

### § 0. Guiding example of the lecture

Goal: We want to study

- (pseudo-) differential operators, e.g.  $\Delta$  Laplacian, on mfds.
- solutions to (pseudo-) diff. equations, e.g.  $\Delta u = f$
- prove Hodge-de-Rham theorem, study spectral properties.

Consider the following example of a diff. operator: ( $\mathbb{1} \equiv \text{id}$ )

$$\mathcal{D} = \mathbb{1} - \Delta: C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n); \quad \Delta = \sum_{i=1}^n \partial_{x_i}^2$$

For  $u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we may define the Fourier transform:

$$\hat{u}(\xi) \equiv (\mathcal{F}_{x \rightarrow \xi} u)(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-i \langle x, \xi \rangle} u(x) dx$$

The Fourier transform of  $u$  is  $\hat{u} \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , not compactly supported anymore, but vanishing rapidly at infinity. We may define the inverse Fourier-transform:

$$u(x) = (\mathcal{F}_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \hat{u})(x) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i \langle x, \xi \rangle} \hat{u}(\xi) d\xi$$

Crucial:  $\mathcal{D}$  acts as follows under the Fourier transform:

$$\mathcal{D}u(x) = (\mathbb{1} - \sum_{i=1}^n \partial_{x_i}^2) \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i \langle x, \xi \rangle} \hat{u}(\xi) d\xi$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i \langle x, \xi \rangle} (1 + |\xi|^2) \hat{u}(\xi) d\xi.$$

differentiate under the integral  
(possible by std calculus thms)

$$|\xi|^2 = \xi_1^2 + \dots + \xi_n^2$$

Here we used the following computation: (for each  $j=1, \dots, n$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \partial_{x_j}^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle} \hat{u}(\xi) d^n \xi \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \partial_{x_j}^2 e^{i(x_1 \xi_1 + \dots + x_n \xi_n)} \right) \hat{u}(\xi) d^n \xi \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (i \xi_j)^2 e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle} \hat{u}(\xi) d^n \xi \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle} (-\xi_j^2) \cdot \hat{u}(\xi) d^n \xi.
 \end{aligned}$$

Altogether we indeed arrive at the following expression:

$$Du(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle} (1 + |\xi|^2) \cdot \hat{u}(\xi) d^n \xi$$

Observation: A differential operator  $D$  acts under the Fourier transform as a multiplication by its

$$\boxed{\text{"symbol"} \tilde{S}(D) = 1 + |\xi|^2}$$

Now we can solve  $Du = f$  for some  $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  as follows:

$$Du = f$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (1 + |\xi|^2) \hat{u}(\xi) = \hat{f}(\xi)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \hat{u}(\xi) = \frac{1}{1 + |\xi|^2} \hat{f}(\xi)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow u(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle} \frac{1}{1 + |\xi|^2} \hat{f}(\xi) d^n \xi = (Pf)(x)$$

where  $P$  is our first example of a "Fourier integral pseudo-differential operator". (PDO's)

Crucial reason for solvability of  $Du = f$ :  
symbol  $\sigma(D)(\xi)$  is invertible for all  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$\sigma(P)(\xi) = \sigma(D)(\xi)^{-1}$$

The core of the Global Analysis 2 is the

- introduction and analysis of classes of symbols  $\sigma(P)(\xi)$
- definition of Fourier-integral PDO's with symbols  $\sigma(P)$ .
- Mapping properties and equations with "elliptic" PDO's  
(i.e. those whose symbol is invertible in some sense)

### § 1. Differential operators

Definition 1.1 A differential operator of order  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$

on  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  open, is an expression

$$D = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} a_\alpha D^\alpha, \quad D^\alpha := \left(\frac{1}{i}\right)^{|\alpha|} \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial x_1^{a_1} \dots \partial x_n^{a_n}}$$

with  $a_\alpha \in C^\infty(U)$  (or more generally  $\in C^\infty(U, \text{Hom}(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}^s))$ ).

We want to generalize this notion to manifolds:

Definition 1.2 Let  $M^m$  be a smooth mfd,

$E, F \rightarrow M$  (complex) vector bundles over  $M$ .

