

# Lecture<sup>1</sup> 6

## Last time

$$T_u(\phi) = \int_{\Omega} u\phi, \quad j : u \mapsto T_u : C(\Omega) \rightarrow RM(\Omega).$$

For  $K$  compact supporting  $\phi$ ,  $\phi \in C_c^0(\Omega)$ , the following estimate is used to prove continuity:

$$|T_u(\phi)| \leq \|u\|_{L^1(K)} \cdot \|\phi\|_{C^0(K)} \leq |K| \|u\|_{C^0(K)} \|\phi\|_{C^0(K)}$$

- $T_u : C_c^0(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous,  $T_u \in RM(\Omega)$ .
- $j : C(\Omega) \rightarrow RM(\Omega)$  continuous.
- $j$  injective,  $j : C(\Omega) \hookrightarrow RM(\Omega)$  continuous injection.
- $C(\Omega) \hookrightarrow L_{loc}^1(\Omega)$ , injection.
- $L_{loc}^p \hookrightarrow L_{loc}^1(\Omega)$ , for all  $p \in [0, \infty]$ .
- $j$  extended to  $j : L_{loc}^1(\Omega) \hookrightarrow RM(\Omega)$ , continuous injection.

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## Injection of Duals

**Definition 1.** Let  $X, Y$  be topological vector spaces,  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  linear. We define the **adjoint**  $A' : X \rightarrow Y'$  for  $y' \in Y'$ :

$$(A'y')(x) = y'(Ax), \quad \forall x \in X.$$

The following may be written notationally as  $\langle A'y', x \rangle = \langle y', Ax \rangle$ ,  $A'y' = y' \circ A$ , where  $A'y'$  is the pullback of  $y'$  under  $A = A^*y'$ .

Equip  $X', Y'$  with their weak\* topologies, if  $A$  continuous, then

$$|\langle A'y', x \rangle| = |\langle y', Ax \rangle| \implies A' : X' \rightarrow X' \text{ continuous.}$$

**Lemma 1.**  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  continuous and linear.  $A(X)$  dense in  $Y \implies A'$  is injective.

*Proof.*  $\underbrace{(A'y')(x)}_{y'(Ax)} = 0$  for all  $x \in X \implies y' : \underbrace{Ax}_z \mapsto y'(Ax)$ ,  $z \in A(X)$ . □

**Corollary 1.**  $X, Y$  topological vector space.  $j : X \hookrightarrow Y$  continuous injection with a dense image. Then,

$$j' : Y' \rightarrow X'$$

is continuous injection with dense image.

The elements of  $\mathcal{D}'^m$  are called *distributions of order  $\leq m$* , cf. Figure 1, and the set of all distributions of finite order is denoted by  $\mathcal{D}'_F = \bigcup_{m \geq 0} \mathcal{D}'^m$ .

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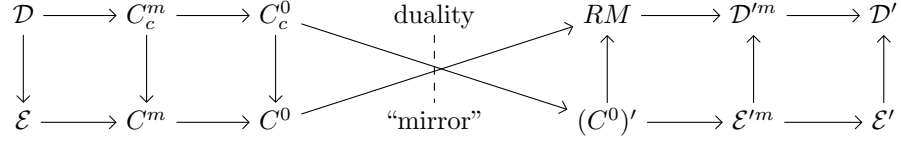


Figure 1: Each arrow represents a dense embedding. The domain  $\Omega$  in each space is understood, e.g.,  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ . The new symbols are defined implicitly by duality, e.g.,  $\mathcal{D}'^m = (C_c^0)'$  and  $\mathcal{E}'^m = (C^0)'$ .

### Basic Operations on $\mathcal{D}'$

$X, Y$  topological vector spaces.  $Z \subset X'$  dense subspace.  $T : Z \rightarrow Y'$  linear,  $T' : Y \rightarrow X$  continuous linear such that

$$\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, T'y \rangle, \quad x \in Z, y \in Y.$$

Define  $\tilde{T} : X' \rightarrow Y'$  by  $\tilde{T} = (T)'$ , i.e., by

$$\langle \tilde{T}x, y \rangle = \langle x, T'y \rangle, \quad x \in X', y \in Y.$$

Obviously,  $\tilde{T} = T$  on  $Z$ .  $\tilde{T}$  is continuous. From density ( $Y'$  is Hausdorff),  $\tilde{T}$  is the unique continuous extension of  $T$ .

### Differentiation

$X = Y = \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ .  $T = \partial^\alpha$ .  $Z = \mathcal{D}$ .

$$\langle \partial_j u, \phi \rangle = \int \partial_j u \cdot \phi = - \int u \partial_j \phi = - \langle u, \partial_j \phi \rangle, \quad u, \phi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega),$$

then,

$$\langle \partial^\alpha, \phi \rangle = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \langle u, \partial^\alpha \phi \rangle \implies T' = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \partial^\alpha$$

For  $u \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$ , define  $\langle \partial^\alpha u, \phi \rangle = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \langle u, \partial^\alpha \phi \rangle$ , for all  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ .

**Fact:**  $\mathcal{D} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$  is dense.

### Multiplication by Smooth Functions

$a \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ ,  $u, \phi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ ,

$$\langle au, \phi \rangle = \langle u, a\phi \rangle$$

for  $u \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$  define  $\langle au, \phi \rangle = \langle u, a\phi \rangle$ . Using these two operations,  $\sum_\alpha a_\alpha \partial^\alpha$  can be defined. Moreover, by this duality approach

- Change of variables for distributions can be defined.
- Fourier transforms and convolutions can be defined.

## Support of Distributions

**Definition 2.** We say  $u \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$  vanishes on  $\omega \subset \Omega$  if  $u(\phi) = 0$  for all  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  with  $\text{supp } \phi \subset \omega$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be open cover of  $\Omega$ .  $u_1, u_2 \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$  satisfying,

$$u_1|_{\omega} = u_2|_{\omega}, \quad \forall \omega \in \mathcal{U}.$$

Then,  $u_1 = u_2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{\chi_k\}$  be a partition of unity subordinate to  $\mathcal{U}$ .

$$u_1(\phi) = u_1\left(\sum_{k \in I} \chi_k \phi\right) = \sum_k u_1(\chi_k \phi) = \sum_k u_2(\chi_k \phi) = u_2(\phi).$$

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