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# On the range of convolution operators on non-quasianalytic

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ultradifferentiable functions

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Abstract. Let  $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega)$  denote the non-quasianalytic class of Beurling type on an open set  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the surjectivity of the convolution operator  $T_\mu : \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1) \to$  $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$  is characterized by various conditions, e.g. in terms of a convexity property of the pair  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  and the existence of a fundamental solution for  $\mu$  or equivalently by a slowly decreasing condition for the Fourier-Laplace transform of  $\mu$ . Similar conditions characterize the surjectivity of a convolution operator  $S_{\mu}: \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1) \to \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2)$  between ultradistributions of Roumieu type whenever  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . These results extend classical work of Hörmander on convolution operators between spaces of  $C^{\infty}$ -functions and more recent one of Cioranescu and Braun, Meise and Vogt.

Since the classical work of Ehrenpreis [10] and Hörmander [14], convolution operators on various spaces of infinitely differentiable functions and distributions have been investigated by many authors (see e.g. Berenstein and Dostal [1], Chou [8], Ciorănescu [9], Franken and Meise [11], v. Grudzinski [12], Meise, Taylor and Vogt [20], Braun, Meise and Vogt [7], Meyer [23], Momm [24], [25]). The starting point for the research presented here was a recent result of Bonet and Galbis [3]. They proved that each convolution operator  $T_{\mu}$  acting on the non-quasianalytic class  $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (defined in the sense of Braun, Meise and Taylor [6]) for which  $T_{\mu}(\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n))$  contains some smaller class  $\mathcal{E}_{(\sigma)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  already acts surjectively on  $\mathcal{E}_{(\sigma)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

In the present paper we show that this holds in greater generality and is an immediate corollary to the following extension of results of Hörmander [14] to the non-quasianalytic classes  $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (see 2.7–2.9).

THEOREM A. Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and open sets  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\Omega_1 + \operatorname{Supp} \check{\mu} \subset \Omega_2$  be given. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1) For each  $g \in \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  there exists  $f \in \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$  with  $\mu * f|_{\Omega_1} = g$ . (2) For each  $g \in \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  there exists  $f \in \mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$  with  $\mu * f|_{\Omega_1} = g$ .

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(3)  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  is  $\check{\mu}$ -convex for  $(\omega)$  and there exists  $E \in \mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfying  $\mu * E = \delta$ .

Here  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for  $(\omega)$  if for each compact subset  $K_2$  of  $\Omega_2$  there exists a compact subset  $K_1$  of  $\Omega_1$  such that each  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  satisfying Supp  $\mu * \varphi \subset K_2$  already satisfies Supp  $\varphi \subset K_1$ .

Similarly we characterize the surjectivity of convolution operators between ultradistributions of Roumieu type  $\{\omega\}$  by the following theorem which extends a result of Braun, Meise and Vogt [7] for the case of  $\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = \mathbb{R}$  (see Thm. 3.5).

THEOREM B. Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and open sets  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\Omega_1 + \operatorname{Supp} \check{\mu} \subset \Omega_2$  be given. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- (1) For each  $g \in \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$  there exists  $f \in \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2)$  with  $\mu * f|_{\Omega_1} = g$ .
- (2) For each  $g \in \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$  there exists  $f \in \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2)$  with  $\mu * f|_{\Omega_1} = g$ .
- (3)  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  is  $\check{\mu}$ -convex for  $\{\omega\}$  and there exists  $E \in \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfying  $\mu * E = \delta$ .

To prove Theorem A we modify arguments that were used in Hörmander [14]. In doing this, the main difficulty is to show that (2) implies (1). To overcome it we use a result of Braun [5] which sharpens the second structure theorem of Komatsu [17]. Further we apply a result of Hansen [13] on the projective description of the topology on the space of Fourier-Laplace transforms of  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to characterize the surjectivity of  $T_{\mu}$  on  $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  by a slowly decreasing condition of Ehrenpreis type, in the form due to Momm [24]. Also we apply a surjectivity criterion for continuous linear maps between Fréchet spaces (see Meise and Vogt [22], 26.1) which is better adapted to our applications than classical results of this type.

Earlier versions of Theorem B appear in the literature only in the case  $\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = \mathbb{R}$  in Braun, Meise and Vogt [7]. From this paper it also follows that Theorem A does not extend literally to the Roumieu case because there exists  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R})$  for which not all equations  $\mu * f = g$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R})$ , admit a solution f in  $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R})$ , though there exists  $E \in \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R})$  satisfying  $\mu * E = \delta$ . The proof of Theorem B is based on the arguments mentioned above and on reductions to the Beurling case which go back to Braun, Meise and Taylor [6].

Note that the above results apply in particular to the Gevrey classes  $\Gamma^{(d)}$  and  $\Gamma^{\{d\}}$  for d>1 and also to the classes  $\mathcal{E}^{(M_p)}$  and  $\mathcal{E}^{\{M_p\}}$  whenever the sequence  $(M_p)_{p\in\mathbb{N}_0}$  satisfies the conditions (M1), (M2) and (M3) of Komatsu [17], because then  $\mathcal{E}^{(M_p)}(\Omega) = \mathcal{E}_{(\omega_M)}(\Omega)$  and  $\mathcal{E}^{\{M_p\}}(\Omega) = \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega_M\}}(\Omega)$  for  $\omega_M(t) := \sup_{p\in\mathbb{N}_0} \log(t^p M_0/M_p)$  for t>0 and  $\omega_M(0) := 0$ , by Meise and Taylor [19], 3.11.

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- 1. Preliminaries. In this preliminary section we introduce the non-quasianalytic classes, the spaces of ultradistributions and most of the notation that will be used in the sequel.
- 1.1. DEFINITION. A continuous increasing function  $\omega : [0, \infty[ \to [0, \infty[$  is called a *weight function* if it satisfies the following conditions:
  - (a) there exists  $K \geq 1$  with  $\omega(2t) \leq K(1 + \omega(t))$  for all  $t \geq 0$ ,
  - $(\beta) \int_1^\infty (\omega(t)/t^2) dt < \infty,$
  - $(\gamma) \log t = o(\omega(t)) \text{ as } t \to \infty,$
  - $(\delta) \varphi : t \mapsto \omega(e^t)$  is convex.

For a weight function  $\omega$  we define  $\widetilde{\omega}: \mathbb{C}^n \to [0, \infty[$  by  $\widetilde{\omega}(z) = \omega(|z|)$  and again call this function  $\omega$ , by abuse of notation. The function

$$\varphi^* : [0, \infty[ \to \mathbb{R}, \quad \varphi^*(y) := \sup\{xy - \varphi(x) : x \ge 0\},$$

is called the Young conjugate of  $\varphi$ .

- 1.2. Remark. (a) Each weight function  $\omega$  satisfies  $\lim_{t\to\infty} \omega(t)/t = 0$  by the remark following 1.3 of [20].
- (b) For each weight function  $\omega$  there exists a weight function  $\sigma$  satisfying  $\sigma(t)=\omega(t)$  for all large t>0 and  $\sigma|[0,1]\equiv 0$ . This implies  $\varphi_{\sigma}(y)=\varphi_{\omega}(y)$  for all large y,  $\varphi_{\sigma}^*([0,\infty[)\subset [0,\infty[$  and  $\varphi_{\sigma}^{**}=\varphi_{\sigma}$ . From this it follows that all subsequent definitions do not change if  $\omega$  is replaced by  $\sigma$ . In fact, they do not change if  $\omega$  is replaced by a weight function  $\kappa$  which for some  $a\geq 1$  and b>0 satisfies

(\*) 
$$\frac{1}{a}\kappa(t) - b \le \omega(t) \le a\kappa(t) + b, \quad t \ge 0.$$

Note that for each weight function  $\omega$  there exist C>0 and a differentiable weight function  $\kappa$  which satisfies (\*) and

$$\kappa'(t) \le C\kappa(t) + C$$
 for all  $t \ge 0$ .

- 1.3. DEFINITION. Let  $\omega$  be a weight function.
- (a) For a set  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\lambda > 0$  let

$$\mathcal{E}_{\omega}(K,\lambda)$$

$$:=\{f\in C^{\infty}(K): \|f\|_{K,\lambda}:=\sup_{x\in K}\sup_{\alpha\in\mathbb{N}^n_0}|f^{(\alpha)}(x)|\exp(-\lambda\varphi^*(|\alpha|/\lambda))<\infty\}.$$

(b) For an open set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  define

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\varOmega) &:= \underset{K \in \varOmega}{\text{proj proj }} \mathcal{E}_{\omega}(K, m) \\ &= \{ f \in C^{\infty}(\varOmega) : \|f\|_{K, m} < \infty \text{ for each } K \Subset \varOmega \text{ and each } m \in \mathbb{N} \}, \end{split}$$

and

$$\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega) := \underset{K \subseteq \Omega}{\operatorname{proj}} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{ind}} \mathcal{E}_{\omega}(K, 1/m)$$

$$= \{ f \in C^{\infty}(\Omega) : \text{ for each } K \subseteq \Omega \text{ there is } m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } ||f||_{K, 1/m} < \infty \}.$$

The elements of  $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega)$ ) are called  $\omega$ -ultradifferentiable functions of Beurling (resp. Roumieu) type on  $\Omega$ . We write  $\mathcal{E}_*(\Omega)$ , where \* can be either  $(\omega)$  or  $\{\omega\}$ .

(c) For a compact set K in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  we let

$$\mathcal{D}_*(K) := \{ f \in \mathcal{E}_*(\mathbb{R}^n) : \operatorname{Supp}(f) \subset K \},$$

endowed with the induced topology. For an open set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and a fundamental sequence  $(K_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  of compact subsets of  $\Omega$  we let

$$\mathcal{D}_*(\Omega) := \inf_{j \to \infty} \mathcal{D}_*(K_j).$$

For  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_*(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we let  $\|\varphi\|_{\lambda} = \|\varphi\|_{\mathbb{R}^n,\lambda}$ . The dual  $\mathcal{D}'_*(\Omega)$  of  $\mathcal{D}_*(\Omega)$  is endowed with its strong topology. The elements of  $\mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega)$ ) are called  $\omega$ -ultradistributions of Beurling (resp. Roumieu) type on  $\Omega$ .

1.4. Remark. (a) By Meise, Taylor and Vogt [21], 3.3, for each open set  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the semi-norms

$$\| \|_{\mathcal{K},\sigma} : f \mapsto \sup_{x \in \mathcal{K}} \sup_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n} |f^{(\alpha)}(x)| \exp(-\varphi_\sigma^*(|\alpha|)),$$

where K is any compact set in  $\Omega$  and  $\sigma$  is a weight function satisfying  $\sigma = o(\omega)$ , form a fundamental system of semi-norms for  $\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega)$ .

