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A REMARK ON ELLIPTICITY OF SYSTEMS OF LINEAR PARTIAL  
DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS WITH CONSTANT COEFFICIENTS

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INTRODUCTION.

It is well known (and easy to prove) that a linear partial differential operator with constant coefficients,  $P(D)$ , is elliptic and has order  $N$  if and only if it is a bounded operator with closed range when it acts between the spaces  $H_0^m(\Omega)$  and  $H_0^{m-N}(\Omega)$ , where  $H_0^k(\Omega)$  denotes the closure of  $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  in the norm  $|\phi|_k = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} |D^\alpha \phi|_{L^2}$ ,  $m$  is an integer such that  $m-N \geq 0$  and  $\Omega$  is a bounded open subset of  $R^n$ .

Here this result is (partially) extended to systems of linear partial differential operators with constant coefficients and to more general spaces of distributions.

Theorem 1 below is a rather straightforward generalisation of the considerations in 10.6 of Hörmander [1]. The first part of Theorem 2 is an easy consequence of the coercivity results in Smith [1] and the second part was inspired by a counter example in Eskin and Shamir [1].

NOTATION AND DEFINITIONS

To measure the regularity of distributions we use the spaces  $L_S^p = L_S^p(R^n)$ ,

$1 < p < \infty$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , of Bessel potentials of  $L^p$  functions (Calderon [1]):  $u \in L^p_s$  if  $u$  is a temperate distribution and  $(1 + |\xi|^2)^{s/2} \hat{u}$  is the Fourier transform of a  $L^p$  function denoted here by  $J^{-s}u$ . We let  $J^{-s}$  transport the  $L^p$  norm to  $L^p_s$ :  $|u|_{L^p_s} = |J^{-s}u|_{L^p}$ . When  $u$  is a test function this can be made more explicit:

$$|u|_{L^p_s} = |(2\pi)^{-n} \int (1 + |\xi|^2)^{s/2} \hat{u}(\xi) e^{ix\xi} d\xi|_{L^p}.$$

When  $\Omega$  is an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  we let  $L^p_{s,\bar{\Omega}}$  denote the distributions in  $L^p_s$  supported in  $\bar{\Omega}$  and we put  $L^p_s(\Omega) = L^p_s / L^p_{s,\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bar{\Omega}}$  which we think of as the restriction of  $L^p_s$  to  $\Omega$ . For technical reasons we assume in what follows that  $\Omega$  is also bounded and convex.

When  $r = (r_1, \dots, r_K) \in \mathbb{R}^K$  we denote the product space  $L^p_{r_1} \times \dots \times L^p_{r_K}$  by  $L^p_r$ , the space  $L^p_{r_1,\bar{\Omega}} \times \dots \times L^p_{r_K,\bar{\Omega}}$  by  $L^p_{r,\bar{\Omega}}$ , etc.

By  $P(D)$  we denote a matrix of linear differential operators with constant coefficients:  $P(D) = (P_{jk}(D))$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, J$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, K$ , and by  ${}^tP(D)$  the transpose of  $P(-D)$ .

Definition 1: The operator  $P(D)$  is determined if  $P(D)u = 0$  has no non-trivial solutions with compact support (i.e.  $P(D): \mathcal{E}^{1,K} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^{1,J}$  is injective).

Definition 2: Let  $r_k$  and  $s_j$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, K$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, J$ , be real numbers such that  $r_k - s_j$  are non-negative integers. We call the operator  $P(D)$

$(r_k - s_j)$ -elliptic if

- i)  $\deg P_{jk} \leq r_k - s_j$
- ii)  $\text{rank } (\overset{\circ}{P}_{jk}(\xi)) = K$  if  $0 \neq \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$  ;  
here  $\overset{\circ}{P}_{jk}$  denotes the part in  $P_{jk}$  of degree  $r_k - s_j$ .

If i) and

ii)' rank  $\overset{\circ}{P}_{jk}(\zeta) = K$  if  $0 \neq \zeta \in C^n$

are satisfied we call  $P(D)$   $(r_k - s_j)$ -very strongly elliptic.

This definition of  $(r_k - s_j)$ -ellipticity was given in Douglis and Nirenberg [1]. See also Hörmander [1], Ch.X. Systems  $(r_k - s_j)$ -v.s. elliptic in a similar sense were studied in Smith [1].

