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APPROXIMATION IN ORLICZ-SLOBODECKII SPACE  
BY FUNCTIONS IN  $C^\infty(\Omega)$

ABSTRACT: We wish to prove that  $\{\varphi \in C^\infty(\Omega) : \|\varphi\|_{B^{k,M}} < \infty\}$  is dense in Orlicz-Slobodeckii space  $B^{k,M}(\Omega)$  for some  $\Omega \subset R^N$  of finite measure.

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1. PRELIMINARIES

Assume that  $\Omega$  is a nonempty, open and convex set in  $N$  – dimensional real Euclidean space  $R^N$ . Let a function  $M : \Omega \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $M(t, 0) = 0$  and  $M(t, u) > 0$  for  $u > 0$ , and almost every  $t \in \Omega$ ;
2.  $M(t, \cdot)$  is convex and continuous at zero for almost every  $t \in \Omega$ ;
3.  $M(\cdot, u)$  is measurable for every  $u \geq 0$ .

The function  $M$  satisfies the condition  $\Delta_2$  if there exists a constant  $K > 0$  such that  $M(t, 2u) \leq KM(t, u)$  for a.e.  $t \in \Omega$  and every  $u \geq 0$ .

Denote by  $X$  the space of all real-valued and Lebesgue measurable functions defined on  $\Omega$ , with equality almost everywhere on  $\Omega$ .

Let  $k$  be an arbitrary positive, noninteger number and let  $k = [k] + \lambda$ , where  $[k]$  denotes the integer part of  $k$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ . Then for any function  $M$  we define on  $X$  a functional  $I$  by

$$I(u) = \sum_{|a| \leq [k]} \left( \int_{\Omega} M(x, |D^a u(x)|) dx + \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{|\Delta(x,y)D^a u|}{|x-y|^\lambda}\right) \frac{dx dy}{|x-y|^N} \right),$$

where  $\Delta(x, y)f = f(x) - f(y)$ ,  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N)$  is a multiindex with  $\alpha_i \geq 0$ ,

$D^\alpha u = \partial^{|\alpha|} u / \partial x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \partial x_N^{\alpha_N}$  is the distributional derivative of  $u$ ,  $|\alpha| = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i$ . The

functional  $I$  is a convex modular on  $X$ .

Further, for any fixed  $k$ , we define

$$B^{k,M}(\Omega) = \{u \in X : I(\alpha u) < \infty \text{ for some } \alpha > 0\}.$$

The vector space  $B^{k,M}(\Omega)$  is called the Orlicz-Slobodeckii space, [1]. The space  $B^{k,M}(\Omega)$  with the Luxemburg norm  $\|\cdot\|_{B^{k,M}}$  generated by the convex modular  $I$  is a Banach space, [1].

Let  $G \subset R^N$ . We shall write  $G \subset\subset \Omega$  provided  $\bar{G} \subset \Omega$  and  $\bar{G}$  is a compact subset of  $R^N$ .

Denote:

$$B = \{(x, y) \in \Omega \times \Omega : x = y\}.$$

For any set  $A$  in the  $\sigma$ -algebra of Lebesgue measurable subsets of  $\Omega \times \Omega$ ,  $\Omega \subset R^N$ , we define the nonnegative measure  $\nu$  by

$$\nu(A) = \iint_A |x - y|^{-N} dx dy \quad \text{and} \quad \nu(B) = 0.$$

The measure  $\nu$  is separable  $\sigma$ -finite, [2]. Let  $L^M(\Omega \times \Omega, \nu)$  be the Orlicz space of all real and measurable functions  $F$  defined on  $\Omega \times \Omega$ , generated by the modular

$$J(F) = \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, |F(x, y)|\right) d\nu(x, y).$$

Let  $\|\cdot\|_J$  be the Luxemburg norm in  $L^M(\Omega \times \Omega, \nu)$  generated by  $J$ .

