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Further Results on Colombeau Product of Distributions

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Results on Colombeau product of distributions \( x^{-r-1/2} \) and \( x^{-r+1/2} \) are derived. They are obtained in Colombeau differential algebra \( \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{R}) \) of generalized functions that contains the space \( \mathcal{D}^\prime(\mathbb{R}) \) of Schwartz distributions as a subspace and has a notion of “association” that is a faithful generalization of the weak equality in \( \mathcal{D}^\prime(\mathbb{R}) \).

1. Introduction

In quantum physics one finds the need to evaluate \( \delta^2 \), when calculating the transition rates of certain particle interactions; see [1]. The problem of defining products of distributions is also closely connected with the problem of renormalization in quantum field theory. Due to the large use of distributions in the natural sciences and other mathematical fields, the problem of the product of distributions [2] is an objective of many research studies. Starting with the historically first construction of distributional multiplication by König [3], and the sequential approach developed in [4] by Antosik et al., there have been numerous attempts to define products of distributions, see [5–7], or rather to enlarge the number of existing products.

Having a look at the theory of distributions [8, 9] we realize that there are two complementary points of view.

(1) A distribution \( f \in \mathcal{D}^\prime(\mathbb{R}^n) \) is a continuous functional on the space \( \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^n) \) of space functions (compactly supported smooth functions). Here we have a linear action

\[
\varphi \mapsto \langle f, \varphi \rangle
\]

of \( f \) on a test function \( \varphi \).

(2) Letting \( \{\varphi_n\} \) be a sequence of smooth functions converging to the Dirac measure, a family of regularization \( \{f_n\} \) can be produced by convolution,

\[
f_n(x) = f * \varphi_n = \langle f(y), \varphi_n(x-y) \rangle,
\]

which converges weakly to the original distribution \( f \in \mathcal{D}^\prime(\mathbb{R}^n) \). Identifying two sequences \( \{\varphi_n\} \) and \( \{\varphi'_n\} \) if they have the same limit, we obtain a sequential representation of the space of distributions. Other authors use the equivalence classes of nets of regularization. The delta-net \( \{\varphi_\varepsilon\}_{\varepsilon>0} \) is defined by

\[
\varphi_\varepsilon(x) = \varepsilon^{-n} \varphi \left( \frac{x}{\varepsilon} \right).
\]

When we work with regularization the nonlinear structure is lost by identifying sequences (nets) with the same limit. So we have to get nonlinear theory of generalized functions that will work with regularization, but identify less. The actual construction of such algebras enjoying these optimal properties is due to Colombeau [10]. His theory of algebras of generalized functions offers the possibility of applying large classes of nonlinear operations to distributional objects. Some of them are used on solving differential equations with nonstandard coefficients [11]. The “association process” in
Colombeau algebra providing a faithful generalization of the
equality of distributions in \( \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^n) \) enables us to obtain results
in terms of distributions, the so-called Colombeau products.
In fact, we evaluate particular product of distributions with
coinciding singularities, as embedded in Colombeau algebra,
in terms of associated distributions; see [12–14]. Therefore,
the results obtained can be reformulated as regularized model
products in the classical distribution theory.

In 1966, Mikusinski published his famous result [15]:
\[
x^{-1} \cdot x^{-1} - \pi^2 \delta(x) \delta(x) = x^{-2},
\]
where neither of the products on the left-hand side here
exists, but their difference still has a correct meaning in dis-
tribution space \( \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}) \). Formula including balanced products
of distributions with coinciding singularities can be found in
mathematical and physical literature. In this paper results on
product of distributions \( x_+^{-r-1/2} \) and \( x_-^{-r-1/2} \) are derived.

2. Colombeau Algebra

The basic idea underlying Colombeau’s theory in its simplest
form is that of embedding the space of distributions into a
factor algebra of \( \mathcal{C}_c^{(\infty)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \), \( I = (0, 1) \) with regularization by
convolution with a fixed “mollifier” \( \varphi \).

