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MULTIPLE LAPLACE INTEGRAL

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In this paper we will build up a theory of multiple Laplace integrals analogous to the L_2 -theory of Fourier integrals.

For brevity we use the following notation. If $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)$ is a multiindex (α_k non-negative integer, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$), and $x \in R^n$, then we write $x^\alpha = \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\alpha_k}$, $|\alpha| = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k$. By E we denote the multiindex $E = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$. For $a, b \in R^n$, we write $a < b$, resp. $a \leq b$, instead of $a_k < b_k$, resp. $a_k \leq b_k$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$. If $a, b \in R^n$, $a < b$, we write $\langle a, b \rangle^E = \prod_{k=1}^n \langle a_k, b_k \rangle$. If an integration of a function F on a set $\{u \in C^n : \operatorname{Re} u = \sigma\}$, where C is the set of all complex numbers and $\sigma \in R^n$, is to be performed then we use the notation $\int_{\sigma - i\infty}^{\sigma + i\infty} F(u) du$.

Let us mention some results of the Fourier transform theory which will be needed later. We will use the definition of Fourier transform proposed by Laurent Schwartz in [3]: Let $f \in L_2(R^n)$; then

$$\int_{\langle -R, R \rangle^E} f(x) \exp(-2\pi i \zeta, x) dx \rightarrow F(\zeta), \quad R \rightarrow \infty,$$

converges in the topology of $L_2(R^n)$ to an element $F \in L_2(R^n)$ which is called the Fourier image of f and denoted by $\mathcal{F}f = F$. Conversely, if $F = \mathcal{F}f$, $f \in L_2(R^n)$, then

$$\int_{\langle -R, R \rangle^E} F(\zeta) \exp(2\pi i \zeta, x) d\zeta \rightarrow f(x), \quad R \rightarrow \infty,$$

in the topology of $L_2(R^n)$. We write $f = \mathcal{F}^{-1}F$.

Theorem A. *Fourier transform $\mathcal{F} : L_2(R^n) \rightarrow L_2(R^n)$ is a unitary mapping. (By a unitary mapping we understand a homeomorphism of a Hilbert space onto a Hilbert space which preserves the inner product).*

Theorem B. Let $f \in L_2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $a < b$; then

$$\int_{\langle a, b \rangle^E} f(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\mathcal{F}f)(\xi) \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{\exp(2\pi i b_k \xi_k) - \exp(2\pi i a_k \xi_k)}{2\pi i \xi_k} d\xi.$$

Definition. Let $f \in L_{loc}(\langle 0, \infty \rangle^n)$, (locally Lebesgue integrable function on the interval $\langle 0, \infty \rangle^n$). If, for some $u \in \mathbb{C}^n$, the improper integral

$$(1) \quad \int_{\langle 0, \infty \rangle^n} f(x) \exp(-u, x) dx$$

exists then we call it Laplace integral of f and denote it by $\mathcal{L}f$. The mapping $f \rightarrow \mathcal{L}f$ is called Laplace transform.

Now we recall some results of the Laplace transform theory for functions of several variables.

Definition. We shall say that the integral (1) boundedly converges at a point $u \in \mathbb{C}^n$, if the function

$$\varphi(a) = \int_{\langle 0, a \rangle^E} f(x) \exp(-u, x) dx, \quad a \in \langle 0, \infty \rangle^n,$$

is bounded on $\langle 0, \infty \rangle^n$ and $\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(a)$ exists.

The set of all points $u \in \mathbb{C}^n$ at which (1) boundedly converges is called the domain of convergence and denoted by \mathcal{H}_f .

Theorem C. $u \in \mathcal{H}_f \Rightarrow \{v \in \mathbb{C}^n : \operatorname{Re}(v - u) > 0\} \subset \mathcal{H}_f$.

Theorem D. Let $\mathcal{H}_f \neq \emptyset$; then $\mathcal{L}f$ is holomorphic on $\operatorname{int} \mathcal{H}_f$ and for each multi-index α we have

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u}\right)^\alpha (\mathcal{L}f)(u) = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \mathcal{L}(x^\alpha f(x))(u), \quad u \in \operatorname{int} \mathcal{H}_f.$$

Theorem E. Let $u \in \mathcal{H}_f$, and let an $a \in (0, \infty)^n$ exist such that, for all multi-indices α ,

$$(\mathcal{L}f)(u_1 + \alpha_1 a_1, u_2 + \alpha_2 a_2, \dots, u_n + \alpha_n a_n) = 0.$$

Then $f(x) = 0$ a.e. on $\langle 0, \infty \rangle^n$.

