

(1)  $\phi$  clearly  $C^\infty$  on  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$  with

$\phi^{(k)}(x) = 0$  for  $x < 0$ . For  $x > 0$ ,

$\phi'(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} e^{-\frac{1}{x}}$ ,  $\phi''(x) = \frac{-2x+1}{x^3} e^{-\frac{1}{x}}$  and

then claim:  $\phi^{(k)}(x) = \frac{p_k(x)}{x^{2k}} e^{-\frac{1}{x}}$ ,  $x > 0$ ,

where  $p_k$  real polynomial of degree at most

$k-1$ . By induction: ok for  $k=1, 2$ . If true for  $k$ , then  $\phi^{(k+1)}(x) = \frac{p_k'(x)x^2 - 2kp_k(x)x + p_k(x)}{x^{2(k+1)}}$

$x e^{-\frac{1}{x}}$  and  $p_{k+1}(x) := p_k'(x)x^2 - 2kp_k(x)x + p_k(x)$

is a real polynomial of degree at most  $\deg(p_k) + 1 \leq k$ .

Claim  $\phi$  infinitely often diff. at  $x=0$  with  $\phi^{(k)}(0) = 0$  for all  $k$ .

Induction on  $k$ :  $k=1$

For  $x > 0$  we have by Mean Value Theorem

$\frac{\phi(x) - \phi(0)}{x} = \phi'(\theta)$  for some  $\theta \in (0, x)$ .

Now  $\phi'(\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta^2} e^{-\frac{1}{\theta}}$  and  $e^{-\frac{1}{\theta}} > \frac{\theta^3}{6}$  for  $\theta > 0$

so  $e^{-\frac{1}{\theta}} < \frac{6}{(\frac{1}{\theta})^3} = 6\theta^3$  and

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thus  $\phi'(\theta) < 6\theta < x \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$ ,

It follows that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi(x) - \phi(0)}{x} = 0$  so  $\phi$

is diff. at 0 with  $\phi'(0) = 0$ .

Assume  $\phi$  is  $k$  times diff. at 0 with

$\phi^{(k)}(0) = 0$ . Then

$$\phi^{(k)}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{p_k(x)}{x^{2k}} e^{-\frac{1}{x}}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

For  $x > 0$  we get as above:

$$\frac{1}{x} (\phi^{(k)}(x) - \phi^{(k)}(0)) = \phi^{(k+1)}(\theta) \text{ for a } \theta \in (0, x).$$

Note  $e^t > \frac{t^{2k+3}}{(2k+3)!}$  for  $t > 0$  so that

$$\phi^{(k+1)}(\theta) = \frac{p_{k+1}(\theta)}{\theta^{2k+2}} e^{-\frac{1}{\theta}} < \frac{p_{k+1}(\theta)}{\theta^{2k+2}} \frac{(2k+3)!}{(\frac{1}{\theta})^{2k+3}} =$$

$$(2k+3)! p_{k+1}(\theta) \theta \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0^+.$$

It follows that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi^{(k)}(x) - \phi^{(k)}(0)}{x} = 0$

so  $\phi^{(k)}$  is diff. at 0 with  $\phi^{(k+1)}(0) = 0$ .  $\square$

By Leibnitz  $\phi$  is  $C^\infty$ , and  $\phi(x) \neq 0$  iff

$2(1-x) > 0$  and  $2(1+x) > 0$ , that is, iff  $\frac{3}{8}$   
 $-1 < x < 1$ . Thus  $\text{spt}(\psi) = [-1, 1]$ , and  
 therefore  $\psi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Functions in  $\mathcal{D}(-1, 1)$  must have compact  
 support in  $(-1, 1)$ , so  $\psi|_{(-1, 1)} \notin \mathcal{D}(-1, 1)$ .

Taylor series for  $\psi$  about 0 is  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 0 x^n = 0$ .

