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Let $\omega$ be a continuous weight on $\mathbb{R}^+$ and let $L^1(\omega)$ be the corresponding convolution algebra. By results of Granbæk and Bade & Dales the continuous derivations from $L^1(\omega)$ to its dual space $L^\infty(1/\omega)$ are exactly the maps of the form

$$(D_\psi f)(t) = \int_0^\infty f(s) \frac{s}{t+s} \psi(t+s) \, ds \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ and } f \in L^1(\omega))$$

for some $\psi \in L^\infty(1/\omega)$. Also, every $D_\psi$ has a unique extension to a continuous derivation $\overline{D}_\psi : M(\omega) \to L^\infty(1/\omega)$ from the corresponding measure algebra. We show that a certain condition on $\psi$ implies that $\overline{D}_\psi$ is weak-star continuous. The condition holds for instance if $\psi \in L^\infty_{w^*}(\omega)$. We also provide examples of functions $\psi$ for which $\overline{D}_\psi$ is not weak-star continuous. Similarly, we show that $D_\psi$ and $\overline{D}_\psi$ are compact under certain conditions on $\psi$. For instance this holds if $\psi \in C_0(1/\omega)$ with $\psi(0) = 0$. Finally, we give various examples of functions $\psi$ for which $D_\psi$ and $\overline{D}_\psi$ are not compact.

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1. Introduction

Traditionally the study of derivations from a Banach algebra to its Banach modules has mainly focused on the existence of such derivations. In some recent papers by Choi and Heath the aim has instead been to characterise the derivations from a concrete Banach algebra to its dual space, and then to use this characterisation to study various properties of the derivations: Every bounded derivation from $L^1(Z^+)$ to its dual space $F^\infty(Z^+)$ is of the form

$$D_\psi(\delta_0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad D_\psi(\delta_j)(\delta_k) = \frac{j}{j+k} \psi_{j+k} \quad (j, k \in Z^+, j \neq 0)$$

for some $\psi \in L^\infty(Z^+)$. It was shown in [11] that $D_\psi$ is compact if and only if $\psi \in C_0(Z^+)$. Moreover, the weakly compact derivations from $L^1(Z^+)$ to its dual space are described in [3] in terms of the so-called translation-finite sets. Finally, the compact derivations from the disc algebra to its dual space are characterised in [4]. In this paper we continue this line of thinking and consider properties of derivations from weighted convolution algebras $L^1(\omega)$ on $\mathbb{R}^+$ to their dual spaces.

Let $L^1(\mathbb{R}^+)$ be the Banach space of (equivalence classes of) integrable functions $f$ on $\mathbb{R}^+ = [0, \infty)$ with the norm $\|f\| = \int_0^\infty |f(t)| \, dt$. Throughout this paper $\omega$ will be a continuous weight function on $\mathbb{R}^+$, that is, a positive and continuous function on $\mathbb{R}^+$ satisfying $\omega(0) = 1$ and $\omega(t + s) \leq \omega(t)\omega(s)$ for all $t, s \in \mathbb{R}^+$. We then define $L^1(\omega)$ as the weighted space of functions $f$ on $\mathbb{R}^+$ for which $f(\omega) \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^+)$ with the inherited norm

$$\|f\| = \int_0^\infty |f(t)|\omega(t) \, dt.$$
With the usual convolution product
\[(f \ast g)(t) = \int_0^t f(s)g(t-s) \, ds \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ and } f, g \in L^1(\omega),\]
it is well known that \(L^1(\omega)\) is a commutative Banach algebra. Similarly, the space \(M(\omega)\) of locally finite, complex Borel measures \(\mu\) on \(\mathbb{R}^+\) for which
\[\|\mu\| = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \omega(t) \, d|\mu|(t) < \infty\]
is a Banach algebra under convolution and contains \(L^1(\omega)\) as a closed ideal. Also, \(M(\omega)\) can be identified as the multiplier algebra of \(L^1(\omega)\) and this induces a strong topology on \(M(\omega)\) by identifying a measure with the corresponding convolution operator.

Moreover, we let \(L^\infty(1/\omega)\) denote the Banach space of measurable functions \(\varphi\) on \(\mathbb{R}^+\) for which \(\varphi/\omega\) is essentially bounded with the norm \(\|\varphi\| = \text{ess sup}_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} |\varphi(t)|/\omega(t)\). It is well known that the duality
\[(f, \varphi) = \int_0^\infty f(t)\varphi(t) \, dt \quad \text{for } f \in L^1(\omega) \text{ and } \varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega)\]
identifies \(L^\infty(1/\omega)\) isometrically isomorphically with the dual space of \(L^1(\omega)\).

We denote by \(C_0(1/\omega)\) the closed subspace of \(L^\infty(1/\omega)\) of continuous functions in \(L^\infty(1/\omega)\), and by \(C_0(\mathbb{R}^+\omega)\) the closed subspace of \(C(1/\omega)\) of functions \(h \in C(1/\omega)\) for which \(h/\omega\) vanishes at infinity. Then \(M(\omega)\) is isometrically isomorphic to the dual space of \(C_0(\mathbb{R}^+\omega)\) with the duality being defined by
\[\langle h, \mu \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} h(t) \, d\mu(t) \quad \text{for } h \in C_0(1/\omega) \text{ and } \mu \in M(\omega).\]

We will need yet another closed subspace of \(L^\infty(1/\omega)\). For \(\varphi \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)\) we say that \(\varphi(t) \to 0\) as \(t \to \infty\) if
\[\text{ess sup}_{t \geq T} |\varphi(t)| \to 0 \quad \text{as } T \to \infty.\]

We then define \(L_0^\infty(1/\omega)\) to be the closed subspace of \(L^\infty(1/\omega)\) of those \(\varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega)\) for which \(\varphi(t)/\omega(t) \to 0\) as \(t \to \infty\).

Recall that the dual space \(L^\infty(1/\omega) = L^1(\omega)^*\) becomes a Banach \(L^1(\omega)^*\)-module via the action
\[(f, g \cdot \varphi) = (f \ast g, \varphi) \quad \text{for } f, g \in L^1(\omega) \text{ and } \varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega).\]

An easy calculation shows that the module action can be expressed as
\[(g \cdot \varphi)(t) = \int_0^\infty g(s)\varphi(t+s) \, ds \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \, g \in L^1(\omega) \text{ and } \varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega).\]

In particular it follows that \(C_0(1/\omega)\) is a Banach \(L^1(\omega)^*\)-submodule of \(L^\infty(1/\omega)\). Also, if we consider \(M(\omega) = C_0(1/\omega)^*\) as a dual Banach \(L^1(\omega)^*\)-module, then
\[\langle h, g \cdot \mu \rangle = \langle g \cdot h, \mu \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \int_0^\infty g(s)h(t+s) \, ds \, d\mu(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \int_t^\infty g(r-t)h(r) \, dr \, d\mu(t) = \int_0^\infty \int_{[0,r]} g(r-t) \, d\mu(t) \, h(r) \, dr = \langle h, g \ast \mu \rangle\]
for \(g \in L^1(\omega), \, h \in C_0(1/\omega) \text{ and } \mu \in M(\omega).\) The dual module action \(g \cdot \mu\) of \(g \in L^1(\omega)\) on \(\mu \in M(\omega)\) thus coincides with the usual convolution product \(g \ast \mu\). (One may also have wished for the product \(g \cdot \varphi\) for \(g \in L^1(\omega)\) and \(\varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega)\) to coincide with the usual convolution product of \(g\) and \(\varphi\). This could be obtained by choosing instead to identify \(L^1(\omega)^*\) with the space \(L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+, \omega(-t))\) on \(\mathbb{R}^+\) with the duality \((f, \varphi) = \int_0^\infty f(t)\varphi(-t) \, dt\) for \(f \in L^1(\omega)\) and \(\varphi \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+, \omega(-t)).\) This approach is taken, for instance, in [5]. We prefer instead (as in [9]) to represent all our spaces on \(\mathbb{R}^+,\) and pay the price of the form of the product \(g \cdot \varphi\).)

