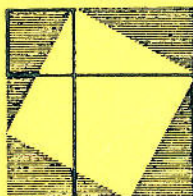


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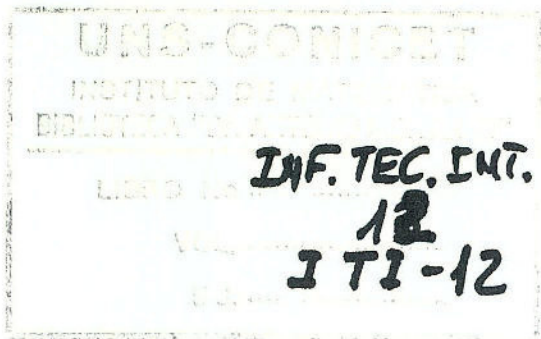
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AN APPROXIMATION THEOREM FOR CERTAIN SUBSETS OF SOBOLEV SPACES

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SUMMARY. We show that a class of differentiable functions vanishing together with their derivatives of order less than  $r$  on the boundary of a smooth domain  $\Omega$  is dense in the subset of  $W^{m+r,p}(\Omega)$  defined by the functions already in  $W_0^{r,p}(\Omega)$ . We give a direct proof by introducing a particular extension operator and a related reflection operator.

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1. PRELIMINARIES AND NOTATION. Let  $\Omega$  be a domain in  $R^n$ . By  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  we shall always denote the scalar product and norm in  $L^2(\Omega)$ . For  $r$  a nonnegative integer we denote by  $H_r^r(\Omega)$  the Sobolev space  $H^r(\Omega) := \{u \in D^r(\Omega); D^\alpha u \in L^2(\Omega) \text{ for } |\alpha| \leq r\}$  with the norm  $\|u; H^r(\Omega)\| = (\sum_{|\alpha| \leq r} \|D^\alpha u\|^2)^{1/2}$  and by  $\overset{\circ}{H}^r(\Omega)$  the closure of  $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  in  $H^r(\Omega)$  (cf. [A] where  $H^r(\Omega) = W^{r,2}(\Omega)$  and  $\overset{\circ}{H}^r(\Omega) = \overset{\circ}{W}^{r,2}(\Omega)$ ). We state some well known facts about these spaces that we shall need in what follows.

LEMMA 1. If  $u \in H^r(\Omega)$ ,  $v \in \overset{\circ}{H}^r(\Omega)$  and  $|\alpha| \leq r$ , then

$$(D^\alpha u, v) = (u, D^\alpha v).$$

PROOF. If  $v_h \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  is a sequence such that  $\|v_h - v; H^r(\Omega)\| \rightarrow 0$  then

$$(D^\alpha u, v) = \lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} (D^\alpha u, v_h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} (u, D^\alpha v_h) = (u, D^\alpha v), \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded domain with  $C^\infty$  boundary (i.e. there exists a finite open covering of  $\partial\Omega$ ,  $\{U_j; j = 1, \dots, N\}$ , such that for each  $j$  there is a map  $\phi_j$  from  $U_j$  onto  $B = \{y \in R^n; |y| < 1\}$  with the properties: i)  $\phi_j$  is one to one, ii)  $\phi_j \in C^\infty(U_j)$ ,  $\phi_j^{-1} \in C^\infty(B)$ , iii)  $\phi_j(U_j \cap \Omega) = B^+ = \{y \in B; y_n > 0\} = B \cap R_n^+$ ).

LEMMA 2. If  $u \in C^r(\overline{\Omega})$  and  $D^\alpha u = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$  for  $|\alpha| < r$ , then  $u \in \overset{\circ}{H}^r(\Omega)$ .

PROOF. Let  $U_0$  be an open subset of  $\Omega$  such that  $\bigcup_{j=0}^N U_j \supset \overline{\Omega}$ . Using a  $C^\infty$  partition of unity subordinate to this covering one sees that it is enough to prove that: if  $u \in C^r(\overline{R_n^+})$ ,  $D^\alpha u(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, 0) = 0$  for  $|\alpha| < r$  and  $\text{supp } u$  is bounded, then  $u \in \overset{\circ}{H}^r(R_n^+)$ , (cf. [A]; T.3.35, particularly formula (15)). Now in that case let  $\tilde{u}(x) := u(x)$  for  $x \in R_n^+$  and 0 otherwise. Then Gauss' theorem yields for