(2) (a) Let  $\psi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$  be as in (1)

and put  $\phi = \frac{\psi}{\int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi dx}$ . Then  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  
 $\phi \geq 0$ ,  $\text{spt}(\phi) = [-1, 1]$  and  $\int \phi dx = 1$ . Put

$\phi_{\varepsilon}(x) = \varepsilon^{-1} \phi(\varepsilon^{-1}x)$  so that  $(\phi_{\varepsilon})_{\varepsilon > 0}$  is standard  
 mollifier. Because  $K \subset (a, b)$  is compact

$d = \text{dist}(K, \{a, b\}) > 0$  and we can

take  $\rho(x) = (\phi_{\varepsilon} * \mathbb{1}_{\frac{B_d(K)}{2}})(x)$  for  $\varepsilon < \frac{d}{4}$ .

By result from lectures  $\rho \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ .

If  $x \notin \overline{B_{\frac{d}{4}}(x)}$ , so  $\text{dist}(x, \overline{B_{\frac{d}{2}}(K)}) > \frac{d}{4}$ ,

then  $\rho(x) = \int_{\overline{B_{\frac{d}{2}}(K)}} \phi_{\varepsilon}(x-y) dy = 0$  since

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$\phi_{\varepsilon}(x-y) > 0$  iff  $|x-y| < \varepsilon$ , but when  $y \in \overline{B_{\frac{d}{2}}(K)}$  we have

$$\frac{d}{4} < \text{dist}(x, \overline{B_{\frac{d}{2}}(K)}) = \text{dist}(x, \overline{B_{\frac{d}{2}}(K)}) - \text{dist}(y, \overline{B_{\frac{d}{2}}(K)}) \leq |x-y|.$$

$$\therefore \text{spt}(\rho) \subseteq \overline{B_{\frac{3d}{4}}(K)} \subset (a,b).$$

If  $x \in K$ , then  $B_{\varepsilon}(x) \subset B_{\frac{d}{2}}(K)$  and so

$$\rho(x) = \int_{\overline{B_{\frac{d}{2}}(K)}} \phi_{\varepsilon}(x-y) dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi_{\varepsilon}(x-y) dy = 1.$$

Finally,  $0 \leq \rho(x) \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi_{\varepsilon} = 1$  for all  $x$ .

(b) Let  $\psi(x) = \begin{cases} e^{\frac{1}{1-x^2}}, & |x| < 1 \\ 0, & |x| \geq 1 \end{cases}$  from ①

and  $\varphi(x) = \psi(x-1)$ . Then  $\varphi(x) = \psi(x-1)$  iff

$x = \frac{1}{2}$  and

$$\max(\varphi, \psi) = \begin{cases} \varphi & x > \frac{1}{2} \\ \psi & x \leq \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}, \quad \min(\varphi, \psi) = \begin{cases} \psi & x > \frac{1}{2} \\ \varphi & x \leq \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

Since  $\varphi'(\frac{1}{2}) = \psi'(-\frac{1}{2}) = -\psi'(\frac{1}{2})$  and

$\psi'(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{16}{9} e^{\frac{4}{3}} \neq 0$  so  $\max(\varphi, \psi), \min(\varphi, \psi)$  are

not diff. at  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ , hence not in  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$ . 5/18

(c) 1-dimensional case follows also from:

Take  $K = \text{spt}(u)$  so that  $K \subset \Omega$  compact.

Let  $\rho \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ ,  $0 \leq \rho \leq 1$  and  $\rho = 1$  on  $K$  be the cut-off function constructed in Theorem 2.4 from lectures. Define

$$u_1 = \rho \frac{(u+1)^2}{4}, \quad u_2 = \rho \frac{(u-1)^2}{4}.$$

Then  $u_1, u_2 \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ ,  $u_1, u_2 \geq 0$  and  $u_1 - u_2 = u$ .

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Hint in question was useless - students have been notified and given new 'hint':

'Note  $4u = (u+1)^2 - (u-1)^2$  and if  $v$  is cut-off function between  $\text{spt}(u)$  and  $\partial\Omega$  then  $vu = u$ '.