The space of test function is
\[
\mathcal{A}_0(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ \varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^n) : \int \varphi(x) \, dx = 1 \right\},
\]

Functional act on test functions and points is
\[
u : \mathcal{A}_0(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{C},
\]
\[
(\varphi, x) \to \nu(\varphi, x),
\]
where \( \nu(\varphi, x) \) is required to belong to \( \mathcal{C}_c^{(\infty)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \) with respect to
the second variable \( x \in \mathbb{R}^n \). Now let \( \varphi_\varepsilon(x) = \varepsilon^{-n} \varphi(x/\varepsilon) \) for
\( \varphi \in \mathcal{A}_0(\mathbb{R}^n) \). The sequence \((u \ast \varphi_\varepsilon)_{\varepsilon \in I}\)
converges to \( u \) in \( \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^n) \). Taking this sequence as a representative
of \( u \) we obtain an embedding of \( \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^n) \) into the algebra
\( \mathcal{C}_c^{(\infty)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \). However, embedding \( \mathcal{C}_c^{(\infty)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^n) \) into
this algebra via convolution as above will not yield a subalgebra
since of course \((f \ast \varphi_\varepsilon) - (g \ast \varphi_\varepsilon) \neq (fg) \ast \varphi_\varepsilon \) in general. The
idea, therefore, is to factor out an ideal \( \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{R}^n) \) such that
this difference vanishes in the resulting quotient. In order
to construct \( \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{R}^n) \) it is obviously sufficient to find an ideal
containing all differences \((f \ast \varphi_\varepsilon) - (f)_{\varepsilon \in I} \). Taylor expansion
of \((f \ast \varphi_\varepsilon) - f \) shows that this term will vanish faster than any
power of \( \varepsilon \), uniformly on compact sets, in all derivatives. We use the following space:
\[
\mathcal{A}_q(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ \varphi \in \mathcal{A}_0(\mathbb{R}^n) : \int x^\alpha \varphi(x) \, dx = 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq |\alpha| \leq q \right\}.
\]
moderate functionals, denoted by \( \mathcal{E}_M(\mathbb{R}^n) \), are defined by the
property:
\[
\forall K \subset \subset \mathbb{R}^n \ \forall a \in \mathbb{N}_0^n \exists p \geq 0 \text{ such that } \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{A}_q(\mathbb{R}^n),
\sup_{x \in K} |\partial^\alpha u(\varphi_x, x)| = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{-p}) \text{ as } \varepsilon \to 0.
\]
Null functionals, denoted by \( \mathcal{N}(\mathbb{R}^n) \), are defined by the
property:
\[
\forall K \subset \subset \mathbb{R}^n \ \forall a \in \mathbb{N}_0^n \exists p \geq 0
\text{ such that } \forall \varphi \geq p, \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{A}_q(\mathbb{R}^n),
\sup_{x \in K} |\partial^\alpha u(\varphi_x, x)| = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{-r-p}) \text{ as } \varepsilon \to 0.
\]
In other words, moderate functionals satisfy a locally uniform
polynomial estimate as \( \varepsilon \to 0 \) when acting on \( \varphi_x \), together
with all derivatives, while null functionals vanish faster than
any power of \( \varepsilon \) in the same situation. The null functionals
form a differential ideal in the collection of moderate func-
tionals.

We define space of functions \( u : \mathcal{A}_0 \to \mathcal{C} \) and denote it by \( \mathcal{E}_0(\mathbb{R}^n) \). It is a subalgebra in \( \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{R}^n) \) in sense of natural
identification.

Moderate functionals, denoted by \( \mathcal{E}_0 M(\mathbb{R}^n) \), are defined by the
property:
\[
\exists p \geq 0 \text{ such that } \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{A}_p(\mathbb{R}^n),
|u(\varphi_x)| = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{-r}) \text{ as } \varepsilon \to 0.
\]
Null functionals, denoted by \( \mathcal{N}_0(\mathbb{R}^n) \), are defined by the
property:
\[
\exists p \geq 0 \text{ such that } \forall \varphi \geq p, \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{A}_q(\mathbb{R}^n),
|u(\varphi_x)| = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{-r}) \text{ as } \varepsilon \to 0.
\]

