Solutions to some exercises from Walter Rudin's $Functional\ Analysis$

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Chapter 1

Topological Vector Spaces

1.1 Exercise 7. Metrizability & number theory

Let be X the vector space of all complex functions on the unit interval [0,1], topologized by the family of seminorms

$$p_x(f) = |f(x)| \quad (0 \le x \le 1).$$

This topology is called the topology of pointwise convergence. Justify this terminology. Show that there is a sequence $\{f_n\}$ in X such that (a) $\{f_n\}$ converges to 0 as $n \to \infty$, but (b) if $\{\gamma_n\}$ is any sequence of scalars such that $\gamma_n \to \infty$ then $\{\gamma_n f_n\}$ does not converge to 0. (Use the fact that the collection of all complex sequences converging to 0 has the same cardinality as [0,1].) This shows that metrizability cannot be omited in (b) of Theorem 1.28.

Proof. Our justification consists in proving that τ -convergence and pointwise convergence are the same one. To do so, remark first that the family of the seminorms p_x is separating. By [1.37], the collection \mathscr{B} of all finite intersections of the sets

$$V_{x,k} \triangleq \{p_x < 2^{-k}\} \quad (x \in [0,1], k \in \mathbf{N})$$
 (1.1)

is therefore a local base for a topology τ on X. Given $\{f_n: n=1,2,3,\dots\}$, we put

$$off(U) \triangleq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [f_n \notin U] \quad (U \in \tau),$$
 (1.2)

with the convention " $\Sigma = \infty$ " whether the sum has no finite support. So,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \mathsf{off}(U_i) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{m} [f_n \notin U_i] \ge \mathsf{off}(U_1 \cap \dots \cap U_m). \tag{1.3}$$

We first assume that $\{f_n\}$ τ -converges to some f in X, *i.e.*

$$off(f+V) < \infty \quad (V \in \mathcal{B}).$$
 (1.4)

The special cases $V_{x,1}, V_{x,2}, \ldots$, mean the pointwise convergence $f_n(x) \xrightarrow{n\infty} f(x)$. Conversely, assume that $\{f_n\}$ does not τ -converges to any g in X, *i.e.*

$$\forall g \in X, \exists W \in \mathscr{B} : \mathsf{off}(g+W) = \infty.$$
 (1.5)

Given g, such W is, by definition, a finite intersection $V_{x_1,k_1} \cap \cdots \cap V_{x_m,k_m}$. Thus,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \operatorname{off}(g + V_{x_i, k_i}) \stackrel{(1.3)}{\geq} \operatorname{off}(g + W) \stackrel{(1.5)}{=} \infty.$$
 (1.6)

One of the sum off($g + V_{x_i,k_i}$) must then be ∞ . In other words, there exists a point x_i for which $\{f_n(x_i)\}$ does not converge to $g(x_i)$. g being arbitrary, we so conclude that f_n does not converge pointwise. We have just proved that τ -convergence is a rewording of pointwise convergence. We now prove the second part. From now on, we let k, n and p run on N_+ , as dyadic(x) denotes the usual dyadic expansion of x, so that dyadic(x) is an aperiodic binary sequence iff x is irrational. Define

$$f_n(x) \triangleq \begin{cases} \exp_2\left(-\sum_{k=1}^n \mathsf{dyadic}(x)_{-k}\right) & (x \in [0,1] \setminus \mathbf{Q}) \\ 0 & (x \in [0,1] \cap \mathbf{Q}), \end{cases}$$
 (1.7)

so that $f_n(x) \xrightarrow{n\infty} 0$, and take $\gamma_n \xrightarrow{n\infty} \infty$, *i.e.* at fixed p, γ_n is greater than 2^p for almost all n. Next, choose n_p among those almost all n that are large enough to satisfy

$$n_{p-1} - n_{p-2} < n_p - n_{p-1} \tag{1.8}$$

(start with $n_{-1} = n_0 = 0$) and so obtain

$$2^{p} < \gamma_{n_{p}}: 0 < n_{p} - n_{p-1} \underset{p \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} \infty. \tag{1.9}$$

The indicator χ of $\{n_1, n_2, ...\}$ in **Z** is then aperiodic, *i.e.*

$$\alpha_{\gamma} \triangleq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \chi_k 2^{-k} \in [0, 1] \setminus \mathbf{Q}. \tag{1.10}$$

Hence, χ is not a the infinite-support expansion of a rational number; which forces

$$dyadic(\alpha_{\gamma})_{-k} = \chi_k. \tag{1.11}$$

The key ingredient is that

$$\chi_1 + \dots + \chi_{n_n} = p. \tag{1.12}$$

Combined with (1.7), it yields

$$f_{n_p}(\alpha_{\gamma}) = 2^{-p}. \tag{1.13}$$

Finally,

$$\gamma_{n_n} f_{n_n}(\alpha_{\gamma}) > 1. \tag{1.14}$$

There so exists $\{\gamma_{n_p}\}$ such that $\{\gamma_{n_p}f_{\gamma_{n_p}}\}$ fails to converge pointwise to 0. In other words, (b) holds, which is in violent contrast with 1.28 of [3]: X is therefore not metrizable. So ends the proof.

1.2 Exercise 9. Quotient map

Suppose

- (a) X and Y are topological vector spaces,
- (b) $\Lambda: X \to Y$ is linear.
- (c) N is a closed subspace of X,
- (d) $\pi: X \to X/N$ is the quotient map, and
- (e) $\Lambda x = 0$ for every $x \in N$.

Prove that there is a unique $f: X/N \to Y$ which satisfies $\Lambda = f \circ \pi$, that is, $\Lambda x = f(\pi(x))$ for all $x \in X$. Prove that f is linear and that Λ is continuous if and only if f is continuous. Also, Λ is open if and only if f is open.

Proof. Bear in mind that π continuously maps X onto the topological (Hausdorff) space X/N, since N is closed (see 1.41 of [3]). Moreover, the equation $\Lambda = f \circ \pi$ has necessarily a unique solution, which is the binary relation

$$f \triangleq \{(\pi x, \Lambda x) : x \in X\} \subset X/N \times Y. \tag{1.15}$$

To ensure that f is actually a mapping, simply remark that the linearity of Λ implies

$$\Lambda x \neq \Lambda x' \Rightarrow \pi x' \neq \pi x'. \tag{1.16}$$

It straightforwardly derives from (1.15) that f inherits linearity from π and Λ .