## 2. RESULTS

For any measurable function  $F$ , defined on  $\Omega \times \Omega$ , we define the translation operator  $\tau_\nu$ ,  $\nu \in \Omega$ , by

$$(\tau_\nu F)(x, y) = \begin{cases} F(x+\nu, y+\nu) & \text{for } (x, y) \in [\Omega \cap (\Omega - \nu)] \times [\Omega \cap (\Omega - \nu)], \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere in } \Omega \times \Omega. \end{cases}$$

By  $\tau$  we denote the family  $\tau = (\tau_\nu)_{|\nu| \leq \delta}$ ,  $\delta > 0$ , of translation operators.

The function  $M$  will be called  $\tau$ -bounded, if there exist a constant  $c > 0$  and a family nonnegative and measurable functions  $h_\nu$  on  $\Omega \times \Omega$ ,  $\nu \in \Omega$ , such that the inequality

$$(1) \quad M\left(\frac{x+y}{2} - \nu, u\right) \leq M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, cu\right) + h_\nu(x, y)$$

holds for every  $u \geq 0$ ,  $|\nu| \leq \delta$  and a.e.  $(1/2)(x+y) \in \Omega \cap (\Omega + \nu)$ , where

$$(2) \quad h_\nu(x, y) \begin{cases} f_\nu(x, y) & \text{for } (x, y) \notin B \text{ and } \sup_{|\nu| \leq \delta} \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} f_\nu(x, y) d\nu(x, y) < \infty, \\ g_\nu(x) & \text{for } (x, y) \in B \text{ and } \sup_{|\nu| \leq \delta} \int_{\Omega} g_\nu(x) dx < \infty. \end{cases}$$

Let  $S_0$  be the set of all simple function  $s$  of the form

$$\sum_{i=1}^m a_i \chi_{A_i}(x, y),$$

$a_i$  being real numbers and  $A_i, A_i \subset \Omega \times \Omega$  being bounded and  $\text{dist}(A_i, B) > 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

*Lemma 1.* If  $\int_T M(t, u) dt < \infty$  for every bounded set  $T, T \subset \Omega$ , and every  $u \geq 0$ , then  $S_0$  is dense in modular sense in  $L^M(\Omega \times \Omega, \nu)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $F \in L^M(\Omega \times \Omega, \nu)$ . Then  $J(aF) < \infty$  for some  $a > 0$ . Let  $(P_n)$  be the sequence of neighbourhoods of the  $B$  such that

$$(3) \quad \iint_{P_n} M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, a|F(x, y)|\right) d\nu(x, y) < \frac{1}{n}.$$

Let  $F \geq 0$  on  $\Omega \times \Omega$ . Then there exists the nondecreasing sequence of simple functions  $(F_n)$  such that  $F_n(x, y) \rightarrow F(x, y)$  for every  $(x, y) \in \Omega \times \Omega$ .

Let us denote

$$\bar{F}_n(x, y) = \begin{cases} F_n(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in (\Omega \times \Omega)_n, \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) \notin (\Omega \times \Omega)_n, \end{cases}$$

where  $(\Omega \times \Omega)_n = \{(x, y) \in \Omega \times \Omega : |(x, y)| < n\}$ . Then  $\bar{F}_n(x, y) \rightarrow F(x, y), n \rightarrow \infty$  for every  $(x, y) \in \Omega \times \Omega$ . We define a new suquence by the formula:

$$\tilde{F}_n(x, y) = \begin{cases} \bar{F}_n(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \notin P_n, \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere in } \Omega \times \Omega. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\tilde{F}_n \in S_0$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . By the dominated convergence theorem and (3) we obtain

$$J(a(\tilde{F}_n - F)) \leq \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, a|\bar{F}_n(x, y) - F(x, y)|\right) d\nu(x, y) +$$

$$+ \iint_{P_n} M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, a |F(x, y)|\right) dv(x, y) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Let  $F$  be arbitrary. Then there exists the decomposition of  $F$  of the form  $F = F_+ - F_-$  and we apply the above result to  $F_+$  and  $F_-$ .

