Real Analysis II : Fourier Analysis

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Basic techniques

1. Interpolation

1.1. The distribution function.

DEFINITION 1.1. Let f be a measurable function on a measure space (X, μ) . The distribution function $\lambda_f : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$ is defined as:

$$\lambda_f(\alpha) = \mu(\{x : |f(x)| > \alpha\}).$$

Do not use $\mu(\{x: |f(x)| \geq \alpha\})$. The strict inequality implies the *lower semi-continuity* of λ_f .

THEOREM 1.1 (Fubini). Denote $f_h = \chi_{|f| > \alpha} f$ and $f_l = \chi_{|f| < \alpha} f$. For p > 0, we have

$$||f||_p^p = \int p\alpha^{p-1}\lambda_f(\alpha) d\alpha.$$

For p > 0 and n > 0, we have

$$||f||_{p+n}^{p+n} = \int p\alpha^{p-1} ||f_h||_n^n d\alpha.$$

For p < 0 and n > 0, we have

$$||f||_{p+n}^{p+n} = \int |p|\alpha^{p-1} ||f_l||_n^n d\alpha.$$

Theorem 1.2. For p > 1, by the Chebyshev inequality, we have

$$\sup_{\alpha} \alpha^{p} \lambda_{f}(\alpha) \leq \int p \alpha^{p-1} \lambda_{f}(\alpha) \, d\alpha.$$

In other words, $||f||_{p,\infty} \leq ||f||_p$.

1.2. Real interpolation.

Theorem 1.3 (Marcinkiewicz interpolation). Let X be a σ -finite measure space and Y be a measure space. Let $1 < p_0 < p < p_1 < \infty$. Let $T: L^{p_0}(X) + L^{p_1}(X) \to M(Y)$ be a sublinear operator. If T has a weak type estimate

$$||T||_{p_0 \to p_0, \infty}, ||T||_{p_1 \to p_1, \infty} < \infty,$$

then

$$||T||_{p\to p}<\infty.$$

PROOF. Let $f \in L^p$ and denote $f_h = \chi_{|f| > \alpha} f$ and $f_l = \chi_{|f| \le \alpha} f$. It is easy to show $f_h \in L^{p_0}$ and $f_l \in L^{p_1}$. Then,

$$||Tf||_{p}^{p} \sim \int \alpha^{p-1} \lambda_{Tf} d\alpha$$

$$\lesssim \int \alpha^{p-1} \lambda_{Tf_{h}} d\alpha + \int \alpha^{p-1} \lambda_{Tf_{l}} d\alpha$$

$$\leq \int \alpha^{p-1} \frac{1}{\alpha^{p_{0}}} ||Tf_{h}||_{p_{0},\infty}^{p_{0}} d\alpha + \int \alpha^{p-1} \frac{1}{\alpha^{q_{1}}} ||Tf_{l}||_{p_{1},\infty}^{p_{1}} d\alpha$$

$$\lesssim \int \alpha^{p-p_{0}-1} ||f_{h}||_{p_{0}}^{p_{0}} d\alpha + \int \alpha^{p-p_{1}-1} ||f_{l}||_{p_{1}}^{p_{1}} d\alpha$$

$$\sim ||f||_{p}^{p}.$$

by (1) Fubini, (2) Sublinearlity, (3) Chebyshev, (4) Boundedness, (5) Fubini.

THEOREM 1.4 (Hadamard's three line lemma). Let f be a bounded holomorphic function on the vertical unit stripe $\{z: 0 < \text{Re } z < 1\}$. Then, for $0 < \theta < 1$,

$$||f||_{L^{\infty}(\mathrm{Re}=\theta)} \le ||f||_{L^{\infty}(\mathrm{Re}=0)}^{1-\theta} ||f||_{L^{\infty}(\mathrm{Re}=1)}^{\theta}.$$

Proof. Define

$$g(z) := \frac{f(z)}{\|f\|_{L^{\infty}(\text{Re}=0)}^{1-z} \|f\|_{L^{\infty}(\text{Re}=1)}^{z}}, \qquad g_n(z) = g(z)e^{\frac{z^2-1}{n}}.$$

Then we have

- (1) $g_n \to g$ pointwisely as $n \to \infty$,
- (2) $g_n(z) \to 0$ uniformly as $\text{Im } z \to \infty$.

The second one is because g is bounded and for z = x + yi we have

$$|g_n(z)| \lesssim |e^{\frac{z^2-1}{n}}| = e^{\operatorname{Re}\frac{z^2-1}{n}} = e^{\frac{x^2-y^2-1}{n}} \leq e^{\frac{-y^2}{n}}.$$

By (1), it is enough to bound g_n for each n. Truncating the stripe, the outer region is controlled by (2) and the interior region is controlled by the maximum modulus principle.

