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STRUCTURE THEORY OF FUNCTION SPACES

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In this lecture are considered two kinds of function spaces :

1. Function spaces of Lebesgue - Besov type which are Banach spaces, and
2. Nuclear function spaces. We shall give a survey about some isomorphic properties for spaces of such a type. We do not give any proofs. All proofs are given in the technical reports [6], which are the first version of a planned book "interpolation theory, function spaces, differential operators". If the results are published elsewhere, we shall give special references.

### § 1. STRUCTURE THEORY OF FUNCTION SPACES OF LEBESGUE-BESOV-TYPE WITHOUT WEIGHTS

1.1 Definitions :  $R_n$  denotes the real  $n$ -dimensional euclidean space.  $S'(R_n)$  denotes the set of tempered distributions ;  $F$  is the Fourier-transformation in  $S'(R_n)$ , and  $F^{-1}$  is the inverse Fourier-transformation. Let  $-\infty < s < \infty$  and  $1 < p < \infty$ . Then

$$H_p^s(R_n) = \{f | f \in S'(R_n) ; F^{-1}(1 + |\xi|^2)^{s/2} Ff \in L_p(R_n)\},$$

$$\|f\|_{H_p^s(R_n)} = \|F^{-1}(1 + |\xi|^2)^{s/2} Ff\|_{L_p(R_n)},$$

are the Lebesgue-spaces. ( $L_p(R_n)$  has the usual meaning). Let  $\Omega \subset R_n$  be a bounded domain. Then  $H_p^s(\Omega)$  denotes the restriction of  $H_p^s(R_n)$  on  $\Omega$ ,

$$\|f\|_{H_p^s(\Omega)} = \inf_{\substack{g(x) = f(x) \\ \text{for } x \in \Omega \text{ (a.e.)}}} \|g\|_{H_p^s(R_n)}$$

where  $g \in H_p^s(R_n)$ . Let  $1 < p < \infty$  ;  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $-\infty < s < \infty$ . If  $s_0 < s < s_1$  and  $s = (1 - \theta)s_0 + \theta s_1$ , then

$$B_{p,q}^s(\Omega) = (H_p^{s_0}(\Omega), H_p^{s_1}(\Omega))_{\theta, q},$$

where  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{\theta, q}$  denotes the real interpolation method of Lions-Peetre. The definition is independent of the choice of  $s_0$  and  $s_1$ . For  $s > 0$  one obtains the usual Besov spaces. At least for  $s > 0$  there are many equivalent norms ; see [2] and the references given there. Let

$$W_p^s(\Omega) = \begin{cases} H_p^s(\Omega) & \text{if } s = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ B_{p,p}^s(\Omega) & \text{if } 0 < s \neq \text{integer.} \end{cases}$$

$W_p^s(\Omega)$  are the Sobolev-Slobodeckij spaces. Let  $\Omega$  be either  $\Omega = R_n$  or a bounded domain of the class  $C^\infty$ . Then

$$W_p^s(\Omega) = \{f | f \in D'(\Omega), \|f\|_{W_p^s}^p = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq s} \|D^\alpha f\|_{L_p(\Omega)}^p < \infty\}$$

if  $s = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , or

$$W_p^s(\Omega) = \{f | f \in D'(\Omega), \|f\|_{W_p^s}^p = \|f\|_{W_p^{[s]}}^p + \sum_{|\alpha| = [s]} \int_{\Omega \times \Omega} \frac{|D^\alpha f(x) - D^\alpha f(y)|^p}{|x-y|^{n+[s]p}} dx dy < \infty\}$$

if  $0 < s = [s] + \{s\}$ ,  $[s]$  integer ;  $0 < \{s\} < 1$ .

**1.2 The case  $\Omega = R_n$**  : Let  $A$  be a Banach space, and let  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ . Then

$$l_q(A) = \{a | a = (a_j)_{j=1}^\infty, a_j \in A, \|a\|_{l_q(A)} = (\sum_{j=1}^\infty \|a_j\|_A^q)^{1/q} < \infty\}$$

(with the usual modification for the case  $q = \infty$ ) denotes the vector valued  $l_q$ -space. " $\simeq$ " means isomorphic property.

**Theorem** :  $H_p^s(R_n) \simeq L_p(0,1)$  ;  $-\infty < s < \infty$  ;  $1 < p < \infty$  ;

$$B_{p,q}^s(R_n) \simeq l_q(l_p) ; -\infty < s < \infty ; 1 < p < \infty ; 1 \leq q \leq \infty.$$

**Remarks** : (1) The proof is given in [3]. There are further results of such a type.

(2) The spaces  $L_p(0,1)$  and  $l_q(l_p)$  have unconditional Schauder bases ;  $1 < p < \infty$  ;  $1 \leq q < \infty$ . The Theorems shows that this is true for the spaces  $H_p^s(R_n)$  and  $B_{p,q}^s(R_n)$  also ;  $-\infty < s < \infty$  ;  $1 < p < \infty$  ;  $1 \leq q < \infty$ .

