

Week 4

Ex 1 Heisenberg's uncertainty principle.

1) $n=1$.

a) Show that the commutator $[\partial_x, x] := \partial_x(x \cdot) - x \partial_x = 0$ satisfies

$$[\partial_x, x]f = f \quad \text{for } f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}).$$

b) conclude from a) that

$$\|xf\|_{L^2} \cdot \|\partial_x f\|_{L^2} \geq c \|f\|_{L^2}^2, \quad f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$$

for some $c > 0$.

2) $n > 1$, first show the commutator $[\nabla_x, x]$ defined by $\nabla_x(x \cdot) - x \cdot \nabla_x$ satisfies

$$[\nabla_x, x]f = n f \quad f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

and conclude from this that

$$(I) \quad \|xf\|_{L^2} \cdot \|\nabla_x f\|_{L^2} \geq c \|f\|_{L^2}^2, \quad f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

3) Now suppose $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is a bounded domain. let f be a function on Ω such that there exists a function $G \in \mathcal{C}_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $G|_{\Omega^c} = 0$ and $G|_{\Omega} = f$. Conclude from (I) that

$$(II) \quad \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \frac{c}{\text{dist}(0, \Omega) + \text{diam}(\Omega)} \|\nabla_x G\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

for some $c > 0$.

Problem: under what conditions can we replace the term $\|\nabla_x G\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ in (II) by $\|\nabla_x f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$??

(4) if we apply Plancherel's theorem, we then have
 $\|x f\|_{L^2} = \|\widehat{x f}\|_{L^2} = \|\widehat{x} \widehat{f}\|_{L^2}.$

And hence (I) reads

$$\|x f\|_{L^2} \cdot \|\xi \widehat{f}\|_{L^2} \geq \frac{c}{2\pi} \|f\|_{L^2}^2.$$

This is Heisenberg's uncertainty principle.

(5). In the same spirit, one can show, with $r=|x|$

$$\left[\frac{1}{r} \nabla_x \left(\frac{1}{r} \cdot \right), x \cdot \right] f = n r^{-2} f \quad f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

Consequently, we have

$$n \cdot \|r^{-1} f\|_{L^2}^2 = 2 \left\langle \frac{1}{r} \nabla_x \left(\frac{1}{r} f \right), x f \right\rangle, \quad f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

Show that

$$\nabla_x \left(\frac{1}{|x|} f \right) = \frac{1}{|x|} \nabla_x f + \frac{x}{|x|^3} f.$$

From this, we conclude

$$(d-2) \|r^{-1} f\|_{L^2}^2 = 2 \langle \nabla_x f, x \cdot r^{-2} f \rangle, \quad f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

It then follows from Cauchy-Schwarz inequality that

$$\|x r^{-1} f\|_{L^2} \leq \frac{2}{d-2} \|\nabla f\|_{L^2}.$$

This is Hardy's inequality.

Ex 5 Covering lemmas

For $B = B(x, r)$, denote $tB = B(x, tr)$.

(1) Wiener's Vitali-type lemma.

Let $\{B_j\}_{j \in J}$ be a collection of balls in \mathbb{R}^n . Then there exists an at most countable subcollection of disjoint balls $\{B_k\}$ such that

$$\bigcup_{j \in J} B_j \subset \bigcup_k B_k$$

Use this lemma to show weak (1,1) boundedness of Hardy-Littlewood Maximal operator.

(2) Besicovitch-Morse covering lemma.

Let A be a bounded set in \mathbb{R}^n , and suppose that $\{B_x\}_{x \in A}$ is a collection of balls s.t. $B_x = B(x, r_x)$, $r_x > 0$. Then there exists an at most countable subcollection of balls $\{B_j\}$ and a constant C_n , depending only on the dimension, such that

$$A \subset \bigcup_j B_j \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_j \chi_{B_j}(x) \leq C_n$$

finitely overlap.

Ex 6. By the same technique as in thm 2, and assuming T^* is weak (p,q)

show that the set

$$\{f \in L^p(X, \mu) : \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} T_t f \text{ exists a.e.}\}$$

is closed in $L^p(X, \mu)$.

Ex 2 Let $(X, \mu), (Y, \nu)$ be two measure spaces. Let $f: X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a measurable function. Show that for $0 < p < q < \infty$ we have

$$\| \|f\|_{L^p(d\mu)} \|_{L^q(d\nu)} \leq \| \|f\|_{L^q(d\nu)} \|_{L^p(d\mu)}.$$

'a priori'.

(1) Let $(X, \mu) = (Y, \nu) = (\mathbb{R}^n, \text{Leb.})$, Show ~~the~~ Young's Ineq.

(2) Use Riesz-Thorin interpolation to show Young's Ineq.

$$\|f * g\|_{L^r} \leq \|f\|_{L^p} \|g\|_{L^q}$$

where

$$1 + \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}, \quad r > 0, p > 0, q > 0.$$

(3) Let $0 < s < n$, then one can see $|x|^{-s} \notin L^{\frac{n}{s}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Nevertheless, we still have, for some constant $C > 0$,

$$\| |x|^{-s} * g \|_{L^r} \leq C \|g\|_{L^q}$$

where

$$1 + \frac{1}{r} = \frac{s}{n} + \frac{1}{q}$$

Ex 3 prove Riesz-Thorin interpolation theorem.

Ref: T. Ransford, Potential theory in the complex plane.
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Ex 4. Show, for $f \in L^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{|B_r|} \int_{B_r} |f(x-y) - f(x)| dy = 0, \text{ a.e.}$$