

## On a Space $H^f$

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Let  $f(x)$  be any locally summable and positive-valued function defined almost everywhere on  $R^n$ , Euclidean  $n$ -space. Let  $H^f$  be a Hilbert space obtained by completing the space  $\mathcal{S}E$ , the linear space of the inverse Fourier transforms of  $\mathcal{D}$ , with norm  $\|\hat{\xi}\|_f^2 = \int |\hat{\xi}(x)|^2 f(x) dx$ , where  $\hat{\xi}$  denotes the Fourier transform of  $\xi \in \mathcal{S}E$ . Under more special conditions on  $f$ , the space  $H^f$  has been investigated by J. Deny [1] and B. Malgrange [5] in connection with the study of the potential theory and the theory of partial differential equations respectively. In connection with this situation, we say that  $f$  is of Deny type (simply type  $D$ ) if it satisfies the condition:

$$(D) \quad f(x), \frac{1}{f(x)} \in (1 + |x|^2)^m \times L^1 \text{ for an integer } m,$$

where  $L^1$  denotes the space of the summable functions on  $R^n$ .

We also say that  $f$  is of Malgrange type (simple type  $M$ ) if it satisfies the condition:

$$(M) \quad f(x), \frac{1}{f(x)} \leq C(1 + |x|^2)^m \text{ a.e. for a constant } C \text{ and an integer } m.$$

Actually Malgrange was concerned with the continuous  $f$  of type  $M$ .

The purpose of our investigation is to characterize these types of  $f$  by means of the properties of  $H^f$  and its related spaces.

In Section 1 we show that  $f$  is of type  $D$  if and only if  $H^f$  is a normal space of distributions. If  $\mu$  is a positive measure with which we define the space  $H^\mu$  in the same way as before, we can show that  $\mu$  must be of the form  $f(x)dx$  when  $H^\mu$  is a space of distributions.

In the following sections we shall only be concerned with normal  $H^f$ . Section 2 begins with the definition of the space  $H_{f,\infty} = \bigcap_s H^{f,s}$  (resp.  $H'_{f,\infty} = \bigcup_s H^{f,s}$ ) with the topology of projective limit (resp. of inductive limit).  $H^{f,s}$  stands for  $H^{f_1}$ , where  $f_1(x) = (1 + |x|^2)^s f(x)$  and  $s$  is a real number. Then  $H_{f,\infty}$  will be a reflexive space of type  $(F)$  consisting of the distinguished elements of  $H^f$  [6], and  $H'_{f,\infty}$  the anti-dual of  $H_{1/f,\infty}$ . We show that  $f$  is of type  $M$  if and only if  $H_{f,\infty} = \mathcal{D}_{L^2}$  or  $H'_{f,\infty} = \mathcal{D}'_{L^2}$ .

In Section 3 we show that  $H^f$  is of local type if and only if, for some integer  $m$ ,  $\frac{1}{(1 + |x - y|^2)^m} \sqrt{\frac{f(y)}{f(x)}}$  is a kernel of a continuous linear application of  $L^2_x$  into  $L^2_y$ . The condition is shown to be satisfied if, for a  $k(x)$  such that

$k(x) \in (1 + |x|^2)^m \times L^1$  for an integer  $m$ , the inequality  $f(x + y) \leq k(x)f(y)$  holds almost everywhere for  $|y| \geq c$ . On the other hand,  $H_{f,\infty}$  and  $H'_{f,\infty}$  are of local type without any restriction on  $f$ .

Section 4 is devoted to studying convolution  $\xi * \eta$  between elements of  $H_{f,\infty}$  and  $H'_{1/f,\infty}$ . We show that  $f$  is of type  $M$  if and only if any  $\xi \in H^f$  is composable with every  $\eta \in H^{1/f}$ . However it is to be noticed that by means of the Fourier transformation we can as usual define a convolution  $\xi \circledast \eta$  in such a way that the operation  $\circledast$  is separately continuous on  $H^f \times H^{1/f}$  and coincides with the usual convolution  $*$  on  $\mathcal{D} \times \mathcal{D}$ . We show also that  $f$  is of type  $M$  if and only if  $\mathcal{B}H_{f,\infty} \subset H_{f,\infty}$  or  $\mathcal{B}H'_{f,\infty} \subset H'_{f,\infty}$ . But we could not succeed in giving the conditions on  $f$  under which  $\mathcal{B}H^f$  is a part of  $H^f$ .

**1. The Space of  $H^f$ .** In what follows by  $x, y, \dots$  we denote respectively points  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n), \dots$  of the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $R^n$ . We use the notations  $|x| = (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2)^{1/2}$ ,  $x \cdot y = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 + \dots + x_n y_n$ , and if  $p = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$ , where the  $p_j$  are non-negative integers, we will write  $|p| = p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n$ ,  $D^p = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}\right)^{p_1} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}\right)^{p_2} \dots \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)^{p_n}$ .

Let  $f(x)$  be a locally summable and positive-valued function defined almost everywhere on  $R^n$ . Following F. Trèves [13] we denote by  $\mathcal{S}E$  the family of the functions whose inverse Fourier transforms lie in  $\mathcal{D}$ , the space of the indefinitely differentiable functions with compact support in  $R^n$ . We consider  $\mathcal{S}E$  as a prehilbert space with inner product  $(\xi, \xi')_f = \int \hat{\xi}(x) \overline{\hat{\xi}'(x)} f(x) dx$ , and hence with norm  $\|\xi\|_f = \left\{ \int |\hat{\xi}(x)|^2 f(x) dx \right\}^{1/2}$ , where  $\hat{\xi}$  denotes the Fourier transform of  $\xi$ . We shall denote by  $H^f$  a completion of  $\mathcal{S}E$  with respect to this norm. According to the usual notations, we shall write  $H^s$  if  $f(x) = (1 + |x|^2)^s$  and  $H^{f_1, s}$  if  $f(x) = (1 + |x|^2)^s f_1(x)$ . Following L. Schwartz ([9], p. 7) we say that a locally convex space  $F$  is a space of distributions if it is algebraically a subspace of  $\mathcal{D}'$  and the injection  $F \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'$  is continuous, and that  $F$  is normal if, in addition, it contains  $\mathcal{D}$ , the injection  $\mathcal{D} \rightarrow F$  is continuous, and  $\mathcal{D}$  is dense in  $F$ . In general  $H^f$ , as shown by Trèves ([13], p. 184), is not a space of distributions.

We shall first show

**PROPOSITION 1.** *The space  $H^f$  is a space of distributions if and only if the following condition (A) is satisfied:*

$$(A) \quad \frac{1}{f} \in (1 + |x|^2)^m \times L^1 \text{ for some integer } m.$$

Before proving the statement we remark that  $H^f$  is a space of distributions if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) The injection of  $\mathcal{S}E$  into  $\mathcal{D}'$  is continuous, that is, for any  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $\xi \rightarrow \langle \xi, \varphi \rangle$  is a continuous linear form on  $\mathcal{S}E$ .

When this condition is satisfied, the linear forms  $\xi \rightarrow \langle \xi, \varphi \rangle$  can be extended

to the forms continuous on the whole space  $H^f$ .

(ii) If we are given an  $\eta \in H^f$  with  $\langle \eta, \bar{\varphi} \rangle = 0$  for all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ , then  $\eta = 0$ .

