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# Chapter 1

## Differentiable functions in $\mathbb{R}^n$

### 1 Taylor's formula

Let  $\Omega$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and for  $0 \leq k < \infty$  let  $C^k(\Omega)$  denote the set of real valued functions on  $\Omega$  whose partial derivatives of order  $\leq k$  exist and are continuous;  $C^\infty(\Omega)$  will stand for the set of functions which belong to  $C^k(\Omega)$  for all  $k > 0$ . We write  $C^k, C^\infty, \dots$  for  $C^k(\Omega), C^\infty(\Omega), \dots$  when no confusion is likely.

We shall use the following notation:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n), \alpha_i \geq 0 \text{ being integers,} \\ x &= (x_1, \dots, x_n), x^\alpha = x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n}, \\ D^\alpha &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}\right)^{\alpha_1} \dots \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)^{\alpha_n}, \alpha! = \alpha_1! \dots \alpha_n!, |\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \\ |x| &= \max_i |x_i|, \|x\| = (|x_1|^2 + \dots + |x_n|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}.\end{aligned}$$

Similar notation will be used with  $\mathbb{R}^n$  replaced by  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , and for complex valued functions. We shall write  $C_0^k(\Omega)$  for the space of  $C^k$  functions on  $\Omega$  which vanish outside a compact subset of  $\Omega$  (which may depend on the function in question).

Similar notation will be used for  $q$ -tuples of functions;  $C^{k,q}(\Omega)$  [ $C_0^{k,q}(\Omega)$ ] is then the set of mappings  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_q): \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  for which  $f_i \in C^k(\Omega)$  [ $C_0^k(\Omega)$ ] for  $1 \leq i \leq q$ . We write simply  $C^k$ , or  $C^k(\Omega)$

for  $C^{k,p}(\Omega)$  when no confusion is likely; similarly, we sometimes write  $C_0^k$  for  $C_0^{k,q}(\Omega)$ .

A real valued function  $f$  defined on  $\Omega$  is called (*real*) *analytic* (in  $\Omega$ ) if for any  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \Omega$ , there exists a power series

$$P_a(x) \equiv \sum c_\alpha (x - a)^\alpha \equiv \sum c_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n} (x_1 - a_1)^{\alpha_1} \dots (x_n - a_n)^{\alpha_n}$$

which converges to  $f(x)$  for  $x$  in a neighbourhood of  $a$ .

Remark that the power series is uniquely determined by  $f$ ; in fact  $c_\alpha = \frac{D^\alpha f(a)}{\alpha!}$  in particular, if  $f = 0$  in a neighbourhood of  $a$ , then  $c_\alpha = 0$  for all  $\alpha$ ; further  $f \in C^\infty$ , and, in fact, for any  $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$ ,  $D^\beta P_a(x) = \sum_\alpha c_\alpha D^\beta (x - a)^\alpha$ .

If  $U$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , and  $f$  a complex valued function in  $U$ , then  $f$  is called *holomorphic* (in  $U$ ) if for any  $a \in U$ , there exists a power series

$$\sum c_\alpha (z - a)^\alpha$$

which converges to  $f$  for all  $z$  in a neighbourhood of  $a$ . We shall assume some elementary properties of holomorphic functions, among them the following. Proofs can be found in Herve' [14].

1 A function  $f$  on  $U$  is holomorphic if and only if it is continuous and for any  $\gamma$ ,  $1 \leq \gamma \leq n$ , the partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}_\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_\nu} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_\nu} \right)$$

3 exist and zero; here  $z_\nu = x_\nu + iy_\nu$ ,  $x_\nu, y_\nu$  being real.

2 (Principle of analytic continuation.) If  $f$  is holomorphic in a connected open set  $U$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , and  $D^\alpha f(a) = 0$  for all  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ , and some  $a \in U$ , then  $f \equiv 0$  in  $U$ ; in particular, if  $f$  vanishes on a nonempty open subset of  $U$ ,  $f \equiv 0$ .

3 *Weierstrass' theorem.* If  $\{f_n\}$  is a sequence of holomorphic functions in  $U$  converging uniformly on compact subsets of  $U$  to a function  $f$ , then  $f$  is holomorphic in  $U$ ; further, for any  $\alpha$ ,  $D^\alpha f_n$  converges, uniformly on compact sets, to  $D^\alpha f$ .

4 *Cauchy's inequalities.* If  $f$  is holomorphic in  $U$ , and  $|f(z)| \leq M$  for  $z \in U$ ,  $M > 0$ , then for any compact set  $K \subset U$ , we have, for any  $\alpha$ ,

$$|D^\alpha f(z)| \leq M\delta^{-|\alpha|}\alpha! \text{ for } z \in K,$$

where  $\delta$  is the distance of  $K$  from the boundary of  $U$ .

**Lemma 1.** *If  $f$  is real analytic in  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , then there exists an open set  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $U \cap \mathbb{R}^n = \Omega$ , in  $U$  a holomorphic function  $F$  such  $F|_\Omega = f$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose, for  $a \in \Omega$ ,  $P_a(x) = \sum c_\alpha(x-a)^\alpha$  converges to  $f(x)$  for  $|x-a| < r_a$ ,  $r_a > 0$ . Define

$$U_a = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid |z-a| < r_a\};$$

then, for  $z \in U_a$ ,

$$P_a(z) = \sum c_\alpha(z-a)^\alpha.$$

converges and is holomorphic in  $U_a$ . □ 4

Let  $U = \bigcup_{a \in \Omega} U_a$ . We assert that if  $U_a \cap U_b = U_{a,b} \neq \emptyset$  then  $P_a = P_b$  in  $U_{a,b}$ . In fact,  $U_{a,b}$  is convex, hence connected, and  $D^\alpha P_a(c) = D^\alpha P_b(c) = D^\alpha f(c)$  for any  $\alpha$  and  $c \in U_{a,b} \cap \mathbb{R}^n$  (which is  $\neq \emptyset$  if  $U_{a,b}$  is). Hence we may define  $F$  on  $U$  by requiring that  $F|_{U_a} = P_a$ . Clearly  $F$  is holomorphic in  $U$  and  $F|_\Omega = f$ .

Let  $N$  be a neighbourhood of the closed unit interval  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and let  $f \in C^k(N)$ . Then, we prove the

**Lemma 2.**  $f(1) = \sum_{\nu=0}^{k-1} \frac{f^{(\nu)}(0)}{\nu!} + \frac{f^{(k)}(\xi)}{k!}$ , where  $0 \leq \xi \leq 1$ .

*Proof.* For continuous  $g$ , define

$$I_0(g, t) = g(t), I_r(g, t) = \int_0^t I_{r-1}(g, \tau) d\tau, \quad r \geq 1.$$

Clearly, if  $g \in C^k(N)$  and  $g^{(\nu)}(0) = 0$  for  $0 \leq \nu \leq k-1$ , we have

$$g(t) = I_k(g^{(k)}, t).$$

If we apply this to  $g(t) = f(t) - \sum_{\nu=0}^{k-1} \frac{f^{(\nu)}(0)}{\nu!} t^\nu$ , we obtain

$$(1.1) \quad f(1) - \sum_{\nu=0}^{k-1} \frac{f^{(\nu)}(0)}{\nu!} = I_k(g^{(k)}, 1) = I_k(f^{(k)}, 1).$$

Now, if  $m, M$  denote the lower and upper bounds of  $f^{(k)}$  in  $[0, 1]$ , we obviously have

$$\frac{m}{k!} \leq I_k(f^{(k)}, 1) \leq \frac{M}{k!}$$

5 Since  $f^{(k)}$ , being continuous, assumes all values between  $m$  and  $M$ , there is  $\xi, 0 \leq \xi \leq 1$  with

$$I_k(f^{(k)}, 1) = \frac{f^{(k)}(\xi)}{k!}.$$

This proves lemma 2. □

It is easy to prove, by induction, that

$$I_k(g, t) = \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \int_0^t g(\tau)(t-\tau)^{k-1} d\tau.$$

Hence (1.1) can be written

$$(1.2) \quad f(1) - \sum_{\nu=0}^{k-1} \frac{f^{(\nu)}(0)}{\nu!} = \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{k-1} f^{(k)}(t) dt.$$

**Theorem 1** (Taylor's formula). *Let  $\Omega$  be open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $f \in C^k(\Omega)$ . Then, if  $x, y \in \Omega$  and the closed line segment  $[x, y]$  joining  $x$  to  $y$  is also contained in  $\Omega$ , we have*

$$f(x) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k-1} \frac{D^\alpha f(y)}{\alpha!} (x-y)^\alpha + \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \frac{D^\alpha f(\xi)}{\alpha!} (x-y)^\alpha,$$

where  $\xi$  is a point of  $[x, y]$ .



This theorem follows at once from Lemma 2 applied to the function

$$g(t) = f(y + t(x - y))$$

which belongs to  $C^k(N)$ ,  $N$  being a neighbourhood of  $[0, 1]$ .

If  $f \in C^k(\Omega)$  ( $k$  being finite),  $K$  is a compact set in  $\Omega$  and  $0 \leq m \leq k$ , we set

$$\|f\|_m^K = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \sup_{x \in K} |D^\alpha f(x)|.$$

We define a topology on  $C^k(\Omega)$  as follows: a fundamental system of neighbourhoods of  $f_0 \in C^k(\Omega)$  is given by the sets

$$B(f_0, K, \varepsilon, k) = \{f \in C^k \mid \|f - f_0\|_k^K < \varepsilon\};$$

here  $\varepsilon$  runs over the positive real numbers, and  $K$  over all compact subsets of  $\Omega$ . The topology on  $C^\infty(\Omega)$  is obtained by taking for a fundamental system of neighbourhoods of  $f_0$  the sets

$$B(f_0, K, \varepsilon, k) \cap C^\infty(\Omega)$$

with  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $K$  compact in  $\Omega$  and  $k > 0$  an arbitrary integer.

The space  $C^k(\Omega)$  is metrisable; we may take, for example, as metric the function

$$d(f, g) = \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} 2^{-\nu} \frac{\|f - g\|_k^{K_\nu}}{1 + \|f - g\|_k^{K_\nu}};$$

here  $\{K_\nu\}$  is a sequence of compact sets with  $K_\nu \subset \overset{\circ}{K}_{\nu+1}$ ,  $\cup K_\nu = \Omega$ . [*On*  $C^\infty(\Omega)$ ], a metric can be defined by replacing  $\|f - g\|_k^{K_\nu}$  by  $\|f - g\|_\nu^{K_\nu}$  in the function above ]

**Theorem 2.**  $C^k(\Omega)$  is a complete metric space for  $0 \leq k \leq \infty$ .

*Proof.* We have only to prove that if  $\{g_\nu\}$  is a sequence of functions in  $C^k$  and  $\|g_\nu - g_\mu\|_m^K \rightarrow 0$  as  $\mu, \nu \rightarrow \infty$  for all integers  $m$ ,  $0 \leq m \leq k$  and all compact  $K \subset \Omega$ , then there exists  $g \in C^k$  for which  $\|g_\nu - g\|_m^K \rightarrow 0$  as  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $0 \leq m \leq k$ ,  $K$  compact. 7

Since by assumption, for  $|\alpha| \leq k$ ,  $D^\alpha(g_\nu - g_\mu) \rightarrow 0$ , uniformly on any compact set, there exist continuous functions  $g_\alpha$ ,  $|\alpha| \leq k$ , for which

$\|D^\alpha g_\nu - g_\alpha\|_0^K \rightarrow 0$ . If we prove that  $g_0 \in C^k$  and  $D^\alpha g_0 = g_\alpha$  then clearly  $\|g_\alpha - g\|_m^K \rightarrow 0$ ,  $0 \leq m \leq k$ , where  $g = g_0$ . To prove this assertion. we have only to show that if  $|\alpha| \leq k - 1$ , and  $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$  is such that  $|\beta| = 1$ , then  $g_\alpha \in C^1$  and  $D^\beta g_\alpha = g_{\alpha+\beta}$  in  $\Omega$ .  $\square$

Now, if  $a \in \Omega$  and  $x$  is sufficiently near  $a$  we have

$$(1.3) \quad D^\alpha g_\nu(x) - D^\alpha g_\nu(a) = \sum_{|\beta|=1} D^{\alpha+\beta} g_\nu(\xi_\nu)(x-a)^\beta,$$

where  $\xi_\nu$  is a point on the segment  $[a, x]$ . We may choose a subsequence  $\{\nu_p\}$  such that  $\xi_{\nu_p} \rightarrow \xi \in [a, x]$ . Clearly, if we replace  $\nu$  by  $\nu_p$  in (1.3) and let  $p \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} g_\alpha(x) - g_\alpha(a) &= \sum_{|\beta|=1} g_{\alpha+\beta}(\xi)(x-a)^\beta \\ &= \sum_{|\beta|=1} g_{\alpha+\beta}(a)(x-a)^\beta + o(|x-a|). \end{aligned}$$

where  $o(|x-a|)$  tends to zero faster than  $|x-a|$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ . (The last equality is a consequence of the continuity of  $g_{\alpha+\beta}$ .) But this implies that  $g_\alpha \in C^1$  and that for  $|\beta| = 1$ ,  $D^\beta g_\alpha(a) = g_{\alpha+\beta}(a)$ .

**8 Remark.** If we write

$$\|f\|_m^K = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \sum_{i=1}^q \sup_{x \in K} |D^\alpha t_i(x)|$$

for  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_q) \in C^{k,q}(\Omega)$ ,  $m \leq k$ , we may replace  $C^k(\Omega)$  by  $C^{k,q}(\Omega)$  in Theorem 2. Another consequence of Taylor's formula is the following:

**Proposition 1.** *If  $f \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ , then  $f$  is analytic if and only if for any compact  $K \subset \Omega$ , there exists  $M_K > 0$  such that*

$$|D^\alpha f(x)| \leq M_K^{|\alpha|+1} \alpha! \text{ for } x \in K \text{ and all } \alpha.$$

*Proof.* The necessity follows at once from Lemma 1 and Cauchy's inequalities (Property 4. of holomorphic functions stated at the beginning). For the sufficiency, we remark that if  $x$  is in a compact, convex neighbourhood  $K$  of  $a \in \Omega$ , and  $\xi \in [a, x]$ , then

$$\left| \sum_{|\alpha|=k+1} \frac{D^\alpha f(\xi)}{\alpha!} (x-a)^\alpha \right| \leq (k+1)^n M_K^{k+2} |x-a|^{k+1}.$$

□

If  $|x-a| < M_K^{-2}$ , Taylor's formula implies that

$$\sum \frac{D^\alpha f(\xi)}{\alpha!} (x-a)^\alpha$$

converges to  $f(x)$ .

**Remark.** As is easily verified, the above condition is equivalent with the existence of  $M'_K > 0$  such that

$$|D^\alpha f(x)| \leq M'_K^{|\alpha|+1} |\alpha| \text{ for } x \in K \text{ and all } \alpha.$$

## 2 Partitions of unity

The support of a function  $\varphi$  defined on the open set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , written  $\text{supp } \varphi$ , is the closure in  $\Omega$  of the set of points  $a$  where  $\varphi(a) \neq 0$ .

A family of sets  $\{E_i\}$  is called locally finite if any point  $a \in \Omega$  has a neighbourhood which meets  $E_i$  only for finitely many  $i$ . 9

A family of sets  $\{E'_j\}_{j \in J}$  is called a refinement of the family  $\{E_j\}_{j \in J}$  if there exists a map  $\tau: J \rightarrow I$  for which  $E'_j \subset E_{\tau(j)}$ .

We shall use the following proposition due to J. Dieudonne [9].

**Proposition.** *If  $X$  is a locally compact, hausdorff space which is a countable union of compact sets, then  $X$  is paracompact, i.e. any open covering has a locally finite refinement. Further, for any locally finite open covering  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $X$ , there exists an open covering  $\{V_i\}_{i \in I}$  for which  $\bar{V}_i \subset U_i$ .*

**Theorem 1.** If  $\Omega$  is an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\Omega = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ , where the  $U_i$  are open, then there exists a family of  $C^\infty$  functions, say  $\{\varphi_i\}_{i \in I}'$  such that  
 (i)  $0 \leq \varphi_i \leq 1$ ,  $\text{supp. } \varphi_i \subset U_i$ , (ii)  $\{\text{supp.} \varphi_i\}$  is a locally finite family, and (ii)  $\sum_{i \in I} \varphi_i(x) = 1$  for any  $x \in \Omega$ .

**Lemma 1.** There exists a  $C^\infty$  function  $k$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $k \geq 0$ ,  $k(0) > 0$ ,  $\text{supp. } k \subset \{x \mid \|x\| < 1\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $s(r)$  be the  $C^\infty$  function on  $\mathbb{R}^1$  defined by

$$s(r) = \begin{cases} 0^{-1/(c-r)} & \text{if } r < c, \\ 0 & \text{if } r \geq c, \end{cases}$$

where  $0 < c < 1$ . We have only to take  $k(x) = s(x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2)$ .  $\square$

**10 Lemma 2.** If  $K$  is a compact set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $U \supset K$  is open, then there exists a  $C^\infty$  function  $\psi$  with  $\psi(x) \geq 0$ ,  $\psi(x) > 0$  if  $x \in K$ ,  $\text{supp. } \psi \subset U$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\delta$  be the distance of  $K$  from  $\mathbb{R}^n - U$ ; for  $a \in K$ , let  $\psi_a(x) = k\left(\frac{x-a}{\delta}\right)$ , where  $k$  is as in Lemma 1. Let  $V_a = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \psi_a(x) > 0\}$ . Then  $a \in V_a \subset U$ . Since  $K$  is compact, there exist finitely many points  $a_1, \dots, a_p \in K$  for which  $v_{a_1} \cap \dots \cap v_{a_p} \supset K$ . Define  $\psi(x) = \sum_{i=1}^p \psi_{a_i}(x)$ .  $\square$

**Proof of theorem 1.** Let  $\{V_j\}_{j \in J}$  be a locally finite refinement of  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$  by relatively compact open subset of  $\Omega$  (which exists by Dieudonne's proposition). Let  $\{W_j\}_{j \in J}$  be an open covering of  $\Omega$  such that  $\bar{W}_j \subset V_j$ . By Lemma 2, there exists  $\psi_j \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ ,  $\psi_j(x) > 0$  for  $x \in W_j$  and  $\text{supp } \psi_j \subset V_j$ ,  $\psi_j \geq 0$ . Let  $\varphi'_j = \psi_j / \sum_{k \in J} \psi_k$ . (Since  $V_j$  is locally finite,  $\sum_{k \in J} \psi_k$  is defined and  $\in C^\infty(\Omega)$  and is everywhere  $> 0$  since  $\psi_j > 0$  on  $W_j$  and  $\cup W_j = \Omega$ .) Clearly  $0 \leq \varphi'_j \leq 1$ ,  $\text{supp. } \varphi'_j \subset V_j$  and  $\sum_{j \in J} \varphi'_j = 1$ .

Let  $\tau: J \rightarrow I$  be a map so that  $V_j \subset U_{\tau(j)}$ . Let  $J_i \subset J$  be the set  $\tau^{-1}(i)$ ,  $i \in I$ . Define  $\varphi_i = \sum_{j \in J_i} \varphi'_j$  (an empty sum stands for 0). Since the sets  $J_i$  are mutually disjoint and cover  $J$ , we have  $\sum \varphi_i = 1$ . It is clear that  $\text{supp } \varphi_i \subset U_i$  and that  $\{\text{supp. } \varphi_i\}$  form a locally finite family.

**Corollary.** Let  $\Omega$  be open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $X$  a closed subset of  $\Omega$ ,  $U$  an open subset of  $\Omega$  containing  $X$ . Then there exists a  $C^\infty$  function  $\psi$  on  $\Omega$  such that  $\psi(x) = 1$  for  $x \in X$ ,  $\psi(x) = 0$  for  $x \in \Omega - U$ ,  $0 \leq \psi \leq 1$  everywhere. 11

*Proof.* By Theorem 1, there exist  $C^\infty$  functions  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \geq 0$ ,  $\text{supp } \varphi_1 \subset U$ ,  $\text{supp } \varphi_2 \subset \Omega - X$  with  $\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 = 1$  on  $\Omega$ . We have only to take  $\psi = \varphi_1$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.** If  $\{U_i\}$  is an open covering of  $\Omega$ , then there exist  $C^\infty$  functions  $\psi_i$  with  $\text{supp } \psi_i \subset U_i$ ,  $0 \leq \psi_i \leq 1$ , and  $\sum \psi_i^2 = 1$  on  $\Omega$ .

In fact, if  $\varphi_i$  is a partition of unity relative to  $\{U_i\}$ , we may set  $\psi_i = \frac{\varphi_i}{(\sum \varphi_i^2)^{1/2}}$ .

### 3 Inverse functions, implicit functions and the rank theorem

Let  $\Omega$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  a map which is in  $C^1(\Omega)$  [i.e. its components are in  $C^1(\Omega)$ ]. Let  $a \in \Omega$ .

**Definition.**  $(df)(a)$  is defined to be the linear map of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  for which

$$(df)(a)(v_1, \dots, v_n) = (w_1, \dots, w_m),$$

with

$$w_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i} \right) v_i.$$

We shall call  $(df)(a)$  the differential of  $f$  at  $a$ .

**Theorem 1.** If  $f$  is a  $C^1$  maps of  $\Omega$  into  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and for  $a \in \Omega$ ,  $(df)(a)$  is nonsingular, then there exist neighbourhoods  $U$  of  $a$  and  $V$  of  $f(a)$  such that  $f|U$  maps  $U$  homeomorphically onto  $V$ .

*Proof.* Without loss of generality we may assume that  $a = 0$ ,  $f(a) = 0$ . Since  $(df)(a)$  is nonsingular we may assume, by composing  $f$  with a non-singular linear map of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  into itself, that  $(df)(a) = \text{identity}$ . Let  $g$  be defined on  $\Omega$  by 12

$$g(x) = f(x) - x. \text{ Then obviously } (dg)(a) = 0.$$

□

This implies that there exists a neighbourhood  $W$  of  $0$ ,  $\bar{W} \subset \Omega$ ,  $W = \{x \mid |x_i| < r\}$  such that  $x, y \in \bar{W}$  implies  $|g(x) - g(y)| \leq \frac{1}{2}|x - y|$ . We remark that  $|f(x) - f(y)| \geq \frac{1}{2}|x - y|$  if  $x, y \in W$ , so that  $f$  is injective on  $W$ . Let  $V = \{x \mid |x_i| < \frac{1}{2}r\}$ ,  $U = W \cap f^{-1}(V)$ . Define  $\varphi_0: V \rightarrow W$  to be  $\varphi_0(y) = 0$  and by induction  $\varphi_k(y) = y - g[\varphi_{k-1}(y)]$ . It is easily verified by induction that  $\varphi_k(y) \in W$  for each  $k$ , and further that  $|\varphi_k(y) - \varphi_{k-1}(y)| = |g(\varphi_{k-1}(y)) - g(\varphi_{k-2}(y))| \leq \frac{r}{2^k}$ . Hence  $\varphi_k$  is uniformly convergent to a function  $\varphi: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . Since  $\varphi_k(y) \in W$  for each  $k$ ,  $\varphi(y) \in \bar{W}$  and

$$(3.1) \quad \varphi(y) = y - g[\varphi(y)].$$

Since  $|y| < r/2$  and  $|g[\varphi(y)]| \leq r/2$  we have  $\varphi(y) \in W$ . From (3.1) it follows that  $f[\varphi(y)] = y$ . Since  $f|_W$  is injective  $\varphi$  is the inverse of  $f$ . The continuity of  $\varphi$  follows from that of  $\varphi_k$  and the uniform convergence.

**Remark.** The theorem has an analogue for functions from  $\mathbb{C}^n$  to  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . If  $\Omega$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $f$  a holomorphic map of  $\Omega$  into  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and if  $(df)(a)$  is nonsingular at some  $a \in \Omega$ , then there exist neighbourhood  $U, V$  of  $a$  and  $f(a)$  respectively such that (i)  $f|_U$  maps  $U$  homeomorphically onto  $V$  and (ii) the inverse mapping of  $f|_U$  is holomorphic on  $V$ . The proof is identical with that given above; since each  $\varphi_k$  is holomorphic and  $\varphi_k$  converges uniformly to  $\varphi$ ,  $\varphi$  is holomorphic.

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**Definition.** Let  $f$  be a  $C^1$  map of  $\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$  into  $\mathbb{R}^p$ , and let  $(a, b) \in \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$ . Let  $f(a, y) = g(y)$ . Then  $(d_2f)(a, b)$  is defined by  $(d_2f)(a, b) = (dg)(b)$ ;  $(d_1f)(a, b)$  is defined similarly.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^{m+n}$  and  $f: \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  a function in  $C^1$ . Suppose that for some  $(a, b) \in \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$ , we have  $f(a, b) = 0$  and  $(d_2f)(a, b)$  has rank  $n$ . Then there exists a neighbourhood  $U \times V$  of  $(a, b)$  such that for any  $x \in U$  there is a unique  $y = y(x) \in V$  for which  $f(x, y) = 0$ ; the map  $x \rightarrow y(x)$  is continuous.

*Proof.* Consider  $F: \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+n}$  defined by  $F(x, y) = (x, f(x, y))$ . Then the statement that  $(d_2f)(a, b)$  has rank  $n$  is equivalent to saying that  $(dF)(a, b)$  is nonsingular. Therefore by Theorem 1, there exists a neighbourhood  $U' \times V$  of  $(a, b)$  and a neighbourhood  $W$  of  $(a, 0)$  such that  $F|_{U' \times V} \rightarrow W$  is a homeomorphism. Let  $\varphi: W \rightarrow U' \times V$  be the continuous inverse of  $F$ . Then there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $a$  such that  $x \in U$  implies  $(x, 0) \in W$ . Then for  $x \in U$ , let  $y(x)$  be the projection of  $\varphi(x, 0)$  on  $V$ . Clearly if  $y \in V$  is such that  $f(x, y) = 0$  then  $y = y(x)$ ; moreover  $y(x)$  is a continuous map with  $f(x, y(x)) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Remark.** The above theorem can be extended to a holomorphic map  $f: \mathbb{C}^{m+n} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ ;  $y(x)$  is then a holomorphic function of  $x$ .

**Lemma 1.** *With the same notation as in Theorem 2, if  $A(x) = (d_2f)(x, y(x))$  and  $B(x) = (d_1f)(x, y(x))$  and if  $U$  is so small that  $A(x)$  is so small that  $A(x)$  is invertible for  $x \in U$  then  $y \in C^1(U)$  and* 14

$$(3.2) \quad (dy)(x) = -A(x)^{-1} \circ B(x)$$

*Proof.* Let  $x, x+\xi \in U$  and  $\eta = y(x+\xi) - y(x)$ . Then  $f(x+\xi, y(x)+\eta) = 0$  and by Taylor's formula

$$0 = f(x, y(x)) + B(x)\xi + A(x)\eta + o(|\xi| + |\eta|)$$

and  $\eta \rightarrow 0$  as  $\xi \rightarrow 0$ .

$\square$

Hence  $A(x)\eta = -B(x)\xi + o(|\xi| + |\eta|)$ . If  $x \in K$  compact  $\subset U$  then  $A(x)^{-1}$  is bounded on  $K$  and

$$\eta = -A(x)^{-1} \circ B(x)\xi + o(|\xi| + |\eta|).$$

This implies that  $|\eta| = o(|\xi|)$  and hence

$$y(x+\xi) - y(x) = -A(x)^{-1} \circ B(x)\xi + o(|\xi|).$$

Hence  $y(x)$  is differentiable and (3.2) holds.

**Corollary.** *If in Theorem 2,  $f \in C^k$  then  $y \in C^k$ .*

*Proof.* We proceed by induction. If  $f \in C^k$  and  $y \in C^r$ ,  $r < k$  then  $A(x)$ ,  $B(x) \in C^r$  and by (3.2),  $y \in C^{r+1}$ .  $\square$

From the remark about holomorphic mappings made after Theorem 2 we deduce the following

**Corollary 1.** *If  $f$  is real analytic so is  $y$ .*

**Corollary 2.** *In Theorem 1, if  $f$  is  $C^k$  (or analytic) then so is  $f^{-1}$*

15 In fact we have only to apply the above corollaries to the map  $F: \mathbb{R}^n \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  defined by  $F(x, y) = x - f(y)$ .

The statement in Corollary 2 above is known as the inverse function theorem: those contained in the corollary to Lemma 1 and Corollary 1 above form the content of the implicit function theorem.

**Definition.** A cube in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a set of the form  $\{x \mid |x_i - a_i| < r_i\}$ . A polycylinder in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is set of the form  $\{z \mid |z_i - a_i| < r_i\}$ .

**Theorem 3** (The rank theorem). *If  $\Omega$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $f \in C^1$  and if rank  $(df)(x) = r$  is an integer independent of  $x$  then there exist*

- (i) *an open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $a$ ,*
- (ii) *an open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $b = f(a)$ ,*
- (iii) *cubes  $Q_1, Q_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{R}^m$  respectively,*
- (iv) *homomorphisms  $u_1: Q_1 \rightarrow U$   $u_2: V \rightarrow Q_2$  such that  $u_1, u_2$  and their inverses are  $C^1$*

*with the property that if  $\varphi = u_2 \circ f \circ u_1$ , then*

$$\varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r, 0 \cdots 0).$$

*Moreover if  $f \in C^k$  or is analytic,  $u_1, u_2$  may be chosen to have the same property.*



*Proof.* By affine automorphisms of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{R}^m$  we may suppose that  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 0$  and that  $(df)(0)$  is the linear map

$$(v_1, \dots, v_n) \rightarrow (v_1, \dots, v_r, 0, \dots, 0)$$

Consider the map  $u: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  defined by

$$u(x) = (f_1(x), \dots, f_r(x), n_{r+1}, \dots, x_n).$$

□

Then  $(du)(0) = \text{identity}$ , hence by the inverse function theorem there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  of 0 and a cube  $Q_1$  such that  $u|U \rightarrow Q_1$  is a  $C^1$  homeomorphism and its inverse is in  $C^1$ . Let  $u^{-1}|Q_1 = u_1$ . Clearly  $f(u_1(y)) = (y_1, \dots, y_r, \varphi_{r+1}(y), \dots, \varphi_m(y))$ . If  $\psi(y) = f(u_1(y))$ , obviously  $\text{rank}(d\psi)(y) = r$  and hence

$$\frac{\partial \varphi_j}{\partial y_k} = 0, \quad j, k > r,$$

i.e.,

$$\varphi_j = \varphi_j(y_1, \dots, y_r) \quad j > r$$

suppose that  $Q_1 = I^r \times I^{n-r}$ , where  $I^r, I^{n-r}$  are cubes in  $\mathbb{R}^r, \mathbb{R}^{n-r}$ . Define  $u'_2: I^r \times \mathbb{R}^{m-r} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m-r}$  by

$$u_2(y_1, \dots, y_r, \dots, y_m) = (y_1, \dots, y_r, y_{r+1} - \varphi_{r+1}(y), \dots, y_m - \varphi_m(y)).$$

Trivially  $u_2$  is bijective and its inverse is  $u_2^{-1}(y_1, \dots, y_r, \dots, y_m) = (y_1, \dots, y_r, y_{r+1} + \varphi_{r+1}(y), \dots, y_m + \varphi_m(y))$ . Let  $Q_2$  be a cube such that  $u_2\psi(Q_1) \subset Q_2$  and  $V = u_2^{-1}(Q_2)$  and clearly we have

$$\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r, 0, \dots, 0)$$

## 4 Sard's theorem and functional dependence

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\Omega$  be an open set  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , a  $C^1$  map. Then  $f$  carries sets of measure zero into sets of measure zero.*

**Remark.** If in Lemma 1, the condition that  $f \in C'$  is replaced by the condition that  $f$  satisfies a Lipschitz condition on every compact  $K \subset \Omega$ , i.e.,  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq M_k|x - y|$  for  $x, y \in K$ , then  $f$  carries sets of measure zero into sets of measure zero. This fact is trivial. 17

**Lemma 2.** *If  $\Omega$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a  $C^1$  map and if  $m > n$ , then  $f(\Omega)$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .*

*Proof.* If we define  $g: \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^{m-n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  by  $g(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . Then by Lemma 1  $f(\Omega) = g(\Omega \times 0)$  has measure zero.  $\square$

Let  $\omega$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f: \omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , a  $C^1$  map

**Definition.** A point  $a \in \Omega$  is called a critical point of  $f$  if  $\text{rank}(df)(a) < m$ .

**Remark.** (1) If  $m > n$ , each point of  $\Omega$  is clearly a critical point of  $f$ .

(2) The set  $A$  of critical points of  $f$  is closed in  $\Omega$ .

(3) If  $m > n$ ,  $f(A)$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

We shall prove the following

**Theorem 1 (Sard).** *If  $\Omega$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a  $C^\infty$  map  $n \geq m$ , and if  $A$  is the set of critical points of  $f$  then  $f(A)$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^m$*

In what follows  $\Omega$  will denote an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f$ , a map of  $\Omega$  in some  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and  $A$ , the set of critical points of  $f$  in  $\Omega$ .

Actually the theorem of Sard states that if  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $f \in C^{n-m+1}(\Omega)$ , then  $f(A)$  has measure zero. The proof of this, however, requires more delicate analysis; see A. Sard [38] and A. P. Morse [30]. We shall prove this stronger statement when  $m = n$  before proving Theorem 1. H. Whitney [47] has given an example of an  $f \in C^{n-m}(\Omega)$ ,  $n > m$ , for which  $f(A)$  has positive measure (even covers  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ).

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**Proposition 1.** *If  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a  $C^1$  map then  $f(A)$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $a$  be in  $A$ . □

Since  $(df)(a)$  has rank  $< n$ ,  $f(a) + (df)(a)(x - a)$  lies in an affine subspace  $V_a$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the dimension of  $V_a$  being  $< n$ . Choose an orthonormal basis  $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$  for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with centre  $f(a)$  such that  $V_a$  lies in the subspace spanned by  $u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}$ . Let  $Q$  be a closed cube in  $\Omega$ . It is enough to show that  $f(A \cap Q)$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For  $x \in Q \cap A$ , by Taylor's formula, we have

$$f(x) - f(a) = (df)(a)(x - a) + r(x, a)$$

where  $r(x, a) = O(|x - a|)$  uniformly on  $Q \times Q$  as  $|x - a| \rightarrow 0$ . Hence there exists a map  $\alpha : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\alpha(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$  and

$$\|r(x, a)\| \leq \alpha(|x - a|) \cdot |x - a|.$$

Then for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$ , if  $x$  lies in a cube  $Q_\varepsilon$  of side  $\varepsilon$  which contains  $a$ ,  $f(x)$  lies in the region between the hyperplanes  $u_n = \alpha(\varepsilon)$  and  $u_n = -\alpha(\varepsilon)$ . Also since an orthonormal change of basis preserves distance, by Taylor's formula, there exists a constant  $M$  such that  $f(x)$  lies in the cube of side  $M\varepsilon$  with  $f(a)$  as its centre. The volume of the intersection of the cube of side  $M\varepsilon$  and the region between the hyperplanes  $u_n = \pm\alpha(\varepsilon)$  is  $\leq 2M^n \varepsilon^n \alpha(\varepsilon)$ . Since an orthonormal change of basis leaves the measure in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  invariant, we conclude that  $f(Q_\varepsilon)$  has measure  $\leq 2M^n \varepsilon^n \alpha(\varepsilon)$ . We can assume without loss of generality that  $Q$  has side 1. Divide  $Q$  into  $\varepsilon^{-n}$  cubes  $Q_i$  of side  $\varepsilon$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, \varepsilon^{-n}$ . Then if  $Q_i \cap A \neq \emptyset$ ,  $f(Q_i)$  has measure  $\leq 2M^n \varepsilon^n \alpha(\varepsilon)$ .

$$\text{Hence measure of } [f(A \cap Q)] \leq \sum_{\substack{A \cap Q_i \neq \emptyset \\ \leq 2M^n \alpha(\varepsilon)}} \{ \text{measure } f(Q_i \cap A) \}$$

Since  $\alpha(\varepsilon) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,  $f(A \cap Q)$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Proposition 2.** *If  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  is a  $C^\infty$  map, then  $f(A)$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^1$ .*

*Proof.* Define  $A_k$  by

$$A_k = \{a \in \Omega \mid D^\alpha f(a) = 0 \text{ for } 0 < |\alpha| \leq k\}.$$

Obviously,  $\{A_k\}$  is monotone decreasing and we have

$$(4.1) \quad A = (A_1 - A_2) \cup (A_2 - A_3) \cup \dots \cup (A_{n-1} - A_n).$$

If  $a \in A_n$ , by Taylor's formula there exists a constant  $M$  such that for  $x$  in a closed cube  $Q$  about  $a$ , we have  $|f(x) - f(a)| \leq M|x - a|^{n+1}$  so that image of the a cube of side  $\varepsilon$  about  $a$  has measure  $\leq \varepsilon^{n+1}M$  in  $\mathbb{R}^1$ . Hence as in proposition 1,  $f(A_n \cap Q)$  has measure  $< M\varepsilon$ ; Whence,

$$(4.2) \quad f(A_n) \text{ has measure zero in } \mathbb{R}^1.$$

20 Note that if  $n = 1$ ,  $A = A_n$ , so that (4.2) is Prop. 2 with  $n = 1$ . We now suppose, by indication, that if  $\Omega'$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ ,  $g$ , a  $C^\infty$  map  $\Omega' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and if  $A^1$  is the set of critical points of  $g$ , then  $g(A^1)$  has measure zero.

For  $k < n$  let  $A_k - A_{k+1} = B_k$ . Let  $a \in B_k$ ; it is sufficient to show that  $a$  has a neighbourhood which goes into a set of measure zero. There exists  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ , with  $|\alpha| = k + 1$ , such that  $D^\alpha f(a) \neq 0$ . If  $\alpha_i \neq 0$ , define  $\beta = \alpha - (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)$  in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  place.

Define  $g : B_k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  by  $g(x) = D^\beta f(x)$ .

$(dg)(a)$  has maximal rank = 1. Therefore there exists an open neighbourhood  $U'$  of  $a$  such that  $(dg)(x)$  has rank 1 for  $x$  in  $U'$ . Applying the rank theorem to  $U'$  there exist

- (1) a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $a$ ,  $U \subset U'$ ,
- (2) a cube  $Q_1$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,
- (3) an invertible map  $u : Q_1 \rightarrow U$ ,  $u, u^{-1}$  being  $C^\infty$ ,
- (4) a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $g(a)$ , such that  $g \circ u : Q_1 \rightarrow V$  is given by

$$g \circ u(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_1 (= p_1(x) \text{ say}).$$

Now,  $B_k \cap U \subset B' = \{x \in U | g(x) = 0\}$  so that

$$u^{-1}(B_k \cap U) \subset B = \{x \in Q_1 | p_1(x) = 0\}.$$

Let  $\Omega' = \{(x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1} | (0, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in Q_1\}$ . Let  $v : \Omega' \rightarrow U$  be the map  $v(x_2, \dots, x_n) = u(0, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and let  $\psi = f \circ v$ ;  $\psi$  is a  $C^\infty$  map  $\Omega' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . □

21 Let  $A^1 =$  The set of critical points of  $\psi$ . Since  $d(\psi)(x) = (df)(v(x)) \circ (dv)(x)$ ,  $u^{-1}(B_k \cap U) \subset A^1$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\psi(A^1)$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^1$ . Since  $\psi(A^1) \supset f(B_k \cap U)$ ,  $f(B_k \cap U)$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^1$ , for each  $k$  which by (4.1) and (4.2) implies that  $f(A)$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^1$ .

**Corollary.** *If  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a  $C^\infty$  function,  $B = \{x \mid (df)(x) = 0\}$ . then  $f(B)$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m)$

$$B_1 = \{x \mid (df_1)(x) = 0\}.$$

By prop 2.  $f_1(B_1)$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^1$  and clearly  $B \subset B_1$ . Hence  $f(B) \subset f(B_1) \times \mathbb{R}^{m-1}$ , so that  $f(B)$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . In the proof of Theorem 1, we shall use the following  $\square$

**Theorem (Fubini).** *If  $F$  is a measurable set in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ , a point in  $\mathbb{R}^p$  denoted by  $(x, y)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^r$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}^{p-r}$ ,  $0 < r < p$ , then the set of  $y \in \mathbb{R}^{p-r}$  such that  $(c, y) \in F$  has measurable zero in  $\mathbb{R}^{p-r}$  for almost all  $c$  if and only if  $F$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ .*

**Proof of theorem 1.** Let  $E_k = \{x \mid \text{rank}(df)(x) = k\}$ . We have

$$A = \bigcup_{k \leq m} E_k.$$

If  $a \in E_k$ ,  $k < m$ , then by a permutation of  $\{f_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq m}$ , we may suppose that if  $u = (f_1, \dots, f_k)$ ,  $(du)(a)$  has rank  $k$ . We can then find  $v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n, v_i : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$ ,  $k+1 \leq i \leq n$ , such that if  $w$  is defined by  $w(x) = (f_1(x), \dots, f_k(x), v_{k+1}(x), \dots, v_n(x))$ , then  $(dw)(a)$  is invertible. By 22 the inverse function theorem there exist neighbourhoods  $U$  and  $V$  of  $a$  and  $w(a)$  respectively, such that  $W|U \rightarrow V$  is a homeomorphism and  $w|U$  and  $w^{-1}|V$  are  $C^\infty$ . We may further suppose that  $V$  is a cube in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Define  $g$  on  $V$  by

$$g(x) = f \circ w^{-1}(x).$$

If  $u = (x_1, \dots, x_k)$ ,  $v = (x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n)$  we have  $g(u, v) = (u, h(u, v))$  where

$$h : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m-k} \text{ is a } C^\infty \text{ map.}$$

Let  $w(a) = (\alpha, \beta)$ .  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^k, \beta \in \mathbb{R}^{n-k}$ . Then  $(df)(a)$  has rank  $k$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow (dg)(w(a)) \text{ has rank } k \\ &\Leftrightarrow (d_2h)(\alpha, \beta) \text{ has rank } 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $F_k = g[w(E_k \cap U)] = f(E_k \cap U)$ . It suffices to prove that  $F_k$  has measure zero. If  $V'$  is the projection of  $V$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{n-k}$ , define the map  $h_c: V' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m-k}$  by  $h_c(v) = h(c, v)$ , when  $(c, v) \in V$ . Let  $W = \{v \in V' \mid (dh_c)(v) = 0\}$ . We have

$$F_k \cap \{u = c\} = \{u = c\} \times \{h_c(W)\}.$$

$h_c: V' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m-k}$  is a  $C^\infty$  function. Hence, by the corollary to Prop. 2,  $h_c(W)$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^{m-k}$ , i.e. the set of points  $y \in \mathbb{R}^{m-k}$  such that  $(c, y) \in F_k$ , has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^{m-k}$ , for all  $c$ . Hence, by Fubini's theorem,  $F_k$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  for every  $k < m$  and this proves the theorem.

**Definition.** If  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a  $C^\infty$  map and  $f = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m)$ , then  $\{f_i\}_{i \leq m}$  are said to be functionally dependent if there exists an open set  $\Omega' \supset f(\Omega)$ , and a  $C^\infty$  map  $g: \Omega' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  such that

(1)  $g^{-1}(0)$  is nowhere dense in  $\Omega'$ .

(2)  $g \circ f = 0$

If  $g$  can be chosen real analytic, we say that  $\{f_i\}$  are analytically dependent.

**Lemma 3.** If  $E$  is any closed set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  then there exists a  $C^\infty$  function  $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \varphi(x) = 0\} = E.$$

*Proof.* If  $E$  is closed, there exists  $\{U_p\}_{p \geq 1}$ , open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , such that  $E = \bigcap_{p \geq 1} U_p$ . There exist compact sets  $\{K_m\}_{m \geq 1}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} K_m = \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } K_p \subset K_{p+1}^0.$$

By the corollary to Theorem 1, 2, there exist  $\varphi_p: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $C^\infty$  maps such that

$$(1) \quad \varphi_p(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x \in E \\ 1 & \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}^n - U_p \end{cases}$$

and

$$(2) \quad 0 \leq \varphi_p(x) \leq 1.$$

Consider  $\|\varphi_p\|_p^{K_p} = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq p} \sup_{x \in K_p} |D^\alpha \varphi_p(x)|$ . Each  $\|\varphi_p\|_p^{K_p}$  is finite. Hence 24  
there exists a sequence  $(\varepsilon_p)$  of +ve numbers such that

$$(4.3) \quad \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon_p \|\varphi_p\|_p^{K_p} < \infty.$$

Let  $f_m$  be defined by

$$f_m(x) = \sum_{p=1}^m \varepsilon_p \varphi_p(x).$$

If  $K$  is any compact set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $K \subset K_r$  for some  $r$ . (4.3) implies in particular that for integer  $m > r$ ,

$$\sum_{p>m} \varepsilon_p \|\varphi_p\|_p^K \leq \sum_{p>m} \varepsilon_p \|\varphi_p\|_p^{K_p} < \infty.$$

Hence  $\{f_m\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $C^\infty$ , and by the completeness of  $C^\infty$  [Theorem 1, §1],  $f_m$  converges to a function  $\varphi$ , in  $C^\infty$ . Clearly  $\varphi$  has the required properties.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** If  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is a  $C^\infty$  map where  $f = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m)$ , then  $\{f_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  are functionally dependent on every compact subset of  $\Omega$  if and only if  $\text{rank}(df)(x) < m$  for  $x \in \Omega$ .

*Proof.* If  $\{f_i\}$  are functionally dependent on the compact set  $K$ , let  $f = \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a  $C^\infty$  map such that  $g \circ f = 0$  and  $g^{-1}(0)$  nowhere dense in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . clearly  $f(K) \subset g^{-1}(0)$  is nowhere dense. If  $\text{rank}(df)(x) = m$  for some  $x \in \overset{\circ}{K}$ , then  $\text{rank}(df)(x) = m$  in an open neighbourhood  $U \subset \overset{\circ}{K}$  of  $x$  and by the rank theorem  $f|U$  is open, so that  $f(U)$  cannot be nowhere dense.  $\square$

- 25 Conversely if  $\text{rank}(df)(x) < m$  for  $x \in \Omega$ , then by Theorem 1, for any subset  $K$  of  $\Omega$ ,  $f(K)$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Hence  $f(K)$  is nowhere dense in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Also  $K$  being compact,  $f(K)$  is closed in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Hence by the above, lemma, there exists a  $C^\infty$  function  $g: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $g^{-1}(0) = f(K)$ , so that  $g \circ f = 0$  on  $K$ .

Only a somewhat weaker statement is true of analytic dependence.

**Theorem 2'.** *If  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is an analytic map, and if  $\text{rank} df(x) < m$  at every point of  $\Omega$ , then there exists a nowhere dense closed set  $E \subset \Omega$  such that for any  $a \in \Omega - E$ , there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $a$ ,  $U \subset \Omega$ , such that  $f_i|U$  are analytically dependent.*

*Proof.* We may suppose that  $\Omega$  is connected. Let  $p = \max. \text{rank}(df)(x)$ , and let  $b \in \Omega$  be such that  $p = \text{rank}(df)(b)$ . This means that there exist  $i_1, \dots, i_p$ , and  $j_1, j_2, \dots, j_p$ , such that if we set  $h(x) = \det \left| \frac{\partial f_{i_r}}{\partial x_{j_s}} \right|$ , we have  $h(b) \neq 0$ . Let  $E = \{x \in \Omega | h(x) = 0\}$ . Since  $h$  is analytic in  $\Omega$  and  $\neq 0$ ,  $E$  can contain no open set, and so is nowhere dense.  $\square$

Now clearly  $\text{rank}(df)(x) = p$  for  $x \in \Omega - E$ . By the rank theorem, given  $a \in \Omega - E$ , there exist neighbourhoods  $U$  of  $a$ ,  $V$  of  $f(a)$ , cubes  $Q_1$ , in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $Q_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and analytic homeomorphisms  $u_1: Q_1 \rightarrow U$ ,  $u_2: V \rightarrow Q_2$  such that  $u_2 \circ f \circ u_1$  is the map which sends  $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$  into the point  $(y_1, \dots, y_p, \dots, 0)$ . If  $u_2 = (u^{(1)}, \dots, u^{(m)})$ , and we take

$$g = u^{(r)}, r > p,$$

then  $g \circ f = 0$  on  $U$ .

- 26 **Example.** If  $\varphi(z)$  is an entire function of the complex variable  $z$ , not a



polynomial, and real on the real axis, (e.g.  $\varphi(z) = e^z$ ), consider the map  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$f(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, x_1 x_2, x_1 f(x_2))$$

It can be shown that there does not exist any analytic function  $g \neq 0$  in a neighbourhood of  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^3$  with  $g \circ f = 0$  in a neighbourhood of  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

## 5 E. Borel's theorem and approximation theorems

**Notation.** If  $f \in C^\infty$ ,  $T(f)$  will denote the formal power series  $\sum_{|\alpha| < \infty} \frac{f^\alpha(0)}{\alpha!} x^\alpha$  and  $T^m(f)$  will denote the polynomial  $\sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \frac{f^\alpha(0)}{\alpha!} x^\alpha$ .

**Definitions.** (1) If  $f \in C^k(\Omega)$  and if  $E$  is a closed subset of  $\Omega$ , then  $f$  is said to be  $m$ -flat on  $E$ , ( $m \leq k$ ), if  $D^\alpha f(x) = 0$  for  $x \in E$  and  $|\alpha| \leq m$ .

(2) If  $f \in C^\infty(\omega)$ ,  $E$  is a closed subset of  $\Omega$  and if  $f$  is  $m$ -flat on  $E$  for every positive integer  $m$ , then  $f$  is said to be flat on  $E$ .

**Lemma 1.** If  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and if  $f$  is  $m$ -flat at 0, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $g \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $g(x) = 0$  in a neighbourhood of 0 and  $\|g - f\|_m^{\mathbb{R}^n} < \varepsilon$ .

*Proof.* By the corollary to Theorem 1, 2, there exists a  $C^\infty$  function  $k: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , such that

$$k(x) \begin{cases} = 0 & \text{for } |x| \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ = 1 & \text{for } |x| \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$k(x) \geq 0.$$

Let  $g_\delta(x) = k\left(\frac{x}{\delta}\right)f(x)$  for  $\delta > 0$ . It is enough to prove that for each  $\alpha$ ,  $|\alpha| \leq m$ ,

$$|(D^\alpha f_\delta)(x) - D^\alpha f(x)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ uniformly on } \mathbb{R}^n \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0.$$

Now we have

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |(D^\alpha g_\delta)(x) - (D^\alpha f)(x)| = \sup_{|x| \leq \delta} |(D^\alpha g_\delta)(x) - (D^\alpha f)(x)|$$

and since  $f$  is  $m$ -flat at 0.

$$\sup_{|x| \leq \delta} |(D^\alpha f)(x)| \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0, \text{ for } |\alpha| \leq m.$$

By Leibniz' formula.

$$D^\alpha g_\delta(x) = \sum_{\mu+\nu=\alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\nu} \delta^{-|\nu|} (D^\nu k)\left(\frac{x}{\delta}\right) (D^\mu f)(x).$$

For each  $\nu$ , there exists a constant  $M_\nu$ , such that  $|(D^\nu k)(x)| \leq M_\nu$ .  
Hence

$$|(D^\alpha g_\delta)(x)| \leq \sum_{\mu+\nu=\alpha} M_\nu \binom{\alpha}{\nu} \delta^{-|\nu|} |(D^\mu f)(x)|$$

now  $(D^\mu f)(x)$  is  $(m - |\mu|)$  flat at 0. Therefore,

$$|(D^\mu f)(x)| = o(|x|^{m-|\mu|}) \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0$$

so that  $\sup_{|x| \leq \delta} |(D^\mu f)(x)| = o(\delta^{m-|\mu|})$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^{-|\nu|} |(D^\mu f)(x)| &= o(\delta^{m-|\mu|-|\nu|}) \\ &= o(1). \end{aligned}$$

**28** Hence for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ ,  $(D^\alpha g_\delta)(x) \rightarrow 0$  uniformly as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  i.e.,  $\|g_\delta - f\|_{M\mathbb{R}^n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  Q.E.D.  $\square$

Note that the function  $g$  in the above lemma is  $m$  in particular, flat at 0.

**Theorem 1** (E. Borel). *Given an arbitrarily family  $\{C_\alpha\}$  of constants there exists  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $T(f) = \sum_{|\alpha| < \infty} C_\alpha x^\alpha$ , i.e.,  $\frac{D^\alpha f(0)}{\alpha!} = C_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} C_\alpha x^\alpha = P_m(x)$ .

By the lemma above there, exists  $g_m \in C^\infty$ , flat at 0, such that

$$\|P_{m+1} - P_m - g_m\| < 2^{-m}.$$

Clearly because of the completeness of  $C^\infty$

$$f = P_0 + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (P_{m+1} - P_m - g_m) \in C^\infty,$$

and, for any  $k$ ,  $\sum_{m \geq k} (P_{m+1} - P_m - g_m)$  is  $k$ -flat at 0. Hence

$$T^k(f) = T^k \left( P_0 + \sum_0^{k-1} (P_{m+1} - P_m - g_m) \right) = P_k.$$

This theorem of Borel is a very special case important theorems of  $H.$  Whitney [46] on differentiable functions on closed sets. We state, without proof, his main theorem in this direction. A simplified version of his proof is contained in the paper [12] of  $G.$  Glaeser. A systematic account of this circle of ideas will be found in a forthcoming book  $B.$  Malgrange [26] on ideals of differentiable functions.  $\square$  29

### Extension theorem of Whitney

Part 1. Let  $k$  be an integer  $> 0$ ,  $\Omega$  open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $E$  a closed subset of  $\Omega$ . To every  $n$ -tuple  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  of nonnegative integers with  $|\alpha| \leq k$ , suppose given a continuous function  $f_\alpha$  on  $E$ . Then there exists  $f \in C^k(\Omega)$  with  $D^\alpha f|_E = f_\alpha$  for  $|\alpha| \leq k$  if and only if for any  $\alpha$ ,  $|\alpha| \leq k$ , we have

$$f_\alpha(x) = \sum_{|\beta| \leq k-|\alpha|} \frac{f_\alpha + \beta(y)}{\beta!} (x-y)^\beta + o(|x-y|^{k-|\alpha|})$$

uniformly for  $x, y$  in any compact subset of  $E$ , as  $|x-y| \rightarrow 0$ .

Part 2. Given a continuous function  $f_\alpha$  on  $E$  for all  $n$ -tuples  $\alpha$ , there exists  $f \in C^\infty(\Omega)$  with

$$D^\alpha f \Big|_E = f_\alpha \text{ for all } \alpha,$$

if and only if we have for any integer  $k > 0$  and any compact  $K \subset E$ ,

$$f_\alpha(x) = \sum_{|\beta| \leq k} \frac{f_\alpha + \beta(y)}{\beta!} (x-y)^\beta + o(|x-y|^k)$$

uniformly as  $|x-y| \rightarrow 0$ ,  $x, y \in K$

Borel's theorem is the special case of this second part in which  $E$  reduces to a single point.

**Theorem 2** (Weierstrass). *If  $f \in C^k(\Omega)$ ,  $0 \leq k < \infty$ , given a compact subset  $K$  of  $\Omega$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a polynomial  $p(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  such that  $\|f - p\|_k^k < \varepsilon$ .*

**30** *Proof.* Without loss of generality we may assume that  $f$  has compact support. □

For  $\lambda > 0$ , define  $g_\lambda(x)$  by

$$(5.1) \quad g_\lambda(x) = c\lambda^{n/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y) e^{-\lambda\|x-y\|^2} dy,$$

where  $c$  is the constant given by

$$c \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\|x\|^2} dx = 1.$$

Then obviously  $c\lambda^{n/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\lambda\|x\|^2} dx = 1$ . We shall show that  $\|g_\lambda - f\|_k^K \rightarrow 0$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ . By uniform convergence of the integral in (5.1) and by a suitable change of variable, we have,

$$D^\alpha g_\lambda(x) = c\lambda^{n/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (D^\alpha f)(y) e^{-\lambda\|x-y\|^2} dy.$$

Hence  $D^\alpha g_\lambda(x) - D^\alpha f(x) = c\lambda^{n/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} [D^\alpha f(y) - D^\alpha f(x)] e^{-\lambda\|x-y\|^2} dy$ .

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$(5.2) \quad |(D^\alpha f)(y) - (D^\alpha f)(x)| < \varepsilon/2 \text{ for } \|x - y\| \leq \delta.$$

Since  $f$  has compact support and  $f \in C^k$ , there exists a constant  $M$  such that for any  $\alpha$ ,  $|\alpha| \leq k$ ,

$$(5.3) \quad |D^\alpha f(y)| < M.$$

By (5.2) and (5.3)

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$$\begin{aligned} & |(D^\alpha g_\lambda)(x) - (D^\alpha f)(x)| \\ &= \left| c\lambda^{n/2} \int_{\|x-y\| < \delta} [D^\alpha f(y) - D^\alpha f(x)] e^{-\lambda\|x-y\|^2} dy + c\lambda^{n/2} \int_{\|x-y\| \geq \delta} [D^\alpha f(y) - D^\alpha f(x)] e^{-\lambda\|x-y\|^2} dy \right| \\ &\leq \varepsilon/2 c\lambda^{n/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\lambda\|x-y\|^2} dy + 2M.C.\lambda^{n/2} \int_{\|x-y\| \geq \delta} e^{-\lambda\|x-y\|^2} dy \\ &\leq \varepsilon/2 + 2Mc\lambda^{n/2} e^{-\lambda\frac{\delta^2}{2}} \int_{\|x-y\| \geq \delta} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda\|x-y\|^2} dy. \end{aligned}$$

The product  $c\lambda^{n/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\frac{\lambda}{2}\|x-y\|^2} dy = 2^n$  and  $\lambda\frac{n}{2} e^{-\lambda\frac{\delta^2}{2}} \rightarrow 0$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ .

Hence we have  $|(D^\alpha g_\lambda)(x) - (D^\alpha f)(x)| \rightarrow 0$  uniformly as  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$  for  $|\alpha| \leq k$ ; i.e.

$$\|g_\lambda - f\|_k^K \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty.$$

Choose  $\lambda_0$  such that

$$\|g_{\lambda_0} - f\|_k^K < \varepsilon/2.$$

Now, 
$$e^{-\lambda_0 \|x-y\|^2} = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\lambda_0)^p}{p!} \|x-y\|^{2p}.$$

If we set  $Q_N(x, y) = \sum_{p=0}^N \frac{(-\lambda_0)^p}{p!} \|x-y\|^{2p}$ , then  $D_x^\alpha Q_N(x, y) \rightarrow D_x^\alpha e^{-\lambda_0 \|x-y\|^2}$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , uniformly for  $x, y$  in a compact set. Hence, if

$$P_N(x) = c\lambda_0^{n/2} \int f(y) Q_N(x, y) dy,$$

then  $P_N$  is a polynomial and  $\|f - P_N\|_K^k \rightarrow 0$  for any compact set  $K$ .