Theorem F. Let $u \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and the function

$$\varphi(x) = \exp(-u, x) \int_{\langle 0, x \rangle^E} f(\xi) d\xi, \quad x \in \langle 0, \infty \rangle^n,$$

be bounded on $\langle 0, \infty \rangle^n$. Then $\{v \in \mathbb{C}^n : \operatorname{Re}(v - u) > 0\} \subset \mathcal{H}_f$.

Theorem G. Let a function f be locally absolutely continuous in the variable x_1 on $(0, \infty)$ for almost all $(x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \in (0, \infty)^{n-1}$. Let us write $g = \partial f / \partial x_1$ and let $u \in \mathcal{K}_g$, $\operatorname{Re} u > 0$. Then the integral $\mathcal{L}(f(x) - f(0, x_2, \dots, x_n))(v)$ boundedly converges for all $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$, $\operatorname{Re}(v - u) > 0$, and we have

$$(\mathcal{L}_g)(v) = v_1 \mathcal{L}(f(x) - f(0, x_2, \dots, x_n))(v).$$

Lemma 1. Let $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and let a function F of n complex variables be holomorphic for $\operatorname{Re} u > \gamma$ and bounded on the set $\{u \in \mathbb{C}^n : \operatorname{Re} u > \vartheta\}$ for each $\vartheta > \gamma$. Let us denote

$$(2) \quad \Phi(x, \sigma) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi i}\right)^n \int_{\sigma - i\infty}^{\sigma + i\infty} u^{-2E} F(u) \exp(u, x) du, \quad \sigma > \gamma, \quad \sigma > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Then: 1) $\Phi(x, \sigma)$ does not depend on σ .

2) $\Phi(x, \sigma) = 0$ for $x \notin (0, \infty)^n$.

Proof. 1) Let $\vartheta > \gamma$, $\vartheta > 0$. It is sufficient to show that $\Phi(x, \sigma) = \Phi(x, \vartheta_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n)$. Let, for instance, $\vartheta_1 > \sigma_1$. For every $R_1 > 0$ we define curves in complex plane by

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_1 &= \{u_1 : \operatorname{Re} u_1 \in \langle \sigma_1, \vartheta_1 \rangle, \operatorname{Im} u_1 = R_1\}, \\ \Gamma_2 &= \{u_1 : \operatorname{Re} u_1 = \vartheta_1, \operatorname{Im} u_1 \in \langle -R_1, R_1 \rangle\}, \\ \Gamma_3 &= \{u_1 : \operatorname{Re} u_1 \in \langle \sigma_1, \vartheta_1 \rangle, \operatorname{Im} u_1 = -R_1\}, \\ \Gamma_4 &= \{u_1 : \operatorname{Re} u_1 = \sigma_1, \operatorname{Im} u_1 \in \langle -R_1, R_1 \rangle\}. \end{aligned}$$

If we orientate the curves Γ_r , $r = 1, 2, 3, 4$, appropriately, we get

$$\int_{\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_4} u^{-2E} F(u) \exp(u, x) du_1 = 0.$$

Let the constant \varkappa majorize the function $|F|$ on the set $\{u \in \mathbb{C}^n : \operatorname{Re} u \geq \sigma\}$; then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \Phi(x, \sigma) - \Phi(x, \vartheta_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n) \right| = \\ &= \left| \lim_{R_1 \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi i}\right)^n \int_{\sigma_2 - i\infty}^{\sigma_2 + i\infty} \dots \int_{\sigma_n - i\infty}^{\sigma_n + i\infty} \left(\int_{\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_3} u^{-2E} F(u) \exp(u, x) du \right) du \right| \leq \\ &\leq \frac{2\kappa}{(2\pi)^n} \left(\prod_{k=2}^n e^{\sigma_k x_k} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\tau_k}{\sigma_k^2 + \tau_k^2} \right) \lim_{R_1 \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\sigma_1}^{\vartheta_1} \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda^2 + R_1^2} \leq 2^{1-n} \varkappa \prod_{k=2}^n \frac{e^{\sigma_k x_k}}{|\sigma_k|} \lim_{R_1 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{R_1} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

2) $\Phi(x, \sigma)$ is continuous in x on \mathbb{R}^n . Hence, it is sufficient to prove that $\Phi(x, \sigma) = 0$ for $x \notin \langle 0, \infty \rangle^n$. Let, for instance, $x_1 < 0$. Let us choose $\sigma_1 > \max(0, \gamma_1)$, $R_1 > 0$.

