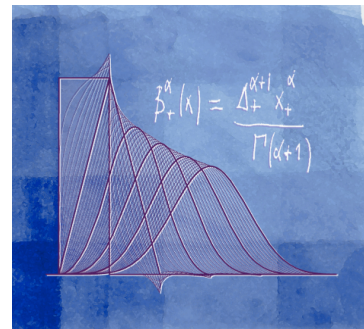


Sparse stochastic processes

Chapter 3 Mathematical context and background

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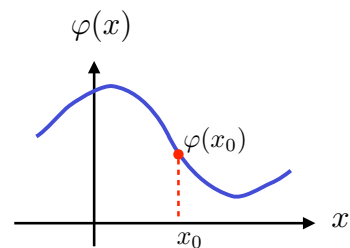
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On the notation

Notion of function: conventional vs. abstract interpretation

- Map $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (or $\mathbb{C}$) such that $\mathbf{x} \mapsto \varphi(\mathbf{x})$
- Element of a vector space: $\varphi \in \mathcal{X}$



Generic time or space indices: $t, \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$ or $\mathbf{r} = (r_1, \dots, r_d)$

Equivalent notations: $\varphi, \varphi(\cdot), \varphi(\mathbf{x})$

Specific sample values $\varphi(\mathbf{x}_0), s(\mathbf{x}_1) \in \mathbb{R}$

vs. (continuous) linear functionals $\varphi \mapsto \langle f, \varphi \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$

Sampling property of Dirac distribution: $s(\mathbf{x}_0) = \langle \delta(\cdot - \mathbf{x}_0), s \rangle$

(Hypothesis: s is bounded and continuous)

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Sets

$\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}^+$	Non-negative integers, including 0
$\mathbb{Z}$	Integers
$\mathbb{R}$	Real numbers
$\mathbb{R}^+$	Non-negative real numbers
$\mathbb{C}$	Complex numbers
$\mathbb{R}^d$	d -dimensional Euclidean space
$\mathbb{Z}^d$	d -dimensional integers

Various notations

j	Imaginary unit such that $j^2 = -1$
$\lceil x \rceil$	Ceiling: smallest integer at least as large as x
$\lfloor x \rfloor$	Floor: largest integer not exceeding x
$(x_1 : x_n)$	n -tuple $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
$\ f\ $	Norm of the function f (see Section 3.1.2)
$\ f\ _{L_p}$	L_p -norm of the function f (in the sense of Lebesgue)
$\ a\ _{\ell_p}$	ℓ_p -norm of the sequence a
$\langle \varphi, s \rangle$	Scalar (or duality) product
$\langle f, g \rangle_{L_2}$	L_2 inner product
$f^\vee$	Reversed signal: $f^\vee(\mathbf{r}) = f(-\mathbf{r})$
$(f * g)(\mathbf{r})$	Continuous-domain convolution
$(a * b)[n]$	Discrete-domain convolution
$\hat{\varphi}(\omega)$	Fourier transform of φ : $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi(\mathbf{r}) e^{-j\langle \omega, \mathbf{r} \rangle} d\mathbf{r}$
$\hat{f} = \mathcal{F}\{f\}$	Fourier transform of f (classical or generalized)
$f = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\hat{f}\}$	Inverse Fourier transform of $\hat{f}$
$\overline{\mathcal{F}\{f\}}(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{f\}(-\omega)$	Conjugate Fourier transform of f

Signals, functions, and kernels

$f, f(\cdot),$ or $f(\mathbf{r})$	Continuous-domain signal: function $\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
φ	Generic test function in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$
$\psi_L = L^* \phi$	Operator-like wavelet with smoothing kernel ϕ
$s, \langle \varphi, s \rangle$	Generalized function $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
μ_h	Measure associated with h : $\langle \varphi, h \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi(\mathbf{r}) \mu_h(d\mathbf{r})$
δ	Dirac impulse: $\langle \varphi, \delta \rangle = \varphi(\mathbf{0})$
$\delta(\cdot - \mathbf{r}_0)$	Shifted Dirac impulse

From linear algebra to functional analysis

Infinite-dim counterpart

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_N)$$



$$f(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$$



$$\langle f, \varphi \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{x}) \varphi(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

$\mathbf{e}_n$ (canonical basis)



Dirac distribution: $\delta \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$$



$$A\{f\}(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) f(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y}$$

Transpose of a matrix: $\mathbf{L}^T$



Adjoint operator: L^*

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Normed spaces

Normed space: vector space $\mathcal{X}$ equipped with a norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{X}}$

Convergent sequence of functions (φ_i) in $\mathcal{X}$:

$$\lim_i \varphi_i = \varphi \Leftrightarrow \lim_i \|\varphi - \varphi_i\|_{\mathcal{X}} = 0$$

Definition

A Banach space is a **complete normed** space $\mathcal{X}$;

that is, such that $\lim_i \varphi_i = \varphi \in \mathcal{X}$ for any convergent sequence (φ_i) in $\mathcal{X}$.

