

MATH 202B - Problem Set 3

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(3.1) The parallelogram law for L^2 norms states that for all $f, g \in L^2$,

$$\|f + g\|_2^2 + \|f - g\|_2^2 = 2\|f\|_2^2 + 2\|g\|_2^2$$

which can be viewed as a refinement of the triangle inequality $\|f + g\|_2 \leq \|f\|_2 + \|g\|_2$ by writing

$$\begin{aligned}\|f + g\|_2^2 &\leq 2\|f\|_2^2 + 2\|g\|_2^2 - \|f - g\|_2^2 \\ &= (\|f\|_2 + \|g\|_2)^2 + (\|f\|_2 - \|g\|_2)^2 - \|f - g\|_2^2\end{aligned}$$

thus if $\|f\|_2 = \|g\|_2$ and $\|f + g\|_2 = \|f\|_2 + \|g\|_2$, then $f = g$ a.e.

(3.1.a) show that more generally, if $\|f + g\|_2 = \|f\|_2 + \|g\|_2$, then there exists $c \geq 0$ such one function is c times the other almost everywhere.

answer First, observe that the case $\|g\|_2 = 0$ is trivial since it implies $g = 0$ almost everywhere and the result is true using the constant $c = 0$.

Now assume $\|g\|_2 > 0$. First, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|f + g\|_2^2 &= \int_X (f + g)^2 d\mu \\ &= \int_X f^2 + \int_X g^2 + 2 \int_X fg d\mu \\ &= \|f\|_2^2 + \|g\|_2^2 + 2 \int_X fg d\mu \\ &= (\|f\|_2 + \|g\|_2)^2 + 2 \left(\int_X fg d\mu - \|f\|_2 \|g\|_2 \right)\end{aligned}$$

therefore we have $\|f + g\|_2 = \|f\|_2 + \|g\|_2$ if and only if $\int_X fg d\mu = \|f\|_2 \|g\|_2$.

Now consider the function

$$\begin{aligned}\phi : \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ t &\mapsto \phi(t) = \|f + tg\|_2^2\end{aligned}$$

. We have similarly

$$\phi(t) = \|f\|_2^2 + t^2 \|g\|_2^2 + 2t \int_X fg d\mu$$

which is a polynomial of degree 2 in t . The discriminant is

$$\Delta = \left(2 \int_X fg d\mu \right)^2 - 4 \|g\|_2^2 \|f\|_2^2 = 0$$

therefore ϕ has a real root, i.e. there exists $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\phi(t) = \|f + t_0g\|_2^2 = 0$, i.e.

$$\int_X (f(x) + t_0g(x))^2 d\mu(x) = 0$$

therefore we have for almost every x , $f(x) = cg(x)$ where $c = -t_0$. Finally, we can rewrite the condition $\|f + g\|_2 = \|f\|_2 + \|g\|_2$ as

$$\|(1 + c)g\|_2 = (|c| + 1)\|g\|_2$$

i.e.

$$|1 + c| = |c| + 1$$

(since $\|g\|_2 > 0$). This requires in particular that $c \geq 0$.

(3.1.b) Counter example: for $p \in \{1, \infty\}$, find functions f, g such that $\|f + g\|_p = \|f\|_1 + \|g\|_p$, yet neither is a constant multiple of the other almost everywhere.

answer Consider the measure space $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}, \mu)$.

- Counter example for $p = 1$: consider the functions

$$\begin{aligned} f &= 1_{[0,1]} \\ g &= 1_{[1,2]} \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_1 &= \|g\|_1 = 1 \\ \|f + g\|_1 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

therefore we have $\|f + g\|_1 = \|f\|_1 + \|g\|_1$ yet the functions are not proportional almost everywhere.

