1 Introductory Material

$$C_{n,k}(1+|x|)^k \le \sum_{|\beta| \le k} |x^{\beta}| \le D_{n,k}(1+|x|)^k.$$
(1.7.3)

This follows from (1.7.2) for $|x| \ge 1$, while for |x| < 1 both terms in (1.7.3) are at least 1 as $|x^{(0,...,0)}| = 1$. Here again $0 < C_{n,k} < \infty$.

We end the preliminaries by noting the validity of the one-dimensional *Leibniz* rule

$$\frac{d^m}{dt^m}(fg) = \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} \frac{d^k f}{dt^k} \frac{d^{m-k}g}{dt^{m-k}},\qquad(1.7.4)$$

for all \mathscr{C}^m functions f, g on **R**, and its multidimensional analog

$$\partial^{\alpha}(fg) = \sum_{\beta \le \alpha} {\alpha_1 \choose \beta_1} \cdots {\alpha_n \choose \beta_n} (\partial^{\beta} f) (\partial^{\alpha - \beta} g), \qquad (1.7.5)$$

for f,g in $\mathscr{C}^{|\alpha|}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ for some multi-index α , where the notation $\beta \leq \alpha$ in (1.7.5) means that β ranges over all multi-indices satisfying $0 \leq \beta_j \leq \alpha_j$ for all $1 \leq j \leq n$. We observe that identity (1.7.5) is easily deduced by repeated application of (1.7.4), which in turn is obtained by induction.

Theorem 1.7.1. Let $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $1 \leq q < \infty$, $g \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$, and $\varphi \in \mathscr{C}^m(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^{q'}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Moreover, assume that $\partial^{\alpha}\varphi$ lies in $L^{q'}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for all multi-indices α with $|\alpha| \leq m$. Then $\varphi * g$ lies in $\mathscr{C}^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $\partial^{\alpha}(\varphi * g) = (\partial^{\alpha}\varphi) * g \in L^{\infty}$ for all $|\alpha| \leq m$.

Proof. Let e_j be the unit vector $(0, \ldots, 1, \ldots, 0)$ with 1 in the *j*th entry and zeros in all the other entries. If q > 1 we initially make the additional assumption that *g* has compact support. If q = 1 this initial assumption is not necessary.

We fix an arbitrary $x_0 \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and we show that $\varphi * g$ has a *j*th partial derivative at x_0 , i.e., prove the case $\alpha = e_j$. Using the fundamental theorem of calculus write

$$\Lambda(g,\varphi)(t,x_0) = \frac{(g*\varphi)(x_0+te_j) - (g*\varphi)(x_0)}{t} - g*\partial_j\varphi(x_0)$$
$$= \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \left[\left(\partial_j \varphi(y+tse_j) - \partial_j \varphi(y) \right) g(x_0-y) \right] dy ds.$$
(1.7.6)

We note that the integrand in (1.7.6) tends pointwise to zero as $t \to 0$ by the fact that $\varphi \in \mathscr{C}^1$; moreover it is bounded by $2 \|\partial_j \varphi\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathcal{B}(x_0,2)-\operatorname{suppg})}|g(x_0-\cdot)|$ which lies in $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0,1], dyds)$. The last assertion follows by the hypotheses of the theorem if q = 1 and by the additional assumption that it lies in L^q and is supported in a compact set, on which $\partial_j \varphi$ is certainly bounded, if q > 1. The LDCT then yields that $\Lambda(g,\varphi)(t,x_0) \to 0$ as $t \to 0$ for any fixed $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ when g has compact support.

We now remove the assumption that *g* has compact support if q > 1. Given $g \in L^q$, set $g_M(x) = g(x)\chi_{|x| \le M}$ for M > 0. Given a point x_0 and $\varepsilon > 0$ we find an *M* such that $||g - g_M||_{L^q} < \varepsilon$ (as $q < \infty$) and we pick a $\delta > 0$ such that for $|t| < \delta$ we have $|\Lambda(g_M, \varphi)(t, x_0)| < \varepsilon$. Additionally, by Hölder's inequality we obtain

$$\left|\Lambda(g-g_M,\varphi)(t,x_0)\right| \leq \int_0^1 \left\|g-g_M\right\|_{L^q} \left\|\partial_j\varphi(\cdot+tse_j)-\partial_j\varphi\right\|_{L^{q'}} ds \leq 2\varepsilon \left\|\partial_j\varphi\right\|_{L^{q'}}.$$