Definition 1. Space of generalized functions \( \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{R}^n) \), generalized
complex numbers, and generalized real numbers is the
factor algebra defined as
\[
\mathcal{E}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_M(\mathbb{R}^n)}{\mathcal{N}_0(\mathbb{C})}, \quad \mathcal{E}_M(\mathbb{C}) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_M(\mathbb{R})}{\mathcal{N}_0(\mathbb{C})}, \quad \mathcal{E}_M(\mathbb{R}) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_M(\mathbb{R})}{\mathcal{N}_0(\mathbb{R})}.
\]

The space of distributions is imbedded by convolution:
\[
i : \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{R}^n),
i(u) = \text{class of } \left[ (\varphi, x) \to u \ast \varphi(x) \right].
\]

Equivalence classes of sequences \((u_\varepsilon)_{\varepsilon \in I}\) in \( \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{R}^n) \) will be
denoted by \( U = \text{class } [(u_\varepsilon)_{\varepsilon \in I}] \). If \( G \) is a generalized function
with compact support \( K \subset \subset \mathbb{R}^n \) and \( G_\varepsilon(x) \) is a representative
of \( G \), then its integral is defined by
\[
\int G \, dx = \text{class } \left[ \int \varphi(x) G_\varepsilon(x) \, dx \right].
\]
Let \( F, G \in \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{R}^n) \). Then
Lemma 3. For any $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$ if
\[
\int (G - F) \varphi \, dx = 0 \in \mathcal{C},
\]
for any $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^n)$;
(ii) they are associated $G = F$ if there exist a representative $G_\varepsilon$ and $F_\varepsilon$ of $G$ and $F$, respectively, such that
\[
\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int (G_\varepsilon (x) - F_\varepsilon (x)) \varphi (x) \, dx = 0,
\]
for any $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

3. Results on Some Products of Distributions

It was proved in [12] that for any $a \in \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ the product of the generalized functions $x_+^a$ and $x_-^{a-1}$ in $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$ admits associated distributions and it holds
\[
\mathcal{F}(x_+^a \cdot x_-^{a-1}) = \mathcal{F}(x_-^{a-1} \cdot x_+^a) = \frac{\Gamma (1 + a) \Gamma (-a)}{2} \delta (x),
\]
with the particular cases
\[
\mathcal{F}(x_+^{r-1/2} \cdot x_-^{r-1/2}) = \frac{(-1)^r \pi}{2} \delta (x),
\]
for $r = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \ldots$ and
\[
\mathcal{F}(x_+^{r-1/2} \cdot x_-^{r-1/2}) = \frac{\pi}{2} \delta (x).
\]

Here we will make a generalization of (19). In order to prove the main theorem we need the following lemmas, easily proved by induction.

Lemma 2. For $p < r$ one has
\[
\int_{c}^{d} s^p \varphi^{(r)} (s) \, ds = \sum_{k=0}^{p} (-1)^k \frac{p!}{(p-k)!} t^{p-k} \varphi^{(r-k-1)} (t) dt,
\]
for $p < r$.  

Lemma 3. For $p = r$ one has
\[
\int_{c}^{d} s^p \varphi^{(r)} (s) \, ds = \sum_{k=0}^{p} (-1)^k \frac{r!}{(r-k)!} t^{r-k} \varphi^{(r-k-1)} (t) \, dt,
\]
and $\varphi^{(-1)}(t)$ stands for $\int_{c}^{d} \varphi(s) \, ds$.

