

Ultradifferentiable regularity of CR mappings

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Theorem (Fefferman 1974)

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If the data of $(*)$ (i.e. L_1, \dots, L_n, ρ') is \mathcal{C}^∞ (\mathcal{C}^ω , etc.), under which conditions is the solution h of $(*)$ \mathcal{C}^∞ (\mathcal{C}^ω , etc.)?

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If $Z' = (Z_1, \dots, Z'_{n'+1})$ denote the coordinates of $\mathbb{C}^{n'+1}$ then we write $\partial \rho' / \partial Z' = (\partial \rho' / \partial Z'_1, \dots, \partial \rho' / \partial Z'_{n'+1})$. If h is of class \mathcal{C}^k then we set

$$E_k(p_0) = \text{span} \left\{ L^\alpha \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial Z'}(h(Z)) \right) \Big|_{Z=p_0} : \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n, |\alpha| \leq k \right\}.$$

Here $L^\alpha = L_1^{\alpha_1} \dots L_n^{\alpha_n}$.

Obviously, $E_k(p_0) \subseteq E_{k+1}(p_0)$ when h is of class \mathcal{C}^{k+1} .

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Theorem (Lamel 2001/04)

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If M and M' are smooth (real-analytic) then h is smooth (real-analytic) near p .

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These classes include (Rainer–Schindl 2016)

- Denjoy–Carleman classes given by single weight sequences.
- Braun–Meise–Taylor classes given by weight functions.

Normal weight matrices

A weight matrix \mathbf{M} is *normal* if the following conditions hold (where $m_k = M_k/k!$):

$$\forall \mathbf{M} \in \mathfrak{M} : \quad m_k^2 \leq m_{k-1} m_{k+1} \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N} \quad (1)$$

$$(m_k)^{1/k} \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{for } k \rightarrow \infty, \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \mathbf{M} \in \mathfrak{M} \exists \mathbf{N} \in \mathfrak{M} \exists C > 0 : \\ M_{k+\ell} \leq C^{k+\ell+1} N_k N_\ell \quad \forall k, \ell \in \mathbb{N}_0. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

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Let \mathbf{M} be a sequence satisfying (1). The weight associated to \mathbf{M} is

$$h_{\mathbf{M}}(t) = \inf_k m_k t^k.$$

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$$|\bar{\partial}F(x + iy)| \leq Ch_{\mathbf{M}}(Q|y|) \quad (4)$$

The ultradifferentiable wavefront set

We can use (4) to microlocalize:

Let $u \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$ and $(x_0, \xi_0) \in \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$. $(x_0, \xi_0) \notin \text{WF}_{\{\mathfrak{M}\}} u : \iff$
There are a nbhd $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ of x_0 , open convex cones $\Gamma^1, \dots, \Gamma^N$ with
 $\xi_0 \Gamma^j < 0$, $j = 1, \dots, N$, and functions $F^j \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(U + i\Gamma^j)$, $j = 1, \dots, N$,
such that each F^j satisfies (4) in $U \times \Gamma^j$ and

$$u|_U = \sum_{j=1}^N \text{bv } F^j.$$

In fact, we can define $\text{WF}_{\{\mathfrak{M}\}} u \subseteq T^*M$ for distributions $u \in \mathcal{D}'(M)$ on manifolds M of class $\{\mathfrak{M}\}$ (F.-Nenning–Rainer–Schindl 2020).

In particular if $\Phi : M \rightarrow N$ then $\Phi^*(\text{WF}_{\{\mathfrak{M}\}} u) = \text{WF}_{\{\mathfrak{M}\}}(\Phi^* u)$ for all $u \in \mathcal{D}'(N)$.

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- If \mathfrak{M} is a normal weight matrix then the microlocal elliptic theorem holds for $\text{WF}_{\{\mathfrak{M}\}}$: Suppose that $P(x, D)$ is linear differential operator with coefficients in $\mathcal{E}^{\{\mathfrak{M}\}}(\Omega)$ and $u \in \mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$ Then

$$\text{WF}_{\{\mathfrak{M}\}} Pu \subseteq \text{WF}_{\{\mathfrak{M}\}} u \subseteq \text{WF}_{\{\mathfrak{M}\}} Pu \cup \text{Char } P.$$

(F.-Nenning–Rainer–Schindl 2020; for BMT-Classes
cf. Albanese–Jornet–Oliaro 2010)

Remarks II

Almost analytic functions with parameters

Let \mathfrak{M} be a regular weight matrix, $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ be open sets and $\Gamma \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ an open convex cone.

We suppose that $F \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(U \times V \times \Gamma)$ is $\{\mathfrak{M}\}$ -almost analytic in $(s, t) \in V \times \Gamma$, i.e. there is some $\rho > 0$ such that for each compact $K \times L \subseteq U \times V$ there are $\mathbf{M} \in \mathfrak{M}$ and $C, Q > 0$ so that

$$|\bar{\partial}_w F(x, s, t)| \leq Ch_{\mathbf{M}}(Q|t|), \quad (x, s) \in K \times L, |t| < \delta$$

where $w = s + it \in \mathbb{C}^d$.

Then $u = \text{bv } F := \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} F(\cdot, \cdot, t) \in \mathcal{D}'(U \times V)$ and

$$\text{WF}_{\{\mathfrak{M}\}} u = (U \times V) \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \Gamma^\circ.$$

Here $\Gamma^\circ = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d : \xi y \geq 0 \quad \forall y \in \Gamma\}$

Applications for CR functions

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where $\varphi \in \mathcal{E}^{\{\mathfrak{M}\}}$ is a real-valued function and $\varphi(0) = 0 = d\varphi(0)$.

