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The objects of study in this note are the Lebesgue spaces $L^p(1 < p < \infty)$ on the n -dimensional Euclidean space R^n . We consider a function f in one of the above-mentioned spaces, and derive results about the closure (in the relevant function space) of the set of linear combinations of functions of the form

$$f(a_1x_1 + b_1, \dots, a_nx_n + b_n)$$

where $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_n \in R$, and $a_1 \neq 0, \dots, a_n \neq 0$.

1. Notation and main results. The Haar measure on R^n will be denoted by dx . It will be assumed normalized so that the Fourier inversion formula holds without any multiplicative constants outside the integrals involved.

If $x \in R^n$, and k is an integer such that $1 \leq k \leq n$, then x_k will denote the k -th component of x . Multiplication (and of course addition) in R^n is defined component-wise, in the usual manner.

We write $R^* = R^n \setminus \{x: x_k = 0 \text{ for some } k\}$.

Suppose that $1 < p < \infty$. Then q will always be written for the number satisfying

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$$

For each integer k such that $1 \leq k \leq n$, J_k will denote the projection of R^n onto its k -th factor; *i.e.*

$$J_k(x) = x_k \text{ for all } x \in R^n.$$

If f is any function on R^n , and $a \in R^*, b \in R^n$, then f_b^a will denote the function defined by

$$f_b^a(x) = f(ax + b) \text{ for all } x \in R^n.$$

(The map $x \rightarrow ax + b$ is called a dilation of R^n .) Finally, the set S_f is defined by

$$S_f = \{f_b^a: a \in R^*, b \in R^n\}.$$

In what follows, several vector spaces will be considered. If $1 < p < \infty$, $L^p(R^n)$ will denote the usual Lebesgue space. $L^p(R^n)$ will be given the usual norm topology.

If f is an element of $L^p(R^n)$ we shall denote by $T[f]$ the closed vector subspace of $L^p(R^n)$ generated by S_f .

Finally, if W is any open subset of R^n , we shall write $C^\infty(W)$ for the space of functions defined on W and indefinitely differentiable there. $D(W)$ will denote the space of indefinitely differentiable functions with compact supports contained in W . The dual of the last space is the space $D'(W)$ of distributions on W . For details of these spaces see e.g. Schwartz [8].

Schwartz [7] considers the space of continuous functions on the n -dimensional Euclidean space R^n equipped with the topology of uniform convergence on compact sets. He shows that if f is a function in this space, and if the linear combinations of functions of the form

$$f(ax_1 + b_1, \dots, ax_n + b_n), \quad a, b_1, \dots, b_n \in R$$

are not dense in the space, then f satisfies at least one distributional equation of the form

$$P(D)f = 0$$

where $P(D)$ is a nontrivial homogeneous linear partial differential operator with constant coefficients,

We shall prove the following result:

THEOREM 1. *If $f \in L^p(R^n)$, where $1 < p < \infty$, and $f \neq 0$, then $T[f] = L^p(R^n)$.*

2. Discussion of problem. The Fourier transform \hat{g} of a function g in $L^q(R^n)$ is defined as a distribution on R^n . (See, e.g., Schwartz [8]). It has the property of being locally a pseudomeasure; i.e., its restriction to a relatively compact open set W coincides with the restriction of some pseudomeasure to W (Gaudry [2] and [3]).

If W is an open set, $g \in L^q(R)$, $F \in D'(W)$, and if F coincides on each relatively compact open subset of W with the Fourier transform of an element of $L^1(R^n)$, then we define $F \cdot \hat{g} \in D'(W)$ by

$$F \cdot \hat{g}(\varphi) = \hat{g}(F\varphi) \text{ for all } \varphi \in D(W).$$