We now turn to derivations from \(L^1(\omega)\) to its dual space \(L^\infty(1/\omega)\). Recall that a linear map \(D : L^1(\omega) \to L^\infty(1/\omega)\) is called a derivation if
\[D(f \ast g) = f \cdot Dg + g \cdot Df \quad \text{for } f, g \in L^1(\omega).\]

The following result was first proved by Grønbæk [9, Theorem 3.7] with \(\varphi\) satisfying the (formally weaker) condition
\[\sup_{s \in \mathbb{R}^+} \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} \frac{s|\varphi(t+s)|}{(t+s)\omega(t)\omega(s)} < \infty.\]

Bade and Dales ([1, Theorem 2.5] or [5, Proposition 5.6.26]) then strengthened Grønbæk’s result by showing that this condition is equivalent to \(\varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega)\). For \(s \in \mathbb{R}^+\) we denote by \(\delta_s\) the unit point measure at \(s\).
Theorem 1.1 (Grønbæk and Bade and Dales). Let \( \varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega) \). Then

\[
(D_\varphi f)(t) = \int_0^\infty f(s) \frac{s}{t+s} \varphi(t+s) \, ds \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ and } f \in L^1(\omega)
\]

defines a continuous derivation from \( L^1(\omega) \) to \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \). Moreover, \( D_\varphi \) has a unique extension to a continuous derivation \( \overline{D}_\varphi : M(\omega) \to L^\infty(1/\omega) \). Also, \( \overline{D}_\varphi \) is continuous when \( M(\omega) \) is equipped with its strong topology and \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) with its weak-star topology, and

\[
(\overline{D}_\varphi \delta_t)(t) = \frac{s}{t+s} \varphi(t+s) \quad \text{for } t, s \in \mathbb{R}^+.
\]

Conversely, every continuous derivation from \( L^1(\omega) \) to \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) equals \( D_\varphi \) for some \( \varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega) \).

We mention that if we let \( X \) be the densely defined operator on \( L^1(\omega) \) given by \( (Xf)(t) = tf(t) \) for \( t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \) and suitable \( f \in L^1(\omega) \), and similarly on \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \), then we have \( D_\varphi f = (Xf) \cdot (X^{-1}\varphi) \) for \( f \) and \( \varphi \) in dense subsets of \( L^1(\omega) \) resp. \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \).

In this paper we study various properties of the derivations \( \overline{D}_\varphi \). In Section 2 we consider weak-star continuity, and in Section 3 we rely on some of the results from Section 2 to prove various range and continuity properties of the derivations. Finally, some of these results are used in Section 4, where compactness of the derivations is investigated. We remark that most of the results in this paper also are of interest in the unweighted case where \( \omega \equiv 1 \).

2. Weak-star continuity

In this section we will study weak-star continuity of the derivations \( \overline{D}_\varphi : M(\omega) \to L^\infty(1/\omega) \). This is inspired by a similar result for homomorphisms between weighted algebras due to Grabiner: Let \( \omega_1 \) and \( \omega_2 \) be weights, and let \( \Phi : L^1(\omega_1) \to L^1(\omega_2) \) be a non-zero continuous homomorphism. Then \( \Phi \) has a unique extension to a continuous homomorphism \( \tilde{\Phi} : M(\omega_1) \to M(\omega_2) \) [7, Theorems 3.4] and this extension is automatically weak-star continuous [8, Theorem 1.1]. Also, similar results hold for homomorphisms from \( L^1(\omega) \) into some other commutative Banach algebras [13]. We also mention that it easily can be seen that a bounded derivation \( D_\varphi \) from \( \ell^1(\mathbb{Z}^+) \) to its dual space is weak-star continuous if and only if \( \varphi \in c_0(\mathbb{Z}^+) \).

For \( f, g \in L^1(\omega) \) and \( \varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega) \) it follows from Fubini’s theorem that

\[
\langle f, D_\varphi g \rangle = \int_0^\infty f(s) \int_0^\infty \frac{t}{t+s} \varphi(t+s) g(t) \, dt \, ds
\]

\[
= \int_0^\infty \left( \int_0^\infty f(s) \frac{t}{t+s} \varphi(t+s) \, ds \right) g(t) \, dt.
\]

This leads us to the following definition. Let

\[
(T_\varphi f)(t) = \int_0^\infty f(s) \frac{t}{t+s} \varphi(t+s) \, ds = \langle f, \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_t \rangle
\]

for \( f \in L^1(\omega), \varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega) \) and \( t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \).

Proposition 2.1. Let \( \varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega) \).

(a) \( s \mapsto \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_t \) is weak-star continuous in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) for \( s \in \mathbb{R}^+ \).

(b) \( T_\varphi \) is a continuous linear operator \( T_\varphi : L^1(\omega) \to C_b(1/\omega) \).

Proof. (a): Translation is continuous in \( L^1(\omega) \) [5, Lemma 4.7.6], so translation is weak-star continuous in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \). Hence \( s \mapsto \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_t \) is weak-star continuous in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) for \( s > 0 \). Also, for \( f \in L^1(\omega) \) we have

\[
|\langle f, \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_t \rangle| = \left| \int_0^\infty f(t) \frac{s}{t+s} \varphi(t+s) \, dt \right|
\]

\[
\leq \|\varphi\| \omega(s) \int_0^\infty |f(t)| \omega(t) \frac{s}{t+s} \, dt \to 0
\]

as \( s \to 0 \) by Lebesgue’s dominated convergence theorem, so \( \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_t \to 0 = \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_0 \) weak-star in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) as \( s \to 0 \).

(b): Let \( f \in L^1(\omega) \). The estimate

\[
|T_\varphi f(t)| \leq \|\varphi\| \int_0^\infty |f(s)| \omega(t+s) \, ds \leq \|\varphi\| \cdot \|f\| \omega(t) \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R}^+
\]

shows that \( T_\varphi \) defines a continuous linear operator \( T_\varphi : L^1(\omega) \to L^\infty(1/\omega) \). Moreover, it follows from (a) that \( T_\varphi \) maps into \( C_b(1/\omega) \).
We will need the next couple of results. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ let $e_n = n \cdot 1_{[0,1/n]}$. It is well known that $(e_n)$ is a bounded approximate identity for $L^1(\omega)$. Also, $(h, \mu) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} h(t) \, d\mu(t)$ is well-defined for $h \in C_b(1/\omega)$ and $\mu \in M(\omega)$.

**Lemma 2.2.**

(a) Let $h \in C_b(1/\omega)$. Then $e_n \cdot h \to h$ in $C_b(1/\omega)$ as $n \to \infty$.

(b) Let $h \in C_b(1/\omega)$ and $\mu \in M(\omega)$. Then $(e_n \cdot h, \mu) \to (h, \mu)$ as $n \to \infty$.

**Proof.** (a): For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ we have

$$
(e_n \cdot h - h)(t) = \int_0^{1/n} n(h(t + s) - h(t)) \, ds.
$$

Given $\varepsilon > 0$, we choose $T \in \mathbb{R}^+$ such that $|h(t)|/\omega(t) < \varepsilon$ for $t \geq T$. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we then have $|(e_n \cdot h - h)(t)|/\omega(t) < (1+\sup_{t \in [0,1]} |h(t)|) \varepsilon$ for $t \geq T$. Since $h$ is uniformly continuous on $[0, T+1]$ we can choose $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|h(t+s)-h(t)| < \varepsilon$ for all $0 \leq t \leq T$ and $s \leq 1/N$. Hence

$$
\frac{|(e_n \cdot h - h)(t)|}{\omega(t)} \leq \sup_{s \leq 1/N} \frac{|h(t+s)-h(t)|}{\omega(t)} < \varepsilon
$$

for all $0 \leq t \leq T$ and $n \geq N$. This finishes the proof.

(b): Given $\varepsilon > 0$, we choose $T \in \mathbb{R}^+$ such that $|\mu \cdot \omega|([T, \infty)) < \varepsilon$. We have

$$
|(e_n \cdot h - h, \mu)| \leq \int_{[0,T]} |(e_n \cdot h - h)(t)| \, |d\mu(t)| + \int_{[T,\infty)} |(e_n \cdot h - h)(t)| \, |d\mu(t)|
$$

$$
\leq \|\mu\| \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \frac{|(e_n \cdot h - h)(t)|}{\omega(t)} + \|e_n \cdot h - h\| \cdot |\mu \cdot \omega|([T, \infty)).
$$

The second term is bounded by $C \varepsilon$ and it follows from the proof of part (a) that there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that the same holds for the first term for $n \geq N$. \hfill \square

**Corollary 2.3.** Let $\mu \in M(\omega)$. Then $e_n \ast \mu \to \mu$ strongly in $M(\omega)$ and weak star in $C_b(1/\omega)^*$ (and in particular weak-star in $M(\omega)$) as $n \to \infty$.

