

On the Distributions in the Dirac Spaces (II)

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1. Introduction

J. Mikusiński [2] defined the product $\delta \cdot \frac{1}{x}$ of the Dirac delta-distribution δ by the function $\frac{1}{x}$ as the distributional limit of $\delta_k \left(\frac{1}{x} * \delta_k \right)$, and gave the result that

$$(1) \quad \delta \cdot \frac{1}{x} = -\frac{1}{2} \delta'.$$

The notation used here is that δ_k is the so-called delta-sequence, i. e., a sequence of smooth functions within $-\infty < x < \infty$, satisfying

$$1^\circ \quad \delta_k(x) = 0 \text{ for } |x| > \alpha_k, \text{ where } \alpha_k > 0, \alpha_k \rightarrow 0;$$

$$2^\circ \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta_k(x) dx = 1;$$

$$3^\circ \quad |x|^{l+1} \delta_k^{(l)}(x) < M^l \quad (M^l \text{ independent of } k).$$

Using the equality (1) B. Fisher [1] gave many important results.

We define the quotient $\frac{\delta}{x}$ of the Dirac delta-distribution δ by the function x as the distributional limit of $\frac{\delta_{k,1}^1(x)}{x}$, where $\delta_{k,1}^1(x)$ is the sequence of functions within $-\infty < x < \infty$, satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{k,1}^1(x) &= 0 && \left(|x| > \frac{1}{2k} \right) \\ &= k && \left(|x| \leq \frac{1}{2k} \right). \end{aligned}$$

With this definition we have

$$(2) \quad \frac{\delta}{x} = -\delta'.$$

Using the equality (2) we have a few results.

The difference between (1) and (2) will be one of the characters which are called

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ambiguity by G. Takeuti [3].

Equality

$$(3) \quad \delta^2 - \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left(\frac{1}{x^2} \right) = -\frac{1}{\pi^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2}$$

is used in quantum mechanics, provided the difference on the left side is considered as a single entity, no meaning being related its particular members δ^2 and $\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2$.

J. Mikusiński [2] has justified this equality (3) using the Fourier Transform. In this paper we intend to justify the following equality:

$$(4) \quad \delta^2 - \frac{1}{\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)^2 = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} \quad (\alpha > 0).$$

2. On the equality $\frac{\delta}{x} = -\delta'$

Let $a > 0$, and for each integer $k \geq 1$, define

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{k,a}^1(x) &= 0 && \left(|x| > \frac{a}{2k} \right) \\ &= \frac{k}{a} && \left(|x| \leq \frac{a}{2k} \right). \end{aligned}$$

PROPOSITION 1. *Let f be a locally integrable function defined on R^1 .*

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} st \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta_{1,a}^1(y-x) f(y) dy, \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta_{2,a}^1(y-x) f(y) dy, \dots, \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \delta_{k,a}^1(y-x) f(y) dy, \dots \right) \\ = f(x) \end{aligned}$$

for almost every $x \in R^1$.

PROOF. This follows immediately from Lebesgue's theorem.

THEOREM 1. *The following equalities*

$$\frac{\delta}{x} = \frac{1}{x} \cdot \delta = \delta \frac{1}{x} = -\delta'$$

hold. Hence, for each $\varphi \in (\mathcal{D})$ we have

$$st \left(\frac{\delta}{x}, \varphi \right) = \varphi'(0) = -\delta'(\varphi),$$

PROOF. Let $\varphi \in (\mathcal{D})$, and let

where

$$\frac{\delta_1^1}{x} = \left(\frac{\delta_{1,1}^1}{x}, \frac{\delta_{2,1}^1}{x}, \dots, \frac{\delta_{k,1}^1}{x}, \dots \right).$$

$$m_k = \inf_{-\frac{1}{2k} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2k}} \varphi'(x), \quad M_k = \sup_{-\frac{1}{2k} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2k}} \varphi(x).$$