Then if we put $u_1 = R_1 \exp(i\varphi)$, $\operatorname{Re} u_1 \geq \sigma_1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\sigma_1 - iR_1}^{\sigma_1 + iR_1} u_1^{-2} F(u) \exp(u_1 x_1) du_1 \right| = \\ & = \left| \int_{-\theta}^{\theta} (R_1 \exp(i\varphi))^{-1} F(R_1 \exp(i\varphi), u_2, \dots, u_n) \exp(x_1 R_1 \exp(i\varphi)) d\varphi \right| \leq \\ & \leq \frac{\kappa}{R_1} \int_{-\theta}^{\theta} \exp(x_1 R_1 \cos \varphi) d\varphi \leq \frac{\kappa}{R_1} \pi. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\int_{\sigma_1 - i\infty}^{\sigma_1 + i\infty} u_1^{-2} F(u) \exp(u_1 x_1) du_1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi(x, \sigma) = 0.$$

Lemma 2. *Let the assumptions of Lemma 1 be satisfied. Let a function $f \in L_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ exist such that*

$$(3) \quad \Phi(x) = \int_{\langle 0, x \rangle^E} \left(\int_{\langle 0, y \rangle^E} f(z) dz \right) dy, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

(here we write $\Phi(x) = \Phi(x, \sigma)$ due to Lemma 1). Moreover, assume that $\mathfrak{D} \in \overline{\mathcal{K}_f}$, $\mathfrak{D} > \gamma$, $\mathfrak{D} > 0$.

Then $F(u) = (\mathcal{L}f)(u)$, $\operatorname{Re} u > \mathfrak{D}$.

Proof. According to Theorem C the assumption $\mathfrak{D} \in \overline{\mathcal{K}_f}$ implies that $\{u \in \mathbb{C}^n : \operatorname{Re} u > \mathfrak{D}\} \subset \mathcal{K}_f$; consequently, by Theorem G, $\{u \in \mathbb{C}^n : \operatorname{Re} u > \mathfrak{D}\} \subset \mathcal{K}_\Phi$. Let us choose $\sigma > \mathfrak{D}$; then

$$\Phi(x) = \exp(\sigma, x) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\sigma + 2\pi i\tau)^{-2E} F(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau) \exp(2\pi i\tau, x) d\tau.$$

We have $(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau)^{-2E} F(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau) \in L_2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and, according to the mentioned, Fourier L_2 -theory,

$$(4) \quad \int_{\langle -R, R \rangle^E} \exp(-\sigma, x) \Phi(x) \exp(-2\pi i\tau, x) dx \rightarrow \frac{F(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau)}{(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau)^{2E}}, \quad R \rightarrow \infty,$$

in the topology of $L_2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Since we already know that the integral on the left side of (4) converges, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{L}f)(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau) &= (\sigma + 2\pi i\tau)^{2E} (\mathcal{L}\Phi)(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau) = \\ &= (\sigma + 2\pi i\tau)^{2E} \cdot \frac{F(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau)}{(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau)^{2E}} = F(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3. *Let the assumptions of Lemma 1 be satisfied. Let $\sigma > \gamma$, $\sigma > 0$, $r \in \langle 1, 2 \rangle$ exist such that $\int_{R^n} |F(\sigma + i\tau)|^r d\tau < +\infty$. Then there exists a function $f \in L_{loc}(R^n)$ such that $\sigma \in \mathcal{H}_f$ and $F(u) = (\mathcal{L}f)(u)$, $\operatorname{Re} u > \sigma$.*

Proof. We verify the assumptions of Lemma 2. First, let us show that

$$(5) \quad (\sigma + i\tau)^{-E} F(\sigma + i\tau) \in L_1(R^n).$$

This is trivial for $r = 1$; thus, let $r > 1$. Then, according to Hölder's inequality,

$$\int_{R^n} \left| \frac{F(\sigma + i\tau)}{(\sigma + i\tau)^E} \right| d\tau \leq \left(\int_{R^n} |F(\sigma + i\tau)|^r d\tau \right)^{1/r} \left(\int_{R^n} \prod_{k=1}^n |\sigma_k + i\tau_k|^{-q} d\tau \right)^{1/q} < +\infty.$$

This implies the existence of the derivative $\Psi(x) = (\partial/\partial x)^E \Phi(x)$ continuous on R^n , vanishing on $R^n - (0, \infty)^n$, for which

$$(6) \quad \Psi(x) = \int_{R^n} (\sigma + 2\pi i\tau)^{-E} F(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau) \exp(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau, x) d\tau$$

holds. Further, we can write:

