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and we conclude by taking

$$\varphi(x) = e^{-\|x\|^2/2} \quad \text{and using Example VII.7.}$$

□

From Thm VII.10 we immediately conclude

Cor. VII.11. $\langle \mathcal{F}f, \mathcal{F}g \rangle = \langle f, g \rangle$

$$\forall f, g \in C_{00}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

In particular - $\|\mathcal{F}f\|_2 = \|f\|_2 \quad \forall f \in C_{00}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

In fact we have the stronger result:

Thm VII.12 (Plancherel) The map

$$\mathcal{F} : L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow C_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

extends uniquely to a unitary operator

$$\mathcal{F} : L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

We will need the following lemma left

as an exercise:

Lemma VII.13 Let B_1, B_2 be Banach spaces

with resp. norms $\|\cdot\|_1, \|\cdot\|_2$, $D \subset B_1$ a

vector subspace and $T: D \rightarrow B_2$ a

bounded linear operator. Then T extends

uniquely to a bounded linear operator

$$T_{\text{ext}}: \overline{D} \rightarrow B_2.$$

If in addition $\|T(v)\|_2 = \|v\|_1, \forall v \in D$

then the same holds for T_{ext} and $v \in \overline{D}$.

~~With this we can prove most of Plancherel's theorem.~~

~~Proof: Since $\|Ff\|_2 = \|f\|_2, \forall f \in C_{00}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$~~

~~and $C_{00}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is dense in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$,~~

Proof of Plancherel: Since $\|Ff\|_2 = \|f\|_2$

$\forall f \in C_{00}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $C_{00}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is dense

in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, by lemma VII. 13, F extends

uniquely to an isometry $F_{\text{ext}}: L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

We claim that for $f \in L^1 \cap L^2$, $F_{\text{ext}} f = \hat{f}$.

Indeed by lemma VII. 20, let $\varphi_k, k \geq 1$

be a sequence in $C_{00}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with

$\varphi_k \rightarrow f$ in L^1 and L^2 . Then, $F_{\text{ext}}(f)$

$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} F(\varphi_k)$ in L^2 and by Prop. VII. 2,

$F(\varphi_k) = \hat{\varphi}_k \rightarrow \hat{f}$ uniformly. This implies

that $F_{\text{ext}}(f) = \hat{f}$.

It remains to show surjectivity of F_{ext} .

Let $h \in C_{00}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$; since $\tilde{h} = \overline{\hat{h}}$, lemma

VII. 5. (3) implies that $\tilde{h} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

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and hence $\mathcal{F} \tilde{h} = h$. Thus $\mathcal{F}_{\text{ext}} (L^2(\mathbb{R}^n))$
 $\supset C_{\text{c}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and since $C_{\text{c}}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is dense
in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and \mathcal{F}_{ext} is isometric this
shows surjectivity. \square

VII.2. Convolution.

Def. VII.14. Given $f_1, f_2: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ measurable and $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $t \rightarrow f_1(x-t) f_2(t)$ is in $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we define

$$f_1 * f_2(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f_1(x-t) f_2(t) \, dm(t).$$

We recall the following result from Analysis IV [see Iacobelli Thm 3.7].

Prop. VII.15 Let $1 \leq p \leq +\infty$. Let $f_1 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$

and $f_2 \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then for almost every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $t \rightarrow f_1(x-t) f_2(t)$ is in $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$

and $\|f_1 * f_2\|_p \leq \|f_1\|_1 \|f_2\|_p$.

If $f_1 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $f_2 \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$,

then $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $t \mapsto f_1(x-t)f_2(t)$ is in $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $f_1 * f_2 \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

One of the main points of ^{the} convolution product is that Fourier transformation transforms it into pointwise product [See Iacobelli, Prop. 3.8]. Here we will use it to construct a sequence $\delta_\varepsilon \in C_{00}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that for $1 \leq p < +\infty$ and every $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $\delta_\varepsilon * f \rightarrow f$ in L^p as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ and $\delta_\varepsilon * f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$: such a sequence δ_ε is called approximate identity and ~~is~~ is a very useful tool.

First we show

Prop. VII.16 If $f_1 \in C_{\cdot 0}^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and

$f_2 \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then $f_1 * f_2 \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

and $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(f_1 * f_2) = \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_i} * f_2 \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$

Here and in the sequel we will need the following lemma which is a straightforward verification using Fubini and left to the reader.

Lemma VII.17 Let (Y, \mathcal{F}, μ) be a σ -finite measure space, $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ open,

$f: D \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ a measurable function

such that (1) $\forall y \in Y, x \mapsto f(x, y)$ is in $C^1(D)$

(2) $\forall x \in D, \forall 1 \leq i \leq n,$

$f(x, \cdot)$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x, \cdot)$ are in $L^1(Y, \mu).$

Define $F(x) = \int_{\Gamma} f(x, y) d\mu(y)$

$$G_i(x) = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x, y) d\mu(y)$$

If $\forall 1 \leq i \leq n$, G_i is continuous in D

then $F \in C^1(D)$ and $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} = G_i$.

Proof of Prop. VII.16 :

$$f_1 * f_2(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f_1(x-y) f_2(y) d\mu(y).$$

We wish to apply Lemma VII.17 to

$$f(x, y) = f_1(x-y) f_2(y) \text{ which would}$$

be straight forward if $f_2 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

In order to reduce to this case fix

any $r > 0$ and take $D = B_{<r}(0)$.

Let $r_1 > 0$ with $\text{supp } f_1 \subset B_{<r_1}(0)$.