Remark. The special case $N = \{\Lambda = 0\}$, *i.e.* $\Lambda x = 0$ **iff** $x \in N$ (*cf.*(e)), is the first isomorphism theorem in the topological spaces context. To see this, remark that this strenghtening of (e) yields

$$f(\pi x) = 0 \stackrel{(1.15)}{\Rightarrow} \Lambda x = 0 \Rightarrow x \in N \Rightarrow \pi x = N \tag{1.17}$$

and so conclude that f is also one-to-one.

Now assume f to be continuous. Then so is $\Lambda = f \circ \pi$, by 1.41 (a) of [3]. Conversely, if Λ is continuous, then for each neighborhood V of 0_Y there exists a neighborhood U of 0_X such that

$$\Lambda(U) = f(\pi(U)) \subset V. \tag{1.18}$$

Since π is open (1.41 (a) of [3]), $\pi(U)$ is a neighborhood of $N = 0_{X/N}$: This is sufficient to establish that the linear mapping f is continuous. If f is open, so is $\Lambda = f \circ \pi$, by 1.41 (a) of [3]. To prove the converse, remark that every neighborhood W of $0_{X/N}$ satisfies

$$W = \pi(V) \tag{1.19}$$

for some neighborhood V of 0_X . So,

$$f(W) = f(\pi(V)) = \Lambda(V). \tag{1.20}$$

As a consequence, if Λ is open, then f(W) is a neighborhood of 0_Y . So ends the proof. \square

1.3 Exercise 10. An open mapping theorem

Suppose that X and Y are topological vector spaces, dim $Y < \infty$, $\Lambda : X \to Y$ is linear, and $\Lambda(X) = Y$.

- (a) Prove that Λ is an open mapping.
- (b) Assume, in addition, that the null space of Λ is closed, and prove that Λ is continuous.

Proof. We discard the trivial case $\dim Y = 0$ then henceforth assume that $\dim Y$ has positive dimension n.

Let e range over a base of Y: For each e, there exists x_e in X such that $\Lambda(x_e) = e$, since Λ is onto. So,

$$y = \sum_{e} y_e \Lambda x_e \quad (y \in Y). \tag{1.21}$$

The sequence $\{x_e\}$ is finite; therefore it is bounded: Given V a balanced neighborhood of the origin, there exists a positive scalar s such that

$$x_e \in sV \text{ for all } x_e.$$
 (1.22)

Combining this with (1.21) shows that

$$y \in \sum_{e} \Lambda(V) \quad (y \in Y : |y_e| < s^{-1}),$$
 (1.23)

which proves (a).

To prove (b), assume that the null space $\{\Lambda = 0\}$ is closed and let f, π be as in Exercise 1.9, with $\{\Lambda = 0\}$ playing the role of N. Since Λ is onto, the first isomorphism theorem (see Exercise 1.9) asserts that f is an isomorphism of X/N onto Y. Consequently,

$$\dim X/N = n. \tag{1.24}$$

f is then an homeomorphism of $X/N \equiv \mathbb{C}^n$ onto Y; see 1.21 of [3]. We have thus established that f is continuous: So is $\Lambda = f \circ \pi$.

1.4 Exercise 14. \mathcal{D}_{K} equipped with other seminorms

Put K = [0,1] and define \mathcal{D}_K as in Section 1.46. Show that the following three families of seminorms (where n = 0, 1, 2, ...) define the same topology on \mathcal{D}_K . If D = d/dx:

(a)
$$\|D^n f\|_{\infty} = \sup\{|D^n f(x)| : \infty < x < \infty\}$$

(b)
$$\|D^n f\|_1 = \int_0^1 |D^n f(x)| dx$$

(c)
$$\|\mathbf{D}^{\mathbf{n}}\mathbf{f}\|_{2} = \left\{ \int_{0}^{1} |\mathbf{D}^{\mathbf{n}}\mathbf{f}(x)|^{2} dx \right\}^{1/2}$$
.

Proof. First, remark that

$$\|D^{n}f\|_{1} \le \|D^{n}f\|_{2} \le \|D^{n}f\|_{\infty} < \infty \tag{1.25}$$

holds, since K has length 1 (the inequality on the left is a Cauchy-Schwarz one). Next, start from

$$D^{n}f(x) = \int_{-1}^{x} D^{n+1}f$$
 (1.26)

(which is true, since f has support K) to obtain

$$|D^{n}f(x)| \le \int_{-1}^{x} |D^{n+1}f| \le ||D^{n+1}f||_{1},$$
 (1.27)

hence

$$\|D^{n}f\|_{\infty} \le \|D^{n+1}f\|_{1}. \tag{1.28}$$

Combining (1.25) with (1.28) yields

$$\|D^{0}f\|_{1} \le \dots \le \|D^{n}f\|_{1} \le \|D^{n}f\|_{2} \le \|D^{n}f\|_{\infty} \le \|D^{n+1}f\|_{1} \le \dots$$
 (1.29)

We now put

$$V_n^{(i)} \triangleq \{ f \in \mathcal{D}_K : ||f||_i < 1/n \} \quad (i = 1, 2, \infty)$$
 (1.30)

$$\mathscr{B}^{(i)} \triangleq \{V_n^{(i)} : n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\},$$
 (1.31)

so that (1.29) is mirrored in terms of neighborhood inclusions, as follows,

$$V_1^{(1)} \supset \dots \supset V_n^{(1)} \supset V_n^{(2)} \supset V_n^{(\infty)} \supset V_{n+1}^{(1)} \supset \dots$$
 (1.32)

Since $V_n^{(i)} \supset V_{n+1}^{(i)}$, $\mathscr{B}^{(i)}$ is the local base of a topology τ_i . But the chain (1.32) forces the τ_i to be equals. To see that, choose a set S that is τ_1 -open at, say a, *i.e.* $V_n^{(1)} \subset S - a$ for some n. Next, concatenate this with $V_n^{(2)} \subset V_n^{(1)}$ (see (1.32)) and so obtain $V_n^{(2)} \subset S - a$, which implies that S is τ_2 -open at a. Similarly, we deduce, still from (1.32), that

$$\tau_2$$
-open $\Rightarrow \tau_\infty$ -open $\Rightarrow \tau_1$ -open. (1.33)

So ends the proof.
$$\Box$$

1.5 Exercise 16. Uniqueness of topology for test functions

Prove that the topology of $C(\Omega)$ does not depend on the particular choice of $\{K_n\}$, as long as this sequence satisfies the conditions specified in section 1.44. Do the same for $C^{\infty}(\Omega)$ (Section 1.46).