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} \exp(-\sigma, x) \Psi(x) &= \exp(-\sigma, x) [\Psi(x) - \sum \Psi(0, x_2, \dots, x_n) + \\ &\quad + \sum \Psi(0, 0, x_3, \dots, x_n) - \dots + (-1)^n \Psi(0)] = \\ &= \int_{R^n} (\sigma + 2\pi i\tau)^{-E} F(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau) \prod_{k=1}^n (\exp(2\pi i\tau_k x_k) - 1) d\tau = \\ &= \int_{R^n} F(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau) \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{2\pi i\tau_k}{\sigma_k + 2\pi i\tau_k} \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{\exp(2\pi i\tau_k x_k) - 1}{2\pi i\tau_k} d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

In the case $r = 1$ it is obvious that we can differentiate (7) with respect to x and the derivative $(\partial/\partial x)^E (\exp(-\sigma, x) \Psi(x))$ is continuous on R^n .

In the case $r > 1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{R^n} |F(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau)|^2 d\tau = \\ &= \int_{R^n} |F(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau)|^{2-r} \cdot |F(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau)|^r d\tau \leq \varkappa^{2-r} \int_{R^n} |F(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau)|^r d\tau < +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

where \varkappa majorizes $|F|$ on the set $\{u \in C^n : \operatorname{Re} u \geq \sigma\}$. Hence,

$$G(\tau) = F(\sigma + 2\pi i\tau) \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{2\pi i\tau_k}{\sigma_k + 2\pi i\tau_k} \in L_2(R^n),$$

and, in accordance with Fourier L_2 -theory, there is a function $g \in L_2(R^n)$ such that $G = \mathcal{F}g$.

According to theorem B,

$$\int_{\langle 0, x \rangle^E} g(x) dx = \int_{R^n} G(\tau) \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{\exp(2\pi i \tau_k x_k) - 1}{2\pi i \tau_k} d\tau = \exp(-\sigma, x) \Psi(x).$$

Thus, we have proved the existence of a function $f \in L_{loc}(R^n)$ satisfying (3). It remains to verify that $\sigma \in \overline{\mathcal{H}_f}$. From (5), (6) it follows that

$$|\exp(-\sigma, x) \Psi(x)| \leq \int_{R^n} |(\sigma + 2\pi i \tau)^{-E} F(\sigma + 2\pi i \tau)| d\tau < +\infty, \quad x \in R^n,$$

and, according to theorem F, the assumption $\sigma \in \overline{\mathcal{H}_f}$ holds.

Lemma 4. Let $\gamma \in R^n$ and let a function F of n complex variables be holomorphic for $\operatorname{Re} u > \gamma$. Let an $r \in \langle 1, 2 \rangle$ exist such that

$$(8) \quad \sup_{\sigma > \gamma} \int_{R^n} |F(\sigma + i\tau)|^r d\tau < +\infty.$$

Then there exists $f \in L_{loc}(R^n)$ such that $\gamma \in \overline{\mathcal{H}_f}$ and $F(u) = (\mathcal{L}f)(u)$, $\operatorname{Re} u > \gamma$.

Proof. 1. Let $\gamma > 0$ then according to Lemma 3 and Theorem E it suffices to prove that, for every $\vartheta > \gamma$, the function F is bounded on $\{u \in C^n : \operatorname{Re} u \geq \vartheta\}$. Let us choose u , $\operatorname{Re} u \geq \vartheta$, $\varepsilon \in (0, \min(\vartheta_k - \gamma_k))$, $\varrho = (\varrho_1, \varrho_2, \dots, \varrho_n)$, $\varrho_k \in (0, \varepsilon)$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Let $\varkappa = \sup_{\sigma > \gamma} \int_{R^n} |F(\sigma + i\tau)|^r d\tau$. Then

$$F(u) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi i}\right)^n \int_{\substack{|v_k - u_k| = \varrho_k \\ k=1, 2, \dots, n}} (v - u)^{-E} F(v) dv = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^n \int_{\langle 0, 2\pi \rangle^n} F(u + \varrho e^{i\varphi}) d\varphi,$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2\right)^n |F(u)| \leq \left(\prod_{k=1}^n \int_0^\varepsilon \varrho_k d\varrho_k\right) \cdot |F(u)| \leq \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^n \int_{\langle 0, 2\pi \rangle^n \times \langle 0, \varepsilon \rangle^n} |F(u + \varrho e^{i\varphi})| \cdot \varrho^E d\varphi d\varrho.$$

