

### §3. Spaces of functions and distributions

Definition 3.1 A locally convex vector space  $V$  is a topological vector space with topology induced by a family  $(p_i)_{i \in I}$  of semi-norms, i.e.  $V$  is equipped with the coarsest topology for which all mappings

$$P_{i,y} : V \ni x \mapsto p_i(x-y) \in \mathbb{K} \quad , i \in I, y \in V$$

are continuous. A topological base of open nbds is given in this topology by  $\mathcal{U}_{i_1, \dots, i_r, \varepsilon}(y) = \{x \in V \mid \forall j=1, \dots, r: p_{i_j}(x-y) < \varepsilon\}$ .

#### Important examples:

0) Banach- and Hilbert-spaces are trivially locally convex

1) Frechet-spaces: i.e. those locally convex v.s. with

- countably many semi-norms
- complete vector space.

3) LF-spaces:  $(E_j)$  sequence of Frechet spaces,

$E_1 \subset E_2 \subset E_3 \dots$ ;  $E := \bigcup E_n$  with inductively defined topology such that  $E_n \hookrightarrow E$  are continuous. Topology consists of all  $\mathcal{U} \subset E$  st  $\mathcal{U} \cap E_n$  open for all  $n$ .

$E_i \subset E_{i+1}$   
continuously

We want to discuss the following spaces from the point of view of locally convex vector spaces:

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \mid \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n: p_{\alpha\beta}(f) < \infty\}$$

$$\text{where } p_{\alpha\beta}(f) = \sup_x |x^\alpha D^\beta f(x)|$$

$$\rightarrow \text{For } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \text{ open, } \mathcal{E}(\Omega) := C^\infty(\Omega)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{For } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \text{ open } \mathcal{D}(\Omega) := \{f \in C^\infty(\Omega) \mid \text{supp } f \text{ cpt}\}$$

the so-called "test functions"

## Frechet-structure on $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

(ii)  $(p_{\alpha\beta})_{\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n}$  are countably many semi-norms that turn  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  into a Frechet-space.

## Frechet-structure on $\mathcal{E}(\Omega)$

Choose a countable exhaustion of  $\Omega$  by compact sets  $(K_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  i.e.:

$$K_1 \subset K_2 \subset K_3 \subset \dots$$

(only diff-n)

$$\Omega = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n$$

Then  $(p_{\alpha, K_n})_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n, n \in \mathbb{N}}$  defines Frechet-topology on  $\mathcal{E}(\Omega)$ .

## LF-structure on $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$

This is somewhat harder. Put for  $K \subset \Omega$  compact

$$\mathcal{D}_K(\Omega) = \{f \in C_0^\infty(\Omega) \mid \text{supp}(f) \subset K\}$$

(ie  $\mathcal{D}_K$  induces on  $\mathcal{D}_K$  the original topology)

$\mathcal{D}_K(\Omega)$  with semi-norms  $(p_{\alpha, K})_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n}$  is a Frechet space.

If  $K \subset K'$  then  $\mathcal{D}_K(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{D}_{K'}(\Omega)$  is a top inclusion.

Choose an exhaustion of  $\Omega$  by compact sets as for  $\mathcal{E}(\Omega)$ . Then

$$\mathcal{D}(\Omega) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{D}_{K_n}(\Omega)$$

is an LF-space.

Definition 3.1 A semi-norm  $p: \mathcal{D}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is said to be cts if for each cpt  $K \subset \Omega$  there exist constants  $C, N$  s.t. for  $f \in \mathcal{D}_K(\Omega)$

$$p(f) \leq C \cdot \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} p_{\alpha, K}(f) = C \cdot \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} \sup_{x \in K} |D^\alpha f(x)|$$

(continuity means for a norm bdedness by a finite family of seminorms)