*Lemma 2.* Let  $\int_T M(t, u) dt < \infty$  for every bounded set  $T$ ,  $T \subset \Omega$ , and every  $u \geq 0$ . If  $M$  is  $\tau$ -bounded, then the family  $\tau = (\tau_\nu)_{|\nu| \leq \delta}$ ,  $\delta > 0$ , of translation operators is bounded and  $\sup_{|\nu| \leq \delta} \|\tau_\nu F\|_J \leq c \|F\|_J$ . If  $M$  satisfies the condition  $\Delta_2$ , then  $\|\tau_\nu F - F\|_J \rightarrow 0$ , as  $\nu \rightarrow 0$  for every  $F \in L^M(\Omega \times \Omega, \nu)$ .

*Proof.* Boundedness of  $\tau$  follows from the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} J(\tau_\nu F) &= \iint_{\Omega \times \Omega} M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, |F(x+\nu, y+\nu)|\right) dv(x, y) \leq \\ &\leq \iint_{\Omega \times \Omega} M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, k |F(x, y)|\right) dv(x, y) + \\ &+ \iint_{\Omega \times \Omega} h_\nu(x, y) dv(x, y) \leq J(kF) + c. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for any function  $F \in L^M(\Omega \times \Omega, \nu)$ , we have

$$J\left(\frac{\tau_\nu F}{k \|F\|_J}\right) \leq J\left(\frac{1}{\|F\|_J} F\right) + c \leq 1 + c$$

for every  $|\nu| \leq \delta$ . Hence

$$\sup_{|\nu| \leq \delta} \|\tau_\nu F\|_J \leq (1+c) k \|F\|_J.$$

Now, we prove that for any function  $F \in L^M(\Omega \times \Omega, \nu)$ ,  $\|\tau_\nu F - F\|_J$  tends to zero as  $\nu \rightarrow 0$ . Taking the function  $G \in S_0$ ,  $G(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \chi_{A_i - \nu}(x, y)$  we have

$$(\tau_\nu G)(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \chi_{A_i}(x + \nu, y + \nu) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \chi_{A_i - \nu}(x, y).$$

Let  $\nu$  be chosen in such manner, that  $\text{dist}(A_i - \nu, B) > 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Then  $\tau_\nu G \in S_0$  and we have

$$|(\tau_\nu G)(x, y) - G(x, y)| = \sum |a_i| \chi_{A_i \pm (A_i - \nu)}(x, y).$$

Hence

$$J(\tau_\nu G - G) \leq \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \iint_{A_i \pm (A_i - \nu)} M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, m|a_i|\right) d\nu(x, y) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \nu \rightarrow 0_+,$$

because  $|A_i \pm (A_i - \nu)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $\nu \rightarrow 0_+$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Here  $|\cdot|$  denotes Lebesgue measure. Hence  $\|\tau_\nu G - G\|_J \rightarrow 0$  as  $\nu \rightarrow 0_+$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and let  $F \in L^M(\Omega \times \Omega, \nu)$ . Applying Lemma 1, we conclude that there exists a sequence  $(F_n)$ ,  $F_n \in S_0$ , such that  $\|F_n - F\|_J \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Choosing  $n_0$  sufficiently large and writing  $G = F_{n_0}$  we obtain

$$\|F - G\|_J \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2(1+c)}.$$

Applying boundedness of  $\tau$  and the last inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tau_\nu F - F\|_J &\leq \|\tau_\nu F - \tau_\nu G\|_J + \|\tau_\nu G - G\|_J + \|G - F\|_J \leq \\ &\leq (1+C)\|F - G\|_J + \|\tau_\nu G - G\|_J < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

for sufficiently small  $\nu$ .

