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The proof given for Lemma 2.5, pg. 374, while correct for certain spaces, *e. g.* \mathcal{R}^1 , is incorrect in general, as it assumes special properties of the modulus of continuity. A correct proof is obtained by replacing from the beginning of the proof through lines 13, page 375, by the following:

Proof. — Note that each φ_i is non-decreasing, and $\varphi_i(t) \leq 1$ for all t , since $|p_i(x) - p_i(y)| \leq 1$ for all x, y . Let

$$\varphi_0(t) = \begin{cases} t, & 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ 1, & t > 1. \end{cases}$$

Let $\varphi = \varphi_0 \vee \varphi_1 \vee \dots \vee \varphi_N$, where $t \vee u$ denotes $\max\{t, u\}$. It is clear that φ also satisfies Dini's condition.

Sublemma. — Let $\varphi: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be non-decreasing, with

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\varphi(t)}{t} dt < \infty.$$

Then there exists $\psi: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that $\psi(t) \geq \varphi(t)$ for all t , $\frac{\psi(t)}{t}$ is non-increasing, and

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\psi(t)}{t} dt < \infty.$$

Proof. — W.L.O.G. assume $\varphi(+0) = \varphi(0)$, $\forall t$. Let $f(t) = \varphi(t)/t$. We shall use the “rising sun” lemma of F. Riesz (Boas, page 134): Let E be the “shadow region” for the sun rising in the direction of the positive x -axis; that is, $E = \{t \in (0, 1): \exists x > t \text{ with } f(x) > f(t)\}$. Then E is an open set and if (a, b) is any one of the open intervals comprising E , $f(x) \leq f(b)$ for $x \in (a, b)$, and $f(a) = f(b)$ since f is right-continuous and has only upward jumps.

Let C be countable collection of non-overlapping open intervals such that $E = \cup C$. Define

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & x \notin E \\ f(b), & x \in (a, b) \in C. \end{cases}$$

Thus $g(x)$ is non-increasing and $g \geq f$. Now if $(a, b) \in C$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b [g(x) - f(x)] dx &= \int_a^b [f(b) - f(x)] dx \\ &= \int_a^b \left[\frac{\varphi(b)}{b} - \frac{\varphi(x)}{x} \right] dx \leq \int_a^b \left[\frac{\varphi(b)}{b} - \frac{\varphi(a)}{b} \right] dx \end{aligned}$$

since φ is non-decreasing. Thus

$$\int_a^b [g(x) - f(x)] dx \leq [\varphi(b) - \varphi(a)] \frac{b-a}{b} \leq \varphi(b) - \varphi(a),$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 [g(x) - f(x)] dx &= \int_E [g(x) - f(x)] dx \\ &= \sum_{(a, b) \in C} \int_a^b [g(x) - f(x)] dx \leq \sum_{(a, b) \in C} \varphi(b) - \varphi(a) \leq \varphi(1) \end{aligned}$$

since φ is non-decreasing, so $\int_0^1 g(t) dt < \infty$. Finally, let

$$\psi(t) = tg(t) \geq tf(t) = \varphi(t), \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\psi(t)}{t} = g(t)$$

is non-increasing. \square

So by the sublemma, increasing φ if necessary, we may assume in what follows that $\varphi(t)/t$ is non-increasing and φ is Dini.

Let $f \in C_c(X)$, $\|f\| \leq 1$, and also assume $f \in \text{Lip}_1$, so

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq C d(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

We may take $C \geq 2$.

Without loss of generality, we may assume $q \leq 1$ in the hypothesis of the lemma.

Define

$$\beta^*(t) = \frac{N \vee C}{1-r^q} \int_0^{t^{r-q}} \frac{\varphi(u)}{u} du.$$

This is finite since φ is Dini. Then $\beta^*(0) = 0$, and β^* is continuous and strictly increasing. Also, β^* is a concave function, since $\varphi(t)/t$ is non-increasing.

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