

## Problems in Real Variables, II (Math608), Solutions

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**Problem 1.** Assume that  $X$  is a n.l.s. and that  $Y$  is a closed proper subspace of  $X$ . For  $x \in X$  define

$$\|x + Y\| = \inf_{y \in Y} \|x + y\|.$$

- a) Show that map  $\|\cdot\|$  is a norm on  $X/Y$ .
- b) For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an  $x \in X$  such that  $\|x\| = 1$  and  $\|x + Y\| > 1 - \varepsilon$ .
- c) The projection map  $P : X \rightarrow X/Y$  has norm 1.
- d) If  $X$  is complete so is  $X/Y$ .

**Proof.**

- a) For  $x, z \in X$ , and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}$  ( $= \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x + z + Y\| &= \inf_{y \in Y} \|x + z + y\| \\ &= \inf_{y_1, y_2 \in Y} \|x + y_1 + z + y_2\| \\ &\leq \inf_{y_1, y_2 \in Y} (\|x + y_1\| + \|z + y_2\|) \\ &= \inf_{y_1 \in Y} \|x + y_1\| + \inf_{y_2 \in Y} \|z + y_2\| = \|x + Y\| + \|z + Y\|, \end{aligned}$$

and if  $\alpha \neq 0$

$$\|\alpha x + Y\| = \inf_{y \in Y} \|\alpha x + y\| = \inf_{y \in Y} \|\alpha x + \alpha y\| = |\alpha| \inf_{y \in Y} \|x + y\| = \alpha \|x + Y\|.$$

If  $\alpha = 0$  then it follows also  $\|\alpha x + Y\| = 0 = \alpha \|x + Y\|$ .

(b)  $Y$  is a proper and closed subspace, thus not dense in  $X$ . So choose  $x_0 \in X$ , with  $\text{dist}(x_0, Y) = \inf_{y \in Y} \|x_0 - y\| > 0$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  choose  $y_0 \in Y$  so that  $\inf_{y \in Y} \|x_0 + y\| > \|x_0 + y_0\|(1 - \varepsilon)$ . Finally let  $x = (x_0 + y_0)/\|x_0 + y_0\|$ . it follows that  $\|x\| = 1$  and (by part (a))

$$\begin{aligned} \|x + Y\| &= \|x_0 + y_0\|^{-1} \cdot \|x_0 + y_0 + Y\| \\ &= \|x_0 + y_0\|^{-1} \cdot \inf_{y \in Y} \|x_0 + y_0 + y\| \\ &= \|x_0 + y_0\|^{-1} \cdot \inf_{y \in Y} \|x_0 + y\| > 1 - \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

(c) First note that for any  $x \in X$

$$\|P(x)\| = \inf_{y \in Y} \|x + y\| \leq \|x + 0\| = \|x\|,$$

and thus  $\|P\| \leq 1$ . On the other hand, by part (b), there exists for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  an  $x \in X$ ,  $\|x\| = 1$ , so that  $\|x + Y\| \geq \|x\| - \varepsilon = 1 - \varepsilon$ , which proves that  $\|P\|$  is at least 1.

(d) We are using a result proven in class (Theorem 5.1 on page 158), which says that it is enough to show that an absolutely converging sequence in  $X/Y$  converges. So assume that  $(x_n)$  is a sequence in  $X$  so that

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|x_n + Y\| < \infty.$$

Choose for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   $y_n$  in  $Y$  so that  $\|x_n + y_n\| \leq \|x_n + Y\| + 2^{-n}$ . This yields that  $(x_n + y_n)$  is absolute converging in  $X$ , and thus that the series  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} x_n + y_n$  converges to some  $x \in X$  ( $X$  is complete). It follows that

$$\left\| x - \sum_{j=1}^n x_j + Y \right\| \leq \left\| x - \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j + y_j) \right\| \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

**Problem 2.** Define

$$c_0 = \{(x_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathbb{F} : \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_i = 0\} \quad (\text{with } \mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R} \text{ or } \mathbb{C}).$$

For  $x = (x_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \in c_0$  define  $\|x\| = \sup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} |x_i|$ . Show that  $\|\cdot\|$  is norm on  $c_0$  and that  $c_0$  is a Banach space.

