

using similar arguments to Corollary 3 or with an analogous proof to that given in [14], that for $1 < p \leq \infty$, $0 < r \leq \infty$, and $1/q = 1 - \theta + \theta/p$,

$$(H_B^1, L_B^p)_{\theta, r} = L_B^{qr},$$

where L^q stands for a Lorentz space.

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Sequence space representations for zero-solutions of convolution equations on ultradifferentiable functions of Roumieu type

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Abstract. Let $\mathcal{E}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ denote the space of all ω -ultradifferentiable functions of Roumieu type on \mathbb{R} and let T_μ be a convolution operator on $\mathcal{E}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ which admits a fundamental solution in $\mathcal{S}'_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$. We prove that the space $\ker T_\mu$ of all zero-solutions of T_μ has an absolute basis of exponential solutions, hence it is isomorphic to a Köthe sequence space $\lambda(P(\mu))$ if it is infinite-dimensional. The Köthe matrix $P(\mu)$ is computed explicitly in terms of ω and the zeros of the Fourier–Laplace transform of μ . This result is a consequence of a sequence space representation for quotients of certain weighted (LF)-algebras of entire functions modulo slowly decreasing localized ideals.

Classes of non-quasianalytic functions, like the Gevrey classes, were used by Roumieu [20] to extend the notion of a distribution. Then Chou [7] studied convolution equations in these classes, using ideas of Ehrenpreis [9] and Fourier analysis. Recently Braun, Meise and Taylor [5] combined the approaches of Roumieu [20] and Beurling–Björck [2], [4] to introduce classes $\mathcal{E}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ of non-quasianalytic functions which are particularly adapted to the application of Fourier analysis.

In the present paper we show that for each $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R})$ which admits a fundamental solution $\ker T_\mu$, the space of zero-solutions of the convolution operator

$$T_\mu: \mathcal{E}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{\omega_1}(\mathbb{R}), \quad T_\mu(f): x \mapsto \langle \mu_y, f(x-y) \rangle,$$

has an absolute Schauder basis consisting of exponential solutions. Moreover, we show that for $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \ker T_\mu = \infty$ we have a linear topological isomorphism between $\ker T_\mu$ and the sequence space $\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ which is defined in the following way:

$$\lambda(\alpha, \beta) = \{x \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}} \mid \pi_{k,y}(x) := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |x_j| y_j e^{k\alpha_j} < \infty$$

for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and each $y \in \mathcal{A}_\beta\}$,

with

$$A_\beta := \{y \in \mathbb{R}_+^{\mathbb{N}} \mid \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} y_j \exp(-\beta_j/m) = 0 \text{ for each } m \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

where $\alpha = (\text{Im } a_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$, $\beta = (\omega(a_j))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ for an enumeration $(a_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ of the zeros of the Fourier-Laplace transform $\hat{\mu}$ of μ , counted with multiplicities. Note that this representation applies in particular to the Gevrey classes $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega_j)}^{(p)}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathcal{E}^{(p) s_1}(\mathbb{R})$, $s > 1$.

This result is in fact a special case of a theorem on sequence space representations of quotients of weighted nuclear (LF)-algebras $A_{q,r}$ of entire functions modulo closed ideals generated by finitely many slowly decreasing functions. Its proof is based on ideas and results of Berenstein and Taylor [1], Meise [14], Meise and Taylor [16], and Taylor [23]. To get the representation of $\ker T_\mu$ stated above, we use a result of Braun, Meise and Vogt [6] to show that $\mu \in \mathcal{E}_{(\omega_j)}^{(p)}(\mathbb{R})'$ admits a fundamental solution in $\mathcal{S}'_{(\omega_j)}(\mathbb{R})'$ if and only if $\tilde{\mu}$ is slowly decreasing in $A_{|\text{Im } z|, \omega}$.

The sequence space representation for $\ker T_\mu$ derived in the present paper is used in Braun, Meise and Vogt [6] to characterize the surjectivity of convolution operators $T_\mu: \mathcal{E}^{(p) s_1}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^{(p) s_1}(\mathbb{R})$ on the Gevrey classes $\mathcal{E}^{(p) s_1}(\mathbb{R})$, $s > 1$.

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1. Weight functions, weighted algebras and some sequence spaces. In this preliminary section we introduce the basic notation and we state some elementary results which will be needed in the sequel.

1.1. DEFINITION. A function $p: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ is called a *weight function* if it has the following properties:

- (1) p is continuous and subharmonic.
- (2) $\log(1 + |z|^2) = o(p(z))$ as $|z|$ tends to ∞ .
- (3) There exists $d > 0$ such that for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\sup_{|w| \leq 1} p(z+w) \leq d(1 + \inf_{|w| \leq 1} p(z+w)).$$

A weight function p is called *radial* if $p(z) = p(|z|)$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

For a nonempty open set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$ we denote by $A(\Omega)$ the algebra of all holomorphic functions on Ω .

1.2. DEFINITION. Let r be a radial weight function and let $q: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ be a convex even function which strictly increases on $[0, \infty[$ and satisfies

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} r(t)/q(t) = 0, \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} q(t+1)/q(t) < \infty.$$

Then we define

$$A_{q,r} := \{f \in A(\mathbb{C}) \mid \text{there exists } k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that for each } m \in \mathbb{N} \\ \|f\|_{k,m} := \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}} |f(z)| \exp(-kq(\text{Im } z) - r(z)/m) < \infty\}.$$

Obviously we have

$$A_{q,r} = \text{ind}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{proj}_{m \rightarrow \infty} A(k, m), \quad \text{where } A(k, m) := \{f \in A(\mathbb{C}) \mid \|f\|_{k,m} < \infty\}.$$

We endow $A_{q,r}$ with this natural (LF)-space topology.

Using standard arguments, one can show the following:

1.3. PROPOSITION. For r and q as in 1.2, the following holds:

- (a) $A_{q,r}$ is a nuclear (LF)-algebra with continuous multiplication.
- (b) $A_{q,r} = \text{ind}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{proj}_{m \rightarrow \infty} W(k, m)$, where

$$W_{k,m} := \{f \in A(\mathbb{C}) \mid \|f\|_{k,m}^2 := \int_{\mathbb{C}} [|f(z)| \exp(-kq(\text{Im } z) - r(z)/m)]^2 d\lambda(z) < \infty\}$$

and where λ denotes the Lebesgue measure on $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R}^2$.

Next we introduce some sequence spaces which we shall use in the subsequent sections.

1.4. DEFINITION. Let $\alpha = (\alpha_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $\beta = (\beta_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ be sequences of nonnegative real numbers and let $E = (E_j, \|\cdot\|_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of Banach spaces. For $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$ we put

$$\lambda(k, m, E) := \{x = (x_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \in \prod_{j \in \mathbb{N}} E_j \mid \|x\|_{k,m} := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|x_j\|_j \exp(k\alpha_j + \beta_j/m) < \infty\},$$

$$K(k, m, E) := \{x = (x_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \in \prod_{j \in \mathbb{N}} E_j \mid \|x\|_{k,m} := \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \|x_j\|_j \exp(-k\alpha_j - \beta_j/m) < \infty\},$$

and we define

$$\lambda(\alpha, \beta, E) := \text{proj}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{ind}_{m \rightarrow \infty} \lambda(k, m, E), \quad K(\alpha, \beta, E) := \text{ind}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{proj}_{m \rightarrow \infty} K(k, m, E).$$

If $E = (\mathbb{C}, |\cdot|)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$, then we just omit the E in the notation introduced above.

