# A NOTE ON APPROXIMATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS BY QUASI-ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS

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## 1. Introduction and notation

Throughout this note  $\mathbb{R}^n$  denotes the *n*-dimensional Euclidean space. Addition and multiplication in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are defined component-wise. If  $k \leq n$  is a positive integer and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we write  $x_k$  for the *k*-th component of *x*. The set  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_k \neq 0 \text{ for each } k \leq n\}$  is designated by  $\mathbb{R}^{\#}$ .

We shall use the standard notations of the calculus of n variables; see, for example, Hörmander [5], p. 4. If  $\alpha$  is a multi-index, then  $j^{\alpha}$  is the function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  defined by  $j^{\alpha}(x) = x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots x_n^{\alpha_n}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Suppose that W is an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We write D(W) for the space of functions which are indefinitely differentiable and have compact support in W; and the space of distributions with support in W is denoted by D'(W). The spaces of rapidly decreasing indefinitely differentiable functions and temperate distributions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are denoted by  $S(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , respectively. In what follows,  $S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is always assumed to have the strong topology  $\beta(S', S)$ .

Finally, let  $\phi \in D(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . If  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then the function  $\phi_b \in D(\mathbb{R}^n)$  defined by

$$\phi_{h}(x) = \phi(x+b)$$
 for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}$ 

is called a *translate* of  $\phi$ . If  $a \in \mathbb{R}^{\#}$ , then the function  $\phi^a \in D(\mathbb{R}^n)$  defined by

$$\phi^a(x) = \phi(ax)$$
 for all  $x \in R^n$ 

is called a *dilation* of  $\phi$ . The *translate*  $u_b$  and *dilation*  $u^a$  of an arbitrary distribution  $u \in D'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  are defined via the adjoints of the mappings  $\phi \to \phi_b$  and  $\phi \to \phi^{a^{-1}}$ ; we write  $u_b(\phi) = u(\phi_b)$  and  $u^a(\phi) = |1/j(a)| \cdot u(\phi^{a^{-1}})$  for all  $\phi \in D(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . A vector subspace F of  $D'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is said to be *dilation-invariant* [resp. *translation-invariant*] if  $u^a \in F[u_b \in F]$  for all  $u \in F$  and all  $a \in \mathbb{R}^{\#}[b \in \mathbb{R}^n]$ .

In Harasymiv [3], the following problem was considered: if E is a dilation-invariant and translation-invariant locally convex space of temperate distributions and  $u \in E$ , what is the closed vector subspace T[u] of E generated by the set of distributions  $\{(u_k)^a : a \in R^{\#}, b \in R^n\}$ . It was

shown that if we make certain assumptions about the topology on E, then T[u] coincides with the whole of E provided that the support of the Fourier transform of u is sufficiently 'thick'. Moreover, it was found that we could replace the parameter sets  $R^{\neq}$  and  $R^n$  by a dense subset A of  $R^{\neq}$  and a dense subset B of  $R^n$  without altering the conclusions in [3]. In this note we remark on a condition which allows us to restrict still further the size of the parameter sets A and B.

# 2. Preliminaries

In this section we derive some results which we shall need to prove the approximation theorem in § 3. Throughout, the term *space of temperate distributions* will mean a vector subspace of  $S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  which contains  $S(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . We begin with two definitions.

2.1. DEFINITION. A locally convex space E of temperate distributions is said to be an admissible space of it satisfies the following two conditions.

- (i)  $S(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is dense in E.
- (ii) The injections  $S(\mathbb{R}^n) \to E \to S'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  are continuous.

REMARK. It is very easy to verify that the topological dual space E' of an admissible space E can be identified with a space of temperate distributions in such a way that

- (2.1)  $\langle u, \phi \rangle = u * \phi(0)$  for all  $u \in E$
- (2.2)  $\langle \phi, v \rangle = \phi * v(0)$  for all  $v \in E'$

whenever  $\phi \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . [If *E* is an admissible space, then the symbol  $\langle , \rangle$  will always denote the bilinear form on  $E \times E'$  induced by the natural pairing of *E* and *E'*.]

