Functional Analysis

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Note to the reader: I have highlighted topics which seem important to me, but the emphasis is mine. Bear that in mind when studying.

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0 Basic Definitions

Definition. A metric is:

- 1. positive definite
- 2. symmetric
- 3. triangle inequality

Definition. Some more definitions worth knowing:

- open ball
- closed ball
- closure of open ball (not necessarily the same)
- \bullet open cover
- $\bullet \ x_n \to x$

Definition. (Compact) Every open cover has a finite subcover.

Definition. (Sequentially compact) Every sequence has a convergent subsequence.

Proposition. In a metric space, sequentially compact \iff compact.

PROOF Exercise.

Definition. (Cauchy sequence) $\lim_{mn\to\infty} d(x_n, x_m) = 0$

Definition. (Complete) Every Cauchy sequence converges (to a point in the space).

Definition. If $\{K_n\}$ is a decreasing sequence of sets, then $K_n \subseteq K_{n+1}$ for all n, and we can write $K_n \searrow$. If $K = \bigcap_n K_n$, then $K_n \searrow K$.

Increasing sets are defined similarly.

Definition. The **diameter** of a set is diam $(A) = \sup\{d(x,y) \mid x,y \in A\}$.

Theorem. Let (X, d) be a complete metric space. If $K_n \setminus K$, each K_n is closed and nonempty, and diam $(K_n) \xrightarrow{n} 0$, then K is a singleton.

PROOF For each n, choose $x_n \in K_n$. Since diam $(K_n) \to 0$, then for sufficiently large N we have diam $(K_N) < \varepsilon$, so for all n, m > N we have $d(x_n, x_m) < \text{diam}(K_N) < \varepsilon$. Thus x_n is a Cauchy sequence in X which is complete, so x_n converges to x.

To see that $x \in K$, consider any K_N . Since x_n is eventually in K_N and K_N is closed in X, then it is complete so the limit $x \in K_N$.

To see that x is the only point in K, let $x, y \in K$. Then $x, y \in K_n$ for all n, and since diam $(K_n) \to 0$ then $d(x, y) \le \text{diam}(K_n)$ means that d(x, y) = 0 so x = y.

1 Duality

Definition. Let X be a normed space. The **dual** of X, denoted X^* , is the space of all bounded continuous functionals from X to \mathbb{R} (or \mathbb{C}).

Definition. Let $\varphi: X \to \mathbb{C}$ be a linear functional. The operator norm $||\cdot||_*$ can be defined in any of the following equivalent ways:

- $\bullet ||\varphi||_* = \sup_{||x||=1} |\varphi(x)|$
- $||\varphi||_* = \inf$ of all M s.t. (for all x) $|\varphi(x)| \leq M||x||$

Proposition. Let $\varphi: X \to \mathbb{C}$ be a linear functional. Then TFAE:

- φ is continuous at a point.
- φ is continuous everywhere.
- φ is bounded.

Theorem. Since \mathbb{C} is complete, then X^* is complete for all normed spaces X.

Here begins the lead-up to Hahn-Banach Theorem.

Definition. A Linear Functional is \mathbb{F} -valued and

- Additive: $p(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = p(\mathbf{u}) + p(\mathbf{v})$
- Homogeneous: $p(a\mathbf{v}) = ap(\mathbf{v})$

Definition. A Sublinear Functional is \mathbb{R} -valued and

- Subadditive: $p(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \le p(\mathbf{u}) + p(\mathbf{v})$
- Nonnegatively homogeneous: $p(a\mathbf{v}) = ap(\mathbf{v})$ if a is nonnegative

Definition. A **Norm** is

• Subadditive: $p(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \le p(\mathbf{u}) + p(\mathbf{v})$

Absolutely homogeneous: $p(a\mathbf{v}) = |a| p(\mathbf{v})$

• Positive definite: If $p(\mathbf{v}) = 0$ then $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$.

Definition. A **Seminorm** is

- Subadditive
- Absolutely homogeneous

Theorem. (Hahn-Banach, Real Version) Let X be a vector space, with $Y \subset X$ a subspace. Let $p: X \to \mathbb{R}$ be a sublinear functional. If $\varphi: Y \to \mathbb{R}$ is a linear functional dominated by p^a , then it can be extended to a linear functional $\Phi: X \to \mathbb{R}$ which is also dominated by p.

^aThat is, $\varphi(y) \leq p(y)$ for all $y \in Y$

Corollary. (Hahn-Banach, Baby Version) Let X be a vector space, with $Y \subset X$ a subspace. Any bounded linear functional $\varphi : Y \to \mathbb{R}$ can be extended to a linear functional $\Phi : X \to \mathbb{R}$ with $||\Phi||_* = ||\varphi||_*$.

Theorem. For all $x \in X$, $\varphi \in X^*$,

$$|\langle \varphi, x \rangle| \le ||x||_X ||\varphi||_*$$

1.1 Weak Convergence

Definition. (Weak convergence) $x_n \xrightarrow{w} x$ means

$$\varphi(x_n) \to \varphi(x) \ \forall \varphi \in X^*$$

Definition. $x_n \xrightarrow{w} x \iff \langle \varphi, x_n \rangle \to \langle \varphi, x_n \rangle \ \forall \varphi$

1.2 Weak* Convergence

Definition. (Weak* convergence) $x_n \xrightarrow{w*} x$ means

$$\varphi_i(x) \to \varphi(x) \ \forall x \in X$$

Definition. $\varphi_j \xrightarrow{w*} \varphi \iff \langle x, \varphi_j \rangle \to \langle x, \varphi \rangle \ \forall x$

2 Weak Topology

given \mathcal{F} collection of functions $S \to \mathbb{C}$, there exists the weakest topology such that all $f \in \mathcal{F}$ are continuous.

recall that a basis is closed under finite intersection.

Use \mathcal{F} as a subbasis (all finite intersections of \mathcal{F} are the basis) of the desired topology.

• Let X be a normed space, with X^* the dual. Take the weakest topology on X such that all $\varphi \in X^*$ are continuous. The basis for $\sigma(X, X^*)$ is

$$W_{\varepsilon}(x,\varphi_1,\ldots,\varphi_N) \subset X, \varepsilon > 0, x \in X, \varphi_i \in X^*, N < \infty$$

where

$$W_{\varepsilon}(x,\varphi_1,\ldots,\varphi_N):=\{z\in X: |\varphi_j(x)-\varphi_j(z)|<\varepsilon, j=1\ldots N\}.$$

Note that since every φ_j is continuous, then W_{ε} is open. This means that $\sigma(X, X^*) \subset (\text{strong topology on } X)$.