A differential operator of order  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$

between sections of  $E, F$  is a linear map

$D : \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(F)$  such that

- 1)  $\mathcal{D}$  is local, i.e.  $\text{supp}(\mathcal{D}s) \subset \text{supp}(s)$  for  $s \in \Gamma(E)$ .
- 2) For  $U \subset M$  an open trivializing neighborhood for  $E, F$ , with local trivializations

$$\Phi: E|_U \rightarrow U \times \mathbb{C}^r$$

$$\Psi: F|_U \rightarrow U \times \mathbb{C}^s$$

the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma_0(E|_U) & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} & \Gamma_0(F|_U) \\ \Phi^* \uparrow & \curvearrowright & \uparrow \Psi^* \\ C_0^\infty(U, \mathbb{C}^r) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & C_0^\infty(U, \mathbb{C}^s) \end{array}$$

where  $(\Phi^* f)(p) = \Phi^{-1}(p, f(p))$ ,  $f \in C_0^\infty(U, \mathbb{C}^r)$   
 $(\Psi^* f)(p) = \Psi^{-1}(p, f(p))$ ,  $f \in C_0^\infty(U, \mathbb{C}^s)$

and  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}} \in \text{Diff}^k(U, \mathbb{C}^r, \mathbb{C}^s)$  is a diff. operator  
of order  $k$  in the sense of previous Def. 1.1.

Notation:  $\mathcal{D} \in \text{Diff}^k(E, F)$ . ( $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}$  local expression for  $\mathcal{D}$ )

Remark: Condition (1) is satisfied if in each local neighborhood  $U \subset M$ ,  $\mathcal{D}(\Gamma_0(E|_U)) \subset \Gamma_0(F|_U)$ . ii



### Examples 1.3

- $\text{Diff}^0(E, F) = \text{Hom}(E, F)$ , i.e. differential operators of zero'th order are exactly the bundle homomorphisms.
- The exterior derivative  $d_p: \Omega^p(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{p+1}(M)$  is a diff.op. of first order,  $d_p \in \text{Diff}^1(\Lambda^p T^* M, \Lambda^{p+1} T^* M)$ .
- If  $(M, g)$  is Riemannian and oriented, then
  - $\rightarrow d_{p-1}^t \in \text{Diff}^1(\Lambda^p T^* M, \Lambda^{p-1} T^* M)$
  - $\rightarrow \Delta = d_p^t d_p + d_{p-1}^t d_{p-1} \in \text{Diff}^2(\Lambda^p T^* M, \Lambda^p T^* M)$
- Composition of  $D_1 \in \text{Diff}^\alpha(E, F)$ ,  $D_2 \in \text{Diff}^\beta(F, G)$   
 $D_2 \circ D_1 \in \text{Diff}^{\alpha+\beta}(E, G)$
- and  $\text{Diff}(E) := \bigcup_{k \geq 0} \text{Diff}^k(E, E)$  with composition  
is a  $\mathbb{Z}_+$ -graded  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra!
- Each diff.op.  $D$  defines a local expression  $\tilde{D}$ .  
Conversely, we can construct a global diff.op.  
out of local expressions:

Let  $(U_j)$  be open cover of  $M$ ,  $(\varphi_j)$  subordinate smooth partition of unity;  $D_j \in \text{Diff}^k(U_j, E, F)$ . Consider  $(\psi_j)$ ,  $\psi_j \in C^\infty(M)$  with  $\text{supp } \psi_j \subset U_j$  and  $\psi_j \equiv 1$  on a nbd of  $\text{supp } \varphi_j$ . Put for  $s \in \Gamma(E)$

$$Ds := \sum_j \psi_j D_j(\varphi_j s|_{U_j}), D \in \text{Diff}^k(E, F).$$

## Symbol of a differential operator

Recall  $\delta(\mathbb{1} - \Delta)(\xi) = \mathbb{1} + |\xi|^2$  in the introductory example.

For general  $D \in \text{Diff}^k(E, F)$  with a local expression

$$D_u = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha, \quad D^\alpha := \left(\frac{1}{i}\right)^{|\alpha|} \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots \partial x_n^{\alpha_n}}$$

we may define the

- full symbol:  $\delta(D_u)(x, \xi) := \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} a_\alpha(x) \xi^\alpha$

$$\text{where } \xi^\alpha := \xi_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots \xi_n^{\alpha_n}.$$

- principal (leading) symbol:

$$\boxed{\delta(D_u)(x, \xi) := \sum_{|\alpha|=k} a_\alpha(x) \xi^\alpha}$$

Transformation of the full symbol under coordinate changes is intricate. However the leading symbol admits an invariant global description:

Definition 1.4 Let  $D \in \text{Diff}^k(E, F)$ . Consider  $p \in M$ ,  $\xi \in T_p^*M$  and  $e \in E_p$ . Choose  $f \in C_0^\infty(M)$ ,  $s \in \Gamma_0(E)$  s.t.

$$f(p) = 0, \quad df(p) = \xi, \quad s(p) = e$$

Then we define (a posteriori independent of choices  $f, s$ )

$$\delta_D^k(p, \xi) [e] := \frac{i^k}{k!} D(f \cdot s)(p)$$

$\delta_D^k(p, \xi) \in \text{Hom}(E_p, F_p)$  is called the "principal symbol of order  $k$ " of  $D$  at  $(p, \xi) \in T_p^*M$ .