Remark: It is easy to see that  $(r_k - s_j)$ -ellipticity implies the usual one defined, for example, in terms of the characteristic variety of  $P(D)$  and that  $(r_k - s_j)$ -v.s. ellipticity implies that the characteristic variety is discrete. The converse is obviously not true and it is an open problem whether an elliptic  $P(D)$  (a  $P(D)$  with discrete characteristic variety) becomes  $(r_k - s_j)$ -elliptic ( $(r_k - s_j)$ -v.s. elliptic) when multiplied by a non-singular  $K \times K$  - matrix with differential operator entries.

Definition 3: Let  $1 \leq m < n$ . Consider  $R^n = R^m + R^{n-m}$  and write  $x = (x', x'')$ ,  $D = (D', D'')$  with the obvious meaning. We say that  $P(D)$  is of tensor product type if  $P(D) = (P^1(D'), P^2(D'')) = (P_1(D'), \dots, P_I(D'), P_{I+1}(D''), \dots, P_J(D''))$  is a row matrix with all polynomials  $P_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq J$ , homogeneous of degree  $N > 0$  with no non-trivial relations (i.e. every relation  $\sum P_j Q_j = 0$ ,  $Q_j$  polynomials, is of the form  $P_j P_k - P_k P_j = 0$ ).

THEOREMS

Let  $r = (r_k)_{k=1, \dots, K}$ ,  $s = (s_j)_{j=1, \dots, J}$ . Consider the condition

$$(*) \quad P(D): L_{r, \overline{\Omega}}^p \rightarrow L_{s, \overline{\Omega}}^p \text{ is bounded with closed range.}$$

Theorem 1: For determined  $P(D)$   $(*)$  and  $(r_k - s_j)$ -ellipticity are equivalent.

Theorem 2:  $(*)$  is implied by  $(r_k - s_j)$ -v.s. ellipticity of  ${}^t P(D)$ . The converse is true (at least) when  $P(D)$  is of tensor product type and  $\Omega = \Omega' \times \Omega''$ , where  $\Omega'$  and  $\Omega''$  are open, bounded and convex sets of  $R^m$  and  $R^{n-m}$  respectively.

Proof of Theorem 1: We first prove that  $(*)$  implies  $(r_k - s_j)$ -ellipticity:  $(*)$  and the injectivity of  $P(D)$  give the estimate

$$(1) \quad C^{-1} \cdot \sum_j \left| \sum_k P_{jk}^{(D)} u_k \right|_{L_{s_j}^p} \leq \sum_k |u_k|_{L_{r_k}^p} \leq C \cdot \sum_j \left| \sum_k P_{jk}^{(D)} u_k \right|_{L_{s_j}^p}$$

for some constant  $C > 0$  and all  $u_k \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ . If we in the first inequality put all  $u_k$  but one equal to zero we get

$$(2) \quad \left| P_{jk}^{(D)} u \right|_{L_{s_j}^p} \leq C \cdot |u|_{L_{r_k}^p}$$

for all  $u \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq J$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq K$ . Putting  $u(x) = e^{i\lambda x \eta} \cdot \phi(x)$  with  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $0 \neq \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $0 \neq \phi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  and using Lemma A7 from the Appendix one easily checks that (2) implies  $\deg P_{jk} \leq r_k - s_j$ .

We now show that  $\text{rank } (P_{jk}^\circ(\eta)) < K$  for some  $0 \neq \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n$  violates the second estimate in (1):

if  $\text{rank } (P_{jk}^\circ(\eta)) < K$  then, for some  $0 \neq (a_1, \dots, a_K) \in C^K$ ,  $\sum_k P_{jk}^\circ(\eta) a_k = 0$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, J$ , or, since  $P_{jk}^\circ$  are homogeneous of degree  $r_k - s_j$ ,

$$(3) \quad \sum_k P_{jk}^\circ(\lambda \eta) \cdot \lambda^{-r_k} \cdot a_k = 0 \quad j = 1, \dots, J.$$

Now put in the second estimate in (1)  $u_k^\lambda(x) = \lambda^{-r_k} \cdot a_k \cdot e^{i\lambda x \eta} \cdot \phi(x)$ ,  $0 \neq \phi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ . By lemma A7, as  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$(4) \quad \sum_k |u_k^\lambda|_{L_{r_k}^p} = \sum_k \lambda^{-r_k} |a_k| \cdot |e^{i\lambda x \eta} \cdot \phi|_{L_{r_k}^p} \rightarrow \sum_k |a_k| \cdot |\phi|_{L^p} > 0.$$