• We need to understand $W_{\varepsilon}(x,\varphi)$.

$$W_{\varepsilon}(x,\varphi) = \{z : |\varphi(x) - \varphi(z)| < \varepsilon\}$$

• It actually doesn't matter what the value of epsilon is, since

$$\{W_{\varepsilon}(x,\varphi)\}_{\varphi \in X^*} = \{W_1(x,\varphi)\}_{\varphi \in X^*}$$
$$= \{W(x,\varphi)\}_{\varphi \in X^*}$$

because you can scale your linear functionals however you like.

- For $W(x, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_N)$, basic open sets are always infinite-dimensional hyperplanes with thickness, but we're intersecting finitely many of them, so this topology is weaker than the strong topology.
- In practice: $O \subset X$ is weakly open \iff for all $p \in O$, there exists $W(p, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_N) \subset O$, where

$$W(p,\varphi_1,\ldots,\varphi_N) = \bigcap_{j=1}^N W(p,\varphi_j)$$
$$= \bigcap_{j=1}^N \left\{ u \in X : |\varphi_j(p) - \varphi_j(u)| < 1 \right\}$$

Definition. An **weak open slab** is a subbasic open set in the weak topology, given by

$$W(p,\varphi)$$

which is all points whose φ -value is within a certain quantity of $\varphi(p)$.

Note you can equivalently scale either the radius or the functional. For convenience, if no radius is specified, then it is 1.

Definition. A **weak neighborhood** is a basic open set in the weak topology, given by

$$W(p,\varphi_1,\ldots,\varphi_N)$$

which is all points whose φ_j -value is within a certain quantity of $\varphi_j(p)$ for all j.

Note you can independently scale the radius and any of the functionals, so this will be some convex set, but otherwise is pretty general.

Definition. We denote the set X with the **weak topology** (whose basic open sets are above) by

$$\sigma(X, X^*)$$
.

• So what is the intuition?

$$W(p, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_N) = p + \bigcap_{j=1}^N \ker \varphi_j$$

and in infinite dimensional space, that intersection will still contain an infinite-dimensional subspace of X.

- Example: Consider $B_1 = \{x : ||x|| < 1\}$. For all weakly open $O \ni p \in B_1$, then O must intersect $S = \{x : ||x|| = 1\}$.
- lemma (from hw)

Example. Consider the sequence $(e_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ in ℓ^p :

$$e_1 = (1, 0, 0, \dots)$$

$$e_2 = (0, 1, 0, \dots)$$

$$e_3 = (0, 0, 1, \dots)$$

This sequence actually does not converge to 0, because $||e_n - 0||_p = 1$

(it's not even Cauchy!), but it is true that $e_n \xrightarrow{w} 0$.

Example. For finite-dimensional X, the weak topology $\sigma(X, X^*)$ is the same as the strong topology $||\cdot||$.

This means where the weak topology and weak convergence are concerned, we must be thinking of infinite-dimensional vector spaces!

• Important example: Recall that we are trying to reformulate everything we know about weak convergence in terms of open sets, instead of in terms of sequences. This is because topology with open sets is actually **stronger** than topology with sequences when you're in the Weak Convergence world (though it is harder to conceptualize).

Let
$$A = \{e_m + me_n : 1 \le m \le n\}$$
 in ℓ^2 . So

$$A = \begin{cases} e_1 + e_2 \\ e_1 + e_3, & e_2 + 2e_3, \\ e_1 + e_4, & e_2 + 2e_4, & e_3 + 3e_4 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{cases}$$

Now the weird thing is that $\overline{A}^{\sigma(\ell^2,\ell^{2*})}$ contains 0, but there is no sequence in A which converges weakly to 0.

PROOF Consider $f_k = e_{m_k} + m_k e_{n_k}$. Note that $||f_k||_{\ell^2} = \sqrt{1 + m_k^2}$. Now if $f_k \xrightarrow{w} 0$, then m_k must be bounded, but it isn't.[†]

 $^{^\}dagger {\rm This}$ is a terrible proof. I didn't write it. The conclusion follows from HW1-deleted, listed later in these notes.

2.1 Weak* Topology

We know we have a canonical map $i: X \to X^{**}$, which is an isometry, that is,

$$||u||_{i_{\operatorname{can}}} = ||u||.$$

We know that $X \subset X^{**}$, but they are not always equal.

We already know that the usual weak topology on X^* is

$$\sigma(X^*, X^{**})$$

An even weaker topology is $\sigma(X^*, i_{\text{can}})$, the topology where all functionals $\hat{x} \in i_{\text{can}}$ of the form $x \in X$ are continuous.

Definition. An **weak* open slab** is a subbasic open set in the weak* topology, given by

$$W(\varphi, p)$$

which is all functionals whose value at p is within a certain quantity of $\varphi(p)$.

Note that while p is a functional which acts on φ , it is not just any functional; it is also a point in X.

Definition. A **weak* neighborhood** is a basic open set in the weak* topology, given by

$$W(\varphi, p_1, \ldots, p_N)$$

which is all functionals whose value at p_j is within a certain quantity of $\varphi(p_j)$ for all j.

Proposition. $O \subset X^*$ is weak* open if there exists $W(\varphi, p_1, \dots, p_n) \subset O$.

This is just the openness criterion in general topology. Note that greek letters denote functionals and latin letters denote points.

Definition. We can denote the **weak* topology** on X^* by

$$\sigma(X^*, i_{\operatorname{can}}(X)),$$

where i_{can} is the canonical map $X \to X^{**}$, though words are a bit easier to wield.

Remark. When you have a functional relationship between two sets of objects, say U, X with some functional definition

$$\langle u, x \rangle$$

and it's not clear which are the "points" and which are the "functionals", how do you tell the difference between weak convergence and weak* convergence?

Answer: In the definitions, once of them is defined independently of the other. Those are the "points", call them X. The other are functionals $U=X^*$, and they require the data of a particular $x \in X$ in order to be evaluated, they cannot stand alone. Those are the functionals.