(b) For each compact set K in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(K)$  is a (DFN)-space by Braun, Meise and Taylor [6], 3.6. A fundamental system of bounded sets is given by

$$B_m := \Big\{ \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(K) : |\varphi|_{K,m} := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\widehat{\varphi}(\xi)| e^{\omega(\xi)/m} \, d\xi \le 1 \Big\},\,$$

where  $\widehat{\varphi}(\xi) = \int \varphi(x)e^{-i\langle x,\xi\rangle} dx$ ,  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$ 

(c) For each compact set K in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K)$  is a nuclear Fréchet space, by Braun, Meise and Taylor [6], 3.6. A fundamental system of semi-norms

on  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K)$  is given by  $(\|\cdot\|_{K,m})_{m\in\mathbb{N}}$  defined in 1.3 but also by

$$\|\varphi\|_m := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\widehat{\varphi}(\xi)| e^{m\omega(\xi)} d\xi, \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K).$$

(d) Let  $\Omega$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $(K_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  a fundamental sequence of compact subsets of  $\Omega$ . Then a fundamental system of semi-norms for  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega)$  is obtained by  $(K_0 := \emptyset)$ 

$$\|\varphi\|_{\mathcal{L},\mathcal{M}} := \sup_{j\in\mathbb{N}_0} L_j \sup_{x\in\Omega\setminus K_j} \sup_{\alpha\in\mathbb{N}_0^n} |\varphi^{(\alpha)}(x)| \exp(-M_j \varphi^*(|\alpha|/M_j)),$$

where  $\mathcal{L} = (L_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  and  $\mathcal{M} = (M_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  are increasing sequences in  $]0, \infty[$  resp. N. This can be shown similarly to Hörmander [16], 15.4.1.

1.5. Example. The following functions  $\omega : [0, \infty[ \to [0, \infty[$  are examples of weight functions:

(1) 
$$\omega(t) = t^{\alpha}, 0 < \alpha < 1,$$

(2) 
$$\omega(t) = (\log(1+t))^{\beta}, \beta > 1,$$

(3) 
$$\omega(t) = t(\log(e+t))^{-\beta}, \ \beta > 1$$

Note that for  $\omega(t) = t^{\alpha}$ , the classes  $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}$  resp.  $\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}$  coincide with the Gevrey classes  $\Gamma^{(d)}$  resp.  $\Gamma^{\{d\}}$  for  $d := 1/\alpha$ .

**1.6.** Convolution operators. Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_*(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\mu \neq 0$ , and open sets  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  be given. If  $\Omega_1 + \operatorname{Supp} \mu \subset \Omega_2$  then we define (compare Braun, Meise and Taylor [6], Sect. 6):

(a) 
$$S^t_{\mu}: \mathcal{D}_*(\Omega_1) \to \mathcal{D}_*(\Omega_2), \quad S^t_{\mu}(\varphi) := \mu * \varphi |_{\Omega_2},$$

where  $\mu * \varphi : x \mapsto \mu(\varphi(x - \cdot)), x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Since  $S^t_{\mu}$  is continuous and linear, so is its adjoint operator

$$\begin{split} S_{\mu} &:= (S_{\mu}^t)^t : \mathcal{D}'_{\star}(\Omega_2) \to \mathcal{D}'_{\star}(\Omega_1). \\ (\mathrm{b}) & T_{\mu}^t : \mathcal{E}'_{\star}(\Omega_1) \to \mathcal{E}'_{\star}(\Omega_2), \quad T_{\mu}^t(\nu) := \mu * \nu |_{\Omega_2}, \end{split}$$

where  $\mu * \nu(\varphi) := (\mu * (\check{\nu} * \varphi))(0)$  and where  $\check{\nu}(\psi) := \nu(\check{\psi})$  and  $\check{\psi}(x) := \psi(-x), \ x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Again  $T^t_{\mu}$  is continuous and linear, so that its adjoint

$$T_{\mu}:=(T_{\mu}^t)^t:\mathcal{E}_*(\varOmega_2)\to\mathcal{E}_*(\varOmega_1)$$

is continuous and linear.

Note that  $S_{\mu}(\nu) = \check{\mu} * \nu$  and  $T_{\mu}(f) = \check{\mu} * f$ , so that it is reasonable to call the operators  $S_{\mu}$  and  $T_{\mu}$  convolution operators. Note further that  $T_{\mu}^{t}|_{\mathcal{D}_{*}(\Omega_{1})} = S_{\mu}^{t}$  and  $S_{\mu}|_{\mathcal{E}_{*}(\Omega_{2})} = T_{\mu}$  and that  $T_{\mu}^{t}$  and  $S_{\mu}^{t}$  are injective.

1.7. Spaces of entire functions. Let  $A(\mathbb{C}^n)$  denote the space of all entire functions on  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , endowed with the Fréchet space topology of uniform

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convergence on all compact subsets of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . For an upper semi-continuous function  $v:\mathbb{C}^n\to ]0,\infty[$  we define

$$A(v, \mathbb{C}^n) := \{ f \in A(\mathbb{C}^n) : ||f||_v := \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} |f(z)|v(z) < \infty \}$$

and note that  $A(v, \mathbb{C}^n)$  is a Banach space.

**1.8.** Fourier-Laplace transform. For  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_*(\mathbb{R}^n)$  its Fourier-Laplace transform  $\widehat{\mu} \in A(\mathbb{C}^n)$  is defined as

$$\widehat{\mu}(z) := \mu(\exp(-i\langle \cdot, z \rangle)), \quad z \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

To characterize its growth behaviour, fix a weight function  $\omega$  and define the functions  $w_j, w_{j,k}, v_j$  and  $v_{j,k}$  by

$$w_j(z) := \exp(-j(|\operatorname{Im} z| + \omega(z))), \qquad w_{j,k}(z) := \exp\left(-j|\operatorname{Im} z| - \frac{1}{k}\omega(z)\right),$$
  $v_j(z) := \exp\left(-j|\operatorname{Im} z| + \frac{1}{j}\omega(z)\right)r, \qquad v_{j,k}(z) := \exp(-j|\operatorname{Im} z| + k\omega(z)).$ 

Then the Fourier-Laplace transform  $\mathcal{F}: \mu \mapsto \widehat{\mu}$  is an isomorphism between the following spaces (see Braun, Meise and Taylor [6], 3.5 and 7.4):

$$\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \inf_{j \to \infty} A(w_j, \mathbb{C}^n), \qquad \qquad \mathcal{E}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \inf_{j \to \infty} \operatorname{Proj}_{k} A(w_{j,k}, \mathbb{C}^n),$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \inf_{j \to \infty} \operatorname{Proj}_{k \to \infty} A(v_{j,k}, \mathbb{C}^n), \qquad \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \inf_{j \to \infty} A(v_{j}, \mathbb{C}^n).$$

Moreover, for  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{E}'_*(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_*(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we have

$$\mathcal{F}(S^t_{\mu}(\nu)) = \mathcal{F}(\mu)\mathcal{F}(\nu) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{F}(T^t_{\mu}(\varphi)) = \mathcal{F}(\mu)\mathcal{F}(\varphi),$$

hence  $\mathcal{F} \circ S^t_{\mu} \circ \mathcal{F}^{-1}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{F} \circ T^t_{\mu} \circ \mathcal{F}^{-1}$ ) is the operator of multiplication by  $\mathcal{F}(\mu)$ .

Note that by Bierstedt, Meise and Summers [2], 1.6, the inductive limits  $\operatorname{ind}_{j\to} A(w_j, \mathbb{C}^n)$  and  $\operatorname{ind}_{j\to} A(v_j, \mathbb{C}^n)$  can be represented as intersections of weighted Banach spaces. To indicate that this can be done also in the more complicated case  $\operatorname{ind}_{j\to} \operatorname{proj}_{\leftarrow k} A(v_j, k, \mathbb{C}^n)$ , let

$$\overline{V}:=\{v:\mathbb{C}^n \to [0,\infty[:v \text{ is upper semi-continuous and for each } j\in\mathbb{N} \text{ there are } \alpha_j>0 \text{ and } k=k(j)\in\mathbb{N} \text{ with } v\leq \alpha_j v_{j,k}\}$$

and let

$$A\overline{V}(\mathbb{C}^n) := \{ f \in A(\mathbb{C}^n) : ||f||_v < \infty \text{ for each } v \in \overline{V} \},$$

endowed with the locally convex topology of the system  $(\| \|_v)_{v \in \tilde{V}}$  of seminorms. Then one can use 1.2(b) and 1.4(d) to modify the proof of Hörmander [16], 15.4.2 (see also Berenstein and Dostal [1], II, §1, and Hansen [13], 4.6), to show that

$$\inf_{j \to \infty} \operatorname{proj}_{k} A(v_{j,k}, \mathbb{C}^n) = A \overline{V}(\mathbb{C}^n)$$

as locally convex spaces.

1.9. Ultradifferential operators. Let  $\omega$  be a weight function. If  $G \in A(\mathbb{C}^n)$  satisfies  $\log |G| = O(\omega)$  (resp.  $o(\omega)$ ) then

$$T_G: arphi \mapsto \sum_{lpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} (-i)^{|lpha|} \; rac{G^{(lpha)}(0)}{lpha!} arphi^{(lpha)}(0)$$

defines an element  $T_G$  of  $\mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ). The operator

$$G(D): \mathcal{D}'_*(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathcal{D}'_*(\mathbb{R}^n), \quad G(D)\mu := T_G * \mu,$$

is then called an ultradifferential operator of class \*. From 1.4(b) and (c) it follows that  $G(D): \mathcal{D}_*(K) \to \mathcal{D}_*(K)$  is a continuous linear map for each  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  compact. Note that  $\operatorname{Supp} G(D)T \subset \operatorname{Supp} T$  for each  $T \in \mathcal{D}'_*(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

For later application we note the following extension of Komatsu [17], 10.2: For each  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  compact and each  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $G \in A(\mathbb{C}^n)$  with  $\log |G| = O(\omega)$  such that

(\*) 
$$\|\varphi\|_{K,j} \le \sup_{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n} |G(\xi)\widehat{\varphi}(\xi)|, \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K).$$

To prove this, fix  $\lambda > 0$  and use Braun [5], Lemma 6 and the proof of Lemma 7 (for an alternative proof see Langenbruch [18], 1.3 and 1.4), to find  $G \in A(\mathbb{C}^n)$  satisfying  $\log |G| = O(\omega)$  such that  $\log |G(\xi)| \geq (\lambda + 1)\omega(\xi)$  for all  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then for each  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we have

$$\int |\widehat{\varphi}(\xi)| e^{\lambda \omega(\xi)} d\xi \le \int |\widehat{\varphi}(\xi)G(\xi)| e^{-\omega(\xi)} d\xi \le \left(\int e^{-\omega(\xi)} d\xi\right) \sup_{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n} |G(\xi)\widehat{\varphi}(\xi)|.$$

Since  $\omega$  satisfies 1.1( $\gamma$ ) this implies (\*) in view of 1.4(c).

2. The Beurling case. In this section we characterize those ultradistributions  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for which the convolution operator  $T_{\mu} : \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2) \to \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  is surjective where  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  are open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  satisfying  $\Omega_1 + \operatorname{Supp} \mu \subset \Omega_2$ . In doing this we extend some of the results of Hörmander [14]. Throughout this section  $\omega$  will always denote a fixed weight function.

To formulate our first result we need the following definition.

**2.1.** DEFINITION. For  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_*(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and open sets  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  satisfying  $\Omega_1 + \operatorname{Supp} \mu \subset \Omega_2$ , the pair  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  is called  $\mu$ -convex for \* if the following holds: For each compact set  $K_2$  in  $\Omega_2$  there exists a compact set  $K_1$  in  $\Omega_1$  such that the map  $S^t_{\mu}: \mathcal{D}_*(\Omega_1) \to \mathcal{D}_*(\Omega_2)$  satisfies  $(S^t_{\mu})^{-1}(\mathcal{D}_*(K_2)) \subset \mathcal{D}_*(K_1)$ .

