

11.5: Note that

$$\frac{1}{x + i\varepsilon} = \frac{x}{\varepsilon^2 + x^2} - i \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^2 + x^2}.$$

Fix a $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}$. You need to prove that

$$(1) \quad \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \langle i \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^2 + x^2}, \varphi \rangle \rightarrow -i\pi\varphi(0).$$

and that

$$(2) \quad \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \langle \frac{x}{\varepsilon^2 + x^2}, \varphi \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{PV} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right), \varphi \rangle,$$

Proving (1) is simple:

$$\langle i \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^2 + x^2}, \varphi \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} i \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^2 + x^2} \varphi(x) dx = \{\text{Set } x = \varepsilon y\} = \dots$$

For (2) we need to work a bit more (unless I overlook a simpler solution)

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \langle \frac{x}{\varepsilon^2 + x^2}, \varphi \rangle - \langle \text{PV} \left(\frac{1}{x} \right), \varphi \rangle \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x}{\varepsilon^2 + x^2} \varphi(x) dx - \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{|x| \geq \sqrt{\varepsilon}} \frac{1}{x} \varphi(x) dx \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \underbrace{\int_{|x| \geq \sqrt{\varepsilon}} \left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon^2 + x^2} - \frac{1}{x} \right) \varphi(x) dx}_{=S_1} + \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \underbrace{\int_{|x| \leq \sqrt{\varepsilon}} \frac{x}{\varepsilon^2 + x^2} \varphi(x) dx}_{=S_2}. \end{aligned}$$

First we bound $|S_1|$. Note that when $|x| \geq \sqrt{\varepsilon}$, we have

$$\left| \frac{x}{\varepsilon^2 + x^2} - \frac{1}{x} \right| = \frac{\varepsilon^2}{|x|(\varepsilon^2 + x^2)} \leq \frac{\varepsilon^2}{|x|^3} \leq \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\varepsilon^{3/2}} = \sqrt{\varepsilon}.$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} |S_1| &\leq \limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{|x| \geq \sqrt{\varepsilon}} \left| \frac{x}{\varepsilon^2 + x^2} - \frac{1}{x} \right| |\varphi(x)| dx \\ &\leq \limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{|x| \geq \sqrt{\varepsilon}} \sqrt{\varepsilon} \frac{1}{(1 + |x|^2)} \underbrace{|(1 + |x|^2)\varphi(x)|}_{\leq \|\varphi\|_{0,2}} dx = 0. \end{aligned}$$

In bounding S_2 we use that

$$\int_{|x| \leq \sqrt{\varepsilon}} \frac{x}{\varepsilon^2 + x^2} \varphi(0) dx = 0,$$

and that

$$|\varphi(x) - \varphi(0)| \leq |x| \|\varphi'\|_{\infty} \leq |x| \|\varphi\|_{1,0},$$

to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |S_2| &= \left| \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{|x| \leq \sqrt{\varepsilon}} \frac{x}{\varepsilon^2 + x^2} (\varphi(x) - \varphi(0)) dx \right| \\ &\leq \limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{|x| \leq \sqrt{\varepsilon}} \underbrace{\frac{|x|}{\varepsilon^2 + x^2} |x|}_{\leq 1} \|\varphi\|_{1,0} dx = 0. \end{aligned}$$