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## An approximation theorem in Musielak-Orlicz-Sobolev spaces

**Abstract.** In this paper we prove the uniform boundedness of the operators of convolution in the Musielak-Orlicz spaces and the density of  $C_0^\infty(R^n)$  in the Musielak-Orlicz-Sobolev spaces by assuming a condition of Log-Hölder type of continuity.

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $\Omega$  be an open set in  $R^n$  and let  $\varphi$  be a real-valued function defined in  $\Omega \times R_+$  and satisfying the following conditions :

a)  $\varphi(x, \cdot)$  is an N-function [convex, increasing, continuous,  $\varphi(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $\varphi(x, t) > 0$  for all  $t > 0$ ,  $\frac{\varphi(x,t)}{t} \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\frac{\varphi(x,t)}{t} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  ]

b)  $\varphi(\cdot, t)$  is a measurable function for any  $t \in R_+$ .

A function  $\varphi(x, t)$  which satisfies the conditions a) and b) is called a Musielak-Orlicz function.

We define the functional

$$\varrho_{\varphi, \Omega}(u) = \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x, |u(x)|) dx,$$

where  $u : \Omega \rightarrow R$  is a Lebesgue measurable function. In the following the measurability of a function  $u : \Omega \rightarrow R$  means the Lebesgue measurability.

The set

$$K_{\varphi}(\Omega) = \{u : \Omega \rightarrow R \text{ measurable} / \varrho_{\varphi, \Omega}(u) < +\infty\}$$

is called the generalized Orlicz class.

The Musielak-Orlicz space (the generalized Orlicz spaces)  $L_{\varphi}(\Omega)$  is the vector space generated by  $K_{\varphi}(\Omega)$ , that is,  $L_{\varphi}(\Omega)$  is the smallest linear space containing

the set  $K_\varphi(\Omega)$ .

Equivalently:

$$L_\varphi(\Omega) = \left\{ u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ measurable} / \varrho_{\varphi,\Omega}\left(\frac{|u(x)|}{\lambda}\right) < +\infty, \text{ for some } \lambda > 0 \right\}$$

Let

$$\psi(x, s) = \sup_{t \geq 0} \{st - \varphi(x, t)\},$$

that is,  $\psi$  is the Musielak-Orlicz function complementary to  $\varphi(x, t)$  in the sense of Young with respect to the variable  $s$ .

In the space  $L_\varphi(\Omega)$  we define the following two norms:

$$\|u\|_{\varphi,\Omega} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 / \int_{\Omega} \varphi\left(x, \frac{|u(x)|}{\lambda}\right) dx \leq 1 \right\}.$$

which is called the Luxemburg norm and the so-called Orlicz norm by :

$$\| |u| \|_{\varphi,\Omega} = \sup_{\|v\|_{\psi} \leq 1} \int_{\Omega} |u(x)v(x)| dx.$$

where  $\psi$  is the Musielak-Orlicz function complementary to  $\varphi$ . These two norms are equivalent [19].

We say that a sequence of functions  $u_n \in L_\varphi(\Omega)$  is modular convergent to  $u \in L_\varphi(\Omega)$  if there exists a constant  $k > 0$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varrho_{\varphi,\Omega}\left(\frac{u_n - u}{k}\right) = 0.$$

For any fixed nonnegative integer  $m$  we define

$$W^m L_\varphi(\Omega) = \{u \in L_\varphi(\Omega) : \forall |\alpha| \leq m \ D^\alpha u \in L_\varphi(\Omega)\}$$

where  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)$  with nonnegative integers  $\alpha_i$   $|\alpha| = |\alpha_1| + |\alpha_2| + \dots + |\alpha_n|$  and  $D^\alpha u$  denote the distributional derivatives. The space  $W^m L_\varphi(\Omega)$  is called the Musielak-Orlicz-Sobolev space.

