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defn: A Banach Space is a complete normed vector space.

Note: Banach spaces can be finite dimensional like $(\mathbb{R}^n, \|\cdot\|_2)$ or they can be infinite dimensional like $(C([a, b]), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$.

Theorem: $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ is complete

proof: Let $\{f_n\}_1^\infty$ be a Cauchy sequence in $L^1(\mathbb{R})$.

We seek $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ so that $\|f_n - f\|_1 \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Given $k, \exists N(k)$ so that $\|f_n - f_m\|_1 < \frac{1}{2^k}$ for all $m, n \geq N(k)$. Choose $N(k)$ so that in addition,
 $N(1) < N(2) < N(3) < \dots < N(k)$

Let $g_k := f_{N(k)}$. By construction, $\|g_k - g_{k+1}\|_1 < \frac{1}{2^k}$.

If we can find $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ so that $\|g_n - f\|_1 \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ then this will imply $\|f_n - f\|_1 \rightarrow 0$, and the proof will be finished. [Why? Given $\varepsilon > 0$, choose k such that $\frac{1}{2^k} < \varepsilon$.

choose $N(k_0) \geq N(k)$ so that $\|g_{k_0} - f\|_1 < \varepsilon$. for all $k_0 \geq k$.

Assume $n \geq N(k_0)$ Then

$$\|f_n - f\|_1 \leq \|f_n - f_{N(k_0)}\|_1 + \|g_{k_0} - f\|_1 < \frac{1}{2^k} + \varepsilon < 2\varepsilon$$

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We now construct a nondecreasing sequence of nonnegative integrable functions. We will show that this sequence converges.

$$h_1 := |g_1|$$

$$h_{n+1} := |g_1| + \sum_{k=1}^n |g_{k+1} - g_k| \quad n \geq 1$$

Certainly, $0 \leq h_1 \leq h_2 \leq \dots$ and each h_n is measurable.

Given $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h_n(x) =: h(x)$ exists if one allows $h(x) = \infty$. In this way, a pointwise limit of $\{h_n\}$ is defined.

Recall the monotone convergence theorem, "Suppose that $\{h_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a nondecreasing sequence of nonnegative measurable functions and h is the pointwise limit of h_n . Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int h_n = \int h$."

We want to show that h is integrable. We do this by showing that $\int h_n \leq C < \infty$ for all n , hence $\int h < \infty \Rightarrow h \in L^1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \int h_{n+1} &= \int |g_1| + \sum_{k=1}^n |g_{k+1} - g_k| = \|g_1\|_1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \|g_{k+1} - g_k\|_1 \\ &< \|g_1\|_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k = \|g_1\|_1 + 1 =: C < \infty \end{aligned}$$

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This shows that h , the pointwise limit of h_n is integrable and hence finite almost everywhere

This proves that the series

$$g_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (g_{k+1} - g_k)$$

is absolutely convergent almost everywhere.

Since abs. conv \Rightarrow convergent, we conclude that the partial sums

$$S_n = g_1 + \sum_{k=1}^n (g_{k+1} - g_k) = g_{n+1}$$

are convergent almost everywhere. We now

define f : $f(x) = \begin{cases} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n(x) & \text{if limit exists} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

f is measurable and $g_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise almost everywhere.

We now show that $\|g_n - f\|_1 \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\text{Since } f = g_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (g_{k+1} - g_k) = g_n + \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} (g_{k+1} - g_k)$$

$$f - g_n = \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} (g_{k+1} - g_k) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=n}^N (g_{k+1} - g_k)$$

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$$\Rightarrow |f(x) - g_n(x)| = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left| \sum_{k=n}^N (g_{k+1}(x) - g_k(x)) \right|$$

If $\Psi_N := \left| \sum_{k=n}^N (g_{k+1} - g_k) \right|$ then the sequence

Ψ_N converges pointwise almost everywhere to $|f - g_n|$. We want to conclude that $|f - g_n| \in L^1$ and that $\|f - g_n\|_1$ is small. To do this, we apply the Lebesgue Dominated Convergence theorem. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi_N(x)| &= \left| \sum_{k=n}^N (g_{k+1}(x) - g_k(x)) \right| \leq \sum_{k=n}^N |g_{k+1}(x) - g_k(x)| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} |g_{k+1}(x) - g_k(x)| =: \Psi(x) \end{aligned}$$

We know $\Psi \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ because of the absolute convergence done earlier and

$$\|\Psi\|_1 \leq 2^{1-n}$$

So LDC applies and

$$\|f - g_n\|_1 = \int \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left| \sum_{k=n}^N (g_{k+1} - g_k) \right| = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int |\Psi_N| \leq 2^{1-n}$$

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Now we're almost done. We've got:

f measurable, $g_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise a.e.

$$\|f - g_n\|_1 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

We finally need to argue that $f \in L^1$.