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(3) Put  $\Omega_k = \left\{ x \in \Omega \cap \mathbb{B}_k^0 : \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) > \frac{1}{k} \right\}$

for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then by MCT

$$\int_{\Omega} |f - f \mathbb{1}_{\Omega_k}|^p dx = \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_k} |f|^p dx \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

Take  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  so  $\left( \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_k} |f|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ ,

put  $0 = \Omega_k$  and  $h = f \mathbb{1}_0$ . Then  $h \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$

and by Proposition 2.2 from lectures (6/18)  
 $\rho_\delta * h \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ ,  $\|\rho_\delta * h - h\|_p \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0^+$ ,  
 where  $(\rho_\delta)_{\delta > 0}$  is the standard mollifier.

Since  $h = 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega \setminus \Omega \subset \{x \in \Omega : \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \leq \frac{1}{k}\}$   
 we have  $\rho_\delta * h(x) = 0$  when  $\text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) < \frac{1}{k} - 2\delta$ .

Take  $\delta \in (0, \frac{1}{4k})$  so small that

$$\|\rho_\delta * h - h\|_p < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Hereby  $\text{spt}(\rho_\delta * h) \subseteq \overline{\{x \in \Omega \cap B_{\frac{1}{k+2\delta}}(0) : \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \geq \frac{1}{2k}\}}$

$\subset \Omega$  so that  $\rho_\delta * h$  has compact support  
 in  $\Omega$ . Thus  $g = \rho_\delta * h \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  and from

Minkowski:

$$\|f - g\|_p \leq \|f - h\|_p + \|h - g\|_p < \varepsilon. \quad \square$$

(4)  $u_1$  isn't a distribution as it's not  
 of locally finite order:

Let  $\rho \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$  be a cut-off function  
 satisfying  $0 \leq \rho \leq 1$ ,  $\rho = 1$  on  $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  and  
 $\text{spt}(\rho) \subseteq (-1, 1)$ . Then  $\rho(0) = 1$  but  $\rho^{(k)}(0) = 0 \quad \forall k \geq 1$ .

If  $u_1$  is a distribution, then there exist  $c > 0, m \in \mathbb{N}_0$  so

$$|\langle u_1, \varphi \rangle| = \left| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{-j} \varphi^{(j)}(0) \right| \leq c \sum_{s=0}^m \sup_{[-1,1]} |\varphi^{(s)}|$$

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  put  $\varphi(x) = x^n \rho(x), x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(-1,1)$  and by Leibniz:

$$\varphi^{(k)}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} \frac{\partial^j}{\partial x^j} (x^n) \rho^{(k-j)}(x)$$

In particular  $\varphi^{(k)}(0) = \begin{cases} n! & \text{if } k=n \\ 0 & \text{if } k \neq n \end{cases}$

and  $|\varphi^{(k)}(x)| \leq \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} n(n-1)\dots(n-j+1) |\rho^{(k-j)}(x)|$

$$\leq 2^k n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1) \max_{0 \leq j \leq k} \sup |\rho^{(j)}(x)|,$$

hence

$$\text{RHS} \leq c \sum_{s=0}^m \sup_{[-1,1]} |\varphi^{(s)}| \leq c \sum_{s=0}^m 2^s \frac{n!}{(n-s)!} \max_{0 \leq j \leq s} \sup |\rho^{(j)}(x)|$$

$$\leq \underbrace{c 2^{m+1} \max_{0 \leq s \leq m} \sup |\rho^{(s)}|}_{C_m} \cdot \frac{n!}{(n-m)!}$$

$$\therefore |\langle u_1, \varphi \rangle| = 2^{-n} n! \leq C_m \frac{n!}{(n-m)!}$$

and so  $(n-m)! \leq c_m 2^n$ .

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If  $n$  is large this is false, and so  $u_1$  isn't a distribution.

$u_2$  is a distribution on  $\mathbb{R}$  (it's linear and sum is finite on each compact set ...)

$u_3$  isn't a distribution because it's not linear.

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⑤ Well-defined: Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Clearly the first two integrals are well-defined. For the integral over  $[-a, a]$

put

$$\Phi(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\varphi(x) - \varphi(0)}{|x|} & , x \neq 0 \\ \varphi'(0) & , x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Then  $\Phi$  is piecewise continuous (cont. from right at 0); hence is (Riemann-) integrable on  $[-a, a]$ .

