

Jensen's Inequality:  $(X, \mathcal{M}, \mu)$  a measure space.

$\Omega \in \mathcal{M}$  with  $\mu(\Omega) = 1$ . If  $f: X \rightarrow (a, b)$

$-\infty < a < b < \infty$ ;  $f \in L^1(X, \mu)$ , and  $\varphi$  is convex

on  $(a, b)$ , then

$$\varphi\left(\int_{\Omega} f d\mu\right) \leq \int_{\Omega} \varphi \circ f d\mu$$

Proof: Let  $t = \int_{\Omega} f d\mu$ ,  $-\infty < t < \infty$  since

$f \in L^1(X, \mu)$ . Moreover  $t \in (a, b)$  since

$a < f < b$  and  $\mu(\Omega) = 1$ .

Let  $\beta = \sup_{a < s < t} \frac{\varphi(t) - \varphi(s)}{t - s} \leq \frac{\varphi(u) - \varphi(t)}{u - t}$   
provided  $s < t < u < b$ .

Hence for any  $u \in (t, b)$

$$(1) \quad \varphi(u) \geq \varphi(t) + \beta(u - t)$$

But on the other hand  $\frac{\varphi(t) - \varphi(s)}{t - s} \leq \beta$

and so

$$\varphi(s) \geq \varphi(t) + \beta(s-t) \quad (2)$$

provided  $s \in (a, t)$ . Therefore putting (1) and (2) together.

$$\varphi(s) \geq \varphi(t) + \beta(s-t) \quad \text{for all } s \in (a, b).$$

In particular, if  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $f(x) \in (a, b)$ , and

thus

$$\varphi(f(x)) \geq \varphi(t) + \beta(f(x) - t)$$

Integrating this inequality we obtain over  $\Omega$

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi(f(x)) \, d\mu \geq \varphi\left(\int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu\right) + \beta\left(\int_{\Omega} f \, d\mu - t\right)$$

□

$L^p$  spaces,  $p > 1$

We want to show that

$$\|f\|_p = \left(\int |f|^p \, d\mu\right)^{1/p} \quad \text{is a norm on } L^p(X, \mu).$$

It is easy to see that

$$\|\lambda f\|_p = |\lambda| \cdot \|f\|_p \quad \forall f \in L^p(X, \mu).$$

The hard part is to prove the triangle inequality:

(3)

$$\|f + g\|_p \leq \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p.$$

For this we need a Lemma:

Lemma: (Hölder's Inequality) Let  $p, q \in (1, \infty)$

be such that  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . Let  $f, g$  be measurable functions. then.

$$\int_X |f g| d\mu \leq \|f\|_p \cdot \|g\|_q$$

Proof: If  $\|f\|_p = 0$ , then  $f = 0$  a.e.  
If  $\|g\|_q = 0$ , then  $g = 0$  a.e.

So it is trivial. If  $\|f\|_p \neq \infty$  and  $\|g\|_q \neq \infty$ .

So we may assume  $\|f\|_p > 0$ ,  $\|g\|_q > 0$ .

If either  $\|f\|_p = \infty$  or  $\|g\|_q = \infty$ .

The inequality is also trivial. So

we will assume  $\|f\|_p < \infty$  and  $\|g\|_q < \infty$ .

Let

$$F = \frac{|f|}{\|f\|_p} \quad \text{and} \quad G = \frac{|g|}{\|g\|_q}$$

Next we use the convexity of the exponential function  $\varphi(x) = e^x$ . If  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$  we

write

$$\alpha = e^{s/p} \quad \beta = e^{t/q} \quad \text{for } s, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\alpha \beta = e^{s/p} \cdot e^{t/q} = e^{(s/p + t/q)}$$

Since  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , the convexity of

$\varphi = e^x$  implies that

$$e^{s/p + t/q} \leq \frac{1}{p} e^s + \frac{1}{q} e^t = \frac{1}{p} \alpha^p + \frac{1}{q} \beta^q.$$

So if  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$

$$\alpha \beta \leq \frac{1}{p} \alpha^p + \frac{1}{q} \beta^q.$$

If we apply this to  $F$  and  $G$  we obtain

$$F(x) \cdot G(x) \leq \frac{1}{p} F(x)^p + \frac{1}{q} G(x)^q \quad \text{a.e.}$$

( $F(x)$  and  $G(x)$  are finite a.e.)