**Proof.** Using a result of class (Theorem 5.1 on page 158) we let  $(x^{(n)})$  be elements of  $c_0$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , so that  $\sum \|x^{(n)}\| < \infty$ , and have to show that there is a  $x \in c_0$  so that  $\|\sum_{i=1}^n x^{(i)} - x\| \rightarrow 0$  if  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Write for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   $x^{(n)}$  as  $(x_m^{(n)})_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathbb{F}$  with  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x_m^{(n)} = 0$ . For fixed  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  we notice that

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_m^{(n)}| \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|x^{(n)}\| < \infty.$$

Since  $\mathbb{F}$  is complete, we deduce that for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  there is a number  $x_m \in \mathbb{F}$  so that  $x_m = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n x_m^{(i)}$ .

We have to show that  $x = (x_m) \in c_0$  and that  $\|x - x^{(n)}\|_{c_0} \rightarrow 0$ , for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and we need to find  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $|x_k| < \varepsilon$  for all  $k \geq m$  (this would prove that  $(x_k) \in c_0$ ). First choose  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that

$$\sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \|x^{(n)} - x^{(n-1)}\| < \varepsilon/2.$$

Then choose  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  so that for all  $k \geq m$  it follows that  $|x_k^{(N)}| \leq \varepsilon/2$ .

Now note that for all  $k \geq m$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} |x_k| &\leq |x_k - x_k^{(N)}| + |x_k^{(N)}| \\ &= \left| \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} x_k^{(n)} - x_k^{(n-1)} \right| + |x_k^{(N)}| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \|x^{(n)} - x^{(n-1)}\| + \varepsilon/2 < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

This proves that  $x \in c_0$ .

In order show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x - x^{(n)}\| = 0$  we let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and choose  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $\sum_{j=N}^{\infty} \|x^{(j)} - x^{(j-1)}\| < \varepsilon$ . Then it follows for  $n \geq N$

$$\|x - \sum_{i=1}^n x^{(i)}\| = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} |x_k - \sum_{i=1}^n x_k^{(i)}| = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} | \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} x_k^{(j)} - x_k^{(j-1)} | \leq \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} \|x^{(j)} - x^{(j-1)}\| < \varepsilon.$$

**Problem 3.** Problem 2/page 154. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be normed linear spaces Show that  $L(X, Y)$  is vector space, that  $\|\cdot\|$  with  $\|T\| = \sup_{x \in X, \|x\| \leq 1} \|T(x)\|$  defines a norm, and show that

$$\|T\| = \sup \left\{ \frac{\|T(x)\|}{\|x\|} : x \neq 0 \right\} = \inf \{ C \geq 0 : \forall x \in X \quad \|T(x)\| \leq C\|x\| \}.$$

**Proof.** Using as addition  $S + T : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $x \mapsto T(x) + S(x)$ , and as multiplication with scalar  $\lambda T : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $x \mapsto \lambda T(x)$ , it is clear that  $L(X, Y)$  is a vector space.

$\|\cdot\|$  is norm (let  $T, S \in L(X, Y)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \|T\| = 0 &\iff \sup_{x \in X, \|x\| \leq 1} \|T(x)\| = 0 \\ &\iff \forall x \in X, \|x\| \leq 1, \quad T(x) = 0 \\ &\iff \forall x \in X \quad T(x) = 0 \iff T = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|T + S\| &= \sup_{x \in X, \|x\| \leq 1} \|T(x) + S(x)\| \\ &\leq \sup_{x \in X, \|x\| \leq 1} (\|T(x)\| + \|S(x)\|) \\ &\leq \sup_{x \in X, \|x\| \leq 1} \|T(x)\| + \sup_{x \in X, \|x\| \leq 1} \|S(x)\| = \|T\| + \|S\|. \end{aligned}$$

$$\|\lambda T\| = \sup_{x \in X, \|x\| \leq 1} \|\lambda T(x)\| = |\lambda| \sup_{x \in X, \|x\| \leq 1} \|T(x)\| = |\lambda| \|T\|.$$

Finally we will show that

$$\|T\| \leq \sup \left\{ \frac{\|T(x)\|}{\|x\|} : x \neq 0 \right\} \leq \inf \{ C \geq 0 : \|T(x)\| \leq C\|x\| \} \leq \|T\|.$$

First “ $\leq$ ”: for  $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\|T(x)\|/\|x\| = \|T(x/\|x\|)\|$ .