2.2 DEFINITION. Suppose that E is an admissible space. We say that E is c-admissible if it satisfies conditions (i)-(iii) below.

(i) E is translation-invariant.

(ii) For each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the mapping  $u \to u_x$  of E (with its usual topology) into E (with the weak topology  $\sigma(E, E')$ ) is continuous.

(iii) For each  $u \in E$  and each  $v \in E'$ , the mapping  $x \to \langle u_x, v \rangle$  defines a continuous function which is a temperate distribution on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

A c-admissible space which satisfies conditions (iv)-(vi) below is called a dilation space.

(iv) E is dilation-invariant.

(v) For each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{\#}$ , the mapping  $u \to u^x$  of E (with its usual topology) into E (with the weak topology  $\sigma(E, E')$ ) is continuous.

(vi) For each  $u \in E$ , the mapping  $x \to u^x$  of  $R^{\#}$  into E is continuous for the  $\sigma(E, E')$  topology on E.

REMARK. Suppose that E is a translation-invariant barrelled admissible space such that for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the mapping  $u \to u_x$  of E (with its usual topology) into E (with the weak topology  $\sigma(E, E')$ ) is continuous, and for each  $u \in E$  the mapping  $x \to u_x$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into E is continuous for the weak topology on E. In this case it can be shown that if for each  $u \in E$  and each  $v \in E'$  the convolution u \* v is defined (in the general sense of Chevalley [1]) and is a temperate distribution on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then E is c-admissible.

Assume that E is a *c*-admissible space and that  $u \in E$  and  $v \in E'$ . In what follows, we shall use the symbol  $u \oplus v$  to denote the temperate distribution on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  generated by the function  $x \to \langle u_x, v \rangle$   $(x \in \mathbb{R}^n)$ , as in condition (iii) of Definition 2.2. If we consider  $u \oplus v$  as a function, then in view of Theorem 2.2(a) in Harasymiv [3], we have

$$u \circledast v(x) = \langle u_x, v \rangle = \langle u, v_x \rangle$$
 for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

If *E* is a dilation space, then we shall write  $u \bigtriangledown v$  for the function on  $R^{\#}$  defined by  $u \bigtriangledown v(x) = \langle u^x, v \rangle (x \in R^{\#})$ . By condition (vi) in Definition 2.2,  $u \bigtriangledown v$  is continuous on  $R^{\#}$ ; and by Theorem 2.2(b) in Harasymiv [3],  $u \bigtriangledown v(x) = |1/j(x)| \cdot \langle u, v^{x^{-1}} \rangle$  for all  $x \in R^{\#}$ .

We now list several results about dilation spaces which we shall need in what follows.

**2.3 LEMMA.** (a) Suppose that E is a barrelled c-admissible space and that M is a weakly bounded subset of E. Then for each  $v \in E'$  and each compact set  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , there exists a positive constant m (depending on v and K) such that

 $|u \circledast v(x)| \leq m$  for all  $x \in K$ 

simultaneously for all  $u \in M$ .

(b) Suppose that E is a barrelled dilation space and that M is a weakly bounded subset of E. Then for each  $v \in E'$  and each compact set  $K \subset R^{\neq}$  there exists a positive constant M (depending on v and K) such that

$$|u \bigtriangledown v(x)| \leq m' \text{ for all } x \in K$$

simultaneously for all  $u \in M$ .

PROOF. We shall restrict ourselves to establishing (b); a very similar argument will prove (a). Thus, assume that E is a barrelled dilation space,  $v \in E'$  and that K is a compact subset of  $R^{\#}$ . The continuity of the mapping  $x \to v^{x^{-1}}$  of  $R^{\#}$  into E' (for the weak topology on E') entails that the set  $\{v^{x^{-1}} : x \in K\}$  is a weakly compact, and hence weakly bounded subset of E'. Theorem 7.1.1(b) in Edwards [2] now tells us that the set  $\{v^{x^{-1}} : x \in K\}$  is

equicontinuous, and so this set is uniformly bounded on each bounded subset of E. Since any weakly bounded subset of a locally convex topological vector space is necessarily bounded (Edwards [2], Theorem 8.2.2), we infer the existence of a constant m > 0 such that

(2.3) 
$$|\langle u, v^{x^{-1}} \rangle| \leq m$$
 for all  $u \in M$  and all  $x \in K$ .