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 1. *Necessity.* For any  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$  and any  $\xi \in \mathcal{S}E$  we have

$$(1) \quad \langle \xi, \bar{\varphi} \rangle = \int \hat{\xi}(x) \bar{\varphi}(x) dx = \int \hat{\xi}(x) \sqrt{f(x)} \bar{\varphi}(x) \sqrt{g(x)} dx, \text{ where } g = \frac{1}{f}.$$

Since by (i) the form  $\xi \rightarrow \langle \xi, \bar{\varphi} \rangle$  is continuous and the set  $\{\hat{\xi}\sqrt{f}; \xi \in \mathcal{S}E\}$  is dense in  $L^2$ , it follows that  $\hat{\varphi}\sqrt{g} \in L^2$ . Then, by the closed graph theorem, the application  $\varphi \rightarrow \hat{\varphi}\sqrt{g}$  of  $\mathcal{D}$  into  $L^2$  becomes continuous. This implies that the application is continuous in  $\mathcal{D}_B$ ,  $B$  being the unit ball of  $R^n$  with center 0, with the topology induced by  $\mathcal{D}_B^k$  for some integer  $k$  ( $\mathcal{D}_B^k$  is a Banach space of the  $k$ -times continuously differentiable functions with support in  $B$ ). We can take a positive integer  $l$  such that an  $\alpha \in \mathcal{D}_B^k$  is a parametrix of an iterated Laplacian  $\Delta^l$  ( $\Delta = \sum_j \left( \frac{1}{2\pi i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \right)^2$ ):

$$(2) \quad \delta = \Delta^l \alpha + \beta, \quad \beta \in \mathcal{D}_B.$$

Now we can choose a sequence  $\{\alpha_j\}$ ,  $\alpha_j \in \mathcal{D}_B$ , such that  $\alpha_j \rightarrow \alpha$  in  $\mathcal{D}_B^k$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . This together with (2) yields that  $\hat{\alpha}\sqrt{g}$ ,  $\hat{\beta}\sqrt{g} \in L^2$ , and  $\sqrt{g} = |x|^{2l} \hat{\alpha}\sqrt{g} + \hat{\beta}\sqrt{g} \in (1 + |x|^{2l}) \times L^2$ , hence it follows that  $g(x) \in (1 + |x|^{2l})^m \times L^1$  for  $m=2l$ .

*Sufficiency.* To complete the proof it is enough to establish the statements (i) and (ii). By the condition (A),  $\hat{\varphi}\sqrt{g} \in L^2$  for any  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ . As for (i), since  $\hat{\xi}\sqrt{f} \in L^2$  for any  $\xi \in \mathcal{S}E$ , the relation (1) shows that the application  $\xi \rightarrow \langle \xi, \bar{\varphi} \rangle$  is continuous. Let  $\{\xi_j\}$  be a sequence from  $\mathcal{S}E$  such that  $\xi_j \rightarrow \eta$  in  $H^f$ ,  $\eta$  being any given element of  $H^f$ . Since  $L_{f dx}^2 \subset \sqrt{g} \times L^2 \subset (1 + |x|^{2l})^m \times L^2 \times L^2 \subset (1 + |x|^{2l})^m \times L^1 \subset \mathcal{S}'$ , the injection  $L_{f dx}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{S}'$  becomes continuous by the closed graph theorem, so that  $\{\hat{\xi}_j\}$  converges in both  $L_{f dx}^2$  and  $\mathcal{S}'$  to the same element which we shall denote by  $\hat{\eta}$ . Then the relation (1) gives that  $\langle \eta, \bar{\varphi} \rangle =$

$\int \hat{\eta}(x) \sqrt{f(x)} \bar{\varphi}(x) \sqrt{g(x)} dx$ , Therefore, if  $\langle \eta, \bar{\varphi} \rangle = 0$  for all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ , then  $\eta = 0$  since  $\{\hat{\varphi}\sqrt{g}; \varphi \in \mathcal{D}\}$  is dense in  $L^2$ . (ii) is thus established.

REMARK. If  $H^f$  is a space of distributions, its elements are characterized as temperate distributions  $\xi$  whose Fourier transforms  $\hat{\xi}$  lie in  $L_{f dx}^2$ .

In general, even if  $H^f$  is a space of distributions, it does not contain  $\mathcal{D}$ .

PROPOSITION 2. *Let  $H^f$  be a space of distributions. Then the following three conditions are equivalent:*

(B)  $f \in (1 + |x|^{2l})^m \times L^1$  for some integer  $m$ .

(i)  $\mathcal{D} \subset H^f$ .

(ii)  $H^f$  is normal.

PROOF. Ad (i)  $\rightarrow$  (B). (i) implies that we have  $\hat{\varphi}\sqrt{f} \in L^2$  for every  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ . Then, by the closed graph theorem, the application  $\varphi \rightarrow \hat{\varphi}\sqrt{f}$  of  $\mathcal{D}$  into  $L^2$  becomes continuous. Hence, as shown in the proof of the proposition 1, we can use a parametrix of an iterated Laplacian to conclude that  $f \in (1 + |x|^2)^m \times L^1$  for some integer  $m$ .

Ad (B)  $\rightarrow$  (ii). Let  $\varphi$  be any function of  $\mathcal{S}$ . Since  $\hat{\varphi} \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $\hat{\varphi}\sqrt{f} \in \hat{\varphi}(1 + |x|^2)^m \times L^2 \subset L^2$ , we have  $\mathcal{S} \subset H^f$ .  $\mathcal{S}$  is dense in  $H^f$  as an immediate consequence of the definition of  $H^f$ . On the other hand,  $\mathcal{D}$  is dense in  $\mathcal{S}$  and the injection  $\mathcal{S} \rightarrow H^f$  is continuous, so that  $\mathcal{D}$  is dense in  $H^f$ , that is,  $H^f$  is normal.

The implication (ii)  $\rightarrow$  (i) is almost evident.

Thus the proof is complete.

The following theorem is an immediate consequence of Proposition 1 and Proposition 2.

THEOREM 1.  $H^f$  is a normal space of distributions if and only if the following condition is satisfied:

$$(D) \quad f, \frac{1}{f} \in (1 + |x|^2)^m \times L^1 \text{ for some integer } m.$$

We say that  $f$  is of *Deny type* (simply *type D*) if  $f$  satisfies the condition (D), which is the same as Deny called Hypothesis (A) in his thesis ([1], p. 119). The condition (D) shows that if  $H^f$  is a normal space of distributions then  $H^{1/f}$  is so also.

PROPOSITION 3. (i) If  $f(x)$  is of type D, so is  $f(x)(1 + |x|^2)^s$  for any real  $s$ .  
(ii) If  $f_1(x), f_2(x)$  are of type D, so is  $f_1^{1-\theta}(x)f_2^\theta(x)$  for any  $0 < \theta < 1$ .

PROOF. Ad (i). Setting  $h(x) = f(x)(1 + |x|^2)^s$ , we have  $h(x), \frac{1}{h(x)} \in (1 + |x|^2)^{m+|s|} \times L^1$ .

Ad (ii). As we may assume that integer  $m$  in (D) is the same for  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(x)$ , so we have

$$f_1^{1-\theta}(x)f_2^\theta(x) \leq (1-\theta)f_1(x) + \theta f_2(x) \in (1 + |x|^2)^m \times L^1$$

and also

$$\frac{1}{f_1^{1-\theta}(x)} - \frac{1}{f_2^\theta(x)} \leq (1-\theta)\frac{1}{f_1(x)} + \theta\frac{1}{f_2(x)} \in (1 + |x|^2)^m \times L^1.$$

EXAMPLE 1. If  $f(x) = \exp |x|^2$ , then  $H^f$  is a space of distributions, but not normal.

EXAMPLE 2. If  $f(x) = \exp(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)$ , then neither  $H^f$  nor  $H^{1/f}$  is a space of distributions.

PROPOSITION 4. Let  $H^{f_1}$  and  $H^{f_2}$  be two spaces of distributions. We have  $H^{f_1} \subset H^{f_2}$  if and only if there exists a constant  $C$  such that  $f_2(x) \leq C f_1(x)$  a. e.

