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thm: (Stone Weierstrass) Fix $[a, b]$. Let $\mathcal{P} = \{\text{polynomials with rational coefficients}\}$. Then \mathcal{P} is dense in $(C([a, b]), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$

note: Since \mathcal{P} is countable, we have a countable dense set in $(C([a, b]), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$

note: \mathcal{P} is not dense in $(C([a, b]), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$. If the interval isn't closed you're going to lose the countability of a dense subset

thm: Let $\tilde{\mathcal{P}} = \{f \mathbb{1}_{[-N, N]} \mid f \in \mathcal{P} \text{ and } N \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Then $\tilde{\mathcal{P}}$ is dense in $(L^2(\mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_2)$

proof: Let $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$. Fix $\epsilon > 0$. Since $C_0(\mathbb{R})$ is dense in $L^2(\mathbb{R})$, $\exists f_0 \in C_0(\mathbb{R})$ s.t. that

$$\|f - f_0\|_2 < \epsilon/2$$

It suffices to find $g \in \tilde{\mathcal{P}}$ and N s.t. that

$$\|g \mathbb{1}_{[-N, N]} - f_0\|_2 < \epsilon/2.$$

Since f_0 has compact support, $\exists N$ s.t. that $\text{supp}(f_0) \subseteq [-N, N]$.

By Stone-Weierstrass, $\exists g \in \mathcal{P}$ so that

$$\max_{x \in [N, N]} |f_0 - g(x)| = \|f_0 - g1_{[N, N]}\|_{\infty} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2\sqrt{2N}}$$

Now

$$\|g1_{[N, N]} - f\|_2 = \sqrt{\int |g1_{[N, N]} - f|^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\int_{[N, N]} |g - f|^2}$$

$$\leq \|f_0 - g1_{[N, N]}\|_{\infty} \sqrt{\int_{[N, N]} 1}$$

$$= \|f_0 - g1_{[N, N]}\|_{\infty} \sqrt{2N} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

as desired. //

Note: convince yourself that \mathcal{P} is dense in $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ for all p in $[1, \infty)$.

Theorem: Let $(X, (\cdot, \cdot))$ be a ^{complete} real inner product space

If X is separable (has a countable dense subset)

then \exists a countable orthonormal basis for X .

i.e. $\exists \{x_n\}_1^{\infty}$ so that $(x_m, x_n) = \delta_{mn}$ and

given $y \in X$, $y = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (y, x_n) x_n$

Note: As a result, if $f \in L^2$ then $f = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n \psi_n$

where $\{\psi_n\}$ orthonormal and $\alpha_n = (f, \psi_n)$. This is used in Quantum mechanics all the time.

Note: In some books (e.g. Beals & Folland) a Hilbert space is a complete inner product space. In other books (e.g. Kolmogorov + Fomin, all physics books) a Hilbert space is a complete inner product space that is separable.

§12E Differentiating the Integral.

From calculus, you know that if f is continuous and $F(x) := \int_a^x f(t) dt$ then F is differentiable and $F'(x) = f(x)$ for all x .

From your HW (page 165, #4) you proved that if $f, g \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ and $F(x) := \int_{[a, x]} f$, $G(x) := \int_{[a, x]} g$

then $\int_{[a, b]} Fg = F(b)G(b) - \int_{[a, b]} fG$. That is you proved

an integration by parts rule holds. But you did this w/o proving $F'(x) = f(x)$ and $G'(x) = g(x)$!

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Theorem: Let $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$. Fix $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Define

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} \int_{[a,x]} f & \text{if } x \geq a \\ -\int_{[x,a]} f & \text{if } x < a \end{cases}$$

Then F is continuous, and for almost all x $F'(x)$ exists and equals $f(x)$.

To prove this theorem, we will use the following:

Lemma (Hardy-Littlewood inequality)

Assume $h \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ and define

$$h^*(x) := \sup \left\{ \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I |h| \mid \begin{array}{l} I \text{ is an open} \\ \text{interval, } x \in I \end{array} \right\}.$$

Then given $\lambda > 0$ $m(\{h^* > \lambda\}) \leq \frac{5}{\lambda} \|h\|_1$.

h^* is called the Hardy-Littlewood Maximal function.

(Note: some books require that I has midpoint x .)

proof of theorem:

First we prove that $F \in C(\mathbb{R})$. Assume $x_n \rightarrow x$.
We show that $F(x_n) \rightarrow F(x)$.

case 1: $x > a$. Then for n sufficiently large, $x_n > a$.

$$\begin{aligned} |F(x_n) - F(x)| &= \left| \int_{[a, x_n]} f - \int_{[a, x]} f \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{E_n} f \right| \quad \text{where } E_n = [x_n, x] \text{ or } [x, x_n] \\ &= \left| \int f 1_{E_n} \right| \end{aligned}$$

let $g_n := f 1_{E_n}$. Note that $g_n \rightarrow f 1_{\{x\}}$ pointwise.
Also, $|g_n| \leq |f| \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ for all n . Hence, by
Lebesgue Dominated Convergence,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int g_n \\ &= \int f 1_{\{x\}} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |F(x) - F(x_n)| = \left| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int g_n \right| = 0$
as desired.

Case 2: $x \leq a$. In this case, choose $b < x$
and write

$$F(x) = \int_{[b,x]} f - \int_{[b,a]} f$$

now repeat the argument of case 1.

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we observe

that our theorem holds for any $f \in C(\mathbb{R})$.

We want to leverage off of the density of $C(\mathbb{R})$
in $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ somehow. Since we know the
theorem holds on this dense subset.

to be continued...