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§8.2 Convolution

Def $f, g: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, measurable, the convolution is

$$(f * g)(x) = \int f(x-y)g(y)dy \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \text{ if integrable.}$$

- $f * g$ is a.e. defined if, e.g., f is bounded and compactly supported, and $g \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.
- Given $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, def. $k: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by $k(x-y) = f(x-y)$.
 f is Borel meas. on $\mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow k$ is Borel meas. on $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$.
 f is Lebesgue meas. on $\mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow k$ is Lebesgue meas. on $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$.

- Topics
- Basic operational properties.
 - L^p -property, e.g., $\|f * g\|_p \leq \|f\|_1 \|g\|_p$
 - Differentiability. $\partial^\alpha (f * g) = (\partial^\alpha f) * g$. $f, g \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow f * g \in \mathcal{F}$
 - Approximations (mollifiers)

Prop. 8.6 Assume all integrals exist.

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(a) $f * g = g * f$

$$(f * g)(x) = \int f(x-y)g(y)dy \stackrel{z=x-y}{=} \int f(z)g(x-z)dz = (g * f)(x)$$

(b) $(f * g) * h = f * (g * h)$

$$(f * g) * h(x) = \int (f * g)(x-y)h(y)dy \stackrel{(a)}{=} \int \int f(z)g(x-y-z)h(y)dzdy$$
$$\stackrel{\text{Fubini}}{=} \int f(z)(g * h)(x-z)dz \stackrel{(a)}{=} f * (g * h)(x)$$

(c) $\forall z \in \mathbb{R}^n, \tau_z(f * g) = (\tau_z f) * g = f * \tau_z g$.

$$\tau_z(f * g)(x) = (f * g)(x-z) = \int f(x-z-y)g(y)dy$$
$$= \int \tau_z f(x-y)g(y)dy = (\tau_z f) * g(x).$$

(d) $\text{Supp}(f * g) \subseteq \overline{\text{Supp}(f) + \text{Supp}(g)}$

$$= \overline{\{x+y : x \in \text{Supp}(f), y \in \text{Supp}(g)\}} =: A.$$

$$z \notin A \implies \forall y \in \text{Supp}(g), z-y \notin \text{Supp}(f) \implies f(z-y)g(y) = 0$$

$$\implies \forall z. \text{ So } (f * g)(z) = \int f(z-y)g(y)dy = 0. \quad \underline{\text{Q.E.D.}}$$

Young's ineq. $f \in L^1, g \in L^p (1 \leq p < \infty) \implies f * g(x)$ exists 62

a.e. x , $f * g \in L^p$, and $\|f * g\|_p \leq \|f\|_1 \|g\|_p$.

Pf By Thm 6.18 with $K(x, y) = f(x - y)$. QED

Prop. 8.8 Let $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ be conjugate, $f \in L^p$, and $g \in L^q$. Then $f * g(x)$ exists at any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $f * g$ is bounded and unif. cont., and $\|f * g\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$.

If in addition $p, q \in (1, \infty)$, then $f * g \in C_0$.

Pf Existence and $\|f * g\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$ by Hölder. If $1 \leq p < \infty$, $\|T_y(f * g) - f * g\|_\infty = \|(T_y f - f) * g\|_\infty \leq \|T_y f - f\|_p \|g\|_q \rightarrow 0$ if $y \rightarrow 0$.

(If $p = \infty$, exchange f, g .) If $1 < p, q < \infty$, choose $f_n, g_n \in C_c$ s.t. $\|f_n - f\|_p \rightarrow 0, \|g_n - g\|_q \rightarrow 0$. Then $f_n * g_n \in C_c$ and

$$\|f_n * g_n - f * g\|_\infty \leq \|f_n - f\|_p \|g_n\|_q + \|f\|_p \|g_n - g\|_q \rightarrow 0.$$

So, $f * g \in C_0$. QED

Prop. 8.9 Suppose $1 \leq p, q, r \leq \infty$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{r} + 1$.

(a) (Young's ineq., general form) $f \in L^p, g \in L^q \Rightarrow f * g \in L^r$
and $\|f * g\|_r \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$.

(b) $p > 1, q > 1, r < \infty, f \in L^p, g \in \text{Weak } L^q \Rightarrow f * g \in L^r$ and
 $\|f * g\|_r \leq C_{pq} \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$ (the const. C_{pq} is indep. of f, g).

(c) $p=1, r=q > 1, f \in L^1, g \in \text{weak } L^q \Rightarrow f * g \in \text{weak } L^q$
and $\|f * g\|_q \leq C_q \|f\|_1$ (the const. C_q is indep. of f, g).

Pf (a) $p=1, r=q$: Young's ineq. $p = q/(q-1), r = \infty$. Prop. 8.8.

Fix q . Use the generalized Hölder's ineq. to get

$$|f * g(x)|^r \leq \|f\|_p^{r-p} \|g\|_q^{r-q} \int |f(y)|^p |g(x-y)|^2 dy$$

Hence $\|f * g\|_r^r \leq \|f\|_p^{r-p} \|g\|_q^{r-q} \|f\|_p^p \|g\|_q^2 = \|f\|_p^r \|g\|_q^r$.

(b) and (c): special case of Thm 6.36. QED