

TD 6: COMPACTNESS IN  $L^p$  SPACES

**EXERCISE 1** (Equi-integrability). Let  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measured space and  $\mathcal{F} \subset L^1(X)$  being bounded. Prove that the following assertions are equivalent:

1. For all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $M > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \int_{\{|f| > M\}} |f| \, d\mu < \varepsilon.$$

2. For all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $\eta > 0$  such that for any measurable set  $A$ ,

$$\mu(A) < \eta \Rightarrow \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \int_A |f| \, d\mu < \varepsilon.$$

3. There exists an increasing function  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(x)/x = \infty$  and

$$\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \int_X \Phi(|f|) \, d\mu < \infty.$$

When one of the above conditions is satisfied, the set  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to be *equi-integrable*.

*Hint: to show 2.  $\Rightarrow$  3., consider the sequence  $(M_n)_n$  such that*

$$\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \int_X |f| \mathbb{1}_{|u| > M_n} \, d\mu < 2^{-n}.$$

In the following two exercices, the notion of equi-integrability introduced in the previous exercice will be considered. When  $p \in [1, +\infty)$ , a set  $\mathcal{F} \subset L^p(X)$  will be said to be equi-integrable when the set  $\{|f|^p : f \in \mathcal{F}\}$  is equi-integrable in  $L^1(X)$ .

**EXERCISE 2** (Vitali's convergence theorem). We consider  $(X, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space. Let  $p \in [1, +\infty)$  and  $(f_n)_n$  be a sequence in  $L^p(X)$ . Assume that

1. The sequence  $(f_n)_n$  is a Cauchy sequence in measure, meaning that for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \geq 0$  such that

$$\forall m, n \geq n_0, \quad \mu(|f_n - f_m| \geq \varepsilon) < \varepsilon.$$

2. The sequence  $(f_n)_n$  is equi-integrable in  $L^p(X)$ ,
3. For all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a measurable set  $\Gamma \subset X$  of finite measure such that

$$\forall n \geq 0, \quad \|f_n \mathbb{1}_{X \setminus \Gamma}\|_{L^p(X)} \leq \varepsilon.$$

Prove that  $(u_n)_n$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L^p(X)$  (and therefore converges in this space).

**EXERCISE 3** (Dunford-Pettis' Theorem). The objective of the exercise is to prove Dunford-Pettis' theorem:

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be a bounded set and  $(f_n)_n$  be a bounded sequence in  $L^1(\Omega)$ . Then, the set  $\{f_n\}$  is sequentially compact for the weak topology  $\sigma(L^1, L^\infty)$  if and only if the sequence  $(f_n)_n$  is equi-integrable.

First we prove the reciprocal: let  $(f_n)_n$  be a bounded and equi-integrable sequence in  $L^1(\Omega)$ .

1. Show that we can reduce to the case where the  $f_n$  are non-negative.
2. Let  $f_n^k = \mathbb{1}_{f_n \leq k} f_n$ . Show that  $\sup_n \|f_n - f_n^k\|_{L^1} \rightarrow 0$ .
3. Show that there exists an extraction  $(n')$  such that for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f_{n'}^k \rightarrow f^k$  in  $L^1(\Omega)$ .
4. Prove that  $(f^k)_k$  is an increasing sequence and deduce that there exists some  $f \in L^1(\Omega)$  such that  $f^k \rightarrow f$  in  $L^1(\Omega)$ .
5. Conclude that  $f_{n'} \rightarrow f$  in  $L^1(\Omega)$ .

Now we want to prove the direct implication. Let  $(f_n)_n$  be a bounded sequence in  $L^1(\Omega)$  satisfying  $f_n \rightarrow f \in L^1(\Omega)$ . We consider  $\mathcal{X}$  the set of indicator functions and, for a fixed  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we also consider the sets  $X_n$  defined for all  $n \geq 0$  by:

$$X_n := \left\{ \mathbb{1}_A \in \mathcal{X} : \forall k \geq n, \left| \int_A (f_k - f) dx \right| \leq \varepsilon \right\}.$$

6. Show that  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $X_n$  are closed in  $L^1(\Omega)$ .
7. Using a Baire's argument, show that the sequence  $(f_n)_n$  is equi-integrable.
8. Conclude.