**Proof.** For $f \in L^1(\omega)$ we have $e_n \ast \mu \ast f \to \mu \ast f$ in $L^1(\omega)$ as $n \to \infty$ (since $(e_n)$ is a bounded approximate identity for $L^1(\omega)$). Hence $e_n \ast \mu \to \mu$ strongly in $M(\omega)$ as $n \to \infty$. Moreover, for $h \in C_b(1/\omega)$ we have $(h, e_n \ast \mu) = (e_n \cdot h, \mu) \to (h, \mu)$ as $n \to \infty$ by Lemma 2.2(b). Hence $e_n \ast \mu \to \mu$ weak-star in $C_b(1/\omega)^*$ as $n \to \infty$. \hfill \square

The adjoint of a continuous linear operator is weak-star continuous. The following result shows that the converse also is true for the operators $\overline{D}_\varphi$.

**Proposition 2.4.** For $\varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega)$ the following conditions are equivalent:

(a) $\overline{D}_\varphi$ is weak-star continuous.

(b) $\overline{D}_\varphi \delta_t/\omega(t) \to 0$ weak-star in $L^\infty(1/\omega)$ as $t \to \infty$.

(c) $\text{ran} \, T_\varphi \subseteq C_b(1/\omega)$.

(d) $\text{ran} \, T_\varphi \subseteq C_0(1/\omega)$ and $T_\varphi^* = \overline{D}_\varphi$.

**Proof.**

(a)⇒(b): This follows because $\delta_t/\omega(t) \to 0$ weak-star in $M(\omega)$ as $t \to \infty$.

(b)⇒(c): This follows from Proposition 2.1(b) because $(T_\varphi f)(t)/\omega(t) = (f, \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_t/\omega(t))$ for $f \in L^1(\omega)$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$.

(c)⇒(d): For $f, g \in L^1(\omega)$ it follows from (1) that

$$
(f, D_\varphi g) = (T_\varphi f, g)
$$

since $T_\varphi f \in C_0(1/\omega)$ and $g \in L^1(\omega) \subseteq M(\omega)$. Hence $T^*_\varphi = D_\varphi$ on $L^1(\omega)$. Let $\mu \in M(\omega)$. By Corollary 2.3 we have $e_n \ast \mu \to \mu$ strongly in $M(\omega)$ as $n \to \infty$, so it follows from Theorem 1.1 that $D_\varphi (e_n \ast \mu) \to D_\varphi (\mu)$ weak-star in $L^\infty(1/\omega)$ as $n \to \infty$. Moreover, for $f \in L^1(\omega)$ we have $e_n \cdot T_\varphi f \to T_\varphi f$ in $C_0(1/\omega)$ as $n \to \infty$ by Lemma 2.2(a) and thus

$$
(f, T_\varphi^*(e_n \ast \mu)) = (T_\varphi f, e_n \ast \mu) = (e_n \cdot T_\varphi f, \mu) \to (T_\varphi f, \mu) = (f, T_\varphi^* \mu)
$$

as $n \to \infty$. Hence $D_\varphi (e_n \ast \mu) = T_\varphi^*(e_n \ast \mu) \to T_\varphi^* \mu$ weak-star in $L^\infty(1/\omega)$ as $n \to \infty$. It follows that $T_\varphi^* \mu = \overline{D}_\varphi \mu$ and thus $T_\varphi^* = \overline{D}_\varphi$ on $M(\omega)$.

[Alternatively, a direct but lengthy calculation shows that $T_\varphi^* \mu$ is a derivation. Since $T_\varphi^* = D_\varphi$ on $L^1(\omega)$, it follows from the uniqueness of the extension from Theorem 1.1 that $T_\varphi^* = D_\varphi$ on $M(\omega)$.

(d)⇒(a): Is clear. \hfill \square
We will now show that a certain relatively easily verified condition on $\varphi$ ensures that the equivalent conditions in Proposition 2.4 hold. The idea is that if $\varphi/\omega$ is not bounded away from zero on large sets, then the definition of $T_{\varphi}$ can be used to show that $(T_{\varphi}f)(t)/\omega(t) \to 0$ as $t \to \infty$ for $f \in L^1(\omega)$. For $\varphi \in L^{\infty}(1/\omega)$ and $t, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}^+$ we let

$$U_{t, \varepsilon} = \{s \in [t, t+1] : |\varphi(s)|/\omega(s) \geq \varepsilon\}$$

(defined except for a set of measure zero). Also, we denote Lebesgue’s measure on $\mathbb{R}^+$ by $m$.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let $\varphi \in L^{\infty}(1/\omega)$ and assume that $m(U_{t, \varepsilon}) \to 0$ as $t \to \infty$ for every $\varepsilon > 0$. Then $\hat{D}_\varphi$ is weak-star continuous (and consequently the other equivalent conditions in Proposition 2.4 also hold).

We will need the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.6.** Let $f \in L^1[0, 1]$ and let $(U_n)$ be a sequence of measurable sets in $[0, 1]$ with $m(U_n) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. Then $\int_{U_n} f(t) dt \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$.

**Proof.** It is sufficient to prove that every subsequence $(U_{n_j})$ of $(U_n)$ has a subsequence $(U_{n_{j_k}})$ with $\int_{U_{n_{j_k}}} f(t) dt \to 0$ as $j \to \infty$. We may therefore assume that $\sum_{n=1}^\infty m(U_n) < \infty$. Then $m(U \cup \bigcup_{j=1}^\infty U_j) \leq \sum_{n=1}^\infty m(U_n) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$. Let $f_n = f \cdot 1_{U_n}$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. It then follows from [10, Theorem A, p. 91] that $f_n \to 0$ a.e. Consequently $\int_{U_n} f(t) dt = \int_0^1 f_n(t) dt \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$ by Lebesgue’s dominated convergence theorem. \qed

**Proof of Theorem 2.5.** By Proposition 2.4 we only need to prove that $\text{ran } T_{\varphi} \subseteq C_0(1/\omega)$. (A similar proof can be given to show directly that condition (b) in Proposition 2.4 holds.) We first let $f \in L^1(\omega)$ with $\text{supp } f \subseteq [0, 1]$. Then

$$|(T_{\varphi}f)(t)| \leq \int_0^1 |f(s)\varphi(t+s)| ds = \int_t^{t+1} |f(r-t)\varphi(r)| dr$$

for $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Then

$$\int_{[t, t+1] \setminus U_{t, \varepsilon}} |f(r-t)\varphi(r)| dr \leq \varepsilon \int_t^{t+1} |f(r-t)|\omega(r) dr \leq \varepsilon \int_t^{t+1} |f(r-t)|\omega(r-t) dr \omega(t) = \varepsilon \|f\|\omega(t)$$

for $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Moreover,

$$\int_{U_{t, \varepsilon}} |f(r-t)\varphi(r)| dr = \int_{U_{t, \varepsilon} \cap U_{t, \varepsilon-t}} |f(s)\varphi(t+s)| ds \leq \|\varphi\|\omega(t) \int_{U_{t, \varepsilon-t}} |f(s)|\omega(s) ds$$

for $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$. It follows from Lemma 2.6 that there exists $T \in \mathbb{R}^+$ such that

$$\int_{U_{t, \varepsilon-t}} |f(s)|\omega(s) ds < \varepsilon$$

for $t \geq T$. Hence there is a constant $C$ such that $|(T_{\varphi}f)(t)| \leq C\varepsilon\omega(t)$ for $t \geq T$, so we conclude that $T_{\varphi}f \in C_0(1/\omega)$.