Remark. (a) A standard smoothing argument shows that  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for \* if and only if the following holds: For each compact set  $K_2$  in  $\Omega_2$  there exists a compact set  $K_1$  in  $\Omega_1$  such that each  $\nu \in \mathcal{E}'_*(\Omega_1)$  which satisfies Supp  $T^t_\mu \nu \subset K_2$  already satisfies Supp  $\nu \subset K_1$ .

- (b) If  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_*(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\mu \neq 0$ , is given and  $\Omega_2$  is a convex open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  which contains Supp  $\mu$  then the largest open set  $\Omega_1$  satisfying  $\Omega_1 + \operatorname{Supp} \mu \subset \Omega_2$  is convex, satisfies even  $\Omega_1 + \operatorname{conv}(\operatorname{Supp} \mu) \subset \Omega_2$  and the pair  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for \*. This follows by a standard smoothing argument from the theorem of supports (see Hörmander [16], Thm. 4.3.3).
- **2.2.** PROPOSITION. Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and open sets  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\Omega_1 + \operatorname{Supp} \mu \subset \Omega_2$  be given. Then the following assertions are equivalent:
- (1)  $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1) \subset S_{\mu}\mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2).$
- (2)  $(S_{\mu}^t)^{-1}: S_{\mu}^t(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)) \to \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  is sequentially continuous.
- (3)  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for  $(\omega)$  and the following condition is satisfied: For each compact set  $K_1$  in  $\Omega_1$  and each  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  there exist  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  and C > 0 such that  $\|\varphi\|_{K_1,j} \leq C\|S^t_{\mu}\varphi\|_l$  for each  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_1)$ .
- (4)  $T_{\mu}: \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2) \to \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  is surjective.

Proof. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). To prove this we claim that (1) implies

(5) For each  $K_2$  compact in  $\Omega_2$  there exists  $K_1$  compact in  $\Omega_1$  and  $m, l \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and C > 0 such that for each  $f \in \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  and  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  satisfying  $S^t_{\mu}\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_2)$  we have

$$\left| \int f \varphi \, d\lambda \right| \le C \|f\|_{K_1, m} \|S^t_{\mu} \varphi\|_{K_2, l}.$$

To derive (5) from (1) fix  $K_2$  as above, let

$$H := \{ v \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_2) : v = S_n^t \psi \text{ for some } \psi \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1) \}$$

and define the bilinear form

$$B: \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1) \times H \to \mathbb{C}, \quad B(f,v) := \int f(S^t_\mu)^{-1} v \, d\lambda.$$

Obviously,  $B(\cdot, v)$  is continuous on  $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  for each  $v \in H$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  is fixed, then the hypothesis implies the existence of some  $u \in \mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$  satisfying  $f = S_u u$ . Hence, for each  $v \in H$ ,

$$B(f,v) = \int f(S_{\mu}^t)^{-1} v \, d\lambda = S_{\mu}(u)[(S_{\mu}^t)^{-1} v] = u[S_{\mu}(S_{\mu}^t)^{-1} v] = u(v).$$

Thus,  $B(f,\cdot)$  is continuous on H. Since B is a separately continuous bilinear form on the product of a Fréchet space with a metrizable locally convex space, B is continuous, which implies (5).

To derive (2) from (5), let  $(\varphi_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  for which  $(S^t_{\mu}\varphi_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a null-sequence in  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$ . Since  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$  is a strict (LF)-space, there exists a compact  $K_2$  in  $\Omega_2$  so that  $(S^t_{\mu}\varphi_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a null-sequence in  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_2)$ . Applying (5) for this  $K_2$ , we get a compact set  $K_1$  in  $\Omega_1$  such that  $\varphi_k \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_1)$  for each k. To show that  $\varphi_k$  tends to zero weakly in  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_1)$  fix  $\nu \in \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$  according to (5). By Braun [5], Thm. 8, there exist an ultradifferential operator G(D) of class  $(\omega)$  and  $g \in \mathbb{N}_0$ 

 $\mathcal{E}_{\omega}(\mathbb{R}^n,m)$  so that  $\nu=G(D)g$ . Next note that by an easy regularization argument condition (5) holds even for all  $f\in\operatorname{proj}_{K\otimes\Omega_1}\mathcal{E}_{\omega}(K,m)$ . This implies

$$|\nu(\varphi_k)| = |(G(D)g)(\varphi_k)| = \left| \int g(G(-D)\varphi_k) \, d\lambda \right|$$

$$\leq C ||g||_{K_1,m} ||S_{\mu}^t(G(-D)\varphi_k)||_{K_2,l} \leq C' ||g||_{K_1,m} ||S_{\mu}^t \varphi_k||_{K_2,\tilde{l}}$$

since G(-D) is a continuous linear operator on  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_2)$ . Hence  $(\nu(\varphi_k))_k$  is a null-sequence. Now the fact that  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_1)$  is a Fréchet-Montel space implies that the weak null-sequence  $(\varphi_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  is indeed a null-sequence. Hence  $(S_u^k)^{-1}$  is sequentially continuous.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3). If we assume that  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  is not  $\mu$ -convex for  $(\omega)$  then there exist a compact set  $K_2$  in  $\Omega_2$  and a sequence  $(\varphi_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  in  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  so that  $\bigcup_{k\in\mathbb{N}} \operatorname{Supp} \varphi_k$  is not relatively compact in  $\Omega_1$ , while  $S_{\mu}^t \varphi_k \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_2)$  for all  $k\in\mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_2)$  is a Fréchet space we can find a sequence  $(\lambda_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  in ]0,1] so that  $(S_{\mu}^t(\lambda_k\varphi_k))_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a null-sequence in  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_2)$ . Since  $(S_{\mu}^t)^{-1}$  is sequentially continuous by hypothesis, this implies that  $(\lambda_k\varphi_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a null-sequence in  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$ . Hence there exists a compact set  $K_1$  in  $\Omega_1$  so that  $\operatorname{Supp} \varphi_k \subset K_1$  for all  $k\in\mathbb{N}$ , contradicting our choice of the sequence  $(\varphi_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$ . Consequently,  $(\Omega_1,\Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for  $(\omega)$ .

To show that the second condition also holds, fix a compact set  $K_1$  in  $\Omega_1$ . Then  $K_2 := K_1 + \operatorname{Supp} \mu$  is compact in  $\Omega_2$ , by hypothesis. Hence the  $\mu$ -convexity of  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  implies the existence of a compact set  $Q \supset K_1$  so that

$$(S^t_{\mu})^{-1}(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_2)\cap S^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}_{\omega}(\Omega_1)))\subset \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(Q).$$

Therefore, the restriction of  $(S^t_{\mu})^{-1}$  to  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_2) \cap S^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}_{\omega}(\Omega_1))$  maps this space into  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(Q) \subset \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$ . By (2) this map is sequentially continuous for the topologies induced by  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$  resp.  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  and therefore continuous. Obviously, this implies (3).

(3)⇒(4). By the surjectivity criterion in Meise and Vogt [22], 26.1, condition (4) follows from

(6) If  $T^t_{\mu}(B)$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$  for some  $B \subset \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  then B is bounded in  $\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$ .

To prove that (3) implies (6), fix any set B in  $\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  for which  $T^t_{\mu}(B)$  is bounded. Since  $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$  is a Fréchet space, there exist a compact set  $K_2$  in  $\Omega_2$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and C > 0 such that

(7) 
$$|T_{\mu}^t \nu(f)| \leq C ||f||_{K_2, m}$$
 for all  $f \in \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$  and  $\nu \in B$ .

Obviously (7) implies  $\operatorname{Supp}(T^t_{\mu}\nu) \subset K_2$  for each  $\nu \in B$ . By the remark after 2.1, the  $\mu$ -convexity of  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  implies the existence of a compact set  $K_1$  in  $\Omega_1$  so that  $\operatorname{Supp}\nu \subset K_1$  for all  $\nu \in B$ . Note that B is bounded in

 $\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  if for each sequence  $(\sigma_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  in B and each null-sequence  $(\alpha_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  the sequence  $(\nu_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$ ,  $\nu_j:=\alpha_j\sigma_j$ , is bounded in  $\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$ . To prove this fix  $(\sigma_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  and  $(\alpha_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$ . Then (7) implies that  $(T^t_\mu\nu_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a null-sequence in  $\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$ . Next choose  $\varepsilon>0$  so that  $K_1+\overline{B_\varepsilon(0)}\subset\Omega_1$  and  $K_2+\overline{B_\varepsilon(0)}\subset\Omega_2$  and note that for each  $\chi\in\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(B_\varepsilon(0))$  we have

(8) 
$$T^{t}_{\mu}(\nu_{j}) * \chi = (\mu * \nu_{j}) * \chi = \mu * (\nu_{j} * \chi) = S^{t}_{\mu}(\nu_{j} * \chi).$$

Since  $(T^t_{\mu}(\nu_j))_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  converges to zero in  $\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , the left hand side in (8) converges to zero in  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and hence in  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_2 + \overline{B_{\varepsilon}(0)})$ . Using (8), it follows from (3) that  $(\nu_j * \chi)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  converges to zero in  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Next fix  $f \in \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$ . Then there exists  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  so that  $\nu_j(f) = \nu_j(\varphi)$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since Supp  $\varphi$  is compact there exist  $x_1, \ldots, x_p \in \Omega_1$  and  $\varphi_k \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(B_{\varepsilon}(x_k))$ ,  $1 \le k \le p$ , so that  $\varphi = \sum_{k=1}^p \varphi_k$ . Then let  $\chi_k := \varphi_k(x_k - \cdot)$ . Since Supp  $\chi_k \subset B_{\varepsilon}(0)$  we get from the above

$$\nu_j(f) = \nu_j(\varphi) = \nu_j\left(\sum_{k=1}^p \varphi_k\right) = \sum_{k=1}^p \nu_j * \chi_k(x_k) \to 0.$$

Hence  $(\nu_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  converges to zero pointwise. Since  $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  is barrelled,  $(\nu_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$ . Hence (6) holds.

 $(4)\Rightarrow(1)$ . This holds trivially.

To derive further conditions that are equivalent to 2.2(2), we will use the following definition which goes back to Ehrenpreis [10]. The present formulation is due to Momm [24].

**2.3.** DEFINITION. An ultradistribution  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is called *slowly decreasing for*  $(\omega)$  if there exists C > 0 such that for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $|x| \geq C$  there is  $\xi \in \mathbb{C}^n$  with

$$|x - \xi| \le C\omega(x)$$
 and  $|\widehat{\mu}(\xi)| \ge \exp(-C|\operatorname{Im} \xi| - C\omega(\xi)).$ 

From Bonet, Galbis and Momm [4] we recall:

**2.4.** LEMMA. The ultradistribution  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is slowly decreasing for  $(\omega)$  if and only if there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for each  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  there exist  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and C > 0, R > 0 such that for each  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $|z| \geq R$ , there exists  $w \in \mathbb{C}^n$  satisfying

$$|w-z| \le k\omega(z) + \frac{1}{j}|\mathrm{Im}\,z| \quad and \quad |\widehat{\mu}(w)| \ge C\exp(-m(|\mathrm{Im}\,z| + \omega(z))).$$

Similarly to Ehrenpreis [10], Thm. 2.2, we prove:

**2.5.** PROPOSITION. If  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is slowly decreasing for  $(\omega)$  then  $S_{\mu} : \mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is surjective. In particular, there exists  $E \in \mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfying  $S_{\mu}(E) = \delta$ .