Let

$$\bar{\varrho}_{\varphi,\Omega}(u) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \varrho_{\varphi,\Omega}(D^\alpha u) \text{ and } \|u\|_{\varphi,\Omega}^m = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \bar{\varrho}_{\varphi,\Omega}\left(\frac{u}{\lambda}\right) \leq 1 \right\}$$

for  $u \in W^m L_\varphi(\Omega)$ . These functionals are a convex modular and a norm on  $W^m L_\varphi(\Omega)$ , respectively, and the pair  $\langle W^m L_\varphi(\Omega), \|u\|_{\varphi,\Omega}^m \rangle$  is a Banach space if  $\varphi$  satisfies the following condition [19]:

- (1) there exist a constant  $c > 0$  such that  $\inf_{x \in \Omega} \varphi(x, 1) \geq c$ .

We say that a sequence of functions  $u_n \in W^m L_\varphi(\Omega)$  is modular convergent to  $u \in W^m L_\varphi(\Omega)$  if there exists a constant  $k > 0$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{\varrho}_{\varphi, \Omega} \left( \frac{u_n - u}{k} \right) = 0.$$

For two Musielak-Orlicz functions  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  the following inequality is called the young inequality [19]:

$$(2) \quad t.s \leq \varphi(x, t) + \psi(x, s) \text{ for } t, s \geq 0, x \in \Omega$$

This inequality implies the inequality

$$(3) \quad |||u|||_{\varphi, \Omega} \leq \varrho_{\varphi, \Omega}(u) + 1.$$

In  $L_\varphi(\Omega)$  we have the relation between the norm and the modular :

$$(4) \quad |||u|||_{\varphi, \Omega} \leq \varrho_{\varphi, \Omega}(u) \text{ if } |||u|||_{\varphi, \Omega} > 1$$

$$(5) \quad |||u|||_{\varphi, \Omega} \geq \varrho_{\varphi, \Omega}(u) \text{ if } |||u|||_{\varphi, \Omega} \leq 1$$

For two complementary Musielak-Orlicz functions  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  let  $u \in L_\varphi(\Omega)$  and  $v \in L_\psi(\Omega)$  we have the Hölder inequality [19]:

$$(6) \quad \left| \int_{\Omega} u(x)v(x) dx \right| \leq |||u|||_{\varphi, \Omega} |||v|||_{\psi, \Omega}.$$

In this paper we assume that there exists a constant  $A > 0$  such that for all  $x, y \in \Omega : |x - y| \leq \frac{1}{2}$  we have :

$$(7) \quad \frac{\varphi(x, t)}{\varphi(y, t)} \leq t^{\frac{A}{\log(\frac{1}{|x-y|})}}$$

for all  $t \geq 1$ .

For examples of Musielak-Orlicz functions which verify (7) see §Examples.

The aim of this paper is to prove the density of space of class  $C^\infty$  functions with compact supports in  $R^n$   $C_0^\infty(R^n)$  in the space  $W^m L_\varphi(R^n)$  for the modular convergence, under the assumption (7).

Our result generalizes that of Gossez in [14] in the case of classical Orlicz spaces and that of Samko [21] in the case of variable exponent Sobolev spaces  $W^{m,p(x)}(R^n)$ .

A similar result has been proved by Hudzik in [16] and [17] by assuming the following condition:

$$(8) \quad \int M(x, |f_\varepsilon(x)|) dx \leq K \int M(x, |f(x)|) dx$$

for all function  $f \in L_M(R^n)$ , where  $f_\varepsilon$  is a regularized function of  $f$ . In our paper we don't assume any condition of type (8).

For others approximations results in Musielak-Orlicz-Sobolev spaces and some applications to nonlinear partial differential equations see [9].

And for nonlinear equations in classical Orlicz spaces see [1], [2], [3], [5], [6], [8], [10], [13], [11], [15], [12] and references within.