- Counter example for $p = \infty$: consider the functions

$$\begin{aligned} f &= 1_{[0,1]} \\ g &= 1_{[0,2]} \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_\infty &= \|g\|_\infty = 1 \\ \|f + g\|_\infty &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

therefore we have $\|f + g\|_\infty = \|f\|_\infty + \|g\|_\infty$ yet the functions are not proportional almost everywhere.

(3.2) All functions are assumed real valued. Clarkson's inequalities extend the previous discussion to other exponents, in a slightly weaker form.

(3.2.a) Let $p \in [2, \infty)$. For any $f, g \in L^p$, we have

$$\|f + g\|_p^p + \|f - g\|_p^p \leq 2^{p-1}(\|f\|_p^p + \|g\|_p^p)$$

proof we first show that for reals $a \geq b \geq 0$, we have

$$(a + b)^p + (a - b)^p \leq 2^{p-1}(a^p + b^p) \quad (1)$$

consider the function

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : [0, 1] &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ t &\mapsto \phi(t) = (a + tb)^p + (a - tb)^p - 2^{p-1}(a^p + (tb)^p) \end{aligned}$$

showing the desired inequality is equivalent to showing that $\phi(1) \leq 0$. And since we have

$$\phi(0) = (2 - 2^{p-1})a^p \leq 0$$

it suffices to show that for all $t \in (0, 1]$, $\phi'(t) \leq 0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'(t) &= pb(a + tb)^{p-1} - pb(a - tb)^{p-1} - 2^{p-1}pb(tb)^{p-1} \\ &= pb(tb)^{p-1} \left(\left(\frac{a}{tb} + 1\right)^{p-1} - \left(\frac{a}{tb} - 1\right)^{p-1} - 2^{p-1} \right) \\ &= pb(tb)^{p-1}\psi(t) \end{aligned}$$

where $\psi(t) = \left(\frac{a}{tb} + 1\right)^{p-1} - \left(\frac{a}{tb} - 1\right)^{p-1} - 2^{p-1}$. We have for $t \in (0, 1]$

$$\psi'(t) = -\frac{1}{bt^2}(p-1) \left(\left(\frac{a}{tb} + 1\right)^{p-2} - \left(\frac{a}{tb} - 1\right)^{p-2} \right)$$

but since $t \leq 1$ and $a \geq b$, we have $\frac{1}{t} \geq 1$ and $\frac{a}{b} \geq 1$, thus

$$\frac{a}{tb} - 1 \geq 0$$

and it follows that

$$\frac{a}{tb} + 1 \geq \frac{a}{tb} - 1 \geq 0$$

and using the fact that $u \mapsto u^{p-2}$ is increasing on $[0, \infty)$ (since $p - 2 \geq 0$), we have for all $t \in (0, 1]$

$$\psi'(t) \leq 0$$

and since $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \psi(t) = 0$, we have for all $t \in (0, 1]$, $\psi(t) \leq 0$. Finally, from the expression of $\phi'(t)$, we conclude that for all $t \in (0, 1]$, $\phi'(t) \leq 0$, therefore ϕ is non-increasing on $(0, 1]$ and we obtain the desired result.

Next, it follows from inequality (1) that for all real numbers a, b ,

$$|a + b|^p + |a - b|^p \leq 2^{p-1}(|a|^p + |b|^p) \quad (2)$$

(it suffices to apply the previous inequality)

Now consider the functions f, g . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f + g\|_p^p + \|f - g\|_p^p &= \int_X |f(x) + g(x)|^p + |f(x) - g(x)|^p d\mu(x) \\ &\leq \int_X 2^{p-1}(|f(x)|^p + |g(x)|^p) d\mu(x) && \text{using inequality (2)} \\ &= 2^{p-1}(\|f\|_p^p + \|g\|_p^p) \end{aligned}$$

which proves the desired result.