In view of the definition of  $u \bigtriangledown v$ , relation (2.3) is easily seen to lead to the desired boundedness property.

In order to abbreviate the stements of the results below, we introduce the following terminology.

2.4. DEFINITION. Let E be an admissible space, and suppose that F is an algebraic subspace of E which is admissible relative to some topology such that the injection  $F \rightarrow E$  is continuous. We then say that F is a subspace of type  $(\Gamma)$  if for each  $u \in F$  and each pair of multi-indices  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $\beta \leq \alpha$ , we have  $j^{\beta}D^{\alpha}u \in F$  and the following condition is satisfied.

(i) For each pair of multi-indices  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $\beta \leq \alpha$ , the mapping  $u \rightarrow j^{\beta} D^{\alpha} u$  of F into F is continuous.

REMARK. Obviously, each admissible space contains at least one subspace of type  $(\Gamma)$ ; namely,  $S(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

2.5. LEMMA. Suppose that E is a barrelled dilation space and that F is a subspace of E of type ( $\Gamma$ ). Then the following assertions are true.

(a) For each  $u \in F$  and each  $v \in E'$ , the function  $u \circledast v$  is indefinitely differential be on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and for each multi-index  $\alpha$ 

 $D^{\alpha}(u \circledast v)(x) = (D^{\alpha}u) \circledast v(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}$ .

(b) For each  $u \in F$  and each  $v \in E'$ , the function  $u \bigtriangledown v$  is indefinitely differentiable on  $R^{\#}$  and for each multi-index  $\alpha$ 

$$D^{\alpha}(u \bigtriangledown v)(x) = [1/j^{\alpha}(x)] \cdot \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} C^{\alpha}_{\beta}(j^{\beta}D^{\beta}u) \lor v(x) \text{ for all } x \in R^{\#}.$$
  
where  $C^{\alpha}_{\beta} = \alpha!/\beta! (\alpha - \beta)!.$ 

PROOF. Once again we content ourselves with proving (b). The proof of (a) is similar but simpler.

Assume that u and v are as in part (b) in the statement of the lemma. It is evident that our proof will be complete if we succeed in showing that if W is an arbitrary relatively compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\overline{W} \subset \mathbb{R}^{\#}$ , then  $u \bigtriangledown v$  is indefinitely differentiable in W and for each multi-index  $\alpha$ 

$$(2.4) \quad D^{\alpha}(u \nabla v)(x) = [1/j^{\alpha}(x)] \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} C^{\alpha}_{\beta}(j^{\beta}D^{\beta}u) \nabla v(x) \quad \text{for all} \quad x \in W.$$

Now, in view of Théorème VII in Chapitre II of Schwartz [7] and the

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continuity of the functions  $(j^{\beta}D^{\beta}u) \bigtriangledown v$ , it is easy to see that relation (2.4) is equivalent to the demand that  $D^{\alpha}(u \bigtriangledown v)$  and  $[1/j^{\alpha}] \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} C^{\alpha}_{\beta}(j^{\beta}D^{\beta}u) \bigtriangledown v$  should coincide as distributions on W. In other words, the validity of (2.4) will be assured if we show that for each  $\psi \in D(W)$ 

(2.5) 
$$\int_{W} u \bigtriangledown v(x) \cdot D^{\alpha} \psi(-x) dx = \int_{W} [1/j^{\alpha}(x)] \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} C^{\alpha}_{\beta}(j^{\beta} D^{\beta} u) \bigtriangledown v(x) \cdot \psi(-x) dx.$$