### Proposition 3.2

- 1) Topology of  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  is independent of the choice of an exhaustion  $(K_n)$ .
- 2)  $U \subset \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  is open iff for each cpt  $K \subset \Omega$ ,  $U \cap \mathcal{D}_K(\Omega)$  open.
- 3) A seminorm on  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  is cts iff  $p \upharpoonright \mathcal{D}_K(\Omega)$  is cts for each cpt  $K \subset \Omega$ , in other words  $\mathcal{D}_K(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  is a "topol. inclusion".
- 4) A sequence  $(f_n) \subset \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  converges to  $f \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  iff there ~~exists~~ exists cpt  $K \subset \Omega$  such that

$$\bullet \forall n: \text{supp } f_n \subset K \quad (*)$$

$$\bullet \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n: D^\alpha f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} D^\alpha f \text{ uniformly.}$$

Proof: (3) If  $p \upharpoonright \mathcal{D}_K(\Omega)$  is cts for all cpt  $K \subset \Omega$ , then in particular for all  $K_n$ . Hence  $p$  is a cts semi-norm on  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  by definition. Conversely, let  $p$  be a cts seminorm on  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ . Let  $K \subset \Omega$  be cpt. Pick  $K_N$  from the exhaustion of  $\Omega$  st.

$$K \subset K_N \subset K_N.$$

Then by definition  $p \upharpoonright \mathcal{D}_{K_N}(\Omega)$  is cts and hence

$$\Rightarrow p \leq C \cdot \max_{j=1}^r p_{\alpha_j, K_N} \text{ for some } \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r.$$

$$\Rightarrow p \upharpoonright \mathcal{D}_K(\Omega) \leq C \cdot \max_{j=1}^r p_{\alpha_j, K}$$

and hence  $p \upharpoonright \mathcal{D}_K(\Omega)$  is continuous.  $\checkmark$

- (4) Consider  $(f_n) \subset \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  satisfying (\*). Then clearly  $\text{supp } f \subset K$  & (\*) in particular asserts  $\|f_n - f\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$  and hence  $\forall N: p_{N, K}(f_n - f) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ .

By Def 3.1  $p(f - f_n) \rightarrow 0$  for any cts semi-norm on  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega) \Rightarrow f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ .

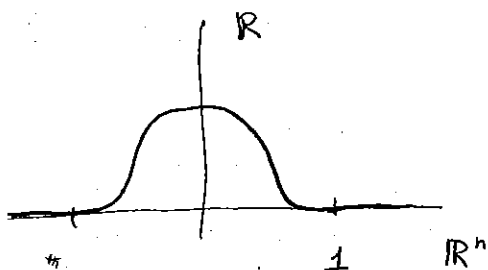
We omit proofs of the other statements.

### Other examples of locally convex vector spaces

- $C_0^k(\Omega) = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{K_n}^k(\Omega)$  is an LF-space
- $C^k(\Omega)$  is a Fréchet-space with seminorms  $(p_\alpha)_k$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n$  such that  $|\alpha| \leq k$ ,  $K \subset \Omega$  compact.
- $L_{\text{comp}}^p(\Omega) = \{f \in L^p(\Omega) \mid f \text{ has a cply supported representative}\}$   
 $= \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} L^p(K_n)$  is an LF-space of Banach spaces
- $L_{\text{loc}}^p(\Omega) = \{f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f \text{ measurable and for } K \subset \Omega \text{ cpt } \int_K |f|^p < \infty\}$   
 is a Fréchet-space with seminorms  $\|f\|_{p, K_n} := \left( \int_{K_n} |f|^p \right)^{1/p}$

### §4. Convolution and regularization

Fix  $\rho \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that



- $0 \leq \rho$
- $\int \rho = 1$
- $\rho(x) = 0$  if  $\|x\| > 1$

For any  $\lambda > 0$  define

$$\rho_\lambda(x) := \lambda^{-n} \rho\left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)$$

Certainly:  $\int \rho_\lambda = 1$ ; but  $\text{supp } \rho_\lambda \subset B_\lambda(0)$  is ~~large~~ changed.  
 This section studies important applications of convolution by  $\rho_\lambda$ .

