

Surjectivity of linear partial differential operators on spaces of scalar valued and vector valued distributions

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1. Introduction

In many mathematical models linear partial differential operators show up, e.g.

$$\Delta = \Delta_x = \sum_{j=1}^d \partial_j^2 \quad (\text{Laplace operator}),$$

$$\partial_t - \Delta_x \quad (\text{Heat operator}),$$

$$\partial_t^2 - \Delta_x \quad (\text{Wave operator}),$$

$$-i\partial_t - \Delta_x \quad (\text{time dependent free Schrödinger operator}),$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(\partial_1 + i\partial_2) \quad (\text{Cauchy Riemann operator}).$$

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Possible for every f from a fixed space of functions? "Solution" in which sense; classical, distributional?

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Answers will depend on combined properties of P and X .

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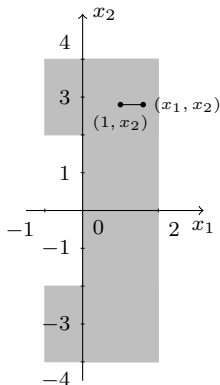
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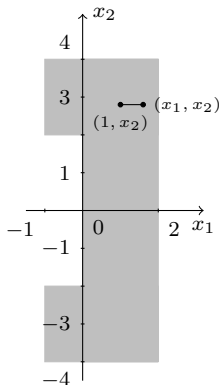
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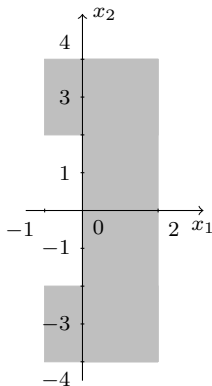
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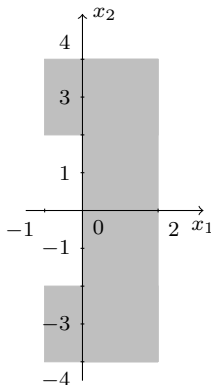
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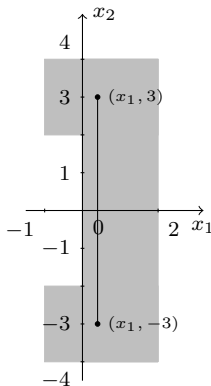
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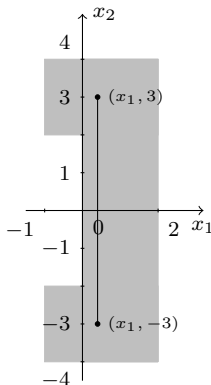
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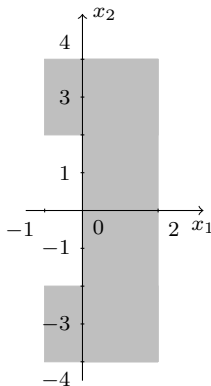
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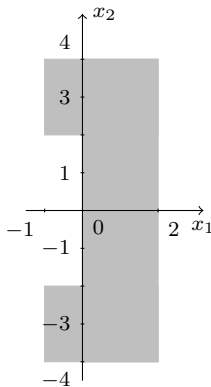
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Is it possible to "see" this without calculation? What about $P_2(D)$ if we allow for more general solutions of $P_2(D)u = f, f \in C^\infty(X)$, than $u \in C^1(X)$?



2. Distributions and differential operators

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For open $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ the "inclusion" $i : \mathcal{D}(X) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{E}(X), \varphi \mapsto \varphi|_X$ is continuous, has dense range; thus, every continuous $u : \mathcal{E}(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ induces continuous $u : \mathcal{D}(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, and u uniquely determined by $u|_{\mathcal{D}(X)}$.

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By the previous slide:

$$\mathcal{E}'(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(X), u \mapsto u|_{\mathcal{D}(X)}$$

is well-defined, obviously linear, and one-to-one.