Comment This is an invariance property: The function test topology only depends on the existence of the supremum-seminorms p_n , then, eventually, only on the ambient space itself. This should be regarded as a very part of the textbook [3] The proof consists in combining trivial consequences of the local base definition with a well-known result (e.g. [2.6] in [2]) about intersection of nonempty compact sets.

Lemma 1 Let X be a topological space with a countable local base $\{V_n : n = 1, 2, 3, ...\}$. If $\tilde{V}_n = V_1 \cap \cdots \cap V_n$, then every subsequence $\{\tilde{V}_{\rho(n)}\}$ is a decreasing $(i.e.\ \tilde{V}_{\rho(n)} \supset \tilde{V}_{\rho(n+1)})$ local base of X.

Proof. The decreasing property is trivial. Now remark that $V_n \supset \tilde{V}_n$: This shows that $\{\tilde{V}_n\}$ is a local base of X. Then so is $\{\tilde{V}_{\rho(n)}\}$, since $\tilde{V}_n \supset \tilde{V}_{\rho(n)}$.

The following special case $V_n = \tilde{V}_n$ is one of the key ingredients:

Corollary 1 (special case $V_n = \tilde{V}_n$) Under the same notations of Lemma 1, if $\{V_n\}$ is a decreasing local base, then so is $\{V_{\rho(n)}\}$.

Corollary 2 If $\{Q_n\}$ is a sequence of compact sets that satisfies the conditions specified in section 1.44, then every subsequence $\{Q_{\rho(n)}\}$ also satisfies theses conditions. Furthermore, if τ_Q is the $C(\Omega)$'s (respectively $C^{\infty}(\Omega)$'s) topology of the seminorms p_n , as defined in section 1.44 (respectively 1.46), then the seminorms $p_{\sigma(n)}$ define the same topology τ_Q .

Proof. Let X be $C(\Omega)$ topologized by the seminorms p_n (the case $X = C^{\infty}(\Omega)$ is proved the same way). If $V_n = \{p_n < 1/n\}$, then $\{V_n\}$ is a decreasing local base of X. Moreover,

$$Q_{\rho(n)} \subset \overset{\circ}{Q}_{\rho(n)+1} \subset Q_{\rho(n)+1} \subset Q_{\rho(n+1)}. \tag{1.34}$$

Thus,

$$Q_{\rho(n)} \subset \overset{\circ}{Q}_{\rho(n+1)}. \tag{1.35}$$

In other words, $Q_{\rho(n)}$ satisfies the conditions specified in section 1.44. $\{p_{\rho(n)}\}$ then defines a topology $\tau_{Q_{\rho}}$ for which $\{V_{\rho(n)}\}$ is a local base. So, $\tau_{Q_{\rho}} \subset \tau_{Q}$. Conversely, the above corollary asserts that $\{V_{\rho(n)}\}$ is a local base of τ_{Q} , which yields $\tau_{Q} \subset \tau_{Q_{\rho}}$.

Lemma 2 If a sequence of compact sets $\{Q_n\}$ satisfies the conditions specified in section 1.44, then every compact set K lies in allmost all Q_n° , *i.e.* there exists m such that

$$K \subset \overset{\circ}{Q}_{m} \subset \overset{\circ}{Q}_{m+1} \subset \overset{\circ}{Q}_{m+2} \subset \cdots$$
 (1.36)

Proof. The following definition

$$C_n \triangleq K \setminus \overset{\circ}{Q}_n \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$
 (1.37)

shapes $\{C_n\}$ as a decreasing sequence of compact¹ sets. We now suppose (to reach a contradiction) that no C_n is empty and so conclude² that the C_n 's intersection contains a point that is not in any Q_n° . On the other hand, the conditions specified in [1.44] force the Q_n° 's collection to be an open cover. This contradiction reveals that $C_m = \emptyset$, *i.e.* $K \subset Q_m^{\circ}$, for some m. Finally,

$$K \subset \overset{\circ}{Q}_m \subset Q_m \subset \overset{\circ}{Q}_{m+1} \subset Q_{m+1} \subset \overset{\circ}{Q}_{m+2} \subset \cdots \ . \eqno(1.38)$$

We are now in a fair position to establish the following:

Theorem The topology of $C(\Omega)$ does not depend on the particular choice of $\{K_n\}$, as long as this sequence satisfies the conditions specified in section 1.44. Neither does the topology of $C^{\infty}(\Omega)$, as long as this sequence satisfies the conditions specified in section 1.44.

Proof. With the second corollary's notations, $\tau_K = \tau_{K_{\lambda}}$, for every subsequence $\{K_{\lambda(n)}\}$. Similarly, let $\{L_n\}$ be another sequence of compact subsets of Ω that satisfies the condition specified in [1.44], so that $\tau_L = \tau_{L_{\varkappa}}$ for every subsequence $\{L_{\varkappa(n)}\}$. Now apply the above Lemma 2 with K_i ($i=1,2,3,\ldots$) and so conclude that $K_i \subset L_{m_i}^{\circ} \subset L_{m_i+1}^{\circ} \subset \cdots$ for some m_i . In particular, the special case $\varkappa_i = m_i + i$ is

$$K_i \subset \overset{\circ}{L}_{x_i}.$$
 (1.39)

Let us reiterate the above proof with K_n and L_n in exchanged roles then similarly find a subsequence $\{\lambda_j: j=1,2,3,\ldots\}$ such that

$$L_{j} \subset \overset{\circ}{K}_{\lambda_{i}} \tag{1.40}$$

Combine (1.39) with (1.40) and so obtain

$$K_1 \subset \overset{\circ}{L}_{\varkappa_1} \subset L_{\varkappa_1} \subset \overset{\circ}{K}_{\lambda_{\varkappa_1}} \subset K_{\lambda_{\varkappa_1}} \subset \overset{\circ}{L}_{\varkappa_{\lambda_{\varkappa_1}}} \subset \cdots,$$
 (1.41)

which means that the sequence $Q = (K_1, L_{\kappa_1}, K_{\lambda_{\kappa_1}}, \dots)$ satisfies the conditions specified in section 1.44. It now follows from the corollary 2 that

$$\tau_{K} = \tau_{K_{\lambda}} = \tau_{Q} = \tau_{L_{x}} = \tau_{L}. \tag{1.42}$$

So ends the proof \Box

¹ See (b) of 2.5 of [2].