Corollary  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega) \subset \mathcal{E}(\Omega)$  dense

Proof:  $f_n \rightarrow f \in \mathcal{E}(\Omega)$  means explicitly that  
on each  $K \subset \Omega$  compact and for each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n$

$$p_{\alpha, K}(f_n - f) = \sup_{x \in K} |D_{f_n}^{\alpha}(x) - D_f^{\alpha}(x)| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

Now let  $f \in \mathcal{E}(\Omega)$ , Consider exhaustion of  $\Omega$  by  $(K_n)$

$$K_1 \subset \overset{\circ}{K}_2 \subset K_2 \subset \overset{\circ}{K}_3 \subset \dots$$

and pick  $(\varphi_n) \subset C_0^{\infty}(\Omega)$  st:

- $\varphi_n \upharpoonright K_n \equiv 1$
- $\varphi_n \upharpoonright K_{n+1}^c \equiv 0$

Then for each fixed cpt  $K \subset \Omega$  there exists  $n_0$  st  $K \subset K_n$   
for  $n \geq n_0$  and hence  $p_{\alpha, K}(f \cdot \varphi_n - f) = p_{\alpha, K}(f - f) = 0$   
Since  $(f \cdot \varphi_n) \subset \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ , statement follows.  $\square$

(there is no need for  $\rho_1 * f$  convolution)

### Theorem 4.1

Let  $X$  be one of the following spaces:

$$L^p(\mathbb{R}^n), L^p_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n), L^p_{comp}(\mathbb{R}^n); \quad 1 \leq p < \infty$$

$$C^k_0(\mathbb{R}^n), C^k(\mathbb{R}^n), \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^n), \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{R}^n), \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Then for each  $f \in X$ ,  $\rho_\lambda * f$  converges in  $X$  to  $f$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ .

Proof: a)  $X = C^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with the natural Fréchet-topology.

Let  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be compact and  $K_\lambda := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \text{dist}(x, K) \leq \lambda\}$  opt.

For  $0 < \lambda < 1$  and  $x \in K$  we find: ( $|\alpha| \leq k$ )

$$\begin{aligned} & |D^\alpha [\rho_\lambda * f](x) - D^\alpha f(x)| \\ &= | \rho_\lambda * D^\alpha f(x) - D^\alpha f(x) | \\ &= \left| \int \rho_\lambda(y) \{ D^\alpha f(x-y) - D^\alpha f(x) \} dy \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \sup_{\|y\| \leq \lambda} |D^\alpha f(x-y) - D^\alpha f(x)|$$

ie  $\rho_\lambda * f \rightarrow f$   
uniformly on  
compact subsets  
(natural Fréchet top  
of  $C^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ )

$$\Rightarrow \|D^\alpha(\rho_\lambda * f) - D^\alpha f\|_{\infty, K} \leq \sup_{\substack{x, x' \in K_1 \\ \|x-x'\| \leq \lambda < 1}} |D^\alpha f(x) - D^\alpha f(x')|$$

This can be made  $< \varepsilon$  for any

$\varepsilon > 0$  for  $\lambda$  sufficiently small, since  $D^\alpha f$  is continuous for  $|\alpha| \leq k$ .

b)  $X = \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{R}^n) = C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  follows by a similar argument.

c)  $X = L^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \ni f, \varepsilon > 0$ . Choose  $g \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  st  $\|f-g\|_{L^p} < \varepsilon/3$