Since

$$\int_{-\frac{1}{2k}}^{-\varepsilon} \frac{k}{x} \varphi(x) dx + \int_{\varepsilon}^{\frac{1}{2k}} \frac{x}{k} \varphi(x) dx = 2k \int_{\varepsilon}^{\frac{1}{2k}} \frac{\varphi(x) - \varphi(-x)}{2x} dx,$$

$$\frac{\varphi(x) - \varphi(-x)}{2x} = \varphi'(x(-1 + 2\theta)) \quad (0 < \theta < 1)$$

we have

$$2km_k \left(\frac{1}{2k} - \varepsilon \right) \leq 2k \int_{\varepsilon}^{\frac{1}{2k}} \frac{\varphi(x) - \varphi(-x)}{2x} dx \leq 2kM_k \left(\frac{1}{2k} - \varepsilon \right),$$

where ε is a real number with $\frac{1}{2k} > \varepsilon > 0$. Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{v.p.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\delta_{k,1}^1}{x} (x) \varphi(x) dx &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{v.p.} \int_{-\frac{1}{2k}}^{\frac{1}{2k}} \frac{k}{x} \varphi(x) dx \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} 2k \int_{\varepsilon}^{\frac{1}{2k}} \frac{\varphi(x) - \varphi(-x)}{2x} dx \right) \\ &= \varphi'(0) \\ &= -\delta'(\varphi). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that

$$\frac{\delta}{x} = -\delta'.$$

It is clear that

$$\frac{\delta}{x} = \frac{1}{x} \cdot \delta = \delta \cdot \frac{1}{x}.$$

Q.E.D.

COROLLARY 1. Let $\varphi \in (\mathcal{D})$, then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{v.p.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\delta_{k,a}^1}{x} \varphi(x) dx = \varphi'(0) = -\delta'(\varphi).$$

Hence, we have

$$st \left(\frac{\delta_a^1}{x}, \varphi \right) = \varphi'(0) = -\delta'(\varphi)$$

for each $\varphi \in (\mathcal{D})$, where

$$\frac{\delta_a^1}{x} = \left(\frac{\delta_{1,a}^1}{x}, \frac{\delta_{2,a}^1}{x}, \dots, \frac{\delta_{k,a}^1}{x}, \dots \right).$$

PROOF. This follows immediately from Theorem 1.
For each integer $k \geq 1$, define

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_k(x) &= 0 && \left(x \leq -\frac{1}{k} \right) \\ &= k + k^2 x && \left(-\frac{1}{k} \leq x \leq 0 \right) \\ &= k - k^2 x && \left(0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{k} \right) \\ &= 0 && \left(\frac{1}{k} \leq x \right). \end{aligned}$$

PROPOSITION 2. Let $\varphi \in (\mathcal{D})$, then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{v. p.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\delta_k(x)}{x} \varphi(x) dx = \varphi'(0) = -\delta'(\varphi).$$

Hence, we have

$$st\left(\frac{\delta}{x}, \varphi\right) = \varphi'(0) = -\delta'(\varphi).$$

for each $\varphi \in (\mathcal{D})$, where

$$\frac{\delta}{x} = \left(\frac{\delta_1}{x}, \frac{\delta_2}{x}, \dots, \frac{\delta_k}{x}, \dots \right).$$

PROOF. Let $\delta'_k(x)$ be the derivative in the sense of distribution of the function $\delta_k(x)$, then

$$\frac{\delta_k(x)}{x} = \delta'_k(x) + 2 \cdot \frac{\delta_{2,2}^1(x)}{x}$$

for almost every $x \in R^1$.

Let $\varphi \in (\mathcal{D})$, and let

$$m_k = \inf_{-\frac{1}{k} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{k}} \varphi(x), \quad M_k = \sup_{-\frac{1}{k} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{k}} \varphi'(x).$$

Since

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta'_k(x) \varphi(x) dx = -k^2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{k}} \frac{\varphi(x) - \varphi(-x)}{2x} 2x dx$$

$$= -k^2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{k}} \varphi'(x(-1+2\theta))2x dx \quad (0 < \theta < 1),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_k &= k^2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{k}} M_k 2x dx \geq - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta'_k(x) \varphi(x) dx \\ &\geq k^2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{k}} m_k 2x dx = m_k. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$(i) \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta'_k(x) \varphi(x) dx = -\varphi'(0) = \delta'(\varphi)$$

for every $\varphi \in (\mathcal{D})$.