**Corollary 1.** *If  $\Omega_i$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}^{n_i}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  then the finite linear combinations  $\sum_{\mu, \nu} \varphi_\mu(x_1) \psi_\nu(x_2) \left\{ x_i \text{ denoting a general point in } \mathbb{R}^{n_i} \right\}$  where  $\varphi_\mu(x_1)$  is  $C^\infty$  in  $\Omega_1$ ,  $\psi_\nu(x_2)$  in  $\Omega_2$ , are dense in the space  $C^k(\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2)$ .*

Since the topology on  $C^k(\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2)$  involves only approximation on compact sets, by multiplying  $\varphi_\mu, \psi_\nu$  by suitable functions with compact support we obtain

**Corollary 2.** *With the notation as in Cor. 1. the finite linear combinations  $\sum \varphi_\mu(x_1) \psi_\nu(x_2)$ , where the  $\varphi_\mu, \psi_\nu$  are  $C^\infty$  functions with compact support in  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  respectively, are dense in  $C^k(\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2)$ .*

**Theorem 3 (Whitney).** *If  $\Omega$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a  $C^k$  map ( $0 \leq k \leq \infty$ ) then for any continuous function  $\eta > 0$  on  $\Omega$ , there exists an analytic function  $g$  in  $\Omega$  such that for any  $x \in \Omega$ , we have  $|D^\alpha f(x) - D^\alpha g(x)| < \eta(x)$  for  $0 \leq |\alpha| \leq \min\left(k, \frac{1}{\eta(x)}\right)$ .*

If  $K_p$  is any sequence of compact subsets of  $\Omega$ ,  $K_p \subset K_{p+1}^\circ, \cup K_p = \Omega$  and if  $\varepsilon_p > 0$ , there exists a continuous function  $\eta$  on  $\Omega$  with  $\eta(x) < \varepsilon_p$  on  $K_{p+1} - K_p$ . Consequently, Theorem 3 is equivalent with the following

**Theorem 3'.** *If  $\Omega$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ;  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  is  $C^k$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq \infty$ , and if  $\{K_p\}$  are compact subsets of  $\Omega$  such that  $\bigcup_{p \geq 1} K_p = \Omega$   $K_0 = \phi$  and  $K_p \subset K_{p+1}^\circ$  then given a sequence  $\{\varepsilon_p\}$  of positive numbers  $\varepsilon_p \downarrow 0$ , and*

a sequence  $\{m_p\}$  of non-negative integers with  $0 \leq m_p \leq k$ , there exists an analytic function  $g: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\|f - g\|_{m_p}^{K_{p+1}-K_p} > \varepsilon_p$  for every  $p \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* We may assume that  $m_{p+1} \geq m_p$  for  $p \geq 1$ . Using Leibniz' formula we see at once that there is a sequence  $\{C_p\}$  of numbers  $C_p \geq 1$ , such that for  $\varphi, \psi \in C^{m_p}(\Omega)$  and say subset  $E$  of  $\Omega$ , we have

$$\|\varphi\psi\|_{m_p}^E \leq C_p \|\varphi\|_{m_p}^E \|\psi\|_{m_p}^E.$$

By Theorem 1, §2, there exist functions  $\varphi_p \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_p & \text{ has compact support in } \Omega, \\ \varphi_p(x) &= 0 \text{ for } x \text{ in a neighbourhood of } K_{p-1} \\ &= 1 \text{ for } x \text{ is a neighbourhood of } (K_{p+1}^- - K_p). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $M_p = \|\varphi_p\|_{m_p} + 1$ . Choose a sequence  $\{\delta_p\}$  of positive numbers  $\delta_p \downarrow 0$  such that

$$(5.4) \quad \sum_{q \geq p} C_m M_{q+1} \delta < \frac{1}{4} \varepsilon_p \text{ for all } p \geq 0.$$

For a continuous function  $f$ ,  $I_\lambda(f)$  will denote the function with  $I_\lambda(f)(x) = c \lambda^{n/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y) e^{-\|x-y\|^2}$  by where  $c$  is chosen so that  $c \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\|x\|^2} dx = 1$ . By theorem 2, we may choose  $\lambda_0$  such that, if  $g_0 = I_{\lambda_0}(\varphi_0 f)$ , 34

$$\|g_0 - \varphi_0 f\|_{m_0}^{K_1} < \delta_0.$$

For  $p \geq 1$ , let

$$g_p = I_{\lambda_p} \left[ \varphi_p \left( f - \sum_0^{p-1} g_i \right) \right]$$

where  $\lambda_p$  is so chosen that

$$(5.5) \quad \|g_p - \varphi_p \left( f - \sum_0^{p-1} g_i \right)\|_{m_p}^{K_{p+1}} < \delta_p.$$

Note that, for  $p \geq 1$ ,  $\lambda_p$  can be chosen to be any number  $>$  a constant  $l_p$  depending only on  $\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_{p-1}$ . The inequality (5.5) implies, in particular, that

$$(5.6) \quad \|g_p\|_{m_p}^{K_{p+1}} < \delta_p$$

and

$$(5.7) \quad \|f - \sum_0^p g_p\|_{m_p}^{K_{p+1}-K_p} < \delta_p$$

Consequently, (5.5), with  $p$  replaced by  $p + 1$ , implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_{p+1}\|_{m_p}^{K_{p+1}-K_p} &\leq \|\varphi_{p+1}\| \left( f - \sum_0^p g_q \right) \|g_q\|_{m_p}^{K_{p+1}-K_p} + \delta_{p+1} \\ &\leq C_p \|\varphi_{p+1}\|_{m_p} \left\| \left( f - \sum_0^p g_q \right) \right\|_{m_p}^{K_{p+1}-K_p} + \delta_{p+1} \\ &\leq C_p M_{p+1} \delta_p + \delta_{p+1} \leq 2\delta_p C_p M_{p+1}; \end{aligned}$$

35 also  $\|g_{p+1}\|_{m_p}^{K_p} \leq \delta + p + 1$ .

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_{p+1}\|_{m_p}^{K_{p+1}} &\leq 2\delta_p C_p M_{p+1} \\ \text{i.e.,} \quad \left\| \sum_{p+1}^{\infty} g_q \right\|_{m_p}^{K_{p+1}} &\leq 2 \sum_{q>p} \delta_q C_p M_{q+1} < \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_p. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by the completeness of  $C^k$ ,

$$g = \sum_0^{\infty} g_q \in C^{m_p}$$

$$\text{and } \|f - g\|_{m_p}^{K_{p+1}-K_p} \leq \|f - \sum_0^p g_i\|_{m_p}^{K_{p+1}-K_p} + \left\| \sum_{p+1}^{\infty} g_i \right\|_{m_p}^{K_{p+1}-K_p} < \delta_p + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_p < \varepsilon_p.$$



Now we shall prove that  $g$  is analytic if the  $\lambda_p$  are suitably chosen. By definition,

$$g_q(x) = c\lambda_q^{n/2} \int_{\Omega_q} (y) \left[ f(y) - \sum_0^{q-1} g_i(y) \right] e^{-\lambda_q \|x-y\|^2} dy$$

and  $\varphi_q$  has compact support. Hence  $g_q$  is analytic for such each  $q$ . Let  $2\mu_p = d(K_p, \Omega - K_{p+1})$ ; clearly  $\mu_p > 0$ . There is an open set  $U_p$  in  $\mathbb{C}^m$ ,  $U_p \supset K_p$  such that if  $z \in U_p$ ,  $y \in \Omega - K_{p+1}$ , then

$$Re \left[ (z_1 - y_1)^2 + \cdots + (z_n - y_n)^2 \right] > \mu_p.$$

□

For any  $q$ , define

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$$g_q(z) = c\lambda_q^{n/2} \int_{\Omega} \phi_q(y) \left[ f(y) - \sum_{r=0}^{q-1} g_r(y) \right] e^{-\lambda_q [(z_1 - y_1)^2 + \cdots + (z_n - y_n)^2]} dy$$

Since  $\phi_q$  has compact support,  $g_q$  is an entire function of  $z_1, \dots, z_n$ . Further, for  $q > p + 1$ , the integral defining  $g_q$  may be replaced by  $\int_{\Omega - K_{p+1}}$  since  $\varphi_q = 0$  on  $K_{p+1}$ ; hence

$$(5.8) \quad |g_q(z)| \leq c\lambda_q^{n/2} H_q e^{-\lambda_q \mu_p}, \quad \text{for } q > p + 1, z \in U_p;$$

here  $H_q$  is a constant depending only on  $\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_{q-1}$ . We can choose, by induction,  $\lambda_q$  such that  $\lambda_q > l_q$  (the constant depending on  $\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_{q-1}$  which is involved in the validity of the inequality (5.5)) and such that the series.

$$\sum \lambda_q^{n/2} H_q e^{-\lambda_q \mu} < \infty \text{ for any } \mu > 0.$$

[It suffices, e.g. to choose  $\lambda_q$  such that  $\lambda_q^{n/2} H_q(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_{q-1}) e^{-\frac{\lambda_q}{q}} < \frac{1}{q^2}$ .]

For this choice of the sequence  $\lambda_q$ , the inequality (5.8) implies that the series  $\sum g_q(z)$  converges uniformly for  $z \in U_p$ ; hence the sum is holomorphic in  $U_p$  for any  $p$ . Since  $g$  is the restriction of this sum to  $\Omega$ ,  $g$  is real analytic in  $\Omega$ .

37 We shall now consider analogues of these theorems for approximation by polynomials in complex variables. Clearly, since a uniform limit of holomorphic functions is holomorphic, we can at best hope to approximate *holomorphic* functions by polynomials. But there are geometric and analytic conditions on an open set  $U$  in the space  $\mathbb{C}^n$  in order that any holomorphic function on  $U$  be approximable by polynomials.

**Definition.** An open set  $U \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  is called a Runge domain if every holomorphic function  $f$  on  $U$  can be approximated by polynomials, uniformly on every compact subset of  $U$ .

The following theorem is contained in a general approximation theorem which we shall prove in Chap. III. For a simple direct proof based on Cauchy's integral formula (the original proof of Runge) see e.g [4].

**Theorem (Runge).** *An open connected set  $U$  in the complex plane is Runge domain if and only if  $U$  is simply connected.*

Let  $U$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\alpha: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , a continuous function such that  $\alpha(z) > 0$ . Let  $dv$  denote Lebesgue measure in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , and let  $A(\alpha)$  denote the set of holomorphic functions  $f$  on  $U$  for which  $\int |f(z)|^2 \alpha(z) dv < \infty$ .

**Lemma 1.** *For  $f, g \in A(\alpha)$ , set  $(f, g) = \int f(z) \overline{g(z)} \alpha(z) dv$ . Then  $A(\alpha)$  is a Hilbert space with the inner product  $(f, g)$ .*

*Proof.* In view of the completeness of the space  $L^2(\alpha; dv)$  it suffices to prove that if  $f_p \in A(\alpha)$  and

$$\int_U |f_p(z) - f_q(z)|^2 \alpha(z) dv \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } p, q \rightarrow \infty,$$

38 then  $f_p$  converges uniformly on compact subsets of  $U$ . Since  $\alpha$  is bounded below by a positive constant on any compact subset of  $U$ , this assertion follows from the following □

**Lemma 2.** *If  $\{f_p\}$  is a sequence of holomorphic functions such that  $\int_U |f_p - f_q|^2 dv \rightarrow 0$  as  $p, q \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $f_p$  is uniformly convergent on every compact subset of  $U$ .*

*Proof.* If  $g(z)$  is holomorphic in a neighbourhood of the closed disc  $|z - a| \leq \rho$  in the plane it follows from Cauchy's integral formula that

$$g(a) = \frac{1}{\pi\rho^2} \int_{|z-a|\leq\rho} g(a+z)dv.$$

□

Applying this  $n$  times, we find that if  $h(z_1, \dots, z_n)$  is holomorphic in a neighbourhood of the set  $|z_1 - a_1| \leq \rho, \dots, |z_n - a_n| \leq \rho$ , then

$$h(a) = \frac{1}{(\pi\rho^2)^n} \int_{|z-a|\leq\rho} h(a+z)dv.$$

Let  $K$  be a compact subset of  $U$  and let  $\rho > 0$  be so small that the set  $K_\rho = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid \exists a \in K \text{ with } |z - a| \leq \rho\}$  is compact in  $U$ . Then, for  $a \in K$ , if  $f$  is holomorphic in  $U$ ,

$$|f(a)|^2 = \frac{1}{(\pi\rho^2)^n} \left| \int_{|z-a|\leq\rho} (f(a+z))^2 dv \right|$$

so that

$$\sup_{a \in K} |f(a)|^2 \leq \frac{1}{(\pi\rho^2)^n} \int_{K_\rho} |f(z)|^2 dv.$$

Lemma 2 follows if we apply this inequality to the differences  $f_p - f_q$ . 39

Let  $\varphi_\nu$  be a complete orthonormal system in  $A(\alpha)$ . Then we have, for any  $f \in A(\alpha)$ ,  $f = \sum C_\nu \varphi_\nu$  where  $C_\nu = (f, \varphi_\nu)$  and the series converges in the Hilbert space  $A(\alpha)$ . From Lemma 2 we deduce

**Lemma 3.** *If  $\{\varphi_\nu\}$  is a complete orthonormal system in  $A(\alpha)$ , then any  $f \in A(\alpha)$  can be approximated, uniformly on compact subsets of  $U$ , by finite (complex) linear combinations  $\sum_{\nu=1}^p C_\nu \varphi_\nu$ .*

**Proposition.** *If  $U$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $V$  an open set in  $\mathbb{C}^m$  and  $\alpha: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\beta: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are positive continuous functions and if  $\{\varphi_\nu\}$ ,  $\{\psi_\mu\}$  are complete orthonormal systems in the Hilbert spaces  $A(\alpha)$  and  $A(\beta)$  respectively, then  $\{\varphi_\nu\psi_\mu\}$  is a complete orthonormal system in  $A(\alpha \times \beta)$  where  $\alpha \times \beta: U \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by*

$$(\alpha \times \beta)(z, w) = \alpha(z)\beta(w).$$

*Proof.* We have only to show that  $\{\varphi_\nu\psi_\mu\}$  form a complete system in  $A(\alpha \times \beta)$ .  $\square$

Let  $f(z, w) \in A(\alpha)$  be such that

$$\int f(z, w)\alpha(z)\beta(w)\overline{\varphi_\nu(z)}\overline{\psi_\mu(w)}dv = 0$$

for each  $\nu$  and  $\mu$ ,  $dv$ , Lebesgue measure in  $\mathbb{C}^{n+m}$ .

We have to show that  $f(z, w) = 0$ . Let  $dv_z, dv_w$  be the Lebesgue measures in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\mathbb{C}^m$  respectively. If we show that for any  $\mu$ , the integral  $g(z) = g^{(\mu)}(z) = \int f(z, w)\beta(w)\overline{\psi_\mu(w)}dv_w$ , which exists for almost all  $z$ , defines a function in  $A(\alpha)$ , the proof follows immediately from the completeness of  $\{\varphi_\nu\}$  and  $\{\psi_\mu\}$ . Let  $K_p$  be compact subsets of  $V$  such that  $\bigcup K_p = V$  and  $K_p \subset K_{p+1}$ .

Define  $g_p(z)$  by

$$g_p(z) = \int_{K_p} f(z, w)\beta(w)\overline{\psi_\mu(w)}dv_w.$$

Then  $g_p$  is holomorphic in  $U$ . We have for  $q > p$ ,

$$g_q(z) - g_p(z) = \int_{K_q - K_p} f(z, w)\beta(w)\overline{\psi_\mu(w)}dv_w.$$

By Schwarz's inequality,

$$|g_q(z) - g_p(z)|^2 \leq \int_{K_q - K_p} |f(z, w)|^2 \beta(w) dv \int_{K_q - K_p} |\psi_\mu(w)|^2 \beta(w) dv_w$$

$$\leq \int_{K_q - K_p} |f(z, w)|^2 \beta(w) dv, \text{ since } \|\psi_\mu\| = 1 \text{ in } A(\beta)$$

Hence

$$\int_U |g_q(z) - g_p(z)|^2 \alpha(z) dv_z \leq \int_{U \times (K_q - K_p)} |f(z, w)|^2 \alpha(z) \beta(w) dv_w$$

and 
$$\int_{U \times (K_q - K_p)} |f(z, w)|^2 \alpha(z) \beta(w) dv_w \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } p, q \rightarrow \infty$$

since  $f \in A(\alpha \times \beta)$ .

Hence  $\int_{\overset{K}{U}} |g_q(z) - g_p(z)|^2 dv_z \rightarrow 0$  as  $p, q \rightarrow \infty$  for any compact subset of  $U$  and, by Lemma 2,  $g_q$  converges uniformly to a holomorphic function  $g(z)$ . Further we clearly have

$\int_U |g_p(z)|^2 \alpha(z) dv_z \leq \int_{U \times V} |f(z, w)|^2 \alpha(z) \beta(w) dv$ , so that  $g \in A(\alpha)$ , and proposition is proved.

**Theorem 4.** *If  $U$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $V$  an open set in  $\mathbb{C}^m$ , the linear combinations  $\sum \varphi_i(z) \psi_j(w)$ , where  $\varphi_i$  and  $\psi_j$  are holomorphic functions on  $U$  and  $V$  respectively, are dense in the space of holomorphic functions on  $U \times V$  (with the topology of uniform convergence on compact sets).*

*Proof.* Let  $f(z, w)$  be a holomorphic function on  $U \times V$ . Since  $f$  is continuous on  $U \times V$  there exists a positive continuous function  $\eta: U \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f \in A(\eta)$ , i.e.  $\int_{U \times V} |f|^2 \eta dv$  is finite. Let  $K_p, L_q$  be compact subsets of  $U$  and  $V$  respectively such that  $\bigcup_{p \geq 1} K_p = U$  and  $\bigcup_{q \geq 1} L_q = V$  and  $K_p \subset \overset{\circ}{K}_{p+1}, L_q \subset \overset{\circ}{L}_{q+1}$ . Then

$$\bigcup_{p \geq 1} (K_p \times L_p) = U \times V.$$

□

There exist positive numbers  $\varepsilon_p$  such that  $\eta(z, w) \geq \varepsilon_p > 0$  on  $K_p \times L_p$  and  $\varepsilon_p \leq 1$ . There exist positive continuous functions  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  on  $U$  and  $V$  respectively such that

$$\alpha(z) \leq \varepsilon_p \text{ for } z \text{ in } (K_p - K_{p-1})$$

and

$$\beta(w) \leq \varepsilon_p \text{ for } w \text{ in } (L_p - L_{p-1}).$$

42 This is easily deduced from Theorem 1. §2. Now

$$\{K_p \times L_p\} - \{K_{p-1} \times L_{p-1}\} = \{K_p \times (L_p - L_{p-1})\} \cup \{(K_p - K_{p-1}) \times L_p\}.$$

It follows trivially that  $\alpha(z)\beta(w) \leq \varepsilon_p \leq \eta(z, w)$  for  $(z, w) \in (K_p \times L_p - K_{p-1} \times L_{p-1})$  for each  $p$  i.e.  $\eta(z, w) \geq \alpha(z)\beta(w)$  for  $(z, w) \in U \times V$ . Hence  $f \in A(\alpha \times \beta)$ .

If  $\{\varphi_\nu\}$  and  $\{\psi_\mu\}$  form complete orthonormal systems of  $A(\alpha)$  and  $A(\beta)$  respectively, then by the last proposition,  $\{\varphi_\nu\psi_\mu\}$  form a complete orthonormal system of  $A(\alpha \times \beta)$ ; by Lemma 3 the finite linear combinations  $\sum C_{\nu\mu}\varphi_\nu(z)\psi_\mu(w)$  approximate  $f$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $U \times V$ . q.e.d

**Corollary.** *If  $U$  is Runge in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $V$  is Runge in  $\mathbb{C}^m$ , then  $U \times V$  is Runge in  $\mathbb{C}^{n+m}$ ; in particular, if  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  are simply connected plane domains, then  $U_1 \times \dots \times U_n$  is Runge in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .*

We shall deal with deeper properties of Runge domains in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  later.

## 6 Ordinary differential equations

**Lemma 1.** *If  $I$  is an interval, containing 0, in  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $w: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous map such that  $w(t) \geq 0$  and if  $w(t) \leq M \int_0^t w(s)ds + \eta$ , then  $w(t) \leq \eta e^{Mt}$ .*

43 *Proof.* We have, for  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$e^{Mt} \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ e^{-Mt} \int_0^t w(s)ds \right\} = w(t) - M \int_0^t w(s)ds \leq \eta.$$

hence 
$$\frac{d}{dt} \left\{ e^{-Mt} \int_0^t w(s) ds \right\} \leq \eta e^{-Mt}$$

i.e. 
$$\int_0^t w(s) ds \leq \eta \frac{1 - e^{-Mt}}{M} e^{Mt}.$$

□

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\Omega$  and  $\Omega'$  be open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbb{R}^m$  respectively,  $I$  an open interval in  $\mathbb{R}^1$  with  $0 \in I$ ,  $f : \Omega \times I \times \Omega' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  a continuous map. We denote a point in  $\Omega \times I \times \Omega'$  by  $(x, t, \alpha)$ . If  $f$  is uniformly Lipschitz with respect to  $x$  on every subset  $K \times I \times K'$  of  $\Omega \times I \times \Omega'$ ,  $K, K'$  being compact subsets of  $\Omega$  and  $\Omega'$  respectively, then given  $x_0 \in \Omega$ , there exists an interval  $I_0 = \{t \mid |t| < \varepsilon\}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  and a unique continuous map  $x : I_0 \times K' \rightarrow \Omega$  such that

$$(6.1) \quad f(x(t, \alpha), t, \alpha) = \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t, \alpha)$$

and

$$(6.2) \quad x(0, \alpha) = x_0.$$

Further if the condition that  $f$  is Lipschitz is replaced by the (stronger) condition that  $f \in C^k(\Omega \times I \times \Omega')$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq \infty$ , then  $x \in C^k(I_0 \times K')$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be the Lipschitz constant, i.e.

$$\|f(x, t, \alpha) - f(y, t, \alpha)\| \leq M \|x - y\| \text{ for } x, y \in K \text{ and } \alpha \in K'.$$

□

Consider  $\Omega_0 = \{x \mid \|x - x_0\| \leq r\} \subset \Omega$  and let  $\Omega_0 \subset K$ . Clearly  $|f|$  is 44 bounded on  $\Omega_0 \times I \times K'$ , say by  $C$ . Let  $\varepsilon' > 0$  be such that

$$\{t \mid |t| < \varepsilon'\} \subset I$$

Let  $I_0 = \left\{t \mid |t| < \varepsilon, \varepsilon = \min\left(\varepsilon', \frac{r}{c}\right)\right\}$ . For  $n \geq 0$ , define functions  $x_n: I_0 \times K' \rightarrow \Omega_0$  by  $x_0(t, \alpha) = x_0$

$$(6.3) \quad x_n(t, \alpha) = x_0 + \int_0^t f(x_{n-1}(\tau, \alpha), \tau, \alpha) d\tau.$$

It is easily seen, by induction, that  $x_n(t, \alpha) \in \Omega_0$  and that  $\|x_n - x_{n+1}\| \leq \frac{m^{n-1}|t^n|C}{n!}$ . Hence as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x_n(t, \alpha)$  converges uniformly to a function  $x(t, \alpha)$ . Clearly  $x(t, \alpha)$  is continuous and from (6.3), it follows that

$$x(t, \alpha) = x_0 + \int_0^t f(x(\tau, \alpha), \tau, \alpha) d\tau$$

so that  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(t, \alpha) = f(x(t, \alpha), t, \alpha)$  and  $x(0, \alpha) = x_0$ . If  $x$  and  $y$  are two continuous functions satisfying the differential equation (6.1) and the initial condition (6.2), let

45  $u(t, \alpha) = x(t, \alpha) - y(t, \alpha)$ ; then  $u$  is continuous and  $\|u(t, \alpha)\| \leq M \int_0^t \|u(\tau, \alpha)\| d\tau$  for  $t \geq 0$ . By Lemma 1 with  $\eta = 0$ , we conclude that  $u(t, \alpha) = 0$  for  $t \geq 0$ . Similar arguments apply to the range  $t \leq 0$ . This proves the uniqueness of the solution.

To prove the last part of the theorem, we shall first show that if  $f \in C^1$ , then  $x \in C^1$ . If  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m)$ , it is enough to prove that  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial \alpha_i}$  exists and is continuous for each  $i$ , since (6.1) implies apply if  $t < 0$ .

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} A(t, \alpha) &= (d_1 f)(x(t, \alpha), t, \alpha); \\ B(t, \alpha) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial \alpha_i}(x(t, \alpha), t, \alpha). \end{aligned}$$

$A$  is, for each  $t, \alpha$ , a linear map of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into itself. Since  $f$  is  $C^1$ ,  $A(t, \alpha)$  is a continuous linear map and  $B(t, \alpha)$  is continuous. Therefore the linear



differential equation

$$(6.4) \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = A(t, \alpha)y + B(t, \alpha)$$

for  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , has a solution  $y(t, \alpha)$ , which is continuous in  $t$  and  $\alpha$ , and for which  $y(0, \alpha) = 0$ . If  $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m) \in K'$ , hereafter  $\alpha$  will denote  $(c_1, c_2, \dots, \alpha_i, \dots, c_m)$  and  $\alpha^h$  the point,  $(c_1, c_2, \dots, \alpha_i + h, \dots, c_m)$ . Consider  $\frac{x(t, \alpha^h) - x(t, \alpha)}{h} = \beta_h(t)$ . Then since  $f \in C^1$ , by Taylor's formula,

$$\beta_h(t) = \int_0^t [A(s, \alpha) + \varepsilon_1(h, \alpha, s)]\beta_h(s) + \beta(s, \alpha) + \varepsilon_2(s, h)] ds$$

where, for fixed  $h, \alpha$  and  $s$ ,  $\varepsilon_1$  is an endomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\varepsilon_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and both tend uniformly to zero as  $h \rightarrow 0$ . Hence **46**

$$|\beta_h(t)| \leq M_1 \int_0^t |\beta_h| ds + M_2$$

for some  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  independent of  $h$ . Hence, by Lemma 1,

$$|\beta_h(t)| \leq e^{M_1 t} M_2 \text{ and } \beta_h \text{ is bounded as } h \rightarrow 0.$$

Let  $\beta_h(t) - y(t, \alpha) = z_h(t)$ ; then

$$|z_h(t)| \leq \int_0^t |A(s, \alpha)| \cdot |z_h(s)| ds + \varepsilon_1^1 \int_0^t |z_h(s)| ds + \varepsilon_2'$$

where  $\varepsilon_1'$  and  $\varepsilon_2' \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ . Also  $\int_0^t |\beta_h(s)| ds$  is bounded.

Hence  $|z_h(t)| \leq \int_0^t |A(s, \alpha)| |z_h(s)| ds + \varepsilon$  where  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ . By

Lemma 1, this implies that

$$|z_h(t)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0$$

i.e.

$$x \in C^1 \text{ and } \frac{\partial x}{\partial \alpha_i} = y(t, \alpha).$$

If  $f \in C^k$ , assume, by induction, that the result is proved for functions in  $C^{k-1}$ . Then  $x \in C^{k-1}$ , so that  $A(t, \alpha), B(t, \alpha) \in C^{k-1}$ ; because of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = A(t, \alpha)y + B(t, \alpha),$$

- 47 and the induction hypothesis,  $y \in C^{k-1}$ . Since  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial \alpha_i} = y(t, \alpha)$  and  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} = f(x, t, \alpha)$ , it follows that  $x \in C^k$ .

**Corollary.** *If  $f: \Omega \times I \times \Omega' \rightarrow \Omega'$  is in  $C^k$ , then the function  $x(t, \alpha, x_0)$  for which*

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, t, \alpha), x(0, \alpha, x_0) = x_0$$

is  $C^k$  in  $I \times \Omega' \times \Omega$ .

We have only to consider the equation

$$(6.4) \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = g(y, t, \alpha, x_0),$$

where  $g(y, t, \alpha, x_0) = f(x_0 + y, t, \alpha)$ , on  $\Omega \times I \times \Omega' \times \Omega$ ; we have

$$x(t, \alpha, x_0) = y(t, \alpha),$$

if  $y(t, \alpha)$  is the solution of (6.4) with  $y(0, \alpha) = x_0$ .

**Remark.** If the function  $f$  in the above theorem is real analytic, then there exists a neighbourhood  $U \times D \times U'$  of  $\Omega \times I \times \Omega'$  in  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1+m}$  such that  $f$  has holomorphic extension to  $U \times D \times U'$ . Then the equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, t, \alpha) \text{ for } (x, t, \alpha) \in U \times D \times U'$$

has a holomorphic solution  $x(t, \alpha)$  in  $D_0 \times U'$ . We set  $x_0(t, \alpha) = x_0$ ,

$$x_k(t, \alpha) = x_0 + \int_0^t f(x_{k-1}(\tau, \alpha), \tau, \alpha) d\tau,$$

48 the integral being taken along the line joining 0 to  $t$ . Each  $x_k$  is holomorphic and hence so is  $x(t, \alpha) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k(t, \alpha)$ . Since by induction, each  $x_k$  is real for real  $t$ , so is  $x$ , so that by the uniqueness assertion, the restriction of  $x$  to  $I_0 \times \Omega'$  is the solution of the differential equation in  $I_0 \times \Omega'$ . Hence this solution is real analytic.

{ For all this material and further developments, see Coddington and Levinson [8]. }



# Chapter 2

## Manifolds

### 1 Basic definitions

**Definitions.** (1) Let  $V$  be a hausdorff topological space. It is said to be a  $(C^0)$  manifold of dimension  $n$  if each  $x \in V$  has an open neighbourhood  $U$ , which is homeomorphic to an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . 49

(2) If  $V$  is a topological space which is hausdorff,  $V$  is said to be a  $C^k$  manifold, ( $0 \leq k \leq \infty$ ), of dimension  $n$ , or a differentiable manifold of class  $C^k$ , if there is given a family of pairs  $(U_i, \varphi_i)$ ,  $U_i$  an open set in  $V$  and  $\varphi_i$ , a homeomorphism of  $U_i$  onto an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\cup U_i = V \text{ and, if } U_i \cap U_j \neq \phi, \\ \varphi_j \circ \varphi_i^{-1} |_{\varphi_i(U_i \cap U_j)} \text{ is a } C^k \text{ map of } \varphi_i(U_i \cap U_j) \text{ into } \mathbb{R}^n.$$

(3) If  $V$  is a  $C^k$  manifold of dimension  $n$ , a  $C^k$  atlas on  $V$  is a maximal set  $\{(U_i, \varphi_i)\}$  such that  $\cup U_i = V$  and whenever  $U_i \cap U_j \neq \phi$ ,

$$\varphi_j \circ \varphi_i^{-1} |_{\varphi_i(U_i \cap U_j)} \text{ is a } C^k \text{ map of } \varphi_i(U_i \cap U_j) \text{ into } \mathbb{R}^n.$$

**Remarks.** 1. Any set of pairs as in (2) can be completed to a  $C^k$  atlas and conversely an atlas defines the structure of a  $C^k$  manifold.

2. The dimension of  $V$  is independent of the “coordinate systems”  $\{U_i, \varphi_i\}$  according to a theorem of *L.E.J. Brouwer* which asserts that if a non-empty open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is homeomorphic to one in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then  $m = n$ . We shall not prove this theorem here. For a proof, see eg [18].
- 50 3. A hausdorff topological space  $V$  is said to be a real analytic (complex analytic) manifold if there is given a family of pairs  $(U_i, \varphi_i)$ ,  $U_i$  an open set in  $V$ ,  $\varphi_i$ , a homeomorphism of  $U_i$  onto an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (an open set in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ), such that  $\bigcup U_i = V$  and whenever  $U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\varphi_j \circ \varphi_i^{-1}|_{\varphi_i(U_i \cap U_j)}$  is real analytic (complex analytic = holomorphic).
4. If  $V$  is a  $C^k$  manifold and  $U$  an open set in  $V$ , a map  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called  $C^r$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq k$  if for each coordinate neighbourhood  $(U_i, \varphi_i)$ , with  $U_i \cap U \neq \emptyset$ ,  $f \circ \varphi_i^{-1}|_{\varphi_i(U_i \cap U)}$  is  $C^r$ . We denote the set of  $C^r$  functions on  $V$  by  $C^r(V)$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq k$ .
5. If  $V$  and  $V'$  are two  $C^k$  manifolds of dimensions  $n$  and  $m$  respectively,  $U$ , an open set in  $V$ , a map  $f: U \rightarrow V'$  is called  $C^r$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq k$  if for coordinate neighbourhoods  $(U_i, \varphi_i)$  and  $(U'_j, \varphi'_j)$  of  $V$  and  $V'$  respectively, such that  $U_i \cap U \neq \emptyset$  and  $f(U_i \cap U) \subset U'_j$ , the map  $\varphi'_j \circ f \circ \varphi_i^{-1}|_{\varphi_i(U_i \cap U)}$  is of class  $C^r$ .

We denote set of  $C^k$  maps of  $V$  into  $W$  by  $C^k(V, W)$ . If a  $C^k$  map  $f: V \rightarrow W$  is a bijection and  $f^{-1}: W \rightarrow V$  is also  $C^k$ , we say that  $f$  is a  $C^k$ -diffeomorphism, (or diffeomorphism or  $C^k$ -isomorphism) of  $V$  onto  $W$ . Real analytic and holomorphic mappings between real and complex analytic manifolds may be defined in the same way. We also introduce real and complex analytic isomorphisms between such manifolds just as we did diffeomorphisms.

**Examples.** 1.  $S_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \|x\| = 1\}$  is a  $C^\infty$  manifold of dimension 1.

- 51 2. If  $V$  is a  $C^k$  manifold and  $\tilde{V}$  a hausdorff space,  $p: \tilde{V} \rightarrow V$  local homeomorphism, there is a unique structure of  $C^k$  manifold on  $\tilde{V}$  such that for  $\tilde{a} \in \tilde{V}$ ,  $p(\tilde{a}) = a$ , there exist neighbourhoods  $\tilde{U}$  of  $\tilde{a}$ ,  $U$  of  $a$  such that  $p: \tilde{U} \rightarrow U$  is a  $C^k$  isomorphism.

A more interesting class of Examples (Grassmann manifolds) is described at the end of the section.

It is clear that a complex analytic manifold carries a natural real analytic structure; a real analytic manifold a  $C^\infty$  structure and a  $C^k$  manifold ( $0 < k \leq \infty$ ) a  $C^r$  structure ( $0 \leq r < k$ ). Conversely, it follows from results of H. Whitney [48] that any paracompact  $C^1$  manifold carries a real analytic structure. Further, the imbedding theorem of H. Grauert [13] (see §9 for the statement) and the approximation theorem of Whitney (Chap.I, §5) imply that this structure is unique. However, a  $C^0$  manifold may have no differentiable structure (M. Kervaire [20]) and even when it has, this is not unique. For example, the sphere  $S^7$  can carry two differentiable structures such that there is *no* diffeomorphism of one onto the other (J. Milnor [28]). The problem of the existence and uniqueness of complex structures is a problem of quite a different nature, and had given rise to a vast literature (see in particular H. Hopf [16], K. Kodaira and D.C. Spencer [21]).

Let  $a$  be a point in a  $C^k$  manifold  $V$ . Consider all ordered pairs  $(f, U)$  where  $U$  is an open set containing  $a$  and  $f$ , a  $C^k$  map  $U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . In the set of these ordered pairs we define an equivalence relation as follows.  $(f, U) \sim (f', U')$  if there exists an open set  $\Omega$  containing  $a$  such that  $\Omega \subset U \cap U'$ , and such that  $f|_\Omega = f'|_\Omega$ . The equivalence classes of these ordered pairs are called germs (of  $C^k$  functions) at  $a$ . We shall frequently identify a germ with a function defining it when there is no fear of confusion. 52

**Definition.** A germ  $f$  of a  $C^k$  functions,  $k \geq 1$ , at  $a$  is said to be stationary at  $a$  if there exists a coordinate neighbourhood  $(U, \varphi)$  with  $a \in U$  such that all the first partial derivatives of  $f \circ \varphi^{-1}$  vanish at  $a$ . Here  $(f, U)$  is a pair defining  $f$ . It is clear that the above definition depends only on the germ  $f$ .

**Notation.**  $C_a^k$  denotes the set of all  $C^k$  germs at  $a$ ,  $S_a^k = S_a$  denotes the set of all stationary  $C^k$  germs at  $a$  and  $m_a^k = m_a$ , the set of all  $C^k$  germs vanishing at  $a$ .  $C_a^k$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ ;  $S_a^k$  and  $m_a^k$  are subspaces..

**Definition.** (1) The quotient space  $C_a^k/S_a$  is called the space of differentials (or cotangent vectors or co vectors) and is denoted by  $T_a^*(V)$ .

The image of  $f \in C_a^k$  in  $T_a^*(V)$  is denoted by  $(df)_a$ .

- (2) The dual space of  $T_a^*(V)$ , i.e., the space of all linear functionals  $X: C_a^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $X(f) = 0$  for  $f \in S_a$ , is called the tangent space at  $a$  and is denoted by  $T_a(V)$ . A point in  $T_a(V)$  is called a tangent vector.
- (3) A linear function  $L: C_a^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a derivation if for  $f, g \in C_a^k(V)$ ,

$$L(f \cdot g) = L(f)g(a) + f(a)L(g).$$

**Proposition 1.** Any tangent vector  $X$  in  $T_a(V)$  is a derivation.

*Proof.* For any  $f, g \in C_a^k$  the function  $\varphi$  given by

$$\varphi = fg - f(a)g - f(a)g(a), \text{ is in } S_a.$$

□

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Hence  $X(\varphi) = 0$

i.e  $X(fg) = f(a)X(g) + X(f) \cdot g(a)$ .

**Definition.** If  $(U, \varphi)$  is a coordinate neighbourhood and for a point  $x \in U$ ,  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  are the coordinates of  $\varphi(x)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , for a  $C^1$  function  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a \in U$ , we define

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}\right)_a, \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}\right)_a, \dots, \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}\right)_a \text{ by}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial f \circ \varphi^{-1}}{\partial x_1}\right)_{\varphi(a)}, \dots, \left(\frac{\partial f \circ \varphi^{-1}}{\partial x_n}\right)_{\varphi(a)}$$

respectively. We define tangent vectors  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right)_a$  at  $a$  by  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right)_a f = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}\right)_a$ .

**Proposition 2.**  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}\right)_a, \dots, \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)_a$  are linearly independent in  $T_a(V)$  and span  $T_a(V)$ .



*Proof.* If  $f \in C_a^k$ ,  $g$  defined by

$$g(x) = f(x) - f(a) - \sum x_i \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right)_a,$$

is in  $S_a$ . Hence for  $X \in T_a(V)$ ,  $X(g) = 0$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad X(f) = \sum X(x_i) \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right)_a$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad X = \sum X(x_i) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right)_a. \quad \square$$

Therefore  $\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right)_a, \dots, \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right)_a$  span  $T_a(V)$ . Further  $\left( \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial x_i} \right)_a = \delta_{ij}$  hence  $\left\{ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right)_a \right\}, 1 \leq i \leq n$ , are linearly independent.

**Corollary.**  $T_a(V)$  and  $T_a^*(V)$  are  $n$  dimensional vector spaces. 54

It follows from this that any tangent vector defines a linear function on the germs of  $C^1$  functions, which vanishes on stationary functions and is a derivation.

**Proposition 3.** If  $X$  is a derivation of  $C_a^{k-1}$ ,  $k \geq 1$ ,  $X$  is in  $T_a(V)$ . [Note that there is a natural injection of  $C_a^k$  in  $C_a^{k-1}$ ].

*Proof.* If  $f \in S_a$ , we can assume without loss of generality that  $f$  is defined on an open set  $U$  containing  $a$ ,  $(U, \varphi)$  a coordinate neighbourhood, and for some open set  $U' \subset U$ , with  $a \in U'$  and, if  $x \in U'$ ,  $t\varphi(x) \in \varphi(U)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Then for  $x \in U'$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \int_0^1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} [\varphi^{-1}(t\varphi(x))] dt \\ &= \sum x_i g_i(x) \end{aligned}$$

where  $g_i(x) = \int_0^1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} [\varphi^{-1}(t\varphi(x))] dt.$  □

Clearly  $g \in C_a^{k-1}$ .

We may also assume that  $\varphi(a) = 0$ . Then

$$X(f) = \sum x_i(a)X(g_i) + \sum X(x_i)g_i(a)$$

but  $x_i(a) = 0 = g_i(a)$   $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Hence  $X(f) = 0$  i.e.  $X$  is a linear map  $C_a^{k-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which vanishes on  $S_a^k$  i.e.  $X$  is a tangent vector.

**Corollary 1.** *If  $V$  is a  $C^\infty$  manifold and  $f \in m_a^\infty$ , then  $f$  is stationary at  $a$  if and only if  $f \in (m_a^\infty)^2$ .*

55 *Proof.* The maps  $x_i$  and  $g_i$  in the above proof are in  $m_a^\infty$ , which proves the necessity. The sufficiency is trivial.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** *For a  $C^\infty$  manifold; we have  $T_a^* = m_a / (m_a)^2$ .*

One has also the following “geometric” definition of tangent vectors. Let  $\gamma: I \rightarrow V$  be a  $C^k$  curve (i.e. a  $C^k$  map of a neighbourhood of the unit interval  $I = [0, 1]$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  into  $V$ ). The *tangent to  $\gamma$  at  $a = \gamma(0)$*  is the tangent vector  $X$  at  $a$  defined by

$$X(f) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} f \circ \gamma(t) \right|_{t=0} \text{ for } f \in C_a^1.$$

[It is easily verified that this defines a tangent vector.] One has

**Proposition 4.** *Any tangent vector at  $a \in V$  is the tangent at  $a$  to some curve  $\gamma$  with  $\gamma(0) = a$ .*

*Proof.* We may suppose that  $V$  is the open cube  $|x_i| < 1$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Any tangent vector  $X$  at  $x = 0$  is of the form

$$X = \sum a_i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right)_0.$$

$\square$

Let  $\gamma_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , be  $C^k$  functions in a neighbourhood of  $I$  with  $|\gamma_i| < 1$ ,  $\gamma_i(t) = a_i t$  in a neighbourhood of  $t = 0$ . We may take for  $\gamma$  the curve given by  $\gamma(t) = (\gamma_1(t), \dots, \gamma_n(t))$ .

Unless otherwise stated, in what follows  $V$  denotes a  $C^k$  manifold of dimension  $n$  and  $W$  denotes a  $C^k$  manifold of dimension  $m$ . Let  $F : V \rightarrow W$  be a  $C^k$  map. Then the maps

$$\begin{aligned} f_* : T_a(V) &\rightarrow T_{f(a)}(W) \text{ and} \\ f^* : T_{f(a)}^*(W) &\rightarrow T_a^*(V) \text{ are defined by} \\ f_*(X)(g) &= X(g \circ f) \text{ and } (f^*(d\varphi))_{(a)} = [d(\varphi \circ f)]_a \end{aligned}$$

when  $g \in C_{f(a)}^k$ ,  $(d\varphi) \in T_{f(a)}^*(W)$  and  $X \in T_a(V)$ . Note that if  $g \in S_{f(a)}$ ,  $g \circ f \in S_a$ . It is easily verified that  $f_*$  and  $f^*$  are transposes of one another. 56

Remark that if  $f_1 : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ ,  $f_2 : V_2 \rightarrow V_3$  are  $C^k$  maps, then we have, for any  $a \in V_1$ ,  $(f_2 \circ f_1)_a^* = (f_2^*)_{f_1(a)} \circ (f_1)_a^*$ . It follows that if  $f : V \rightarrow W$  is a  $C^k$  isomorphism, then  $f_a^*$  is an isomorphism for any  $a$ . Hence  $T_a(V)$  and  $T_{f(a)}(W)$  have the same dimension; hence  $V$ ,  $W$  have the same dimension. Thus the fact that the dimension of a  $C^k$  manifold,  $k \geq 1$ , is invariant of the ( $C^k$ ) local coordinates chosen, is obvious. (Compare with Remark 2 after the definition of a manifold.) Let  $T(V) = \bigcup_{a \in V} T_a(V)$ . We shall prove the following

**Theorem 1.** *If  $V$  is a  $C^k$  manifold,  $k \geq 1$ ,  $T(V)$  carries a natural structure of a  $C^{k-1}$  manifold dimension  $2n$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from Proposition 2 that, relative to a coordinate system  $(U_i, \varphi_i)$ , with  $a \in U_i$ , a tangent vector  $X$  in  $T_a(V)$  is completely determined by  $\{\alpha_\nu = X(x_\nu)_a\}_{1 \leq \nu \leq n}$ . Let  $(U_j, \varphi_j)$  be another coordinate neighbourhood with  $a \in U_j$  and let the tangent vector be given by  $\{\beta_\nu = X(y_\nu)_a\}_{1 \leq \nu \leq n}$  with respect to  $(U_j, \varphi_j)$ . We denote by  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and  $(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ , the local coordinates of  $\varphi_i(x)$  and  $\varphi_j(x)$  respectively. Then for any  $g \in C_a^k$ , □

$$X(g) = \sum_i \alpha_i \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} \right)_a = \sum_j \beta_j \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial y_j} \right)_a$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_j \beta_j \left( \sum_v \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_v} \right)_a \left( \frac{\partial x_v}{\partial y_j} \right)_a \right) \\
&= \sum_v \left( \sum_j \beta_j \left( \frac{\partial x_v}{\partial y_j} \right)_a \right) \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_v} \right)_a
\end{aligned}$$

57 Hence

$$(1.1) \quad \alpha_i = \sum_j \beta_j \left( \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial y_j} \right)_a$$

i.e.

$$(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)(m_{ij})_a$$

where  $(m_{ij})_a$  is the matrix  $\left( \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial y_i} \right)_a$ . Clearly  $(m_{ij})_a$  is non-singular and  $(m_{ij})_a(m_{ji})_a = I$ . Now consider the topological union  $E = \bigcup_i (U_i \times \mathbb{R}^n \times i)$  and define an equivalence relation,  $\sim$ , by  $(x, v, i) \sim (x', v', j)$  if  $x = x'$  and  $v = v'(m_{ij})_x$ , [where  $(m_{ij})_x$  is the matrix defined above]. Clearly there is an obvious bijective map from  $E/\sim$  onto  $T(V)$ . It suffices to show that  $E/\sim$  carries a natural structure of  $C^{k-1}$  manifold.

It is clear that  $\sim$  is an open equivalence relation. Let  $\eta : E \rightarrow E/\sim$  denote the natural map, and let  $p' : E \rightarrow V$  the continuous map  $p'((x, v, i)) = x$ . Clearly  $p'$  maps equivalent points onto the same point in  $V$ , so that  $p'$  defines a continuous map  $p : E/\sim \rightarrow V$ . Further  $\eta_i = \eta \{U_i \times \mathbb{R}^n \times i\}$  is a homeomorphism onto  $p^{-1}(U_i)$ ; in particular  $p^{-1}(U_i)$  is hausdorff; we identify  $U_i \times \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $U_i \times \mathbb{R}^n \times i$ . We assert that  $E/\sim$  is hausdorff: in fact if  $e_1, e_2 \in E/\sim$ ,  $e_1 \neq e_2$ , then if  $p(e_1) \neq p(e_2)$  and  $\Omega_i$  is a neighbourhood of  $e_i$ ,  $\Omega_1 \cap \Omega_2 = \emptyset$ , then  $p^{-1}(\Omega_1), p^{-1}(\Omega_2)$  are disjoint neighbourhoods of  $e_1, e_2$  respectively. If  $p(e_1) = p(e_2)$ , then  $e_1, e_2 \in p^{-1}(U_i)$  for some  $i$ , since  $p^{-1}(U_i)$  is open in  $E/\sim$  and is hausdorff,  $e_1, e_2$  can be separated.

58 If  $\varphi_i$  is the given  $C^k$  homeomorphism of  $U_i$  onto an open set  $U'_i$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $(\varphi_i \times id) \circ \eta_i^{-1} = \Phi_i$  is a homeomorphism of  $p^{-1}(U_i)$  onto  $U'_i \times \mathbb{R}^n$ ; that the mappings  $\Phi_j \circ \Phi_i^{-1}$  are  $C^{k-1}$  follows at once from (1.1) [note that (1.1) involves derivatives of  $C^k$  functions].

We remark that the  $C^{k-1}$  structure of  $T(V)$  so obtained does not depend on the system  $\{U_i, \varphi_i\}$  used.

$T(V)$  is an example of a real vector bundle (see Chap.III, §1).

If  $0 \leq p \leq n$ , we consider the vector space  $\Lambda^p T_a^*(V)$ . An element of this space is called a  $p$ -co vector at the point  $a$ . If  $(U, \varphi)$  is a coordinate system at  $a$ , then the differentials  $(dx_1)_a, \dots, (dx_n)_a$  form a basis of  $T_a^*(V)$ . Hence a basis of  $\Lambda^p T_a^*(V)$  is given by the elements  $(dx_{i_1})_a \wedge \dots \wedge (dx_{i_p})_a$ ,  $i_1 < \dots < i_p$ . In exactly the same way as above, we prove the following

**Theorem 2.** *The set  $\Lambda^p T^*(V) = \bigcup_{a \in V} \Lambda^p T_a^*(V)$  carries a natural structure of  $C^{k-1}$  manifold [of dimension  $n + \binom{n}{p}$ ].*

### Grassmann manifolds.

Let  $0 < r < n$ , and let  $G_{r,n}$  denote the set of  $r$ -dimensional linear subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We shall show that  $G_{r,n}$  carries a natural structure of real analytic manifold.

Let  $M(r, n)$  denote the space of  $r \times n$  real matrices and  $N = N(r, n)$  the subset of matrices of rank  $r$ .  $M(r, n)$  is clearly homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^{rn}$  and  $N(r, n)$  to an open subset. Let  $G = GL(r, \mathbb{R})$  denote the group of nonsingular  $r \times r$  matrices. We have natural map  $G \times N \rightarrow N$  defined by  $(A, B) \rightsquigarrow A.B$ , where  $A \in G, B \in N$ . 59

We assert that there is a natural bijection  $p : N/G \rightarrow G_{r,n}$ , where  $N/G$  is the quotient of  $N$  by the equivalence relation:  $B_1 \sim B_2$  if there is  $A \in G$  with  $B_2 = A.B_1$ .

*Proof.* If  $B \in N$  we may look upon  $B$  as a column  $\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_r \end{pmatrix}$  where  $v_v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ; let

$p(B)$  denote the subspace spanned by  $v_1, \dots, v_r$ . If  $B \in N$ , this subspace has dimension  $r$ . The assertion that  $p$  is a bijection is equivalent with the obvious assertion that the sets  $(v_1, \dots, v_r), (w_1, \dots, w_r)$  of points of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  span the same  $r$ -dimensional subspace if and only if there is an  $A \in G$

with

$$\begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_r \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_r \end{pmatrix}$$

□

We put on  $G_{r,n}$  the quotient topology; clearly the equivalence relation defined above is open.

Let  $K$  denote the set of  $r$ -tuples  $j_1 < \cdots < j_r$  of integers  $j_\nu$  with  $1 \leq j_\nu \leq n$ . For  $\alpha \in K$ , let  $V$  be the subset of  $M(r, n)$  consisting of matrices  $B = (b_{ij})_{1 \leq i \leq r, 1 \leq j \leq n}$ , for which

$$B^\alpha = (b_{ij_\nu})_{1 \leq i \leq r, 1 \leq \nu \leq r}, \alpha = (j_1, \dots, j_r)$$

is non-singular. We have  $\bigcup V_\alpha = N$ . It is clear that if  $B_1, B_2 \in N$  and  $A \in G$  satisfies  $B_2 = AB_1$ , and if  $B_1 \in V_\alpha$ , then  $B_2 \in V_\alpha$  and we have  $B_2^\alpha = AB_1^\alpha$ .

For  $B_1 \in V_\alpha$ , we shall write symbolically,  $B = (B^\alpha, C^\alpha)$ , where  $B$  is the matrix defined above and  $C^\alpha$  is the  $r \times (n - r)$  matrix

$$C^\alpha = (b_{ij_\nu}) \text{ with } 1 \leq i \leq r, 1 \leq j_1 < \cdots < j_{n-r} \leq n, j_\nu \notin \alpha.$$

We shall identify  $M(r, n - r)$  with  $\mathbb{R}^{r(n-r)}$ . Let  $\psi_\alpha : V_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{r(n-r)}$  denote the mapping

$$\psi_\alpha(B) = (B^\alpha)^{-1}C^\alpha;$$

$\psi_\alpha$  is clearly continuous and open. Then, if  $U_\alpha$  is the subset  $p(V_\alpha)$  of  $G_{r,n}$ , there is a homeomorphism

$$\varphi_\alpha : U_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{r(n-r)}$$

such that,  $\varphi_\alpha \circ p = \psi_\alpha$ . In fact it is easy to verify that  $\psi_\alpha(B_1) = \psi_\alpha(B_2)$  if and only if  $B_1 \sim B_2$ , which gives us the existence of a bijection. This is continuous and open, since  $\psi_\alpha$  is

We assert next that  $G_{r,n}$  is Hausdorff. Since the equivalence relation is open, we have only to prove that its graph  $\Gamma$  consisting of pairs  $(B_1, B_2) \in N \times N$  with  $B_1 \sim B_2$  is closed in  $N \times N$ . Suppose that

$$((B_1)_\nu, (B_2)_\nu) \in \Gamma, (B_i)_\nu \rightarrow B_i \in N$$

and let  $A_\nu \in G$  satisfy

$$(B_2)_\nu = A_\nu(B_1)_\nu.$$

Since  $B_1 \in N$ ,  $B_1 \in V_\alpha$  for some  $\alpha$ . Then so does  $(B_1)_\nu$  for sufficiently large  $\nu$  and we have 61

$$(B_1)_\nu^\alpha \rightarrow B_1^\alpha \text{ as } \nu \rightarrow \infty$$

Then we have  $(B_2)_\nu \in V_\alpha$  and

$$(B_2)_\nu^\alpha = A_\nu(B_1)_\nu^\alpha.$$

Since  $(B_1)_\nu^\alpha \rightarrow B_1^\alpha \in G$ , and since  $(B_2)_\nu^\alpha$  converges to a matrix  $A^{(1)} \in M(r, r)$  (since, by assumption,  $(B_2)_\nu \rightarrow B_2$  in  $N$ ), the matrix  $A_\nu$  converges to  $A = (B_1^\alpha)^{-1}A^{(1)}$  as  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ . Since

$$(B_2)_\nu = A_\nu(B_1)_\nu,$$

we deduce that  $B_2 = AB_1$ . However, since  $B_2$  has rank  $r$ ,  $A$  has rank  $\geq r$ ; since  $A \in M(r, r)$ ,  $A \in G$  so that  $B_1 \sim B_2$  and  $(B_1, B_2) \in \Gamma$ .

The covering  $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in K}$  and the homeomorphisms  $\varphi_\alpha: U_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{r(n-r)}$  make of  $G_{r,n}$  an  $r(n-r)$  dimensional real analytic manifold. In fact the coordinate changes  $\varphi_\alpha \circ \varphi_\beta^{-1}$  are easily seen to be *rational* functions.

Let  $O(n)$  denote the orthogonal group of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , i.e. the set of  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  for which

$$A \cdot {}^t A = I;$$

here  $I$  is the unit  $n \times n$  matrix and  ${}^t A$  is the transpose of  $A$ .  $O(n)$  acts on  $G_{r,n}$ : if  $B_1 \in N$ ,  $0 \in O(n)$ , then  $B_1 0 \in N$  and, if  $B_1 \sim B_2$  we have  $B_1 0 \sim B_2 0$ . It is easy to show that  $O(n)$  is compact and that it acts transitively on  $G_{r,n}$ . We deduce the following 62

**Proposition.** *The Grassmannian  $G_{r,n}$  is a compact, real analytic manifold of dimension  $r(n-r)$ .*

**Remarks.** 1. The manifold  $G_{1,n}$  is called  $(n-1)$ -dimensional projective space  $\mathbb{P}^{n-1}(\mathbb{R})$ .

2. It can be proved in the same way that the set  $G_{r,n}(\mathbb{C})$  of complex  $r$ -dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is a compact complex manifold of complex dimension  $r(n-r)$ ,  $G_{1,n}(\mathbb{C})$  is the complex projective space  $\mathbb{P}^{n-1}(\mathbb{C})$ .

For much of the material contained in §§1, 2 see Schwartz [40].

## 2 Vector fields and differential forms

Let  $V$  be a  $C^k$  manifold and  $p: T(V) \rightarrow V$  the projection given by  $p(X) = a$  for  $X \in T_a(V)$  for any  $a \in V$ .

**Definition.** A  $C^r$  Vector field  $X$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq k-1$  is, by definition, a  $C^r$  map  $X: V \rightarrow T(V)$  such that

$$p \circ X = \text{identity on } V.$$

Clearly if  $X$  is a vector field,  $X(a) \in T_a(V)$  for any  $a \in V$ . If  $(U, \varphi)$  is a coordinate neighbourhood, we may represent the vector field  $X$  by the formula

$$X_a = \sum \xi_i(a) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right)_a.$$

63 Then  $X$  is of class  $C^r$  if and only if the  $\xi_i(a)$  are  $C^r$  functions.

**Definition.** A  $p$  differential form  $\omega$  of class  $C^r$  is a  $C^r$  map  $\omega: V \rightarrow \overset{p}{\Lambda} T^*(V)$  such that  $\omega(a) \in \overset{p}{\Lambda} T_a^*(V)$  for each  $a \in V$ .

