

## A NOTE ON THE FUNCTION SPACE $\mathcal{M}$

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### 1. Introduction

We consider the set of all real valued  $\beta$ - measurable functions defined on  $(X, \beta, \mu)$  and identify  $\mu$ - equivalent  $\beta$  measurable functions. This means that we deal with a set  $\mathcal{M} \equiv \mathcal{M}(X, \beta, \mu)$  of real valued measurable functions which contains exactly one representative for each  $\mu$ - equivalence class. Thus the set  $\mathcal{M}$  is the set of all non  $\mu$ - equivalent real valued  $\beta$ - measurable functions on  $(X, \beta, \mu)$ . Also  $\mathcal{M}$  is a vector space over the real field under the pointwise addition and the pointwise scalar multiplication.

Now we shall give the topology  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  determined by a family of pseudometric on  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $\mathcal{D} = \{d_E : E \in \beta, \mu(E) < \infty\}$ ; that is, a subbasis for the topology is formed by the sets

$$B_E(f, \delta) = \{g \in \mathcal{M} : d_E(f, g) < \delta\}, f \in \mathcal{M}, \delta > 0, d_E \in \mathcal{D}$$

This topology  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  will be called the topology of convergenc in measure on the measurable subsets of X whose measure is finite.

In this paper we investigate some topological structure  $\mathcal{T}$  of  $\mathcal{M}$ . Indeed,  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$  becomes a topological vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ , and then the convergence of a sequence  $(f_n)$  to a function  $f$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  relative to the topology  $\mathcal{T}$  is equivalent to that of  $(f_n)$  to  $f$  with respect to  $d_E$  for every  $d_E \in \mathcal{D}$ .

Lastly we show that if a measure space  $(X, \beta, \mu)$  is a  $\sigma$ -finite, one can define a complete invariant metric  $d$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  which is compatible with the topology  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $\mathcal{M}$ , and hence  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$  becomes a F-space over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

## 2. Topological structures of $\mathcal{M}$

In this section we shall topologize the set  $\mathcal{M}$  by a family of pseudometrics on  $M$ . And then it will be seen that  $M$  is in fact a topological vector space over the real field. We also examine a relationship between the convergence of a sequence  $(f_n)$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  with respect to the topology on  $\mathcal{T}$  and that of  $(f_n)$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  with respect to pseudometric on  $\mathcal{M}$  which induced  $\mathcal{T}$ .

Let  $(X, \beta, \mu)$  be a measure space and  $\mathcal{M}$  be the vector space of all real valued measurable functions defined on  $(X, \beta, \mu)$  and let  $E \in \beta$  with  $\mu(E) < \infty$

Define  $d_E : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$d_E(f, g) = \int_E \frac{|f - g|}{1 + |f - g|} d\mu$$

Then  $d_E$  is an invariant pseudometric on  $\mathcal{M}$ .

A sequence  $(f_n)$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  converges locally in measure  $\mu$  to  $f \in \mathcal{M}$  if and only if  $d_E(f_n, f) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $d_E \in \mathcal{D}$ .

Let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence in  $\mathcal{M}$  such that  $d_E(f_n, f) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$  for every  $d_E \in \mathcal{D}$ . If  $(X, \beta, \mu)$  is a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space, then it follows from Theorem 7.6 (1,p,69) and the fact that there exists a sequence  $(E_n)$  in  $\beta$  such that  $(E_n) < \infty$  and  $E_n$ 's are pairwise disjoint, that there exists a function  $f \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $d_E(f_n, f) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for every  $d_E \in \mathcal{D}$ .

**DEFINITION 2-1.** Let  $\mathcal{D} = \{d_E : E \in \beta, \mu(E) < \infty\}$  be the family of pseudometrics on  $E$ . Then we provide the topology  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  determined by  $\mathcal{D}$ ; that is, a subbasis for the topology is formed by the sets  $B_E(f, \varepsilon) = \{g \in \mathcal{M} : d_E(f, g) < \varepsilon\}$ ,  $f \in \mathcal{M}, \varepsilon > 0$   $d_E \in \mathcal{D}$ .

This topology  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  will be called the topology of convergence in measure on every measurable subsets of  $X$  whose measure is finite.

We note that a basic open neighborhood of  $f$  in the topology  $\mathcal{T}$  is of the form

$$\begin{aligned} U(f; \varepsilon; d_{E_1}, d_{E_2}, d_{E_3}, \dots, d_{E_n}) &= \{g \in \mathcal{M} : d_{E_k}(f, g) < \varepsilon, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\} \\ &= \bigcap_{k=1}^n B_{E_k}(f, \varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

where  $d_{E_1}, d_{E_2}, d_{E_3}, \dots, d_{E_n} \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

**THEOREM 2-2.** *The topological space  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$  is topological vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

*Proof* For any  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , since  $f + g$  and  $\lambda f$  are clearly  $\beta$ -measurable functions, We have  $f + g \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\lambda f \in \mathcal{M}$

Thus  $\mathcal{M}$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ , Now it remains only to show that the vector operations are continuous. First, We show that the addition  $+$  is continuous.