² In every Hausdorff space, the intersection of a decreasing sequence of nomempty compact sets is nonempty. This is a corollary of 2.6 of [2].

1.6 Exercise 17. Derivation in some non normed space

In the setting of Section 1.46, prove that $f \mapsto D^{\alpha}f$ is a continuous mapping of $C^{\infty}(\Omega)$ into $C^{\infty}(\Omega)$ and also of \mathscr{D}_K into \mathscr{D}_K , for every multi-index α .

Proof. In both cases, D^{α} is a linear mapping. It is then sufficient to establish continuousness at the origin. We begin with the $C^{\infty}(\Omega)$ case.

Let U be an aribtray neighborhood of the origin. There so exists N such that U contains

$$V_{N} = \left\{ \phi \in C^{\infty}\left(\Omega\right) : \max\{|D^{\beta}\phi(x)| : |\beta| \le N, x \in K_{N}\} < 1/N \right\}. \tag{1.43}$$

Now pick g in $V_{N+|\alpha|}$, so that

$$\max\{|D^{\gamma}g(x)|: |\gamma| \le N + |\alpha|, x \in K_N\} < \frac{1}{N + |\alpha|}.$$
 (1.44)

(the fact that $K_N \subset K_{N+|\alpha|}$ was tacitely used). The special case $\gamma = \beta + \alpha$ yields

$$\max\{|D^{\beta}D^{\alpha}g(x)|: |\beta| \le N, x \in K_N\} < \frac{1}{N}. \tag{1.45}$$

We have just proved that

$$g \in V_{N+|\alpha|} \Rightarrow D^{\alpha}g \in V_N, \quad i.e. \quad D^{\alpha}(V_{N+|\alpha|}) \subset V_N,$$
 (1.46)

which establishes the continuity of $D^{\alpha}: C^{\infty}(\Omega) \to C^{\infty}(\Omega)$.

To prove the continuousness of the restriction $D^{\alpha}|_{\mathscr{D}_{K}}: \mathscr{D}_{K} \to \mathscr{D}_{K}$, we first remark that the collection of the $V_{N} \cap \mathscr{D}_{K}$ is a local base of the subspace topology of \mathscr{D}_{K} . $V_{N+|\alpha|} \cap \mathscr{D}_{K}$ is then a neighborhood of 0 in this topology. Furthermore,

$$D^{\alpha}|_{\mathscr{D}_{K}}(V_{N+|\alpha|}\cap\mathscr{D}_{K}) = D^{\alpha}(V_{N+|\alpha|}\cap\mathscr{D}_{K})$$
(1.47)

$$\subset D^{\alpha}\left(V_{N+|\alpha|}\right) \cap D^{\alpha}\left(\mathscr{D}_{K}\right) \tag{1.48}$$

$$\subset V_N \cap \mathscr{D}_K \quad (\text{see } (1.46))$$
 (1.49)

So ends the proof. \Box

Chapter 2

Completeness

2.1 Exercise 3. An equicontinous sequence of measures

Put K=[-1,1]; define \mathscr{D}_K as in section 1.46 (with \mathbf{R} in place of \mathbf{R}^n). Supose $\{f_n\}$ is a sequence of Lebesgue integrable functions such that $\Lambda \varphi = \lim_{n \to \infty} \int_{-1}^1 f_n(t) \varphi(t) dt$ exists for every $\varphi \in \mathscr{D}_K$. Show that Λ is a continuous linear functional on \mathscr{D}_K . Show that there is a positive integer p and a number $M < \infty$ such that

$$\left| \int_{\text{--}1}^1 f_n(t) \varphi(t) dt \; \right| \leq M \| \, D^p \, \|_{\infty}$$

for all n. For example, if $f_n(t) = n^3t$ on [-1/n, 1/n] and 0 elsewhere, show that this can be done with p = 1. Construct an example where it can be done with p = 2 but not with p = 1.

We will also consider the case p = 0. The following version of the mean value theorem will be of a great deal of help.

Lemma If $\phi \in \mathcal{D}_{[a,b]}$, then

$$\| D^{\alpha} \phi \|_{\infty} \le \| D^{p} \phi \|_{\infty} \left(\frac{\lambda}{2} \right)^{p-\alpha} \quad (\alpha = 0, 1, \dots, p)$$
 (2.1)

at every order p = 0, 1, 2, ...; where λ is the length |b - a|.

Proof. Let x_0 be in (a,b). We first consider the case $x_0 \le c = (a+b)/2$: The mean value theorem asserts that there exists x_1 $(a < x_1 < x_0)$, such that

$$\phi(x_0) = \phi(x_0) - \phi(a) = D\phi(x_1)(x_0 - a). \tag{2.2}$$

Since every $D^p \phi$ lies in $\mathscr{D}_{[a,b]}$, a straightforward proof by induction shows that there exists a partition $a < \cdots < x_p < \cdots < x_0$ such that

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}_0) = D^0 \phi(\mathbf{x}_0) \tag{2.3}$$

$$= D^{1}\phi(x_{1})(x_{0} - a) \tag{2.4}$$

— . . .

$$= D^{p} \phi(x_{p})(x_{0} - a) \cdots (x_{p-1} - a), \tag{2.5}$$

for all p. More compactly,

$$D^{\alpha}\phi(x_0) = D^p\phi(x_p) \prod_{k=\alpha}^{p-1} (x_k - a);$$
 (2.6)

which yields,

$$|D^{\alpha}\phi(x)| \le \|D^{p}\phi\|_{\infty} \left(\frac{\lambda}{2}\right)^{p-\alpha} \quad (x \in [a, c])$$
 (2.7)

The case $x_0 \geq c$ outputs a "reversed" result, with $b > \cdots > x_p > \cdots > x_0$ and $x_k - b$ playing the role of $x_k - a$: So,

$$|D^{\alpha}\phi(x)| \le \|D^{p}\phi\|_{\infty} \left(\frac{\lambda}{2}\right)^{p-\alpha} \tag{2.8}$$