1.5. PROPOSITION. Let α, β and E be as in 1.4, assume $\dim E_j < \infty$ for all $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and put

$$A_\beta := \{y \in \mathbb{R}_+^{\mathbb{N}} \mid \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} y_j e^{-\beta_j/m} < \infty \text{ for each } m \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Then we have

$$\lambda(\alpha, \beta, E) = \{x \in \prod_{j \in \mathbb{N}} E_j \mid \pi_{k,y}(x) := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|x_j\|_j y_j e^{k\alpha_j} < \infty$$

for all $k \in \mathbb{N}, y \in A_\beta\}$

and $\{\pi_{k,y} \mid k \in \mathbb{N}, y \in A_\beta\}$ is a fundamental system of seminorms for $\lambda(\alpha, \beta, E)$.

Proof. We define $E' := (E'_j, \|\cdot\|_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ and we fix $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then we put

$$F_k := \{z \in \prod_{j \in \mathbb{N}} E'_j \mid \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|z_j\|_j \exp(-k\alpha_j - \beta_j/m) = 0 \text{ for each } m \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

and endow F_k with the Fréchet space topology induced by the norm-system $(\|\cdot\|_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$, where

$$\|z\|_m := \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \|z_j\|_j \exp(-k\alpha_j - \beta_j/m).$$

Then it follows easily as in Bierstedt, Meise and Summers [3], Thm. 3.4, that F_k is a quasi-normable Fréchet space. This implies that $(F_k)_b'$ is bornological. Identifying E'_j with E_j , this gives

$$(F_k)_b' = \text{ind}_{m \rightarrow} \lambda(k, m, E)$$

with the canonical bilinear form $\langle x, z \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \langle x_j, z_j \rangle_j$.

On the other hand, we find as in Bierstedt, Meise and Summers [3], Thm. 2.7, that with the same bilinear form we have

$$(F_k)_b' = \{x \in \prod_{j \in \mathbb{N}} E_j \mid \pi_{k,y}(x) < \infty \text{ for each } y \in A_\beta\}.$$

Hence the result follows from well-known properties of projective limits.

1.6. PROPOSITION. For α, β and E as in 1.4 assume $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \beta_j = \infty$ and $\dim E_j < \infty$ for all $j \in \mathbb{N}$. Then:

- (1) $\lambda(\alpha, \beta, E)$ is a complete Schwartz space.
- (2) $\lambda(\alpha, \beta, E)_b'$ can be identified with $K(\alpha, \beta, E')$ under the canonical bilinear form $\langle x, y \rangle := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \langle x_j, y_j \rangle_j$, where $E' = (E_j, \|\cdot\|_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$.
- (3) A subset M of $K(\alpha, \beta, E')$ is equicontinuous with respect to the identification in (2) iff there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\sup_{y \in M} \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \|y_j\|_j \exp(-k\alpha_j - \beta_j/m) < \infty.$$

Proof. (1) It is easy to check that the present hypotheses imply that for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ the space $\text{ind}_{m \rightarrow} \lambda(k, m, E)$ is a (DFS)-space. This implies that $\text{ind}_{m \rightarrow} \lambda(k, m, E)$ is a complete Schwartz space. Hence $\lambda(\alpha, \beta, E)$ has this property, too.

(2) Fix $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and let M be an arbitrary bounded subset of $\text{proj}_{m \rightarrow} K(k, m, E')$. Then we have for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\sup_{y \in M} \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \|y_j\|_j \exp(-k\alpha_j - \beta_j/m) < \infty.$$

This implies that

$$z := (\sup_{y \in M} \|y_j\|_j \exp(-k\alpha_j))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$$

is in A_β . Hence we get for each $y \in M$ and each $x \in \lambda(\alpha, \beta, E)$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \langle x_j, y_j \rangle_j \right| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|x_j\|_j \|y_j\|_j \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|x_j\|_j e^{k\alpha_j} \|y_j\|_j e^{-k\alpha_j} \leq \pi_{k,z}(x). \end{aligned}$$

By Proposition 1.5, this implies that for each $y \in K(\alpha, \beta, E')$ the functional $\Phi(y): x \mapsto \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \langle x_j, y_j \rangle_j$ is in $\lambda(\alpha, \beta, E)'$. Moreover, it follows that $\Phi: K(\alpha, \beta, E') \rightarrow \lambda(\alpha, \beta, E)_b'$ is continuous.

To show that Φ is also surjective, let $T \in \lambda(\alpha, \beta, E)'$ be given. By Proposition 1.5 there exist $k \in \mathbb{N}, z \in A_\beta$ and $C > 0$ such that

$$(4) \quad |T(x)| \leq C \pi_{k,z}(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in \lambda(\alpha, \beta, E).$$

Now note that E_j can be identified canonically with a linear subspace of $\lambda(\alpha, \beta, E)$. If y_j denotes the restriction of T to this subspace, then (4) implies

$$(5) \quad \|y_j\|_j \leq C z_j e^{k\alpha_j} \quad \text{for each } j \in \mathbb{N}.$$

From this estimate it is immediate that $y := (y_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is in $K(\alpha, \beta, E')$. Moreover, it follows easily that $\Phi(y) = T$. Hence Φ is a continuous linear bijection. Now observe that $K(\alpha, \beta, E')$ is an (LF)-space and that $\lambda(\alpha, \beta, E)_b'$ is ultrabornological by (1) and Schwartz [22], p. 43. Hence Φ is a linear topological isomorphism by the open mapping theorem.

(3) If $M \subset \lambda(\alpha, \beta, E)'$ is equicontinuous, then the estimate (4) holds for all $T \in M$, where k, z and C only depend on M . Then (5) implies (3).

1.7. LEMMA. Let α, β and E be as in 1.4 and assume $1 \leq n_j := \dim E_j < \infty$ for all $j \in \mathbb{N}$. Then the estimate

(*) There is $l \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} n_j \exp(-l\alpha_j - \beta_j/m) < \infty$$

implies that

$$\lambda(\alpha, \beta, E) \simeq \lambda(\gamma, \delta), \quad K(\alpha, \beta, E) \simeq K(\gamma, \delta),$$

where the sequence γ (resp. δ) is obtained from α (resp. β) by repeating α_j (resp. β_j) n_j times.

