

$\Gamma \quad v_0, v_1 \in V \Rightarrow \exists \lambda(v_0), \lambda(v_1) \in U \Rightarrow t\lambda(v_0) + (1-t)\lambda(v_1) \in U$   
 $\Rightarrow \lambda(t v_0 + (1-t)v_1) \in U \Rightarrow t v_0 + (1-t)v_1 \in \lambda^{-1}(U)$ .  
 $\alpha v_0 \Rightarrow \alpha \lambda(v_0) \in U \Rightarrow \alpha v_0 \in \lambda^{-1}(U) = V \text{ if } |\alpha| \leq 1. \quad \square$

By (a) of Theorem 6.5,  $V$  is open in  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{D}_K \cap V$  is open in  $\mathcal{D}_K$ , for every  $\mathcal{D}_K \subset \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ . This proves the equivalence of (a) & (b). //

Corollary. Every differential operator  $D^\alpha$  is a continuous mapping of  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  into  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ .

proof. Since  $\|D^\alpha \phi\|_N \leq \|\phi\|_{N+|\alpha|}$  for  $N = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $D^\alpha$  is continuous on each  $\mathcal{D}_K$ . //

$\Gamma$  Since  $D^\alpha$  is continuous on each  $\mathcal{D}_K$ , by (d)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (a),  $D^\alpha$  is continuous on  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{D}_K & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{D}(\Omega) \\
 \psi \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \phi & \longmapsto & D^\alpha \phi
 \end{array}$$

$V_N \subset \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ ,  $(D^\alpha)^{-1}(V_N)$  is open?

$$\Rightarrow \phi \in (D^\alpha)^{-1}(V_N) \Rightarrow D^\alpha \phi \in V_N \Rightarrow \|D^\alpha \phi\|_N = \max \{ |D^\beta D^\alpha \phi(x)| : x \in \Omega, |\beta| \leq N \} \leq \|\phi\|_{N+|\alpha|}.$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{N+|\alpha|} \subset (D^\alpha)^{-1}(V_N). \Rightarrow D^\alpha \text{ is continuous at } 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow D^\alpha \text{ is continuous at every point, by P/4, Th 1.17. } \square$$

6.7 Definition A linear functional on  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  which is continuous (with respect to the topology  $\tau$  described in Def. 6.3) is called a distribution in  $\Omega$ .

The space of all distributions in  $\Omega$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$ .

Note that Theorem 6.6 applies to linear functionals on  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ .