

1 Lebesgue Integration Theory

1.1 Review of measure theory

Definition. Given a set E , a σ -algebra on E is a collection \mathcal{E} of subsets of E such that:

- (i) $E \in \mathcal{E}$;
 - (ii) $A \in \mathcal{E} \Rightarrow A^c = E \setminus A \in \mathcal{A}$;
 - (iii) $A_n \in \mathcal{E}, n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \in \mathcal{E}$.
- (E, \mathcal{E}) is called a *measurable space*, and any $A \in \mathcal{E}$ is called a *measurable set*.

Given a collection \mathcal{A} of subsets of E , $\sigma(\mathcal{A})$ is the smallest σ -algebra containing \mathcal{A} .

Definition. A *measure* on (E, \mathcal{E}) is a function $\mu : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ such that

- (i) $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$;
- (ii) $A_n \in \mathcal{E}, n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ disjoint} \Rightarrow \mu(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_n)$.

(E, \mathcal{E}, μ) is called a *measure space*.

Definition (Borel measure). If (E, τ) is a topological space, then $\sigma(\tau)$ is called a *Borel algebra*, denoted $\mathcal{B}(E)$, and a measure on $(E, \mathcal{B}(E))$ is called a *Borel measure*.

Example. $E = \mathbb{R}^n$, μ the Lebesgue measure satisfying $\mu((a_1, b_1) \times \dots \times (a_n, b_n)) = (b_1 - a_1) \dots (b_n - a_n)$.

Notation: we write $\mu(dx) = dx$ and $\mu(A) = |A|$ when μ is the Lebesgue measure.

Definition (Measurable function). Let (E, \mathcal{E}) and (F, \mathcal{F}) be measurable spaces. Then $f : E \rightarrow F$ is *measurable* if $f^{-1}(A) \in \mathcal{E}$ whenever $A \in \mathcal{F}$. If (E, \mathcal{E}) and (F, \mathcal{F}) are Borel algebras, a measurable function is called a *Borel function*. Special case: $(F, \mathcal{F}) = ([0, \infty], \mathcal{B}([0, \infty]))$, then $f : E \rightarrow F$ is called a *non-negative measurable function*.

Fact. The class of measurable functions is closed under addition, multiplication and taking (pointwise) limits.

Definition. $f : E \rightarrow F$ ($F = [0, \infty]$ or \mathbb{R}^n or \mathbb{C}^n) is a *simple function* if $f = \sum_{k=1}^K a_k \mathbb{1}_{A_k}$ for some $K \in \mathbb{N}$, $a_k \in F$, $A_k \in \mathcal{E}$. For a simple function, the integral is

$$\int f d\mu = \int f(x) d\mu(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K a_k \mu(A_k) \quad (0 \cdot \infty := 0).$$

For a non-negative measurable f , we define

$$\int f d\mu = \sup \left\{ \int g d\mu : g \text{ simple}, 0 \leq g \leq f \right\}.$$

Definition. A measurable function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be *integrable* if $\int |f| d\mu < \infty$. Write $f = f_+ - f_-$ with f_{\pm} non-negative, measurable, $\int f_{\pm} d\mu < \infty$, and then $\int f d\mu = \int f_+ d\mu - \int f_- d\mu$. For $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, this is applied in each component.

Theorem (Monotone convergence theorem). *Let (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) be a measure space, and let (f_n) be a (pointwise) increasing sequence of non-negative functions on E converging to f . Then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_n d\mu = \int_E f d\mu.$$

Theorem (Dominated convergence theorem). *Let (f_n) be a sequence of measurable functions on a measure space (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) such that:*

- (i) $f_n \rightarrow f$ pointwise almost everywhere;
- (ii) $|f_n| \leq g$ almost everywhere for some integrable g .

Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_n d\mu = \int_E f d\mu.$$

1.2 L^p spaces

Definition. Let (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) be a measure space. For $p \in [1, \infty)$ and $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ define

$$\|f\|_{L^p} = \left(\int_E |f|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p}$$

and

$$\|f\|_{L^\infty} = \text{esssup}|f| = \inf\{K : |f| \leq K \text{ a.e.}\}.$$

The space L^p , $p \in [1, \infty]$ is defined by

$$L^p = L^p(E, \mathcal{E}, \mu) = \{f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ measurable} : \|f\|_{L^p} < \infty\} / \sim.$$

Where $f \sim g$ if $f = g$ a.e.

Theorem (Riesz-Fisher theorem). *L^p is a Banach space for all $p \in [1, \infty]$.*

Notation: when $E = \mathbb{R}^n$, μ the Lebesgue measure, write $L^p(E, \mu) = L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Fact. For $p \in [1, \infty)$, the simple functions f with $\mu(\{x : f(x) \neq 0\}) < \infty$ are dense in L^p . For $p = \infty$ we can drop the condition on the measure of the support.

Definition. For $f, g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the *convolution* $f * g$ is defined by

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

provided the integral exists. Note that $f * g = g * f$, convolution is associative, and $\mu(f * g) = \mu(f)\mu(g)$.

Theorem. $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is dense in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $p \in [1, \infty)$.

Before we prove the theorem, we will need some preliminary results.

Remark. This theorem is false for $p = \infty$.

Notation: a multiindex is $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$. Set $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$; $\alpha! = \alpha_1! \dots \alpha_n!$; $X^\alpha = X_1^{\alpha_1} \dots X_n^{\alpha_n}$ for $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$; $\nabla^\alpha f = D^\alpha f = \frac{\partial^\alpha f}{\partial x^\alpha} = \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|} f}{\partial x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \partial x_n^{\alpha_n}}$.

Definition. We say $f \in L_{\text{loc}}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ if $f \mathbb{1}_K \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for any $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ compact.

Proposition. Let $f \in L_{\text{loc}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $g \in C_c^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$, some $k \geq 0$. Then $f * g \in C^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $\nabla^\alpha(f * g) = f * (\nabla^\alpha g)$ for all $|\alpha| \leq k$.

Proof. First we check for $k = 0$. Set $T_z f(x) = f(x - z)$, $z \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then $T_z(f * g) = f * (T_z g)$. Also $T_z g(x) \rightarrow g(x)$ for all x as $z \rightarrow 0$ (continuity of g). Furthermore $|T_z g(x)| \leq \|g\|_{L^\infty} \mathbb{1}_{B_R(0)}(x)$ if $|x| + 1 \leq R$, $|z| < 1$ (we can just take R large enough so it holds everywhere since g has compact support). Then $|f(y)T_z g(x - y)| \leq C|f(y)|\mathbb{1}_{B_R(0)}(x - y)$, for $C := \|g\|_{L^\infty}$.

Since $f \in L_{\text{loc}}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $|f(y)|\mathbb{1}_{B_R(0)}(x - y)$ is integrable in y , so by the dominated convergence theorem,

$$T_z(f * g) = (f * T_z g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y)T_z g(x - y)dy \xrightarrow{z \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y)g(x - y)dy = (f * g)(x).$$

And so $f * g \in C^0$. Now let $k = 1$. Let $\nabla_i^h g(x) = \frac{g(x + h e_i) - g(x)}{h}$, where e_i is the i th unit vector. Then $\nabla_i^h g(x) \rightarrow \nabla_i g(x)$ as $h \rightarrow 0$.

By the mean value theorem, there exists $t \in [-h, h]$ such that

$$\nabla_i^h g(x) = \nabla_i g(x + t e_i) \Rightarrow |\nabla_i^h g(x)| \leq \|\nabla_i g\|_{L^\infty} \mathbb{1}_{B_R(0)}(x).$$

Again by the dominated convergence theorem, $\nabla_i^h(f * g) = f * (\nabla_i^h g) \rightarrow f * \nabla_i g$. Thus $f * g \in C^1$. The case $k > 1$ is similar, with induction. \square

Proposition (Minkowski's integral inequality). Let $p \in [1, \infty)$ and $f : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ Borel. Then

$$\left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x, y) dx \right|^p dy \right]^{1/p} \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x, y)|^p dy \right]^{1/p} dx.$$

Proof. Example sheet 1. \square

Proposition. Let $p \in [1, \infty)$, $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then

$$\|T_z g - g\|_{L^p} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |z| \rightarrow 0.$$

Remark. This is not true for $p = \infty$. Let $\theta(x) = \mathbb{1}_{x \geq 0}$. Then $\|T_z \theta - \theta\|_{L^\infty} = 1$ if $z \neq 0$.