*Corollary.* For any function  $u \in B^{k,M}(\Omega)$

$$\sup_{|\nu| \leq \delta} \iint_{\Omega \times \Omega} M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{|\Delta(x, y)(D^\alpha u(\cdot + \nu) - D^\alpha u(\cdot))|}{|x-y|^k}\right) \frac{dx dy}{|x-y|^N} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0.$$

*Proof.* Let  $u \in B^{k,M}(\Omega)$ . Then

$$F_\alpha(x, y) = \frac{D^\alpha u(x) - D^\alpha u(y)}{|x-y|^k}$$

belongs to  $L^M(\Omega \times \Omega, \nu)$  for every  $\alpha$ ,  $|\alpha| \leq [k]$ . Let  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ . Then  $\|\tau_\nu F_\alpha - F_\alpha\|_J < \varepsilon$  for sufficiently small  $\nu$ .

Hence

$$J\left(\frac{\tau_\nu F_\alpha - F_\alpha}{\varepsilon}\right) < 1 \quad \text{for sufficiently small } \nu \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_\nu &= \iint_{\Omega\Omega} M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{|\Delta(x,y)(D^\alpha u(\cdot+\nu) - D^\alpha u(\cdot))|}{|x-y|^2}\right) \frac{dx dy}{|x-y|^N} \leq \\
 &\leq \varepsilon \iint_{\Omega\Omega} M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{|\Delta(x,y)(D^\alpha u(\cdot+\nu) - D^\alpha u(\cdot))|}{\varepsilon|x-y|^2}\right) \frac{dx dy}{|x-y|^N} < \varepsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

for sufficiently small  $\nu$ . Hence  $\sup_{|\nu|\leq\delta} I_\nu \rightarrow 0$  as  $\nu \rightarrow 0_+$ .

Let  $\rho$  be a nonnegative, real-valued function belonging to  $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$  and having the properties

1.  $\rho(x) = 0$  if  $|x| \geq 1$ , and
2.  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \rho(x) dx = 1$ .

If  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the function

$$(4) \quad \rho_\varepsilon(x) = \varepsilon^{-N} \rho(x/\varepsilon)$$

is nonnegative, belongs to  $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$  and satisfies

1.  $\rho_\varepsilon(x) = 0$  if  $|x| \geq \varepsilon$ ,
2.  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \rho_\varepsilon(x) dx = 1$ .

For any Lebesgue measurable function  $u$  the convolution of  $u$  and  $\rho_\varepsilon$  is the function defined by

$$(\rho_\varepsilon * u)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \rho_\varepsilon(x-y)u(y)dy$$

if the right side of above equality makes sense.

If  $\text{supp } u \subset\subset \Omega$ , then  $\rho_\varepsilon * u \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  provided  $\varepsilon < \text{dist}(\text{supp } u, \partial\Omega)$ , [4].

*Lemma 3.* Let  $M$  be  $\tau$ -bounded, satisfies the condition  $\Delta_2$  and  $\int_T M(t,u)dt < \infty$  for arbitrary bounded set  $T \subset \Omega$  and every  $u \geq 0$ . If  $u \in B^{k,M}(\Omega)$ , then  $\rho_\varepsilon * u \rightarrow u$  in  $B^{k,M}(\Omega')$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  for any  $\Omega' \subset\subset \Omega$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\Omega' \subset\subset \Omega$  and  $0 < \varepsilon < \text{dist}(\Omega', \partial\Omega)$ . Then for every  $|\alpha| \leq [k]$  there holds

$$D^\alpha \rho_\varepsilon * u = \rho_\varepsilon * D^\alpha u \quad \text{on the set } \Omega'.$$

Hence

$$D^\alpha (\rho_\varepsilon * u)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \rho_\varepsilon(x-z)D^\alpha u(z)dz = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \rho_\varepsilon(z)D^\alpha u(x+z)dz.$$

Let  $\eta > 0$  be fixed. Applying Jensen's inequality we have for arbitrary  $|\alpha| \leq [k]$

