



Derivative of distributions

T is a given distribution, to define the derivative T' , have to define the pairing $\langle T', \phi \rangle$

what will happen if T is a function and $\langle T', \phi \rangle$ is given by integration

$$\begin{aligned}\langle T', \phi \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(x) \phi'(x) dx \\ &= T(x) \phi(x) \Big|_{-\infty}^{+\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(x) \phi(x) dx \quad (\phi \text{ is a test function } \phi(x)=0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \pm\infty, T \text{ is rapidly decreasing function}) \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(x) \phi(x) dx \\ &= -\langle T, \phi' \rangle\end{aligned}$$

this makes sense even if the intermediate step doesn't

turn $\langle T', \phi \rangle$ into a definition

define T' by $\langle T', \phi \rangle = -\langle T, \phi' \rangle$

eg. step function

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ 1 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

u defines a distribution

$$\langle u, \phi \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u(x) \phi(x) dx = \int_0^{+\infty} \phi(x) dx$$

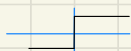
makes sense if $\phi(x)$ is a rapidly decreasing function

$$\begin{aligned}\langle u', \phi \rangle &= -\langle u, \phi' \rangle = - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u(x) \phi'(x) dx \\ &= - \int_0^{+\infty} \phi'(x) dx = -\phi(x) \Big|_0^{+\infty} \\ &= \phi(0) = \langle \delta, \phi \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$u' = \delta$$

eg. signum

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x > 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \\ -1 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\langle u', \phi \rangle &= -\langle u, \phi' \rangle \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} u(x) \phi'(x) dx = - \left[\int_{-\infty}^0 -\phi'(x) dx + \int_0^{+\infty} \phi'(x) dx \right] \\ &= \phi(x) \Big|_{-\infty}^0 - \phi(x) \Big|_0^{+\infty} = \phi(0) - \phi(+\infty) - \phi(+\infty) + \phi(0) \\ &= 2\phi(0) = \langle 2\delta, \phi \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Application to Fourier Transform

$$\langle (fT)', \phi \rangle = -\langle fT, \phi' \rangle = -\langle T, f\phi' \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(x) (f\phi)'(x) dx = - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(x) \left[\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi'(u) e^{-2\pi i x u} du \right] dx \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(x) \left[\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(u) e^{-2\pi i x u} du \right]_{-\infty}^{+\infty} - 2\pi i x \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(u) e^{-2\pi i x u} du \Big|_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(x) \cdot 2\pi i x \cdot (f\phi)(x) dx \\ &= \langle -T(x) \cdot 2\pi i x, f\phi \rangle \\ &= \langle f(-T(x) \cdot 2\pi i x), \phi \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$(fT)' = f(-T(x) \cdot 2\pi i x)$$

$$\langle f(T'), \phi \rangle = \langle T', f\phi \rangle = -\langle T, (f\phi)' \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(x) \frac{d}{dx} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(u) e^{-2\pi i x u} du dx \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(x) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} -2\pi i u \phi(u) e^{-2\pi i x u} du dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(x) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(2\pi i u \phi(u)) (x) dx \\ &= \langle T, f(2\pi i u \phi(u)) \rangle \\ &= \langle fT, 2\pi i u \phi(u) \rangle \\ &= \langle 2\pi i u (fT)(u), \phi \rangle\end{aligned}$$

same form as classical case

$$f(T') = 2\pi i u (fT)(u)$$

eg F.T of the signum function

$$\text{signum}' = 2\delta$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(\text{signum})(s) &= 2\pi i s f(\text{signum})(s) \\ f(\text{signum})(s) &= 2 \cdot f\delta(s) = 2 \end{aligned} \right\} f(\text{signum})(s) = \frac{1}{\pi i s}$$

eg F.T of unit step 

$$g_{\text{step}}(x) = \frac{1}{2} (\text{signum}(x) + 1)$$

$$f_{\text{step}} = \frac{1}{2} f(\text{signum} + 1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [f(\text{signum}) + f(1)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\pi i s} + f\delta \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\pi i s} + \delta \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\pi i s} + \delta \right)$$

$$\langle f_{\text{signum}}, \phi \rangle = \langle \text{signum}, f\phi \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \text{signum} f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^0 f(x) dx + \int_0^{+\infty} f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^0 f(-x) dx + \int_0^{+\infty} f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{+\infty} -f(-x) dx + \int_0^{+\infty} f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{+\infty} f(x) - f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \phi(x) [e^{-ix} - e^{ix}] dx dx$$

Multiplication

multiplication of functions does not carry over to multiplication of distributions

(T_1 and T_2 are distributions, $T_1 \cdot T_2$ is generally not defined)

f.T is defined where f is a function

if T is given by a function, then define

$$\langle fT, \phi \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x) T(x) \phi(x) dx = \langle T, f\phi \rangle \quad \text{when } f\phi \text{ is a test function}$$

special case $f\delta$

$$\langle f\delta, \phi \rangle = \langle \delta, f\phi \rangle = f(0)\phi(0) = \langle f\delta, \phi \rangle$$

$$f\delta = f(0)\delta \quad (f\delta_a = f(a)\delta_a)$$

Convolution

if T_1 and T_2 are distributions, the convolution $T_1 * T_2$ is not always defined

need some restrictions on T_1 and T_2

can define $T_1 * T_2$ by pairing, but need extra conditions

many cases it works fine and the convolution theorem holds $f(f * T) = (fT) * T$

eg. $f * T$ convolving a function with a distribution

$$\langle f * T, \phi \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (f * T)(x) \phi(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(xy) T(y) dy \phi(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(xy) \phi(x) dx T(y) dy$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(yx) \phi(x) dx T(y) dy$$

$$= \langle T, f * \phi \rangle$$

$$\langle f * T, \phi \rangle = \langle T, f * \phi \rangle \quad \text{if } f \text{ is a function and } T \text{ is a distribution}$$

eg. convolve with δ

$$\langle f * \delta, \phi \rangle = \langle \delta, f * \phi \rangle = (f * \phi)(0)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(-y+0) \phi(y) dy = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(y) \phi(y) dy$$

$$= \langle f, \phi \rangle$$

$$f * \delta = f \quad (f * \delta_a)(x) = f(x-a)$$

scaling property of δ $\delta(ax)$

$$\langle \delta(ax), \phi(x) \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(ax) \phi(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(u) \phi(u/a) du/a$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(u) \phi(u/a) du$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \langle \delta, \phi(u/a) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \phi(0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{|a|} \langle \delta, \phi \rangle \quad (a > 0)$$

$$\delta(ax) = \frac{1}{|a|} \delta(x)$$