Hence  $\delta_D^k \in \Gamma(\pi^* \text{Hom}(E, F))$  a smooth section. ( $\pi: T^*M \rightarrow M$ ).

## Remarks

1) Construction is indeed independent of a particular choice of  $f, s$ :

let  $\tilde{s}(p) = s(p)$ ;  $\tilde{f}(p) = 0, d\tilde{f}(p) = \tilde{\xi}$ . Then derivatives of

$$\tilde{f}^k \cdot \tilde{s} - f^k \cdot s = (\tilde{f}^k - f^k) \cdot s - \tilde{f}^k \cdot (\tilde{s} - s)$$

up to order  $k$  (included) vanish at  $p \in M$ . Hence

$$D(f^k \cdot s)(p) = D(\tilde{f}^k \cdot \tilde{s})(p).$$

2)  $b_D^k$  is homogeneous in the fibre variable ( $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ )

$$b_D^k(p, \lambda \tilde{\xi}) = \lambda^k b_D^k(p, \tilde{\xi})$$

replace  $f$  by  $\lambda f$ , since  $d(\lambda f) = \lambda \tilde{\xi}$   
and  $(\lambda f)^k = \lambda^k f^k$  in the definition.

3) In local coordinates we get

$$b_D^k(x, \tilde{\xi} \in \mathbb{R}^n) [e] = \frac{i^k}{k!} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} a_\alpha(x) \left( \frac{1}{i} \right)^{|\alpha|} \partial_{x_1}^{\alpha_1} \dots \partial_{x_n}^{\alpha_n} (f^k \cdot s)(x)$$

$$(f(x)=0) \Rightarrow \frac{i^k}{k!} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} a_\alpha(x) \left( \frac{1}{i} \right)^{|\alpha|} (\partial_{x_1}^{\alpha_1} \dots \partial_{x_n}^{\alpha_n} f^k(x)) \cdot \underbrace{s(x)}_{=e}$$

(if  $|\alpha| < k$  then at least one factor in  $f^k = f \dots f$  remains un-differentiated and vanishes at  $x$ )

$$= \cancel{\frac{i^k}{k!} \sum_{|\alpha|=k} a_\alpha(x) \left( \frac{1}{i} \right)^{|\alpha|} (\partial_{x_1}^{\alpha_1} f) \dots (\partial_{x_n}^{\alpha_n} f)(x) \cdot e}$$

$$= \frac{i^k}{k!} \sum_{|\alpha|=k} a_\alpha(x) \tilde{\xi}_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \tilde{\xi}_n^{\alpha_n} \cdot e$$

$$\Rightarrow b_D^k(x, \tilde{\xi}) = \sum_{|\alpha|=k} a_\alpha(x) \tilde{\xi}^\alpha \text{ as desired.}$$

Alternative definitions of symbols (to be discussed in (ii))

1) For any  $f \in C^\infty(M)$  with  $df(p) = \xi$  (we do not assume  $f(p) = 0$ ) and  $s \in \Gamma(E)$  with  $s(p) = e$ :

$$\tilde{b}_D^k(p, \xi)[e] = \frac{(-i)^k}{k!} [(\text{ad } f)^k(D)] \varphi(p)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } \text{ad } f(D)[\varphi] &= (f \cdot D - Df)[\varphi] \\ &= f \cdot D\varphi - D(f \cdot \varphi). \end{aligned}$$

2) Under the same choices:

$$\tilde{b}_D^k(p, df(p)) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^{-k} (e^{-itf} \cdot D e^{itf})(\cdot)|_p$$

Definition 1.5 (Elliptic differential operators)

$D \in \text{Diff}^k(E, F)$  is said to be "elliptic" if

$\forall (p, \xi) \in TM, \xi \neq 0 : \tilde{b}_D^k(p, \xi)$  is an isom-m.

Examples 1.6

1)  $d_k : \underline{\Omega}(M) \rightarrow \underline{\Omega}(M), d_k \in \text{Diff}^1(\Lambda^k TM, \Lambda^{k+1} TM)$

$$\tilde{b}_d^1(p, \xi)[e] = i d(f \cdot \omega)(p)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underset{\parallel}{df(p)} \underset{\parallel}{\omega(p)} &= i \underset{\xi}{\cancel{df}} \wedge \underset{p}{\omega} + i \underset{\neq 0}{\cancel{f(p)}} \underset{p}{d\omega} \\ &= i \xi \wedge \omega(p) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{b}_d^1(p, \xi) = i \cdot \text{ext}(\xi)$$

not an isom-m since dimensions of the source  
and the target spaces are different.