At the same time it is easy to see that

$$(5) \quad \sum_k |P_{jk}^{(D)} u_k^\lambda|_{L_{s_j}^p} = 0(\lambda^{-1}) \quad \text{as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty, \quad j = 1, \dots, J.$$

Namely, in

$$\left| \sum_k P_{jk}^{(D)} u_k^\lambda \right|_{L_{s_j}^p} \leq \left| \sum_k P_{jk}^\circ u_k^\lambda \right|_{L_{s_j}^p} + \left| \sum_k (P_{jk} - P_{jk}^\circ)^{(D)} u_k^\lambda \right|_{L_{s_j}^p}$$

the second term of the right hand side is  $O(\lambda^{-1})$  by Lemma A7, and as for the first term, observe that

$$\sum_k \overset{\circ}{P}_{jk} (D) u_k^\lambda = \sum_k \overset{\circ}{P}_{jk} (\lambda \eta) \cdot \lambda^{-r_k} \cdot a_k \cdot e^{i\lambda x \eta} + \sum_k \sum_l \lambda^{-r_k} \cdot Q_{jk}^l (\lambda \eta) e^{i\lambda x \eta} \cdot \psi_{lk}$$

for some homogeneous polynomials  $Q_{jk}^l$  of degree  $l$ ,  $1 \leq l < r_k - s_j$ , and some  $\psi_{lk} \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ , and then use (3) and Lemma A7.

This ends the proof of the first part of Theorem 1 since (4) and (5) clearly contradict (1).

We now prove that  $(r_k - s_j)$ -ellipticity implies (\*): that  $P(D)$  in (\*) is bounded is trivially clear because each  $P_{jk}(D): L_{r_k, \bar{\Omega}}^p \rightarrow L_{s_j, \bar{\Omega}}^p$  is bounded if  $\deg P_{jk} \leq r_k - s_j$ .

To show that  $P(D)$  has closed range we first observe that the set  $(P(D)\mathcal{E}'_{\bar{\Omega}})^K \cap L_{s, \bar{\Omega}}^p$  is closed in  $L_{s, \bar{\Omega}}^p$  (it is well known that  $P(D)\mathcal{E}'_{\bar{\Omega}}^K$  is closed in  $\mathcal{E}'_{\bar{\Omega}}^J$  and the topology of  $L_{s, \bar{\Omega}}^p$  is stronger than that of  $\mathcal{E}'_{\bar{\Omega}}^J$ ) and then we prove that  $(P(D)\mathcal{E}'_{\bar{\Omega}})^K \cap L_s^p = P(D)L_{r, \bar{\Omega}}^p$ .

Proposition: If  $u_k \in \mathcal{E}'$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, K$ ,  $\sum_k P_{jk}(D)u_k = f_j \in L_{s_j}^p$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, J$ , and  $P(D)$  is  $(r_k - s_j)$ -elliptic, then  $u_k \in L_{r_k}^p$ .

Proof: First we show how we can reduce the proof to the case of a square system, then we prove that case.

Denote by  $\Delta$  the polynomial  $\sum_{k=1}^n x_k^2$  and the corresponding differential operator:  $\Delta = \Delta(D) = \sum_{k=1}^n D_k^2$ . Let  $N$  be some integer  $\geq \max_{j,k} (r_k - s_j)$ . From  $\sum_k P_{jk}(D)u_k = f_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, J$ , we get

$$\sum_j \bar{P}_{j1}(D) \Delta^{N-(r_1-s_j)} \sum_k P_{jk}(D)u_k = \sum_j \bar{P}_{j1}(D) \Delta^{N-(r_1-s_j)} f_j, \quad 1 = 1, \dots, K,$$

where  $\bar{P}_{jk}$  denotes the polynomial obtained by complex conjugation of the coefficients of  $P_{jk}$ . After changing the order of summation and putting

$Q_{1k} = \sum_j \bar{P}_{j1} P_{jk} \Delta^{N-(r_1-s_j)}$  and  $\phi_1 = \sum_j \bar{P}_{j1} (D) \Delta^{N-(r_1-s_j)} f_j$  we see that