Linearity of  $T_a$  now follows from linearity of the integral.



Fix a compact set  $K \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Take  $\epsilon > 0$  so  $K \subset [-\ell, \ell]$ . For  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(K)$ :

$$\left| \left( \int_{-\infty}^{-a} + \int_a^{\infty} \right) \frac{\varphi(x)}{|x|} dx \right| \leq 2 \int_a^{\ell} \frac{dx}{x} \sup|\varphi|$$

$$= 2 \log \frac{\ell}{a} \sup|\varphi|,$$

$$\left| \int_{-a}^a \frac{\varphi(x) - \varphi(0)}{|x|} dx \right| \stackrel{\text{FTC}}{=} \left| \int_{-a}^a \int_0^1 \varphi'(tx) dt \frac{x}{|x|} dx \right|$$

$$\leq \int_{-a}^a \int_0^1 |\varphi'(tx)| dt dx$$

$$\leq 2a \sup|\varphi'|$$

$$\therefore |\langle T_a, \varphi \rangle| \leq c (\sup|\varphi| + \sup|\varphi'|),$$

where  $c = 2 \max(a, \log \frac{\ell}{a})$ .

Hence  $T_a \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R})$  (and is of order at most 1).

If  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$  with  $\varphi(0) = 0$ , then  $\langle T_a, \varphi \rangle =$

$$\left( \int_{-\infty}^{-a} + \int_a^{\infty} \right) \frac{\varphi(x)}{|x|} dx + \int_{-a}^a \frac{\varphi(x) - 0}{|x|} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(x)}{|x|} dx.$$

If  $0 < a < b$ , then for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$ :

$$\langle T_a - T_b, \varphi \rangle = \left[ \left( \int_{-\infty}^{-a} + \int_a^{\infty} \right) - \left( \int_{-\infty}^{-b} + \int_b^{\infty} \right) \right] \frac{\varphi(x)}{|x|} dx +$$

$$\left[ \int_{-a}^a - \int_{-b}^b \right] \frac{\varphi(x) - \varphi(b)}{|x|} dx =$$

$$\left[ \int_{-b}^{-a} + \int_a^b \right] \frac{\varphi(x)}{|x|} dx - \left[ \int_{-b}^{-a} + \int_a^b \right] \frac{\varphi(x) - \varphi(b)}{|x|} dx =$$

$$\left[ \int_{-b}^{-a} + \int_a^b \right] \frac{\varphi(b)}{|x|} dx = 2 \int_a^b \frac{dx}{x} \varphi(b) = 2 \log \frac{b}{a} \varphi(b)$$

$$\therefore T_a - T_b = 2 \log \frac{b}{a} \delta_v$$

(c)

If  $v=0$ , then  $u=0$  and any constant  $c$  will do. Assume  $v \neq 0$ . Then we can find  $\tilde{\chi} \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  so  $\langle v, \tilde{\chi} \rangle \neq 0$ . Define

$$\chi = \frac{\tilde{\chi}}{\langle v, \tilde{\chi} \rangle}. \text{ Then } \chi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega) \text{ and } \langle v, \chi \rangle = 1.$$

Now for  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ ,  $\varphi - \langle v, \varphi \rangle \chi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  and  $\langle v, \varphi - \langle v, \varphi \rangle \chi \rangle = 0$ , hence also

$$0 = \langle u, \varphi - \langle v, \varphi \rangle \chi \rangle = \langle u, \varphi \rangle - \langle v, \varphi \rangle \langle u, \chi \rangle$$

and so  $u = cv$  for  $c = \langle u, \chi \rangle$ .  $\square$

⑦ (optional)

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By induction on  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