2) Let  $(M, g)$  be Riemannian, oriented and consider

$$d_k^t: \Omega^{k+1}(M) \rightarrow \Omega^k(M), d_k^t \in \text{Diff}^1(\Lambda^{k+1} T^* M, \Lambda^k T^* M)$$

$$\text{Note beforehand: } (d^t(f\omega), \tau) = (f\omega, d\tau)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (\omega, f d\tau) = (\omega, d(f\tau) - df \wedge \tau) \\ &\stackrel{f \in C^\infty(M)}{\uparrow} = (f_* d\omega, \tau) - (\omega, df \wedge \tau) \\ &= (f_* d\omega - \text{int}(\text{grad } f) \omega; \tau) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{b}_{d^t}^1(p, \xi) [e] = -i \cdot \text{int}(\underbrace{\text{grad } f(p)}_{df(p)} \underbrace{\omega(p)}_{\omega}) = f^*$$

$$\boxed{\tilde{b}_{d^t}^1(p, \xi) = -i \cdot \text{int}(\xi^*)} \quad \text{not an isom-m.}$$

3) Gauß-Bonnet operator  $D = d + d^t: \Omega^*(M) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^m \Omega^k(M) \ni$

$$\tilde{b}_D^1(p, \xi) = i \cdot [\text{ext}(\xi) - \text{int}(\xi^*)]$$

$$\tilde{b}_D^2(p, \xi)^2 = \text{ext}(\xi) \text{int}(\xi^*) + \text{int}(\xi^*) \text{ext}(\xi)$$

$$= |\xi|^2 \cdot \text{Id} \quad (\text{this was actually a question in the written GA1 exam})$$

in particular  $D, D^2$  are elliptic.

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## Composition of operators and symbols

Proposition 1.7 Let  $D_j \in \text{Diff}^{k_j}(E, F)$ ,  $j=1, 2$  and  $D \in \text{Diff}^k(F, G)$ .

$$1) \quad \tilde{\sigma}_{D_1}^l + \tilde{\sigma}_{D_2}^l = \tilde{\sigma}_{D_1+D_2}^l \text{ where } l = \max(k_1, k_2)$$

In particular,  $D_1+D_2$  elliptic if  $D_1$  ell and  $k_1 > k_2$   
(ie lower order terms don't matter for ellipticity)

$$2) \quad \tilde{\sigma}_{D \circ D_1}^{k+k_1}(p, \xi) = \tilde{\sigma}_D^k(p, \xi) \circ \tilde{\sigma}_{D_1}^{k_1}(p, \xi)$$

Proof: One may check the statements in local coordinates.

(1) is obvious. For (2) we compute

$$D = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha, \quad D_1 = \sum_{|\beta| \leq k_1} b_\beta(x) D^\beta$$

$$D \circ D_1 = \sum_{\substack{|\alpha| = k \\ |\beta| = k_1}} a_\alpha(x) b_\beta(x) D^{\alpha+\beta} + \text{lower orders}$$

□

Note that for the full symbol one finds

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{D \circ D_1}(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} \frac{i^{|\alpha|}}{\alpha!} [D_x^\alpha \tilde{\sigma}_D(x, \xi)] [D_x^\alpha \tilde{\sigma}_{D_1}(x, \xi)].$$

Proposition 1.8 Assume  $(M, g)$  is Riemannian and oriented.

Assume  $E, F$  admit Hermitian metrics. Then  
we may define scalar products on  $\Gamma_o(E), \Gamma_o(F)$  by

$$(s, t) := \int_M \langle s(p), t(p) \rangle_{E_p} d\text{vol}_M(p), \quad s, t \in \Gamma_o(E).$$

Let  $D \in \text{Diff}^k(E, F)$ . Then there exists unique  $D^t \in \text{Diff}^k(F, E)$  st.

$$(D\varphi, \psi) = (\varphi, D^t \psi), \quad \varphi \in \Gamma_o(E), \psi \in \Gamma_o(F)$$

Moreover one has  $\tilde{\sigma}_{D^t}^k(x, \xi) = \tilde{\sigma}_D^k(x, \xi)^*$

where  $D_D^k(x, \xi)^*$  is defined w.r.t Hermitian metrics on  $E_p, F_p$ .