**2. Main results.** Let  $K(x)$  be a measurable function with support in the ball  $B_R = B(0, R)$  and let

$$K_\varepsilon(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^n} K\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right).$$

We consider the family of operators

$$(9) \quad K_\varepsilon f(x) = \int_{\Omega} K_\varepsilon(x-y) f(y) dy.$$

We define

$$\Omega_R = \{x \in R^n : \text{dist}(x, \Omega) \leq R\} \supseteq \Omega, 0 < R < \infty.$$

**THEOREM 2.1** *Let  $K(x) \in L^\infty(B_R)$  and let  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  be two complementary Musielak-Orlicz functions such that  $\varphi$  satisfies the conditions (1), (7) and*

$$(10) \quad \text{if } D \subset \Omega \text{ is a bounded measurable set, then } \int_D \varphi(x, 1) dx < \infty.$$

*And  $\psi$  satisfies the following condition:*

$$(11) \quad \psi(x, 1) \leq C \text{ a.e in } \Omega.$$

*Then the operators  $K_\varepsilon$  are uniformly bounded from  $L_\varphi(\Omega)$  into  $L_\varphi(\Omega_R)$ , namely*

$$(12) \quad \|K_\varepsilon f\|_{\varphi, \Omega_R} \leq C \|f\|_{\varphi, \Omega} \quad \forall f \in L_\varphi(\Omega),$$

*where  $C > 0$  does not depend on  $\varepsilon$ .*

**REMARK 2.2** For any Musielak-Orlicz function  $\varphi$  we can replace it by a Musielak-Orlicz function  $\bar{\varphi}$  which is globally equivalent to  $\varphi$  such that  $\bar{\varphi}(x, 1) + \bar{\psi}(x, 1) = 1$ , where  $\bar{\psi}$  is the Musielak-Orlicz function complementary to  $\bar{\varphi}$  (see [20], §2.4). Hence by (1) we may assume without loss of generality that the condition (11) is always satisfied.

THEOREM 2.3 *Let  $\varphi$  and  $K(x)$  satisfy the assumptions of theorem 1 and*

$$(13) \quad \int_{B_R} K(y) dy = 1.$$

*Then (9) is an identity approximation in  $L_\varphi(\Omega)$ , that is,*

$$(14) \quad \exists \lambda > 0 : \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varrho_{\varphi, \Omega_R} \left( \frac{K_\varepsilon f - f}{\lambda} \right) = 0, \quad f \in L_\varphi(\Omega).$$

Let

$$(15) \quad f_\varepsilon(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^n |B(0, 1)|} \int_{y \in \Omega, |y-x| < \varepsilon} f(y) dy$$

COROLLARY 2.4 *Under the assumptions of Theorem 2.1 ,*

$$(16) \quad \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varrho_{\varphi, \Omega} \left( \frac{f_\varepsilon - f}{\lambda} \right) = 0 \text{ for some } \lambda > 0.$$

REMARK 2.5 . The statement (16) is an analogue of mean continuity property for Musielak-Orlicz spaces, but with respect to the averaged shift operator (15).

COROLLARY 2.6 *Under the assumptions of Theorem 2.1 with  $\Omega = R^n$ ,  $C_0^\infty(R^n)$  is dense in  $L_\varphi(R^n)$  with respect to the modular topology.*

THEOREM 2.7 *Let  $\varphi$  be a Musielak-Orlicz function which satisfies the assumptions of Theorem 2.1 with  $\Omega = R^n$ . Then  $C_0^\infty(R^n)$  is dense in  $W^m L_\varphi(R^n)$  with respect to the modular topology.*

**Examples.** Let  $p : \Omega \mapsto [1, \infty)$  be a measurable function such that there exist a constant  $c > 0$  such that for all points  $x, y \in \Omega$  with  $|x - y| < \frac{1}{2}$ , we have the inequality

$$|p(x) - p(y)| \leq \frac{c}{\log\left(\frac{1}{|x-y|}\right)}.$$

Then the following Musielak-Orlicz functions satisfy the conditions of Theorem 2.1 :

1.  $\varphi(x, t) = t^{p(x)}$  such that  $\sup_{x \in \Omega} p(x) < \infty$ ,
2.  $\varphi(x, t) = t^{p(x)} \log(1 + t)$ ,
3.  $\varphi(x, t) = t(\log(t + 1))^{p(x)}$ ,

$$4. \varphi(x, t) = (e^t)^{p(x)} - 1.$$

### 3. Proofs.

PROOF (OF THEOREM 2.1) .

