

The last time we defined the following notations:

$$f \in L^p(A) \iff \|f\|_p \text{ is finite}$$

$$1 \leq p < \infty$$

often $p=1$
 $p=2$

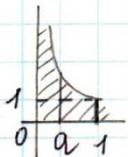
$$\|f\|_p = \left(\int_A |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p}$$

ex.1) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}} \in L^1((0;1))$ $A \equiv (0;1)$

check $\|f\|_1 = \int_0^1 \left| \frac{1}{x^{1/3}} \right| dx = \int_0^1 x^{-1/3} dx$

N.B. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}} = +\infty$

this is a generalized integral



$$\int x^{-1/3} dx = \frac{x^{-1/3+1}}{-1/3+1} + c = \frac{3}{2} x^{2/3} + c$$

Now $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}} dx \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \int_a^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{3}{2} 1^{2/3} - \frac{3}{2} a^{2/3} \right) =$

$$= 3/2 \text{ FINITE VALUE}$$

i.e. on $A \equiv (0;1)$ $\| \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}} \|_1 = 3/2$

A similar computation shows that $\| \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}} \|_{L^2(0;1)}$ is finite

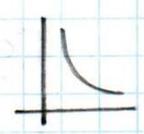
$$\| \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}} \|_2 = \left(\int_0^1 x^{-2/3} dx \right)^{1/2} = \dots \text{ FINITE VALUE}$$

Let's show that the same $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}} \notin L^4(0;1)$

$$\|f\|_4 = \left(\int_0^1 (x^{-1/3})^4 dx \right)^{1/4} = \left(\int_0^1 x^{-4/3} dx \right)^{1/4}$$

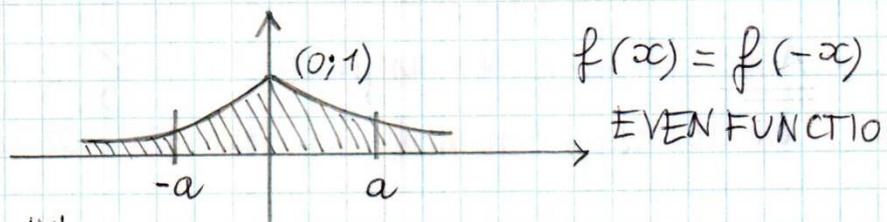
Now $\int x^{-4/3} dx = \frac{x^{-4/3+1}}{-4/3+1} = -3 x^{-1/3} = -3/x^{1/3}$

$$\int_0^1 x^{-4/3} dx \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \int_a^1 x^{-4/3} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \left(-\frac{3}{1^{1/3}} + \frac{3}{a^{1/3}} \right) = +\infty$$



Moral (from this example): the same f may belong to $L^p(A)$ or not depending on p .

ex. $f(x) = e^{-|x|}$



$f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}) \iff \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-|x|} dx$ FINITE

'cause the function is even

$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-|x|} dx \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \lim_{a \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{-a}^a e^{-|x|} dx = 2 \lim_{a \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^a e^{-x} dx =$

$= 2 \lim_{a \rightarrow +\infty} [-e^{-x}]_0^a = 2 \lim_{a \rightarrow +\infty} (-e^{-a} + e^0) = 2$

Actually, $e^{-|x|} \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$ for all $1 \leq p < \infty$ (included the infinitive). Proof:

$\|e^{-|x|}\|_p = \left(2 \lim_{a \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^a e^{-px} dx \right)^{1/p} = \left(2 \lim_{a \rightarrow +\infty} \left[-\frac{1}{p} e^{-px} \right]_0^a \right)^{1/p}$

$= \left(\frac{2}{p} \right)^{1/p}$ FINITE

$\lim_{p \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\frac{2}{p} \right)^{1/p} = 1$

$= \|e^{-|x|}\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R})}$

ESSENTIAL SUPREMUM (see page 10R)

this is the maximum height of the function (basically, it's the supremum of the abs. val. of the function).

ex. $f(x) = 1/x$ $A = [1; +\infty)$ $f \notin L^1(A)$

$f \in L^p(A)$ if $p > 1$

Proof: $\|f\|_p = \left(\int_1^{+\infty} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^p dx \right)^{1/p}$ if $p=1$ we get

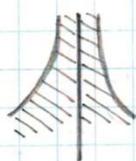
$\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \lim_{b \rightarrow +\infty} \int_1^b \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow +\infty} (\log b - \log 1) = +\infty \Rightarrow f \notin L^1(A)$

If $p > 1$ $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \lim_{b \rightarrow +\infty} \int_1^b x^{-p} dx = \dots$ FINITE

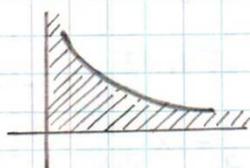
Remark if $f(x)$ blows up near a vertical asymptote $x = x_0$, and is asymptotic to $\frac{1}{|x-x_0|^\alpha}$, its integral in a neighborhood of x_0 is FINITE if $\alpha < 1$.



Also if $f(x)$ is asymptotic to $\frac{1}{|x|^\alpha}$ at $\pm\infty$, then its integral in a neighborhood of $+\infty$ or $-\infty$ is FINITE if $\alpha > 1$.



FINITE AREA FOR $\alpha < 1$



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in particular $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ is not in L^1 near 0
 " " " " " ∞
 $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} dx = +\infty$
 $\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx = +\infty$

ex. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ then $f \in L^1$ near ∞ ; $f \notin L^1$ near 0

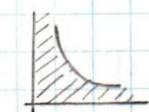
$$\int_1^{+\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} dx \text{ FINITE}$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx = +\infty$$

NB. These rules of integrability with $\alpha > 1$ at ∞ and $\alpha < 1$ at a finite value $x = x_0$ are useful BUT are not all powerful (do not solve all cases !!)

For example $f(x) = \frac{1}{x(\log x)^2}$ goes to 0 as $x \rightarrow +\infty$ faster than $1/x$, but slower than any $1/x^\alpha$ for fixed $\alpha > 1$.

ex. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(1+x)} = f(x)$ I claim that $\int_0^{+\infty} f(x) dx$ is FINITE, i.e., $f \in L^1((0; +\infty))$



Proof: $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(1+x)} dx = \int \frac{z dz}{z(1+z^2)} = 2 \operatorname{Arctg} z = 2 \operatorname{Arctg} \sqrt{x}$

($\sqrt{x} = z, x = z^2, dx = 2z dz, x=0 \rightarrow z=0, x \rightarrow +\infty \rightarrow z \rightarrow +\infty$)

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}(1+x)} dx = \lim_{\substack{b \rightarrow \infty \\ a \rightarrow 0^+}} \int_a^b f(x) dx = 2 (\operatorname{Arctg} b - \operatorname{Arctg} a)$$

$\uparrow 0$

$\downarrow \pi/2$

$$= \pi \quad \text{so} \quad \|f\|_{L^1(0; +\infty)} = \pi$$