It can be shown that if W is an open set, $f \in L^p(R^n)$, $g \in L^q(R^n)$, and if \hat{f} coincides on each relatively compact open subset of W with the Fourier transform of an element in $L^1(R^n)$, then

$$\widehat{f * g} = \hat{f} \cdot \hat{g} \text{ on } W.$$

If f and h are in $L^p(R^n)$, then from the Hahn-Banach theorem it follows that $h \in T[f]$ if and only if

$$h * g(0) = 0$$

for all functions g in $L^1(R^n)$ such that

$$(2.1) \quad f^a * g = 0 \text{ for all } a \in R^* .$$

Therefore, to establish Theorem 1, it is sufficient to prove the following assertion: if $f \in L^p(R^n)$ for some p satisfying $1 < p < \infty$, and if g is such that (2.1) holds, then

$$(2.2) \quad \text{supp } \hat{g} \subseteq R^n \setminus R^* .$$

(We are bearing in mind the fact that $R^n \setminus R^*$ is p -thin, $1 < p \leq \infty$. See Edwards [1].) The relation (2.2) will be established in § 4.

To prove (2.2), we shall show that if $x \in R^*$, then (2.1) implies the existence of a relatively compact neighbourhood W of x , and a function $k \in L^1(R^n)$ such that

$$\hat{k} \cdot \hat{g} = 0$$

and $|\hat{k}| > 0$ on \bar{W} . This will imply that $\hat{g} = 0$ on W . For there will exist a function $K \in L^1(R^n)$ such that

$$\hat{k} \hat{K} = 1 \text{ on } W$$

(Rudin [6], Theorem 2.6.2), and so if $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(W)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{g}(\varphi) &= \hat{g}(\hat{k} \hat{K} \varphi) \\ &= \hat{k} \hat{K} \cdot \hat{g}(\varphi) \\ &= \widehat{k * K * g(\varphi)} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

since $k * g = 0$. Section 3 is essentially devoted to constructing the required functions k .

3. Preliminary results. Consider any function $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(R^*)$. Then if $x \in R^*$, it follows that $\varphi^{x^{-1}} \in \mathcal{D}(R^*)$. If s is any distribution on R^n , we define a function $s \nabla \varphi$ on R^* by

$$s \nabla \varphi(x) = s(\varphi^{x^{-1}}) \text{ for all } x \in R^* .$$

We then have

LEMMA 1. *If $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(R^*)$ and $s \in \mathcal{D}'(R^n)$, then $s \nabla \varphi \in C^\infty(R^*)$.*

Proof. (cf. Hörmander [5], Theorem 1.6.1.)

First we show that $s \nabla \varphi$ is continuous.

Suppose that ${}^j x \rightarrow {}^0 x \in R^*$. Then $\varphi^{j x^{-1}} \rightarrow \varphi^{0 x^{-1}}$ in $\mathcal{D}(R^*)$. For let

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \sup \{ |x_k| : x \in \text{supp } \varphi, 1 \leq k \leq n \} < \infty \\ b &= \inf \{ |x_k| : x \in \text{supp } \varphi, 1 \leq k \leq n \} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

and let $A, B > 0$ be numbers such that

$$B/b < |{}^j x_k| < A/a, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n$$

for all j . Then if $y \in \text{supp } \varphi^{jx^{-1}}$, we have $y/{}^j x \in \text{supp } \varphi$. This implies that

$$b \leq |y_k/{}^j x_k| \leq a, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n,$$

and so

$$|{}^j x_k| b \leq |y_k| \leq |{}^j x_k| a, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n.$$

It follows that $B < |y_k| < A$. Hence all the sets $\text{supp } \varphi^{jx^{-1}}$ are contained in a fixed compact subset of R^* . Furthermore, since

$$D_k(\varphi^{x^{-1}}) = \frac{1}{x_k} (D_k \varphi)^{x^{-1}}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n,$$

it is easily shown that for each multi-index α ,

$$\lim_j D^\alpha(\varphi^{jx^{-1}}) = D^\alpha(\varphi^{0x^{-1}})$$

uniformly. Thus $\varphi^{jx^{-1}} \rightarrow \varphi^{0x^{-1}}$ in $\mathbf{D}(R^*)$ and, since s is continuous, we have

$$\lim_j s \nabla \varphi(jx) = s \nabla \varphi(0x).$$

Hence $s \nabla \varphi$ is continuous on R^* .