If  $(U, \varphi)$  is a coordinate neighbourhood  $\omega$  has a representation

$$\omega_a = \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_p} \xi_{i_1 \dots i_p}(a) (dx_{i_1})_a \wedge (dx_{i_2})_a \wedge \dots \wedge (dx_{i_p})_a.$$

again  $\omega$  is of class  $C^r$  if and if the  $\xi_{i_1 \dots i_p}$  a  $C^r$  functions. Let  $\mathcal{G}$  denote the module [ over the ring  $C^{k-1}(V)$  of  $C^{k-1}$  functions on  $V$ ] of  $C^{k-1}$  vector fields on  $V$ . If  $\omega$  is a  $p$ -form on  $V$ , it defines a  $p$ -linear map of  $\mathcal{G}^p$  into  $C^{k-1}(V)$ ; in fact we have only to set

$$\omega(X_1, \dots, X_p)(a) = \omega_a((X_1)_a, \dots, (X_p)_a).$$



[Note that  $\overset{p}{\Lambda}T_a^*(V)$  is the dual of the space  $\overset{p}{\Lambda}T_a(V)$ .] This map has the following two properties: (a) it is alternate; (b) it is multilinear over  $C^{k-1}(V)$ . Conversely, any alternate map  $\varphi$  of  $\mathcal{G}^p$  into  $C^{k-1}(V)$ , which is multilinear over  $C^{k-1}(V)$  defines a differential p-form  $\omega$ ; in fact, if  $(X_1)_a, \dots, (X_p)_a$  are vectors at  $a \in V$ , and if  $X_1, \dots, X_p$  are vector fields on  $V$  extending these vectors, we define the  $p$ -co vector  $\omega_a$  by

$$\omega_a((X_1)_a, \dots, (X_p)_a) = \varphi(X_1, \dots, X_p).$$

It is easily verified, using the fact that  $\varphi$  is  $C^{k-1}(V)$ -linear that  $\varphi(Y_1, \dots, Y_p) = 0$  at a point  $b$  if  $(Y_i)_b = 0$  for some  $i$ , so that the above definition is independent of the extension of the vectors  $(X_i)_a$  to vector fields on  $V$ . If  $f: V \rightarrow W$  is a  $C^k$  map and  $a \in V, b = f(a)$ , we have defined linear maps  $f_*: T_a(V) \rightarrow T_b(W)$  and  $f^*: T_{f(a)}^*(W) \rightarrow T_a^*(V)$ . 64

This defines a map, which denote  $f^*$ , of  $\overset{p}{\Lambda}T_{f(a)}^*(W) \rightarrow \overset{p}{\Lambda}T_a^*(V)$ .  $f^*$  is clearly an algebra homomorphism of  $\overset{p}{\Lambda}T_{f(a)}^*(W)$  into  $\overset{p}{\Lambda}T_a^*(V)$ .

Hence if  $\omega$  is a  $p$  form on  $W$  of class  $C^r$  we may associate to any  $a \in V$  the  $p$  co vector  $f^*(\omega_{f(a)})$ . It is easy to see that this defines a  $p$ -form  $f^*(\omega)$  of class  $C^r$  on  $V$ . However, the map  $f_*$  does not in general, transform vector fields.

**Definition.** If  $f: V \rightarrow W$  is a  $C^k$  map,  $k \geq 1$ ,  $f$  is said to have rank  $r$  at  $a \in V$ , if

$$\text{rank } f_*: T_a(V) \rightarrow T_{f(a)}(W) \text{ is } r.$$

We can easily calculate the map  $f_*$  in terms of local coordinates  $(U, \varphi)$  at  $a$  and  $(U', \varphi')$  at  $b = f(a)$ . In terms of the bases

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}\right)_a, \dots, \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)_a \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}\right)_b, \dots, \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y_m}\right)_b$$

of  $T_a(V)$  and  $T_b(W)$ , if  $X = \sum a_i \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right)_a, g \in C_b^k$  then

$$\sum b_j \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial y_j}\right)_b = f_*(X).(g) = X(g \circ f)$$

$$= \sum_i a_i \sum_j \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial y_j} \right)_b \left( \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i} \right)_a$$

so that,  $f_*(a_1, \dots, a_n) = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ , with

$$b_j = \sum_i a_i \left( \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i} \right)_a.$$

65 This was precisely the map  $d(f)(a)$  defined in Chap. I §1, if we look upon  $f$  as a map of an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . We obtain therefore the following theorems from the inverse function theorem, the rank theorem and Sard's theorem, proved in Chap. I.

**Inverse function theorem.** *If  $V$  and  $W$  are  $C^k$  (real analytic) manifolds of dimension  $n$  and  $f : V \rightarrow W$  a  $C^k$  real analytic map, and if  $f_* : T_a(V) \rightarrow T_{f(a)}(W)$  is an isomorphism for some  $a \in V$ , then there exist neighbourhoods  $\Omega$  and  $\Omega'$  of  $a$  and  $f(a)$  respectively, such that  $f|_{\Omega}$  is a  $C^k$  (real analytic) isomorphism onto  $\Omega'$ .*

**Rank Theorem.** *If  $V^n$  and  $W^m$  are  $C^k$  (real analytic) manifolds and  $f : V \rightarrow W$ , a  $C^k$  (real analytic) map such that rank  $f$  is a constant,  $r$ , for all points in  $V$ , then for every point  $a \in V$ , there exists coordinate neighbourhoods  $(U, \varphi), (U', \varphi')$  of  $a$  and  $f(a)$  respectively such that  $\varphi' \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}|_{\varphi\Omega}$  is given by*

$$\varphi' \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r, 0, \dots, 0)$$

**Definition.** If  $V$  and  $W$  are  $C^1$  manifolds of dimension  $n$  and  $m$  respectively, and  $f : V \rightarrow W$  a  $C^1$  map a point  $a \in V$  is called critical if rank  $_a f < m$ .

**Definition.** If  $W$  is a  $C^1$  manifold of dimension  $m$ , countable at  $\infty$ , a set  $E$  in  $W$  is said to have measure zero in  $W$  if for any coordinate neighbourhood  $(U, \varphi)$ ,  $\varphi(E \cap U)$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

It is clear that the notion of a set being of measure zero is dependent of the coordinate neighbourhoods used in the definition.

*Sard's theorem.* *If  $V$  and  $W$  are  $C^\infty$  manifolds of dimension  $n$  and  $m$  respectively which are countable at infinity, and  $f : V \rightarrow W$  a  $C^\infty$  map*

and if  $A$  is the set of critical points of  $f$  in  $V$ , then  $f(A)$  is of measure zero in  $W$ .

66 As in Chapter I, we can prove the existence of partitions of unity : we have only to use the fact that if  $(U, \varphi)$  is a coordinate neighbourhood and  $K \subset U$  is compact, then there is a  $C^k$  function  $\eta$  on  $V$  with compact support  $\subset U$  such that  $\eta(x) > 0$  for  $x \in K$ . We formulate this as separate theorem.

**Partition of unity.** Given an open covering  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$  of a  $C^k$  manifold ( $0 \leq k \leq \infty$ )  $V$  which is countable at infinity, there exists a family  $\{\varphi_i\}_{i \in I}$  of  $C^k$  functions,  $\varphi_i \geq 0$ , with  $\text{supp. } \varphi_i \subset U_i$  such that the family  $\{\text{supp. } \varphi_i\}$  is locally finite and  $\sum \varphi_i(x) = 1$  for any  $x \in V$ .

**Corollary.** If  $F$  is a closed subset of  $V$  and  $U \supset F$  is open, there exists

a  $C^k$  function  $\varphi$  on  $V$  with  $\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in F \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in V - U \end{cases}$ .

Let  $V$  be a  $C^k$  manifold,  $k < 2$ . For any  $C^{k-1}$  vector field  $X, a \in V$ , let  $x$  given by  $X = \sum_i \alpha_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$  in a neighbourhood of \*\*\*\*\*.

Then for  $f \in C_a^k$ ,  $X(f)$  can be considered as a function in  $C_a^{k-1}$ , given by

$$(1.2) \quad X(f)(y) = \sum_i \alpha_i(y) \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right) (y) \text{ for } y \text{ in a neighbourhood of } a.$$

If  $Y$  be another  $C^{k-1}$  vector field given by  $Y = \sum \beta_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$  in a neighbourhood of  $a$ . We define a  $C^{k-2}$  vector field  $[X, Y]$  by

$$[X, Y]_a(f) = X_a[Y(f)] - Y_a[X(f)]$$

and by (1.2),

$$Y_a[X(f)] = \sum_j \beta_j(a) \left[ \sum_i \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial \alpha_i}{\partial x_j} \right)_a \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right)_a + \alpha_i(a) \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} \right)_a \right\} \right]$$

Hence

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$$[X, Y]_a(f) = \sum_i \left[ \sum_j \alpha_j(a) \left( \frac{\partial \beta_i}{\partial x_j} \right)_a - \beta_j(a) \left( \frac{\partial \alpha_i}{\partial x_j} \right)_a \right] \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right)_a$$

It can be easily verified that for  $C^{k-1}$  vector fields  $X, Y, Z, k \geq 3$ ,  $[X, Y] = -[Y, X]$  and, if  $k \geq 4$ ,

$$[X, [Y, Z]] + [Y, [Z, X]] + [Z, [X, Y]] = 0.$$

This is called the *Jacobi identity*.

### Differential forms on the product of two manifolds

Let  $V$  and  $V'$  be  $C^k$  manifolds (countable at infinity),  $W = V \times V'$ , and  $\pi, \pi'$  the projections of  $W$  on  $V, V'$  respectively. Then any  $C^{k-1}$  form  $\omega$  of degree  $p$  on  $V$  can be identified with the form  $\pi^*(\omega)$  on  $W$ ; a similar remark applies to  $V'$ .

Let  $A(V), \dots$  denote the space of forms on  $V, \dots$ . We topologise  $A(V)$  as follows: a sequence  $\{\omega_\nu\}$  of forms  $\omega_\nu \in A(V)$  tends to zero if, for any coordinate neighbourhood  $U$  on  $V$  (coordinates  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ ) and any compact subset  $K$  of  $U$ , if  $\omega_\nu^I$  denotes the coefficient of  $dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p}$  [ $I = (i_1, \dots, i_p), i_1 < \dots < i_p, p = 0, 1, \dots, n$ ], then for any  $I, \omega_\nu^I$  and all its partial derivatives of order  $< k$  tend to zero as  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ .

Using a partition of unity, we prove easily by applying Cor. 2 to Theorem 2 of Chap. I, §5, the following

**68 Proposition 1.** *Finite linear combinations of forms of the type  $\pi^*(\omega) \wedge \pi'^*(\omega')$ , where  $\omega$  is a form on  $V, \omega'$  one on  $V'$ , are dense in  $A(V \times V')$ .*

This implies of course that finite linear combinations of forms of the type  $\pi^*(\omega) \wedge \pi'^*(\omega')$  where degree  $\omega + \text{degree } \omega' = p$  are dense in the space of  $p$ -forms on  $W$ ; for  $p = 0$  this means that functions on  $W$  can be approximated by finite linear combinations of products of functions on  $V, V'$  respectively.

Corresponding statement for holomorphic forms on the product of two complex manifolds are also true. If  $\mathcal{H}(V)$  denotes the space of holomorphic forms on the complex manifold  $V$ , we topologise it by

means of convergence of the coefficient on compact subsets of coordinate neighbourhood, just as we did above, (the convergence of the derivatives is here a consequence of the convergence of the coefficient since they are holomorphic functions). The density can be proved along the lines of Theorem 4 of Chap. I, §5; we have only to introduce the Hilbert space corresponding to the space  $A(\alpha)$  introduced in Chap. I, §5.

Let  $\{U_i\}$  be a locally finite covering of  $V$  by coordinate neighbourhoods, and  $\alpha$  a positive continuous functions on  $V$ . Let  $\omega$  be a holomorphic form on  $V$ , and let

$$\omega = \sum_i \omega_I^{(i)} dz_I^{(i)} \begin{cases} I = (i_1, \dots, i_p), i_1 < \dots < i_p, p = 0, \dots, n \\ ds_I^{(i)} = dz_{i_1}^{(i)} \wedge \dots \wedge dz_{i_p}^{(i)} \end{cases}$$

in  $U_i$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}_V(\alpha)$  denote the set of forms  $\omega$  for which

$$\|\omega\|^2 = \sum_i \sum_I \int_{U_i} |\omega_I^{(i)}|^2 \alpha(z^{(i)}) dv_z(i) < \infty.$$

Define the Scalar products of  $\omega, \omega' \in \mathcal{H}_V(\alpha)$  by

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$$(\omega, \omega') = \sum_i \sum_I \int_{U_i} \omega_I^{(i)} \overline{\omega_I'^{(i)}} \alpha(z^{(i)}) dv_z(i).$$

It follows from Lemma 2 of Chap. I, §5 that convergence in  $\mathcal{H}_V(\alpha)$  implies verified that  $\mathcal{H}_V(\alpha)$  is complete. We can now prove, exactly as Theorem 4 of Chap I, §5 the following

**Proposition 2.** *If  $\{U_i\}, \{U'_j\}$  are locally finite coverings of  $V, V'$  and  $\alpha, \alpha'$  are positive continuous functions on  $V, V'$ , if  $\{\varphi'_\mu\}, \{\varphi'_\nu\}$  are orthonormal bases for  $\mathcal{H}_V(\alpha), \mathcal{H}_{V'}(\alpha')$ , then  $\prod^*(\varphi_\nu) \wedge \prod^*(\varphi'_\mu)$  form an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}_{V \times V'}(\alpha \times \alpha')$  with respect to the covering  $U_i \times U'_j$ . Further, finite linear combinations of forms of the type  $\prod^*(\omega) \wedge \prod^*(\omega')$ ,  $\omega, \omega'$  holomorphic forms on  $V, V'$  respectively, are dense in the space of holomorphic forms on  $V \times V'$ .*

### 3 Submanifolds

**Definition.** Let  $V$  be a  $C^k$  manifold,  $k \geq 1$ . A  $C^r$  submanifold of  $V$ ,  $0 < r \leq k$  is a  $C^r$  manifold  $W$  and an injection  $i: W \rightarrow V$  such that  $i$  is a  $C^r$  map and the map  $i_*: T_A(W) \rightarrow T_{i(a)}(V)$  is an injection for every  $a \in W$ .

We identify the submanifolds  $(W_1, i_1)$  and  $(W_2, i_2)$  if there exists a  $C^r$  isomorphism  $h: W_1 \rightarrow W_2$  such that  $i_2 \circ h = i_1$ .

**70 Remarks. 1** It follows immediately that

$$\dim . W \leq \dim V.$$

Further, if the dimension of  $W = m$ , from the rank theorem it follows that for  $a \in W$ , there exist coordinate neighbourhoods  $(U_1, \varphi_1)$  of  $a$  and  $(U_2, \varphi_2)$  of  $i(a)$  such that,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_2 \circ i \circ \varphi_1^{-1}|_{\varphi_1(U_1)} \text{ is given by} \\ \varphi_2 \circ i \circ \varphi_1^{-1}(x_1, \dots, x_m) = (x_1, \dots, x_m, 0, \dots, 0). \end{aligned}$$

Hence given a system of local coordinates at  $a$ , it can be “extended” (in an obvious sense) to a system at  $i(a)$ .

2 If  $W$  is a closed subset of  $V$ ,  $V$  being a  $C^k$  manifold of dimension  $n$ , if for each  $a \in W$ , there exists a coordinate neighbourhood  $(U, \varphi)$ , and if the local coordinate  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  in  $U$  can be so chosen that

$$W \cap U = \left\{ x \mid x_{r+1} = x_{r+2} = \dots = x_n = 0 \right\},$$

then  $W$  is a  $C^k$  manifold of dimension  $r$ , and is a submanifold of  $V$ .

*Proof.* With the manifold structure defined in the obvious way,  $W$  is a  $C^k$  manifold and the injection  $i: W \rightarrow V$  is a  $C^k$  map. It is easily verified that  $i_*: T_a(W) \rightarrow T_{i(a)}(V)$  is an injection.  $\square$

3 If  $V$  is a  $C^k$  manifold of dimension  $n$  and if  $f_{r+1}, \dots, f_n$  are  $C^k$  functions on  $V$  such that  $df_{r+1}, df_{r+2}, \dots, df_n$  are linearly independent at all points of  $W = \left\{ x \in V \mid f_{r+1}(x) = f_{r+2}(x) = \dots = f_n(x) = 0 \right\}$ , then  $W$  is a submanifold of  $V$ , of dimension  $r$ .

71 *Proof.* Since  $df_{r+1}, \dots, df_n$  are locally independent at any point  $a \in W$ , we can find  $C^k$  functions  $f_1, \dots, f_r$  such that  $(df_i)_a, 1 \leq i \leq n$ , are linearly independent at  $a$ ; if  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$  then, by the inverse function theorem,  $f$  is a  $C^k$  diffeomorphism in a neighbourhood of  $a$ . By the change of coordinates  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow (y_1, \dots, y_n), y_i = f_i(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , we have,

$$W \cap U = \left\{ x \mid y_{r+1} = \dots = y_n = 0 \right\}.$$

□

Hence by remark 2),  $W$  is a sub manifold of dimension  $r$ .

**Remark.** Similar definitions and results apply to real and complex analytic submanifolds.

**Corollary.** In  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , the unit sphere given by

$$S^n = \left\{ x \mid x_0^2 + x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 = 1 \right\},$$

is a real analytic submanifold of dimension  $n$ .

*Proof.* If  $f$  is the function  $x_0^2 + \dots + x_n^2 - 1$ ,  $df$  is  $\neq 0$  at all points of  $S^n = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid f(x) = 0 \right\}$ . □

4 If  $V, V'$  are  $C^k$  (real, complex analytic) manifolds,  $V \times V'$  carries a natural structure of  $C^k$  (real, complex analytic) manifold.

**Definitions.** 1) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be  $C^k$  manifolds. Then a continuous map  $f: V \rightarrow W$  is called locally proper if for every  $y \in f(V)$ , there exists a compact neighbourhood  $U$  of  $y$  in  $W$  such that  $f^{-1}(U)$  is compact.

2) If  $V$  and  $W$  are  $C^k$  manifolds then a continuous map  $f: V \rightarrow W$  is proper if for every compact set  $K$  in  $W$ ,  $f^{-1}(K)$  is compact. 72

**Remark.** If  $V$  and  $W$  are  $C^k$  manifolds and  $f: V \rightarrow W$  is locally proper, then  $f$  is proper if and only if  $f(V)$  is closed in  $W$ .

**Proposition 1.** *If  $i: W \rightarrow V$  is a submanifold of  $V^n$ , then the following statement are equivalent.*

- 1)  $i$  is a homeomorphism of  $W$  onto  $i(W)$  with the induced topology from  $V$ .
- 2) The map  $i: W \rightarrow V$  is locally proper.

*Proof.* If the topology on  $W$  is same as that on  $i(W)$ , for any  $a \in W$  there exists a compact neighbourhood  $K$  in  $W$  for which  $i(K)$  is a compact neighbourhood of  $i(a)$  in  $i(W)$ . Hence  $i(K) \supset U_1 \cap i(W)$ ,  $U_1$  open in  $V$ . Let  $U_2$  be a relatively compact neighbourhood of  $i(a)$  in  $U_1$ ; then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{U}_2 \cap i(W) &\subset \bar{U}_1 \cap i(W) \text{ and hence } i(K) \text{ is compact and hence closed,} \\ \bar{U}_1 \cap i(W) &\subset i(K), \\ \text{i.e. } \bar{U}_2 \cap i(W) &\subset i(K), \\ \text{i.e. } i^{-1}(\bar{U}_2) &\subset K \text{ and } i^{-1}(\bar{U}_2) \text{ is compact.} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Hence 1) implies 2).

73 If the map  $i$  is locally proper, for each  $i(a)$  there exists a compact neighbourhood  $U$  in  $V$  such that that  $i^{-1}$  is compact. Then  $i^{-1}(U)$  is a compact neighbourhood of  $a$  such that  $i|_{i^{-1}(U)}$  is a homeomorphism onto  $i(U)$  since a continuous bijective map from a compact space to a hausdorff space is a homeomorphism. Hence 2) implies 1).

Note that if 1) or 2) is satisfied, then  $i(W)$  is locally closed in  $V$ . The converse is, however, false.

**Definition.** A submanifold  $W$  of  $V$  is called a closed submanifold if  $i: W \rightarrow V$  is proper.

We shall give an example of a submanifold for which the injection  $i$  does not preserve the topology. For that we use the following

**Theorem (Kronecker).** *Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  be  $n$  real numbers which are linearly independent over the ring  $\mathbb{Z}$  of integers, Let  $T^n = S^1 \times \dots \times S^1 = \{e^{i\theta_1}, \dots, e^{i\theta_n} | \theta_i \text{ real}\}$ , and let  $\omega: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow T^n$  denote the map  $\omega(t) = (e^{i\alpha_1 t}, \dots, e^{i\alpha_n t})$ . Then the image  $\omega(\mathbb{R})$  is dense in  $T^n$ .*

The best proof of this theorem is, without question, that given by H. Weyl [45].



**Example.**  $T^n$  defined above is a real analytic manifold of dimension  $n$ . Consider the map  $\omega: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow T^n$  defined above.  $\omega$  is an injection for if  $\omega(x_1) = \omega(x_r)$ ,

$$\alpha_i x_1 = 2\pi m_i + \alpha_i x_2, i = 1, \dots, n, m_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

and if  $x_1 \neq x_2$ , and  $d_1, \dots, d_n$  are integers, not all zero, with  $\sum k_i m_i = 0$ , then  $\alpha_1 k_1 + \dots + \alpha_n k_n = 0$ , which contradicts the hypothesis that  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Also rank  $(di)$  is maximal = 1 at all points of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Hence  $\mathbb{R}$  is a submanifold of  $T^n$ . Let  $\omega(\mathbb{R}) = D$ . If  $\omega$  preserves the topology, by the proposition proved above,  $D$  is locally closed and hence  $D = \bar{D} \cap U$ ,  $U$  open in  $T^n$ . By Kronecker's theorem  $D$  is dense in  $T^n$  i. e.  $D = T^n \cap U = U$ . But  $D$  is not open in  $T^n$  if  $n > 1$ , and thus we arrive at a contradiction. 74

**Proposition 2.** *If  $i: W \rightarrow V$  is a  $C^k$  submanifold of  $V$ , and  $M$  is a  $C^k$  manifold, then a continuous map  $f: M \rightarrow W$  is  $C^k$  if and only if  $i \circ f: M \rightarrow V$  is  $C^k$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $a \in W$ ; choose coordinate neighbourhoods  $U$  of  $a$  in  $W$  and  $U'$  of  $i(a)$  in  $V$  such that  $i|_U \rightarrow U'$  is the map  $i(x_1, \dots, x_m) = (x_1, \dots, x_m, 0, \dots, 0)$ . We may restrict ourselves to the subset  $N = f^{-1}(U)$  of  $M$ . The proposition is then obvious since if  $f: N \rightarrow U$  has components given by  $f(u) = (f_1(u), \dots, f_m(u))$ , then  $i \circ f: N \rightarrow U'$  has components given by  $i \circ f(u) = (f_1(u), \dots, f_m(u), 0, \dots, 0)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.** *If  $i: W \rightarrow V$  is a  $C^k$  submanifold, then for a germ  $g_a$  of a continuous function at  $a \in W$  to be  $C^k$ , it is necessary and sufficient that there is a  $C^k$  germ  $G_b$  at  $b = i(a)$  such that  $G_b \circ i = g_a$ . Conversely, if  $i$  is a continuous injection of the  $C^k$  manifold  $W$  into  $V$  having this property, then  $i: W \rightarrow V$  is a submanifold.*

*Proof.* Let  $i$  be a submanifold and choose coordinates at  $a$ ,  $(U; x_1, \dots, x_m)$ ,  $(U'; x_1, \dots, x_n)$  at  $b = i(a)$  such that  $i|_U$  is the map  $i(x_1, \dots, x_m) = (x_1, \dots, x_m, 0, \dots, 0)$ . If  $g$  is  $C^k$  on  $U$ , and  $G$  is the  $C^k$  function on  $U'$  defined by  $G(x_1, \dots, x_n) = g(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ , clearly  $G \circ i = g$ .  $\square$

Conversely, let  $i : W \rightarrow V$  be an injection such that  $C^k$  germs  $g$  at  $a$  are precisely the germs  $G \circ i$ ,  $G$ , a  $C^k$  germ on  $V$  at  $b = i(a)$ . Then  $i$  is  $C^k$  for if, in terms of local coordinates  $(U'; x_1, \dots, x_n)$  at  $b$ ,  $i_1, \dots, i_n$  are the components of  $i$ , then  $i_l = x_l \circ i$ , and  $x_l \in C^k$ . We assert that there exists a germ of  $C^k$  map  $p : V \rightarrow W$  at  $b \in V$ ,  $p(b) = a$ , such that  $p \circ i = \text{identity}$  near  $a$  in  $W$ . In fact, if  $(U; x_1, \dots, x_m)$  are local coordinates at  $a \in W$ , then, by hypothesis, there exist  $C^k$  germs  $P_l, l = 1, \dots, m$  at  $b$  such that  $x_l = p_l \circ i$ ; the  $p_l$  may be looked upon as the germ of a  $C^k$  mapping  $p : V \rightarrow U$  for which  $p(b) = a$ ,  $p \circ i = \text{identity}$  near  $a$  in  $U$ .

We then have

$$(p_*)_{i(a)} \circ (i_*)_a = \text{identity on } T_a(W),$$

so that  $(i_*)_a$  is injective.

**Proposition 4.** *If  $i : W \rightarrow V$  is a closed submanifold, i. e.  $i$  is proper, then for any  $C^k$  function  $g$  on  $W$ , there exists a  $C^k$  function  $G$  on  $V$  such that  $G \circ i = g$ .*

*Proof.* We identify  $W$  with  $i(W)$ . Let  $U_a$  be a neighbourhood of  $a$  in  $V$ ,  $G_a$  a  $C^k$  function in  $U_a$  with  $G_a = g$  on  $U_a \cap W$ . Let  $\{U_{a_\alpha}, V - W\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a locally finite covering of  $V$  such that for each  $\alpha$ ,  $U_{a_\alpha} \subset U_a$  for some  $a \in W$ . Let  $(\varphi_\alpha, \varphi)$  be a  $C^k$  partition of unity relative to this covering and  $h_\alpha = \varphi_\alpha \cdot G_{a_\alpha}$  in  $U_{a_\alpha}$ , 0 in  $V - U_{a_\alpha}$ . Clearly, if  $G = \sum h_\alpha$ , then  $G$  is  $C^k$  on  $V$  and, for  $x \in W$ ,  $G(x) = \sum_{x \in U_{a_\alpha}} h_\alpha(x) = \sum_{x \in U_{a_\alpha}} \varphi_\alpha(x) \cdot G_{a_\alpha}(x) = g(x) \sum_{x \in U_{a_\alpha}} \varphi_\alpha(x) = g(x)$ .  $\square$

**76 Remark.** Propositions 2 and 3 and their proofs remain valid for real or complex analytic manifolds. Prop. 3 is true for real analytic manifolds, but is very difficult to prove; see *H. Cartan* [6] and *H. Grauert* [13], it is false for complex manifolds in general. A very important special case, due to *K Oka*, for which it is true will be dealt with later (§7).

## 4 Exterior differentiation

If  $V$  is a  $C^k$  manifold,  $A_r^p(V)$  denotes the  $C^r$  differential forms of degree  $p$ , on  $V$ ,  $0 \leq r < k$  if  $p > 0$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq k$  if  $p = 0$ . In what follows  $V$  shall denote a  $C^k$  manifold which is countable at  $\infty$  with  $k \geq 2$ .

**Definition.** An exterior differentiation  $d$  is a map  $d: A_r^p(V) \rightarrow A_{r-1}^{p+1}(V)$  for each  $p \geq 0$  and  $1 \leq r < k$  if  $p > 0$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq k$  if  $p = 0$ , satisfying the following.

- 1)  $d$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear; i. e.  $d[\alpha\omega_1 + \beta\omega_2] = \alpha d\omega_1 + \beta d\omega_2$  for  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in A_r^p(V)$ .
- 2)  $d|_{A_k^0(V)}$  is given by  $(df)_a =$  the image of  $f$  in  $T_a^*(V)$ .
- 3)  $d(df) = 0$  for  $f \in C_a^k$ .
- 4) If  $\omega_1 \in A_r^p(V)$ ,  $\omega_2 \in A_r^q(V)$ ,  $d(\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2) = d\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 + (-1)^p \omega_1 \wedge d\omega_2$ .

We deduce the following properties of an exterior differentiation from its definition.

- I.  $d$  is a local operator; i. e. if for an open set  $U$  we have  $\omega \upharpoonright U = 0$ , then  $d\omega \upharpoonright U = 0$ .

*Proof.* If  $U'$  is a coordinate neighbourhood  $\subset U$ , and  $U''$  is a relatively compact subset of  $U$ , there exists a  $C^k$  function  $f$  on  $U'$  which is \*\*\*\*\* on  $U'' = 1$  in a neighbourhood of  $\partial U'$ ; hence there exists  $f \in C^k(U)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 0 \text{ for } x \in U'' \\ &= 1 \text{ for } x \in V - U. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Hence if  $\omega \upharpoonright U = 0$ ,  $\omega = f\omega$  so that  $d\omega = (df) \wedge \omega + f d\omega$ . Since  $f = 0$ , and by 2),  $df = 0$  on  $U''$ , we deduce that  $d\omega \upharpoonright U'' = 0$ . It follows that  $d\omega$  vanishes in a neighbourhood of any point of  $U$ , so that  $d\omega|_U = 0$ .

- II.  $d^2 = 0$  (if  $k \geq 3$ ).

*Proof.* It is enough to prove this with  $V$  replaced by a coordinate neighbourhood. Let

$$\omega = \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_p} f_{i_1 \dots i_p} dx_{i_1} \wedge dx_{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p} \in A_{k-1}^p(V).$$

□

Then

$$d(d\omega) = \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_p} d[f_{i_1 \dots i_p} dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p} + f_{i_1 \dots i_p} d(dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p})].$$

Now, by 3) and 4),  $d(dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p})$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{r=1}^p (-1)^{r-1} (dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge d^2 x_{i_r} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p}) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $d(d\omega) = \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_p} \{df_{i_1 \dots i_p} \wedge d(dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p}) + d^2 f_{i_1 \dots i_p} \wedge dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p}\} = 0$ .

**78** We shall now prove *the existence and uniqueness of the exterior differentiation*. It suffices to prove the existence and uniqueness any coordinate neighbourhood.

Define  $d_1$  by  $d_1(\omega) = \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_p} d(f_{i_1 \dots i_p}) \wedge dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p}$  where  $\omega \in A_r^p(V)$  is given by

$$\omega = \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_p} f_{i_1 \dots i_p} dx_{i_1} \wedge dx_{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p}$$

It is easily seen that  $d_1$  satisfies the conditions 1) and 2). As for 3)

$$d_1 f = \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} dx_i$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow d_1^2 f &= \sum_i \left( \sum_j \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} dx_j \right) \wedge dx_i \\
&= \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} dx_j \wedge dx_i = \sum_{j < i} \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} - \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right) dx_j \wedge dx_i \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

We shall show that  $d_1$  satisfies 4). It is enough to verify this for  $\omega_1 = f_1 dx_{I_1}$ ,  $\omega_2 = f_2 dx_{I_2}$ , where  $dx_{I_1} = dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p}$  and  $dx_{I_2} = dx_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{j_q}$ .

Now,

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$$\begin{aligned}
\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 &= f_1 f_2 dx_{I_1} \wedge dx_{I_2} \\
d_1(\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2) &= d_1(f_1 f_2) \wedge dx_{I_1} \wedge dx_{I_2} \\
&= [(d_1 f_1) \cdot f_2 + f_1 (d_1 f_2)] \wedge dx_{I_1} \wedge dx_{I_2} \\
&= d_1 f_1 \wedge dx_{I_1} \wedge f_2 dx_{I_2} + (-1)^p f_1 dx_{I_1} \wedge d_1 f_2 \wedge dx_{I_2} \\
&= (d_1 \omega_1) \wedge \omega_2 + (-1)^p \omega_1 \wedge (d_1 \omega_2).
\end{aligned}$$

We are using the obvious fact that the  $d$  in 2) of the definition of exterior differentiation satisfies  $d(f_1 f_2) = f_1 df_2 + f_2 df_1$ . Hence  $d_1$  defined above is an exterior differentiation. If  $d_2$  is another exterior differentiation,  $\omega = f dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p}$ , it follows from 4) that  $d_2 \omega = d_2 f \wedge dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p} + \sum_{r=1}^p (-1)^{r-1} f dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \wedge d_2(dx_{i_r}) \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p}$ .

By 2) and 3) it follows that  $d_2 f = d_1 f$  and  $d_2(dx_{i_r}) = d_2(d_2 dx_{i_r}) = 0$ . Hence  $d_2 \omega = df \wedge dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p}$ , i. e. the exterior differentiation is unique.

We have already remarked that  $T_a^*(V)$  is the dual of  $T_a(V)$ . Consider  $\overset{p}{\wedge} T_a^*(V)$  as the dual of  $\overset{p}{\wedge} T_a(V)$ , i. e. for every  $p$ -form  $\omega$ ,  $\omega_a$  defines an alternate linear function of  $\sum_{r=1}^p T_a(V)$  which determines  $\omega_a$  uniquely.

Hence  $\omega$  gives rise to an alternate mapping of  $p$ -tuples of  $C^{k-1}$  vector fields into  $C^{k-1}$  functions.

**Proposition 1.** *If  $\omega$  is a  $p$ -form,  $X_1, \dots, X_{p+1}$ ,  $C^{k-1}$  vector fields, then for* 80

any  $a \in V$ ,  $d\omega$  is the linear function given by

$$(d\omega)(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{p+1}) = \sum_1^{p+1} (-1)^{i-1} X_i(\omega(X_1, \dots, X_i, \dots, X_{p+1})) \\ + \sum_{i < j} (-1)^{i-j} \omega([X_i, X_j], X_1, \dots, \hat{X}_i, \dots, \hat{X}_j, \dots, X_{p+1}).$$

Here the  $\Lambda$  over a term means that this term is to be omitted.

We shall prove the proposition only when  $\omega$  is a 1-form. The general case involves more complicated calculations. It is sufficient to prove the formula in a coordinate neighbourhood. By linearity, it is enough to prove it for forms of the type  $\omega = fdg$ . If  $\omega = fdg$ ,  $f, g$  functions, then  $d\omega = df \wedge dg$ .

Hence

$$D = (df \wedge dg)(X_1, X_2) \\ = \det \begin{vmatrix} (df)(X_1) & (df)(X_2) \\ (dg)(X_1) & (dg)(X_2) \end{vmatrix}$$

where

$$(df)X_1 = X_1(f).$$

Hence

$$D = X_1(f)X_2(g) - X_2(f)X_1(g) \\ = X_1(fX_2(g) - X_2(fX_1(g)) - fX_1(X_2(g))) + fX_2(X_1(g)). \\ = X_1(\omega(X_2)) - X_2(\omega(X_1))\omega([X_1, X_2])$$

which is the required formula.

**81 Proposition 2.** *If  $V$  and  $W$  are  $C^k$  manifolds and  $f: V \rightarrow W$  a  $C^k$  map, we have, for any  $p$  form  $\omega$  on  $W$ ,*

$$(3.1) \quad d_{(V)}(f^*(\omega)) = f^*(d_{(W)}(\omega)).$$

*Proof.* We may clearly suppose that  $W$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Since  $f^*$  is an algebra homomorphism of  $\Lambda T^*(W)$  into  $\Lambda T^*(V)$ , it is enough to prove (3.1) for a system of generators of  $\Lambda T^*(W)$  e.g. when  $\omega$  is a function or is the exterior derivative of a function. If  $\omega = \varphi$  is a function,

$$(d\varphi)_{f(a)} \in C_{f(a)}^k / S_{f(a)}^k$$

and  $f^*[(d\varphi)_{f(a)}] = d(\varphi \circ f)_a$  by definition of  $f^*$ .  $\square$

If  $\omega = d\varphi$  where  $\varphi$  is a function,

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(d(d\varphi)) &= 0 \text{ and} \\ d[f^*(d\varphi)] &= d[d(\varphi \circ f)] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

q.e.d.

For a somewhat different approach to exterior differentiation see Koszul [22].

## 5 Orientation and Integration

**Definition.** On a  $C^k$  manifold  $V$  with  $k \geq 1$ , a continuous  $n$ -form  $\omega$  which is nowhere zero on  $V$  is called an orientation on  $V$  and if there exists an orientation on  $V$ ,  $V$  is called orientable.

**Proposition 1.** A manifold  $V$  is orientable if and only if there exists a system of coordinates  $(U_i, \varphi_i)$ ,  $\bigcup U_i = V$ , such that the transformation  $\varphi_i \circ \varphi_j^{-1}|_{\varphi_j(U_i \cap U_j)}$  has positive jacobian  $\det |d(\varphi_i \circ \varphi_j^{-1})|$  whenever  $U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$ . 82

*Proof.* If  $\omega$  is an orientation of  $V$ , for any  $a \in V$  there exists a connected coordinate neighbourhood  $(U_a, \varphi)$  of  $a$  such that in terms of local coordinates  $\omega_x = f(x)dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n$ , for  $x \in U_a$ . Further  $\varphi$  can be so chosen that  $f(x) > 0$  for  $x \in U_a$  (change  $x_1$  to  $-x_1$  if necessary). Consider a system of coordinate neighbourhoods  $(U_i, \varphi_i)$ , such that for any  $x \in U_i$ ,  $\omega_x$  in terms of local coordinates can be written as  $\omega_x = f_i(x)dx_1^{(i)} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n^{(i)}$ ,  $f_i(x) > 0$ . Then the jacobian of the transformation  $\varphi_i \circ \varphi_j^{-1}$  is a quotient of the functions  $f_i \circ \varphi_i^{-1}$  and so  $> 0$ .  $\square$

Conversely if there exists a system of coordinate neighbourhoods  $(U_i, \varphi_i)$  with the above property, consider a partition of unity  $\{\Psi_i\}$  subordinate to the covering  $\{U_i\}$ . Define  $\omega_x$  in terms of local coordinates as  $w_x = \sum_i \Psi_i(x) dx_1^i \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n^i$ .

Then  $\omega_x$  is a continuous  $n$  form which is  $> 0$  for every  $x$  and hence is an orientation of  $V$ .

**Remark.** It follows that on a  $C^k$  manifold, there is a  $C^{k-1}$   $n$  form which is nowhere zero.

Let

$$E = \{\xi \in \Lambda^n T^*(V) \mid \xi \neq 0\}$$

and

$$p(\xi) = a \text{ if } \xi \in \Lambda^n T_a^*(V).$$

83 Define an equivalence relation in  $E$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1 \sim \xi_2 \text{ if } x = p(\xi_1) = p(\xi_2), \text{ and there is } \lambda > 0 \text{ with} \\ \xi_1 = \lambda \xi_2. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\tilde{V} = E/\sim$ .

**Proposition 2.**  $V$  is hausdorff and  $\tilde{V} \rightarrow V$  is a covering.

*Proof.* The equivalence relation is clearly open and it is easily seen that the graph of the equivalence relation in  $E \times E$  is closed Hence  $V$  is hausdorff. Let  $(U, \varphi)$  be a coordinate neighbourhood of  $a \in V$ . Define  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  in terms of local coordinates as

$$\xi_x = dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n$$

and

$$\eta_x = -dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n.$$

□

Then  $p^{-1}(U) = \left( \bigcup_{x \in U} \xi_x \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{x \in U} \eta_x \right)$  and  $\tilde{V}$  is a covering.

**Corollary 1.** If  $V$  is connected,  $V$  is orientable if and only if  $\tilde{V}$  is not connected.



*Proof.* If  $V$  is connected and orientable, let  $\omega$  be an orientation. Then  $\bigcup_{x \in V} (\omega_x)$  is non-empty open and closed subset of  $\tilde{V}$  and hence  $\tilde{V}$  is not connected.  $\square$

If  $V$  is connected and  $\tilde{V}$  not connected, consider  $\tilde{\xi}_a \in \tilde{V}$  and let  $U_a$  be the connected component of  $\tilde{\xi}_a$  in  $\tilde{V}$ . Then if  $p|U_a = \pi$ ,  $\pi: \rightarrow V$  is a covering and if  $p^{-1}(x) = \pi^{-1}(x)$  for some  $x \in V$ ,  $p^{-1}(y) = \pi^{-1}(y)$  for every  $y \in V$  and  $U_a = \tilde{V}$  which is a contradiction. Hence for any  $x \in V$ ,  $\pi^{-1}(x)$  contains exactly one point, so that  $\pi$  is a homeomorphism. It is easily verified that there is a continuous  $n$  form  $\omega$  on  $V$  for which  $\omega_x \in \pi^{-1}(x)$  for any  $x$ ; hence  $V$  is orientable. **84**

**Corollary 2.** *If  $V$  is a simply connected manifold it is orientable.*

*Proof.* If  $V$  is simply connected, clearly  $\tilde{V}$  is not connected and the proof follows from Corollary 1.  $\square$

It can be shown easily that  $\tilde{V}$  is *always* orientable; in fact if, for  $a \in \tilde{V}$ ,  $\omega_{p(a)}$  is an  $n$ -co vector at  $p(a)$  with  $\omega_{p(a)} \in a$ , we see at once (partition of unity) that there is an  $n$ -form  $\tilde{\omega}$  on  $\tilde{V}$  with  $\tilde{\omega}_a = \lambda_a p^*(\omega_{p(a)})$  with  $\lambda_a > 0$ .

Let  $\mathbb{R}_+^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n | x_1 \geq 0\}$ .

**Definition.** A hausdorff topological space  $V$  is said to be a  $C^k$  manifold with boundary and of dimension  $n$  if there exists a system of "coordinate neighborhoods"  $(U_i, \varphi_i)$ , such that  $\bigcup U_i = V$  and  $\varphi_i$  is a homeomorphism of  $U_i$  onto an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  for which whenever  $U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$ , then map  $\varphi_i \circ \varphi_j^{-1} | \varphi_j(U_i \cap U_j)$  is a  $C^k$  map of  $\varphi_j(U_i \cap U_j)$  as a subset of  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ .

If  $f$  is a real valued function on  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ ,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$ ,  $i \geq 2$  are defined in the same way as for a function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \Big|_a = \lim_{h \rightarrow +0} \frac{f(a_1 + h, a_2, \dots, a_n) - f(a_1, \dots, a_n)}{h}.$$

For a  $C^k$  manifold  $V$  with boundary,  $k \geq 1$ ,  $C^k$  functions, tangent vectors,  $T_a(V)$ , differential forms etc. are defined in the same way as for **85**

a manifold. Orientation is also defined in an analogous way. Hereafter  $V$  will denote a  $C^k$  manifold with boundary, which is countable  $\infty$ .

**Definition.** A vector  $X$  in  $T_a(V)$  is called a positive tangent vector or an inner normal if for any  $f \in m_a^k$  with  $f(x) \geq 0$  for  $x$  in a neighbourhood of  $a$ , we have  $X(f) \geq 0$  and if there exists an  $f \in m_a^k$ ,  $f(x) \geq 0$  in a neighbourhood of  $a$ , for which  $X(f) > 0$ . ( $m_a^k$  is the set of  $C^k$  germs at  $a$  which vanish at  $a$ .) A tangent vector  $X$  is negative (or an outer normal) if  $-X$  is positive.

Let  $a$  be a point in  $V$ . If there exists a coordinate neighbourhood  $(U, \varphi)$  of  $a$ , such that  $\varphi(U)$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , for any  $f \in m_a^k$  consider  $f$  as a function of local coordinates. If  $f(x) \geq 0$  for  $x$  in a neighbourhood  $U'$  of  $a$ ,  $U' \subset U$ ,  $f$  has a minimum at  $a$  and hence  $\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right|_a = 0$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Hence for any  $X \in T_a(V)$ ,  $X(f) = \sum x(x_i) \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right|_a = 0$ , i. e. there does not exist a positive tangent vector in  $T_a(V)$ .

**Proposition 3.** Let  $a \in V$  and suppose that there exists a coordinate neighbourhood  $(U, \varphi)$  of  $a$  such that  $\varphi(U)$  is an open set of  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  and  $\varphi(a) \in \{x \in \mathbb{R}_+^n \mid x_1 = 0\}$ , then a tangent vector  $X_i \in T_a(V)$  given by  $X = \sum \alpha_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$  is a positive tangent vector if and only if  $\alpha_1 > 0$ .

*Proof.* We may suppose that  $\varphi(a) = 0$ . If  $f \in m_a^k$  and  $f(x) \geq 0$  in a neighbourhood  $U'$  of  $a$ , consider  $f(a_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  as a function of  $(x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , in terms of local coordinates. The set  $U_1 = \{(x_2, \dots, x_n) \mid (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \varphi(U)\}$ , is open in  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  and by the same argument as above  $\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right|_a = 0$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq n$ . Now, if  $f \in m_a^k$ ,  $f \geq 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \right|_a &= \lim_{h \rightarrow +0} \frac{f(h, 0, \dots, 0) - f(0, \dots, 0)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow +0} \frac{f(h, 0, \dots, 0)}{h} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

86 and by choosing  $f(x) = x_1$ , we see that

$$\left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \right|_a = 1, \quad f \in m_a^k, \quad \text{and } f(x) \geq 0 \text{ for } x \text{ in } U.$$

□

$$\text{Then } X(f) = \alpha_1 \left( \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \right|_a \right) = \alpha_1.$$

Hence if  $\alpha_1 > 0$ ,  $X$  is a positive tangent vector and conversely if  $X$  is a positive tangent vector  $\alpha_1 > 0$ .

**Definition.** An element  $\omega \in T_a^*(V)$  is called positive (negative) if  $\omega(X) > 0$  ( $< 0$ ) for any positive  $X \in T_a(V)$ .

In terms of local coordinates  $(U, \varphi)$ ,  $\varphi(U) \subset \mathbb{R}_+^n$ ,  $\varphi(a) = 0$ , an element  $\omega = \sum \alpha_i dx_i$  is  $> 0$  if and only if  $\alpha_1 > 0$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \cdots = \alpha_n = 0$ .

**Definition.** The set  $\partial V = \{x \in V \mid \text{there exists a coordinate neighbourhood } (U, \varphi) \text{ of } x \text{ with } \varphi(x) = 0\}$  is called the boundary of  $V$ .

**Remark.** It is clear from the above discussion that  $x \in \partial V$  if and only if there exists a positive tangent vector in  $T_x(V)$ .  $V$  is said to have no boundary if  $\partial V = \emptyset$ .

**Proposition 4.**  $\partial V$  is a  $C^k$  manifold of dimension  $n - 1$ .

*Proof.* If  $a \in \partial V$ , there exists a coordinate neighbourhood  $(U, \varphi)$  of  $a$  such that  $\varphi(a) = 0$ . □

Let  $U' = \{x \in U \mid \varphi(x) = 0\}$ . Clearly  $U' = \partial V \cap U$ . For  $x \in U'$ , 87 define  $\varphi'$  by

$$\varphi'(x) = (x_i)_{2 \leq i \leq n}$$

$\varphi'$  is obviously a homeomorphism of  $U'$  onto open set in  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ . If  $(U_1, \varphi_1)$ ,  $(U_2, \varphi_2)$  are coordinates in  $V$  inducing coordinates  $(U'_1, \varphi'_1)$ ,  $(U'_2, \varphi'_2)$  on  $\partial V$ , the map  $\varphi'_1 \circ (\varphi'_2)^{-1}$  is the restriction of  $\varphi_1 \circ \varphi_2^{-1}$  to a submanifold of  $\varphi_2(U_2)$ , and so is  $C^k$  and so is  $C^k$ . Thus  $(U'_i, \varphi'_i)$  is a system of coordinate neighbourhood for  $\partial V$  and  $\partial V$  is a  $C^k$  manifold of dimension  $n - 1$ . It is obvious that  $\partial V$  has no boundary.

Further  $\partial V$  is clearly a  $C^k$  submanifold of  $V$  which is in fact a closed submanifold. We shall therefore identify, for  $a \in \partial V$ , the tangent space  $T_a(\partial V)$  with a subspace of  $T_a(V)$ .

**Proposition 5.** *If  $a \in \partial V$  and  $X_1, X_2$  are positive tangent vectors in  $T_a(V)$ , then there exists  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $X_1 - \alpha X_2 \in T_a(\partial V)$ .*

*Proof.* In terms of a local coordinate system  $(U, \varphi)$  at  $a$ , let

$$X_1 = \sum \alpha_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, X_2 = \sum \beta_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}.$$

□

Then  $\alpha_1 > 0, \beta_1 > 0$ . Let  $\alpha = \frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}$ , then

$$X_1 - \alpha X_2 = \sum_{i=2}^n (\alpha_i - \alpha \beta_i) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \in T_a(\partial V).$$

**Definition.**  $\xi \in \wedge^{n-1} T_a(V)$ , is called positive if for any outer normal  $e \in T_a(V)$ ,  $e \wedge \xi$ , as an element of  $\wedge^n T_a(V)$ , is positive.

88 It is clear that we may look upon  $\wedge^{n-1} T_a(\partial V)$  as a subspace of  $\wedge^{n-1} T_a(V)$ ; similar remarks apply to  $\wedge^{n-1} T_a^*(\partial V)$  and  $\wedge^{n-1} T_a^*(V)$ .

**Proposition.** *If  $V$  is oriented, so is  $\partial V$ .*

*Proof.* As in the above definition, we say that  $\omega_1 \in \wedge^{n-1} T_a^*(\partial V)$  is positive if for any

$$\omega_2 \in T_a^*(V), \omega_2 < 0, \text{ we have } \omega_2 \wedge \omega_1 > 0.$$

□

Let  $\omega$  be the orientation of  $V$  and in terms of "positive" local coordinates suppose that

$$\omega_x = f(x) dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n, f(x) > 0 \text{ for each } x.$$

then  $\omega'_x = -dx_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n$  is in  $\wedge^{n-1} T_a^*(\partial V)$  and is positive for each  $x$  in  $\partial V$ . The condition of the positivity of the Jacobians is trivially verified.

**Remark.** If  $V$  is a  $C^k$  manifold and  $D$  an open set such that for any  $a \in (\bar{D} - D)$ , there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  in  $V$  and a  $C^k$  function  $g$  in  $U$  with  $(dg)_a \neq 0$ ,  $D \cap U = \{x \in U \mid g(x) > 0\}$ , then  $\bar{D}$  is a manifold with boundary and  $\partial D$  coincides with the topological boundary  $(\bar{D} - D)$  of  $D$ .

**Theorem 1** (Formula for change of variable). *Let  $\Omega, \Omega'$  be open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $h: \Omega' \rightarrow \Omega$  a  $C^1$  homeomorphism (so that  $h$  is bijective and the jacobian  $\det dh(y) \neq 0$  for  $y \in \Omega'$ ). Then, if  $f$  is a continuous function with compact support in  $\Omega$ , we have*

$$(5.1) \quad \int_{\Omega} f(x) dx_1 \dots dx_n = \int_{\Omega'} (f \circ h)(y) |\det dh(y)| dy_1 \dots dy_n.$$

*Proof.* We first prove the formula when  $h$  is a linear transformation. **89**  
Let  $A$  denote the matrix of  $h$  (with respect to the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ). By the elementary divisors theorem,  $A$  can be written as a product of finitely many matrices  $A_i$  each of which is either a diagonal matrix or an elementary matrix viz. the matrix corresponding to one of the linear transformations

$$(a) \quad h(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_k, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_i, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n)$$

$$(b) \quad h(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1 + x_2, x_2, \dots, x_n).$$

□

It is clearly sufficient to prove (1) for matrices of these special kinds. For diagonal matrices of type (a), the formula (1) is a trivial consequence of Fubini's theorem. For transformations  $h$  of type (b) we have, by Fubini's theorem

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega'} (f \circ h)(y) |\det dh(y)| dy_1 \dots dy_n \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x_1 + x_2, x_2, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \dots dx_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} dx_2 \cdots dx_n \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x_1 + x_2, \dots, x_n) dx_1 \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} dx_2 \cdots dx_n \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_1
\end{aligned}$$

(since Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  is translation invariant)

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) dx_1 \cdots dx_n = \int_{\Omega} f(x) dx_1 \cdots dx_n.$$

To prove (5.1) in general, we remark that it suffices to prove the inequality

$$(5.2) \quad \int_{\Omega} f(x) dx_1 \cdots dx_n \leq \int_{\Omega'} (f \circ h)(y) |\det dh(y)| dy_1 \cdots dy_n$$

**90** for all non-negative  $f$  with compact support. (Apply the inequality to  $h^{-1}$  to obtain equality.) Moreover, by the definition of the Riemann integral, it is sufficient to prove the following statement (90) If  $Q$  is a closed cube with equal sides contained in  $\Omega'$ , we have

$$\mu(h(Q)) \leq \int_Q |\det dh(y)| dy_1 \cdots dy_n$$

here  $\mu$  denotes Lebesgue measure in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Proof of (5.3).** Let  $K$  denote any closed cube, with equal sides say,  $\delta$ , contained in  $\Omega'$ . For an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$ , set  $\|A\| = \max_i \sum_j |a_{ij}|$ .

Note that if  $I$  is the unit matrix, we have  $\|I\| = 1$ .

Let  $h = (h_1, \dots, h_n)$ . Taylor's formula shows that if  $x, y \in K$

$$h_i(x) - h_i(y) = \sum_j \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial x_j}(\theta_i)(x_j - y_j), \theta_i \in K,$$

so that

$$|h_i(x) - h_i(y)| \leq \sup_{a \in K} \|dh(a)\| \cdot \delta.$$

Consequently,  $h(K)$  is contained in a cube of side  $\delta \cdot \sup_{a \in K} \|dh(a)\|$  so that

$$(5.4) \quad \mu(h(K)) \leq \left\{ \sup_{a \in K} \|dh(a)\| \right\}^n \mu(K)$$

If we apply (5.4) to the transformation  $g = A.h$ , where  $A$  is the inverse of the linear transformation  $(dh)(a)$  for a fixed  $a \in K$ , and observe that, by (5.1) applied to the linear transformation  $A$  we have 91

$$\mu(g(K)) = |\det dh(a)|^{-1} \mu(h(K)),$$

we obtain

$$(5.5) \quad \mu(h(K)) \leq |\det dh(a)| \left\{ \sup_{b \in K} \|(dh(a))^{-1} dh(b)\| \right\}^n \mu(K).$$

We observe that as the sides of  $K$  tend to zero,  $(dh(a))^{-1} dh(b) \rightarrow I$ , uniformly for  $b$  in any compact subset of  $\Omega'$  (90) is now easy to prove. Divide  $Q$  into  $\varepsilon^{-n}$  cubes  $K_i$  of side  $(\varepsilon \cdot \text{side of } Q)$ , and let  $a_i \in K_i$ . Then

$$\sup_{b \in K_i} \|(dh(a_i))^{-1} dh(b)\| \leq 1 + \alpha(\varepsilon), \text{ where } \alpha(\varepsilon) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

The inequality (5) now gives

$$\mu(h(Q)) \leq \sum_i \mu(h(K_i)) \leq (1 + \alpha(\varepsilon))^n \sum_i |\det dh(a_i)| \mu(K_i).$$

As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , by definition, the sum on the right converges to  $\int_Q |\det dh(y)| dy_1 \cdots dy_n$ , so that, since  $\alpha(\varepsilon) \rightarrow 0$ , we obtain (5).

### Integration.

Let  $V$  be an oriented  $n$  dimensional  $C^k$  manifold (with or without boundary) countable at infinity ( $k \geq 1$ ). Let  $\omega$  be a continuous  $n$  form on  $V$  with compact support. We shall define the integral

$$\int_V \omega$$

as follows.

Let  $\{U_i, \varphi_i\}$  be a locally finite family of coordinate systems such that  $\varphi_i$  induces the given orientation on  $U_i$  from that of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; the Jacobians  $\det |d(\varphi_i \circ \varphi_j^{-1})|$  are then all positive. Let  $\{\alpha_i\}$  be a partition of unity relative to the covering  $\{U_i\}$ ; let  $\Omega_i = \varphi_i(U_i)$ , and let  $x_1^{(i)}, \dots, x_n^{(i)}$  denote the running coordinates in  $\Omega_i$ . Let  $(\varphi_i^{-1})^*(\alpha_i \omega) = g_i(x^{(i)}) dx_1^{(i)} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n^{(i)}$ . We set

$$\int_V \omega = \sum_i \int_{\Omega_i} g_i(x^{(i)}) dx_1^{(i)}, \dots, dx_n^{(i)}$$

(the latter integral being an ordinary Riemann or Lebesgue integral); the sum is finite since  $\omega$  has compact support. The integral so defined is linear: we have  $\int_V (\omega_1 + \omega_2) = \int_V (\omega_1 + \omega_2) = \int_V \omega_1 + \int_V \omega_2$  and  $\int_V \lambda \omega = \lambda \int_V \omega$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . It is, however, necessary in applications to know that the definition above is independent of the covering  $U_i$ , and the functions  $\alpha_i$  used in the definition. We shall denote the integral defined above temporarily by  $I(\omega)$ . Since  $I$  is linear, its invariance of the  $\{U_i, \alpha_i\}$  results at once from the following.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $(U, \varphi)$  be any coordinate system such that  $\det |d(\varphi \circ \varphi_i^{-1})|$  is positive on  $\varphi_i(U_i \cap U)$  for each  $i$ . Let  $\omega$  be an  $n$  form with support in  $U$ , and, in terms of the local coordinates in  $\varphi(U) = \Omega$ ; let*

$$\omega = f(x) dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n.$$

Then we have

$$\int_{\Omega} f(x) dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n = I(\omega).$$

**93** *Proof.* It is enough to prove that if

$$\alpha_i \omega = f_i(x) dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n = g_i(x^{(i)}) dx_1^{(i)} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n^{(i)}$$

then

$$\int_{\Omega} f_i(x) dx_1, \dots, dx_n = \int_{\Omega_i} g_i(x^{(i)}) dx_1^{(i)}, \dots, dx_n^{(i)}.$$

□



The integrals are respectively  $\int_{\varphi(U_i \cap U)}$  and  $\int_{\varphi_i(U_i \cap U)}$ ; let  $h_i: \varphi(U \cap U_i) \rightarrow \varphi(U \cap U_i)$  be the mapping  $\varphi \circ \varphi_i^{-1}$ ; since  $\alpha_i \omega = f_i(x) dx_i \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n = g_i(x_i^{(i)}) dx_1^{(i)} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n^{(i)}$ , we have

$$f_i \circ h(x^{(i)}), \det(dh_i)(x^{(i)}) = g_i(x^{(i)});$$

however, by hypothesis,  $\det(dh_i)(x^{(i)}) > 0$ , and the assertion follows from the formula for change of variable.

**Theorem 2** (Stokes' theorem). *If  $V$  is an oriented manifold of dimension  $n$ ,  $V$  an  $(n-1)$  form of class  $C^1$ , having compact support, we have*

$$\int_{\partial V} \omega = \int_V d\omega.$$

*In particular, the above formula holds for all  $C^1$  forms  $\omega$  if  $V$  is compact*

*Proof.* If  $(U_i, \varphi_i)$  is a locally finite system of coordinate neighbourhoods,  $(\eta_i)$  a partition of unity subordinate to  $\{U_i\}$ , it is enough to prove that

$$\int_{\partial V} \eta_i \omega = \int_V d(\eta_i \omega)$$

□

**Case I.** *If  $\varphi_i(U_i)$  is open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,*

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$$\int_{\partial V} \eta_i \omega = 0$$

Further, if  $\eta_i \omega = \sum_{j=1}^n f_j dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge d\hat{x}_j \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n$ , we have  $d(\eta_i \omega) = \sum \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_j} (-1)^{j-1} dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n$

$$\text{and } \int_V d(\eta_i \omega) = \int_{\varphi_i(U_i)} \sum (-1)^{j-1} \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_j} dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sum (-1)^{j-1} \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_j} \right) dx_1 dx_2 \cdots dx_n$$

since  $f_j$  has compact support for each  $j$ ,  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_j} dx_j = 0$ . Hence it follows from Fubini's theorem that

$$\int_V d(\eta_i \omega) = 0 = \int_{\partial V} \eta_i \omega.$$

**Case II.** If  $\varphi_i(U_i)$  is not an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\int_V d(\eta_i \omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^n} \left( \sum (-1)^{j-1} \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_j} \right) dx_1 \cdots dx_n.$$

Now

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}_+^n} \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_j} dx_1 \cdots dx_n = 0 \text{ if } j = 1 \text{ as in case I :}$$

further, if  $j \neq 1$ ,  $f_j dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge d\hat{x}_j \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n|_{\partial V} = 0$ . Also

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}_+^n} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} dx_1 \cdots dx_n = \int_{\mathbb{R}} dx_n \int_{\mathbb{R}} dx_{n-1} \cdots \int_{x_1 \geq 0} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} dx_1.$$

95 Hence

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}_+^n} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} dx_1 \cdots dx_n = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} f_1(0, x_2, \dots, x_n) dx_2 \cdots dx_n$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_V d(\eta_i \omega) &= - \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} f_1(0, x_2, \dots, x_n) dx_2 \cdots dx_n \\ &= \int_V \eta_i \omega \end{aligned}$$

## 6 One parameter groups and the theorem of Frobenius

In what follows  $V$  denotes a  $C^k$  manifold countable at  $\infty$  with  $k \geq 3$ .