$u_k, k = 1, \dots, K$ , satisfy a square system of differential equations:

$$(6) \quad \sum_k Q_{1k} (D) u_k = \phi_1, \quad 1 = 1, \dots, K .$$

This system is  $(2N+r_k-r_1)$ -elliptic:  $\deg Q_{1k} \leq \deg (\bar{P}_{j1} P_{jk} \Delta^{N-(r_1-s_j)}) \leq (r_1-s_j)+(r_k-s_j)+2N-2(r_1-s_j) = 2N+r_k-r_1$ . Denote by  $\overset{\circ}{Q}_{1k}$  the part in  $Q_{1k}$  of degree  $2N+r_k-r_1$  and observe that  $\overset{\circ}{Q}_{1k} = \sum_j \overset{\circ}{P}_{j1} \overset{\circ}{P}_{jk} \Delta^{N-(r_1-s_j)}$ . Now, if  $\text{rank} (\overset{\circ}{Q}_{1k}(\xi)) < K$  for some  $0 \neq \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then for some  $0 \neq (a_1, \dots, a_K) \in \mathbb{C}^n$

$$\sum_k \sum_j \overset{\circ}{P}_{j1}(\xi) \overset{\circ}{P}_{jk}(\xi) |\xi|^{2(N-(r_1-s_j))} \cdot a_k = 0, \quad 1 = 1, \dots, K .$$

Putting  $\xi = \lambda \cdot \eta, \lambda > 0, |\eta| = 1$ , this gives

$$(7) \quad \sum_k \sum_j \overset{\circ}{P}_{j1}(\eta) P_{jk}(\eta) \cdot (\lambda^{r_k} \cdot a_k) = 0, \quad 1 = 1, \dots, K .$$

On the other hand it is easy to show that if  $\text{rank} (\overset{\circ}{P}_{jk}(\eta)) = K$  then also  $\text{rank} (\sum_j \overset{\circ}{P}_{j1}(\eta) \overset{\circ}{P}_{jk}(\eta)) = K$  what clearly contradicts (7) thus proving that  $\text{rank} (Q_{1k}(\xi)) = K$  if  $0 \neq \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Observe now that  $\phi_1$  in (6) are in  $L_{r_1-2N}^p$  and so, if the Proposition is

true in the special case when  $K = J$ , it follows that

$$u_k \in L_{r_1-2N+(2N+r_k-r_1)}^p = L_{r_k}^p$$

and the Proposition is true in the general case.

So assume from now on that  $K = J$ . Let  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be  $= 1$  on the (real) zeroes of  $\det (P_{jk})$ . This is possible since the set is bounded. Using the matrix notation we then have

$$\hat{u} = (\phi + (1-\phi)P^{-1}P) \cdot \hat{u} = \phi \cdot \hat{u} + (1-\phi)P^{-1}f, ,$$

or, denoting by  $({}^{\text{co}}P_{kj})$  the matrix formed by the cofactors in  $(P_{jk})$ ,

$$(8) \quad \hat{u}_k = \phi \cdot \hat{u}_k + \sum_j (1-\phi) \cdot \frac{{}^{\text{co}}P_{kj}}{\det P} \cdot \hat{f}_j, \quad k = 1, \dots, K.$$

Now put  $m_s(\xi) = (1+|\xi|^2)^{s/2}$ . It follows from (8) that

$$(9) \quad m_{r_k} \cdot \hat{u}_k = \phi \cdot m_{r_k} \cdot \hat{u}_k + \sum_j (1-\phi) \frac{{}^{\text{co}}P_{kj}}{\det P} \cdot m_{r_k-s_j} \cdot m_{s_j} \cdot \hat{f}_j, \quad k = 1, \dots, K.$$

The first term in each of the sums of (9) is a  $C^\infty$  function and therefore its inverse Fourier transform is in every  $L^p$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . The inverse Fourier transform of every other term is also in  $L^p$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , because the functions

$$(1-\phi) \frac{{}^{\text{co}}P_{kj}}{\det P} m_{r_k-s_j}$$

are easily seen to be multipliers on  $L^p$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ .

This ends the proof of the Proposition and thus of Theorem 1.