2.2 Reflexivity

Remark. We can always think of an element $x \in X$ as being a functional on X^* by $\langle x, \varphi \rangle$, so in that sense, $X \subset X^{**}$.

Definition. We says a space X is **reflexive** if

$$X = X^{**}$$

which is to say that X completely comprises X^{**} ; nothing is left out.

Theorem.

X is reflexive iff
$$\sigma(X^*, X) = \sigma(X^*, X^{**})$$
.

That is, if $X^{**} = X$, then the weak* topology on X^* is the same as the weak topology on X^* .

Remark. A few remarks on why the topological perspective is important:

- In ℓ^2 (whose dual is itself), we can find a set S whose weak sequential closure is strictly smaller than the weak closure \overline{S}^w .
- We know that ℓ^1 is a Banach space and the strong topology $\mathcal{T}_{\text{strong}} \neq \sigma(\ell^1, \ell^{1*})$, but $x_n \xrightarrow{w} x_0 \iff x_n \to x_0$.

2.3 Weak* Convergence of Measures

Remark. It's not clear if this will be relevant to the class, but there's some stuff about weak* convergence of measures in Week 2 April 9 lecture at about the 1:00:00 mark.

2.4 Useful Homework Problems

Theorem 1. (Uniform Boundedness Principle) Let X be a Banach space and let Y be a normed linear space. Let \mathcal{F} be a collection of bounded linear operators from X to Y. If for every $x \in X$ we have that

$$\sup_{T \in \mathcal{F}} ||T(x)||_Y < \infty,$$

then

$$\sup_{T \in \mathcal{F}} ||T||_* < \infty.$$

Corollary 2. (HW1-P2) Let X be a Banach space with $F \subset X^*$. If for all $x \in X$ there exists M_x such that $|\langle \varphi, x \rangle| \leq M_x$ for every $\varphi \in F$, then F is strongly bounded in X^* .

Proposition 3. (HW1-deleted) Let X be a Banach space with $E \subset X$. If for every $\varphi \in X^*$ the set $\{\varphi(x)\}_{x \in E} \subset \mathbb{R}$ is bounded, then E is strongly bounded in X.

Proposition 4. (HW1-P3) Let X be a Banach space. If for every $x \in X$ the sequence $\langle \varphi_j, x \rangle$ converges, then $\varphi_j \xrightarrow{w*} \varphi$ for some $\varphi \in X^*$.

Proposition 5. (HW1-P4) Let X be a Banach space with $\varphi_i \in X^*$. TFAE:

- $||\varphi_j||_* < \infty$ and \exists dense $E \subset X$ such that for all $u \in E$, the sequence $\langle \varphi_j, u \rangle$ converges.
- There exists $\varphi \in X^*$ such that $\varphi_j \xrightarrow{w*} \varphi$,

2.5 Banach-Alaoglu

Remark. We will be simultaneously working with multiple topologies on the same set, so for $S \subset X$, $F \in X^*$,

- \overline{S}^X denotes the strong closure of S. If the metric on X has a name we will use that, i.e. \overline{S}^{ℓ^2}
- \overline{S}^w denotes the closure of S in the weak topology.

- \overline{F}^* denotes strong closure of F, that is, in the operator norm.
- \overline{F}^{w*} denotes the closure of F in the weak* topology.

Unless specified otherwise, assume X is a normed space, and X^* is its dual.

Definition. We will use "weak" and "weak*" as adjectives for topological properties to mean, "having the property in the weak(*) topology".

For example, "weak compact" means that every cover of weak neighborhoods has a finite subcover.

Theorem 6. (Banach-Alaoglu Theorem) The closed unit ball $\overline{B}(X^*)$ is weak* compact.

Corollary 7. Any $F \subset X^*$ which is closed and bounded in $||\cdot||_*$ is weak* compact.

Remark. Recall that any compact space is sequentially compact. (That is, every sequence has a convergent subsequence).

Corollary 8. For any sequence $(\varphi_n) \subset X^*$ with $||\varphi_n||_* \leq 1$ for all n, the sequence contains a subsequence φ_{n_k} such that

$$\varphi_{n_k} \xrightarrow{w*} \varphi$$

Example. Let X = C(K), the set of continuous functions on a compact set K. If $(\mu_n) \subset C(K)^*$ is a sequence such that $\mu_n(K) \leq 1$ (that is, $||\mu_k||_* \leq 1$), then there exists a subsequence such that $\mu_{n_k} \xrightarrow{w*} \mu$.

Theorem 9. (Reisz Representation Theorem) Let $K \subset \mathbb{R}$ compact, and consider C(K). For any $\psi \in C(K)^*$, there exists a unique Borel-regular measure μ such that

$$\psi(f) = \int_K f \, d\mu$$

for all $f \in C(K)$.

^aThe real statement of this requires fewer assumptions, and adds a minor restriction on ψ . Look it up on Wikipedia if you're interested.

Definition. A topological space is **separable** if it has a countable dense subset.

Example. \mathbb{R}^n is separable, since \mathbb{Q}^n is countable and dense in \mathbb{R}^n . This is also the motivation behind the term *separable*, since any two points in \mathbb{R} can be "separated" by a point in \mathbb{Q} .

Unfortunately this intuition doesn't generalize, since the "separating" idea depends on the ordering of the reals, which the definition doesn't mention.

A few useful results about separable spaces:

Proposition 10. Any second-countable space is separable. (Just choose an element from each of the countable basic sets.)

Proposition 11. A metrizable space is *separable* if and only if it is *second* countable, which is the case if and only if it is *Lindelöf*.

Proposition 12. The following spaces are separable:

- Any second-countable space is separable.
- Any compact metric space.
- C(K)
- L^p

Proposition 13. The following spaces are not separable:

- \bullet ℓ^{∞}
- L[∞]
- The set of functions of bounded variation.

And now we prove Banach-Alaoglu:

Theorem 8 (Banach-Alaoglu Theorem). For every normed space X, the closed unit ball $\overline{B}(X^*)$ is weak* compact.

PROOF SKETCH. Recall we are proving that \overline{B}_1^* is weak* compact. Assume X is separable, and call U the countable dense set in X. Then

$$\sigma(\overline{B}_1^*, X),$$

the weak* topology retricted to \overline{B}_1^* , is metrizable by the metric

$$d(\varphi, \psi) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{g^i} |(\varphi - \psi)(u_i)|$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{g^i} |\langle \varphi - \psi, u_i \rangle|,$$

where u_n is an enumeration of U.