Further we distinguish two cases: i. $r = 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2\right)^n |F(u)| &\leq \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^n \int_{\substack{|(x_k + iy_k) - u_k| \leq \varepsilon \\ k=1, 2, \dots, n}} |F(x + iy)| dx dy \leq \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^n \int_{\substack{|x_k - \sigma_k| \leq \varepsilon \\ k=1, 2, \dots, n}} \left(\int_{R^n} |F(x + iy)| dy\right) dx \leq \varkappa \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\pi}\right)^n. \end{aligned}$$

ii. $r > 1$. Then according to Hölder's inequality

$$\begin{aligned} (\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2)^n |F(u)| &\leq \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^n \int_{\langle 0, 2\pi \rangle^n \times \langle 0, \varepsilon \rangle^n} |F(u + \varrho e^{i\varphi})| \cdot \varrho^{(1/r)E} \cdot \varrho^{(1-1/r)E} d\varphi d\varrho \leq \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^n \left(\int_{\langle 0, 2\pi \rangle^n \times \langle 0, \varepsilon \rangle^n} |F(u + \varrho e^{i\varphi})|^r \varrho^E d\varphi d\varrho\right)^{1/r} \cdot \left(\int_{\langle 0, 2\pi \rangle^n \times \langle 0, \varepsilon \rangle^n} \varrho^E d\varphi d\varrho\right)^{1-1/r} \leq \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^n (\varkappa(2\varepsilon)^n)^{1/r} \cdot (\pi\varepsilon^2)^{n(1-1/r)} = (\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^2)^n \left(\varkappa\left(\frac{2}{\pi\varepsilon}\right)^n\right)^{1/r}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Let us put $\gamma_+ = (\max(\gamma_1, 0), \dots, \max(\gamma_n, 0))$, $\gamma_- = \gamma_+ - \gamma$, and for $\operatorname{Re} u > \gamma_+$ define a function $G(u) = F(u - \gamma_-)$. Then according to the first part of this proof there exists such $g \in L_{loc}(R^n)$ that $\gamma_+ \in \overline{\mathcal{K}_g}$ and $G(u) = (\mathcal{L}g)(u)$, $\operatorname{Re} u > \gamma_+$.

If we put $f(x) = g(x) \exp(-\gamma_-, x)$, $x \in R^n$, then $f \in L_{loc}(R^n)$, $\gamma \in \overline{\mathcal{K}_f}$ and for $\operatorname{Re} u > \gamma$ it holds $(\mathcal{L}f)(u) = (\mathcal{L}g)(u + \gamma_-) = G(u + \gamma_-) = F(u)$. The proof is complete.

Definition. Let $\gamma \in R^n$. Then we denote $L_{2,\gamma}$ the set of all complex functions f , measurable on $\langle 0, \infty \rangle^n$, for which

$$(9) \quad \int_{\langle 0, \infty \rangle^n} |f(x)|^2 \exp(-2\gamma, x) dx < +\infty.$$

By $H_{2,\gamma}$ we denote the set of all functions F of n complex variables, holomorphic for $\operatorname{Re} u > \gamma$, for which

$$(10) \quad \sup_{\sigma > \gamma} \int_{R^n} |F(\sigma + i\tau)|^2 d\tau < +\infty.$$

Lemma 5. Let $\gamma \in R^n$ be given. Then $\mathcal{L}(L_{2,\gamma}) = H_{2,\gamma}$.

Proof. 1. Let $f \in L_{2,\gamma}$; then for $\sigma > \gamma$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\langle 0, \infty \rangle^n} |f(x)| \exp(-\sigma, x) dx \leq \\ &\leq \left(\int_{\langle 0, \infty \rangle^n} |f(x)|^2 \exp(-2\gamma, x) dx\right)^{1/2} \cdot \left(\int_{\langle 0, \infty \rangle^n} \exp(-2(\sigma - \gamma), x) dx\right)^{1/2} < +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\gamma \in \overline{\mathcal{K}_f}$ and, according to Theorem D, the function $F = \mathcal{L}f$ is holomorphic on the set $\{u \in C^n : \operatorname{Re} u > \gamma\}$. According to Parseval's equality for Fourier transform,

$$(11) \quad \int_{\langle 0, \infty \rangle^n} |f(x)|^2 \exp(-2\sigma, x) dx = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^n \int_{R^n} |F(\sigma + i\tau)|^2 d\tau.$$

Then the inequality (10) is an immediate consequence of (11).