PROOF. By the closed graph theorem the injection  $H^{f_1} \rightarrow H^{f_2}$  is continuous,

so that there is a constant  $C$  such that  $\int |\hat{\xi}(x)|^2 f_2(x) dx \leq C \int |\hat{\xi}(x)|^2 f_1(x) dx$  for any  $\hat{\xi} \in H^{f_1}$ . Setting  $\sigma(x) = \hat{\xi}(x) \sqrt{f_1(x)}$ , we have  $\int |\sigma(x)|^2 \frac{f_2(x)}{f_1(x)} dx \leq C \int |\sigma(x)|^2 dx$  for any  $\sigma \in L^2$ , whence  $\frac{f_2(x)}{f_1(x)} \leq C$  a. e., which concludes the proof.

We can define  $H^\mu$  for any positive measure  $\mu$  in the similar way as  $H^f$  is defined. We remark that in order that  $H^\mu$  may be a space of distributions it is necessary for  $\mu$  to be absolutely continuous with respect to the ordinary Lebesgue measure. For the proof of this fact, we consider a characteristic function of any compact subset  $K$  of  $R^n$  and a pointwise convergent sequence  $\{\hat{\xi}_j\}$ ,  $\hat{\xi}_j \in \mathcal{SE}$ , to  $\chi$  such that  $|\hat{\xi}_j| \leq 1$  for any  $j$  and the supports of  $\hat{\xi}_j$  are contained in a fixed compact subset of  $R^n$ . Then  $\hat{\xi}_j \rightarrow \chi$  in  $L^2_\mu$ , as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . When  $H^\mu$  is a space of distributions,  $\{\hat{\xi}_j\}$  converges to a distribution  $T$  in  $H^\mu$ , and *a fortiori* in  $\mathcal{D}'$ . Then for any  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$  we have

$$\langle T, \varphi \rangle = \lim_j \langle \hat{\xi}_j, \varphi \rangle = \lim_j \int \hat{\xi}_j \bar{\varphi} dx = \int_K \bar{\varphi} dx.$$

Hence if  $K$  is a null set in the Lebesgue measure, then  $\int_K \bar{\varphi} dx = 0$ , so that  $T = 0$ .

This means that  $\int |\chi|^2 d\mu = 0$ , and therefore  $\mu(K) = 0$ . Thus  $\mu$  is absolutely continuous with respect to the Lebesgue measure.

**2.  $H_{f, \infty}$  and  $H'_{f, \infty}$ .** Throughout the following discussions in this paper we shall be concerned only with normal spaces of distributions  $H^f$ . Then, as we see in the preceding section,  $H^{f, s}$  also is a normal space of distributions for any real  $s$ . Let  $H'_{f, \infty}$  be the space  $\bigcup_s H^{f, s}$  with the topology of the inductive limit of  $\{H^{f, s}\}$ , and  $H_{f, \infty}$  the space  $\bigcap_s H^{f, s}$  with the topology of the projective limit of  $\{H^{f, s}\}$ . Clearly  $H_{f, \infty}$  also is a normal space of distributions and of type  $(F)$ . It is easy to see that any bounded subset of  $H_{f, \infty}$  is weakly relatively compact, so that  $H_{f, \infty}$  is reflexive and the strong anti-dual  $(H_{f, \infty})'$  of  $H_{f, \infty}$  is a complete bornological, barrelled space.  $H'_{g, \infty}$ , where  $g = \frac{1}{f}$ , consists of the same elements as the anti-dual  $(H_{f, \infty})'$ . Both  $(H_{f, \infty})'$  and  $H'_{g, \infty}$  are bornological and their anti-duals coincide with  $H_{f, \infty}$ . It follows since any bornological space has Mackey topology that  $(H_{f, \infty})' = H'_{g, \infty}$  also holds topologically. In a similar way we have  $(H'_{g, \infty})' = H_{f, \infty}$ .

We first note that  $H_{f, \infty} \subset \mathcal{B}$ . Let  $m$  be a positive integer such that  $\frac{1}{(1 + |x|^2)^m \sqrt{f(x)}} \in L^2$ . Consider any element  $\xi$  of  $H_{f, \infty}$ . By definition we have  $\xi \in H^{f, 2l}$  for any integer  $l$ , that is,  $\hat{\xi}(x)(1 + |x|^2)^{l-m} \in L^1$ , so that  $(1 - \Delta)^{l-m} \xi$  is a continuous function tending to 0 at infinity. This implies that  $\xi$  is an element of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

An element  $\xi \in H^f$  belongs to  $H_{f,\infty}$  if and only if  $D^p\xi \in H^f$  for every  $p$ . This is clear from the definition of  $H_{f,\infty}$ . An element  $\xi \in H'_{f,\infty}$  belongs to  $H_{f,\infty}$  if and only if there exists a bounded subset  $B$  of  $H'_{f,\infty}$  such that every  $D^p\xi$  is absorbed by  $B$ , that is,  $\xi$  is a distinguished element of  $H'_{f,\infty}$  [6]. In fact, necessity is evident. Sufficiency follows from the fact that any bounded subset  $B$  is contained in an  $H^{l,s}$ .

A distribution  $\xi$  belongs to  $H'_{f,\infty}$  if and only if  $\xi*\varphi \in H^f$  (or  $H'_{f,\infty}$ ) for any  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ . This is shown by means of a parametrix of an iterated Laplacian as in the preceding section.

PROPOSITION 5. *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a space of distributions contained in  $H'_{f,\infty}$ . If  $\mathcal{H}$  is of type (F) and closed for differentiation, then  $\mathcal{H} \subset H_{f,\infty}$ . Thus  $H_{f,\infty}$  is the maximal one among such  $\mathcal{H}$ .*

PROOF. Let  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}$ . As  $\mathcal{H}$  is of type (F), there exists a bounded subset  $B$  by which each  $D^p\xi$  is absorbed. By the closed graph theorem, the injection  $\mathcal{H} \rightarrow H'_{f,\infty}$  is continuous, so that  $B$  also is bounded in  $H'_{f,\infty}$ , which implies  $\xi \in H_{f,\infty}$ . The proof is complete.

PROPOSITION 6. *The following conditions are equivalent to each other:*

- (i)  $H_{f_1,\infty} \subset H_{f_2,\infty}$ .
- (ii)  $H'_{f_1,\infty} \subset H'_{f_2,\infty}$ .
- (iii) *There exist a constant  $C$  and an integer  $l$  such that*

$$\frac{f_2}{f_1} \leq C(1 + |x|^2)^l \quad \text{a.e.}$$

PROOF. Ad (i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii). For any  $\xi \in H'_{f_1,\infty}$ , we have that  $\xi*\varphi \in H_{f_1,\infty} \subset H_{f_2,\infty} \subset H'_{f_2,\infty}$ , whence  $\xi \in H'_{f_2,\infty}$ .

Ad (ii)  $\rightarrow$  (iii). (ii) implies that  $H^{f_1} \subset H^{f_2,s}$  for some  $s$  ([2], Théorème A p. 16). Consequently, by Proposition 4, we have (iii).

(iii)  $\rightarrow$  (i) follows from Proposition 4.

Thus the proof is complete.

As an immediate consequence of Proposition 6 we have

COROLLARY. *The following conditions are equivalent to each other:*

$$(M) \quad f, \frac{1}{f} \leq C(1 + |x|^2)^l \quad \text{a.e. for some constant } C \text{ and an integer } l.$$

- (i)  $H_{f,\infty} = \mathcal{D}_{L^2}$ .
- (ii)  $H'_{f,\infty} = \mathcal{D}'_{L^2}$ .
- (iii)  $H_{f,\infty} = H_{1/f,\infty}$ .
- (iv)  $H'_{f,\infty} = H'_{1/f,\infty}$ .

We say that  $f$  is of *Malgrange type* (simply *type M*) if it satisfies the condition (M). Malgrange called a continuous function of type  $M$  “fonction-poids” ([5], p. 284).

