

Last time we introduced the Schwartz space

$$S(\mathbb{R}^d) := \left\{ f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d) : \|f\|_{\alpha, \beta} < \infty \quad \forall \text{ multi-indices } \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d \right\}, \text{ with}$$

$$\|f\|_{\alpha, \beta} := \|x^\alpha \partial_x^\beta f(x)\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} |x^\alpha \partial_x^\beta f(x)|.$$

Note: • for $f \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$, f and all partial derivatives decay faster than any polynomial

• e.g., $e^{-x^2} \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d) \subset S(\mathbb{R}^d)$

Definition: On a vector space V , a map $\|\cdot\|: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ is called semi-norm if

- $\|\lambda f\| = |\lambda| \cdot \|f\|$ (absolute homogeneity)
- $\|f+g\| \leq \|f\| + \|g\|$ (triangle inequality)

Note: • for a norm, we require additionally that $\|f\| = 0 \Rightarrow f = 0$

• $\|f\|_{\alpha, \beta}$ are semi-norms (for $\beta = 0$, $\|f\|_{\alpha, 0}$ is also a norm)

↳ e.g., $d=1$, $\|x\|_{0, 2} = \|\partial_x^2 x\|_\infty = 0$ (but $f(x) = x \neq 0$)

Next: since we have only a family of semi-norms on S , it is not a Banach space; but we can construct a complete metric space (in this context called a Fréchet space) in the following way.

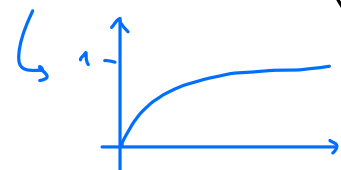
Lemma 2.8:

$$d_S(f, g) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{-n} \sup_{|\alpha|+|\beta|=n} \left(\frac{\|f-g\|_{\alpha, \beta}}{1 + \|f-g\|_{\alpha, \beta}} \right) \text{ is a metric on } S.$$

Note: the choice of $\frac{\| \dots \|_{\alpha, \beta}}{1 + \| \dots \|_{\alpha, \beta}}$ is a convention; we could choose other functions that lead to the triangle inequality and go to zero for $\| \dots \|_{\alpha, \beta}$ going to zero.

Proof: First, note that $\frac{x}{1+x}$ maps $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ to $[0, 1]$ and is monotonically increasing.

$$\Rightarrow d_S(f, g) \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{-n} = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2}} = 2$$



We now check the properties of a metric:

• $d_S(f, g) \geq 0$ clear

• $d_S(f, g) = d_S(g, f)$ clear

• $d_S(f, g) = 0 \Leftrightarrow f = g$?

↳ " \Leftarrow " clear

↳ " \Rightarrow " let $d_S(f, g) = 0$;

then in particular $\|f - g\|_{0,0} = \|f - g\|_{\infty} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} |f(x) - g(x)| = 0 \Rightarrow f = g$

• $d_S(f, g) \leq d_S(f, h) + d_S(h, g)$?

↳ we have $\|f - g\|_{\alpha, \beta} = \|f - h + h - g\|_{\alpha, \beta} \leq \underbrace{\|f - h\|_{\alpha, \beta}}_{=: x} + \underbrace{\|h - g\|_{\alpha, \beta}}_{=: y}$

↳ then $\frac{\|f - g\|_{\alpha, \beta}}{1 + \|f - g\|_{\alpha, \beta}} \stackrel{\text{monotone increasing}}{\leq} \frac{x+y}{1+x+y} = \frac{x}{1+x+y} + \frac{y}{1+x+y} \leq \frac{x}{1+x} + \frac{y}{1+y} \quad \checkmark \quad \square$

Corollary: Convergence in S

$$f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f \text{ in } S \Leftrightarrow d_S(f, f_n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \|f - f_n\|_{\alpha, \beta} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d.$$

An important property is:

Lemma 2.9: The metric space (S, d_S) is complete.

Recall: $(f_m)_m$ is a Cauchy sequence means: $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $d(f_m, f_n) < \varepsilon \forall m, n > N$

• Clearly every convergent sequence is also a Cauchy sequence since

$$d(f_m, f_n) \leq d(f_m, f) + d(f_n, f) \quad (\text{if RHS} \rightarrow 0 \text{ then also LHS} \rightarrow 0)$$

• In the definition of a Cauchy sequence we only use the f_m (not a possible limit f); this is technically nice and often easier to work with. If completeness holds (i.e., $(f_m)_m$ Cauchy $\Leftrightarrow (f_m)_m$ converges), we just have to check the Cauchy property and then know that a limit always exists.

Proof: Let $(f_m)_m$ be a Cauchy sequence in S .

Idea: We first construct a candidate f for the limit, and then show that it is indeed the limit in S .

Note: $(f_m)_m$ Cauchy in $S \Rightarrow (f_m)$ is also Cauchy w.r.t. all $\|\cdot\|_{\alpha, \beta}$;

put differently: $f_m^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) := x^\alpha \partial_x^\beta f_m(x)$ is Cauchy w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_\infty$

From Analysis II we (should) know that $C_b(\mathbb{R}^d) := \{f \in C(\mathbb{R}^d) : f \text{ bounded}\}$ is complete

w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_\infty$. Thus $f_m^{(\alpha, \beta)} \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} f^{(\alpha, \beta)}$ uniformly.

(See, e.g., Rudin: Principles of Mathematical Analysis (3rd edition) Theorem 7.15)

Therefore, $f := f^{(0,0)}$ is the candidate for the limit of $(f_m)_m$. But so far we only

know $f^{(0,0)} \in C_b$. We need to show: $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $x^\alpha \partial_x^\beta f(x) = f^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x)$.

This would imply $f \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $d_S(f_m, f) \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} 0$, i.e., $f_m \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} f$ in S , and thus the completeness of (S, d_S) .

Checking this in detail is a bit lengthy; let us here just show for $d=1$ that

$f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\partial_x f = f^{(0,1)}$, the rest goes analogously.

Since $f_m \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}) \forall m$, we have $f_m(x) = f_m(0) + \int_0^x f'_m(y) dy$.

Since $f_m \rightarrow f$ and $f'_m \rightarrow f^{(0,1)}$ uniformly, we can take the limit:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} f_m(x) &= f(x) = f(0) + \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^x f'_m(y) dy \\ &= \int_0^x f^{(0,1)}(y) dy \text{ due to uniform convergence} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ and $f' = f^{(0,1)}$

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