Then we use the general theorem on convolution:

$$u \in \mathcal{L}^1(\mathbb{R}^n), v \in \mathcal{L}^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \Rightarrow \|f * u * v\|_{L^p} \leq \|u\|_{L^1} \cdot \|v\|_{L^p}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \| \rho_\lambda * f - f \|_p &\leq \| \rho_\lambda * (f-g) \|_p + \| \rho_\lambda * g - g \|_p + \| g - f \|_p \\ &\leq \underbrace{\| \rho_\lambda \|_1}_{=1} \underbrace{\| f-g \|_p}_{< \varepsilon/3} + \underbrace{\| f-g \|_p}_{< \varepsilon/3} + \| \rho_\lambda * g - g \|_p \\ &\leq \frac{2}{3} \varepsilon + \| \rho_\lambda * g - g \|_p \end{aligned}$$

By (a)  $\rho_\lambda * g \xrightarrow{\lambda \rightarrow 0} g$  uniformly  $\Rightarrow \| \rho_\lambda * g - g \|_p \xrightarrow{\lambda \rightarrow 0} 0$

since  $\text{supp } \rho_\lambda * g \subset (\text{supp } g)_\lambda = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \text{dist}(x, \text{supp } g) < \lambda\}$ .

Other cases are left to the reader.  $\square$

~~Corollary 4.2  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega) \subset \mathcal{E}(\Omega)$  dense  
(direct consequence of a) with  $\rho_\lambda * f$  approx. sequence)~~

Corollary 4.3 Let  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$ ,  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  open.

If  $\int_\Omega f \varphi = 0$  for all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ , then  $f = 0$

Proof: It suffices to show  $f \cdot \psi = 0$  for all  $\psi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ .

Hence consider  $\tilde{f} = f \cdot \psi$ , extended by zero to  $L^1$ -function/dens in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we have  $\psi \varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ . Hence

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \tilde{f} \varphi = \int_\Omega f(\psi \varphi) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_\lambda * \tilde{f}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \tilde{f}(y) \rho_\lambda(x-y) dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{By Theorem 4.1 } \tilde{f} = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \rho_\lambda * \tilde{f} = 0 \text{ in } L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

$\square$

# Overview over the lecture

## Fourier transform

$\mathcal{F}: L^2 \rightarrow L^2$  isometry

$\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$

interchanges  $\mathcal{D}'$  and  $\mathcal{S}'$ .

## Symbols

$D \in \text{Diff}^m(M)$

$Df = \mathcal{F}^{-1} [\hat{b}_D(x, \xi) \hat{f}]$

for  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

$\hat{b}_D$  inv-ble  $\Rightarrow$  Elliptic

## Sobolev-Spaces

- Sobolev-embedding
- Rellich-embedding
- Trace-theorem

$H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , for  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  order  
understood as  $L^2$ -regularity  
under differentiation

## Distributions

$\mathcal{S}'$ ,  $\mathcal{E}'$ ,  $\mathcal{D}'$

## Oscillatory integrals

Pseudo-  
differential  
operators

- PDE
  - heat eqn
  - wave eqn
  - Hodge decomp  
(elliptic regularity)
- etc.



### § 3. Distributions

$\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  open, connected

#### Definition 3.1

- space of "distributions"  $\mathcal{D}'(\Omega) := \{T: \mathcal{D}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \text{linear, cts}\}$
- space of "distr. with cpt. support"  $\mathcal{E}'(\Omega) := \{T: \mathcal{E}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid \text{lin, cts}\}$
- space of "tempered distributions"  $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n) := (\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n))'$ .

#### Remark 3.2

a)  $T: \mathcal{D}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is continuous in the sense that for any  $(f_n) \subset \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ ,  $f_n \rightarrow f \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T(f_n) = T(f)$ .  
Similarly for the other distribution spaces.

b)  $\mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$ ,  $\mathcal{E}'(\Omega)$ ,  $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  are equipped with the weak topology of dual spaces, ie:  $(T_n) \subset \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$  converges to  $T$  iff  $\forall \varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega): \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n(\varphi) = T(\varphi)$ .