$D^t$  is called the formal adjoint of  $D$

Proof: Uniqueness: Assume  $D_1^t, D_2^t$  are both formal adjoints.

Then for any  $\varphi, \psi$  as above:  $\langle \varphi, (D_1^t - D_2^t) \psi \rangle = 0$

$$\Rightarrow D_1^t \psi = D_2^t \psi.$$

Existence: Consider  $U \subset M$  local trivializing nbd and choose a local orthonormal frame on  $E|_U, F|_U$ . Then

$\Gamma_0(E|_U) = C^\infty(U, \mathbb{C}^n)$  with scalar product:

$$(\varphi, \psi) = \int_U \underbrace{\varphi(x)^t}_{= \varphi(x)^*} \cdot \psi(x) \sqrt{g(x)} dx ; \text{ Similar for } F|_U.$$

$D|_U = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq K} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha$ . Then with Stokes we find

for  $\varphi \in \Gamma_0(E|_U), \psi \in \Gamma_0(F|_U)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (D\varphi, \psi) &= \sum_{|\alpha| \leq K} \int_U (D_x^\alpha \varphi(x))^* a_\alpha(x)^* \psi(x) \sqrt{g(x)} dx \\ &= \sum_{|\alpha| \leq K} \int_U \varphi(x)^* D_x^\alpha \{ a_\alpha(x)^* \psi(x) \sqrt{g(x)} \} dx \\ &=: (\varphi, D_U^t \psi) \end{aligned}$$

where we now have a local expression for the adjoint

$$D_U^t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g(x)}} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq K} D_x^\alpha (\sqrt{g(x)} a_\alpha(x)^* (\cdot))$$

This can be assembled to a global definition of  $D^t$ :

$$M = \cup U_i; D_i^t := (D|_{U_i})^t$$

$(\rho_i)$  subordinate smooth partition of unity

Choose  $\tilde{\rho}_i \equiv 1$  in a nbd of  $\text{supp } \rho_i$ ;  $\text{supp } \tilde{\rho}_i \subset U_i$

$$D^t := \sum_i \tilde{\rho}_i D_i^t (\rho_i \circ)$$

Indeed:  $(D\varphi, \psi) = \sum_i (\rho_i D\varphi, \psi)$

$\varphi \in \Gamma(E),$   
 $\psi \in \Gamma(F)$

global sections  
with cpt support  
now.

$$= \sum_i (\rho_i D \tilde{\rho}_i \varphi, \psi)$$

$$= \sum_i (D|_{U_i} \tilde{\rho}_i \varphi, \rho_i \psi)$$

$$= \sum_i (\varphi, \tilde{\rho}_i D_i^t (\rho_i \psi))$$

It remains to identify  $b_{D^t}^k(x, \xi)$ . We use the alternative formula:

$$b_D^k(p, df(p)) = \frac{(-i)^k}{k!} (ad f)^k D \cdot /_p$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note } ((ad f) D\varphi, \psi) &= (f D\varphi - Df\varphi, \psi) \\ &= (\varphi, D^t f\varphi - f D^t \varphi) \\ &= (\varphi, (-1)(ad f) D^t \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{(ad f)^k D\}^t = (-1)^k (ad f)^k D^t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow b_{D^t}(p, df(p)) &= \left\{ \frac{(-i)^k}{k!} (ad f)^k D^t \right\} (p) \\ &= \left\{ \frac{(-i)^k}{k!} (ad f)^k D \right\}^t (p) \\ &= b_D(p, df(p))^*. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

## § 2. Fourier transform and Sobolev-spaces in $\mathbb{R}^n$

Definition 2.1  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$

$$\mathcal{F}f(\xi) := \hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-i\langle x, \xi \rangle} f(x) dx$$

"Fourier-transform of  $f$ "

Facts about Fourier-transform:

- $\mathcal{F}: L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow C(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , ie Fourier transform of an integrable function is continuous.

$\Rightarrow \bullet (\mathcal{D}_{\xi_j}) \mathcal{F}f(\xi) = -\mathcal{F}(x_j f)(\xi)$  if  $f, x_j f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$

$\circ \quad \mathcal{D}_{\xi_j} \hat{f}(\xi) = (\mathcal{D}_{x_j} f)(\xi)$ , if  $f, \mathcal{D}_{x_j} f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$

$\bullet \quad \widehat{f * g} = \hat{f} \cdot \hat{g}$ ;  $\widehat{\widehat{f} \cdot \hat{g}} = (2\pi)^{-n} \widehat{f} * \widehat{\hat{g}}$

where  $(f * g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x-y) g(y) dy$ .

