

Lecture¹ 11

Definition 1. Let $u \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$. We define its singular support by

$$\text{sing supp } u = \Omega \setminus \{\omega \subset \Omega \text{ open s.t } u|_{\omega} \in C^{\infty}(\omega)\}$$

and analytic singular support by

$$\text{sing supp}_a u = \Omega \setminus \bigcup \{\omega \subset \Omega \text{ open s.t } u|_{\omega} \in C^{\omega}(\omega)\}$$

The sets defined above are relatively closed in Ω . Moreover

$$\text{supp } u \supset \text{sing supp}_a u \supset \text{sing supp } u.$$

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Definition 2. An operator $L : \mathcal{D}'(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$ is called hypoelliptic if

$$\text{sing supp } u \subset \text{sing supp } Lu.$$

and analytic-hypoelliptic if

$$\text{sing supp}_a u \subset \text{sing supp}_a Lu.$$

Consider a constant coefficient operator $P(\partial)$. Suppose $P(\partial)E = \delta$.

- If $P(\partial)$ is hypoelliptic $\implies \text{sing supp } E \subset \{0\}$.
- If $P(\partial)$ analytic hypoelliptic $\implies \text{sing supp}_a E \subset \{0\}$.

The converse statements are also true.

Theorem 1 (Schwartz). Let $P(\partial)E = \delta$.

a) $\text{sing supp } E \subset \{0\} \implies P(\partial)$ is hypoelliptic.

b) $\text{sing supp}_a E \subset \{0\} \implies P(\partial)$ is analytic hypoelliptic.

Proof. 1. FIG $V \in \mathcal{N}(0)$. Choose $\chi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ such that $\chi \equiv 1$ on V . Then,

$$P(\partial)(\chi u) = \chi P(\partial)u + v$$

where v is some tail sum of derivative who vanishes in a neighbourhood of y .

$$E * P(\partial)(\chi u) = [P(\partial)E] * \chi u = \chi u.$$

$$\chi u = E * \underbrace{(\underbrace{\chi f}_{\in C^{\infty}})}_{\in C^{\infty}} + E * v$$

Consider $\zeta \in \mathcal{D}(B_{\epsilon})$ such that $\zeta \equiv 1$ on $B_{\epsilon/2}$.

$$E = \zeta E + (1 - \zeta)E$$

$$E * v = \underbrace{(\zeta E) * v}_{=0 \text{ nbhd of } y} + \underbrace{[(1 - \zeta)E] * v}_{\in C^{\infty}}$$

$$\text{supp } (\zeta E) * v \subset \text{supp } \zeta E + \text{supp } v.$$

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2. By Cauchy- Kovalevskaya, there exists $h \in C^\omega(N)$, $N \in \mathcal{N}(y)$, i.e $P(\partial)h = f$,

$$\implies P(\partial)(u - h) = 0$$

in a neighbourhood of y . Without loss of generality, we can assume $f = 0$. Define

$$w = [(1 - \zeta)E] * v.$$

We want to show analyticity.

$$\partial^\alpha w = [(1 - \zeta)\partial^\alpha E] * v + e * v$$

where e is a residual from $\partial^\alpha(1 - \zeta)$. For $K \subset \Omega$ compact

$$\partial^\alpha w(z) = \int_{\tilde{K}} [1 - \zeta(x)] \partial^\alpha E(x) v(z - x) dx + \int e(z) v(x - z) dx$$

If $z \in \mathcal{N}(y)$, $e(z) = 0$. $z \in B_\delta(y)$.

$$K \subset \{|x| > \epsilon/2\} \cap \underbrace{\{\{z\} - \text{supp } v\}}_{\subset B_\delta(y) - \text{supp } v}$$

$$|\partial^\alpha w(z)| \leq C \sup_K |\partial^\alpha E| \cdot \|v\|_{L^1(\tilde{K})}$$

where $\tilde{K} = \{|x| > \epsilon/2\} \cap (B_\delta(y) - \text{supp } v)$. Analyticity is equivalent to

$$E \in C^\omega(\Omega) \iff \forall K \subset \Omega \text{ compact } \exists r > 0, c \text{ s.t. } \sup_K |\partial^\alpha E| \leq C \alpha! / r^{|\alpha|}, \forall \alpha$$

Thus E analytic and so is w . □

Clarification

$$P(\partial)(\chi u) = \chi P(\partial)u + v$$

$v \in C_c^\infty$ due to (a).

$$w = [(1 - \xi)E] * v \implies \partial^\alpha w = [(1 - \xi)\partial^\alpha E] * v + e * v$$

where e is zero except on a small neighbourhood of the origin.

