

Applications of a version of the Schwartz kernel theorem for anisotropic distributions

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H-measures

Theorem. If $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence in $L^2_{loc}(\Omega; \mathbf{R}^r)$, $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^{d+1}$, such that $u_n \rightarrow 0$ in $L^2_{loc}(\Omega)$, then there exists subsequence $(u_{n'})_{n' \in \mathbb{N}}$ and positive complex bounded measure $\mu = \{\mu^{jk}\}_{j,k=1,\dots,r}$ on $\mathbf{R}^{d+1} \times S^d$ such that for all $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in C_0(\Omega)$ and $\psi \in C(S^d)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n' \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} (\varphi_1 u_{n'})_{\xi}(\xi) \overline{(\varphi_2 u_{n'})_{\xi}(\xi)} dx &= \langle \mu^{jk}, \varphi_1 \varphi_2 \psi \rangle \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{R}^{d+1} \times S^d} \varphi_1(x) \overline{\varphi_2(x)} \psi(\xi) d\mu^{jk}(x, \xi) \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{A}_{\psi(\frac{\xi}{|\xi|})}$ is the multiplier operator with the symbol $\psi(\xi/|\xi|)$.

Anisotropic distributions

Let X and Y be open sets in \mathbf{R}^d and \mathbf{R}^r (or C^∞ manifolds of dimensions d and r) and $\Omega \subseteq X \times Y$ an open set. By $C^{l,m}(\Omega)$ we denote the space of functions f on Ω , such that for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ and $\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^r$, if $|\alpha| \leq l$ and $|\beta| \leq m$, $\partial_x^\alpha \partial_y^\beta f \in C(\Omega)$.

$C^{l,m}(\Omega)$ becomes a Fréchet space if we define a sequence of seminorms

$$p_{K_n}^{l,m}(f) := \max_{|\alpha| \leq l, |\beta| \leq m} \|\partial_x^\alpha \partial_y^\beta f\|_{L^\infty(K_n)},$$

where $K_n \subseteq \Omega$ are compacts, such that $\Omega = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} K_n$ and $K_n \subseteq \text{Int} K_{n+1}$, Consider the space

$$C_c^{l,m}(\Omega) := \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} C_{K_n}^{l,m}(\Omega),$$

and equip it by the topology of strict inductive limit.

The Schwartz kernel theorem

Let X and Y be two C^∞ manifolds. Then the following statements hold:

Theorem. a) Let $K \in \mathcal{D}'(X \times Y)$. Then for every $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(X)$, the linear form K_φ defined as $\psi \mapsto \langle K, \varphi \boxtimes \psi \rangle$ is a distribution on Y . Furthermore, the mapping $\varphi \mapsto K_\varphi$, taking $\mathcal{D}(X)$ to $\mathcal{D}'(Y)$ is linear and continuous.

b) Let $A : \mathcal{D}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(Y)$ be a continuous linear operator. Then there exists unique distribution $K \in \mathcal{D}'(X \times Y)$ such that for any $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(X)$ and $\psi \in \mathcal{D}(Y)$

$$\langle K, \varphi \boxtimes \psi \rangle = \langle K_\varphi, \psi \rangle = \langle A\varphi, \psi \rangle.$$

H-distributions

Theorem. If $u_n \rightarrow 0$ in $L^p_{loc}(\mathbf{R}^d)$ and $v_n \xrightarrow{*} v$ in $L^q_{loc}(\mathbf{R}^d)$ for some $p \in (1, \infty)$ and $q \geq p'$, then there exist subsequences $(u_{n'})_{n' \in \mathbb{N}}$ and a complex valued distribution $\mu \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbf{R}^d \times S^{d-1})$, such that, for every $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in C_c^\infty(\mathbf{R}^d)$ and $\psi \in C(S^{d-1})$, for $\kappa = [d/2] + 1$, one has:

$$\lim_{n' \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbf{R}^d} \mathcal{A}_{\psi}(\varphi_1 u_{n'})_{\xi}(\xi) \overline{(\varphi_2 v_{n'})_{\xi}(\xi)} dx = \lim_{n' \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbf{R}^d} (\varphi_1 u_{n'})_{\xi}(\xi) \overline{(\varphi_2 v_{n'})_{\xi}(\xi)} dx = \langle \mu, \varphi_1 \varphi_2 \boxtimes \psi \rangle,$$

where $\mathcal{A}_{\psi} : L^p(\mathbf{R}^d) \rightarrow L^p(\mathbf{R}^d)$ is the Fourier multiplier operator with symbol $\psi \in C^\kappa(S^{d-1})$.

Anisotropic distributions II

Definition. A distribution of order l in x and order m in y is any linear functional on $C_c^{l,m}(\Omega)$, continuous in the strict inductive limit topology. We denote the space of such functionals by $\mathcal{D}'_{l,m}(\Omega)$.