To complete the proof of the lemma, it is sufficient, in view of the above, to show that if $1 \leq k \leq n$, then

$$(3.1) \quad D_k(s \nabla \varphi) = -1/J_k \cdot s \nabla J_k D_k \varphi \text{ on } R^*.$$

The required result will then follow by induction.

Thus, let e_k be the unit vector along the k -axis and consider the quotient

$$[s \nabla \varphi(x + h e_k) - s \nabla \varphi(x)]/h = s[\varphi^{(x+h e_k)^{-1}} - \varphi^{x^{-1}}]/h$$

where $x \in R^*$ and $h \neq 0$. We have

$$(3.2) \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [\varphi^{(x+h e_k)^{-1}} - \varphi^{x^{-1}}]/h = -1/x_k \cdot (J_k D_k \varphi)^{x^{-1}} \text{ in } \mathbf{D}(R^*).$$

To verify this, consider any multi-index $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} & D^\alpha [\varphi^{(x+h e_k)^{-1}} - \varphi^{x^{-1}}]/h \\ &= \left[1 / \prod_{j \neq k} x_j^{\alpha_j} \right] [(1/(x_k + h)^{\alpha_k}) \cdot (D^\alpha \varphi)^{(x+h e_k)^{-1}} - (1/x_k^{\alpha_k}) \cdot (D^\alpha \varphi)^{x^{-1}}]/h. \end{aligned}$$

The last expression converges pointwise to $D^\alpha [-(1/x_k)(J_k D_k \varphi)^{x^{-1}}]$.

The convergence is in fact uniform. This may be deduced from the fact that if ψ is any function in $D(R^n)$, and h is a positive number, then

$$|[\psi(y + he_k) - \psi(y)]/h - D_k\psi(y)| < |h| \cdot \|D_k^2\psi\|_\infty$$

which follows easily via the mean-value theorem. This establishes (3.2), and (3.1) follows. Thus the proof of Lemma 1 is complete.

COROLLARY. *If W is any relatively compact open set such that $\bar{W} \subseteq R^*$, and if $\varphi \in D(R^*)$ and $s \in D'(R^n)$, then there exists a function k in $L^1(R^n)$ such that*

$$s \nabla \psi = \hat{k} \text{ on } W .$$

Proof. In fact we may take for k any function of the form

$$(s \nabla \varphi \cdot \psi)^\vee$$

where $\psi \in D(R^*)$ and $\psi = 1$ on \bar{W} . [Here and elsewhere, \vee denotes the inverse Fourier transform:

$$\check{h}(x) = \int_{R^n} e^{2\pi ixy} h(y) dy \text{ for all } h \in L^1(R^n) .$$

LEMMA 2. *If $f \in L^p(R^n)$, $g \in L^q(R^n)$ and $\varphi, \psi \in D(R^*)$, then*

$$\hat{f} \nabla \varphi \cdot \hat{g}(\psi) = \int_{R^n} (\varphi(t) / |J_1(t)| \cdots |J_n(t)|) \left\{ \int_{R^n} \widehat{\psi |J_1 \cdots J_n|}(x) \cdot g * f^{t^{-1}}(x) dx \right\} dt .$$

Proof. Choose a sequence $\{f_j\}$ of functions in $L^1(R^n) \cap L^p(R^n)$ such that

$$\lim_j f_j = f \text{ in } L^p(R^n) .$$

Then, if ψ is any function in $D(R^*)$, we have

$$(3.3) \quad \lim_j \hat{f}_j \nabla \varphi \cdot \psi = \hat{f} \nabla \varphi \cdot \psi \text{ in } D(R^*) .$$

For, if α is any multi-index, the Leibnitz formula for the differentiation of a product shows that $D^\alpha[(\hat{f}_j - \hat{f}) \nabla \varphi \cdot \psi]$ is a sum of terms of the form

$$A \cdot D^\beta[(\hat{f}_j - \hat{f}) \nabla \varphi] D^{\alpha-\beta} \psi$$

where $\beta_i \leq \alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, n$, and A is a constant depending only on α and β . Thus we are reduced to proving that if α is any multi-index, then

$$(3.4) \quad \lim_j D^\alpha[(\hat{f}_j - \hat{f}) \nabla \varphi] = 0 \text{ uniformly on } \text{supp } \psi .$$