Finally, we combine (2.7) with (2.8) and so obtain

$$\| D^{\alpha} \phi \|_{\infty} \le \| D^{p} \phi \|_{\infty} \left(\frac{\lambda}{2} \right)^{p-\alpha}. \tag{2.9}$$

Proof. We first consider $C_0(\mathbf{R})$ topologized by the supremum norm. Given a Lebesgue integrable function u, we put

$$\langle \mathbf{u} | \phi \rangle \triangleq \int_{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{u} \phi \quad (\phi \in C_0(\mathbf{R})).$$
 (2.10)

The following inequalities

$$|\langle \mathbf{u} | \phi \rangle| \le \int_{\mathbf{R}} |\mathbf{u} \phi| \le \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^1} \quad (\|\phi\|_{\infty} \le 1)$$
 (2.11)

imply that every linear functional

$$\langle \mathbf{u} | : \mathbf{C}_0(\mathbf{R}) \to \mathbf{C}$$
 (2.12)
 $\phi \mapsto \langle \mathbf{u} | \phi \rangle$

is bounded on the open unit ball. It is therefore continuous; see 1.18 of [3]. Conversely, u can be identified with $\langle \mathbf{u} |$, since u is determined (a.e) by the integrals $\langle \mathbf{u} | \mathbf{\phi} \rangle$. In the Banach spaces terminology, u is then (identified with) a linear bounded 1 operator $\langle u|$, of norm

$$\sup\{|\langle \mathbf{u}|\phi\rangle|: \|\phi\|_{\infty} < 1\} = \|\mathbf{u}\|_{L^{1}}. \tag{2.13}$$

Note that, in the latter equality, $\leq \|\mathbf{u}\|_{\mathbf{L}^1}$ comes from (2.11), as the converse comes from the Stone-Weierstrass theorem². We now consider the special cases $u=g_n$, where g_n is

$$g_{n}: \mathbf{R} \to \mathbf{R}$$

$$x \mapsto \begin{cases} n^{3}x & \left(x \in \left[-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}\right]\right) \\ 0 & \left(x \notin \left[-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}\right]\right). \end{cases}$$

$$(2.14)$$

¹ see 1.32, 4.1 of [3]
² See 7.26 of [1].

First, remark that $g_n(x) \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{} 0$ $(x \in \mathbf{R})$, as the sequence $\{g_n\}$ fails to converge in $C_0(\mathbf{R})$ (since $g_n(1/n) = n^2 \ge 1$), and also in L^1 (since $\int_{\mathbf{R}} |g_n| = n^2 \longrightarrow \infty$). Nevertheless, we will show that the $\langle g_n|$ converge pointwise³ on \mathscr{D}_K *i.e.* there exists a τ_K -continuous linear form Λ such that

$$\langle g_n | \phi \rangle \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{} \Lambda \phi,$$
 (2.15)

where ϕ ranges over \mathscr{D}_K . We now prove (2.13) in the special cases $u = g_n$. To do so, we fetch $\phi_1^+, \ldots, \phi_i^+, \ldots$, from $C_K^{\infty}(\mathbf{R})$. More specifically,

- (i) $\phi_i^+ = 1$ on $[e^{-j}, 1 e^{-j}];$
- (ii) $\phi_j^+ = 0$ on $\mathbf{R} \setminus [-1, 1]$;
- (iii) $0 \le \phi_i^+ \le 1$ on \mathbf{R} ;

see [1.46] of [3] for a possible construction of those ϕ_j^+ . Let $\phi_1^-, \ldots, \phi_j^-, \ldots$, mirror the ϕ_j^+ , in the sense that $\phi_i^-(x) = \phi_j^+(-x)$, so that

- (iv) $\phi_j \triangleq \phi_j^+ \phi_j^-$ is odd, as g_n is;
- (v) every ϕ_i is in $C_K^{\infty}(\mathbf{R})$;
- (vi) The sequence $\{\phi_i\}$ converges (pointwise) to $1_{[0,1]}-1_{[-1,0]}$, and $|\phi_i|\leq 1$.

Thus, with the help of the Lebesgue's convergence theorem,

$$\langle g_n | \phi_j \rangle = 2 \int_0^1 g_n(t) \phi_j^+(t) dt \xrightarrow[j \to \infty]{} 2 \int_0^1 g_n(t) dt = \| g_n \|_{L^1} = n. \tag{2.16}$$

Finally,

$$\|g_n\|_{L^1} \stackrel{(2.13)}{\ge} \sup\{|\langle g_n | \phi \rangle| : \|\phi\|_N \le 1\} \stackrel{(2.16)}{\ge} \|g_n\|_{L^1}; \tag{2.17}$$

which is the desired result. So, in terms of boundedness constants: Given n, there exists $C_n < \infty$ such that

$$|\langle g_n | \phi \rangle| \le C_n \quad (\|\phi\|_{\infty} \le 1); \tag{2.18}$$

see (2.11). Furthermore, $\|\mathbf{g}_n\|_{L^1}$ is actually the best, *i.e.* lowest, possible C_n ; see (2.17). But, on the other hand, (2.16) shows that there exists a subsequence $\{\langle \mathbf{g}_n | \phi_{\rho(n)} \rangle\}$ such that $\langle \mathbf{g}_n | \phi_{\rho(n)} \rangle$ is greater than, say, \sqrt{n} ; as $\|\phi_{\rho(n)}\|_{\infty} = 1$. Consequently, there is no bound M such that

$$|\langle g_n | \phi \rangle| \le M \quad (\|\phi\|_{\infty} \le 1; n = 1, 2, 3, ...).$$
 (2.19)

In other words, the g_n have no uniform bound in L^1 , i.e. the collection of all continous linear mappings $\langle g_n |$ is not equicontinous (see discussion in 2.6 of [3]). As a consequence, the $\langle g_n |$ do not converge pointwise (or "vaguely", in Radon measure context): A vague (i.e. pointwise) convergence would be (by definition)

$$\langle g_n | \phi \rangle \underset{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} \Lambda \phi \quad (\phi \in C_0(\mathbf{R}))$$
 (2.20)

³ See 3.14 of [3] for a definition of the related topology.

for some $\Lambda \in C_0(\mathbf{R})^*$, which would make (2.19) hold; see 2.6, 2.8 of [3]. This by no means says that the $\langle g_n |$ do not converge pointwise, in a relevant space, to some Λ (see (2.15).