Second “ $\leq$ ”: Assume that  $C \geq 0$  is such that  $\forall x \in X \quad \|T(x)\| \leq C\|x\|$ . Then  $C \geq \|T(x)\|/\|x\|$  for all  $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$ . Since  $C \geq 0$  was arbitrary with  $\|T(x)\| \leq C\|x\|$  for all  $x \in X$  claim follows.

Third “ $\leq$ ”: We have to show that the number  $\|T\|$  is element of the set

$$\{C \geq 0 : \forall x \in X \quad \|T(x)\| \leq C\|x\|\}.$$

But this is clear.

**Problem 4.** Problem 9/page 155.

Let  $C^k([0, 1])$  be the space of all functions on  $[0, 1]$  which have  $k$ -th derivative which is continuous (including half-sided derivatives at the endpoints).

a) for  $f \in C([0, 1])$  it follows that

$$f \in C^k([0, 1]) \iff f \text{ is } k\text{-times cont.diffble and} \\ \lim_{h \searrow 0} f^{(j)}(h) \text{ and } \lim_{h \nearrow 1} f^{(j)}(h) \text{ exist for } j \leq k.$$

b) For  $f \in C^k([0, 1])$  put  $\|f\| = \sum_{i=0}^k \|f^{(i)}\|_u$ . Then with  $\|\cdot\|$  the space  $C^k([0, 1])$  becomes a Banach space.

**Proof.** (a)  $\Rightarrow$  is trivial

For  $\Leftarrow$  we need to show that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f^{(k-1)}(h) - f^{(k-1)}(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f^{(k)}(h) \text{ and}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f^{(k-1)}(1) - f^{(k-1)}(1-h)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f^{(k)}(1-h).$$

Note that by the MVT we can choose for each  $0 < h$  an  $r_h \in [0, h]$  so that

$$\frac{f^{(k-1)}(h) - f^{(k-1)}(0)}{h} = f^{(k)}(r_h).$$

And thus

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f^{(k-1)}(h) - f^{(k-1)}(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f^{(k)}(r_h) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} f^{(k)}(r).$$

Similarly the second equation can be show.

(b) It is clear that  $C^{(n)}([0, 1])$  is a normed linear space. We need to show completeness.

If  $(f_n) \in C^{(1)}([0, 1])$  is such that

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|f_n\|_u < \infty \text{ and } \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|f'_n\|_u < \infty$$

Then it first follows from the completeness of  $C([0, 1])$  that  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n$  converges in  $C([0, 1])$  to some  $f \in C([0, 1])$  but also that  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f'_n$  converges to some  $g \in C([0, 1])$ . We claim that  $f$  is differentiable and its derivative is  $g$  (what else could it be).

Indeed, let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and first choose  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \|f'_n\|_u < \varepsilon/2$ .

Then we note that for  $x \in [0, 1]$ , and  $h \neq 0$ , such that  $x + h \in [0, 1]$ , it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} - g(x) \right| \\
& \leq \left| \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{f_i(x+h) - f_i(x)}{h} - f'_i(x) \right| + \sum_{i=N+1} \left| \frac{f_i(x+h) - f_i(x)}{h} \right| \\
& \quad + \sum_{i=N+1} |f'_i(x)| \\
& \leq \left| \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{f_i(x+h) - f_i(x)}{h} - f'_i(x) \right| + \sum_{i=N+1} |f'_i(\xi_i)| + \sum_{i=N+1} |f'_i(x)| \\
& \text{[Note: we are applying MVT]} \\
& \leq \left| \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{f_i(x+h) - f_i(x)}{h} - f'_i(x) \right| + 2 \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \|f'_n\|_u \\
& \leq \left| \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{f_i(x+h) - f_i(x)}{h} - f'_i(x) \right| + \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon, \text{ if } h \rightarrow 0,
\end{aligned}$$

which implies our claim.

Now the problem can be easily shown by induction on  $k$ .