**3. Spaces of local type.** A space of distributions  $\mathcal{H}$  is said to be of *local type* if  $\mathcal{D}\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{H}$ .  $H^f$  is not necessarily of local type even when  $f$  is of type  $M$ . Let  $\xi \in H^f$ . Setting  $\sigma = \hat{\xi} \sqrt{f} \in L^2$ , we have for any  $\alpha \in \mathcal{D}$

$$(1) \quad \int |\hat{\alpha}\hat{\xi}(x)|^2 f(x) dx = \int \left| \int \hat{\alpha}(y) (1+|y|^2)^m \frac{\sigma(x-y)}{(1+|y|^2)^m} \sqrt{\frac{f(x)}{f(x-y)}} dy \right|^2 dx.$$

We first show

**PROPOSITION 7.**  *$H^f$  is of local type if and only if, for some integer  $m$ ,  $\frac{1}{(1+|x-y|^2)^m} \sqrt{\frac{f(x)}{f(y)}}$  is a kernel of continuous linear application of  $L_y^2$  into  $L_x^2$ .*

**PROOF. Sufficiency.** Let  $\xi \in H^f$  and  $\alpha \in \mathcal{D}$ . As  $\hat{\alpha}(y) (1+|y|^2)^m$  is bounded, it follows from (1) that there is a constant  $C$  such that

$$\int |\hat{\alpha}\hat{\xi}(x)|^2 f(x) dx \leq C \int \left| \int \frac{1}{(1+|x-y|^2)^m} \sqrt{\frac{f(x)}{f(y)}} \sigma(y) dy \right|^2 dx < +\infty,$$

since, by hypothesis, the linear operator generated by the kernel  $\frac{1}{(1+|x-y|^2)^m} \sqrt{\frac{f(x)}{f(y)}}$  is continuous on  $L^2$ .

**Necessity.** Let  $\xi \in H^f$ ,  $\eta \in H^{1f}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathcal{D}$ . We first assume that  $\hat{\xi}$ ,  $\hat{\eta}$ , and  $\hat{\alpha}$  are non-negative. As  $H^f$  is of local type, we have  $\alpha\hat{\xi} \in H^f$ , so that  $(\hat{\alpha}\hat{\xi}) \hat{\eta} \in L^1$ , i. e.  $(\hat{\alpha} * \hat{\xi}) \hat{\eta} \in L^1$ . Then, by Fubini theorem,

$$\int (\hat{\alpha} * \hat{\xi}) \hat{\eta} dx = \int \hat{\alpha}(\hat{\xi} \tilde{*} \hat{\eta}) dx, \text{ where } \hat{\xi} \tilde{*}(x) = \hat{\xi}(-x),$$

which implies that  $\hat{\alpha}(\hat{\xi} \tilde{*} \hat{\eta}) \in L^1$ , and hence for any  $\beta \in \mathcal{D}$

$$|\hat{\beta}|^2 (\hat{\xi} \tilde{*} \hat{\eta}) \in L^1$$

For any  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{D}$ , on account of the inequality  $|\hat{\alpha} \hat{\beta}| \leq |\hat{\alpha}|^2 + |\hat{\beta}|^2$  it follows from the above relation that

$$\hat{\alpha} \hat{\beta} (\hat{\xi} \tilde{*} \hat{\eta}) \in L^1,$$

whence by making use of a parametrix of an iterated Laplacian as in Section 1 we have

$$\hat{\xi} \tilde{*} \hat{\eta} \in (1+|x|^2)^m \times L^1 \text{ for some integer } m \geq 0.$$

Let  $\xi$  (resp.  $\eta$ ) be any element of  $H^f$  (resp.  $H^{1f}$ ). Then  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}(|\hat{\xi}|) \in H^f$  and  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}(|\hat{\eta}|) \in H^{1f}$ . It follows that

$$\hat{\xi} \tilde{*} \hat{\eta} \in (1+|x|^2)^m \times L^1 \text{ for some integer } m \geq 0,$$

where  $m$  may depend on  $\xi$  and  $\eta$ . But we can show that  $m$  may be chosen independent of  $\xi$  and  $\eta$ . In fact, the application  $(\hat{\xi}, \hat{\eta}) \rightarrow \hat{\xi} \tilde{*} \hat{\eta}$  of  $L_{fdx}^2 \times L_{1|fdx}^2$  into  $\mathcal{D}'$  is continuous, each  $(1+|x|^2)^m \times L^1$ ,  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ , is a Banach space, and the

injection  $(1 + |x|^2)^m \times L^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'$  is continuous, whence, by a theorem of Yoshinaga-Ogata ([14], p. 16), we can choose  $m$  as desired.

By a change of variables we have

$$(2) \quad \frac{\hat{\xi}(x) \bar{\eta}(y)}{(1 + |x - y|^2)^m} \in L_{x,y}^1 \quad \text{for any } \xi \in H^f \text{ and any } \eta \in H^{1/f},$$

from which, by setting  $\sigma = \hat{\xi} \sqrt{f} \in L^2$  and  $\tau = \bar{\eta} \frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} \in L^2$  we have

$$\iint \frac{1}{(1 + |x - y|^2)^m} \sqrt{\frac{f(y)}{f(x)}} |\sigma(x)| |\bar{\tau}(y)| dx dy < +\infty \quad \text{for any } \sigma, \tau \in L^2,$$

which concludes the proof.

REMARK. (i) From the proof of Proposition 7 it is clear that for any  $\xi \in H^f$ ,  $\eta \in H^{1/f}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathcal{D}$ , if  $H^f$  is of local type, we have

$$(3) \quad \langle \alpha \xi, \bar{\eta} \rangle = \int \alpha (\hat{\xi} \tilde{*} \bar{\eta}) dx,$$

where  $\hat{\xi} \tilde{*} \bar{\eta} \in (1 + |x|^2)^m \times L^1$  for an integer  $m$  independent of  $\xi$  and  $\eta$ . As a consequence we see that if  $H^f$  is of local type, then  $\mathcal{S}H^f \subset H^f$ , and the equation (3) also holds for any  $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}$ . Consequently we can define multiplicative product  $\xi \bar{\eta}$  for any  $\xi \in H^f$  and  $\eta \in H^{1/f}$  in the sense of [3]. In fact,  $\hat{\xi} \tilde{*}$ ,  $\bar{\eta}$  have  $(\mathcal{S}')$ -convolution, since  $(\hat{\xi} \tilde{*} \varphi) \bar{\eta} \in L^1 \subset \mathcal{D}'_{L^1}$  for any  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}$  ([12], p. 151).

(ii) Owing to the relation (2),  $H^f$  is of local type if and only if there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $(1 + |x|^2)^{-m} \hat{\xi} \in L_{f dx}^2$  for any  $\hat{\xi} \in L_{f dx}^2$ , i.e.  $L_{2m} \hat{\xi} \in H^f$  for any  $\hat{\xi} \in H^f$ , where  $L_{2m}$  denotes the Fourier transform of  $(1 + |x|^2)^{-m}$  ([8], p. 116).

(iii) Let  $\{\beta_\varepsilon\}_{0 < \varepsilon < 1}$  be a family of functions of  $\mathcal{D}$  such that the support of  $\beta_\varepsilon$  is contained in  $B_\varepsilon = \{x; |x| \leq \varepsilon\}$ ,  $\beta_\varepsilon \geq 0$ , and  $\int \beta_\varepsilon(x) dx = 1$ . Further we assume that  $\beta_\varepsilon \leq \frac{M}{\varepsilon^n}$ ,  $|\frac{\partial \beta_\varepsilon}{\partial x_j}| \leq \frac{M}{\varepsilon^{n+1}}$  for some constant  $M$ . Schwartz ([11], p. 28) has shown that the following inequality holds for some constant  $C$ :

$$|\hat{\beta}_\varepsilon(x - y) - \hat{\beta}_\varepsilon(x)| (1 + |x|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C(1 + |y|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Then, using this inequality and noting that the application  $\hat{\xi} \rightarrow (1 + |x|^2)^{-m} \hat{\xi}$  of  $L_{f dx}^2$  into itself is continuous for large  $m$ , we can show that Friedrichs' lemma ([11], p. 27) holds: *Let  $H^f$  be of local type, then, for any  $\xi \in H^f$ ,  $\beta_\varepsilon * (\alpha \xi) - \alpha(\beta_\varepsilon * \xi)$  tends to zero in  $H^{f,1}$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , where  $\alpha$  is any element of  $\mathcal{S}$ .*

It is easy to see from Proposition 7 that  $H^{1/f}$  is of local type if so is  $H^f$ .

