

We continue our study of (S, d_S) .

An important property is:

Every Cauchy sequence converges.

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

Recall: $\cdot (f_m)_m$ 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 $d(f_m, f_n) \leq d(f_m, f) + d(f_n, f)$ (if RHS $\rightarrow 0$ 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 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. $\|\cdot\|_\infty$.

We use the result from Analysis that $C_b(\mathbb{R}^d) := \{f \in C(\mathbb{R}^d) : f \text{ bounded}\}$ is complete

w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_\infty$. Thus $f_m^{(\alpha_1, \beta)} \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} f^{(\alpha_1, \beta)}$ 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 $f_m \in S(\mathbb{R}) \forall m$, 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:

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

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

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Next, we establish some standard properties of the Fourier transform on S .

Lemma 2.11: Properties of the Fourier transform

$$(1) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d, f \in S : \quad ((ik)^\alpha \partial_k^\beta \mathcal{F}f)(k) = (\mathcal{F} \partial_x^\alpha (-ix)^\beta f)(k),$$

in particular: $\widehat{(xf)}(k) = i(\widehat{\nabla_k f})(k)$ and $\widehat{(\nabla_x f)}(k) = ik\widehat{f}(k).$

(2) \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{F}^{-1} are continuous linear maps $S \rightarrow S.$

Proof:

$$(1) \text{ Recall } (\mathcal{F}f)(k) = \widehat{f}(k) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} \int f(x) e^{-ikx} dx$$

$$\text{Then with Lemma 2.2: } ((ik)^\alpha \partial_k^\beta \mathcal{F}f)(k) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} (ik)^\alpha \partial_k^\beta \int e^{-ikx} f(x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Note: all integrals exist} \quad \curvearrowleft \\ & \text{since } f \in S \\ & = (2\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} \int (ik)^\alpha (-ix)^\beta e^{-ikx} f(x) dx \\ & = (2\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} (-1)^{|\alpha|} \int (\partial_x^\alpha e^{-ikx}) (-ix)^\beta f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{|\alpha|-times integration by parts} \quad \curvearrowleft \\ & \text{(boundary terms vanish, since } f \in S) \\ & = (2\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} \int e^{-ikx} (\partial_x^\alpha (-ix)^\beta f(x)) dx \\ & = \mathcal{F}(\partial_x^\alpha (-ix)^\beta f)(k) \end{aligned}$$

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