Let  $f_0, g_0 \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and consider the open neighborhood

$$U(f_0, g_0, ; \varepsilon; d_{E_1}, d_{E_2}, d_{E_3}, \dots, d_{E_n}) \text{ of } f_0 + g_0 \text{ in } \mathcal{T}.$$

If  $U$  denotes the open neighborhood

$$U(f_0; \frac{\varepsilon}{2}; d_{E_1}, d_{E_2}, d_{E_3}, \dots, d_{E_n}) \times U(g_0; \frac{\varepsilon}{2}; d_{E_1}, d_{E_2}, d_{E_3}, \dots, d_{E_n})$$

in the product topology on  $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M}$ , then clearly  $(f, g) \in U$  implies that

$$\begin{aligned} d_{E_k}(f + g, f_0 + g_0) &= \int_{E_k} \frac{|(f + g) - (f_0 + g_0)|}{1 + |(f + g) - (f_0 + g_0)|} d\mu \\ &\leq \int_{E_k} \frac{|f - f_0| + |g - g_0|}{1 + |f - f_0| + |g - g_0|} d\mu \\ &\leq \int_{E_k} \frac{|f - f_0|}{1 + |f - f_0|} d\mu + \int_{E_k} \frac{|g - g_0|}{1 + |g - g_0|} d\mu \\ &= d_{E_k}(f, f_0) + d_{E_k}(g, g_0) \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots, n) \end{aligned}$$

This shows that addition is continuous. Next we show that scalar multiplication is continuous. Let  $f_0 \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  be fixed for any  $d_E \in \mathcal{D}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} d_E(\lambda f, \lambda_0 f_0) &\leq d_E(\lambda f, \lambda f_0) + d_E(\lambda f_0, \lambda_0 f_0) \\ &= \int_E \frac{|\lambda f - \lambda f_0|}{1 + |\lambda f - \lambda f_0|} d\mu + \int_E \frac{|\lambda f_0 - \lambda_0 f_0|}{1 + |\lambda f_0 - \lambda_0 f_0|} d\mu \\ &= \int_E \frac{|\lambda||f - f_0|}{1 + |\lambda||f - f_0|} d\mu + \int_E \frac{|\lambda - \lambda_0||f_0|}{1 + |\lambda - \lambda_0||f_0|} d\mu \\ &\leq (1 + |\lambda_0|) \int_E \frac{|f - f_0|}{1 + |f - f_0|} d\mu + \int_E \frac{|\lambda - \lambda_0||f_0|}{1 + |\lambda - \lambda_0||f_0|} d\mu \\ &= (1 + |\lambda_0|) d_E(f, f_0) + d_E(|\lambda - \lambda_0|f_0, 0) \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Provided  $|\lambda - \lambda_0| < 1$ . Now we see that Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem ( 1, p.44 ) implies

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \int_E \frac{\delta |f_0|}{1 + \delta |f_0|} = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} d_E(\delta f_0, 0) = 0 \quad (**)$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . For any  $d_{E_1}, d_{E_2}, d_{E_3}, \dots, d_{E_n}$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  it follows from (\*\*) that there exist positive real numbers  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3, \dots, \delta_n$  in  $(0, 1)$  such that  $0 < \delta < \delta_k$  implies  $|d_{E_k}(\delta f_0, 0)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

Let  $\delta_0 = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3, \dots, \delta_n\}$ , then  $0 < \delta < \delta_0$  implies

$$|d_{E_k}(\delta_0 f_0, 0)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \text{for all } k = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n.$$

Now consider the open neighborhood

$$U(\lambda_0 f_0; \varepsilon; d_{E_1}, d_{E_2}, d_{E_3}, \dots, d_{E_n}) \text{ of } \lambda_0 f_0 \text{ in } \mathcal{T}.$$

If  $U$  denotes the open neighborhood

$$\{\lambda \in \mathbb{R} : |\lambda - \lambda_0| < \delta_0\} \times U(f_0; (\frac{\varepsilon}{2})(1 + |\lambda_0|); d_{E_1}, d_{E_2}, d_{E_3}, \dots, d_{E_n})$$

in the product topology on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{M}$ , then  $\lambda f \in U$  and (\*) imply that

$$\begin{aligned} d_{E_k}(\lambda f, \lambda_0 f_0) &\leq (1 + |\lambda_0|)d_E(f, f_0) + d_{E_k}(|\lambda - \lambda_0|f_0, 0) \\ &< (1 + |\lambda_0|)(\frac{\varepsilon}{2})(1 + |\lambda_0|) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

for every  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

This shows that scalar multiplication is continuous.