Proof. Consider first $g = \mathbb{1}_R$, R a rectangle. Then the result is clear. Hence it also follows for any finite union of rectangles. If B is a Borel set, $|B| < \infty$, then for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a finite union of rectangles R such that

$$\|\mathbb{1}_B - \mathbb{1}_R\|_{L^p} = |B \triangle R|^{1/p} < \varepsilon.$$

Hence

$$\|T_z \mathbb{1}_B - \mathbb{1}_B\|_{L^p} \leq \underbrace{\|T_z \mathbb{1}_B - T_z \mathbb{1}_R\|_{L^p}}_{=\|\mathbb{1}_B - \mathbb{1}_R\|_{L^p} < \varepsilon} + \underbrace{\|T_z \mathbb{1}_R - \mathbb{1}_R\|_{L^p}}_{< \varepsilon \text{ for } |z| \text{ small}} + \underbrace{\|\mathbb{1}_R - \mathbb{1}_B\|_{L^p}}_{< \varepsilon}.$$

Thus the result holds for $g = \mathbb{1}_B$, $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Thus the result holds for simple functions g . Finally, for any $g \in L^p$, there is a \tilde{g} simple such that $\|g - \tilde{g}\|_{L^p} < \varepsilon$. Then

$$\|T_z g - g\|_{L^p} \leq \underbrace{\|T_z g - T_z \tilde{g}\|_{L^p}}_{=\|g - \tilde{g}\|_{L^p} < \varepsilon} + \underbrace{\|T_z \tilde{g} - \tilde{g}\|_{L^p}}_{< \varepsilon \text{ for } |z| \text{ small}} + \underbrace{\|g - \tilde{g}\|_{L^p}}_{< \varepsilon}.$$

□

Theorem. Let $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ be such that $\varphi \geq 0$ and $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi dx = 1$ and set $\varphi_\varepsilon(x) = \varepsilon^{-n} \varphi(x/\varepsilon)$. Then for any $g \in L^p$, $p \in [1, \infty)$, it follows that $\varphi_\varepsilon * g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $\varphi_\varepsilon * g \rightarrow g$ in L^p .

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi_\varepsilon * g(x) - g(x)| &= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} [\varphi_\varepsilon(y)g(x-y) - g(x)] dy \right| \\ &\stackrel{z:=y/\varepsilon}{=} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi(z) [g(x-\varepsilon z) - g(x)] dz \right| \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi(z) |T_{\varepsilon z}g(x) - g(x)| dz. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi_\varepsilon * g - g\|_{L^p} &= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \underbrace{|\varphi_\varepsilon * g - g|^p}_{\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi(z) |T_{\varepsilon z}g - g|^p dz} dx \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi(z)^p |T_{\varepsilon z}g(x) - g(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} dz \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi(z) \underbrace{\|T_{\varepsilon z}g - g\|_{L^p}}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0} dz \end{aligned}$$

where the inequality comes from Minkowski's inequality. Also the final term tends to 0 as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ by the DCT since $\varphi(z)\|T_{\varepsilon z}g - g\|_{L^p} \leq 2\varphi(z)\|g\|_{L^p}$ and φ is integrable. \square

Definition. φ as above is called a (smooth) mollifier.

Corollary. $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is dense in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $p \in [1, \infty)$.

Proof. The previous theorem implies $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is dense in L^p . Since $\|f - f\mathbb{1}_{B_R(0)}\|_{L^p} \rightarrow 0$ as $R \rightarrow \infty$ by the DCT, for $f \in L^p$, applying the theorem with $g = f\mathbb{1}_{B_R(0)}$ it follows that $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is dense in L^p . \square

1.3 Lebesgue Differentiation Theorem

Recall:

Theorem (Fundamental Theorem of Calculus). For $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous, $F(x) := \int_0^x f(t)dt$ is differentiable with $F'(x) = f(x)$.

We actually have a stronger result:

Theorem (Lebesgue Differentiation Theorem). For $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ integrable,

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{|B_r(x)|} \int_{B_r(x)} |f(y) - f(x)| dy = 0 \text{ for almost all } x.$$

The x for which this holds are called Lebesgue points.

We will need a few preliminary results and definitions before we can prove this.

Corollary. If $g \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ and $G(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x g(t)dt$, then G is differentiable for almost every x with $G'(x) = g(x)$.

Corollary. If φ is a smooth mollifier and $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then $\varphi_\varepsilon * g \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} g$ almost everywhere.

Definition. For $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ integrable, the *Hardy-Littlewood Maximal Function* $Mf : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is defined by

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{|B_r(x)|} \int_{B_r(x)} |f(y)|dy.$$

Remark. We sometimes write $\int_{B_r(x)} |f(y)|dy$ for $\frac{1}{|B_r(x)|} \int_{B_r(x)} |f(y)|dy$.

Lemma (Wiener's covering lemma). If K is compact and $K \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^N B_i$ for open balls $(B_i)_{i=1}^N$, there exists a subcollection $(B_{i_k})_k$ of disjoint balls such that

$$\left| \bigcup_{i=1}^N B_i \right| \leq 3^n \sum_k |B_{i_k}|.$$

Proof. Example sheet. □

Proposition. Take $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then Mf is a Borel function, finite almost everywhere, and

$$|\underbrace{\{Mf > \lambda\}}_{:=A_\lambda}| \leq \frac{3^n}{\lambda} \|f\|_{L^1}.$$

Proof. For each $x \in A_\lambda$, there exists $r_x > 0$ such that

$$\frac{1}{|B_{r_x}(x)|} \int_{B_{r_x}(x)} |f(y)|dy > \lambda.$$

We claim that A_λ is open. Then we will have shown Mf is Borel as the $A_\lambda = (Mf)^{-1}((\lambda, \infty])$ are open, and the sets $(\lambda, \infty]$ generate the Borel σ -algebra.

We'll actually show A_λ^c is closed. Suppose $(x_k)_{k \geq 1}$ is a sequence in A_λ^c with $x_k \rightarrow x$. Suppose $x \in A_\lambda$. By the Dominated Convergence Theorem,

$$\frac{1}{|B_{r_x}(x_k)|} \int_{B_{r_x}(x_k)} |f(y)|dy \rightarrow \frac{1}{|B_{r_x}(x)|} \int_{B_{r_x}(x)} |f(y)|dy.$$

Since $x_k \notin A_\lambda$, the LHS is $\leq \lambda$ for all k , but the RHS is $> \lambda$ which is impossible. Hence $x \in A_\lambda^c$ and A_λ^c is closed.

To prove the inequality, let $K \subseteq A_\lambda$ be compact. Since $\{B_{r_x}(x)\}_{x \in A_\lambda}$ is an open cover of K , there exists a finite subcover $K \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^N B_i$, where $B_i = B_{r_x}(x)$ for

some $x \in A_\lambda$. Now take a subcollection $(B_{i_k})_k$ of disjoint balls as in Wiener's covering lemma.

Since $\frac{1}{|B_i|} \int_{B_i} |f(y)| dy > \lambda$, it follows that $|B_i| < \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{B_i} |f(y)| dy$. Hence

$$|K| \leq 3^n \sum_k |B_{i_k}| < \frac{3^n}{\lambda} \sum_k \int_{B_{i_k}} |f(y)| dy \leq \frac{3^n}{\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(y)| dy.$$

Since this holds for any $K \subseteq A_\lambda$ compact, by regularity of the Lebesgue measure, it also holds for A_λ . In particular, $|\{\text{Mf} = \infty\}| \leq |\{\text{Mf} > \lambda\}| \xrightarrow{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} 0$, i.e. $\text{Mf} < \infty$ almost everywhere. \square

Now we are ready to prove:

Theorem (Lebesgue Differentiation Theorem). *For $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ integrable,*

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{|B_r(x)|} \int_{B_r(x)} |f(y) - f(x)| dy = 0 \text{ for almost all } x.$$

The x for which this holds are called Lebesgue points.

