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# Distributions and Fourier Analysis

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- ▶ Basic notations;
- ▶ Support of a function;
- ▶ Test functions;
- ▶ Convolution.

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### Remark

Given  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n$  we say that  $\beta \leq \alpha$  if  $\beta_j \leq \alpha_j$ , for each  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . In particular, it is well defined the number

$$\binom{\alpha}{\beta} \doteq \prod_{j=1}^n \binom{\alpha_j}{\beta_j}, \text{ for } \beta \leq \alpha.$$

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## Leibniz's rule

$$\partial^\alpha (f \cdot g) = \sum_{\beta=0}^{\alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} \partial^\beta f \cdot \partial^{\alpha-\beta} g.$$

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## Exercise

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## Theorem (Lebesgue Differentiation Theorem)

If  $h \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$  then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \int_{|x-y| < t} |h(x) - h(y)| dy = 0, \quad a.e.$$

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## Theorem (Young's Inequality)

Let  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . Then the integral

$$f * g(x) \doteq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x-y)g(y)dy$$

exists for almost everywhere  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Moreover,  $f * g \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and

$$\|f * g\| \leq \|f\|_1 \cdot \|g\|_p.$$