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{\Omega' \Omega'} M \left( \frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{1}{\eta|x-y|^\lambda} |\Delta(x,y) D^\alpha(\rho_\varepsilon * u - u)| \right) \frac{dx dy}{|x-y|^N} \leq \\ & = \iint_{\Omega' \Omega'} M \left( \frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{1}{\eta|x-y|^\lambda} \left| \int_{|z|<\varepsilon} \rho_\varepsilon(z) \Delta(x,y) (D^\alpha u(\cdot+z) - D^\alpha u(\cdot)) dz \right| \right) \frac{dx dy}{|x-y|^N} \leq \\ & \leq \int_{|z|<\varepsilon} \rho_\varepsilon(z) dz \cdot \\ & \cdot \left( \sup_{|z|<\varepsilon} \iint_{\Omega' \Omega'} M \left( \frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{1}{\eta|x-y|^\lambda} |\Delta(x,y) (D^\alpha u(\cdot+z) - D^\alpha u(\cdot))| \right) \right) \frac{dx dy}{|x-y|^N} < \\ & < \frac{1}{2l} \text{ for sufficiently small } \varepsilon, \text{ where } l = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq [k]} 1. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega'} M \left( x, \frac{1}{\eta} |D^\alpha \rho_\varepsilon * u - D^\alpha u|(x) \right) dx = \\ & = \int_{\Omega'} \left( x, \frac{1}{\eta} \left| \int_{|z|<\varepsilon} \rho_\varepsilon(z) [D^\alpha u(x+z) - D^\alpha u(x)] dz \right| \right) dx \leq \\ & \leq \int_{|z|<\varepsilon} \rho_\varepsilon(z) dz \sup_{|z|<\varepsilon} \int_{\Omega'} M \left( x, \frac{1}{\eta} |D^\alpha u(x+z) - D^\alpha u(x)| \right) dx \leq \frac{1}{2l} \end{aligned}$$

for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$ , [3].

Hence

$$I \left( \frac{1}{\eta} (\rho_\varepsilon * u - u) \right) \leq \sum_{|\alpha| \leq [k]} \left( \frac{1}{2l} + \frac{1}{2l} \right) = 1.$$

We conclude

$$\| \rho_\varepsilon * u - u \|_{B^{k,M}(\Omega)} < \eta \text{ for sufficiently small } \varepsilon > 0.$$

In the sequel let us assume, that the form function  $M$  is  $\tau$ -bounded with the family  $(g_\nu)_{|\nu| \leq \delta}$  of functions of the  $g_\nu(x) = |\nu| s(x)$ , where  $s$  is nonnegative and measurable on  $\Omega$  and  $\int_\Omega s(x) dx < \infty$ .

*Lemma 4.* Let  $M$  be  $\tau$ -bounded and let  $\Omega \subset R^N$  be a set of finite measure. If  $u \in B^{k,M}(\Omega)$ , then  $u\psi \in B^{k,M}(\Omega)$  for any function  $\psi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ .

*Proof.* The following identities

$$(5) \quad \Delta(x, y)(f \cdot g) = g(x)\Delta(x, y)f + f(y)\Delta(x, y)g$$

and

$$(6) \quad \Delta(x, y)D^\alpha(f \cdot g) = \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} C_{\alpha, \beta} \Delta(x, y)(D^\beta f D^{\alpha-\beta} g)$$

are true arbitrary functions  $f$  and  $g$ . Here  $\beta \leq \alpha$  denotes that  $\beta_i \leq \alpha_i$  for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ .

Let  $u \in B^{k, M}(\Omega)$ . Then  $I(au) < \infty$  for some  $a > 0$ .