Let $\varphi \in (\mathcal{D})$, then

$$(ii) \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{v.p.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 2 \cdot \frac{\delta_{k,2}^1(x)}{x} \varphi(x) dx = 2\varphi'(0) = -2\delta'(\varphi).$$

The relation between (i) and (ii) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{v.p.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\delta_k(x)}{x} \varphi(x) dx \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta'_k(x) \varphi(x) dx + \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{v.p.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 2 \cdot \frac{\delta_{k,2}^1(x)}{x} \varphi(x) dx \\ &= \delta'(\varphi) - 2'(\varphi) \\ &= -\delta'(\varphi) \end{aligned}$$

for every $\varphi \in (\mathcal{D})$.

B. Fisher [1] proved the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 3. *The following equalities hold:*

$$(5) \quad x \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \cdot \delta = -\frac{1}{2}x \cdot \delta' = \frac{1}{2}\delta,$$

$$(6) \quad \left(x \cdot \frac{1}{x}\right) \cdot \delta = \delta,$$

$$(7) \quad (x \cdot \delta) \cdot \frac{1}{x} = 0.$$

By Theorem 1 we immediately have the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 4. *The following equalities hold:*

$$(5)' \quad x \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \cdot \delta = -x \cdot \delta' = \delta,$$

$$(6)' \quad \left(x \cdot \frac{1}{x}\right) \cdot \delta = \delta,$$

$$(7)' \quad (x \cdot \delta) \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \delta.$$

3. **On the equality** $\delta^2 - \frac{1}{\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2}$

For each integer $k \geq 1$, define

$$\begin{aligned} X_k(x) &= \frac{1}{x^2} && \left(|x| \geq \frac{1}{k}\right) \\ &= 0 && \left(|x| < \frac{1}{k}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The following theorem justifies the equality (4).

THEOREM 2. *For each $\alpha > 0$, there exists an $a > 0$ and for each $\varphi \in (\mathscr{D})$, the equality*

$$st(((\delta_a^1)^2, \varphi) - \frac{1}{\alpha}(X, \varphi)) = \left(\text{Pf. } \frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2}, \varphi\right)$$

holds, where

$$X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k, \dots),$$

$$(\delta_a^1)^2 = ((\delta_{1,a}^1)^2, (\delta_{2,a}^1)^2, \dots, (\delta_{k,a}^1)^2, \dots).$$

PROOF. Let $\varphi \in (\mathscr{D})$.

Since

$$\begin{aligned} 2a \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\delta_{k,a}^1)^2(x) \varphi(x) dx &= 2a \int_{-\frac{a}{2k}}^{\frac{a}{2k}} \frac{k^2}{a^2} \varphi(x) dx \\ &= 2k\varphi(0) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X_k(x) \varphi(x) dx &= \int_{-\infty}^{-\frac{1}{k}} \frac{1}{x^2} \varphi(x) dx + \int_{\frac{1}{k}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2} \varphi(x) dx \\ &= 2k\varphi(0) + O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) + \int_{-\infty}^{-\frac{1}{k}} \frac{1}{x} \varphi'(x) dx + \int_{\frac{1}{k}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} \varphi'(x) dx, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\delta_{k,a}^1)^2(x) \varphi(x) dx - \frac{1}{2a} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X_k(x) \varphi(x) dx \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) - \frac{1}{2a} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{-\frac{1}{k}} \frac{1}{x} \varphi'(x) dx + \int_{\frac{1}{k}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} \varphi'(x) dx \right). \end{aligned}$$

We immediately have

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2a} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{-\frac{1}{k}} \frac{1}{x} \varphi'(x) dx + \int_{\frac{1}{k}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} \varphi'(x) dx \right) \\ &= -\frac{d}{dx} \left(\text{Pf.} \frac{1}{2a} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \right) (\varphi) \\ &= \text{Pf.} \frac{1}{2a} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} (\varphi). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$St(((\delta_a^1)^2, \varphi) - \frac{1}{2a}(X, \varphi)) = \left(\text{Pf.} \frac{1}{2a} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2}, \varphi \right).$$

If we put $a = \frac{\alpha}{2}$ then we obtain

$$St(((\delta_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}^1)^2, \varphi) - \frac{1}{\alpha}(X, \varphi)) = \left(\text{Pf.} \frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2}, \varphi \right). \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

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