■ Lebesgue space $L_p(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$

$$\|\varphi\|_{L_p} = \begin{cases} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\varphi(\mathbf{x})|^p d\mathbf{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} & \text{for } 1 \leq p < \infty \\ \text{ess sup}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d} |\varphi(\mathbf{x})| & \text{for } p = \infty \end{cases}$$

■ Space of continuous and bounded functions

$$C_b(\mathbb{R}^d) = \{f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ continuous and s.t. } \|f\|_{L_\infty} < +\infty\} \subseteq L_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

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Hilbert spaces

Definition A real-valued inner product on a vector space $\mathcal{H}$ is a bilinear form $\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : (f, g) \mapsto \langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$ that satisfies the following properties for all $f, g, h \in \mathcal{H}$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

- Linearity: $\langle \alpha f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \alpha \langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$ and $\langle f + g, h \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \langle f, h \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} + \langle g, h \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$.
- Symmetry: $\langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \langle g, f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$.
- Non-negativity: $\langle f, f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \geq 0$.
- Unicity: $\langle f, f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = 0 \Leftrightarrow f = 0$.

If all conditions except the last are met, then $\langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$ is called a semi-inner product.

Definition

A Hilbert space is a **complete normed** space $\mathcal{H}$ equipped with a norm induced by an inner product: $\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} = \langle f, f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$.

Example: $\langle f, g \rangle_{L_2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)g(x)dx$

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Schwartz's space of test functions

Nuclear-Fréchet space (i.e., equipped with a family of semi-norms) rather than a Banach space



■ $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$: Schwartz' space of smooth and rapidly-decreasing functions

Family of semi-norms: $\|\varphi\|_{m,n} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} |x^m \partial^n \varphi(x)|$ for all $m, n \in \mathbb{N}^d$.

$$\lim_i \varphi_i = \varphi \Leftrightarrow \lim_i \|\varphi_i - \varphi\|_{m,n} = 0$$

$$\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) = \{\varphi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \|f\|_{m,n} < +\infty, \text{ for all } m, n \in \mathbb{N}^d\}$$

Very constrained (and safe) framework

$$\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \subseteq L_p(\mathbb{R}^d) \text{ for any } p \geq 1$$

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Linear operators: continuity property

Definition

An operator $A : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ where $\mathcal{X}$ and $\mathcal{Y}$ are vector spaces is **linear** if, for any $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{X}$ and $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ (or $\mathbb{C}$),

$$A\{a_1\varphi_1 + a_2\varphi_2\} = a_1A\{\varphi_1\} + a_2A\{\varphi_2\}$$

Definition

Let $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$ be topological spaces. An operator $A : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ is (sequentially) **continuous** (with respect to the topologies of $\mathcal{X}$ and $\mathcal{Y}$) if, for any convergent sequence (φ_i) in $\mathcal{X}$ with limit $\varphi \in \mathcal{X}$, the sequence $(A\varphi_i)$ converges to $A\varphi$ in $\mathcal{Y}$, that is,

$$\lim_i A\{\varphi_i\} = A\{\lim_i \varphi_i\}.$$

Example: The linear operator D^{m_0} is continuous $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$.

Schwartz' semi-norms: $\|\varphi\|_{m,n} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |x^m D^n \varphi(x)|$ with $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\|D^{m_0} \varphi_i - D^{m_0} \varphi\|_{m,n} = \|D^{m_0} \{\varphi_i - \varphi\}\|_{m,n} = \|\varphi_i - \varphi\|_{m, n+m_0} \rightarrow 0$$

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Examples of continuous operators on $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$\forall \varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

■ Multiplication by a polynomial: $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$\mathbf{r}^{\mathbf{n}} \varphi(\mathbf{r}) = r_1^{n_1} \cdots r_d^{n_d} \varphi(\mathbf{r}) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

■ Differentiation: $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$\partial^{\mathbf{n}} \varphi(\mathbf{r}) = \partial_{r_1}^{n_1} \cdots \partial_{r_d}^{n_d} \varphi(\mathbf{r}) \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

■ Fourier transform: $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$\mathcal{F}\{\varphi\}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-j\langle \mathbf{r}, \boldsymbol{\omega} \rangle} \varphi(\mathbf{r}) \, d\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\hat{\varphi}\}(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{j\langle \mathbf{r}, \boldsymbol{\omega} \rangle} \hat{\varphi}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \frac{d\boldsymbol{\omega}}{(2\pi)^d} = \varphi(\mathbf{r})$$