(3.2.b) Show that as a consequence, if $\|f\|_p = \|g\|_p = 1$, then $\|f + g\|_p \leq 2(1 - 2^{-p}\|f - g\|_p^p)^{1/p}$

proof If $\|f\|_p = \|g\|_p = 1$, then inequality (2) becomes

$$\|f + g\|_p^p + \|f - g\|_p^p \leq 2^p$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \|f + g\|_p &\leq (2^p - \|f - g\|_p^p)^{1/p} \\ &= 2(1 - 2^{-p}\|f - g\|_p^p)^{1/p} \end{aligned}$$

(3.2.c) Show that if $f, g \in L^p$ satisfy $\|f + g\|_p = \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p$, then there exists c such that one function is c times the other almost everywhere.

proof First, if $\|f\|_p = 0$, then f is zero almost everywhere, and the result holds with the constant $c = 0$. Similarly, the result holds when $\|g\|_p = 0$.

Now assume without loss of generality, that $\|f\|_p \geq \|g\|_p > 0$. Let $c = \|g\|_p / \|f\|_p$. Then we have

$$\|cf\|_p = \|g\|_p$$

Now observe that if $\|f + g\|_p = \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p$, then we have¹

$$\|cf + g\|_p = c\|f\|_p + \|g\|_p = 2\|g\|_p$$

now consider the functions $\tilde{f} = f/\|f\|_p$ and $\tilde{g} = -g/\|g\|_p$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{f} + \tilde{g}\|_p &= \|cf/\|g\|_p + g/\|g\|_p\|_p \\ &= \|cf + g\|_p / \|g\|_p \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

And since \tilde{f} and \tilde{g} have unit norm, we can apply the result of (2.b), and we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{f} - \tilde{g}\|_p &\leq 2(1 - 2^{-p}\|\tilde{f} + \tilde{g}\|_p^p)^{1/p} \\ &= 2(1 - 2^{-p}2^p)^{1/p} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

therefore $\|\tilde{f} - \tilde{g}\|_p = 0$, and $\tilde{f} = \tilde{g}$ almost everywhere. In other words, $g = \frac{\|g\|_p}{\|f\|_p} f$ almost everywhere.

¹indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|cf + g\|_p &= \|f + g + (1 - c)f\|_p \\ &\geq \|f + g\|_p - \|(1 - c)f\|_p && \text{by the triangle inequality} \\ &= \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p - (1 - c)\|f\|_p && \text{since } c \in [0, 1] \\ &= c\|f\|_p + \|g\|_p \end{aligned}$$

the reverse inequality $\|cf + g\|_p \leq c\|f\|_p + \|g\|_p$ follows simply from the triangle inequality.

(3.3) Let $p, q \in (1, \infty)$ be a pair of conjugate exponents. Let $f \in L^p$ and $g \in L^q$ be \mathbb{C} -valued functions with strictly positive norms. Suppose that

$$\left| \int_X f \bar{g} d\mu \right| = \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$$

(3.3.a) Suppose that f, g are real-valued, non-negative, then there exists $c > 0$ such that $g = cf^{p/q}$ almost everywhere.

proof First, we can rewrite the equality as

$$\int_X \frac{f}{\|f\|_p} \frac{g}{\|g\|_q} d\mu = 1$$

i.e.

$$\int_X \tilde{f} \tilde{g} d\mu = 1$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f} &= \frac{f}{\|f\|_p} \\ \tilde{g} &= \frac{g}{\|g\|_q} \end{aligned}$$

Now define the function

$$\phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$x \mapsto \phi(x) = \tilde{f}(x)\tilde{g}(x) - \frac{1}{p}\tilde{f}(x)^p - \frac{1}{q}\tilde{g}(x)^q$$

we have by Holder's inequality, for all $x \in X$, $\phi(x) \leq 0$. We also have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X \phi d\mu &= \int_X \tilde{f}\tilde{g} d\mu - \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

therefore we must have $\phi = 0$ almost everywhere, i.e. for almost every x ,

$$\tilde{f}(x)\tilde{g}(x) = \frac{1}{p}\tilde{f}(x)^p + \frac{1}{q}\tilde{g}(x)^q$$