**THEOREM 2-3.** A sequence  $(f_n)$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  converges to  $f \in \mathcal{M}$  in the topology  $\mathcal{T}$  if and only if for any  $d_E \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $d_E(f_n, f) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof* ( $\implies$ ) Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Then for each  $d_E \in \mathcal{D}$ , the neighborhood  $U(f; \varepsilon; d_E)$  is an open neighborhood of  $f$  in  $\mathcal{T}$ . Since  $(f_n)$  converges to  $f$  in  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$ , there exists some  $N$  such that if  $n > N$ , then  $f_n \in U(f; \varepsilon; d_E)$ , that is  $d_E(f_n, f) < \varepsilon$ . Thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_E(f_n, f) = 0$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $U$  be an open set containing  $f$  in the topology  $\mathcal{T}$ . Then by the definition of  $\mathcal{T}$ , there exist  $d_{E_1}, d_{E_2}, d_{E_3}, \dots, d_{E_n} \in \mathcal{D}$ . such that

$$U(f; \varepsilon; d_{E_1}, d_{E_2}, d_{E_3}, \dots, d_{E_n}) \subset U$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_E(f_n, f) = 0$  for all  $d_E \in \mathcal{D}$ , for each  $d_{E_1}, d_{E_2}, d_{E_3}, \dots, d_{E_n}$ , there exist some  $N_k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n$  such that if  $n > N_k$   $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$  then  $d_{E_k}(f_n, f) < \varepsilon$ .

Now let  $N = \max\{N_1, N_2, N_3, \dots, N_n\}$ , then for all  $n > N$ ,  $d_{E_k}(f_n, f) < \varepsilon$  for all  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ . Thus  $f_n \in U(f; \varepsilon; d_{E_1}, d_{E_2}, d_{E_3}, \dots, d_{E_n})$  for all  $n > N$ . Hence  $(f_n)$  converges to  $f$  in the topology  $\mathcal{T}$ .

For any two functions  $f, g \in \mathcal{M}$ , let  $d : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$d(f, g) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} \frac{d_{E_n}(f, g)}{1 + d_{E_n}(f, g)}$$

where

$$d_{E_n}(f, g) = \int_{E_n} \frac{|f - g|}{1 + |f - g|} d\mu \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Then it easily follow that  $d$  is an invariant metric on  $\mathcal{M}$ . Indeed, we shall show that it is possible to define a complete invariant metric on  $\mathcal{M}$  which is compatible with the topology.

**THEOREM 2-4.** *The function space  $(\mathcal{M}, d)$  is a complete metric space.*

The metric topology  $\mathcal{T}_d$  on  $(\mathcal{M}, d)$  determined by  $d$  coincides with the topology  $\mathcal{T}_1$  determined by a family of pseudometrics,  $\{d_{E_n} : n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$ . Consequently  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(f_n, f) = 0$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_E(f_n, f) = 0$  for all  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ .

*Proof* Let  $(f_n)$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $(\mathcal{M}, d)$ . Then  $d(f_n, f) \rightarrow 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ . For any  $k \geq 1$ , we note that  $d_{E_k}(f_m, f_n) \leq 2^k d(f_m, f_n)$  for all  $m, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Thus  $d_{E_k}(f_m, f_n) \rightarrow 0$  for every  $k$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ , so that  $(f_n)$  converges in  $\mathcal{M}$  as  $E_k$  to a function  $f \in \mathcal{M}$ . Since

$$\sum_{i=1}^k 2^{-i} \frac{d_i(f_n, f)}{1 + d_i(f_n, f)}$$

converges uniformly in  $n$ , it follows from the iterated limit theorem ( 2, p.143 ) that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} \frac{d_k(f_n, f)}{1 + d_k(f_n, f)} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^k 2^{-i} \frac{d_i(f_n, f)}{1 + d_i(f_n, f)} \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^k 2^{-i} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d_i(f_n, f)}{1 + d_i(f_n, f)} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(f_n, f) = 0$

Therefore  $d$  is a complete metric on  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Now we shall show that  $\mathcal{T}_d = \mathcal{T}_1$ . To show that  $\mathcal{T}_d \subset \mathcal{T}_1$ , it is enough to show that for any  $f \in \mathcal{M}$  and for any subbasic open neighborhood of  $f$  relative to  $\mathcal{T}_d$  of the form  $B(f, \varepsilon) = \{g \in \mathcal{M} | d(f, g) < \varepsilon\}$ , there exists a sufficiently large positive integer  $m$  such that

$$B_{E_m}(f, 1/2^m) = \{g | d_{E_m}(f, g) < 1/2^m\} \subset B(f, \varepsilon).$$

Choose a positive integer  $k$  such that  $1/2^k < \varepsilon$ . If  $g \in B_{E_m}(f, 1/2^m)$ , then  $d_{E_k}(f, g) < (1/2^m)$ , and hence

$$d_{E_1}(f, g) \leq d_{E_2}(f, g) \leq d_{E_3}(f, g) \cdots \leq d_{E_m}(f, g) < 1/2^m$$

