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## LECTURE 25

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WEAK DERIVATIVES

- Setting:
- $d \geq 1$  (dimension)
  - $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  open set (any open set)
  - $m \geq 1$  (order of derivation)
  - $p \in [1, +\infty]$  (endpoints included)

Multi-index:  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d$   $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d)$   
 $|\alpha| := \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_d$

$$D^\alpha u(x) = \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|} u}{\partial x_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \partial x_d^{\alpha_d}}$$

W-weak derivatives Given  $u \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$  and  $v \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$   
 we say that  $v$  is  $D^\alpha u$  in the W-sense  
 if

$$\int_{\Omega} u(x) D^\alpha \varphi(x) dx = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \int_{\Omega} v(x) \varphi(x) dx$$

for every test function  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$ .

Remark

(1)  $u$  and  $v \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega) \Rightarrow$  the integrals are well-defined

(2)  $v(x)$  plays the role of  $D^\alpha u(x)$  in the integration by parts formula.

### Easy properties

(1) Uniqueness  $D^{\alpha}u$ , if it exists, is unique

$$\int_{\Omega} v_1 \varphi dx = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \int_{\Omega} u D^{\alpha} \varphi dx = \int_{\Omega} v_2 \varphi dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} (v_1 - v_2) \varphi dx = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in C_c^{\infty}; \text{FLCV} \Rightarrow v_1 = v_2 \text{ a.m. ev.}$$

(2) Linearity  $D^{\alpha}(u_1 + u_2) = D^{\alpha}u_1 + D^{\alpha}u_2$

(3) Classical compatibility If  $u \in C^{|\alpha|}(\Omega)$  then  $D^{\alpha}u$  is what we expect

### Less easy properties

(4) "Restriction" If  $B \subseteq A$  are open sets, and  $v = D^{\alpha}u$  in  $A$  in w-sense, then  $v|_B$  is the w- $D^{\alpha}u|_B$

(5) "Locality". Assume that  $u \in L^1(A \cup B)$ .

Assume that  $v_A = D^{\alpha}u$  in  $A$

$v_B = D^{\alpha}u$  in  $B$

$v_A = v_B$  in  $A \cap B$

Then  $u$  admits  $D^{\alpha}u$  in  $A \cup B$  and it is what we expect.

(6) Assume that  $u \in L_{loc}^1(\Omega)$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} = 0$  in w-sense for every  $i = 1, \dots, d$  (all 1-st order derivatives)

Then  $u(x)$  is locally constant in  $\Omega$ .

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### Stability when passing to limit

Assume  $\{u_n\}$  and  $\{v_n\}$  are seq. in  $L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$ .

Assume that

(i)  $v_n = D^\alpha u_n$  for every  $n \geq 1$

(ii)  $u_n \rightarrow u_\infty$  in  $L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$

(iii)  $v_n \rightarrow v_\infty$  in  $L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$

} it is enough that  $u_n \rightarrow u_\infty$   
and  $v_n \rightarrow v_\infty$  weakly in  
 $L^1(\Omega')$  for every  $\Omega' \subset\subset \Omega$

Then

$$v_\infty = D^\alpha u_\infty$$

Proof

$$\int_{\Omega} u_n(x) D^\alpha \varphi(x) dx = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \int_{\Omega} v_n(x) \varphi(x) dx$$

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$$\int_{\Omega} u_\infty(x) D^\alpha \varphi(x) dx = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \int_{\Omega} v_\infty(x) \varphi(x) dx$$

(it is enough that  $\Omega' \supseteq \text{support of } \varphi$ )

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H-weak derivatives Again  $v$  and  $u$  in  $L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$ .

We say that  $v$  is  $D^\alpha u$  in H-sense if there exists a sequence

$$\{u_n\} \subseteq C_c^\infty(\Omega) \quad (\text{or } C^\infty(\Omega) \text{ or } C^{|\alpha|}(\Omega))$$

such that

(i)  $u_n \rightarrow u$  in  $L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$

(ii)  $D^\alpha u_n \rightarrow v$  in  $L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$

↑ true derivatives

Easy proposition  $H \Rightarrow W$

If  $v = D^\alpha u$  in H-sense, then  $v = D^\alpha u$  in W-sense.