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Bounded operator

Proposition

Consider the linear operator $A : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ where $(\mathcal{X}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{X}})$ and $(\mathcal{Y}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{Y}})$ are two Banach spaces. Then, A is continuous $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ iff. it is bounded; i.e., iff. there exists a constant C_0 such that, for any $f \in \mathcal{X}$

$$\|A\{f\}\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \leq C_0 \|f\|_{\mathcal{X}}$$

Examples

- Boundedness of (classical) Fourier transform $\mathcal{F} : L_1(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow C_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$
- Convolution operator: $T_h\{f\} = h * f$

$$T_h \text{ is bounded } L_2(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow L_2(\mathbb{R}^d) \Leftrightarrow \hat{h} \in L_{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

$$\|h * f\|_{L_2}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\hat{h}(\omega) \hat{f}(\omega)|^2 \frac{d\omega}{(2\pi)^d} \leq \|\hat{h}\|_{L_{\infty}}^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\hat{f}(\omega)|^2 \frac{d\omega}{(2\pi)^d} = \|\hat{h}\|_{L_{\infty}}^2 \|f\|_{L_2}^2$$

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Spaces

$\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$	Generic vector spaces (normed or nuclear)
$L_2(\mathbb{R}^d)$	Finite-energy functions $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{r}) ^2 d\mathbf{r} < \infty$
$L_p(\mathbb{R}^d)$	Functions such that $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{r}) ^p d\mathbf{r} < \infty$
$L_{p,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^d)$	Functions such that $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{r}) (1 + \mathbf{r})^{\alpha/p} d\mathbf{r} < \infty$
$\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)$	Smooth and compactly supported test functions
$\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$	Distributions or generalized functions over $\mathbb{R}^d$
$\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$	Smooth and rapidly decreasing test functions
$\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$	Tempered distributions (generalized functions)
$\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$	Bounded functions with rapid decay
$\ell_2(\mathbb{Z}^d)$	Finite-energy sequences $\sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} a[\mathbf{k}] ^2 < \infty$
$\ell_p(\mathbb{Z}^d)$	Sequences such that $\sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} a[\mathbf{k}] ^p < \infty$

Operators

Id	Identity
$D = \frac{d}{dt}$	Derivative
D_d	Finite difference (discrete derivative)
D^N	N th-order derivative
$\partial^{\mathbf{n}}$	Partial derivative of order $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, \dots, n_d)$
L	Whitening operator (LSI)
$\hat{L}(\omega)$	Frequency response of L (Fourier multiplier)

3.2 DUAL SPACES AND ADJOINT

■ Intuition: finite dimensional case

$\forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\forall a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

$f(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a linear functional on $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(a_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + a_2 \mathbf{x}_2) = a_1 f(\mathbf{x}_1) + a_2 f(\mathbf{x}_2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{x} = \langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \text{ for some } \mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

The set of all linear functionals on $\mathbb{R}^n$ is a vector space $(\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ isomorphic to $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto \langle a_1 \mathbf{f}_1 + a_2 \mathbf{f}_2, \mathbf{x} \rangle = a_1 \langle \mathbf{f}_1, \mathbf{x} \rangle + a_2 \langle \mathbf{f}_2, \mathbf{x} \rangle$$

■ Linear operator $\mathbf{y} \mapsto \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$\mathbf{A}$: $n \times m$ matrix

$$\langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$$

$\mathbf{A}^* = \mathbf{A}^T$ is the adjoint of $\mathbf{A}$

$$\mathbf{f} \mapsto \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

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Algebraic vs. continuous duals

General vector space $\mathcal{X}$ (normed or nuclear)

Functional on $\mathcal{X}$: a map $\varphi \mapsto f(\varphi)$ that takes $\mathcal{X}$ to the scalar field $\mathbb{R}$

Notation for linear functionals: $f(\varphi) = \langle f, \varphi \rangle \quad \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{X}$

The set of all linear functionals on $\mathcal{X}$ is a vector space $\mathcal{X}^*$ (algebraic dual of $\mathcal{X}$)

$$\langle a_1 f_1 + a_2 f_2, \varphi \rangle = a_1 \langle f_1, \varphi \rangle + a_2 \langle f_2, \varphi \rangle, \quad \forall a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

The set of all **continuous** linear functionals on $\mathcal{X}$ is a vector space $\mathcal{X}' \subseteq \mathcal{X}^*$

$\mathcal{X}'$: topological or **continuous dual** of $\mathcal{X}$

Scalar (or duality) product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is a continuous bilinear functional: $\mathcal{X}' \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

■ Weak-* topology on $\mathcal{X}'$: (f_i) converges to f in $\mathcal{X}'$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_i \langle f_i, \varphi \rangle = \langle f, \varphi \rangle \text{ for all } \varphi \in \mathcal{X}$$