Let  $\psi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  and let  $K = \text{supp } \psi$ ,  $K \subset \Omega$ . For arbitrary  $\alpha$ ,  $|\alpha| \leq [k]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{|\Delta(x, y)D^\alpha(u\psi)|}{|x-y|^\lambda}\right) \frac{dxdy}{|x-y|^N} \leq \\ & \leq \int_K \int_K M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{|\Delta(x, y)D^\alpha(u\psi)|}{|x-y|^\lambda}\right) \frac{dxdy}{|x-y|^N} + \\ & + 2 \int_K \int_{\Omega \setminus K} M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{|\Delta(x, y)D^\alpha(u\psi)|}{|x-y|^\lambda}\right) \frac{dxdy}{|x-y|^N} = I_1 + 2I_2. \end{aligned}$$

Taking into account the identities (5) and (6) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 & \leq C_1 \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \left\{ \int_K \int_K M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{C_2 |D^\beta u(y)| |\Delta(x, y)D^{\alpha-\beta} \psi|}{|x-y|^\lambda}\right) \frac{dxdy}{|x-y|^N} + \right. \\ & \left. + \int_K \int_K M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{C_2 |D^{\alpha-\beta} \psi(x)| |\Delta(x, y)D^\beta u|}{|x-y|^\lambda}\right) \frac{dxdy}{|x-y|^N} \right\} = \\ & = C_1 \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} (I_1^\beta + I_2^\beta). \end{aligned}$$

We estimate  $I_1^\beta$ . Applying  $\tau$ -boundedness of  $M$  and substituting  $x = y - 2h$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & I_1^\beta \leq \\ & \leq C_3 \int_K \left[ \int_{\frac{1}{2}(K-K)} M\left(y-h, \frac{C_2 |D^\beta u(y)| |D^{\alpha-\beta} \psi(y-2h)| |D^{\alpha-\beta} \psi(y)|}{|2h|^\lambda}\right) \frac{dh}{|h|^N} \right] dy \leq \\ & \leq C_3 \int_K \left[ \int_{s(0, r)} \left( M\left(y, \frac{C_2 |D^\beta u(y)| |D^{\alpha-\beta} \psi(y-2h)| |D^{\alpha-\beta} \psi(y)|}{|2h|^\lambda}\right) + \right. \right. \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ g_h(y) \left. \frac{dh}{|h|^N} \right] dy \leq \\
 &\leq C_3 \int_K \left[ \left( \int_{|h| \leq 1} + \int_{1 < |h| \leq r} \right) \left( M \left( y, \frac{C_2 |D^\beta u(y)| |D^{\alpha-\beta} \psi(y-2h)| |D^{\alpha-\beta} \psi(y)|}{|2h|^\lambda} \right) \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + g_h(y) \frac{dh}{|h|^N} \right] dy \leq C_3 (I_{1,1}^\beta + I_{1,2}^\beta),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $S(0, r)$  denotes the ball with centre at zero and radius  $r$  such that  $\frac{1}{2}(K - K) \subset S(0, r)$ .

Applying the mean - value theorem to the function  $D^{\alpha-\beta} \psi$  and by convexity of  $M$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (7) \quad I_{1,1}^\beta &\leq \int_K \left( \int_{|h| \leq 1} M(y, C_4 |D^\beta u(y)|) \frac{dh}{|h|^{N-1+\lambda}} \right) dy + \int_{|h| \leq 1} \frac{dh}{|h|^{N-1}} \int_K s(y) dy \leq \\
 &\leq A \int_\Omega M(y, C_4 |D^\beta u(y)|) dy + B.
 \end{aligned}$$

In the integral  $I_{1,2}^\beta$  we use boundedness of  $D^{\alpha-\beta} \psi$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (8) \quad I_{1,2}^\beta &\leq \int_{1 < |h| \leq r} dh \left( \int_K M(y, C_5 |D^\beta u(y)|) \right) dy + \int_K s(y) dy \leq \\
 &\leq C \int_\Omega M(y, |D^\beta u(y)|) dy + D.
 \end{aligned}$$

The integral  $I_2^\beta$  is estimated as follows

$$I_2^\beta \leq \int_\Omega \int_\Omega M \left( \frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{C_6 |\Delta(x, y)| |D^\beta u|}{|x-y|^\lambda} \right) \frac{dx dy}{|x-y|^N}.$$

Arguing in like manner we obtain similar estimations for the expression  $I_2$ .