Then $\forall x \in D$

$$f_1 + f_2(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f_1(x-y) \chi_{r+r_1}(y) f_2(y) \, d\mu(y)$$

where χ_{r+r_1} is the characteristic function of $B_{r+r_1}(0)$. Now consider

$$f : D \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$f(x, y) = f_1(x-y) \chi_{r+r_1}(y) f_2(y), \text{ and}$$

observe that now $\chi_{r+r_1} f_2 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then

the first and second conditions of Lemme VII.17 are obviously satisfied. In addition

$$G_i(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_i}(x-y) \chi_{r+r_1}(y) f_2(y) \, d\mu(y)$$

$$= \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_i} * \left(\chi_{r+r_1} f_2 \right)$$

is continuous by Prop. VII.15, and hence

Since D is arbitrary, $f_1, f_2 \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$

and $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(f_1 + f_2) = \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_i}$. Since

$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_i} \in C_{00}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ a simple recurrence

shows that $f_1 + f_2 \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$. \square

Now we turn to the construction of approximate identity: fix any $\delta \in C_{00}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $\delta \geq 0$, with $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \delta(y) dm(y) = 1$ and for $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\text{let } \delta_\varepsilon(y) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^n} \delta\left(\frac{y}{\varepsilon}\right).$$

Then $\delta_\varepsilon \in C_{00}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $\int \delta_\varepsilon(y) dm(y) = 1$

and if $\text{supp } \delta \subset B_{\frac{1}{2r}}(0)$ then:

$$\text{supp } \delta_\varepsilon \subset B_{\frac{\varepsilon}{2r}}(0).$$

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(1) If $f \in C(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then $\delta_\varepsilon * f \rightarrow f$ uniformly on compact sets as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.

(2) Let $1 \leq p < +\infty$ and $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Then $\delta_\varepsilon * f \rightarrow f$ in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.

Proof:

(1) By a simple change of variables

$$\delta_\varepsilon * f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \delta_\varepsilon(y) f(x-y) dm(y)$$

and hence

$$\delta_\varepsilon * f(x) - f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \delta_\varepsilon(y) (f(x-y) - f(x)) dm(y)$$

which leads to

$$|\delta_\varepsilon * f(x) - f(x)| \leq \sup_{y \in B_{\varepsilon/2}^{(n)}} |f(x-y) - f(x)|$$

and shows (1).

(2) Let $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ and $\varphi \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $\|f - \varphi\|_p < \varepsilon$.

Then

$$\|\delta_\varepsilon * f - f\|_p \leq \|\delta_\varepsilon * f - \delta_\varepsilon * \varphi\|_p + \|\delta_\varepsilon * \varphi - \varphi\|_p + \|f - \varphi\|_p.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \|\delta_\varepsilon * f - \delta_\varepsilon * \varphi\|_p &= \|\delta_\varepsilon * (f - \varphi)\|_p \\ &\leq \|\delta_\varepsilon\|_1 \|f - \varphi\|_p \quad (\text{Prop. 15.15}) \\ &= \|f - \varphi\|_p \end{aligned}$$

We get

$$\|\delta_\varepsilon * f - f\|_p \leq 2 \cdot \varepsilon + \|\delta_\varepsilon * \varphi - \varphi\|_p.$$

Now $\text{supp}(\delta_\varepsilon * \varphi) \subset B_{\leq r}(\cdot) + \text{supp} \varphi := K$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\delta_\varepsilon * \varphi - \varphi\|_p^p &= \int_K |\delta_\varepsilon * \varphi(y) - \varphi(y)|^p d\mu(y) \\ &\leq \sup_{y \in K} |\delta_\varepsilon * \varphi(y) - \varphi(y)|^p \cdot \mu(K) \\ &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \text{ by (1). } \end{aligned}$$

Here is an important corollary

Cor. VII.13 Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open subset, and $1 \leq p < +\infty$. Then $C_{00}^{\infty}(\Omega)$ is dense in $L^p(\Omega)$.

Proof: We know that since Ω is locally compact and m is Borel regular that $C_{00}^{\infty}(\Omega)$ is dense in $L^p(\Omega)$.

So let $f \in C_{00}^{\infty}(\Omega)$; since $\text{supp } f$ is compact, $\text{supp } f \subset \Omega$ and Ω is open

we can find $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ with $\text{supp } f + B(0) \subset \Omega$,
 $\forall \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$

Then $\forall \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$, $\text{supp}(\delta_{\varepsilon} * f) \subset \Omega$,

$\delta_{\varepsilon} * f \in C_{00}^{\infty}(\Omega)$ and $\delta_{\varepsilon} * f \rightarrow f$

in $L^p(\Omega)$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. \square

Here is another application that enters in the proof of Plancherel:

Lemma VII.20. Let $1 \leq p_1, p_2 < +\infty$ and $f \in L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then there is a sequence $(f_k)_{k \geq 1}$ in $C_{00}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that $f_k \rightarrow f$ in L^{p_1} and L^{p_2} .

Proof:

Let $\chi_R = \chi_{B(0, R)}$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ then there is R with:

$$\|f(1 - \chi_R)\|_{p_1} < \varepsilon, \quad \|f(1 - \chi_R)\|_{p_2} < \varepsilon.$$

Now $f \cdot \chi_R \in L^{p_1} \cap L^{p_2}$ and has compact support. As a result, together

with Prop. VI.16 we conclude $\sum_{1/k} (f \cdot \chi_R) \in C_{00}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and since by Prop. VII.18,

$\delta_{n/k} * (f \cdot \chi_k) \rightarrow f \cdot \chi_k$ in $L^{p_1} \cap L^{p_2}$ we

are done.