this corresponds to having equality in Young's inequality for the exponential function, applied between the points $p \ln \tilde{f}(x)$ and $q \ln \tilde{g}(x)$, with coefficients $1/p$ and $1/q$: indeed, the above equation can be rewritten

$$e^{\frac{1}{p}p \ln(\tilde{f}(x)) + \frac{1}{q}q \ln(\tilde{g}(x))} = \frac{1}{p}e^{p \ln \tilde{f}(x)} + \frac{1}{q}e^{q \ln \tilde{g}(x)}$$

by strict convexity of the exponential, equality only occurs if $1/p = 0$, or $1/p = 1$, or $p \ln \tilde{f}(x) = q \ln \tilde{g}(x)$. Since the first two cases cannot occur, we have for almost every x

$$p \ln \tilde{f}(x) = q \ln \tilde{g}(x)$$

i.e.

$$\tilde{g}(x) = \tilde{f}(x)^{p/q}$$

or

$$g(x) = \frac{\|g\|_q}{\|f\|_p^{p/q}} f(x)^{p/q}$$

(3.3.b) In the general case, show that there exists $c \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $g = cf^{p/q}$, i.e. there exist $r \geq 0$ and $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ such that for almost every x ,

$$\begin{aligned} |g(x)| &= r|f(x)|^{p/q} \\ \arg(g(x)) &= \theta + \arg(f(x)) \pmod{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

First, we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_X f\bar{g}d\mu \right| &\leq \int_X |f||g|d\mu \\ &\leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q d\mu \end{aligned} \quad \text{by Holder's inequality}$$

But since we have $\left| \int_X f\bar{g}d\mu \right| = \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$, we must have equality in the previous inequalities. In particular,

$$\int_X |f||g|d\mu = \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$$

applying (3.b) to the real-valued functions $x \mapsto |g(x)|$ and $x \mapsto |f(x)|$, there exists $r \geq 0$ such that $|g| = r|f|^{p/q}$.

Now to prove the result for the arguments, we need to use the fact that equality holds in $\left| \int_X f\bar{g} \right| \leq \int_X |f||g|d\mu$. Let us write $\int_X f\bar{g}d\mu = \alpha e^{i\phi}$, where $\alpha \geq 0$, and $\gamma \in [0, 2\pi]$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_X f\bar{g}d\mu \right| &= \alpha = \Re(\alpha) \\ &= \Re\left(\int_X f\bar{g}d\mu e^{-i\gamma} \right) \\ &= \int_X \Re(f\bar{g}e^{-i\gamma})d\mu \end{aligned}$$

now let

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : X &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\mapsto \phi(x) = \Re(f(x)\bar{g}(x)e^{-i\gamma}) - |f(x)||g(x)| \end{aligned}$$

we have for all x , $\phi(x) \leq 0$ (the real part of a complex number is no greater than its modulus). But we also have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X \phi d\mu &= \int_X \Re(f\bar{g}e^{-i\gamma})d\mu - \int_X |f||g|d\mu \\ &= \left| \int_X f\bar{g}d\mu \right| - \int_X |f||g|d\mu \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

therefore we have $\phi(x) = 0$ almost everywhere, i.e. for almost every x

$$\Re(f(x)\bar{g}(x)e^{-i\gamma}) = |f(x)||g(x)|$$

i.e. $f(x)\bar{g}(x)e^{-i\gamma}$ is real non-negative (since equal to its modulus). Therefore for almost every x ,

$$\arg(f(x)\bar{g}(x)e^{-i\gamma}) = 0 \pmod{2\pi}$$

i.e.

$$\arg(f(x)) - \arg(g(x)) - \gamma = 0 \pmod{2\pi}$$

this concludes the proof.

(3.4) Consider the measure space $(\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$, where

- $\mathcal{R} = \times_{i=1}^n [a_i, b_i]$
- \mathcal{A} is the set of all Borel subsets of \mathcal{R}
- μ is the n dimensional Lebesgue measure.