Thus

$$I_2 \leq C_1 \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \int_K \left[ \int_{\Omega \setminus K} M \left( \frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{C_2 |D^\beta u(y)| |\Delta(x, y)| |D^{\alpha-\beta} \psi|}{|x-y|^\lambda} \right) \frac{dx}{|x-y|^N} \right] dy \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq C_3 \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \int_K \left[ \int_{\Omega_y} \left( M \left( y, \frac{C_7 |D^\beta u(y)| |D^{\alpha-\beta} \psi(y-2h)| |D^{\alpha-\beta} \psi(y)|}{|2h|^\lambda} \right) + \right. \\
&\quad \left. + g_h(y) \right) \frac{dh}{|h|^N} \Big] dy = \\
&\leq C_3 \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \int_K \left[ \left( \int_{\substack{\Omega_y \\ |h| \leq 1}} + \int_{\substack{\Omega_y \\ |h| > 1}} \right) \left( M \left( y, \frac{C_7 |D^\beta u(y)| |D^{\alpha-\beta} \psi(y-2h)| |D^{\alpha-\beta} \psi(y)|}{|2h|^\lambda} \right) + \right. \\
&\quad \left. + g_h(y) \right) \frac{dh}{|h|^N} \Big] dy = C_3 \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} (I_{2,1}^\beta + I_{2,2}^\beta),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\Omega_y = \frac{1}{2}[y - (\Omega \setminus K)]$  for  $y \in K$ .

We have

$$(9) \quad I_{2,1}^\beta \leq E \int_{\Omega} M(y, C_8 |D^\beta u(y)|) dy + F.$$

Now we estimate  $I_{2,2}^\beta$  using the fact  $|\Omega| < \infty$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(10) \quad I_{2,2}^\beta &\leq C_9 \int_K \left( \int_{\substack{\Omega_y \\ |h| > 1}} M(y, C_{10} |D^\beta u(y)|) \frac{dh}{|h|^{N+\lambda}} + \int_{\substack{\Omega_y \\ |h| > 1}} \frac{s(y) dh}{|h|^{N-1}} \right) dy \leq \\
&\leq C_9 \int_K \left( \int_{\substack{\Omega_K \\ |h| > 1}} \frac{dh}{|h|^{N+\lambda}} \int_{\Omega} M(y, C_{10} |D^\beta u(y)|) dy + \frac{1}{2} |\Omega \setminus K| \int_K s(y) dy \right) = \\
&= G \int_{\Omega} M(y, C_{10} |D^\beta u(y)|) dy + H
\end{aligned}$$

where  $|\frac{1}{2}(\Omega \setminus K)| < \infty$  and the constants A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H are finite.

Moreover, we have

$$(11) \quad \int_{\Omega} M(x, |D^\alpha(u\psi)(x)|) dx \leq \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \int_{\Omega} M(x, c_{11} |D^\beta u(x)|) dx.$$

Let us denote

$$b = \frac{a}{\max(C_4, C_5, C_7, C_8, C_{10}, C_{11})}.$$

Then, from the inequalities (7), (8), (9), (10) and (11) we obtain  $I(bu\psi) < \infty$ . Finally, we conclude  $u\psi \in B^{k,M}(\Omega)$ .