Proof. It suffices to show that

(1) 
$$(S_{\mu}^t)^{-1}: S_{\mu}^t(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)) \to \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$
 is continuous

if  $S^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n))$  carries the topology induced by  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Namely, (1) implies that for each  $\lambda \in \mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the linear form  $\widetilde{\nu} := \lambda \circ (S^t_{\mu})^{-1}$  is continuous on  $S^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ , hence admits an extension  $\nu \in \mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , by the Hahn–Banach theorem, and  $\nu$  satisfies

$$(S_{\mu}(\nu))(\varphi) = \nu(S_{\mu}^{t}\varphi) = \widetilde{\nu}(S_{\mu}^{t}\varphi) = \lambda(\varphi), \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^{n}).$$

Since the Fourier-Laplace transform is an isomorphism between  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and the space  $\operatorname{ind}_{j\to}\operatorname{proj}_{\leftarrow k}A(v_{j,k},\mathbb{C}^n)=A\overline{V}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ , introduced in 1.8, and since  $(S_{\mu}(\varphi))^{\wedge}=\widehat{\mu}\widehat{\varphi}$ , (1) follows from

(2) for each  $v \in \overline{V}$  there exists  $w \in \overline{V}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $f \in A\overline{V}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  and  $\|\widehat{\mu}f\|_w \leq \varepsilon$  imply  $\|f\|_v \leq 1$ .

To prove (2) we note that by Lemma 2.4 there exist  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , C > 0 and R > 0 such that for each  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  with  $|z| \geq R$  and  $r(z) := k\omega(z) + \frac{1}{8}|\operatorname{Im} z|$  we have

(3) 
$$\sup_{|\zeta-z| \le r(z)} |\widehat{\mu}(\zeta)| \ge Cw_m(z).$$

Since  $\mu$  is in  $\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we get from 1.8 and 1.1( $\alpha$ ) the existence of  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  and A > 0 such that

(4) 
$$\sup_{|\zeta-z| \le 4r(z)} |\widehat{\mu}(\zeta)| \le A/w_l(z).$$

Now let p := l + 2m, fix  $v \in \overline{V}$  and note that without restriction v(z) > 0 for each  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Then define

$$\widetilde{\omega}(z) := \sup_{|\zeta-z| \le 4r(\zeta)} v(\zeta)/w_p(\zeta), \quad z \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

To show that  $\widetilde{w}$  belongs to  $\overline{V}$ , fix  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  and let q := p + 2j. Since v is in  $\overline{V}$  there exist  $\alpha_q > 0$  and  $k(q) \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $v \leq \alpha_q v_{q,k(q)}$ . To apply this we need some preparation. First note that by 1.2(a) we can find  $L \geq 1$  such that  $\omega(t) \leq t + L$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Then for  $\zeta, z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  satisfying  $|\zeta - z| \leq 4r(\zeta)$  we have

$$|\operatorname{Im}\zeta| \ge |\operatorname{Im}z| - |z - \zeta| \ge |\operatorname{Im}z| - 4k\omega(\zeta) - \frac{1}{2}|\operatorname{Im}\zeta|$$

and hence

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(5) 
$$|\operatorname{Im} \zeta| \ge \frac{2}{3} |\operatorname{Im} z| - \frac{8}{3} k\omega(\zeta).$$

Also we have

$$|\zeta| \ge |z| - |z - \zeta| \ge |z| - 4k\omega(\zeta) - \frac{1}{2}|\operatorname{Im} \zeta| \ge |z| - 4k\omega(\zeta) - \frac{1}{2}|\zeta|.$$

This implies

(6) 
$$|z| \leq \frac{3}{2}|\zeta| + 4k\omega(\zeta) \leq \left(\frac{3}{2} + 4k\right)|\zeta| + 4kL.$$

By 1.2(a) we can find  $R_0 > 0$  such that  $\omega(t) \leq \frac{1}{16k}t$  for  $t \geq R_0$ . Because of (6) we can choose  $R_1 \geq R_0$  such that  $|z| \geq R_1$  and  $|\zeta - z| \leq 4r(\zeta)$  imply  $|\zeta| \ge R_0$ . Therefore we have, for such z and  $\zeta$ ,

$$|\zeta| \le |\zeta - z| + |z| \le 4k\omega(\zeta) + \frac{1}{2}|\zeta| + |z| \le \frac{1}{4}|\zeta| + \frac{1}{2}|\zeta| + |z| = \frac{3}{4}|\zeta| + |z|$$

and hence  $|\zeta| < 4|z|$ . Now the choice of q and (5) imply for  $|z| \geq R_1$  and  $|\zeta - z| < 4r(\zeta),$ 

$$\begin{split} \frac{v(\zeta)}{w_p(\zeta)} &\leq \alpha_q \frac{v_{q,k(q)}(\zeta)}{w_p(\zeta)} = \alpha_q \exp((-q+p)|\mathrm{Im}\,\zeta| + (k(q)+p)\omega(\zeta)) \\ &\leq \alpha_q \exp\left(-2j\left(\frac{2}{3}|\mathrm{Im}\,z| - \frac{8}{3}k\omega(\zeta)\right) + (k(q)+p)\omega(\zeta)\right) \\ &\leq \alpha_q \exp\left(-j|\mathrm{Im}\,z| + \left(\frac{16}{3}kj + k(q) + p\right)\omega(\zeta)\right). \end{split}$$

Since  $|\zeta| \leq 4|z|$  and since  $1.1(\alpha)$  implies the existence of  $S \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfying  $\omega(4t) \leq S\omega(t)$  for  $t \geq R_1$  (assuming that  $R_1$  is sufficiently large), we get from this

$$rac{v(\zeta)}{w_p(\zeta)} \leq lpha_q \exp(-j|\mathrm{Im}\,z| + 
u(j)\omega(z)), \hspace{0.5cm} |z| \geq R_1, \hspace{0.1cm} |\zeta-z| \leq 4r(\zeta),$$

if we let  $\nu(j) := S(\frac{16}{3}kj + k(q) + p)$ . Since  $v_{j,\nu(j)}$  is continuous and since  $\widetilde{\omega}$  is bounded on  $\{z \in \mathbb{C}^n : |z| \leq R_1\}$ , we can find  $\beta_j \geq \alpha_q$  such that  $\widetilde{w} \leq$  $\beta_j v_{j,\nu(j)}$ . Since  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  was chosen arbitrarily, this proves  $\widetilde{w} \in \overline{V}$ . Similarly to the proof of Bierstedt, Meise and Summers [2], Prop. 0.2, we can find a continuous function  $w \in \overline{V}$  which satisfies  $w > \widetilde{w}$  and w(z) > 0 for each  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

Next let

$$M := \left(\sup_{|z| \le R_1} v(z)\right) \left(\sup_{|z| \le R_1} \frac{1}{v(z)}\right) + 1$$

and choose  $0 < \varepsilon < C^2/(AM)$ , where C (resp. A) is the constant from (3) (resp. (4)). Then fix  $f \in A\overline{V}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  satisfying  $\|\widehat{\mu}f\|_w \leq \varepsilon$ . To show that  $||f||_v \leq 1$ , fix  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  with  $|z| \geq R$ , apply Hörmander [14], Lemma 3.2, to  $f=\widehat{\mu}f/\widehat{\mu}$ , and use (3) and (4) together with the choice of p to get for  $z\in\mathbb{C}^n$ with  $|z| \geq R_1$ ,

v(z)|f(z)|(7) $\leq v(z)(\sup_{|\zeta-z|\leq 4r(z)}|\widehat{\mu}(\zeta)|)(\sup_{|\zeta-z|\leq 4r(z)}|\widehat{\mu}(\zeta)f(\zeta)|)(\sup_{|\zeta-z|\leq r(z)}|\widehat{\mu}(\zeta)|)^{-2}$  $\leq v(z) \frac{A}{w_I(z)} \left(\frac{1}{Cw_m(z)}\right)^2 \sup_{|\zeta-z| \leq 4r(z)} w(\zeta) |\widehat{\mu}(\zeta)f(\zeta)| / w(\zeta)$  $\leq \frac{Av(z)}{C^2 w_n(z)} \sup_{|\zeta-z| \leq Av(z)} \frac{\varepsilon}{w(\zeta)}$ 

By the continuity of w, the supremum in the last estimate is attained at some  $\zeta_0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  satisfying  $|\zeta_0 - z| \leq 4r(z)$ . Because of the definition of  $\widetilde{w}$  and the choice of w this implies

$$w(\zeta_0) \ge \widetilde{w}(\zeta_0) = \sup_{|\zeta - \zeta_0| \le 4r(\zeta)} \frac{v(\zeta)}{w_p(\zeta)} \ge \frac{v(z)}{w_p(z)}.$$

Hence from (7) we get

$$(8) \quad v(z)|f(z)| \leq AC^{-2}\varepsilon \frac{v(z)}{w_{p}(z)} \cdot \frac{1}{w(\zeta_{0})} \leq AC^{-2}\varepsilon < \frac{1}{M} < 1, \quad |z| \leq R_{1}.$$

By the maximum principle we conclude from this

(9) 
$$\sup_{|z| \le R_1} v(z)|f(z)| \le \sup_{|z| \le R_1} v(z) \cdot \frac{1}{\sup_{|z| \le R_1} v(z)} \cdot \frac{1}{M} < 1.$$

Obviously, (8) and (9) imply  $||f||_{v} \leq 1$ , which completes the proof.

**2.6.** PROPOSITION. Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and open sets  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\Omega_1 + \operatorname{Supp} \mu \subset \Omega_2$  be given. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

 $T_{\mu}: \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2) \to \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  is surjective.

 $T^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1))$  is closed in  $\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$ .

 $(\Omega_1,\Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for  $(\omega)$  and  $\mu$  is slowly decreasing for  $(\omega)$ .

 $(\Omega_1,\Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for  $(\omega)$  and there exists  $E\in \mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $S_{\mu}(E) = \delta$ .

 $S^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1))$  is closed in  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$ .

 $S^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1))$  is sequentially closed in  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$ .

 $S^{\overline{t}}_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1))\cap G$  is sequentially closed for each Fréchet subspace Gof  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$ .