Having this is great, because once we have a metric that gives the same topology[†], we can just show that \overline{B}_1^* is compact in the metric d, which is much easier since sequential compactness is compactness in a metric topology.

Let (φ_n) be an arbitrary sequence in \overline{B}_1^* , so $||\varphi_n||_* \leq 1$. We seek $\varphi_{n_k} \xrightarrow{d} \omega$ for some $\omega \in \overline{B}_1^*$.

Step 1 Show that for all $u_i \in U$,

$$\langle \varphi_n - \omega, u_i \rangle \xrightarrow{n} 0 \iff \langle \varphi_n, u_i \rangle \xrightarrow{n} \langle \omega, u_i \rangle$$

Step 2 We use Step 1 and apply a Cantor diagonalization argument. $\langle \varphi_n, u_1 \rangle \xrightarrow{n} \langle \omega, u_1 \rangle$, so

$$|\langle \varphi_n, u_1 \rangle| \le ||\varphi_n||_* ||u_1||$$

$$< ||u_1||,$$

So since $\langle \varphi_n, u_1 \rangle$ is a sequence in the compact set of real numbers $\overline{B}_{||u_1||}$, it has a convergent subsequence $\langle \varphi_{n_k}, u_1 \rangle$. For the same reason, $\langle \varphi_{n_k}, u_2 \rangle$ has a convergent subsequence which we call $\langle \varphi_{m_k}, u_2 \rangle$, and the same goes for all u_m . Thus

and taking the diagonal elements, we find that $\langle \varphi_{n_{kk}}, u_k \rangle$ converges.

 $^{^\}dagger {\rm The}$ fact that these two topologies are the same is highly non-obvious, there's a proof in Labutin's notes.

3 Separation Theorems and Weak Compactness

Remark. We know that using the Geometric Version of Hahn-Banach[†], then we can separate sets in X.

We also want to prove something like this for

- X with the strong topology,
- X with the weak topology $\sigma(X, X^*)$, and
- X^* with the weak* topology $\sigma(X^*, X)$.

Theorem 14 (Separation Theorem). Let $M, N \subset X$ be disjoint and convex.

1. If M is open, then $\exists \varphi \in X^{\ddagger}$ with

$$\varphi(m) < C < \varphi(n)$$

2. If M compact, N closed, then $\exists \varphi \in X^{\ddagger}$ with

$$\sup_{m \in M} \varphi(m) < \inf_{n \in N} \varphi(n)$$

And open, closed, and compact above can be in any of the topologies:

• strong

• weak

weak^{*}

Here X^{\ddagger} means the "dual" of which ever space we're in, so φ is a continuous linear functional, or a point which acts on functionals.

Remark. Recall that we always know that for $S \subset X$,

$$\overline{S} \subseteq \overline{S}^w$$
.

Theorem 15 (Mazur). Let $S \subset X$ be convex. Then the strong closure \overline{S} is exactly the weak closure \overline{S}^w .

$$\overline{S} = \overline{S}^w$$
.

PROOF SKETCH Let $p \notin \overline{S}$ Since $\{p\}$ is strongly compact and \overline{S} is strongly closed, apply Separation Theorem 14 to see that $\overline{S}^{\complement}$ is weakly open.

[†]Did I ever type that up? if A, B are convex, A compact, B closed, then $\exists \varphi$ functional with $\varphi(a) < 11, \varphi(b) > 1$ for all $a \in A, b \in B$.

Definition. Let $E = \{x_1, \dots x_n\} \in X$. A **convex combination** is a linear combination with all nonnegative coefficients which sum to at most 1, and the **convex hull** conv(E) is the set of all such vectors.



The picture above illustrates conv (E), if we be sure to include the "interior".

Corollary 16. If $E = \{x_n\} \subset X$ such that $x_n \xrightarrow{w} x$, then there exists a sequence u_n in conv (E) such that $u_n \to x$.

PROOF conv (E) is convex, so apply Mazur. Then since $x_n \stackrel{w}{\longrightarrow} x$, x is in the weak closure of conv (E), so it is also in the strong closure.

Theorem 17. For any normed space X,

 $\overline{B}(X)$ is weakly compact $\iff X$ is reflexive.

Remark. The main statement for the proof of the Theorem 17 is the following theorem which is of independent interest.

Remark. denote the canonical map $X \to X^{**}$ which Denis denotes i_{can} as

$$\iota: X \to X^{**}$$
.

Theorem 18 (Goldstine). For any normed space X, $\iota(\overline{B}(X))$ is weak* dense in X^{**} . That is,

$$\overline{\iota(\overline{B}(X))}^{w*} = \overline{B}(X^{**}).$$

PROOF This proof is long and terrible and likely not worth the effort.

Theorem 19 (Eberlein-Smulian). Let X be a Banach space with $A \subset X$. Then

 \overline{A}^w is weak compact $\iff A$ is weak sequentially compact.

[†]It's possible, though not obvious to me, that the interior is not necessary.

Remark. A few results from finite-dimensions:

Theorem 20. If X is a finite-dimensional normed space with two norms $||\cdot||_1$, $||\cdot||_2$ on X. Then $\exists c_1, c_2 > 0$ such that

$$c_1 ||u||_1 \le ||u||_2 \le c_2 ||u||_1$$
.

Remark. This just means for any two norms, if $||x||_1$ is finite non-zero iff $||x||_2$ is finite non-zero.

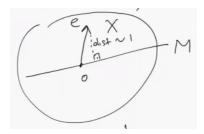
Remark. Recall that if M a closed subspace of X, with e orthonormal[†] to M, then

$$dist(e, M) = \inf_{m \in M} ||e - m|| = 1$$

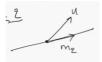
Definition.

Lemma 21 (Riesz's "Almost \perp " **Lemma).** Let X be a normed space, and let M be any closed (strict) subspace of X. Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a unit vector $e \in X$ such that

$$1 - \varepsilon \le \operatorname{dist}\left(e, M\right) = \inf_{m \in M} ||e - m|| \le 1.$$



PROOF Bollobas has a proof of this. Alternate proof: If $M \subsetneq X$, then $\exists u \in M^{\complement}$ with dist (u, M) > 0 (since M is closed). Then find some $m_{\varepsilon} \in M$ which is almost closest in distance to u:



$$\operatorname{dist}(u, M) \leq ||u - m_{\varepsilon}|| \leq \operatorname{dist}(u, M) + \varepsilon$$

Then your almost \bot is given by $u-m_{\varepsilon}$, and a straightforward computation shows this to be true.