Laurent Expansion

$u \in C(\Omega \setminus \{0\})$, with $0 \in \Omega$. We want to define a distribution $\hat{u} \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$ that extends u . I.e such that

$$\langle \hat{u}, \varphi \rangle = \int u \varphi, \quad \forall \varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega \setminus \{0\}). \quad (1)$$

For example $u = \frac{1}{x^{1-\alpha}}$ and suppose $|u(x)| = \mathcal{O}(|x|^{-N})$ as $x \rightarrow 0$.

We define regularization

$$\langle \hat{u}, \varphi \rangle = \int_{|x| \leq \epsilon} u(x) \left[\underbrace{\varphi(x) - \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} \frac{\varphi^{(\alpha)}(0)}{\alpha!} x^\alpha}_{=: \Psi(x)} \right] dx + \int_{|x| > \epsilon} u(x) \varphi(x) dx \quad (2)$$

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$\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega \setminus \{0\})$ then all derivatives $\partial^\alpha \varphi$. In particular the sum $\sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} \frac{\varphi^{(\alpha)}(0)}{\alpha!} x^\alpha$ vanishes. We obtain

$$\langle \hat{u}, \varphi \rangle = \int_{|x| \leq \epsilon} u(x) \varphi(x) dx + \int_{|x| > \epsilon} u(x) \varphi(x) dx = \int_{\Omega \setminus \{0\}} u \varphi \quad (3)$$

It is left to show that continuity of $\hat{u}(\varphi)$. Derivatives of Ψ at zero, $\partial^\alpha \Psi(0) = 0$, for all $|\alpha| \leq N$,

$$\implies \Psi(x) = \mathcal{O}(|x|^{N+1} \cdot \|\varphi\|_{C^{N+1}B_\epsilon})$$

and thus $|\langle \hat{u} \varphi \rangle| \leq C \cdot \|\varphi\|_{C^{N+1}(\Omega)}$.

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Application

Suppose $P(\partial)$ is hypoelliptic. $P(\partial)u = 0$ in $\Omega \setminus \{0\}$ with $\text{supp} P(\partial)\hat{u} = \{0\}$,

$$\implies P(\partial)\hat{u} = \sum_{\alpha} a_{\alpha} \delta^{(\alpha)}, \quad |\alpha| < \infty.$$

Let $v = \sum_{\alpha} a_{\alpha} E^{(\alpha)}$. Then

$$P(\partial)v = \sum_{\alpha} a_{\alpha} P(\partial)E^{(\alpha)} = \sum_{\alpha} a_{\alpha} \delta^{(\alpha)} = P(\partial)\hat{u}, \quad (4)$$

$$\implies P(\partial)(\hat{u} - v) = 0$$

$$\implies \hat{u} - v = w \in C^{\infty}(\Omega) \quad P(\partial) \text{ hypoelliptic}$$

$$\implies \hat{u} = \sum_{\alpha} E^{(\alpha)} + w$$

$$\implies u(x) = w(x) + \sum_{\alpha} a_{\alpha} E^{(\alpha)}(x), \quad x \neq 0$$

while noting that $P(\partial)w = 0$.

Example 1. Let $P(\partial)$ denote the Cauchy-Riemann operator and take $E(z) = \frac{1}{\pi z}$.

$$E^{(\alpha)}(z) = \frac{1}{z^k}$$

Example 2. Let $P(\partial)$ denote the Laplacian operator for $n = 2$. Take $E(x) = \log|x|$ then

$$E^{(\alpha)}(x) = \frac{1}{|x|^{|\alpha|}} P(x).$$