Satz 3.3 c)  $\mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$  may equivalently be characterized as follows:  
 $T: \mathcal{D}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a distribution iff  $T$  is linear and  
 $\forall K \subset \Omega$  cpt  $\exists N \in \mathbb{Z}_+, C \in \mathbb{R}_+ : |T(f)| \leq C \cdot \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} P_{\alpha, K}(f)$   
for all  $f \in \mathcal{D}_K(\Omega)$ .

Satz 3.3 d)  $\mathcal{E}'(\Omega)$  may equivalently be characterized as follows:  
 $T: \mathcal{E}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a distribution with cpt supp iff  $T$  linear and  
 $\exists K \subset \Omega$  cpt,  $N \in \mathbb{Z}_+, C \in \mathbb{R}_+ \forall f \in \mathcal{E}(\Omega):$

$$|T(f)| \leq C \cdot \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} P_{\alpha, K}(f)$$

$$(\text{recall}) = \| \mathcal{D}^\alpha f \|_{\infty, K}$$

e) The notion of "distr. with cpt support" will become clear once we define support of a distribution

### Example 3.4

Each  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$  defines a distribution  $T_f \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$  by

$$T_f(\varphi) := \int_{\Omega} f \varphi \quad (\text{note: } \text{supp } \varphi \subset K \text{ cpt})$$

In fact, the inclusion  $L^1_{loc}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{D}'(\Omega); f \mapsto T_f$  is a continuous injection:

$$\bullet |T_f(\varphi)| = \left| \int_{\Omega} f \varphi \right| \leq \left( \int_K |f| \right) \cdot \sup_{x \in K} |\varphi(x)|$$

and hence for any  $f_n \rightarrow f \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega); T_{f_n} \rightarrow T_f$  in the weak topology of the dual space.

• injectivity follows from corollary in the previous section.

### Example 3.5 "The $\delta$ -Distribution"

$$\delta_a : \mathcal{D}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}; \varphi \mapsto \varphi(a)$$

a) there exists no  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$  such that  $T_f = \delta_a$ .

b) However  $\delta_a$  may be approximated by  $(T_{f_n}), (f_n) \subset L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$ :

Proof: a) Assume  $\delta_a = T_f$  and then for all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega \setminus \{a\})$

$$0 = \delta_a(\varphi) = \int_{\Omega \setminus \{a\}} f \varphi \Rightarrow f = 0 \text{ almost everywhere on } \Omega \setminus \{a\}$$

by corollary from the previous section. Hence  $f = 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$

and then  $\int_{\Omega} f \varphi = 0$  for all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega) \downarrow$ .

$$b) \text{ Set } T_{\rho_{\lambda}}(\varphi) = \int_{\Omega} \rho_{\lambda}(y) \cdot \varphi(y) dy$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \rho_{\lambda}(y) \cdot \varphi(y) dy \text{ for } \lambda \text{ suff. small } > 0$$

$$= (\rho_{\lambda} * \varphi)(0) \xrightarrow{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \varphi(0) = \delta_0(\varphi)$$

This proves  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} T_{f_\lambda} = \delta_0$  in  $\mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$   $\square$

Proposition 3.6 (without proof)  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$  dense,  
ie for any  $T \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$  there exists  $(f_n) \subset \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  such that

$$T_{f_n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} T \text{ in } \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)\text{-topology}$$



$$\text{ie } \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega): \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} f_n \varphi = T(\varphi)$$

Approximation of  $\delta_0$  by  $T_{f_\lambda}$  is just one particular example of this general fact.