1.3. Complex interpolation.

Theorem 1.5 (Riesz-Thorin interpolation). Let X,Y be σ -finite measure spaces. Let

$$\frac{1}{p_{\theta}} = \frac{1}{p_0}(1-\theta) + \frac{1}{p_1}\theta, \qquad \frac{1}{q_{\theta}} = \frac{1}{q_0}(1-\theta) + \frac{1}{q_1}\theta.$$

Then,

$$||T||_{p_{\theta} \to q_{\theta}} \le ||T||_{p_0 \to q_0}^{1-\theta} ||T||_{p_1 \to q_1}^{\theta}.$$

PROOF. Note that

$$||T||_{p_{\theta} \to q_{\theta}} = \sup_{f} \frac{||Tf||_{q_{\theta}}}{||f||_{p_{\theta}}} = \sup_{f,g} \frac{|\langle Tf, g \rangle|}{||f||_{p_{\theta}}||g||_{q'_{\theta}}}.$$

Consider a holomorphic function

$$z \mapsto \langle Tf_z, g_z \rangle = \int \overline{g_z(y)} Tf_z(y) \, dy,$$

where f_z and g_z are defined as

$$f_z = |f|^{\frac{p_\theta}{p_0}(1-z) + \frac{p_\theta}{p_1}z} \frac{f}{|f|}$$

so that we have $f_{\theta} = f$ and

$$||f||_{p_{\theta}}^{p_{\theta}} = ||f_z||_{p_x}^{p_x}$$

for $\operatorname{Re} z = x$.

Then,

$$|\langle Tf_z, g_z \rangle| \le ||T||_{p_0 \to q_0} ||f_z||_{p_0} ||g_z||_{q_0'} = ||T||_{p_0 \to q_0} ||f||_{p_\theta}^{p_\theta/p_0} ||g||_{q_0'}^{q_\theta'/q_0'}$$

for $\operatorname{Re} z = 0$, and

$$|\langle Tf_z, g_z \rangle| \le ||T||_{p_1 \to q_1} ||f_z||_{p_1} ||g_z||_{q_1'} = ||T||_{p_1 \to q_1} ||f||_{p_\theta}^{p_\theta/p_1} ||g||_{q_\theta'}^{q_\theta'/q_1'}$$

for $\operatorname{Re} z = 1$. By Hadamard's three line lemma, we have

$$|\langle Tf_z, g_z \rangle| \le ||T||_{p_0 \to q_0}^{1-\theta} ||T||_{p_1 \to q_1}^{\theta} ||f||_{p_\theta} ||g||_{q'_\theta}$$

for Re $z = \theta$. Putting $z = \theta$ in the last inequality, we get the desired result.

2. Maximal function

We often want to show a net of linear operators $\{T_t\}_t$ is an "approximate identity" in the sense of pointwise convergence, not a certain norm; in other words, say, we want to show

$$\lim_{t \to 0} T_t f(x) = f(x) \qquad a.e.$$

If we introduce maximal function Mf defined by

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{t} |T_t f(x)|$$

and if it satisfies a boundedness, then for a suitable seminorm or a quasinorm $\|\cdot\|$, we can apply the approximation argument

$$\|\lim_{t} T_{t}f - f\| \leq \|\lim_{t} T_{t}(f - g)\| + \|\lim_{t} T_{t}g - g\| + \|g - f\|$$
$$\leq \|M(f - g)\| + \|g - f\|$$
$$\lesssim \|f - g\|.$$

2.1. The Hardy-Littlewood maximal function. Hardy-Littlewood maximal function is the most famous maximal function.

Theorem 2.1 (Hardy-Littlewoord).

$$||Mf||_{1,\infty} \le 3^d ||f||_1.$$

PROOF. Let $E_{\alpha} = \{|f| > \alpha\}$. By the inner regularity of μ , we may assume E_{α} is compact. For every $x \in E_{\alpha}$, we can choose B_x such that

$$\frac{1}{B_x} \int_{B_x} |f| > \alpha \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mu(B_x) < \alpha \int_{B_x} |f|.$$

By the Vitali covering and by the compactness of E_{α} ,

$$\lambda_f(\alpha) = \mu(E_\alpha) \le 3^d \sum \mu(B_k) \le \frac{3^d}{\alpha} \sum_k \int_{B_k} |f| \le \frac{3^d}{\alpha} ||f||_1.$$

The disjointness is important in showing the constant 3^d does not depend on the number of B_k 's.

Definition 2.1.

$$f^*(x) := \lim_{r \to 0+} \frac{1}{\mu(B)} \int_B |f(y) - f(x)| \, dy.$$

Theorem 2.2 (Lebesgue differentiation). $f^* = 0$ a.e.

PROOF. Note that $f^* \leq Mf + |f|$ implies

$$||f^*||_{1,\infty} \le ||Mf||_{1,\infty} + ||f||_{1,\infty} \lesssim ||f||_1.$$

Note that $g^* = 0$ for $g \in C_c$. Approximate using $f^* = (f - g)^*$.

