


**Measure and Integration**  
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**12.1 - Convolutions**

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We were looking at the family of mollifiers  $\{\rho_\epsilon\}_{\epsilon>0}$ . So,  $\rho_\epsilon$  is  $C^\infty$  with compact support,  $\text{supp}(\rho_\epsilon) \subset \bar{B}(0, \epsilon)$  and then rho epsilon is greater than or equal to 0 and integral of rho epsilon  $dx$  over  $\mathbb{R}^N$  which is also the integral over the ball radius epsilon that is equal to 1. So, this is the family of mollifiers and we will see how they are very useful together with the tool of convolution.

**Theorem:** so,  $\{\rho_\epsilon\}_{\epsilon>0}$  family of mollifiers, so,

(i)  $f: \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous, then  $\rho_\epsilon * f \rightarrow f$  pointwise as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

(ii)  $f \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^N)$ , then  $\rho_\epsilon * f \rightarrow f$  uniformly as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

Proof: so, recall that rho  $\times$  on the  $C^\infty$  function compact support  $f$  is a continuous function. So, the convolution is well defined and in fact it is a  $C^\infty$  function. So, you are approximating point wise a given function continuous function by  $C^\infty$  function and here we are approximating it uniformly when  $f$  is continuous with compact support. So, one,  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  then

given  $\epsilon$  positive there exists a  $\delta$  positive such that for all  $\|y\| < \delta$   $y$  is the vector in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ . So,  $\|y\|$  is the Euclidean distance we have  $\|f(x) - f(x+y) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (f(x+y) - f(x)) S_\epsilon(y) d\mu(y)\| < \epsilon$ .

So, choose, so, for all  $\epsilon < \delta$  we have  $\|f(x) - f(x+y) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (f(x+y) - f(x)) S_\epsilon(y) d\mu(y)\| < \epsilon$ . Now, this can be witness integral  $\|f(x) - f(x+y) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (f(x+y) - f(x)) S_\epsilon(y) d\mu(y)\| < \epsilon$  because the integral  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} S_\epsilon(y) d\mu(y) = 1$  and  $f(x)$  is a constant as far as this integral is concerned and therefore, it just pulls out. So, this can be like this.

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$$S_\epsilon f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f(x+y) S_\epsilon(y) d\mu(y)$$

$$\|S_\epsilon f(x) - f(x)\| < \epsilon \quad \forall \epsilon < \delta$$

$$\Rightarrow S_\epsilon f(x) \rightarrow f(x)$$
 (ii)  $f \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^N) \Rightarrow f$  unif cont.  $\Rightarrow \delta$  chosen above does not depend on  $x$ .  $\Rightarrow S_\epsilon f \rightarrow f$  unif.

Thm.  $\{S_\epsilon\}_{\epsilon>0}$  family of mollifiers.

(i)  $f: \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  cont, then  $S_\epsilon f \rightarrow f$  ptwise, as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .  
 (ii)  $f \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^N)$  then  $S_\epsilon f \rightarrow f$  uniformly, as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

Pf (i)  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$  given  $\eta > 0$   $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $\forall \|y\| < \delta$  we have  $|f(x+y) - f(x)| < \eta$ .

$\forall \epsilon < \delta$ 

$$S_\epsilon f(x) - f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f(x+y) S_\epsilon(y) d\mu(y) - f(x) \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} S_\epsilon(y) d\mu(y)$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (f(x+y) - f(x)) S_\epsilon(y) d\mu(y)$$

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Therefore, you have and also  $\rho_\epsilon$  is greater than or equal to 0. Therefore,  $\rho_\epsilon \star f(x) - f(x)$  is less than or equal to  $\int \rho_\epsilon(y) |f(x-y) - f(x)| dy$ . Now, this is less than  $\eta$  and this integral  $\rho_\epsilon$  is equal to 1 and therefore, you have  $\rho_\epsilon \star f(x) - f(x)$  is less than or equal to  $\eta$  or less than  $\eta$  in fact, does not matter, for every  $\epsilon$  less than  $\delta$  and that so, this implies that  $\rho_\epsilon \star f$  converges to  $f$  of  $x$ . 2,  $f \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^N)$  implies  $f$  is uniformly continuous implies  $\delta$  chosen above does not depend on  $x$ , this implies that the  $\rho_\epsilon \star f$  converges to  $f$  uniformly.

So, there is just, so, in particular, this is a little more particular the general statement would be if  $f$  is uniformly continuous then  $\rho_\epsilon \star f$  goes to  $f$  uniformly that is what we had.

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Cor.  $f \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then  $\rho_\epsilon \star f \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$   $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

Pf.  $p = \infty$  already covered:  $\rho_\epsilon \star f \rightarrow f$  unif. i.e. in  $C(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

$1 \leq p < \infty$ .  $K$  compact containing  $\text{supp}(f)$  &  $\rho_\epsilon \star f \rightarrow f$   $\forall \epsilon > 0$  ( $0 < \epsilon < 1$ )

Eg.  $K = \text{supp}(f) + \overline{B}(0,1)$ .