Now, quite generally, if s is a distribution on R^n , $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ a multi-index, and φ a function in $D(R^*)$, then

$$D^\alpha(s \nabla \varphi) = (1/J_1^{\alpha_1} \dots J_n^{\alpha_n}) \sum_\beta \{a_\beta s \nabla (J_1^{\beta_1} \dots J_n^{\beta_n} D^\beta \varphi)\}$$

where the a_β are constants depending only on α and β , and the summation is carried out over all multi-indices β such that $\beta_1 \leq \alpha_1, \dots, \beta_n \leq \alpha_n$. This is easily shown by induction, using (3.1). Since J_1, \dots, J_n are bounded away from zero on $\text{supp } \psi$, it suffices, in order to establish (3.4), to show that for every multi-index α

$$(3.5) \quad \lim_j (\hat{f}_j - \hat{f}) \nabla (J_1^{\alpha_1} \dots J_n^{\alpha_n} D^\alpha \varphi) = 0 \text{ uniformly on } \text{supp } \psi .$$

Thus, let

$$a = \sup \{ \|x_k\| : x \in \text{supp } \psi, 1 \leq k \leq n \} .$$

Then, if $x \in \text{supp } \psi$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |[(\hat{f}_j - \hat{f}) \nabla (J_1^{\alpha_1} \dots J_n^{\alpha_n} D^\alpha \varphi)](x)| \\ &= \left| \int_{R^n} (f_j - f)(yx^{-1}) \cdot \widehat{J_1^{\alpha_1} \dots J_n^{\alpha_n} D^\alpha \varphi}(y) dy \right| \\ &\leq \|f_j - f\|_p \cdot a^n \cdot \|\widehat{J_1^{\alpha_1} \dots J_n^{\alpha_n} D^\alpha \varphi}\|_q \end{aligned}$$

From this, (3.5) follows immediately, and hence (3.4) and (3.3).

Using (3.3), it is seen that

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \hat{f} \nabla \varphi \cdot \hat{g}(\psi) &= \lim_j \hat{g}(\hat{f}_j \nabla \varphi \cdot \psi) \\ &= \lim_j \int_{R^n} g(x) \cdot [\hat{f}_j \nabla \varphi \cdot \psi]^\vee(-x) dx . \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & [\hat{f}_j \nabla \varphi \cdot \psi]^\vee(-x) \\ &= \int_{R^n} e^{-2\pi ixy} \hat{f}_j \nabla \varphi(y) \cdot \psi(y) dy \\ &= \int_{R^n} e^{-2\pi ixy} \left\{ \int_{R^n} \hat{f}_j(t) \varphi(ty^{-1}) dt \right\} \psi(y) dy \\ &= \int_{R^n} e^{-2\pi ixy} \psi(y) \left\{ \int_{R^n} \hat{f}_j(yt) \varphi(t) |J_1(y)| \dots |J_n(y)| dt \right\} dy \\ &= \int_{R^n} \varphi(t) \left\{ \int_{R^n} \hat{f}_j(yt) \psi(y) |J_1(y)| \dots |J_n(y)| e^{-2\pi ixy} dy \right\} dt \\ &= \int_{R^n} (\varphi(t) / |J_1(t)| \dots |J_n(t)|) \cdot \widehat{\psi} |J_1 \dots J_n| * f_j^{\vee-1}(x) dt . \end{aligned}$$

Substituting this in (3.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f \nabla \varphi \cdot \hat{g}(\psi) \\
 (3.7) \quad &= \lim_j \int_{R^n} g(x) \left\{ \int_{R^n} (\varphi(t)/|J_1(t)| \cdots |J_n(t)|) \widehat{\psi|J_1 \cdots J_n} * f_j^{t-1}(x) dt \right\} dx \\
 &= \lim_j \int_{R^n} (\varphi(t)/|J_1(t)| \cdots |J_n(t)|) \left\{ \int_{R^n} \widehat{\psi|J_1 \cdots J_n}(x) g * f_j^{t-1}(x) dx \right\} dt .
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, if