A function $f : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is said to be infinitely differentiable if f is continuous, f is infinitely differentiable on the $\text{int}(\mathcal{R})$, and each derivative extends continuously to the boundary of \mathcal{R}^2 .

Show that for all $p \in [1, \infty)$, $C^\infty(\mathcal{R})$ is dense in $L^p(\mathcal{R})$ (in the $\|\cdot\|_p$ sense).

proof Let $f \in L^p(\mathcal{R})$, and let $\epsilon > 0$. By definition, we can approach f from below by a non-decreasing sequence of simple functions (s_n) . Then we have sequence $|s_n - f|^p$ converges pointwise to 0, and is dominated by $2|f|^p$, which is integrable, therefore by the DCT

$$\lim_n \int_X |s_n - f|^p d\mu = 0$$

i.e. $(\|s_n - f\|_p)_n$ converges to 0. Therefore there exists a simple function s such that $\|f - s\|_p \leq \epsilon/3$. Next, we can approximate the simple function s by a continuous function \bar{s} : let the canonical expansion of s be given by

$$s = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i 1_{E_i}$$

where for all i , $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and E_i is a Borel set of \mathcal{R} (the E_i s are disjoint). Then we can approximate, for all i , $c_i 1_{E_i}$ by a continuous function \bar{s}_i (using for example Urysohn's Lemma). Let \bar{s}_i be a continuous function such that $\|c_i 1_{E_i} - \bar{s}_i\|_p \leq \epsilon/(2n)$, and let $\bar{s} = \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{s}_i$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|s - \bar{s}\|_p &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n c_i 1_{E_i} - \bar{s}_i \right\|_p \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \|c_i 1_{E_i} - \bar{s}_i\|_p \\ &\leq \epsilon/3 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, using the Stone Weierstrass theorem on the compact space \mathcal{R} , we have that the Algebra of complex valued polynomial functions $P(\mathcal{R}, \mathbb{C})$ is dense in the space of continuous functions (wrt the uniform convergence metric $\|g\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in \mathcal{R}} |g(x)|$).

Indeed, this algebra contains constants, separates points, and is closed under multiplication, addition, scalar multiplication and conjugation.

Therefore there exists a polynomial $p \in P(\mathcal{R})$ such that $\sup_{x \in \mathcal{R}} |p(x) - \bar{s}(x)| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3\mu(\mathcal{R})^{1/p}}$, and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|p - \bar{s}\|_p &= \left(\int_X |p - \bar{s}|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq \frac{\epsilon}{3} \left(\int_X \frac{1}{\mu(\mathcal{R})} d\mu \right)^{1/p} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon}{3} \end{aligned}$$

combining the three bounds, we obtain

$$\|f - p\|_p \leq \|f - s\|_p + \|s - \bar{s}\|_p + \|\bar{s} - p\|_p \leq \epsilon$$

which proves that $P(\mathcal{R}, \mathbb{C})$ is dense in $L^p(\mathcal{R})$. And since the space of polynomials on \mathcal{R} is a subset of $C^\infty(\mathcal{R})$, this proves the desired result.

(3.5) Let $p \in [1, \infty)$. Suppose that

- $f_n \in L^p$
- $f_n \rightarrow f$ almost everywhere
- there exists $M < \infty$ such that for all n , $\|f_n\|_p \leq M < \infty$

Show that if $(\|f_n\|_p)_n \rightarrow \|f\|_p$, then $(\|f_n - f\|_p)_n \rightarrow 0$.