Then unif. conv. of  $\rho_\epsilon \star f$  to  $f$  also implies conv. in  $L^p$  in  $K$ .

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Rem.  $f \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^n) \Rightarrow \rho_\epsilon * f$  in  $C^\infty$  with cpt. supp.

Thm.  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then,  $C^\infty$  fun with comp. supp. in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are dense in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .



Corollary:  $f \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^N)$ , then  $\rho_\epsilon * f$  converges to  $f$  in LP of RM 1 less than equal to  $p$  less than infinity. Proof in fact, let us say, so,  $p$  equals infinity already covered since rho epsilon star  $f$  converges to  $f$  uniformly that is in  $L^\infty$ , uniform converges  $L^\infty$  convergence are the same, so, 1 less than equal to  $p$  less than infinity. So,  $K$  compact set containing support of  $f$  and  $\rho_\epsilon * f$  for all epsilon positive let us say 0 less than epsilon less than 1. So, for instance you can take  $K$  equal to support of  $f$  plus the close ball center  $(0)$  (8:16) and radius 1, so, example.

So, then uniform convergence of  $\rho_\epsilon * f$  to  $f$  also implies convergence in  $L^p(K)$ . Outside  $K$  all functions are zero so, therefore, you have  $\rho_\epsilon * f$  converges to  $f$  in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .  $K$  is a finite measure since it is compact and therefore, uniform convergence implies LP convergence. So, remark  $f \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^N)$  implies  $\rho_\epsilon * f$  is  $C^\infty$  with compact support. So, that leads us to the next theorem 1 less than equal to  $p$  less than infinity then  $C^\infty$  functions with compact support in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  are dense in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .

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Thm.  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then  $C^\infty$  fun with comp. supp. in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are dense in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Pf.  $f \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^n)$  then  $\rho_\epsilon * f$  is  $C^\infty$  with cpt. supp.  $\Rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .  
 But  $C_c(\mathbb{R}^n)$  itself is dense in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$   $1 \leq p < \infty$ .  
 Hence the result.



Proof: so, if  $f \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^N)$  then  $\rho_\epsilon * f$  is  $C^\infty$  with compact support and converges to  $f$  in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$  but  $C_c(\mathbb{R}^N)$  itself is dense in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$   $1 \leq p < \infty$  strictly less than infinity. So, this implies hence the result, then we see infinity functions with compact support with an approximate in  $L^p$  norm the continuous functions with compact support and they approximate in  $L^p$  norm functions in  $L^p$ . So, that completes that.

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Thm.  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then  $C^\infty$  fun with comp. supp. in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  are dense in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .

Pr.  $f \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^N)$  then  $S_\varepsilon f$  in  $C^\infty$  with comp. supp.  $\Rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$   
 But  $C_c(\mathbb{R}^N)$  itself is dense in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$   $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

Hence the result.

Cor.  $\{S_\varepsilon\}_{\varepsilon>0}$  mollifiers.  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$   
 $\Rightarrow S_\varepsilon f \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .



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So, corollary rho epsilon positive mollifiers 1 less than equal to p less than infinity then f in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$  implies rho epsilon star f converges to f in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$ . We already saw this continuous function with compact support.

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Pr.  $\eta > 0$  let  $g \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^N)$   $\|f - g\|_p < \eta/3$ .

For  $\varepsilon > 0$   $S_\varepsilon g \rightarrow g$  in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .

For  $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$   $\|S_\varepsilon g - g\|_p < \eta/3$ .

$\|S_\varepsilon f - f\|_p \leq \|S_\varepsilon f - S_\varepsilon g\|_p + \|S_\varepsilon g - g\|_p + \|f - g\|_p$   $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$ .

$\leq \|S_\varepsilon\| \|f - g\|_p + \eta/3 + \eta/3$   
 $= 1 \cdot \eta/3 + \eta/3 + \eta/3$   
 $< \eta \quad \forall \quad 0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$ .



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Now, we just have to use the density so, eta be positive and let g in  $C_c(\mathbb{R}^N)$  norm f minus g in  $L^p$  less than eta by 2. Now, for epsilon less than or equal to positive rho epsilon star f star g converges to g in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$ . Therefore, for epsilon less than some epsilon naught norm of rho epsilon star g minus g in  $L^p$  is less than say, so, let us take eta by 3. Now, norm rho epsilon

star f minus f in  $L^p$  is less than equal to rho epsilon star f minus rho epsilon star g in  $L^p$  plus norm rho epsilon star g minus g  $L^p$  plus norm of f minus g in  $L^p$ . Now, this is then eta by 3 this also less than eta by 3 where for epsilon less than epsilon naught.