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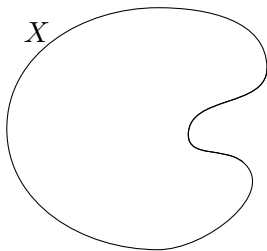
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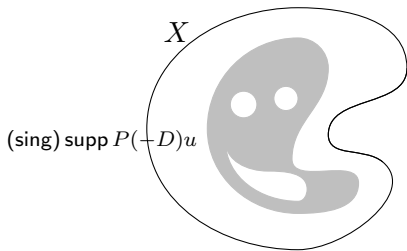
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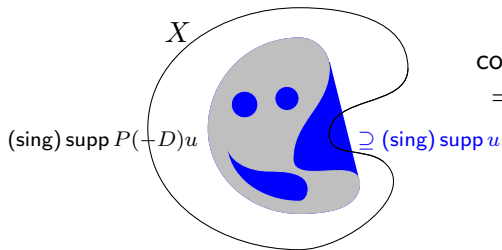
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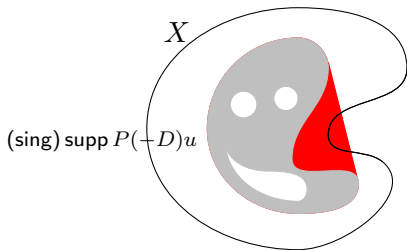


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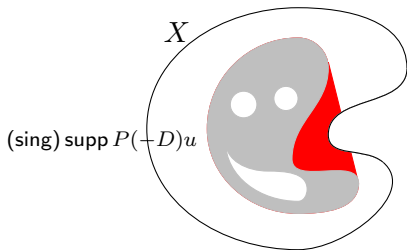


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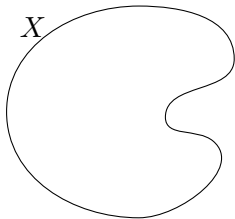
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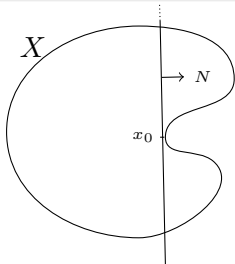
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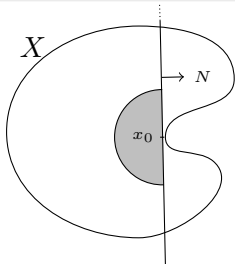


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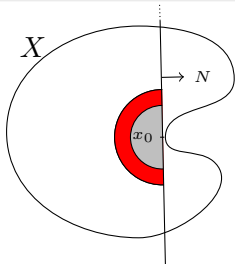
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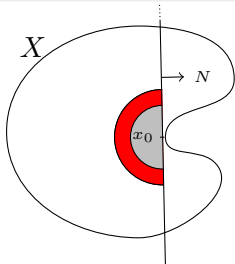
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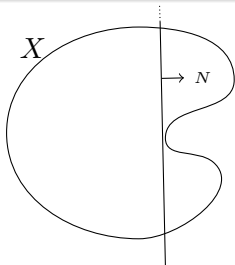
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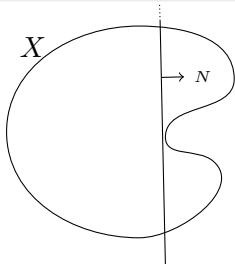


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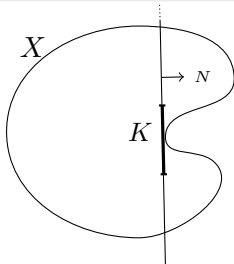


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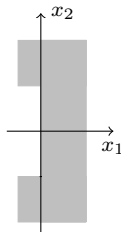
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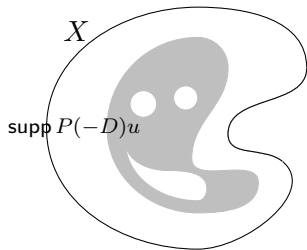
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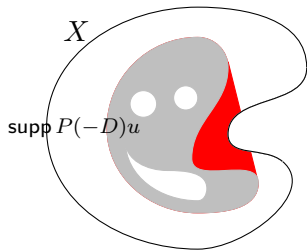


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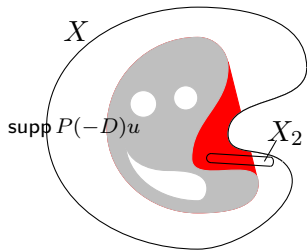