**Theorem** (Approximation 0) ( $W \Rightarrow H$  for weak derivatives)  
 If  $v = D^\alpha u$  in  $W$ -sense, then  $v = D^\alpha u$  in  $H$ -sense,  
 namely there exists  $\{u_n\} \subseteq C_c^\infty(\Omega)$  such that ...

**Sobolev spaces, def.  $W$**

$$W^{m,p}(\Omega) := \{ u \in L^p(\Omega) : D^\alpha u \in L^p(\Omega) \quad \forall |\alpha| \leq m \}$$

$\uparrow$   $W$ -weak derivatives

**Sobolev spaces, def.  $H$**

$$H^{m,p}(\Omega) := \text{exactly the same, with } H\text{-weak derivatives}$$

There is another different possibility

$$\|u\|_{\Omega, m, p} := \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \|D^\alpha u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \quad \text{FULL NORM}$$

$\uparrow$   
also  $(0, \dots, 0)$  is included

$$C^{m,p}(\Omega) := \{ u \in C^m(\Omega) : \|u\|_{\Omega, m, p} < +\infty \}$$

It is not difficult to see that  $\|u\|_{\Omega, m, p}$  is actually a norm on  $C^{m,p}(\Omega)$ .

At this point we can define  $H^{m,p}(\Omega)$  as the abstract completion of  $C^{m,p}(\Omega)$ .

**Easy theorem**  $H^{m,p}(\Omega) \subseteq W^{m,p}(\Omega)$

### Difficult theorem (Approx results for Sobolev functions)

Assume that  $\Omega$  satisfies...

Assume that  $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  with  $p < +\infty$

Then there exists  $\{u_n\} \subseteq \dots$   
such that

$$u_n \rightarrow u \quad \text{in } L^p(\Omega)$$

and

$$D^\alpha u_n \rightarrow D^\alpha u \quad \text{in some sense}$$

for every  $1 \leq |\alpha| \leq m$ .

LOW COST

any  $\Omega$   
 $u_n \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$   
 $D^\alpha u_n \rightarrow D^\alpha u$   
in  $L^p(\Omega')$  for  
every  $\Omega' \subset\subset \Omega$

" $u_n$  is good"  
conv. is "bad"  
Proof is easy

MEYERS-SERRIN H=W  
(1964)

any  $\Omega$   
 $u_n \in C^\infty(\Omega)$   
 $D^\alpha u_n \rightarrow D^\alpha u$   
in  $L^p(\Omega)$

$u_n$  is rather good  
conv. is good  
Proof is long

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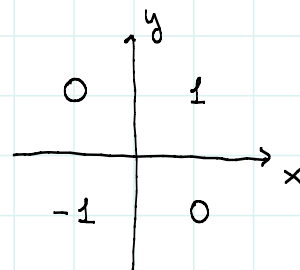
$\partial\Omega$  "regular"  
 $u_n \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$   
 $D^\alpha u_n \rightarrow D^\alpha u$   
in  $L^p(\Omega)$

$u_n$  is good  
conv. is good  
 $\Omega$  is NOT any  
open set.

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Example Consider  $u(x,y)$  with 3  
values as in the figure.

Then  $\rightarrow u_x y = 0$  in W-sense  
 $\rightarrow u_x$  and  $u_y$  do NOT exist.  
(at least in W sense)



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## LECTURE 26

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ALGEBRAIC THEOREMS

- Product
- composition 1 (Sobolev inside)
- Absolute value, max/min, truncation
- Composition 2 (Sobolev outside)

Theorem (Product) Let us assume that

$$u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega) \cap L^\infty(\Omega) \quad v \in W^{1,p}(\Omega) \cap L^\infty(\Omega)$$

Then  $uv \in W^{1,p}(\Omega) \cap L^\infty(\Omega)$  and

$$D_{x_i}(uv) = D_{x_i} u \cdot v + u \cdot D_{x_i} v$$

Remark We need to assume  $u$  and  $v$  in  $L^\infty$  because otherwise it is not clear that  $uv \in L^p$   
 (in dim 1 it is automatic that  $W^{1,p} \Rightarrow L^\infty$ , at least on intervals)

General strategy

- Take  $u_m \rightarrow u$  and  $v_m \rightarrow v$ .
- Observe that the formula is true for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$
- Pass to the limit

For every  $m \geq 1$  it is true that

$$\int_{\Omega} u_m v_m D_{x_i} \varphi \, dx = - \int_{\Omega} (u_m D_{x_i} v_m + D_{x_i} u_m \cdot v) \varphi \, dx$$

We observe that  $u_n$  and  $v_n$  can be taken to be equi- $L^\infty$ .