Proof. Obviously we can identify $\lambda(\gamma, \delta)$ with

$$\{\xi = ((\xi_{j,v})_{1 \leq v \leq n_j})_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \mid \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{v=1}^{n_j} |\xi_{j,v}| y_j e^{k\alpha_j} < \infty \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N}, y \in A_\beta\}.$$

Next we choose for each $j \in \mathbb{N}$ an Auerbach basis $\{e_{j,v} \mid 1 \leq v \leq n_j\}$ of E_j with coefficient functionals $\{f_{j,v} \mid 1 \leq v \leq n_j\}$ (see e.g. Jarchow [10], p. 291). Using the identification mentioned above, we define

$$A: \lambda(\gamma, \delta) \rightarrow \lambda(\alpha, \beta, E) \quad \text{by} \quad A(\xi) = \left(\sum_{v=1}^{n_j} \xi_{j,v} e_{j,v} \right)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}.$$

For each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, each $y \in A_\beta$ and each $\xi \in \lambda(\gamma, \delta)$ we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left\| \sum_{v=1}^{n_j} \xi_{j,v} e_{j,v} \right\| y_j e^{k\alpha_j} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{v=1}^{n_j} |\xi_{j,v}| y_j e^{k\alpha_j},$$

which proves that A is a continuous linear map.

To show that A is a topological isomorphism, fix $x \in \lambda(\alpha, \beta, E)$ and look at the sequence $((\langle f_{j,v}, x_j \rangle)_{1 \leq v \leq n_j})_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$. From (*) we see that $z := (n_j e^{-l\alpha_j})_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is in A_β . Now let $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $y \in A_\beta$ be given. Then it is easy to check that $(z_j y_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is in A_β , too. Hence the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{v=1}^{n_j} |\langle f_{j,v}, x_j \rangle| y_j e^{k\alpha_j} &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} n_j \|x_j\|_j y_j e^{k\alpha_j} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|x_j\|_j n_j e^{-l\alpha_j} y_j e^{(l+k)\alpha_j} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|x_j\|_j z_j y_j e^{(l+k)\alpha_j} \end{aligned}$$

shows that the map

$$B: \lambda(\alpha, \beta, E) \rightarrow \lambda(\gamma, \delta), \quad B(x) := ((\langle f_{j,v}, x_j \rangle)_{1 \leq v \leq n_j})_{j \in \mathbb{N}},$$

is linear and continuous. It is easy to check that $B \circ A = \text{id}_{\lambda(\gamma, \delta)}$ and $A \circ B = \text{id}_{\lambda(\alpha, \beta, E)}$. Hence we have proved $\lambda(\alpha, \beta, E) \simeq \lambda(\gamma, \delta)$. By similar arguments one can show $K(\alpha, \beta, E) \simeq K(\gamma, \delta)$.

1.8. Remark. Let α and $\tilde{\alpha}$ be sequences of nonnegative real numbers. They are called *equivalent* if there exists $A \geq 1$ with

$$\alpha_j \leq A(1 + \tilde{\alpha}_j) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\alpha}_j \leq A(1 + \alpha_j) \quad \text{for all } j \in \mathbb{N}.$$

If α and $\tilde{\alpha}$ and also β and $\tilde{\beta}$ are equivalent then it follows easily that for each sequence $E = (E_j, \|\cdot\|_j)$ of Banach spaces we have

$$\lambda(\alpha, \beta, E) = \lambda(\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta}, E), \quad K(\alpha, \beta, E) = K(\tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\beta}, E).$$

1.9. EXAMPLES. (1) For α and β as in 1.4 assume $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_j / \beta_j = 0$. Then it is easily checked that

$$\lambda(\alpha, \beta) = \{x \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}} \mid \text{there exists } m \in \mathbb{N}: \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |x_j| \exp(\beta_j/m) < \infty\},$$

$$K(\alpha, \beta) = \{y \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}} \mid \text{for all } m \in \mathbb{N}: \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |y_j| \exp(-\beta_j/m) < \infty\}.$$

Hence $\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ is a (DF)-space, while $K(\alpha, \beta)$ is a Fréchet space.

(2) For α and β as in 1.4 assume $\liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_j / \beta_j > 0$. Then it is easily checked that

$$\lambda(\alpha, \beta) = \{x \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}} \mid \text{for each } k \in \mathbb{N}: \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |x_j| \exp(k\alpha_j) < \infty\},$$

$$K(\alpha, \beta) = \{y \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}} \mid \text{there exists } k \in \mathbb{N}: \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |y_j| \exp(-k\alpha_j) < \infty\}.$$

Hence $\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ is a Fréchet space, while $K(\alpha, \beta)$ is a (DF)-space.

1.10. Remark. In general, $\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ is neither a (DF)- nor an (F)-space. In fact, there are examples of nuclear spaces $\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ which are neither barrelled nor bornological and for which $\lambda(\alpha, \beta)'_b = K(\alpha, \beta)$ is not sequentially complete. Such examples can be obtained as follows: Choose increasing sequences γ and δ of positive numbers with $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} (\log j) / \gamma_j = 0$ and $\sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (\log j) / \delta_j < \infty$, and put

$$A_1(\gamma) := \{x \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}} \mid \|x\|_k := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |x_j| \exp(-\gamma_j/k) < \infty \text{ for each } k \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

$$A_\infty(\delta) := \{x \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}} \mid \|x\|_k := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |x_j| \exp(k\delta_j) < \infty \text{ for each } k \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Then $A_1(\gamma)$ and $A_\infty(\delta)$ are nuclear Fréchet spaces. It is easy to check that $L_b(A_1(\gamma), A_\infty(\delta)) \simeq A_1(\gamma)'_b \hat{\otimes}_\pi A_\infty(\delta) = \lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ for suitable sequences α and β . Hence it follows from Krone and Vogt [13], 2.1, by Vogt [24], 4.2, that $\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ and $K(\alpha, \beta)$ have the properties mentioned above.

For a detailed discussion of the question when $\lambda(\alpha, \beta)$ is barrelled, we refer to Vogt [25] and [26].

2. Sequence space representations of certain quotients of $A_{q,r}$. In this section we fix q and r as in 1.2 and we derive a sequence space representation of $A_{q,r}$ modulo certain closed ideals which are generated by slowly decreasing functions in $A_{q,r}$.

2.1. DEFINITION. $F = (F_1, \dots, F_N)$ in $(A_{q,r})^N$ is called *slowly decreasing* if there exist a weight function s with $s = o(r)$ and positive numbers L, M, ε, C and D such that with $p: z \mapsto q(\text{Im } z) + s(z)$ the following holds:

- (1) $\sup_{z \in C} |F_j(z)| \exp(-Lp(z)) \leq M$ for $1 \leq j \leq N$.
 (2) For each component S of the set

$$S_p(F, \varepsilon, C) := \{z \in C \mid |F(z)| := \left(\sum_{j=1}^N |F_j(z)|^2\right)^{1/2} < \varepsilon e^{-Cp(z)}\}$$

we have

$$\sup_{z \in S} p(z) \leq D(1 + \inf_{z \in S} p(z)), \quad \sup_{z \in S} r(z) \leq D(1 + \inf_{z \in S} r(z)).$$

Remark. Definition 2.1 can be regarded as an extension of the slowly decreasing definition of Berenstein and Taylor [1], p. 130, and of the one which was used implicitly in Meise and Taylor [16]. It looks somewhat artificial and as if it were invented just to make the proofs of this section work. However, in Proposition 3.5 we show that for convolution operators on certain spaces of ultradifferentiable functions, this condition has an interesting characterization.