### Differentiation of distributions

Definition 3.7 For  $T \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$  { or  $E'(\Omega), \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  },  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n$

$$\text{define } \mathbb{D}^\alpha T(\varphi) := (-1)^{|\alpha|} T(\mathbb{D}^\alpha \varphi)$$

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

Remark 3.8 This definition is consistent with differentiation of functions under the embeddings

$$C^k(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L^1_{loc}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$$

Namely, for  $f \in C^k(\Omega)$ ,  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{D}^\alpha T_f(\varphi) &= (-1)^{|\alpha|} T_f(\mathbb{D}^\alpha \varphi) \\ &= (-1)^{|\alpha|} \int_{\Omega} f \cdot \mathbb{D}^\alpha \varphi \end{aligned}$$

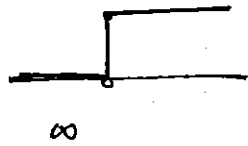
$T_f$

$$\text{(Int. by parts)} \int_{\Omega} \mathbb{D}^\alpha f \cdot \varphi = T_{\mathbb{D}^\alpha f}(\varphi)$$

$$\text{ie } \mathbb{D}^\alpha T_f = T_{\mathbb{D}^\alpha f} \text{ for } f \in C^k(\Omega).$$

Hence we can now diff.  $L^1_{loc}$ -functions in the sense of distributions

### Examples 3.9

a)  $H(x) = \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{R}_+}(x), x \in \mathbb{R}$   step function

$$\partial_x H(\varphi) = -H(\varphi') = -\int_0^\infty \varphi'$$

$$= \varphi(0) = \delta_0(\varphi)$$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{\partial_x H = \delta_0}$  derivative of a step function is the Delta-distribution.

b)  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \log(x), & x > 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}, x \in (-1, 1)$

Clearly  $f \in L^1_{loc}(-1, 1)$ . For  $x \neq 0$ :

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 1/x, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}, f' \notin L^1_{loc}(-1, 1)$$

Hence  $T_f$  is a priori not defined. We compute by defn:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_x T_f(\varphi) &= -\int_0^1 \log x \cdot \varphi'(x) \\ &= -\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_\varepsilon^1 \varphi'(x) \log x \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \varphi(\varepsilon) \log(\varepsilon) + \int_\varepsilon^1 \frac{\varphi(x)}{x} \right\} = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon), \varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \underbrace{[\varphi(\varepsilon) - \varphi(0)] \log \varepsilon}_{=\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon), \varepsilon \rightarrow 0} + \int_\varepsilon^1 \frac{\varphi(x) - \varphi(0)}{x} \right\} \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{\varphi(x) - \varphi(0)}{x} dx \end{aligned}$$

## § Further properties of distributions

Lemma 4.12 Let  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  be an open interval and  $T \in \mathcal{D}'(I)$  with  $\partial T = 0$ . Then  $T = c$  (almost everywhere) is a constant function.

Proof: Fix  $\psi \in \mathcal{D}(I)$  with  $\int_I \psi = 1$  and put  $(I = (a, b))$

for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(I)$ :

$$\Phi(x) := \int_a^x [\varphi - (\int_I \varphi) \psi]$$

Clearly  $\Phi \in C^\infty(I)$  with  $\text{supp } \Phi \subset \text{convex hull of } \text{supp } \varphi \cup \text{supp } \psi$ .  
Hence  $\Phi \in \mathcal{D}(I)$  (compact support) and:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle \underbrace{\partial T}_{=0}, \Phi \rangle = -\langle T, \partial \Phi \rangle \\ &= -\langle T, \varphi - (\int_I \varphi) \psi \rangle \\ &= \langle T, \psi \rangle \int_I \varphi - \langle T, \varphi \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle T, \varphi \rangle = \langle T, \psi \rangle \int_I \varphi = \int_I c \varphi \quad \square$$

Theorem 4.13 (without proof)

(a) Let  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  be an open interval and let  $T \in \mathcal{D}'(I^n)$  with  $\partial_n T = 0$ .  
Then there exists  $T_1 \in \mathcal{D}'(I^{n-1})$  s.t for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(I^n)$ :

$$\langle T, \varphi \rangle = \langle T_1, \int_I \varphi(\cdot, x_n) dx_n \rangle$$

(b) Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be open and  $T \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$  with  $\partial_j T = 0$  for  $j=1, \dots, n$ .  
Then  $T$  is a locally constant function.