$\phi \in C_0^\infty(R_n)$  and  $|\alpha| \leq r$

$$\int_{R_n} (-1)^{|\alpha|} \tilde{u} D^\alpha \phi \, dx = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \int_{R_n^+} u D^\alpha \phi \, dx = \int_{R_n^+} D^\alpha u \cdot \phi \, dx = \int_{R_n} \widetilde{D^\alpha u} \cdot \phi \, dx$$

That is,  $D^\alpha \tilde{u}$  is the function  $\widetilde{D^\alpha u}$  for  $|\alpha| \leq r$  and so  $\tilde{u} \in H^r(R_n)$ . But then

$u = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} v_\epsilon$  in  $H^r(R_n^+)$  where  $v_\epsilon(x) = \tilde{u}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n - \epsilon)$ . Since  $\text{supp } v_\epsilon$  is compact in  $R_n^+$ ,  $v_\epsilon \in H^r(R_n^+)$  and the proof is complete, Q.E.D.

2. INTRODUCTION. For  $r, R$  positive integers,  $r < R$ , let us call  $H_{r,R}(\Omega)$  the Hilbert space  $H_{r,R}(\Omega) := H^r(\Omega) \cap H^R(\Omega)$  with the norm of  $H^R(\Omega)$  and call

$D_r(\Omega) := \{\phi \in C^\infty(\bar{\Omega}); D^\alpha \phi = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \text{ for } |\alpha| < r\}$ . Now let  $\Omega$  be a bounded domain with  $C^\infty$  boundary. By Lemma 2,  $D_r(\Omega) \subset H_{r,R}(\Omega)$ . (It also follows that this space contains **properly** the space  $H^{rR}(\Omega)$ , cf. Th.5). In this paper we prove that  $D_r(\Omega)$  is a dense subset of  $H_{r,R}(\Omega)$ . That is

THEOREM 1. *If  $G_{r,R}(\Omega) := \text{closure of } D_r(\Omega) \text{ in } H^R(\Omega)$ , then*

$$G_{r,R}(\Omega) = H_{r,R}(\Omega).$$

This theorem can be proved in the particular case  $R = 2r$  using results of P.D.E. as follows. For  $\lambda > 0$  the operator  $(-\Delta)^r + \lambda$  maps  $H_{r,2r}(\Omega)$  continuously into  $L^2(\Omega)$ . This map is also 1:1 since for  $u \in H_{r,2r}(\Omega)$  using Lemma 1 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} ((-\Delta)^r u + \lambda u, u) &= \sum_{|\alpha|=r} (r!/\alpha!) (D^{2\alpha} u, u) + \lambda \|u\|^2 = \\ &: = \sum_{|\alpha|=r} (r!/\alpha!) \|D^\alpha u\|^2 + \lambda \|u\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand for  $\lambda$  great enough  $((-\Delta)^r + \lambda)G_{r,2r} = L^2(\Omega)$  (cf. [5], Th. 9 - 27, pg. 219). In consequence  $G_{r,2r}(\Omega) = H_{r,2r}(\Omega)$ . We shall give a direct

proof of this fact and moreover of Theorem 1. By using a partition of unity as in Lemma 2 it is enough to prove

THEOREM 2. Let  $K$  be a compact set in  $B$  and  $u \in H_{\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{R}}(\mathcal{R}_n^+)$  with  $\text{supp } u \subset K \cap \mathcal{R}_n^+$ .

Then there exists a sequence  $u_h \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathcal{R}_n^+)$  such that  $\text{supp } u_h \subset B^+$  and

$$\|u_h - u; H^{\mathcal{R}}(\mathcal{R}_n^+)\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } h \rightarrow \infty.$$

Our proof relies on the following result.

3. AUXILIARY LEMMA. Given  $\mathcal{R}$  integers  $K_1, K_2, \dots, K_{\mathcal{R}}$  there exists a polynomial  $p(x)$  of degree  $\mathcal{R} - 1$  such that

i)  $p(2^j)$  is an integer for  $j = 0, 1, \dots$

ii)  $p(2^{m-1}) = K_m \pmod{2}$  for  $1 \leq m \leq \mathcal{R}$

iii)  $p(2^{m-1}) = K_{\mathcal{R}} \pmod{2}$  for  $\mathcal{R} < m$ .

PROOF. If  $x_i = 2^{i-1}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, \mathcal{R}$ , define  $p(x)$  by

$$p(x) := \sum_{j=1}^{\mathcal{R}} h_j \prod_{k=1}^{j-1} ((x - x_k)/x_k) \cdot \prod_{k=j+1}^{\mathcal{R}} ((x - x_k)/x_j)$$

where  $h_j = 0$  if  $K_j$  is even and  $h_j = 1$  if  $K_j$  is odd.