If we integrate this in  $X$  we obtain (5)

$$\begin{aligned}\int_X F(x) G(x) dx &\leq \frac{1}{p} \int F^p d\mu + \frac{1}{q} \int G^p d\mu \\ &= \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.\end{aligned}$$

So we conclude that

$$\int_X |fg| d\mu \leq \|f\|_p \cdot \|g\|_q$$

Theorem: (Minkowski's Inequality)

$$\|f+g\|_p \leq \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p.$$

Proof: If either  $\|f\|_p = \infty$  or  $\|g\|_p = \infty$ , the inequality is trivial. So we assume that both are finite. In particular

$$|f(x)| < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad |g(x)| < \infty \quad \text{a.e.}$$

Next we write

$$(|f|+|g|)^p = (|f|+|g|)(|f|+|g|)^{p-1}$$

$$(|f| + |g|)^p = |f| (|f| + |g|)^{p-1} + |g| (|f| + |g|)^{p-1} \quad (6)$$

and apply Hölder's inequality.  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ;  $\frac{1}{q} = 1 - \frac{1}{p} = \frac{p-1}{p}$

$$\text{so } r = \frac{p}{p-1} \quad q(p-1) = p$$

$$\int (|f| + |g|)^p d\mu \leq \|f\|_p \cdot \left( \int (|f| + |g|)^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p}}$$

$$+ \|g\|_p \cdot \left( \int (|f| + |g|)^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p}}$$

Next we want to divide the inequality

by  $\left( \int (|f| + |g|)^p d\mu \right)^{\frac{p-1}{p}}$ . But to do

that we need to verify that it is finite.

This is a consequence of the convexity

of the function  $\psi(t) = t^p$ ,  $p > 1$

$$\left( \frac{|f| + |g|}{2} \right)^p \leq \frac{1}{2} |f|^p + \frac{1}{2} |g|^p$$

and hence since  $\|f\|_p < \infty$  and  $\|g\|_p < \infty$

and  $1 - \frac{p-1}{p} = \frac{1}{p}$ , we obtain the

result.  $\square$ .

Theorem: Let  $(X, \mu)$  be a measure space and  $p \in (1, \infty)$ . ~~and~~ and define.

$$L^p(X, d\mu) = \left\{ [f] : \|f\|_p = \left( \int |f|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p} < \infty \right\}.$$

Then  $L^p(X, d\mu)$  is a complete vector space.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \|f+g\|_p &\leq \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p \\ \|\alpha f\|_p &= |\alpha| \cdot \|f\|_p \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} L^p(X, d\mu) \\ \text{is a vector} \\ \text{space over } \mathbb{C} \end{array}$$

Let  $\{f_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $L^p$ . Just as in the case of  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$

we construct a subsequence  $f_{n_k}$ , with  $n_1 < n_2 < n_3 < \dots$  such that

$$\|f_{n_{k+1}} - f_{n_k}\| \leq \frac{1}{2^k} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Let

$$g_k = \sum_{n=1}^k |f_{n_{k+1}} - f_{n_k}|; \quad g = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f_{n_{k+1}} - f_{n_k}|$$

$f_k$  are measurable functions and

$$f_k \leq f_{k+1}$$

From Minkowski's inequality

$$\|f_k\|_{L^p} \leq \sum_{k=1}^k \|f_{n_{k+1}} - f_{n_k}\|_{L^p} < 1.$$

Hence,

$$\int_X |f_k|^p d\mu < 1$$

take the limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and use the monotone convergence theorem.

$$\int_X |f|^p d\mu < 1.$$

In particular  $f(x) < \infty$  a.e

hence the series

$$f(x) = f_{n_1}(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_{n_{k+1}}(x) - f_{n_k}(x)$$

Converges absolutely a. e.

But notice that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{k-1} (f_{n_{k+1}} - f_{n_k}) + f_{n_1} = f_{n_k}(x)$$

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

This is the candidate for the  $L^p$  limit of the sequence.

But by the construction

$$f(x) - f_{n_k}(x) = \sum_{k=K}^{\infty} f_{n_{k+1}} - f_{n_k}$$

Again by Minkowski's inequality and monotone convergence theorem

$$\|f - f_{n_k}\|_{L^p} \rightarrow 0 \quad \square$$

Corollary: Let  $p \in [1, \infty)$  and let

$\{f_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $L^p(X, d\mu)$  with limit  $f$ . Then

there exists a subsequence  $f_{n_k}$  such

that

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