3. Convergence of Fourier series

DEFINITION 3.1. The *Dirichlet kernel* is a function $D_n : \mathbf{T} \to \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$D_n = \widehat{\mathbf{1}_{|k| \le n}}, \quad \text{or equivalently,} \quad \widehat{D_n} = \mathbf{1}_{|k| \le n}.$$

This is because they are invariant under inverse, in other words, they are even.

THEOREM 3.1.

$$D_n(x) = \frac{\sin\frac{2n+1}{2}x}{\sin\frac{1}{2}x}.$$

Proof.

$$D_n(x) = \sum_{k=-n}^{n} e^{ikx}$$

$$= \frac{e^{i\frac{2n+1}{2}x} - e^{-i\frac{2n+1}{2}x}}{e^{i\frac{1}{2}x} - e^{-i\frac{1}{2}x}}$$

$$= \frac{\sin\frac{2n+1}{2}x}{\sin\frac{1}{2}x}.$$

THEOREM 3.2. If $f \in \text{Lip}(\mathbf{T})$, then $D_n * f \to f$ pointwisely as $n \to \infty$.

THEOREM 3.3.

$$||D_n||_{L^1(\mathbf{T})} \gtrsim \log n.$$

PROOF. By (2) $\sin x \le x$ for $x \in [0, \pi/2]$, (3) change of variable,

$$||D_n||_{L^1(\mathbf{T})} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \frac{\sin \frac{2n+1}{2} x}{\sin \frac{1}{2} x} \right| dx$$

$$\geq \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi} \frac{\left| \sin \frac{2n+1}{2} x \right|}{x} dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\frac{2n+1}{2} \pi} \frac{\left| \sin x \right|}{x} dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k=0}^{2n} \int_{\frac{k}{2} \pi}^{\frac{k+1}{2} \pi} \frac{\left| \sin x \right|}{x} dx$$

$$\geq \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{k=0}^{2n} \int_{0}^{\frac{1}{2} \pi} \frac{\sin x}{\frac{k+1}{2} \pi} dx$$

$$\geq \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{k=0}^{2n} \frac{1}{1+k}$$

$$\geq \frac{4}{\pi^2} \log(2n+2).$$

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Definition 3.2. The Fejér kernel is

Theorem 3.4.

$$K_n(x) = \frac{1}{n+1} \frac{\sin^2 \frac{n+1}{2} x}{\sin^2 \frac{1}{2} x}.$$

PROOF. Since

$$\begin{split} D_n(x) &= = \frac{e^{i\frac{2n+1}{2}x} - e^{-i\frac{2n+1}{2}x}}{e^{i\frac{1}{2}x} - e^{-i\frac{1}{2}x}} \\ &= \frac{[e^{i\frac{2n+1}{2}x} - e^{-i\frac{1}{2}x}][e^{i\frac{1}{2}x} - e^{-i\frac{1}{2}x}]}{[e^{i\frac{1}{2}x} - e^{-i\frac{1}{2}x}]^2} \\ &= \frac{[e^{i(n+1)x} + e^{-i(n+1)x}] - [e^{inx} + e^{-inx}]}{[e^{i\frac{1}{2}x} - e^{-i\frac{1}{2}x}]^2}, \end{split}$$

by telescoping, we get

$$\begin{split} \sum_{k=0}^{n} D_k(x) &= \frac{\left[e^{i(n+1)x} + e^{-i(n+1)x}\right] - \left[e^{i0x} + e^{-i0x}\right]}{\left[e^{i\frac{1}{2}x} - e^{-i\frac{1}{2}x}\right]^2} \\ &= \frac{\left[e^{i\frac{n+1}{2}x} - e^{-i\frac{n+1}{2}x}\right]^2}{\left[e^{i\frac{1}{2}x} - e^{-i\frac{1}{2}x}\right]^2} \\ &= \frac{\sin^2\frac{n+1}{2}x}{\sin^2\frac{1}{2}x}. \end{split}$$

Two important results from Fejér kernel:

- (1) If f(x-), f(x+) exist and $S_n f(x)$ converges, then $S_n f(x) \to \frac{1}{2} (f(x-) + f(x+))$.
- (2) (If $f \in L^1(\mathbf{T})$, then $\sigma_n f \to f$ a.e.) (3) If $f \in L^1(\mathbf{T})$, then $S_n f \to f$ in L^1 and L^2 .
- (4) If f is continuous and $\widehat{f} \in L^1(\mathbb{Z})$, then $S_n f \to f$ uniformly.
- (5) Since $\sigma_n f$ is a trigonometric polynomial, the set of trigonometric polynomials are dense in $L^1(\mathbf{T})$ and $L^2(\mathbf{T})$.

Differentiation theory

Calderon-Zygmund theory

Littlewood-Paley theory