[†]That is, $e \perp M$ and ||e|| = 1

Theorem 22. For any normed space X, $\overline{B}(X)$ is compact $\iff X$ is finite-dimensional.

Sketch \implies Suppose X infinite-dimensional. Choose some vector for e_1 , and use Almost \bot Lemma inductively to produce infinitely many vectors in $\overline{B}(X)$, but the sequence is not Cauchy, since the distance is greater than $1 - \varepsilon$ (or 1/2 or whatever).

4 L^p Spaces and Inequalities for them

Definition. We define $L^p(\Omega, d\mu)$ so be functions on Ω such that all f are μ -measurable and $|f|^p$ are μ -summable.

4.1 Limits Theorems for the Lebesgue Integral

Let f_n be a sequence of nonnegative functions, with $f_n \to f$ μ -a.e. in Ω . Then when does

$$\int f_n d\mu \to \int f d\mu?$$

Theorem 23 (Fatou's Lemma). If f_n be a sequence of nonnegative functions, with $\int |f_n| \leq C$ for all n, then

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \int |f_n| \, d\mu \ge \int |f| \, d\mu > 0$$

- Dominated Convergence
- Monotone Convergence

•
$$\int |f_n - f| d\mu \to 0 \iff {}^{\dagger} \begin{cases} \int |f_n| d\mu \le C \quad \forall n \\ \forall \varepsilon, \exists \delta \text{ s.t. } \forall E \subset \Omega, \quad \mu(E) \le \delta \implies \int_E f_n d\mu \le \varepsilon \ \forall n. \end{cases}$$

Theorem 24 (Jensen's Inequality (2.2)). If $\mu(\Omega)$ is finite, then

$$\langle J \circ f \rangle \ge J(\langle f \rangle),$$

with equality when J is strictly convex at $\langle f \rangle$ and f is constant.

So locally, L^p is better than L^q if p > q.

- 2.3
- 2.4
- 2.5
- 2.6
- 2.14

[†]As long as μ is a finite measure.

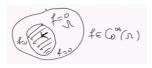
4.2 Convolutions and Density in L^p

Definition. Let $f: \Omega \to \mathbb{C}$. We define the support of f to be

$$\operatorname{supp} f = \overline{\{f > 0\}}$$

Definition. We denote the set of all "test functions", that is smooth functions of compact support on an open set Ω , by

$$C_c^{\infty}(\Omega)$$
, or [Lieb-Loss notation] $C_0^{\infty}(\Omega)$, [standard notation]



Remark. We consider these because they belong to "any reasonable" space of functions on Ω .

Example. A bump function. The formula is

$$\eta(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{1}{x^2 - 1}}, & |x| < 1\\ 0, & |x| \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

These three basic facts we take to be "axiomatic":

Fact I If f is summable, then $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ there exists a "really simple function" on finitely many disjoint rectangles R_i such that

$$\left| \left| f - \sum_{j=1}^{N} C_j \chi_{R_j} \right| \right| \le \varepsilon$$

where c_i are constant coefficients.

Fact II Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, and let M be the linear space of all bounded functions supported on compact strict subset of Ω , that is,

$$M = \{ f \in L^{\infty}(\Omega) : \operatorname{supp} f = K_f \subsetneq \Omega, K \text{ compact.} \}$$

Then for all $p < \infty$, M is dense in $L^p(\Omega)$.

^aJensen's inequality gives us that $M \subset L^p(\Omega)$, so we knew that already

Fact III (Change of Variables)^a

•
$$\int_E f(x+a) dx = \int_{a+E} f(y) dy$$

•
$$\int_E f\left(\frac{x}{p}\right) dx = p^n \int_{\frac{E}{p}} f(y) dy$$
, where n is the dimension.

Theorem 25 (1.19). C_0^{∞} is dense in $L^1(\mathbb{R})$.

PROOF We know that we can approximate f with a really simple function, so it suffices to show that we can approximate any χ_R with a C_0^{∞} function.

For any $\varepsilon > 0$, we construct an open rectangle $R' \supset R$ whose area exceeds that of R by less than ε .



Then use bump functions to define $\varphi \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $\varphi|_R = 1$ and $\varphi|_{R'^{\complement}} = 0$. \blacksquare Remark. How about L^p , not just L^1 ? We need convolutions.

Definition. Let $f,g \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. We define the **convolution of** f **and** g to be

$$(f * g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x - t)g(t) dt.$$

Remark.

- By Change of Variables, f * g = g * f.
- $\operatorname{supp}(f * g) \subset \overline{\{\operatorname{supp} f\} + \{\operatorname{supp} g\}}$
- Convolution will only be discussed in \mathbb{R}^n .
- Denote a dummy variable by •, the variable which integrates out. For example, we could write ||f|| as $||f(\bullet)||$.

 $[^]a\mathrm{This}$ holds in quite a bit more generality, but here we just state what we plan to need.

Theorem 26. If $f \in L^p$, $g \in L^{p'}$, then $f * g \in L^{\infty}$.

PROOF Given $f(x - \bullet), g(\bullet) \in L^p, L^{p'}$, then for every x,

$$\begin{split} |f*g(x)| &\leq \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x-y)g(y) \, dy \right| \\ &\leq \left| |f(x-\bullet)| \right|_p \, ||g||_{p'} & \text{By H\"{o}lder} \\ &= \left| |f| \right|_p \, ||g||_{p'} & \text{By Change of Variables} \end{split}$$

so $\sup_{x} (f * g)(x)$ is bounded.

Remark. The super generalized Minkowski inequality in the book holds for not only sums of integrals, but even integrals of integrals, and includes $p = \infty$.