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Dual of a Banach space

The dual of a Banach space $(\mathcal{X}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{X}})$ is another Banach space $\mathcal{X}'$ equipped with the dual norm

$$\|v\|_{\mathcal{X}'} = \sup_{u \in \mathcal{X} \setminus \{0\}} \left(\frac{\langle v, u \rangle}{\|u\|_{\mathcal{X}}} \right)$$

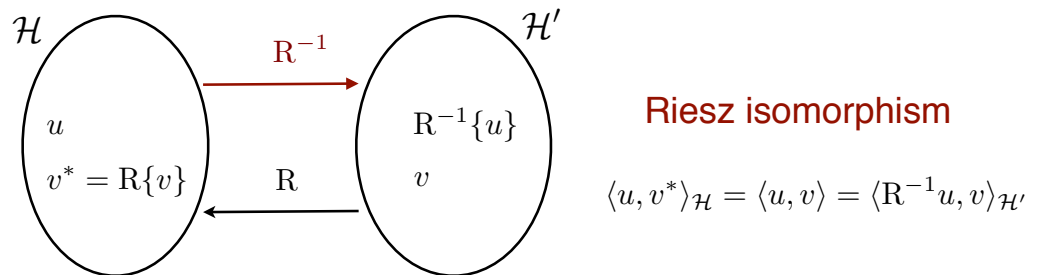
■ Duals of L_p spaces $(L_p(\mathbb{R}^d))' = L_{p'}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$
for $p \in (1, \infty)$

Hölder inequality: $|\langle f, \varphi \rangle| \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(\mathbf{r})\varphi(\mathbf{r})| d\mathbf{r} \leq \|f\|_{L_p} \|\varphi\|_{L_{p'}}$

$$\Rightarrow \|f\|_{L_{p'}} = \sup_{\varphi \in L_p(\mathbb{R}^d) \setminus \{0\}} \left(\frac{\langle f, \varphi \rangle}{\|\varphi\|_{L_p}} \right)$$

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Dual of a Hilbert space



The dual of a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ is a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}'$ with $\mathcal{H}' = R^{-1}(\mathcal{H})$.

Riesz' representation theorem

Let $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}')$ be a dual pair of Hilbert spaces. Then, for any $v \in \mathcal{H}'$, there is a unique element $v^* = R\{v\} \in \mathcal{H}$ (the so-called **conjugate** of v) such that

$$v(u) = \langle v^*, u \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} \text{ for all } u \in \mathcal{H}.$$

Conversely, for any $v^* \in \mathcal{H}$, the linear functional $v : u \mapsto \langle v^*, u \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$ is continuous with $\|v\| = \|v\|_{\mathcal{H}'} = \|v^*\|_{\mathcal{H}} = \|R\{v\}\|_{\mathcal{H}}$, and hence included in $\mathcal{H}'$.

The linear isometric map $R : \mathcal{H}' \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ that associates any element $v \in \mathcal{H}'$ to its conjugate $v^* \in \mathcal{H}$ is called the **Riesz map**.

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Dual of Schwartz' space of test functions

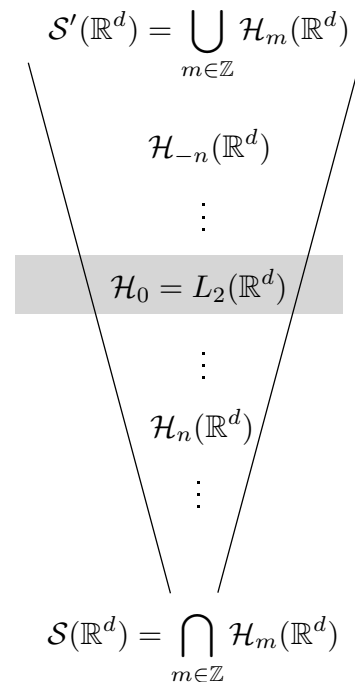
$\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$: Schwartz's space of **tempered distributions** over $\mathbb{R}^d$

Generalized functions =

continuous linear functionals on $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$

■ Rigged Hilbert spaces: $\mathcal{H}_n(\mathbb{R}^d)$

- matched order n of decay & smoothness:
 $f \in \mathcal{H}_n(\mathbb{R}^d) \Leftrightarrow (\cdot)^{\mathbf{m}} \partial^{\mathbf{n}} f \in L_2(\mathbb{R}^d), |\mathbf{m}|, |\mathbf{n}| \leq n$
- $\mathcal{H}_{n_1}(\mathbb{R}^d) \subseteq \mathcal{H}_{n_2}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ for $n_1 \geq n_2$
- $(\mathcal{H}_n(\mathbb{R}^d))' = \mathcal{H}_{-n}(\mathbb{R}^d)$
- Nuclear structure: $\mathcal{H}_{n+1} = T(\mathcal{H}_n)$
 where T is a **nuclear** operator



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Adjoint operator

Pair of vector spaces $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ with topological duals $(\mathcal{X}', \mathcal{Y}')$