**Problem 5.** Problem 6/Page 155.

Let  $X$  be a finite dimensional vector space (over  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{C}$ ) and let  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  be a basis of  $X$ . For  $x = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j e_j \in X$ , let

$$\|x\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j|.$$

- a)  $\|\cdot\|_1$  is a norm.
- b) The map

$$T : \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow X, \quad (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \mapsto \sum_{j=1}^n a_j e_j$$

is continuous with respect to the Euclidean norm on  $\mathbb{F}^n$  and the norm  $\|\cdot\|_1$  on  $X$ .

- c) The *sphere* of  $(X, \|\cdot\|_1)$ , i.e. the set  $S_X = \{x \in X : \|x\|_1 = 1\}$  is compact in the topology defined by  $\|\cdot\|_1$ .
- d) All norms on  $X$  are equivalent.

**Proof.** (a) For  $x = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j e_j, y = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j e_j \in X$  and a scalar  $\alpha$  it follows from the definition of bases

$$\|x\|_1 = 0 \iff \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j| = 0 \iff \forall j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \quad a_j = 0 \iff x = 0$$

$$\|x + y\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j + b_j| \leq \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j| + |b_j| = \|x\|_1 + \|y\|_1$$

$$\|\alpha x\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n |\alpha a_j| = |\alpha| \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j| = |\alpha| \cdot \|x\|_1$$

(b) Denote the Euclidean norm by  $\|\cdot\|_2$ . For  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$

$$\|T(a_1, a_2, \dots)\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j| \leq n \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |a_i| \leq n \|(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)\|_2.$$

(we will show later that actually  $\sum_{j=1}^n |a_j| \leq \sqrt{n} (\sum_{j=1}^n |a_j|^2)^{1/2}$ ). Thus  $T$  is bounded and  $\|T\| \leq n$ .

(c) Let  $x^{(k)} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j^{(k)} e_j \in S_X$ , for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  note that for each  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $(a_j^{(k)})_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \{\xi \in \mathbb{F} : |\xi| = 1\}$ . We find therefore an infinite  $N \subset \mathbb{N}$  so that

$$a_j = \lim_{k \in \mathbb{N}, k \rightarrow \infty} a_j^{(k)}$$

exists for all  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Let  $x = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j e_j$ . Then

$$\|x\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j| = \lim_{k \in \mathbb{N}, k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j^{(k)}| = 1,$$

and

$$\|x - x^{(k)}\|_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j - a_j^{(k)}| \rightarrow_{k \in \mathbb{N}, k \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

Thus, every sequence in  $S_X$  has a subsequence which converges to an element of  $S_X$ . Thus  $S_X$  is compact.

(d) Let  $\|\cdot\|$  be any norm on  $X$ . Put  $C = \max_{j=1, 2, \dots, n} \|e_j\|$ . Then (property of norm)  $0 < C < \infty$ . Let  $T$  be the identity on  $X$ , but think of it as a linear map from  $(X, \|\cdot\|_1)$  to  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ .

Since for  $x = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j e_j \in X$

$$\|x\| = \|T(x)\| = \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n a_j e_j \right\| \leq \sum_{j=1}^n |a_j| \|e_j\| \leq C \|x\|_1$$

$T$  is a bounded linear operator with  $\|T\| \leq C$ . This implies that the image of  $S_X = \{x \in X : \|x\|_1 = 1\}$  is compact in  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ . And since  $0 \notin S_X$  and since  $\|\cdot\|$  is a  $\|\cdot\|_1$ -continuous function on  $X$  (simply meaning that if

$x_n$  converges to  $x$  in  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  then  $\|x_n\|$  converges to  $\|x\|$ ) it follows that  $c := \min\{\|x\| : x \in S_X\}$  exists and  $c > 0$ . We deduce that for  $x \in X$

$$C\|x\|_1 \geq \|x\| = \|x\|_1 \left\| \frac{x}{\|x\|_1} \right\| \geq c\|x\|_1,$$

which proves our claim.

**Problem 6.** Problem 7/Page 155.

Let  $X$  be a Banach space. We denote the identity on  $X$  by  $I$ .

- a) If  $T \in L(X, X)$ , and  $\|I - T\| < 1$ , then  $T$  is invertible. In fact the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (I - T)^n$  (with  $(I - T)^0 = I$ ) converges in  $L(X, X)$  to  $T^{-1}$ .
- b) If  $T \in L(X, X)$  is invertible and  $\|T - S\| < \|T^{-1}\|^{-1}$ , then  $S$  is also invertible. Thus, the set of invertible operators in  $L(X, X)$  is open in  $L(X, X)$ .