For  $m=0$  we interpret  $E$  as the Heaviside function and so it's true. Assume it's true for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ :

$$\frac{d^{m+1}}{dx^{m+1}} \left[ \frac{x_+^m}{m!} \right] = \delta_0.$$

Then we have

$$\frac{d^{m+2}}{dx^{m+2}} \left[ \frac{x_+^{m+1}}{(m+1)!} \right] = \frac{d^{m+1}}{dx^{m+1}} \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{x_+^{m+1}}{(m+1)!} \right) \right].$$

$$\text{For } \varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}) : \left\langle \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{x_+^{m+1}}{(m+1)!} \right), \varphi \right\rangle =$$

$$\left\langle \frac{x_+^{m+1}}{(m+1)!}, -\varphi' \right\rangle = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x_+^{m+1}}{(m+1)!} \varphi'(x) dx =$$

$$- \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{m+1}}{(m+1)!} \varphi'(x) dx \stackrel{\text{parts}}{=} - \left[ \frac{x^{m+1}}{(m+1)!} \varphi(x) \right]_{x=0}^{x \rightarrow \infty} + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^m}{m!} \varphi(x) dx$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{x_+^m}{m!}, \varphi \right\rangle, \text{ and so we get from}$$

induction hypothesis

$$\frac{d^{m+2}}{dx^{m+2}} \left[ \frac{x_+^{m+1}}{(m+1)!} \right] = \frac{d^{m+1}}{dx^{m+1}} \left[ \frac{x_+^m}{m!} \right] = \delta_0. \square$$

8 (Optional)

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(i) Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$  be the function from ①. Put  $\varphi(x) = c\varphi(2x-1)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then clearly  $\varphi$  is  $C^\infty$  and since  $\varphi(x) \neq 0$  iff  $0 < 2x-1 < 1$ , i.e. iff  $0 < x < 1$ , we have  $\text{spt}(\varphi) = [0, 1]$ . The constant  $c > 0$  is chosen so  $\int \varphi = 1$ . Define

$$g(x) = \int_{-1}^x (\varphi(-t) - \varphi(t)) dt, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \text{ By FTC,}$$

$g$  is  $C^1$  with  $g'(x) = \varphi(-x) - \varphi(x)$ , hence  $g$  is  $C^\infty$ . Since  $\varphi \equiv 0$  on  $(-\infty, 0]$  and

on  $[1, \infty)$  we have  $g(x) = 0$  for  $x \leq -1$ .

For  $x \geq 1$  we have  $g(x) = \int_{-1}^x \varphi(-t) dt - \int_{-1}^x \varphi(t) dt$

$$= \int_{-1}^0 \varphi(-t) dt - 1 = \int_0^1 \varphi - 1 = 0, \text{ hence}$$

$\text{spt}(g) \subseteq [-1, 1]$ . Also  $g(0) = \int_{-1}^0 (\varphi(-t) - \varphi(t)) dt$

$$= \int_{-1}^0 \varphi(-t) dt = \int_0^1 \varphi(t) dt = 1, \quad g'(0) = \varphi(0) - \varphi(0)$$

$= 0$  and  $g^{(k+1)}(x) = (-1)^k \varphi^{(k)}(-x) - \varphi^{(k)}(x)$ , so

$$g^{(k+1)}(0) = ((-1)^k - 1) \varphi^{(k)}(0) = 0 \text{ since } \text{spt}(\varphi) =$$

$[0, 1]$ . (Can also be done using cut-off

function from lectures.)

(ii)  $g_n(x) = g\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon_n}\right) \frac{a_n x^n}{n!}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , is  $C^\infty$  by 13/18

Leibniz and  $g_n(x) = 0$  when  $|\frac{x}{\varepsilon_n}| \geq 1$ , that is, when  $|x| \geq \varepsilon_n$ . Consequently,  $g_n \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\text{spt}(g_n) \subseteq [-\varepsilon_n, \varepsilon_n]$ .

$$g_0(0) = g(0) \frac{a_0 0^0}{0!} = a_0, \quad g_n(0) = 0 \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

By Leibniz we get for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$g_n^{(k)}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} g^{(j)}\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon_n}\right) \varepsilon_n^{-j} \frac{d^{k-j}}{dx^{k-j}} \left( \frac{a_n x^n}{n!} \right),$$

hence  $g_n^{(k)}(0) \stackrel{(i)}{=} \frac{d^k}{dx^k} \Big|_{x=0} \left( \frac{a_n x^n}{n!} \right) = a_n f_{k,n}$ .