Conjecture. Let X, Y be C^∞ manifolds and let u be a linear functional on $C_c^{l,m}(X \times Y)$. If $u \in \mathcal{D}'(X \times Y)$ and satisfies $(\forall K \in \mathcal{K}(X)) (\forall L \in \mathcal{K}(Y)) (\exists C > 0) (\forall \varphi \in C_c^\infty(X)) (\forall \psi \in C_c^\infty(Y))$

$$|\langle u, \varphi \boxtimes \psi \rangle| \leq C p_K^l(\varphi) p_L^m(\psi),$$

then u can be uniquely extended to a continuous functional on $C_c^{l,m}(X \times Y)$ (i.e. it can be considered as an element of $\mathcal{D}'_{l,m}(X \times Y)$). ■

Hörmander-Mihlin theorem

Theorem. Let $\psi \in L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^d)$ have partial derivatives of order less than or equal to $\kappa = [d/2] + 1$. If for some $k > 0$

$$(\forall r > 0) (\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d) |\alpha| \leq \kappa \implies \int_{r/2 \leq |\xi| \leq r} |\partial^\alpha \psi(\xi)|^2 d\xi \leq k^2 r^{d-2|\alpha|},$$

then for any $p \in (1, \infty)$ and the associated multiplier operator \mathcal{A}_ψ there exists a constant C_d such that

$$\|\mathcal{A}_\psi\|_{L^p \rightarrow L^p} \leq C_d \max\{p, 1/(p-1)\} (k + \|\psi\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^d)}).$$

For $\psi \in C^\kappa(S^{d-1})$, extended by homogeneity to $\mathbf{R}^d \setminus \{0\}$, we can take $k = \|\psi\|_{C^\kappa(S^{d-1})}$.

Anisotropic distributions III

From the proof of the existence of H-distributions, we already have $\mu \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbf{R}^d \times S^{d-1})$ and the following bound with $\varphi := \varphi_1 \varphi_2$:

$$|\langle \mu, \varphi \boxtimes \psi \rangle| \leq C \|\psi\|_{C^\kappa(S^{d-1})} \|\varphi\|_{C_{K_1}(\mathbf{R}^d)},$$

where C does not depend on φ and ψ .

If the conjecture were true, then the H-distribution μ belongs to the space $\mathcal{D}'_{0,\kappa}(\mathbf{R}^d \times S^{d-1})$, i.e. it is a distribution of order 0 in x and of order not more than κ in ξ .

The Schwartz kernel theorem for anisotropic distributions

Let X and Y be two C^∞ manifolds of dimensions d and r , respectively. Then the following statements hold:

Theorem. a) Let $K \in \mathcal{D}'_{l,m}(X \times Y)$. Then for every $\varphi \in C_c^l(X)$, the linear form K_φ defined as $\psi \mapsto \langle K, \varphi \boxtimes \psi \rangle$ is a distribution of order not more than m on Y . Furthermore, the mapping $\varphi \mapsto K_\varphi$, taking $C_c^l(X)$ to $\mathcal{D}'_m(Y)$ is linear and continuous.

b) Let $A : C_c^l(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'_m(Y)$ be a continuous linear operator. Then there exists unique distribution $K \in \mathcal{D}'_{l,m}(X \times Y)$ such that for any $\varphi \in C_c^l(X)$ and $\psi \in \mathcal{D}(Y)$

$$\langle K, \varphi \boxtimes \psi \rangle = \langle K_\varphi, \psi \rangle = \langle A\varphi, \psi \rangle.$$

Furthermore, $K \in \mathcal{D}'_{l,r(m+2)}(X \times Y)$.

How to prove it?

Standard attempts:

- regularisation? (Schwartz)
- constructive proof? (Simanca, Gask, Ehrenpreis)
- nuclear spaces? (Trèves)

Use the structure theorem of distributions (Dieudonné). There are two steps:

Step I: assume the range of A is $C(Y)$

Step II: use structure theorem and go back to Step I

Consequence: H-distributions are of order 0 in x and of finite order not greater than $d(\kappa + 2)$ with respect to ξ .

Applications: localisation principle for H-distributions and Peetre's theorem

Localisation principle

Theorem. Assume that $u_n \rightarrow 0$ in $L^p_{loc}(\mathbf{R}^d)$ and $f_n \rightarrow 0$ in $W_{loc}^{-1,q}(\mathbf{R}^d)$ for some $p \in (1, \infty)$ and $q \in (1, d)$, such that they satisfy

$$\sum_{i=1}^d \partial_i (a_i(x) u_n(x)) = f_n(x),$$

where $a_i \in C_c(\mathbf{R}^d)$. Take an arbitrary sequence (v_n) bounded in $L^\infty_{loc}(\mathbf{R}^d)$, and by μ denote the H-distribution corresponding to some subsequences of sequences (u_n) and (v_n) . Then,

$$\sum_{i=1}^d a_i(x) \xi_i \mu(x, \xi) = 0$$

in the sense of distributions on $\mathbf{R}^d \times S^{d-1}$.

We can also obtain a corresponding variant of compactness by compensation theory.