With this end in view, we argue as follows. Since F is admissible, we can extract a net  $(\phi_i)$  from  $D(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $\lim_i \phi_i = u$  in F. Then, by virtue of the continuity (for each multi-index  $\beta$ ) of the mapping  $w \to j^{\beta} D^{\beta} w$  of F into F, it is also true that  $\lim_i j^{\beta} D^{\beta} \phi_i = j^{\beta} D^{\beta} u$  in F for each multi-index  $\beta \ge 0$ . Since the topology on F is stronger than that induced by E (see Definition 2.4), this entails that for each multi-index  $\beta$ 

(2.6) 
$$\lim_{i} j^{\beta} D^{\beta} \phi_{i} = j^{\beta} D^{\beta} u \quad \text{in} \quad E.$$

Next we notice that since  $\overline{W}$  is compact, the set  $\{v^{x^{-1}} : x \in \overline{W}\}$  is weakly compact, and hence weakly bounded in E'. This is a consequence of the continuity (for the weak topology on E') of the mapping  $x \to v^{x^{-1}}$  of  $R^{\#}$ into E'. Theorem 7.1.1(b) in Edwards [2] now tells us that the set  $\{v^{x^{-1}} : x \in \overline{W}\}$  is equicontinuous. If we bear this fact in mind, then the remark on p. 504 (third paragraph) of Edwards [2], together with (2.6), leads us to the conclusion that for each multi-index  $\beta$ 

$$\lim_{i} \langle j^{\beta} D^{\beta} \phi_{i}, v^{x^{-1}} \rangle = \langle j^{\beta} D^{\beta} u, v^{x^{-1}} \rangle \quad \text{uniformly for} \quad x \in \overline{W}.$$

In view of the definition of the functions  $(j^{\beta}D^{\beta}u) \bigtriangledown v$ , and the fact that j is bounded away from zero on  $\overline{W}$ , we may now assert that for each multiindex  $\beta$ 

(2.7) 
$$\lim_{i} j^{\beta} D^{\beta} \phi_{i} \bigtriangledown v(x) = j^{\beta} D^{\beta} u \bigtriangledown v(x)$$
 uniformly for  $x \in \overline{W}$ .

It is now easy to verify that (2.5) holds. Consider an arbitrary function  $\psi \in D(W)$ . Then, because of (2.7), we have

(2.8) 
$$\int_{W} u \bigtriangledown v(x) \cdot D^{\alpha} \psi(-x) dx = \lim_{i} \int_{W} \phi_{i} \bigtriangledown v(x) \cdot D^{\alpha} \psi(-x) dx = \lim_{i} \int_{W} D^{\alpha}(\phi_{i} \bigtriangledown v)(x) \cdot \psi(-x) dx.$$

Now, each  $\phi_i$  belongs to  $D(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Therefore, if we use relation (3.1) in Harasymiv [4], it is easily demonstrated that for each i

$$(2.9) \quad D^{\alpha}(\phi_i \bigtriangledown v)(x) = [1/j^{\alpha}(x)] \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} C^{\alpha}_{\beta}(j^{\beta}D^{\beta}\phi_i) \lor v(x) \quad \text{for all} \quad x \in \overline{W}$$

Relations (2.7), (2.8) and (2.9) together entail that

$$\begin{split} \int_{W} u \bigtriangledown v(x) \cdot D^{\alpha} \psi(-x) dx \\ &= \lim_{i} \int_{W} [1/j^{\alpha}(x)] \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} C^{\alpha}_{\beta}(j^{\beta} D^{\beta} \phi_{i}) \bigtriangledown v(x) \cdot \psi(-x) dx \\ &= \int_{W} [1/j^{\alpha}(x)] \sum_{\alpha \leq \beta} C^{\alpha}_{\beta}(j^{\beta} D^{\beta} u) \lor v(x) \cdot \psi(-x) dx. \end{split}$$

This establishes (2.5), which is what we set out to do.

REMARK. If E is a  $B_r$ -complete module over  $S(\mathbb{R}^n)$  then in part (a) of Lemma 2.5 it is sufficient to merely assume that  $u \in E$  is such that  $D^{\alpha}u \in E$ for each multi-index  $\alpha$ ; the result still holds. However, we shall nowhere make use of this fact, and mention it only in passing.