COROLLARY 1. *If  $H^f$  is of local type, then so is  $H^{f,s}$  for any real  $s$ .*

PROOF. Setting  $h(x) = (1 + |x|^2)^s f(x)$ , and using the inequality  $(1 + |x|^2)^s \leq C(1 + |y|^2)^s (1 + |x - y|^2)^{|s|}$ ,  $C$  being a constant, we have

$$\sqrt{\frac{h(x)}{h(y)}} \leq C \sqrt{\frac{f(x)}{f(y)}} (1 + |x - y|^2)^{s/2},$$

whence we can choose an integer  $m$  such that  $\frac{1}{(1 + |x - y|^2)^m} \sqrt{\frac{h(x)}{h(y)}}$  is a kernel of a continuous linear operator in  $L^2$ .

**COROLLARY 2.** *If  $H^{f_1}$  and  $H^{f_2}$  is of local type, then  $H^f$ , where  $f = f_1^{1-\theta} f_2^\theta$  and  $0 < \theta < 1$ , also is of local type.*

**PROOF.** It follows from the inequality

$$\sqrt{\frac{f(x)}{f(y)}} \leq (1 - \theta) \sqrt{\frac{f_1(x)}{f_1(y)}} + \theta \sqrt{\frac{f_2(x)}{f_2(y)}}.$$

We shall give a sufficient condition for  $H^f$  to be of local type.

**PROPOSITION 8.**  *$H^f$  is of local type if the following condition is satisfied:*

$$(D') \quad f(x+y) \leq k(x)f(y) \quad \text{a.e. for } |y| \geq c,$$

where  $k(x) \in (1 + |x|^2)^l \times L^1$ ,  $l$  being an integer, and  $c$  is a constant.

**PROOF.** If we put  $k(x) = (1 + |x|^2)^l h(x)$ , then  $h \in L^1$ . As  $f(x+y) \leq k(x)f(y)$ , we have

$$\frac{f(x)}{f(y)} \leq (1 + |x - y|^2)^l h(x - y) \quad \text{a.e. for } |y| \geq c.$$

Choose a positive integer  $m$  such that  $\frac{\sqrt{f(x)}}{(1 + |x|^2)^m} \in L^2$  and  $\frac{\sqrt{h(x)}}{(1 + |x|^2)^{m-l/2}} \in L^1$ .

Then, by our hypothesis, we have

$$\frac{1}{(1 + |x - y|^2)^m} \sqrt{\frac{f(x)}{f(y)}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{h(x - y)}}{(1 + |x - y|^2)^{m-l/2}} \quad \text{a.e. for } |y| \geq c.$$

Now using the inequality  $(1 + |x - y|^2)^{-m} \leq C_1(1 + |y|^2)^m(1 + |x|^2)^{-m}$ , where  $C_1$  is a constant, we have, for any  $\sigma \in L^2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \left| \int \frac{1}{(1 + |x - y|^2)^m} \sqrt{\frac{f(x)}{f(y)}} \sigma(x) dx \right|^2 dy \\ &= \int_{|y| \leq c} \left| \int \frac{1}{(1 + |x - y|^2)^m} \sqrt{\frac{f(x)}{f(y)}} \sigma(x) dx \right|^2 dy \\ &+ \int_{|y| \geq c} \left| \int \frac{1}{(1 + |x - y|^2)^m} \sqrt{\frac{f(x)}{f(y)}} \sigma(x) dx \right|^2 dy \equiv I + J, \end{aligned}$$

but

$$I \leq C_1^2 \int_{|y| \leq c} \frac{(1 + |y|^2)^{2m}}{f(y)} dy \left\{ \int \frac{\sqrt{f(x)}}{(1 + |x|^2)^m} |\sigma(x)| dx \right\}^2$$

$$\leq C_2 \left\| \frac{\sqrt{f(x)}}{(1+|x|^2)^m} \right\|_{L^2}^2 \|\sigma\|_{L^2}^2$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} J &\leq \int \left\{ \int \frac{\sqrt{h(x-y)}}{(1+|x-y|^2)^{m-l/2}} |\sigma(x)| dx \right\}^2 dy \\ &\leq C_3 \left\| \frac{\sqrt{h(x)}}{(1+|x|^2)^{m-l/2}} \right\|_{L^1}^2 \|\sigma\|_{L^2}^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_2, C_3$  are some constants. It follows that

$$I+J \leq C_4 \left( \left\| \frac{\sqrt{f(x)}}{(1+|x|^2)^m} \right\|_{L^2}^2 + \left\| \frac{\sqrt{h(x)}}{(1+|x|^2)^{m-l/2}} \right\|_{L^1}^2 \right) \|\sigma\|_{L^2}^2,$$

where  $C_4$  is a constant. This yields that  $\frac{1}{(1+|x-y|^2)^m} \sqrt{\frac{f(x)}{f(y)}}$  is a kernel of a continuous linear application  $L_x^2 \rightarrow L_y^2$ , so that, by Proposition 7, the space  $H^f$  is of local type. The proof is complete.

**EXAMPLE.** If  $f(x) = |x|^\lambda$ ,  $0 < \lambda < n$ , then the space  $H^f$  is of local type. Indeed, since the inequalities  $|x+y|^\lambda \leq 2^\lambda(|x|^\lambda + |y|^\lambda) \leq 2^\lambda |y|^\lambda (1+|x|^\lambda)$  hold for  $|y| \geq 1$ , it follows by setting  $k(x) = 2^\lambda(1+|x|^\lambda)$ , that  $f(x+y) \leq k(x)f(y)$  and  $k(x) = 2^\lambda(1+|x|^\lambda)(1+|x|^2)^{-n} \times (1+|x|^2)^n \in (1+|x|^2)^n \times L^1$ , and hence  $H^f$  is of local type.

**REMARK.** Consider the condition (essentially due to Malgrange ([5], p. 289)):

$$(M') \quad f(x+y) \leq C(1+|x|^2)^m f(y) \quad \text{a.e.},$$

where  $C$  is a constant and  $m$  is a positive integer.

If  $f$  satisfies  $(M')$ , the equation (1) gives

$$\|\alpha_\xi\|_f^2 \leq C \|\sigma\|_{L^2}^2 \left\{ \int |\hat{\alpha}(x)| (1+|x|^2)^m dx \right\}^2.$$

Let  $\alpha_j(x) = \alpha\left(\frac{x}{j}\right)$ , and suppose that  $\alpha$  is 1 near the origin.  $\{\alpha_j(x)\}$  is a sequence of multipliers.  $\hat{\alpha}_j(x) = j^n \hat{\alpha}(jx)$ .

Hence

$$\int |\hat{\alpha}_j(x)| (1+|x|^2)^m dx = \int |\hat{\alpha}(x)| \left(1 + \left|\frac{x}{j}\right|^2\right)^m dx,$$

whence  $\{\|\alpha_j \xi\|_f\}$  is a bounded sequence. Then, by a theorem of Banach-Steinhaus, we see that  $H^f$  has the approximation property by truncation, i. e.  $\alpha_j \xi \rightarrow \xi$  uniformly in  $H^f$  when  $\xi$  runs through any compact subset of  $H^f$ . On the other hand, the approximation property by regularization is possessed by any  $H^f$ .