■ Linear operator $\varphi \mapsto A\varphi: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$

$$\langle f, A\varphi \rangle = \langle A^* f, \varphi \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{Y}' \times \mathcal{Y} \quad \mathcal{X}' \times \mathcal{X}$$

$A^* : \mathcal{Y}' \rightarrow \mathcal{X}'$ is the adjoint of A

Example: $D : \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$

$$D^* = -D$$

Integration by part

$$\langle D\varphi, \phi \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi'(x) \phi(x) dx = \underbrace{\varphi(x) \phi(x)}_{=0} \Big|_{-\infty}^{+\infty} - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(x) \phi'(x) dx$$

Generalization: $(\partial^{\mathbf{n}})^* = (-1)^{|\mathbf{n}|} \partial^{\mathbf{n}}$ with $|\mathbf{n}| = n_1 + \dots + n_d$

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Hermitian inner product vs. duality product

L_2 (or hermitian) inner product: $\langle f, g \rangle_{L_2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{x}) \overline{g(\mathbf{x})} d\mathbf{x} \quad f, g \in L_2(\mathbb{R}^d)$

Hermitian transpose: $A^H = \overline{A^*}$ $\langle Af, g \rangle_{L_2} = \langle f, A^H g \rangle_{L_2} = \langle f, \overline{A^* g} \rangle$

■ Classical Fourier transform

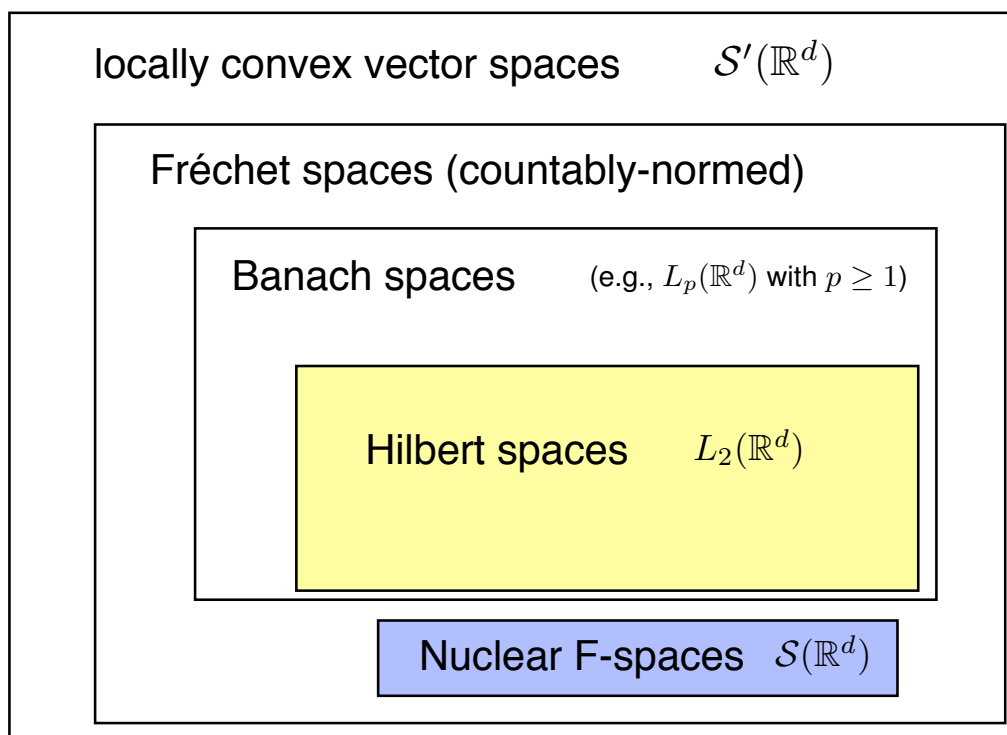
$$\hat{f}(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{f\}(\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{r}) e^{-j\langle \mathbf{r}, \omega \rangle} d\mathbf{r}, \quad f \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

Plancherel's extension $\mathcal{F} : L_2(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow L_2(\mathbb{R}^d)$

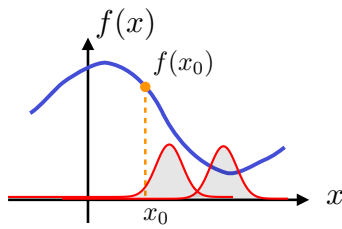
$$\text{Parseval relation: } \langle f, g \rangle_{L_2} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \langle \hat{f}, \hat{g} \rangle_{L_2}$$

Duality product version: $\langle f, \hat{g} \rangle = \langle \hat{f}, g \rangle$