Proof. Let

$$A_\lambda = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{B_r(x)} |f(y) - f(x)| dy > 2\lambda \right\}$$

Then it suffices to show $|A_\lambda| = 0$ for any $\lambda > 0$. Indeed, the non-Lebesgue points are then $\bigcup_n A_{1/n}$, a countable union of sets of measure 0.

Given $\varepsilon > 0$, let $g \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ be such that $\|f - g\|_{L^1} < \varepsilon$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{B_r(x)} |f(y) - f(x)| dy &\leq \underbrace{\int_{B_r(x)} |f(y) - g(y)| dy}_{\leq M(f-g)(x)} + |f(x) - g(x)| + \underbrace{\int_{B_r(x)} |g(x) - g(y)| dy}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ since } g \in C^\infty} \\ \implies \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{B_r(x)} |f(y) - f(x)| dy &\leq M(f-g)(x) + |f(x) - g(x)|. \end{aligned}$$

If $x \in A_\lambda$, then either $M(f-g)(x) > \lambda$ or $|f(x) - g(x)| > \lambda$. The Hardy-Littlewood maximal inequality says $|\{M(f-g) > \lambda\}| \leq \frac{3^n}{\lambda} \|f-g\|_{L^1}$. Then by Markov's inequality $|\{|f-g| > \lambda\}| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \|f-g\|_{L^1}$. Hence

$$|A_\lambda| \leq \frac{3^n + 1}{\lambda} \|f - g\|_{L^1} < \frac{3^{n+1} + 1}{\lambda} \varepsilon.$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ was arbitrary, $|A_\lambda| = 0$. □

1.4 Littlewood's Principles

Theorem (Egorov). *Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $|E| < \infty$, and $f_k : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $k \geq 1$ be a sequence of measurable functions such that $f_k \rightarrow f$ almost everywhere. Then for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a closed subset $A_\varepsilon \subseteq E$ such that $|E \setminus A_\varepsilon| < \varepsilon$ and $f_k \rightarrow f$ uniformly on A_ε .*

Proof. Without loss of generality, $f_k(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ for all $x \in E$ (otherwise restrict to a subset of E of full measure). Let

$$E_k^n = \left\{ x \in E : |f_j(x) - f(x)| < \frac{1}{n} \quad \forall j > k \right\}.$$

Then $E_{k+1}^n \supseteq E_k^n$, $\bigcup_k E_k^n = E$, hence $|E_k^n| \uparrow |E|$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Let k_n be such that $|E \setminus E_{k_n}^n| < 2^{-n}$ and for $N \in \mathbb{N}$ set

$$A_N = \bigcap_{n \geq N} E_{k_n}^n \implies |E \setminus A_N| \leq \sum_{n \geq N} |E \setminus E_{k_n}^n| \leq 2^{-N+1} < \varepsilon \text{ for } N = N_\varepsilon.$$

Now it suffices to show $f_j \rightarrow f$ uniformly on A_N . Indeed, for $x \in A_N$ and any $n \geq N$, $|f_j(x) - f(x)| < \frac{1}{n}$ for all $j > k_n$. Hence $\limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{A_N} |f_j - f| \leq \frac{1}{n}$ for all $n \geq N$, hence $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{A_N} |f_j - f| = 0$. \square

Theorem (Lusin). *Let $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a Borel function, where $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ and $|E| < \infty$. Then for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $F_\varepsilon \subseteq E$ closed such that $|E \setminus F_\varepsilon| < \varepsilon$ and $f|_{F_\varepsilon}$ is continuous.*

Remark. Careful: this does not mean that f is continuous at $x \in F_\varepsilon$ in the topology of \mathbb{R}^n .

Proof. First we show that the statement holds for simple functions f . Let $f = \sum_{m=1}^M a_m \mathbb{1}_{A_m}$ with the A_m disjoint and $\bigcup_m A_m = E$. Then there are compact sets $K_m \subseteq A_m$ with $|A_m \setminus K_m| < \frac{\varepsilon}{M}$ by regularity of the Lebesgue measure. Then if $F_\varepsilon = \bigcup_m K_m$, $|E \setminus F_\varepsilon| < \varepsilon$. Since f is constant on each K_m , and the distance between K_m and $K_{m'}$ is strictly positive for $m \neq m'$ (compactness), this implies $f|_{F_\varepsilon}$ is continuous.

Now we show the statement holds for any measurable f . Let f_n be simple functions such that $f_n \rightarrow f$ almost everywhere, and $C_n \subseteq E$ be such that $|C_n| < 2^{-n}$ and $f_n|_{E \setminus C_n}$ is continuous for all n . By Egorov's Theorem, there exists A_ε such that $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly on A_ε and $|E \setminus A_\varepsilon| < \varepsilon$. Set $F'_\varepsilon = A_\varepsilon \setminus \bigcup_{n \geq N} C_n$ so $|E \setminus F'_\varepsilon| < 2\varepsilon$ for $N = N_\varepsilon$ sufficiently large. Since $f_n|_{F'_\varepsilon}$, $n \geq N$ is continuous $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly on F'_ε , $f|_{F'_\varepsilon}$ is continuous.

By regularity of the Lebesgue measure, there exists $F_\varepsilon \subseteq F'_\varepsilon$ closed with $|F'_\varepsilon \setminus F_\varepsilon| < \varepsilon$ so $|E \setminus F_\varepsilon| < 3\varepsilon$ and we are done. \square

2 Banach and Hilbert space analysis

2.1 The Hilbert space L^2

For any measure space (E, \mathcal{E}, μ) , $L^2(E, \mu)$ is a Hilbert space with inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{L^2} = \int_E \overline{f} g d\mu.$$

Definition. A subset $S = \{u_j\}_{j \in J} \subseteq H$ of a Hilbert space H is

- *Orthogonal* if $\langle u_j, u_k \rangle = 0$ for all $j \neq k$;
- *Orthonormal* if it is orthogonal and $\langle u_j, u_j \rangle = 1$ for all j ;
- *Complete* if $\overline{\text{span}\{u_j\}} = H$.

A complete orthonormal set is called a *Hilbert basis*.

Fact. A Hilbert space is separable (i.e there is a countable dense subset) if and only if there is a countable orthonormal (Hilbert) basis.

Examples.

- (i) $L^2([-\pi, \pi])$, $S = \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-inx} \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$. Then S is a Hilbert basis; the Fourier basis (completeness follows from the Stone-Weierstrass theorem & density of C^∞).
- (ii) $L^2(\mathbb{R})$, $S = \{\psi_{n,k}\}_{n,k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ where

$$\psi_{n,k}(x) = 2^{n/2} \psi(2^n x - k),$$

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in [0, 1/2) \\ -1 & x \in [1/2, 1) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

S is a Hilbert basis; the *Haar system*.

- (iii) $L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mu(dx))$, where $\mu(dx) = (2\pi)^{-1/2} \exp(x^2/2) dx$; the Gauss measure. Then take $\{H_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$, where the H_n are obtained by applying Gram-Schmidt to $\{1, x, x^2, \dots\}$; the Hermite polynomials. Then $\{H_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$ is a Hilbert basis.

Theorem (Reisz representation theorem). *For any bounded linear functional $\Lambda : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (respectively \mathbb{C}), there is a unique $w \in H$ such that $\Lambda(u) = \langle w, u \rangle$ for all $u \in H$.*

2.2 Radon-Nikodym Theorems

Definition. Let (E, \mathcal{E}) be a measurable space and let μ, ν be two measures on (E, \mathcal{E}) . Then ν is said to be *absolutely continuous* with respect to μ , written $\nu \ll \mu$, if for all $A \in \mathcal{E}$, $\nu(A) = 0$ whenever $\mu(A) = 0$. Two measures μ, ν are *mutually singular*, written $\mu \perp \nu$ if there is $B \in \mathcal{E}$ such that $\mu(B) = 0 = \nu(B^c)$.

