

Lemma. Given an open set  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $T \in \mathcal{D}(U)$ .  
with  $\Delta T = 0$ , then  $T = T_\psi$  for a function  $\psi$  harmonic in  $U$ .

Proof. Given  $V \subset U$  a relatively compact open subset,  
then for  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(V)$  and  $\epsilon$  sufficiently small,  
 $\text{supp } \varphi_\epsilon \subset U$ .

$\Gamma \quad \bar{V} \subset U \quad \bar{V}$  compact.  $\Downarrow$

We can then define  $T_\epsilon$  by

$$T_\epsilon(\varphi) = T(\varphi_\epsilon),$$

and repeat the previous argument to conclude that  
 $T_\epsilon = T_{\psi_\epsilon}$  for some  $\psi_\epsilon$  harmonic in  $V$ .

$\Gamma \quad T_\epsilon(x) = T_\epsilon(X_\epsilon(x-y)) \quad X_\epsilon(x-y) \text{ has } \text{supp} = x - \epsilon K$   
 $\xrightarrow{\text{In gen.}} \Rightarrow T_\epsilon(x)$  is not defined on  $V$ , but, for  $x \in V$ , if we  
choose  $\epsilon$  small enough, then  $x - \epsilon K \subset U$ . Thus  
 $T_\epsilon(x)$  is well-defined on  $V$ . So we can apply the  
properties of  $T_\epsilon$  (P 374) & the arguments on P 376 ~ P 378 to  
this local case.  $\Rightarrow$  We can conclude that  $T_\epsilon = T_{\psi_\epsilon}$   
for some  $\psi_\epsilon$  harmonic in  $V$ .  $\Downarrow$

Since  $\psi_\epsilon$  is the same for all  $\epsilon$ , if  $V \subset W \subset U$  we  
have  $\psi_W|_V = \psi_V$ .

$\Gamma \quad \epsilon_1 < \epsilon_2$ . If  $T_{\epsilon_1} = T_{\psi_{\epsilon_1}}$  and  $T_{\epsilon_2} = T_{\psi_{\epsilon_2}}$ ,

$\psi_{\epsilon_1} = \psi_{\epsilon_2} = T_\delta(x)$ ,  $\delta > 0$ . in the proof of the lemma P 376-7.