proof First, we show that for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$,

$$\int_A |f_n|^p d\mu \rightarrow \int_A |f|^p d\mu$$

using Fatou's lemma on A and $X \setminus A$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_A |f|^p &= \int_A \liminf_n |f_n|^p \leq \liminf_n \int_A |f_n|^p \\ \int_{X \setminus A} |f|^p &= \int_{X \setminus A} \liminf_n |f_n|^p \leq \liminf_n \int_{X \setminus A} |f_n|^p \end{aligned}$$

next, we rewrite the second inequality (using the fact that $\liminf_n -u_n = -\limsup_n u_n$)

$$-\int_{X \setminus A} |f|^p \geq \limsup_n -\int_{X \setminus A} |f_n|^p$$

and since $\int_X |f|^p = \lim_n \int_X |f_n|_p = \limsup_n \int_X |f_n|_p$ and is finite, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_A |f|^p d\mu &= \int_X |f|^p d\mu - \int_{X \setminus A} |f|^p d\mu \\ &\geq \limsup_n \int_X |f_n|_p + \limsup_n -\int_{X \setminus A} |f_n|^p \\ &\geq \limsup_n \left(\int_X |f_n|_p - \int_{X \setminus A} |f_n|^p \right) \quad \text{using } \sup u_n = \sup v_n \geq \sup(u_n + v_n) \\ &= \limsup_n \int_A |f_n|_p \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$\limsup_n \int_A |f_n|_p \leq \int_A |f|^p d\mu \leq \liminf_n \int_A |f_n|^p$$

but the last term is a lower bound on the first term, (the lim inf is always no greater than the lim sup), therefore we have equality, and the claim is proved.

Proof of main result: let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Let $A = \{x \in X : |f(x)| > 0\}$. A is measurable. First, we decompose the integral into

$$\int_X |f_n - f|^p d\mu = \int_A |f_n - f|^p d\mu + \int_{X \setminus A} |f_n|^p d\mu$$

using the fact that for all $x \in X \setminus A$, $f(x) = 0$. Then by the previous claim, $\int_{X \setminus A} |f_n|^p d\mu$ converges to $\int_{X \setminus A} |f|^p = 0$. Therefore there exists N_1 such that

$$\forall n \geq N_1, \int_{X \setminus A} |f_n|^p \leq \epsilon/4 \quad (3)$$

now define a new measure ν on $A \cap \mathcal{A}$ as follows:

$$\forall E \in A \cap \mathcal{A}, \nu(E) = \int_E |f|^p d\mu$$

we have $\nu(A) = \int_A |f|^p d\mu \leq M < \infty$. Therefore $(A, A \cap \mathcal{A}, \nu)$ is a finite measure space and we can apply Egoroff's theorem: we have (f_n/f) converges to 1 almost everywhere on A (note that we had to restrict this discussion to the set A so that f_n/f be defined). Thus by Egoroff's theorem, there exists a measurable set $F \in A \cap \mathcal{A}$ such that

- $\nu(F) \leq \epsilon/8$ (we assume $\nu(A) > 0$, otherwise f is 0 almost everywhere, in which case the result is trivial)
- (f_n/f) converges uniformly to 1 on $A \setminus F$.

Now we seek to bound the terms $\int_F |f_n - f|^p d\mu$ and $\int_{A \setminus F} |f_n - f|^p d\mu$. First, we have

$$\int_F |f_n - f|^p d\mu \leq \int_F |f_n|^p d\mu + \int_F |f|^p d\mu$$

and since $\int_F |f_n|^p d\mu$ converges to $\int_F |f|^p d\mu$, there exists N_2 such that

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \geq N_2, \int_F |f_n - f|^p d\mu &\leq 2 \int_F |f|^p d\mu + \epsilon/4 \\ &= 2\nu(F) + \epsilon/4 \\ &\leq \epsilon/4 + \epsilon/4 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

By uniform convergence, there exists N_2 such that

$$\forall n \geq N_3, \forall x \in A \setminus E, |f_n(x)/f(x) - 1| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{4\nu(A)}$$