Theorem (Radon-Nikodym). *Let μ and ν be finite measures on (E, \mathcal{E}) with $\nu \ll \mu$. Then there exists $\omega \in L^1(E, \mathcal{E})$ such that for all $A \in \mathcal{E}$,*

$$\nu(A) = \int_A \omega d\mu.$$

Equivalently, for all $h : E \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ Borel,

$$\int h d\nu = \int h \omega d\mu.$$

Proof. Set $\alpha = \mu + 2\nu$ and $\beta = 2\mu + \nu$. Define

$$\Lambda(f) = \int_E f d\beta.$$

Then

$$|\Lambda(f)| \leq \int_E |f| d\beta \leq 2 \int_E |f| d\alpha \leq 2\sqrt{\alpha(E)} \|f\|_{L^2(E, \alpha)}.$$

So $\Lambda : L^2(E, \alpha) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded and linear. So by the Riesz representation theorem, there is $g \in L^2(E, \alpha)$ such that $\Lambda(f) = \langle g, f \rangle_{L^2(E, \alpha)}$ for all $f \in L^2(E, \alpha)$. Hence $\int f d\beta = \int g f d\alpha$, and

$$\int f(2d\mu + d\nu) = \int g f(d\mu + 2d\nu) \iff \int f(2 - g)d\mu = \int f(2g - 1)d\nu.$$

We claim that g takes values in $[1/2, 2]$ μ -a.e and ν -a.e, and that $g \neq 1/2$ μ -a.e (this implies $g \neq 1/2$ ν -a.e since $\nu \ll \mu$). Assuming the claim, the proof is completed as follows; by the monotone convergence theorem, $(*)$ can be extended to all $f : E \rightarrow [0, \infty]$. Given $h : E \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ measurable, set

$$f(x) = \frac{h(x)}{2g(x) - 1}, \quad \omega(x) = \frac{2 - g(x)}{2g(x) - 1}, \quad x \in \{g \neq 1/2\}. \quad (*)$$

Then

$$\int h d\nu = \int f(2g - 1)d\nu = \int f(2g - 1)d\mu = \int h \omega d\mu.$$

In particular, taking $h = 1$, we see $\omega \in L^1(E, \mu)$.

Now we prove the claim: let $f = \mathbb{1}_{A_j}$, with $A_j = \{x \in E : g(x) < \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{j}\}$. Then we have

$$\int f(2g - 1)d\nu \leq -\frac{2}{j}\nu(A_j),$$

$$\int f(2-g)d\mu \geq \frac{3}{2}\mu(A_j),$$
$$\implies \frac{3}{2}\mu(A_j) \leq -\frac{2}{j}\nu(A_j) \implies \mu(A_j) = \nu(A_j) = 0.$$

Implying $g \geq 1/2$ both μ -a.e and ν -a.e. To show $g \leq 2$ μ -a.e and ν -a.e the proof is analogous, instead with $A_j = \{x \in E : g(x) \geq 2 + 1/j\}$. To show $\mu(\{g = 1/2\}) = 0$, set $f = \mathbb{1}_Z$, $Z = \{g = 1/2\}$ in (*), giving

$$\frac{3}{2} \int \mathbb{1}_{\{g = 1/2\}} d\mu = 0.$$

□

2.3 The dual of L^p

Definition. A *topological vector space* (TVS) X is a vector space together with a topology in which $(x, y) \mapsto x + y$ and $(\lambda, x) \mapsto \lambda x$ are continuous. The *dual space* X' is the linear space of continuous linear maps $\Lambda : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (or \mathbb{C}).

If X is a normed vector space equipped with the topology induced by the norm, then linear maps on X are bounded if and only if they are continuous. We can define a norm on X' by

$$\|\Lambda\|_{X'} = \sup_{\substack{x \in X \\ \|x\| \leq 1}} |\Lambda(x)|.$$

Then X' is a Banach space (even if X isn't).

We aim to identify $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)'$ with $L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$, where $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, if $p \in [1, \infty)$.

Proposition. Let $q \in [1, \infty]$. For every $g \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$,

$$\Lambda_g(f) = \int \bar{f}g dx$$

defines $\Lambda_g \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)'$ with $\|\Lambda_g\| = \|g\|_{L^q}$.

Proof. By Hölder's inequality, $|\Lambda_g(f)| = \|f\|_{L^p} \|g\|_{L^q}$. Hence $\Lambda_g \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)'$ and $\|\Lambda_g\| \leq \|g\|_{L^q}$. Equality: see Example sheet 1. \square

Corollary. The map $J : L^q(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)'$, $g \mapsto \Lambda_g$ is a linear isometry. Thus we can identify $L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$ as a subspace of $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)'$.

Remark. When $p = 2$ then $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)' = L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, i.e J is surjective (Riesz representation theorem).

Theorem. Let $p \in [1, \infty)$, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Then J is surjective, i.e $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)' = L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Remarks.

1. $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)' = L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$, but $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)' \neq L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$;
2. The same is true if \mathbb{R}^n is replaced by $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ open.

Definition. $\Lambda \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)'$ is *positive* if

$$\Lambda(f) \geq 0 \text{ for all } f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ such that } f \geq 0 \text{ a.e.}$$

Lemma. Let $\Lambda \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)'$ be positive. Then there is $g \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$ non-negative with

$$\Lambda(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f g dx \text{ for all } f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Furthermore $\|g\|_{L^q} = \|\Lambda\|$.

Proof. Let $\mu(dx) = e^{-|x|^2} dx$. Then $\mu(\mathbb{R}^n) < \infty$. Define

$$\nu(A) = \Lambda \left(e^{-|x|^2/p} \mathbb{1}_A \right) \text{ for } A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

First we show that ν is a finite measure on \mathbb{R}^n . Clearly $\nu(\emptyset) = 0$ and $\nu(A) \in [0, \infty)$ since Λ is positive. Let $A_k \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ be a sequence of disjoint sets and $B_m = \bigcup_{k=1}^m A_k$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |\nu(B_\infty) - \nu(B_m)| &\leq \|\Lambda\| \left\| e^{-|x|^2/p} (\mathbb{1}_{B_\infty} - \mathbb{1}_{B_m}) \right\|_{L^p} \\ &= \|\Lambda\| \mu(B_\infty \setminus B_m)^{1/p} \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

So ν is countably additive, and thus a measure. Now we claim $\nu \ll \mu$. Indeed if $\mu(A) = 0$, $\nu(A) \leq \|\Lambda\| \mu(A)^{1/p}$. Thus by the Radon-Nikodym theorem, there is $\omega \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mu)$ non-negative such that

$$\nu(A) = \int_A \omega d\mu = \int_A \omega e^{-|x|^2} dx \text{ for all } A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Now let $f = e^{-|x|^2/p} \tilde{f}$ where \tilde{f} is simple. Then by linearity of Λ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda(f) &= \int \tilde{f} d\nu = \int \tilde{f} \omega e^{-|x|^2} dx \\ &= \int f \underbrace{\omega e^{-(1-\frac{1}{p})|x|^2}}_{\tilde{\omega} = \omega e^{-\frac{1}{q}|x|^2}} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\Lambda(f) = \int f \tilde{\omega} dx$ for all f as above. Exercise: functions of the form $f = e^{-|x|^2/p} \tilde{f}$ for \tilde{f} are dense in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then we have $\Lambda(f) = \int f \tilde{\omega} dx$ for all $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ since Λ is continuous.

Example sheet 1 gives that

$$\|\tilde{\omega}\|_{L^q} = \sup \left\{ \int |f \tilde{\omega}| dx : \|f\|_{L^p} \leq 1 \right\}.$$

Thus

$$\|\tilde{\omega}\|_{L^q} \leq \|\Lambda\| \text{ since } \int |f \tilde{\omega}| dx = \int |f| \tilde{\omega} dx = \Lambda(|f|) \leq \|\Lambda\| \|f\|_{L^p}.$$

Conversely, $\Lambda(f) \leq \|f\|_{L^p} \|\tilde{\omega}\|_{L^q}$ by Hölder's inequality, so $\|\Lambda\| \leq \|\tilde{\omega}\|_{L^q}$ and $\|\Lambda\| = \|\tilde{\omega}\|_{L^q}$. \square

Theorem. Let $p \in [1, \infty)$. Then $\int : L^q(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)'$, $g \mapsto \Lambda_g$ where $\Lambda_g(f) = \int fg$ is a linear isometry and surjective.

Proof. First consider the real case. In Example Sheet 2 it is shown that if $\Lambda \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)'$ is real-valued, there are Λ_+ and Λ_- both bounded and positive such that $\Lambda = \Lambda_+ - \Lambda_-$. The claim follows from the previous lemma.