Next, since  $\text{spt}(g) \subseteq [-1, 1]$  we get for

$0 \leq k < n$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$|g_n^{(k)}(x)| \leq \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} |g^{(j)}\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon_n}\right)| \varepsilon_n^{-j} a_n \frac{x^{n-k+j}}{(n-k+j)!}$$

$$\leq \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} \sup |g^{(j)}| \varepsilon_n^{-j} \frac{|a_n|}{(n-k+j)!} \varepsilon_n^{n-k+j}$$

$$\leq \max_{0 \leq j < n} \sup |g^{(j)}| \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} \frac{|a_n|}{(n-k+j)!} \varepsilon_n^{n-k}$$

$$\leq \max_{0 \leq j < n} \sup |g^{(j)}| \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} \frac{|a_n|}{n!} \varepsilon_n^{n-k}$$

$$= \frac{|a_n|}{n!} 2^k \max_{0 \leq j < n} \sup |g^{(j)}| \varepsilon_n^{n-k}$$

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$$\leq \frac{|a_n| 2^n}{n!} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \sup |g^{(j)}| \cdot \varepsilon_n \quad \text{provided } \varepsilon_n \leq 1.$$

Take  $\varepsilon_n = \frac{2^{-n}}{1 + \frac{|a_n| 2^n}{n!} \max_{0 \leq j < n} \sup |g^{(j)}|}$  to

conclude.  $\square$

(iii) With above  $\varepsilon_n$ , put  $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g_n(x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Because  $|g_n(x)| \leq 2^{-n}$  for all  $x$  it follows from Weierstrass' M-test that the series is uniformly convergent on  $\mathbb{R}$ . As each  $g_n$  is  $C^\infty$ ,  $f$  is in particular continuous.

Assume for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $f$  is  $C^k$  with  $f^{(k)}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g_n^{(k)}(x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then by (ii) (choice of  $\varepsilon_n$ ):  $|g_n^{(k+1)}(x)| \leq 2^{-n}$

for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n > k+1$ , so Weierstrass again gives uniform convergence of  $\sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} g_n^{(k+1)}(x)$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ , and hence of  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g_n^{(k+1)}(x)$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

By a result from prelims  $f$  is  $C^{k+1}$  with  $f^{(k+1)}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g_n^{(k+1)}(x)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Thus by induction,  $f$  is  $C^{\infty}$ . Since  $g_n$  is supported in  $[-\varepsilon_n, \varepsilon_n]$  and  $\varepsilon_n \leq 1$  it follows that  $f$  is supported in  $[-1, 1]$ .

Finally,  $f^{(n)}(0) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g_k^{(n)}(0) = a_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

### 9 (Optional)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (i) \quad (h_r * h_s)(x) &= \frac{1}{rs} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_{(0,r)}(x-y) \mathbb{1}_{(0,s)}(y) dy = \\
 &= \frac{1}{rs} \int_0^s \mathbb{1}_{(0,r)}(x-y) dy = \frac{1}{rs} \int_{x-s}^x \mathbb{1}_{(0,r)}(t) dt = \\
 \frac{1}{rs} \mathcal{L}'((x-s, x) \cap (0, r)) &= \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ x/rs & 0 < x \leq r \\ 1/s & r < x \leq s \\ \frac{r+s-x}{rs} & s < x \leq r+s \\ 0 & r+s < x \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

so continuous by inspection (in fact, it's Lipschitz continuous with Lipschitz constant  $\frac{1}{rs}$ )

We also note that  $\text{spt}(h_r * h_s) = [0, r+s]$ , and that  $0 \leq h_r * h_s \leq \frac{1}{s}$ .

(ii) For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(h_r * u)(x) = \frac{1}{r} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_{(0,r)}(x-y) u(y) dy$  16/18  
 $= \frac{1}{r} \int_{x-r}^x u(y) dy$ , and so  $h_r * u$  is  $C^1$  by

FTC with  $(h_r * u)'(x) = \frac{1}{r} (u(x) - u(x-r))$ .

But since  $u$  is  $C^k$ ,  $h_r * u$  must then be

$C^{k+1}$  with  $(h_r * u)^{(k+1)}(x) = \frac{1}{r} (u^{(k)}(x) - u^{(k)}(x-r))$ .