$\bullet \quad \mathcal{F}(e^{-\|x\|^2/2})(\xi) = (2\pi)^{n/2} e^{-\|\xi\|^2/2}$

- Inverse Fourier transform: if  $f, \hat{f}$  are both  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we may define:

$$(\mathcal{F}^{-1}\hat{f})(x) := (2\pi)^{-n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle} \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi$$

$$= f(x).$$

- $(2\pi)^{n/2} \mathcal{F}: L^1 \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is isometry wrt  $L^2$ -norm/  
scalar product

## Mapping properties of the Fourier transform

### Proposition 2.2 (Plancherel-theorem)

There exists unique isom -m  $T: L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  st

- $\|Tf\|_{L^2} = \|f\|_{L^2}$
- $Tf = \mathcal{F}f$  for  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$
- $T^{-1}g = \mathcal{F}^{-1}g$  for  $g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Proof: Assuming that  $(2\pi)^{-n/2} \mathcal{F}: L^1 \cap L^2 \rightarrow L^2$  is an isometry, statement follows easily. Set  $T = (2\pi)^{-n/2} \mathcal{F}$  on  $L^1 \cap L^2$ . Since  $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset L^1 \cap L^2$  lies densely in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , so does  $L^1 \cap L^2$  and hence each  $f \in L^2$  may be approximated by  $f_n \in L^1 \cap L^2$  in  $\|\cdot\|_{L^2}$ -norm. Since  $T$  is isometric,  $Tf_n$  is Cauchy in  $L^2$  and we define

$$Tf := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Tf_n.$$

□

### Definition 2.3 (Schwartz-spaces)

$$\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) := \{ f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \mid \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n : x^\alpha D_x^\beta f \text{ bdd} \}$$

"Schwartz-space of rapidly decaying fns"

### Remarks 2.4

- Each  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  decays faster than polynomial growth:

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)| &= |(1+\|x\|^2)^N f(x) \cdot (1+\|x\|^2)^{-N}| \\ &\leq \underbrace{\sup_x [(1+\|x\|^2)^N f(x)]}_{= \text{const.}} \cdot (1+\|x\|^2)^{-N} \end{aligned}$$

•  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  continuous and bijective.

In particular, for any  $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\mathcal{F}f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Proof-idea: Under Fourier transform  $\times$  multiplication transfers into  $\mathcal{D}_\xi^\alpha$ -differentiation; similarly  $\mathcal{D}_x^\beta$ .  $\square$

### Sobolev-Spaces

For each  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  we define a scalar product on  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \ni f, g : (\delta \xi = (2\pi)^{-n/2} d\xi)$

$$(f, g)_s := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \overline{\hat{f}(\xi)} \cdot \hat{g}(\xi) \cdot (1 + \|\xi\|^2)^s d\xi \\ = (2\pi)^{-n/2} ((1 + \|\xi\|^2)^{\frac{s}{2}} \hat{f}, (1 + \|\xi\|^2)^{\frac{s}{2}} \hat{g})_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

Definition 2.5  $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , is defined as the completion of  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  wrt  $(\cdot, \cdot)_s$ .

### Properties of Sobolev-spaces

- $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a Hilbert space with inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)_s$
- For  $s < s'$  we have a continuous inclusion  $H^{s'}(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .
- For  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  mult.-n by  $f$  is continuous  $H^s \rightarrow H^s$  for all  $s$
- The scalar product  $\langle fg \rangle$  on  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  extends to pairing  $H^s \times H^{-s} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

For integer  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ , the order of the Sobolev-space  $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a statement on "regularity" of functions  $f \in H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  under differentiation, which follows from the following:

Proposition 2.6 Let  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ . Then on  $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we may

define a norm equivalent to  $\|f\|_s := \sqrt{(f, f)_s}$  by

$$\left( \sum_{|\alpha| \leq s} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\mathcal{D}^\alpha f|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

{on  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ }! Statement:  $H^s$  can equivalently be defined as completion wrt other norm

Proof: for fixed  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  there exist constants  $c_1, c_2$  st. ( $K = s$ )

$$\forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n: c_1 (1 + \|\xi\|^2)^K \leq \sum_{|\alpha| \leq K} |\xi^\alpha|^2 \leq c_2 (1 + \|\xi\|^2)^K$$

Consequently: ( $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_s^2 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + \|\xi\|^2)^K |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq \frac{1}{c_1} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq K} \int |\xi^\alpha \widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{c_1} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq K} \int |D^\alpha \widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ (\text{Plancherel}) \quad &= \frac{1}{c_1} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq K} \int |D^\alpha f(x)|^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly } \|f\|_s^2 \geq \frac{1}{c_2} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq K} \int |D^\alpha f(x)|^2 dx \quad \square$$

→ short account on weak derivatives inserted!