Next, we let $f \in L^1(\omega)$ with $\text{supp } f \subseteq [n, n+1]$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $f = \delta_n * g$ for some $g \in L^1(\omega)$ with $\text{supp } g \subseteq [0, 1]$. Also,

$$(T_{\varphi}f)(t) = \int_n^{n+1} f(s) \frac{t}{t+s} \varphi(t+s) ds = \int_0^1 g(r) \frac{t}{t+r+n} \varphi(t+r+n) dr,$$

so

$$|(T_{\varphi}f)(t)| \leq \int_0^1 |g(r)| \frac{t+n}{t+r+n} |\varphi(t+r+n)| dr = (T_{|\varphi|}|g|)(t+n)$$

for $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Applying the first part of the proof (the definition of $U_{t, \varepsilon}$ only depends on $|\varphi|$) we get

$$\frac{|(T_{\varphi}f)(t)|}{\omega(t)} \leq \frac{|(T_{|\varphi|}|g|)(t+n)|}{\omega(t+n)} \cdot \omega(n) \to 0$$

as $t \to \infty$, so $T_{\varphi}f \in C_0(1/\omega)$. Consequently, $T_{\varphi}f \in C_0(1/\omega)$ for every $f \in L^1(\omega)$ with compact support and thus for all $f \in L^1(\omega)$. \qed

**Corollary 2.7.** Let $\varphi \in L_0^{\infty}(1/\omega)$. Then $\hat{D}_\varphi$ is weak-star continuous and $\hat{D}_\varphi = T_{\varphi}^*$.
Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$. There exists $T \in \mathbb{R}^+$ such that $U_{t,\epsilon}$ is of measure zero for $t \geq T$. The result thus follows from Theorem 2.5. \hfill \square

The following corollary shows a class of functions $\varphi \notin L^\infty(1/\omega)$ for which $\overline{D}_\varphi$ is weak-star continuous.

**Corollary 2.8.** Let $(\alpha_n)$ be a sequence with $0 < \alpha_n < 1$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\alpha_n \to 0$ for $n \to \infty$. Define $\varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega)$ by the weak-star convergent series $\varphi = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1_{[\alpha_n, \alpha_n+1)} \cdot \omega$. Then $\varphi \notin L^\infty(1/\omega)$, but $\overline{D}_\varphi$ is weak-star continuous.

**Proof.** Let $0 < \epsilon < 1$. For $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ we let $n = [t]$. Then

$$U_{t,\epsilon} \subseteq [n, n + \alpha_n] \cup [n + 1, n + 1 + \alpha_n+1],$$

so $m(U_{t,\epsilon}) \leq \alpha_n + \alpha_n+1 \to 0$ as $t \to \infty$. The result thus follows from Theorem 2.5. \hfill \square

We do not know whether the condition in Theorem 2.5 also is necessary for $\overline{D}_\varphi$ to be weak-star continuous, but we finish this section by giving a partial result in this direction.

**Proposition 2.9.** Suppose that there exists a positive constant $C$ such that $\int_x^{x+1} \omega(y) \, dy \geq C\omega(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Let $(\alpha_n)$ be a sequence in $\mathbb{R}^+$ with $\alpha_{n+1} \geq \alpha_n + 1$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Define $\varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega)$ by the weak-star convergent series $\varphi = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1_{[\alpha_n, \alpha_n+1)} \cdot \omega$. Then $\overline{D}_\varphi$ is not weak-star continuous.

**Proof.** For $n \geq 2$ (so that $\alpha_n \geq 1$) we have

$$\left\langle 1_{[0,1]}, \frac{\overline{D}_\varphi \delta_{\alpha_n}}{\omega(\alpha_n)} \right\rangle = \int_0^1 \frac{\varphi(t + \alpha_n)}{\omega(\alpha_n)} \, dt = \int_{\alpha_n}^{\alpha_{n+1}} \frac{a_n}{s} \cdot \frac{\omega(s)}{\omega(\alpha_n)} \, ds \geq \frac{C}{2}.$$}

Hence $\overline{D}_\varphi \delta_{\alpha_n}/\omega(\alpha_n)$ does not tend to 0 weak-star in $L^\infty(1/\omega)$ as $n \to \infty$. Since $\delta_{\alpha_n}/\omega(\alpha_n) \to 0$ weak-star in $M(\omega)$ as $n \to \infty$, this shows that $\overline{D}_\varphi$ is not weak-star continuous. \hfill \square

**Corollary 2.10.** Suppose that there exists a positive constant $C$ such that $\int_x^{x+1} \omega(y) \, dy \geq C\omega(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Then $\overline{D}_\omega$ is not weak-star continuous.

We remark that Corollaries 2.7 and 2.8 and Proposition 2.9 can be combined to yield a wider class of functions $\varphi$ for which $\overline{D}_\varphi$ is not weak-star continuous. Namely, if $\varphi = \varphi_1 + \varphi_2$ with $\overline{D}_\varphi_1$ weak-star continuous and $\overline{D}_\varphi_2$ not weak-star continuous, then $\overline{D}_\varphi$ is not weak-star continuous.

We finish the section by showing that $\overline{D}_\varphi \mu$ can be represented as a weak-star Bochner integral for $\varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega)$ and $\mu \in M(\omega)$. Heuristically we can think of $\overline{D}_\varphi \mu$ as

$$\left\langle \overline{D}_\varphi \mu, \frac{\omega(s)}{s} \right\rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \omega(s) \, d\mu(s)$$

although the integrals need not be defined. Inspired by this, we will say that

$$\overline{D}_\varphi \mu = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_t \, d\mu(s)$$

as a weak-star Bochner integral in $L^\infty(1/\omega)$ if

$$\left\langle f, \overline{D}_\varphi \mu \right\rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \left\langle f, \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_t \right\rangle \, d\mu(s) \quad \text{for } f \in L^1(\omega).$$

We remark that the function $(T_\varphi f)(s) = \langle f, \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_t \rangle$ belongs to $C_b(1/\omega)$ by Proposition 2.1(b) for $f \in L^1(\omega)$. Hence

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \left\langle f, \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_t \right\rangle \, d\mu(s) = \langle T_\varphi f, \mu \rangle$$

is well-defined for $f \in L^1(\omega)$ and $\mu \in M(\omega)$. Also, it follows from the proof of [5, Theorem 5.6.24] that

$$D_\varphi g = \int_0^\infty g(s)\overline{D}_\varphi \delta_t \, ds$$

as a weak-star integral in $L^\infty(1/\omega)$ for every $\varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega)$ and $g \in L^1(\omega)$. We will show that this result can be extended to $\overline{D}_\varphi \mu$. (Moreover, in the proof of Proposition 4.5 we will see that if $\varphi \in C_b(1/\omega)$ with $\varphi(0) = 0$, then $D_\varphi g = \int_0^\infty g(s)\overline{D}_\varphi \delta_t \, ds$ actually exists as a "proper" Bochner integral for $g \in L^1(\omega)$.)
Proposition 2.11. Let \( \varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega) \) and \( \mu \in M(\omega) \). Then

\[
\overline{D}_\varphi \mu = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s \, d\mu(s)
\]
as a weak-star Bochner integral in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \).

**Proof.** Let \( (e_n) \) be the bounded approximate identity from Lemma 2.2. By Corollary 2.3 we have \( e_n * \mu \to \mu \) strongly in \( M(\omega) \) as \( n \to \infty \), so it follows from Theorem 1.1 that \( D_\varphi (e_n * \mu) \to \overline{D}_\varphi \mu \) weak-star in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) as \( n \to \infty \). Since \( e_n * \mu \in L^1(\omega) \) we have

\[
D_\varphi (e_n * \mu) = \int_0^\infty (e_n * \mu)(s) \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s \, ds
\]
as a weak-star integral in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) for \( n \in \mathbb{N} \). We thus have

\[
(f, \overline{D}_\varphi \mu) = \lim_{n \to \infty} (f, D_\varphi (e_n * \mu)) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \int_0^\infty (f, \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s)(e_n * \mu)(s) \, ds = \lim_{n \to \infty} \langle T_\varphi f, e_n * \mu \rangle = \langle T_\varphi f, \mu \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \langle f, \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s \rangle \, d\mu(s),
\]
where we have used Corollary 2.3. \( \square \)

3. Range and continuity properties

For \( \varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega) \) we saw in (the proof of) Proposition 2.1(a) that \( \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s \to 0 \) weak-star in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) as \( s \to 0 \). Similarly, one of the equivalent conditions in Proposition 2.4 is that \( \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s/\omega(s) \to 0 \) weak-star in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) as \( s \to \infty \). We will now see that by strengthening the conditions on \( \varphi \), we can obtain norm convergence in both cases. For \( \varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega) \) we say that \( \varphi(t) \to 0 \) as \( t \to 0 \) if \( \text{ess sup}_{t \leq T} |\varphi(t)| \to 0 \) as \( T \to 0 \).

Proposition 3.1. Let \( \varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega) \).