**Definition.** A  $C^r$  map  $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \times V \rightarrow V$ ,  $0 < r \leq k$ , is called a one parameter group of  $C^r$  transformations of  $V$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\varphi(t, x) = \varphi_t(x)$  is a  $C^r$  diffeomorphism of  $V$  onto itself;
- (2)  $\varphi_{t+s}(x) = \varphi_t \circ \varphi_s(x)$  for  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x \in V$ .

**Definition.** If  $U$  is an open subset of  $V$ , a local one parameter group of  $C^r$  transformations of  $U$  into  $V$  is a  $C^r$  map  $\varphi: I_\varepsilon \times U \rightarrow V$ ,  $I_\varepsilon = \{t \in \mathbb{R} \mid |t| < \varepsilon\}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , which satisfies the following conditions:

1. for any  $t \in I_\varepsilon$ ,  $\varphi(t, x) = \varphi_t(x)$  is a  $C^r$  diffeomorphism of  $U$  into  $V$  (i.e. onto an open subset of  $V$ );
2. if  $s, t, s+t \in I_\varepsilon$  and  $x, \varphi_t(x) \in U$ , then  $\varphi_{s+t}(x) = \varphi_s \circ \varphi_t(x)$

Given a one parameter group  $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \times V \rightarrow V$  we can associate to it a vector field  $X_\varphi$  defined by  $(X_\varphi)_a(f) = \frac{\partial(f \circ \varphi_t)}{\partial t} \Big|_{(0, a)}$  for  $f \in C_a^k$ ; i.e.  $(X_\varphi)_a$  is precisely the tangent to the curve  $t \rightarrow \varphi_t(a)$  at  $a$ ,  $X_\varphi$  is called the vector field induced by  $\varphi$ . A local one parameter group of transformations of  $U$  into  $V$  induces a vector field on  $U$  in the same way.

**Proposition 1.** Given a  $C^{k-1}$  vector field  $X$ , there exists, for every  $a \in V$ , a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $a$  and a local one parameter group of  $C^{k-1}$  transformations of  $U$ ,  $\varphi: I_\varepsilon \times U$  which induces  $X$  on  $U$ , i.e. we have

$$X_b(f) = \frac{\partial(f \circ \varphi)}{\partial t}(0, b) \text{ for } b \in U \text{ and } f \in C_b^k.$$

*Proof.* Let the vector field  $X$  be given by

$$X = \sum a_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$$

in terms of local coordinates in an open set  $U' \ni a$ . We have then to solve the differential equation

$$\sum \frac{\partial \varphi_i}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} = \sum a_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$$

i.e. 
$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = a(\varphi(t_1, x))$$

with the initial condition  $\varphi(0, x) = x$ ; [here  $\varphi$  stands for an  $n$ -tuple of functions].  $\square$

97 Since  $X$  is a  $C^{k-1}$  vector field, ( $k \geq 3$ ),  $a_i \in C^{k-1}$  and by Chapter I, §6, there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$ , a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $a$  and a unique  $C^{k-1}$  map  $\varphi: I_\varepsilon \times U \rightarrow V$  satisfying the differential equation

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = a(\varphi(t, x)), \varphi(0, x) = x.$$

For  $s, t, s+t \in I_\varepsilon$  and  $x, \varphi_t(x) \in U$ , it can be easily verified that  $\varphi_s \circ \varphi_t(x)$  and  $\varphi_{s+t}(x)$  are both solutions of the differential equation

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial s} = a(\psi(s, x)), \psi_i(0, x) = \varphi_i(t, x).$$

Hence by the uniqueness of the solution of equations of this form, we have

$$\varphi_s \circ \varphi_t(x) = \varphi_{s+t}(x) \text{ for } x, \varphi_t(x) \in U.$$

It now remains to show that for  $t \in I_\varepsilon$ ,  $\varphi_t(x)$  is a diffeomorphism of  $U$  into  $V$ . Since

$$(d_2\varphi)(0, x) = \text{identity, and } \varphi \in C^{k-1}, \text{ it}$$

follows that for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon$ ,  $t \in I_\varepsilon$  implies  $(d_2\varphi)(t, x)$  is non-singular and hence, by the rank theorem,  $\varphi_t(x)$  is a diffeomorphism of  $U$  into  $V$  if  $U$  is chosen small enough (see also proof of the following corollary).

**Corollary.** *Given a  $C^{k-1}$  vector field  $X$  on  $V$  and a relatively compact open set  $U$ , there exists a local one parameter group  $\varphi_t$  of  $C^{k-1}$  transformations of  $U$  into  $V$  which induces  $X$  on  $U$ .*

**98** *Proof.* Let  $U'$  be an open set with  $U \subset\subset U' \subset\subset V$ . (We write  $A \subset\subset B$  to mean that  $A$  is relatively compact in  $B$ .) For any  $a \in \overline{U'}$  there is a neighbourhood  $U_a$  in  $V$  and a local one parameter group  $\varphi_t^{(a)}: U_a \rightarrow V$ ,  $|t| < \varepsilon(a)$ , which induces  $X$  on  $U_a$ . Suppose  $a_1, \dots, a_k$  so chosen that  $\bigcup U_{a_i} \supset U'$ . Let  $\varepsilon' = \min \varepsilon(a_i)$ . If  $U_{a_i} \cap U_{a_j} \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\varphi_t^{(a_i)}, \varphi_t^{(a_j)}$  induce  $X$  on  $U_{a_i} \cap U_{a_j}$ , and hence coincide there. Define  $\varphi_t(x) = \varphi_t^{(a_i)}(x)$  for  $x \in U_{a_i}$ . Let  $\varepsilon < \varepsilon'$  be so small that  $\varphi_t(U) \subset U'$  for  $|t| < \varepsilon$ . Since each  $\varphi_t$  is a 1-parameter group, we have only to show that each  $\varphi_t$  is injective on  $U$ . But this is obvious since  $\varphi_{-t}(\varphi_t(x)) = x$  for  $x \in U$ . (Note that  $\varphi_t(x) \in U'$  and  $\varphi_{-t}$  is defined on  $U'$ ).  $\square$

**Remark.** If  $V$  is compact,  $X$  gives rise to a global 1-parameter group  $\psi_s$ . In fact, as is easily deduced from the above corollary, there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\varphi_t: V \rightarrow V$  is a diffeomorphism (onto) for  $|t| < \varepsilon$ . Given  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , we set  $\psi_s = (\varphi_{s/k})^k$  where  $k$  is an integer so chosen that  $|s/k| < \varepsilon$  and  $(\varphi_{s/k})^k$  denotes the composite of  $(\varphi_{s/k})$  with itself  $k$  times. ( $\psi_s$  is independent of the  $k$  chosen).

We have remarked earlier that a differentiable map does not transfer vector fields into vector fields. However, let  $\sigma$  be a  $C^r$  diffeomorphism of an open set  $U \subset V$ , into  $V$  and  $X$ , a  $C^{r-1}$  vector field on  $U$ , let  $U' = \sigma(U)$ . The assignment to  $a \in U'$  of the vector  $\sigma_*(X_{\sigma^{-1}(a)})$  at  $a$ , is clearly a  $C^{r-1}$  vector field on  $U'$ , denoted by  $\sigma_*(X)$  or  $\sigma_*X$ . If  $f$  is a  $C^k$  function on  $U'$ , we have,

$$\sigma_*(X)(f) = X(f \circ \sigma) \circ \sigma^{-1}.$$

If  $X, Y$  are two vector fields on  $U$ , we have

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$$\begin{aligned} [\sigma_*X, \sigma_*Y](f) &= \sigma_*(X)[Y(f \circ \sigma) \circ \sigma^{-1}] - \sigma_*(Y)[X(f \circ \sigma) \circ \sigma^{-1}] \\ &= [X(Y(f \circ \sigma)) - Y(X(f \circ \sigma))] \circ \sigma^{-1} \\ &= \sigma_*([X, Y])(f), \\ \text{i.e. } [\sigma_*X, \sigma_*Y] &= \sigma_*[X, Y]. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 2.** If  $\sigma$  is a diffeomorphism  $U \rightarrow U'$  and if a local one parameter group of transformations  $\varphi: (U \cup U') \rightarrow V$  induces the vector

field  $X$ , then  $\sigma_*X$  is induced by the local one parameter group  $\sigma \circ \varphi \circ \sigma^{-1} : U' \rightarrow U$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_*(X)(f) &= X(f \circ \sigma) \circ \sigma^{-1} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(f \circ \sigma \circ \varphi_t)|_{t=0} \circ \sigma^{-1} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(f \circ \sigma \circ \varphi_t) \sigma^{-1}|_{t=0} \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 1.**  $\sigma$  commutes with  $\varphi_t$  for every  $t$  if and only if  $\sigma_*(X) = X$ .

**Definition.** A local one parameter group  $\varphi$  is said to leave a vector field  $X$  invariant if  $(\varphi_{t_*})(X) = X$  for every  $t$ .

**100 Remark.** If  $\varphi$  induces the vector field  $X_\varphi$ ,  $X_\varphi$  is invariant under  $\varphi$ .

**Definition.** If  $\varphi$  is a local one parameter group  $U \rightarrow V$ , of  $C^2$  transformations, and  $Y$ , a vector field on  $V$ , and if  $(\varphi_t)_*Y = Y_t$ , we define the vector field  $\frac{dY_t}{dt}$  by

$$\left(\frac{dY_t}{dt}\right)(f) = \frac{d}{dt}[Y_t(f)].$$

**Proposition 3.** If  $Y$  is a  $C^{k-1}$  vector field on  $V$ ,  $k \geq 3$  and if a one parameter group  $\varphi$  induces the  $k-1$  vector field  $X$  on  $U$  we have

$$\left.\frac{dY_t}{dt}\right|_{t_0} = [Y_{t_0}, X] \text{ on } U.$$

*Proof.* We shall first prove the result for  $t_0 = 0$ . We have

□

$$\begin{aligned} \left.\frac{dY_t}{dt}\right|_0(f) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t}[Y_t - Y](f) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t}[Y[f \circ \varphi_t] \circ \varphi_{-t} - Y(f)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} [Y(f \circ \varphi_t) - Y(f) \circ \varphi_t] \circ \varphi_{-t} \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} [Y(f \circ \varphi_t) - Y(f) - Y(f) \circ \varphi_t + Y(f)] \circ \varphi_{-t} \\
&= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{Y(f \circ \varphi_t - f)}{t} - \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{Y(f) \circ \varphi_t - Y(f)}{t},
\end{aligned}$$

since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \varphi_{-t} = \text{identity}$ . Now

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{Y(f) \circ \varphi_t - Y(f)}{t} = X(Y(f))$$

by definition of  $X$ . Consider  $h(t, x) = f \circ \varphi_t(x)$ . Clearly  $h \in C^2$  since  $101$   
 $h \in C^{k-1}$  and

$$\frac{h(t, x) - h(0, x)}{t} = \frac{f \circ \varphi_t - f}{t} \in C^1.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Hence} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{Y[f \circ \varphi_t - f]}{t} &= Y \left[ \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f \circ \varphi_t - f}{t} \right] \\
&= Y(X(f)).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Hence} \quad \left. \frac{dY_t}{dt} \right|_{t=0} (f) &= Y[X(f)] - X[Y(f)] \\
&= [Y_0, X](f).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \left. \frac{dY_t}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = [Y_0, X].$$

For any  $t_0$  in the interval of definition.

$$(\varphi_{t_0})_* \left( \left. \frac{dY_t}{dt} \right|_{t=0} \right) = \left( \left. \frac{dY_t}{dt} \right|_{t=t_0} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{and} \quad (\varphi_{t_0})_* [Y_0, X] &= [(\varphi_{t_0})_* Y_0, (\varphi_{t_0})_* X] \\
&= [Y_{t_0}, X].
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence} \quad \left. \frac{dY_t}{dt} \right|_{t=t_0} = [Y_{t_0}, X].$$

**Corollary.** *If  $X, Y$  are vector fields on  $V$  which give rise to local one parameter groups  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$ :  $U \rightarrow V$  respectively, then for all  $t, s$ ,  $\varphi_t$  and  $\psi_s$  commute (i.e.  $\varphi_t \circ \psi_s = \psi_s \circ \varphi_t$  on the common of definition) if and only if  $[X, Y] = 0$ .*

102 *Proof.* If  $\varphi_t$  and  $\psi_s$  commute for sufficiently small  $t$  and  $s$ ,  $\varphi_t$  leaves  $Y$  invariant.

Hence 
$$\frac{dY_t}{dt} = [Y_t, X] = [Y, X] = 0. \quad \square$$

Conversely if  $[Y, X] = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{dY_t}{dt} \right|_{t=t_0} &= [Y_{t_0}, X] = [Y_{t_0}, X_{t_0}] \\ &= (\varphi_{t_0})_*[Y, X] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\varphi_t$  leaves  $Y$  invariant, which, with the corollary to Prop.2, completes the proof.

In what follows we consider a  $C^k$  manifold  $V$ . The vector fields will be  $C^{k-1}$  and differentiable functions, mappings will be  $C^k$ .

**Definition.** 1. A distribution (or differential system)  $\mathcal{D}$  of rank  $p$ , on (a  $C^k$  manifold)  $V$  is an assignment to each point  $a \in V$  of a subspace  $\mathcal{D}(a)$  of  $T_a(V)$ , of dimension  $p$ .

2. A distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  is called differentiable if for every  $a \in V$  there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $a$  and differentiable vector fields  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p$  such that  $X_{1_b}, X_{2_b}, \dots, X_{p_b}$  form a basis of  $\mathcal{D}(b)$  for every  $b \in U$ .

3. A submanifold  $i: W \rightarrow V$  of  $V$  (more generally, a  $C^k$  mapping  $i: W \rightarrow V$ ) is called an integral of  $\mathcal{D}$  if for  $a \in W$ ,  $i_*(T_a(W)) \subset \mathcal{D}(i(a))$ .

4. A distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  is said to be completely integrable if for every  $a \in V$ , there exists a neighbourhood  $U_a$  and a system of local coordinates  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , such that for sufficiently small  $c_i$ ,  $p+1 \leq i \leq n$ , the submanifolds given by  $U_c = \{x \in U | x_i = c_i, i \geq p+1\}$  are integrals of  $\mathcal{D}$ .

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**Remark.** Any submanifold of an integral is itself an integral.

**Lemma 1.** If  $\mathcal{D}$  is a completely integrable differentiable distribution and if  $W \subset U$  is a connected integral of  $\mathcal{D}$ , then  $W \subset U_c$  for some  $c = (c_i)_{p+1 \leq i \leq n}$ , [where  $U$  carries a coordinate system as in (4) above].



*Proof.* We have  $i_*(T_a(W)) \subset \mathcal{D}(i(a))$ . Now for any  $c$ ,  $T_{i(a)}(U_c)$  has dimension  $p$  and hence  $T_{i(a)}(U_c) = \mathcal{D}(i(a))$

Hence  $i_*(T_a(W)) \subset T_{i(a)}(U_c)$ .  $\square$

Now  $T_{i(a)}(U_c)$  is the subspace of  $T_{i(a)}(V)$ , orthogonal to the 1-forms  $\{dx_i\}_{i>p}$ . Hence  $\{dx_i\}_{i>p}$  are orthogonal to  $i_*(T_a(W))$ , i.e.  $dx_i|_W = 0$ ,  $i > p$  and hence  $x_i = c_i$  for some constant  $c_i$ ,  $i > p$ , since  $W$  is connected.

**Definition.** A differentiable distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  is called involutive (or complete) if for any  $a \in V$ , there is a neighbourhood  $U$  and vector fields  $X_1, \dots, X_p$  generating  $\mathcal{D}$  in  $U$  such that, we have, for  $b \in U$

$$[X_i, X_j]_b \in \mathcal{D}(b) \text{ for } i, j \leq p.$$

Note that there then exist differentiable functions  $a_{ij}^k$  in  $U$  such

$$[x_i, x_j] = \sum_{k=1}^p a_{ij}^k X_k.$$

**Remark.** The above definition is independent of the basics  $X_1, \dots, X_p$ .

**Lemma 2.** *If a differential system  $\mathcal{D}$  is involutive, for any  $a \in V$  there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $a$  and a basis  $X_1, \dots, X_p$  of  $\mathcal{D}$  in  $U$  such that  $[X_i, X_j] = 0$  in  $U$ .* 104

*Proof.* Let  $(Y_i)_{1 \leq i \leq p}$  be a basis of  $\mathcal{D}|_U$ .  $\square$

In terms of local coordinates, let

$$Y_i = \sum_{r=1}^n a_{ir} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_r}.$$

We may assume without loss of generality that the matrix  $(a_{ir}(x)) = A(x)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq p$  is of rank  $p$  at the point  $x = a$ . If  $U$  is small enough,  $A(x)$  has rank  $p$  for  $x \in U$ . If  $B(x) = (b_{ir}(x)) = [A(x)]^{-1}$ , then the  $b_{ir}$  are differentiable. Let

$$X_i = \sum_{k=1}^p b_{ik} Y_k.$$

$$\text{Then } X_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + \sum_{r>p} C_{ir} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_r} \text{ and } (X_i)_{1 \leq i \leq p}$$

form a basis of  $\mathcal{D}|_U$ . Since  $\mathcal{D}$  is involutive, we have

$$[X_i, X_j] = \sum_{r=1}^p \lambda_r X_r.$$

But  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}\right)_{1 \leq i \leq p}$  commute with each other and, if  $[X_i, X_j] = \sum_{r=1}^n \mu_r \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_r}\right)$ , then  $\mu_r = 0$  for  $r \leq p$ . Clearly we therefore have

$$\lambda_r = \mu_r = 0 \text{ for } r \leq p.$$

**105 Proposition 4.** *Let  $X_1, \dots, X_p$  be vector fields on  $V$  which are linearly independent at every point of  $V$  and such that  $[X_i, X_j] = 0$ , then for any  $a \in V$  there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  and coordinates  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p, x_{p+1}, \dots, x_n$  in  $U$  such that  $X_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i}$  for  $i \leq p$ .*

*Proof.* We can assume that  $X_1, \dots, X_p$  are induced by local one parameter groups of transformations,  $\varphi^{(1)}, \varphi^{(2)}, \dots, \varphi^{(p)}$  in a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $a$ . We suppose that  $\varphi_t^{(i)}$  are defined for  $|t| < \varepsilon$ . After a linear change of coordinates on  $U$  we may suppose that the vectors

$$(X_1)_a, \dots, (X_p)_a, \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{p+1}}\right)_a, \dots, \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)_a$$

are linearly independent. We suppose further that the coordinates of  $a$  are zero. Let  $U' \subset \mathbb{R}^{n-p}$  be the set of  $x' = (x_{p+1}, \dots, x_n)$  with  $(0, x') \in U$ ,  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ , the set  $|t_i| < \delta$  and let  $h: Q \times U' \rightarrow U$  be the mapping

$$h(t_1, \dots, t_p, x_{p+1}, \dots, x_n) = \varphi_{t_1}^{(1)} \circ \dots \circ \varphi_{t_p}^{(p)}(0, x'),$$

$\varepsilon$  being chosen so small that the composites are all defined.  $\square$

For any  $C^k$  function  $f$  on  $U$ , we have  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t_1}[f \circ h]_{t=0} = (X_1)_a(f)$ , by definition of  $\varphi_t^{(1)}$ , and since the  $\varphi_t^{(i)}$  commute, (because  $[X_i, X_j] = 0$ ), we have

$$h_* \left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} \right)_o \right] = (X_i)_a, \quad 1 \leq i \leq p.$$

It is obvious that

$$h_* \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right)_0 = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right)_0, \quad i > p.$$

This, however, implies that  $h_*$  has the maximum rank =  $n$  and is a diffeomorphism in a neighbourhood of 0. Hence  $t_1, \dots, t_p, x_{p+1}, \dots, x_n$  may be considered as local coordinates in  $U$  if  $U$  is small enough. Further, exactly as above, we show that  $h_* \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} \right) = X_i, i \leq p$ , which gives the proposition. 106

**Theorem 1** (Frobenius). *A differential system on  $V$  is involutive if and only it is completely integrable.*

*Proof.* If  $\mathcal{D}$  is a completely integrable system for  $a \in V$  there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $a$  such that for all sufficiently small  $(C_i)_{p+1 \leq i \leq n}$ ,  $U_c = \{x \in U | x_i = s_i, i > p\}$  are integrals of  $\mathcal{D}$ . Hence  $\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right)_{1 \leq i \leq p}$  form a basis of  $\mathcal{D}|_U$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  is involutive. This together with Lemma 2 and Proposition 4 above proves the theorem.  $\square$

**Remark.** We have proved the theorem of Frobenius for  $C^2$  distributions, i.e. distributions having a basis of  $C^2$  vector fields [ We have used the condition essentially in the proof of Prop. 3.] However the theorem is valid also for  $C^1$  vector fields. We have only to prove Prop. 3 for  $C^1$  vector fields. This can be by approximating the fields by  $C^2$  fields and using the results of Chap I, §6, to conclude that the local 1-parameter group associated to a vector field  $X$  depends continuously on  $X$ .

Let  $\omega_{p+1}, \dots, \omega_n$  be 1-forms on  $V$  which are linearly independent at every point. We can define a distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  by setting

$$\mathcal{D}(a) = \{X \in T_a(V) \mid (\omega_i)_a(X) = 0 \text{ for } i = p+1, \dots, n\}.$$

107 If the  $\omega_i$  are differentiable then so is  $\mathcal{D}$ . In fact, considering suitable linear combinations of the  $\omega_i$  with differentiable coefficients, we may suppose that, in a neighbourhood of any given point  $a$  of  $V$ , we have

$$\omega_i = dx_i + \sum_{r \leq p} a_{ir} dx_r, i > p.$$

Then  $\mathcal{D}$  is the distribution spanned by the vector fields

$$X_r = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_r} - \sum_{j > p} a_{jr} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, 1 \leq r \leq p :$$

(it is obvious that the  $X_r$  are orthogonal to the  $\omega_i$  and they are clearly linearly independent).

For distributions given in this form, the theorem of Frobenius is as follows.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\omega_{p+1}, \dots, \omega_n$  be 1-forms which are linearly independent at every point. Then, in order that the distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  defined by them be completely integrable, it is necessary and sufficient that every point  $a \in V$  has a neighbourhood in which there exists 1-forms  $\alpha_{jn}^r$  such that, for  $j > p$ ,*

$$(6.1) \quad d\omega_j = \sum_{k=p+1}^n \omega_k \wedge \alpha_{jn}^r;$$

*i.e.  $d\omega_j$  belongs to the ideal generated by the  $\omega_k$ .*

[Note that the condition (6.1) is invariant under ‘change of basis’, i.e. if  $\eta_j$  are 1-forms which span the same subspace of  $T_a^*(V)$  for any  $a$ , then the condition (6.1) is satisfied if and only if the corresponding condition on the  $\eta_j$  is.]

108 *Proof.* If  $\mathcal{D}$  is completely integrable, and  $a \in V$ , choose coordinates at  $a$  such that the “planes”  $x_{p+1} = c_{p+1}, \dots, x_n = c_n$  are integrals of  $\mathcal{D}$ . Then  $\mathcal{D}(b)$  is the space orthogonal to  $(dx_{p+1})_b, \dots, (dx_n)_b$ . Hence  $dx_{p+1}, \dots, dx_n$  span the same subspace of  $T_b^*(V)$  as  $\omega_{p+1}, \dots, \omega_n$  for  $b \in U$ . The equation (6.1) for the  $dx_j$  is trivial.  $\square$

Suppose conversely that there exist  $\alpha_j^r$  satisfying (6.1). Let  $X_1, \dots, X_p$  be vector fields in a neighbourhood of a generating  $\mathcal{D}$ . We have

$$(d\omega_k)(X_i, X_j) = X_i\omega_r(X_j) - X_j\omega_r(X_i) - \omega_r([X_i, X_j]).$$

Because of (6.1)  $(d\omega_k)(X_i, X_j) = 0$ ; and by definition,  $\omega_r(X_i) = \omega_r(X_j) = 0$ . Hence  $\omega_r([X_i, X_j]) = 0$  so that  $[X_i, X_j]_b$  is orthogonal to  $(\omega_r)_b$  for all  $r$ , so that  $[X_i, X_j]_b \in \mathcal{D}(b)$ . This proves that  $\mathcal{D}$  is involutive, hence completely integrable

One can prove that through any point passes a maximal integral. More precisely, we have

**Theorem 3'.** *If  $\mathcal{D}$  is completely integrable, then for any  $a \in V$ , there exists a connected integral  $i: W \rightarrow V$  of  $\mathcal{D}$  such that if  $j: W' \rightarrow V$  is any connected integral of  $\mathcal{D}$  with  $j(a') = a$  then  $W'$  is a submanifold of  $W$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $W$  be the set of points  $x$  of  $V$  with the following property: there exists a chain of differentiable mappings  $\gamma_i: I \rightarrow V$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq N$  ( $I$  being the closed unit interval) with  $\gamma_0(0) = a$ ,  $\gamma_N(1) = x$ ,  $\gamma_{i+1}(0) = \gamma_i(1)$  ( $0 \leq i < N$ ), such that each  $\gamma_i$  is an integral of  $\mathcal{D}$  (in the obvious sense). We topologize  $W$  as follows. Let  $x_0 \in W$ , and  $U$  an open set about  $x_0$  carrying coordinates  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ ,  $x_i(x_0) = 0$ , such that all the “planes”  $U_c = \{x_{p+1} = c_{p+1}, \dots, x_n = c_n\}$  are integrals of  $\mathcal{D}$ . We may suppose that  $U$  is a “cube”, so that these planes are connected. Clearly every point of  $U_0$  belongs to  $W$ . The sets  $W_\varepsilon(x_0) = U_0 \cap \{x \in U \mid |x_i| < \varepsilon\}$  will, by definition, form a fundamental system of neighbourhoods of  $x_0$  in  $W$ . [Note that by Lemma 1 the sets  $U_c$  are completely determined by  $\mathcal{D}$ ] Also if  $\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_N$  is a chain as in the definition of  $W$ ,  $\gamma_N(I) \subset U_0 \subset \bar{W}$ . It is clear that this topology is Hausdorff. We make  $W$  into a  $C^{k-1}$  manifold by requiring that the obvious mappings  $W_\varepsilon(x_0) \rightarrow \{(x_1, \dots, x_p) \in \mathbb{R}^p \mid |x_i| < \varepsilon\}$  determine coordinates on  $W$ . It is then clear that  $W$  is a connected integral of  $\mathcal{D}$ .  $\square$

If  $j: W' \rightarrow V$  is any connected integral with  $j(a') = a$ , let, for  $w' \in W'$ ,  $\gamma'_0, \gamma'_1, \dots, \gamma'_N$  be diffeomorphism of  $I$  into  $W'$  such that  $\gamma'_0(0) =$

$a', \gamma'_{i+1}(0) = \gamma'_i(1) = w'$ . Let  $w = j(w')$ . Then  $\gamma_i = j(\gamma'_i)$  is a chain as in the definition of  $W$  joining  $a$  to  $w$ . Hence  $w \in W$ . Thus there is a mapping  $\eta : W' \rightarrow W$  with  $io\eta = j$ . Clearly  $\eta$  makes of  $W'$  a submanifold of  $W$ .

Finally, we give the Frobenius theorem in another form. In this form, it may be looked upon as a direct generalisation of the existence theorem for ordinary differential equations proved in Chap. I, §6.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $\Omega$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with coordinates  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $\Omega'$  an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  with coordinates  $(t_1, \dots, t_m)$ . Let  $f_i : \Omega \times \Omega' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be  $C^k$  functions,  $i = 1, \dots, m$  ( $k \geq 2$ ). In order that to every  $t_0 \in \Omega'$  and  $x_0 \in \Omega$  there is a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $t_0$  and a unique  $C^k$  map  $x : U \rightarrow \Omega$  such that*

$$(6.2) \quad \frac{\partial x(t)}{\partial t_i} = f_i(x(t), t), \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \quad x(t_0) = x_0,$$

110 *it is necessary and sufficient that we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial t_j}(x, t) + (d_1 f_i)(x, t) \cdot f_j(x, t) \\ &= \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial t_i}(x, t) + (d_1 f_j)(x, t) \cdot f_i(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq i, j \leq m$ ,  $(x, t) \in \Omega \times \Omega$

[Note that  $d_1 f_i$  is a linear mapping of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into itself.]

*Proof.* The uniqueness of the solution, if it exists, follows from the uniqueness theorem for solutions of ordinary differential equations proved in Cha. I, §6. If the equations (6.2) are solvable, the equations (6.3) hold; in fact the two sides of the equality at the point  $(x_0, t_0)$  are then simply

$$\frac{\partial^2 x(t)}{\partial t_j \partial t_i} \Big|_{t=t_0}.$$

□

To prove the converse, we proceed as follows. The equations (6.2) can be written

$$(6.4) \quad \frac{\partial x_r}{\partial t_i} = f_{ir}(x, t), f_i = (f_{i1}, \dots, f_{in}), r = 1, \dots, n.$$

Consider the differential forms

$$(6.5) \quad dx_r - \sum_{i=1}^m f_{ir}(x, t) dt_i, r = 1, \dots, n$$

on  $\Omega \times \Omega'$ , and let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the form differential system of rank  $m$  defined by them. If  $\mathcal{D}$  has an integral manifold of the form  $x - \varphi(t) = 0$ , where  $\varphi$  is a  $C^k$  map of a neighbourhood of  $t_0$  into  $\Omega$  with  $\varphi(t_0) = x_0$ , then  $x = \varphi$  is a solution of (6.2). Suppose now that  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  are  $C^k$  functions near  $(x_0, t_0)$  such that  $(du_1)(x_0, t_0), \dots, (du_n)(x_0, t_0)$  are linearly independent. Then if the manifold  $W = \{u_1 = \dots = u_n = 0\}$  [ in a neighbourhood of  $(x_0, t_0)$  this is a manifold by the rank theorem] is an integral of  $\mathcal{D}$ , it is clear that the forms (6.5) and the forms  $du_1, \dots, du_n$  generate the same subspace of  $T_{(x_0, t_0)}^*(\Omega \times \Omega')$ . Hence  $(d_1 u_1)(x_0, t_0), \dots, (d_1 u_n)(x_0, t_0)$  are linearly independent. Hence by the implicit function theorem,  $W$  is given by equations  $x - \varphi(t) = 0$ , and by our remark above, the equations (6.2) are solvable. Thus, if  $\mathcal{D}$  is completely integrable, then the equations (6.2) are solvable. 111

Now, as we have seen before,  $\mathcal{D}$  has a basis given by the vector fields

$$(6.6) \quad X_i = \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} + \sum_{r=1}^n f_{ir}(x, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_r};$$

further, we have seen in the proof of Lemma 2 that  $\mathcal{D}$  is completely integrable if and only if

$$[X_i, X_j] = 0 \text{ for } i, j \leq m.$$

It is easily verified that these latter conditions are precisely the condition (6.3). Thus, if conditions (6.3) are satisfied,  $\mathcal{D}$  is completely integrable, and in particular the equations (6.2) are solvable.

**Remark.** Theorem 4 is true also for  $C^1$  functions  $f_i$ ; a proof of this statement can be obtained by using the remark made after the proof of Frobenius' theorem. 112

We remark that if, in Theorem 4, we take  $n = 1$  and the  $f_i$  to be functions independent of  $x$ , we obtain the following result.

In order that there exist a  $C^k$  function  $x(t_1, \dots, t_m)$  for which, in a neighbourhood of  $t_0$ , we have

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial t_i} = f_i(t),$$

it is necessary and sufficient that

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial t_j} = \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial t_i}$$

This can be formulated as follows. Consider the 1-form  $\omega = \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(t) dt_i$ . Then there is a function  $f$  with  $df = \omega$  in a neighbourhood of any point if and only if  $d\omega = 0$ .

This result is a special case of Poincaré's lemma, which we shall prove later.

For the material concerning 1-parameter groups, see Nomizu [33]. A different treatment of the Frobenius theorem (in the first form given here) will be found in Chevalley [7].

## 7 Poincaré's lemma, the type decomposition of complex co vectors, and Grothendieck's lemma

**Definition.** If  $V$  is a  $C^k$  manifold of dimension  $n$  a differential form  $\omega$ , of degree  $p$ , is said to be closed if  $d\omega = 0$  and is said to be exact if there exists a form  $\omega_1$  of degree  $p - 1$ , such that  $d\omega_1 = \omega$ . 113

Since  $d^2 = 0$ , an exact form is closed. We denote the set of closed  $p$ -differential forms by  $Z^p(V)$  and the set of exact  $p$ -differential forms by  $B^p(V)$ . The quotient  $H^p(V) = Z^p/B^p(V)$  is called the  $p^{\text{th}}$  de Rham



group of  $V$ . A basic theorem of de Rham, which we shall not prove here, implies that the  $H^p(V)$  are topological invariants. i.e., if  $V, V'$  are homeomorphic, then  $H^p(V) \approx H^p(V')$ . For a proof, see e.g. A.Weil [44].

**Poincare's lemma.** If  $D$  is a convex open set  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , every closed form of degree  $\geq 1$  on  $D$  is exact, i.e.  $H^p(D) = 0$  for  $p \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* We may suppose without loss of generality that  $0 \in D$ . Let  $I = (0, 1)$ , be the open unit interval. Consider the map  $h : D \times I \rightarrow D$  given by  $h(x, t) = t.x$ .  $\square$

If  $\omega$  is a closed  $p$  form on  $D$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , let  $\omega = \sum_I a_I(x). dx_I$  in terms of the coordinates of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then  $h^*(\omega)$  is a form on  $D \times I$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} h^*(\omega) &= \sum_I a_I(tx) d(tx_I), I = (i_1, \dots, i_p), i_1 < i_2 \dots < i_p \\ &= \sum_I a_I(tx) t^p dx_I + t^{p-1} \sum_I a_I(tx) \left( \sum_j (-1)^{j-1} x_j dt \wedge dx_{I,j} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} dx_{I,j} &= dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_{j-1}} \wedge dx_{i_{j+1}} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_p} \text{ if } j \in I \\ &= 0 \text{ otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $h^*(\omega) = \sum a_I(tx) t^p d(x_I) + dt \wedge \omega'$  where  $\omega'$  is a  $(p-1)$  form on  $D \times I$ . We have **114**

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= h^*(d\omega) = d(h^*(\omega)), \\ \text{so that } \sum_I \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (t^p a_I(tx)) dt \wedge dx_I + t^p \sum_{j \in I} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (a_I(tx)) dx_j \wedge dx_I - dt \wedge d\omega' &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\sum \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (a_I(tx)) dx_j \wedge dx_I = 0$$

and that

$$\sum \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (t^p a_I(tx)) dt \wedge dx_I$$

$$= dt \wedge d\omega'.$$

Since  $dx_I$  does not contain  $dt$ , this implies that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \sum t^p a_I(tx) dx_I \right) = d_x \omega'$$

where

$$d_x \omega' = \sum dx_i \wedge \frac{\partial \omega'}{\partial x_i}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \sum a_I(tx) t^p dx_I \right) dt &= \omega \text{ (since } p \geq 1) \\ &= \int_0^1 d_x \omega' dt. \\ &= d_x \left[ \int_0^1 \omega' dt \right]. \end{aligned}$$

115 i.e.  $\omega = d\omega_1$  where  $\omega_1 = \int_0^1 \omega' dt$ .

Compare this proof with the one given in A. Weil [44].

We introduce on  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  the structure of a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  by means of the  $\mathbb{R}$  isomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  isomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  onto  $\mathbb{C}^n$  given by

$$(x_1, \dots, x_{2n}) \leftrightarrow (z_1, \dots, z_n)$$

where  $z_j = x_{2j-1} + ix_{2j}$ .

If  $E$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$ , of dimension  $n$ , consider the complex vector space  $\mathcal{E}^* = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}}(E, \mathbb{C})$ , of  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear mappings of  $E$  into  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Let  $F = \{f \mid f \text{ an } \mathbb{R} \text{ linear form } : E \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } f(iv) = if(v)\}$ .

$\bar{F} = \{f \mid f \text{ an } \mathbb{R} \text{ linear form } : E \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } f(iv) = -if(v)\}$ .

Then  $\mathcal{E}^* = F \oplus \bar{F}$ .

[For if  $g \in \mathcal{E}^*$ , consider  $f'$  and  $f''$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} f'(v) &= \frac{1}{2}\{g(v) - ig(iv)\} \\ f''(v) &= \frac{1}{2}\{g(v) + ig(iv)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $g = f' + f''$  and  $f' \in F, f'' \in \bar{F}$ ]

We denote  $F$  by  $E(1, 0)$  and  $\bar{F}$  by  $E^{(0,1)}$ . Conjugation  $z \rightarrow \bar{z}$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  defines an  $\mathbb{R}$ -isomorphism of  $F$  onto  $\bar{F}$ . Let  $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$  form a  $\mathbb{C}$  basis of  $F$ . Then  $(\bar{e}_1, \dots, \bar{e}_n)$  forms a  $\mathbb{C}$  basis of  $\bar{F}$ .

We shall have to consider the vector space  $\wedge^r \mathcal{E}^*$ . For fixed  $p, q$  with  $p + q = r$ , let  $\mathcal{E}_{p,q}^*$  denote the complex subspace of  $\wedge^r \mathcal{E}^*$  generated by the elements of the form **116**

$$e_I \wedge \bar{e}_J = e_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{i_p} \wedge \bar{e}_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \bar{e}_{j_q}$$

where  $i_1 < \dots < i_p, j_1 < \dots < j_q$  (but there is no relation between the  $i$  and the  $j$ ). Then the elements  $e_I \wedge \bar{e}_J$  are linearly independent and span  $\wedge^r \mathcal{E}^*$  if  $I, J$  run over all increasing sequences of  $p$  and  $q$  integers respectively, so that  $\wedge^r \mathcal{E}^* = \sum_{p+q=r} \mathcal{E}_{p,q}^*$ .

In what follows,  $V$  is a complex analytic manifold of complex dimension  $n$ ,  $(x_1, y_1, \dots, x_n, y_n)$  denotes the real local coordinates and  $(z_1, \dots, z_n), z_j = x_j + iy_j$ , complex coordinates. Let  $T_a = T_a(V)$  be the tangent space to  $V$  at  $a$  considered as a  $C^\infty$  manifold of dimension  $2n$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{T}_a^* = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}}(T_a, \mathbb{C})$ .

Clearly  $\mathcal{T}_a^*$ , as a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  has dimension  $2n$ . Since  $(dx_j)_a, (dy_j)_a \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}}(T_a, \mathbb{R}) \subset \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}}(T_a, \mathbb{C})$ , the expressions  $(dz_j)_a = (dx_j)_a + i(dy_j)_a, (d\bar{z}_j)_a = (dx_j)_a - i(dy_j)_a$  are well defined elements of  $\mathcal{T}_a^*$ ; it is clear that they form a  $\mathbb{C}$  basis of  $\mathcal{T}_a^*$ . Note that for any complex valued  $C^\infty$  function  $g$  on  $V$ , the differential  $(dg)_a \in \mathcal{T}_a^*$ .

We note the mapping  $T_a(V) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  defined by  $X \rightarrow (dx_1(X), dy_1(X), \dots, dx_n(X), dy_n(X))$  is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -isomorphism. Hence the map  $x \rightarrow (dz_1(X), \dots, dz_n(X))$  is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -isomorphism of  $T_a(V)$  onto  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . This isomorphism defines the structure of complex vector space on  $T_a(V)$ . This structure is independent of the complex coordinate system used. It is **117**

seen at once that it is uniquely characterised by the following property.

If  $f$  is a germ of holomorphic function at  $a \in V$ , we have

$$(df)_a((\alpha + i\beta)X) = (\alpha + i\beta)(df)_a(X), \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, X \in T_a(V).$$

We may also consider the space  $\mathcal{T}_a(V) = T_a(V) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} = \text{Hom}(\mathcal{T}_a^*, \mathbb{C})$ . This is called the space of complex tangent vectors at  $a$ .  $\mathcal{T}_a(V)$  has a basis dual to the basis  $dz_1, \dots, dz_n, d\bar{z}_1, \dots, d\bar{z}_n$  of  $\mathcal{T}_a^*$ ; this basis is denoted by  $\frac{\partial}{\partial z_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial z_n}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_n}$ . It is easily verified that, in terms of the tangent vectors  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}$  (which also form a basis of  $\mathcal{T}_a(V)$  we have,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \right), \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_j} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \right).$$

$\mathcal{T}_a^*$  is the complexification of  $T_a^*$  and elements of  $\mathcal{T}_a^*$  are called complex co vectors at  $a$ .  $\wedge^p \mathcal{T}^*(V)$  is a  $C^\infty$  manifold of real dimension  $2n + \binom{4n}{p}$ . Hereafter, by a  $p$  differential form  $\omega$ , we mean a complex  $p$  differential form, i.e., a  $C^\infty$  map  $\omega : V \rightarrow \wedge^p \mathcal{T}^*(V)$  such that  $\omega(a) \in \wedge^p \mathcal{T}_a^*(V)$ .

We return now to our remarks on  $\wedge^r \mathcal{E}^*$  for a complex vector space  $E$ , where  $\mathcal{E}^* = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{R}}(R, \mathbb{C})$ . We take for  $E$ , the space  $T_a = T_a(V)$  with the complex structure introduced above. It is immediate that  $\mathcal{E}_{1,0}^*$  is the space spanned by  $dz_1, \dots, dz_n, \mathcal{E}_{0,1}^*$ , that spanned by  $d\bar{z}_1, \dots, d\bar{z}_n$ . Hence  $\mathcal{E}_{p,q}^*$  is spanned by the convectors  $dz_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dz_{i_p} \wedge d\bar{z}_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge d\bar{z}_{j_q}$

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A differential form  $\omega$  is said to be of type  $(p, q)$  if for each  $a \in V$ ,  $\omega \in \mathcal{E}_{p,q}^*$  that is to say,

$$\omega_a = \sum_{\substack{i_1 < \dots < i_p \\ j_1 < \dots < j_q}}^a \omega_{IJ} dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J, I = (i_1, \dots, i_p), J = (j_1, \dots, j_q).$$

The operator  $d$  of exterior differentiation defined on real valued forms extends obviously to a  $\mathbb{C}$  linear map from  $C^\infty p$  forms to  $C^\infty(p+1)$  form, with properties similar to those proved before.

If  $f$  is a complex valued function, we have a decomposition

$$df = \partial f + \bar{\partial} f$$

where  $\partial f$  is of type  $(1, 0)$  and  $\bar{\partial} f$  of type  $(0, 1)$ , since the space  $\mathcal{E}^* = \mathcal{E}_{1,0} \oplus \mathcal{E}_{1,0}^*$ . In terms of local coordinates, we have

$$\partial f = \sum \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_k} dz_k, \bar{\partial} f = \sum \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}_k} d\bar{z}_k.$$

If  $\omega$  is a form of type  $(p, q)$  say,

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \sum \omega_{IJ} dz_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dz_{i_p} \wedge d\bar{z}_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge d\bar{z}_{j_q} \\ &= \sum \omega_{IJ} dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J \text{ say,} \\ \text{then } d\omega &= \sum d\omega_{IJ} \wedge dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J \\ &= \sum (\partial\omega_{IJ} + \bar{\partial}\omega_{IJ}) \wedge dz_I \wedge d\bar{z}_J \end{aligned}$$

so that  $d\omega = \partial\omega + \bar{\partial}\omega$ , where  $\partial\omega$  is of type  $(p+1, q)$  and  $\bar{\partial}\omega$  of type  $(p, q+1)$ . From the fact that the decomposition  $\wedge^r \mathcal{E}^* = \sum \mathcal{E}_{p,q}^*$  is direct we see at once that the fact that  $d^2 = 0$  is equivalent with the three conditions

$$\partial^2 = 0, \partial\bar{\partial} + \bar{\partial}\partial = 0, \bar{\partial}^2 = 0.$$

Note further that we have  $\bar{\partial}f = \bar{\partial}(\bar{f})$  [The operation  $\bar{\partial}f$  is the conjugation  $\mathcal{E}_{1,0}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{0,1}^*$  defined earlier]. 119

**Definition.** A differential form  $\omega$  is holomorphic if  $\omega$  is of type  $(p, 0)$  and  $\bar{\partial}\omega = 0$ .

**Remark.** If  $f$  is a 0-form, it is holomorphic if and only if  $f$ , as a function of  $(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ , the complex local coordinates is holomorphic. Further if  $\omega$  is of type  $(p, 0)$ , if  $\omega = \sum f_I(z) dz_I$  in local coordinates,  $\omega$  is holomorphic if and only if  $f_I(z)$  is holomorphic for each  $I$ .

We make two further remarks.

1. Any complex manifold is orientable. In fact the jacobian determinant of a holomorphic map  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\Omega$  open in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , considered as a  $C^\infty$  map of an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  into  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  (in terms of the identification of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  and  $\mathbb{C}^n$  made earlier) is equal to  $|D|^2$ , where

$$D = \det \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \right).$$

2. Let  $V, V'$  be complex manifolds,  $f : V \rightarrow V'$  a holomorphic map.  $f$  induces a  $\mathbb{C}$  linear map  $T_a(V) \rightarrow T_{f(a)}(V')$  since  $\varphi \circ f$  is holomorphic for any holomorphic  $\varphi$ . Hence, the map  $f^* : \mathcal{T}_{f(a)}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_a^*$  maps  $(\mathcal{E}_{1,0}^*)_{f(a)}$  into  $(\mathcal{E}_{1,0}^*)_a$ . Hence  $f^*(\omega')$  is of type  $(p, q)$  if  $\omega'$  is of type  $(p, q)$ . Since moreover, for any form  $\omega'$  of type  $(p, q)$  on  $V'$ , we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \partial(f^*(\omega')) + \bar{\partial}(f^*(\omega')) &= df^*(\omega') = f^*(d\omega') \\ &= f^*(\partial\omega') + f^*(\bar{\partial}\omega'), \end{aligned}$$

120 and  $f^*$  preserves the type, we deduce that

$$\partial f^*(\omega') = f^*(\partial\omega'), \bar{\partial} f^*(\omega') = f^*(\bar{\partial}\omega').$$

[Note that this is not true for any  $C^\infty$  map  $f$ .] As in the case of a  $C^k$  manifold, we set  $Z^{p,q}(V) =$  set of  $C^\infty$  forms  $\omega$  of type  $(p, q)$  with  $\bar{\partial}\omega = 0$  and  $B^{p,q}(V) =$  set of  $C^\infty$  forms  $\omega$  of type  $(p, q)$ , for which there is a  $C^\infty$  form  $\omega'$  of type  $(p, q-1)$  with  $\bar{\partial}\omega = \omega'$ . Then, since  $\bar{\partial}^2 = 0$ , we have  $B^{p,q}(V) \subset Z^{p,q}(V)$ . We set  $H^{p,q}(V) = Z^{p,q}(V)/B^{p,q}(V)$ . These groups are called the Dolbeault groups of  $V$ .

These groups are not topological invariants of  $V$ . They depend essentially on the holomorphic structure of  $V$ .

We now look for an analogue of Poincaré's lemma, i.e. for a class of domains  $D$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  for which  $H^{p,q}(D) = 0$  for  $q \leq n-1$ . We begin with the following lemma.

**Lemma.** *Let  $K, L$  and  $L'$  be compact sets in  $\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}^r$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , respectively. We denote a point in  $K \times L \times L'$  by  $(z, w, t)$ . If  $g$  is a  $C^\infty$  function defined in a neighbourhood of  $K \times L \times L'$  and if  $g$  is holomorphic in  $w$  for each fixed  $z$  and  $t$ , then there exists a  $C^\infty$  function  $f$  in a neighbourhood of  $K \times L \times L'$  which is holomorphic in  $w$  for fixed  $z$  and  $t$  such that  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} = g$  in a neighbourhood of  $K \times L \times L'$ .*

*Proof.* We may assume that  $g$  has compact support in  $\mathbb{C}$  for any fixed  $w$  and  $t$  [Multiply  $g$  if necessary, by  $\varphi(z)$  where  $\varphi$  has compact support and

= 1 in a neighbourhood of  $K$ ]. Define

$$f(z, w, t) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} \frac{g(\zeta, w, t)}{\zeta - z} d\xi \wedge d\eta$$

□

Then

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{C}} \frac{\partial g(\zeta + z, w, t)}{\partial \bar{z}} - \frac{1}{\zeta} d\xi \wedge d\eta \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|\zeta| \geq \varepsilon} \frac{\partial g(\zeta + z, w, t)}{\partial \bar{\zeta}} - \frac{1}{\zeta} d\xi \wedge d\eta \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\zeta| \geq \varepsilon} \frac{\partial g(\zeta + z, w, t)}{\partial \bar{\zeta}} - \frac{1}{\zeta} d\bar{\zeta} \wedge d\eta \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\zeta| \geq \varepsilon} d\left(\frac{g(\zeta + z, w, t)d\zeta}{\zeta}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Now by Stoke's theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\zeta| \geq \varepsilon} d\left(\frac{g(\zeta + z, w, t)d\zeta}{\zeta}\right) \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\zeta| = \varepsilon} \frac{d(\zeta + z, w, t)d\zeta}{\zeta} \\ &= g(z). \end{aligned}$$

Clearly  $f$  is a  $C^\infty$  function and holomorphic in  $w$  for fixed  $z$  and  $t$ . Grothendieck's lemma (or Poincare's lemma for  $\bar{\partial}$ ). If  $D = D_1 \times \cdots \times D_n$ , where  $D_i$  is a domain in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , then if  $\omega^{(p,q)}$  is a  $C^\infty$  differential form on  $D$  with  $\bar{\partial}\omega = 0$ ,  $q \geq 1$ , then there exists a  $C^\infty$  differential form  $\omega'$  on  $D$  such that  $\bar{\partial}\omega = \omega'$ ; in other words  $H^{p,q}(D) = 0$  for  $q \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* To make clear the basic idea we shall first prove the lemma for  $(0, 1)$  forms on  $K = K_1 \times \cdots \times K_n$  where  $K_i$  are compact sets in. □

[i.e. for forms in some neighbourhood of  $K$ , the above equations holding in some neighbourhood of  $K$  (not necessarily the same)].

122 Let  $\omega = a_1 d\bar{z}_1 + \cdots + a_n d\bar{z}_n$ . By the lemma, there exists a  $C^\infty$  function  $b_n$  in a neighbourhood of  $K_1 \times \cdots \times K_n$  such that

$$\frac{\partial b_n}{\partial \bar{z}_n} = a_n.$$

Let  $\omega_{n-1} = (\omega - \bar{\partial}b_n) = a'_1 d\bar{z}_1 + \cdots + a_{n-1} d\bar{z}_{n-1}$ .

Then  $\bar{\partial}\omega = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{\partial}\omega_{n-1} = 0$ .

Hence

$$d\bar{z}_n \wedge \sum_{i \leq n-1} \frac{\partial a'_i}{\partial \bar{z}_n} d\bar{z}_i = 0$$

i.e.  $a'_i$  are holomorphic in  $z_n$ .

Hence by the lemma there exists a  $C^\infty$  function  $b_{n-1}$  in a neighbourhood of  $K_1 \times \cdots \times K_n$  which is holomorphic in  $z_n$  and for which

$$\frac{\partial b_{n-1}}{\partial \bar{z}_{n-1}} = a'_{n-1}.$$

Let  $\omega_{n-2} = \omega - \bar{\partial}b_n - \bar{\partial}b_{n-1}$ .

Then  $\omega_{n-2} = a''_1 d\bar{z}_1 + \cdots + a''_{n-2} d\bar{z}_{n-2}$  with  $a''_1$  holomorphic in  $z_{n-1}, z_{n-2}$ . We continue the process and obtain

$$\omega_1 = \omega - \bar{\partial}b_n - \bar{\partial}b_{n-1} \cdots - \bar{\partial}b_1 = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \omega = \bar{\partial}(b_n + b_{n-1} \cdots + b_1).$$

We shall now prove by induction the lemma for forms on

$$K = K_1 \times \cdots \times K_n, K_i \text{ compact in } \mathbb{C}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{O}_k$  = the set of differential forms of type  $(p, q)$  not containing  $d\bar{z}_k, \dots, d\bar{z}_n$  in their expressions in local coordinates.

123 Assume that the lemma is proved for differential forms in  $\mathcal{O}_i, i \leq k$ . (The lemma is trivial for  $\mathcal{O}_1$ ). Let  $\omega$  be a differential form in  $\mathcal{O}_{k+1}$ . Then

$$\omega = d\bar{z}_k \wedge \omega_1 + \omega_2 \text{ where}$$

$$\omega_1^{p, q-1}, \omega_2^{p, q} \in \mathcal{O}_k.$$



If  $\bar{\partial}\omega = 0$ ,  $d\bar{z}_k \wedge \bar{\partial}\omega_1 + \bar{\partial}\omega_2 = 0$  hence  $\frac{\partial\omega_1}{\partial\bar{z}_j} = 0$  for  $j > k$ .

Since, by assumption,  $\frac{\partial\omega_2}{\partial\bar{z}_j} = 0$  for  $j \geq k$ . By the lemma, there exists  $\bar{\partial}^{p,q-1}\Phi$  in a neighbourhood of  $K$ , holomorphic in  $z_j$ ,  $j > k$  such that  $\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial\bar{z}_k} = \omega_1$ . Then  $\omega - \bar{\partial}\Phi \in \mathcal{O}_k$ ,  $\bar{\partial}(\omega - \bar{\partial}\Phi) = 0$  and by the induction hypothesis there exists  $\psi$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\partial}\psi &= \omega - \bar{\partial}\Phi \\ \text{i.e. } \omega &= \bar{\partial}(\Phi + \psi).\end{aligned}$$

We shall now prove the lemma for  $D = D_1 \times \cdots \times D_n$ . Let  $K_i^\nu$  be a sequence of compact sets,  $K_i^\nu \uparrow D_i$  as  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$  and let  $K^\nu = K_1^\nu \times \cdots \times K_n^\nu$ . By what we have proved above, there exist differential forms  $\omega^\nu$  of type  $(p, q-1)$  in neighbourhood of  $K^\nu$  such that

$$\bar{\partial}\omega^\nu = \omega \text{ in a neighbourhood of } K^\nu.$$

We shall consider two different cases

(i)  $q \geq 2$  and (ii)  $q = 1$

(i) If  $q > 1$ ,  $\bar{\partial}(\omega^{\nu+1} - \omega^\nu) = 0$  in a neighbourhood of  $K^\nu$ .

Since  $\omega^{\nu+1} - \omega^\nu$  is of type of  $(p, q-1)$  and  $q-1 \geq 1$ , there exists a differential form  $\varphi^{\nu+1}$  of type  $(p, q-1)$  in  $D$  such that  $\bar{\partial}\varphi^{\nu+1} = \omega^{\nu+1} - \omega^\nu$  on  $K$ . 124

$$\text{Let } \psi^{\nu+1} = \omega^{\nu+1} - \bar{\partial}\varphi^{\nu+1} - \cdots - \bar{\partial}\varphi^1.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Then } \psi^{\nu+1} - \psi^\nu &= \omega^{\nu+1} - \omega^\nu - \bar{\partial}\varphi^{\nu+1} \\ &= 0 \text{ in a neighbourhood of } K^\nu.\end{aligned}$$

Hence the form  $\psi = \psi^\nu$  in  $K^\nu$ ,  $\nu \geq 1$ , is well defined, and  $\bar{\partial}\psi = \omega$ .

We suppose that  $K_i^\nu$  have the property that any holomorphic function in a neighbourhood of  $K_i^\nu$  can be approximated, uniformly on  $K_i^\nu$  by holomorphic functions in  $D_i$  [It is a classical theorem that any domain in  $\mathbb{C}$  can be approximated by such compact sets: this result is a

consequence of the Runge theorem proved in Chap. III.] From Chap I, §5, it follows that any holomorphic function on  $K^v$  can be approximated on  $K^v$  by holomorphic functions in  $D$  and in view of the remark following the definition of holomorphic forms, there exist holomorphic forms  $\varphi^{v+1}$  of type  $(p, 0)$  on  $D$  such that  $\|\varphi^{v+1} - (\omega^{v+1} - \omega^v)\| < \frac{1}{2^v}$  on  $K^v$ . [the inequality holding for all coefficients]. Hence  $\sum_1^\infty \{\varphi^{v+1} - (\omega^{v+1} - \omega^v)\}$  is uniformly convergent on any compact subset of  $D$ .

Let  $\omega' = \sum_0^\infty \{\omega^{v+1} - \omega^v - \varphi^{v+1}\}$  where  $\omega^0 = 0$ ; we have

$$\omega' = \omega^r - \varphi^r - \varphi^1 + \sum_r^\infty (\omega^{v+1} - \omega^v - \varphi^{v+1})$$

on  $K^r$ ; since the  $\varphi^v$  and  $\sum_r^\infty (\omega^{v+1} - \omega^v - \varphi^{v+1})$  are holomorphic on  $K^r$  we conclude that  $\bar{\partial}\omega' = \omega$  in  $D$ , and that  $\omega'$  is  $C^\infty$ .

125 The proof of Grothendieck's lemma on compact sets given above follows essentially the exposition by Serre [42] of the original proof of Grothendieck. It is to be remarked that also the proof of Poincaré's lemma (for cubes instead of arbitrary convex sets) can be given on the same lines as that of the Grothendieck lemma. This is essentially the proof given by E. Cartan [5]; this proof of E. Cartan was in fact the origin of the proof of the Grothendieck lemma.