We assume that

$$(17) \quad \|f\|_{\varphi, \Omega} \leq 1.$$

It suffices to show that

$$(18) \quad \varrho_{\varphi, \Omega_R}(K_\varepsilon f) = \int_{\Omega_R} \varphi(x, |K_\varepsilon f(x)|) dx \leq c$$

for some  $\varepsilon$  such that  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon^0 \leq 1$ , and  $c > 0$  independent of  $f$ .

Let

$$\Omega_R = \cup_{k=1}^N \omega_R^k$$

be any partition of  $\Omega_R$  into small parts  $\omega_R^k$  comparable with the given  $\varepsilon$ :

$$\text{diam } \omega_R^k \leq \varepsilon, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N = N(\varepsilon).$$

We represent the integral in (18) as

$$(19) \quad \varrho_{\varphi, \Omega_R}(K_\varepsilon f) = \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{\omega_R^k} \varphi(x, |\int_{\Omega} K_\varepsilon(x-y)f(y) dy|) dx.$$

We put

$$(20) \quad \varphi_k(t) = \inf\{\varphi(x, t), x \in \Omega_R^k\} \leq \inf\{\varphi(x, t), x \in \omega_R^k\}$$

where some larger partition  $\Omega_R^k \supset \omega_R^k$  will be chosen later comparable with  $\varepsilon$  :

$$(21) \quad \text{diam } \Omega_R^k \leq m\varepsilon, \quad m > 1.$$

Hence :

$$(22) \quad \varrho_{\varphi, \Omega_R}(K_\varepsilon f) = \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{\omega_R^k} A_k(x, \varepsilon) \varphi_k(|\int_{\Omega} K_\varepsilon(x-y)f(y) dy|) dx .$$

where

$$A_k(x, \varepsilon) := \frac{\varphi(x, |\int_{\Omega} K_\varepsilon(x-y)f(y) dy|)}{\varphi_k(|\int_{\Omega} K_\varepsilon(x-y)f(y) dy|)}$$

We shall prove the uniform estimate

$$(23) \quad A_k(x, \varepsilon) \leq c, \quad x \in \omega_R^k$$

where  $c > 0$  does not depend on  $x \in \omega_R^k$ ,  $k$  and  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon^0)$  with some  $\varepsilon^0 > 0$ .

By (6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(x, \varepsilon) := \left| \int_{\Omega} K_{\varepsilon}(x-y)f(y) dy \right| &\leq \frac{M}{\varepsilon^n} \int_{\Omega} |\chi_{B_{\varepsilon R}}(y)f(y)| dy \\ &\leq \frac{M}{\varepsilon^n} \|f\|_{\varphi} \|\chi_{B_{\varepsilon R}}\|_{\psi} \end{aligned}$$

where  $M = \sup_{B_R} |K(y)|$ .

By (3) and the condition (11) we obtain

$$(24) \quad \|\chi_{B_{\varepsilon R}}\|_{\psi} \leq c_2 |B_{\varepsilon R}| + 1 \leq c_2 + 1$$

for  $0 < \varepsilon \leq |B(0, 1)|^{-\frac{1}{n}} := \varepsilon_1^0$ .