 $(\Omega_2,\Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for  $(\omega)$  and the following condition holds: For each  $K_1$  compact in  $\Omega_1$  there exist  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and C > 0 such that  $\sup\nolimits_{x\in\mathbb{R}^n}|\varphi(x)|\leq C\|S^t_\mu\varphi\|_m \ \textit{for all}\ \varphi\in\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_1).$ 

Proof. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). This is well known; see e.g. Meise and Vogt [22], 26.3. (2)⇒(3). Since convolutions commute with translations, we may assume  $0\in\Omega_1$ . Then we choose  $\delta>0$  so that  $\overline{B_\delta(0)}\subset\Omega_1$ . If we assume that  $\mu$  is not slowly decreasing for  $\omega$  then also  $\nu \in \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  defined by  $\widehat{\nu}(z) := \widehat{\mu}(z/\delta)$  is not slowly decreasing for  $\omega$ . Therefore, it follows from the proof of Bonet and Galbis [3], Thm. 11, that there exists a sequence  $(f_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $\mathrm{ind}_{k \to} A(w_k, \mathbb{C}^n)$ , where  $w_k(z) := \exp(-k(|\mathrm{Im}\,z| + \omega(z)))$ , for which  $(\widehat{\nu}f_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  is bounded in  $\mathrm{ind}_{k \to} A(w_k, \mathbb{C}^n)$  while  $(f_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  is not bounded in this space and satisfies

$$|f_j(z)| \le C \exp(|\operatorname{Im} z| + C\omega(z))$$
 for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  with  $|z| \ge r_j$ ,

for some sequence  $(r_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  in  $]0,\infty[$ . Hence it follows from Braun, Meise and Taylor [6], 7.4, that there is a sequence  $(\nu_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  in  $\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  satisfying  $\widehat{\nu}_j(z)=f_j(\delta z)$ . Since  $\widehat{\mu}\ast\widehat{\nu}_j(z)=\widehat{\mu}(z)\widehat{\nu}_j(z)=\widehat{\nu}(\delta z)f_j(\delta z)$ , the sequence  $(T^t_{\mu}(\nu_j))_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$ , while  $(\nu_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  is unbounded in  $\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$ . However, this contradicts (2), since the injectivity of  $T^t_{\mu}$  in connection with (2) implies by Meise and Vogt [22], 26.3, that  $(T^t_{\mu})^{-1}:T^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1))\to \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  is continuous.

To show that the continuity of  $(T_{\mu}^t)^{-1}$  also implies the  $\mu$ -convexity of  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$ , let  $K_2$  be any compact subset of  $\Omega_2$ . Then the set

$$B := \{ \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_2) \cap S^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)) : \sup_{x \in K_2} |\varphi(x)| \le 1 \}$$

is bounded in  $\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$  and  $\mathrm{span}(B) = S^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1))$ . Hence  $(T^t_{\mu})^{-1}(B)$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$ . This implies the existence of a compact set  $K_1$  in  $\Omega_1$  so that  $\mathrm{Supp}\,\psi\subset K_1$  for each  $\psi\in (T^t_{\mu})^{-1}(B)$  and hence the  $\mu$ -convexity of  $(\Omega_1,\Omega_2)$ .

 $(3)\Rightarrow (4)$ . This holds by Proposition 2.5.

 $(4)\Rightarrow (6)$ . Let  $(\varphi_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  be any sequence in  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  for which  $(S^t_{\mu}\varphi_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  converges to some  $\psi$  in  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$ . Then there exists  $K_2$  compact in  $\Omega_2$  so that  $(S^t_{\mu}\varphi_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  converges in  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_2)$ . Since  $(\Omega_1,\Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex by hypothesis, there exists  $K_1$  compact in  $\Omega_1$  so that  $\varphi_n \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_1)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By hypothesis there exists a fundamental solution E in  $\mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $\mu$ . Hence we have

$$E * (S_{\mu}^t \varphi_j) = (E * \mu) * \varphi_j = \delta * \varphi_j = \varphi_j$$
 for each  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since convolution with E maps  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  continuously into  $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and since  $(\varphi_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  is in  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_1)$ , the sequence  $(\varphi_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  converges to some  $\varphi\in\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_1)$  which satisfies  $\psi=S^t_{\mu}(\varphi)\in S^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1))$ .

 $(6)\Rightarrow(7)$ . This holds trivially.

 $(7)\Rightarrow (8)$ . To show that  $(\Omega_1,\Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for  $(\omega)$ , fix a compact set  $K_2$  in  $\Omega_2$ . Then choose a sequence  $(Q_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  of compact sets in  $\Omega_1$  satisfying  $Q_j\subset Q_{j+1}$  for all  $j\in\mathbb{N}$  and  $\Omega_1=\bigcup_{j\in\mathbb{N}}\mathring{Q}_j$ . By (7),  $F:=S^t_\mu(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1))\cap\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_2)$  is a Fréchet space in the topology induced by  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_2)$  and  $F\subset\bigcup_{j=1}^\infty S^t_\mu(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(Q_j))$ . Hence Grothendieck's factorization theorem implies the existence of  $k\in\mathbb{N}$  and of a continuous linear map  $u:F\to\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(Q_k)$  so that

 $F \subset S^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(Q_k))$  and that  $S^t_{\mu} \circ u$  is the inclusion of F into  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$ . Since  $K_2$  was chosen arbitrarily,  $F \subset S^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(Q_k))$  implies the  $\mu$ -convexity of  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$ , while the continuity of u implies (8).

(8)=>(1). By Proposition 2.2 it suffices to show that the second condition in (8) implies the second one in 2.2(3). To do this, fix a compact set  $K_1$  in  $\Omega_1$  and  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . By 1.9 there exists  $P \in A(\mathbb{C}^n)$  satisfying  $\log |P| = O(\omega)$  so that for each  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_1)$ ,

$$\|\varphi\|_{K_1,j} \le \sup_{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n} |P(\xi)\widehat{\varphi}(\xi)| \le m_n(K_1) \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} |(P(D)\varphi)(x)|.$$

Then  $L:=K_1+\operatorname{Supp}\mu$  is compact in  $\Omega_2$  and for  $\varphi\in\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_1)$  we have  $S^t_{\mu}\varphi\in\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(L)\cap\mathcal{D}_{\omega}(\Omega_2)$ . Since  $P(D):\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(L)\to\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(L)$  is linear and continuous, there exist  $l\in\mathbb{N}$  and C'>0 so that for m as in (8),

$$||P(D)\varphi||_{L,m} \le C' ||\varphi||_{L,l}$$
 for each  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(L)$ .

Hence from (8) applied to  $P(D)\varphi$  we get

 $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} |(P(D)\varphi)(x)| \le C ||S_{\mu}^t(P(D)\varphi)||_m = C ||P(D)(S_{\mu}^t\varphi)||_{L,m} \le CC' ||S_{\mu}^t\varphi||_{l}$ 

and consequently

$$\|\varphi\|_{K_{1,j}} \leq m_n(K_1)CC'\|S_\mu^t\varphi\|_{l}.$$

 $(5)\Rightarrow(6)$ . This holds trivially.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (5). Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$  be in the closure of  $S^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1))$  in  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$ . Since  $\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$  is continuous,  $\varphi$  is in the closure of  $T^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1))$  in  $\mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)$ . Hence (2) implies the existence of  $\nu \in \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  satisfying  $\mu * \nu = \varphi$ . Since we have already shown that (2) and (4) are equivalent,  $\mu$  admits a fundamental solution  $E \in \mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Hence

$$\nu = (E * \mu) * \nu = E * (\mu * \nu) = E * \varphi.$$

This shows that  $\nu \in \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1) = \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$ , hence  $\varphi \in S^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1))$ .

By Propositions 2.2 and 2.6 we have proved the following theorem.

**2.7.** THEOREM. Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and open sets  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\Omega_1 + \operatorname{Supp} \mu \subset \Omega_2$  be given. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

(1)  $T_{\mu}: \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2) \to \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  is surjective.

(2)  $(S^t_{\mu})^{-1}: S^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)) \to \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1)$  is sequentially continuous.

 $(3) \quad \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1) \subset S_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)).$ 

(4)  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for  $(\omega)$  and there exists  $E \in \mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $S_{\omega}(E) = \delta$ .

(5)  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for  $(\omega)$  and for each  $K_1$  compact in  $\Omega_1$  there exist  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and C > 0 such that  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} |\varphi(x)| \leq C ||S_{\mu}^t \varphi||_m$  for all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{(\omega)}(K_1)$ .

The following corollary is an immediate consequence of Theorem 2.7. It extends and "explains" Bonet and Galbis [3], Thm. 11.

- **2.8.** COROLLARY. Let  $\omega$  and  $\sigma$  be weight functions satisfying  $\omega(t) = O(\sigma(t))$  as t tends to infinity. Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and open sets  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\Omega_1 + \operatorname{Supp} \mu \subset \Omega_2$  be given. Then the following conditions are equivalent:
- $(1) \quad \mathcal{E}_{(\sigma)}(\Omega_1) \subset T_{\mu}(\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)).$
- (2)  $T_{\mu}: \mathcal{E}_{(\sigma)}(\Omega_2) \to \mathcal{E}_{(\sigma)}(\Omega_1)$  is surjective.

Proof. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Since  $T_{\mu}(\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)) \subset S_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2))$ , (2) follows from Theorem 2.7.

- (2) $\Rightarrow$ (1). This is an obvious consequence of  $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2) \supset \mathcal{E}_{(\sigma)}(\Omega_2)$ .
- **2.9.** COROLLARY. For  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the following conditions are equivalent:
- (1)  $T_{\mu}: \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is surjective.
- (2) There exists  $E \in \mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfying  $S_{\mu}(E) = \delta$ .
- (3)  $\mu$  is slowly decreasing for  $(\omega)$ .
- (4)  $S_{\mu}: \mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is surjective.
- (5)  $\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset S_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\mathbb{R}^n)).$

Proof. (1) implies (2) by Theorem 2.7; (2) implies (3) by Proposition 2.6 and the  $\mu$ -convexity of  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$ ; (3) implies (4) by Proposition 2.5; (4) trivially implies (5) and (5) implies (1) by Theorem 2.7.

Remark. Note that by Braun, Meise and Taylor [6], 8.6, the equivalences (1)–(4) in Corollary 2.9 extend the main results of Cioranescu [9] from  $\mathbb R$  to  $\mathbb R^n$ . For n=1 the equivalence of the conditions 2.9(2)–2.9(4) together with a sequence representation for  $\ker S_{\mu}$  was derived in Franken and Meise [11].

3. The Roumieu case. In this section we characterize those ultradistributions  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for which the convolution operator  $S_{\mu} : \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2) \to \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$  is surjective, where  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  are appropriate open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Throughout this section  $\omega$  denotes a fixed weight function.

First we treat the case  $\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = \mathbb{R}^n$  and in doing this we will use the following slowly decreasing condition, corresponding to 2.3.

**3.1.** DEFINITION. An ultradistribution  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is called *slowly decreasing for*  $\{\omega\}$  if for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists R > 0 such that for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $|x| \geq R$  there exists  $\xi \in \mathbb{C}^n$  satisfying  $|x - \xi| \leq \frac{1}{m}\omega(x)$  such that  $|\widehat{\mu}(\xi)| \geq \exp\left(-\frac{1}{m}\omega(\xi)\right)$ .

- **3.2.** LEMMA. For  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the following conditions are equivalent:
- (1)  $\mu$  is slowly decreasing for  $\{\omega\}$ .
- (2) For each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists R > 0 such that for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $|x| \geq R$ , there exists  $\xi \in \mathbb{C}^n$  satisfying  $|x \xi| \leq \frac{1}{m}\omega(x)$  such that  $|\widehat{\mu}(\xi)| \geq \exp\left(-\frac{1}{m}\omega(x)\right)$ .
- (3) There exists a weight function  $\sigma$  with  $\sigma = o(\omega)$  such that  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{(\sigma)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\mu$  is slowly decreasing for  $(\sigma)$ .