2.2. DEFINITION. Let $F = (F_1, \dots, F_N) \in (A_{q,r})^N$ be given.

- (a) By $I(F)$ we denote the ideal in $A_{q,r}$ which is algebraically generated by F_1, \dots, F_N .
 (b) By $I_{\text{loc}}(F)$ we denote the set

$$I_{\text{loc}}(F) := \{f \in A_{q,r} \mid [f]_a \in I_a(F) \text{ for each } a \in C\},$$

where $[f]_a$ denotes the germ of f at a and where $I_a(F)$ denotes the ideal generated by $[F_1]_a, \dots, [F_N]_a$ in the algebra \mathcal{O}_a of all holomorphic germs at a .

It is easy to check that $I_{\text{loc}}(F)$ is a closed ideal in $A_{q,r}$ with $I(F) \subset I_{\text{loc}}(F)$.

2.3. PROPOSITION. If $F \in A_{q,r}$ is slowly decreasing then $I(F) = I_{\text{loc}}(F)$. Hence $I(F)$ is closed.

Proof. By the preceding remark it suffices to show $I_{\text{loc}}(F) \subset I(F)$. If $g \in I_{\text{loc}}(F)$ is given, then g/F is in $A(C)$. To show that g/F is even in $A_{q,r}$, choose s, ε, C and D according to Definition 2.1. Since g is in $A_{q,r}$ we have

- (1) There exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists C_m with $\|g\|_{k,m} \leq C_m$.

Since $s = o(r)$ we get for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and each $z \notin S_p(F, \varepsilon, C)$

$$(2) \quad \left| \frac{g(z)}{F(z)} \right| \leq C_m \exp\left(kq(\text{Im } z) + \frac{1}{m}r(z)\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \exp(Cq(\text{Im } z) + Cs(z)) \\ \leq C'_m \exp\left((k+C)q(\text{Im } z) + \frac{2}{m}r(z)\right).$$

By 2.1 and the maximum principle it follows from (2) that for each component S of $S_p(F, \varepsilon, C)$ we have

$$(13) \quad \left| \frac{g(z)}{F(z)} \right| \leq C'_m \exp\left((k+C) \sup_{z \in S} p(z) + \frac{2}{m} \sup_{z \in S} r(z)\right) \\ \leq C'_m \exp\left((k+C)D(1+p(z)) + \frac{2D}{m}(1+r(z))\right) \\ \leq C''_m \exp\left((k+C)Dq(\text{Im } z) + \frac{3D}{m}r(z)\right).$$

Now (3) and (2) imply $g/F \in A_{q,r}$. Hence $g = (g/F)F$ belongs to $I(F)$.

2.4. LEMMA. For $k \in \mathbb{N}$ let $L^2(\mathbf{P}_k)$ denote the space

$$L^2(\mathbf{P}_k) := \{f \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(C) \mid \|f\|_m := \int_C [|f(z)| \exp(-kq(\text{Im } z) - r(z)/m)]^2 d\lambda(z) < \infty \text{ for all } m \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

which is a Fréchet space if we endow it with the l.c. topology induced by the norms $(\|\cdot\|_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$. Then for each bounded subset B of $L^2(\mathbf{P}_k)$ there exists a bounded set C in $L^2(\mathbf{P}_k)$ such that for each $u \in B$ there exists $v \in C$ with $\tilde{\tau}v = u$ in the distributional sense.

Proof. Fix $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and define

$$Y_k := \{f \in L^2(\mathbf{P}_k) \mid \tilde{\tau}f \in L^2(\mathbf{P}_k)\}$$

endowed with the system $(\|\cdot\|_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ of norms, where

$$\|f\|_m := \|f\|_m + \|\tilde{\tau}f\|_m, \quad f \in Y_k.$$

Then it is easy to check that Y_k is a Fréchet space and that $\tilde{\tau}: Y_k \rightarrow L^2(\mathbf{P}_k)$ is continuous and linear. Moreover, Taylor [23], Thm. 5, implies that the proof of Meise and Taylor [16], 2.1, also applies in the present situation. Hence $\tilde{\tau}: Y_k \rightarrow L^2(\mathbf{P}_k)$ is surjective, so that we have the exact sequence of Fréchet spaces

$$0 \rightarrow \ker \tilde{\tau} \xrightarrow{j} Y_k \xrightarrow{\tilde{\tau}} L^2(\mathbf{P}_k) \rightarrow 0,$$

where j denotes the inclusion. The definition of the norms $\|\cdot\|_m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$, implies that the topologies of Y_k and $L^2(\mathbf{P}_k)$ coincide on $\ker \tilde{\tau}$. Therefore it follows from Wloka [27], I, § 4.2., that $\ker \tilde{\tau}$ is a Fréchet-Schwartz space. This implies that $\ker \tilde{\tau}$ is quasi-normable. Hence the result follows from Merzon [19], Thm. 2 (see also De Wilde [8]) and the fact that the topology of Y_k is stronger than the one which is induced by $L^2(\mathbf{P}_k)$.

2.5. LEMMA. Let $F = (F_1, \dots, F_N) \in (A_{q,r})^N$ be slowly decreasing and choose s, L, M, ε, C and D according to 2.1. Let $Q \subset A(S_p(F, \varepsilon, C))$ be given and assume that for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and some sequence $(D_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ of positive numbers we have

(1) For each $\tilde{f} \in Q$, each $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $z \in S_p(F, \varepsilon, C)$

$$|\tilde{f}(z)| \leq D_m \exp(kq(\operatorname{Im} z) + r(z)/m).$$

Then there exist positive numbers ε_1, C_1 with $0 < \varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon$ and $C_1 > C$ as well as $l \in \mathbb{N}$ and a sequence $(E_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ of positive numbers such that for each $\tilde{f} \in Q$ there exist $f \in A(C)$ and $\sigma_j \in A(S_p(F, \varepsilon_1, C_1))$, $1 \leq j \leq N$, satisfying (2) and (3):

(2) $f(z) = \tilde{f}(z) + \sum_{j=1}^N \sigma_j(z) F_j(z)$ for all $z \in S_p(F, \varepsilon_1, C_1)$.