Hence

$$(25) \quad \alpha(x, \varepsilon) \leq \frac{c_1}{\varepsilon^n}.$$

We observe now that by (7) and (20) we have

$$(26) \quad \frac{\varphi(x, t)}{\varphi_k(t)} = \frac{\varphi(x, t)}{\varphi(\xi_k, t)} \leq t^{\frac{A}{\log(|x-\xi_k|)}}$$

where  $x \in \omega_R^k$ ,  $\xi_k \in \Omega_R^k$ . Evidently  $|x - \xi_k| \leq \text{diam } \Omega_R^k \leq m\varepsilon$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} A_k(x, \varepsilon) &= \frac{\varphi(x, \alpha(x, \varepsilon))}{\varphi(\xi_k, \alpha(x, \varepsilon))} \leq (\alpha(x, \varepsilon))^{\frac{A}{\log(\frac{1}{m\varepsilon})}} \\ (27) \quad &\leq (c_1 \varepsilon^{-n})^{\frac{A}{\log(\frac{1}{m\varepsilon})}} \leq (c_1)^{\frac{A}{\log(\frac{1}{m})}} (\varepsilon^{-n})^{\frac{A}{\log(\frac{1}{m\varepsilon})}} \end{aligned}$$

under the assumption that  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{2m} := \varepsilon_2^0$ .

Then from (27)

$$(28) \quad A_k(x, \varepsilon) \leq c_4 := c_3 e^{2nA}, \quad c_3 = (c_1)^{\frac{A}{\log(\frac{1}{m})}}$$

for  $x \in \omega_R^k$  and

$$(29) \quad 0 < \varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{m^2} := \varepsilon_3^0.$$

Therefore, we have the uniform estimate (23) with  $c = c_3 e^{2nA}$  and  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon^0$ ,  $\varepsilon^0 = \min_{1 \leq k \leq 3} \varepsilon_k^0$ ,  $\varepsilon_k^0$  being given above.

Using the estimate (23) we obtain from (22)

$$(30) \quad \varrho_{\varphi, \Omega_R}(K_\varepsilon f) = c \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{\omega_R^k} \varphi_k \left( \left| \int_{\Omega} K_\varepsilon(x-y) f(y) dy \right| \right) dx .$$

So by the Jensen integral inequality we obtain

$$(31) \quad \begin{aligned} \varrho_{\varphi, \Omega_R}(K_\varepsilon f) &\leq c \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{|y| < \varepsilon R} |K_\varepsilon(y)| dy \int_{\omega_R^k} \varphi_k(f(x-y)) dx \\ &= c \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{|y| < R} |K(y)| dy \int_{x+\varepsilon y \in \omega_R^k} \varphi_k(f(x)) dx \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, the domain of integration in  $x$  in the last integral is embedded into the domain

$$(32) \quad \bigcup_{y \in B_{\varepsilon R}} \{x : x+y \in \omega_R^k\}$$

which does not depend on  $y$ . Now, we choose the sets  $\Omega_R^k$  in (20), which were not determined until now, as the sets (32). Then, evidently,  $\Omega_R^k \supset \omega_R^k$ , and it is easily seen that

$$(33) \quad \text{diam } \Omega_R^k \leq (1+2R)\varepsilon$$

so the requirement (21) is satisfied with  $m = 1 + 2R$ .

From (32) we have

$$(34) \quad \begin{aligned} \varrho_{\varphi, \Omega_R}(K_\varepsilon f) &\leq c \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{|y| < R} |K(y)| dy \int_{\Omega_R^k} \varphi_k(f(x)) dx \\ &\leq c \int_{|y| < R} |K(y)| dy \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{\Omega_R^k \cap \Omega} \varphi_k(f(x)) dx \end{aligned}$$

In view of (33), the covering  $\{\omega_k = \Omega_R^k \cap \Omega\}_{k=1}^N$  has a finite multiplicity (that is, each point  $x \in \Omega$  belongs simultaneously to not more than a finite number  $n_0$  of the sets  $w_k$ ,  $n_0 \leq 1 + (1+2R)^n$  in this case).

Therefore,

$$(35) \quad \varrho_{\varphi, \Omega_R}(K_\varepsilon f) \leq c_5 \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\varphi}(x, f(x)) dx,$$

where

$$\tilde{\varphi}(x, t) = \max_i \varphi_i(t),$$

the maximum being taken with respect to all the sets  $\omega_k$  containing  $x$ . Evidently,  $\tilde{\varphi}(x, t) \leq \varphi(x, t) \quad \forall x \in \Omega$ .