2.6. DEFINITION. Let E be an admissible space and  $(a_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$  a sequence of complex numbers. For each multi-index  $\alpha$ , let  $a_{\alpha} = a_{\alpha_1} \cdots a_{\alpha_n}$ . We shall write  $M(a_k)$  for the set of all  $u \in E$  which have the following properties.

(i) If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are multi-indices such that  $\beta \leq \alpha$  then  $j^{\beta}D^{\alpha}u \in E$ .

(ii) The set  $\{a_{\alpha}j^{\beta}D^{\alpha}u:\beta\leq\alpha, |\alpha|=1,2,\cdots\}$  is weakly bounded in E.

With the above notation, we state the following corollary to Lemmas 2.3 and 2.5.

2.7. LEMMA. Suppose that E is a barrelled dilation space and that F is a subspace of E of type  $(\Gamma)$ . Let  $u \in F$  and assume that  $(a_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is a monotonic non-increasing sequence of positive numbers such that  $u \in M(a_k)$ . Then the following two assertions are true.

(a) For each  $v \in E'$  and each compact set  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , there exists a positive constant m (depending on v and K) such that

$$|D^{\alpha}(u \circledast v)(x)| \leq m/a_{\alpha}$$
 for all  $x \in K$ 

simultaneously for all multi-indices  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

(b) For each  $v \in E'$  and each compact set  $K \subset R^{\#}$ , there exist positive constants m' and  $\rho$  (both depending on v and K) such that

 $|D^{\alpha}[(D^{\gamma}u) \bigtriangledown v](x)| \leq m' \cdot \rho^{|\alpha|} / a_{\gamma+\alpha}$  for all  $x \in K$ 

simultaneously for all multi-indices  $\alpha \ge 0$  and  $\gamma \ge 0$ .

PROOF. The proofs of parts (a) and (b) of Lemma 2.7 are very similar; we shall only give the argument for part (b).

Suppose that  $v \in E'$  and that K is a compact subset of  $R^{\#}$ . In view of the definition of  $M(a_k)$  and Lemma 2.3(b), we infer that there exists a constant m' > 0 (depending on v and K) such that

(2.10) 
$$|(j^{\beta}D^{\gamma+\beta}u) \bigtriangledown v(x)| \leq m'/a_{\gamma+\beta} \text{ for all } x \in K$$

simultaneously for all multi-indices  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ . Now suppose that  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  are arbitrary, but fixed, multi-indices. Since the sequence  $(a_k)$  is non-increasing, we deduce from (2.10) that

(2.11) 
$$|(j^{\beta}D^{\gamma+\beta}u) \bigtriangledown v(x)| \leq m'/a_{\gamma+\alpha} \text{ for all } x \in K$$

simultaneously for all multi-indices  $\beta \leq \alpha$ . Write

$$\rho = 2 \sup \{ |x_i| : x \in K, 1 \leq i \leq n \}.$$

Using Lemma 2.5 and relation (2.11), it is easy to verify that for each  $x \in K$ 

$$\begin{split} |D^{\alpha}[(D^{\gamma}u) \bigtriangledown v](x)| &\leq |1/j^{\alpha}(x)| \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} C^{\alpha}_{\beta}|(j^{\beta}D^{\gamma+\beta}u) \bigtriangledown v(x)| \\ &\leq \rho^{|\alpha|} \cdot 2^{-|\alpha|} \cdot (m'/a_{\gamma+\alpha}) \cdot \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} C^{\alpha}_{\beta} \\ &\leq m' \cdot \rho^{|\alpha|}/a_{\gamma+\alpha} \end{split}$$

since  $\sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} C_{\beta}^{\alpha} \leq 2^{|\alpha|}$ . This completes the proof of Lemma 2.7.

The following result is a straight-forward consequence of the theorem stated at the foot of p. 75 in Mandelbrojt [6]. We omit its proof.