*Theorem.* Let  $M$  be  $\tau$ -bounded, satisfies the condition  $\Delta_2$  and  $\int_T M(t,u)dt < \infty$  for any bounded measurable set  $T \in \Omega$  and every  $u \geq 0$ . If the set  $\Omega$  has finite measure, then  $C^\infty(\Omega) \cap B^{k,M}(\Omega)$  is dense in  $B^{k,M}(\Omega)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\Omega_i$  be the open set defined by  $\Omega_i = \{t \in \Omega : |t| < i, \text{dist}(t, \partial\Omega) > \frac{1}{i}\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $\Omega_0 = \Omega_{-1} = \emptyset$ . Then

$$R = \{U_i : U_i = \Omega_{i+1} - \Omega_{i-1}, i = 1, 2, \dots\}$$

is a collection of open subsets of  $\Omega$  that covers  $\Omega$ , [4].

Let  $(\psi_i)_{i=1}^\infty$  be a partition of unity on  $\Omega$  subordinate to  $R$ . Then

$$(12) \quad \text{supp } \psi_i \subset U_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

Let  $u \in B^{k,M}(\Omega)$ . By Lemma 4 we have  $u\psi_i \in B^{k,M}(\Omega)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ . If  $0 < \delta_i < \frac{1}{(i+1)(i+2)}$  then, by (12), we have that  $\rho_{\delta_i} * (D^\alpha u\psi_i)$  has the support in  $\Omega_{i+2} \setminus \Omega_{i-2}$  for every  $|\alpha| \leq [k]$  and  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ . Let us denote  $\rho_{\delta_i} \equiv \rho_i$ . Hence the series

$$\sum_{i=1}^\infty \rho_i * (u\psi_i)$$

converges and defines a function  $v \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ . By Lemma 3 we have

$$(13) \quad \|\rho_i * (u\psi_i) - u\psi_i\|_{B^{k,M}} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2^i}.$$

Let  $n$  be an arbitrary nonnegative integer number and let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_n} \int_{\Omega_n} M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{|\Delta(x,y)(D^\alpha v - D^\alpha u)|}{\varepsilon |x-y|^\lambda}\right) \frac{dxdy}{|x-y|^N} = \\ & = \int_{\Omega_n} \int_{\Omega_n} M\left(\frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{|\Delta(x,y)(D^\alpha \sum_{i=1}^\infty (\rho_i * (u\psi_i)) - D^\alpha \sum_{i=1}^\infty (u\psi_i))|}{\varepsilon |x-y|^\lambda}\right) \frac{dxdy}{|x-y|^N} = \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{\Omega_n} \int_{\Omega_n} M \left( \frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{\left| \Delta(x,y) \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (D^\alpha(\rho_i * (u\psi_i))) - D^\alpha(u\psi_i) \right] \right|}{\varepsilon |x-y|^\lambda} \right) \frac{dxdy}{|x-y|^N} \leq \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{1}{2^i} \int_{\Omega_n} \int_{\Omega_n} M \left( \frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{2^i |\Delta(x,y)(D^\alpha(\rho_i * (u\psi_i)) - D^\alpha(u\psi_i))|}{\varepsilon |x-y|^\lambda} \right) \frac{dxdy}{|x-y|^N}.
\end{aligned}$$

Moreover

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{\Omega_n} M \left( x, \frac{1}{\varepsilon} |D^\alpha v - D^\alpha u|(x) \right) dx \leq \\
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{1}{2^i} \int_{\Omega_n} M \left( x, \frac{2^i}{\varepsilon} |D^\alpha(\rho_i * (u\psi_i)) - u\psi_i|(x) \right) dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, from (13) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{\Omega_n} M \left( x, \frac{1}{\varepsilon} |D^\alpha v - D^\alpha u|(x) \right) dx + \\
&+ \int_{\Omega_n} \int_{\Omega_n} M \left( \frac{x+y}{2}, \frac{|\Delta(x,y)(D^\alpha v - D^\alpha u)|}{\varepsilon |x-y|^\lambda} \right) \frac{dxdy}{|x-y|^N} \leq 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , by the monotone convergence theorem we have

$$I((v-u)/\varepsilon) \leq 1 \text{ and hence } \|v-u\|_{B^{k,M}} < \varepsilon.$$

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