Proof. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). In view of 1.1( $\alpha$ ) and 1.2(a) there exist  $K \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $R_0 > 0$  such that  $\omega(2t) \leq K\omega(t)$  and  $\omega(t) \leq t$  for  $t \geq R_0$ . If  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  is given, choose  $R_1 \geq R_0$  so that 3.1 holds with m replaced by Km. This implies that for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $|x| \geq R_1$  there exists  $\xi \in \mathbb{C}^n$  satisfying

$$|x-\xi| \leq \frac{1}{Km}\omega(x) \leq \frac{1}{m}\omega(x) \quad \text{and} \quad |\widehat{\mu}(\xi)| \geq \exp\bigg(-\frac{1}{Km}\omega(\xi)\bigg).$$

Now  $|\xi| \le |x| + |x - \xi| \le |x| + \frac{1}{m}|x| \le 2|x|$  implies

$$\frac{1}{Km}\omega(\xi) \le \frac{1}{Km}\omega(2|x|) \le \frac{1}{m}\omega(x)$$

and hence  $|\widehat{\mu}(\xi)| \ge \exp(-\frac{1}{m}\omega(x))$ .

 $(2)\Rightarrow(3)$ . By Braun, Meise and Taylor [6], 7.6, there exists a weight function  $\kappa$  so that  $\mu\in\mathcal{E}'_{(\kappa)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Applying (2) inductively, we find a strictly increasing sequence  $(R_m)_{m\in\mathbb{N}}$  tending to infinity so that the conclusion of (2) holds for  $x\in\mathbb{R}^n$  satisfying  $|x|\geq R_m$ . Then define  $g:[0,\infty[\to [0,\infty[\to g(x)=0]\omega]]$  by g(x)=0 for  $x\in[0,R_1[\to g(x):=\frac{1}{m}\omega(x)]$  for  $x\in[R_m,R_{m+1}[$ . Since  $g=o(\omega)$ , Braun, Meise and Taylor [6], 1.7, gives the existence of a weight function  $\sigma$  satisfying  $g=o(\sigma)$ ,  $\sigma=o(\omega)$  and  $\kappa\leq\sigma$ . To show that  $\mu$  is slowly decreasing for  $(\sigma)$ , choose l so that

$$\sigma(t) \le \omega(t)$$
,  $\sigma(t) \le t/2$  and  $g(t) \le \sigma(t)$  for  $t \ge R_l$ .

Then fix  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $|x| \ge R_l$  and choose  $m \ge l$  such that  $|x| \in [R_m, R_{m+1}]$ . By the choice of  $R_m$  there exists  $\xi \in \mathbb{C}^n$  satisfying

$$|x - \xi| \le \frac{1}{m}\omega(x) = g(x) \le \sigma(x)$$

such that

$$|\widehat{\mu}(\xi)| \ge \exp\left(-\frac{1}{m}\omega(x)\right) \ge \exp(-\sigma(x)).$$

Since  $\sigma$  is a weight function,  $1.1(\alpha)$  implies the existence of some  $L \geq 1$  so that  $\sigma(2t) \leq L\sigma(t)$  for  $t \geq R_l$ . Because of

$$|x| \le |\xi| + \sigma(x) \le |\xi| + |x|/2$$

we have  $\sigma(x) \leq L\sigma(\xi)$  and hence

$$|\widehat{\mu}(\xi)| \ge \exp(-L\sigma(\xi)) \ge \exp(-L(|\operatorname{Im} \xi| + \sigma(\xi))).$$

Thus,  $\mu$  is slowly decreasing for  $(\sigma)$ .

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1). By hypothesis,  $\mu$  satisfies condition 2.3 for some  $C \geq 1$  and  $\sigma$  instead of  $\omega$ . Without restriction we can assume that for some  $K \geq 1$ ,

$$\sigma(2t) \le K\sigma(t)$$
 for  $t \ge C$ .

Since  $\sigma = o(\omega)$  and  $\omega = o(t)$ , by 1.2(a) we can find  $C' \geq C$  such that

$$(C+C^2K)\sigma(t) \leq \frac{1}{m}\omega(t) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma(t) \leq \frac{1}{2C}t, \quad \text{for } t \geq \frac{C'}{2}.$$

Now fix  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $|x| \geq C' \geq C$ . Since  $\mu$  is slowly decreasing for  $(\sigma)$ , there exists  $\xi \in \mathbb{C}^n$  with  $|x - \xi| \leq C\sigma(x) \leq \frac{1}{m}\omega(x)$  such that

(6) 
$$|\widehat{\mu}(\xi)| \ge \exp(-C|\operatorname{Im} \xi| - C\sigma(\xi)).$$

Since  $|\xi| \ge |x| - C\sigma(x) \ge |x|/2$ , we have  $\sigma(x) \le K\sigma(\xi)$  and hence  $|\operatorname{Im} \xi| = |\operatorname{Im}(x - \xi)| \le C\sigma(x) \le CK\sigma(\xi)$ .

Therefore, (6) and our choice of C' imply

$$|\widehat{\mu}(\xi)| \ge \exp(-(C^2K + C)\sigma(\xi)) \ge \exp\left(-\frac{1}{m}\omega(\xi)\right).$$

Hence  $\mu$  is slowly decreasing for  $\{\omega\}$ .

To formulate the next proposition in such a way that it completely extends Braun, Meise and Vogt [7], Thm. 2.4, to the case of several variables, we recall the following definition from [7], 2.1.

- **3.3.** DEFINITION. For  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the convolution operator  $T_{\mu}$  is called locally surjective on  $\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if for each compact set K in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and each  $g \in \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  there exists  $f \in \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfying  $T_{\mu}(f)|_{K} = g|_{K}$ .
- **3.4.** Proposition. For  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the following assertions are equivalent:
- (1)  $S_{\mu}: \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is surjective.
- (2) There exists  $E \in \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfying  $S_{\mu}(E) = \delta$ .
- (3)  $\mu$  is slowly decreasing for  $\{\omega\}$ .
- (4) If  $B \subset \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $S^t_{\mu}(B)$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  then B is bounded in  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .
- (5)  $T_{\mu}$  is locally surjective on  $\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Proof.  $(1)\Rightarrow(2)$ . This holds trivially.

 $(2)\Rightarrow (3)$ . By Braun, Meise and Taylor [6], 7.6, there exists a weight function  $\sigma$  satisfying  $\sigma=o(\omega)$  such that  $\mu\in\mathcal{E}'_{(\sigma)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $E\in\mathcal{D}'_{(\sigma)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Since

 $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for  $(\sigma)$  and  $S_{\mu}(E) = \delta$ , also in  $\mathcal{D}'_{(\sigma)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\mu$  is slowly decreasing for  $(\sigma)$  by Proposition 2.6. Hence (3) follows from Lemma 3.2.

 $(3)\Rightarrow (4)$ . Fix an arbitrary subset B of  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for which  $M:=S^t_{\mu}(B)$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Since  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a (DFS)-space, there exist  $p\in\mathbb{N}$  and C>0 such that

(5) 
$$|\widehat{f}(z)| \le C \exp\left(p|\operatorname{Im} z| - \frac{1}{p}\omega(z)\right), \quad z \in \mathbb{C}^n, \ f \in M.$$

Since  $\mu$  is in  $\mathcal{E}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , there exists L>0 such that for each  $\varepsilon>0$  there exists  $C_{\varepsilon}>0$  so that

(6) 
$$|\widehat{\mu}(z)| \le C_{\varepsilon} \exp(L|\operatorname{Im} z| + \varepsilon \omega(z)), \quad z \in \mathbb{C}^{n}.$$

If  $f \in M$  then  $f = S^t_{\mu}(g) = \mu * g$  and hence  $\widehat{f} = \widehat{\mu}\widehat{g}$  for some  $g \in B$ . Consequently, (4) holds if we show the existence of A > 0,  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $C_0 > 0$  such that for each  $f \in M$  the entire function  $\widehat{g} = \widehat{f}/\widehat{\mu}$  satisfies

(7) 
$$|\widehat{g}(z)| \le C_0 \exp\left(A|\operatorname{Im} z| - \frac{1}{m}\omega(z)\right), \quad z \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

To prove this, note first that by (3), Lemma 3.2 and Lemma 2.4 there exists a weight function  $\sigma$  satisfying  $\sigma = o(\omega)$  such that there exist  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $C_1 > 0$  and  $R_0 \ge 1$  such that for each  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  with  $|z| \ge R_0$  there exists  $w \in \mathbb{C}^n$  satisfying  $|w - z| \le k\sigma(z) + |\operatorname{Im} z|$  such that

$$|\widehat{\mu}(w)| \ge C_1 \exp(-\nu |\operatorname{Im} z| - \nu \sigma(z)).$$

Since  $\sigma = o(\omega)$ , for each  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $R_q \geq R_0$  such that

$$(\nu + k)\sigma(t) \le \frac{1}{q}\omega(t)$$
 for  $t \ge R_q$ 

and hence for  $|z| \geq R_q$  the point w has the properties:

(8) 
$$|w-z| \le k\sigma(z) + |\operatorname{Im} z| \le \frac{1}{q}\omega(z) + |\operatorname{Im} z|,$$

$$|\widehat{\mu}(w)| \ge C_1 \exp\left(-\nu|\operatorname{Im} z| - \frac{1}{q}\omega(z)\right).$$

Now fix  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\varepsilon := 1/q$  and fix an arbitrary  $f \in M$ . Without restriction we may assume that  $R_q$  is so large that

$$\omega(4t) \leq \frac{1}{q}t \quad \text{for } t \geq R_q.$$

To prove (7) we want to apply Hörmander [14], 3.2. For that purpose let  $r:=r(z):=\frac{1}{q}\omega(z)+|\mathrm{Im}\,z|$  and fix  $\zeta\in\mathbb{C}^n$  with  $|z-\zeta|\leq 4r$ . Then

(9) 
$$|\operatorname{Im} \zeta| \le |\operatorname{Im} z| + 4r, \quad \omega(\zeta) \ge \frac{1}{K}\omega(z) - \frac{r}{q}$$

because  $1.1(\alpha)$  for  $\omega$  implies the existence of  $K \in \mathbb{N}$  so that

$$\omega(z) \le \omega(|\zeta| + 4r) \le K(\omega(\zeta) + \omega(4r)) \le K\left(\omega(\zeta) + \frac{r}{q}\right)$$

provided that  $R_a$  is large enough. Hence (5) implies

$$\begin{split} |\widehat{f}(\zeta)| & \leq C \exp \left( p(|\mathrm{Im}\,z| + 4r) - \frac{1}{pK} \omega(z) + \frac{r}{pq} \right) \\ & \leq C \exp \left( \left( 5p + \frac{1}{pq} \right) |\mathrm{Im}\,z| + \left( -\frac{1}{pK} + \frac{4p}{q} + \frac{1}{q^2p} \right) \omega(z) \right). \end{split}$$

Choosing  $\varepsilon = 1/q$  also in (6), we get similarly

$$|\widehat{\mu}(\zeta)| \leq C' \exp\bigg(\bigg(5L + \frac{K}{q^2}\bigg)|\mathrm{Im}\,z| + \frac{1}{q}\bigg(4L + K + \frac{K}{q^2}\bigg)\omega(z)\bigg).$$

Using (8), these estimates imply

$$(10) \quad (\sup_{|z-\zeta|\leq 4r}|\widehat{f}(\zeta)|)(\sup_{|z-\zeta|\leq 4r}|\widehat{\mu}(\zeta)|)(\sup_{|z-\zeta|\leq r}|\widehat{\mu}(\zeta)|)^{-2} \\ \leq \frac{CC'}{C_1^2}\exp(A_q|\operatorname{Im} z|+B_q\omega(z)),$$

where

$$A_q = 2\nu + 5(L+p) + \frac{1}{pq} + \frac{K}{q^2} \le 2\nu + 5(L+p) + K + 1,$$

$$B_q = -\frac{1}{pK} + \frac{1}{q} \left( 2 + 4(L+p) + K + \frac{K}{q^2} + \frac{1}{pq} \right).$$

This shows that we can choose  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  so large that  $B_q \leq -1/(2pK)$ . Then (10) implies

$$|\widehat{g}(z)| \leq C_0' \exp\bigg(A_q |\mathrm{Im}\,z| - \frac{1}{2pK} \omega(z)\bigg), \quad \ |z| \geq R_q.$$

Since  $C'_0$  and  $A_q$  do not depend on the particular function f, this estimate implies (7), by the maximum principle.