## 8 Applications to complex analysis. Hartogs' continuation theorem and the Oka-Weil theorem

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $\Omega$  be a convex open set in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\varphi$  a real valued  $C^\infty$  function on  $\Omega$ . In order there exist a holomorphic function  $f$  on  $\Omega$  such that  $\operatorname{Re} f = \varphi$ , it is necessary and sufficient that*

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial z_i \partial \bar{z}_j} = 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq i, j \leq n.$$

*Proof.* If  $\varphi = \operatorname{Re} f = \frac{1}{2}(f + \bar{f})$ , then  $\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial z_i \partial \bar{z}_j} = 0$  since  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}_j} = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial z_i} = \overline{\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}_i}} = 0$ . Suppose conversely that these equations are satisfied. We see at once that the form of type (1.1)

$$\bar{\partial} \partial \varphi = 0.$$

Since  $d = \partial + \bar{\partial}$  and  $\bar{\partial}^2 = 0$ , this can be written  $d\partial\varphi = 0$ . By Poincaré's lemma, there is a complex valued function  $g$  on  $\Omega$  with

$$dg = \partial\varphi.$$

Since  $\partial\varphi$  is of type  $(1, 0)$ , we have  $\partial g = \partial\varphi$ ,  $\bar{\partial}g = 0$ , so that  $g$  is holomorphic. Further

$$d(g + \bar{g}) = dg + \overline{dg} = \partial\varphi + \overline{\partial\varphi} = d\varphi,$$

so that  $g + \bar{g} - \varphi$  is constant, and the proposition follows.

This implies the following

**Proposition 1'.** *Let  $\varphi$  be a  $C^\infty$  real valued function on the complex manifold  $V$ . In order that  $\varphi$  be locally the real part of a holomorphic function, it is necessary and sufficient that  $\bar{\partial}\partial\varphi = 0$ .*

**Lemma 1.** *If  $D = \{(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid |z_i| < R_i\}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $U$  is a neighbourhood of  $\partial D$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and if  $f$  is a holomorphic function in  $U \cap D$ , there exists a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $\partial D$  and a holomorphic function  $F$  in  $D$  such that  $F|_V \cap D = f$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2$  be two positive numbers such that if  $U_1 = \{(z_1, \dots, z_n) \mid R_1 - \mathcal{E}_1 < |z_1| < R_1, |z_2| < R_2, \dots, |z_n| < R_n\}$  and  $U_2 = \{(z_1, \dots, z_n) \mid |z_1| < R_1, R_2 - \mathcal{E}_2 < |z_2| < R_2, \dots, |z_n| < R_n\}$ , then  $U_1 \cup U_2 \subset U$ .  $\square$

For any holomorphic function  $f$  on  $U_1$  there exist holomorphic functions  $a_r$  in  $\{|z_2| < R_2, \dots, |z_n| < R_n\}$  such that  $f(z) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} a_r(z') z_1^r$  where  $z' = (z_2, \dots, z_n)$ . Let  $z' = (z_2, \dots, z_n)$  be any point with

$$R_2 - \varepsilon_2 < |z_2| < R_2, \dots, |z_n| < R_n.$$

Then  $f(z_1, z')$  is holomorphic for  $|z_1| < R_1$  since  $f$  is holomorphic in  $U_2$ . Hence there can be no terms containing negative powers of  $z_1$  in the Laurent expansion of  $f$ : thus  $a_r(z') = 0$  for  $r < 0$ , if  $R_2 - \varepsilon_2 < |z_2| < R_2$ . By the principle of analytic continuation, this implies that  $a_r(z') = 0$ , for  $r < 0$ ,  $|z_2| < R_2, \dots, |z_n| < R_n$ , and

$$f(z) = \sum_0^{\infty} a_r(z') z_1^r \text{ in } U_1 \cup U_2.$$

By Abel's lemma,  $\sum_0^{\infty} a_r(z') z_1^r$  is uniformly convergent on compact subsets of  $D$  and hence

$$F(z) = \sum_0^{\infty} a_r(z') z_1^r$$

is a holomorphic extension of  $f|_{U_1 \cup U_2}$  to  $D$ . Hence  $F = f$  in the connected component  $\Omega$  of  $U \cap D$  containing  $U_1 \cup U_2$ ; since  $\partial D$  is connected,  $\Omega = V \cap D$  where  $V$  is a neighbourhood of  $D$ .

**Lemma 2.** *If  $\omega$  is a differential form of type  $(0, 1)$  with compact support in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , and if  $\bar{\partial}\omega = 0$ , there exists a  $C^\infty$  function  $\varphi$  on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , with compact support, such that  $\bar{\partial}\varphi = \omega$ .*

*Proof.* Choose  $R > 0$  such that if

$$\square \quad D\{(z_1, \dots, z_n) \mid |z_i| < R\}, \text{ then } \text{supp. } \omega \subset D.$$

By Poincaré's lemma for  $\bar{\partial}$ , there exists a  $C^\infty$  function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  such that

$$\bar{\partial}f = \omega.$$

Now we have  $\omega = \bar{\partial}f = 0$  in a neighbourhood of  $\partial D$ , i.e.  $f$  is holomorphic in a neighbourhood of  $\partial D$ . Hence by Lemma 1 there exists a function  $F$ , holomorphic on  $D$  such that  $F(z) = f(z)$  for  $x$  in a certain neighbourhood of  $\partial D$ . Consider

$$\varphi(z) = \begin{cases} f(z) - F(z) & \text{for } z \in D \\ 0 & \text{for } z \notin D. \end{cases}$$

Then clearly  $\varphi$  is  $C^\infty$  function with compact support and  $\bar{\partial}\varphi = \omega$ .  
We shall now prove the following important theorem of Hartogs.

**Theorem 1** (Hartogs). *Let  $D$  be a bounded open connected subset of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , such that  $\mathbb{C}^n - D$  is connected, and  $U$ , a neighbourhood of  $\partial D$ . If  $f$  is a holomorphic function on  $U$ , then there exists a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $\partial D$  and a holomorphic function  $F$  on  $D$  such that  $F|_V \cap D = f$ .*

*Proof.* We can assume without loss of generality that  $f \in C^\infty$  in  $D$ . [If not, multiply  $f$  by a  $C^\infty$  function  $\alpha$  with compact support in  $U$  such that  $\alpha(z) = 1$  for  $z$  in a neighbourhood of  $\partial D$ .] Let  $\omega = \bar{\partial}f$  in  $D$ ; since  $f$  is holomorphic near  $\partial D$ ,  $\omega$  has compact support in  $D$ . We extend it to  $\mathbb{C}^n$  by setting  $\omega = 0$  outside  $D$ .  $\square$

Then  $\omega$  is of type  $(0, 1)$  and has compact support and  $\bar{\partial}\omega = 0$ . Hence by Lemma 2, there exists a  $C^\infty$  function  $\varphi$ , in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , with compact support such that  $\bar{\partial}\varphi = \omega$ .

In particular  $\varphi$  is holomorphic on each open set on which  $\omega$  vanishes and hence  $\varphi$  is holomorphic in a neighbourhood of  $\mathbb{C}^n - D$ . Also  $\varphi$  has compact support and  $\mathbb{C}^n - D$  is connected. Hence, by the principle of analytic continuation  $\varphi = 0$  in a connected neighbourhood of  $\mathbb{C}^n - D$  and hence  $\varphi = 0$  in a neighbourhood  $V$  of  $\partial D$ . Consider  $F = f - \varphi$ ; we have

$$\bar{\partial}F = 0 \text{ in } D, F = f \text{ near } \partial D.$$

Hence  $F$  is a holomorphic function with the required properties.

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**Definition.** A domain  $D$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is said to be a Cousin domain if given a differential form  $\omega$  of type  $(p, q)$ ,  $q \geq 1$ ,  $p \geq 0$ , such that  $\bar{\partial}\omega = 0$ , there exists a differential form  $\omega'$  of type  $(p, q - 1)$  such that  $\bar{\partial}\omega' = \omega$ ; (in this case we shall also say that  $D$  is Cousin).

**Theorem 2** (Oka). *Let  $B = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < 1\}$ . If  $D$  is a domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $D \times B$  is Cousin and if  $f$  is a holomorphic function on  $D$ ,  $D_f = \{z \in D \mid |f(z)| < 1\}$ , then  $D_f$  is Cousin. Further given a differential form  $\omega^{(p,q)}$ ,  $q \geq 0$  on  $D_f$ , such that  $\bar{\partial}\omega = 0$ , there exists a form  $\Omega$  of type  $(p, q)$  on  $D \times B$  with  $\bar{\partial}\Omega = 0$  such that if  $i : D_f \rightarrow D \times B$  is the map given by  $i(z) = (z, f(z))$ , we have  $i^*(\Omega) = \omega$ .*

*Proof.* We begin with the remark that  $i: D_f \rightarrow D \times B$  is injective and proper; further  $i_*$  is injective at every point, so that  $i(D_f)$  is a closed complex analytic submanifold of  $D \times B$ . Let  $\pi: D \times B \rightarrow D$  be the projection

$$\pi(z, z') = z, (z, z') \in D \times B.$$

□

Let  $\pi^{-1}(D_f) = D_f \times B = V$ . Then  $V$  is a neighbourhood of  $i(D_f)$  in  $D \times B$ .

Let  $V'$  be a neighbourhood of  $i(D_f)$  in  $V$  such that  $\bar{V}' \subset V$ . Then there exists a  $C^\infty$  function  $\alpha$  on  $D \times B$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(z, z') &= 1 \text{ if } (z, z') \text{ is in a neighbourhood of } i(D_f) \\ &= 0 \text{ if } (z, z') \notin V'. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\varphi = \pi^*(\omega)$  on  $V$ ; since  $\pi$  is holomorphic,  $\varphi$  is of type  $(p, q)$ .  
**130** Further, since  $\pi \circ j = \text{identity on } D_f$ , we have  $i^*(\varphi) = \omega$ . Then if  $\varphi'$  is defined on  $D \times B$  as  $\varphi' = \alpha\varphi$  on  $V = 0$  outside  $V$ ,  $\varphi'$  is a  $C^\infty$  form of type  $(p, q)$  on  $D \times B$ , and since  $\varphi' = \varphi$  near  $i(D_f)$  we have  $i^*(\varphi') = \omega$ . Let  $\omega_1$  be the form defined on  $D \times B$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= \text{in a neighbourhood of } i(D_f) \\ &= \frac{1}{z' - f(z)} \bar{\partial}(\varphi') \text{ in } D \times B - i(D_f). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\bar{\partial}\omega_1 = 0$  and  $\omega_1$  is of type  $(p, q+1)$ ,  $q \geq 0$ . [ $\omega_1$  is  $C^\infty$  since  $\bar{\partial}(\varphi') = \bar{\partial}(\varphi) - 0$  in a neighbourhood of  $i(D_f)$ .] Hence there exists  $\psi$  of type  $(p, q)$  such that  $\bar{\partial}\psi = \omega_1$ .

Consider  $\bar{\partial}(\varphi' + (z' - f(z))\psi)$

$$= \bar{\partial}(\varphi') - (z' - f(z))\bar{\partial}\psi.$$

Clearly  $\bar{\partial}[\varphi' + (z' - f(z))\psi] = 0$  on  $D \times B$  and  $i^*[\varphi' + (z' - f(z))\psi] = i^*(\varphi') = \omega$ .

Hence given a differential form  $\overset{(p,q)}{\omega}$ ,  $q \geq 0$  on  $D_f$  with  $\bar{\partial}\omega = 0$  there exists a form  $\Omega = \varphi' + (z' - f(z))\psi$ , on  $D \times B$  such that  $i^*(\Omega) = \omega$  and  $\bar{\partial}\Omega = 0$ . Since  $D \times B$  is Cousin it follows immediately that  $D_f$  is Cousin.

**Corollary.** *With the same notation as in the theorem, if  $D \times B^r$  is Cousin for every positive integer  $r$ , so is  $D_f \times B^r$  for every positive integer  $r$ .*

*Proof.* Consider  $D \times B^{r+1}$ , a point in  $D \times B^{r+1}$  being denoted by  $(z, w_1, \dots, w_{r+1})$ . Then, if  $D' = (D \times B^r)$ ,  $D'_f = D_r \times B^r$  and by applying the lemma to  $D'$  the corollary is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 3 (Oka).** *If  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and if  $f_i(z)_{1 \leq i \leq r}$  are holomorphic functions in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and if  $U = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid |f_i(z)| < 1, 1 \leq i \leq r \right\}$  the map  $U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n \times B^r$  given by  $i(z) = (z, f_1(z), \dots, f_r(z))$ , then given a holomorphic function  $g$  on  $U$ , there exists a holomorphic function  $F$  on  $\mathbb{C}^n \times B^r$  such that  $G \circ i = g$ .* 131

*Proof.* Let

$$D_0 = \mathbb{C}^n, D_{k+1} = \{z \in D_k \mid |f_{k+1}(z)| < 1\}; 0 \leq k < r.$$

Clearly  $D_r = U$ .  $\square$

Let  $i_r$  be the map  $D_r \rightarrow D_{r-1} \times B$  defined by  $i_r(z) = (z, f_r(z))$ ,  $i_{r-1}: D_{r-1} \times B \rightarrow D_{r-2} \times B^2$  the map defined by  $i_{r-1}(z, w_1) = (z, w_1, f_{r-1}(z))$ , and so on. Then we have  $i = i_1 \circ i_2 \circ \dots \circ i_r$ . Further, since  $\mathbb{C}^n \times B^m$  is Cousin for every  $m$  (by Poincaré's lemma for  $\bar{\partial}$ ), it follows by the corollary to Theorem 2 that  $D_k \times B^m$  is Cousin for  $0 \leq k \leq r$ , and all  $m \geq 0$ , so that, by Theorem 2, for any form  $\omega_k$  of type  $(p, q)$  on  $D_k \times B^{r-k}$  with  $\bar{\partial}\omega_k = 0$ , there is a form  $\omega_{k+1}$  of type  $(p, q)$  on  $D_{k-1} \times B^{r-k+1}$  with  $\bar{\partial}\omega_{k+1} = 0$  and  $i_k^*(\omega_{k+1}) = \omega_k$ . Hence, by induction for any  $\bar{\partial}$  closed form  $\omega$  of type  $(p, q)$  on  $U = D_r$ , there is a  $\bar{\partial}$  closed form  $\Omega$  of type  $(p, q)$  on  $\mathbb{C}^n \times B^r$  with  $i^*(\Omega) = \omega$ . Theorem 3 is the special case of this for which  $p = 0, q = 0$ .

**Theorem 4 (Oka - Weil approximation theorem).** *If  $\{f_i(z)\}_{1 \leq i \leq r}$  are entire functions in  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$ , and if  $U = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid |f_i(z)| < 1, 1 \leq i \leq r \right\}$ , then  $U$  is a Runge domain.*

*Proof.* With the notation of Theorem 3, given a holomorphic function  $G$  on  $\mathbb{C}^n \times B^r$  such that  $G \circ i = g$ . Let a point in  $\mathbb{C}^n \times B^r$  be denoted by 132

$(z, w)$ . Then  $G$  can be expanded in a uniformly convergent Taylor series,  $G(z, w) = \sum a_{\alpha\beta} z^\alpha w^\beta$ .  $\square$

Hence  $G(z, w) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g_k(z, w)$ , uniformly on compact sets where  $g_k(z, w)$  are polynomials in  $z_1, \dots, z_n, w_1, \dots, w_r$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } g &= G \circ i = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g_k \circ i \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\alpha+\beta \leq k} a_{\alpha\beta} z^\alpha f^\beta, \text{ uniformly on compact} \end{aligned}$$

subsets of  $U$ , where  $f = (f_1(z), \dots, f_r(z))$ . Thus  $g$  can be approximated by polynomials in  $z_1, \dots, z_n, f_1, \dots, f_r$ . Since, the  $f_i$  being entire, the  $f_i$  can be approximated by polynomials in  $z_1, \dots, z_n$ , so can  $g$ , and  $U$  is a Runge domain.

**Remark.** We have used Grothendieck's lemma for a domain of the form  $D = D_1 \times \dots \times D_n$ ; however, for the proof of the Oka-weil theorem, it would suffice to use it for *compact* sets  $K = K_1 \times \dots \times K_n$ . However, the extension theorem of Oka (Theorem 3) is very important, so that we have given the proof for open, rather than compact, sets.

As a corollary to the Oka-Weil theorem we have the following

**Proposition 2.** *A convex open set in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is a Runge domain.*

*Proof.* It is enough to prove that a bounded convex set in Runge. Consider  $U$  as a convex set in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . Then for any point  $z_0$  on the boundary, there exists a linear function  $l, l(z) = \sum_1^n a_i x_i + \sum_1^n b_i y_i + c$  such that  $U \subset \{z \mid l(z) < 0\}$  and  $l(z_0) = 0$ . Let  $L(z)$  be a linear function,  $L(z) = \sum_1^n d_i z_i + e$ ,  $d_i, e \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $1(z) = \text{Re}[L(z)]$ . Hence  $U \subset \{z \mid \text{Re}L(z) < 0\}$ , while  $\text{Re}L(z_0) = 0$ . Let  $K$  be any compact subset of  $U$ . If  $z_0 \in \partial U$ , we may therefore find a linear function  $L$  with  $\text{Re}L(z) < 0$  for  $z \in K, \text{Re}L(z_0) > 0$  (replace the  $L$  constructed above by  $L + \delta$  where  $\delta > 0$  is sufficiently small). Then  $\text{Re}L(z) > 0$  for  $z$  in a neighbourhood of  $z_0$ . Since  $\partial U$  is compact, there exist finitely many linear functions  $L_1, \dots, L_r$  such that  $\square$



$\operatorname{Re} L_i(z) < 0$  for  $z \in K$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} L_j(z) > 0$  for at least one  $j$  if  $z \in \partial U$ . Hence the set

$$\Omega_U = \left\{ z \in U \mid \operatorname{Re} L_i(z) < 0, i = 1, \dots, r \right\}$$

contains  $K$  and is relatively compact in  $U$ . Since the set  $\Omega = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid \operatorname{Re} L_i(z) < 0, i = 1, \dots, r\}$  is convex, hence connected and  $\Omega \cap U = \Omega_U$  is relatively compact in  $U$ , it follows that  $\Omega \subset U$ . Now

$$\Omega_U = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid |f_i(z)| < 0, i = 1, \dots, r \right\}$$

where  $f_i(z) = e^{L_i(z)}$ , so that  $\Omega$  is Runge by theorem 4. Hence any holomorphic function on  $U(\supset \Omega)$  can be approximated, uniformly on  $K$ , by polynomials. Since  $K$  is an arbitrary compact subset of  $U$ , the proposition is proved.

The proof of Hartogs' theorem given here is suggested by the proof of the Runge theorem of Malgrange-Lax (see Chap. III §10; also Malgrange [27]). That of the Oka-well theorem is merely a translation of Oka's own proof [34] into the language of differential forms. 134

## 9 Immersions and imbeddings: the theorems of Whitney

In what follows  $V, V'$  are  $C^k$  manifolds,  $1 \leq k \leq \infty$  countable at infinity.

**Definitions.** (1) A  $C^k$  map  $f: V \rightarrow V'$  is called an immersion if for every  $a \in V$ ,  $f_*: T_a(V) \rightarrow T_{f(a)}(W)$  is injective. If  $f_*: T_a(V) \rightarrow T_{f(a)}(W)$  is injective for every  $a$  in a subset  $E$  of  $V$ , we say that  $f$  is regular on  $E$ .

(2) A  $C^k$  map  $f: V \rightarrow V'$  is called an imbedding if  $f$  is an immersion and  $f$  is injective.

(3) An imbedding (immersion)  $f: V \rightarrow V'$  is called a closed imbedding (immersion) if  $f$  is proper.

[Note that the set of points where  $f$  is regular is open.]

Let  $\{U_i\}$  be a locally finite covering of  $V$ ,  $U_i$  being relatively compact coordinate neighbourhoods. Then there exist compact sets  $K_i \subset U_i$  with  $\cup K_i = V$ . Let  $\eta$  be a continuous function on  $V$ ,  $\eta(x) > 0$  for all  $x$ , and  $N$ , a non-negative integer  $\leq k$ . Given a  $C^k$  function  $f$  on  $V$ , another  $C^k$  function  $g$  is said to approximate  $f$  within  $\eta$  upto  $N^{\text{th}}$  order (with respect to the covering  $\{U_i\}$ ), if

$$|D^\alpha f(x) - D^\alpha g(x)| < \eta(x) \text{ for } |\alpha| \leq N \text{ and } x \in K_i$$

and we denote this fact by  $g$  approximates  $f$  with respect to  $(U_i, \eta, N)''$ .

135 If  $\{U_i\}$  is given, we say that  $g$  approximates  $f$  within  $\eta$  upto order  $N$ .

**Remark.** If  $\{U_i\}, \{U'_j\}$  are two locally finite coverings of  $V$ ,  $K_i \subset U_i$ ,  $K'_j \subset U'_j$ ,  $K_i, K'_j$  compact sets of  $V$  such that  $\cup K_i = \cup K'_j = V$  then there exists a positive continuous function  $\delta$  such that if  $g$  approximates  $f$  with respect to  $(U_i, \eta, N)$  then  $g$  approximates  $f$  with respect to  $(U'_j, \delta\eta, N)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\{U'_j\}$  is locally finite, it suffices to prove that if  $\{y_1^j, \dots, y_n^j\}, \{x_1^i, \dots, x_n^i\}$  are coordinate in  $U'_j, U_i$  respectively, then for any  $C^k$  function  $h$  on  $V$ , we have

$$\left| D_{y^j}^\alpha h(y) \right| \leq C_j \sup_{K'_j \cap U_i \neq \emptyset} \sum_{|\beta| \leq N} \left| D_{x^i}^\beta h(x^i) \right|$$

for  $y$  in  $K'_j$  and some constant  $C_j$  independent of  $h$ . This is, however, obvious.  $\square$

This remark implies that if  $\{U_i\}, N$  are such that  $f$  can be approximated by functions  $g$  in a given class  $\mathcal{C}$  with respect to  $(\eta, N)$  for any  $\eta$  then the same is true if  $\{V\}$  is replaced by any other locally finite covering  $\{U'_j\}$  consisting of relatively compact coordinate neighbourhoods.

**Proposition 1.** *If  $f : V^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  is a  $C^1$  map which is an immersion, given any locally finite  $\{U_i\}$  as above, there exists a positive continuous function  $\eta$  on  $V^n$  such that if  $g$  approximates  $f$  with respect to  $(U_i, \eta, 1)$ , then  $g$  is an immersion.*

*Proof.* The rank  $(df)(x) = n = \dim V$  for any  $x \in V$ . Hence there exists a locally finite covering  $\{U_i\}$ , compact sets  $K_i \subset U_i$ ,  $\cup K_i = V$ , and positive numbers  $\delta_i < 1$  such that if  $|D^\alpha f(x) - D^\alpha g(x)| < \delta_i$  for  $x$  in  $U_i$ ,  $|\alpha| \leq 1$ , then rank  $(dg)(x) = n$ . Let  $\{\alpha_i\}$  be a partition of unity subordinate to  $\{U_i\}$  and  $\delta'_1 = \inf \{\delta_{i_1}, \delta_{1p}\}$ , then infimum being over those  $i_k$  for which  $K_i \cap U_{i_k} \neq \emptyset$ . We may then take  $\eta = \sum \delta'_i \alpha_i$ . 136  $\square$

**Lemma 1.** *If  $K$  is a compact set in  $V$ ,  $L$  a neighbourhood of  $K$  and  $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  is an imbedding, there exists a positive number  $\delta$  such that for any  $C^1$  map  $g: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  such that  $\|f - g\|_1^L < \delta$ ,  $g|_K$  is injective.*

*Proof.* Since rank  $(df)(x) = n$ , for any  $x$  in  $V$ , the rank theorem implies that for any  $x \in V$  there is a relatively compact neighbourhood  $U$  and a positive number  $\delta'$  such that  $|f(x') - f(x'')| \geq \delta'|x' - x''|$  for  $x', x'' \in U$ . Let  $0 < \varepsilon < \delta'$  and  $\|g - f\|_1^U$  is sufficiently small, and  $h = g - f$ , we have

$$|h(x') - h(x'')| \leq \varepsilon \|x' - x''\| \text{ for } x', x'' \in U.$$

$\square$

Then  $|g(x') - g(x'')| \geq (\delta' - \varepsilon)|x' - x''|$ , i.e.  $g|_U$  is injective. Since  $K$  compact, there exists a finite number of points  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and neighbourhood  $U_1, \dots, U_n$ ,  $L \supset \cup U_i \supset K$ , such that if  $\|g - f\|_1^{U_i}$  is sufficiently small,  $g|_{U_i}$  is injective. Hence there exists a neighbourhood  $\Omega$  of the diagonal  $\Delta$  in  $K \times K$  and a positive number  $\delta_1$  such that if  $\|g - f\|_1^L < \delta_1$ , we have  $g(x) \neq g(y)$  for any  $(x, y) \in \Omega - \Delta$ . Again there exists  $\delta_2 > 0$  such that for  $(x, y) \in K \times K - \Omega$ ,  $|f(x) - f(y)| \geq \delta_2$ . Let  $\delta = \min(\delta_1, \frac{\delta_2}{4})$ . Then if  $\|g - f\|_1^L < \delta$ , and  $(x, y) \in K \times K - \Omega$ ,  $\|g(x) - g(y)\| \geq \frac{\delta_2}{2}$  and clearly  $g|_K$  is injective.

We shall not need the next proposition, but have included it because it is of interest and is useful in many questions. 137

**Proposition 2.** *If  $f: V^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  is an imbedding and  $f$  is locally proper, there exists continuous function  $\eta$  on  $V$  such that if  $g$  approximates  $f$  within  $\eta$  upto 1<sup>st</sup> order, then  $g$  is an imbedding.*

*Proof.* It follows from Proposition 1 that there exists a continuous function  $\eta_1$ , such that if  $g$  approximates  $f$  within  $\eta_1$ , upto  $1^{st}$  order,  $g$  is an immersion. Now for  $g$  satisfying this condition, we shall find a positive continuous function  $\eta_2$  such that if  $g$  approximates  $f$  within  $\eta_2$  upto  $1^{st}$  order  $g$  is an imbedding. Let  $K_m$  be compact sets such that  $K_m \subset \overset{\circ}{K}_{m+1}$  and  $\cup K_m = V$ . Define  $L_m = \overline{K_{m+1}} - K_m$ . Then since  $f$  is locally proper, (therefore proper into and open set  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ ), there exist open sets  $U_m$  in  $\mathbb{R}^p$  such that  $f(L_m) \subset U_m$  and  $U_m \cap U_{m'} = \phi$  if  $m' \geq m + 2$ . [This is because  $\{f(L_m)\}$  is a locally finite system of compact sets in  $\Omega$  such that  $f(L_m) \cap f(L_{m'}) = \phi$  if  $m' \geq m + 2$ ]. Now choose  $\delta_m > 0$  such that

$$\|f - g\|_1^{L_m} < \delta_m \text{ for all } m \Rightarrow g(L_m) \subset U_m$$

and  $g|_{L_m \cup L_{m+1}}$  is injective. Then if  $\eta_2(x) < \delta_m$  for  $x$  in  $L_m$  and  $g$  approximates  $f$  within  $\eta_2$  upto  $1^{st}$  order,  $g$  is injective. For if  $g(x) = g(y)$ ,  $x \in L_m$ , and  $x \neq y$ , since  $g|_{L_m \cup L_{m+1}}$  is injective  $y \in L_{m'}$ , where  $m' \geq m+2$  or  $m' \leq m-2$ . But  $g(L_m) \subset U_m$  for every  $m$  and  $U_m \cap U_{m'} = \phi$  if  $m' \geq m + 2$  or  $m' \leq m - 2$ . Hence we have a contradiction i.e.  $g$  is injective.  $\square$

**138** The proposition is false if we drop the assumption that  $f$  is locally proper. Further even on compact subsets, an approximation to an injective map (which is not regular) need not be injective.

**Lemma 2.** *If  $\Omega$  is bounded open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $f$  a  $C^k$  map:  $\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $p \geq 2n$ , then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $C^k$  map  $g: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  such that  $\|g - f\|_1^\Omega < \varepsilon$  and  $(\frac{\delta g}{\delta x_i})_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  are linearly independent at any point of  $\Omega$ .*

*Proof.* We may suppose that  $f \in C^2$  because of Whitney's approximation theorem (Chap. 1 §5). Let  $f_0 = f$ . If  $f_1, \dots, f_r$  are  $C^k$  maps such that  $\|f_s - f\|_1^\Omega < \varepsilon$  and  $\frac{\delta f_s}{\delta x_1}, \dots, \frac{\delta f_s}{\delta x_s}$  are linearly independent on  $\Omega$ , for  $0 \leq s \leq r < n$  we shall define  $f_{r+1}$  such that

$$\|f_{r+1} - f\|_1^\Omega < \varepsilon \text{ and } \frac{\partial f_{r+1}}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_{r+1}}{\partial x_{r+1}}$$

are linearly independent on  $\Omega$ .  $\square$

Let  $v_i(x) = \frac{\partial f_r}{\partial x_i}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Define

$$\varphi : \mathbb{R}^r \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p \text{ by}$$

$$\varphi(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r, x) = \sum_1^r \lambda_i \frac{\partial f_r}{\partial x_i} - v_{r+1}(x).$$

Now we have  $\dim \mathbb{R}^r \times \Omega < p$  and  $\varphi \in C^1$ . Hence the image of  $\mathbb{R}^r \times \Omega$  by  $\varphi$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ . Hence given any  $\delta > 0$ , there exists  $a \in \mathbb{R}^p$  such that  $\|a\| < \delta$  and  $a \notin \varphi(\mathbb{R}^r \times \Omega)$ . For sufficiently small  $\delta$ , if we define  $f_{r+1}(x) = f_r(x) + a \cdot x_{r+1}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}^p$  having the above property, 139 we have  $\frac{\partial f_{r+1}}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial f_r}{\partial x_i}$  for  $i \leq r$  and  $\frac{\partial f_{r+1}}{\partial x_{r+1}} = v_{r+1}(x) + a$  which is linearly independent of  $\frac{\partial f_r}{\partial x_i}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq r$  since  $a \notin \varphi(\mathbb{R}^r \times \Omega)$ . The lemma is proved with  $g = f_n$ .

Note that in the above lemma,  $g|_\Omega$  is an immersion.

**Theorem 1.** *If  $p \geq 2n$ ,  $f: V^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  is a  $C^k$  map if  $\eta$  is positive continuous function on  $V$  and  $\{U_i\}$  any locally finite covering of  $V$  by relatively compact coordinate neighbourhoods, then there exists an immersion  $g: V^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  such that  $g$  approximates  $f$  with respect to  $(U_i, \eta, 1)$ .*

*Proof.* Because of the remark made at the beginning, we may replace  $\{U_i\}$  by any other similar covering. We may therefore suppose that  $\{U_i\}$  is a locally finite covering of  $V$  by relatively compact coordinate neighbourhoods such that  $U_i$  are diffeomorphic to bounded open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $K_i$  be compact sets with  $K_i \subset U_i$  and  $\cup K_i = V$ . Let  $f_0 = f$ . Assume that  $f_1, \dots, f_m$  are defined and have the following properties

- (i)  $f_m$  approximates  $f$  with respect to  $(U_i, \eta, 1)$ ,
- (ii)  $f_m$  is regular on  $\bigcup_{i \leq m} K_i$ ,
- (iii)  $\text{Supp} .(f_{m+1} - f_m) \subset U_{m+1}$ .

□

Let  $\alpha_m$  be a  $C^\infty$  function:  $V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , having compact support in  $U_{m+1}$ , while  $\alpha_m(x) = 1$  for  $x$  in a neighbourhood of  $K_{m+1}$ . By the lemma proved above,  $f_m|_{U_{m+1}}$  has approximation  $h_m$  within  $\delta_m$  upto 1<sup>st</sup> order such that  $h_m$  is regular on  $U_{m+1}$ ; let  $\eta'$  be a positive continuous function,  $\eta' < \eta$  such that, if  $g$  approximates  $f_m$  within  $\eta'$  upto 1<sup>st</sup> order, then  $g$  is regular on  $\bigcup_{i \leq m} K_i$

Define

$$f_{m+1} = f_m + \alpha_m(h_m - f_m).$$

Then clearly if  $\delta_m$  is small enough,

- i)  $f_{m+1}$  approximates  $f$  within  $\eta$  upto the 1<sup>st</sup> order,
- ii)  $f_{m+1}$  is regular on  $\bigcup_{i \leq m} K_i$  (since it approximates  $f_m$  within  $\eta'$ ) and  $f_{m+1} = h_m$  in neighbourhood of  $K_{m+1}$  and so regular on  $\bigcup_{i \leq m} K_i$ ,
- iii)  $\text{Supp}(f_{m+1} - f_m) \subset U_{m+1}$ .

Hence by induction we have functions  $\{f_m\}_{m \geq 1}$  satisfying (i), (ii) and (iii) above. We now define  $g = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} f_m$ . Since  $\{U_i\}$  is locally finite and  $\text{Supp}(f_{m+1} - f_m) \subset U_{m+1}$ ,  $g$  is well defined and it is easily verified that  $g$  satisfies the conditions stated in the theorem.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f: V^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  be an immersion,  $p \geq 2n+1$ ,  $\{U_i\}$  a locally finite covering of  $V$  by relatively compact coordinate neighbourhoods,  $K_i$  compact sets,  $K_i \subset U_i$ ,  $\cup K_i = V$ , such that  $f|_{U_i}$  is injective and let  $\eta$  be a positive continuous function on  $V$ . Then there exists an imbedding  $g$ , approximating  $f$  within  $\eta$  upto 1<sup>st</sup> order.

*Proof.* We shall define, by induction, regular maps  $f_m: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,

- (i)  $f_m|_{U_i}$  is injective for each  $i$ ,
- (ii)  $f_m$  is injective on  $\bigcup_{i \leq m} K_i$ ,
- (iii)  $f_m$  approximates  $f$  within  $\eta$  upto 1<sup>st</sup> order and  $\text{Supp}(f_{m+1} - f_m) \subset U_{m+1}$ .

Let  $f_0$  and assume that  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  are define. Let  $\alpha_m$  be a  $C^k$  function  $\alpha_m: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with compact support in  $U_{m+1}$  such that  $\alpha_m(x) = 1$  in a neighbourhood of  $K_{m+1}$ . Let  $\Omega$  be the open subset of  $V \times V$  defined by  $\Omega = \{(x, y) | \alpha_m(x) \neq \alpha_m(y)\}$ . Then  $\Omega$  is a  $C^k$  manifold of dimension  $2n$ ; define  $\varphi: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  by

$$\varphi(x, y) = \frac{f_m(y) - f_m(x)}{\alpha_m(x) - \alpha_m(y)}.$$

Since  $p \geq 2n+1$  and  $\varphi \in C^1$ ,  $\varphi(\Omega)$  has measure zero in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ . Hence we can choose  $a \in \mathbb{R}^p$ , arbitrarily near 0, such that  $a \notin \varphi(\Omega)$  and if  $f_{m+1}(x) = f_m(x) + a\alpha_m(x)$ ,  $f_{m+1}$  approximates  $f_m$  within a suitable positive function  $\eta'$  so that  $f_{m+1}$  is regular and  $f_{m+1}$  approximates  $f$  within  $\eta$ . We shall now prove that  $f_{m+1}$  thus defined satisfies (i), (ii) and (iii). If  $f_{m+1}(x) = f_{m+1}(y)$ , then

$$(9.1) \quad a\{\alpha_m(x) - \alpha_m(y)\} = f_m(y) - f_m(x)$$

and it follows from the choice of  $a$  that

$$\alpha_m(x) - \alpha_m(y) = 0 \text{ i.e. } f_m(x) = f_m(y).$$

□

Hence  $f_{m+1}|U_i$  is injective for each  $i$  and  $f_{m+1}| \bigcup_{i \leq m} K_i$  is injective. Moreover if  $x \in K_{m+1}$  and  $f_{m+1}(x) = f_{m+1}(y)$  for  $y \in \bigcup_{i \leq m+1} K_i$  then  $y \in U_{m+1}$ , [for otherwise  $\alpha_m(x) = 1$  and  $\alpha_m(y) = 0$  which contradicts the choice of  $a$  because of (9.1)] and since  $f_{m+1}|U_{m+1}$  is injective  $x = y$  i.e.  $f_{m+1}| \bigcup_{i \leq m+1} K_i$  is injective. Hence we have, by induction, a family  $\{f_m\}$  satisfying (i) (ii) and (iii) and if  $g \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} f_m$ ,  $g$  is seen to have the required properties. 142

**Lemma 3.** *If  $f: V^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous proper map and  $g: V^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous map which satisfies  $|f(x) - g(x)| < 1$  then  $g$  is proper.*

*Proof.* Clearly  $\{x \in V | |g(x)| \leq C\} \subset \{x \in V | |f(x)| \leq C + 1\}$  and so is compact for every  $C$ . □

**Theorem 3** (Whitney). *If  $V$  is a  $C^k$  manifold,  $k \geq 1$ , of dimension  $n$ , then there exists a closed immersion of  $V$  into  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  and there exists a closed imbedding of  $V$  into  $\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\{U_i\}$  be a locally finite covering of  $V$  as before, and let  $\{K_i\}$  be compact sets,  $K_i \subset U_i$  and  $\cup K_i = V$ . Let  $\{\alpha_i\}$  be  $C^k$  functions,  $\text{supp.}\alpha_i \subset U_i$  and  $\alpha_i(x) = 1$  for  $x$  in a neighbourhood of  $K_i$ . Define

$$\varphi : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ by } \varphi(x) = \sum_{i \geq 1} i \alpha_i(x).$$

clearly  $\varphi$  is  $C^k$ . Moreover if  $x \in K_m$ , we have  $\varphi(x) \geq m \alpha_m(x) = m$ . Hence  $\varphi^{-1}[0, m] \subset \bigcup_{i \leq m+1} K_i$  and so is compact. Hence  $\varphi$  is proper. Define  $\varphi' : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  by  $\varphi'(x) = (\varphi(x), 0, \dots, 0)$ . Choose  $\eta_1$ , a positive continuous function, with  $0 < \eta_1(x) < 1$ . By the lemma above if  $f$  approximates  $\varphi'$  within  $\eta_1$ , it is proper. Then by Theorem 1, there exists an immersion  $f$  which approximates  $\varphi'$  within  $\eta_1/2$  and this proves the first part of the theorem.  $\square$

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Let  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  be a proper immersion. Choose a locally finite covering  $\{U_i\}$  of  $V$  such that  $f|U_i$  is injective and there exists compact sets  $\{K_i\}$ ,  $K_i \subset U_i$ ,  $\cup K_i = V$ . Define  $F : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$  by  $F(x) = (f_1(x), \dots, f_{2n}(x), 0)$ . Then by Theorem 2, there exists an imbedding  $g$ , approximating  $F$  within  $\eta_1/2$  upto 1<sup>st</sup> order. Hence  $g$  approximates  $\varphi'$  within  $\eta_1$  and hence is proper i.e.  $g : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$  is a closed imbedding.

We add a note about the embedding of real analytic manifolds. Let  $V$  be real analytic, and suppose that  $V$  admits a proper real analytic imbedding  $i$  in  $\mathbb{R}^p$  for some  $p$ . Then if  $f$  is  $C^\infty$  on  $V$ , there exists  $F \in C^\infty$  on  $\mathbb{R}^p$  with  $F \circ i = f$ . It follows easily from this and Whitney's approximation theorem (Chap. I, §5) that for any locally finite  $\{U_i\}$ ,  $\eta > 0$  and  $N > 0$ , and  $C^\infty$  function  $f$  can be approximated a real analytic function  $g$  with respect to  $\{U_i, \eta, N\}$  (we have only to approximate  $F$  by  $G$  and set  $g = G \circ i$ ). Hence it follows, from Whitney's Theorem 3 and Proposition 2 that such a manifold has a closed immersion in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ , and a closed imbedding in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$ . These results immersion in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ , and a closed imbedding in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$ . These results have been completed by H.Grauert



[13] by showing that any real analytic manifold countable at  $\infty$  can be analytically imbedded in  $\mathbb{R}^p$  for some  $p$ . It follows from our remarks above that we have the following theorem.

**Theorem.** *Any real analytic manifold of dimension  $n$  which is countable at  $\infty$  admits a real analytic closed immersion in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ , and a real analytic closed imbedding in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$ .*

The problem of holomorphic imbeddings of complex manifolds is of a different nature. Only so called *Stein manifolds* (see Chap. III for definition) can be imbedded as closed submanifolds of  $\mathbb{C}^p$ . (See R. Narasimha [31] and E. Bishop [3]). 144

Whitney [50] has proved that if  $V$  is a  $C^k$  manifold ( $k \geq 1$ ) of dimension  $n (\geq 2)$  and  $g: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n-1}$  is any continuous map, then there is a  $C^k$  immersion  $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n-1}$  approximating  $g$ . From our remarks above it follows that any real *differentiable manifold* ( $C^k$  or analytic) admits a closed immersion in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n-1}$ . (This is obviously false for  $n = 1$ ; the circle cannot be immersed in the line.) He has further proved [49] that any  $C^k$  manifold of dimension  $n$  can be imbedded in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . In particular, compact have *closed imbeddings* in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ . These results have been completed by M.W Hirsch [15] by proving that *a non-compact manifold of dimension  $n$  has an imbedding in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  (hence, a closed imbedding in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n-1}$ )*.

These results are best possible.

**Note.** The proof of the imbedding theorem (Theorem 3 above) given here is essentially that of Whitney [51].



# Chapter 3

## 1 Vector bundles

**Definition.** Let  $X$  and  $E$  be hausdorff spaces and  $p: E \rightarrow X$  a continuous map. 1 The triple  $(E, p, X)$  is called a continuous complex (real) vector bundle of rank  $q$  if the following conditions are satisfied. 145

- (i) For  $x \in X$ ,  $E_x = p^{-1}(x)$  is a vector space of dimension  $q$  over  $\mathbb{C}(\mathbb{R})$ .
- (ii) If  $x \in X$ , there is a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  and a homeomorphism  $h$  of  $E_U = p^{-1}(U)$  onto  $U \times \mathbb{C}^q (U \times \mathbb{R}^q)$  such that if  $\pi$  is the projection of  $U \times \mathbb{C}^q (U \times \mathbb{R}^q)$  onto  $U$ , we have  $\pi(h(y)) = x$  if  $y \in E_x$  and  $h|_{E_x}$  is a  $\mathbb{C}(\mathbb{R})$ -isomorphism of  $E_x$  onto  $\{x\} \times \mathbb{C}^q (\{x\} \times \mathbb{R}^q)$ .

If  $E$  and  $X$  are  $C^k$  manifolds ( $1 \leq k \leq \infty$ ), if  $p$  is a  $C^k$  map and if the isomorphisms  $h_U$  can be chosen to be  $C^k$  diffeomorphisms,  $p: E \rightarrow X$  is called a  $C^k$  bundle (or differentiable bundle of class  $C^k$ ).

If  $X$  is a real (complex) analytic manifold real (complex) analytic vector bundle can be defined in the same way. Complex analytic bundles are also called holomorphic vector bundles. A vector bundle of rank 1 is called a line bundle.

It follows from the definition that if  $p: E \rightarrow X$  is a complex vector bundle of rank  $q$  there exists an open covering  $\{U_i\}$  of  $X$  and homeomorphisms  $\varphi_i: E_{U_i} \rightarrow U_i \times \mathbb{C}^q$  such that if  $U_{ij} = U_i \cap U_j$ , then  $\varphi_j \circ \varphi_i^{-1}: U_{ij} \times \mathbb{C}^q \rightarrow U_{ij} \times \mathbb{C}^q$  is a homeomorphism and  $\varphi_j \circ \varphi_i^{-1}(x, y) = (x, g_{ij}(x)v)$  where, for each  $x$ ,  $g_{ij}(x)$  is in  $GL(q, \mathbb{C})$  and  $g_{ij}(x)g_{jk}(x) = g_{ik}(x)$  for  $x \in U_{ijk} = U_i \cap U_j \cap U_k$ . Clearly  $g_{ij}: U_{ij} \rightarrow GL(q, \mathbb{C})$  is continuous. 146  
The  $g_{ij}$  are called transition map (or transition functions) of the bundle.

If the bundle is  $C^k$  (or real or complex analytic), the transition maps  $g_{ij} : U_{ij} \rightarrow GL(q, \mathbb{C})$  are  $C^k$  (or real or complex analytic).

Conversely let  $X$  be a hausdorff topological space,  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$  an open covering of  $X$  and  $g_{ij} : U_{ij} \rightarrow GL(q, \mathbb{C})$  continuous map satisfying  $g_{ij}(x)g_{jk}(x) = g_{ik}(x)$  for  $x \in U_{ijk}(= U_i \cap U_j \cap U_k)$ . Then let  $S$  be the topological sum  $\cup_i \{U_i \times \mathbb{C}^q \times \times i\}$ . Define an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $S$  by  $(x, v, i) \sim (x', v', j)$  if  $x = x'$  and  $v' = g_{ij}(x).v$ . It is easily verified that the equivalence relation is open and that the graph is closed. Hence  $E = S / \sim$  is hausdorff. Let  $p' : S \rightarrow X$  be defined by  $p'(x, v, i) = x$ . Clearly equivalent points have the same image in  $X$  so that  $p'$  defines a map  $p : E \rightarrow X$ . Then  $p^{-1}(U_i) = \overline{\{(x, v, i) | x \in U_i, v \in \mathbb{C}^q\}}$  and hence  $p^{-1}(U_i)$  is "isomorphic" to  $U_i \times \mathbb{C}^q$  and  $p : E \rightarrow X$  is a complex vector bundle of rank  $q$ . Thus a vector bundle  $p : E \rightarrow X$  is characterised by an open covering  $\{U_i\}$  of  $X$  such that  $p^{-1}(U_i)$  is isomorphic to  $U_i \times \mathbb{C}^q$ , and the transition maps  $g_{ij} : U_{ij} \rightarrow GL(q, \mathbb{C})$ . If  $X$  is a  $C^k$  manifold, and the  $g_{ij}$  are  $C^k$ , maps, then the vector bundle constructed above is also  $C^k$ . A similar remark applies to real and complex analytic vector bundles.

(Compare the above construction with the introduction of the topology on the tangent bundle as given in Chap. II §1).

- 147 **Definition.** Let  $p : E \rightarrow X, p' : E' \rightarrow X$  be two complex vector bundles on  $X$ . A bundle map or a homomorphism  $h : E \rightarrow E'$  is a continuous map  $h : E \rightarrow E'$  such that for any  $x \in X, h|_{E_x [= p^{-1}(x)]}$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear map into  $E'_x [= p'^{-1}(x)]$ . If in addition  $h$  is a homeomorphism (so that  $h|_{E_x}$  is an isomorphism onto  $E'_x$ ),  $h$  is called an isomorphism.  $E$  and  $E'$  are isomorphic if there is an isomorphism of  $E$  onto  $E'$ .

Similar definitions apply to  $C^k$ , real analytic and holomorphic bundle maps and isomorphisms.

**Remark.** Let a vector bundle  $p : E \rightarrow X$  be given by the open covering  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}$  and the transition map  $g_{ij} : U_{ij} \rightarrow GL(q, \mathbb{C})$ . Let  $\{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a refinement of  $\{U_i\}$  and  $\tau : A \rightarrow I$  a map such that  $V_\alpha \subset U_{\tau(\alpha)}$ . Consider the vector bundle  $p' : E' \rightarrow X$  where  $E' = S' / \sim, S' = \{(x, v, \alpha) | x \in V_\alpha, v \in \mathbb{C}^q\}$  constructed with the transition maps  $g'_{\alpha\beta} = \beta_{\tau(\alpha)\tau(\beta)}|_{V_\alpha \cap V_\beta}$ . The map  $\tau$  defines a continuous map  $h' : S' \rightarrow S, \text{ viz. } h'(x, v, \alpha) =$

$(x, v, \tau(\alpha))$ . It is easily verified that  $h'$  maps equivalent points into equivalent points, and so define a continuous map  $h : E' \rightarrow E$ . This map is easily seen to be an isomorphism of the vector bundles  $E$  and  $E'$ .

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $p : E \rightarrow X$  and  $p' : E' \rightarrow X$  be two vector bundles given by the open coverings  $\{U_i\}_{i \in I}, \{V_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  and transition map  $(g_{ij}, (g'_{\alpha\beta}))$ . Then a necessary and sufficient condition that the two vector bundles are isomorphic is the following: there exists a common refinement  $\{W_k\}_{k \in K}$  of  $\{U_i\}$  and  $\{V_\alpha\}$ , refinement maps  $\tau_I : K \rightarrow I, \tau_A : K \rightarrow A$ , [i.e.  $W_k \subset U_{\tau_I(k)} \cap V_{\tau_A(k)}$ ] and continuous maps  $h : W_k \rightarrow GL(q, \mathbb{C})$  such that if  $g_{kl}, g'_{kl}$  denote the restrictions to  $W_{kl}$  of  $g_{\tau_I(k), \tau_I(l)}, g'_{\tau_A(k), \tau_A(l)}$  respectively, we have*

$$h_l g_{kl} h_k^{-1} = g'_{kl} \text{ on } W_{kl}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $p : E \rightarrow X$  and  $p' : E' \rightarrow X$  be isomorphic and  $h : E \rightarrow E'$  and isomorphic between them. Let  $\{W_k\}$  be a common refinement of  $\{U_i\}$  and  $\{V_\alpha\}$ . In view of the remark made above, we may suppose that  $E$  and  $E'$  are constructed using the covering  $\{W_k\}$  and the transition maps  $g_{kl}, g'_{kl}$  respectively. Let  $\varphi_k : E_{W_k} \rightarrow W_k \times \mathbb{C}^q$  and  $\varphi'_k : E'_{W_k} \rightarrow W_k \times \mathbb{C}^q$  be the isomorphisms corresponding to  $E$  and  $E'$  respectively. Let  $h'_k = \varphi'_k \circ h \circ \varphi_k^{-1} : W_k \times \mathbb{C}^q \rightarrow W_k \times \mathbb{C}^q$ . Define  $h_k : W_k \rightarrow GL(q, \mathbb{C})$  by the formula

$$h'_k(x, v) = (x, h_k(x)v).$$

Then since  $h'_k \circ \varphi_k \circ \varphi_1^{-1} \circ h_1^{-1} = \varphi'_k \circ \varphi_1^{-1}$  and  $(x, g_{kl}(x)v) = \varphi_k \circ \varphi_1^{-1}(x, v)$ , we obtain at once the relation  $h_k g_{lk} h_1^{-1} = g'_{lk}$ . For the converse, suppose that  $p : E \rightarrow X$  and  $p' : E' \rightarrow X$  are two vector bundles and let  $\{W_k\}$  be a common refinement of the covering  $\{U_i\}, \{V_\alpha\}$  corresponding to  $E$  and  $E'$  respectively. If there exists map  $h_k : W_k \rightarrow GL(q, \mathbb{C})$ , satisfying  $h_l g_{kl} h_k^{-1}$ , let  $\varphi_k : E_{W_k} \rightarrow W_k \times \mathbb{C}^q$  and  $\varphi'_k : E'_{W_k} \rightarrow W_k \times \mathbb{C}^q$  be the isomorphisms corresponding to  $E$  and  $E'$  respectively. Then  $h : E \rightarrow E'$  is defined as follows: let  $h'_k : W_k \times \mathbb{C}^q \rightarrow W_k \times \mathbb{C}^q$  be the isomorphism defined by

$$h'_k(x, v) = (x, h_k(x)v);$$

set  $h^{(k)} = \varphi_k^{-1} \circ h'_k \circ \varphi_k$  on  $E_{W_k}$ . We have  $h^{(k)} = h^{(l)}$  on  $E_{W_{kl}}$  because of the formula  $h_l g_{kl} h_k^{-1} = g'_{kl}$ .  $\square$

**Examples.** (1) Let  $I_q = X \times \mathbb{C}^q$  and  $p : I_q \rightarrow X$  be the projection  $p, (x, v) = x$ . Then  $p : I_q \rightarrow X$  is a complex vector bundle of rank  $q$  and is called the trivial vector bundle of rank  $q$ . A bundle of rank  $q$  is trivial if it is isomorphic to  $I_q$ . Since given a vector bundle  $p : E \rightarrow X$ , every point  $x \in X$  has a neighbourhood  $U$  such that  $E_U$  is isomorphic to  $U \times \mathbb{C}^q$ , every vector bundle is locally trivial.

(2) Let  $p_1 : E_1 \rightarrow X$  and  $p_2 : E_2 \rightarrow X$  be two vector bundles of rank  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  respectively. Set  $F = \bigcup_{x \in X} (E_{1x} \otimes E_{2x})$  and define the map  $p : F \rightarrow X$  by  $(E_{1x} \otimes E_{2x}) = x$ . For any  $x \in X$ , there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  such that  $E_{1U}$  and  $E_{2U}$  are isomorphic to  $U \times \mathbb{C}^{q_1}$  and  $U \times \mathbb{C}^{q_2}$  respectively. Let  $\varphi_1 : E_{1U} \rightarrow U \times \mathbb{C}^{q_1}$  and  $\varphi_2 : E_{2U} \rightarrow U \times \mathbb{C}^{q_2}$  be such isomorphisms. Define  $\varphi : F_U \rightarrow U \times \mathbb{C}^{q_1+q_2}$  by  $\varphi(e_{1x} \otimes e_{2x}) = (x, \bar{\varphi}_1(e_{1x})\bar{\varphi}_2(e_{2x}))$ , where  $e_{ix} \in E_{ix}$  and  $\bar{\varphi}_i(e_i)$  is the projection on  $\mathbb{R}^{q_i}$  of  $\varphi_i(e_i)$ ; here  $e_i \in E_{iU}$ . Clearly there exists a unique topology on  $F$  such that above maps are homeomorphisms and  $p : F \rightarrow X$  is a vector bundle. The transition maps  $g_{ij}$  of  $F$  are given by  $g_{ij} = g_{ij}^1 \oplus g_{ij}^2$  and  $g_{ij}^1, g_{ij}^2$  are transition maps of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  respectively.  $F$  is called the direct (or Whitney) sum of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  and we write  $F = E_1 \oplus E_2$ .

If  $p : E \rightarrow X$  and  $p' : E' \rightarrow X$  are complex vector bundles, then  $\bigcup_{x \in X} E_x \oplus E_{x'} \bigcup_{x \in X} \text{Hom}(E_x, E_{x'})$  and  $\bigcup_{x \in X} \wedge^p E_x$  can be given, in the same way, suitable topologies so as to make them vector bundles. They are denoted by  $E \otimes E'$ ,  $\text{Hom}(E, E')$ ,  $\wedge^p E$  respectively. When  $E'$  is a trivial bundle of rank 1,  $\text{Hom}(E_x, E'_x) = E_x^*$  is the dual of  $E_x$  and we wrote  $E^*$  for the corresponding bundle.  $E \otimes E'$  is called the tensor product of  $E$  and  $E'$ ,  $\wedge^p E$ , the  $p$ -fold exterior products of  $E$ .

We remark explicitly that if  $g_{ij}, g'_{ij}$  are transition maps of  $E, E'$  relative to a covering  $\{U_i\}$ , those of  $E \otimes E'$  are  $g_{ij} \otimes g'_{ij}$  (Kronecker or tensor product of matrices), those of  $E^*$  are  $(t_{g_{ij}})^{-1}$ ,  $t_A$  denoting the transpose of the matrix  $A$ . In particular if  $E'$  is a line bundle,  $E \otimes E'$  has transition maps  $g'_{ij} \cdot g_{ij}$ . If we apply this to a line bundle  $E$  its dual  $E^* = E'$ , we see that if  $E$  is a line bundle,  $E \otimes E^*$  is trivial.

This isomorphism is intrinsically defined as follows: for  $x \in X$ , we

have a bilinear map  $E_x \oplus E_x^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , viz.  $(e \oplus e^*) \rightarrow e^*(e)$ . This defines a linear map  $E_x \otimes E_x^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , and so a map  $h : E \otimes E^* \rightarrow 1_1$ ;  $h$  is an isomorphism.

Other examples of vector bundles are the following. If  $V$  is a  $C^k$  manifold of dimension  $n$ ,  $T(V) = \bigcup_{a \in V} T_a(V)$  is a vector bundle of class  $C^{k-1}$  and rank  $n$ ; it is called the tangent bundle of  $V$ . The bundle of  $p$ -forms on  $V$  is the space  $\wedge^p T^*(V) = \bigcup_{a \in V} \wedge^p T_a^*(V)$ . [Note that  $\wedge^p T^*(V)$  is in fact the  $p$ -fold exterior product of  $T^*(V)$ .]

Let  $E, F, E', F'$  be vector bundles on  $X$ ,  $h : E \rightarrow F$ ,  $h' : E' \rightarrow F'$  bundle maps. For any  $x$ , we have a linear map  $h_x \otimes h'_x : E_x \otimes E'_x \rightarrow F_x \otimes F'_x$ ; this defines a bundle map  $h \otimes h' : E \otimes E' \rightarrow F \otimes F'$ . In the same way, we have a transpose bundle map  $h^* : F^* \rightarrow E^*$  and a map  $\wedge^p h : \wedge^p E \rightarrow \wedge^p F$ . [If  $h, h'$  are  $C^k$ , analytic, holomorphic, so are  $h \otimes h', h^*, \wedge^p h$ .]

**Definitions.** (1) Let  $V$  be a  $C^k$  manifold  $p : E \rightarrow V$  a  $C^k$  vector bundle and  $U$  an open set in  $V$ . Then a  $C^k$  section  $s$  of  $E$  on  $U$  is a  $C^k$  map  $s : U \rightarrow E$  such that  $p \circ s = \text{identity on } U$ . 151

$C^k(U, E)$  denotes the set of all  $C^k$  sections of  $E$  over  $U$ . Analytic (holomorphic) sections of analytic (holomorphic) bundles are similarly defined.

(2) The support of a section  $s$  of  $E$  over  $U$  is defined to be the closure  $U$  of  $\{x | x \in U, s(x) \neq 0\}$  [ $0$  stands for the zero of the vector space  $E_x$ ]. The set of  $C^k$  sections on  $U$  having compact support in  $U$  is denoted by  $C_0^k(U, E)$ .

Note that if  $E = 1_q$ ,  $C^k(U, 1_q)$  can be canonically identified with the space of  $C^k$  maps  $U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q(\mathbb{R}^q)$ . Let  $E$  be a vector bundle,  $\{U_i\}$  a covering of  $X$ ,  $\varphi_i : E_{U_i} \rightarrow U_i \times \mathbb{C}^q$  isomorphisms and  $g_{ij} : U_{ij} \rightarrow GL(q, \mathbb{C})$  the corresponding transition maps. If  $s : X \rightarrow E$  is a section, we have elements  $s_i \in C^k(U_i, 1_q)$ , viz.  $s_i = \varphi_i \circ s$  and hence mappings  $\sigma_i : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q$ ; since  $\varphi_j \circ \varphi_i^{-1} \circ s_i = s_j$  on  $U_{ij}$ , we have  $\sigma_j = g_{ij} \sigma_i$  on  $U_{ij}$ . Conversely, mapping  $\sigma_i : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q$  with  $\sigma_j = g_{ij} \sigma_i$  on  $U_{ij}$  define a section  $s : X \rightarrow E$ . This section is  $C^k$ , analytic, holomorphic, according as the  $\sigma_i$  are  $C^k$ , analytic, holomorphic.