2.8 LEMMA. Suppose that  $(a_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is a monotonic non-increasing sequence of positive numbers such that the sequence  $(a_k^{1/k})_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is also monotonic nonincreasing. Moreover, suppose that the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k^{1/k}$  diverges. Let W be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and suppose that f is a function which is indefinitely differentiable in W and has the following properties.

(i) For each compact subset K of W, there exist constants m > 0 and  $\rho > 0$  (depending on K) such that

$$|D^{\alpha}f(x)| < m \cdot \rho^{|\alpha|}/a_{\alpha}$$
 for all  $x \in K$ 

simultaneously for all multi-indices  $\alpha \ge 0$ . [Here, as elsewhere, we write  $a_{\alpha} = a_{\alpha_1} \cdots a_{\alpha_n}$  for each multi-index  $\alpha$ .]

(ii) There exists a point  $x_0 \in W$  such that  $D^{\alpha}f(x_0) = 0$  for each multiindex  $\alpha$ .

Then f vanishes identically throughout W.

## 3. Some approximation results

Throughout this section, we shall adopt the following notation. Suppose that E is a dilation space and let A and B be subsets of  $R^{\#}$  and  $R^n$ , respectively. If  $u \in E$ , then we denote by  $T_B^A[u]$  the closed vector subspace of E generated by the set of distributions  $\{(u_b)^a : a \in A, b \in B\}$ . In the case when A coincides with  $R^{\#}$  and B coincides with  $R^n$ , we drop the superscript and subscript, and write T[u] for  $T_B^A[u]$ .

3.1 THEOREM. Let E be a barrelled dilation space. Let F be a subspace of E of type ( $\Gamma$ ) and let  $u \in F$  be such that the following condition is satisfied.

(i)  $u \in M(a_k)$  for some sequence  $(a_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$  of positive numbers such that for each integer  $m \ge 0$ , the sequence  $(a_{m+k}^{1/k})_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is monotonic non-increasing and the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{m+k}^{1/k}$  diverges.

In the above circumstances, the following assertion is true: If H is a closed vector subspace of E such that

(ii)  $j^{\beta}D^{\alpha}u \in H$  for each pair of multi-indices  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $\beta \leq \alpha$  then  $H \supset T[u]$ .

**PROOF.** Our proof will be complete if we succeed in showing that  $H \supset T[u]$  whenever H is a closed vector subspace of E which satisfies condition (ii) in the statement of Theorem 3.1; and according to the Hahn-Banach theorem, this is equivalent to showing that

(3.1) 
$$\langle (u_y)^x, v \rangle = 0$$
 for all  $x \in R^{\#}$  and all  $y \in R^n$ 

whenever  $v \in E'$  is such that

$$(3.2) \qquad \langle w, v \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for all} \quad w \in H.$$

Thus, suppose that H is a closed vector subspace of E which satisfies condition (ii) above; and suppose that  $v \in E'$  is such that (3.2) holds. Then

$$(3.3) \qquad \langle j^{\beta}D^{\alpha}u,v\rangle = 0$$

for each pair of multi-indices  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $\beta \leq \alpha$ . Let  $\gamma$  be an arbitrary multi-index. Then from Lemma 2.5(b) it follows that

(3.4)  
$$D^{\alpha}[(D^{\gamma}u) \bigtriangledown v](1) = \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} C^{\alpha}_{\beta}(j^{\beta}D^{\gamma+\beta}u) \bigtriangledown v(1)$$
$$= \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} C^{\alpha}_{\beta} \cdot \langle j^{\beta}D^{\gamma+\beta}u, v \rangle$$
$$= 0$$

the last equality being a consequence of relation (3.3). Next we notice that Lemma 2.7(b) ensures that if K is a compact subset of  $R^{\#}$ , then there exist constants m' > 0 and  $\rho > 0$  (depending on K) such that

$$(3.5) |D^{\alpha}[(D^{\gamma}u) \bigtriangledown v](x)| \leq m' \cdot \rho^{|\alpha|}/a_{\gamma+\alpha} \text{ for all } x \in K$$

holds simultaneously for all multi-indices  $\alpha \geq 0$ . Equipped with the knowledge that (3.4) and (3.5) hold (and bearing in mind the hypotheses about the sequence  $(a_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$ ) we may turn to Lemma 2.8 and deduce that