Theorem 27. If $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$, with $p \in \mathbb{N}$ or $p = \infty$, then

- $f * g \in L^p$, and
- $||f * g||_p \le ||f||_p ||g||_1$

Proof Observe:

$$\begin{split} ||f*g||_p &= \left| \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x-y)g(y) \, dy \right| \right|_p \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} ||f(x-y)g(y)||_{L^p_x} \, dy \qquad \text{by Minkowski} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} ||f(\bullet - y)|| \, |g(y)| \, dy \\ &= ||f||_p \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |g(y)| \, dy \\ &= ||f||_p \, ||g||_1 \end{split}$$

Definition. We say that f is $L^p_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ if for any compact set $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\left(\int_K |f|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty.$$

Example. $\frac{1}{x} \in L^p_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^1 \setminus 0)$

Theorem 28 (Smoothing Property of Convolutions).

If $\phi \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)^a$ and $f \in L_{loc}^p$, then $\phi * f(x)$ is defined for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and $(\phi * f) \in \mathbb{C}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with

$$\partial^{\alpha}(\phi * f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \partial^{\alpha}\phi(x - y)f(y) \, dy$$
$$= (\partial^{\alpha}\phi) * f(x).$$

Remark. Use the limit definition of the derivative, and f(y) just factors out since it is constant wrt x, to get pointwise convergence. Then use dominated convergence to bring the integral out of the limit.

Theorem 29 (L^p -continuity of the shift). Let $f \in L^p$, p finite. Then

$$\lim_{h\to 0} ||f(\bullet - h) - f||_p = 0.$$

Remark. The proof is *very* tedious. See Week 5 April 28 if you need to reference it. Roughly:

- Use Fact II to approximate with L_0^{∞} , compactly supported L^{∞} functions.
- Then use Holder to reduce it to L^1 , since p = (p-1) + 1.
- Then use Fact I to approximate with really simple functions.
- Then reduce it to just χ_R for one rectangle.
- Then draw a picture and you're done.

Theorem 30 (Approximation by C^{∞} Functions). [†]Let j be a function with $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} j = 1$. [‡] We can define

$$j_{\rho}(x) = \frac{1}{\rho^n} j\left(\frac{x}{\rho}\right) \quad \forall \, \rho > 0,$$

so that every j_{ρ} still has integral 1, but they're horizontally squished by a factor of ρ . Then for all $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ (for finite p),

$$f_{\rho}(x) = (f * j_{\rho})(x)$$

is a sequence of functions (which are smooth if j is) such that

$$f_{\rho} \to f$$
 strongly in L^p as $\rho \to 0^+$.

^athat is, ϕ is a test function

Theorem 2.16 in Lieb Loss In particular, j can be C_0^{∞} .

5 Fourier Transform

5.1 DEFINITION OF THE L¹ FOURIER TRANSFORM

Definition. Let $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$. The **Fourier transform of** f, denoted $\widehat{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$, is given by

$$\widehat{f}(\mathbf{k}) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-2\pi i \langle \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x} \rangle} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \tag{1}$$

where $\langle \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x} \rangle$ denotes the dot product $\sum_{j=1}^{n} k_j x_j$.

Proposition 31. The following algebraic properties are the main motivation for studying the Fourier transform. They are very easy to prove.

- (2) (Linearity) $\widehat{\lambda f + \lambda g} = \lambda \widehat{f} + \lambda \widehat{g}$
- (3) (Shift) $\widehat{\tau_h f}(\mathbf{k}) = e^{-2\pi i \langle \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{h} \rangle} \widehat{f}(\mathbf{k})$ where $\tau_h f(\mathbf{k}) = f(\mathbf{k} \mathbf{h})$
- (4) (Scaling) $\widehat{\delta_{\lambda}f}(\mathbf{k}) = \lambda^n \widehat{f}(\lambda \mathbf{k})$ where $\delta_{\lambda}f(\mathbf{k}) = f(\mathbf{k}/\lambda)$ and $\lambda > 0$.
- (5) $\widehat{f} \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $||\widehat{f}||_{\infty} \leq ||f||_1$ with equality when f nonnegative, since $||\widehat{f}||_{\infty} = \widehat{f}(0) = \int f = ||f||_1$
- (6) \hat{f} is a continuous (and hence measurable) function.

Corollary 32. By the fourth conclusion in the previous proposition, we can think of the map $f \mapsto \hat{f}$ as a map from $L^1 \to L^\infty$, and this is a continuous map.

Proposition 33. If $f, g \in L^1$, then recall that

$$f * g(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x - y)g(y) \tag{7}$$

and by using Fubini's theorem and the transformation properties above we find that

$$\widehat{(f * g)}(\mathbf{k}) = \widehat{f}(\mathbf{k})\widehat{g}(\mathbf{k}). \tag{8}$$

Proposition 34. A couple more properties of Fourier:

- $\lim_{\mathbf{k}\to\infty} \widehat{f}(\mathbf{k}) = 0.$
- (Moving $\widehat{\bullet}$ property) $\int \widehat{f}(\mathbf{k})g(\mathbf{k}) d\mathbf{k} = \int f(\mathbf{k})\widehat{g}(\mathbf{k}) d\mathbf{k}$.

PROOF (Moving $\widehat{\bullet}$ property) Let $f, g \in L^1$.

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \widehat{f}(\mathbf{k}) g(\mathbf{k}) d\mathbf{k} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n} e^{-2\pi i \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{k} \rangle} f(\mathbf{x}) g(\mathbf{k}) d\mathbf{k} d\mathbf{x}$$
$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(\mathbf{k}) \widehat{g}(\mathbf{k}) d\mathbf{k}$$

5.2 THEOREM (Fourier transform of a Gaussian)

Definition. Suppose $\lambda > 0$. Denote by g_{λ} the Gaussian function on \mathbb{R}^n given by

$$g_{\lambda}\mathbf{x}) = e^{-\pi\lambda|\mathbf{x}|^2} \tag{1}$$

for $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Remark. Recall that $|\mathbf{x}|^2 = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle$.

Theorem 35. Let g_{λ} be a Gaussian function. Then the Fourier transform $\widehat{g}_{\lambda}(x)$ is given by

$$\widehat{g}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) = \lambda^{\frac{-n}{2}} e^{\frac{-\pi |\mathbf{k}|^2}{\lambda}}$$

Definition (Labutin version of Gaussian). Denote G(x) the Gaussian function

$$G(\mathbf{x}) = e^{-\pi |\mathbf{x}|^2},$$

and it's scaled version

$$G_{\lambda}(\mathbf{x} = G\left(\frac{\mathbf{x}}{\lambda}\right).$$

Theorem 36. The Gaussian is it's own Fourier Transform:

$$\widehat{G}(\mathbf{k}) = G(\mathbf{k})$$

and by scaling rules,

$$\widehat{G}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) = \lambda^{-n} G\left(\frac{\mathbf{k}}{\lambda}\right).$$

Proof This is not as obvious as it looks. See page 125 in Lieb Loss.