Moreover, since

$$\frac{d_{E_i}(f, g)}{1 + d_{E_i}(f, g)} \leq d_{E_i}(f, g) \text{ for every } i = 1, 2, \dots,$$

we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
d(f, g) &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_{E_i}(f, g)}{2^i(1 + d_{E_i}(f, g))} = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{d_{E_i}(f, g)}{2^i(1 + d_{E_i}(f, g))} + \sum_{i=m+1}^{\infty} \frac{d_{E_i}(f, g)}{2^i(1 + d_{E_i}(f, g))} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2^m} \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{2^i} + \sum_{i=m+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} \right) \\
&< \frac{1}{2^m} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2^m - 1}
\end{aligned}$$

Now let  $m = k + 1$ , then  $d(f, g) < 1/2^k$ , and hence

$$B_{E_{k+1}}(f, 1/2^{k+1}) \subset B(f, 1/2^k) \subset B(f, \varepsilon)$$

This implies that  $\mathcal{T}_d \subset \mathcal{T}_1$ . Next, to show that  $\mathcal{T}_1 \subset \mathcal{T}_d$ , it is enough to show that for any  $f \in \mathcal{M}$  and for any subbasic open neighborhood of  $f$  relative to  $\mathcal{T}_1$  of the form

$$B_{E_m}(f, \varepsilon) = \{g \in \mathcal{M} \mid d_{E_m}(f, g) < \varepsilon\},$$

there exists a sufficiently large positive integer  $\ell$  such that

$$B(f, 1/2^\ell) \subset B_{E_m}(f, \varepsilon).$$

Choose a positive integer  $k$  such that  $1/2^k < \varepsilon$ . If  $g \in B(f, 1/2^\ell)$  then

$$d_{E_i}(f, g) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_{E_i}(f, g)}{2^i(1 + d_{E_i}(f, g))} < \frac{1}{2^\ell}$$

and hence we have

$$\frac{d_{E_m}(f, g)}{2^m(1 + d_{E_m}(f, g))} < \frac{1}{2^\ell}$$

If we solve this inequality for  $d_{E_m}(f, g)$ , we obtain  $d_{E_m}(f, g) < \frac{1}{2^{\ell-m-1}}$ . Now let  $\ell = k + m + 1$ , then  $d_{E_m}(f, g) < \frac{1}{2^{k+1+1}} < \frac{1}{2^k}$  and hence  $B(f, 1/2^{k+m+1}) \subset B_{E_m}(f, 1/2^k) \subset B_{E_m}(f, \varepsilon)$ . This implies that  $\mathcal{T}_1 \subset \mathcal{T}_d$ .

**COROLLARY 2-5.** *The metric topology  $\mathcal{T}_d$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  coincides with the topology  $\mathcal{T}$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  convergence on each measurable subset of  $X$  whose measure is finite. Consequently the topological vector space  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$  becomes a  $F$ -space.*

*Proof* We recall that the topology  $\mathcal{T}_1$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  is topology determined by  $\mathcal{D} = \{d_E : E \in \beta, \mu(E) < \infty\}$

Since  $\{d_{E_n} : n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\} \subset \mathcal{D}$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{T}_d \subset \mathcal{T}$ .

Now we show that  $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{T}_d$ . To show this, it is enough to show that for any  $f \in \mathcal{M}$  and for any subbasic open neighborhood relative to  $\mathcal{T}$  of  $f$  of the form  $B_E(f, \delta)$ , there exists a subbasic neighborhood relative to  $\mathcal{T}_d$  of  $f$ ,  $B_{E_n}(f, \varepsilon) = \{g : d_{E_n}(f, g) < \varepsilon\}$  such that  $B_{E_n}(f, \varepsilon) \subset B_E(f, \delta)$ . Since  $E \in \beta$  and  $\mu(E) < \infty$ , we can sufficiently large  $n$  such that  $\mu(E) < \mu(E_n)$ . Hence we have

$$\int_E \frac{|f-g|}{1+|f-g|} d\mu \leq \int_{E_n} \frac{|f-g|}{1+|f-g|} d\mu$$

so that  $B_{E_n}(f, \varepsilon) \subset B_E(f, \delta)$ . Therefore we have  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}_d$ . As we have just shown above,  $\mathcal{T}$  is induced by a complete invariant metric  $d$ . Therefore  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T})$  is a  $F$ -space.

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