

## 99. A Note on Extended Regular Functional Spaces

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1. Beurling and Deny introduced in [1] and [2] the notions of regular functional spaces and Dirichlet spaces. They treated potentials in such a space. In potential theory, their method is very important for the research of the kernels satisfying the domination principle or the complete maximum principle. But the notion of a regular functional space is not sufficient, because the kernel of a regular functional space is symmetric if it exists. In this note, we shall extend the notion of a regular functional space and show the similar results as Beurling and Deny's. The detail will be published later elsewhere.

2. Let  $X$  be a locally compact Hausdorff space where there exists a positive measure  $\xi$  satisfying  $\xi(\omega) > 0$  for any non-empty open set  $\omega$  in  $X$ , and let  $C_K = C_K(X)$  be the space of finite continuous functions defined in  $X$  with compact support provided with the usual topology.<sup>1)</sup> We define an extended regular functional space with respect to  $X$  and  $\xi$  as follows:

**Definition 1.** A Banach space  $\mathfrak{X} = \mathfrak{X}(X; \xi)$  is called an extended regular functional space (with respect to  $X$  and  $\xi$ ) if each element of  $\mathfrak{X}$  is a real-valued locally  $\xi$ -summable function defined almost everywhere for  $\xi$  simply, *a.e.* in  $X$  and the following three conditions are satisfied:

(1.1) For each compact set  $K$  in  $X$ , there exists a positive constant  $A(K)$  such that

$$\int |u(x)| d\xi(x) \leq A(K) \|u\|$$

for any  $u$  in  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

(1.2) The intersection  $C_K \cap \mathfrak{X}$  is dense both in  $C_K$  and in  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

(1.3) There exists a continuous bilinear form  $\alpha(\cdot, \cdot)$  on  $\mathfrak{X}$  such that  $\alpha(u, u) = \|u\|^2$  for any  $u$  in  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

In the above definition, the norm in  $\mathfrak{X}$  is denoted by  $\|u\|$ . For example, we can construct an extended regular functional space for a uniformly elliptic differential operator of order 2 which is not

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1) That is, the net  $(f_\alpha)_{\alpha \in I}$  is called to converge  $f$  in  $C_K$  if there exists a compact set  $K$  in  $X$  such that the support of  $f_\alpha$  is contained in  $K$  and  $(f_\alpha)$  is uniformly convergent to  $f$ .