Observe that  $p(x)$  satisfies i) and ii) since  $(x_j - x_k)/x_s$  is odd for  $s = \min(j, k)$  and is even for  $s < \min(j, k)$ . By the same reasoning for  $x = x_m$ ,  $m > \mathcal{R}$ , the first product in the definition of  $p$  is odd and the last is even when not empty. So  $p(x_m) - p(x_{\mathcal{R}})$  is even, Q.E.D.

COROLLARY. Given  $\mathcal{R}$  integers  $K_1, \dots, K_{\mathcal{R}}$  there exists an entire function  $f(z)$  without zeroes such that

i)  $f(2^{j-1}) = (-1)^{K_j}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, \mathcal{R}$

ii)  $f(2^{j-1}) = 1/f(2^{j-1})$  for  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ .

PROOF. Define

$$(1) \quad f(z) := \exp(i\pi p(z))$$

where  $p(z)$  is the polynomial in the preceding lemma. Then both  $f(z)$  and  $g(z) := 1/f(z)$  have the required properties, Q.E.D.

4. AN EXTENSION OPERATOR. Let  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z^k$  be an entire function. We associate to  $f$  the operator

$$(2) \quad (T_f u)(x', t) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k u(x', -2^k t)$$

where  $x' = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in R_{n-1}$ ,  $t \in R_1$ .

$T_f$  is well defined if  $u$  vanishes outside a sphere.

THEOREM 3. For  $u \in H^R(R_n^+)$ ,  $\text{supp } u \subset B^+$ , we have:

$$i) \quad \text{supp } T_{\ell} u \subset B^-, \quad T_{\ell} u \in H^R(R_n^-)$$

$$ii) \quad \|T_{\ell} u; H^R(R_n^-)\| \leq M(\ell) \|u; H^R(R_n^+)\| \text{ and}$$

$$(3) \quad D^{\alpha} T_{\ell} u = T_{\ell_h} (D^{\alpha} u) \quad \text{for } h = \alpha_n, \quad |\alpha| \leq R$$

where  $\ell_h$  is the entire function

$$(4) \quad \ell_h(z) := (-1)^h \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k 2^{h \cdot k} z^k = (-1)^h \ell(2^h z).$$

PROOF. The first assertion of i) is immediate. The second follows from ii).

Observe that if  $x = (x', t) \in K$ , a compact set in  $R_n^-$ , then the sum defining

$T_f u(x', t)$  is finite. Therefore (3) is correct in  $D'(R_n^-)$ . To prove ii) it is

therefore enough to prove

$$(5) \quad \|T_{f_h} u; L^2(R_n^-)\| \leq M(f_h) \|u; L^2(R_n^+)\|.$$

But  $\|u(x', -2^k t)\| = 2^{-k/2} \|u\|$ . Summing up, one gets

$$\|T_{f_h} u\| \leq \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |c_k| \cdot 2^{k(2h-1)/2} \right) \|u\| \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

Observe that the lemma remains true if the roles of  $R_n^+$  and  $R_n^-$  are interchanged.

Now we define the **extension** operator  $E_f$  associated to  $f(z) = \sum c_k z^k$  by

$$(6) \quad E_f u(x', t) := \begin{cases} u(x', t) & \text{for } t > 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } t = 0 \\ T_f u(x', t) & \text{for } t < 0. \end{cases}$$

**THEOREM 4.** Let  $u \in H_{n,R}(R_n^+)$ , closure in  $R_n$  of  $\text{supp } u \subset B$ . If the entire function  $f(z)$  verifies

$$(7) \quad f(2^s) = (-1)^s \quad \text{for } s = n, n+1, \dots, R-1$$

then  $E_f u \in H^R(R_n)$ ,  $\text{supp } E_f u \subset B$  and

$$(8) \quad \|E_f u; H^R(R_n)\| \leq C(f) \|u; H^R(R_n^+)\|.$$

**PROOF.** We shall show that if  $|\alpha| \leq R$ ,  $h = \alpha_n$  and  $f_h$  is defined by (4), then

$$(9) \quad D^\alpha(E_f u) = E_{f_h}(D^\alpha u).$$

Therefore, the theorem will follow from Th.3. To prove (9) we consider two cases.