(a) \( \varphi(s) \to 0 \) as \( s \to 0 \) if and only if \( \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s \to 0 \) in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) as \( s \to 0 \).

(b) \( \varphi \in L^\omega_0(1/\omega) \) if and only if \( \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s/\omega(s) \to 0 \) in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) as \( s \to \infty \).

**Proof.** (a): Assume that \( \varphi(s) \to 0 \) as \( s \to 0 \). We have

\[
\|\overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s\| = \text{ess sup}_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \frac{s}{t + s} \cdot \frac{|\varphi(t + s)|}{\omega(t)}.
\]

Given \( \varepsilon > 0 \) we choose \( 0 < S < 1 \) such that \( \text{ess sup}_{t \leq S} |\varphi(s)| < \varepsilon \). For \( s \leq S/2 \) we then have

\[
\text{ess sup}_{t \leq S/2} \frac{s}{t + s} \cdot \frac{|\varphi(t + s)|}{\omega(t)} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{\inf_{t \in [0,1]} \omega(t)}.
\]

Also, since \( \varphi(t + s) \leq \|\varphi\| \omega(t) \omega(s) \) for \( t, s \in \mathbb{R}^+ \), we have

\[
\text{ess sup}_{t \geq S/2} \frac{s}{t + s} \cdot \frac{|\varphi(t + s)|}{\omega(t)} \leq \frac{2s}{S} \|\varphi\| \omega(s),
\]

and it follows that \( \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s \to 0 \) in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) as \( s \to 0 \).

Conversely, assume that \( \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s \to 0 \) in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) as \( s \to 0 \). Given \( \varepsilon > 0 \) we choose \( 0 < S < 1 \) such that \( \|\overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s\| < \varepsilon \) for \( s \leq S \). For \( s \leq S \) we then have

\[
\varepsilon > \|\overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s\| \geq \frac{\text{ess sup}_{t \leq S} |\varphi(t + s)|}{2 \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \omega(t)} = C \text{ess sup}_{t \leq 2s} |\varphi(t)|.
\]

Hence \( \text{ess sup}_{0 \leq t \leq 2S} |\varphi(t)| \leq \varepsilon/C \), so \( \varphi(s) \to 0 \) as \( s \to 0 \).
(b): Assume that \( \varphi \in L^\infty_0(1/\omega) \). Then

\[
\|D_\omega \delta_s\| = \operatorname{ess sup}_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} \frac{s}{t + s} \frac{\varphi(t + s)}{\varphi(t)\omega(s)} \leq \operatorname{ess sup}_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} \frac{\varphi(t + s)}{\omega(t + s)} = \operatorname{ess sup}_{t \geq s} \frac{\varphi(t)}{\omega(t)} \to 0
\]

as \( s \to \infty \).

Conversely, assume that \( \varphi \notin L^\infty_0(1/\omega) \). Then there exists \( \varepsilon > 0 \) such that

\[
\operatorname{ess sup}_{t \geq s} \frac{\varphi(t)}{\omega(t)} \geq \varepsilon
\]

for every \( T \in \mathbb{R}^+ \). Let \( k \in \mathbb{N} \). There exists a measurable set \( U_k \subseteq [k, \infty) \) with \( m(U_k) > 0 \) such that \( \varphi(t)/\omega(t) \geq \varepsilon \) a.e. on \( U_k \). The metric density of \( U_k \) at a point \( s \in U_k \), that is \( \lim_{r \to 0} m(U_k \cap (s - r, s + r))/(2r) \), exists and equals 1 for almost every \( s \in U_k \) [14, 7.12]. Let \( s_k \in U_k \) be such a point and let \( V_{kr} = U_k \cap (s_k, s_k + r) \) for \( r > 0 \). Then \( m(V_{kr}) > 0 \) for every \( r > 0 \). Hence

\[
\|D_\omega \delta_{s_k}\| \geq \operatorname{ess sup}_{t \in [0, 1]} \frac{s_k}{t + s_k} \frac{\varphi(t + s_k)}{\omega(t)} \geq \frac{1}{2} \inf_{t \in [0, 1]} \omega(t) \operatorname{ess sup}_{t \in V_{kr}} |\varphi(t + s_k)| \geq C \operatorname{ess sup}_{t \in V_{kr}} |\varphi(t)|
\]

for some constant \( C > 0 \) and every \( 0 < r < 1 \). Since \( V_{kr} \subseteq U_k \) we thus have

\[
\|D_\omega \delta_{s_k}\| \geq C \varepsilon \operatorname{ess sup}_{t \in V_{kr}} \omega(t)
\]

for every \( 0 < r < 1 \). Letting \( r \to 0 \) we thus obtain

\[
\|D_\omega \delta_{s_k}\| \geq C \varepsilon \omega(s_k).
\]

Since \( s_k \geq k \) this shows that we do not have \( D_\omega \delta_s/\omega(s) \to 0 \) in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) as \( s \to \infty \). \( \square \)

We now aim to prove that \( \text{ran} D_\varphi \subseteq C_0(1/\omega) \) for any \( \varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega) \), and that \( \text{ran} \overline{D_\varphi} \subseteq C_0(1/\omega) \) if \( \varphi \in C_0(1/\omega) \) with \( \varphi(0) = 0 \). Let \( \varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega) \). Since \( (D_\varphi f)(t) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{t+s} f(s)\varphi(t+s) \, ds \) for \( f \in L^1(\omega) \) and \( t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \), we choose to define

\[
\psi_t(s) = \overline{(D_\varphi \delta_s)}(t) = \frac{s}{t+s} \varphi(t+s) \quad \text{for } t, s \in \mathbb{R}^+.
\]

Then we can express \( D_\varphi f \) by

\[
(D_\varphi f)(t) = \langle f, \psi_t \rangle \quad \text{for } f \in L^1(\omega) \text{ and } t \in \mathbb{R}^+
\]

(once we have verified that \( \psi_t \in L^{\infty}(1/\omega) \) for \( t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \)). We begin by establishing some properties of \( \psi_t \).

**Lemma 3.2.**

(a) Let \( \varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega) \). For \( t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \) we have \( \psi_t \in L^\infty(1/\omega) \) with \( \|\psi_t\| \leq \|\varphi\|\omega(t) \). Moreover, \( (\psi_t) \) is weak-star continuous in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) for \( t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \).

(b) Let \( \varphi \in C_0(1/\omega) \) with \( \varphi(0) = 0 \). For \( t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \) we have \( \psi_t \in C_0(1/\omega) \). Moreover, \( (\psi_t) \) is continuous in \( C_0(1/\omega) \) for \( t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \) and \( \psi_t/\omega(t) \to 0 \) in \( C_0(1/\omega) \) as \( t \to \infty \).

**Proof.** (a): Let \( t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \). We have

\[
|\psi_t(s)| \leq \frac{\varphi(t+s)}{\omega(t+s)} \omega(t) \leq \|\varphi\|\omega(t) \quad \text{for all } s \in \mathbb{R}^+,
\]

so \( \psi_t \in L^\infty(1/\omega) \) with \( \|\psi_t\| \leq \|\varphi\|\omega(t) \). Also, translation is weak-star continuous in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \), so \( (\psi_t) \) is weak-star continuous in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) for \( t > 0 \). Also, for \( f \in L^1(\omega) \) we have

\[
\langle f, \psi_t - \psi_0 \rangle = \int_0^\infty f(s) \left( \frac{s}{t+s} \varphi(t+s) - \varphi(s) \right) \, ds \\
= \int_0^\infty f(s) (\varphi(t+s) - \varphi(s)) \, ds - \int_0^\infty f(s) \frac{t}{t+s} \varphi(t+s) \, ds.
\]

As \( t \to 0 \) the first term tends to 0 since translation is weak-star continuous in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \), whereas the second tends to 0 by Lebesgue’s dominated convergence theorem since \( |\varphi(t+s)| \leq \|\varphi\|\omega(t)\omega(s) \) for \( t, s \in \mathbb{R}^+ \). Hence \( (\psi_t) \) is also weak-star continuous in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) at \( t = 0 \).
(b): Clearly $\psi_t \in C_0(1/\omega)$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$, and since translation is continuous in $C_0(1/\omega)$, it follows that $(\psi_t)$ is continuous in $C_0(1/\omega)$ for $t > 0$. We will now prove that $(\psi_t)$ is also continuous in $C_0(1/\omega)$ at $t = 0$. For $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ we have

$$
\|\psi_t - \psi_0\| = \text{ess sup}_{s \in \mathbb{R}^+} \frac{1}{\omega(s)} \phi(t + s) - \phi(s).
$$