Theorem 4. The product of the generalized functions $x_+^{r-1/2}$ and $x_-^{r-1/2}$ for $r = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$ in $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$ admits associated distributions and it holds
\[
\mathcal{F}(x_+^{r-1/2} \cdot x_-^{r-1/2}) = \frac{\pi}{2 (2r)!} \delta^{(2r)} (x).
\]

Proof. For given $\varphi \in A_0(\mathbb{R})$ we suppose that $\text{supp} \varphi (x) \subseteq [c, d]$, without loss of generality. Then using the embedding rule and the substitution $t = (y - x)/\varepsilon$ we have the representatives of the distribution $x_+^{r-1/2}$ in Colombeau algebra:
\[
\mathcal{F}(x_+^{r-1/2} (\varphi_\varepsilon, x)) = (-1)^r \frac{2^r}{(2r-1)!!} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{\partial^r}{\partial y^r} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{y-x}{\varepsilon} \right) \, dy
\]
\[
= \frac{2^r}{(2r-1)!!} \varepsilon^{r+1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi^{(r)} \left( \frac{y-x}{\varepsilon} \right) \, dy
\]
\[
= \frac{2^r}{(2r-1)!!} \varepsilon^r \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x + \varepsilon t)^{-1/2} \varphi^{(r)} (t) \, dt.
\]

(23)

Similar, using the embedding rule and the substitution $s = (y - x)/\varepsilon$ we have the representatives of the distribution $x_-^{r-1/2}$ in Colombeau algebra:
\[
\mathcal{F}(x_-^{r-1/2} (\varphi_\varepsilon, x)) = (-1)^r \frac{2^r}{(2r-1)!!} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{\partial^r}{\partial y^r} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi \left( \frac{y-x}{\varepsilon} \right) \, dy
\]
\[
= \frac{2^r}{(2r-1)!!} \varepsilon^{r+1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (-x - \varepsilon s)^{-1/2} \varphi^{(r)} (s) \, ds.
\]

(24)

Then, for any $\psi (x) \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$ we have
\[
\left\langle x_+^{r-1/2} (\varphi_\varepsilon, x) \cdot x_-^{r-1/2} (\varphi_\varepsilon, x), \psi (x) \right\rangle
\]
\[
= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_+^{r-1/2} (\varphi_\varepsilon, x) x_-^{r-1/2} (\varphi_\varepsilon, x) \psi (x) \, dx
\]
\[
= \frac{2^{2r}}{((2r-1)!!)^2} \varepsilon^{2r} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi (x) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x_+^{r-1/2} (\varphi_\varepsilon, x) \, dx
\]
\[
\times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x + \varepsilon t)^{-1/2} (-x - \varepsilon s)^{-1/2} \varphi^{(r)} (t) \, ds \, dt \, dx
\]
\[
= \frac{2^{2r}}{((2r-1)!!)^2} \varepsilon^{2r} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi (t - \omega)^{-1/2} (\omega - s)^{-1/2} \varphi^{(r)} (s) \, ds \, dt \, dw,
\]

(25)

using the substitution $\omega = -x/\varepsilon$.

By the Taylor theorem we have that
\[
\psi (-\varepsilon \omega) = \sum_{k=0}^{2r} \frac{\psi^{(k)} (0)}{k!} (-\varepsilon \omega)^k + \frac{\psi^{(2r+1)} (\eta \omega)}{(2r+1)!} (-\varepsilon \eta)^{2r+1},
\]

(26)
for $\eta \in (0,1)$. Using this for (25) we have

$$\left\langle x_{r}^{-1/2}(\varphi_{p}, x) \cdot x_{p}^{-1/2}(\varphi_{q}, x), \psi(x) \right\rangle$$

$$= \frac{2^r}{((2r-1)!!)^2} \sum_{k=0}^{r} (-1)^{k} \psi^{(k)}(0) \cdot I_{k} + O(\varepsilon),$$

(27)

where

$$I_{k} = \int_{c}^{d} \varphi^{(r)}(t) \int_{t}^{d} \varphi^{(r)}(s)$$

$$\times \int_{t}^{r} (t - s)^{-1/2} (s - t)^{-1/2} \omega^{k} ds dt,$$

(28)

for $k = 0,1,\ldots,2r$ and we have changed the order of integration.