CASE 1:  $\alpha = (0, \dots, 0, h)$ . Let  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(R_n)$ . Then if we set  $x = (x', t)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
(10) \quad \langle D^\alpha E_f u, \phi \rangle &= (-1)^h \langle E_f u, D_t^h \phi \rangle = \\
&= (-1)^h \int_{R_n^+} (u D_t^h \phi + (-1)^h \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k u(x', 2^k t) \cdot D_t^h \phi(x', -t)) dx = \\
&= (-1)^h \int_{R_n^+} u D_t^h \phi dx + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(h-1)k} c_k \int_{R_n^+} u(x) D_t^h (\phi(x', -2^{-k} t)) dx = \\
&= (-1)^h \int_{R_n^+} u(x) D_t^h \psi_h(x', t) dx' dt
\end{aligned}$$

with

$$(11) \quad \psi_h(x', t) = \phi(x', t) - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-2^k)^{h-1} c_k \phi(x', -2^{-k} t).$$

Since  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |c_k| \cdot M^k < \infty$  for any  $M > 0$ , it is possible to interchange  $\int$  and  $\sum$  in

(10). Also  $\psi_h \in C_0^\infty(\overline{R_n^+}) \cap H^s(R_n^+)$  for any  $s$ .

Now we shall show that

$$(12) \quad (-1)^h \int_{R_n^+} u(x) D_t^h \psi_h(x', t) dx = \int_{R_n^+} D_t^h u \cdot \psi_h dx.$$

In fact, since  $u \in H^r(R_n^+)$ , by Lemma 1,

$$(13) \quad (-1)^h \int_{R_n^+} u D_t^h \psi_h dx = (-1)^{h-j} \int_{R_n^+} D_t^j u \cdot D_t^{h-j} \psi_h dx \text{ for } j = \min(h, r).$$

This proves (12) for  $h \leq r$ . If  $h > r$ , then in view of (7),  $\psi_h(x', 0) = 0$  and also  $D^\gamma \psi_h(x', 0) = 0$  for  $|\gamma| < h - r$ . Then by Lemma 2,  $\psi_h \in H^{h-r}(R_n^+)$ , and we can apply again Lemma 1 to the right hand side of (13) ( $j = r$  now!) thus obtaining (12).

The combination of (10) with (12) yields



$$\langle D^\alpha E_f u, \phi \rangle = \int D^\alpha u \cdot \psi_h \, dx = \langle E_{f_h} (D^\alpha u), \phi \rangle.$$

CASE 2:  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}, 0)$ . Then (9) is true regardless condition (7) for  $u \in H^q(\mathbb{R}_n^+)$ ,  $q \geq |\alpha|$ . In fact, let  $\eta(t) \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}_1)$ ,  $\eta = 0$  for  $|t| < 1/2$ ,  $\eta = 1$  for  $|t| > 1$ , and call  $\eta_\epsilon(t) := \eta(t/\epsilon)$ . Then for  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}_n)$  we have  $\eta_\epsilon \phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}_n^- \cup \mathbb{R}_n^+)$  and so

$$\begin{aligned} \langle D^\alpha E_f u, \phi \rangle &= (-1)^{|\alpha|} \langle E_f u, D^\alpha \phi \rangle = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \langle E_f u, \eta_\epsilon D^\alpha \phi \rangle = \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} (-1)^{|\alpha|} \langle E_f u, D^\alpha (\eta_\epsilon \phi) \rangle = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \langle E_f (D^\alpha u), \eta_\epsilon \phi \rangle = \langle E_f (D^\alpha u), \phi \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

To combine this two cases we write  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}, 0) + (0, \dots, 0, h) = \alpha' + \alpha''$  and obtain  $D^\alpha (E_f u) = D^{\alpha'} E_{f_h} (D^{\alpha''} u) = E_{f_h} (D^\alpha u)$ , Q.E.D.

5.A REFLECTION OPERATOR. Next we define an operator  $E$  which is a generalization of  $\phi(x', t) \rightarrow -\phi(x', -t)$ . Let  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z^k$  be the entire function constructed in the Corollary of section 3 for  $K_i = i$  if  $i \leq r$  and  $K_i = i - 1$  for  $r < i \leq R$ . That is

$$(14) \quad f(2^{i-1}) = (-1)^i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq r; \quad f(2^{i-1}) = (-1)^{i-1} \quad \text{for } r < i \leq R.$$

Further, let  $g(z) := 1/f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d_k z^k$ . For  $v$  a function with bounded support let us define

$$E v(x', t) := \begin{cases} T_g v = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d_k v(x', -2^k t) & \text{for } t > 0, \\ T_f v = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k v(x', -2^k t), & t \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