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## Fourier transform of tempered distributions

Definition 4.14 For  $T \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  set/define  $\mathcal{F}T \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$

$$\langle \mathcal{F}T, \varphi \rangle := \langle T, \mathcal{F}\varphi \rangle \quad [\mathcal{F}T_f = T_{\mathcal{F}f}]$$

FACT:  $\mathcal{F}: \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a (linear) topological isom-m, ie  $\mathcal{F}$  is cts and  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}$  is cts as well in the weak top.

This fact is a general consequence of the following theorem:

(ii) Theorem 4.15 Let  $A: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear cts mapping between locally convex vector spaces. Then  $A$  defines a linear op  $A': Y' \rightarrow X'$  by

$$\langle A'y', x \rangle := \langle y', Ax \rangle \text{ for all } x \in X, y' \in Y'.$$

If  $A$  is a topological isom-m (ie  $A, A^{-1}$  both cts) then  $A'$  is a top. iso as well and  $(A')^{-1} = (A^{-1})'$ .

## §5. Support and singular support of distributions

Definition 5.1  $T \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$ ,  $U \subset \Omega$  open/open. Then

$$T|_U := T|_{\mathcal{D}(U)}.$$

- In particular  $(T|_U = 0) \Leftrightarrow T|_{\mathcal{D}(U)} = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{D}(U): \langle T, \varphi \rangle = 0$
- Similarly  $(T|_U \text{ smooth}) \Leftrightarrow T|_U = T_\psi$  with  $\psi \in C^\infty(U)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \exists \psi \in C^\infty(U) \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{D}(U)$   
 $\langle T, \varphi \rangle = \int_U \psi \cdot \varphi$

Such  $\psi$  is uniquely determined.

Definition 5.2 Let  $T \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$ . Then  $(\text{supp } T)^c$

a)  $\text{supp } T := \Omega \setminus \left[ \bigcup_{\substack{\Omega' \subset \Omega \text{ open} \\ \text{s.t. } T|_{\Omega'} = 0}} \Omega' \right]$

i.e.  $x_0 \notin \text{supp } T \Leftrightarrow \exists U_{x_0} \subset \Omega$  open nbd:  $\forall \varphi \in C_0^\infty(U): T(\varphi) = 0$ .

b)  $\text{sing-supp } T := \Omega \setminus \left[ \bigcup_{\substack{\Omega' \subset \Omega \text{ open} \\ \text{s.t. } T|_{\Omega'} \text{ smooth}}} \Omega' \right] \quad (\text{sing-supp } T)^c$

i.e.  $x_0 \notin \text{sing-supp } T \Leftrightarrow \exists U_{x_0} \subset \Omega$  open nbd,  $\psi \in C(\bar{U}) \forall \varphi \in C_0^\infty(U):$   
 $T(\varphi) = \int_U \psi \varphi$ .

Lemma 5.3 (ii) Let  $T \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$ ,  $U = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i \subset \Omega$  open

(a)  $\forall_i T|_{U_i} = 0 \Rightarrow T|_U = 0$

(b)  $\forall_i T|_{U_i} \text{ smooth} \Rightarrow T|_U \text{ smooth}$ .

Consequently:

FACT:  $\text{sing-supp } T \in \text{supp } T$  closed in  $\Omega$  and

•  $T|_{\Omega \setminus \text{supp } T} = 0$

•  $T|_{\Omega \setminus \text{sing-supp } T}$  smooth.

Examples 5.4

1)  $\text{supp } \delta_a = \text{sing-supp } \delta_a = \{a\}$

2)  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \ln x, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$  then

$\text{supp } f = [0, \infty)$ ,  $\text{sing-supp } f = \{0\}$ .

Theorem 5.5  $\mathcal{E}'(\Omega) = \{T \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega) \mid \text{supp } T \text{ compact}\}$

~~QED~~

Hence  $\mathcal{E}'(\Omega)$  are indeed "distributions with compact support".