(we can assume $\nu(A) > 0$ because otherwise f is 0 a.e., in which case the result is trivial) thus

$$\begin{aligned} \forall n \geq N_3, \int_{A \setminus F} |f_n - f|^p d\mu &= \int_{A \setminus F} |f_n/f - 1|^p |f|^p d\mu \\ &\leq \int_{A \setminus F} \frac{\epsilon}{4\nu(A)} d\nu \\ &\leq \frac{\epsilon}{4\nu(A)} \nu(A \setminus F) \\ &\leq \epsilon/4 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Finally, combining the above bounds (3) (4) (5), we have for all $n \geq \max(N_1, N_2, N_3)$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X |f_n - f|^p d\mu &= \int_F |f_n - f|^p d\mu + \int_{A \setminus F} |f_n - f|^p d\mu + \int_{X \setminus A} |f_n|^p d\mu \\ &\leq \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

this completes the proof.

(3.6) Let $1 \leq p \leq r \leq q \leq \infty$. Let $\theta \in [0, 1]$ be the unique number such that

$$r^{-1} = \theta p^{-1} + (1 - \theta)q^{-1}$$

Show that for any measurable function f ,

$$\|f\|_r \leq \|f\|_p^\theta \|f\|_q^{1-\theta}$$

conclude that $L^p \cap L^q \subset L^r$.

proof We consider the following cases:

1. $p = r = q = \infty$. Then the result becomes $\|f\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_\infty^\theta \|f\|_\infty^{1-\theta}$ and this trivially holds (with equality) for all $\theta \in [0, 1]$
2. $p < r = q = \infty$. Then we have $0 = \theta p^{-1} + (1 - \theta)0$, thus we must have $\theta = 0$. The result becomes $\|f\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_\infty$ which trivially holds with equality.
3. $p \leq r < q = \infty$. Then we have $r^{-1} = \theta p^{-1}$, i.e. $\theta = p/r$. Let $M = \|f\|_\infty$ be the essential supremum (finite since $f \in L^\infty$). Then the set $B = \{x : |f(x)| > M\}$ has measure 0. Then we have for all $x \in X \setminus B$, $|f(x)|/M \leq 1$, thus $(|f(x)|/M)^{r-p} \leq 1$ (since $r - p \geq 0$). Integrating, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X |f|^r d\mu &\leq \int_X |f|^p d\mu M^{r-p} \\ \text{i.e. } \left(\int_X |f|^r d\mu \right)^{1/r} &\leq \left(\left(\int_X |f|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p} \right)^{p/r} M^{(r-p)/r} \\ \text{i.e. } \|f\|_r &\leq (\|f\|_p)^{p/r} \|f\|_\infty^{(r-p)/r} \end{aligned}$$

and we conclude observing that $p/r = \theta$ and $(r - p)/r = 1 - \theta$.

4. $p \leq r \leq q < \infty$. Then let

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \frac{p}{r\theta} \\ b &= \frac{q}{r(1-\theta)} \end{aligned}$$

a and b are conjugate, since $1/a + a/b = r(\theta p^{-1} + (1 - \theta)q^{-1}) = 1$. Then apply Holder's inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_X |f|^r d\mu &= \int_X |f|^r d\mu \\ &= \int_X |f|^{p/a} |f|^{q/b} d\mu && \text{using } p/a + q/b = r\theta + r(1 - \theta) = r \\ &\leq \| |f|^{p/a} \|_a \| |f|^{q/b} \|_b && \text{using Holder's inequality} \\ &= \left(\int_X (|f|^{p/a})^a d\mu \right)^{1/a} \left(\int_X (|f|^{q/b})^b d\mu \right)^{1/b} \\ &= \left(\int_X |f|^p d\mu \right)^{r\theta/p} \left(\int_X |f|^q d\mu \right)^{(1-\theta)r/q} \end{aligned}$$

raising to the power $1/r$, we obtain the desired result.

Conclusion: using the bound above, if $f \in L^p \cap L^q$, then $\|f\|_r$ is finite since it is bounded by the product of two bounded terms. Thus $f \in L^r$.