LEMMA 3. If  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}_n)$ , then

i)  $E\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}_n)$

ii)  $E\phi = \phi$  implies  $\phi \in D_n(\mathbb{R}_n^+)$

iii)  $E^2\phi = \phi$

iv)  $\|E\phi; H^s(\mathbb{R}_n)\| \leq M_s \|\phi; H^s(\mathbb{R}_n)\| \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{N}.$

v) Let  $v \in H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , support of  $v \subset B$ . If the sequence  $\{\phi_m\} \subset C_0^\infty(B)$  verifies

$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|\phi_m - v; H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)\| = 0$ , then

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|E\phi_m - Ev; H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)\| = 0.$$

PROOF. i) It is clear from the definition that  $\text{supp } E\phi$  is bounded and that  $E\phi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}_n^- \cup \mathbb{R}_n^+)$ . Also

$$(15) \quad \begin{cases} D^\alpha E\phi(x', +0) = \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d_k (-2^k)^{\alpha_n} \right) D^\alpha \phi(x', 0) = (-1)^{\alpha_n} g(2^{\alpha_n}) D^\alpha \phi(x', 0) \\ D^\alpha E\phi(x', -0) = \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k (-2^k)^{\alpha_n} \right) D^\alpha \phi(x', 0) = (-1)^{\alpha_n} f(2^{\alpha_n}) D^\alpha \phi(x', 0). \end{cases}$$

i) then follows from

$$(16) \quad f(2^h) = g(2^h) = \pm 1.$$

ii) Let  $\alpha_n < r$ . Using (15) and (14) it follows that

$$(17) \quad D^\alpha E\phi(x', 0) = (-1)^{\alpha_n} f(2^{\alpha_n}) D^\alpha \phi(x', 0) = -D^\alpha \phi(x', 0).$$

But if  $E\phi = \phi$  then

$$(18) \quad : \quad D^\alpha E\phi(x', 0) = D^\alpha \phi(x', 0).$$

Comparing (17) and (18) we get  $D^\alpha \phi(x', 0) = 0$  for  $|\alpha| < r$ , that is  $\phi \in D_r(\mathbb{R}_n^+)$ .

iii) Observe that  $T_g T_f \phi(x', t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d_k \left( \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} c_h \phi(x', 2^{k+h} t) \right) =$   
 $= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi(x', 2^j t) \left( \sum_{k=0}^j d_k c_{j-k} \right).$

Since  $f(z) \cdot g(z) = 1$  we have  $\sum_{k=0}^j d_k c_{j-k} = 1$  if  $j = 0$  and 0 otherwise. Therefore, it holds pointwise that

$$(19) \quad T_g T_f \phi(x', t) = \phi(x', t) = T_f T_g \phi(x', t).$$

iv) By i),  $\|E\phi; H^S(R_n)\| \leq \|T_f \phi; H^S(R_n^-)\| + \|T_g \phi; H^S(R_n^+)\|$ . Now Theorem 3 yields iv).

v) By iv),  $E\phi_m$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $H^S(R^n)$ . Therefore, there exists  $U \in H^S(R^n)$  such that  $\|E\phi_m - U; H^S(R^n)\|$  tends to zero.

But in virtue of Theorem 3, ii) both norms  $\|E\phi_m - T_g v; H^S(R_n^+)\|$  and  $\|E\phi_m - T_f v; H^S(R_n^-)\|$  tend to zero. So  $U$  restricted to  $R_n^+$  is equal to  $T_g v$  and  $U$  restricted to  $R_n^-$  is  $T_f v$ . Since the distribution  $U$  is a function of  $L^2(R^n)$  it follows that  $U = Ev$ , Q.E.D.

Note that conditions (14) for  $r < i \leq R$  are not really used in the proof of Lemma 3.

6. PROOF OF THEOREM 2. Let  $u \in H_{r,R}(R_n^+)$ ,  $\text{supp } u \subset K$  and call  $u' := E_f u$  (cfr. (6)). Observe that by (14) the hypotheses of Theorem 4 are fulfilled. Thereby  $u' \in H^R(R_n)$ ,  $\text{supp } u' = K' = \text{compact in } B$  and  $Eu' \in H^R(R_n)$ . In consequence, from the definition of  $u'$  we have  $Eu' = u'$  a.e. (cf. (19)). Now let  $\phi'_h \in C_0^\infty(B)$  be a sequence converging to  $u'$  in  $H^R(R_n)$ . By Lemma 3, v),  $E\phi'_h$  converges to  $Eu' = u'$  in  $H^R(R_n)$  and then

$$(20) \quad \|u' - \phi'_h; H^R(R_n)\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } h \rightarrow 0$$

if  $\phi_h := (\phi'_h + E\phi'_h)/2$ .