Given $\varepsilon > 0$, we choose $S_1, S_2 > 0$ such that $|\phi(s)/\omega(s)| \leq \varepsilon$ if $s \leq S_1$ or $s \geq S_2$. For $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ we then have

$$
\text{ess sup}_{s \geq S_2} \frac{1}{\omega(s)} \phi(t + s) - \phi(s) \leq \text{ess sup}_{s \geq S_2} \left( \frac{\omega(t + s)}{\omega(s)} + 1 \right) \varepsilon \\
\leq (\omega(t + 1) - \varepsilon)
$$

Also, for $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ we have

$$
\text{ess sup}_{s \leq S_2} \frac{1}{\omega(s)} \phi(t + s) - \phi(s) \leq \text{ess sup}_{s \leq S_2} \frac{s}{t + s} \frac{\phi(t + s) - \phi(s)}{\omega(s)} \\
+ \text{ess sup}_{s \leq S_1} \frac{t}{t + s} \frac{\phi(s)}{\omega(s)} + \text{ess sup}_{s \leq S_1} \frac{t}{t + s} \frac{\phi(s)}{\omega(s)}
$$

The first term tends to 0 as $t \to 0$ since translation is continuous in $C_0(1/\omega)$; whereas the second is bounded by $\varepsilon$ and the third by $Ct$ for some constant $C$. Together these estimates show that $\psi_t \to \psi_0$ in $C_0(1/\omega)$ as $t \to 0$ as required. Moreover,

$$
\frac{\|\psi_t\|}{\omega(t)} \leq \text{ess sup}_{s \in \mathbb{R}^+} \frac{\phi(t + s)}{\omega(t)\omega(s)} \leq \text{ess sup}_{s \in \mathbb{R}^+} \frac{\phi(t + s)}{\omega(t + s)} \\
= \text{ess sup}_{s \geq t} \frac{\phi(s)}{\omega(s)} \to 0
$$

as $t \to \infty$. □

**Corollary 3.3.**

(a) Let $\phi \in L^\infty(1/\omega)$. Then $(D_{\phi}f)(t) = (f, \psi_t)$ for $f \in L^1(1/\omega)$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Moreover, $\text{ran} D_{\phi} \subseteq C_0(1/\omega)$.

(b) Let $\phi \in C_0(1/\omega)$ with $\phi(0) = 0$. Then $(\overline{D}_{\phi} \mu)(t) = (\psi_t, \mu)$ for $\mu \in M(\omega)$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Moreover, $\text{ran} \overline{D}_{\phi} \subseteq C_0(1/\omega)$.

**Proof.** (a): Let $f \in L^1(1/\omega)$. It follows from Lemma 3.2(a) that $(D_{\phi}f)(t) = (f, \psi_t)$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$. From this it follows that $D_{\phi}f$ is continuous on $\mathbb{R}^+$ and that $|D_{\phi}f(t)| \leq \|f\| \cdot \|\psi_t\| \leq \|f\| \cdot \|\phi\| \omega(t)$. Hence $D_{\phi}f \in C_0(1/\omega)$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and choose $S > 0$ such that $\int^\infty_S \|f(s)\| \omega(s) ds < \varepsilon$. For $t \geq S/\varepsilon$ we then have

$$
\frac{|D_{\phi}f(t)|}{\omega(t)} \leq \|f\| \left( \int^S_0 \|f(s)\| \frac{\omega(t + s)}{\omega(t)} ds + \int^\infty_S \|f(s)\| \frac{\omega(t + s)}{\omega(t)} ds \right) \\
\leq \|f\| \left( \int^S_0 \varepsilon \|f(s)\| \omega(s) ds + \int^\infty_S \|f(s)\| \omega(s) ds \right) \leq C \varepsilon
$$

for some constant $C$, so we conclude that $D_{\phi}f \in C_0(1/\omega)$.

(b): Let $\mu \in M(\omega)$ and define

$$
k(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \frac{s}{t + s} \psi(t + s) \, d\mu(s) = (\psi_t, \mu) \quad \text{for} \ t \in \mathbb{R}^+.
$$

Then $k \in C_0(1/\omega)$ by Lemma 3.2(b). By Corollary 2.7 we have $\overline{D}_{\phi} = T^*_{\phi}$, so for $f \in L^1(1/\omega)$ we have

$$
(f, \overline{D}_{\phi}\mu) = (T_{\phi}f, \mu) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} (T_{\phi}f)(s) \, d\mu(s) \\
= \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} ^\infty f(t) \frac{s}{t + s} \psi(t + s) \, dt \, d\mu(s) \\
= \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} ^\infty \frac{s}{t + s} \psi(t + s) d\mu(s) f(t) dt \\
= \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} k(t) f(t) dt = (f, k).
$$

Hence $\overline{D}_{\phi}\mu = k \in C_0(1/\omega)$ and the conclusions follow. □

We finish the section with the following result, which will be used in the next section.
Proposition 3.4. Let \( \varphi \in C_0(1/\omega) \) with \( \varphi(0) = 0 \). Then \( \overline{D_\varphi} \delta_x \) is continuous in \( C_0(1/\omega) \) for \( s \in \mathbb{R}^+ \).

**Proof.** Clearly \( \overline{D_\varphi} \delta_x \in C_0(1/\omega) \) for \( s \in \mathbb{R}^+ \). Let \( s_0 > 0 \). For \( x > -s_0 \) and \( t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \) we have

\[
(\overline{D_\varphi} \delta_{s_0 + x})(t) = \frac{s_0 + x}{t + s_0 + x} \varphi(t + s_0 + x) = \frac{s_0 + x}{s_0} (\overline{D_\varphi} \delta_x)(t + x) = \frac{s_0 + x}{s_0} (\delta_x * \overline{D_\varphi} \delta_{s_0})(t).
\]

Since translation is continuous in \( C_0(1/\omega) \) we have \( \delta_x * \overline{D_\varphi} \delta_{s_0} \to \overline{D_\varphi} \delta_{s_0} \) and thus \( \overline{D_\varphi} \delta_{s_0 + x} \to \overline{D_\varphi} \delta_{s_0} \) in \( C_0(1/\omega) \) as \( x \to 0 \). Hence \( \overline{D_\varphi} \delta_x \) is continuous in \( C_0(1/\omega) \) at \( s_0 \). Finally, by Proposition 3.1(a) we have \( \overline{D_\varphi} \delta_x \to \overline{D_\varphi} \delta_0 = 0 \) in \( C_0(1/\omega) \) as \( s \to 0 \), so \( \overline{D_\varphi} \delta_x \) is also continuous in \( C_0(1/\omega) \) at \( s = 0 \). \( \square \)

4. Compactness

In this section we study compactness of the operators \( D_\varphi \) and \( \overline{D_\varphi} \). The main result of the section is Theorem 4.4, which states that for \( \varphi \in C_0(1/\omega) \) the operator \( \overline{D_\varphi} \) is compact if and only if \( \varphi(0) = 0 \). We start with some results which show why the condition \( \varphi(0) = 0 \) as well as the continuity of \( \varphi \) seem to be close to necessary.

Proposition 4.1. Let \( \varphi \in L^{\infty}(1/\omega) \) and assume that \( \overline{D_\varphi} \) is compact. Then \( \varphi(s) \to 0 \) as \( s \to 0 \).

**Proof.** It follows from Proposition 2.1(a) that \( \overline{D_\varphi} \delta_s \to 0 \) weak-star in \( L^{\infty}(1/\omega) \) as \( s \to 0 \). Since \( \overline{D_\varphi} \) is compact, we then also have \( \overline{D_\varphi} \delta_s \to 0 \) in norm in \( L^{\infty}(1/\omega) \) as \( s \to 0 \). Hence \( \varphi(s) \to 0 \) as \( s \to 0 \) by Proposition 3.1(a). \( \square \)

Theorem 4.2. Let \( \varphi \in L^{\infty}(1/\omega) \) be real-valued and assume that there exist \( t_0 \geq \delta > 0 \) such that

\[
\operatorname{ess \ inf}_{t \in (0, \delta)} \varphi(t) > \operatorname{ess \ sup}_{t \in (t_0, t_0 + \delta)} \varphi(t).
\]

Then \( D_\varphi \) and \( \overline{D_\varphi} \) are not compact.