Proposition 2.7: For  $s \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n, D^\alpha: H^s(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow H^{s-|\alpha|}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  
ie application of  $|\alpha|$  derivatives decreases Sobolev-regularity by  $|\alpha|$ . In particular for  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_+, |\alpha| = s$ :

$$D^\alpha: H^{|\alpha|}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ only.}$$

(ie  $f \in H^{|\alpha|}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  remains  $L^2$  under differentiable  
of at most order  $|\alpha|$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n); \text{ then } \|D^\alpha f\|_{s-|\alpha|}^2 &= \int (1 + \|\xi\|^2)^{s-|\alpha|} |D^\alpha \widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &= \underbrace{\int (1 + \|\xi\|^2)^{s-|\alpha|} \cdot |\xi^{2\alpha}| \cdot |\widehat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi}_{\leq C \cdot (1 + \|\xi\|^2)^s} \\ &\leq C \cdot \|f\|_s^2. \end{aligned}$$

## Spaces of continuously differentiable functions

$C^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$  —  $k$ -times continuously differentiable fns on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

$C_b^k(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{f \in C^k(\mathbb{R}^n) \mid \|f\|_{\infty, k} < \infty\}$  Banach space

$$\text{with } \|f\|_{\infty, k} := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} |D^\alpha f(x)|$$

$C_0^k(\mathbb{R}^n) = \text{closure of } S(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset C_b^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$

$$= \{f \in C^k(\mathbb{R}^n) \mid \forall |\alpha| \leq k: \lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty} |D^\alpha f(x)| = 0\}$$

(Exercise)

Theorem 2.9 (Sobolev-embedding theorem)

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}_+$ ,  $s > k + \frac{n}{2}$ . Then the inclusion

$$H^s(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow C_g^{(k)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ is continuous}$$

$$\boxed{k < s - \frac{n}{2}}$$

Proof: It suffices to

check  $\|f\|_{\infty, k} \leq c \cdot \|f\|_s$  for  $f \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . For  $|\alpha| \leq k$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |D^\alpha f(\xi)| &= |\widehat{\xi}^\alpha f(\xi)| \\ &= \underbrace{(1 + \|\xi\|^2)^{\frac{s-k}{2}}}_{= C} |\xi^\alpha| \cdot |\widehat{f}(\xi)| \cdot (1 + \|\xi\|^2)^{-\frac{(s-k)}{2}} \\ &\leq C \cdot (1 + \|\xi\|^2)^{\frac{s}{2}} |\widehat{f}(\xi)| \cdot (1 + \|\xi\|^2)^{-\frac{(s-k)}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |(D^\alpha f)(\xi)| d\xi \leq C \cdot \|f\|_s \cdot \sqrt{\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + \|\xi\|^2)^{k-s} d\xi}$$

Cauchy-Schwarz

$< \infty$ , since

$$(k-s) < -\frac{n}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|D^\alpha f\|_\infty \leq C \cdot \|f\|_s$$

$$\Rightarrow \|f\|_{\infty, k} \leq C \cdot \|f\|_s$$

□

Theorem 2.10 (Rellich-Kerma)

Let  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be compact, and define

$$H_K^s(\mathbb{R}^n) := \{u \in H^s(\mathbb{R}^n) \mid \text{supp } u \subset K\}$$

Then a)  $H_K^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a closed subspace of  $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

b) For  $t < s$  the inclusion map  $H_K^s \hookrightarrow H^t$  is compact, i.e. any bounded sequence  $(f_n) \subset H_K^s$  admits a convergent subsequence  $(f_{n_k})$  which converges in  $H^t$  for any  $t < s$ .

Proof: a) For any  $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we define

$$f^\perp := \{u \in H^s(\mathbb{R}^n) \mid (u, f)_s = 0\}$$

which is an orthogonal complement in a Hilbert space and therefore closed. Statement now follows from

$$H_K^s(\mathbb{R}^n) = \bigcap_{\substack{f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \\ \text{supp } f \cap K = \emptyset}} f^\perp$$

b) Choose  $g \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  st  $\hat{g}|_{\text{open nbd of } K} = (2\pi)^{-n}$ .