Then from (35) and (17) we arrive at the final estimate

$$(36) \quad \varrho_{\varphi, \Omega_R}(K_\varepsilon f) \leq c_5 \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x, f(x)) dx \leq c_5. \quad \blacksquare$$



PROOF (OF THEOREM 2.3) .

To prove (14), we use the Theorem 2.1, which provides the uniform boundedness of the operators  $K_\varepsilon$  from  $L_\varphi(\Omega)$  into  $L_\varphi(\Omega_R)$ . Then by the Banach-Steinhaus theorem it suffices to verify that (14) holds for some dense set in  $L_\varphi(\Omega)$ . So, it is sufficient to prove (14) for the characteristic function  $\chi_E(x)$  of any bounded measurable set  $E \subset \Omega$  [19]. We have

$$K_\varepsilon(\chi_E)(x) - \chi_E(x) = \int_{B_R} k(y)[\chi_E(x - \varepsilon y) - \chi_E(x)]dy,$$

Hence for  $\lambda > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho_{\varphi, \Omega_R} \left( \frac{K_\varepsilon(\chi_E) - \chi_E}{\lambda} \right) &= \int_{\Omega_R} \varphi(x, \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{B_R} k(y)[\chi_E(x - \varepsilon y) - \chi_E(x)]dy) dx \\ &\leq \int_{B_R} k(y) \left( \int_{\Omega_R} \varphi(x, \frac{1}{\lambda} [\chi_E(x - \varepsilon y) - \chi_E(x)]) dx \right) dy \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

by the Fubini theorem and the Jensen inequality. Hence by the condition (10) and the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem we obtain (14) for some  $\lambda > 0$ .

PROOF (OF COROLLARY 2.4) .

To obtain Corollary 2.4 from Theorem 2.1, it suffices to choose  $K(y) = \frac{1}{|B(0,1)|} \chi_{B(0,1)}(y)$  .

PROOF (OF COROLLARY 2.6) .

Let  $\chi_N(x) = \chi_{B(0,N)}(x)$ . Then the functions  $f^N(x) = \chi_N(x)f(x)$  have compact supports and for the approximate of  $f(x) \in L_\varphi(R^n)$  by  $f^N$ , we have :

$$\varrho_{\varphi, R^n} \left( \frac{f - f^N}{\lambda} \right) = \int_{R^n} \varphi(x, \left( \frac{f - f^N}{\lambda} \right)(x)) dx = \int_{|x| > N} \varphi(x, \frac{f(x)}{\lambda}) dx \rightarrow 0$$

as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

Therefore, we may consider  $f(x)$  with a compact support in the ball  $B_N$  from the very beginning. To approximate the  $f(x)$  by  $C_0^\infty$ , we use the identity approximation

$$(37) \quad f_\varepsilon(x) = \int_{R^n} K_\varepsilon(x - t)f(t)dt = \int_{|y| < 1} K(y)f(x - \varepsilon y)dy$$

where  $k(y) \in C_0^\infty(R^n)$  has its support in the ball  $B_1$  and satisfies

$$\int_{|y| < 1} K(y)dy = 1.$$

Then, evidently,  $f_\varepsilon(x) \in C^\infty(R^n)$  and has a compact support because  $f_\varepsilon \equiv 0$  if  $|x| > N + \varepsilon$ .

Therefore, for  $\varepsilon < 1$ , there exist some  $\lambda > 0$  such that

$$(38) \quad \varrho_{\varphi, R^n} \left( \frac{f_\varepsilon - f}{\lambda} \right) = \varrho_{\varphi, B_{N+1}} \left( \frac{K_\varepsilon f - f}{\lambda} \right) \rightarrow 0 \quad \blacksquare$$

as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , by Theorem 2.3.