(3) For each $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $z \in C$

$$|f(z)| \leq E_m \exp(lq(\operatorname{Im} z) + r(z)/m).$$

Proof. Since $p: z \mapsto q(\operatorname{Im} z) + s(z)$ is a weight function, the arguments used in the proof of Berenstein and Taylor [1], p. 120, imply the existence of positive numbers ε_1, C_1, A and B and of a function $\chi \in C^\infty(C)$ with the following properties:

(4) $0 \leq \chi \leq 1$, $\operatorname{Supp}(\chi) \subset S_p(F, \varepsilon, C)$, $\chi|_{S_p(F, \varepsilon_1, C_1)} \equiv 1$,

$$\left| \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial \bar{z}}(z) \right| \leq A \exp(Bp(z)) \quad \text{for all } z \in C.$$

Now fix $\tilde{f} \in Q$ and note that $(\partial/\partial \bar{z})(\chi \tilde{f}) = \tilde{f} \partial \chi / \partial \bar{z}$ vanishes on $S_p(F, \varepsilon_1, C_1)$. Hence the functions

$$v_j: z \mapsto -\tilde{F}_j(z) |F(z)|^{-2} \frac{\partial(\chi \tilde{f})}{\partial \bar{z}}(z), \quad 1 \leq j \leq N,$$

are in $C^\infty(C)$ and satisfy $\operatorname{Supp}(v_j) \subset S_p(F, \varepsilon, C) \setminus S_p(F, \varepsilon_1, C_1)$. Because of (1), (4) and 2.1, the following estimates hold for $1 \leq j \leq N$, each $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $z \in C$:

(5) $|v_j(z)| \leq MAD_m \varepsilon^{-2} \exp((L + 2C + B)p(z) + kq(\operatorname{Im} z) + r(z)/m)$
 $\leq D'_m \exp(\varkappa q(\operatorname{Im} z) + 2r(z)/m),$

where $\varkappa := k + L + 2C + B$ and where D'_m depends on $\varepsilon, M, A, m, D_m, s$ and r , but not on the particular $\tilde{f} \in Q$. Since r satisfies 1.1(2) there exists a sequence $(D''_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ of positive numbers depending on D'_m, r and \varkappa , but not on \tilde{f} , with

(6) $\int_C [|v_j(z)| \exp(-\varkappa q(\operatorname{Im} z) - r(z)/m)]^2 d\lambda(z) \leq D''_m$

for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence the ellipticity of the $\bar{\partial}$ -equation and Lemma 2.4 imply the existence of a sequence $(D'''_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ of positive numbers such that for $1 \leq j \leq N$ there exist $u_j \in C^\infty(C)$ with $\partial u_j / \partial \bar{z} = v_j$ and

(7) $\int_C [|u_j(z)| \exp(-\varkappa q(\operatorname{Im} z) - r(z)/m)]^2 d\lambda(z) \leq D'''_m$

for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

If we define

(8) $f := \chi \tilde{f} + \sum_{j=1}^N u_j F_j$

then it follows easily that $\partial f / \partial \bar{z} \equiv 0$, i.e. $f \in A(C)$. Next put

$$\sigma_j := u_j |S_p(F, \varepsilon_1, C_1) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq N$$

and note that

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_j}{\partial \bar{z}} = v_j |S_p(F, \varepsilon_1, C_1) \equiv 0, \quad \text{i.e. } \sigma_j \in A(S_p(F, \varepsilon_1, C_1)).$$

Hence (2) follows from (8). To see that (3) holds, note that because of $\varkappa \geq k$ it follows from (1) and (7) that there exists a bounded set B in $\operatorname{proj}_{\leftarrow m} W(\varkappa, m)$ with $f \in B$ for each $\tilde{f} \in Q$, which implies (3) by standard arguments.

2.6. THEOREM. Let $F = (F_1, \dots, F_N) \in (A_{q,r})^N$ be slowly decreasing and assume that $V(F) := \{z \in C \mid F_j(z) = 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq N\}$ is an infinite set. Then $A_{q,r}/I_{\text{loc}}(F)$ is linear topologically isomorphic to $K(\gamma, \delta)$, where the sequences γ and δ are obtained in the following way: If $(a_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an enumeration of the points in $V(F)$, each point counted with the multiplicity of the common zero of (F_1, \dots, F_N) , then

$$\gamma = (q(\operatorname{Im} a_j))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}, \quad \delta = (r(a_j))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}.$$

Proof. Choose s, L, M, ε, C and D according to 2.1 and define the weight function p by $p(z) = q(\operatorname{Im} z) + s(z)$. Then label the components S of $S_p(F, \varepsilon, C)$ with $S \cap V(F) \neq \emptyset$ in such a way that the sequence

$$\beta := (\sup_{z \in S_j} r(z))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$$

is increasing and define

$$\alpha := (\sup_{z \in S_j} q(\operatorname{Im} z))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}.$$

Note that 1.1(2) implies $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \beta_j = \infty$.

Next fix $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and denote by $A'(S_j)$ the Banach space of all bounded holomorphic functions on S_j endowed with the supremum norm. Put

$$E_j := \prod_{a \in S_j \cap V(F)} \mathcal{C}_a / I_a(F)$$

and note that the map

$$\varrho_j: A^\infty(S_j) \rightarrow E_j, \quad \varrho_j(g) := ([g]_a + I_a(F))|_{a \in S_j \cap V(F)},$$

is a surjective linear map which has a closed kernel. Therefore we can define $\| \cdot \|_j$ on E_j as the quotient norm induced by ϱ_j , i.e.

$$(1) \quad \|\mu\|_j := \inf \{ \|g\|_{A^\infty(S_j)} \mid g \in A^\infty(S_j), \varrho_j(g) = \mu \}.$$

Now let E denote the sequence $(E_j, \| \cdot \|_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ of finite-dimensional normed spaces. To show that for each $f \in A_{q,r}$ the sequence $(\varrho_j(f|_{S_j}))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ belongs to $K(\alpha, \beta, E)$, we fix $f \in A_{q,r}$. Then

$$(2) \quad \text{There exists } k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that for each } m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ there exists } C_m \text{ with } \|f\|_{k,m} \leq C_m.$$

Hence the definition of α and β and (1) imply by (2)

$$(3) \quad \text{There exists } k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that for each } m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ there exists } C_m > 0 \text{ such that for each } j \in \mathbb{N} \text{ we have}$$

$$\|\varrho_j(f|_{S_j})\|_j \leq \|f|_{S_j}\|_{A^\infty(S_j)} \leq C_m \exp(k\alpha_j + \beta_j/m).$$

This shows that the linear map

$$(4) \quad \varrho: A_{q,r} \rightarrow K(\alpha, \beta, E), \quad \varrho(f) := (\varrho_j(f|_{S_j}))_{j \in \mathbb{N}},$$

is continuous.

To prove that ϱ is surjective, let $x = (x_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \in K(\alpha, \beta, E)$ be given. Then there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists $D_m > 0$ with

$$\|x\|_{k,m} = \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \|x_j\|_j \exp(-k\alpha_j - \beta_j/m) \leq D_m.$$

By (1) there is for each $j \in \mathbb{N}$ an $f_j \in A^\infty(S_j)$ with $\varrho_j(f_j) = x_j$ and

$$(5) \quad \|f_j\|_{A^\infty(S_j)} \leq 2 \|x_j\|_j.$$

Next we define $\tilde{f}: S_p(F, \varepsilon, C) \rightarrow C$ by

$$\tilde{f}(z) := \begin{cases} f_j(z) & \text{if } z \in S_j, \\ 0 & \text{if } z \in S_p(F, \varepsilon, C) \setminus \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} S_j. \end{cases}$$

Then \tilde{f} is in $A(S_p(F, \varepsilon, C))$ and from (5) and 2.1 we get for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$, each $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and each $z \in S_j$

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} |\tilde{f}(z)| &= |f_j(z)| \leq 2 \|x_j\|_j \leq 2 \|x\|_{k,m} \exp(k\alpha_j + \beta_j/m) \\ &\leq 2D_m \exp(kD(1+p(z)) + D(1+r(z))/m) \\ &\leq 2D_m L \exp(kDq(\text{Im } z) + 2Dr(z)/m), \end{aligned}$$

where L depends only on K, D, s and r .