By inspection we get from  $\text{spt}(u) \subseteq [a, b]$  that  $\text{spt}(h_r * u) \subseteq [a, b+r]$ .

(iii) We have  $u_1 = h_{r_0} * h_{r_1}$  is  $C^0$  with  $\text{spt}(u_1) \subseteq [0, r_0+r_1]$  and  $0 \leq u_1 \leq \frac{1}{r_0}$ , so claim is true for  $n=1$ . Now assume it's true for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , any  $0 < r_0 \leq r_1 \leq \dots \leq r_m$

$v_m = u_1 * \dots * h_{r_m}$  is  $C_c^{m-1}$  with support in  $[0, r_0 + \dots + r_m]$  and  $v_m^{(k)}$  has values in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $[-\frac{2^k}{r_0 \dots r_k}, \frac{2^k}{r_0 \dots r_k}]$ ,  $0 \leq k < m$ .

Consider  $u_{n+1} = h_{r_0} * \dots * h_{r_{n+1}} = h_{r_0} * v_n$ ,

where  $v_n = h_{r_1} * \dots * h_{r_{n+1}}$ . By induction hypothesis,  $v_n$  is  $C_c^{n-1}$  with



$\text{spt}(v_n) \subseteq [0, r_1 + \dots + r_{n+1}]$  and

$$|v_n^{(k)}| \leq \frac{2^k}{r_1 r_2 \dots r_{k+1}} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq k < n.$$

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Now by (ii) we get  $u_{n+1} = h_{r_0} * v_n$  is  $C_c^\infty$  with  $\text{spt}(u_{n+1}) \subseteq [0, r_0 + \dots + r_{n+1}]$  and

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Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |u_{n+1}^{(k)}(x)| &\leq \frac{1}{r_0} (|v_n^{(k-1)}(x)| + |v_n^{(k-1)}(x - r_0)|) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{r_0} \left( \frac{2^{k-1}}{r_1 \dots r_k} + \frac{2^{k-1}}{r_1 \dots r_k} \right) \\ &= \frac{2^k}{r_0 r_1 \dots r_k} \quad \text{for } k < n+1, \end{aligned}$$

and the claim follows by induction.

(iv) For  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$|u_{m+n}(x) - u_n(x)| = \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (u_n(x-y) - u_n(x)) v(y) dy \right|$$

where  $v(y) = (h_{r_{n+1}} * \dots * h_{r_{n+m}})(y)$ . Recall that  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} v = 1$ , and  $\text{spt}(v) \subseteq [0, r_{n+1} + \dots + r_{n+m}]$  so using FTC and the bound from (iii)

$$|u_n(x-y) - u_n(x)| = \left| \int_0^1 u_n'(x+ty) y dt \right|$$

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$$\leq \frac{2}{r_0 r_1} |y|,$$

we get  $|u_{m+n}(x) - u_n(x)| \leq \int_0^{r_{n+1} + \dots + r_{n+m}} \frac{2}{r_0 r_1} |y| v(y) dy$

$$\leq \frac{2}{r_0 r_1} (r_{n+1} + \dots + r_{n+m}).$$

It follows that

$(u_n)$  is uniformly Cauchy on  $\mathbb{R}$ , and so  $u(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n(x)$  exists as a continuous

function. Since with  $v_n = h_{r_1} * \dots * h_{r_n}$  and  $u_n = h_{r_0} * v_n$  we have as in (iii)

$$u_n^{(k)}(x) = \frac{v_n^{(k-1)}(x) - v_n^{(k-1)}(x-r_0)}{r_0}, \quad k < n,$$

we can repeat the above argument to see that  $(u_n^{(k)})$  is a uniform Cauchy sequence on  $\mathbb{R}$ , and hence that  $u$  is

$C^k$ . From (iii) we then deduce that

$$\text{spt}(u) \subseteq [0, R] \text{ and}$$

$$|u_n^{(k)}| \leq \frac{2^k}{r_0 r_1 \dots r_k}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0. \quad \square$$