 $(4)\Rightarrow(1)$ . This follows from the surjectivity criterion 26.1 in Meise and Vogt [22],

 $(2)\Rightarrow (5)$ . If a compact set K in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $g\in \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  are given, choose  $\varphi\in \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  so that  $\varphi$  is identically 1 in some neighbourhood of K. Then  $f:=E*(\varphi g)$  is in  $\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if E is chosen according to (2). It is easy to see that  $T_{\mu}(f)|_{K}=g|_{K}$ .

 $(5)\Rightarrow (3)$ . Arguing by contradiction, assume that  $\mu$  is not slowly decreasing for  $\{\omega\}$ . Then there exist  $m_1\in\mathbb{N}$  and a sequence  $(x_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for

which  $(|x_j|)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  is increasing and unbounded and such that

$$|\widehat{\mu}(\zeta)| \leq \frac{1}{m_1} \omega(\zeta)$$
 for all  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}^n$  with  $|\zeta - x_j| \leq \frac{1}{m_1} \omega(x_j)$ .

Next choose  $D \geq 1$  and  $t_0 > 0$  such that  $\omega(2t) \leq D\omega(t)$  for  $t \geq t_0$  and choose  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  so large that  $2D/m \leq 1/m_1$ . To localize  $T_{\mu}$  as in Braun, Meise and Vogt [7], 1.8, choose k > 0 with Supp  $\mu \subset \overline{B_k(0)}$ , and for r > 0 let

$$\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(r) := \{ f \in \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n) : f|_{B_r(0)} \equiv 0 \}$$

Then define

$$\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[r] := \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)/\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(r)$$

and denote the corresponding quotient map by  $q_r$ . It is easy to check that the convolution operator  $T_{\mu}$  induces for each r>0 and  $R\geq r+k$  a continuous linear map

$$T_{\mu}(R,r):\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[R]\to\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[r],\quad T_{\mu}(R,r)[f+\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(R)]:=T_{\mu}(f)+\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(r).$$

Obviously,  $T_{\mu}$  is locally surjective if and only if the localized operators  $T_{\mu}(r+k,r)$  are surjective for each r>0. Note that by Braun, Meise and Vogt [7], 1.10,  $\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[r]$  is a (DFN)-space for each r>0 and that by the arguments given in the proof of [7], 2.3, the Fourier-Laplace transform is an isomorphism between  $\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[r]'$  and the Fréchet space

$$\begin{split} A_r(\mathbb{C}^n) := \\ \Big\{ f \in A(\mathbb{C}^n) : \|f\|_j := \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}^n} |f(z)| \exp\left(-\left(r + \frac{1}{j}\right) |\mathrm{Im}\,z| - \frac{1}{j}\omega(z)\right) < \infty \\ & \qquad \text{for each } j \in \mathbb{N} \Big\}. \end{split}$$

Hence (5) implies that  $T_{\mu}(m+k,m)$  is surjective. Since  $\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[r]$  is a (DFN)-space for each r>0,  $T_{\mu}(m+k,m)^t$  is an injective topological homomorphism. As in 1.8 this implies that also the map

$$M_{\widehat{\mu}}: A_m(\mathbb{C}^n) \to A_{m+k}(\mathbb{C}^n), \quad M_{\widehat{\mu}}(f) = \widehat{\mu}f,$$

has this property. Hence we get a contradiction if we show that there exists a sequence  $(f_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  in  $A_1(\mathbb{C}^n)$  which is unbounded in  $A_m(\mathbb{C}^n)$ , while  $(\widehat{\mu}f_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  is bounded in  $A_{m+k}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ . To construct this sequence, we proceed similarly to Momm [24] (see also [3], Thm. 11): For R>0 let  $h_{j,R}:\mathbb{C}^n\to\mathbb{R}$  be defined on  $\mathbb{C}^n\setminus B_R(x_j)$  as  $|\operatorname{Im} z|$  and on  $B_R(x_j)$  as

$$h_{j,R}(z) := \sup\{v(z) : v \text{ is plurisubharmonic on } B_R(x_j), \ \limsup_{\zeta \to \xi} v(\zeta) \le |\operatorname{Im} \xi| \text{ for } \xi \in \partial B_R(x_j)\}.$$

Then let  $\varphi_j := 1 + h_{j,s_j}$ , where  $s_j := 1 + \frac{1}{n}\omega(x_j)$ . By Momm [26],

$$\varphi_j(x_j) \ge \frac{2}{\pi\sqrt{n}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\omega(x_j)\right).$$

As in Momm [25], 1.8, we can apply Hörmander's solution of the  $\overline{\partial}$ -problem [15], 4.4.4, to prove that there exists  $f_j \in A(\mathbb{C}^n)$  satisfying

$$|f(x_j)| \ge \exp(\inf_{|w-x_j| \le 1} \varphi_j(w) - c_n \log(1 + |x_j|^2))$$
 and  $|f_j(z)| \le c_n \exp(\sup_{|w-z| \le 1} \varphi_j(w) - c_n \log(1 + |z|^2)),$ 

where  $c_n$  is a constant that depends only on the dimension n but not on j. Now standard estimates (see [3], Thm. 11) show that  $(f_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  is in  $A_1(\mathbb{C}^n)$  but unbounded in  $A_m(\mathbb{C}^n)$ , while  $(\widehat{\mu}f_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  is bounded in  $A_{m+k}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ . From this contradiction we conclude that (3) holds.

- **3.5.** THEOREM. Let  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and open sets  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\Omega_1 + \operatorname{Supp} \mu \subset \Omega_2$  be given. Then the following assertions are equivalent:
- (1)  $S_{\mu}: \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2) \to \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$  is surjective.
- (2)  $\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\tilde{\Omega_1}) \subset S_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\tilde{\Omega}_2)).$
- (3)  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for  $\{\omega\}$  and  $\mu$  is slowly decreasing for  $\{\omega\}$ .
- (4)  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for  $\{\omega\}$  and there exists  $E \in \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $S_{\mu}(E) = \delta$ .

Proof. (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2). Obviously, it suffices to show that (2) implies (1). We claim that (2) implies

(5) For each  $K_2 \subset \Omega_2$  compact and each  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$  there exist  $K_1 \subset \Omega_1$  compact, a weight function  $\sigma$  satisfying  $\sigma = o(\omega)$  and  $C \geq 1$  such that for each  $f \in \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$  and each  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$  with Supp  $S^t_{\mu}\varphi \subset K_2$ ,

$$\left| \int_{\Omega_1} f \varphi \, d\lambda \right| \le C \|f\|_{K_1, \sigma} |S^t_{\mu} \varphi|_{K_2, m}.$$

To prove (5), fix  $K_2 \subset \Omega_2$  compact and  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and let

 $H := \{v \in \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2) : \operatorname{Supp} v \subset K_2, \ v \in S^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1))\} \subset \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(K_2),$  endowed with the induced topology. Then define the bilinear form

$$B: \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1) \times H \to \mathbb{C}, \quad B(f,v) := \int f(S^t_\mu)^{-1} v \, d\lambda.$$

Note that  $B(f,v) = \langle f, (S^t_{\mu})^{-1}v \rangle$  in the dual pairing  $\langle \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1), \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1) \rangle$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$  is fixed then (2) implies the existence of  $u \in \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2)$  so that  $S_{\mu}(u) = f$  and hence

$$B(f,v) = \langle f, (S_{\mu}^t)^{-1}v \rangle = \langle S_{\mu}(u), (S_{\mu}^t)^{-1}v \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle.$$

Consequently,  $v \mapsto B(f, v)$  is continuous on H and we have shown that B is separately continuous. Next note that

$$B_m := \{ v \in \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2) : \text{Supp } v \subset K_2, \ v \in S^t_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)), \ |v|_{K_2, m} \le 1 \}$$

is bounded in H and that by the separate continuity of B the set

$$T := \{ f \in \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1) : |B(f, v)| \le 1 \text{ for all } v \in B_m \}$$

is closed and absolutely convex in  $\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$ . To show that T is absorbing and hence a barrel, fix  $f \in \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$ . Since B is separately continuous and  $B_m$  is bounded in H, we have

$$\sup_{v \in B_m} |B(f, v)| \le \lambda$$

and hence  $f \in \lambda T$ . Now note that  $\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$  is reflexive by Braun, Meise and Taylor [6], 4.9, hence barrelled. Therefore, T is a zero neighbourhood in  $\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$ . By Meise, Taylor and Vogt [21], 3.2, this implies that there exist  $K_1 \subset \Omega_1$  compact, a weight function  $\sigma$  with  $\sigma = o(\omega)$  and  $C \geq 1$  such that

$${f \in \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1) : ||f||_{K_1,\sigma} \le 1/C} \subset T.$$

From this and the definitions of T and B it follows easily that

(6) 
$$\left| \int f(S_{\mu}^{t})^{-1} v \, d\lambda \right| = |B(f, v)| \le C \|f\|_{K_{1}, \sigma} |v|_{K_{2}, m},$$

$$(f, v) \in \mathcal{E}_{\ell \omega^{1}}(\Omega_{1}) \times H.$$

Obviously (6) gives (5) if we replace v by  $S^t_{\mu}\varphi$ ,  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$ .

Next note that the surjectivity of  $S_{\mu}: \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2) \to \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$ , by the surjectivity criterion 26.1 of Meise and Vogt [22], is equivalent to

(7) If  $B \subset \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$  and  $S^t_{\mu}(B)$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2)$  then B is bounded in  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$ ,

since  $\mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_j)$  is a Fréchet space for j=1,2. To derive (7) from (5), fix any set  $B \subset \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$  which satisfies the hypothesis of (7). As  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2)$  is a (DFS)-space, there exist  $K_2 \subset \Omega_2$  compact,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and D > 0 such that

(8) 
$$\bigcup_{\varphi \in B} \operatorname{Supp} S^t_{\mu}(\varphi) \subset K_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \sup\{|S^t_{\mu}\varphi|_{K_2,m} : \varphi \in B\} \leq D.$$

For  $K_2$  and m as above, (5) implies that there exist  $K_1 \subset \Omega_1$  compact, a weight function  $\sigma$  with  $\sigma = o(\omega)$  and  $C \geq 1$  such that (5) holds with m+1 instead of m. To show that B is  $\sigma(\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(K_1), \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(K_1))$ -bounded, fix  $\nu \in \mathcal{E}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$ . By Braun [5], Cor. 10, there exist an ultradifferential operator G of class  $\{\omega\}$  and  $g \in \mathcal{E}_{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^n, 1)$  such that  $\nu = G(D)g$ . Next note that, by a standard smoothing argument, the estimate (5) holds not only for all  $f \in \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$  but even for all  $f \in \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\Omega_1)$  satisfying  $\|f\|_{K_1,\sigma} < \infty$ .