**Proof.** (a) Let  $\rho := \|I - T\| \in [0, 1)$ . By induction we can prove that  $\|(I - T)^n\| \leq \rho^n$ . Indeed, for  $n = 1$ , this is the assumption, if the claim is true for  $n$ , it follows for  $x \in X$ , that

$$\|(I - T)^{n+1}(x)\| \leq \|(I - T)^n\| \cdot \|(I - T)(x)\| \leq \rho^n \rho \|x\| = \rho^{n+1} \|x\|.$$

Thus the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (I - T)^n$  is absolutely convergent, and, thus, since  $L(X, X)$  is complete, convergent to some  $S \in L(X, X)$ . We claim that  $S$  is the inverse of  $T$ , and need to show that  $T \circ S = S \circ T = I$ . For  $x \in X$ , we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} S(T(X)) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (I - T)^n(T(x)) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (I - T)^n((T - I)(x)) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (I - T)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (I - T)^n(x) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (I - T)^n(x) = x \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} T(S(X)) &= T\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (I - T)^n(x)\right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (T - I)(I - T)^n(x) + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (I - T)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (I - T)^n(x) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (I - T)^n(x) = x \end{aligned}$$

which proves our claim.

(b) We first note that,

$$\|I - T^{-1} \circ S\| = \|T^{-1} \circ T - T^{-1} \circ S\| \leq \|T^{-1}\| \cdot \|T - S\| < 1.$$

By part (a),  $T^{-1}S$  is invertible with continuous inverse, and thus also  $T(T^{-1}S) = S$ .

**Problem 7.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{M})$  be a measurable space and let  $M(X)$  be the space of real-valued measures on  $(X, \mathcal{M})$ . Then

$$\|\cdot\| : M(X) \rightarrow [0, \infty), \quad \mu \mapsto \|\mu\| = |\mu|(X),$$

is a norm on  $M(X)$  which turns  $M(X)$  into a Banach space.

**Proof.** For  $\mu \in M(X)$ , we put

$$\|\mu\| = |\mu|(X) = \mu^+(X) + \mu^-(X) = \mu(X^+) - \mu(X^-),$$

where  $(X^+, X^-)$  is the by the Hahn Decomposition Theorem existing partition of  $X$  so that  $\mu(X^+ \cap (\cdot))$  and  $-\mu(X^- \cap (\cdot))$  are positive measures. If  $\mu$  and  $\tilde{\mu}$  are two  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued signed measure. Choose by Hahn Decomposition Theorem Partitions  $(X^+, X^-)$ ,  $(\tilde{X}^+, \tilde{X}^-)$ ,  $(\bar{X}^+, \bar{X}^-)$  of  $X$  so that

$$\mu^+(\cdot) = \mu(X^+ \cap (\cdot)), \quad \mu^-(\cdot) = -\mu(X^- \cap (\cdot)),$$

$$\tilde{\mu}^+(\cdot) = \tilde{\mu}(\tilde{X}^+ \cap (\cdot)), \quad \tilde{\mu}^-(\cdot) = -\tilde{\mu}(\tilde{X}^- \cap (\cdot)).$$

$$(\mu + \tilde{\mu})^+(\cdot) = (\mu + \tilde{\mu})^+(\bar{X}^+ \cap (\cdot)), \quad (\mu + \tilde{\mu})^-(\cdot) = -(\mu + \tilde{\mu})^-(\bar{X}^- \cap (\cdot)),$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mu + \tilde{\mu}\| &= |\mu + \tilde{\mu}|(X) \\ &= (\mu + \tilde{\mu})(\bar{X}^+) - (\mu + \tilde{\mu})(\bar{X}^-) \\ &= \mu(\bar{X}^+) + \tilde{\mu}(\bar{X}^+) - \mu(\bar{X}^-) - \tilde{\mu}(\bar{X}^-) \\ &= \mu^+(\bar{X}^+) - \mu^-(\bar{X}^+) + \tilde{\mu}^+(\bar{X}^+) - \tilde{\mu}^-(\bar{X}^+) \\ &\quad - \mu^+(\bar{X}^-) + \mu^-(\bar{X}^-) - \tilde{\mu}^+(\bar{X}^-) + \tilde{\mu}^-(\bar{X}^-) \\ &\leq \mu^+(X) + \tilde{\mu}^+(X) + \mu^-(X) + \tilde{\mu}^-(X) = \|\mu\| + \|\tilde{\mu}\|. \end{aligned}$$