This shows that \tilde{f} satisfies an estimate of type 2.5(1). Therefore, 2.5 implies the existence of $f \in A_{q,r}$ satisfying 2.5(2), (3). Obviously, 2.5(2) implies $\varrho(f) = (x_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$. Hence we have shown that the continuous linear map $\varrho: A_{q,r} \rightarrow K(\alpha, \beta, E)$ is surjective. By the open mapping theorem for (LF)-spaces, ϱ is an open map. Since $\ker \varrho = I_{\text{loc}}(F)$, this proves

$$(7) \quad A_{q,r}/I_{\text{loc}}(F) \simeq K(\alpha, \beta, E).$$

To obtain the desired sequence space representation from this, note that by 2.1, $F = (F_1, \dots, F_N)$ is slowly decreasing in A_P in the sense of [14], 3.1, for $P = (kp)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$. Hence Remark (b) of Cor. 3.8 of [14] implies

$$(8) \quad \text{There exists } l \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (\dim E_j) \exp(-l \sup_{z \in S_j} p(z)) < \infty.$$

Next note that $s = o(r)$ implies that for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists $D_m > 0$ such that for all $j \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\sup_{z \in S_j} p(z) \leq \sup_{z \in S_j} q(\text{Im } z) + \sup_{z \in S_j} s(z) \leq \alpha_j + \beta_j/m + D_m.$$

Because of (8) this implies

$$(9) \quad \text{There exists } l \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that for each } m \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (\dim E_j) \exp(-l\alpha_j - \beta_j/m) < \infty.$$

By Lemma 1.7, (9) implies $K(\alpha, \beta, E) \simeq K(\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta})$, where $\tilde{\gamma}$ (resp. $\tilde{\delta}$) is obtained from α (resp. β) by repeating α_j (resp. β_j) $\dim E_j$ times. Next note that 2.1(2) implies that (for a suitable enumeration) $\tilde{\gamma}$ and γ (resp. $\tilde{\delta}$ and δ) are equivalent in the sense of 1.8, which implies $K(\tilde{\gamma}, \tilde{\delta}) = K(\gamma, \delta)$. Hence the result follows from (7).

2.7. Remark. In Theorem 2.6 we can identify $K(\gamma, \delta)$ with $\lambda(\gamma, \delta)_b^b$ by Proposition 1.6(2). If we do this, then a subset G of $\lambda(\gamma, \delta)_b^b$ is equicontinuous if and only if there exist $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and a bounded set M in $A(k) := \text{proj}_{-m} A(k, m) \subset A_{q,r}$ with $G = \varrho(M)$.

To see this, note that each set G of this form is certainly equicontinuous in $\lambda(\gamma, \delta)_b^b$ by 1.6(3). To show the converse, let $G \subset \lambda(\gamma, \delta)_b^b$ be equicontinuous and identify $K(\gamma, \delta)$ with $K(\alpha, \beta, E)$ as in the proof of 2.6. Then an easy inspection of the proof of 2.6 shows that the functions $f_x \in A_{q,r}$ with $\varrho(f_x) = x$ for $x \in G$ are in fact contained in a set M of the required form.

3. Kernels of convolution operators. In this section we use the results of the preceding one to derive sequence space representations for the kernels of convolution operators on ultradifferentiable functions of Roumieu type.

3.1. DEFINITION. Let ω be a radial weight function on \mathbb{C} with $\omega|_{\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| \leq 1\}} \equiv 0$ which also satisfies:

(α) There exists $K \geq 1$ such that for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\omega(2z) \leq K(1 + \omega(z)).$$

$$(\beta) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\omega(t)}{1+t^2} dt < \infty.$$

Note that by the remark following 1.3 in Meise, Taylor and Vogt [17], we have $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \omega(t)/t = 0$.

3.2. Notation. For ω as in 3.1, the function $\varphi: [0, \infty[\rightarrow [0, \infty[$, $\varphi(t) = \omega(e^t)$, is convex and satisfies $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t/\varphi(t) = 0$. Therefore we can define its Young conjugate $\varphi^*: [0, \infty[\rightarrow [0, \infty[$ by

$$\varphi^*(y) := \sup \{xy - \varphi(x) \mid x \geq 0\}.$$

From Braun, Meise and Taylor [5] we recall:

3.3. DEFINITION. For ω as in 3.1 define φ and φ^* as in 3.2.

(a) For an open interval I in \mathbb{R} we define

$$\mathcal{E}_{|\omega|}(I) := \{f \in C^\infty(I) \mid \text{for each } K \subset I \text{ compact there exists } m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with} \\ \|f\|_{K,m} := \sup_{x \in K} \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0} |f^{(j)}(x)| \exp(-\varphi^*(mj)/m) < \infty\}$$

and we endow $\mathcal{E}_{|\omega|}(I)$ with the l.c. topology which is given by taking the projective limit over $K \Subset I$ of the inductive limit over $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

(b) For a compact interval $[a, b]$ in \mathbb{R} we put

$$\mathcal{D}_{|\omega|}[a, b] := \{f \in \mathcal{E}_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R}) \mid \text{Supp}(f) \subset [a, b]\}$$

and endow $\mathcal{D}_{|\omega|}[a, b]$ with the induced topology. Then we define

$$\mathcal{D}_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R}) := \text{ind}_{n \rightarrow} \mathcal{D}_{|\omega|}[-n, n].$$

3.4. Convolution operators on $\mathcal{E}_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})$. In Braun, Meise and Taylor [5], it was shown that for each $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})$ the map $T_\mu: \mathcal{E}_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})$, $T_\mu(f) := \mu * f$, where

$$\mu * f(x) := \langle \mu_y, f(x-y) \rangle,$$

is continuous and linear. These maps are called *convolution operators*. It was also shown in [5] that for $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})$ and $\nu \in \mathcal{D}'_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})$, $\mu * \nu \in \mathcal{D}'_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})$ can be defined by

$$\langle \mu * \nu, f \rangle := \langle \nu, \check{\mu} * f \rangle, \quad f \in \mathcal{D}_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R}),$$

where $\langle \check{\mu}, f \rangle = \langle \mu, \check{f} \rangle$ and $\check{f}: x \mapsto f(-x)$.