(3) As a special case of the theorem one obtains

$$W_p^s(R_n) \simeq \begin{cases} L_p(0,1) & \text{for } s = 0, 1, 2, \dots \text{ (Sobolev spaces)} \\ l_p & \text{for } 0 < s \neq \text{integer (Slobodeckij spaces)} \end{cases}$$

This shows that the spaces  $W_p^s(\mathbb{R}_n)$  for integers  $s$  on the one side and for non-integers  $s$  on the other side belong to different isomorphic classes.

(4) The spaces  $B_{p,\infty}^s(\mathbb{R}_n)$  are not separable.

**1.3 The case  $\Omega \in C^\infty$**  : Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}_n$  with smooth boundary,  $\Omega \in C^\infty$ .

**Theorem** : (a)  $H_p^s(\Omega) \simeq \mathcal{L}_p(0,1)$  ;  $-\infty < s < \infty$  ;  $1 < p < \infty$  ;  
 (b)  $B_{p,p}^s(\Omega) \simeq \mathcal{L}_p$  ;  $-\infty < s < \infty$  ;  $1 < p < \infty$  ;  
 (c)  $B_{p,q}^s(\Omega)$  has a Schauder basis ;  $-\infty < s < \infty$  ;  $1 < p < \infty$  ;  
 $1 \leq q < \infty$ .

**Remarks** : (1) There are similar results for the spaces  $H_p^{0,s}(\Omega)$  and  $B_{p,q}^{0,s}(\Omega)$ , which are defined as the completion of  $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  in the norm of  $H_p^s(\Omega)$ , resp.  $B_{p,q}^s(\Omega)$ .

(2) The proof is given in [3] ; there are further results in this direction.

(3) One can carry over the remarks (2) and (3) from section 1.2 for  $p = q$ .

(4) One can show that all the spaces  $B_{p,q}^s(\Omega)$  ;  $1 < p < \infty$  ;  $1 \leq q < \infty$  ;  $0 < s < \frac{1}{p}$  have a common Schauder basis : a system of functions of Haar-type (see [3]).

(5) Problem : What is the structure of  $B_{p,q}^s(\Omega)$  ;  $p \neq q$  ?

## § 2. STRUCTURE THEORY OF FUNCTION SPACES OF SOBOLEV-SLOBODECKIJ TYPE WITH WEIGHTS

We shall consider two kinds of Sobolev-Slobodeckij spaces with weights.

**2.1 The spaces  $W_p^s(\Omega; \rho^\mu; \rho^\nu)$**  : Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}_n$  be an arbitrary domain (bounded or unbounded, no smoothness assumptions are needed). Let  $0 < \rho(x) \in C^\infty(\Omega)$  ;  $\exists c > 0$ ,  $|\nabla \rho(x)| \leq c \rho^2(x)$  for all  $x \in \Omega$  ;  $\rho(x) \rightarrow \infty$  for  $x \rightarrow \partial\Omega$  or  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let  $1 < p < \infty$  ;  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are real numbers ;  $s > 0$  , and  $\nu \geq \mu + sp$ . Then  $W_p^s(\Omega; \rho^\mu, \rho^\nu)$  denotes the completion of  $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  in the norm

$$\|f\|_{W_p^s(\Omega; \rho^\mu; \rho^\nu)} = \left( \int_{\Omega} \left( \sum_{|\alpha|=s} \rho^\mu(x) |D^\alpha f(x)|^p + \rho^\nu(x) |f(x)|^p \right) dx \right)^{1/p} \quad \text{if}$$

$s = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$  (for  $s = 0$  we assume  $\mu = \nu$ ), and

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{W_p^s(\Omega; \rho^\mu; \rho^\nu)} &= \left( \int_{\Omega \times \Omega} \sum_{|\alpha|=[s]} \frac{|\rho^{\mu/p}(x) D^\alpha f(x) - \rho^{\mu/p}(y) D^\alpha f(y)|^p}{|x-y|^{n+\{s\}p}} dx dy \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{\Omega} \rho^\nu(x) |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \end{aligned}$$

if  $0 < s = [s] + \{s\}$  ;  $[s]$  integer ;  $0 < \{s\} < 1$ . A more detailed consideration of these spaces is given in [5] .