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3.3 GENERALIZED FUNCTIONS



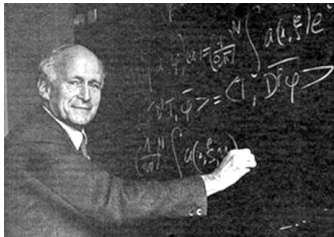
Physical measurement: $\langle \varphi, f \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(x) f(x) dx$

Family of linear sensors $\langle \varphi_i, f \rangle$:

$$\langle a_1 \varphi_1 + a_2 \varphi_2, f \rangle = a_1 \langle \varphi_1, f \rangle + a_2 \langle \varphi_2, f \rangle$$

Continuity of the measurements with respect to variations in φ_i :

$$\lim_i \varphi_i = \varphi \Rightarrow \lim_i \langle \varphi_i, f \rangle = \langle \varphi, f \rangle$$



■ Notion of weak equality

$$f = g \Leftrightarrow \langle \varphi, f \rangle = \langle \varphi, g \rangle \quad \text{for all } \varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

"If it looks like a duck, swims like a duck, and quacks like a duck, then it is (weakly) a duck"

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What is a generalized function ?

A **continuous linear functional** on $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ (resp. $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)$)

$f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$: Schwartz' space of tempered distributions

A rule $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that associates a real number $\langle f, \varphi \rangle$ to every test function φ

$$\text{Examples: } \varphi \mapsto \langle \delta(\cdot - \mathbf{r}_0), \varphi \rangle = \varphi(\mathbf{r}_0)$$

An extension of the classical notion of function.

If $g(\mathbf{x})$ is (slowly increasing and) locally integrable, then $\langle g, \varphi \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g(\mathbf{r}) \varphi(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$

Otherwise the "integral" notation $\langle f, \varphi \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{r}) \varphi(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$ is only meant symbolically

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Operations on generalized functions

Dual extension principle

Given operators $U, U^* : \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ that form an adjoint pair on $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \times \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Their action to $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is extended by defining Uf and U^*f such that

$$\langle \varphi, Uf \rangle = \langle U^*\varphi, f \rangle,$$

$$\langle \varphi, U^*f \rangle = \langle U\varphi, f \rangle.$$

■ Examples

- Shift by $\mathbf{r}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$: $\langle \varphi, f(\cdot - \mathbf{r}_0) \rangle = \langle \varphi(\cdot + \mathbf{r}_0), f \rangle$
- n th-order derivative: $\langle \varphi, \partial^n f \rangle = (-1)^{|n|} \langle \partial^n \varphi, f \rangle$
- Convolution: $\langle \varphi, h * f \rangle = \langle h^\vee * \varphi, f \rangle$
- Fourier transform: $\langle \varphi, \mathcal{F}\{f\} \rangle = \langle \mathcal{F}^*\{\varphi\}, f \rangle = \langle \hat{\varphi}, f \rangle$

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Generalized Fourier transform

Definition

$\hat{f} = \mathcal{F}\{f\}$ is the **generalized Fourier transform** of $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ iff.

$$\langle \varphi, \hat{f} \rangle = \langle \hat{\varphi}, f \rangle \quad \text{for all } \varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d),$$

$$\text{where } \hat{\varphi}(\omega) = \mathcal{F}\{\varphi\}(\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi(\mathbf{r}) e^{-j\langle \mathbf{r}, \omega \rangle} d\mathbf{r}.$$

■ Fundamental property

The generalized Fourier transform is a reversible mapping $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$

- $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{F}\{f\} \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$
- $\mathcal{F}^{-1}\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}\mathcal{F}^{-1} = \text{Id}$

Examples of generalized Fourier transforms

- $\mathcal{F}\{\delta\} = 1$
- $\mathcal{F}\{e^{j\langle \omega_0, \mathbf{r} \rangle}\}(\omega) = (2\pi)^d \delta(\omega - \omega_0)$
- $\mathcal{F}\{|\mathbf{r}|^\gamma\}(\omega) = C_\gamma \frac{1}{|\omega|^{\gamma+d}}$

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Temporal or spatial domain	Fourier domain
$\widehat{f}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathcal{F}\{f\}(\mathbf{r})$	$(2\pi)^d f(-\boldsymbol{\omega})$
$f^\vee(\mathbf{r}) = f(-\mathbf{r})$	$\widehat{f}(-\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \widehat{f}^\vee(\boldsymbol{\omega})$
$\overline{f(\mathbf{r})}$	$\overline{\widehat{f}(-\boldsymbol{\omega})}$
$f(\mathbf{A}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{r})$	$\frac{1}{ \det \mathbf{A} } \widehat{f}(\mathbf{A}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\omega})$
$f(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0)$	$e^{-j\langle \mathbf{r}_0, \boldsymbol{\omega} \rangle} \widehat{f}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$
$e^{j\langle \mathbf{r}, \boldsymbol{\omega}_0 \rangle} f(\mathbf{r})$	$\widehat{f}(\boldsymbol{\omega} - \boldsymbol{\omega}_0)$
$\partial^n f(\mathbf{r})$	$(j\boldsymbol{\omega})^n \widehat{f}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$
$\mathbf{r}^n f(\mathbf{r})$	$j^{ n } \partial^n \widehat{f}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$
$(g * f)(\mathbf{r})$	$\widehat{g}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \widehat{f}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$
$g(\mathbf{r}) f(\mathbf{r})$	$(2\pi)^{-d} (\widehat{g} * \widehat{f})(\boldsymbol{\omega})$

Table 3.3 Basic properties of the (generalized) Fourier transform.