We denote the set of  $C^k$  maps  $U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q$  (or  $\mathbb{R}^q$ ) by  $C^{k,q}(U)$ ; those with compact support by  $C_0^{k,q}(U)$ .

## 2 Linear differential operators: the theorem of Peetre

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**Definition.** Given a  $C^\infty$  manifold  $V$  and vector bundles  $p_1 : E \rightarrow V$  and  $p_2 : F \rightarrow V$ , a differential operator  $L$  from  $E$  to  $F$  (written  $L : E \rightarrow F$ ) is an  $\mathbb{R}$  linear map  $L : C_0^\infty(V, E) \rightarrow C^0(V, F)$  such that  $\text{supp. } (Ls) \subset \text{supp}(s)$  for every  $s \in C_0^\infty(V, E)$ . These are also called operators (or sheaf maps). Note that  $L$  does not define a bundle map  $E \rightarrow F$ .

**Remarks.** A differential operator gives rise to an  $\mathbb{R}$  linear map  $L : C^\infty(V, E) \rightarrow C^0(V, F)$  as follows. For  $x \in V$ , let  $U$  be a relatively compact neighbourhood of  $x$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a  $C^\infty$  function  $\varphi : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that for  $y$  in a neighbourhood of  $x$ ,  $\varphi(y) = 1$  and  $\varphi(y) = 0$  for  $y \notin U$ . Then for any  $s \in C^\infty(V, E)$ , we set

$(Ls)(x) = L(\varphi s)(x)$ ; since  $\varphi$  has compact support,  $L(\varphi s)$  is well defined.  $(Ls)(x)$  is independent of the  $\varphi$  chosen since  $L$  does not increase supports.

If  $E, E'$  are  $C^\infty$  vector bundles of rank  $q, q'$  respectively, and if,  $U$  is a coordinate neighbourhood of  $V$  such that  $E_U$  and  $E'_U$  are trivial then  $C_0^\infty(U, E)$  can be identified with  $C_0^{\infty,q}(U)$ , the set of  $q$  tuples of  $C^\infty$  functions with compact support in  $U$ . A linear differential operator defines then an  $\mathbb{R}$  linear map  $L : C_0^{\infty,q}(U) \rightarrow C^{0,q'}(U)$ .

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $V$  be a  $C^\infty$  manifold and  $U$ , a coordinate neighbourhood on  $V$ , (coordinate system  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ ). Let  $L$  be a differential operator  $C_0^{\infty,q}(U) \rightarrow C^{0,p}(U)$  [i.e. an operator from  $1_q \rightarrow 1_p$  on  $U$ ]. Then for any point  $a \in U$ , there exists a neighbourhood  $U'$  of  $a$ , a positive integer  $m$  and a constant  $C > 0$ , such that*

$$\|Lf\|_0 \leq C\|f\|_m \text{ for any } f \in C_0^{\infty,q}(U' - \{a\}).$$



We recall that the norms on  $C^{k,q}(U)$  are defined by

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$$\|f\|_m = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \sum_{i=1}^q \sup |D^\alpha f_i(x)| \text{ if } f = (f_1, \dots, f_q).$$

*Proof.* Let  $a \in U$  and suppose that the lemma does not hold. Let  $U_0$  be a neighbourhood of  $a$ , relatively compact in  $U$ . Then there exists an open set  $U_1 \subset \subset (U_0 - \{a\})$  and  $f_1 \in C_0^{\infty,q}(U_1)$  such that

$$\|Lf_1\|_0 > 2^2 \|f_1\|_1.$$

□

Now consider the open neighbourhood  $(U_0 - \bar{U}_1)$  of  $a$ ; by our assumption there exists an open set  $U_2, U_2 \subset \subset (U_0 - \bar{U}_1 - \{a\})$ , and  $f_2 \in C_0^{\infty,q}(U_2)$  such that

$$\|Lf_2\|_0 > 2^{2^2} \|f_2\|_2.$$

By induction we have a sequence of open sets  $\{U_k\}$  with  $\bar{U}_k \subset \{U_0 - a\}$  and  $\bar{U}_k \cap \bar{U}_1 = \emptyset$  if  $k \neq 1$  and  $f_k \in C_0^{\infty,q}(U_k)$  with  $\|Lf_k\|_0 > 2^{2^k} \|f_k\|_k$ . Let  $f = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{-k} f_k}{\|f_k\|_k}$ . Since  $\sum \frac{2^{-k} f_k}{\|f_k\|_k}$  is convergent in the  $C^\infty$  topology,  $f \in C_0^{\infty,q}(U_0)$  and  $f|_{U_k} = \frac{2^{-k} f_k}{\|f_k\|_k}$  so that  $L(f)|_{U_k} = 2^{-k} L(f_k)|_{U_k} / \|f_k\|_k$ . Since  $\|Lf_k\|_0 > 2^{2^k} \|f_k\|_k$ , we have a sequence  $(x_k)$ ,  $x_k \in U_k$  such that

$$|Lf_k(x_k)| > 2^{2^k} \|f_k\|_k.$$

Hence  $|Lf(x_k)| \geq 2^k$ . But  $Lf$  is continuous in  $U$ , while  $(Lf)(x_k)$  is unbounded and  $\{x_k\}$  lie in the relatively compact subset  $U_0$  of  $U$ . This is contradiction, so that the lemma is established. 154

**Theorem (Peetre).** Let  $V$  be a  $C^\infty$  manifold and  $E, F$ ,  $C^\infty$  vector bundles of rank  $q$  and  $p$  respectively. Let  $L$  be a differential operator  $C_0^\infty(V, E) \rightarrow C^0(V, F)$  and let  $U$  be a coordinate neighbourhood such that  $E_U$  and  $F_U$  are trivial. We identify  $C^k(U, E)$  with  $C^{k,q}(U)$ . Then for any

relatively compact open subset  $\Omega$  of  $U$  there exists a positive integer  $m$  and continuous functions  $a_\alpha$  on  $\Omega$ ,  $|\alpha| \leq m$  [with values in the space of linear maps from  $\mathbb{R}^q$  to  $\mathbb{R}^p$ , i.e.  $\times q$  matrices] such that for  $f \in C^{\infty,q}(U)$  and  $x \in \Omega$  we have

$$(2.1) \quad (Lf)(x) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x)(D^\alpha f)(x).$$

*Proof.* Let  $\Omega'$  be an open subset of  $\Omega$ . We shall first prove equation (2.1) on  $\Omega'$  with the following additional assumption: there exists a constant  $C > 0$  and an integer  $m$  such that if  $f \in C_0^{\infty,q}(\Omega')$ , we have

$$(2.2) \quad \|Lf\|_0 \leq C\|f\|_m.$$

□

First we remark that if  $\varphi \in C_0^{\infty,q}(\Omega')$  and if  $\varphi$  is  $m$ -flat at  $a \in \Omega'$  then  $(L\varphi)(a) = 0$ . In fact by §5 Chapter I, there exists a sequence  $\{f_\nu\}$  of functions in  $C_0^{\infty,q}(\Omega')$  such that  $f_\nu(x) = 0$  for  $x$  in a neighbourhood of  $a$  and  $\|\varphi - f_\nu\|_n^{\Omega'} \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $\text{supp}(Lf_\nu) \subset \text{supp } f_\nu$  we have  $Lf_\nu(a) = 0$  and because of the inequality (2.2),  $(L\varphi)(a) = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} (Lf_\nu)(a) = 0$ . For  $a \in \Omega'$  and  $f \in C^{\infty,q}(\Omega')$ , Taylor's formula gives us the following:

$$f(x) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \frac{(x-a)^\alpha}{\alpha!} \cdot D^\alpha f(a) + g(x),$$

where  $g$  is  $m$ -flat at  $a$ . Hence by the remark above,

$$\begin{aligned} (Lg)(a) &= 0 \\ \text{i.e. } (Lf)(a) &= \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \frac{L[(x-a)^\alpha D^\alpha f(a)](a)}{\alpha!}. \end{aligned}$$

In what follows we write elements of  $C^{\infty,q}$  as columns. Let  $f = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_q \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$f_i$  being  $C^\infty$  functions and let  $e_k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , where 1 occurs in the  $k^{\text{th}}$  place.

Then 
$$\frac{(x-a)^\alpha D^\alpha f(a)}{\alpha!} = \sum_{1 \leq k \leq q} \frac{D^\alpha f_k(a) \cdot (x-a)^\alpha e_k}{\alpha!}. \quad \text{Hence}$$

$$(Lf)(a) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq q} \frac{D^\alpha f_k(a)}{\alpha!} L[(x-a)^\alpha e_k](a).$$

[Recall our remark that  $L$  can be applied to  $C^\infty$  functions which are not compactly supported.] Now

$$(x-a)^\alpha e_k = \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} x^\beta (-a)^{\alpha-\beta} e_k,$$

and, by definition,  $L(x^\beta e_k)$  is continuous on  $U$  (and not just on  $\Omega'$ ). Hence  $(L(x-a)^\alpha e_k)(a)$  is a continuous function of  $a$  in  $U$  and can be identified with a  $p$ -tuple

$$[L(x-a)^\alpha e_k](a) = \begin{bmatrix} a_\alpha^{1k}(a) \\ \vdots \\ a_\alpha^{pk}(a) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus, if  $\Omega'$  is an open subset of  $U$  and if there exists  $m, C$  such that **156**

$$\|Lf\|_0 \leq C\|f\|_m \text{ for } f \in C_0^{\infty,q}(\Omega'),$$

there exist continuous functions  $a_\alpha$  on  $\Omega$  such that

$$(Lf)(x) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha f \text{ for } f \in C^{\infty,q}(\Omega'), x \in \Omega'.$$

Moreover if  $Lf = \sum a_\alpha D^\alpha f$  for all  $f \in C^{\infty,q}(W)$ , where  $W$  is an open subset of  $\Omega$ , the  $a_\alpha$  are uniquely determined on  $W$  by  $L$ . Consequently, it suffices to prove that every  $a \in \Omega$  has a neighbourhood  $W$  such that (2.1) holds for all  $f \in C^{\infty,q}(W)$ . Now, by the remark above and Lemma 1 there is a  $W$  such that

$$(Lf)(x) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha f(x), x \in W - \{a\}, f \in C^{\infty,q}(W - \{a\})$$

where the  $a_\alpha$  are continuous in  $W$ . Since, for  $f \in C^{\infty,q}(W)$ , both sides of this equation are continuous in  $W$ , the result is proved.

**Note.** A result even somewhat more general than the one proved here is due to J. Peetre [35].

### 3 The Cauchy Kovalevski Theorem

**Lemma 1.** Let  $D = \{w \in \mathbb{C} \mid |w| < R\}$  and  $h$ , be a holomorphic function on  $D$ . If, for  $w \in D$ ,  $|h'(w)| \leq A|w|^r$  and  $h(0) = 0$ , then

$$|h(w)| \leq A \frac{|w|^{r+1}}{r+1}.$$

157 **Lemma 2.** Let  $D = \{w \in \mathbb{C} \mid |w| < R\}$  and  $h$  be a holomorphic function on  $D$ . If

$$h(0) = 0, |h'(w)| < \frac{A}{(R-|w|)^{r+1}} \text{ for } w \in D,$$

$$\text{then } |h(w)| < \frac{A}{r(R-|w|)^r}.$$

The proof of the above lemmas follows at once from the equation  $\int_0^w h'(z) dz = h(w)$ .

**Lemma 3.** If  $D = \{w \in \mathbb{C} \mid |w| < R\}$  and  $h$  is a holomorphic function on  $D$ , and if

$$|h(w)| < \frac{A}{(R-|w|)^r}, \text{ for } w \in D,$$

$$\text{then } |h'(w)| < \frac{3A(r+1)}{(R-|w|)^{r+1}}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $w_0 \in D$  and  $0 < \varepsilon < R - |w_0|$ . Then by Cauchy's inequality we have

$$|h'(w_0)| \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \sup_{|w-w_0|=\varepsilon} |h(w)|.$$

Hence  $|h'(w_0)| \leq \frac{A}{\varepsilon\{R-|w_0|-\varepsilon\}^r}$  for any  $\varepsilon$  with  $0 < \varepsilon < R - |w_0|$ .

Take  $\varepsilon = \frac{R - |w_0|}{r + 1}$ .

Then  $|h'(w_0)| \leq \frac{A(r + 1)}{(R - |w_0|)^{r+1}} \cdot \left(\frac{r + 1}{r}\right)^r$ .

Hence  $|h'(w_0)| < \frac{3A(r + 1)}{(R - |w_0|)^{r+1}}$ .

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**Theorem (Cauchy -Kovalevski).** Let  $\Omega = \{(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid |z_i| < r_i\}$ . Let  $g, \varphi: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q$  be holomorphic functions on  $\Omega$  and let  $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$ ,  $\beta_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $\beta_n > 0$ . Let  $\alpha$  run over the multiindices with  $|\alpha| \leq |\beta|$ ,  $\alpha_n < \beta_n$ , and suppose that for each  $\alpha$  is given a holomorphic map  $a_\alpha$  of  $\Omega$  into the space of  $q \times q$  matrices. Then exists a neighbourhood  $U$  of 0 and a unique holomorphic functions  $f$  on  $U$ ,  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q$  such that

$$(3.1) \quad D^\beta f(z) = \sum_{\substack{|\alpha| \leq |\beta| \\ \alpha_n < \beta_n}} a_\alpha(z) \cdot D^\alpha f(z) + g(z),$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_i}\right)^l (f - \varphi) = 0 \text{ for } z_i = 0 \text{ and } 0 \leq l < \beta_i.$$

*Proof.* We may suppose without loss of generality that  $r_i \leq 1$  and that  $\varphi = 0$ , since if  $h = f - \varphi$ , the problem then would be to solve the equation

$$D^\beta h = \sum_{\substack{|\alpha| \leq |\beta| \\ \alpha_n < \beta_n}} a_\alpha D^\alpha h + g',$$

with  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_i}\right)^l (h) = 0$ , for  $z_i = 0$  and  $0 \leq l < \beta_i$ , where  $g'$  is holomorphic on  $\Omega$ . We may further suppose that the  $a_\alpha$  are bounded in  $\Omega$ . □ 159

We first remark that for a holomorphic function  $h$  on  $\Omega$ , there exists a unique holomorphic function  $u$  on  $\Omega$  such that

$$D^\beta u = h$$

$$\text{and} \quad \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_i}\right)^l u = 0 \text{ for } z_i = 0 \text{ and } 0 \leq l < \beta_i.$$

To prove this it is enough to show that there exists a unique holomorphic function  $u$  on  $\Omega$  such that  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial z_i} = h$  and  $u = 0$  on  $z_1 = 0$ . But this is immediate; we must set  $u(z) = \int_0^z h(\zeta) d\zeta$ . We define holomorphic functions  $f_k : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q$  as follows:  $f_0(z) = 0$  for  $z \in \Omega$ , and  $f_k(z)$ , for  $k \geq 1$ , is defined, by induction, as the unique holomorphic solution of

$$D^\beta f_k = \sum_{\substack{|\alpha| \leq |\beta| \\ \alpha_n < \beta_n}} a_\alpha D^\alpha f_{k-1} + g$$

with  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_i}\right)^l f_k = 0$  for  $z_i = 0$  and  $0 \leq l < \beta_i$

It is clear from the remark made above that  $\{f_k\}_{k \geq 0}$  are defined on  $\Omega$ . Let  $u_0(z) = 0$ ,  $u_k(z) = f_k(z) - f_{k-1}(z)$ . Then  $u_k$  satisfies

$$(3.3) \quad D^\beta u_{k+1} = \sum_{\substack{|\alpha| \leq |\beta| \\ \alpha_n < \beta_n}} a_\alpha D^\alpha u_k$$

with  $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_i}\right)^l u_k = 0$  for  $z_i = 0$ ,  $0 \leq l < \beta_i$ .

160 Let  $\rho(z) = (r_1 - |z_1|) \cdots (r_{n-1} - |z_{n-1}|)$  and let  $|\beta| = m$ . We shall now prove that there exists a constant  $A$  such that the relations (3.3) imply the estimates

$$(3.4) \quad |D^\beta u_r(z)| \leq \frac{A^r |z_n|^r}{\{\rho(z)\}^{mr+1}}, \text{ for } z \in \Omega.$$

Assume that (3.4) holds for  $r = k$ . Then

$$|D^\beta u_k(z)| \leq \frac{A^k |z_n|^k}{\{\rho(z)\}^{mk+1}}.$$

Applying Lemma 1 with respect to  $z_n$ ,  $(\beta_n - \alpha_n)$  times and Lemma 2 with respect to  $z_i$ ,  $\beta_i$  times for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ , we have, since  $r_i \leq 1$ ,

$$\left| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z_n} \right)^{\alpha_n} u_k(z) \right| \leq$$

$$\frac{A^k |z_n|^{k+\beta_n-\alpha_n}}{(k+1), \dots, (k+\beta_n-\alpha_n) \prod_q^{n-1} (r_i - |z_i|)^{mk+1} (mk), \dots, (mk+1\beta_i)}$$

hence, since  $\alpha_n < \beta_n$ ,  $\left| \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z_n} \right)^{\alpha_n} u_k(z) \right| \leq \frac{A^k |z_n|^{k+1}}{[\rho(z)]^{mk+1}} \cdot k^{-(m-\alpha_n)}$

Now using Lemma 3 with respect to  $z_i$ ,  $\alpha_i$  times, for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ , we obtain

$$|D^\alpha u_k(z)| \leq \frac{3^m A^k |z_n|^{k+1}}{[\rho(z)]^{m(k+1)+1}} \cdot \left[ \frac{m(k+1)+1}{k} \right]^{m-\alpha_n}.$$

Hence by equation (3.3), since the  $a_\alpha$  are bounded,

$$|D^\beta u_{k+1}(z)| \leq \frac{A^k |z_n|^{k+1}}{[\rho(z)]^{m(k+1)+1}} \cdot 3^m \cdot M \left[ \frac{m(k+1)+1}{k} \right]^{m-\alpha_n}$$

for some constant  $M$  (independent of  $\alpha$  and  $k$ ).

Hence if  $A = \sup_k 3^m \cdot M \left[ \frac{m(k+1)+1}{k} \right]^m$ , the inequality (3.4) is proved. Consequently, if  $z$  satisfies  $|z_n| < [b\rho(z)]^m$ ,  $\sum_k |D^\beta u_k(z)|$  is convergent. Hence there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  of 0 such that  $\sum_k |D^\beta u_k|$  is uniformly on  $U$ . This clearly implies that  $f_k$  is uniformly convergent on  $U$  and if  $f(z) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k(z)$ ,  $f(z)$  is a holomorphic function which satisfies equation (3.1) with the initial conditions (3.2). Again if  $f$  and  $f'$  are two holomorphic solutions of (3.1) satisfying (3.2) let  $f(z) - f'(z) = u(z)$ . Then if  $u_k(z) = u(z)$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , we have

$$D^\beta u_{k+1}(z) = \sum a_\alpha D^\alpha u_k$$

and  $\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \right)^l u_k = 0$  for  $z_i = 0$  and  $0 \leq l \leq \beta_i$ ,

i.e.  $(u_k)$  satisfies equations (3.3) and by the discussion above, there exists a neighbourhood  $U'$  of 0 such that  $\sum |u_k|$  is uniformly convergent on  $U'$ . But this implies that  $u(z) = u_k(z) = 0$ , which proves the uniqueness of the solution.

## 4 Fourier transforms, Plancherel's theorem

**Definitions.** (1) If  $f \in L'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , the fourier transform of  $f$ , denoted by  $\hat{f}$ , is defined by

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) e^{-ix\xi} dx.$$

- 162 (2) Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the set of  $C^\infty$  functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that for any polynomial  $P$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and any  $\alpha$ , we have,  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} |P(x) D^\alpha f(x)| < \infty$ . The space  $\mathcal{S}$  is called Schwartz space.

**Remarks.** (1) For every  $p \geq 1$ ,  $\mathcal{S} \subset L^p$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  is dense in  $L^p$  (in  $L^p$  norm) if  $p < \infty$ .

(2) If  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $D^\alpha f \in \mathcal{S}$  for every  $\alpha$ .

(3) Any function in  $\mathcal{S}$  is bounded.

(4) If  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ , it is verified by integration by parts that (i)  $(D^\alpha f)(\hat{\xi}) = i^{|\alpha|} \xi^\alpha \hat{f}(\xi)$  and (ii)  $D^\alpha \hat{f}(\xi) = \{(-i\xi)^\alpha f(\xi)\}$ .

(5) For any  $f \in L'$ .

$$\sup_{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n} |\hat{f}(\xi)| \leq \sup_{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n} \int |e^{-ix\xi} f(x)| dx.$$

(6) It follows from remarks (4) and (5) that if  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ , so is  $\hat{f}$ .

**Proposition 1** (Inversion formula). If  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ , we have,

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{f}(\xi) e^{iy\xi} d\xi.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}$ . Consider  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi(\xi) \hat{f}(\xi) e^{iy\xi} d\xi$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi(\xi) e^{iy\xi} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) e^{-ix\xi} dx \right) d\xi.$$

□



By Fubini's theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \varphi(\xi) \hat{f}(\xi) e^{iy\xi} d\xi &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int f(x) dx \int \varphi(\xi) e^{-i(x-y)\xi} d\xi \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int f(y+t) e^{it\xi} \varphi(\xi) d\xi dt \quad [x-y=t] \\
 (4.1) \qquad &= \int f(y+t) \hat{\varphi}(t) dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, set  $\varphi(\xi) = \psi(\varepsilon\xi)$ , where  $\psi \in \mathcal{S}$ . Then, as is easily verified, we have 163

$$\hat{\varphi}(t) = \varepsilon^{-n} \hat{\psi}\left(\frac{t}{\varepsilon}\right).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \varphi(\xi) \hat{f}(\xi) e^{iy\xi} d\xi &= \int \psi(\varepsilon\xi) \hat{f}(\xi) e^{iy\xi} d\xi \\
 &= \int f(y+t) \varepsilon^{-n} \hat{\psi}\left(\frac{t}{\varepsilon}\right) dt \\
 \text{i.e.} \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \psi(\varepsilon\xi) \hat{f}(\xi) e^{iy\xi} d\xi &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y+\varepsilon t) \hat{\psi}(t) dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f$  and  $\psi \in \mathcal{S}$ , we can take the limits as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  under the integrals, so that

$$\psi(0) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{f}(\xi) e^{iy\xi} d\xi = f(y) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{\psi}(t) dt.$$

If we set  $\psi(t) = e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}$ , it is easily verified that  $\psi(0) = (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{\psi}(t) dt$ , so that

$$(2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{f}(\xi) e^{iy\xi} d\xi = f(y).$$

**Corollary.** For  $f$  and  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}$ , we have, 164

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi(\xi) \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(\xi) \hat{\varphi}(\xi) dt$$

This follows from equation (4.1) on putting  $y = 0$ .

**Remark.** As is evident from the proof, (4.1) holds whenever  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}$ .

**Lemma.** If  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ , we have  $\|f\|_{L^2} = \|\hat{f}\|_{L^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} & [ \text{For } g \in L^p, \|g\|_{L^p} = \text{norm of } g \text{ in } L^p \\ & = \left( \int |g(\xi)|^p d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \text{ when } 1 \leq p < \infty, \\ & \|g\|_{L^\infty} = \text{ess. sup } |g(x)|. ] \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* It follows from the inversion formula that for  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $\hat{\hat{f}}(-y) = f(y)$ . Define  $\psi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(t) &= \overline{\hat{f}(t)}; \text{ we have} \\ \hat{f}(t) &= \int f(\xi) e^{-it\xi} d\xi \\ &= \overline{\left( \int \bar{f}(\xi) e^{it\xi} d\xi \right)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(4.2) \quad \bar{\hat{f}}(t) = \hat{f}(-t)$$

i.e

$$\hat{\psi}(t) = \bar{f}(t).$$

165 By the corollary to the inversion formula,

$$\int f(t) \hat{\psi}(t) dt = \int \psi(t) \hat{f}(t) dt.$$

Now  $\psi(t) = \bar{\hat{f}}$  and  $\hat{\psi}(t) = \bar{f}$ , from which it follows that

$$\|f\|_{L^2} = \|\hat{f}\|_{L^2}.$$

□

**Definition.** If  $f \in L^p$  for some  $p \geq 1$ ,  $\hat{f}$  is defined as the linear functional on  $\mathcal{S}$ , for which  $\hat{f}(\psi) = \int f(t)\hat{\psi}(t)dt, \psi \in \mathcal{S}$ . If there exists a function  $g \in L^p$  (for some  $p$  with  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ), such  $\int g(t)\psi(t)dt = \int f(t)\hat{\psi}(t)dt$  for all  $\psi \in \mathcal{S}$ , we shall identify  $f$  with the function  $g$ . Note that if  $f \in L^1$ , this compatible with the definition given at the beginning (as follows the remark after the inversion formula).

**Theorem (Plancherel).** If  $f \in L^2$ , then there exists  $g \in L^2$  such that the linear map  $\hat{f}$  is given by

$$\hat{f}(\psi) = \int \psi(t)g(t)dt$$

and 
$$\|f\|_{L^2} = \|g\|_{L^2}.$$

In other words,  $\hat{f} \in L^2$  and  $\|f\|_{L^2} = \|\hat{f}\|_{L^2}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{S}$  is dense in  $L^2$ , there is a sequence  $\{f_\nu\}$  of function in  $\mathcal{S}$  such that  $\|f_\nu - f\|_{L^2} \rightarrow 0$ . It follows from the lemma above that

$$\|f_\nu - f_\mu\|_{L^2} = \|\hat{f}_\nu - \hat{f}_\mu\|_{L^2}$$

so that  $\|\hat{f}_\nu - \hat{f}_\mu\|_{L^2} \rightarrow 0$  as  $\nu, \mu \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence there exists  $g \in L^2$  such that **166**

$$\|\hat{f}_\nu - g\|_{L^2} \rightarrow 0.$$

□

Clearly  $\|f\|_{L^2} = \|g\|_{L^2}$ .

Now for any  $\psi \in \mathcal{S}$ , we have

$$\int f_k(t)\hat{\psi}(t)dt = \int \hat{f}_k(t)\psi(t)dt.$$

Since  $\|f_k - f\|_{L^2} \rightarrow 0$  and  $\|\hat{f}_k - g\|_{L^2} \rightarrow 0$ , we have, taking limits as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\int f(t)\hat{\psi}(t)dt = \int g(t)\psi(t)dt.$$

**Remark.** The inversion formula can be written

$$\hat{f}(-y) = f(y), \text{ for } f \in \mathcal{S}.$$

It is an immediate consequence of Plancherel's theorem that this relationship holds if  $f \in L^2$ . Further, if  $f \in L^1$ , then as in the proof of the inversion formula, we have, for  $\psi \in \mathcal{S}$ ,

$$\int \psi(\varepsilon\xi) \hat{f}(\xi) e^{iy\xi} d\xi = \int f(y + \varepsilon t) \hat{\psi}(t) dt,$$

so that if we suppose that we have also  $\hat{f} \in L^1$  we may take limits as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , [the term on the right converges to  $f \int \hat{\psi}(t) dt$  in  $L^1$  norm].

**167** From this we conclude that  $\hat{f}(-y) = (-y)$ . [This implies in particular that  $f$  is then bounded and continuous.]

**Proposition 2.** If  $f, g \in L^1$ , then  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x-y)g(y)| dy < \infty$  for almost all  $x$  and if

$$(f * g)(x) = \int f(x-y)g(y)dy,$$

$$\|f * g\|_{L^1} \leq \|f\|_{L^1} \cdot \|g\|_{L^1}.$$

*Proof.* It is enough to prove the proposition for  $f \geq 0$  and  $g \geq 0$ . We have by Fubini's theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \int dx \int f(x-y)g(y)dy &= \int g(y)dy \int f(x-y)dx \\ &= \left( \int f(x)dx \right) \left( \int g(y)dy \right) < \infty \end{aligned}$$

and the proposition follows.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.** If  $f, g \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $f * g \in \mathcal{S}$  and

$$(f * g)^\wedge = (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} \hat{f}\hat{g}.$$

*Proof.* It is clear that  $f * g \in \mathcal{S}$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} (f * g)\hat{\phantom{f}}(x) &= (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \int e^{-ixt} dt \int f(t-y)g(y)dy \\ &= (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \int g(y)dy \int f(t-y)e^{-ixt} dt \\ &= (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \int g(y)e^{-ixy} dy \int f(t)e^{-ixt} dt \\ &= (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} \hat{f}(x) \cdot \hat{g}(x). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary.** For  $f, g \in \mathcal{S}$ , we have,

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$$(fg)\hat{\phantom{f}} = (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \hat{f} * \hat{g}.$$

This follows from the above proposition and the inversion formula.

**Remark.** In fact, the above result is true for  $f \in L^i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $g \in \mathcal{S}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{f_\nu\}$  be a sequence in  $\mathcal{S}$  such that

$$\|f_\nu - f\|_{L^i} \rightarrow 0$$

Then  $(f_\nu \cdot g)\hat{\phantom{f}} = (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \hat{f}_\nu * \hat{g}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } f \in L^2, &= \pi^2 \hat{f}_\nu * \hat{g}(t) - \hat{f} * \hat{g}(t) \\ &= \int (\hat{f}_\nu - \hat{f})(t-y)\hat{g}(y)dy, \end{aligned}$$

and using Schwarz's inequality,

$$\lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} \hat{f}_\nu * \hat{g}(t) = \hat{f} * \hat{g}(t).$$

□

If  $f \in L^1$  and  $\|f_\nu - f\|_{L^1} \rightarrow 0$ , then  $\hat{f}_\nu \rightarrow \hat{f}$  uniformly, so that  $\hat{f}_\nu * \hat{g}(t) \rightarrow \hat{f} * \hat{g}(t)$  uniformly and hence  $\lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} \hat{f}_\nu * \hat{g}(t) = \hat{f} * \hat{g}(t)$ . Further, since  $g$  is bounded,  $f_\nu g \rightarrow fg$  in  $L^1$ , so that  $(f_\nu g)^\wedge(t) \rightarrow (fg)^\wedge(t)$  [pointwise for  $i = 1$ , in  $L^2$  for  $i = 2$ ].

Hence, if  $f \in L^1$  or  $f \in L^2$ , we have,

$$\begin{aligned} (fg)^\wedge(t) &= \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} (f_\nu g)^\wedge(t) = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} (2\pi)^{-n/2} \hat{f}_\nu * \hat{g}(t) \\ &= (2\pi)^{-n/2} \hat{f} * \hat{g}(t). \end{aligned}$$

## 5 The Sobolev spaces $H_{m,p}$

**169** In this section we have given proofs of the most important results in  $L^p$ ; however since we shall need only the  $L^2$  statements, we have included simple proofs in this special case (based on Plancherel's theorem).

Let  $\Omega$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $p$ , a real number,  $p \geq 1$ ,  $q, m$  integers,  $q > 0, m \geq 0$ . Let  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_q) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q$  be a  $C^\infty$  map. Consider the space  $\{f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q, f \in C^\infty(\Omega) \mid \sum_{\substack{|\alpha| \leq m \\ 1 \leq i \leq q}} |D^\alpha f_i(x)|^p dx < \infty\}$ .

Define a norm  $|f|_{m,p}$  on this space by

$$|f|_{m,p}^p = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \sum_{1 \leq i \leq q} \int |D^\alpha f_i|^p dx.$$

We shall write  $|f|_{m,p}^\Omega$  for this norm when its dependence on  $\Omega$  is relevant. The completion of the above space is called the Sobolev space  $H_{m,p}(\Omega)$ . If a sequence  $\{f_\nu\}$  of  $C^\infty$  functions converges in  $H_{m,p}(\Omega)$ , the sequence  $D^\alpha f_\nu$  is convergent in  $L^p$ , to  $f^\alpha$ , say. The limit of  $f_\nu$  in  $H_{m,p}(\Omega)$  is denoted by  $f$  and  $f^\alpha$  is called the derivative of order  $\alpha$  of  $f$ , and we write  $D^\alpha f = f^\alpha$ . [We shall see below that  $f^\alpha$  is independent of the sequence  $\{f_\nu\}$ ]. We shall denote  $H_{m,2}(\Omega)$  by  $H_m(\Omega)$ . For a mapping  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_q) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q$ , we write  $f \in L^p$  if  $f_i \in L^p$  for each  $i$ : for  $f \in L^p$ , we define  $\|f\|_{L^p}$  by.

$$\|f\|_{L^p}^p = \sum_{i=1}^q \|f_i\|_{L^p}^p.$$

170 Let  $C_o^{\infty,q}$  be the subspace of  $H_{m,p}(\Omega)$ , of  $C^\infty$  functions  $g : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q$ , with compact support. Then the closure of  $C_o^{\infty,q}$  in  $H_{m,p}(\Omega)$  is denoted by  $H_{m,p}^0(\Omega)$ .

For vectors  $v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{C}^q$  (or  $\mathbb{R}^q$ ) we shall denote by  $(v_1, v_2)$ , the usual scalar product, i.e. if  $v_i = (v_i^1, \dots, v_i^q)$ , then  $(v_1, v_2) = \sum_{k=1}^q v_1^k \overline{v_2^k}$ ; similarly, for mappings  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_q), g = (g_1, \dots, g_q) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q$ , we write

$$(f, g) = \sum_{i=1}^q \int_{\Omega} f_i(x) \overline{g_i(x)} dx.$$

**Definitions.** (1) If  $f \in L^p$  and if  $f \in H_{m,p}(\Omega')$  for every relatively compact subset  $\Omega'$  of  $\Omega$ , then  $f$  is said to be strongly differentiable, upto order  $m$ , in  $L^p$ . If  $p = 2$ , we speak simply of strong differentiability.

(2) If  $f \in L^p$  and if there exist functions  $h^\alpha$  in  $L^p, |\alpha| \leq m$ , such that for any  $g \in C_o^{\infty,q}$ ,

$$\int_{\Omega} (f(x), D^\alpha g(x)) dx = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \int_{\Omega} (h^\alpha(x), g(x)) dx,$$

then  $f$  is said to have weak derivatives upto order  $m$  in  $L^p$  and the  $h^\alpha$  are called the weak derivatives of  $f$ .

**Remark.** (1) If  $\int_{\Omega} (h^\alpha(x), g(x)) dx = \int_{\Omega} (h'^\alpha(x), g(x)) dx$  for all functions  $g \in C_o^{\infty}$ , clearly  $h^\alpha(x) = h'^\alpha(x)$  almost everywhere and hence the weak derivatives of  $f$ , if they exist, are uniquely determined.

(2) If a function in  $L^p$  has strong derivatives upto order  $m$  they are weak derivative of  $f$ . This follows at once from Holder's inequality. In particular, if  $f_\nu \in C_o^{\infty,q}$  and  $f_\nu \rightarrow f$  in  $H_{m,p}$ , the limits  $\lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} D^\alpha f_\nu$  in  $L^p$  are independent of the sequence  $\{f_\nu\}$ , being weak derivatives of  $f$ . 171

(3) Let  $0 \leq m' \leq m$  and  $f \in H_{m,p}$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\{f_\nu\}$  of  $C^\infty$  functions such that  $f_\nu \rightarrow f$  in  $H_{m,p}$ . But this implies that  $f_\nu \rightarrow f$  in  $H_{m',p}$  and if  $D^\alpha f_\nu \rightarrow f^\alpha$  in  $L^p, f^\alpha = f$  almost everywhere. Hence there exists a map  $i: H_{m',p}(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{m,p}(\Omega)$  with  $i(f) = \text{Limit in } H_{m',p}(\Omega) \text{ of } \{f_\nu\}$ . Further if  $i(f) = 0$  in  $H_{m',p}(\Omega)$ , then  $f^\alpha = 0$  in  $L^p$ .

Now, for  $g \in C_o^{\infty, q}$ , we have

$$\int_{\Omega} (D^{\alpha} f_{\nu}(x), g(x)) dx = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \int_{\Omega} (f_{\nu}(x), D^{\alpha} g(x)) dx \quad (|\alpha| \leq m)$$

and by Holder's inequality,

$$\int_{\Omega} (D^{\alpha} f(x), g(x)) dx = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \int_{\Omega} (f(x), D^{\alpha} g(x)) dx = o \text{ for any } g \in C_o^{\infty, q}.$$

Hence  $D^{\alpha} f = 0$ , for  $|\alpha| \leq m$  i.e the map  $i : H_{m,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow H_{m',p}(\Omega)$  is an injection. Of course  $i$  maps  $\mathring{H}_{m',p}$  into  $\mathring{H}_{m',p}$ .

- (4) If  $f \in H_{m,p}(\Omega)$  and  $\varphi \in C_o^{\infty, 1}$ , then  $\varphi f \in H_{m,p}(\Omega)$  and  $D^{\alpha}(\varphi f) = \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} D^{\beta} \varphi D^{\alpha-\beta} f$ .

*Proof.* If  $\{f_{\nu}\}$  is a sequence of  $C^{\infty}$  functions converging to  $f$  in  $H_{m,p}$ ,  $\varphi f_{\nu} \rightarrow \varphi f$  in  $H_{m,p}$ , i.e.

$$D^{\alpha}(\varphi f_{\nu}) \rightarrow D^{\alpha}(\varphi f) \text{ in } L^p.$$

$$\text{Hence } D^{\alpha}(\varphi f) = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} D^{\alpha}(\varphi f_{\nu}) = \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} D^{\beta} \varphi D^{\alpha-\beta} f. \quad \square$$

- (5) If  $f \in \mathring{H}_m(\Omega)$ , there exists a sequence  $\{f_{\nu}\}$  of  $C^{\infty}$  functions with compact support  $\subset \Omega$ , such that  $f_{\nu} \rightarrow f$  in  $H_m(\Omega)$ . If we extend  $f_{\nu}$  to functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by setting  $f_{\nu}(x) = 0$  for  $x \notin \Omega$ , then  $\{f_{\nu}\}$  is convergent in  $H_m(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , to  $f'$  say. We define  $i' : \mathring{H}_m(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathring{H}_m(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , by  $i'(f) = f'$ . Then  $i'$  is injective and preserves norms.

- (6) If  $\Omega$  is bounded, we have, for any  $f \in C_o^{\infty, q}(\Omega)$ ,  $f(x) = \int_{-M}^{x_1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} (t, x_2, \dots, x_n) dt$ , for large  $M$ , so that

$$\|f\|_{L^p} \leq C(\Omega) \left\| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \right\|_{L^p}.$$



It follows that for any  $f \in \mathring{H}_{m,p}(\Omega)$ , we have,

$$\|f\|_{m,p} \leq C_m(\Omega) \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \|D^\alpha f\|_{0,p}.$$

(This is sometimes called Poincaré's inequality.)

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\varphi \geq 0$  be a  $C^\infty$  function with  $\text{supp } \varphi \subset \{x \mid |x| < 1\}$  and  $\int \varphi dx = 1$ . Let  $\varphi_\varepsilon(x) = \varepsilon^{-n} \varphi(\frac{x}{\varepsilon})$ . Then if  $\Omega$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and, for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we set  $\varphi_\varepsilon * f(x) = \int_\Omega \varphi_\varepsilon(x-y)f(y)dy$ , then

(i) for any  $f \in L^p(\Omega)$ ,  $\varphi_\varepsilon * f \rightarrow f$  in  $L^p(\Omega)$  and (ii) for any  $f \in \mathring{H}_{m,p}(\Omega)$

$$D^\alpha(\varphi_\varepsilon * f) = \varphi_\varepsilon * D^\alpha f.$$

*Proof.* If we extend  $f$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by setting  $f(x) = 0$  for  $x \notin \Omega$ , we have

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$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi_\varepsilon * f - f)(x) &= \int \varphi_\varepsilon(x-y)[f(y) - f(x)]dy \\ &= \int_{|y| \leq \varepsilon} \varphi_\varepsilon(y)[f(y+x) - f(x)]dy, \end{aligned}$$

so that, by Hölder's inequality, if  $p' = 1 - p^{-1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi_\varepsilon * f - f\|_{L^p} &\leq \left\{ \int_{|y| \leq \varepsilon} [\varphi_\varepsilon(y)]^{p'} dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{p'}} \left\{ \int_{|y| \leq \varepsilon} dy \int |f(x+y) - f(x)|^p dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq C \|\varphi\|_{L^{p'}} \cdot \sup_{|y| \leq \varepsilon} \left\{ \int |f(x+y) - f(x)|^p dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

□

[Note that  $\left\{ \int_{|y| \leq \varepsilon} [\varphi_\varepsilon(y)]^{p'} dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{p'}} = \varepsilon^{-\frac{n}{p'}} \|\varphi\|_{L^{p'}}$ ; that the last term tends to zero is trivial if  $f$  is continuous with compact support and follows for general  $f \in L^p$  since continuous functions with compact supports are dense in  $L^p$ ].

If  $f \in \mathring{H}_{m,p}(\Omega)$ , let  $\{f_\nu\}$  be a sequence of  $C^\infty$  functions with compact support converging to  $f$  in  ${}_{m,p}(\Omega)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} D^\alpha(\varphi_\varepsilon * f)(x) &= \int_{\Omega} D^\alpha \varphi_\varepsilon(x-y)f(y)dy \\ &= \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} D^\alpha \varphi_\varepsilon(x-y)f_\nu(y)dy \\ &= \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi_\varepsilon(x-y)D^\alpha f_\nu(y)dy \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \varphi_\varepsilon(x-y)D^\alpha f(y)dy \\ &= \varphi_\varepsilon * D^\alpha f(x). \end{aligned}$$

**174 Remark.** This proposition, when  $p = 2$ , follows immediately from Plancherel's theorem. In fact, if we extend  $f$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by setting it = 0 outside  $\Omega$ , we have,

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi_\varepsilon * f)^\wedge(\xi) &= (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} \hat{\varphi}_\varepsilon(\xi) \cdot \hat{f}(\xi) = (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} \hat{\varphi}(\varepsilon\xi) \hat{f}(\xi) \\ &\rightarrow (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} \hat{\varphi}(0) \hat{f}(\xi) = \hat{f}(\xi) \text{ in } L^2, \text{ as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 1.** If  $f \in H_{m,p}(\Omega)$  and if the  $D^\alpha f$ , for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ , are strongly differentiable upto order  $m'$  in  $L^p$ , then  $f$  is strongly differentiable upto order  $m + m'$  in  $L^p$ .

*Proof.* It is enough to prove the proposition for a function  $f$  with compact support  $\subset \Omega'$ ,  $\Omega'$  being a relatively compact open subset of  $\Omega$ . If  $\varphi_\varepsilon$  is defined as in the lemma above, then  $\varphi_\varepsilon * f(x) = \int_{\Omega} \varphi_\varepsilon(x-y)f(y)dy$  is a  $C^\infty$  function of  $x$  and for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ , we have by (ii) in the lemma above,

$$D^\alpha(\varphi_\varepsilon * f) = \varphi_\varepsilon * D^\alpha f.$$

□

Again since  $D^\alpha f \in \mathring{H}_{m',p}(\Omega)$ , we have, for  $|\alpha| \leq m, |\beta| \leq m'$

$$D^{\alpha+\beta}(\varphi_\varepsilon * f) = D^\beta[D^\alpha(\varphi_\varepsilon * f)] = D^\beta(\varphi_\varepsilon * D^\alpha f) = \varphi_\varepsilon * D^\beta(D^\alpha f)$$

(the last two equations hold because of Lemma 1).

If  $f_\nu(x) = \varphi_{1/\nu} * f(x)$ , then by Lemma 1 (i),  $f_\nu \rightarrow f$  in  $H_{m+m',p}(\Omega')$  and hence the proposition is proved.

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $\varphi_\varepsilon$  is defined as in the lemma above, then for any  $f \in \mathring{H}_{m,p}(\Omega)$ , we have* 175

$$|\varphi_\varepsilon * f - f|_{m-1,p} \leq A\varepsilon \|\varphi\|_{L^{p'}} |f|_{m,p}, \text{ where } \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$$

and  $A$  is a constant depending on  $\Omega$ .

*Proof.* We shall first prove that if  $\Omega'$  is a bounded open set with  $\Omega \Subset \Omega'$ , and  $\varepsilon$  is small enough, then for  $f \in \mathring{H}_{m,p}(\Omega)$ ,

$$|\varphi_\varepsilon * f - f|_{0,p'}^{\Omega'} \leq A\varepsilon \|\varphi\|_{L^{p'}} |f|_{1,p}.$$

□

Since  $C_0^{\infty,q}(\Omega)$  is dense in  $\mathring{H}_{1,p}(\Omega)$ , it is enough to prove this inequality for  $f \in C_0^{\infty,q}(\Omega)$ . We have

$$f(x+y) - f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \int_0^1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x+ty) dt$$

so that 
$$|f(x+y) - f(x)|^p \leq n^p \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^p \int_0^1 \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x+ty) \right|^p dt.$$

Hence, if  $g_y(x) = f(x+y) - f(x)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_y\|_{L^p}^p &\leq n^p \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^p \int_0^1 dt \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x+ty) \right|^p dx \\ &\leq \left( n^p \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^p \right) |f|_{1,p}^p, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$(5.1) \quad \|g_y\|_{L^p}^p \leq n^{p+1} \varepsilon^p |f|_{1,p}^p \text{ if } |y| \leq \varepsilon.$$

Now

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$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_\varepsilon * f(x) - f(x) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi_\varepsilon(x-y)[f(y) - f(x)]dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi_\varepsilon(y)[f(x+y) - f(x)]dy. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\text{supp } \varphi_\varepsilon \subset \{x \mid |x| < \varepsilon\}$ , this gives

$$\varphi_\varepsilon * f(x) - f(x) = \int_{|y| < \varepsilon} \varphi_\varepsilon(y)[f(x+y) - f(x)]dy.$$

If  $p > 1$ , we use Holder's inequality and obtain

$$|\varphi_\varepsilon * f(x) - f(x)| \leq \left( \int |\varphi_\varepsilon(y)|^{p'} dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \left( \int_{|y| < \varepsilon} |f(x+y) - f(x)|^p dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Since, as is easily verified,

$$\left( \int |\varphi_\varepsilon(y)|^{p'} dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} = \varepsilon^{-\frac{n}{p}} \|\varphi\|_{L^{p'}}$$

this gives  $|\varphi_\varepsilon * f(x) - f(x)|^p \leq \varepsilon^{-n} \|\varphi\|_{L^{p'}}^p \int |f(x+y) - f(x)|^p dy.$

This inequality clearly holds also if  $p = 1$ , if we replace  $\|\varphi\|_{L^{p'}}$  by  $v$ .  $\|\varphi\|_{L^\infty} = v$ .  $\sup_x |\varphi(x)|$ , where  $v = \int_{|y| < 1} dy$ . Hence

$$\int_{\Omega'} |\varphi_\varepsilon * f(x) - f(x)|^p dx \leq v \cdot \varepsilon^{-n} \|\varphi\|_{L^{p'}}^p \int_{\Omega'} dx \int_{|y| < \varepsilon} |f(x+y) - f(x)|^p dy$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= v \cdot \varepsilon^{-n} \|\varphi\|_{L^{p'}}^p \int_{|y| < \varepsilon} \|g_y\|_{L^p}^p dy \\
 &\leq A^p \varepsilon^p \|\varphi\|_{L^{p'}}^p \|f\|_{1,p}^p \quad (\text{because of (5.1)}) \\
 &\left[ A^p = v^2 \cdot n^{p+1} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\|\varphi_\varepsilon * f - f\|_{0,p} \leq A\varepsilon \|\varphi\|_{L^{p'}} \|f\|_{1,p}$  for some constant  $A$ . 177

Now, for  $|\alpha| \leq m - 1$ ,  $D^\alpha f \in \mathring{H}_{1,p}$  and

$$\|\varphi_\varepsilon * D^\alpha f - D^\alpha f\|_{0,p}^{\Omega'} \leq A\varepsilon \|\varphi\|_{L^{p'}} \|D^\alpha f\|_{1,p},$$

which prove the proposition.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $k$ , a continuous function with compact support. Then for  $f \in L^p(\Omega)$ , the function*

$$(Kf)(x) = \int_{\Omega} k(x-y)f(y)dy \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

and the operator  $K : L^p(\Omega) \rightarrow L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is completely continuous.

*Proof.* The first part is obvious since  $Kf$  is clearly continuous and with compact support, with support  $\subset \{a + b | a \in \Omega, b \in \text{supp } k\}$ , which is relatively compact. Further, by Holder's inequality,  $Kf$  is uniformly bounded on the set  $\|f\|_{L^p} \leq 1$ . By Ascoli's theorem, it suffices to prove that the family  $Kf$ ,  $\|f\|_{L^p} \leq 1$ , is equicontinuous. If  $\eta(\varepsilon) = \sup_{|a-b| \leq \varepsilon} |k(a) - k(b)|$ , we have

$$|(Kf)(x) - (Kf)(x')| \leq \eta(|x - x'|) \|f\|_{L^1} \leq A_p \eta(|x - x'|) \|f\|_{L^p}$$

(since  $\Omega$  is bounded), which proves the lemma. □ 178

**Theorem 1 (Rellich).** *Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $0 \leq m' < m$ . Then the natural map  $i : \mathring{H}_{m,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathring{H}_{m',p}(\Omega)$  is completely continuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $\Omega'$  be a bounded open set,  $\bar{\Omega} \subset \Omega'$ . We have only to prove that the natural map  $j : \mathring{H}_{m',p}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathring{H}_{m',p}(\Omega')$  composite of  $i$  and the isometry  $\mathring{H}_{m',p}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathring{H}_{m',p}(\Omega')$  is completely continuous. □

For any operator  $T$  between these two spaces, we set

$$\|T\| = \sup_{f \neq 0} \frac{\|Tf\|_{m',p}}{\|f\|_{m,p}}.$$

Let  $T_\varepsilon$  be the operator  $T_\varepsilon(f)(x) = \varphi_\varepsilon * f(x)$ . If  $\varepsilon$  is sufficiently small,  $T_\varepsilon(f) \in \dot{H}_{m',p}(\Omega')$ , and because of Prop. 2, we have

$$\|T_\varepsilon - j\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

Since the uniform limit of completely continuous operators is completely continuous, the theorem follows at once from Lemma 2.

**Proposition 3.** *There exist positive constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  such that for any  $f \in \dot{H}_m(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,*

$$C_1 \int (1 + |\xi|^2)^m |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \leq \|f\|_m^2 \leq C_2 \int (1 + |\xi|^2)^m |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi$$

( $\|\hat{f}\|$  denotes the norm in  $\mathbb{C}^q$ ).

**179** *Proof.* Since functions with compact support are dense in  $H_m^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , it is enough to prove the proposition for  $f$  with compact support. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_m^2 &= \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \sum_{i \leq q} \int |D^\alpha f_i(x)|^2 dx \\ &= \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \sum_{i \leq q} \|D^\alpha f_i\|_0^2, \text{ by Plancherel's theorem, since } D^\alpha f \in L^2. \end{aligned}$$

□

$$\text{Hence } \|f\|_m^2 = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \sum_{i \leq q} |\xi^\alpha|^2 |\hat{f}_i(\xi)|^2 d\xi.$$

Now there exist constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  such that

$$C_1(1 + |\xi|^2)^m \leq \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} |\xi^\alpha|^2 \leq C_2(1 + |\xi|^2)^m \text{ for } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

and hence the proposition.

**Remark.** When  $p = 2$ , Theorem 1 can be proved very simply, using Plancherel's theorem. In fact, if  $f \in \mathring{H}_m(\Omega)$  and  $|f|_m \leq 1$ , clearly  $\hat{f}$  is bounded and so is  $\frac{\partial \hat{f}}{\partial \xi_k} = (2\pi)^{-n/2} \int i x_k e^{i\xi x} f(x) dx$  since  $\Omega$  is bounded, so that the  $\{\hat{f}\}$  form an equicontinuous family. Hence given a sequence  $\{f_v\}$ ,  $|f_v|_m \leq 1$ , we may select a subsequence  $\{f_{v_k}\}$  such that  $\{\hat{f}_{v_k}\}$  converges uniformly on compact sets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Now,

$$|f_{v_p} - f_{v_q}|_{m-1}^2 \leq C_2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + |\xi|^2)^{m-1} |\hat{f}_{v_p} - \hat{f}_{v_q}|^2 d\xi. \text{ Given } \varepsilon > 0,$$

we may choose  $A$  that  $1 + |\xi|^2 > \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$  for  $|\xi| > A$ , so that

$$\int_{|\xi| > A} (1 + |\xi|^2)^{m-1} |\hat{f}_{v_p} - \hat{f}_{v_q}|^2 d\xi \leq C_3 \varepsilon |f_{v_p} - f_{v_q}|_m^2 < 2C_3 \varepsilon.$$

while, if  $p, q$  are large,  $\int_{|\xi| \leq A} (1 + |\xi|^2)^{m-1} |\hat{f}_{v_p} - \hat{f}_{v_q}|^2 d\xi < \varepsilon$  since  $\{\hat{f}_{v_p}\}$  180  
converges uniformly on compact sets. This shows that  $\{f_{v_p}\}$  converges in  $H_{m-1,p}$ .

**Proposition 4.** *We have*

$$H_m^0(\mathbb{R}^n) = H_m(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ f | f \in L^2, \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2)^m |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi < \infty \right\}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $f \in H_m(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\varphi, a$  be  $C^\infty$  function with compact support,  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\varphi(x) = 1$  for  $|x| \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq \varphi(x) \leq 1$ . □

Let  $\varphi_v(x) = \varphi\left(\frac{x}{v}\right)$ . Then  $\varphi_v(x) \rightarrow 1$  and each  $\varphi_v$  has compact support. By remark (3) above,

$$D^\alpha \varphi_v f = \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} D^\beta \varphi_v D^{\alpha-\beta} f.$$

Since  $D^\beta \varphi_\nu$  are bounded and tend to zero (for  $|\beta| \geq 1$ ) everywhere, it follows from Lebesgue's theorem on bounded convergence that  $D^\beta \varphi_\nu \cdot D^{\alpha-\beta} f \rightarrow 0$  in  $L^2$  for  $|\beta| \geq 1$ , so that

$$D^\alpha(\varphi_\nu f) \rightarrow D^\alpha f \text{ in } L^2, \text{ for } |\alpha| \leq m.$$

Hence  $\varphi_\nu f \rightarrow f$  in  $H_m(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and since  $\{\varphi_\nu\}$  is a sequence of functions with compact support, it follows that  $f \in \mathring{H}_m(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . This proves that  $H_m(\mathbb{R}^n) = \mathring{H}_m(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . It is clear from Proposition 3 that

$$\mathring{H}_m(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset \left\{ f \mid f \in L^2, \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2)^m |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi < \infty \right\}.$$

181 Conversely, if  $f \in L^2$  and  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2)^m |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi < \infty$ ,  $(1 + |\xi|^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} \hat{f}(\xi) \in L^2$ . Hence there exists a sequence  $\hat{g}_\nu$  in  $\mathcal{S}$  such that  $\hat{g}_\nu(\xi) \rightarrow (1 + |\xi|^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} \hat{f}(\xi)$  in  $L^2$ . Let  $h_\nu \in \mathcal{S}$  be such that its Fourier transform  $\hat{h}_\nu = \hat{g}_\nu / (1 + |\xi|^2)^{m/2}$  [which exists by the inversion theorem]. Then  $h_\nu \in H_m$  and  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2)^m |\hat{h}_\nu(\xi) - \hat{h}_\mu(\xi)|^2 d\xi \rightarrow 0$  as  $\mu, \nu \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e., by Proposition 3,  $h_\nu$  is convergent in  $H_m$ . It is clear that  $h_\nu \rightarrow f$  in  $L^2$ . Hence  $f \in H_m(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , which proves the proposition.

**Lemma 3.** Let  $\eta$  be the map  $\eta : \mathbb{R}^+ \times S^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$ , given by  $\eta(t, x) = tx = y$ . Then there exists an  $(n-1)$  form  $\omega$  on  $S^{n-1}$  such that  $\eta^*(dy_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dy_n) = t^{n-1} dt \wedge \omega$ . [A point in  $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  is denoted by  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ .]

*Proof.* In fact if  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are the restrictions to  $S^{n-1}$  of the coordinate functions in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we may take  $\omega = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge d\hat{x}_k \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n$ . (The hat over a term means that the term is omitted.)  $\square$

**Remark.** Since  $\int_U dy_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dy_n$ , over any non-empty open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n - 0$  is positive, we have  $\int_{S^{n-1}} \omega \neq 0$ .



**Theorem 2** (Sobolev's lemma). *Let  $\Omega$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $m > \frac{n}{p}$ . Then for any compact set  $K \subset \Omega$ , there exists a constant  $C_K$  such that for any  $C^\infty$  function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q$  with  $\text{supp } f \subset K$ , we have*

$$\sup_{x \in K} |f(x)| \leq C_{K,m} |f|_{m,p}.$$

*Proof.* We may suppose that  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^n$ . Further, we can choose a compact set  $K'$  such that for any  $x \in K$ ,  $g(y) = f(x+y)$  is a  $C^\infty$  function with  $\text{supp } g \subset K'$ . Hence it is enough to prove that there exists a constant  $C$  such that for  $C^\infty f$  with  $\text{supp } f \subset K$ , we have, 182

$$|f(0)| \leq C |f|_{m,p}.$$

□

Let  $\eta : \mathbb{R}^+ \times S^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n - \{0\}$  be the map as defined in the lemma above.

Let  $f(y) = g(tx)$ , where  $y = tx$  for  $y \neq 0$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $x \in S^{n-1}$  and  $g(0) = f(0)$ .

Then  $f_i(0) = C_1 \int_0^M \frac{\partial g_i(tx)}{\partial t^m} t^{m-1} dt$  for some constants  $M = M_K$  and  $C_1 = C_1(m)$ .

Multiplying by  $\omega$  and integrating over  $S^{n-1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_i(0) \int_{S^{n-1}} \omega &= C_1 \int_{S^{n-1}} \int_0^M \frac{\partial^m g_i(tx)}{\partial t^m} t^{m-1} dt \wedge \omega \\ &= C_1 \int_{S^{n-1}} \int_0^M t^{m-n} \frac{\partial^m g_i(tx)}{\partial t^m} t^{n-1} dt \wedge \omega. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\int_{S^{n-1}} \omega \neq 0$ , this gives

$$(5.2) \quad f_i(0) = C_2 \int_{|y| < M} t^{m-n} \frac{\partial^m g_i(tx)}{\partial t^m} dy$$

for some constant  $C_2$  and  $t = |y|$ .