Theorem :

$$W_p^s(\Omega; \rho^\mu; \rho^\nu) \simeq \begin{cases} L_p(0,1) & \text{if } s = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ L_p & \text{if } 0 < s \neq \text{integer} \end{cases}$$

2.2 The spaces  $w_{p,\mu}^s(\mathbb{R}_n)$  (spaces of Kudrjavzev-type) : Let

$\sigma(x) = (1 + |x|^2)^{1/2}$  ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}_n$ , a weight function. Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $-\infty < \mu < \infty$ . Then

$$w_{p,\mu}^s(\mathbb{R}_n) = \{f | f \in D'(\mathbb{R}_n),$$

$$\|f\|_{w_{p,\mu}^s} = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}_n} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq s} \sigma^{\mu-(s-|\alpha|)p}(x) |D^\alpha f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty \}$$

for  $s = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , and

$$w_{p,\mu}^s(\mathbb{R}_n) = \{f \mid f \in D'(\mathbb{R}_n), \|f\|_{w_{p,\mu}^s} =$$

$$\|f\|_{w_{p,\mu}^{[s]}} + \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}_n \times \mathbb{R}_n} \sum_{|\alpha|=[s]} \frac{|\sigma^{\mu/p}(\mathbf{x}) D^\alpha f(\mathbf{x}) - \sigma^{\mu/p}(\mathbf{y}) D^\alpha f(\mathbf{y})|^p dx dy}{|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{y}|^{n+\{s\}p}} \right)^{1/p} < \infty \}$$

for  $0 < s = [s] + \{s\}$  ;  $[s]$  integer ;  $0 < \{s\} < 1$ . Spaces of such a type where  $s$  is an integer, are considered by Kudrjavzev.

Theorem :

$$w_{p,\mu}^s(\mathbb{R}_n) \approx \begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_p(0,1) & \text{if } s = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ l_p & \text{if } 0 < s \neq \text{integer} \end{cases}$$

Remark : An investigation of these spaces from the point of view of interpolation theory, a proof of the theorem, and also a proof of the theorem of the last section is given in [6] ( and will be given in the announced book).

### § 3. STRUCTURE THEORY OF NUCLEAR FUNCTION SPACES

3.1 Nuclear (F)-spaces : An (F)-space is a complete locally convex space, the topology is generated by a countable set of semi-norms. Let be (without loss of generality)

$$\|a\|_1 \leq \|a\|_2 \leq \dots \leq \|a\|_j \leq \dots$$

the countable set of semi-norms. For sake of simplicity we assume that  $\|a\|_j$  are norms. Let  $F_j$  be the completion of the (F)-space  $F$  in the norm  $\|a\|_j$ . Then holds  $F_k \subset F_j$  for  $k > j$ . The imbedding operator is denoted by  $I_{j,k}$ . By definition the (F)-space  $F$  is nuclear, if for each  $j = 1, 2, \dots$  there exists such a number  $k = k(j)$  that the imbedding operator  $I_{j,k}$  is a nuclear operator. [An operator  $S \in \mathcal{L}(A, B)$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are Banach spaces, is nuclear, if it has a representation of the type

$$Sa = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} f_j(a) b_j ; b_j \in B ; f_j \in A' ; \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|f_j\|_{A'} \|b_j\|_B < \infty ] .$$



An important nuclear (F)-space is the space

$$s = \{ \xi \mid \xi = (\xi_j)_{j=1}^{\infty} ; \xi_j \text{ complex} ; \| \xi \|_1 = \sup_{j \geq 1} |\xi_j| < \infty \text{ for } 1 = 0, 1, 2, \dots \}$$

of rapidly decreasing sequences. Grothendieck conjectured, and T. and Y. Komura proved that each nuclear (F)-space is isomorphic to a subspace of the topological product  $(s)_{\{1,2,3,\dots\}}$ .

**3.2 The spaces  $D(A^{\infty})$  :** An (F)-space is (by definition) a Montel space if each bounded set is a pre-compact set.

Let H be a separable (complex) Hilbert space. Let A be a self adjoint operator, acting in H. The domain of definition is denoted by  $D(A)$ . Then

$$D(A^{\infty}) = \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} D(A^j) , \quad \| a \|_j = \| A^j a \|_H + \| a \|_H, \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots),$$

is an (F)-space.

**Theorem :** (a)  $D(A^{\infty})$  is a Montel space iff  $A$  is an operator with pure point spectrum.

(b)  $D(A^{\infty})$  is a nuclear space iff  $A$  is an operator with pure point spectrum and there exist  $c > 0$  and  $\tau > 0$  such that holds

$$N(\lambda) \leq c \lambda^{\tau} . \quad (\lambda > 1)$$

(The eigenvalues of A denoted by  $\lambda_j$ ;  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ;  $N(\lambda) = \sum_{|\lambda_j| \leq \lambda} 1$  is the function of the eigenvalue distribution).