5.3 THEOREM (Plancherel's theorem)

Theorem 37 (Plancherel's theorem). If $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then $\widehat{f} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and

 $||\widehat{f}||_2 = ||f||_2. \tag{1}$

Since $L^1 \cap L^2$ is dense in L^2 , then the map $f \mapsto \widehat{f}$ has a unique extension to a continuous, linear map from $L^2 \to L^2$ which is an isometry (i.e. Plancherel's theorem holds).

Definition. If $f \in L^2$ but $f \notin L^1$, we use the extension above to define

$$\widehat{f} := \lim_{n} \widehat{f}_{n}$$

where $f_n \xrightarrow{L^2} f$ and every $f_n \in L^1 \cap L^2$.

Theorem 38 (Parseval's formula). If $f, g \in L^2$, then

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \langle \widehat{f}, \widehat{g} \rangle.$$
 (2)

PROOF

$$\langle f,g\rangle := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \bar{f}(x)g(x)\,dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \overline{\widehat{f}}(k)\widehat{g}(k)\,dk = \langle \widehat{f},\widehat{g}\rangle.$$

5.5 THEOREM (Inversion formula)

Definition. Let $f \in L^1$ and $\widehat{f} \in L^1$. Then define

$$f^{\vee}(\mathbf{k}) := \widehat{f}(-\mathbf{k}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{2\pi i \langle \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x} \rangle} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}.$$
 (1)

Remark. Applying the definition,

$$f^{\vee}(\mathbf{k}) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-2\pi i \langle -\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x} \rangle} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{2\pi i \langle \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x} \rangle} f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}.$$

Proposition 39. Then whenever $f \in L^1$ and $\widehat{f} \in L^1$, we have

$$f = (\widehat{f})^{\vee} \tag{2}$$

However, even if $f \in L^1$, sometimes $\widehat{f} \not\in L^1$.

Definition. Let $f \in L^2$, then define

$$f^{\vee}(\mathbf{x}) := \widehat{f}(-\mathbf{x}) \tag{1}$$

By the extension in the previous section.

Schwartz Space

Definition. The Schwartz space or space of rapidly decreasing functions on \mathbb{R}^n is the function space

$$S\left(\mathbb{R}^{n}\right):=\left\{\phi\in C_{\mathrm{loc}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{n})\bigg|\forall\alpha,\beta\in\mathbb{N}^{n},\;|\sup_{x\in\mathbb{R}^{n}}x^{\alpha}\,\partial^{\beta}\phi(x)|<\infty\right\},$$

Remark. To put common language to this definition, one could consider a rapidly decreasing function as essentially a function $\phi(x)$ such that $\phi(x), \phi'(x), \phi''(x), \dots$ all exist everywhere on $\mathbb R$ and go to zero as $x \to \infty$ faster than any inverse power of x.

Proposition 40. (Properties of Schwartz functions) For all $\phi \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$,

- $||\partial^{\alpha}\phi||_{\infty} < \infty \ \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$ (Any derivative is bounded)
- $|\partial^{\alpha} \phi(x)| \leq \frac{C_{N,\alpha}}{1+|x|^N} \ \forall N \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n.$
- Any polynomial times any derivative of ϕ is in S.
- $\widehat{(\partial^{\alpha}\phi)}(k) = (2\pi i k)^{\alpha} \widehat{\phi}(k)$ for $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{n a}$.
- $\partial^{\alpha}(\widehat{\phi})(k) = ((-2\pi i x)^{\alpha} \phi(x))^{\hat{}}(k)$ for $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$
- ^aFor $k \in \mathbb{R}^n, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$ we write x^{α} to mean $(x_1^{\alpha_1}, \dots x_n^{\alpha_n})$

Theorem 41 (Main Theorem on $S(\mathbb{R}^n)$).

$$\hat{\bullet}: S \to S$$

is a linear bijection, and the inverse is \bullet^{\vee} , with

$$(\hat{\bullet})^\vee = (\bullet^\vee)^\wedge$$

Theorem 42 (Density theorem). Let X normed, aY Banach. Given a linear operator A defined only from $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{A}} \to Y$ where $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{A}} \subset X$, if

$$\exists M < \infty \text{ s.t. } \forall u \in \mathcal{D}_a \text{ we have } ||Au||_Y \leq M ||u||_X$$

then A has a unique extension to all of X which is a bounded linear operator.

 $^a\mathrm{Probably}\ X$ is Banach, in particular. In practice, "all spaces are Banach".

Advanced Properties of Fourier on S

Proposition 43. For all $\phi \in \mathcal{S}$,

- $\bullet ||\widehat{\phi}||_{\infty} \le ||\phi||_{1}$
- $\bullet ||\widehat{\phi}||_2 = ||\phi||_2$

5.7 THEOREM (The sharp Hausdorff-Young inequality)

Let 1 with <math>p, p' conjugate exponents, and let $\phi \in S$. Then

$$||\widehat{\phi}||_{p'} \le C||\phi||_p \tag{1}$$

^aThis is also true if $\phi \in L^p \cap L^1$, which is what the book states.

Remark. This means we can extend the Fourier map to all of L^p for any 1 .