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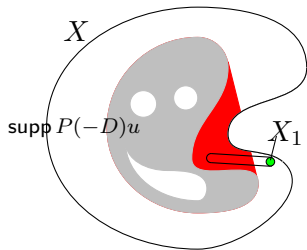
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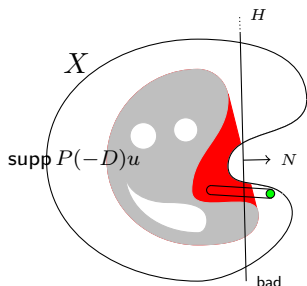
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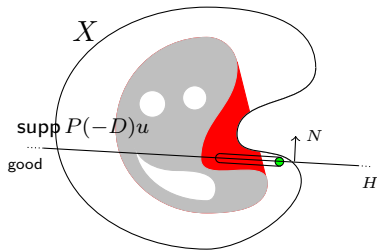
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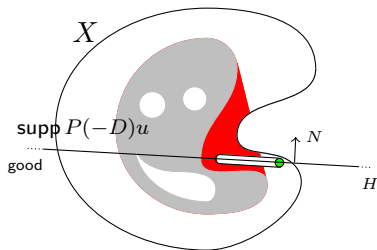
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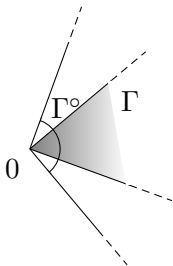
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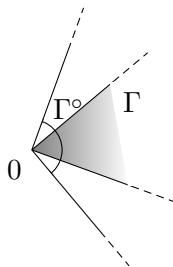
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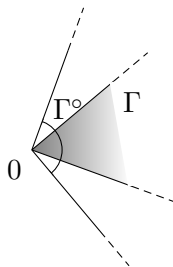


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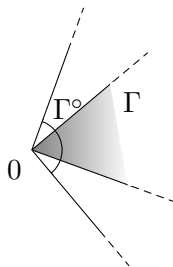
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Applicable to the free Schrödinger operator $-i\partial_t - \Delta_x$ and parabolic operators, i.e. $P(\xi) = Q(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{d-1}) + i\xi_d$ with elliptic $Q \in \mathbb{C}[X_1, \dots, X_{d-1}]$, e.g. $\partial_t - \Delta_x$.

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4. Interlude: Some Functional Analysis

General references: IFA and AFO

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5. Vector valued distributions and differential operators

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$\Rightarrow \exists \Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ open proper convex cone, $e_d \in \Gamma \forall x \in \Gamma : P_m(x) \neq 0$

$X := \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \Gamma^\circ$ is P -convex for supports (by 3.5 ii) and $X \times \mathbb{R}$ is not P^+ -convex for singular supports for every such P .

With $R(\xi) = (\xi_1^2 + \dots + \xi_d^2)^3$ set $P(\xi) := A^4(\xi) + R(\xi)$. Then P is hypoelliptic so that X is P -convex for singular support. Thus:

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For $d \geq 3$ there are hypoelliptic P and open $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ such that $P(D) : \mathcal{D}'(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(X)$ is surjective but $P^+(D) : \mathcal{D}'(X \times \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(X \times \mathbb{R})$ is not surjective.

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$d \geq 3$ is essential here:

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For $P \in \mathbb{C}[X_1, X_2]$ and $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ tfae:

- i) $P(D) : \mathcal{D}'(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(X)$ is surjective.
- ii) $P^+(D) : \mathcal{D}'(X \times \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(X \times \mathbb{R})$ is surjective.

Positive results for arbitrary dimension:

5.6 Theorem (K., '14)

Let $P(D) : \mathcal{D}'(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(X)$ be surjective. Then

$P^+(D) : \mathcal{D}'(X \times \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'(X \times \mathbb{R})$ is surjective in the following cases.

- i) P is parabolic, e.g. the heat operator $P(D) = \partial_t - \Delta_x$.
- ii) P acts along a subspace W and is elliptic as a polynomial on W , e.g.
$$P(D) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^3.$$
- iii) P factorises into linear factors, i.e.
$$P(\xi) = \alpha \prod_{j=1}^k (\langle \xi, a_j \rangle - \beta_j), \quad \alpha, \beta_j \in \mathbb{C}, a_j \in \mathbb{C}^d.$$

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