We observe that it is enough to assume that derivatives converge in  $L^p(\Omega')$  for a suitable  $\Omega' \subset \subset \Omega$  that contains the support of  $\varphi$ .

Consequence: the low cost approx. result is enough.

In addition,  $L^p$  conv.  $\Rightarrow$  a.e. convergence up to subsequences with  $L^p$  domination.

At this point we can pass to the limit in the integrals (pointwise conv. + domination).

This proves the result if  $p < +\infty$ .

Case  $p = +\infty$  In this case we know that

$$\begin{array}{ll} u_n \rightarrow u & \text{in } L^{2021}(\Omega) \\ v_n \rightarrow v & \text{in } L^{2021}(\Omega) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ll} D_x i u_n \rightarrow D_x i u & \text{in } L^{2021}(\Omega') \\ D_x i v_n \rightarrow D_x i v & \text{in } L^{2021}(\Omega') \end{array}$$

and therefore

$$u_n D_x i v_n + v_n D_x i u_n \rightarrow u D_x i v + v D_x i u \quad \text{in } L^{2021}(\Omega')$$

Moreover we know from the approx. theorem that  $u_n, v_n, D_x i u_n, D_x i v_n$  are equi-bounded in  $L^\infty(\Omega)$ .

This implies that  $D_x i (uv)$  is in  $L^\infty$ .

General fact If  $w_n \rightarrow w$  in  $L^{2021}(\Omega)$  and

$$\|w_n\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq M$$

$$\text{then } \|w\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq M.$$

(Because  $L^{2021}$  convergence is pointwise conv. up to subseq.).  
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**Theorem** (Composition with Sobolev inside)

Let us assume that  $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ . Let  $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that

(i)  $\varphi$  is of class  $C^1$

(ii)  $\varphi(0) = 0$  (not needed if  $\Omega$  is bounded)

(iii)  $|\varphi'(x)| \leq L$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then  $\varphi(u) \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  and

$$D_{x_i} [\varphi(u)] = \varphi'(u(x)) D_{x_i} u(x)$$

Proof Let us approximate  $u_n \rightarrow u$  in the low-cost way.

For every  $n \geq 1$  and every  $\psi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi(u_n(x)) D_{x_i} \psi(x) dx = - \int_{\Omega} \varphi'(u_n(x)) D_{x_i} u_n(x) \psi(x) dx$$

Up to subsequences, the conv. is pointwise almost everywhere. We just need dominations.

To this end, we observe that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} |\varphi'(u_n(x))| \cdot |D_{x_i} u_n(x)| & & \\ \leq L & \uparrow & L^p \text{ domination} \Rightarrow L^1 \text{ domination} \end{array}$$

As for the LHS, we observe that

$$|\varphi(u_n(x))| = |\varphi(u_n(x)) - \varphi(0)| \leq L |u_n(x)|$$

$\uparrow$   $\varphi$  is  $L$ -lip. cont.  $\uparrow$   $L^p$  domination

This is ok if  $p < +\infty$ . Otherwise we argue as before

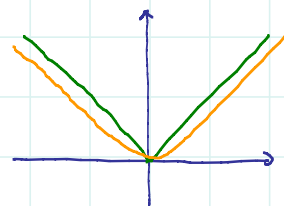
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Theorem (Absolute value) let us assume that  $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$   
 Then  $|u| \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  and

$$D_{x_i} |u| = \text{sign}(u(x)) \cdot D_{x_i} u(x)$$

Proof We approximate the absolute value by means of

$$\varphi_n(\sigma) = \sqrt{\sigma^2 + \frac{1}{n^2}} - \frac{1}{n}$$



We observe that  $\varphi_n(\sigma) \rightarrow |\sigma|$  unif. in  $\mathbb{R}$   
 and

$$\varphi'_n(\sigma) \rightarrow \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \sigma > 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } \sigma < 0 \end{cases}$$