Proof of Theorem 2.  $(r_k-s_j)$ -v.s. ellipticity of  ${}^tP(D)$  implies (\*):

$\deg p_{jk} = \deg ({}^tP)_{kj} \leq r_k-s_j (= -s_j-(-r_k))$  and so  $P(D)$  is bounded. To see that  $P(D)$  has closed range it is enough to see that the adjoint of  $P(D)$ ,

${}^tP(D): L^q_{-s}(\Omega) \longrightarrow L^q_{-r}(\Omega)$ ,  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ , has closed range. Now, it is a well known fact that, for any  ${}^tP(D)$ ,  ${}^tP(D) \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)^J$  is closed in  $\mathcal{D}'(\Omega)^K$  and since  $L^q_{-r}(\Omega) \subset \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)^K$  topologically,  $({}^tP(D) \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)^J) \cap L^q_{-r}(\Omega)$  is closed in  $L^q_{-r}(\Omega)$ .

But  $({}^tP(D) \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)^J) \cap L^q_{-r}(\Omega) = {}^tP(D) L^q_{-s}(\Omega)$  when  ${}^tP(D)$  is  $(r_k-s_j)$ -v.s. elliptic by Theorem 8.15 in Smith [1].

(\*) implies  $(r_k-s_j)$ -v.s. ellipticity of  ${}^tP(D)$  when  $P(D)$  is of tensor product type and  $\Omega = \Omega' \times \Omega''$ : by duality this amounts to proving the following assertion:

Let  $P(D): u \rightarrow (P^1(D')u, P^2(D'')u) = (P_1(D')u, \dots, P_I(D')u, P_{I+1}(D'')u, \dots, P_J(D'')u)$  as an operator from  $L^p_s(\Omega)$  to  $L^p_{s-N}(\Omega)^J$  have closed range for some  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,



$1 < p < \infty$  . Then the polynomials  $P_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, J$  , have no common complex non-trivial zero.

Now the proof goes as follows: for any  $g \in C_0(\Omega')$ ,  $P^1(D')g \neq 0$  , and  $h \in L_{S-N}^p(\Omega'')$ ,  $P^2(D'')h = 0$  , put  $f = (P^1(D')g \otimes h, 0)$  , i.e.  $f_j = P_j(D')g \otimes h$  if  $1 \leq j \leq I$  and  $f_j = 0$  if  $j > I$  . Using Lemma A4 of the Appendix, one easily checks that  $f$  is in the closure of the range of  $P(D)$  . Assume now that  $f = P(D)u$  for some  $u \in L_S^p(\Omega)$  . Since also  $f = P(D)(g \otimes h)$  , we must have

$$(10) \quad u = g \otimes h + v$$

for some  $v \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$ ,  $P(D)v = 0$  . Let  $\phi_1 \in C_0^\infty(\Omega')$  separate  $g$  and the kernel of  $P^1(D')$  in  $\mathcal{D}'(\Omega')$ :  $(g, \phi_1) = 1$  and  $(v_1, \phi_1) = 0$  if  $P^1(D')v_1 = 0$  . Apply to (10) the operator  $T_{\phi_1}$  of Lemma A5: it follows that  $h = T_{\phi_1}(u)$  and is thus in  $L_S^p(\Omega'')$  . In this way the assumption that the range of  $P(D)$  is closed leads to the implication: if  $h \in L_{S-N}^p(\Omega'')$  and  $P^2(D'')h = 0$  , then  $h \in L_S^p(\Omega'')$  . By Lemma A6 it now follows that the polynomials  $P_j$ ,  $I+1 \leq j \leq J$  , have no common non-trivial complex zero. If we let  $P^1$  and  $P^2$  change roles we see that the same is also true about  $P_j$  ,  $1 \leq j \leq I$  . Theorem 2 is proved.

Example: Let  $P(D)$  in the proof of the second part of Theorem 2 be the  $\bar{\partial}$  operator and let  $\Omega$  be a polydisc in  $C^n \cong R^{2n}$  . The result is that  $\bar{\partial}u = f$  cannot, in general, be solved with gain of one derivative in the  $L_S^p$ -space meaning in a polydisc in  $C^n$  ,  $n > 1$  .