(3.6) 
$$(D^{\gamma}u) \bigtriangledown v(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \in R^{\#}.$$

Relation (3.6) holds for each multi-index  $\gamma$ . Now consider an arbitrary, but fixed,  $x \in R^{\#}$ . If we refer to Lemma 2.5(a) and Theorem 2.2(b) in Harasymiv [3], we easily verify that for each multi-index  $\gamma$ 

$$D^{\gamma}(u \circledast v^{x^{-1}})(0) = (D^{\gamma}u) \circledast v^{x^{-1}}(0)$$

$$= \langle D^{\gamma}u, v^{x^{-1}} \rangle$$

$$= |j(x)| \cdot \langle (D^{\gamma}u)^{x}, v \rangle$$

$$= |j(x)| \cdot (D^{\gamma}u) \lor v(x)$$

$$= 0$$

the last equality following immediately from (3.6). Next, we appeal to Lemma 2.7(a) to assure ourselves that if K is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then there exists a constant m > 0 (depending on K) such that

$$(3.8) |D^{\gamma}(u \circledast v^{x^{-1}})(y)| \le m/a_{\gamma} \text{ for all } y \in K$$

simultaneously for all multi-indices  $\gamma \ge 0$ . Relations (3.7) and (3.8) allow us to appeal to Lemma 2.8 and find that

(3.9) 
$$u \circledast v^{x^{-1}}(y) = 0 \quad \text{for all} \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Now, the point  $x \in R^{\#}$  which figures in (3.9) was arbitrarily chosen; hence relation (3.9) is easily seen to entail that for each  $x \in R^{\#}$  and each  $y \in R^n$ 

$$\langle (u_y)^x, v \rangle = |1/j(x)| \cdot \langle u_y, v^{x^{-1}} \rangle$$
  
=  $|1/j(x)| \cdot u \circledast v^{x^{-1}}(y)$   
= 0.

This establishes (3.1) and so completes the proof of the theorem.

3.2 COROLLARY. Let E be a barrelled dilation space. Suppose that  $\phi \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is such that the set  $\{(1/\alpha!)j^{\beta}D^{\alpha}\phi: \beta \leq \alpha, |\alpha| = 1, 2, \cdots\}$  is weakly bounded in E. Then the closed vector subspace of E generated by the set of functions  $\{j^{\beta}D^{\alpha}\phi: \beta \leq \alpha, |\alpha| = 1, 2, \cdots\}$  contains the whole of  $T[\phi]$ .

PROOF. We recall that  $S(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a subspace of E of type  $(\Gamma)$ ; and the boundedness of the set  $\{(1/\alpha!)j^{\beta}D^{\alpha}\phi:\beta\leq\alpha, |\alpha|=1, 2, \cdots\}$  entails that  $\phi\in M(1/k!)$ .

3.3 THEOREM. Let E be a barrelled dilation space. Let F be a subspace of E of type ( $\Gamma$ ) and let  $u \in F$  be such that the following condition is satisfied.

 $u \in M(a_k)$  for some sequence  $(a_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$  of positive numbers such that the sequence  $(a_k^{1/k})_{k=1}^{\infty}$  is monotonic non-increasing and the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k^{1/k}$  diverges.

In the above circumstances, the following assertion is true: If A is a non-meagre subset of  $R^{\#}$  and B is a non-meagre subset of  $R^n$ , then  $T_B^A[u] = T[u]$ .

PROOF. It is sufficient to show that  $T_B^A[u] \supset T[u]$ . Thus, suppose that  $v \in E'$  is such that

(3.10) 
$$\langle (u_b)^a, v \rangle = 0$$
 for all  $a \in A$  and all  $b \in B$ .