Table A.1 Table of canonical regularizations of some singular functions, and their Fourier transforms. The one-sided power function is $r_+^\lambda = \frac{1}{2} (|r|^\lambda + \text{sign}(r)|r|^\lambda)$ and Γ denotes the gamma function. Derivatives of δ are also included for completeness.

Singular function	Canonical regularization	Fourier transform
$r_+^\lambda,$ $-n-1 < \text{Re}(\lambda) < -n$	$\langle \varphi, \tilde{r}_+^\lambda \rangle$ $= \int_0^\infty r^\lambda \left(\varphi(r) - \sum_{0 \leq i \leq n-1} \frac{r^i \varphi^{(i)}(0)}{i!} \right) dr$	$\frac{\Gamma(\lambda+1)}{(j\omega)^{\lambda+1}}$
$r_+^{-n},$ $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$	$\langle \varphi, \tilde{r}_+^{-n} \rangle$ $= \int_0^\infty r^{-n} \left(\varphi(r) - \left(\sum_{0 \leq i \leq n-2} \frac{r^i \varphi^{(i)}(0)}{i!} \right) - \frac{r^{n-1} \varphi^{(n-1)}(0)}{(n-1)!} u(1-r) \right) dr$ (non-canonical)	computable but not needed
$r_+^n,$ $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	N/A	$j^n \pi \delta^{(n)}(\omega) + \frac{n!}{(j\omega)^{n+1}}$
$ r ^\lambda,$ $-2m-2 < \text{Re}(\lambda) < -2m$	$\langle \varphi, \tilde{r} ^\lambda \rangle$ $= \int_0^\infty r^\lambda \left(\varphi(r) + \varphi(-r) - \sum_{0 \leq i \leq m-1} \frac{r^{2i} \varphi^{(2i)}(0)}{(2i)!} \right) dr$	$-2 \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} \lambda) \frac{\Gamma(\lambda+1)}{ \omega ^{\lambda+1}}$
$ r ^\lambda \text{sign}(r),$ $-2m-1 < \text{Re}(\lambda) < -2m+1$	$\langle \varphi, \tilde{r} ^\lambda \text{sign}(r) \rangle$ $= \int_0^\infty r^\lambda \left(\varphi(r) - \varphi(-r) - \sum_{0 \leq i \leq m-1} \frac{r^{2i+1} \varphi^{(2i+1)}(0)}{(2i+1)!} \right) dr$	$-2j \cos(\frac{\pi}{2} \lambda) \frac{\Gamma(\lambda+1)}{ \omega ^{\lambda+1}} \text{sign}(\omega)$
$r^n,$ $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$	N/A	$j^n 2\pi \delta^{(n)}(\omega)$
$r^n \text{sign}(r),$ $n = 1, 2, \dots$	N/A	$2 \frac{n!}{(j\omega)^{n+1}}$
$1/r,$	$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\varphi(r) - \varphi(-x)}{r} dr$	$-j\pi \text{sign}(\omega)$

The kernel theorem

Schwartz' kernel theorem: first form

Every continuous linear operator $A : \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ can be written in the form

$$\varphi(\mathbf{r}) \mapsto A\{\varphi\}(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} a(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s}) \varphi(\mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{s}$$

where $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a generalized function in $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d)$.

Generalized impulse response: $a(\cdot, \mathbf{s}_0) = A\{\delta(\cdot - \mathbf{s}_0)\}$

Schwartz' kernel theorem: second form

Every continuous bilinear form $B : \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \times \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (or $\mathbb{C}$) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} B(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} a(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s}) \varphi_1(\mathbf{r}) \varphi_2(\mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{s} d\mathbf{r} = \langle \varphi_1, A\{\varphi_2\} \rangle \\ &= \langle a, \varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

where $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a generalized function in $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d)$.

$$(\varphi_1 \otimes \varphi_2)(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s}) = \varphi_1(\mathbf{r}) \varphi_2(\mathbf{s}) \text{ for all } \varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

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LSI operators and convolution

LSI: Linear Shift-Invariant

Shift-invariant operator:

$$U\{f(\cdot - \mathbf{r}_0)\}(\mathbf{r}) = U\{f\}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \text{ for } \mathbf{r}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