5.8 THEOREM (Convolutions)

Let $f \in L^p, g \in L^q$, with $p, q \ge 1$, and suppose that $r \le 2$ where 1/r := 1/p + 1/q - 1. Then

$$\widehat{f * g}(k) = \widehat{f}(k)\widehat{g}(k). \tag{1}$$

Remark. Some examples of conditions that work for above:

- $f, g \in L^1$
- $f \in L^1, g \in L^2$ (note that order doesn't matter)

Motivation for 5.9, 5.10 and Potentials

Let $\phi \in S$. Then we know that $\partial_{x_j} \phi \in S$, and Fourier is a bijection between S and itself. Now

$$(\partial_{x_j}\phi)^{\wedge} \stackrel{\mathsf{IBP}}{=} 2\pi i k_j \widehat{\phi}(k) \tag{1}$$

We define

$$\mathcal{D}_j = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \,\partial_{x_j},\tag{2}$$

so that the Fourier is

$$(\mathcal{D}_j \phi)^{\wedge}(k) = k_j \widehat{\phi}(k). \tag{3}$$

And this is really nice because S is closed under Fourier and multiplication by polynomials, so $k_j \widehat{\phi}(k) \in S$, and we can take the inverse Fourier and find that \mathcal{D}_j has this nice form:

$$\mathcal{D}_j \phi(x) = \left(\widehat{\phi}(k)k_j\right)^{\vee}(x). \tag{4}$$

Proof of (1)
$$(\partial_{x_j}\phi)^{\wedge} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \partial_{x_j}\phi(x)e^{2\pi i\langle k,x\rangle} dx \stackrel{\text{IBP}}{=} 2\pi i k_j \widehat{\phi}(k)$$

In short, we are defining $\mathcal{D}_j: \mathcal{S} \to \mathcal{S}$ by

$$\mathcal{D}_j = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \,\partial_{x_j},\tag{2}$$

and noting that we can equivalently write

$$\mathcal{D}_j \phi(x) = \left(k_j \widehat{\phi}(k)\right)^{\vee}(x). \tag{4}$$

We can define all kinds of operators in a similar form to that of (4): Take Fourier, multiply by something, take inverse Fourier.

Definition. Let $|\mathcal{D}|: \mathcal{S} \to L^p$ be defined as

$$|\mathcal{D}| = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sqrt{\partial_1^2 + \dots + \partial_n^2}.$$
 (5)

[originally he wrote $\frac{1}{4\pi^2}$ above, but he must have meant this.]

Proposition 44. We can also write $|\mathcal{D}|$ as

$$|\mathcal{D}|(\phi) = (|k|\widehat{\phi}(k))^{\vee}(x). \tag{6}$$

Equivalently we can write

$$|\mathcal{D}| = (|\bullet|\widehat{\phi})^{\vee} \tag{6}$$

where • is a dummy variable.

It's not immediately obvious that we can actually take the inverse Fourier here since $|k|\hat{\phi}(k)$ is not smooth at 0, but note that ϕ decays faster than any polynomial so we have

$$\left| |k| \widehat{\phi}(k) \right| \le \frac{C_N}{1 + |k|^N} \quad \forall N, \forall k$$

so $|k|\widehat{\phi}(k)$ is in every L^p , so in particular it is L^1 . Thus we can take inverse Fourier after all.

Remark. Note that we have only defined $|\mathcal{D}|$ on \mathcal{S} . Fortunately, \mathcal{S} is dense in any reasonable space, so if you can prove

$$||(|\bullet|\widehat{\phi})^{\vee}||_q \leq C||\phi||_p,$$

then $|\mathcal{D}|$ is a bounded linear operator so you can extend it to a map $|\mathcal{D}|$: $L^p \to L^q$.

Proposition 45. Let $\frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|}: \mathcal{S} \to C^0$ be

$$\frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} = \left(\frac{1}{|k|}\widehat{\phi}(k)\right)^{\vee}(x). \tag{7}$$

Equivalently we can write

$$\frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} = \left(\frac{1}{|\bullet|}\widehat{\phi}\right)^{\vee}(x) \tag{7}$$

where C^0 is the functions limiting to 0 at ∞ . We need to show that $\frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|}$ is defined for all $\phi \in \mathcal{S}$, and all $k \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

PROOF The issue here is whether we can take the inverse Fourier of $\frac{1}{|k|}\widehat{\phi}(k)$, that is, if it is integrable. If p < n, then $\frac{1}{|k|}\widehat{\phi}(k) \in L^p$, so it's at least L^1 (assume $n \ge 2$). By Riemann-Lebesgue lemma, it's also in C^0 , which is nice since C^0 is dense in any reasonable space.

Definition. Recall that the Laplacian Δ is given by

$$\Delta = \nabla \cdot \nabla = \partial_1^2 + \dots + \partial_n^2,$$

the dot product of the gradient with itself.

Definition. We define $\mathcal{D}: \mathcal{S} \to \mathcal{S}$ by

$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \nabla = \frac{1}{2\pi i} (\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n)$$
 (8)

SO

$$\mathcal{D} \cdot \mathcal{D} = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \Delta \tag{9}$$

which gives

$$-\Delta = 4\pi^2 |\mathcal{D}|^2 \tag{10}$$

Definition. Define, for $0 < \alpha < n$, the operator $(-\Delta)^{-\alpha/2} : \mathbb{S} \to C^0$ (or to L^{∞}) by

$$(-\Delta)^{-\alpha/2}(\phi) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\alpha}} \left(\frac{1}{|k|^{\alpha}} \widehat{\phi}(k) \right)^{\vee}$$
 (11)

5.9 THEOREM (Fourier transform of $|x|^{\alpha-n}$)

Remark. The function $|x|^{2-n}$ on Rn with $n \geq 3$ is very important in potential theory (Chapter 9) and as the Green's function in Sect. 6.20. Hence, it is useful to know its 'Fourier transform', even though this function is not in any $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for any p. However, its action in convolution or as a multiplier on nice functions can be expressed easily in terms of Fourier transforms.

Theorem 46.

$$|\bullet|^{\alpha-n} * \phi$$

6 Distributions in \mathbb{R}^n

The Big Ideas

Definition.

- In general we consider $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ and $\mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$.
- $\phi \in \mathcal{D}$ are test functions
- $\bullet \ \ \mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{D}_{_{\mathsf{dense}}}$
- $\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{C}^{\infty}_{\text{loc}}$ and limits of those. $(\phi_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \phi \text{ means for any } \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$, then $\partial^{\alpha}\phi_n \xrightarrow{n} \partial^{\alpha}\phi \text{ uniformly on } K \text{ which is a compact support } \phi, \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots)$
- $T \in \mathcal{D}'$ are distributions, and sometimes $T = f \in L^1_{loc}$
- $\langle \phi, T \rangle = T(\phi)$, and $\langle \phi, f \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \phi f \, dx$ if $f \in L^1_{loc}$

Definition. The distributional derivative $\partial^{\alpha}T$ with multi-index α is given by

$$\langle \partial^{\alpha} T, \phi \rangle = \pm \langle T, \partial^{\alpha} \phi \rangle$$

with positive when $\sum \alpha_i$ is even and negative when it is odd.