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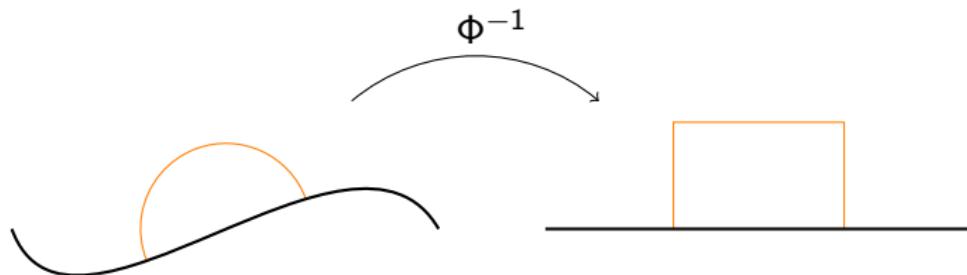
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$$\text{WF}_{\{\mathfrak{M}\}} \tilde{u}|_0 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{2n} \times \{\sigma \geq 0\}.$$

- Hence

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The Main Statement

Theorem (F. 2017/2020, F.-Lamel 2025)

Let $M \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ and $M' \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{n'+1}$ be two real hypersurfaces of class $\{\mathfrak{M}\}$, $p_0 \in M$ and $h : M \rightarrow M'$ be a \mathcal{C}^{k_0} -CR mapping that is k_0 -nondegenerate at p_0 .

Suppose furthermore that h extends continuously to a holomorphic map H on one side of M .

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is invertible at $(h(0, 0, 0), (L^\beta \bar{h}(0, 0, 0))_{|\beta| \leq k_0})$.

- Using the (smooth) implicit function theorem to “solve” the equation $\Psi(Z', \Lambda) = 0$, ($\Psi = (\Psi_{\alpha^1}, \dots, \Psi_{\alpha^{n'+1}})$) in a “particular” way we can show that there is a smooth mapping $\psi : \mathbb{C}^{n'+1} \times \mathbb{C}^K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n'+1}$ defined near $(0, (L^\beta \bar{h}(0))_{|\beta| \leq k_0})$ such that (by (6))

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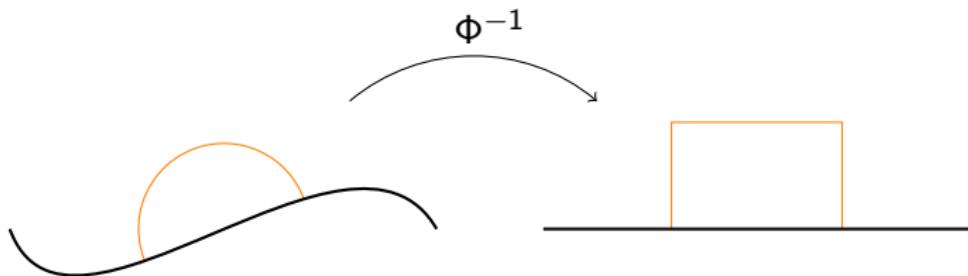
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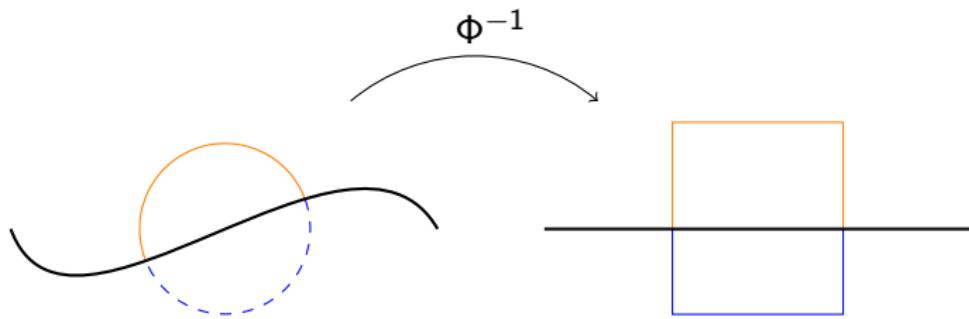
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(We may have to shrink U, I and ε .)

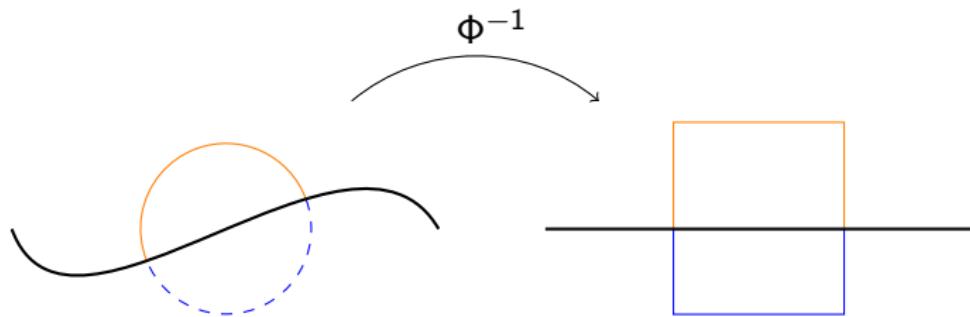
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Here $\mathbb{D} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ is the unit disc, $\nu_0(\gamma)$ is the vanishing order of γ at 0.

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We say that M is of finite type at p if $\Delta(M, p) < \infty$.

If $\Delta(M, p) = \infty$ then M is of infinite type at p .

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