In the complex case, if $\Lambda \in L(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{C})'$ then $\Lambda_r(f) = \Re \Lambda(f)$ and $\Lambda_i(f) = \Im \Lambda(f)$ define two \mathbb{R} -linear $\Lambda \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R})$ such that

$$\Lambda(f_r + if_i) = \Lambda_r(f_r) - \Lambda_i(f_i) + i\Lambda_r(f_i) + i\Lambda_i(f_r).$$

The claim then follows by the real-valued case. \square

2.4 Riesz-Markov Theorem

Fact. For any finite (positive) regular Borel measure on \mathbb{R}^n , $\Lambda_\mu(f) = \int f d\mu$ defines a positive bounded linear functional on $C_c(\mathbb{R}^n, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$.

Lemma. Λ uniquely determines μ and for any $U \in \mathbb{R}^n$ open

$$\mu(U) = \sup\{\Lambda_\mu(g) : g \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^n), 0 \leq g \leq \mathbb{1}_U\}. \quad (*)$$

Proof sketch. We would like to take $f = \mathbb{1}_A$ for $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, but this is not continuous. So we approximate by continuous functions: assume $U \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is open, set $U_k = U \cap \{|x| < k\}$, and

$$\chi_k(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in U_k, d(x, U_k^c) \geq \frac{1}{k} \\ 0 & x \notin U_k \\ kd(x, U_k^c) & x \in U_k, d(x, U_k^c) < 1/k \end{cases}.$$

Then $\chi_k \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $\chi_k \uparrow \mathbb{1}_U$. So by the Monotone Convergence Theorem,

$$\mu(U) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int \chi_k d\mu = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Lambda(\chi_k).$$

And $(*)$ also follows. Since μ is regular, this determines μ on all Borel sets. \square

Definition. A *signed measure* is the difference of two mutually singular finite positive measures.

Theorem (Riesz-Markov Theorem). Given $\Lambda : C_c(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ linear positive and bounded, there is a unique finite Borel measure μ on \mathbb{R}^n such that

$$\Lambda(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f d\mu, \quad \forall f \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

The dual space $C_c(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is the space of signed measures.

2.5 Strong, weak & weak-* topologies

Example Sheet 2: if X is a Banach space, then the closed unit ball is compact iff X is finite dimensional.

Goal: recover some form of compactness by considering a weaker topology.

Definition. A *seminorm* p on a vector space X (over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C}) is a map $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

- (i) $p(x + y) \leq p(x) + p(y)$ for all $x, y \in X$;
- (ii) $p(\lambda x) = |\lambda|p(x)$ for all $x \in X$;
- (iii) $p(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in X$.

(Note: it is not necessarily positive semidefinite)

Definition. A family \mathcal{P} of seminorms is *separating* if for every $x \in X$ with $x \neq 0$ there is $p \in \mathcal{P}$ such that $p(x) \neq 0$.

Definition. The topology $\tau_{\mathcal{P}}$ induced by a family of seminorms \mathcal{P} is generated by

$$\beta = \{x + B : x \in X, B \in \dot{\beta}\}.$$

Where $\dot{\beta}$ consists of finite intersections of $V(p, n) = \{x \in X : p(x) < 1/n\}$ for $p \in \mathcal{P}, n \in \mathbb{N}$. $(X, \tau_{\mathcal{P}})$ is a locally convex topological vector space (LCTVS).

Theorem. β is a neighbourhood base for the topology $\tau_{\mathcal{P}}$ (every open set $U \in \tau_{\mathcal{P}}$ is a union of sets in β), and the vector space operations $(x, y) \mapsto x + y$ and $(\lambda, x) \mapsto \lambda x$ are continuous, as is every seminorm $p \in \mathcal{P}$.

Example Sheet 2: for $(x_k)_{k \geq 1}$ in X , $x_k \rightarrow x$ in $\tau_{\mathcal{P}}$ if and only if $p(x - x_k) \rightarrow 0$ for all $p \in \mathcal{P}$.

Fact. If $\mathcal{P} = (p_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ is countable, then the topology is induced by the metric

$$d_{\mathcal{P}}(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} \frac{p_k(x - y)}{1 + p_k(x - y)}.$$

Definition. If \mathcal{P} is as above with metric as above, if the metric $d_{\mathcal{P}}$ is complete, $(X, d_{\mathcal{P}})$ is called a *Fréchet space*.

Examples.

- (i) X a Banach space, $\mathcal{P}_s = \{|\cdot|\}$: the corresponding topology $\tau_s = \tau_{\mathcal{P}_s}$ is called *norm* or *strong topology*. We have $x_k \rightarrow x$ in τ_s if and only if $\|x_k - x\| \rightarrow 0$.
- (ii) X a Banach space, $\mathcal{P}_w = \{p_\Lambda : \Lambda \in X^1\}$ where $p_\Lambda(x) = |\Lambda(x)|$. Each p_Λ is a seminorm and the Hahn-Banach theorem implies \mathcal{P}_w is separating. (For $X = L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ this can be verified directly.) The topology $\tau_w = \tau_{\mathcal{P}_w}$ is called the *weak topology*. We have $x_k \rightarrow x$ in τ_w if and only if $\Lambda(x_k) \rightarrow \Lambda(x)$ for all $\Lambda \in X'$. We write $x_k \rightharpoonup^w x$. Also $x_k \rightarrow x$ implies $x_k \rightharpoonup^w x$.
- (iii) X a Banach space, then X' is also a Banach space. Hence we have a strong and weak topology on X' . The *weak-** topology τ_{w^*} is generated by $\mathcal{P}_{w^*} = \{p_x : x \in X\}$ where $p_x(\Lambda) = |\Lambda(x)|$. Then $\Lambda_k \rightarrow \Lambda$ in τ_{w^*} if and only if $\Lambda_k(x) \rightarrow \Lambda(x)$ for every $x \in X$. We write $\Lambda_k \rightharpoonup^{w^*} \Lambda$.

Remark. If X is reflexive, i.e $X'' = X$, then $\tau_w = \tau_{w^*}$.

Example. Let $p \in [1, \infty)$ and $(f_k)_{k \geq 1}$ be a sequence in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} f_k \rightarrow f \text{ in } L^p &\iff \int |f_k - f|^p dx \rightarrow 0 \\ f_k \rightharpoonup^w f \text{ in } L^p &\iff \int g(f_k - f) dx \rightarrow 0 \text{ for all } g \in L^q \\ f_k \rightharpoonup^{w^*} f \text{ in } L^p &\iff f_k \rightharpoonup^w f \text{ in } L^p \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, if $(f_k)_{k \geq 1}$ is in $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_k \rightarrow f \text{ in } L^\infty &\iff \text{esssup} |f_k - f| \rightarrow 0 \\ f_k \xrightarrow{w^*} \text{ in } L^\infty &\iff \int g(f_k - f) dx \rightarrow 0 \text{ for all } g \in L^1 \\ f_k \xrightarrow{w^*} \text{ in } L^\infty &\iff f_k \xrightarrow{w} \text{ in } L^\infty \end{aligned}$$

2.6 Compactness

Theorem (Arzela-Ascoli Theorem). *Let $I = [0, 1]$ (or a compact Hausdorff space). Suppose a sequence of continuous functions $f_k : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is*

- *Bounded:* $\sup_k \sup_{x \in I} |f_k(x)| < \infty$
- *Equicontinuous:* for all $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists δ such that $\sup_k \sup_{x \in I} \sup_{y \in B(x, \varepsilon)} |f_k(x) - f_k(y)| < \varepsilon$.

Then there is a subsequence (i_k) such that f_{i_k} converges to some continuous f .

Application: $C^{0,\alpha}(I)$ embeds compactly into $C^0(I)$, where $C^{0,\alpha}(I) = \{f \in C^0(I) : \|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}} < \infty\}$,

$$\|f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}} = \sup_{x \in I} |f'(x)| + \sup_{\substack{x,y \in I \\ x \neq y}} \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{|x - y|^\alpha}.$$

The identity map $\text{id} : C^{0,\alpha}(I) \rightarrow C^0(I)$ is compact, i.e any sequence $(f_i)_{i \geq 1}$ in $C^{0,\alpha}$ that is bounded in $C^{0,\alpha}$ has a convergent subsequence in $C^0(I)$.