Putting $\omega = s = (t - s)v$ we have

$$\int_{t}^{r} (t - s)^{-1/2} (s - t)^{-1/2} \omega^{k} dv$$

$$= \int_{0}^{1} v^{-1/2}(1 - v)^{-1/2} [sv + (1 - v)t]^{k} dv$$

$$= \sum_{p=0}^{k} \frac{k!}{p!(k-p)!} \int_{0}^{1} u^{p-1/2}(1 - u)^{k-p-1/2} t^{k-p} dv$$

$$= \sum_{p=0}^{k} \frac{k!}{p!(k-p)!} B \left( p + \frac{1}{2}, k - p + \frac{1}{2} \right) s^{k-p}.$$

Thus

$$I_{k} = \sum_{p=0}^{k} \frac{k!}{p!(k-p)!} B \left( p + \frac{1}{2}, k - p + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\times \int_{c}^{d} t^{k-p} \varphi^{(r)}(t) \int_{t}^{d} s^{p} \varphi^{(r)}(s) ds dt$$

$$= \sum_{p=0}^{k} \frac{k!}{p!(k-p)!} B \left( p + \frac{1}{2}, k - p + \frac{1}{2} \right) I_{k,p}.$$

(30)

Next, suppose that $k$ is even, less than $2r$ and that $p$ is less than $r$. It follows from Lemma 2 that $\int_{c}^{d} s^{p} \varphi^{(r)}(s) ds$ is an even or odd function accordingly as $r + p$ is odd or even. We thus have that $t^{k-p} \varphi^{(r)}(t) \int_{t}^{d} s^{p} \varphi^{(r)}(s) ds$ is an odd function and $I_{k,p} = 0$. If $p \geq r$ then $k - p < r$ and by changing the order of integration we can prove that again $I_{k,p} = 0$. If we suppose that $k$ is odd and less than $2r$ we can prove in a similar manner that $I_{k,p} = 0$.

For the case $k = 2r$ if $p \neq r$ again we have $I_{k,p} = 0$. For $k = 2r$ and $p = r$ using Lemma 3 and changing the order of integration we have

$$J_{2r,r} = \int_{c}^{d} t^{r} \psi^{(r)}(t) \int_{t}^{d} s^{r} \varphi^{(r)}(s) ds dt$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{r} \frac{(-1)^{r-i}}{r!} \int_{c}^{d} t^{2r-i} \varphi^{(r)}(t) \varphi^{(r-i-1)}(t) dt$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^{r}}{r!} \int_{c}^{d} t^{r} \varphi^{(r)}(t) \int_{t}^{d} \varphi(s) ds dt$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^{r}}{r!} \int_{c}^{d} \varphi(s) \int_{s}^{d} \varphi^{(r)}(t) dt ds$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^{r}}{r!} \sum_{i=0}^{r} \frac{(-1)^{r-i} r!}{(r-i)!} \int_{c}^{d} s^{i} \varphi^{(r-i-1)}(s) \varphi(s) ds$$

$$= \frac{(r!)^{2}}{r!} \int_{c}^{d} \varphi(s) \left( \int_{s}^{d} \varphi(t) dt \right) ds.$$

Further,

$$\int_{c}^{d} \varphi(s) \left( \int_{s}^{d} \varphi(t) dt \right) ds = \int_{c}^{d} \left( \int_{c}^{d} \varphi(t) dt \right) \left( \int_{c}^{d} \varphi(s) ds \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_{c}^{d} \varphi(t) dt \right)^{2} \bigg|_{c}^{d} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

(31)

(32)

and $J_{2r,r} = (r!)^{2}/2$. So, $I_{k} = 0$ for $k = 0,1,\ldots,2r - 1$ and

$$I_{2r} = \frac{(2r)!}{2} B \left( r + \frac{1}{2}, r + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{((2r - 1)!!)^{2}\pi}{2^{2r+1}}.$$

(33)

Finally we have

$$\left\langle x_{r}^{-1/2}(\varphi_{p}, x) \cdot x_{p}^{-1/2}(\varphi_{q}, x), \psi(x) \right\rangle$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \psi^{(2r)}(0) + O(\varepsilon)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\psi^{(2r)}(0)}{(2r)!} + O(\varepsilon).$$

(34)

Therefore passing to the limit, as $\varepsilon \to 0$, we obtain (22) proving the theorem.

$\Box$

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