**Proof.** Choose \( \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \) and \( \varepsilon > 0 \) such that

\[
\varphi(t) \geq \alpha + \varepsilon \text{ a.e. on } (t_0 - \delta, t_0) \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(t) \leq \alpha - \varepsilon \text{ a.e. on } (t_0, t_0 + \delta).
\]

Assume that \( D_\varphi \) is compact and let \( f_n = n \cdot 1_{[t_0 - 1/n, t_0]} \) for \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) with \( 1/n \leq t_0 \). Then \( (D_\varphi f_n) \) has a norm-convergent subsequence \( (D_\varphi f_{n_k}) \) with limit \( h \in L^{\infty}(1/\omega) \). For \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) with \( 1/n \leq t_0 \) and \( t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \) we have

\[
(D_\varphi f_n)(t) = n \int_{t_0 - 1/n}^{t_0} \frac{s}{t + s} \varphi(t + s) \, ds,
\]

so \( (D_\varphi f_n)(t) \leq \alpha - \varepsilon \) for \( 1/n \leq t \leq \delta \). Hence \( h(t) \leq \alpha - \varepsilon \) a.e. on \([0, \delta]\). Let \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) with \( 1/n \leq t_0 \) and let \( t \leq 1/n \). Then

\[
(D_\varphi f_n)(t) = n \int_{t_0 - 1/n}^{t_0} \frac{s}{t + s} \varphi(t + s) \, ds + n \int_{t_0 - t}^{t_0} \frac{s}{t + s} \varphi(t + s) \, ds = A_n(t) + B_n(t)
\]

with obvious notation. For \( t_0 - 1/n \leq s \leq t_0 - t \) we have \( t_0 - \delta \leq t_0 - 1/n \leq t + s \leq t_0 \), so

\[
A_n(t) \geq n \left( \frac{1}{n} - t \right) \frac{t_0 - 1/n}{t + t_0 - 1/n} (\alpha + \varepsilon) \geq (1 - nt) \frac{t_0 - 1/n}{t_0} (\alpha + \varepsilon).
\]

Hence there exists \( N_1 \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( A_n(t) \geq \alpha + \varepsilon/2 \) for \( n \geq N_1 \) and \( t \leq 1/n^2 \). Also,

\[
|B_n(t)| \leq nt \|\varphi\| \sup_{s \leq t_0 + \delta} \omega(s),
\]

so there exists \( N_2 \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( |B_n(t)| \leq \varepsilon/2 \) for \( n \geq N_2 \) and \( t \leq 1/n^2 \). Hence \( (D_\varphi f_n)(t) \geq \alpha \) for \( n \geq \max\{N_1, N_2\} \) and \( t \leq 1/n^2 \). Hence \( \|D_\varphi f_n - h\| \geq \varepsilon \) for \( n \geq \max\{N_1, N_2\} \) which contradicts \( D_\varphi f_n \to h \) in \( L^{\infty}(1/\omega) \) as \( k \to \infty \). Hence \( D_\varphi \) is not compact and as a consequence \( \overline{D_\varphi} \) is not compact either. \( \square \)

The following corollary implies that simple functions like \( \varphi = 1_{[0,1]} \) do not generate compact derivations.
Corollary 4.3. Let \( \varphi \in L^\infty(1/\omega) \) be real-valued and assume that there exists \( t_0 > 0 \) such that the limits
\[
\lim_{t \to (t_0)_-} \varphi(t) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{t \to (t_0)_+} \varphi(t)
\]
exist and are different. Then \( D_\varphi \) and \( \overline{D}_\varphi \) are not compact.

Proof. The result follows directly from Theorem 4.2 if \( \lim_{t \to (t_0)_-} \varphi(t) > \lim_{t \to (t_0)_+} \varphi(t) \). If the opposite inequality holds, then the result follows by considering \(-\varphi\). □

Because of the results above, we will focus on \( \varphi \in C_0(1/\omega) \) with \( \varphi(0) = 0 \) in the rest of the paper. For \( \varphi \in C_0(1/\omega) \) we have the following characterisation of compact \( \overline{D}_\varphi \).

Theorem 4.4. Let \( \varphi \in C_0(1/\omega) \). Then \( \overline{D}_\varphi \) is compact if and only if \( \varphi(0) = 0 \).

Proof. If \( \overline{D}_\varphi \) is compact, then \( \varphi(0) = 0 \) by Proposition 4.1.

Conversely, assume that \( \varphi(0) = 0 \) and let \( (\mu_n) \) be a bounded sequence in \( M(\omega) \). Since the weak-star topologies on bounded subsets of \( M(\omega) \) and \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) are metrisable, we may by passing to subsequences assume that there exist \( \mu \in M(\omega) \) and \( h \in L^\infty(1/\omega) \) such that
\[
\mu_n \to \mu \quad \text{weak-star in} \quad M(\omega) \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{D}_\varphi \mu_n \to h \quad \text{weak-star in} \quad L^\infty(1/\omega)
\]
as \( n \to \infty \). By Corollary 2.7 we have \( \overline{D}_\varphi = T'_\varphi \). For \( f \in L^1(\omega) \) we thus have
\[
(f, h) = \lim_{n \to \infty} (f, \overline{D}_\varphi \mu_n) = \lim_{n \to \infty} (T_\varphi f, \mu_n) = (T_\varphi f, \mu) = (f, \overline{D}_\varphi \mu),
\]
so we deduce that \( h = \overline{D}_\varphi \mu \). By Corollary 3.3(b) we have
\[
(\overline{D}_\varphi \mu_n - h)(t) = (\overline{D}_\varphi (\mu_n - \mu))(t) = (\psi_t, \mu_n - \mu).
\]
Also, \( (\psi_t) \) is continuous in \( C_0(1/\omega) \) and \( \psi_t/\omega(t) \to 0 \) in \( C_0(1/\omega) \) as \( t \to \infty \) by Lemma 3.2(b), so \( \{\psi_t/\omega(t) : t \in \mathbb{R}^+\} \) is totally bounded in \( C_0(1/\omega) \). Let \( \varepsilon > 0 \). There exist \( t_1, \ldots, t_M \in \mathbb{R}^+ \) such that for every \( t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \) there exists \( m \in \{1, \ldots, M\} \) with \( \|\psi_t/\omega(t) - \psi_{t_m}/\omega(t_m)\| < \varepsilon \). Choose \( N \in \mathbb{N} \) such that \( \|\psi_{t_m}/\omega(t_m)\| < \varepsilon \) for \( m = 1, \ldots, M \) and \( n \geq N \). For \( t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \) and \( n \geq N \) we thus have
\[
\frac{|(\overline{D}_\varphi \mu_n - h)(t)|}{\omega(t)} = \left| \left( \frac{\psi_t}{\omega(t)}, \mu_n - \mu \right) \right| \\
\leq \left| \left( \frac{\psi_{t_m}}{\omega(t_m)}, \mu_n - \mu \right) \right| + \left| \left( \frac{\psi_t}{\omega(t)}, \psi_{t_m}/\omega(t_m) \right), \mu_n - \mu \right| \\
< (1 + \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|\mu_n - \mu\|) \varepsilon.
\]
Hence \( \overline{D}_\varphi \mu_n \to h \) in \( C_0(1/\omega) \) as \( n \to \infty \), and we conclude that \( \overline{D}_\varphi \) is compact. □

The next few results will show the existence of \( \varphi \not\in C_0(1/\omega) \) for which \( D_\varphi \) is compact. We do not know whether the approach can be extended to show that \( \overline{D}_\varphi \) is compact, and more generally we do not know whether \( \overline{D}_\varphi \) is necessarily compact if \( D_\varphi \) is compact. The idea in the following result is to represent the derivation \( D_\varphi \) by Bochner integrals and then use a pre-compactness argument.

Proposition 4.5. Let \( \varphi \in C_b(1/\omega) \). Assume that \( \varphi(0) = 0 \) and \( \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_x/\omega(s) \) has a limit in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) as \( s \to \infty \). Then \( D_\varphi \) is compact.

