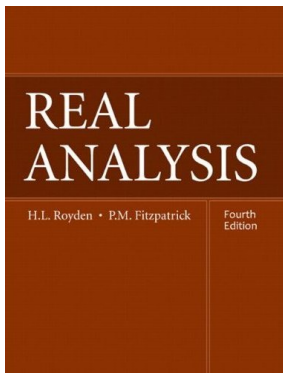


# Real Analysis

## Chapter 8. The $L^p$ Spaces: Duality and Weak Convergence

### 8.2. Weak Sequential Convergence in $L^p$ —Proofs of Theorems



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$$\varepsilon_{n+1} = \begin{cases} 1/3^{n+1} & \text{if } \int_E (\sum_{k=1}^n \varepsilon_k (f_k)^*) f_{n+1} \geq 0 \\ -1/3^{n+1} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then

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Since  $\{g_n\} \rightarrow g$  in  $L^q(E)$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|g_n - g\|_q = 0$ , and by Proposition 8.6,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E g f_n - \int_E g f = 0$ . The result then follows.  $\square$

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## Proposition 8.9 (continued 2)

**Proposition 8.9.** Let  $E$  be a measurable set,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , and let  $q$  be the conjugate of  $p$ . Assume  $\mathcal{F}$  is a subset of  $L^q(E)$  whose linear span is dense in  $L^q(E)$ . Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a bounded sequence in  $L^p(E)$  and let  $f$  belong to  $L^p(E)$ . Then  $\{f_n\} \rightharpoonup f$  in  $L^p(E)$  if and only if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \int_E f_n g \right) = \int_E f g$  for all  $g \in \mathcal{F}$ .

**Proof (continued).** So there is  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  for which  $|\int_E f_n g - \int_E f g| < \varepsilon/2$  for  $n \geq N$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_E f_n g_0 - \int_E f g_0 \right| &\leq \|f_n - f\|_p \|g_0\|_q + \left| \int_E f_n g - \int_E f g \right| \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon \text{ for } n \geq N. \end{aligned}$$

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