$$a = \sup \{ |t_k| : t \in \text{supp } \varphi, 1 \leq k \leq n \} ,$$

then if $t \in \text{supp } \varphi$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \int_{R^n} \widehat{\psi|J_1 \cdots J_n}(x) \cdot g * f_j^{t-1}(x) dx - \int_{R^n} \widehat{\psi|J_1 \cdots J_n}(x) g * f^{t-1} dx \right| \\
 & \leq \| \widehat{\psi|J_1 \cdots J_n} \|_{1} \cdot \| g * (f_j^{t-1} - f^{t-1}) \|_{\infty} \\
 & \leq \| \widehat{\psi|J_1 \cdots J_n} \|_{1} \cdot \| g \|_q \cdot \| f_j^{t-1} - f^{t-1} \|_p \\
 & \leq \| \widehat{\psi|J_1 \cdots J_n} \|_{1} \cdot \| g \|_q \| f_j - f \|_p \cdot a^n .
 \end{aligned}$$

Using this, and (3.7) we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \hat{f} \nabla \varphi \cdot \hat{g}(\psi) \\
 &= \int_{R^n} (\varphi(t)/|J_1(t)| \cdots |J_n(t)|) \left\{ \int_{R^n} \widehat{\psi|J_1 \cdots J_n}(x) \cdot g * f^{t-1}(x) dx \right\} dt
 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 2.

COROLLARY. If $\varphi \in D(R^*)$, $f \in L^p(R^n)$, $g \in L^q(R^n)$, and if

$$f^a * g = 0 \text{ for all } a \in R^*$$

then $\hat{f} \nabla \varphi \cdot \hat{g} = 0$ on R^* .

LEMMA 3. Suppose that $f \in L^p(R^n)$ and that $R^* \cap \text{supp } \hat{f} \neq \emptyset$. Then if $g \in L^q(R^n)$ is such that

$$f^a * g = 0 \text{ for all } a \in R^* ,$$

We have

$$\text{supp } \hat{g} \subseteq R^n \setminus R^* .$$

Proof. First we observe that

$$\text{supp } \hat{f}^a = a \cdot \text{supp } \hat{f}$$

and hence, since $R^* \cap \text{supp } \hat{f} \neq \emptyset$,

$$(3.8) \quad \bigcup_{a \in R^*} \text{supp } \widehat{f^a} \supseteq R^* .$$

Now suppose that $x \in R^*$. By (3.8), $x \in \text{supp } \widehat{f^b}$ (say). Choose a relatively compact neighbourhood W of x such that $\overline{W} \subseteq R^*$. There exists a function $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(W)$ such that

$$\widehat{f^b}(\varphi) \neq 0$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \widehat{f^b} \nabla \varphi^{x^{-1}}(x) \neq 0 .$$

This implies that $\widehat{f^b} \nabla \varphi^{x^{-1}}$ is bounded away from 0 on a neighbourhood of x . Since $\widehat{f^b} \nabla \varphi^{x^{-1}} \in C^\infty(R^*)$ (by Lemma 1) and (by the corollary to Lemma 2)

$$\widehat{f^b} \nabla \varphi^{x^{-1}} \cdot \widehat{g} = 0 \text{ on } R^*$$

the corollary to Lemma 1 and the reasoning indicated in §2 together entail that $x \notin \text{supp } \widehat{g}$. Thus

$$\text{supp } \widehat{g} \subseteq R^n \setminus R^*$$

as we wished to show.

4. Proof of Theorem 1. We can now prove Theorem 1.

Let $f \in L^p(R^n)$, ($1 < p < \infty$), $f \neq 0$, and suppose that $g \in L^q(R^n)$ is such that

$$f^a * g = 0 \text{ for all } a \in R^* .$$

Since $R^n \setminus R^*$ is q -thin if $1 < q < \infty$, we deduce that

$$\text{supp } \widehat{f} \cap R^* \neq \emptyset .$$

Then, by Lemma 3,

$$\text{supp } \widehat{g} \subseteq R^n \setminus R^*$$

and so (since $R^n \setminus R^*$ is p -thin) $g = 0$.

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