183 Now for  $p > 1$ , using Holder's inequality,

$$|f_i(0)| \leq C_2 \left( \int_{|y| < M} t^{(m-n)p'} dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \left( \int_{|y| < M} \left| \frac{\partial^m g_i(tx)}{\partial t^m} \right|^p dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

where  $\frac{1}{p'} + \frac{1}{p} = 1$ . Hence

$$|f_i(0)| \leq C_2 \cdot \left( \int_{S^{n-1}} \int_0^M t^{(m-n)p'} t^{n-1} dt \wedge \omega \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \left( \int_{|y| < M} \left| \frac{\partial^m g_i(tx)}{\partial t^m} \right|^p dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Since  $m > \frac{n}{p}$ , we have  $(m-n)p' + n - 1 > -1$  and hence  $\int_{S^{n-1}} \int_0^M t^{(m-n)p'} t^{n-1} dt \wedge \omega < \infty$ . Now

$$\frac{\partial^m g_i(tx)}{\partial t^m} = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} q_\alpha(y) D^\alpha f_i(y),$$

where  $q_\alpha(y)$  are bounded functions of  $y$  and hence there exists a constant  $C_3$  such that

$$\int_{|y| < M} \left| \frac{\partial^m g_i(tx)}{\partial t^m} \right|^p dy \leq C_3 (|f|_{m,p})^p.$$

Hence  $|f(0)| \leq C_4 |f|_{m,p}$ , for some constant  $C_4$  depending on  $K$ . This proves the theorem for  $p > 1$ .

If  $p = 1, m \geq n$ , it follows immediately from that (5.2)  $|f(0)| \leq C_K |f|_{m,1}$  for a constant  $C_K$

**Corollary 1.** *If  $\Omega$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $K$  is a compact subset of  $\Omega$ , then, for any  $f \in C^{\infty,q}(\Omega)$ , we have*

$$\sup_{x \in K} |f(x)| \leq C_{K,\Omega,m} |f|_{m,p} \text{ for } m > n/p.$$

**184** *Proof.* Apply Theorem 2 to  $\eta f$ , where  $\eta$  is a fixed function with compact support in  $\Omega$ , which is = 1 on  $K$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** *If  $\Omega$  is an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $m > \frac{n}{p}$ , then if  $f \in H_{m,p}(\Omega)$ , there exists a function  $g \in H_{m,p}(\Omega)$  such that  $f = g$  almost everywhere and  $g$  has continuous derivatives of all orders*

$$\leq m - \left[ \frac{n}{p} \right] - 1.$$

*Proof.* By multiplying  $f$  by a suitable function, we may suppose that  $f \in \mathring{H}_{m,p}(\Omega)$ ; moreover, we may suppose, that  $\Omega$  is bounded. Let  $\{f_\nu\}$  be a sequence of  $C^\infty$  functions, with compact support in  $\Omega$ , converging to  $f$  in  $H_{m,p}(\Omega)$ . Clearly  $D^\alpha(f_\nu - f_\mu) \in H_{m-|\alpha|,p}$ , for  $0 \leq |\alpha| \leq m$ , and if  $m - |\alpha| > \frac{n}{p}$ , and  $K \subset \Omega$  is compact, we have, by Sobolev's lemma,

$$\supp_{x \in K} |D^\alpha f_\nu(x) - D^\alpha f_\mu(x)| \leq C_K |f_\nu - f_\mu|_{m,p}.$$

$\square$

Hence  $D^\alpha f_\nu$  is uniformly convergent on  $K$ , for  $|\alpha| < m - \frac{n}{p}$ ; if  $g = \lim f_\nu$ , this implies that  $g$  has continuous derivatives upto order  $\leq m - \left[ \frac{n}{p} \right] - 1$ .

**Remark.** The proof of Sobolev's lemma, for  $p = 1$  or 2, simplifies as follows. If  $p = 1$ ,  $f_i(x) = \int_{-M}^x \cdots \int_{-M}^{x_n} \frac{\partial^n f_i(t_1, \dots, t_n)}{\partial x_1 \cdots \partial x_n} dt_1 \cdots dt_n$  for a constant  $M$  depending on  $K$ .

Hence  $|f(x)| \leq A|f|_{n,1} \leq A|f|_{m,1}$ , for  $m \geq n$  and a constant  $A$ .

Further, by Holder's inequality applied to this formula, we get

$$|f(x)| \leq C_{K,p} |f|_{m,p} \text{ if } m \geq n, \text{ and } p \geq 1.$$

Thus, the statement that any  $f \in H_{m,p}$  has continuous derivatives of order  $\leq m - n$  is trivial. If  $p = 2$ , by the remark following the inversion formula in §4,

$$\begin{aligned} f_i(x) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int e^{ix\xi} \hat{f}_i(\xi) d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int e^{ix\xi} (1 + |\xi|^2)^{\frac{m}{2}} \frac{\hat{f}_i(\xi)}{(1 + |\xi|^2)^{m/2}} d\xi, \end{aligned}$$

and by Schwarz's inequality

$$|f_i(x)| \leq A \left( \int (1 + |\xi|^2)^{-m} d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int |\hat{f}_i(\xi)|^2 (1 + |\xi|^2)^m d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for some constant  $A$ .

Now,  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2)^{-m} d\xi < \infty$  if  $m > \frac{n}{2}$ .

Hence it follows from Prop. 2, that for  $m > \frac{n}{2}$ ,  $|f(x)| \leq B|f|_{m,2}$ , for some constant  $B$ . This latter proof applies to a such larger class of functions than functions with support in a fixed compact set.

Rellich's lemma remains true if we replace  $\mathring{H}_{m,p}(\Omega)$  by  $H_{m,p}(\Omega)$  if the boundary of  $\Omega$  is sufficiently smooth (see Rellich [37]).

Several proofs of Sobolev's lemma have been given; Sobolev [43] obtained several very precise inequalities. However most of these proofs are more complicated than the one given here.

## 6 Elliptic differential operators: the inequalities of Gårding and Friedrichs

186 In what follows,  $\Omega$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $L$  is a linear differential operator,  $L : C_0^{\infty,q}(\Omega) \rightarrow C_0^{\infty,p}(\Omega)$ .

**Definition.** (1) If  $L$  can be written as  $Lf = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha \cdot D^\alpha f$ , with continuous mappings  $a_\alpha$  of  $\Omega$  into the space of  $p \times q$  complex matrices, and if there exists  $\alpha$  such that  $|\alpha| = m$  and  $a_\alpha \not\equiv 0$  on  $\Omega$ , then  $L$  is said to have order  $m$  on  $\Omega$ .

- (2) If  $L$  is a differential operator of order  $m$  on  $\Omega$ , for  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the characteristic polynomial of  $L$  is defined by  $p(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \xi^\alpha a_\alpha(x)$ ; it is a mapping of  $\Omega \times \mathbb{R}^n$  into the space of  $p \times q$  matrices.
- (3) If  $p(x, \xi)$  is the characteristic polynomial of  $L$  and if for any  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\xi \neq 0$  and  $x \in \Omega$ , the map  $p(x, \xi) : \mathbb{C}^q \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^p$  is injective, then  $L$  is said to be elliptic.
- (4) If  $p = q$  and  $p(x, \xi)$  is the characteristic polynomial of  $L$  and if for any  $\xi \neq 0$ ,  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x \in \Omega$  and  $v \in \mathbb{C}^q$ ,  $v \neq 0$ , we have  $Re(p(x, \xi)v, v) \neq 0$ , then  $L$  is said to be strongly elliptic.
- (5) If  $p = q$ ,  $L$  is of order  $m$ , and  $p(x, \xi)$  is its characteristic polynomial, and if there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that for any  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x \in \Omega$  and  $v \in \mathbb{C}^q$ ,  $Re(p(x, \xi)v, v) \geq c|\xi|^m|v|^2$ , then  $L$  is said to be uniformly strongly elliptic.

If  $n > 1$ , then a strongly elliptic operator (or its negative) is uniformly strongly elliptic on any connected subset  $\Omega' \subset \subset \Omega$ .

In fact, since  $S^{n-1}$  is connected,  $Re(p(x, \xi)v, v)$  has constant sign on  $\Omega' \times S^{n-1}$ . 187

Further, if  $n > 1$ , then any strongly elliptic operator is of even order. In fact, for fixed  $x$  and  $v \neq 0$ ,  $Q(\xi) = Re(p(x, \xi)v, v)$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $m = \text{order } L$ . It is clear that for almost all values of  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the polynomial  $Q(a + \lambda b)$  of the real variable  $\lambda$  has degree  $m$ , hence has a real zero if  $m$  is odd. If  $n > 1$ , we may choose  $a, b$  such that  $a + \lambda b \neq 0$  for all real  $\lambda$  and  $Q$  would then have a real, non-trivial root.

Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be differential operators,  $L_1 : C_0^{\infty, q}(\Omega) \rightarrow C^{0, p}(\Omega)$  and  $L_2 : C_0^{\infty, p}(\Omega) \rightarrow C^{0, r}(\Omega)$ , then if  $L_1$  can be written as  $L_1 f = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha D^\alpha f$ ,  $a_\alpha$  being  $C^\infty$  functions with values in  $p \times q$  matrices, then we define  $L_2 \circ L_1 : C_0^{\infty, q}(\Omega) \rightarrow C^{0, r}(\Omega)$  by

$$(L_2 \circ L_1)(f)(x) = (L_2(L_1 f))(x).$$

We also write  $L_2.L_1$  for  $L_2 \circ L_1$ .

Let  $L_2$  be given by

$$(L_2 f)(x) = \sum_{|\beta| \leq m'} b_\beta(x) D^\beta f(x), \text{ for } f \in C^\infty \cdot p(\Omega).$$

Then  $L_2 \circ L_1$  is given by

$$(L_2 \circ L_1)(f)(x) = \sum_{|\gamma| \leq m+m'} c_\gamma(x) D^\gamma f(x)$$

where 
$$c_\gamma(x) = \sum_{\alpha+\beta=\gamma} b_\beta(x) a_\alpha(x) \text{ for } |\gamma| \leq m+m'.$$

**188** Hence  $L_2 \circ L_1$  has order  $\leq m+m'$  and if  $p_1(x, \xi), p_2(x, \xi)$  are the characteristic polynomials of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  respectively, the characteristic polynomial  $p(x, \xi)$  of  $L_2 \circ L_1$  is given by

$$p(x, \xi) = p_2(x, \xi) \cdot p_1(x, \xi), \text{ unless } p_2(x, \xi) \cdot p_1(x, \xi) = 0 \text{ for all } x \text{ and } \xi.$$

If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are elliptic differential operators and  $L_2 \circ L_1$  is defined as above, then  $L_2 \circ L_1$  is elliptic. This obvious since if  $p_1(x, \xi), p_2(x, \xi)$  are injective,  $p(x, \xi)$  is injective.

Let  $L$  be a differential operator of order  $m, L : C_0^{\infty, q} \rightarrow C^{o, p}$  and  $Lf = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha D^\alpha f$ , where  $a_\alpha$  are  $C^\infty$  functions on  $\Omega$ . Then we define the (formal) adjoint operator  $L^* : C_0^{\infty, p} \rightarrow C^{0, q}$  by

$$(Lf, \varphi) = (f, L^* \varphi) \text{ for any } f \in C_0^{\infty, q}(\Omega) \text{ and } \varphi \in C_0^{\infty, p}(\Omega).$$

We shall show that the operator  $L^*$  exists and is unique.

If for  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in C_0^{\infty, q}(\Omega), (\varphi_1, f) = (\varphi_2, f)$  for every  $f \in C_0^{\infty, q}(\Omega)$ , then clearly  $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2$ . Hence  $L^* \varphi$ , if it exists, is unique.

Since  $\varphi$  and  $f$  are  $C^\infty$  functions with compact supports,

$$\begin{aligned} (Lf, \varphi) &= \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^q a_{\alpha}^{ij}(x) D^{\alpha} f_j(x) \overline{\varphi_i(x)} dx \\ &= \sum_{\alpha} (-1)^{|\alpha|} \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^q \int f_j(x) D^{\alpha} \overline{(a_{\alpha}^{ij}(x) \cdot \varphi_i(x))} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha} (-1)^{|\alpha|} (f(x), D^{\alpha} \overline{(t_{a_{\alpha}}(x) \cdot \varphi(x))}),$$

where  $t_a$  is the transpose of the matrix  $a$ . Hence if we define  $L^* \varphi$  by **189**

$$L^* \varphi = \sum_{\alpha} (-1)^{|\alpha|} D^{\alpha} [t_{a_{\alpha}} \cdot \varphi],$$

we have,  $(f, L^* \varphi) = (Lf, \varphi)$ , for  $f \in C_0^{\infty, q}(\Omega)$  and  $\varphi \in C_0^{\infty, p}(\Omega)$ .

This prove the existence and uniqueness of the adjoint operator  $L^*: C_0^{\infty, p}(\Omega) \rightarrow C_0^{\infty, q}(\Omega)$ . Moreover order of  $L^* =$  order of  $L$ . Further, for  $|\alpha| = m$ ,

$$D^{\alpha} (t_{a_{\alpha}} \varphi) = t_{a_{\alpha}} \cdot D^{\alpha} \varphi + \sum_{|\beta| < m} b_{\beta} D^{\beta} \varphi, b_{\beta}$$

being functions on  $\Omega$  with values in  $q \times p$  matrices.

Hence if  $p^*(x, \xi)$  is the characteristic polynomial of  $L^*$ ,

$$p^*(x, \xi) = (-1)^m \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \xi^{\alpha} t_{a_{\alpha}}(x) = (-1)^m t_{p(x, \xi)}.$$

**Remark.** If  $L$  is an elliptic operator of order  $m$ ,  $L: C_0^{\infty, q} \rightarrow C_0^{\infty, p}$  and if  $L^*: C_0^{\infty, p} \rightarrow C_0^{\infty, q}$  is the adjoint of  $L$ , then the operator  $(-1)^m L^*$ .  $L$  is strongly elliptic.

*Proof.* If  $A = (-1)^m L^* \cdot L$ ,  $p(x, \xi)$ ,  $p^*(x, \xi)$  and  $p'(x, \xi)$  are the characteristic polynomials of  $L$ ,  $L^*$  and  $A$  respectively, and if  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $v \in \mathbb{C}^q$ ,  $\xi \neq 0$ ,  $v \neq 0$ , have,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}(p'(x, \xi)v, v) &= \operatorname{Re}((-1)^m p^*(x, \xi) \cdot p(x, \xi)v, v) \\ &= \operatorname{Re}(p(x, \xi)v, p(x, \xi)v) > 0. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary.** If  $\Omega'$  is relatively compact in  $\Omega$  and  $L: C_0^{\infty, q}(\Omega) \rightarrow C_0^{\infty, p}(\Omega)$  **190** is an elliptic operator, of order,  $m$ ,  $(-1)^m L^* \circ L$  is uniformly strongly elliptic on  $\Omega'$ , of even order, namely  $2m$ .

We remark further that if  $L$  is an elliptic operator  $L: C_0^{\infty, q} \rightarrow C_0^{\infty, q}$  (i.e. if  $q = p$ ), then  $L^*$  is also elliptic. In fact, for  $\xi \neq 0$ ,  $p(x, \xi)$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{C}^q$  and hence so is  $t_{p(x, \xi)} = (-1)^m p^*(x, \xi)$ .

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $\Omega$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then for  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a constant  $C(\varepsilon)$  such that for any  $f \in \mathring{H}_m(\Omega)$ , ( $m > 0$ ), we have*

$$|f|_{m-1}^2 \leq \varepsilon |f|_m^2 + C(\varepsilon) |f|_0^2.$$

*Proof.* It is enough to prove the inequality for  $C^\infty$  functions  $f$  with compact support  $\subset \Omega$ . By proposition 3, §5, there exists a constant  $C_2$  such that

$$|f|_{m-1}^2 \leq C_2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2)^{m-1} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi.$$

□

Now given  $\varepsilon$ , there exists  $C'(\varepsilon)$  such that

$$(1 + |\xi|^2)^{m-1} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{C_2} (1 + |\xi|^2)^m + C'(\varepsilon) \text{ for } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Hence  $|f|_{m-1}^2 \leq \varepsilon \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2)^m |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi + C(\varepsilon) |f|_0^2$ , which by Proposition 3, §5, proves the required inequality.

**191 Theorem 1** (Garding's inequality). *Let  $L$  be a uniformly strongly elliptic differential operators of even order  $2m$  on  $\Omega$ ,  $\Omega$  being an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then for any relatively compact open subset  $\Omega'$  of  $\Omega$ , there exist constants  $C > 0$  and  $B > 0$  such that for any  $C^\infty$  function  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q$  with  $\text{supp } f \subset \Omega'$ , we have*

$$\text{Re}(-1)^m (Lf, f) \leq C |f|_m^2 - B |f|_0^2.$$

*Proof.* We shall prove the theorem in three steps. □

**Step I.** *Let  $L$  be given by*

$$Lf = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2m} a_\alpha D^\alpha f,$$

where the  $a_\alpha$  are constant matrices. Then we have, by Plancherel's theorem,

$$(Lf, f) = (\hat{L}f, \hat{f}).$$



Now

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{L}f(\xi) &= \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2m} a_\alpha D^{\hat{\alpha}} f(\xi) \\ &= (-1)^m \sum_{|\alpha|=2m} a_\alpha \cdot \xi^\alpha \hat{f}(\xi) + \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 2m-1} a_\alpha i^{|\alpha|} \xi^\alpha \hat{f}(\xi).\end{aligned}$$

Clearly the characteristic polynomial is independent of  $x$ ; we denote it by  $p(\xi)$ . Then

$$(Lf, f) = (-1)^m \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (p(\xi) \hat{f}(\xi), \hat{f}(\xi)) d\xi + \sum_{|\alpha| < 2m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (i^{|\alpha|} a_\alpha \xi^\alpha \hat{f}(\xi), \hat{f}(\xi)) d\xi$$

Since  $L$  is uniformly strongly elliptic on  $\Omega$ , there exists, by definition, a constant  $C_1$  such that

$$\operatorname{Re}(p(\xi)v, v) \geq C_1 |\xi|^{2m} |v|^2 \text{ for } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } v \in \mathbb{C}^q.$$

Hence

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$$\operatorname{Re}(-1)^m (\hat{L}f, \hat{f}) \geq C_1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^{2m} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi - M_1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|)^{2m-1} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi$$

where  $M_1$  is a constant, depending only on the matrices  $a_\alpha$ ,  $|\alpha| \leq 2m-1$ . Let  $A$  be a constant such that

$$C_1 |\xi|^{2m} - M_1 (1 + |\xi|)^{2m-1} \geq C_2 (1 + |\xi|^2)^m$$

for  $|\xi| \geq A$  and a suitable constant  $C_2 > 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Re}(-1)^m (Lf, f) &\geq C_2 \int_{|\xi| > A} (1 + |\xi|^2)^m |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &\quad - M \int_{|\xi| \leq A} (1 + |\xi|)^{2m-1} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &\geq C_2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2)^m |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - C_2 \int_{|\xi| \leq A} (1 + |\xi|^2)^m |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\
& - M \int_{|\xi| \leq A} (1 + |\xi|)^{2m-1} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi.
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $B$  be constant such that

$$C_2(1 + |\xi|^2)^m + M(1 + |\xi|)^{2m-1} < B \text{ for } |\xi| \leq A.$$

Then

$$\operatorname{Re}(-1)^m (Lf, f) \geq C_2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2)^m |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi - B \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi.$$

By Proposition 3, §5 there exists a constant  $C$  such that

$$C_2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2)^m |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \geq C |f|_m^2$$

193 i.e. the inequality is proved when  $L$  has constant coefficients.

**Step II.** We shall now prove that for any  $x_0 \in \Omega$ , there exist a relatively compact neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x_0$ ,  $U \subset \Omega$ , and constants  $C, B$  such that for any  $C^\infty f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q$  with  $\operatorname{supp} f \subset U$ , we have

$$\operatorname{Re} (-1)^m (Lf, f) \geq C |f|_m^2 - B |f|_0^2.$$

We may write  $L$  as  $L = \sum_{i=1}^k (B_i)^* A_i$  for some  $k$ , where  $A_i$  and  $B_i$  are differential operators of orders  $\leq m$ . For any  $x_0 \in \Omega$ ,  $A_i$  and  $B_i$  can be written as  $A_i = A_i^0 + A_i'$ ,  $B_i = B_i^0 + B_i'$ , where  $B_i^0, A_i^0$  are differential operators with constant coefficients and  $A_i', B_i'$  are differential operators whose coefficients vanish at  $x_0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(Lf, f) = & \\
& \sum_i (A_i^0 f, B_i^0 f) + \sum_i (A_i' f, B_i^0 f) + \sum_i (A_i^0 f, B_i' f) + \sum_i (A_i' f, B_i' f)
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $L^0$  be the differential operator with constant coefficients, defined by

$$L^0 = \sum (B_i^0)^* A_i^0.$$

Since the coefficients of  $A_i'$  and  $B_i'$  vanish at  $x_0$  and are continuous functions on  $\Omega$ , given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a relatively compact neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x_0$ ,  $U \subset \Omega$  such that for  $f$  with  $\text{supp. } f \subset U$ ,

$$|B_i' f|_0^U + |A_i' f|_0^U \leq \varepsilon |f|_m.$$

Then

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$$\text{Re } (-1)^m (Lf, f) \geq \text{Re}(-1)^m (L^0 f, f) - \varepsilon M |f|_m^2$$

where  $M$  is a constant depending on  $A_i, B_i$ . Now by the result in Step I, there exist constants  $C', B'$  such that for  $C^\infty f$  with  $\text{supp } f \subset U$ ,

$$\text{Re}(-1)^m (L^0 f, f) \geq C' |f|_m^2 - B' |f|_0^2.$$

Hence  $\text{Re } (-1)^m (Lf, f) \geq (C' - \varepsilon M) |f|_m^2 - B' |f|_0^2$ ; since  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  as  $U$  shrinks to  $x_0$ , our assertion is proved.

**Step III.** *This is the general case. By step II above, for any relatively compact open subset  $\Omega'$  of  $\Omega$ , there exist points  $x_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq N$ , and neighbourhoods  $U_i$  of  $x_i$ ,  $\cup U_i \supset \bar{\Omega}'$  and constants  $C, B$  such that for a  $C^\infty f$  with  $\text{supp. } f \subset U_i$ ,  $\text{Re}(-1)^m (Lf, f) \geq C |f|_m^2 - B |f|_0^2$ . We write, as in*

*II,  $L = \sum_{i=1}^k (B_i)^* A_i$ , where  $A_i, B_i$  are differential operators of orders  $\leq m$ .*

*Let  $\eta_k$  be  $C^\infty$  functions,  $\eta_k: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , with  $\text{supp. } \eta_k \subset U_k$ ,  $0 \leq \eta_k(x) \leq 1$ , and  $\sum \eta_k^2(x) = 1$  for  $x \in \Omega'$ . (The  $\eta_k$  exist : see Chap. I, §2.) We first remark that if  $\varphi$  is a  $C^\infty$  function with compact support and  $\Delta$  is a differential operator of order  $m$ , then*

$$\Delta(\varphi f) - \varphi \Delta f = \sum_{|\alpha| < m} a_\alpha D^\alpha f,$$

*where the  $a_\alpha$  are continuous function with compact supports (depending on  $\varphi$ ). Now for  $C^\infty f$  with  $\text{supp. } f \subset \Omega'$ ,*

$$|\eta_k f|_m^2 \leq \frac{1}{C} (-1)^m \text{Re.} \sum (A_i \eta_k f, B_i \eta_k f) + \frac{B}{C} |\eta_k f|_0^2.$$

By the remark made above, there exists a constant  $C_1$  depending on  $A_i, B_i$ , such that 195

$$(-1)^m \operatorname{Re} \cdot \sum_i (A_i \eta_k f, B_i \eta_k f) \leq (-1)^m \operatorname{Re} \sum_i (\eta_k A_i f, \eta_k B_i f) + C_1 |f|_m \cdot |f|_{m-1}.$$

Hence

$$|\eta_k f|_m^2 \leq \frac{1}{C} (-1)^m \operatorname{Re} \cdot \sum_i (A_i f, \eta_k^2 B_i f) + \frac{C_1}{C} |f|_m |f|_{m-1} + \frac{B}{C} |\eta_k f|_0^2.$$

Since  $D^\alpha \eta_k f = \eta_k D^\alpha f + \sum_{\beta < \alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} D^\beta f D^{\alpha-\beta} \eta_k$ , we have

$$\left| \sum_k |\eta_k f|_m^2 - |f|_m^2 \right| \leq C_2 |f|_m \cdot |f|_{m-1}$$

for some constant  $C_2$ .

Hence summing over  $k$ ,

$$|f|_m^2 \leq C_3 (-1)^m \operatorname{Re} \cdot (Lf, f) + C_4 |f|_m |f|_{m-1} + C_5 |f|_0^2$$

for some constants  $C_3, C_4, C_5$ . Now

$$|f|_m |f|_{m-1} \leq \frac{1}{2} (\varepsilon |f|_m^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} |f|_{m-1}^2), \quad 0 < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2}.$$

Hence

$$|f|_m^2 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} |f|_m^2 \leq C_3 (-1)^m \operatorname{Re} (Lf, f) + \frac{C_4}{2\varepsilon} |f|_{m-1}^2 + C_5 |f|_0^2.$$

By Proposition 1, there exists a constant  $C_6$  such that

$$|f|_{m-1}^2 \leq \varepsilon^2 |f|_m^2 + C_6 |f|_0^2.$$

196 Hence  $(1 - \varepsilon) |f|_m^2 \leq C_3 (-1)^m \operatorname{Re} \cdot (Lf, f) + C_7 |f|_0^2$  which proves the theorem.

**Remark.** If  $L$  is a uniformly strongly elliptic differential operator of order  $2m$  which is homogeneous and has constant coefficients, i.e.  $L = \sum_{|\alpha|=2m} a_\alpha D^\alpha$ , then the above inequality holds in a stronger form, i.e. for  $\Omega' \subset\subset \Omega$ , there exists a constant  $C$  such that for  $C^\infty f$  with  $\text{supp } f \subset \Omega'$ ,

$$(-1)^m \text{Re} \cdot (Lf, f) \geq C \|f\|_m^2.$$

*Proof.* We have, as in Step I above,

$$(Lf, f) = (\hat{L}f, \hat{f}) = (-1)^m \int (p(\xi) \hat{f}(\xi), \hat{f}(\xi)) d\xi,$$

and there exists constant  $C$  such that

$$\text{Re} \cdot (-1)^m (Lf, f) \geq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^{2m} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi.$$

□

By Plancherel's theorem

$$|D^\alpha f|_0^2 = |D^{\hat{\alpha}} f|_0^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^{2\alpha} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi.$$

Hence  $\text{Re} \cdot (-1)^m (Lf, f) \geq C' \sum_{|\alpha|=m} |D^\alpha f|_0^2$  and since  $f$  is a  $C^\infty$  function with compact support  $\subset \Omega'$  we have  $\sum_{|\alpha|=m} |D^\alpha f|_0^2 \geq C'' \|f\|_m^2$  for some constant  $C'' > 0$  (Poincaré's inequality; see Remark (6) after the Definitions in §5), which proves the required inequality.

**Proposition 2.** *If  $\Omega$  is a bounded open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $m$  is an integer  $> 0$ , then for any  $A > 0$ , there exists a constant  $C$  such that for  $f \in H_m^0(\Omega)$ ,*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2)^m |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \leq C \int_{|\xi| > A} (1 + |\xi|^2)^m |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi.$$

[This Proposition may be looked upon as a stronger version, in the case  $p = 2$ , of Poincaré's inequality (Remark (6) at the beginning of §5)].

*Proof.* If the proposition is false, there exists a sequence  $\{f_\nu\}_{\nu \geq 1}$  of  $C^\infty$  functions with compact support  $\subset \Omega$ , such that  $|f_\nu|_m = 1$  and

$$(6.1) \quad \int_{|\xi| > A} (1 + |\xi|^2)^m |\hat{f}_\nu(\xi)|^2 d\xi \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \nu \rightarrow \infty.$$

□

By Rellich's lemma the map  $i: \overset{\circ}{H}_m(\Omega) \rightarrow \overset{\circ}{H}_0(\Omega)$  is completely continuous. Hence we may assume that  $\{f_\nu\}$  converges in  $L^2$  to  $f$  any. Now  $\hat{f}_\nu(\xi)$  is an analytic function of  $\xi$ ,  $\nu \geq 1$ , and since  $f \in \overset{\circ}{H}_0(\Omega)$  and  $\Omega$  is relatively compact,  $f \in L^1$ ; clearly

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = (2\pi)^{-n/2} \int_{\Omega} e^{-i\xi \cdot x} f(x) dx$$

is analytic in  $\xi$  since  $\Omega$  is bounded; moreover  $\hat{f}_\nu$  converges uniformly to  $\hat{f}$  on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Now, because of assumption (6.11), for every compact set  $K$  with  $K \subset \{\xi \mid |\xi| > A\}$ , we have  $\int_K |\hat{f}_\nu(\xi)|^2 d\xi \rightarrow 0$ . Hence  $\int_K |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi = 0$ , so that  $\hat{f}(\xi) = 0$  for  $\xi \in K$  and hence  $f = 0$  since we may choose  $K$  such that  $\overset{\circ}{K} \neq \emptyset$ . Hence  $\hat{f}_\nu$  converges to zero uniformly on compact sets so that  $\int_{|\xi| \leq A} (1 + |\xi|^2)^m |\hat{f}_\nu(\xi)|^2 d\xi \rightarrow 0$  and by assumption  $\int_{|\xi| > A} (1 + |\xi|^2)^m |\hat{f}_\nu(\xi)|^2 d\xi \rightarrow 0$ .

But  $|f|_m = 1$  and thus we have a contradiction. This proves the proposition.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\Omega, \Omega', \Omega''$  be open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n, \Omega'' \subset \subset \Omega' \subset \subset \Omega$ . Let  $\varphi$  be in  $C^\infty(\Omega)$  such that  $\varphi(x) = 1$  for  $x$  in a neighbourhood of  $\bar{\Omega}''$  and

$\varphi(x) = 0$  for  $x \notin \Omega'$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a constant  $C(\varepsilon)$ , such that for  $k \geq 1$  and for  $f \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ ,

$$\sum_{|\beta|=k} |\varphi^k D^\beta f|_0^2 \leq \varepsilon \sum_{|\beta|=k+1} |\varphi^{k+1} D^\beta f|_0^2 + C(\varepsilon) \sum_{|\beta|=k-1} |\varphi^{k-1} D^\beta f|_0^2$$

$[\varphi^0$  stands for 1 on  $\Omega'$ , 0 outside].

*Proof.* It is enough to prove that for  $k \geq 1$ , and  $|\beta| = k$  we have

$$|\varphi^k D^\beta f|_0^2 \leq \varepsilon \sum_{|\alpha|=k+1} |\varphi^{k+1} D^\alpha f|_0^2 + C(\varepsilon) \sum_{|\alpha|=k-1} |\varphi^{k-1} D^\alpha f|_0^2.$$

□

Now

$$(\varphi^k D^\beta f, \varphi^k D^\beta f) = (D^\beta f, \varphi^{2k} D^\beta f)$$

Let  $\beta = \gamma + e$ , where  $|e| = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi^k D^\beta f, \varphi^k D^\beta f) &= -(D^\gamma f, D^e \varphi^{2k} D^\beta f) \\ &= -(D^\gamma f, 2k \varphi^{2k-1} D^e \varphi \cdot D^\beta f) - (D^\gamma f, \varphi^{2k} D^{\beta+e} f). \\ &= -(\varphi^{k-1} D^\gamma f, 2k \varphi^k D^e \varphi \cdot D^\beta f) \\ &\quad - (\varphi^{k-1} D^\gamma f, \varphi^{k+1} D^{\beta+e} f). \end{aligned}$$

By Schwarz's inequality, this gives,

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$$|\varphi^k D^\beta f|_0^2 \leq |\varphi^{k-1} D^\gamma f|_0 \cdot C_1 |\varphi^k D^\beta f|_0 + |\varphi^{k-1} D^\gamma f|_0 \cdot |\varphi^{k+1} D^{\beta+e} f|_0$$

for a constant  $C_1$  depending on  $\varphi$ . Now

$$|\varphi^{k-1} D^\gamma f|_0 \cdot |\varphi^k D^\beta f|_0 \leq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{\varepsilon}{C_1} |\varphi^k D^\beta f|_0^2 + \frac{C_1}{\varepsilon} |\varphi^{k-1} D^\gamma f|_0^2 \right\}$$

$$\text{and } |\varphi^{k-1} D^\gamma f|_0 \cdot |\varphi^{k+1} D^{\beta+e} f|_0 \leq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \varepsilon |\varphi^{k+1} D^{\beta+e} f|_0^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} |\varphi^{k-1} D^\gamma f|_0^2 \right\}.$$

Hence

$$(1 - \varepsilon) |\varphi^k D^\beta f|_0^2 \leq \varepsilon |\varphi^{k+1} D^{\beta+e} f|_0^2 + C(\varepsilon) \cdot |\varphi^{k-1} D^\gamma f|_0^2.$$

This proves our assertion.

**Theorem 2** (Friedrichs' inequality). *Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $L$ , an elliptic differential operator on  $\Omega$  of order  $m$ , given by  $L = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha D^\alpha$ . Let  $r$  be an integer,  $r \geq 0$ .*

- 200 (I) If  $a'_\alpha$ 's are constant, there exists a constant  $C$  such that for  $f \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ ,

$$|f|_{m+r} \leq C |Lf|_r.$$

- (II) For any  $x_0 \in \Omega$ , there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x_0$  and a constant  $C_1$  such that for any  $C^\infty f$  with  $\text{supp } f \subset U$ , we have

$$|f|_{m+r} \leq C_1 |Lf|_r.$$

- (III) There exists a constant  $C_2$  such that for any  $f \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ ,  $\text{supp } f \subset \Omega$ ,

$$|f|_{m+r} \leq C_2 \{|Lf|_r + |f|_0\}.$$

- (IV) If  $\Omega''$ ,  $\Omega'$  are open subsets of  $\Omega$ ,  $\Omega'' \subset\subset \Omega' \subset\subset \Omega$ , then there exists a constant  $C_3$  such that for  $f \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ ,

$$|f|_{m+r}^{\Omega''} \leq C_3 \{|Lf|_r^{\Omega'} + |f|_0^{\Omega'}\}.$$

The proofs of this theorem are completely parallel to those of Gårding's inequality, but in this form do not follow at once from Theorem 1. In the case  $r = 0$  (III) and (I) and (II) with the inequality  $|f|_m \leq C|Lf|_0$  replaced by  $|f|_m \leq C\{|Lf|_0 + |f|_0\}$  follows at once from Gårding's inequality applied to  $\Delta = (-1)^m L^* L$ .

*Proof.* (I) Since  $L$  is elliptic, there exists a constant  $B_1 > 0$  such that

$$(6.2) \quad |p(\xi) \cdot v| \geq B_1 |\xi|^m |v| \quad \text{for } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } v \in \mathbb{C}^q.$$

□

- 201 Let  $L_1 = \sum_{|\alpha|=m} a_\alpha D^\alpha$  and  $L_2 = \sum_{|\alpha|<m} a_\alpha D^\alpha$ . Then there exists a constant  $M$  depending on  $L_2$  such that

$$(6.3) \quad |\widehat{L_2 f}(\xi)|^2 \leq M \cdot (1 + |\xi|^2)^{m-1} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2.$$



Also there exists a constant  $A$  such that

$$\frac{B_2^2}{2}|\xi|^{2m} - M(1 + |\xi|^2)^{m-1} \geq B_2(1 + |\xi|^2)^m \quad \text{for } |\xi| > A \text{ where } B_2 \text{ is}$$

a suitable constant  $> 0$ . By §5, Proposition 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |Lf|_r^2 &\geq c' \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2)^r |\widehat{Lf}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &\geq c' \int_{|\xi|>A} (1 + |\xi|^2)^r |\widehat{L_1 f}(\xi) + \widehat{L_2 f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &\geq c' \int_{|\xi|>A} (1 + |\xi|^2)^r \left\{ \frac{1}{2} p(\xi) \widehat{f}(\xi)^2 - M(1 + |\xi|^2)^{m-1} |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 \right\} d\xi \\ &\quad \left( \text{since } |a + b|^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}|a|^2 - |b|^2 \text{ for } a, b \in \mathbb{C} \right) \\ &\geq c' \int_{|\xi|>A} (1 + |\xi|^2)^r \left\{ \frac{1}{2} B_1 |\xi|^{2m} - M(1 + |\xi|^2)^{m-1} \right\} |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \end{aligned}$$

(by (6.2) and — (6.3)).

Now by the choice of  $A$ ,

$$|Lf|_r^2 \geq B_2 c' \int_{|\xi|>A} (1 + |\xi|^2)^{m+r} |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi$$

and hence by Proposition 2, there exists a constant  $c$  such that

$$|Lf|_r \geq c|f|_{m+r}.$$

II Let  $L = L_0 + L_1$  where  $L_0$  and  $L_1$  are differential operators of orders  $\leq m$  such that  $L_0$  has constant coefficients of  $L_1$  vanish at  $x_0$ . Since the coefficients of  $L_1$  are continuous functions on  $\Omega$ , there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x_0$  such that for any  $C^\infty f$  with  $\text{supp } f \subset U$ ,  $|L_1 f|_r^2 \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} |f|_{m+r}^2$ ,  $\varepsilon$  depending on  $U$  and tending to zero as  $U \rightarrow \{x_0\}$ <sup>1</sup>. Then

$$|L_0 f + L_1 f|_r^2 \geq \frac{1}{2} |L_0 f|_r^2 - |L_1 f|_r^2.$$

<sup>1</sup>If  $r > 0$ , this involves integration by parts.

By (I) there exists a constant  $B$  such that

$$|L_0 f|_r^2 \geq B|f|_{m+r}^2.$$

Hence

$$|Lf|_r^2 \geq \left(\frac{B}{2} - \varepsilon\right)|f|_{m+r}^2.$$

III Because of (II), there is a finite covering  $\{U_1, \dots, U_h\}$  of  $\bar{\Omega}'$  such that if  $\text{supp } f \subset U_i$  for some  $i$ , then

$$|Lf|_r \geq C|f|_{m+r}.$$

Let  $\text{supp } f \subset \Omega'$  and  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_h$  be  $C^\infty$  functions,  $0 \leq \varphi_i \leq 1$ ,  $\text{supp } \varphi_i \subset U_i$ ,  $\sum \varphi_i^2 = 1$  on  $\Omega'$ . Now, since  $\text{supp } f \subset \Omega'$ , we have  $|f|_{m+r}^2 - \sum_i |\varphi_i f|_{m+r}^2 \leq C'|f|_{m+r-1}$ , and  $|Lf|_r^2 - \sum_i |L(\varphi_i f)|_r^2 \leq C'|f|_{m+r-1}$ , so that, since

$$|L(\varphi_i f)|_r \geq C|\varphi_i f|_{m+r}, \text{ and } |f|_{m+r-1} \leq \varepsilon|f|_{m+r} + C(\varepsilon)|f|_0,$$

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we obtain the required inequality.

IV Define a  $C^\infty$  function  $\varphi$  on  $\Omega$  such that  $\varphi(x) = 1$  for  $x$  in a neighbourhood of  $\bar{\Omega}''$  and  $\varphi(x) = 0$  for  $x \notin \Omega'$ . Then if  $f \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ ,  $m' = m + r$ , we have

$$D^\alpha(\varphi^{m'} f) = \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} (D^\beta \varphi^{m'}) D^{\alpha-\beta} f.$$

Now,  $D^\beta \varphi^{m'}(x) = C_\beta(x) \varphi^{m'-|\beta|}(x)$ , where  $C_\beta(x)$  is a  $C^\infty$  function and  $|C_\beta(x)| \leq A_1$  for some constant  $A_1$ . Then

$$D^\alpha(\varphi^{m+r} f) = \varphi^{m+r} D^\alpha f + \sum_{\substack{\beta \leq \alpha \\ \beta \neq 0}} C'_\beta \varphi^{m+r-|\beta|} D^{\alpha-\beta} f$$

$$\text{where } C'_\beta = \binom{\alpha}{\beta} C_\beta.$$

Now squaring both sides, using Schwarz's inequality and summing over  $\alpha$ ,  $|\alpha| \leq m+r$ , we obtain,

$$(6.4) \quad \left| |\varphi^{m+r} f|_{m+r}^2 - \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m+r} |\varphi^{m+r} D^\alpha f|_0^2 \right| \leq A_2 \sum_{|\beta| \leq m+r} |\varphi^{|\beta|} D^\beta f|_0^2$$

for a suitable constant  $A_2$ .

By Part III above, we have, since  $\text{supp } \varphi^{m'} f \subset \Omega'$ ,

$$(6.5) \quad |\varphi^{m+r} f|_{m+r}^2 \leq C \{ |L(\varphi^{m+r} f)|_r^2 + (|f|_0^{\Omega'})^2 \}.$$

By a repeated application of Lemma 1 to  $|\varphi^{|\beta|} D^\beta f|_0^2$  for  $|\beta| < m+r$ , we have

$$(6.6) \quad \sum_{|\beta| < m+r} |\varphi^{|\beta|} D^\beta f|_0^2 \leq \varepsilon \sum_{|\beta| = m+r} |\varphi^{m+r} D^\beta f|_0^2 + C(\varepsilon)(|f|_0^{\Omega'})^2.$$

It follows from (6.4), (6.5) and (6.6) that

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m+r} |\varphi^{m+r} D^\alpha f|_0^2 &\leq C \left\{ |\varphi^{m+r} Lf|_r^2 + (|f|_0^{\Omega'})^2 \right\} \\ &\quad + \varepsilon \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m+r} |\varphi^{m+r} D^\alpha f|_0^2 + C(\varepsilon)(|f|_0^{\Omega'})^2 \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\sum_{|\alpha| \leq m+r} |\varphi^{m+r} D^\alpha f|_0^2 \leq C_2 \left\{ |\varphi^{m+r} Lf|_r^2 + (|f|_0^{\Omega'})^2 \right\}$$

for a suitable constant  $C_2$ .

Since  $\varphi(x) = 1$  for  $x \in \Omega''$  and  $\text{supp } \varphi \subset \bar{\Omega}'$ , the theorem follows.

**Remark.** As in the remark following Gårding's inequality, parts (I) and (II) of Theorem 2 can be proved for homogeneous elliptic operators  $L$ , without appealing to Proposition 2; the reasoning is the same.

The proofs given in this section are essentially those of Garding [11] and Friedrichs [10].

## 7 Elliptic operators with $C^\infty$ coefficients: the regularity theorem

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

**Definition.** If  $L$  is an elliptic differential operator  $L : C_0^{\infty,q}(\Omega) \rightarrow C_0^{\infty,p}(\Omega)$  and  $f \in H_0(\Omega)$ , we define  $(Lf)$  as a linear functional on  $C_0^{\infty,p}(\Omega)$ , by

$$(Lf)(\varphi) = (f, L^*\varphi) \text{ for } \varphi \in C_0^{\infty,p}(\Omega).$$

Further,  $(Lf)$  is said to be in  $H_0(\Omega)$  (or  $H_m(\Omega)$  or to be strongly differentiable) if there exists  $g \in H_0(\Omega)$  (or  $H_m(\Omega)$  or which is strongly differentiable) such that  $(Lf)(\varphi) = (g, \varphi) = (f, L^*\varphi)$  for any  $\varphi \in C_0^{\infty,p}(\Omega)$ .

In what follows upto the regularity theorem,  $L$  denotes a uniformly strongly elliptic operator of order  $2m$  with  $C^\infty$  coefficients,  $L : C_0^{\infty,q}(\Omega) \rightarrow C_0^{\infty,q}(\Omega)$  and  $L = \sum_{i=1}^r B_i^* A_i$ ,  $A_i, B_i$  being differential operators of orders  $\leq m$ . For  $\varphi, \psi \in H_m(\Omega)$ , we define  $Q(\varphi, \psi)$  by  $Q(\varphi, \psi) = \sum_{i=1}^r (A_i \varphi, B_i \psi)$ . Let  $\Omega' \subset \subset \Omega$  and  $h \in \mathbb{R}, h \neq 0$  be so small that  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \Omega'$  implies  $(x_1 + h, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \Omega$ . We write  $(x + h)$  for  $(x_1 + h, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ . For  $g \in H_m(\Omega)$ , we define  $g^h : \Omega' \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q$  by  $g^h(x) = \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h}$ .

**Lemma 1.** (a) If  $\eta \in C_0^{\infty,1}(\Omega)$ , there exists a constant  $C$  such that for any  $f \in H_0(\Omega)$ , and  $h$  small enough, we have

$$|(\eta f)^h - \eta f^h|_0 \leq C|f|_0.$$

(b) For  $f \in H_m^0(\Omega)$ , there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that  $|f^h|_{m-1} \leq C|f|_m$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} (\eta f)^h(x) - (\eta f^h)(x) &= \frac{\eta(x+h) - \eta(x)}{h} f(x+h) \\ &= \eta^h(x) f(x+h). \end{aligned}$$

□

206 This proves (a). The proof of (b), for  $f \in C_0^{\infty,q}$ , follows at once from

$$f^h(x) = \int_0^1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x_1 + th, x_2, \dots, x_n) dt,$$

and, for  $f \in \mathring{H}_m(\Omega)$ , by passage to the closure.

**Proposition 1.** *If  $f \in \mathring{H}_m(\Omega)$  and has compact support, and there exists a constant  $C$  such that for any  $\varphi \in C_0^{\infty,q}(\Omega)$ ,  $|Q(f, \varphi)| \leq C|\varphi|_{m-1}$ , then  $f \in H_{m+1}(\Omega)$ .*

*Proof.* We have

$$Q(f^h, \varphi) = \sum_i (A_i f^h, B_i \varphi).$$

Since  $D^\alpha f^h = (D^\alpha f)^h$ , it follows from Lemma 1 (a) that  $|A_i f^h - (A_i f)^h|_0 \leq C_1 |f|_m$  for a constant  $C_1$  depending on  $L$ . Hence

$$Q(f^h, \varphi) = \sum_i ((A_i f)^h, B_i \varphi) + o(|\varphi|_m \cdot |f|_m).$$

□

Now

$$\begin{aligned} ((A_i f)^h, B_i \varphi) &= -(A_i f, (B_i \varphi)^{-h}) \\ &= -(A_i f, B_i \varphi^{-h}) + o(|\varphi|_m) \text{ (Lemma 1 (a))}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$Q(f^h, \varphi) = -Q(f, \varphi^{-h}) + o(|\varphi|_m);$$

by hypothesis,

$$|Q(f, \varphi^{-h})| \leq C |\varphi^{-h}|_{m-1} \leq C' |\varphi|_m \text{ (Lemma 1 (b))}.$$

Hence there exists a constant  $C_2$  such that

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$$|Q(f^h, \varphi)| \leq C_2 |\varphi|_m.$$

This holds for any  $\varphi \in C_0^{\infty,q}(\Omega)$ . Since  $f^h$  has compact support  $\subset \Omega$ , choose a sequence  $\{\varphi_\nu\}$  of functions in  $C_0^{\infty,q}(\Omega)$ ,  $\varphi_\nu \rightarrow f^h$  in  $H_m$ . Then, we have,

$$|Q(f^h, \varphi_\nu)| \leq C_2 |\varphi_\nu|_m$$

and passing to the limit,

$$(7.1) \quad |Q(f^h, f^h)| \leq C_2 |f^h|_m.$$

Now by Garding's inequality, there exists a constant  $B$  such that

$$|\varphi_\nu|_m^2 \leq B(-1)^m \operatorname{Re}(L\varphi_\nu, \varphi_\nu) + |\varphi_\nu|_0^2,$$

hence

$$|\varphi_\nu|_m^2 \leq B|Q(\varphi_\nu, \varphi_\nu)| + |\varphi_\nu|_0^2;$$

taking limits as  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$  and using (7.1), this gives

$$|f^h|_m^2 \leq B C_2 |f^h|_m + |f|_0^2.$$

Hence there exists a constant  $M$  such that

$$|f^h|_m \leq M.$$

Consider  $f^h$  for sufficiently small  $h$ . This is a bounded set in the Hilbert space  $H_m(\Omega)$ ; hence there is a sequence  $\{h_\nu\}$ ,  $h_\nu \rightarrow 0$  such that  $f^{h_\nu}$  is weakly convergent to a function  $g$  in  $H_m(\Omega)$ . Also  $f^{h_\nu} \rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}$  in

208  $H_0(\Omega)$ . This implies that  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \in H_m(\Omega)$ . Similarly we can show that  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$ ,  $i \geq 2$  are in  $H_m(\Omega)$ . Hence it follows from Proposition 1, §5, that  $f$  is  $(m+1)$  times strongly differentiable, since  $f$  has compact support,  $f \in H_{m+1}(\Omega)$ .

**Proposition 2.** Suppose  $f \in H_m(\Omega)$  and for a given  $r$ ,  $0 < r \leq m$ , there exists a constant  $C$  such that  $|Q(f, \varphi)| \leq C|\varphi|_{m-r}$  for any  $\varphi \in C_0^{\infty,q}(\Omega)$ ; then  $f$  is  $(m+r)$  times strongly differentiable.

*Proof.* We shall prove the proposition by induction. □

**Case  $r = 1$ .** Suppose that

$$|Q(f, \varphi)| \leq C|\varphi|_{m-1}.$$

We assert that for any  $\eta \in C_0^{\infty,1}$ , there is a constant  $C'$  such that

$$|Q(\eta f, \varphi)| \leq C'|\varphi|_{m-1};$$

the case  $r = 1$  of Proposition 2 then follows from Proposition 1. To prove the existence of  $C'$ , we note that

$$(A_i \eta f, B_i \varphi) = (\eta A_i f, B_i \varphi) + (A' f, B_i \varphi)$$

[where  $A'$  has order  $\leq m - 1$  and has coefficients with compact support]

$$= (A_i f, B_i \eta \varphi) + (A' f, B_i \varphi) + (A_i f, B' \varphi)$$

where  $B'$  has order  $\leq m - 1$ . Clearly

$$|(A_i f, B' \varphi)| \leq C''|\varphi|_{m-1}.$$

Now we can write  $B_i = \sum_k D_k B_k''$  where  $B_k''$  have order  $\leq m - 1$ ,  $D_k$  has order 0.

Since  $f \in H_m(\Omega)$ , we then have,

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$$|(A' f, B_i \varphi)| = \left| \sum_k (D_k^* A' f, B_k'' \varphi) \right| \leq C''|\varphi|_{m-1}.$$

Hence

$$Q(\eta f, \varphi) = Q(f, \eta \varphi) + o(|\varphi|_{m-1})$$

and the result follows.

Let us now suppose that the result is proved for  $r = k - 1 > 0$ ; then  $f$  is  $(m + k - 1)$  times strongly differentiable; by restricting ourselves to  $\Omega' \subset\subset \Omega$ , we may then suppose that  $f \in H_{m+k-1}(\Omega)$ . Let  $|\beta| = 1$ . Now since  $f \in H_{m+k-1}(\Omega)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} Q(D^\beta f, \varphi) &= \sum (A_i D^\beta f, B_i \varphi) \\ &= \sum (D^\beta A_i f, B_i \varphi) + \sum (A_i' f, B_i \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

where the  $A_i$ 's are differential operators of order  $\leq m$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} Q(D^\beta f, \varphi) &= - \sum (A_i f, D^\beta B_i \varphi) + \sum (A_i' f, B_i \varphi) \\ &= - \sum (A_i f, B_i D^\beta \varphi) + \sum (A_i'' f, B_i'' \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

where  $A_i''$  and  $B_i''$  are differential operators such that  $\text{ord. } A_i'' \leq m+k-1$  and  $\text{ord. } B_i'' \leq m-k+1$  [for this last equality, write  $B_i D^\beta - D^\beta B_i$  as a linear combination  $\sum L_j L_j'$  where  $\text{ord. } L_j \leq k-1$ ,  $\text{ord. } L_j' \leq m-k+1$  and use the fact that  $f \in H_{m+k-1}(\Omega)$ , to shift  $L_j$  to  $A_i$ ]. Since

$$|Q(f, \varphi)| \leq C|\varphi|_{m-k},$$

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$$\left| \sum (A_i D^\beta f, B_i \varphi) \right| \leq C|D^\beta \varphi|_{m-k} + C_1|\varphi|_{m-k+1}$$

for some constant  $C_1$ .

Hence

$$|Q(D^\beta f, \varphi)| \leq C_2|\varphi|_{m-k+1}$$

and by the induction hypothesis,  $D^\beta f$  is  $(m+k-1)$  times strongly differentiable. By Proposition 1 of § 5 this implies that  $f$  is  $(m+k)$  times strongly differentiable.

**Proposition 3.** *If  $f \in H_m(\Omega)$  and  $Lf$  is  $r$  times strongly differentiable, then  $f$  is  $(2m+r)$  times strongly differentiable.*

*Proof.* We shall prove the proposition by induction; by restricting ourselves to  $\Omega' \subset \subset \Omega$ , we may suppose that  $Lf \in H_r(\Omega)$ . Let  $Lf = g \in H_0(\Omega)$ ; then for  $\varphi \in C_0^{\infty, q}(\Omega)$ , by definition,

$$Q(f, \varphi) = (f, L^* \varphi) = (g, \varphi);$$

so that  $|Q(f, \varphi)| \leq C|\varphi|_0$  for some constant  $C > 0$ .

□

Now using Proposition 2 with  $r = m$ , we conclude that  $f$  is  $2m$  times strongly differentiable. Let us suppose that proposition is true for  $r = k$ .



Then if  $Lf \in H_{k+1}(\Omega)$ , by the induction hypothesis,  $f$  is  $(2m + k)$  times strongly differentiable. For  $|\beta| \leq k + 1$ ,

$L(D^\beta) - D^\beta L = \Delta_\beta$  is a differential operator of order  $\leq 2m + k$ , and since  $f$  is  $(2m + k)$  times strongly differentiable, we have

$$LD^\beta f = D^\beta(Lf) + \Delta_\beta f \text{ and } D^\beta(Lf) + \Delta_\beta f \in H_0(\Omega').$$

Therefore by what we have proved above ( $D^\beta f$ ) is  $2m$  times strongly differentiable. This, together with Proposition 1, §5 implies that  $f$  is  $(2m + k + 1)$  times strongly differentiable. 211

**Proposition 4.** Let  $\Delta$  denote the operator  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2}$  acting on  $q$ -tuples of  $C^\infty$  functions. If  $\varphi \in H_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $r \geq 1$  is an integer, there exists  $\varphi' \in H_{2r}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $(I - \Delta)^r \varphi' = \varphi$ ,  $I$  being the identity.

*Proof.* By Plancherel's theorem  $\hat{\varphi} \in H_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Define  $\varphi'$  by

$$\hat{\varphi}'(\xi) = \frac{\hat{\varphi}(\xi)}{(1 + \xi_1^2 + \cdots + \xi_n^2)^r} \in H_0(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

□

Then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + |\xi|^2)^{2r} |\hat{\varphi}'(\xi)|^2 d\xi = |\hat{\varphi}|_0 < \infty.$$

Hence by Proposition 4, §5,  $\varphi' \in H_{2r}$ . Moreover using the fact that  $D^{\hat{\alpha}} f(\xi) = i^{|\alpha|} \xi^\alpha \hat{f}(\xi)$  and the inversion formula we see immediately that

$$(I - \Delta)^r \varphi'(\xi) = \varphi(\xi).$$

In the next theorem,  $L$  need no longer have the properties stated at the beginning.

**Theorem (The regularity theorem).** If  $L$  is an elliptic differential operator of order  $m$  with  $C^\infty$  coefficients,  $L: C_0^{\infty,q}(\Omega) \rightarrow C_0^{\infty,p}(\Omega)$  and for an  $f \in H_0(\Omega)$ ,  $Lf = g$  is in  $H_0(\Omega)$ , and if  $g \in C^\infty$ , so is  $f$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A = (-1)^m L^* \circ L$ ; by restricting ourselves to  $\Omega' \subset\subset \Omega$ , we may suppose that  $A$  is uniformly strongly elliptic and  $A: C_0^{\infty, q} \rightarrow C_0^{\infty, q}$ . Then we shall prove that for any  $f \in H_0(\Omega)$ , if  $Af \in C^\infty$ , then  $f \in C^\infty$ . Since  $(-1)^m L^* \circ Lf = (-1)^m L^*(Lf) \in C^\infty$ , this will imply the theorem. We may extend  $f$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by  $f(x) = 0$  for  $x \notin \Omega$ . Let  $r$  be a positive integer,  $r \geq m$ . Then by Proposition 4, there exists a  $q$ -tuple  $f^{(r)} \in H_{2r}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that if  $\Delta = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2}$ ,  $(I - \Delta)f^{(r)} = f$ . Consider  $B = (-1)^r A(I - \Delta)^r$ . Then  $B$  is uniformly strongly elliptic and is of order  $2(m + r)$ ; further

$$B f^{(r)} = (-1)^r A f \in C^\infty.$$

□

Since  $r \geq m$ ,  $f^{(r)} \in H_{m+r}$  and hence, by Proposition 3,  $f^{(r)}$  is  $2m + 2r + s$  strongly differentiable for any  $s > 0$ . Hence  $f$  is  $2m + s$  times strongly differentiable for any  $s > 0$ .

It follows from the corollary to Sobolev's lemma that  $f$  has continuous derivatives of order  $\leq 2m + s - n$  for any  $s$ , and hence  $f \in C^\infty$ .

**Remark.** We have in fact proved the following proposition in the case when  $L$  is strongly elliptic of even order.

**Proposition 5.** *Let  $L$  be an elliptic operator of order  $m$ , and  $f \in H_0(\Omega)$ . If  $Lf$  is  $r$  times strongly differentiable,  $r$  being an integer  $\geq 0$ , then  $f$  is  $r + m$  times strongly differentiable.*

The above proposition, for arbitrary  $L$  can be reduced, to the case of strongly elliptic operators of even order by considering  $\Delta_1 = L^*L$ , if  $r \geq m$  (= order of  $L$ ). The general case requires the use of the space  $H_{-k}(\Omega)$  which is the dual of  $\overset{o}{H}_k(\Omega)$ ,  $k > 0$ . We do not enter into the details.

The proof of the regularity theorem given here is a somewhat simplified version of that of Nirenberg [32]. There are now several other proofs available. The oldest, which operates with "fundamental solutions" was proposed by L. Schwartz [39]; very strong theorems that can be obtained by this method will be found in Hörmander [17]. The

first proof using only ‘a priori’ estimates is due to Friedrichs [10] (who proves, however, only a slightly weaker assertion). Other proofs are due to *F. John* [19] and *P. Lax* [24]; that of Lax is both brief and elegant. Schwartz has recently given another very elegant and very general proof, which operates, however, with singular integral operators; see [41]. There is a vast literature that has sprung up around this theorem and its generalizations (particularly the so called “regularity at the boundary”). References may be found in [1].