Theorem (Banach-Alaoglu). *Let X be a separable Banach space, and let $(\Lambda_j)_{j \geq 1}$ be a bounded sequence in X' , say $\sup_j \|\Lambda_j\|_{X'} \leq 1$. Then there is a subsequence (j_i) and $\Lambda \in X'$ such that $\Lambda_{j_i} \rightarrow^{w^*} \Lambda$.*

Example. Let $p \in (1, \infty]$ and $(f_j)_{j \geq 1}$ be a sequence in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that $\|f_j\|_{L^p} \leq K$ for all j . Then there is $f \in L^p$ with $\|f\|_{L^p} \leq K$ and a subsequence (j_i) such that for every $g \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $\int f_{j_i} g dx \rightarrow \int f g dx$. (Just apply Banach-Alaoglu noting $L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)' = L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $p \in [1, \infty)$ and L^q is separable for such q .)

Proof. Step 1: construction. Let $D = \{x_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \subseteq X$ be dense (can do this by separability). Since $(\Lambda_j(x_1))_{j \geq 1}$ is a bounded sequence, there is a subsequence $J_1 \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ and $\Lambda(x_1) \in \mathbb{R}$ (or \mathbb{C}) such that $\Lambda_j(x_1) \rightarrow \Lambda(x_1)$ for $j \in J_1, j \rightarrow \infty$. Iterating, there are nested subsequences $J_1 \supseteq J_2 \supseteq J_3 \supseteq \dots$ and $\Lambda(x_k) \in \mathbb{R}$ (or \mathbb{C}) such that $\Lambda_j(x_k) \rightarrow \Lambda(x_k)$ for $j \in J_l, l \geq k$.

Now take the ‘diagonal subsequence’ J of $J_1 \supseteq J_2 \supseteq \dots$ defined by $J = (j_n)_{n \geq 1}$ where j_n is the first element of J_n . i.e it has first element which is the first element of J_1 , second element which is the first element of J_2 , etc. Then $\Lambda_j(x_k) \rightarrow \Lambda(x_k)$ for $j \in J, j \rightarrow \infty$.

Step 2: we’ll show $\Lambda : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is uniformly continuous so can be extended uniquely to $\Lambda : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous. For each $x, y \in D$ such that $\|x - y\| < \varepsilon$, there is $j \in J$ such that $|\Lambda_j(x) - \Lambda(x)| < \varepsilon$, $|\Lambda_j(y) - \Lambda(y)| < \varepsilon$. Hence

$$|\Lambda(x) - \Lambda(y)| \leq |\Lambda(x) - \Lambda_j(x)| + |\Lambda_j(x) - \Lambda_j(y)| + |\Lambda_j(y) - \Lambda(y)| \leq 3\varepsilon.$$

Step 3: we show $\Lambda : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (or \mathbb{C}) is linear. For $x, y \in X$, $a \in \mathbb{R}$ (or \mathbb{C}), let $x', y', z' \in D$ be such that $\|x - x'\| < \varepsilon$, $\|y - y'\| < \varepsilon$, $\|x + ay - z'\| < \varepsilon$. Then take $j \in J$ such that $|\Lambda(x') - \Lambda_j(x')| < \varepsilon$, $|\Lambda(y') - \Lambda_j(y')| < \varepsilon$, $|\Lambda(z') - \Lambda_j(z')| < \varepsilon$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |\Lambda(x + ay) - \Lambda(x) - a\Lambda(y)| &\leq |\Lambda(x + ay) - \Lambda(z')| + |\Lambda(x) - \Lambda(x')| + |a||\Lambda(y) - \Lambda(y')| \\ &\quad + |\Lambda(z') - \Lambda_j(z')| + |\Lambda(x') - \Lambda_j(x')| + |a||\Lambda(y') - \Lambda_j(y')| \\ &\quad + |\Lambda_j(x') - \Lambda_j(x) - a\Lambda_j(y')| \\ &\leq C\varepsilon + \|\Lambda_j\| \|z' - x' - ay'\| \leq C'\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

so $\Lambda(x + ay) = \Lambda(x) + a\Lambda(y)$.

Step 4: $\|\Lambda\| \leq 1$. We have

$$\|\Lambda\| = \sup_{\substack{x \in X \\ \|x\| \leq 1}} |\Lambda(x)| = \sup_{\substack{x \in D \\ \|x\| \leq 1}} |\Lambda(x)| \leq 1 \text{ by density.}$$

Step 5: $\Lambda_j \xrightarrow{w^*} \Lambda$. For $x' \in D$ take $x \in X$ with $\|x - x'\|' < \varepsilon$. Then we have

$$|\Lambda_j(x) - \Lambda(x)| \leq |\Lambda_j(x - x')| + |\Lambda_j(x') - \Lambda(x')| + |\Lambda(x - x')| < 3\varepsilon.$$

So $\Lambda_j(x) \rightarrow \Lambda(x)$ for all $x \in X$. □

2.7 Hahn-Banach Theorem

Suppose $\Lambda : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (or \mathbb{C}) is a bounded linear functional on a subspace $M \subseteq X$ of a Banach space. Goal: extend Λ to $\tilde{\Lambda} : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (or \mathbb{C}) with $\|\tilde{\Lambda}\|_{X'} = \|\Lambda\|_{M'}$.

Definition. Let X be a real vector space. Then $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *sublinear* if

- (i) $p(x + y) \leq p(x) + p(y)$ for all $x, y \in X$;
- (ii) $p(tx) = tp(x)$ for all $x \in X, t \geq 0$.

Examples.

- $p(x) = |l(x)|$ for $l : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ linear.
- Any seminorm.

Note. If p is sublinear, l is linear, $l(x) \leq p(x)$ for all $x \in M$, then

$$-p(-x) \leq l(x) \leq p(x).$$

Lemma (Bounded extension lemma). *Let X be a real vector space, $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ sublinear, $M \subseteq X$ a subspace. Assume $l : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is linear and $l(y) \leq p(y)$ for all $y \in M$. For $x \in X \setminus M$, let $\tilde{M} = \text{span}\{x, M\}$. Then there is an extension $\tilde{l} : \tilde{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ linear such that $\tilde{l}(y) = l(y)$ for all $y \in M$ and $\tilde{l}(z) \leq p(z)$ for all $z \in \tilde{M}$.*

Proof. If $z \in \tilde{M}$, there are unique $y \in M$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $z = y + \lambda x$. Define $\tilde{l}(x) = a$ for some a to be defined, and $\tilde{l}(y) = l(y)$ for $y \in M$ and then $\tilde{l}(z)$ is defined by linearity.

Claim: $a = \sup\{l(y) - p(y - x) : y \in M\}$ works. For each $y, z \in M$,

$$l(y) + l(z) = l(y + z) \leq p(y + z) \leq p(y - x) + p(x + z).$$

Hence

$$l(y) - p(y - x) \leq p(z + x) - l(z). \quad (*)$$

Note this implies $a < \infty$. Also $(*)$ implies

$$l(y) - a \leq p(y - x) \text{ for all } y \in M. \quad (*')$$

and

$$l(z) + a \leq p(z + x) - (l(y) - p(y - x)) + a \text{ for all } y \in M. \quad (**)$$

So taking the infimum of $(**)$ over $y \in M$:

$$l(z) + a \leq p(z + x) - a + a = p(z + x).$$

Now

$$\tilde{l}(y + \lambda x) = l(y) + a\lambda \leq p(y + \lambda x) \text{ for all } y \in M, \lambda > 0$$

by taking $z = \lambda^{-1}y$ in $(**)$ and multiplying across by λ . Also

$$\tilde{l}(y + a\lambda) = l(y) + a\lambda \leq p(y + \lambda x) \text{ for all } y \in M, \lambda > 0$$

by replacing y with $|\lambda|^{-1}y$ in $(*)$ and multiplying across by $|\lambda|$. Hence $\tilde{l}(z) \leq p(z)$ for all $z \in \tilde{M}$. \square

Corollary. *If M has finite codimension in X , then any $l : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying $l(y) \leq p(y)$ for all $y \in M$ can be extended to $\tilde{l} : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ linear with $\tilde{l}(x) \leq p(x)$ for all $x \in X$.*

Proof. Apply lemma repeatedly. \square

Definition. Let S be a set. A *partial order* is a binary relation \leq on S such that

- (i) $a \leq a$ for all $a \in S$ (reflexive);
- (ii) $a \leq b, b \leq c \Rightarrow a \leq c$ (transitive);
- (iii) $a \leq b, b \leq a \Rightarrow a = b$ (antisymmetry).