Using Lemma 3, iii), we see that  $E\phi_h = \phi_h$ . Then by ii) of the same Lemma we obtain that  $u_h := \phi_h$  restricted to  $R_n^+$  belongs to  $D_r(R_n^+)$ . Since  $\|u - u_h; H^R(R_n^+)\| =$

$= \|u' - \phi_h; H^R(R_n^+)\| \leq \|u' - \phi_h; H^R(R_n)\|$ , we see by (20) that the sequence  $u_h$  satisfies all the requirements, Q.E.D.

7. FINAL REMARKS. a) The construction of our extension operator  $E_f$  is essentially the one used by Seeley in [Se] however corresponding to entire functions of different nature. In order that  $E_f$  extends  $C^\infty(\overline{R_n^+})$  to  $C^\infty(R_n)$ , Seeley needs  $f(2^h) = (-1)^h$  for  $h = 0, 1, \dots$ . This is never true for our  $f$  since we have  $f(2^h) = (-1)^{h+1}$  for  $h = 0, \dots, r-1$  (and besides  $f(2^h) = (-1)^{R-1}$  for  $h \geq R$ ). On the other hand the coefficients  $a_k$  found by Seeley define an entire function of exponential type with zeroes and in that case  $g = 1/f$  is not an entire function (cfr. [A], [Se]).

b) Our method can be applied to prove that  $D_r(\Omega)$  is dense in other Banach spaces. For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $0 < r < R$ ,  $r, R$  integers, define

$$W_{r,R}^p(\Omega) := W_0^{r,p}(\Omega) \cap W^{R,p}(\Omega) \quad \text{with the norm } \|\cdot; W^{R,p}\|.$$

THEOREM 1'. *If  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain with  $C^\infty$  boundary, then  $D_r(\Omega)$  is dense in  $W_{r,R}^p(\Omega)$ .*

This theorem reduces to prove

THEOREM 2'.  *$\{u \in D_r(R_n^+): \text{supp } u \text{ bounded}\}$  is dense in  $W_{r,R}^p(R_n^+)$ .*

The proof follows the same lines as that of Theorem 2 noticing that the operator  $E_f$  defined by (6) is continuous from  $W_{r,R}^p(R_n^+)$  into  $W^{R,p}(R_n)$ , and the operator  $E$  of Lemma 3 is continuous in  $W^{R,p}(R_n)$ . Lemma 2 should be replaced by

LEMMA 2'. *If  $u \in C^r(\overline{\Omega})$  and  $D^\alpha u = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$  for  $|\alpha| < r$ , then  $u \in W_0^{r,p}(\Omega)$ .*

THEOREM 5. *Let  $r$  be a positive integer and  $R$  a nonnegative one. The completion of  $D_r(\Omega)$  in the norm  $\|\cdot; W^{R,p}(\Omega)\|$  is isomorphic to the space  $W_0^{R,p}(\Omega)$  if  $R \leq r$  and isomorphic to  $W_{r,R}^p(\Omega) \supsetneq W_0^{R,p}(\Omega)$  if  $R > r$ .*

PROOF. In fact, for  $R \leq r$ , because of Lemma 2', we have

$$C_0^\infty(\Omega) \subset D_r(\Omega) \subset D_R(\Omega) \subset W_0^{R,p}(\Omega).$$

If  $R > r$ , it follows from Theorem 1' that  $W_{r,R}^p \supset W_0^{R,p}$ . To prove that the inclusion is proper consider the function  $k(x) = x_n^r \phi(x') \psi(x_n)$  restricted to  $R_n^+$  where  $\phi(x') \in C_0^\infty(R_{n-1})$ ,  $\psi \in C_0^\infty(R_1)$ ,  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  equal to one in a neighborhood of zero. Then,  $k$  is of bounded support and belongs to  $W^{R,p}(R_n^+) \cap W_0^{r,p}(R_n^+)$ . If  $k$  belonged to  $W_0^{R,p}(R_n^+)$  then  $\tilde{k}$  should belong to  $W^{R,p}(R_n)$ . However,  $D_{x_n}^{r+1} \tilde{k}$  is not a function, Q.E.D.

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