Secondly for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\alpha\mu\| &= (\alpha\mu)^+(X) + (\alpha\mu)^-(X) \\ &= \begin{cases} \alpha\mu(X^+) + \alpha\mu^-(X) & \text{if } \alpha \geq 0 \\ -\alpha\mu^-(X) - \alpha\mu(X^+) & \text{if } \alpha < 0 \end{cases} = |\alpha| \cdot \|\mu\| \end{aligned}$$

Finally

$$\|\mu\| = 0 \iff \mu^+(X) = 0 \text{ and } \mu^-(X) = 0 \iff \mu = 0.$$

This proves that  $\|\cdot\|$  is a norm.

In order to show completeness we assume that  $(\mu_n) \subset M(X)$  and that  $\sum \mu_n$  is absolutely converging. This implies that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_n^+(X) < \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu_n^-(X) < \infty$ . For  $A \in \mathcal{M}$  put  $\nu_1(A) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu_n^+(A)$ . we claim that  $\nu_1$  is a (positive) measure and that  $\|\nu_1 - \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j^+\| \rightarrow 0$ , for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

If  $(A_i)$  are pairwise disjoint sets in  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  arbitrary, we choose  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $\sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} \mu_n^+(X) < \varepsilon$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |\nu_1(A) - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu_1(A_i)| &= \left| \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu_j^+(A) - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu_j^+(A_i) \right| \\ &\leq \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j^+(A) - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \mu(A_i) \right| + \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} \mu_j^+(A) + \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu_j^+(A_i) \\ &\leq 0 + \varepsilon/2 + \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} \mu_j^+(A) \leq \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, it follows that  $\nu_1(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu_1(A_i)$ , which implies that  $\nu_1$  is a positive measure with  $\nu_1(X) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu_j^+(X) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|\mu_n\| < \infty$ .

Moreover  $\nu_1 - \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j^+$  is a positive measure for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and

$$\left\| \nu_1 - \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j^+ \right\| = \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} \mu_n^+(X) \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

In a similar way one can show that there is a positive finite measure  $\nu_2$  so that  $\|\nu_2 - \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j^-\| \rightarrow 0$  if  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Letting  $\nu(\cdot) = \nu_1(\cdot) - \nu_2(\cdot)$ , it follows that

$$\nu = \nu_1 - \nu_2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j^+ - \mu_j^- = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_j,$$

which finishes the proof of our claim.

**Problem 8.** (Old Qualifier Problem) If  $f \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $g \in L_3(\mathbb{R})$ , and  $h \in L_6(\mathbb{R})$ , prove that  $f \cdot g \cdot h \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $g \in L_3(\mathbb{R})$ , and  $h \in L_6(\mathbb{R})$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &\int |f(x)| \cdot |g(x)| \cdot |h(x)| \, dx \\ &\leq \left( \int |f(x)|^{\frac{5}{6}} \cdot |g(x)|^{\frac{6}{5}} \, dx \right)^{\frac{5}{6}} \left( \int |h(x)|^6 \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{6}} \end{aligned}$$

(Apply Theorem of Hölder to the functions  $fg$  and  $h$  and the numbers  $p = 6/5$  and  $q = 6$ )

$$\leq \left( \left( \int |f(x)|^{\frac{6}{5} \cdot \frac{10}{6}} \, dx \right)^{\frac{6}{10}} \left( \int |g(x)|^{\frac{6}{5} \cdot \frac{10}{4}} \, dx \right)^{\frac{4}{10}} \right)^{\frac{5}{6}} \left( \int |h(x)|^6 \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{6}}$$

(Apply Theorem of Hölder to the functions  $|f|^{6/5}$  and  $|g|^{6/5}$  and the numbers  $p = 10/6$  and  $q = 10/4$ )

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( \int |f(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int |g(x)|^3 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( \int |h(x)|^6 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{6}} \\ &= \|f\|_2 \cdot \|g\|_3 \cdot \|h\|_6. \end{aligned}$$