From now on, unless the contrary is explicitly stated, we asume that ϕ only denotes an element of $C_K^{\infty}(\mathbf{R})$. Let f_n be a Lebesgue integrable function such that

$$\Lambda \phi = \lim_{n \to \infty} \int_{K} f_n \phi \quad (\phi \in C_K^{\infty}(\mathbf{R})). \tag{2.21}$$

for some linear form Λ . Since ϕ vanishes outside K, we can suppose without loss of generality that the support of f_n lies in K. So, (2.21) can be restated as follows,

$$\Lambda \phi = \lim_{n \to \infty} \langle f_n | \phi \rangle \quad (\phi \in C_K^{\infty}(\mathbf{R})). \tag{2.22}$$

Let K_1, K_2, \ldots , be compact sets that satisfy the conditions specified in 1.44 of [3]. \mathscr{D}_K is $C_K^{\infty}(\mathbf{R})$ topologized by the related seminorms p_1, p_2, \ldots ; see 1.46, 6.2 of [3] and Exercise 1.16. We know that $K \subset K_m$ for some index m (see Lemma 2 of Exercise 1.16): From now on, we only consider the indices $N \geq m$, so that

- (a) $p_N(\phi) = \|\phi\|_N \triangleq \max\{|D^{\alpha}\phi(x)| : \alpha \leq N, x \in \mathbf{R}\}, \text{ for } \phi \in \mathscr{D}_K;$
- (b) The collection of the sets $V_N = \{ \phi \in \mathscr{D}_K : \| \phi \|_N < 2^{-N} \}$ is a (decreasing) local base of τ_K , the subspace topology of \mathscr{D}_K ; see 6.2 of [3] for a more complete discussion.

Let us specialize (2.11) with $u = f_n$ and $\phi \in V_m$ then conclude that $\langle f_n |$ is bounded by $\|f_n\|_{L^1}$ on V_m : Every linear functional $\langle f_n |$ is therefore τ_K -continuous; see 1.18 of [3].

To sum it up:

- (i) \mathscr{D}_{K} , equipped the topology τ_{K} , is a Fréchet space (see section 1.46 of [3]);
- (ii) Every linear functional $\langle f_n |$ is continuous with respect to this topology;

$$\text{(iii)} \ \left\langle f_n | \varphi \right\rangle \underset{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} \Lambda \varphi \ \text{for all} \ \varphi, \ \textit{i.e.} \ \Lambda - \left\langle f_n | \underset{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} 0. \right.$$

With the help of [2.6] and [2.8] of [3], we conclude that Λ is continuous and that the sequence $\{\langle f_n|\}$ is equicontinuous. So is the sequence $\{\Lambda - \langle f_n|\}$, since addition is continuous. There so exists i, j such that, for all n,

$$|\Lambda \phi| < 1/2 \quad \text{if } \phi \in V_i,$$
 (2.23)

$$|\Lambda \varphi - \langle f_n | \varphi \rangle| < 1/2 \quad \text{if } \varphi \in V_j. \tag{2.24}$$

Choose $p = \max\{i, j\}$, so that $V_p = V_i \cap V_j$: The latter inequalities imply that

$$|\langle f_n | \phi \rangle| \le |\Lambda \phi - \langle f_n | \phi \rangle| + |\Lambda \phi| < 1 \quad \text{if } \phi \in V_p. \tag{2.25}$$

Now remark that every $\psi = \psi[\mu, \phi]$, where

$$\psi[\mu, \phi] \triangleq \begin{cases}
(1/\mu \cdot 2^{p} \| \phi \|_{p}) \phi & (\phi \neq 0, \mu > 1) \\
0 & (\phi = 0, \mu > 1),
\end{cases}$$
(2.26)

keeps in V_p. Finally, it is clear that each below statement implies the following one.

$$|\langle f_n | \psi \rangle| < 1 \tag{2.27}$$

$$|\langle f_{\mathbf{n}} | \phi \rangle| < 2^{\mathbf{p}} \| \phi \|_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \mathbf{\mu} \tag{2.28}$$

$$|\langle f_n | \phi \rangle| \le 2^p \|\phi\|_p \tag{2.29}$$

$$|\langle f_n | \phi \rangle| \le 2^p \{ \| D^0 \phi \|_{\infty} + \dots + \| D^p \phi \|_{\infty} \}.$$
 (2.30)

Finally, with the help of (2.1),

$$|\langle f_n | \phi \rangle| \le 2^p (p+1) \| D^p \phi \|_{\infty}. \tag{2.31}$$

The first part is so proved, with *some* p and $M = 2^{p}(p+1)$.

We now come back to the special case $f_n = g_n$ (see the first part). From now on, $f_n(x) = n^3x$ on [-1/n, 1/n], 0 elsewhere. Actually, we will prove that

- (a) $\Lambda \phi = \lim_{n \to \infty} \int_{-1}^{1} f_n(t) \phi(t) dt$ exists for every $\phi \in \mathscr{D}_K$;
- (b) A uniform bound $|\langle f_n | \phi \rangle| \leq M \|D^p \phi\|_{\infty}$ (n = 1, 2, 3, ...) exists for all those f_n , with p=1 as the smallest possible p.

Bear in mind that $K \subset K_m$ and shift the K_N 's indices, so that K_{m+1} becomes K_1 , K_{m+2} becomes K_2 , and so on. The resulting topology τ_K remains unchanged (see Exercise 1.16). We let ϕ keep running on \mathscr{D}_K and so define

$$B_n(\phi) \triangleq \max\{|\phi(x)| : x \in [-1/n, 1/n]\},$$
 (2.32)

$$\Delta_{n}(\phi) \triangleq \max\{|\phi(x) - \phi(0)| : x \in [-1/n, 1/n]\}.$$
 (2.33)

The mean value asserts that

$$|\phi(1/n) - \phi(-1/n)| \le B_n(\phi')|1/n - (-1/n)| = \frac{2}{n}B_n(\phi').$$
 (2.34)