2. Let $F \in H_{2,\gamma}$; then, according to Lemma 4, there is a function $f \in L_{loc}(R^n)$ such that $\gamma \in \overline{\mathcal{K}_f}$ and $F(u) = (\mathcal{L}f)(u)$, $\text{Re } u > \gamma$. Then the inequality (9) follows immediately from (11).

Lemma 6. Let $\gamma \in R^n$ be given. Then,

1. for every function $F \in H_{2,\gamma}$ there exists a limit $\lim_{\substack{\sigma_k \rightarrow \gamma_k + \\ k=1,2,\dots,n}} F(\sigma + i\tau)$ in the topology of $L_2(R^n)$. Let us denote this limit by $F(\gamma + i\tau)$.

2. the function $\varphi(\sigma) = \int_{R^n} |F(\sigma + i\tau)|^2 d\tau$ is continuous and nonincreasing in all its variables on the set $\{\sigma \in R^n : \sigma \geq \gamma\}$. In particular,

$$\sup_{\sigma > \gamma} \int_{R^n} |F(\sigma + i\tau)|^2 d\tau = \int_{R^n} |F(\gamma + i\tau)|^2 d\tau.$$

3. $L_{2,\gamma}$, resp. $H_{2,\gamma}$, is a Hilbert space with an inner product

$$(12) \quad (f, g)_L = \int_{\langle 0, \infty \rangle^n} f(x) \overline{g(x)} \exp(-2\gamma, x) dx, \quad f, g \in L_{2,\gamma},$$

resp.

$$(13) \quad (F, G)_H = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^n \int_{R^n} F(\gamma + i\tau) \overline{G(\gamma + i\tau)} d\tau, \quad F, G \in H_{2,\gamma}.$$

Proof. 1. Let $F \in H_{2,\gamma}$; according to Lemma 5 there is $f \in L_{2,\gamma}$, $\mathcal{L}f = F$, and for $\sigma > \gamma$ the equality (11) holds. This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|F(\sigma_1 + i\tau) - F(\sigma_2 + i\tau)\|_{L_2(R^n)}^2 = \\ & = (2\pi)^n \int_{\langle 0, \infty \rangle^n} |f(x)|^2 (\exp(-\sigma_1, x) - \exp(-\sigma_2, x))^2 dx \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

2. This is an immediate consequence of (11).

3. The statement concerning $L_{2,\gamma}$ is obvious. Let us show that $H_{2,\gamma}$ with the inner product (13) is complete. Let us have a sequence $F_p \in H_{2,\gamma}$, $p = 1, 2, \dots$, $\|F_p - F_q\|_{H_{2,\gamma}} \rightarrow 0$, as $p, q \rightarrow \infty$. Let us take $f_p \in L_{2,\gamma}$ such that $\mathcal{L}f_p = F_p$, $p = 1, 2, \dots$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (14) \quad \|F_p - F_q\|_{H_{2,\gamma}}^2 &= \sup_{\sigma > \gamma} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^n \int_{R^n} |F_p(\sigma + i\tau) - F_q(\sigma + i\tau)|^2 d\tau \approx \\ &= \sup_{\sigma > \gamma} \int_{\langle 0, \infty \rangle^n} |f_p(x) - f_q(x)|^2 \exp(-2\sigma, x) dx = \\ &= \int_{\langle 0, \infty \rangle^n} |f_p(x) - f_q(x)|^2 \exp(-2\gamma, x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, there is $f \in L_{2,\gamma}$ such that $f_p \rightarrow f$, $p \rightarrow \infty$, in the topology of $L_{2,\gamma}$. Then $\mathcal{L}f = F \in H_{2,\gamma}$ and from (14) it follows that $\|F_p - F\|_{H_{2,\gamma}} \rightarrow 0$, $p \rightarrow \infty$.

Theorem. *Let $\gamma \in R^n$ be given. Then Laplace transform $\mathcal{L} : L_{2,\gamma} \rightarrow H_{2,\gamma}$ is a unitary mapping.*

Proof. According to Lemmas 5 and 6 we have only to show that

$$f, g \in L_{2,\gamma} \Rightarrow (f, g)_{L_{2,\gamma}} = (\mathcal{L}f, \mathcal{L}g)_{H_{2,\gamma}}.$$

This, however, is exactly Parseval's equality for Fourier transform $f(x) \exp(-\gamma, x) \rightarrow \rightarrow (\mathcal{L}f)(\gamma + i\tau)$.

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