A variant by application of the Bogdanowicz result

We can reformulate the main result of Bogdanowicz's article to our setting:

Theorem. For every bilinear functional B on the space $C_c^\infty(X_1) \times C_c^l(X_2)$ which is continuous with respect to each variable separately, there exists a unique anisotropic distribution $T \in \mathcal{D}'_{\infty,l}(X_1 \times X_2)$ such that

$$B(\varphi, \phi) = \langle T, \varphi \otimes \phi \rangle, \quad \varphi \in C_c^\infty(X_1), \phi \in C_c^l(X_2).$$

It is worth noting that Bogdanowicz's result also holds when X_2 is a smooth manifold and that only elementary properties of Frechet and (LF)-spaces were used to prove it.

The same result can be obtained using the adjoint of operator A .

Classical Peetre's result and notation

Theorem. Let $A : C_c^\infty(\Omega) \rightarrow C_c^\infty(\Omega)$ be a linear mapping such that the following holds:

$$\text{supp}(Au) \subset \text{supp}(u), \quad u \in C_c^\infty(\Omega).$$

Then A is a differential operator on Ω with C^∞ coefficients.

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^d$ be an open set and by $U \subset \Omega$ let us denote its arbitrary open and relatively compact subset. For $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $f \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$ and $g \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$, let us introduce the following seminorms and operator norms:

$$\|f\|_k := \sup_{x \in \Omega, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d, |\alpha| \leq k} |D^\alpha f(x)|,$$

$$\|g\|_{-k} = \|g, U\|_{-k} := \sup_{h \in C_c^\infty(U)} \frac{|(g, h)|}{\|h\|_k}.$$

Let us remark that $\|g, U\|_{-k} < \infty$ for k large enough (this follows from the properties of distributions with compact support).

Assume we are given $A : C_c^\infty(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$, a linear (not necessary continuous) operator such that:

$$\text{supp}(Af) \subset \text{supp} f, \quad f \in C_c^\infty(\Omega).$$

For given $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x \in \Omega$, let us define $j = j(k, x) \in \mathbb{N}$ in the following way:

$$j(k, x) := \inf \left\{ j \in \mathbb{N} : \exists U \ni x \text{ neighbourhood, } \sup_{h \in C_c^\infty(U)} \frac{\|Ah, U\|_{-k}}{\|h\|_j} < \infty \right\},$$

if it exists, otherwise we set $j(k, x) := \infty$. Neighbourhoods U of x in the definition of $j(k, x)$ are assumed to be open and relatively compact.

Peetre's result with distributions

Definition. We say that $x \in \Omega$ is a point of continuity of A if there exists an open and relatively compact neighbourhood U of x such that the restriction $A|_{C_c^\infty(U)} : C_c^\infty(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(U)$ is continuous.

Otherwise, we say that it is a point of discontinuity and the set of all points of discontinuity we denote by Λ .

From the definitions of Λ and $j(k, x)$, we conclude:

- if $x \in \Lambda$, then $j(k, x) = \infty$ for every k ;
- if $x \notin \Lambda$, then there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $j(k, x) < \infty$.

Lemma. The set Λ is locally finite (i.e. discrete). For every $U \subset \Omega$ open and relatively compact set, the function $j(k, \cdot)$ is bounded on $U \setminus \Lambda$ for k large enough.

Theorem. Let $A : C_c^\infty(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$ be linear operator such that $\text{supp}(Af) \subset \text{supp} f$ for $f \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$. Then there exists locally finite family of distributions $(a_\alpha) \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$, unique on $\Omega \setminus \Lambda$, such that it holds:

$$\text{supp} \left(Af - \sum_{\alpha} a_\alpha D^\alpha f \right) \subset \Lambda, \quad f \in C_c^\infty(\Omega).$$

If the image of the operator A is contained in some $\mathcal{D}'_m(\Omega)$, then $\|Af, U\|_{-m} < \infty$, and we write $j(x)$ for $j(m, x)$. The definition of point of continuity remains unchanged and we have that $j(\cdot)$ is locally bounded on $\Omega \setminus \Lambda$.

Theorem. Let $A : C_c^\infty(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'_m(\Omega)$ be linear operator such that

$$\text{supp}(Af) \subset \text{supp} f, \quad f \in C_c^\infty(\Omega). \quad (1)$$

Then there exists locally finite family of distributions $(a_\alpha) \in \mathcal{D}'_m(\Omega)$, unique on $\Omega \setminus \Lambda$, such that it holds:

$$\text{supp} \left(Af - \sum_{\alpha} a_\alpha D^\alpha f \right) \subset \Lambda, \quad f \in C_c^\infty(\Omega).$$

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Counterexample

As already noticed by Peetre in the standard case, the result in the statement of the preceding theorem is the best possible. Namely, it can happen $A - \sum_{\alpha} a_\alpha D^\alpha \neq 0$, as we can easily see from the following example:

for $x_0 \in \Omega$, take a linear form F defined for sequence (c_α) such that it can not be written in the form $F = \sum_{\alpha} b^\alpha c_\alpha$, for any finite collection of b^α . Then

$$(Af)(x) = F(D^\alpha f(x_0)) \delta_0(x - x_0)$$

has desired properties without being continuous: we have $\text{supp}(Af) \subset \{x_0\}$ and A is continuous everywhere except at the point x_0 .