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Last time we defined  $S(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , an alternative definition is

$$S(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ u \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \mid \exists C_{k,\alpha} \mathbf{s.t.} \langle x \rangle^k |D^\alpha u(x)| \leq C_{k,\alpha} \forall k \geq 0, |\alpha| \geq 0 \right\}$$

where, as in previous lectures,  $\langle x \rangle = \sqrt{1 + |x|^2}$ .

Dfn: For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  set  $p_k(u) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, |\alpha| \leq k} \langle x \rangle^k |D^\alpha u(x)|$ . this is called the

seminorm on  $S(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Dfn:  $d(u, v) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-k} \frac{p_k(u-v)}{1+p_k(u-v)}$  is the distance (aka metric) function

on  $S(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Fact:  $(S(\mathbb{R}^n), d)$  is a Fre'chet space (ie a complete metric space which is locally convex)

Dfn (topology of strong convergence (with respect to the metric)): We say that  $u_j \rightarrow u$  in  $S(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if  $p_k(u_j - u) \rightarrow 0$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Tempered Distributions:

Dfn: A linear map  $W : S(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is continuous iff there exist  $k, C$  such that  $|W(u)| \leq Cp_k(u)$  for all  $u \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Dfn:  $S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is the set of continuous linear functionals  $\{W : S(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\}$ .

Dfn (weak star topology on  $S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ): We say  $W_j$  converges to  $W$  weak star in  $S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if  $W_j(u) \rightarrow W(u)$  for all  $u \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Notation: The action of  $W \in S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  on  $u \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is often written as  $W(u) = \langle u, W \rangle$ .

Facts:

1) There is a natural injection  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for all  $p \in [1, \infty]$  given by

$$\langle u, f \rangle = \int_{(\mathbb{R}^n)} u(x) f(x) dx.$$

2) Any finite measure on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  gives an element of  $S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The basic example of this is "the delta function" (at  $x$ ) defined as  $\langle u, \delta_x \rangle = u(0)$ .

3) The partial derivative operator  $\partial_j : S'(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is defined by  $\langle u, \partial_j W \rangle = -\langle \partial_j u, W \rangle$  for all  $u \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

4) Multiplication of any  $W \in S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  by an element of  $S(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is defined by  $\langle u, fW \rangle = \langle fu, W \rangle$ .

Examples: The Heaviside function

$$\eta(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Is in  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , so by 1 above it gives a distribution. Lets compute  $\frac{d}{dx} H(x)$ .

Claim:  $\frac{dH}{dx} = \delta_0$  in  $S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$

Proof:  $\left\langle u, \frac{d}{dx} H \right\rangle = - \left\langle \frac{du}{dx}, H \right\rangle = - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{du}{dx} H dx = - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{du}{dx} dx = u(0)$   
 $= \langle u, \delta_0 \rangle$

Example: In  $n = 1$  we have  $\left\langle u, \frac{d\delta}{dx} \right\rangle = - \left\langle \frac{du}{dx}, \delta \right\rangle = - \frac{du}{dx}(0)$

We can now define  $\mathcal{F}$  of a tempered distribution:

Motivation: What is  $\mathcal{F}(1)$ ?

Extension of  $\mathcal{F}$  to  $S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ :

Dfn:  $\mathcal{F} : S'(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is defined implicitly by  $\langle u, \mathcal{F}W \rangle = \langle \mathcal{F}u, W \rangle$ .

(Similarly for  $\mathcal{F}^*$ )

We'd like to have the Fourier inversion formula extend to  $S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Thm:  $\mathcal{F}^* \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F} \mathcal{F}^* = id$  on  $S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Proof:  $\langle u, \mathcal{F}^* \mathcal{F}W \rangle := \langle \mathcal{F} \mathcal{F}^* u, W \rangle = \langle u, W \rangle$  QED.

Example:  $\mathcal{F}\delta_0 = (2\pi)^{-n/2}$  since  $\langle u, \mathcal{F}\delta_0 \rangle = \langle \mathcal{F}u, \delta_0 \rangle = (\mathcal{F}u)(0)$

$$= (2\pi)^{-n/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u(x) e^0 dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u(x) (2\pi)^{-n/2} dx = \left\langle u, (2\pi)^{-n/2} \right\rangle$$

Where  $(2\pi)^{-n/2}$  is to be thought of as the image of  $(2\pi)^{-n/2}$  under the imbedding  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

End of lecture