrace{(\|g_\varepsilon\|_\infty)^{p-1}}_{\leq 2} \cdot \|g_\varepsilon\|_1$

Step 2: The case $p=1$. Since Lebesgue measure is (outer) regular (see Handout):

$$\forall \delta > 0 \exists B \supseteq A, B \text{ open and } \int_{B \setminus A} dx < \delta.$$

So, fix $\delta > 0$, and let B be as above (so, also bounded).

Note that

$$\| \mathbb{I}_A - j_\varepsilon * \mathbb{I}_A \|_1 \leq \| \mathbb{I}_B - j_\varepsilon * \mathbb{I}_B \|_1 + \underbrace{\| \mathbb{I}_{B \setminus A} \|_1}_{< \delta} + \| j_\varepsilon * \mathbb{I}_{B \setminus A} \|_1$$

$$\text{with } \| j_\varepsilon * \mathbb{I}_{B \setminus A} \|_1 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} j_\varepsilon(x-y) \mathbb{I}_{B \setminus A}(y) dy \right) dx$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Toulli}}{=} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\underbrace{\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} j_\varepsilon(x-y) dx \right)}_{=1 \forall y} \mathbb{I}_{B \setminus A}(y) dy \right) < \delta.$$

Hence, it suffices to prove that $\| \mathbb{I}_B - j_\varepsilon * \mathbb{I}_B \|_1 \rightarrow 0$, $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$.

We have $0 \leq j_\varepsilon * \mathbb{I}_B \leq 1$, hence

$$\begin{aligned} \| \mathbb{I}_B - j_\varepsilon * \mathbb{I}_B \|_1 &= \int_B (1 - (j_\varepsilon * \mathbb{I}_B)(x)) dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus B} (j_\varepsilon * \mathbb{I}_B)(x) dx \\ &= 2|B| - 2 \int_B \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} j(z) \mathbb{I}_B(x - \varepsilon z) dz dx. \end{aligned}$$

Now, since B is open: $\forall x \in B \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^d : \mathbb{I}_B(x - \varepsilon z) \rightarrow 1$, $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ (triv!)

Also, B is bounded and $j \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$, so, using Lebesgue's Thm. on Dominated Convergence twice

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_B \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} j(z) \mathbb{I}_B(x - \varepsilon z) dz \right) dx = \int_B \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} j(z) dz \right) dx = |B| \quad \blacksquare$$

Proof of Thm. 3.6: (Here $\|\cdot\|_p := \|\cdot\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R})}$)

Step 1: Let $\varepsilon > 0$, $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define

$$K_n := \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \text{dist}(x, \partial \mathbb{R}) \geq \frac{1}{n} \text{ and } |x| \leq n \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

Now, \mathbb{R} is open, so $\mathbb{R} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} K_n$, and $K_n \subseteq K_{n+1} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

By dominated convergence, ($\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{1}_{K_n}(x) = \mathbb{1}_\infty(x)$) (80)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f - f \mathbb{1}_{K_n}\|_p = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f(1 - \mathbb{1}_{K_n})\|_p = 0.$$

Hence: $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}: \|f - f \mathbb{1}_{K_n}\|_p < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$.

Step 2: Recall (Handout & exercise) that step functions are dense in L^p : $\exists L \in \mathbb{N}, c_1, \dots, c_L \in \mathbb{R}$ and $A_1, \dots, A_L \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $A_\ell \subseteq K_n$ (!) $\forall \ell = 1, \dots, L$ such that: For $g := \sum_{\ell=1}^L c_\ell \mathbb{1}_{A_\ell}$

we have $g \in L_c^p(\mathbb{R})$ and $\|g - f \mathbb{1}_{K_n}\|_p < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$

Step 3: Mollify step function: $\exists \delta > 0$ s.t.

$$(i) j\delta * g \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \quad (\text{by Lemma 3.15})$$

$$(ii) \|g - j\delta * g\|_p \leq \sum_{\ell=1}^L |c_\ell| \cdot \|\mathbb{1}_{A_\ell} - j\delta * \mathbb{1}_{A_\ell}\|_p < \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \quad (\text{by Lemma 3.16})$$

Hence,

$$\|f - \underbrace{j\delta * g}_{\in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})}\|_p < \varepsilon \quad \square$$