Now, this one by Young's inequality is less than or equal to norm rho epsilon 1 norm f minus g in  $L^p$ . This is equal to 1 and this is less than eta by 3 and therefore, the whole thing is less than eta for all 0 less than epsilon less than epsilon naught and therefore, that proves the corollary.

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So, we prove that  $C^\infty$  functions with compact support  $\mathbb{R}^N$  in  $L^p$  or dense in  $L^p$  of  $\mathbb{R}^N$ . Now we want to show it for any open set  $\omega$  in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , so,  $\omega$  contained in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  open set 1 less than equal to p less than infinity then  $C^\infty$  functions with compact support contained in  $\omega$  are dense in  $L^p$  of  $\omega$ .

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Thm.  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  open set,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then  $C^\infty$  fns. with cpt. supp. contained in  $\Omega$ , are dense in  $L^p(\Omega)$ .

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Pf:  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $C_c(\Omega)$  dense in  $L^p(\Omega)$ ,  $\eta > 0$ .


$f \in L^p(\Omega) \Rightarrow \exists g \in C_c(\Omega)$   $\|f - g\|_p < \eta/2$

$\text{supp } g \subset \Omega$ , compact.

$\tilde{g} = \text{extn. of } g \text{ by zero outside } \Omega \Rightarrow \tilde{g} \in C_c(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .

$\Rightarrow S_\varepsilon \tilde{g}$  is  $C^\infty$  with cpt. supp.,

$\text{supp } (S_\varepsilon \tilde{g}) \subset \bar{B}(0; \varepsilon) + \text{supp } \tilde{g}$



$= \bar{B}(0; \varepsilon) + \text{supp } \tilde{g}$

$\subset \Omega$  for  $\varepsilon$  suff. small.

$\Rightarrow (S_\varepsilon \tilde{g})|_\Omega \in C^\infty$  with cpt. supp.  $\subset \Omega$ .


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$S_\varepsilon \tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{g} \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \text{ in } L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .

$\varepsilon$  small enough  $\|S_\varepsilon \tilde{g}|_\Omega - g\|_p \leq \|S_\varepsilon \tilde{g} - \tilde{g}\|_{p, \mathbb{R}^N} < \eta/2$ .

$\Rightarrow \|S_\varepsilon \tilde{g}|_\Omega - f\|_p < \eta$

$\forall \varepsilon$  small enough.



Proof, so,  $1 \leq p < \infty$  then  $C_c(\Omega)$  continues functions with compact support is dense in  $L^p(\Omega)$ , so, given  $f$  in  $L^p(\Omega)$  there exists  $g$  in  $C_c(\Omega)$  norm  $f$  minus  $g$   $p$  is less than say  $\eta/2$ , so,  $\eta$  greater than 0 is greater. Now,  $G$  is support of  $g$  is contained in  $\Omega$  and compact let  $\tilde{g}$  equal to extension of  $g$  by zero outside domain then  $\tilde{g}$  belongs to  $C_c(\mathbb{R}^N)$  then  $\rho_\varepsilon \star \tilde{g}$  is  $C^\infty$  with compact support and support of  $\rho_\varepsilon \star \tilde{g}$  is contained in  $\bar{B}(0; \varepsilon) + \text{supp } \tilde{g}$  that is a ball close ball center zero radius  $\varepsilon$  plus support of  $\tilde{g}$  but that is equal to  $\bar{B}(0; \varepsilon) + \text{supp } g$  because  $\tilde{g}$  is nothing but extension of  $g$  by zero and this is contained in  $\Omega$  for  $\varepsilon$  sufficiently small, what do we mean by this.



So, you have  $\omega$  is here and then you have compact set  $K$  which is a support of  $g$  which is compact now, so, this is a compact set closed the boundary for  $\omega$  is also close therefore, you take  $d$  to be the distance, shortest distance between the set and this way they are 2 disjoint compact and hence closed sets therefore, you know that the distance is positive. So, you just have to take  $\epsilon$  less than  $d$  or  $d$  by 2 whatever you like  $d$  is enough let us say  $d$  by 2 to be absolutely safe and then you have this set will be contained in  $\omega$  itself.

So,  $\rho_\epsilon \star \tilde{g}$  restricted to  $\omega$  is  $C^\infty$  with compact support contained in  $\omega$  and  $\rho_\epsilon \star \tilde{g}$  converges to  $\tilde{g}$  as  $\epsilon$  goes to zero in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$  that we already know and therefore, you have for  $\epsilon$  small enough  $\|\rho_\epsilon \star \tilde{g} - \tilde{g}\|_{L^p(\omega)}$  is less than or equal to  $\|\rho_\epsilon \star \tilde{g} - \tilde{g}\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)}$  and this can be made less than  $\eta$  by 2 and therefore, you have  $\|\rho_\epsilon \star \tilde{g} - \tilde{g}\|_{L^p(\omega)}$  is less than  $\eta$  for all  $\epsilon$  less than  $\epsilon_\eta$  small enough and that completes the proof.

So with this we complete this chapter, we will do some exercises next time.