**PROPOSITION 9.**  $H_{f,\infty}$  and  $H'_{f,\infty}$  are of local type.

To complete the proof of this proposition it is enough to establish the following proposition.

**PROPOSITION 10.** *There exists a real number  $s_0$  such that  $\mathcal{D}H^{f,s} \subset H^{f,s+s_0}$  for every  $s$ . But  $s_0$  may depend on  $f$ .*

**PROOF.** First we note that  $\mathcal{D}H^f \subset H^{f,s_0}$  if and only if there exists an integer  $m$  such that  $\frac{(1+|x|^2)^{s_0/2}}{(1+|x-y|^2)^m} \sqrt{\frac{f(x)}{f(y)}}$  is a kernel of a continuous linear application of  $L_y^2$  in  $L_x^2$ . The proof is very similar to that of Proposition 7 and will not be supplied here.

As  $H^f$  is normal, there exists an integer  $l$  such that  $f, \frac{1}{f} \in (1+|x|^2)^{2l} \times L^1$ .

Setting  $s_0 = -4l$ ,  $m = \left\lfloor \frac{s}{2} - l \right\rfloor$ , we have

$$\frac{(1+|x|^2)^{s_0/2}}{(1+|x-y|^2)^m} \sqrt{\frac{f(x)(1+|x|^2)^s}{f(y)(1+|y|^2)^s}} \leq C \frac{\sqrt{f(x)}}{(1+|x|^2)^l} \frac{1}{(1+|y|^2)^l \sqrt{f(y)}},$$

where  $C$  is a constant such that  $(1+|x|^2)^{s/2-l} \leq C(1+|x-y|^2)^{|s/2-l|} (1+|y|^2)^{s/2-l}$ . The right hand side of the above inequality is clearly a kernel of a continuous linear operator in  $L^2$ , which concludes the proof.

**REMARK.**  $\mathcal{S}H_{f,\infty} \subset H_{f,\infty}$ .  $\mathcal{S}H'_{f,\infty} \subset H'_{f,\infty}$ . In fact,  $\mathcal{D}H^{f,s} \subset H^{f,s+s_0}$  implies  $\mathcal{S}H^{f,s} \subset H^{f,s+s_0}$ . This can be shown as in Remark (i) after Proposition 7.

**PROPOSITION 11.** Let  $\mathcal{B}H^f \subset H^f$ . Then, setting  $g = \frac{1}{f}$ , we have

- (i)  $\xi\bar{\eta} \in \mathcal{D}'_{L^1}$  for every  $\xi \in H^f$  and  $\eta \in H^g$ ,
- (ii)  $\mathcal{B}H^f \subset H^f$ ,
- (iii)  $\mathcal{B}H^{f,s} \subset H^{f,s}$  for any real  $s$ ,
- (iv)  $\mathcal{B}H^{g,s} \subset H^{g,s}$  for any real  $s$ .

**PROOF.** Ad (i). Let  $\xi$  (resp.  $\eta$ ) be any element of  $H^f$  (resp.  $H^g$ ). For any  $\alpha \in \mathcal{D}$ , we have

$$\langle \alpha\xi, \bar{\eta} \rangle = \int (\hat{\alpha} * \hat{\xi}) \bar{\eta} dx = \int \hat{\alpha} ((\hat{\xi})^\sim * \bar{\eta}) dx = \langle \alpha, \xi\bar{\eta} \rangle.$$

Since the application  $\beta \rightarrow \beta\xi$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  into  $H^f$  is continuous by the closed graph theorem, the above relations show that  $\langle \alpha, \xi\bar{\eta} \rangle$  is a continuous form of  $\alpha \in \mathcal{D}$  even when we impose on  $\mathcal{D}$  the topology of  $\mathcal{B}$ . Since  $\mathcal{D}'_{L^1}$  is the dual space of  $\mathcal{B}$ , it follows that  $\xi\bar{\eta} \in \mathcal{D}'_{L^1}$ .

Ad (ii). Let  $\gamma$  be any element of  $\mathcal{B}$ . Let  $\{\alpha_k\}$  be a sequence from  $\mathcal{D}$  with  $\alpha_k\gamma \rightarrow \gamma$  in  $\mathcal{B}_c$ . Then, as  $\alpha_k\gamma \in \mathcal{D}$ , we have  $\langle \alpha_k\gamma\xi, \bar{\eta} \rangle = \langle \alpha_k\gamma, \xi\bar{\eta} \rangle$ . Therefore it follows since  $\xi\bar{\eta} \in \mathcal{D}'_{L^1}$  that  $\{\alpha_k\gamma\xi\}$  converges weakly to a  $\xi' \in H^f$  and  $\langle \xi', \bar{\eta} \rangle = \langle \gamma, \xi\bar{\eta} \rangle$ . On the other hand,  $\alpha_k\gamma\xi \rightarrow \gamma\xi$  in  $\mathcal{D}'$ , which implies  $\xi' = \gamma\xi$ . Thus

we have  $\mathcal{B}H^f \subset H^f$ .

Ad (iii). We first consider the case  $0 < s < 1$ . For any  $\xi \in H^{f,s}$  we put

$$\|\hat{\xi}\|_{f,s}^* = \left\{ \int \frac{\|\hat{\xi}_a - \xi\|_f^2}{|a|^{n+2s}} da \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where  $\hat{\xi}_a(x) = \xi(x+a)$ .

As in J. Peetre ([7], p.17), we have after some calculations

$$\|\hat{\xi}\|_{f,s}^* = J(s) \left\{ \int |y|^{2s} |\hat{\xi}(y)|^2 f(y) dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where  $J(s)$  is a constant depending only on  $s$ . Therefore in  $H^{f,s}$  the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{f,s}$  is equivalent to  $\{\|\cdot\|_f^2 + \|\cdot\|_{f,s}^{*2}\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Let  $\beta$  be any element of  $\mathcal{B}$ . Then for any element  $\xi$  of  $H^{f,s}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\beta\hat{\xi}\|_{f,s}^{*2} &= \int \frac{\|\beta_a\hat{\xi}_a - \beta\xi\|_f^2}{|a|^{n+2s}} da \\ &\leq 2 \int \frac{\|\beta_a(\hat{\xi}_a - \xi)\|_f^2}{|a|^{n+2s}} da + 2 \int \frac{\|(\beta_a - \beta)\xi\|_f^2}{|a|^{n+2s}} da \\ &\equiv I_1 + I_2. \end{aligned}$$

Now, as the application  $(\beta, \xi) \rightarrow \beta\xi$  of  $\mathcal{B} \times H^f$  into  $H^f$  is continuous by the closed graph theorem, there exists a constant  $C$  such that

$$\|\beta_a(\hat{\xi}_a - \xi)\|_f^2 \leq C \|\hat{\xi}_a - \xi\|_f^2$$

and

$$\|(\beta_a - \beta)\xi\|_f^2 \leq C \min(|a|^2, 1) \|\xi\|_f^2,$$

since  $\{\beta_a - \beta\}$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{B}$  and we can write  $\beta_a - \beta = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \gamma_{i,a}$  with bounded  $\gamma_{i,a} \in \mathcal{B}$ . Hence we have

$$I_1 \leq C \int \frac{\|\hat{\xi}_a - \xi\|_f^2}{|a|^{n+2s}} da = C \|\hat{\xi}\|_{f,s}^{*2} < +\infty,$$

and

$$I_2 \leq C \left\{ \int_{|a| \leq 1} \frac{da}{|a|^{n+2s-2}} + \int_{|a| \geq 1} \frac{da}{|a|^{n+2s}} \right\} \|\xi\|_f^2 < +\infty.$$

On account of these inequalities we see that  $\|\beta\hat{\xi}\|_{f,s}^* < +\infty$ . We also have that  $\|\hat{\xi}\|_f \leq \|\xi\|_{f,s} < +\infty$ . Hence  $\|\beta\hat{\xi}\|_f^2 + \|\beta\hat{\xi}\|_{f,s}^{*2} < +\infty$ . From the remark just given with respect to the equivalent norms of  $H^{f,s}$ , we see that  $\beta\hat{\xi} \in H^{f,s}$  for any  $\xi \in H^{f,s}$ .