Proof: " $\supseteq$ " We need to show the following points:

- $T$  defines a linear mapping  $\mathcal{E}(\Omega) = C^\infty(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$
- $T: \mathcal{E}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is continuous ~~in the topology of  $\mathcal{E}(\Omega)$~~

Let  $\psi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  a cutoff-function with  $\psi|_{\text{supp } T} \equiv 1$ .

For each  $\varphi \in \mathcal{E}(\Omega)$

$$\varphi = \psi\varphi + (1-\psi)\varphi$$

$$\text{with } \text{supp } (1-\psi)\varphi \subseteq (\text{supp } T)^c$$

$$\text{and hence } T((1-\psi)\varphi) = 0$$

Thus we may define  $T: \mathcal{E}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\varphi \mapsto T(\underbrace{\psi\varphi}_{\in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)})$

For continuity let  $\varphi_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi$  in  $\mathcal{E}(\Omega)$ .

$$\Rightarrow \psi\varphi_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi\varphi \text{ in } \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(\psi\varphi_n) \rightarrow T(\psi\varphi), \text{ since } T \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$$

ie  $T = T(\psi \cdot): \mathcal{E}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is continuous ~~in the topology of  $\mathcal{E}(\Omega)$~~ .

~~in the topology of  $\mathcal{E}(\Omega)$~~ .  $\square$

" $\subseteq$ " We know  $\text{supp } T \subseteq \Omega$  closed ( $T \in \mathcal{E}'(\Omega)$ ). Need to show

- $\text{supp } T$  is bounded
- $\text{supp } T$  is closed in  $\Omega$ .

Assume  $\text{supp } T$  is unbded. (possible only if  $\Omega$  is unbded)

Then there exist  $(U_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  open nbds  $U_j = B_\varepsilon(x_j)$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  fixed with  $(x_j) \in \text{supp } T$ . Choose for any  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  some  $\varphi_j \in C_0^\infty(U_j)$  with

$$T\varphi_j = 1.$$

and distance between  $x_i, x_j$  always  $> 2\varepsilon$  - 4 -



Define  $\varphi_N(x) := \sum_{j=1}^N \varphi_j(x)$ ,  $(\varphi_N)_N \subset C^\infty(\Omega)$

and  $\varphi_N \rightarrow \varphi = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \varphi_j \in C^\infty(\Omega)$  (note that since

supports of  $\varphi_j$  are disjoint, this sum trivially converges pointwise)

converges in  $\mathcal{E}'(\Omega)$ -topology, since each  $K \subset \Omega$  cpt contains only finitely many  $(x_j)$ . Since  $T \in \mathcal{E}'(\Omega)$ ;

$$T(\varphi_N) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} T(\varphi), \text{ but } T(\varphi) = \sum T(\varphi_j) = \infty$$

$\Rightarrow \text{supp } T$  is bded. ↙

Assume there exists  $x \in \partial\Omega$  st.  $\forall \varepsilon > 0: B_\varepsilon(x) \cap \text{supp } T \neq \emptyset$ .

Then there exists  $(\mathcal{U}_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  with  $\mathcal{U}_j = B_{\varepsilon_j}(x_j)$  where

$$(x_j) \subset \text{supp } T, x_j \rightarrow x, \varepsilon_j \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\text{and } \mathcal{U}_i \cap \mathcal{U}_j = \emptyset \text{ for } i \neq j.$$

Choose  $\varphi_j$  as before. Same argument ↙

Sometimes following characterization is useful

Proposition 5.6 (without proof)

Let  $T \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$ , such that  $\forall \varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  with  $\text{supp } \varphi \subset K$  cpt

$$|T(\varphi)| \leq C \cdot \|\varphi\|_{C^k(K)}$$

and  $\text{supp } T = \{x_0\} \in \Omega$ . Then for any  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$

$$T(\varphi) = \sum_{|\alpha| < k} a_\alpha \cdot (\partial_x^\alpha \varphi)(x_0)$$