Independently, an integration by parts shows that

$$\langle f_n | \phi \rangle = \left[\frac{n^3 t^2}{2} \phi(t) \right]_{-1/n}^{1/n} - \frac{n^3}{2} \int_{-1/n}^{1/n} t^2 \phi'(t) dt$$
 (2.35)

$$= \frac{n}{2} \left(\phi(1/n) - \phi(-1/n) \right) - \frac{n^3}{2} \int_{-1/n}^{1/n} t^2 \phi'(t) dt.$$
 (2.36)

Combine (2.34) with (2.36) and so obtain

$$|\langle f_n | \phi \rangle| \le \frac{n}{2} |\phi(1/n) - \phi(-1/n)| + \frac{n^3}{2} \int_{-1/n}^{1/n} t^2 |\phi'(t)| dt$$
 (2.37)

$$\leq B_n(\phi') + \frac{n^3}{2} B_n(\phi') \int_{-1/n}^{1/n} t^2 dt$$
 (2.38)

$$\leq \frac{4}{3} B_n(\phi') \tag{2.39}$$

$$\leq \frac{4}{3} \| \phi' \|_{\infty}.$$
 (2.40)

Futhermore, (2.39) gives a hint about the convergence of f_n : Since $B_n(\phi')$ tends to $|\phi'(0)|$, we may expect that f_n tends to $\frac{4}{3}\phi'(0)$. This is actually true: A straightforward computation shows that

$$\langle f_{n}|\phi\rangle - \frac{4}{3}\phi'(0) \stackrel{(2.36)}{=} \frac{\phi(1/n) - \phi(-1/n)}{1/n - (-1/n)} - \phi'(0) - \frac{n^{3}}{2} \int_{-1/n}^{1/n} (\phi' - \phi'(0))t^{2}dt. \tag{2.41}$$

So,

$$\left| \langle f_n | \phi \rangle - \frac{4}{3} \phi'(0) \right| \le \left| \frac{\phi(1/n) - \phi(-1/n)}{1/n - (-1/n)} - \phi'(0) \right| + \frac{1}{3} \Delta_n(\phi') \underset{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} 0. \tag{2.42}$$

We have just proved that

$$\langle f_n | \phi \rangle \underset{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} \frac{4}{3} \phi'(0) \quad (\phi \in \mathscr{D}_K).$$
 (2.43)

In other words,

$$\langle f_n | \underset{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} -\frac{4}{3} \delta',$$
 (2.44)

where δ is the *Dirac measure* and $\delta', \delta'', \ldots$, its *derivatives*; see 6.1 and 6.9 of [3].

It follows from the previous part that $-\frac{4}{3}\delta'$ is τ_{K} -continuous, and from (2.40) that

$$|\langle f_n | \phi \rangle| \le \frac{4}{3} \| \phi' \|_{\infty} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, ...)$$
 (2.45)

(which is a constructive version of (2.31)). Furthermore, we have already spotlighted a sequence

$$\{\langle f_n | \varphi_{\rho(n)} \rangle : \| \varphi_{\rho(n)} \|_{\infty} = 1; n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \}$$
 (2.46)

that is not bounded. We then restate (2.19) in a more precise fashion: There is no constant M such that

$$|\langle f_n | \phi \rangle| \le M \|\phi\|_{\infty} \quad (\phi \in C_K^{\infty}(\mathbf{R})).$$
 (2.47)

The previous bound of $\langle f_n |$ - see (2.40), is therefore the best possible one, *i.e.* p = 1 is the smallest possible p and, given p = 1, $M = \frac{4}{3}$ is the smallest possible M (to see that, compare (2.39) with (2.43)); which is (b).

In order to construct the second requested example, we give f_n a derivative⁴ f_n', as follows

$$f_{n}': \mathscr{D}_{K} \to \mathbf{C}$$

$$\phi \mapsto -\langle f_{n} | \phi' \rangle. \tag{2.48}$$

It has been proved that every $\langle f_n |$ is continuous. So is

$$D: \mathscr{D}_{K} \to \mathscr{D}_{K}$$

$$\phi \mapsto \phi';$$

$$(2.49)$$

⁴ See 6.1 of [3] for a further discussion.

see Exercise 1.17. f_n' is therefore continuous. Now apply (2.43) with ϕ' and so obtain

$$\label{eq:def_n_def} \text{-} \left\langle f_n \middle| \varphi' \right\rangle \underset{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} \frac{4}{3} \varphi''(0) \quad (\varphi \in \mathscr{D}_K),$$

i.e.

$$f_n' \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{} \frac{4}{3} \delta''.$$
 (2.50)

It follows from (2.40) that,

$$|\langle f_n \big| \varphi' \rangle| \le \frac{4}{3} \| \varphi'' \|_{\infty} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots). \tag{2.51}$$

It is therefore possible to uniformly bound f_n' with respect to a norm $\|D^p \cdot\|_{\infty}$, namely $\|D^2 \cdot\|_{\infty}$. Then arises a question: Is 2 the smallest p? The answer is: Yes. To show this, we first assume, to reach a contradiction, that there exists a positive constant M such that

$$|\langle f_n | \phi' \rangle| \le M \| \phi' \|_{\infty} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, ...).$$
 (2.52)

Define

$$\Phi_{j}(x) = \int_{-1}^{x} \phi_{j}. \tag{2.53}$$

The oddness of ϕ_j forces Φ_j to vanish outside [-1, 1]: ϕ_j is therefore in \mathscr{D}_K . So, under our assumption,

$$|\langle f_n | \Phi_i' \rangle| \le M \| \Phi_i' \|_{\infty} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, ...);$$
 (2.54)

which is

$$|\langle f_n|\varphi_j\rangle| \leq M \quad (n=1,2,3,\dots). \eqno(2.55)$$

We have thus reached a contradiction (again with the sequence $\{\langle f_n | \varphi_{\rho(n)} \rangle\}$) and so conclude that there is no constant M such that

$$|\langle |f_n \phi' \rangle| \le M \|\phi'\|_{\infty} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, ...).$$
 (2.56)

Finally, assume, to reach a contradicton, that there exists a constant M such that

$$|\langle f_n | \phi' \rangle| \le M \|\phi\|_{\infty}. \tag{2.57}$$

The mean value theorem (see (2.1)) asserts that

$$|\langle f_n | \phi' \rangle| \le M \|\phi\|_{\infty} \le M \|\phi'\|_{\infty}; \tag{2.58}$$

which is, again, a desired contradiction. So ends the proof.