Next consider the case  $s > 0$ . We choose a positive integer  $N$  such that  $0 < \frac{s}{N} < 1$ . Then repeating the above process  $N$ -times we can conclude that

$\beta\xi \in H^{f,s}$  for any  $\xi \in H^{f,s}$ .

Finally consider the case  $s < 0$ . As  $H^g$  is the anti-dual of  $H^f$ , then the adjoint application of  $\xi \rightarrow \beta\xi$  of  $H^f$  into  $H^f$  yields  $\mathcal{B}H^g \subset H^g$ . Then, from the preceding discussions, we have  $\mathcal{B}H^{g,-s} \subset H^{g,-s}$ , and therefore  $\mathcal{B}H^{f,s} \subset H^{f,s}$ .

Ad (iv). From (iii) we have  $\mathcal{B}H^{f,s} \subset H^{f,s}$  for any real  $s$ . Then, by considering the adjoint application as in the proof of (iii), we see that  $\mathcal{B}H^{g,s} \subset H^{g,s}$  for any real  $s$ .

The proof is complete.

REMARK. The proof of (iii) can also be carried out by the aid of the interpolation theorem (e.g. [4]). As clear from the proof of the case (iii), it suffices to show that  $\mathcal{B}H^{f,s} \subset H^{f,s}$  for any positive  $s$ . For any temperate distribution  $\xi$ ,  $\xi \in H^{f,1}$  is equivalent to that  $\xi, \frac{\partial\xi}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial\xi}{\partial x_n} \in H^f$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{B}H^f \subset H^f$ , for any  $\beta \in \mathcal{B}$  and any  $\xi \in H^{f,1}$  we have  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(\beta\xi) = \frac{\partial\beta}{\partial x_j}\xi + \beta \frac{\partial\xi}{\partial x_j} \in H^f$ , so that  $\beta\xi \in H^{f,1}$ . By repeating this process we see that if  $\mathcal{B}H^f \subset H^f$ , then  $\mathcal{B}H^{f,m} \subset H^{f,m}$  for any positive integer  $m$ . Now we can make use of the interpolation theorem cited above to conclude our assertion.

**4. Convolution.** We shall first recall the definition of convolution concerning two distributions  $S, T$ . We shall say that  $S, T$  are composable provided

$$(1) \quad S(T^* \varphi) \in \mathcal{D}'_{L^1} \text{ for every } \varphi \in \mathcal{D}.$$

If this is the case, the convolution  $S*T$  is defined by the equation

$$\langle S*T, \varphi \rangle = \int S(T^* \varphi) dx.$$

This is the usual convolution due to L. Schwartz [9]. Various conditions equivalent to (1) have been discussed by Shiraishi [12]. However, when convolution is considered as an application, another definition is possible. Let  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  be normal spaces of distributions and let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a space of distributions. We shall follow Schwartz ([10], p.151) in saying that a bilinear application of  $\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{K}$  into  $\mathcal{L}$  is a convolution of  $\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{K}$  into  $\mathcal{L}$  if the application is separately continuous and coincides with the usual convolution on  $\mathcal{D} \times \mathcal{D}$ . For our temporary purpose such convolution will be denoted by  $\circledast$  and we shall take  $\mathcal{L}$  for  $\mathcal{D}'$ , in the following discussions.

If we are given a subset  $E$  of  $\mathcal{D}'$ , we shall denote by  $E^*$  the set of the distributions composable with every element of  $E$ . It follows from (1) that  $E^*$  is a linear space stable for differentiation, and  $\mathcal{B}E^* \subset E^*$ . In the following we shall write  $g = \frac{1}{f}$ .

PROPOSITION 12. (i)  $(H^f)^* = (H'_{f,\infty})^* = (H_{f,\infty})^*$ . (ii)  $(H^f)^* \subset H'_{g,\infty}$ .

PROOF. (i) is clear from the fact that  $S, T$  are composable if and only if  $S*\varphi, T$  are composable for any  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ . As for (ii), let  $\eta$  be any element of  $(H^f)^*$ . Then by (1) we have  $\xi(\tilde{\eta}*\varphi) \in \mathcal{D}'_{L^1}$  for every  $\xi \in H^f$  and every  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ . Hence  $\overline{\tilde{\eta}*\varphi} \in H^g$  since  $\xi \rightarrow \xi(\tilde{\eta}*\varphi)$  is a continuous application of  $H^f$  into  $\mathcal{D}'_{L^1}$ , so that  $\tilde{\eta} \in H'_{g, \infty}$  and in turn  $\eta \in H'_{g, \infty}$ , as desired.

Now we shall show

**THEOREM 2.**  *$f$  is of type  $M$  if and only if any of the following equivalent conditions holds:*

- (i)  $(H^f)^* \supset H^g$ .
- (ii)  $(H^f)^* = H'_{g, \infty}$ .
- (iii)  $\mathcal{B}H'_{f, \infty} \subset H'_{f, \infty}$ .
- (iv)  $\mathcal{B}H_{f, \infty} \subset H_{f, \infty}$ .
- (v)  $\mathcal{B}H^f \subset H^{f, s_0}$  for some real  $s_0$ .
- (ii)'  $(H^g)^* = H'_{f, \infty}$ .
- (iii)'  $\mathcal{B}H'_{g, \infty} \subset H'_{g, \infty}$ .
- (iv)'  $\mathcal{B}H_{g, \infty} \subset H_{g, \infty}$ .
- (v)'  $\mathcal{B}H^g \subset H^{g, s_0}$  for some real  $s_0$ .

PROOF. Ad (i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii). This follows from the fact that  $\eta$  lies in  $H'_{g, \infty}$  if and only if  $\eta*\varphi \in H^g$  for any  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ .

Ad (ii)  $\rightarrow$  (iii)'. This is clear, because, for any  $E \subset \mathcal{D}'$ ,  $E^*$  is stable for multiplication by any element of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

Ad (iii)'  $\leftrightarrow$  (iv). This equivalence is obtained by considering the adjoint application of the multiplications by elements of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

Ad (iii)'  $\rightarrow$  (v)'. (iii)' implies that  $\mathcal{B}H^g \subset H'_{g, \infty}$ . As  $\mathcal{B}, H^g$  are spaces of type  $(F)$  and  $H'_{g, \infty}$  is a space of type  $(LF)$ , so we have  $\mathcal{B}H^g \subset H^{g, s_0}$  for some real  $s_0$  [14].

Assume that (v)' holds. By the closed graph theorem the application  $(\beta, \xi) \rightarrow \beta\xi$  of  $\mathcal{B} \times H^g$  into  $H^{g, s_0}$  is continuous, and therefore there exist a constant  $C_1$  and a positive integer  $m$  such that for any  $\xi \in H^g$

$$\|\beta\xi\|_{g, s_0}^2 \leq C_1 \|\xi\|_g^2 \max \|D^p \beta\|_{L^\infty}^2, \quad |p| \leq 2m.$$

Consider the set  $\mathcal{O}$  of the functions  $\left\{ \frac{e^{2\pi i x \cdot t}}{(1 + |t|^2)^m} \right\}$ , where  $t$  is a parameter running through  $R^n$ .