A continuous linear shift-invariant operator $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ can be written as a convolution

$$\varphi(\mathbf{r}) \mapsto (\varphi * h)(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi(\mathbf{s}) h(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{s}$$

with some generalized function $h \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

Kernel theorem with $a(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s}) = h(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{s})$ (LSI property)

$$\text{Fourier-domain multiplication: } \mathcal{F}\{h * \varphi\} = \hat{\varphi} \hat{h}$$

■ Special case: continuous operator $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$

Smooth (and slowly increasing) Fourier multiplier: $\mathcal{F}\{h\}(\omega) = \hat{h}(\omega)$

$$\text{Example (rational transfer function): } \hat{h}(\omega) = C_0 \frac{\prod_{m=1}^M (j\omega - z_m)}{\prod_{n=1}^N (j\omega - p_n)}$$

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Convolution operators on $L_p(\mathbb{R}^d)$

■ Young inequality for convolution

$$\|h * f\|_{L_p} \leq \|h\|_{L_1} \|f\|_{L_p} \text{ for } p \geq 1$$

$h \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ classical condition for BIBO stability

Definition

An operator $T : L_p(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow L_p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is called a L_p **Fourier multiplier** if it is continuous on $L_p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and can be represented as $Tf = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\hat{f}H\}$. The function $H : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is the frequency response of the underlying filter.

Definition

The **norm** of the linear operator $T : L_p(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow L_p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is given by

$$\|T\|_{L_p} = \sup_{f \in L_p(\mathbb{R}^d) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|Tf\|_{L_p}}{\|f\|_{L_p}}.$$

The operator is said to be bounded if its norm is finite.

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Characterization of Fourier multipliers

Theorem

Let T be a Fourier-multiplier operator with frequency response $H : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and (generalized) impulse response $h = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{H\} = T\{\delta\}$. Then

- 1) The operator T is an L_1 Fourier multiplier if and only if there exists of a finite complex-valued Borel measure denoted by μ_h such that $H(\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-j\langle \omega, x \rangle} \mu_h(dx)$.
- 2) The operator T is an L_∞ Fourier multiplier if and only if H is the Fourier transform of a finite complex-valued Borel measure, as stated in 1).
- 3) The operator T is an L_2 Fourier multiplier if and only if $H = \hat{h} \in L_\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

The corresponding operator norms are

$$\begin{aligned} \|T\|_{L_1} &= \|T\|_{L_\infty} = \|\mu_h\|_{TV} = \sup_{\|\varphi\|_{L_\infty} \leq 1} \langle \varphi, h \rangle \\ \|T\|_{L_2} &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{d/2}} \|H\|_{L_\infty}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\|\mu_h\|_{TV}$ is the total variation of the underlying measure. Finally, T is an L_p Fourier multiplier for the whole range $1 \leq p \leq +\infty$ if the condition on H in 1) or 2) is met with $\|T\|_{L_p} \leq \|\mu_h\|_{TV}$.

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finite-dimensional theory (linear algebra)	infinite-dimensional theory (functional analysis)
Euclidean space $\mathbb{R}^N$, complexification $\mathbb{C}^N$	function spaces such as the Lebesgue space $L_p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and the space of tempered distributions $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$, among others.
vector $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_N)$ in $\mathbb{R}^N$ or $\mathbb{C}^N$	function $f(\mathbf{r})$ in $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $L_p(\mathbb{R}^d)$, etc.
bilinear scalar product $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = \sum_{n=1}^N x_n y_n$	$\langle \varphi, g \rangle = \int \varphi(\mathbf{r}) g(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$ $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ (test function), $g \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ (generalized function), or $\varphi \in L_p(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $g \in L_q(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, for instance.
equality: $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \iff x_n = y_n$ $\iff \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y} \rangle, \forall \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ $\iff \ \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\ ^2 = 0$	various notions of equality (depends on the space), such as weak equality of distributions: $f = g \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d) \iff \langle \varphi, f \rangle = \langle \varphi, g \rangle$ for all $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$, almost-everywhere equality: $f = g \in L_p(\mathbb{R}^d) \iff \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(\mathbf{r}) - g(\mathbf{r}) ^p d\mathbf{r} = 0$.
linear operators $\mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$ $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \Rightarrow y_m = \sum_{n=1}^N a_{mn} x_n$	continuous linear operators $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ $g = \mathbf{A}\varphi \Rightarrow g(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} a(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s}) \varphi(\mathbf{s}) d\mathbf{s}$ for some $a \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d)$ (Schwartz' kernel theorem)
transpose $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$	adjoint $\langle \varphi, \mathbf{A}g \rangle = \langle \mathbf{A}^* \varphi, g \rangle$

Table 3.1 Comparison of notions of linear algebra with those of functional analysis and the theory of distributions (generalized functions). See Sections 3.1-3.3 for an explanation.