## 8 Elliptic operators with analytic coefficients

**Lemma 1.** *If  $K$  is a compact set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and if  $K_\varepsilon = \{x | d(x, K) < \varepsilon\}$ , there exists  $\varphi_\varepsilon \in C_0^{\infty,1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $0 \leq \varphi_\varepsilon \leq 1$ ,  $\varphi_\varepsilon(x) = 1$  for  $x \in K$ ,  $\text{supp } \varphi_\varepsilon \subset K_{2\varepsilon}$  and  $|D^\alpha \varphi_\varepsilon| \leq \frac{C_\alpha}{\varepsilon^{|\alpha|}}$  for some constants  $C_\alpha$  independent of  $\varepsilon$  and  $K$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi$  be a  $C^\infty$  function such that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi(x) dx = 1$  and  $\varphi \geq 0$ ,  $\text{supp } \varphi \subset \{x | |x| < 1\}$ . Let  $\chi_\varepsilon(x) = 1$  for  $x \in K_\varepsilon$  and  $\chi_\varepsilon(x) = 0$  for  $x \notin K_\varepsilon$ . □

$$\text{Let } \varphi_\varepsilon(x) = \varepsilon^{-n} \int \varphi\left(\frac{x-y}{\varepsilon}\right) \chi_\varepsilon(y) dy.$$

Then clearly  $\varphi_\varepsilon(x) = 1$  for  $x \in K$  and  $\text{supp } \varphi_\varepsilon \subset K_{2\varepsilon}$ . Also

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$$D^\alpha \varphi_\varepsilon(x) = \varepsilon^{-|\alpha|} \varepsilon^{-n} \int D^\alpha \varphi\left(\frac{x-y}{\varepsilon}\right) \chi_\varepsilon(y) dy.$$

Hence  $|D^\alpha \varphi_\varepsilon(x)| \leq \varepsilon^{-|\alpha|} \int |D^\alpha \varphi(y)| dy$ , which proves the lemma.

**Notation.** In what follows,  $R, \rho$  are real numbers,  $0 < \rho < \min\{1, R\}$ , and  $M_\rho(f)$  is given by

$$[M_\rho(f)]^2 = \int_{|x| < R-\rho} |f(x)|^2 dx.$$

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $L$  be an elliptic operator of order  $m$ , with  $C^\infty$  coefficients, on  $\{x \mid |x| < R + \delta\}$ . Then there exists a constant  $C$  (independent of  $f, \rho, \rho_1$ ) such that for  $\rho, \rho_1 > 0$  and  $f \in C^{\infty, q}$ , we have*

$$\rho^m M_{\rho+\rho_1}(D^\alpha f) \leq C \left\{ \rho^m M_{\rho_1}(Lf) + \sum_{|\beta| < m} \rho^{|\beta|} M_{\rho_1}(D^\beta f) \right\}.$$

for  $|\alpha| = m$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 1 above there exists a  $C^\infty$  function  $\varphi$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\varphi(x) = 1$  for  $|x| < R - \rho - \rho_1$ ,  $0 \leq \varphi(x) \leq 1$ ,  $\text{supp } \varphi \subset \{x \mid |x| < R - \rho_1\}$  and  $|D^\alpha \varphi| \leq \frac{C_\alpha}{\rho^{|\alpha|}}$  where  $C_\alpha$  are constants independent of  $\rho$  and  $\rho_1$ .

By Friedrichs' inequality, (Part III), there exists a constant  $C_1$ , independent of  $f$  and  $\rho_1$  such that

$$|D^\alpha \varphi f|_0 \leq C_1 \{ |L(\varphi f)|_0 + |\varphi f|_0 \}.$$

□

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$$L = \sum_{|\lambda| \leq m} a_\lambda D^\lambda.$$

Then

$$L(\varphi f) = \phi Lf + \sum_{\substack{\beta < \lambda \\ |\lambda| \leq m}} a_\lambda \binom{\lambda}{\beta} D^{\lambda-\beta}(\varphi) D^\beta f.$$

Since  $a_\lambda$  are  $C^\infty$  in  $|x| < R + \delta$  and  $|D^\alpha \varphi| \leq \frac{C_\alpha}{\rho^{|\alpha|}}$ , there exist constants  $C_{\lambda, \beta}$ , independent of  $\rho$  such that

$$|a_\lambda \binom{\lambda}{\beta} D^{\lambda-\beta} \varphi| \leq \frac{C_{\lambda, \beta}}{\rho^{|\lambda-\beta|}} \text{ for } |x| \leq R.$$

Hence

$$|D^\alpha \varphi f|_0 \leq C_2 \left\{ M_{\rho_1}(Lf) + \sum_{|\beta| < m} \beta^{-m+|\beta|} M_{\rho_1}(D^\beta f) \right\}$$

for a constant  $C_2$  and this proves the proposition.

**Proposition 2.** Let  $\Omega$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $0 \in \Omega$ , and let  $L: C^{\infty,q}(\Omega) \rightarrow C^{\infty,q}(\Omega)$  be an elliptic operator of order  $m$  with coefficients which are analytic in  $\Omega$  (note that  $L = \sum_{|\lambda| \leq m} a_\lambda D^\lambda$  where  $a_\lambda$  are  $q \times q$  matrices of analytic functions). Then if  $R > 0$  and  $R_1 > R$  are sufficiently small there exists a constant  $A > 0$  such that for all  $\rho$ ,  $0 < \rho < \min(1, R)$ , and  $f \in C^{\infty,q}(\Omega)$ , we have, for  $|\alpha| \leq mr$ ,  $r = 1, 2, \dots$ ,

$$(8.1) \quad \rho^{|\alpha|} M_{|\alpha|\rho}(D^\alpha f) \leq A^{|\alpha|+1} \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^r |L^s f|_0^{R_1} \rho^{(s-1)m} + |f|_0^{R_1} \right\};$$

here  $|f|_0^{R_1} = \int_{|x| < R_1} |f(x)|^2 dx$ ;  $L^s$  denotes the iterate of  $L$ ,  $s$  times.

*Proof.* We choose  $R_1$  so small that the  $a_\lambda$  have holomorphic extensions to the polycylinder  $|z| \leq R_1$ . Let  $C_1 = \sum_{|\lambda| \leq m} \sup_{|z| \leq R_1} |a_\lambda(z)|$ ; then we have (Cauchy's inequality) 216

$$(8.2) \quad \sum_{|\lambda| \leq m} |D^\alpha a_\lambda(x)| \leq C_1 \alpha! \rho^{-|\alpha|} \text{ for } |x| \leq R - \rho.$$

□

Let

$$\sum_{s=1}^r |L^s f|_0^{R_1} \rho^{(s-1)m} + |f|_0^{R_1} = S_r(f).$$

We first remark that

$$(8.3) \quad \rho^m S_r(Lf) \leq S_{r+1}(f).$$

We shall prove the proposition by induction. For  $r = 1$ , i. e. for  $|\alpha| \leq m$ , we apply Friedrichs' inequality, Part IV. There-exists a constants  $C_2$  such that

$$M_0(D^\alpha f) \leq C_2 \{|L f|_0^{R_1} + |f|_0^{R_1}\} \text{ for } |\alpha| \leq m.$$

Hence

$$\rho^{|\alpha|} M_{|\alpha|\rho}(D^\alpha f) \leq C_2 \{|L f|_0^{R_1} + |f|_0^{R_1}\},$$

so that (8.1) is true for  $r = 1$  if  $A \geq C_2$ . Now let  $mr < |\alpha| \leq m(r + 1)$ ,  $r \geq 1$ , and assume that (8.1) is already proved for all  $\beta$  with  $|\beta| < |\alpha|$ .

Let  $\alpha = \alpha_0 + \alpha'$  where  $|\alpha_0| = m$ . Then we have by Proposition 1 with  $\rho_1 = (|\alpha| - 1)\rho$ , (and  $\alpha_0$  in place of  $\alpha$ )

$$(8.4) \quad \rho^{|\alpha|} M_{|\alpha|\rho}(D^\alpha f) \leq C \left\{ \rho^{|\alpha|} M_{(|\alpha|-1)\rho}(LD^{\alpha'} f) + \sum_{|\beta| < m} \rho^{|\beta|+|\alpha'|} M_{(|\alpha|-1)\rho}(D^{\beta+\alpha'} f) \right\}$$

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$$D^{\alpha'} Lf = LD^{\alpha'} f + \sum_{|\lambda| \leq m} \sum_{\gamma < \alpha'} \binom{\alpha'}{\gamma} D^{\alpha-\gamma} a_\lambda D^{\gamma+\lambda} f.$$

Now, for  $|x| \leq R - mr\rho$ , we have

$$|D^{\alpha'-\gamma} a_\lambda(x)| \leq C_1 (\alpha' - \gamma)! (\rho mr)^{-|\alpha'-\gamma|}.$$

and  $\binom{\alpha'}{\gamma} \frac{(\alpha' - \gamma)!}{|\alpha' - \gamma|} \leq \left( \frac{|\alpha'|}{mr} \right)^{|\alpha'-\gamma|} \leq 1$  since  $|\alpha'| = |\alpha| - m \leq mr$ . Hence for  $|x| \leq R - mr\rho$ , a fortiori for  $|x| \leq R - (|\alpha| - 1)\rho$ , we have,

$$(8.5) \quad |D^{\alpha'} Lf - LD^{\alpha'} f| \leq C_1 \sum_{|\lambda| \leq m} \sum_{\gamma < \alpha'} \rho^{-|\alpha'-\gamma|} |D^{\gamma+\lambda} f|.$$

Hence, by (8.4) and (8.5), we have for  $mr < |\alpha| \leq m(r + 1)$ ,

$$(8.6) \quad \rho^{|\alpha|} M_{|\alpha|\rho}(D^\alpha f) \leq C \left\{ \rho^{|\alpha|} M_{|\alpha|\rho}(D^\alpha Lf) + \sum_{|\beta| < m} \rho^{|\beta|+|\alpha'|} M_{|\beta+\alpha'|\rho}(D^{\beta+\alpha'} f) + C_1 \sum_{|\lambda| \leq m} \sum_{\gamma < \alpha'} \rho^{m+|\gamma|} M_{(m+|\gamma|)\rho}(D^{\gamma+\lambda} f) \right\}.$$

We can apply our induction hypothesis to each of the three terms in brackets on the right.

The first term is  $\leq \rho^m A^{|\alpha|+1} S_r(Lf) \leq A^{|\alpha|+1}(f)$ .

The second  $\leq \sum_{|\beta| < m} A^{|\beta + \alpha'|/ + 1} S_{r+1}(f)$  and similarly for the third. This gives

$$\rho^{|\alpha|} M_{|\alpha|\rho}(D^\alpha f) \leq A^{|\alpha|+1} S_{r+1}(f) \left\{ \frac{C}{A^m} + C \sum_{|\beta| \leq m} \frac{1}{A} + C'_1 \sum_{\gamma < \alpha'} A^{-|\alpha' - \gamma|} \right\}.$$

Now

$$\sum_{\gamma < \alpha'} A^{-|\alpha' - \gamma|} = \sum_{0 < \beta \leq \alpha'} A^{-|\beta|} \leq A^{-1} \sum_{|\beta| \geq 0} A^{-|\beta|}$$

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which clearly  $\rightarrow 0$  as  $A \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence we can choose  $A \geq C_2$  so large that

$$\frac{C}{A^m} + C \sum_{|\beta| \leq m} \frac{1}{A} + C'_1 \sum_{\gamma < \alpha'} A^{-|\alpha' - \gamma|} < 1,$$

which gives us (8.1).

**Theorem 1** (T. Kotake -M.S. Narasimhan). *Let  $L: C^{\infty,q}(\Omega) \rightarrow C^{\infty,q}(\Omega)$  be an elliptic operator of order  $m$  with analytic coefficients. If  $f \in C^{\infty,q}(\Omega)$  and for any  $\Omega' \subset \subset \Omega$ , there exists a constant  $M > 0$ , such that*

$$|L^r f|_0^{\Omega'} \leq M^{r+1}(rm)!,$$

then  $f$  is analytic in  $\Omega$ .

*Proof.* We may suppose that  $0 \in \Omega$ ; it suffices moreover to show that  $f$  is analytic in a neighbourhood of  $0$ . We choose  $R_1$  such that Proposition 1 is true; we the have

$$|L^r f|_0^{R_1} \leq M^{r+1}(rm)!$$

so that

$$S_r(f) \leq \sum_{s=1}^r \rho^{(s-1)m} M^{s+1}(sm)! + M.$$

If  $(r-1)m < |\alpha| \leq rm$ , we choose  $\rho = \frac{c}{|\alpha|}$ , where  $c$  is small. Since, 219  
 then  $(sm)! \rho^{(s-1)m} \leq (rm)^{2m}$  for  $s \leq r$ , we conclude that  $S_r(f) \leq B_1^{r+1}$   
 for a suitable constant  $B_1$ . By Proposition 2, this implies that  $|f|_k^{R-c} \leq$

$B_2^{k+1}k^k$ ; if  $K$  is a compact subset of the set  $|x| < R - c$ , it follows from (the weak form of) Sobolev's lemma that

$$\sup_{x \in K} |D^\alpha f(x)| \leq B_3 B_2^{k+n+1} (k+n)^{k+n} \text{ if } |\alpha| = k.$$

□

Stirling's formula shows then that

$$\sup_{x \in K} |D^\alpha f(x)| \leq B_4^{k+1} k! \text{ if } |\alpha| = k.$$

so that  $f$  is analytic in  $|x| < R - c$  by Chap I, §1.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $L$  be any differential operator of order  $m$ , with coefficients which are holomorphic  $q \times q$  matrices on  $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid |z_i| < r_i \leq 1\}$  and let  $f$  be a bounded holomorphic map  $D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^q$ . Then there exists a constant  $A$  such that*

$$|L^r f(z)| \leq \frac{(3A)^{r+1} (mr)!}{\prod (r_i - |z_i|)^{mr}} \text{ for } z \in D.$$

*Proof.* We shall prove the lemma by induction. For  $r = 0$ , the lemma is trivial. Assume that it is true for  $r = k - 1$ . Then

$$|L^{k-1} f(z)| \leq \frac{(3A)^k \{m(k-1)\}!}{\prod (r_i - |z_i|)^{m(k-1)}} \text{ for } z \in D.$$

□

Let  $\sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} |a_\alpha(z)| \leq A$ , where  $L = \sum a_\alpha D^\alpha$ . We have, by Lemma 3, §3,

$$|D^\alpha L^{k-1} f(z)| \leq \frac{3(3A)^k (mk)!}{\prod (r_i - |z_i|)^{m(k-1)+|\alpha|}}$$

**220** and since  $\sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} |a_\alpha(z)| \leq A$  on  $D$ , this implies that

$$|L^k f(z)| \leq \frac{(3A)^{k+1} (mk)!}{\prod (r_i - |z_i|)^{mk}}.$$



**Theorem 2** (Petrovsky). *If  $L$  is an elliptic operator of order  $m$ , with analytic coefficients on  $\Omega$ , and if  $Lf$  is analytic, then  $f$  is analytic.*

*Proof.* By replacing  $L$  by  $L^*L$  if necessary, we may suppose that  $L$  is an operator  $C^{\infty,q}(\Omega) \rightarrow C^{\infty,q}(\Omega)$  with analytic coefficients. Let  $L = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha D^\alpha$ . We may assume that  $\Omega = \{x \mid |x_i| < r_i\}$  and that  $a_\lambda$  and  $Lf$  extend to holomorphic functions on  $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z_i| < r_i\}$ . Let  $g = Lf$ . Then it follows from Lemma 2 that for any compact subset  $K$  of  $\Omega$ , there exists a constant  $M$  such that

$$|L^r f|_0^K \leq M^{r+1}(mr)!$$

Theorem 2 then follows from Theorem 1.  $\square$

**Note:** We indicate briefly how the proof of Theorem 1 simplifies in the special case needed for Theorem 2. We use inequalities (8.4) and (8.5). But now since  $g = Lf$  is analytic, we apply the Cauchy inequalities to a holomorphic extension of  $g$  and conclude that

$$|D^\alpha Lf| \leq \frac{C_3 \alpha!}{(mr\rho)^{|\alpha|}} \text{ in } |x| \leq R - mr\rho$$

so that

$$\rho^{|\alpha|} M_{(|\alpha|-1)\rho}(D^\alpha Lf) \leq C_4;$$

this leads easily to the estimate

$\rho^{|\alpha|} M_{|\alpha|\rho}(D^\alpha f) \leq A^{|\alpha|+1}$  for all  $\alpha$ , ( $A$  now depends on  $f$ ) and the proof is completed as before. The point is that one does not need the somewhat complicated Part IV of Friedrichs' inequality. The main theorem of this section (Theorem 2) is a special case of results of Petrovsky [36] who considered also non-linear systems of differential equations. His proof is however very difficult. The main idea in the proof given here is contained in the paper of Morrey-Nirenberg [29]. The proof by Koteke-Narasimhan [23] of Theorem 1 involves more careful analysis although it is also based on the idea of Morrey-Nirenberg.

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## 9 The finiteness theorem

Let  $V$  be an oriented  $C^\infty$  manifold,  $E, F, C^\infty$  vector bundles of ranks  $q, p$  respectively over  $V$ . Let  $L$  be a differential operator  $L : C_0^\infty(V, E) \rightarrow$

$C^\infty(V, F)$ . All coordinates systems considered will be assumed to be *positive*.

**Definition.** (1) The order of  $L$  at a point  $a \in V$  is the largest integer  $m$  such that  $L(F^m s)(a) \neq 0$  for some  $f \in m_a^\infty$  and some section  $s \in C_0^\infty(V, E)$ .

(2) The order of  $L$  on  $V$  is defined to be  $\max_{a \in V}$  order of  $L$  at  $a$ .

222 (3) A differential operator  $L$  of order  $m$  is said to be elliptic if, for  $a \in V$ , and every (real valued)  $f \in m_a^\infty$  such that  $(df)(a) \neq 0$ , we have  $L(f^m s)(a) \neq 0$  for every  $s \in C_0^\infty(V, E)$  for which  $s(a) \neq 0$ .

Note that if  $f \in m_0^\infty$  and  $s(a) = 0$ , then  $L(f^m s)(a) = 0$ . Further if  $(df)(a) = 0$ ,  $L(f^m s)(a) = 0$  for any  $s$ . Hence  $L(f^m s)(a)$  defines a map (not linear) from  $E_a \otimes T_a^*(V) \rightarrow F_a$ ; this gives rise to a  $C^\infty$  map  $\sigma(L): E \otimes T^*(V) \rightarrow F$  (which preserves fibres). This map is called the *symbol of  $L$*  (and replaces the characteristic polynomial which we considered earlier).

**Remarks 1.** (1) We shall prove that the definition (2) above is consistent with the definition (1) of §6. Let  $E, F$  be trivial and for  $a \in V$ , let  $U_a$  be a coordinate neighbourhood of  $a$  and let  $L$  be given by  $L = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m_1} a_\alpha D^\alpha$ ,  $a_{\alpha'} \neq 0$  for some  $|\alpha'| = m_1$ . Then it is enough to show that the order of  $L$  on  $U_a = m_1$ . But this follows at once from

(i)  $(D^\alpha f^m)(a) = 0$  for  $|\alpha| < m$ , if  $f \in m_a^\infty$  and

(ii)  $(D^\alpha f^m)(a) = (m!)(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1})^{\alpha_1}(a) \cdots (\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n})^{\alpha_n}(a)$  for  $|\alpha| = m$ , if  $f \in m_a^\infty$ .

(2) If  $L$  has order  $m$  on  $V$ , with the same notation as in the remark (1),

$$L(f^m s)(a) = m! \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \xi^\alpha a_\alpha(a) S(a), \xi = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right)$$

Hence it follows that the definition (3) above and the definition (3) of §6 are consistent.

**Examples.** (1) Let  $V$  be a  $C^\infty$  manifold of dimension  $n$ , and let  $\overset{p}{A}$  denote 223  
the set of  $p$  differential forms on  $V$ . Then  $\overset{p}{A} = C^\infty(V, E^p)$ , where  $E^p$   
is a vector bundle of rank  $\binom{n}{p}$  over  $V$  for which the fibre at  $a \in V$  is  
 $\wedge^p T_a^*(V)$ . The exterior differentiation  $d : \overset{p}{A} \rightarrow \overset{p}{A}p + 1$  is a differential  
operator of degree 1. If  $p = 0$ , for  $f \in m_a^\infty$  and  $g \in \overset{\circ}{A}$ , we have

$$d(fg)(a) = (df)(a)g(a) + f(a)(dg)(a).$$

Hence if  $(df)(a) \neq 0, d(fg)(a) \neq 0$  whenever  $g(a) \neq 0$  i. e.  $d : \overset{\circ}{A} \rightarrow$   
 $\overset{1}{A}$  is elliptic.

(2) Let  $V$  be a complex manifold of complex dimension  $n$  and let  $\varepsilon^{p,q}$   
denote the set of all differential forms of type  $(p, q)$ . Then  $\varepsilon^{p,q} =$   
 $C^\infty(V, E^{p,q})$ , where  $E^{p,q}$  is a vector bundle of rank  $\binom{n}{p}\binom{n}{q}$  over  $V$ ;  
 $[E^{p,q}$  is a bundle whose fibre over  $a \in V$  is the space  $\varepsilon_a^{p,q}$  of complex  
convectors of type  $(p, q)$  at  $a]$ .

Clearly  $\bar{\partial} : \varepsilon^{p,q} \rightarrow \varepsilon^{p,q+1}$  is a differential operator of order 1. Let  
 $q = 0, f \in m_a^\infty$  and  $(df)(a) \neq 0$ . Since  $f$  is real valued, we have

$$(df)(a) = \overline{(\bar{\partial}f)(a)} + (\bar{\partial}f)(a)$$

and hence  $(df)(a) = \phi$  implies  $(\bar{\partial}f)(a) \neq 0$ . If  $g \in \varepsilon^{p,0}$  and  $g(a) \neq$   
 $0 \bar{\partial}(fg)(a) = (\bar{\partial}f)(a)g(a) \neq 0$ , since  $g(a)$  is of type  $(p, 0)$ . i.e.  $\bar{\partial} : \varepsilon^{p,0} \rightarrow$   
 $\varepsilon^{p,1}$  is elliptic.

In what follows,  $\overset{n}{A}(V)$  is the (complex) line bundle  $\wedge^n \mathcal{J}^*(V)$ , where  
 $\mathcal{J}^*(V)$  is the bundle of complex covectors on  $V$  i. e. for  $a \in V, \mathcal{J}_a^*(V) =$  224  
 $T_a^*(V) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$  and  $E'$  is the vector bundle on  $V$ , given by

$$E' = E^* \otimes \overset{n}{A}(V).$$

Since  $E' = E_a^* \otimes \overset{n}{A}(V)$ , we have a map  $\eta : E_a \times E'_a \rightarrow \overset{n}{A}_a(V)$ , given  
by

$$\eta(x, y^* \otimes \omega_a) = (x, y^*)\omega_a \in \overset{n}{A}_a(V).$$

Now for any open subset  $U$  of  $V$ ,  $\eta$  defines a map (which we again denote by  $\eta$ )

$$\eta : \Gamma(U, E) \times \Gamma(U, E') \rightarrow \Gamma(U, A^n(V))$$

given by  $\eta(s, s')(a) = \eta(s(a), s'(a))$ .

If one of  $s$  and  $s'$  has compact support, we define  $\langle s, s' \rangle$  by

$$\langle s, s' \rangle = \int_V \eta(s, s').$$

**Remarks.** (1) Since for all line bundle  $D$ ,  $D \otimes D^*$  is (canonically) trivial, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (E')' &= E'^* \otimes \overset{n}{A}(V) \\ &= E \otimes (\overset{n}{A}(V))^* \otimes \overset{n}{A}(V) \simeq E. \end{aligned}$$

(2) If  $\tau: E \rightarrow V \times \mathbb{C}^q$  is an isomorphism of  $E$  with the trivial bundle and  ${}^{t_{\tau^{-1}}}: E^* \rightarrow V \times \mathbb{C}^q$ , the associated isomorphism of the duals and if

$$\tau(x) = a \times (x_1, \dots, x_q), {}^{t_{\tau^{-1}}}(y^*) = a \times (y_1, \dots, y_q),$$

225 then  $y^*(x) = \sum x_i y_i$ . We shall also write  $\tau(x)$  for the projection  $(x_1, \dots, x_q)$  of  $\tau(x)$  on  $\mathbb{C}^q$ .

**Lemma 1.** *If  $L$  is differential operator  $C_0^\infty(V, E) \rightarrow C^\infty(V, F)$  then there exists a unique differential operator*

$$L' : C_0^\infty(V, F') \rightarrow C^\infty(V, E'), \text{ such that}$$

$$(9.1) \quad \langle s, L'\sigma \rangle = \langle Ls, \sigma \rangle \text{ if } s \in C^\infty(V, E) \sigma \in C_0^\infty(V, F').$$

*Proof.* It is clear that an operator  $L'$ , if it satisfies (9.1), is local (i. e.  $\text{supp } L'\sigma \subset \text{supp } \sigma$ ) and is uniquely determined. We have therefore only to prove the existence locally. Let  $U$  be a positive coordinate neighbourhood with coordinates  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . We remark that any  $\sigma \in F'_a = F_a^* \otimes \overset{n}{A}_a(V)$  can be uniquely written as

$$\sigma = g \otimes (dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n)_a, g \in F_a^*.$$

□

Suppose now that  $\tau_E: E_U \rightarrow U \times \mathbb{C}^q$ ,  $\tau_F: F_U \rightarrow U \times \mathbb{C}^q$  are isomorphisms and  $\tau_E^*: E_U^* \rightarrow U \times \mathbb{C}^q$  is the transpose inverse. We suppose that, in terms of the isomorphism  $\tau_E, \tau_F, L$  is written

$$L = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha D^\alpha \text{ on } U.$$

We define  $L'\sigma$  by  $L'\sigma = \lambda_\sigma dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n$  where  $\tau_E^*(\lambda_\sigma) = \bar{L}^*(\tau_F^*(g))$ , if  $\sigma = g \otimes dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n$ . (For any operator  $A = \sum C_\alpha D^\alpha$ , we denote by  $\bar{A}$  the operator  $\sum \bar{C}_\alpha D^\alpha$ .) We have, if  $\sigma \in C_0^\infty(U, F')$ ,  $s \in C^\infty(V, E)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Ls, \sigma \rangle &= \int_U (L\tau_E(s), \tau_F^*(g)) dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n \\ &= \int_U (\tau_E(s), L^* \tau_F^*(g)) dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n \\ &= \langle s, L'\sigma \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition.** The  $L'$  defined by Lemma 1 is called the transpose of the operator  $L$ . 226

**Remarks.** If  $\text{rank } E = \text{rank } F$  and  $L$  is elliptic, then  $L'$  is elliptic.

If  $p: E \rightarrow V$  is a vector bundle, in what follows a section  $s: V \rightarrow E$ , is a map  $V \rightarrow E$  (not necessarily continuous) such that

$$p \circ s = \text{identity on } V.$$

**Definition.** A section  $s: V \rightarrow E$  is said to be locally in  $H_m$  if every point  $a \in V$  has a coordinate neighbourhood  $U$  such that there is an isomorphism  $\tau: E_U \rightarrow U \times \mathbb{C}^q$  for which  $\tau \circ s$  is in  $H_m(U)$ .

[We may speak of locally measurable, integrable sections in the same way.] The theorems proved in §7, §8, extend to differential operators between vector bundles. We state those results that we need. The proofs are immediate, and the details will be omitted.

If  $L : C_0^0(V, E) \rightarrow C^\infty(V, F)$  is an elliptic differential operator, then for any locally (square) integrable section  $s$  of  $E$  on the open set  $U \subset V$ ,  $Ls$  denotes the linear functional on  $C_0^\infty(U, F')$  defined by

$$(Ls)(s') = \langle s, L's' \rangle \text{ for } s' \in C_0^\infty(U, F').$$

227 If there exists  $\sigma$  which is a locally square integrable (or  $C^\infty, \dots$ ) section of  $F$  on  $U$  for which

$$(Ls)(s') = \langle \sigma, s' \rangle \text{ for } s' \in C_0^\infty(U, F'),$$

we say that  $Ls$  is locally square integrable (or  $C^\infty, \dots$ ).

**Regularity theorem.** *If  $L$  is an elliptic operator,  $L: C_0^\infty(V, E) \rightarrow C^\infty(V, F)$  and  $s$  is a locally square integrable section of  $E$  such that  $Ls$  is  $C^\infty$ , then  $s$  is itself  $C^\infty$  (i. e. equal almost everywhere to a  $C^\infty$  section).*

**Analyticity theorem** *Let  $V$  be an analytic manifold,  $E, F$  analytic vector bundles on  $V$  and  $L$  an elliptic operator from  $E$  to  $F$  with analytic coefficients (i. e. for any analytic section  $s: U \rightarrow E$ ,  $Ls$  is an analytic section  $U \rightarrow F$ ). Then if  $s$  is a locally square integrable section such that  $Ls$  is analytic, then  $s$  is itself analytic.*

Let  $K$  be a compact set in  $V$ . Then  $H_m(K, E)$  denotes the set of sections  $s: V \rightarrow E$ , which are locally in  $H_m$  for which  $\text{supp } s \subset K$ . Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_1; \dots, U_h\}$  be a finite covering of  $K$ ,  $U_i$  being coordinate neighbourhoods such that  $E$  restricted to a neighbourhood  $U'_i$  of  $\bar{U}_i$  is trivial. Let  $\tau_i: E_{U'_i} \rightarrow U'_i \times \mathbb{C}^q$  be isomorphisms. Let  $\varphi_i$  be  $C^\infty$  functions with  $\text{supp } \varphi_i \subset U_i$  and  $\sum \varphi_i = 1$  in a neighbourhood of  $K$ . Then for 228  $s \in H_m(K, E)$ ,  $\tau_i(\varphi_i s) \in H_m(U_i)$  and  $|\tau_i(\varphi_i s)|_m^2 < \infty$ . We define the norm  $|s|_{m, \mathcal{U}}$  by  $|s|_{m, \mathcal{U}}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^h |\tau_i(\varphi_i s)|_m^2$ . Then  $H_m(K, E)$  is a complete normed linear space and in fact a Hilbert space.

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  denote the Hilbert space  $\oplus^h H_m(U_i)$  and  $\eta: H_m(K, E) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  the map given by  $\eta(s) = \oplus \tau_i(\varphi_i s)$ . Clearly  $\eta$  is an isometry of  $H_m(K, E)$  onto a closed subspace of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

We also have  $\tau_i(s|U_i) \in H_m(U_i)$  and if  $\|s\|_{m, \mathcal{U}}$  denotes

$$\left( \sum |\tau_i(s|U_i)|_m^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, H_m(K, E)$$

is a complete normed linear space with the norm  $\| \cdot \|_{m, \mathcal{U}}$ .

Clearly  $|s|_{m, \mathcal{U}} \leq c \|s\|_{m, \mathcal{U}}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} |\tau_i(s|U_i)|_m &\leq \sum_{j=1}^h |\tau_i(\varphi_j s|U_i)|_m \\ &\leq C \sum_{j=1}^h |\tau_j(\varphi_j s|U_j)|_m \end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is a constant depending on the isomorphisms  $\tau_i$ .

Hence the two norms are equivalent. It is easy to see that if  $\mathcal{U}_1$  and  $\mathcal{U}_2$  are two finite coverings having the same properties as  $\mathcal{U}$ ,  $\| \cdot \|_{m, \mathcal{U}_1}$  and  $\| \cdot \|_{m, \mathcal{U}_2}$  are equivalent.

**Rellich's lemma.** The natural injection  $i: H_m(K, E) \rightarrow H_{m-1}(K, E)$  is completely continuous.

This follows at once from the result of §5 and the definition of the norms on  $H_r(K, E)$ .

**Proposition 1.** For any continuous linear functional  $l$  on  $H_0(K, E)$ , there exists a unique  $s' \in H_0(K, E')$  such that  $l(s) = \langle s, s' \rangle$  for any  $s \in H_0(K, E)$ . 229

*Proof.* It is clear that if there exists  $s' \in H_0(K, E')$  such that  $l(s) = \langle s, s' \rangle$  for any  $s \in H_0(K, E')$  then  $s'$  is unique. Let  $U$  be a coordinate neighbourhood such that  $F$  restricted to a neighbourhood  $U'$  of  $\bar{U}$  is trivial, then it is enough to show that there exists  $s' \in H_0(U, E)$  such that

$$l(s) = \langle s, s' \rangle \text{ for any } s \in H_0(U, E).$$

□

If  $\tau: E_{U'} \rightarrow U' \times \mathbb{C}^q$  is an isomorphism, let  $\tau^*: E_{U'}^* \rightarrow U' \times \mathbb{C}^q$  be the corresponding isomorphism of  $E_{U'}^*$ . Let  $s \in H_0(U, E)$  correspond to  $\tau(s) = (s_1, \dots, s_q)$ ; then  $(s_1, \dots, s_q) \in L^2(U)$ . Then by the theorem of Riesz since  $L^2(U)$  is a Hilbert space, there exists  $t = (t_1, \dots, t_q) \in L^2(U)$  such that

$$l(s) = (s, t) = \int_U \sum_{i=1}^q s_i \bar{t}_i dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n.$$

Let  $s' \in H_o(U, E')$  be given by

$$s' = (\tau')^{-1}(\bar{f}_1, \dots, \bar{f}_q) \otimes dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n.$$

Then clearly

$$l(s) = \int_U \sum s_i \bar{f}_i dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n = \langle s, s' \rangle.$$

**230 Remark.** If  $L$  is a differential operator of order  $m$ ,  $L: C_o^\infty(V, E) \rightarrow C^\infty(V, F)$  and if  $K$  is a compact subset of  $V$ ,  $L$  gives rise to a map  $L_K: H_m(K, E) \rightarrow H_o(K, F)$ .

We shall need the following result

**Theorem 1.** *If  $H_1, H_2$  are Hilbert spaces and if  $A, B$  are continuous linear maps,  $H_1 \rightarrow H_2$  such that  $A$  is injective and  $A(H_1)$  is closed while  $B$  is completely continuous, then  $(A + B)(H_1)$  is closed and the kernel of  $(A + B)$  is of finite dimension.*

*Proof.* It follows from the closed graph theorem that  $A^{-1}: A(H_1) \rightarrow H_1$  is continuous. Let  $A + B = T$ . If the kernel of  $T$  is of infinite dimension, there exists an orthonormal sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $H_1$  such that  $Tx_n = 0$ . By the complete continuity of  $B$ , there exists a subsequence  $(x_{n_k})$  of  $(x_n)$  such that  $Bx_{n_k}$  is convergent. Hence  $Ax_{n_k} \rightarrow Ax_0$ . It follows from the continuity of  $A^{-1}$  that  $x_{n_k} \rightarrow x_0$  which contradicts the hypothesis that  $(x_n)$  are orthonormal. This proves that the kernel of  $T$  is of finite dimension.  $\square$

Let  $N$  be the kernel of  $T$  and let  $M$  be the orthogonal complement of  $N$  in  $H_1$  and let  $\tilde{T}$  be the restriction of  $T$  to  $M$ . Clearly  $\tilde{T}$  is continuous and injective. It is enough to prove that  $\tilde{T}^{-1}$  defined on  $T(H_1)$  is continuous. Let  $y_n \in T(H_1), y_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $y_n = \tilde{T}x_n, x_n \in M$ . If  $x_n \not\rightarrow 0$ , we may assume  $\|x_n\| \geq \rho > 0$  for some positive number  $\rho$ . Put  $z_n = \frac{x_n}{\|x_n\|}$ ; then  $\tilde{T}z_n \rightarrow 0$ . Let  $(z_{n_k})$  be a subsequence of  $z_n$  such that  $Bz_{n_k}$  is convergent. Then  $Az_{n_k}$  is convergent and let  $Az_{n_k} \rightarrow Az_0$ . It follows that  $z_{n_k} \rightarrow z_0$  and obviously  $\|z_0\| = 1$ . But  $\tilde{T}z_n \rightarrow 0$ , i.e.  $\tilde{T}z_0 = 0$  and this is a contradiction.



**231 Theorem 2.** *Let  $V$  be an oriented  $C^\infty$  manifold and  $E, F, C^\infty$  vector bundles on  $V$  of rank  $q$  and  $p$  respectively. Let  $L$  be an elliptic differential operator of order  $m$ ,  $L: C^\infty(V, E) \rightarrow C^\infty(V, F)$  and  $K$ , a compact subset of  $V$ . Then  $L_K: H_m(K, E) \rightarrow H_0(K, F)$  has a closed image and the kernel of  $L_K$  has finite dimension.*

*Proof.* Let  $A : H_m(K, E) \rightarrow H_0(K, F) \oplus H_{m-1}(K, E)$  be the map  $Au = (Lu) \oplus i(u)$ , where  $i: H_m(K, E) \rightarrow H_{m-1}(K, E)$  is the natural injection. By Friedrichs' inequality (Part III), for any  $a \in V$ , there exists a neighbourhood  $U_i$  and a constant  $C$  such that  $|\varphi_i f|_m \leq C(|L\varphi_i f|_0 + |\varphi_i f|_0)$  for  $C^\infty \varphi_i$  with  $\text{supp } \varphi_i \subset U_i$ .  $\square$

It follows that we have an inequality of the form

$$|f|_{m, \mathcal{U}} \leq C\{|Lf|_{0, \mathcal{U}} + \|f\|_{m-1, \mathcal{U}}\}.$$

(with respect to a suitable covering  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $K$ ). Since  $\|\cdot\|_{r, \mathcal{U}}, \|\cdot\|_{r, \mathcal{U}}$  are equivalent, this leads to an inequality

$$|f|_m \leq C_1\{|Lf|_0 + |f|_{m-1}\}.$$

Now, since  $i$  is an injection, so is  $A$ . Further, because of the above inequality,  $A(H_m(K, E))$  is closed. Let  $B: H_m(K, E) \rightarrow H_0(K, F) \oplus H_{m-1}(K, E)$  be the map  $Bu = 0 \oplus i(u)$ . By Rellich's lemma,  $B$  is completely continuous. Hence, by Theorem 1,  $A - B = L_K \oplus 0$  has a closed image and a finite dimensional kernel. The theorem clearly follows from this.

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $V$  be a compact oriented  $C^\infty$  manifold,  $E, F, C^\infty$  vector bundles of rank  $q, p$  respectively on  $V$ . Let  $L$  be an elliptic differential operator,  $L: C^\infty(V, E) \rightarrow C^\infty(V, F)$ . Let  $L(H_m(V, E)) = M$ . Then  $M = \{s \in H_0(V, F) \mid \langle s, s' \rangle = 0 \text{ for every } s' \in H_0(V, F') \text{ such that } L's = 0\}$ .* **232**

*Proof.* Let  $N = \{s \in H_0(V, F) \mid \langle s, s' \rangle = 0 \text{ for } s' \in H_0(V, F'), L's' = 0\}$  [the equation  $L's' = 0$  means, of course, that  $\langle Lu, s' \rangle = 0$  for all  $u \in C^\infty(V, E)$ ]. By definition of the equation  $L's' = 0$  we have  $M \subset N$ . Suppose that  $M \neq N$ , then since  $M$  is closed by Theorem 2, there is a continuous linear functional  $l$  on  $H_0(V, F)$  such that  $l(M) = 0$ , but

$l(N) \neq 0$ . Now, there is  $s' \in H_o(V, F')$  such that  $l(s) = \langle s, s' \rangle$  for  $s \in H_o(V, F)$ . Since  $l(m) = 0$ , we have  $\langle Lu, s' \rangle = 0$  if  $u \in C^\infty(V, E)$ . But this means precisely that  $L's' = 0$  and by definition of  $N$ , we have  $l(N) = 0$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

The same reasoning gives the following

**Proposition 2'.** *Let  $V$  be an oriented  $C^\infty$  manifold,  $E, F$   $C^\infty$  vector bundles on  $V$  and  $L: C_0^\infty(V, F) \rightarrow C^\infty(V, F)$  an elliptic operator. Let  $K$  be a compact subset of  $V$  and  $s \in H_o(K, F)$  be such that  $\langle s, s' \rangle = 0$  for any  $s' \in H_o(K, F')$  with  $L's' = 0$  on  $\overset{\circ}{K}$ . Then there is  $\sigma \in H_m(K, E)$  with  $L\sigma = s$ .*

**Proposition 3.** *If  $V$  is a compact  $C^\infty$  manifold,  $E, F, C^\infty$  vector bundles of the same rank on  $V$ ,  $L$  is an elliptic differential operator  $L: C^\infty(V, E) \rightarrow C^\infty(V, F)$ , then the image of  $L$  is of finite codimension*

**233** *Proof.* Consider the operator  $L_V: H_m(V, E) \rightarrow H_0(V, F)$  and let  $L_V[H_m(V, E)] = M$ . By Proposition 2,  $M = \{s \in H_o(V, F) \mid \langle s, s' \rangle = 0 \text{ for every } s' \in H_o(V, F') \text{ such that } L's' = 0\}$ . Hence it follows that  $\text{cokernel } L_V \simeq \text{kernel } L'_V (L'_V: H_m(V, F') \rightarrow H_0(V, E'))$ . Since  $\text{rank } E = \text{rank } F, L'$  is also elliptic, so that by Theorem 2,  $\text{kernel } L'_V$  has finite dimension. Now, if  $s' \in H_o(V, F')$  and  $L's' = 0$ , we have  $s' \in C^\infty$ . Hence  $M \cap C^\infty(V, F) = L(C^\infty(V, E))$ . Since  $M$  has finite codimension in  $H_0(V, F)$ ,  $L(C^\infty(V, E))$  has finite codimension in  $C^\infty(V, F)$   $\square$

**Remark.** It can actually be shown that we have

$$C^\infty(V, F)/L[C^\infty(V, E)] \simeq \text{kernel } L'_V.$$

**Definition.** If  $V$  is a compact oriented  $C^\infty$  manifold  $E, F$  are  $C^\infty$  bundles of the same rank,  $L: C^\infty(V, E) \rightarrow C^\infty(V, F)$  an elliptic operator, the integer  $\text{dim. (kernel } L) - \text{dim. (cokernel } L)$  is called the index of  $L$ .

The study of the index of elliptic operators has recently become very important and has led to beautiful relationships between topology and analysis.

The results provided in the section are due mainly to L. Schwartz.

## 10 The approximation theorem and its application to open Riemann surfaces

**Definition.** Let  $V$  be a manifold, and  $S$  a subset of  $V$ .  $\hat{S}$  denotes the union of  $S$  with the relatively compact connected components of  $V - S$ .

**Remarks.** (1) If  $K$  is compact,  $\hat{K}$  is compact. For if  $U$  is a relatively open set containing  $K$ , let  $\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_h$  be open connected sets that  $\cup \Omega_i \supset \partial U, \Omega_i \cap K = \phi$ . Then there exists at most  $h$  relatively compact connected components of  $V - K$  which are not contained in  $U$ ; hence  $\hat{K}$  is relatively compact and since  $V - \hat{K} = \cup \{ \text{unbounded components of } V - K \}$ ,  $V - \hat{K}$  is open i.e.  $\hat{K}$  is compact. 234

(2) If  $K$  is a compact subset of an open set  $\Omega$  and if  $V - \Omega$  has no compact components then  $\hat{K} \subset \Omega$ . For if  $U_\alpha$  is a bounded component of  $V - K$ , not contained in  $\Omega$ , let  $a \in U_\alpha$  and  $a \notin \Omega$ . If  $V_a$  is the connected component of  $V - \Omega$  containing  $a$ , we have  $V_a \subset U_\alpha$ , hence  $V_a$  is relatively compact and thus we have a contradiction.

(3) If  $S_1 \subset S_2$ , it is easy to see that  $\hat{S}_1 \subset \hat{S}_2$ .

(4) If  $U$  is open set then  $\hat{U}$  is also open; this fact is not so trivial and since we shall not need it, we omit the proof; the same applies to

(5) If  $K$  is a compact set and  $K = -\hat{K}$ , then  $K$  has a fundamental system of open (compact) neighbourhoods  $U(L)$  such that  $U = \hat{U}(L = \hat{L})$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $V$  be an oriented  $C^\infty$  manifold,  $E, F$   $C^\infty$  vector bundles and  $L: E \rightarrow F$ , an elliptic differential operator with  $C^\infty$  coefficients. If  $\Omega$  is an open set on  $V$  and if  $Lf = 0$  on  $V$  and  $Lf_v = 0$  on  $V$ , the following are equivalent.

(i)  $f_v \rightarrow f$  in  $L^2$  locally on  $\Omega$ .

(ii)  $f_v \rightarrow f$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $\Omega$ . 235

(iii)  $f_v$  and  $D^\alpha f_v$ , for every  $\alpha$ , converge to  $f$  and  $D^\alpha f$  respectively, uniformly on compact subsets of  $\Omega$ . (Note that because of the regularity theorem  $f, f_v$  are  $C^\infty$ .)

*Proof.* We may suppose that  $E, F$  are trivial and that  $V$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $K \subset U \subset U' \subset \Omega, K$  being compact and  $U, U'$  open. Let  $r > 0$ . Then by Friedrichs' inequality (Part IV) there is a constant  $C$  such that for any  $g \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ ,

$$|g|_{m+r}^U \leq C\{|Lg|_r^{U'} + |g|_0^{U'}\}.$$

□

If  $f_v \rightarrow f$  in  $L^2(U')$  and  $Lf_v = 0$  on  $V$  and  $Lf = 0$  on  $\Omega$  this gives

$$|f_v - f|_{m+r}^U \leq C|f_v - f|_0^{U'} \rightarrow \text{for every } r \geq 0.$$

By Sobolev's lemma, there exists a constant  $C_K$  such that

$$\|f_v - f\|_r^K \geq C_K|f_v - f|_{m+r+n}^U,$$

and hence (i) implies (iii). Since trivially (iii) implies (ii) and (ii) implies (i), the lemma is proved.

**Theorem 1** (Malgrange-Lax). *Let  $V$  be an oriented real analytic manifold,  $E, F$  analytic vector bundles of the same rank and  $L: E \rightarrow F$ , an elliptic operator of order  $m$ , with analytic coefficients. Then if  $\Omega$  is an open set in  $V$  and if  $V - \Omega$  has no compact connected components, then*

236 *any  $f \in C^\infty(\Omega, E)$  with  $Lf = 0$  on  $\Omega$  can be approximated uniformly on compact subsets of  $\omega$ , by solutions  $s \in C^\infty(V, E)$  of the equation  $Ls = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $K$  be a compact set in  $\Omega$ . Then by the remarks (1) and (2) above,  $\hat{K}$  is compact and  $\hat{K} \subset \Omega$ . □

Let  $K'$  be a compact set in  $V$  such that  $\hat{K} \subset \overset{\circ}{K}'$ . Let

$$A(K') = \{f \in H_o(K', E) | Lf = 0 \text{ on } \overset{\circ}{K}'\}$$

and  $S(K) = \{f | Lf = 0 \text{ in a neighbourhood of } \hat{K}\}$ . Consider the map  $\eta: H_o(V, E) \rightarrow H_o(\hat{K}, E)$ , given by

$$\eta(s) = \begin{cases} s & \text{on } \hat{K} \\ 0 & \text{outside } \hat{K}. \end{cases}$$

If  $\eta(A(K')) = M$ , we shall prove that  $M$  is dense in  $\eta(S(K))$  { clearly  $M \subset \eta(S(K))$ }. Let  $l$  be a continuous linear functional on  $H_o(\hat{K}, E)$  such that  $l(s) = 0$  for  $s \in M$ . By §9, proposition 1, there exists  $u \in H_o(\hat{K}, E')$  such that  $l(s) = \langle s, u \rangle$  for  $s \in H_o(K, E)$ . Then  $\langle s, u \rangle = 0$  for every  $s$  with  $Ls = 0$  on  $\overset{\circ}{K'}$ . Hence by §9. Proposition 2', there exists  $v \in H_m(K', F')$  such that  $L'v = u$ .

Now  $\text{supp } u \subset \hat{K}$  i.e.  $L'v = 0$  on  $V - \hat{K}$ . Hence by the analyticity theorem,  $v$  is analytic on  $V - \hat{K}$ . Hence by the analyticity theorem,  $v$  is analytic on  $V - \hat{K}$ . But  $\text{supp } v \subset K'$  and  $V - \hat{K}$  has no relatively compact connected components; hence  $v = 0$  on  $V - \hat{K}$ , i.e.  $v \in H_m(\hat{K}, F')$ . For any  $s \in S(K)$ , let  $U$  be a neighbourhood of  $\hat{K}$  so that  $s$  is defined and  $Ls = 0$  on  $U$ . Then  $\langle \eta(s), u \rangle = \langle s, u \rangle = \langle s, L'v \rangle_U = \langle Ls, v \rangle_U = 0$  ( since  $\text{supp } v \subset \hat{K}$ ), i.e.  $l(s) = 0$  for any  $s \in \eta(S(K))$ . By the Hahn- Banach Theorem, this implies that  $M$  is dense in  $\eta(S(K))$ . Thus if  $Lf = 0$  in a neighbourhood of  $\hat{K}$ , there exists a sequence of functions  $\{f_v\}$  in  $A(K')$  such that  $f_v \rightarrow f$  in  $H_o(\hat{K}, E)$ ; by Lemma 1,  $f_v \rightarrow f$  uniformly on compact sets in  $(\hat{K})^0$ . 237

Let  $\{K_r\}$  be a sequence of compact sets such that  $\cup K_r = V$  and  $\hat{K} \subset K_1^o$ ,  $\hat{K}_1 \subset \Omega$ ,  $\hat{K}_r \subset K_{r+1}^o$  for  $r \geq 1$ . Then if  $Lf = 0$  in a neighbourhood of  $\hat{K}_1$  there exists  $f_1 \in A(K_2)$  such that

$$\|f - f_1\|^{\hat{K}} < \varepsilon/2$$

By induction, we have a sequence  $f_v \in A(K_{v+1})$  such that  $\|f_v - f_{v+1}\|^{\hat{K}_v} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2^v}$ ; of course,  $f_v \in C^\infty(K_{v+1}^o)$ .

Define  $g$  on  $V$  by  $g = g_r \equiv f_r + \sum_{s=r+1}^{\infty} (f_s - f_{s-1}) (= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} f_s)$  on  $K_r$ ; clearly the series converges uniformly on compact sets of  $V$ , and we have  $g_r = g_{r+1}$  on  $K_r$ . Moreover  $Lg = 0$ ; in fact, for any section  $u \in C_o^\infty(V, F')$  we have  $(Lg)(u) = \langle g, L'u \rangle = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \langle f_s, L'u \rangle = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \langle Lf_s, u \rangle = 0$  [We have  $\langle f_s, L'u \rangle = \langle Lf_s, u \rangle$  if  $\text{supp } u \subset K_s$ .] It is clear that  $\|f - g\|^{\hat{K}} < \varepsilon$ .

(The fact that  $Lg = 0$  also follows from Lemma 1.)

**Remarks.** (1) It follows from Theorem 2 and remark (5) after the definition of  $\hat{S}$  that the following proposition holds.

**Proposition 4.** *If  $K$  is a compact set such that  $K = \hat{K}$ , then any solution of the equation  $Ls = 0$  in a neighbourhood of  $K$  can be approximated, uniformly on  $K$ , by solutions of the equation on  $V$ .*

238 (2) It can be proved that the condition that  $V - \Omega$  have no compact component is also necessary for every solution on  $\Omega$  to be approximable by solutions on  $V$ . The proof depends on the existence theory for equations  $Ls = f$ ,  $f$  being given, which we have not treated. See Malgrange [27].

(3) Let  $V$  be a complex manifold of complex dimension  $n$  and let  $\varepsilon^{p,q}$  denote the set of differential forms of type  $(p, q)$ . Consider  $\bar{\partial}: \varepsilon^{p,0} \rightarrow \varepsilon^{p,1}$ , discussed in example (2) of §9. In particular, if  $p = 0$  and if the rank of  $(0, 0)$  forms = rank of  $(0, 1)$  forms, i.e. if  $n = 1$ , we may apply Theorem 1 to  $\bar{\partial}: \varepsilon^{0,0} \rightarrow \varepsilon^{0,1}$  and obtain the following result.

**Theorem 2** (Runge theorem for open Riemann surfaces: H. Behnke -K.Stein). *If  $V$  is an open Riemann surface, (i.e. a connected, non compact complex manifold of complex dimension 1) and if  $\Omega$  is an open subset of  $V$  such that  $V - \Omega$  has no complete connected components, then if  $f$  is a holomorphic function on  $\Omega$ , for any compact subset  $K$  of  $\Omega$ ,  $f$  is the uniform limit on  $K$  of a sequence of holomorphic functions on  $V$ .*

Note that when  $V$  is an open set in  $\mathbb{C}$ , the condition on  $\Omega$  is also necessary. in fact it is seen easily that if  $\{f_\nu\}$  is a sequence of holomorphic functions on  $V$ , converging uniformly on compact subsets of  $\Omega$ , then  $\{f_\nu\}$  converging uniformly on compact subsets of  $\hat{\Omega}$ . It follows that any holomorphic function on  $\Omega$  which can be approximated by holomorphic functions on  $V$ , admits a holomorphic extension to  $\hat{\Omega}$ . If  $\Omega \neq \hat{\Omega}$ , this is not the case for at least one holomorphic function on  $\Omega$ , e.g.  $\frac{1}{z-a}$  where  $a \in \hat{\Omega} - \Omega$ . One can further use the Runge theorem to prove this latter statement also when  $V$  is an arbitrary open Riemann surface, so that the condition is necessary for any open Riemann surface.

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**Definition.** Let  $V$  be a complex manifold and let  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}(V)$  denote the set of all holomorphic functions on  $V$ .  $V$  is said to be a Stein manifold if the following three conditions are satisfied.

- (i)  $\mathcal{H}$  separates points.
- (ii) For any point  $a \in V$ , there exists functions in  $\mathcal{H}$ , which form a system of local coordinates in a neighbourhood of  $a$ .
- (iii) For any compact subset  $K$  of  $V$ , the set  $\hat{K}_{\mathcal{H}} = \{x \in V \mid f(x) \leq \sup_{y \in K} |f(y)|, \text{ for every } f \in \mathcal{H}\}$ , is compact.

**Theorem 3 (Behnke-Stein).** *Every open Riemann surface  $V$  is a Stein manifold*

*Proof.* For  $a, b \in V$ ,  $a \neq b$ , let  $(U_1, \varphi_1)$ ,  $(U_2, \varphi_2)$  be coordinate neighbourhood of  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$  and

$$\varphi_1(U_1) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < 1\} = \varphi_2(U_2).$$

□

If  $U'_1 = \{x \in U_1 \mid |\varphi_1(x)| < r < 1\}$  and  $U'_2 = \{x \in U_2 \mid |\varphi_2(x)| < r < 1\}$ , then  $V - U'_1$  and  $V - U'_2$  are connected and so is  $V - U'_1 - U'_2$ . Hence if  $\Omega = U'_1 \cup U'_2$ ,  $V - \Omega$  has no compact connected and by Theorem 2, any holomorphic function on  $\Omega$ , can be approximated uniformly on compact subsets of  $\Omega$ , by functions in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

Let  $f$  be given by

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$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 0 \text{ for } x \in U'_1 \\ &\text{and } = 1 \text{ for } x \in U'_2. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\Omega$  and hence there exists  $g \in \mathcal{H}$  such that

$$\|f - g\|^{U'_1}, \|f - g\|^{U'_2} < \frac{1}{2},$$

i.e.  $|g(a)| < \frac{1}{2}$  and  $|g(b)| > \frac{1}{2}$  and hence  $\mathcal{H}$  separates points. For  $a \in V$ , let  $f$  be a holomorphic function in a neighbourhood  $W$  of  $a$  with  $(df)(a) \neq 0$ . Then  $f$  gives local coordinates at  $a$ . Let  $(U, \varphi)$  be a coordinate neighbourhood,  $U \subset W$  such that  $\varphi(U) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < 1\}$ . Then,

with the same notation as above,  $V - U'$  is connected and since  $f$  is holomorphic on  $U'$ , there exists  $g \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $\|f - g\|^{U'} < \varepsilon$ . Since uniform convergence of holomorphic functions implies the uniform convergence of their derivatives, if  $\varepsilon$  is small enough, we have  $(dg)(a) \neq 0$ , so that  $g$  gives local coordinates at  $a$ . We shall now prove that for a compact set  $K$  in  $V$ ,  $\hat{K} = \hat{K}_{\mathcal{H}}$ . Let  $a \notin \hat{K}$ ; then  $a \in U_\alpha$ ,  $U_\alpha$  being component of  $V - K$  which is not relatively compact. Let  $(U, \varphi)$  be a coordinate neighbourhood of  $a$  such that  $\varphi(U) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < 1\}$ ,  $\bar{U} \subset U_\alpha$ . Let  $S$  be a discrete unbounded set, contained in  $U_\alpha$  and let  $S' = S \cup \bar{U}$ . Then  $S'$  is a closed set,  $S' \subset U_\alpha$ . Hence there exists a closed connected set  $A$  such that  $S' \subset A \subset U_\alpha$ . Let  $L$  be a compact neighbourhood of  $\hat{K}$  such that  $L \cap A = \emptyset$ . Then clearly  $A \cap \hat{L} = \emptyset$  and  $\hat{L}$  is a neighbourhood of  $\hat{K}$ ,  $V - \hat{L}$  has no relatively compact connected component. Clearly  $V - \{\hat{L} \cap \bar{U}\}$  has no relatively compact connected component. Let  $f$  be defined on a neighbourhood of  $\hat{L} \cup \bar{U}$  by  $f(x) = 0$  for  $x$  near  $\hat{L}$ ,  $f(x) = 1$  for  $x$  near  $\bar{U}$ . Then  $f$  is holomorphic in a neighbourhood of  $\hat{L} \cup \bar{U}$ . According to the proof of Theorem 1 (for the operator  $\bar{\partial}: \varepsilon^{0,0} \rightarrow \varepsilon^{0,1}$ )  $f$  is the limit of holomorphic functions on  $V$  in  $H_o(\hat{L} \cup \bar{U}, \varepsilon^{0,0})$ . Since  $K' = \hat{K} \cup \{a\}$  is contained in the interior of  $\hat{L} \cup \bar{U}$ , and  $L^2$  convergence implies uniform convergence on compact subsets of the interior,  $f$  is the uniform limit, on  $K'$ , of holomorphic functions on  $V$ . Hence there exists  $g \in \mathcal{H}$  such that

$$|g(x)| < \frac{1}{2} \text{ for } x \in \hat{K}$$

and

$$|g(a)| > \frac{1}{2},$$

so that  $a \notin \hat{K}_{\mathcal{H}}$ . Hence  $\hat{K}_{\mathcal{H}} \subset \hat{K}$ . It follows from the theorem of maximum modulus that  $\hat{K} \subset \hat{K}_{\mathcal{H}}$ .

The main Theorem 1 is due to Malgrange [27] and Lax [25]. The application to open Riemann surfaces is essentially as in Malgrange [27]. The original treatment of Behnke - Stein [2] is quite different, and rather more difficult, but enables one to solve also the so called First and Second Problems of Cousin" on arbitrary open Riemann surfaces with little extra effort.



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