Now consider a fixed  $a \in A$ . In view of Theorem 2.2(b) in Harasymiv [3], relation (3.10) is easily seen to entail that  $u \circledast v^{a^{-1}}(b) = 0$  for all  $b \in B$ . Since B is a non-meagre subset of  $R^n$  and the function  $u \circledast v^{a^{-1}}$  is continuous, it follows that  $u \circledast v^{a^{-1}}$  must vanish on some non-void open subset W of  $R^n$ . Hence there exists a point  $y_0 \in W$  such that

$$(3.11) D^{\alpha}(u \circledast v^{a^{-1}})(y_0) = 0 ext{ for all multi-indices } \gamma \ge 0.$$

Secondly, we observe that if K is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then Lemma 2.7(a) implies the existence of a constant m > 0 (depending on K) such that

$$(3.12) |D^{\alpha}(u \circledast v^{a^{-1}})(y)| \leq m/a_{\alpha} \text{ for all } y \in K$$

simultaneously for all multi-indices  $\alpha \ge 0$ . In view of (3.11) and (3.12), we may apply Lemma 2.8 and deduce that

$$(3.13) (u \circledast v^{a^{-1}})(y) = 0 \quad \text{for all} \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Now from (3.13) and Theorem 2.4(b) in Harasymiv [3] it follows that  $u^a \circledast v(y) = 0$  for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ; whence (since the point  $a \in A$  is arbitrary) we infer that

(3.14) 
$$\langle u^a, v_y \rangle = 0$$
 for all  $a \in A$  and all  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Choose an arbitrary, but fixed  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Relation (3.14) asserts that the continuous function  $u \bigtriangledown v_y$  vanishes on the non-meagre subset A of  $\mathbb{R}^{\#}$ . If we now use reasoning similar to that which led to relation (3.11), we deduce the existence of a point  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{\#}$  such that

$$(3.15) D^{\alpha}(u \bigtriangledown v_{y})(x_{0}) = 0 ext{ for all multi-indices } \alpha \ge 0.$$

Moreover, Lemma 2.7(b) asserts that corresponding to each compact set  $K \subset R^{\#}$ , there exist constants m' > 0 and  $\rho > 0$  (depending on K) such that the relations

$$(3.16) |D^{\alpha}(u \bigtriangledown v_{y})(x)| \leq m' \cdot \rho^{|\alpha|}/a_{\alpha} \text{ for all } x \in K$$

hold simultaneously for all multi-indices  $\alpha \ge 0$ . In view of (3.15) and (3.16), Lemma 2.8 now tells us that  $u \bigtriangledown v_y(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in R^{\#}$ . Since  $y \in R^n$  was arbitrarily chosen, it is now evident that

(3.17) 
$$\langle (u_y)^x, v \rangle = 0$$
 for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{\#}$  and all  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

We have therefore shown that (3.17) holds whenever  $v \in E'$  satisfies (3.10). An easy application of the Hahn-Banach theorem now shows that  $T_{B}^{A}[u] \supset T[u]$ ; hence  $T_{B}^{A}[u] = T[u]$ .

3.4. COROLLARY. Suppose that E is a barrelled dilation space. Let  $\phi \in S(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be such that the set  $\{(1/\alpha!)j^{\beta}D^{\alpha}\phi: \beta \leq \alpha, |\alpha| = 1, 2, \cdots\}$  is weakly bounded in E. Then  $T_B^A[\phi] = T[\phi]$  whenever A is a non-meagre subset of  $\mathbb{R}^{\#}$  and B is a non-meagre subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

REMARK. Suppose that n = 1, so that  $\mathbb{R}^n$  reduces to the real line  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let E be a barrelled dilation space of distributions on  $\mathbb{R}$ , and suppose that  $u \in E$  satisfies the conditions of Theorem 3.3. Since the dual of any admissible space on  $\mathbb{R}$  contains  $D(\mathbb{R})$ , Lemma 2.7 and relation (2.1) (together with the hypotheses about the sequence  $(a_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$  in Theorem 3.3) entail that  $u * \phi$  is a quasi-analytic function (in the sense of Mandelbrojt [6]) for each  $\phi \in D(\mathbb{R})$ . An argument similar to that used to prove Théorème XXIV in Chapitre VI of Schwartz [8] now shows that u itself must be a quasi-analytic function.

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