Consider  $u_n(x) := \varphi_n(u(x))$ . Due to the previous theorem (observe that  $\varphi_n(0) = 0$  and  $|\varphi'_n(\sigma)| \leq 1$ ) we know that  $u_n \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  and

$$u'_n(x) = \varphi'_n(u(x)) D_{x_i} u(x)$$

We claim that  $u_n(x) \rightarrow |u(x)|$  and  $u'_n(x) \rightarrow \text{sign}(u(x)) D_{x_i} u(x)$  in  $L^p(\Omega)$ .

This follows from the properties of  $\varphi_n$  and  $\varphi'_n$ .

Both cases: dominated pointwise convergence.

Rule  $\max\{a, b\} = \frac{a+b+|a-b|}{2}$  and analogously for min.

Therefore: if  $u$  and  $v$  are in  $W^{1,p}$ , then  $\max\{u, v\}$  and  $\min\{u, v\}$  are in  $W^{1,p}$  and derivatives are what we expect.

$\leadsto$  truncation arguments.

### Theorem (Composition – Sobolev outside)

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Let  $u \in W^{1,p}(B)$ .  
Let

$$\Phi : A \rightarrow B$$

be a function such that

(i)  $\Phi$  is of class  $C^1$

(ii)  $\Phi$  is invertible

(iii)  $J_\Phi$  and  $J_{\Phi^{-1}}$  are bounded (in  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively).

Consider the function

$$v(x) := u(\Phi(x)) \quad x \in A$$

Then  $v \in W^{1,p}(A)$  and

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\partial u}{\partial y_j}(\Phi(x)) \cdot \frac{\partial \Phi_j}{\partial x_i}(x)$$

or even better

$$\nabla v(x) = \nabla u(\Phi(x)) \cdot J_\Phi(x)$$

(Assumption (i) and (ii) and (iii) provide the needed dominations).

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## LECTURE 27

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## MOLLIFIERS AND CONVOLUTION

Def (Mollifier) A mollifier is a function  $\rho: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

(i) some regularity, for example  $\rho \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$

(ii)  $\rho(x) \geq 0$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$

(iii)  $\rho(x) = 0$  if  $\|x\| \geq 1$

(iv) integral condition

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho(x) dx = 1$$

$\uparrow B(0,1)$

Def (convolution) Let  $\rho: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a mollifier

Let  $u \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^d)$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be a real number

For every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  we define

$$(u * \rho_\varepsilon)(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u(x + \varepsilon y) \rho(y) dy = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u(z) \rho\left(\frac{z-x}{\varepsilon}\right) dz$$

$\uparrow B(0,1)$                        $\uparrow B(x,\varepsilon)$   
 $z = x + \varepsilon y$   
 $y = \frac{z-x}{\varepsilon}$   
 $dy = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^d} dz$

If we assume just that  $u \in L^1(\Omega)$  with  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  open, then we can consider

$\hat{u} * \rho_\varepsilon \leftarrow$  defined for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$

where

$$\hat{u}(x) := \begin{cases} u(x) & \text{if } x \in \Omega \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Prop** Properties of the convolution

Let us assume that  $\rho, u, \varepsilon$  are as in the def. of convolution.

Then the following statements are true

(1)  $u * \rho_\varepsilon$  is of class  $C^\infty$  (if  $\rho \in C^k$ , then  $u * \rho_\varepsilon \in C^k$  and with some extra work  $C^{k+1}$ )

(2)  $u \rightarrow u * \rho_\varepsilon$  is linear

(3) Assume that  $\text{support}(u) \subseteq \Omega$ . Then

$$\text{supp}(u * \rho_\varepsilon) \subseteq \text{Clos} \left( \bigcup_{x \in \Omega} B(x, \varepsilon) \right)$$

(4) If  $u \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then  $u * \rho_\varepsilon \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and

$$\|u * \rho_\varepsilon\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

This is true for every  $p \in [1, +\infty]$   $\leftarrow$  included

(5) If  $u \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$  for some  $p \in [1, +\infty)$   $\leftarrow$  excluded then

$$u * \rho_\varepsilon \rightarrow u \quad \text{in } L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

Remark No hope that (5) is true with  $p = +\infty$   
(consider  $\mathbb{1}_{(a,b)}$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ ).