A set S with a partial order is called a *poset*. If additionally $a \leq b$ or $b \leq a$ holds for all $a, b \in S$, then \leq is called a *total order*. A totally ordered subset $T \subseteq S$ of a poset S is called a *chain*. An element $u \in S$ is an *upper bound* for $T \subseteq S$ if $t \leq u$ for all $t \in T$. A *maximal element* $m \in S$ is an element such that $m \leq x$ implies $m = x$.

Examples.

- (i) If A is any set, $S = 2^A$ is a poset partially ordered by inclusion of sets.
- (ii) \mathbb{R} (with the usual ordering) is a totally ordered set with no maximal element.
- (iii) The collection of open balls in \mathbb{R}^n is a poset ordered by inclusion. The subset $T = \{B_r(0) : 0 < r \leq 1\}$ is a chain in S . $B_1(0)$ is a maximal element of T . $B_2(0)$ is an upper bound of T .

Lemma (Zorn's Lemma). *Let (S, \leq) be a poset in which every totally ordered subset has an upper bound. Then (S, \leq) contains at least one maximal element.*

We will treat Zorn's Lemma as an axiom.

Theorem (Hahn-Banach). *Let X be a real vector space, $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ sublinear, $M \subseteq X$ a subspace. For any $l : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ linear such that $l(x) \leq p(x)$ for all $x \in M$, there exists $\tilde{l} : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ linear such that $\tilde{l}|_M = l$ and $\tilde{l}(y) \leq p(y)$ for all $y \in X$.*

Proof. Let

$$S = \{(N, \tilde{l}) : X \supseteq N \supseteq M, \tilde{l} : N \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ linear}, \tilde{x} \leq p(x) \forall x \in N, \tilde{x} = p(x) \forall x \in M\}$$

and define the partial order $(N_1, \tilde{l}_1) \leq (N_2, \tilde{l}_2) \iff N_1 \subseteq N_2, \tilde{l}_2|_{N_1} = \tilde{l}_1$. For every totally ordered subset $T \subseteq S$, we obtain an upper bound for T via

$$N_T := \bigcup_{(N, \tilde{l}) \in T} N, \quad l_T(x) = \tilde{l}(x) \text{ if } x \in N \text{ for some } (N, \tilde{l}) \in T$$

which is well-defined since where the \tilde{l} are defined (for $(N, \tilde{l}) \in T$), they agree since T is a total order. Further, $(N, \tilde{l}) \leq (N_T, l_T)$ for every $(N, \tilde{l}) \in T$. Thus (N_T, l_T) is an upper bound.

Applying Zorn's Lemma, there is a maximal element (\tilde{N}, \tilde{l}) of S . It suffices to show $\tilde{N} = X$. Suppose not, then there is $x \in X \setminus \tilde{N}$ and the bounded extension lemma gives an extension l^* to $N^* = \text{span}\{x, \tilde{N}\}$ such that $(\tilde{N}, \tilde{l}) \leq (N^*, l^*)$, contradicting maximality of (\tilde{N}, \tilde{l}) . \square

Corollary. Let X be a normed vector space over $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C} and $M \subseteq X$ a subspace. Then every bounded linear functional $\Lambda : M \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ can be extended to a bounded linear functional $\tilde{\Lambda} : X \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ such that $\|\tilde{\Lambda}\|_{X'} = \|\Lambda\|_{M'}$ and $\tilde{\Lambda}|_M = \Lambda$.

Proof. If $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$, then $p(x) = \|\Lambda\| \cdot \|x\|$ is sublinear and the result follows immediately from Hahn-Banach. If $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$, then $\Lambda(x) = l(x) - il(ix)$ with $l : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $l(x) = \Re(\Lambda(x))$ a real linear function. Since $|\Lambda(x)| = l(e^{i\theta}x)$ for suitable $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$,

$$\sup_{\substack{\|x\| \leq 1 \\ x \in \tilde{N}}} |\Lambda(x)| = \sup_{\substack{\|x\| \leq 1 \\ x \in \tilde{N}}} l(x), \quad N \subseteq X.$$

So apply Hahn-Banach to l and the result follows. \square

Corollary. Let X be a normed vector space and $x \in X$. Then there is $\Lambda_x \in X'$ such that $\|\Lambda_x\| = 1$ and $\Lambda_x(x) = \|x\|$. Λ_x is called a support functional.

Proof. Let $M = \text{span}\{x\}$ and define $l \in M'$ by $l(tx) = t\|x\|$, $t \in \mathbb{K}$. Clearly, $\|l\| = 1$ and $l(x) = \|x\|$. Apply Hahn-Banach to get the result. \square

Remark. For $X = L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $p \in [1, \infty]$, can construct a support functional by hand (Example Sheet 1).

Corollary. Let X be a normed vector space and $x \in X$. Then $x = 0$ if and only if $\Lambda(x) = 0$ for all $\Lambda \in X'$.

Corollary. Let X be a normed vector space and $x, y \in X$ be distinct. Then there exists $\Lambda \in X'$ such that $\Lambda(x) \neq \Lambda(y)$: i.e linear functionals separate points.

Corollary. The map $\Phi : X \rightarrow X''$, $\Phi(x) = \tilde{x}$ where $\tilde{x}(\Lambda) = \Lambda(x)$ is an isometry.

Proof. By definition

$$\|\Phi(x)\|_{X''} = \sup_{\substack{\Lambda \in X' \\ \|\Lambda\| \leq 1}} |\Phi(x)(\Lambda)| = \sup_{\substack{\Lambda \in X' \\ \|\Lambda\| \leq 1}} |\Lambda(x)| \leq \sup_{\substack{\Lambda \in X' \\ \|\Lambda\| \leq 1}} \|\Lambda\| \cdot \|x\| = \|x\|$$

By choosing $\Lambda = \Lambda_x$ (the support functional), there is equality. \square

Definition. X is said to be *reflexive* if Φ is surjective, i.e $X = X''$.

Example. $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is reflexive iff $p \in [1, \infty)$.

Theorem. Let $A, B \subseteq X$ be disjoint, nonempty, convex subsets of a normed space X (real or complex). Then

(a) If A is open, there exists $\Lambda \in X'$ such that and $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\Re \Lambda(x) < \gamma \leq \Re \Lambda(y), \forall x \in A, \forall y \in B.$$

If B is also open the second inequality can be made strict.

(b) If A is compact and B is closed, then there exists $\Lambda \in X'$ and $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\Re \Lambda(x) < \gamma_1 < \gamma_2 < \Re \Lambda(y), \forall x \in A, \forall y \in B.$$

Proof. Assume X is a vector space over \mathbb{R} (otherwise just apply to real part)

(a) Fix $a_0 \in A$, $b_0 \in B$ and set

$$x_0 = b_0 - a_0, \quad C = A - B + x_0 \ni 0.$$

Note C is convex (since A and B are), $x_0 \notin C$. (since $A \cap B = \emptyset$). Thus C is a convex neighbourhood of 0. Let $p(x) = \inf\{t > 0 : t^{-1}x \in C\}$. Then p is sublinear with $p(x) \leq k\|x\|$ for some k , and $p(x) < 1$ if and only if $x \in C$ (Example Sheet 2). Define $M = \{tx_0 : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$, and define $l : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $l(tx_0) = t$.

We claim that $l(x) \leq p(x)$ for all $x \in M$. If $t > 0$, $l(tx_0) = t \leq tp(x_0)$ since $x_0 \notin C$. If $t < 0$, $l(tx_0) = t \leq 0 \leq p(tx_0)$. By Hahn-Banach, l can be extended to $\Lambda : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $\Lambda(x) \leq p(x)$ for all $x \in X$. Moreover, $-k\|x\| \leq -p(-x) \leq \Lambda(x) \leq p(x)$ so $|\Lambda(x)| \leq k\|x\|$ and $\Lambda \in X'$.