2.2 Exercise 6. Fourier series may diverge at 0

Define the Fourier coefficient $\hat{f}(n)$ of a function $f \in L^2(T)$ (T is the unit circle) by

$$\hat{f}(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(e^{i\theta}) e^{-in\theta} d\theta$$

for all $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ (the integers). Put

$$\Lambda_n f = \sum_{k=-n}^n \hat{f}(k).$$

Prove that $\{f \in L^2(T) : \lim_{n \infty} \Lambda_n f \text{ exists} \}$ is a dense subspace of $L^2(T)$ of the first category.

Proof. Let $f(\theta)$ stand for $f(e^{i\theta})$, so that $L^2(T)$ is identified with a closed subset of $L^2([-\pi, \pi])$, hence the inner product

$$\hat{f}(n) = (f, e_n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(\theta) e^{-in\theta} d\theta. \tag{2.59}$$

We believe it is customary to write

$$\Lambda_{n}(f) = (f, e_{-n}) + \dots + (f, e_{n}).$$
 (2.60)

Moreover, a well known (and easy to prove) result is

$$(e_n, e_{n'}) = [n = n'], i.e. \{e_n : n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$$
 is an orthormal subset of $L^2(T)$. (2.61)

For the sake of brevity, we assume the isometric (\equiv) identification $L^2 \equiv (L^2)^*$. So,

$$\|\Lambda_{n}\|^{2} \stackrel{(2.60)}{=} \|e_{-n} + \dots + e_{n}\|^{2} \stackrel{(2.61)}{=} \|e_{-n}\|^{2} + \dots + \|e_{n}\|^{2} \stackrel{(2.61)}{=} 2n + 1. \tag{2.62}$$

We now assume, to reach a contradiction, that

$$B \triangleq \{ f \in L^2(T) : \sup\{ |\Lambda_n f| : n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \} < \infty \}$$
 (2.63)

is of the second category. So, the Banach-Steinhaus theorem 2.5 of [3] asserts that the sequence $\{\Lambda_n\}$ is norm-bounded; which is a desired contradiction, since

$$\|\Lambda_n\| \stackrel{(2.62)}{=} \sqrt{2n+1} \underset{n \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} \infty.$$
 (2.64)

We have just established that B is actually of the first category; and so is its subset $L = \{f \in L^2(T) : \lim_{n \longrightarrow \infty} \Lambda_n f \text{ exists}\}$. We now prove that L is nevertheless dense in $L^2(T)$. To do so, we let P be $\text{span}\{e_k : k \in Z\}$, the collection of the trignometric polynomials $p(\theta) = \sum \lambda_k e^{ik\theta}$: Combining (2.60) with (2.61) shows that $\Lambda_n(p) = \sum \lambda_k$ for almost all n. Thus,

$$P \subset L \subset L^2(T). \tag{2.65}$$

We know from the Fejér theorem (the Lebesgue variant) that P is dense in $L^2(T)$. We then conclude, with the help of (2.65), that

$$L^{2}(T) = \overline{P} = \overline{L}. \tag{2.66}$$

So ends the proof \Box

2.3 Exercise 9. Boundedness without closedness

Suppose X, Y, Z are Banach spaces and

$$B: X \times Y \to Z$$

is bilinear and continuous. Prove that there exists $M < \infty$ such that

$$\|B(x,y)\| \le M\|x\|\|y\| \quad (x \in X, y \in Y).$$

Is completeness needed here?

Proof. The answer is: No. To prove this, we only assume that (X, Y, Z) are normed spaces. Let W denote any of these spaces: From now on, $\pi(w) = w/||w||$ ($w \in W \setminus \{0\}$) and $\pi(0) = 0$, For the sake of readability, and also to make the problem more visual, we equipp $X \times Y$, with a Manhattan norm

$$\|(x, y)\| \triangleq \|x\| + \|y\| \quad (x \in X, y \in Y).$$
 (2.67)

This is by no means a distortion of the initial assumptions, since the norm topology is the product topology. To see that, consider all $(r, \delta_1, \delta_2, s) \in \mathbf{R}^4$ such that

$$0 < r < \max\{\delta_1, \delta_2\} < \delta_1 + \delta_2 < s, \tag{2.68}$$

and remark that

$$\|(x,y)\| < r \Rightarrow \|x\| < \delta_1 \land \|y\| < \delta_2 \Rightarrow \|(x,y)\| < s.$$
 (2.69)

B is continuous at the origin; thus, there exists a positive r such that

$$\|B(x,y) - B(0,0)\| = \|B(x,y)\| < 1 \quad (\|(x,y)\| < r). \tag{2.70}$$

Finally, given any $s < \frac{1}{2}$,

$$\|B(x,y)\| = \|B((1/rs)rs\|x\| \cdot \pi(x), (1/rs)rs\|y\| \cdot \pi(y))\|$$
(2.71)

$$= (1/rs)^{2} \|x\| \|y\| \|B(rs \cdot \pi(x), rs \cdot \pi(y))\|$$
(2.72)

$$<(1/rs)^2 \|x\| \|y\|,$$
 (2.73)

since $\|(rs \cdot \pi(x), rs \cdot \pi(y))\| < r$. So ends the proof.

As a concrete example, choose $X = Y = Z = C_c(\mathbf{R})$, topologized by the supremum norm. $C_c(\mathbf{R})$ is not complete⁵, nevertheless the bilinear product

$$B(f,g) = f \times g \quad ((f,g) \in C_c(\mathbf{R})^2)$$
(2.74)

is bounded, (since $\|B(f,g)\|_{\infty} = \|f\|_{\infty} \|g\|_{\infty}$) and continuous. To see that, pick (u,v) in $C_c(\mathbf{R})^2$: Given any positive scalar t, there exists another positive scalar r such that $r(r+2\cdot\|(u,v)\|) < t$. So, under the following assumption

$$\| f - u \|_{\infty} + \| g - v \|_{\infty} < r,$$
 (2.75)

we reach

$$\| fg - uv \|_{\infty} \le \| f - u \|_{\infty} \cdot \| g \|_{\infty} + \| u \|_{\infty} \cdot \| g - v \|_{\infty}$$
 (2.76)

$$< r \cdot (r + || (u, v) ||) + || (u, v) || \cdot r$$
 (2.77)

$$< t.$$
 (2.78)

⁵ See 5.4.4 [4]

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