Then the set of functions

$$\left\{ D^p \frac{e^{2\pi i x \cdot t}}{(1 + |t|^2)^m}; |p| \leq 2m, t \in R^n \right\}$$

is uniformly bounded, whence for a constant  $C_2$

$$\left\| \frac{e^{2\pi i x \cdot t}}{(1 + |t|^2)^m} \xi \right\|_{g, s_0}^2 \leq C_2 \|\xi\|_g^2$$

for any  $\xi \in H^g$  and any  $t \in R^n$ .

Consequently,

$$\int \frac{|\hat{\xi}(x-t)|^2(1+|x|^2)^{s_0}g(x)}{(1+|t|^2)^{2m}}dx \leq C_2 \int |\hat{\xi}(x)|^2 g(x)dx,$$

which implies for every  $t \in R^n$

$$\frac{(1+|x+t|^2)^{s_0}g(x+t)}{(1+|t|^2)^{2m}g(x)} \leq C_2 \quad \text{a.e.}$$

Therefore for any  $x_0$  with  $g(x_0) \neq 0, \infty$ , we have

$$g(x_0+t) \leq C_2 g(x_0) \frac{(1+|t|^2)^{2m}}{(1+|x_0+t|^2)^{s_0}} \quad \text{a.e.}$$

If we put  $x=x_0+t$ , then for some constant  $C'$  and a positive integer  $l'$

$$g(x) \leq C'(1+|x|^2)^{l'} \quad \text{a.e.}$$

As  $\mathcal{B}H^g \subset H^{g, s_0}$ , then  $\mathcal{B}H^{f, -s_0} \subset H^f$ . By repeating a similar reasoning as above, we have

$$f(x) \leq C''(1+|x|^2)^{l''} \quad \text{a.e.},$$

for some constant  $C''$  and a positive integer  $l''$ . Thus we see that  $f$  is of type  $M$ .

If  $f$  is of type  $M$ , then  $H_{f, \infty} = H_{g, \infty} = \mathcal{D}_{L^2}$ , and  $H'_{f, \infty} = H'_{g, \infty} = \mathcal{D}'_{L^2}$ , so that  $(H^f)^* = (\mathcal{D}'_{L^2})^* = \mathcal{D}'_{L^2} = H'_{g, \infty} \supset H^g$ .

Now, by definition,  $f$  is of type  $M$  if and only if  $g$  is of type  $M$ . Hence the substitution of  $f$  by  $g$  in the above discussions will complete the proof of the theorem.

REMARK. The condition (v) of the theorem implies that  $\mathcal{B}H^{f, s} \subset H^{f, s+s_0}$  for every real  $s$ . This can be shown by an interpolation theorem as indicated in the remark after Proposition 11. In general,  $s_0$  cannot be chosen to be zero. For, suppose the contrary. Every  $H^f$ ,  $f$  being of type  $M$ , would be of local type. However, this is not the case.

PROPOSITION 13.  $(H^f)^* \supset H^f$  if and only if there exist a constant  $C$  and a real  $s_0$  such that

$$(2) \quad f(x) \geq C(1+|x|^2)^{s_0} \quad \text{a.e.}$$

PROOF. *Necessity.*  $H^f \subset (H^f)^* \subset H'_{g, \infty}$ . Hence  $H_{f, \infty} \subset H_{g, \infty}$  by Proposition 5, and we obtain by Proposition 6

$$\frac{g(x)}{f(x)} \leq C_1(1+|x|^2)^s \quad \text{a.e.}$$

for a constant  $C_1$  and a real  $s$ . Thus we have (2).

*Sufficiency.* (2) implies  $H^f \subset H^{s_0} \subset \mathcal{D}'_{L^2}$ . Since any two distributions of  $\mathcal{D}'_{L^2}$

are composable, so we have  $H^f \subset (H^f)^*$ , and our proof is complete.

COROLLARY.  $(H^f)^* = H'_{f, \infty}$  if and only if  $f$  is of type  $M$ .

PROOF. It is enough to show the "only if" part. By Proposition 13 we have  $f \geq C(1 + |x|^2)^{s_0}$  for a real  $s_0$ , hence by Proposition 6  $H^f \subset H'_{f, \infty} \subset \mathcal{D}'_{L^2}$ , which implies that  $H'_{f, \infty} = (H^f)^* \supset (\mathcal{D}'_{L^2})^* = \mathcal{D}'_{L^2}$ . Consequently we have  $H'_{f, \infty} = \mathcal{D}'_{L^2}$ . Then, by the Corollary to Proposition 6, we see that  $f$  is of type  $M$ .

If we define  $\xi \circledast \eta = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\hat{\xi} \hat{\eta})$ , where  $\xi \in H'_{f, \infty}$  and  $\eta \in H'_{g, \infty}$ , then it is not difficult to see that  $\circledast$  is a convolution of  $H'_{f, \infty} \times H'_{g, \infty}$  into  $\mathcal{D}'$ . However, as Theorem 2 shows, the application  $\circledast$  coincides with the usual convolution  $*$  if and only if  $f$  is of type  $M$ .

Finally we shall conclude this section by stating a sufficient condition for a convolution of  $\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{K}$  into  $\mathcal{D}'$  to be well defined, which will also be applied to the case where  $\mathcal{H} = H'_{f, \infty}$  and  $\mathcal{K} = H'_{g, \infty}$ .

PROPOSITION 14. Let  $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{K}$  be normal spaces of distributions. Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be barrelled. Assume that the application  $(T, \varphi) \rightarrow T^* \varphi$  of  $\mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{D}$  into  $\mathcal{H}'$  (the strong dual of  $\mathcal{H}$ ) is hypocontinuous. Then the application  $\circledast$  defined by the following relation is a convolution of  $\mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{K}$  into  $\mathcal{D}'$ :

$$\langle S \circledast T, \varphi \rangle = \langle S, T^* \varphi \rangle, \quad S \in \mathcal{H}, \quad T \in \mathcal{K} \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}.$$

Furthermore if  $\mathcal{H}$  possesses the approximation property by truncation, then  $S * T$ , if it exists, coincides with  $S \circledast T$ .

PROOF. It is evident that  $\circledast$  coincides with  $*$  on  $\mathcal{D} \times \mathcal{D}$ . Let  $C$  be any compact disk of  $\mathcal{D}$ . If  $T \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathcal{K}$ , then  $T^* C \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathcal{H}'$  since the application  $(T, \varphi) \rightarrow T^* \varphi$  is hypocontinuous. Hence  $\langle S, T^* C \rangle \rightarrow 0$  for any  $S \in \mathcal{H}$ . If  $S \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $T$  is a fixed element of  $\mathcal{K}$ , then  $T^* C$  is a compact disk of  $\mathcal{H}'$ , and hence an equicontinuous subset of  $\mathcal{H}'$ , so that  $\langle S, T^* C \rangle \rightarrow 0$  as  $S \rightarrow 0$ . Thus we have shown that  $\circledast$  is separately continuous.

For the proof of the last part of the statements we use the notations  $\langle, \rangle_{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}}, \langle, \rangle_{\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}'}$  to make clear the duality between the spaces of distributions under question. Suppose  $S * T$  exists, that is,  $S(T^* \varphi) \in \mathcal{D}'_{L^1}$  for any  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ . Let  $\{\alpha_k\}$  be a sequence of multipliers such that  $\alpha_k \rightarrow 1$  in  $\mathcal{B}_c$  and  $\alpha_k S \rightarrow S$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Then  $\langle S \circledast T, \varphi \rangle_{\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}'} = \langle S, T^* \varphi \rangle_{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}'} = \lim_k \langle \alpha_k S, T^* \varphi \rangle_{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}'} = \lim_k \langle S, \alpha_k(T^* \varphi) \rangle_{\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}'} = \lim_k \int \alpha_k S(T^* \varphi) dx = \int S(T^* \varphi) dx = \langle S * T, \varphi \rangle_{\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}'}$ . Therefore  $S \circledast T = S * T$ , as desired.

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