Fix n . We know $g_n \in L^1$. And we've

shown that $\|f - g_n\|_1 < \infty$ hence $f - g_n \in L^1$.

Since L^1 is a vector space, $g_n + (f - g_n) \in L^1$, proving $f \in L^1$.

This finishes the proof of completeness. //

defn: $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is compactly supported if
 $\exists M \geq 0$ such that $|x| > M \Rightarrow f(x) = 0$.

$C_0(\mathbb{R}) := \{f \in C(\mathbb{R}) \text{ and } f \text{ has compact support}\}$

Now to prove that $C_0(\mathbb{R})$ is dense in $L^1(\mathbb{R})$.

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lemma: If C is an open subset of \mathbb{R} and B is a closed & bounded nonempty subset of C then

there exists a compactly supported continuous function g such that $0 \leq g \leq 1$ and

$$x \in B \Rightarrow g(x) = 1$$

$$x \in C^c \Rightarrow g(x) = 0.$$

proof: homework!

Theorem: $(C_0(\mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_1) = (L^1(\mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_1)$. That is,

given $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists

$$g \in C_0(\mathbb{R}) \text{ such that } \|f - g\|_1 < \varepsilon.$$

proof: Since the ISF are dense in $L^1(\mathbb{R})$, \exists an ISF f_0 such that $\|f - f_0\|_1 < \varepsilon/2$.

Since $\|f - g\|_1 \leq \|f - f_0\|_1 + \|f_0 - g\|_1$, it suffices to find $g \in C_0(\mathbb{R})$ so that $\|f_0 - g\|_1 < \varepsilon/2$.

By definition, $f_0 = \sum_{k=1}^N a_k \mathbb{1}_{A_k}$ where $a_k \neq 0$ and $m(A_k) < \infty$. And so, if we can find $g_k \in C_0(\mathbb{R})$ so that $\|g_k - a_k \mathbb{1}_{A_k}\|_1 \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2N}$ then

$g := \sum_{k=1}^N g_k \in C_0(\mathbb{R})$ will satisfy $\|f_0 - g\|_1 < \epsilon/2$.

Fix k .

By E10D, property IV, "There exists a closed set B_k and an open set C_k such that $B_k \subseteq A_k \subseteq C_k$ and $m(C_k - B_k) < \frac{\epsilon}{4|N||a_k|}$. If $m(A_k) < \infty$ then B_k can be chosen to be a bounded set."

We want to apply the lemma to $B_k \& C_k$. The lemma required that B_k be closed, bounded, and nonempty. We already know B_k is closed & bounded. If it happens to be empty then let $B_k = \{a\}$ for some $a \in A_k$. This won't affect the measure of $C_k - B_k$ and will make B_k nonempty.

By the lemma, $\exists \psi_k \in C_0(\mathbb{R})$ so that $0 \leq \psi_k \leq 1$, $\psi_k = 1$ on B_k and $\psi_k = 0$ on C_k^c .

Let $f_k := a_k \psi_k \in C_0(\mathbb{R})$. It now remains to show $\|f_k - a_k \mathbb{1}_{A_k}\|_1 < \frac{\epsilon}{2N}$.

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$$\|f_n - a_n \mathbb{1}_{A_n}\|_1 = \int |f_n - a_n \mathbb{1}_{A_n}| = \int |a_n \psi_n - a_n \mathbb{1}_{A_n}|$$
$$= |a_n| \int |\psi_n - \mathbb{1}_{A_n}|$$

$$= |a_n| \left[\int_{B_n} |\psi_n - \mathbb{1}_{A_n}| + \int_{C_n - B_n} |\psi_n - \mathbb{1}_{A_n}| + \int_{C_n^c} |\psi_n - \mathbb{1}_{A_n}| \right]$$

$$= |a_n| \int_{C_n - B_n} |\psi_n - \mathbb{1}_{A_n}|$$

$$\leq |a_n| \int_{C_n - B_n} |\psi_n| + |\mathbb{1}_{A_n}|$$

$$\leq |a_n| 2 m(C_n - B_n) < |a_n| 2 \frac{\Sigma}{4N|a_n|}$$

$$= \frac{\Sigma}{2N} \quad \text{as desired.} //$$