#### A P P E N D I X

We first introduce some additional notation. The set of exponential polynomials in  $R^n$  is denoted by  $EXP(R^n) = EXP$  . Given two matrices of polynomials  $P$  and  $Q$  , we say that  $Q$  is a compatibility matrix for  $P$  if the rows of  $Q$

generate the module of relations between the rows of  $P$ . We call a matrix of polynomials homogeneous if all its elements are homogeneous of the same degree. By  $\Phi_P$  we denote the set of solutions to  $P(D)u = 0$  in a space  $\Phi$  of (tuples of) distributions; when  $\Phi$  is a cartesian product of  $K$  copies of some space  $\Psi$ , we write  $\Psi_P$  instead of  $(\Psi^K)_P$ . For  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  define  $\phi_\varepsilon(x) = \phi(\varepsilon x)$  and  $\phi^\varepsilon(x) = \varepsilon^{-n} \phi(\varepsilon^{-1}x)$ . For a distribution  $u$  define  $u_\varepsilon$  by  $(u_\varepsilon, \phi) = (u, \phi^\varepsilon)$ ,  $\phi \in C_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Note that when  $u$  is a tempered distribution we have  $u_\varepsilon^\wedge = \hat{u}^\varepsilon$ .

Lemma A1: For  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$   $f \rightarrow f_\varepsilon$  is a bounded operator in  $L_s^p$  and  $|f_\varepsilon - f|_{L_s^p} \rightarrow 0$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 1$ .

Lemma A2: Let  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\phi \geq 0$ ,  $\int \phi = 1$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f \rightarrow \phi^\delta * f$  is a bounded operator in  $L_s^p$  and  $|f - \phi^\delta * f|_{L_s^p} \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ .

These lemmas are common knowledge when  $s$  is a non-negative integer; for the general case see Abramczuk [1].

Lemma A3: For a homogeneous matrix  $Q$  (the restriction to  $\Omega$  of)  $EXP_Q$  is dense in  $L_s^p(\Omega)_Q$  (in the topology of  $L_s^p(\Omega)$ ).

Proof: Consider the inclusions:  $EXP_Q|_\Omega \subset \bigcup_{\Omega \subset \subset \Omega'} C^\infty(\Omega')|_\Omega \subset L_s^p(\Omega)_Q$ . The range of the first one is dense in the  $C^\infty(\bar{\Omega})$ -topology by the known (local) density results. We show that the range of the second inclusion is dense if  $Q$  is homogeneous: given  $u \in L_s^p(\Omega)_Q$  it is clear that  $Q(D)u_\varepsilon = \varepsilon^{\deg Q} \cdot (Q(D)u)_\varepsilon$  so  $u_\varepsilon \in L_s^p(\varepsilon^{-1} \cdot \Omega)_Q$  and  $\Omega \subset \subset \varepsilon^{-1} \cdot \Omega$  if  $\varepsilon < 1$  and  $0 \in \Omega$  what can be assumed without loss of generality. With  $\phi$  like in Lemma A2  $u_\varepsilon * \phi^\delta \in C^\infty(\Omega_{\varepsilon, \delta})_Q$  for some  $\Omega_{\varepsilon, \delta} \supset \supset \Omega$  if  $\delta$  is small enough. The proof ends by using the two preceding lemmas on

$$|u_\varepsilon * \phi^\delta - u|_{L_s^p(\Omega)} \leq |u_\varepsilon * \phi^\delta - u_\varepsilon|_{L_s^p} + |u_\varepsilon - u|_{L_s^p}.$$

Lemma A4: Let  $P(D): L_r^p(\Omega) \rightarrow L_s^p(\Omega)$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{R}^K$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}^J$ . If  $P$  has a homogeneous compatibility matrix  $Q$  then the range of  $P(D)$  is dense in  $L_s^p(\Omega)_Q$ .

Proof:  $\text{EXP}_Q|_\Omega = P(D)(\text{EXP}^K|_\Omega) \subset P(D)L_r^P(\Omega) \subset L_s^P(\Omega)_Q$  and use Lemma A3.