(c)  $D(A^{\infty})$  is isomorphic to  $s$  iff  $A$  is an operator with pure point spectrum and there exist  $c_1 > 0$ ,  $c_2 > 0$ ,  $\tau_1 > 0$ , and  $\tau_2 > 0$ , such that holds

$$c_1 \lambda^{\tau_1} \leq N(\lambda) \leq c_2 \lambda^{\tau_2} \quad (\lambda > 1)$$

**Remark :** The theory of the spaces  $D(A^{\infty})$  are developed by Mitjagin, Pietsch, and the author. Detailed references are given in [1,6].

3.3 General structure theorem for nuclear function spaces

Theorem : Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}_n$  be an arbitrary domain ; let

$$Au = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha u ; a_\alpha(x) \in C^\infty(\Omega) ; D(A) = C_0^\infty(\Omega) ;$$

a symmetric operator ; let  $A$  be a self adjoint extension of  $A$  in  $\mathcal{L}_2(\Omega)$ , and let  $D(A^\infty)$  be a nuclear (F)-space. Then  $D(A^\infty)$  is isomorphic to  $s$ .

Remark : In the formalism of the theorem no assumptions for the type of  $A$  are needed. But one can expect "good" spaces  $D(A^\infty)$  only in the cases if  $A$  is elliptic, degenerate-elliptic, semi-elliptic..., but not hyperbolic,

3.4 Special function spaces

(a) Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}_n$  be an arbitrary domain; let  $0 < \rho(x) \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ ,

$$\rho(x) \rightarrow \infty \text{ for } x \rightarrow \partial\Omega \text{ and for } |x| \rightarrow \infty ;$$

$$|D^\gamma \rho(x)| \leq c_\gamma \rho^{1+|\gamma|}(x) \text{ for suitable numbers } c_\gamma > 0 ;$$

] a  $> 0$  such that  $\rho^{-a}(x) \in \mathcal{L}_1(\Omega)$ . Then

$$S_\rho(x)(\Omega) = \{f | f \in C^\infty(\Omega), \sup_{x \in \Omega} \rho^l(x) |D^\alpha f(x)| < \infty \text{ for all } l = 0, 1, 2, \dots \text{ and all } \alpha\}$$

is an (F)-space.

Theorem 1 :  $S_\rho(x)(\Omega) \simeq s$

Remark : a) Each operator  $Au = -\Delta u + \rho^\nu(x)u ; \nu > 2, \mathcal{D}(A) = C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  fullfils the assumptions of the theorem in sect.3.3. It is possible to show that holds  $D(A^\infty) = S_\rho(x)(\Omega)$ . We refer to [4].

b) Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded domain. Then

$$\bar{C}_0^\infty(\Omega) = \{f | f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}_n), \text{ supp } f \subset \bar{\Omega}\} ;$$

equipped with the seminorms  $\sup_{x \in \Omega} |\mathcal{D}^\alpha f(x)|, 0 \leq |\alpha| < \infty$ ; is an (F)-space.

Theorem 2 :  $\bar{C}_0^\infty(\Omega) \simeq s$ .

Remarks : (1) If  $\Omega \in C^\infty$ , then  $\bar{C}_0^\infty(\Omega)$  is the completion of  $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  in the topology of  $\bar{C}_0^\infty(\Omega)$ .

(2) Let  $\rho^{-1}(x) \sim d(x) =$  distance of a point  $x \in \Omega$  from the boundary. Then holds  $S_{\rho(x)}(\Omega) = \bar{C}_0^\infty(\Omega)$  (in the sense of topological equality). This shows that theorem 2 is a special case of theorem 1.

(c) Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded domain,  $\Omega \in C^\infty$ . Let  $\nu_z$  be the inner normal for  $z \in \partial\Omega$ , and let  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $l = 0, \dots, j$ . Then

$$\bar{C}_{j,1}^\infty(\Omega) = \{f \mid f \in \bar{C}^\infty(\Omega), \frac{\partial^r f}{\partial \nu_z^r} \Big|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \text{ for } r = n_1 j + n_2 ;$$

$$n_1 = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n_2 = 0, 1, \dots, l-1\}$$

is an (F)-space. (The topology is given by  $\sup_{x \in \Omega} |D^\alpha f(x)|$ ;  $0 \leq |\alpha| < \infty$ ; special cases are

$$\bar{C}_{j,0}^\infty(\Omega) = \bar{C}^\infty(\Omega) = \{f \mid \exists D^\alpha f \text{ in } \bar{\Omega} \text{ for all } \alpha\}$$

$$\bar{C}_{j,j}^\infty(\Omega) = \bar{C}_0^\infty(\Omega).$$

Theorem 3 :  $\bar{C}_{j,1}^\infty(\Omega) \simeq s$ .

Remark : The proof uses techniques of degenerate elliptic differential operators. A description of the principles is given in [1]. A full proof is given in [6].

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