PROOF (OF THEOREM 2.7) .

The proof follows from Theorem 2.3 and Corollary 2.6 in two steps.

1. Let  $f(x) \in W^m L_\varphi(R^n)$  and let  $\mu(r)$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq \infty$ , be a smooth step-function :  $\mu(x) \equiv 1$  for  $0 \leq |x| \leq 1$ ,  $\mu(x) \equiv 0$  for  $|x| \geq 2$ ,  $\mu(x) \in C_0^\infty(R^n)$  and  $0 \leq \mu(x) \leq 1$ . Then

$$(39) \quad f^N(x) := \mu\left(\frac{x}{N}\right)f(x) \in W^m L_\varphi(R^n)$$

for every  $N \in R_+$  and  $f^N$  has compact support in  $B_{2N}$ .

The function (39) approximate  $f(x)$  in  $W^m L_\varphi(R^n)$ . Indeed, denoting  $\nu_N(x) = 1 - \mu\left(\frac{x}{N}\right)$ , we know that  $\nu_N(x) \equiv 0$  for  $|x| < N$ , so using the Leibnitz formula for differentiation, we have for  $\lambda > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varrho}_{\varphi, R^n} \left( \frac{f - f^N}{\lambda} \right) &= \sum_{|j| \leq m} \varrho_{\varphi, R^n} \left( \frac{D^j(\nu_N f)}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= \sum_{|j| \leq m} \varrho_{\varphi, R^n} \left( \sum_{0 \leq k \leq j} c_j^k \frac{D^k(\nu_N) D^{j-k} f}{\lambda} \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{|j| \leq m} \sum_{0 \leq k \leq j} c_j^k \varrho_{\varphi, R^n} \left( \frac{D^k(\nu_N) D^{j-k} f}{\lambda} \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{|j| \leq m} \varrho_{\varphi, R^n} \left( \frac{\nu_N D^j(f)}{\lambda} \right) \\ &+ c \sum_{|j| \leq m} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq j} \varrho_{\varphi, R^n} \left( \frac{D^k(\nu_N) D^{j-k} f}{\lambda} \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{|j| \leq m} \varrho_{\varphi, R^n} \left( \frac{\nu_N D^j(f)}{\lambda} \right) \\ &+ c \sum_{|j| \leq m} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq j} \frac{1}{N^{|k|}} \varrho_{\varphi, R^n} \left( \frac{D^{j-k} f}{\lambda} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence there exist a  $\lambda > 0$  which depend to  $m, n$  such that each term on the last hand side goes to Zero as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , the first one by the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem and the second one by direct examination.

2. By step 1 we may consider  $f(x) \in W^m L_\varphi(R^n)$  with compact support. Then we arrange the approximation (37), evidently,  $f_\varepsilon \in C_0^\infty(R^n)$ . Indeed, for any  $j$  we have

$$(40) \quad D^j f_\varepsilon(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{n+|j|}} \int_{|y|<1} (D^j K)\left(\frac{x-t}{\varepsilon}\right) f(t) dt \in C^\infty(R^n)$$

and  $f_\varepsilon(x)$  has compact support because  $f_\varepsilon(x) \equiv 0$  if  $|x| > 1 + \beta$ , where  $\beta = \sup_{x \in \text{supp} f} |x|$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\varrho}_{\varphi, R^n}\left(\frac{f - f_\varepsilon}{\lambda}\right) &\leq \sum_{|j| \leq m} \varrho_{\varphi, R^n}\left(\frac{D^j f - K_\varepsilon(D^j f)}{\lambda}\right) \\ &= \sum_{|j| \leq m} \varrho_{\varphi, \Omega_1}\left(\frac{D^j f - K_\varepsilon(D^j f)}{\lambda}\right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Omega_1 = \{x : \text{dist}(x, \Omega) \leq 1\}$ ,  $\Omega = \text{supp} f(x)$ . It suffices to apply Theorem 2.3. ■

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