We claim that $\Lambda(a) < \Lambda(b)$ for all $a \in A$ and all $b \in B$. Indeed

$$\underbrace{\Lambda(a - b + x_0)}_{\Lambda(a) - \Lambda(b) + 1} \leq p(a - b + x_0) < 1.$$

Since non-zero elements of the dual are open maps (Example Sheet 2), $\Lambda(A)$ is an open interval (since A is open). Take γ to be the right endpoint of $\Lambda(A)$. Then $\Lambda(x) < \gamma \leq \Lambda(x)$. If B is also open, the inequality is strict.

(b) Since A is compact, B is closed and $A \cap B$,

$$d = \inf\{\|a - b\| : a \in A, b \in B\} > 0.$$

Let $V = B_{1/2}(0)$. Then $A + V$ is open and disjoint from B . By (a), there is a $\Lambda \in X'$ such that $\Lambda(A + V)$ and $\Lambda(B)$ are disjoint intervals of \mathbb{R} . These intervals are also a positive distance apart so there exist $\gamma_1 < \gamma_2$ between them.

□

Corollary. *Let X be a Banach space, $M \subseteq X$ a subspace and $x_0 \in X$. If $x_0 \notin \overline{M}$ then there is $\Lambda \in X'$ such that $\Lambda(x_0) = 1$ and $\Lambda(x) = 0$ for all $x \in \overline{M}$.*

Proof. Apply (b) of the previous theorem with $A = \{x_0\}$, $B = \overline{M}$. Thus there exists $\Lambda \in X'$ such that $\Lambda(x_0) \notin \Lambda(\overline{M})$. Thus $\Lambda(\overline{M})$ must be a proper subspace of \mathbb{K} , so $\{0\}$. Also $\Lambda(x_0) \neq 0$, so $\frac{\Lambda}{\Lambda(x_0)}$ is the required element of X' . □

3 Distributions

Distributions are generalised functions.

Example. $G(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi|x|}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ solves $-\nabla^2 G = \delta$ as distributions. What this means is that for all sufficiently nice $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\int (-\nabla^2 f) G dx = f(0)$.

3.1 Distributions, the space $\mathcal{D}(U)$ and $\mathcal{D}'(U)$

For $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ open, $C_c^\infty(U) = \{\phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ smooth and } \text{supp } \phi \subseteq U \text{ is compact}\}$.

Theorem. *There is a topology on $C_c^\infty(U)$ such that*

- (i) *The vector space operations are continuous;*
- (ii) *A sequence $(\phi_j)_{j \geq 1}$ in $C_c^\infty(U)$ converges to 0 if and only if there is $K \subseteq U$ compact such that $\text{supp } \phi_j \subseteq K$ for all j and for all α , $\sup_K |\nabla^\alpha \phi_j| \rightarrow 0$;*
- (iii) *If Y is a LCTVS (Locally Compact TVS) and $\Lambda : C_c^\infty(U) \rightarrow Y$ is linear then Λ is sequentially continuous if and only if it is continuous.*

Proof. Not given. □

Definition. $C_c^\infty(U)$ with the above topology is called the space of *test functions* and is denoted $\mathcal{D}(U)$.

Examples. Let $\phi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$.

- (a) If $\phi_j(x) = e^{-j} \phi(jx)$, then $\phi_j \rightarrow 0$ in $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$;
- (b) If $\phi_j(x) = j^{-100} \phi(jx)$, then ϕ_j does not necessarily converge to 0 in $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$;
- (c) If $\phi_j(x) = e^{-j} \phi(x - j)$ then ϕ_j does not necessarily converge to 0 in $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$.

Definition. The *space of distributions* $\mathcal{D}'(U)$ is the dual space of $\mathcal{D}(U)$ with the weak-* topology.

In practice, $u \in \mathcal{D}'(U)$ if and only if $u(\phi_j) \rightarrow u(\phi)$ whenever $\phi_j \rightarrow \phi$ in $\mathcal{D}(U)$. Also, $u_j \rightarrow u$ in $\mathcal{D}'(U)$ if and only if $u_j(\phi) \rightarrow u(\phi)$ for all $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(U)$.

Examples.

- (a) For any $x \in U$, define $\delta_x : \mathcal{D}(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $\delta_x(\phi) = \phi(x)$. This is called the *Dirac* or *δ distribution*.
- (b) If $f \in L_{\text{loc}}^1(U)$ then $T_f : \mathcal{D}(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $T_f(\phi) = \int_U f \phi dx$ defines a $T_f \in \mathcal{D}'(U)$.

Fact. $T_f = T_g \iff \int_U (f - g) \phi dx = 0$ for all $\phi \in C_c^\infty(U) \iff f = g$ almost everywhere. Hence the map $T : L_{\text{loc}}^1(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(U)$, $f \mapsto T_f$ is an injection.

Example. If $\alpha \in C^\infty(U)$, then $T_{\alpha f}(\phi) = \int_U f \alpha \phi dx = T_f(\alpha \phi)$ for all $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(U)$.

Definition. If $u \in \mathcal{D}'(U)$ is a distribution we define $\alpha u \in \mathcal{D}'(U)$ by $\alpha u(\phi) = u(\alpha\phi)$ for all $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(U)$.

Example. If $f \in C^1(U)$ then

$$T_{\nabla_i f}(\phi) = \int_U (\nabla_i f) \phi dx = - \int_U f (\nabla_i \phi) dx = -T_f(\nabla_i \phi) \quad \forall \phi \in C_c^\infty.$$

Definition. If $u \in \mathcal{D}'(U)$ define $\nabla^\alpha u \in \mathcal{D}'(U)$ by

$$\nabla^\alpha u(\phi) = (-1)^{|\alpha|} u(\nabla^\alpha \phi) \quad \forall \phi \in C_c^\infty.$$

Example. Define $H : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $H(x) = 1$ for all $x \geq 0$ and $H(x) = 0$ for all $x < 0$ (Heaviside function). Then for $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$, $\nabla T_H(\phi) = - \int H \phi' dx = - \int_0^\infty \phi'(x) dx = \phi(0) = \delta_0(\phi)$. Hence $\nabla T_H = \delta_0$ or $H' = \delta_0$ in the sense of distributions.

3.2 Compactly supported distributions: $\mathcal{E}(U)$ and $\mathcal{E}'(U)$

Now consider $C^\infty(U) = \{\phi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ smooth}\}$.

Let $(K_i \subseteq U : i \in \mathbb{N})$ be compact sets such that $K_i \subseteq \text{int}(K_{i+1})$, $U = \bigcup_i K_i$. For $\phi \in C^\infty$ define $p_N(\phi) = \sup_{x \in K_N} \sup_{|\alpha| \leq N} |\nabla^\alpha \phi(x)|$. Then $\mathcal{P} = \{p_N\}_{N \geq 1}$ is a separating family of seminorms.

Definition. The space $C^\infty(U)$ with the locally convex topology induced by \mathcal{P} is denoted $\mathcal{E}(U)$.

Remark. Since \mathcal{P} is countable, $\mathcal{E}(U)$ is a metric space. It is also complete, i.e a Fréchet space.

A sequence $(\phi_j)_{j \geq 1}$ in $\mathcal{E}(U)$ converges to 0 if and only if for all $K \subseteq U$ compact and all α , $\sup_{x \in K} |\nabla^\alpha \phi_j(x)| \rightarrow 0$.

Fact. $\mathcal{D}(U) \subseteq \mathcal{E}(U)$ so $\mathcal{E}'(U) \subseteq \mathcal{D}'(U)$.

Example. If $\phi \in C_c^\infty$, then $\phi_j(x) = e^{-j} \phi(x - j)$ converges to 0 in $\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{R})$ but not in $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$.

Definition. $u \in \mathcal{D}'(U)$ has *support* in $S \subseteq U$ if $u(\phi) = 0$ for all $\phi \in C_c^\infty(U \setminus S)$. If S can be taken compact, say u has *compact support*.

Proposition. $\mathcal{E}'(U) = \{u \in \mathcal{D}'(U) : u \text{ has compact support}\}$.