Lemma A5: Let  $\Omega = \Omega' \times \Omega''$  be like in Theorem 2. For  $\phi_1 \in C_0^\infty(\Omega')$  and

$u \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$  let  $T_{\phi_1}(u)$  be the linear functional on  $C_0^\infty(\Omega'')$  defined by

$T_{\phi_1}(u): \phi_2 \rightarrow (u, \phi_1 \otimes \phi_2)$ . Then

i) the operator  $u \rightarrow T_{\phi_1}(u)$  maps  $L_s^P(\Omega)$  into  $L_s^P(\Omega'')$

ii) if  $P(D): u \rightarrow (P^1(D')u, P^2(D'')u)$  and  $\phi_1$  vanishes on  $\mathcal{D}'(\Omega')_{p^1}$  then  $T_{\phi_1}$  vanishes on  $\mathcal{D}'(\Omega)_{p^1}$ .

Proof: We only prove ii): it is easily seen that  $\phi_1 = \sum_j P_j(-D')\psi_{1j}$  for some  $\psi_{1j} \in C_0^\infty(\Omega')$ . But then, if  $v \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega')_{p^1}$ ,  $(v, \phi_1 \otimes \phi_2) = (v, (\sum_j P_j(-D')\psi_{1j}) \otimes \phi_2) = \sum_j (v, P_j(-D')(\psi_{1j} \otimes \phi_2)) = \sum_j (P_j(D')v, \psi_{1j} \otimes \phi_2) = 0$ .

Lemma A6: Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}^K$ . If for some  $K$ -tuple of positive integers  $N = (N_1, \dots, N_K)$  every solution to  $P(D)u = 0$  in  $L_s^P(\Omega)$  is actually in  $L_{s+N}^P(\Omega)$  then the linear space of distribution solutions to  $P(D)u = 0$  in  $\Omega$  is finite dimensional.

Proof: The assumption implies that  $L_s^P(\Omega)_p \subset \bigcap_r L_r^P(\Omega) = C^\infty(\bar{\Omega})^K$ . Now  $L_s^P(\Omega)_p$  is closed in  $L_s^P(\Omega)$  and in the stronger topology of  $C^\infty(\bar{\Omega})^K$ . Hence  $L_s^P(\Omega)_p$  is a Fréchet space in two comparable topologies. By the closed graph theorem, the two topologies coincide. One of these is a Banach space topology and the other is a Montel space topology and it is known that these coincide only on finite dimensional spaces. Hence  $\dim L_s^P(\Omega)_p < \infty$  and  $\mathcal{D}'(\Omega)_p = L_s^P(\Omega)_p$  by a density argument.

Lemma A7: Let  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ . Let  $P$  be a polynomial of degree  $m$  with principal part  $P_m$ . Then

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda^{-(s+m)} |P(D)(e^{i\lambda x \eta} \cdot \phi)|_{L_s^P} = |P_m(\eta)| \cdot |\eta|^s \cdot |\phi|_{L_s^P}.$$

Proof: Consider first the case  $m = 0$  :

$$|e^{i\lambda x\eta} \cdot \phi|_{L^p_S} = |(2\pi)^{-n} \int \hat{\phi}(\xi - \lambda\eta) (1 + |\xi|^2)^{s/2} e^{ix\xi} d\xi|_{L^p} = |(2\pi)^{-n} \int \hat{\phi}(\xi) e^{ix\xi} \cdot (1 + |\xi + \lambda\eta|^2)^{s/2} d\xi|_{L^p} = \lambda^s |(2\pi)^{-n} \int \hat{\phi}(\xi) e^{ix\xi} (\lambda^{-2} + |\lambda^{-1}\xi + \eta|^2)^{s/2} d\xi|_{L^p} .$$

Now multiply by  $\lambda^{-s}$  and let  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$  . If  $m \neq 0$   $P(D)(e^{i\lambda x\eta} \cdot \phi) =$

$$\sum_{\alpha} P^{(\alpha)}(\lambda\eta) \cdot e^{i\lambda x\eta} \cdot \frac{D^{\alpha} \phi}{\alpha!} = \lambda^m P_m(\eta) e^{i\lambda x\eta} + \sum_{1 \leq j < m} \lambda^j Q_j(\eta) \cdot e^{i\lambda x\eta} \cdot \psi_j$$

for some homogeneous polynomials  $Q_j$  ,  $\deg Q_j = j$  , and test functions  $\psi_j$  . After multiplication of the last equality by  $\lambda^{-(s+m)}$  the  $L^p_S$ -norm of the first term has the limit  $|P_m(\eta)| \cdot |\eta|^s \cdot |\phi|_{L^p}$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$  by the previous case and the second term  $\rightarrow 0$  .

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