Proof. Let \( f \in L^1(\omega) \). We observe that
\[
(D_\varphi f)(t) = \int_0^\infty f(s)(\overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s)(t) \, ds \quad \text{for} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+.
\]
Moreover, \( (\overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s) \) is continuous in \( C_0(1/\omega) \) for \( s \in \mathbb{R}^+ \) by Proposition 3.4, so
\[
D_\varphi f = \int_0^\infty f(s)(\overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s) \, ds = \int_0^\infty f(s) \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s/\omega(s) \, ds
\]
exists as a Bochner integral (see [12, Theorem 3.7.4]). Also, the map \( s \mapsto \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s/\omega(s) \) extends to a continuous map from the one point compactification \([0, \infty)\) of \( \mathbb{R}^+ \) into \( C_0(1/\omega) \), so we deduce that \( \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s/\omega(s) : s \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{\lim_{s \to \infty} \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_s/\omega(s)\} \) is compact in \( C_0(1/\omega) \). It thus follows from [6, VI.8.11] (see also [2, Proof of Theorem 2.2]) that \( D_\varphi \) is compact. □
For \( \varphi \in C_0(1/\omega) \) with \( \varphi(0) = 0 \) we have \( \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_\omega(0) \to 0 \) in \( C_0(1/\omega) \) as \( s \to \infty \) by Proposition 3.1(b), so \( D_\varphi \) is compact by Proposition 4.5. We can therefore recapture the conclusion about \( D_\varphi \) from Theorem 4.4.

We will now use Proposition 4.5 to obtain concrete examples of functions \( \varphi \not\in C_0(1/\omega) \) which generate compact derivations \( D_\varphi \).

**Proposition 4.6.** Assume that \( \omega(s) \geq 1 \) for every \( s \in \mathbb{R}^+ \), \( \omega(s) \to \infty \) as \( s \to \infty \) and

\[
\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} \frac{|\omega(t+s) - \omega(s)|}{\omega(t)\omega(s)} \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad s \to \infty.
\]

Let \( \varphi = \omega - 1 \). Then \( D_\varphi \) is compact, whereas \( \varphi \not\in C_0(1/\omega) \).

**Remark.** If we let \( \rho(t) = \omega(t+s) - \omega(s) \) for \( t, s \in \mathbb{R}^+ \), then the last assumption can be restated as \( \rho_t/\omega(s) \to 0 \) in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) as \( s \to \infty \).

**Proof.** By Proposition 4.5 the result will follow if we can prove that \( \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_\omega(0) \to 1 \) in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) as \( s \to \infty \). We have

\[
\overline{D}_\varphi \delta_\omega(0) - 1 = \frac{\frac{s}{t+1}(\omega(t+s) - 1) - s(\omega(t+s) - s - (t+s)\omega(s))}{(t+s)\omega(s)}.
\]

so

\[
\left\| \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_\omega(0) - 1 \right\| = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} \frac{|s(\omega(t+s) - \omega(s)) - s - t\omega(s)|}{(t+s)\omega(t)\omega(s)} \leq \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} \frac{|\omega(t+s) - \omega(s)|}{\omega(t)\omega(s)} + \frac{1}{\omega(s)} + \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} \frac{t}{(t+s)\omega(t)}.
\]

(2)

Given \( \varepsilon > 0 \) we choose \( T > 0 \) such that \( \omega(t) \geq 1/\varepsilon \) for \( t \geq T \). Then

\[
\sup_{t \geq T} \frac{t}{(t+s)\omega(t)} \leq \varepsilon
\]

for every \( s \in \mathbb{R}^+ \). Also, for \( s \geq T/\varepsilon \) we have

\[
\sup_{t \leq T} \frac{t}{(t+s)\omega(t)} \leq \frac{T}{T + T/\varepsilon} < \varepsilon.
\]

Hence the third term in (2) tends to 0 as \( s \to \infty \). Moreover, the first and second term tend to 0 as \( s \to \infty \) by assumption, so we conclude that \( \overline{D}_\varphi \delta_\omega(0) \to 1 \) in \( L^\infty(1/\omega) \) as \( s \to \infty \). \( \square \)

**Corollary 4.7.** Let \( \alpha > 0 \), \( \omega(t) = (1 + t)^\alpha \) \( (t \in \mathbb{R}^+) \) and let \( \varphi = \omega - 1 \). Then \( D_\varphi \) is compact, whereas \( \varphi \not\in C_0(1/\omega) \).

**Proof.** We clearly have \( \varphi \not\in C_0(1/\omega) \). First, assume that \( \alpha \geq 1 \). Then

\[
0 \leq \omega(t+s) - \omega(s) = (1 + t + s)^\alpha - (1 + s)^\alpha
\]

\[
= \alpha \int_s^{t+s} (1 + x)^{\alpha - 1} \, dx \leq \alpha t(1 + t + s)^{\alpha - 1}
\]

for \( t, s \in \mathbb{R}^+ \), so

\[
\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} \frac{|\omega(t+s) - \omega(s)|}{\omega(t)} \leq \frac{(1 + t + s)^{\alpha - 1}}{(1 + t)^\alpha} \leq \alpha \left( \frac{1 + t + s}{1 + t} \right)^{\alpha - 1}
\]

\[
\leq \alpha(1 + s)^{\alpha - 1}
\]

for \( s \in \mathbb{R}^+ \).

Next, assume that \( \alpha < 1 \). Then the function \( s \mapsto (1 + t + s)^\alpha - (1 + s)^\alpha \) is decreasing on \( \mathbb{R}^+ \) for every \( t \in \mathbb{R}^+ \), so we deduce that

\[
\omega(t+s) - \omega(s) = (1 + t + s)^\alpha - (1 + s)^\alpha \leq (1 + t)^\alpha - 1 < \omega(t)
\]

for \( t, s \in \mathbb{R}^+ \). Consequently,

\[
\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} \frac{|\omega(t+s) - \omega(s)|}{\omega(t)} \leq 1
\]

for \( s \in \mathbb{R}^+ \).

In both cases the result thus follows from Proposition 4.6. \( \square \)
We finish the paper by showing that the condition $\varphi(t)/\omega(t) \to 0$ as $t \to \infty$ from Theorem 4.4 cannot in general be relaxed to $\varphi(t)/\omega(t) \to \alpha$ as $t \to \infty$ for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$. (For $\varphi \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)$ we say that $\varphi(t) \to \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ as $t \to \infty$ if $\varphi(t) - \alpha \to 0$ as $t \to \infty$, that is, if $\text{ess sup}_{t \geq T} |\varphi(t) - \alpha| \to 0$ as $T \to \infty$.)

**Proposition 4.8.** Let $\varphi \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)$ and assume that $\varphi(t) \to \alpha$ as $t \to \infty$ for some $\alpha \neq 0$. Then $D_\varphi : L^1(\mathbb{R}^+) \to L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)$ and $\overline{D_\varphi} : M(\mathbb{R}^+) \to L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)$ are not compact.

**Proof.** Let $\tilde{\varphi} = \varphi - \alpha$, so that $\tilde{\varphi}(t) \to 0$ as $t \to \infty$. Let $f_n = 1_{[n,n+1]}$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. For $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ we have

$$|\langle D_\varphi f_n \rangle(t)| \leq \int_0^{n+1} |\tilde{\varphi}(t+s)| \, ds \leq \text{ess sup}_{s \geq n} |\tilde{\varphi}(s)|,$$

so we deduce that $D_\varphi f_n \to 0$ in $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)$ as $n \to \infty$. Moreover,

$$\langle D_\varphi f_n \rangle(t) - \alpha = \alpha \int_0^{n+1} \frac{s}{t+s} \, ds - \alpha = -\alpha \int_0^{n+1} \frac{t}{t+s} \, ds$$

for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$, so $\|D_\varphi f_n - \alpha\| = |\alpha|$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $D_\varphi = D_{\tilde{\varphi}} + D_\alpha$, we thus have $\|D_\varphi f_n - \alpha\| \to |\alpha|$ as $n \to \infty$. On the other hand, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ we have

$$|\langle D_\varphi f_n \rangle(t) - \alpha| \leq |\alpha| \frac{t}{t+n},$$

so it follows from Lebesgue’s dominated convergence theorem that $D_\alpha f_n \to \alpha$ weak-star in $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)$ and thus $D_\varphi f_n \to \alpha$ weak-star in $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^+)$ as $n \to \infty$. We thus deduce that $\langle D_\varphi f_n \rangle$ has no cluster point as $n \to \infty$. Hence $D_\varphi$ and $\overline{D_\varphi}$ are not compact. $\square$

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