Then $(\mathcal{E}'_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})'_b, *)$ is a l.c. algebra with continuous multiplication. If $q: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ is defined by $q(t) := |t|$, then the Fourier-Laplace transform $\mathcal{F}: (\mathcal{E}'_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})'_b, *) \rightarrow A_{q,\omega}$ defined by

$$\mathcal{F}(\mu) = \hat{\mu}: z \mapsto \langle \mu_x, e^{-ixz} \rangle$$

is a topological algebra isomorphism by Braun, Meise and Taylor [5]. Moreover, we have

$$(1) \quad T_\mu^t = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \circ M_{\hat{\mu}} \circ \mathcal{F},$$

where $M_{\hat{\mu}}: A_{q,\omega} \rightarrow A_{q,\omega}$ denotes the multiplication operator induced by $\mathcal{F}(\hat{\mu})$.

By Braun, Meise and Taylor [5], $\mathcal{E}_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})$ is a complete nuclear space. Hence $\ker T_\mu$ has this property, too. By Schwartz [22], p. 43, this implies that $(\ker T_\mu)'_b$ is ultrabornological. Since the restriction map $R: \mathcal{E}'_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})'_b \rightarrow (\ker T_\mu)'_b$ is continuous, linear and surjective by the Hahn-Banach theorem and since $\mathcal{E}'_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})'_b \simeq A_{q,\omega}$ is an (LF)-space by 1.3, the open mapping theorem implies

$$(2) \quad (\ker T_\mu)'_b \simeq \mathcal{E}'_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})'_b / \ker R = \mathcal{E}'_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})'_b / (\ker T_\mu)^\perp.$$

Since $\mathcal{E}'_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})$ is semireflexive, $(\ker T_\mu)^\perp$ equals the $\mathcal{E}'_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})'_b$ -closure of $\text{im } T_\mu^t$. Hence (1) and (2) imply

$$(3) \quad (\ker T_\mu)'_b \simeq A_{q,\omega} / \overline{I(\mathcal{F}(\hat{\mu}))},$$

where the isomorphism is induced by the map $\Phi := R \circ \mathcal{F}^{-1}$. Note that the Hahn-Banach theorem implies

(4) A subset G of $(\ker T_\mu)'$ is equicontinuous if and only if there exist $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and a bounded set M in $\text{proj}_{\leftarrow m} A(k, m) \subset A_{q,\omega}$ with $G = \Phi(M)$.

3.5. PROPOSITION. For ω as in 3.1 and $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})'$ the following conditions are equivalent:

(1) $\hat{\mu}$ is slowly decreasing in $A_{q,\omega}$, where $q(t) = |t|$.

(2) μ admits a fundamental solution $E \in \mathcal{D}'_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})'$, i.e. $\mu * E = \delta$.

Proof. By Braun, Meise and Vogt [6], 2.4, μ admits a fundamental solution $E \in \mathcal{D}'_{|\omega|}(\mathbb{R})'$ if and only if there exist a radial weight function s satisfying 3.1(α)-(β) and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $s = o(\omega)$ and

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}} |\hat{\mu}(z)| \exp(-n|\text{Im } z| - ns(z)) < \infty,$$

such that $\hat{\mu}$ is slowly decreasing in the algebra A_p for $p(z) = |\text{Im } z| + s(z)$, where A_p is defined as

$$A_p := \{f \in A(\mathbb{C}) \mid \text{there is } k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}} |f(z)| \exp(-kp(z)) < \infty\}.$$

Because of this characterization it is obvious that (1) implies (2). To show

that (2) implies (1), one uses property 3.1(α) for ω and the diameter estimates for the components S of S_p(F, ε, C) which have been derived in the proof of Meise, Taylor and Vogt [17], 2.3.

For μ ∈ ℰ_ω(ℝ)' and a ∈ ℂ with μ^(j)(a) = 0 for 0 ≤ j < m we define f_j: ℝ → ℂ by f_j(x) := x^j e^{ix^a}, 0 ≤ j < m. By Braun, Meise and Taylor [5], we have f_j ∈ ℰ_ω(ℝ). Moreover, it follows easily from the definition of T_μ that f_j ∈ ker T_μ for 0 ≤ j < m. Linear combinations of such zero-solutions of T_μ are called exponential solutions of T_μ.

3.6. THEOREM. For ω as in 3.1 and μ ∈ ℰ_ω(ℝ)' assume that μ admits a fundamental solution in ℰ_ω(ℝ)' and dim ker T_μ = ∞. Then ker T_μ has an absolute basis consisting of exponential solutions and ker T_μ is topologically isomorphic to λ(α, β) for α = (|Im a_j|)_{j ∈ ℕ} and β = (ω(a_j))_{j ∈ ℕ}, where (a_j)_{j ∈ ℕ} is an enumeration of the zeros of μ, counted with multiplicities.

Proof. By Proposition 3.5, μ̂ is slowly decreasing in A_{q,ω} for q(t) = |t|. Obviously, this also holds for ℱ(μ̂): z ↦ μ̂(-z). This implies I(ℱ(μ̂)) = I(ℱ(μ̂)) = I_{loc}(ℱ(μ̂)) by 2.3. Therefore, Theorem 2.6 and 3.4(3) show

$$(\ker T_\mu)'_b \simeq A_{p,\omega} / I(\mathcal{F}(\hat{\mu})) \simeq K(\alpha, \beta) = \lambda(\alpha, \beta)'_b.$$

If we identify (ker T_μ)_b' with λ(α, β)_b' by this isomorphism, then it follows from 3.4(4) and 2.7 that both spaces have the same equicontinuous sets. Since they are both semireflexive (because of lim_{j→∞} β_j = ∞), this implies ker T_μ ≃ λ(α, β). As in Meise, Schwerdtfeger and Taylor [15], we can write out this isomorphism more explicitly. Then it follows that the images of the canonical basis vectors in λ(α, β) are in fact exponential solutions.

3.7. Remark. Under the hypotheses of Theorem 3.6 we also have

$$\ker T_\mu \simeq \lambda(\alpha, \tilde{\beta}),$$

where α = (|Im a_j|)_{j ∈ ℕ}, β̃ := (ω(Re a_j))_{j ∈ ℕ} and (a_j)_{j ∈ ℕ} is as in 3.6.

To see this, note that there exists C > 0 with ω(t) ≤ |t| + C for all t ∈ ℝ. This implies for each z ∈ ℂ

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(z) &\leq \omega(|\operatorname{Re} z| + |\operatorname{Im} z|) \leq \omega(2 \max(|\operatorname{Re} z|, |\operatorname{Im} z|)) \\ &\leq K(1 + \omega(\operatorname{Re} z) + \omega(\operatorname{Im} z)) \leq K\omega(\operatorname{Re} z) + K|\operatorname{Im} z| + K(1 + C). \end{aligned}$$

Since ω(Re z) ≤ ω(z) for all z ∈ ℂ, this implies λ(α, β) = λ(α, β̃).

3.8. COROLLARY. For ω as in 3.1 and μ ∈ ℰ_ω(ℝ)' assume that the convolution operator T_μ: ℰ_ω(ℝ) → ℰ_ω(ℝ) is surjective, that T_μ admits a continuous

linear right inverse and that dim ker T_μ = ∞. Then ker T_μ is isomorphic to A₁(β)_b' where

$$A_1(\beta) = \{x \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}} \mid \|x\|_m := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |x_j| \exp(-\beta_j/m) < \infty \text{ for all } m \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

and β := (ω(a_j))_{j ∈ ℕ} for (a_j)_{j ∈ ℕ} as in 3.6.

