

Regularity of the solutions of some hypoelliptic operators

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Abstract. Let $P(D)$ be an hypoelliptic operator with constant coefficients, having a fundamental solution that is locally integrable in \mathbb{R}^n . Let u be a distribution defined on an open set Ω in \mathbb{R}^n such that $Pu = f$. It's proved that if $f \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$ then $u \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$ and if f is in $C^m(\Omega)$ so is u .

1. Introduction.

Let Ω be a domain in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 1$. Let $A = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x) D^\alpha$ be a differential operator of order m with $a_\alpha \in C^m(\Omega)$. Let A^* denote the adjoint operator of A . Let $1 < p \leq \infty$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. If $f \in L^p(\Omega)$, it is proved in [1], there exists a weak solution of $Au = f$, $u \in L^p(\Omega)$ and $\|u\|_p \leq c$ if and only if $|\langle f, \phi \rangle| \leq c \|A^* \phi\|_q$ for all $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$. In this note we discuss the possibility of finding an $L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$ solution u for the equation $Au = f$, if it is known that $f \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$.

Now it is known that if $P = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha D^\alpha$ is a hypoelliptic differential operator of order m with constant coefficients and Ω is a convex open set of \mathbb{R}^n , then for any $T \in D'(\Omega)$, there exists a distribution $u \in D'(\Omega)$ such that $Pu = T$ (see [2]). If we suppose moreover that P is elliptic, then the above result is true even if Ω is

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