Then for any bounded sequence  $(f_n) \subset H_K^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we find:

- $f_n = (2\pi)^n \cdot f_n \cdot g$
- $\hat{f}_n = \hat{f}_n * \hat{g} = \hat{g} * \hat{f}_n$
- $\partial_j (\hat{g} * \hat{f}_n) = \partial_j \int \hat{g}(\xi - \xi') \hat{f}_n(\xi') d\xi'$   
 $= (\partial_j \hat{g}) * \hat{f}_n$

$$\Rightarrow \left| D_{\bar{z}}^{\alpha} \hat{f}_n(\bar{z}) \right| \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |(D_{\bar{z}}^{\alpha} \hat{g})(\bar{z}-y)| \cdot |\hat{f}_n(y)| dy$$

$$\leq \|f_n\|_s \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1+|y|^2)^{-s} |D_{\bar{z}}^{\alpha} \hat{g}(\bar{z}-y)|^2 dy \right)^{1/2}$$

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Hence  $|D_{\bar{z}}^{\alpha} \hat{f}_n(\bar{z})|$  is bounded uniformly in  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and by mean value theorem,  $(\hat{f}_n)_n$  is uniformly bounded and equicontinuous (gleichmäßig beschränkt und gleichgradig stetig) on compact subsets of  $\mathbb{R}_{\bar{z}}^n$ .

Arzela-Ascoli  $\Rightarrow \exists$  subsequence that converges uniformly on cpt subsets of  $\mathbb{R}_{\bar{z}}^n$  ("compact convergence")  
We denote this subsequence again by  $(\hat{f}_n)$ .

Claim:  $(f_n)$  converges in  $H^t$ ,  $t < s$ ,  
ie we prove that since  $(f_n) \subset H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is bounded and converges  $(\hat{f}_n)$  converges compactly, then  $(f_n)$  converges in any  $H^t(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $t < s$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof of the claim: } \|f_j - f_k\|_t^2 &= \int |\hat{f}_j(\bar{z}) - \hat{f}_k(\bar{z})| (1+|\bar{z}|^2)^t d\bar{z} \\ &= \int_{|\bar{z}| \leq r} + \int_{|\bar{z}| \geq r} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{|\bar{z}| \geq r} \dots \leq \|f_j - f_k\|_s^2 (1+r^2)^{t-s} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{ for } r \geq r_0 \text{ large}$$

since  $\|f_j - f_k\|_s^2$  is bounded. This fixes  $r$ .

$$\int_{|\bar{z}| \leq r} \dots \leq C(r) \cdot \sup_{|\bar{z}| \leq r} |\hat{f}_j(\bar{z}) - \hat{f}_k(\bar{z})| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \text{ for } j, k \geq j_0$$

since  $(\hat{f}_n)$  is compactly convergent and hence by def uniformly conv. on  $\{|\bar{z}| \leq r\}$ .

□

### Theorem 2.11 (Trace theorem)

Let  $s > \frac{1}{2}$ . Then the map

$$\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{n-1})$$

$$f \longmapsto f|_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}}$$

extends to a bounded linear map  $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n) \longrightarrow H^{s-\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^{n-1})$

Proof: Let  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $x = (x_1, x') \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$

and define  $g(x') := f(0, x')$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} g(x') &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i \langle \xi', x' \rangle} \hat{f}(\xi_1, \xi') d\xi \\ &\quad \uparrow \mathbb{R}^n \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{i \langle \xi', x' \rangle} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \hat{f}(\xi_1, \xi') d\xi_1 \right) d\xi' \end{aligned}$$

This shows:

$$\hat{g}(\xi') = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \hat{f}(\xi_1, \xi') d\xi_1$$

$$|\hat{g}(\xi')|^2 \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 (1 + |\xi|^2)^s d\xi_1 \cdot \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + |\xi'|^2)^{-s} d\xi'$$

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$$\begin{aligned} (*) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + \xi_1^2 + |\xi'|^2)^{-s} d\xi_1 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (a + \xi_1^2)^{-s} d\xi_1 \\ &= a^{-s} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(1 + \left(\frac{\xi_1}{\sqrt{a}}\right)^2\right)^{-s} d\xi_1 = a^{-s + \frac{1}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + t^2)^{-s} dt \\ &\quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{t = \xi_1 / \sqrt{a}} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{< \infty \text{ since } s > \frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Altogether we obtain:

$$|\hat{g}(\xi')|^2 (1 + |\xi'|^2)^{s-\frac{1}{2}} \leq C \cdot \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 (1 + |\xi|^2)^s d\xi_1$$

Integrating over  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  yields

$$\|g\|_{H^{s-\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{R}^{n-1})} \leq C \cdot \|f\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

Since  $H^s$  is defined as completion of  $\mathcal{S}$  under  $\|\cdot\|_s$ , we prove the thm.  $\square$