Proof. Note that Theorem 4.4 of Meise and Vogt [18] extends to the present class ℰ_ω(ℝ). Hence T_μ admits a fundamental solution in ℰ_ω(ℝ)'. By Theorem 3.6, this implies ker T_μ ≃ λ(α, β). Now observe that by Meise and Vogt [18], 4.7 (which also extends to the present class) we have lim_{j→∞} α_j/β_j = 0. Since λ(α, β) is nuclear, this and 1.9(1) imply ker T_μ ≃ λ(α, β) ≃ A₁(β)_b'.

Remark. Define μ ∈ ℰ(ℝ)' by μ := δ_π - δ_{-π} and fix ω as in 3.1. Then μ is in ℰ_ω(ℝ)' and ker T_μ is the space of all 2π-periodic functions in ℰ_ω(ℝ). It is easy to show that T_μ admits fundamental solutions E₊ and E₋ in ℰ(ℝ)' = ℰ_ω(ℝ)' with Supp E₊ ⊂ [a, ∞[and Supp E₋ ⊂]-∞, b] for suitable a, b ∈ ℝ. Hence the proof of Meise and Vogt [18], 4.4, (7) ⇒ (1), shows that T_μ is surjective on ℰ_ω(ℝ) and that T_μ admits a continuous linear right inverse. By Corollary 3.8, this implies

$$\ker T_\mu \simeq A_1((\omega(j))_{j \in \mathbb{Z}})'_b \simeq A_1((\omega(j))_{j \in \mathbb{N}})'_b.$$

This shows that Corollary 3.8 extends the results of Petzsche [21], Sect. 3, to the present class ℰ_ω(ℝ).

The observation that the results of Petzsche [21], Sect. 3, could be obtained from Komatsu [12], 1.1, by a modification of the arguments of Berenstein and Taylor [1], Sect. 3, and Meise [14], 3.7, was in fact the starting point for the investigations of the present paper.

3.9. EXAMPLE. It is easy to check that the following functions ω: ℂ → [0, ∞[satisfy all the conditions of 3.1 after a suitable change on a compact disk with center zero:

- (1) ω(z) = |z|^α, 0 < α < 1,
- (2) ω(z) = |z|^α (log(1 + |z|^2))^β, 0 < α < 1, 0 ≤ β < ∞,
- (3) ω(z) = |z| (log(2 + |z|^2))^{-β}, β > 1,
- (4) ω(z) = (log(1 + |z|^2))^β, β > 1,
- (5) ω(z) = exp((log(1 + |z|^2))^α), 0 < α < 1.

3.10. EXAMPLE. Let (M_j)_{j ∈ ℕ₀} be a sequence in ([1, ∞[^{ℕ₀}) which satisfies:

$$(M1) \quad M_j^2 \leq M_{j-1} M_{j+1} \quad \text{for all } j \in \mathbb{N},$$

(M2) there exist $A, H \geq 1$ with $M_n \leq AH^n \min_{0 \leq j \leq n} M_j M_{n-j}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

(M3)' $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} M_{j-1}/M_j < \infty$,

(M4) there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ with $\liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} (M_{jk}/M_j^k)^{1/j} > 1$,

and define $\omega_M: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ by

$$\omega_M(z) := \begin{cases} \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0} \log \frac{|z|^j}{M_j} M_0 & \text{for } |z| > 1, \\ 0 & \text{for } |z| \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Then it follows from Komatsu [11], Sect. 3, and [14], 2.6(2), that ω_M satisfies all the conditions in 3.1. Using the notation of Komatsu [11], 2.5, we have

$$\mathcal{E}_{(\omega_M)}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathcal{E}^{(M_j)}(\mathbb{R}).$$

From this it follows that for $s > 1$ and $\omega_s: z \mapsto |z|^{1/s}$, the space $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega_s)}(\mathbb{R})$ coincides with the Gevrey class $\mathcal{E}^{(p)^s}(\mathbb{R})$.

3.11. EXAMPLE. Let $\omega: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ be a continuous even function which satisfies:

(α) $0 = \omega(0) \leq \omega(s+t) \leq \omega(s) + \omega(t)$ for all $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$,

(β) $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\omega(t)}{1+t^2} dt < \infty$,

(γ)' $\log(1+|t|) = o(\omega(t))$ for $|t| \rightarrow \infty$,

(δ) $\varphi: t \rightarrow \omega(e^t)$ is convex on \mathbb{R} .

Then it follows from Björck [4], 1.2.8, that after a suitable change on a compact disk with center zero, the function $\tilde{\omega}: z \mapsto \omega(|z|)$ satisfies all the conditions in 3.1. By Braun, Meise and Taylor [5] we have

$$\mathcal{S}_{(\tilde{\omega})}(\mathbb{R}) = \{f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}) \mid \text{there exists } \varepsilon > 0: \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(t)| \exp(\varepsilon \tilde{\omega}(t)) dt < \infty\},$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{(\tilde{\omega})}(\mathbb{R}) = \{f \in \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{R}) \mid gf \in \mathcal{S}_{(\tilde{\omega})}(\mathbb{R}) \text{ for each } g \in \mathcal{S}_{(\tilde{\omega})}(\mathbb{R})\}.$$

Hence $\mathcal{E}_{(\tilde{\omega})}(\mathbb{R})$ defined in 3.3 coincides with $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R})$ as used in Meise and Vogt [18], Sect. 4.

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**An approximation theorem
 in higher order Orlicz–Sobolev spaces
 and applications**

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Abstract. An approximation result of the Hedberg type is established in the Orlicz–Sobolev space $W^m L_A(\mathbb{R}^n)$ when the N-function A and its conjugate \bar{A} satisfy the A_2 condition near infinity. Applications to the description of the action of some distributions in $W^{-m} L_{\bar{A}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ as well as to some strongly nonlinear elliptic boundary value problems are given.

1. Introduction. This paper is motivated by the study of the so-called “strongly nonlinear” boundary value problems, i.e. boundary value problems for equations of the form

$$(1.1) \quad A(u) + g(x, u) = f.$$

Here A is a quasilinear elliptic differential operator in divergence form

$$(1.2) \quad A(u) \equiv \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} (-1)^{|\alpha|} D^\alpha A_\alpha(x, u, \nabla u, \dots, \nabla^m u)$$

whose coefficients A_α satisfy conditions (including growth conditions) which guarantee the solvability of the problem

$$(1.3) \quad A(u) = f.$$

The function g satisfies a sign condition but has otherwise completely unrestricted growth with respect to u . One is interested in the solvability of (1.1).

Such problems were first considered by Browder [5] as an application of the then newly developed theory of non-everywhere defined mappings of monotone type. For $m = 1$, i.e. A of second order, their solvability under fairly general and natural assumptions was proved by Hess [16]. The treatment of the case $m > 1$ is more involved due to the lack of a simple

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