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**ADVANCED ANALYSIS**  
**Exercise sheet 6 – 8.12.2022**

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be an open set.

**Ex.1.1** (Some examples of distributions)

1. Let  $\Omega = (-1, 1)$ , and let  $f(x) = |x|$ . Compute the derivative of  $f$  in the distributional sense. What can you tell on  $f$  ?
2. Same question for  $g(x) = \text{sign}(x)$ .

**Ex.1.2** (Functions are uniquely determined by distributions)

Recall that for  $f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$ , we define the distribution  $T \in D'(\Omega)$  by

$$T_f(\phi) = \int f\phi$$

for any  $\phi \in D(\Omega)$ . Prove that if  $f, g \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$  and  $T_f = T_g$  then  $f = g$ .

**Ex.1.3** (Distributions with zero derivatives are constants)

Let  $T \in D'(\Omega)$  and assume  $\Omega$  to be connected. Show that if  $\partial_i T = 0$  in  $D'(\Omega)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , then  $T = C$  for some constant  $C$ .

**Ex.1.4** (Multiplication by  $C^\infty$  and convolution with  $C_c^\infty$ )

Let  $T \in D'(\Omega)$ , show that

1. for any  $\psi \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ ,  $T_\psi(\phi) := T(\psi\phi)$ , for all  $\phi \in D(\Omega)$ , defines a distribution.
2. for any  $j \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$ ,  $j * T := T(j_R * \phi)$ , for all  $\phi \in D(\Omega)$  and where  $j_R(x) = j(-x)$ , defines a distribution.

**Ex.1.6** (The null space of a distribution is of codimension 1)

For any  $T \in D'(\Omega)$  define

$$\mathcal{N}_T = \{\phi \in D(\Omega), T(\phi) = 0\}.$$

Show that there exists  $\phi_0 \in D(\Omega)$ , such that all  $\phi \in D(\Omega)$  can be decomposed

$$\phi = \lambda\phi_0 + \psi_T$$

for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\psi_T \in \mathcal{N}_T$ .

**Ex.1.6** (Lagrange multipliers for distributions)

Let  $T, S_1, \dots, S_N \in D'(\Omega)$  such that

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^N \mathcal{N}_{S_i} \subset \mathcal{N}_T.$$

We want to show that there are  $c_1, \dots, c_N \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^N c_i S_i. \quad (1)$$

1. Justify why it is enough to assume that  $(S_i)_i$  is linearly independent.
2. For  $\phi \in D(\Omega)$  denote  $\underline{S}(\phi) = (S_1(\phi), \dots, S_N(\phi))$

$$V = \{\underline{S}(\phi), \phi \in D(\Omega)\}.$$

Show that  $V$  is a vector space of dimension  $N$ .

3. Show that there are some  $u_1, \dots, u_N \in D(\Omega)$ , such that  $\underline{S}(u_1), \dots, \underline{S}(u_N)$  are linearly independent and therefore span  $V$ .
4. Deduce from this that the matrix whose coefficients are  $M_{i,j} = S_i(u_j)$  is invertible.
5. For any  $\phi \in D(\Omega)$ , denote

$$\lambda_i(\phi) = \sum_{j=1}^N (M^{-1})_{i,j} S_j(\phi)$$

and check that

$$\phi - \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i(\phi) u_i \in \bigcap_{i=1}^N \mathcal{N}_{S_i}.$$

6. Prove that (1) holds for some  $c_1, \dots, c_N \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Ex.1.7** ( $C^\infty(\Omega)$  is dense in  $W_{\text{loc}}^{1,p}(\Omega)$ ).

Let  $f \in W_{\text{loc}}^{1,p}(\Omega)$ . Let  $\mathcal{O} \subset K \subset \Omega$  with  $\mathcal{O}$  open and  $K$  compact. Show that there is a sequence  $\{f_k\} \subset C^\infty(\mathcal{O})$  such that

$$f_k \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} f \quad \text{strongly in } W^{1,p}(\mathcal{O}).$$