
Methods of Applied Mathematics Problem Set 2

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1 EXERCISE 6.5

Let $1 \leq p < \infty$ and suppose $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$. Let $g(x) = \int_x^{x+1} f(y) dy$. Prove that $g \in C_v(\mathbb{R})$.

Proof:

1. g is continuous: is to prove $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta, s.t. |g(x+h) - g(x)| < \epsilon, \forall h < \delta$.

\because continuous functions with compact support is dense in $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ space, $\therefore \exists \phi \in C_0(\mathbb{R})$, s.t. $\|\phi - f\|_{L^p}$ is sufficient small, so that $\int_x^{x+1} |f - \phi| \leq (\int_x^{x+1} |f - \phi|^p)^{1/p} (\int_x^{x+1} 1^q)^{1/q} \leq \|f - \phi\|_{L^p} < \epsilon/3$.

$\because \phi$ is continuous with compact support, so it's actually uniformly compact. $\therefore \exists \delta$ s.t. $|\phi(y+h) - \phi(y)| < \epsilon/3, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\begin{aligned} |g(x+h) - g(x)| &= \left| \int_{x+h}^{x+1+h} f(y) dy - \int_x^{x+1} f(y) dy \right| \\ &= \left| \int_x^{x+1} (f(y+h) - f(y)) dy \right| \\ &\leq \int_x^{x+1} |f(y+h) - \phi(y+h) + \phi(y+h) - \phi(y) + \phi(y) - f(y)| dy \\ &\leq \int_x^{x+1} |f(y+h) - \phi(y+h)| dy + \int_x^{x+1} |\phi(y+h) - \phi(y)| dy + \int_x^{x+1} |\phi(y) - f(y)| dy \\ &< \epsilon/3 + \epsilon/3 + \epsilon/3 = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

2. g vanishes in ∞

$\because f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}), \therefore \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{R}, s.t. (\int_{|x|>N} |f(x)|^p dx)^{1/p} < \epsilon, \therefore$ when $x > \max\{N, N+1\}, g(x) \leq \int_x^{x+1} |f(x)| dx \leq (\int_x^{x+1} |f(x)|^p dx)^{1/p} (\int_x^{x+1} 1^q)^{1/q} = (\int_x^{x+1} |f(x)|^p dx)^{1/p} \leq \epsilon$.

2 EXERCISE 6.6

Show that the Fourier transform $\mathcal{F} : L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow C_v(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is not onto. Show, however, that its image is dense in $C_v(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

Proof:

3 EXERCISE 6.8

Give an example of a function $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ which is not in $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$, but such that $\hat{f} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Under what circumstances can this happen?

Solution:

$f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$, $\hat{f} = 1/2\sqrt{\pi/2}(\text{Sign}(1 - \xi) + \text{Sign}(\xi + 1))$, here f is in L^2/L^1 but \hat{f} is in L^1 .

4 EXERCISE 6.29

Prove that if $\{f_j\}_{j=1}^\infty \subset S$ and $f_j \xrightarrow{S} f$, then for any $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, $f_j \xrightarrow{L^p} f$.

Proof:

$$\because f_j \xrightarrow{S} f, \quad \therefore \rho_n(f_j - f) \rightarrow 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$i.e \quad \|(1 + |\cdot|^2)^{n/2} D^\alpha (f_j - f)\|_{L^\infty} \rightarrow 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall |\alpha| \leq n, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Meanwhile, } \|f_j - f\|_{L^p}^p &= \int |f_j(x) - f(x)|^p dx \\ &= \int_{B_1(0)} |f_j(x) - f(x)|^p dx + \int_{|x| \geq 1} |f_j(x) - f(x)|^p dx \end{aligned}$$

The former integral obviously can be restrained to any small value, so consider the latter. Since for any small ϵ , $\exists N$, for $\forall j \geq N$, $(1 + |x|^2)^{(d+1)/2} (f_j - f) < \epsilon$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{|x| \geq 1} |f_j(x) - f(x)|^p dx &= \int_{|x| \geq 1} |x|^{-p(d+1)} |x|^{p(d+1)} |f_j(x) - f(x)|^p dx \\ &< \int_{|x| \geq 1} |x|^{-p(d+1)} ((1 + |x|^2)^{(d+1)/2} |f_j(x) - f(x)|)^p dx \\ &\leq \epsilon^p \int_{|x| \geq 1} |x|^{-p(d+1)} dx \\ &= \epsilon^p d\omega_d \int_1^\infty r^{-p(d+1)} r^{d-1} dr \\ &< \epsilon^p d\omega_d \int_1^\infty r^{-2} dr \\ &= \epsilon^p \end{aligned}$$

where $d\omega_d$ is the measure of the unit sphere. So all in all $f_j \xrightarrow{L^p} f$.

5 EXERCISE 6.31

Let $f \in H^s(\mathbb{R}^d) = \{f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) : (1 + |\xi|^2)^{s/2} \hat{f}(\xi) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)\}$.

(a) Show that there is some $s_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\hat{f}(\xi) \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ for $s > s_0$.

(b) Apply the Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma to $\hat{f}(\xi)$ to show that, for $s > s_0$, there is some continuous function g such that $f = g$ almost everywhere.

Solution:

(a) Suppose $s_0 = d + 1$. When $s \geq s_0$, take $g(\xi) = (1 + |\xi|^2)^{s/2} |\hat{f}(\xi)|$, so $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Apparently $\hat{f}(\xi) = \frac{g}{(1 + |\xi|^2)^{s/2}}$, and $|\hat{f}| \leq |g|$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\hat{f}(x)| dx &= \int_{B_1(0)} |\hat{f}(x)| dx + \int_{|x| \geq 1, |g(x)| \leq 1} |\hat{f}(x)| dx + \int_{|x| \geq 1, |g(x)| > 1} |\hat{f}(x)| dx \\ &\leq \int_{B_1(0)} |g(x)| dx + \int_{|x| \geq 1, |g(x)| \leq 1} \frac{1}{(1 + |x|^2)^{s/2}} + \int_{|x| \geq 1, |g(x)| > 1} |g(x)|^2 dx \quad (5.1) \end{aligned}$$

For the first term of (5.1), we know in bounded area $L^1 \subset L^2$, so $g|_{B_1(0)} \in L^1(B_1(0))$. The first term $< \infty$.

For the second term of (5.1), we know that $s \geq d + 1$, so it $< \int_{|x| \geq 1, |g(x)| \leq 1} |x|^{-d-1} \leq \int_{|x| \geq 1} |x|^{-d-1} = d\omega_d \int_1^\infty r^{-d-1} r^{d-1} dr < \infty$.

For the third term of (5.1), as $g \in L^2$, it obviously $< \infty$.

(b)