Note further that

$$S^t_{\mu}(G(-D)\varphi) = \mu * (T_{\tilde{G}} * \check{\varphi})(0)$$
  
=  $((T_{\tilde{G}} * \mu) * \check{\varphi})(0) = G(-D)(S^t_{\mu}\varphi), \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n),$ 

so that Supp  $S^t_{\mu}(G(\neg D)\varphi) \subset \text{Supp } S^t_{\mu}\varphi \subset K_2$  for each  $\varphi \in B$ . Therefore, (5) in the extended form gives for each  $\varphi \in B$ ,

(9) 
$$|\nu(\varphi)| = |G(D)g(\varphi)| = |g(G(-D)\varphi)| = \left| \int g(G(-D)\varphi) \, d\lambda \right|$$
$$\leq C||g||_{K_1,\sigma} |S_{\mu}^t(G(-D)\varphi)|_{K_2,m+1}.$$

Since  $\log |G| = o(\omega)$ , we have for each  $\psi \in \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$\int |(G(-D)\psi)^{\wedge}(\xi)|e^{\omega(\xi)/(m+1)} d\xi \leq \int |G(-\xi)\widehat{\psi}(\xi)|e^{\omega(\xi)/(m+1)} d\xi 
\leq L_m \int |\widehat{\psi}(\xi)|e^{\omega(\xi)/m} d\xi.$$

This together with (8) and (9) implies

$$|\nu(\varphi)| \le CDL_m ||g||_{K_1,\sigma}$$
 for all  $\varphi \in B$ .

This proves that B is weakly bounded, hence bounded in  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(K_1)$ .

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (3). To show that  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for  $\{\omega\}$ , note that by Braun, Meise and Taylor [6], 7.6, there exists a weight function  $\sigma$  satisfying  $\sigma = o(\omega)$  such that  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{(\sigma)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset \mathcal{E}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Note further that (1) implies

$$\mathcal{E}_{(\omega)}(\Omega_1) \subset \mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1) \subset S_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2)) \subset S_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}'_{(\omega)}(\Omega_2)).$$

Hence  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for  $(\omega)$ . By the remark after 2.1 this implies that  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for  $\{\omega\}$ .

In the remaining part of the proof we assume without restriction  $0 \in \Omega_1$ . Then we choose  $\delta > 0$  and k > 0 such that  $\overline{B_\delta(0)} \subset \Omega_1$  and  $\operatorname{Supp} \mu \subset \overline{B_k(0)}$ . Next we assume that  $\mu$  is not slowly decreasing for  $\{\omega\}$  and show that this contradicts (1). To do so, note that there exists  $\nu \in \mathcal{E}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfying  $\widehat{\nu}(z) = \widehat{\mu}(z/\delta)$  and  $\operatorname{Supp} \nu \subset \overline{B_{k/\delta}(0)}$ . Obviously,  $\nu$  is not slowly decreasing for  $\{\omega\}$  since  $\mu$  has this property. Using the notation introduced in the proof of Proposition 3.4,  $(5) \Rightarrow (3)$ , we get the existence of  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and of a sequence  $(f_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $A_1(\mathbb{C}^n)$  so that  $(\widehat{\nu}f_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  is bounded in  $A_{m+k/\delta}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ , while  $(f_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  is unbounded in  $A_m(\mathbb{C}^n)$ . Next note that for each s > 0 the map

$$arPhi:A_s(\mathbb{C}^n) o A_{\delta s}(\mathbb{C}^n), \quad arPhi(f)(z):=f(\delta z), \quad z\in\mathbb{C}^n,$$

is an isomorphism. Hence, if we let  $g_j := \Phi(f_j), \ j \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $g_j$  is in  $A_{\delta}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  and the sequence  $(g_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  is unbounded in  $A_{\delta m}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  while  $(\widehat{\mu}g_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  is bounded in  $A_{\delta m+k}$ , since  $\Phi(\widehat{\nu}f_j) = \widehat{\mu}g_j$ . Now note that for 0 < r < R the inclusion  $A_r(\mathbb{C}^n) \hookrightarrow A_R(\mathbb{C}^n)$  is a topological homomorphism since it is—up

to the Fourier-Laplace transform—the adjoint of the surjective homomorphism  $\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[R] \to \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[r]$ , which is induced by restriction. Since  $g_j \in A_{\delta}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  and  $\widehat{\mu}g_j \in A_{\delta+k}(\mathbb{C}^n)$  for  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , we conclude that  $(\widehat{\mu}g_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  is bounded in  $A_{\delta+k}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ , while  $(g_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  is unbounded in  $A_{\delta}(\mathbb{C}^n)$ . Hence

$$M\widehat{\mu}: A_{\delta}(\mathbb{C}^n) \to A_{\delta+k}(\mathbb{C}^n)$$

is not a topological homomorphism. Consequently,

(10)  $T_{\mu}(\delta + k, \delta) : \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[\delta + k] \to \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[\delta] \text{ is not surjective.}$ 

This contradicts (1) since we will show next that (1) implies

(11)  $T_{\mu}(\delta+k,\delta)^t: (\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[\delta])' \to (\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[\delta+k])'$  is an injective topological homomorphism.

And, as we have noted in the proof of Proposition 3.4 that  $\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[r]$  is a (DFS)-space for each r>0, (11) contradicts (10). Hence it suffices to derive (11) from (1). To do this, let  $(\nu_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $(\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[\delta])'$  for which  $(T_{\mu}(\delta+k,\delta)^t\nu_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  converges to zero strongly. In order to show that  $(\nu_j)_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$  converges strongly to zero in  $(\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[\delta])'$  we prove  $\sigma((\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[\delta])', \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[\delta])$ -lim $_{j\to\infty}\nu_j=0$ , which is sufficient because  $(\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[\delta])'$  is a Fréchet–Schwartz space. To do so, note that by the definition of the maps  $T_{\mu}(R,r)$ , we have

$$T_{\mu}(\delta+k,\delta)\circ q_{\delta+k}=q_{\delta}\circ T_{\mu},$$

where  $q_r: \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}[r]$  denotes the quotient map. Consequently,  $(T^t_{\mu}(\nu_j \circ q_{\delta}))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to zero in  $\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)'$ . Now choose  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\overline{B_{\delta+\varepsilon}(0)} \subset \Omega_1$  and fix  $\chi \in \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(B_{\varepsilon}(0))$ . Then  $(\nu_j \circ q_{\delta}) * \chi \in \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(B_{\delta+\varepsilon}(0)) \subset \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$  and

$$S^t_{\mu}((\nu_j \circ q_{\delta}) * \chi) = \mu * (\nu_j \circ q_{\delta}) * \chi = T^t_{\mu}(\nu_j \circ q_{\delta}) * \chi$$

tends to zero in  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Hence it tends to zero in  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2)$ . Since  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)'$  and  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2)'$  are Fréchet-Schwartz spaces, (1) implies that  $S^t_{\mu}$  is an injective topological homomorphism. Therefore, we conclude that  $((\nu_j \circ q_\delta) * \chi)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a null-sequence in  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$  for each  $\chi \in \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(B_{\varepsilon}(0))$ . By the same argument that we used in the proof of Proposition 2.2,  $(3) \Rightarrow (4)$ , this implies that  $(\nu_j \circ q_\delta(f))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a null-sequence for each  $f \in \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Hence  $(\nu_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a weak null-sequence, which completes the proof.

 $(3)\Rightarrow (4)$ . This holds by Proposition 3.4.

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Since  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_j)_b'$  is a Fréchet space for j=1,2, we get (1) from the surjectivity criterion [22], 26.1, if we show:

If  $M \subset \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$  and  $S^t_{\mu}(M)$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2)$  then M is bounded in  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$ .

To prove this, fix M as above. Since  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2)$  is a (DFN)-space there exists  $K_2 \subset \Omega_2$  compact so that  $S^t_{\mu}(M)$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(K_2)$ . Choose

 $K_1 \subset \Omega_1$  compact according to the  $\mu$ -convexity of  $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$  and note that  $E*: \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(K_2) \to \mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is continuous and linear. Hence  $E*S^t_{\mu}(M) = M$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and has support in  $K_1$ . This implies that M is bounded in  $\mathcal{D}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$ .

Remark. Note that the conditions in 3.5 in general are not equivalent to the surjectivity of  $T_{\mu}: \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2) \to \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_1)$ . For  $\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = \mathbb{R}^n$  this follows from an easy extension of Braun, Meise and Vogt [7], Ex. 3.11, to the case of several variables. By Meyer [23], Thm. 3.13, this example also shows that there are  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with Supp  $\mu = \{0\}$  and open sets  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  so that  $T_{\mu}: \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega) \to \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega)$  is not surjective. In fact, even linear partial differential operators with constant coefficients in general are not surjective on  $\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega)$ ,  $\Omega$  open in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For a characterization and references to earlier work on this subject we refer to Langenbruch [18].

- **3.6.** COROLLARY. Let  $\omega$  and  $\sigma$  be weight functions satisfying  $\omega = o(\sigma)$ , let  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  be open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $\mu \in \mathcal{E}'_{\{\omega\}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfy  $\Omega_1 + \operatorname{Supp} \mu \subset \Omega_2$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:
- $(1) \quad \mathcal{E}_{\{\sigma\}}(\Omega_1) \subset T_{\mu}(\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2)).$
- (2)  $S_{\mu}: \mathcal{D}'_{\{\sigma\}}(\Omega_1) \to \mathcal{D}'_{\{\sigma\}}(\Omega_2)$  is surjective.

Proof. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Since  $\omega = o(\sigma)$ , from Braun, Meise and Taylor [6], 3.9, and (1) we get

$$\mathcal{E}_{\{\sigma\}}(\Omega_1) \subset T_{\mu}(\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2)) \subset S_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}'_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2)) \subset S_{\mu}(\mathcal{D}'_{\{\sigma\}}(\Omega_2)).$$

Hence (2) follows from Theorem 3.5.

 $(2)\Rightarrow (1)$ . By Theorem 3.5, there exists  $E\in \mathcal{D}'_{\{\sigma\}}(\mathbb{R})$  satisfying  $E*\mu=\delta$ . By [6], 7.6, there exists a weight function  $\kappa, \kappa=o(\sigma)$  and  $\omega\leq\kappa$ , so that  $\mu\in\mathcal{E}'_{(\kappa)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $E\in\mathcal{D}'_{(\kappa)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Again by Theorem 3.5, the pair  $(\Omega_1,\Omega_2)$  is  $\mu$ -convex for  $\{\sigma\}$ , hence also for  $(\kappa)$ , by the remark after 2.1. Thus Proposition 2.6 implies  $T_{\mu}(\mathcal{E}_{(\kappa)}(\Omega_2))=\mathcal{E}_{(\kappa)}(\Omega_1)$  and hence

$$\mathcal{E}_{\{\sigma\}}(\Omega_1) \subset \mathcal{E}_{(\kappa)}(\Omega_1) = T_{\mu}(\mathcal{E}_{(\kappa)}(\Omega_2)) \subset T_{\mu}(\mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2)),$$

since  $\mathcal{E}_{(\kappa)}(\Omega_2) \subset \mathcal{E}_{\{\omega\}}(\Omega_2)$ .

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