Exercise Prove the properties.

Proposition (the convolution commutes with w-weak derivatives)

Let  $B \subset\subset A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  be open sets.

Assume  $u \in L^1(A)$  and  $D^\alpha u = v \in L^1(A)$   
 $\uparrow$  w-weak derivative

Assume that

$$0 < \varepsilon < \underbrace{\text{dist}(B, \partial A)}_{\text{No cond. if } A = \mathbb{R}^d}$$

and therefore  $B(x, \varepsilon) \subset\subset A$  for every  $x \in B$ .

Then  $D^\alpha [\hat{u} * \rho_\varepsilon](x) = (\hat{v} * \rho_\varepsilon)(x) \quad \forall x \in B$

Proof  $(\hat{u} * \rho_\varepsilon)(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{u}(z) \rho\left(\frac{z-x}{\varepsilon}\right) dz$

$$D^\alpha (\hat{u} * \rho_\varepsilon)(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{u}(z) D_x^\alpha \left[ \rho\left(\frac{z-x}{\varepsilon}\right) \right] dz$$

$\uparrow B(x, \varepsilon)$

All  $\hat{u}(z)$  are  
actually  
 $u(z)$

chain rule  $\nearrow$   $= \frac{1}{\varepsilon^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{u}(z) [D^\alpha \rho]\left(\frac{z-x}{\varepsilon}\right) \frac{(-1)^{|\alpha|}}{\varepsilon^{|\alpha|}} dz$   
 $\uparrow B(x, \varepsilon)$

chain rule  $\nearrow$   $= \frac{(-1)^{|\alpha|}}{\varepsilon^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{u}(z) D_z^\alpha \left[ \rho\left(\frac{z-x}{\varepsilon}\right) \right] dz$   
 $\uparrow B(x, \varepsilon) \subseteq A$  class  $C_c^\infty(A)$   
 $\neq 0$  only in  $B(x, \varepsilon) \subset\subset A$

$v = D^\alpha u$  in  $A$   $\nearrow$   $= \frac{1}{\varepsilon^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} v(z) \rho\left(\frac{z-x}{\varepsilon}\right) dz$   
 $\uparrow B(x, \varepsilon) \subseteq A$  and  $v = \hat{v}$  in  $A$

$$= (\hat{v} * \rho_\varepsilon)(x). \quad \text{Provided that } x \in B$$

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Low-cost approx thm Assume  $u \in W^{m,p}(\Omega)$ . ( $p < +\infty$ )

Then there exists  $\{u_n\} \subseteq C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} u_n &\rightarrow u \quad \text{in } L^p(\Omega) \\ D^\alpha u_n &\rightarrow D^\alpha u \quad \text{in } L^p(\Omega') \quad \text{for every } \Omega' \subset\subset \Omega \\ &\text{and every } |\alpha| \leq m \end{aligned}$$

Proof Let us consider  $u_\varepsilon := \hat{u} * \rho_\varepsilon$   
Then  $u_\varepsilon \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  (also  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  if  $\Omega$  is bounded)

Moreover

$$u_\varepsilon \rightarrow \hat{u} \quad \text{in } L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

and therefore

$$u_\varepsilon \rightarrow \hat{u} = u \quad \text{in } L^p(\Omega)$$

Finally  $(\hat{D}^\alpha u) * \rho_\varepsilon \rightarrow \hat{D}^\alpha u \quad \text{in } L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$

and therefore

$$(D^\alpha u) * \rho_\varepsilon \rightarrow D^\alpha u \quad \text{in } L^p(\Omega')$$

"  $\leftarrow$  true only in  $\Omega'$  and if

$$D^\alpha (u * \rho_\varepsilon) \quad \varepsilon \text{ is small enough}$$

It remains to modify  $u_\varepsilon$  in order to have the compact support.  
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Theorem ( $W \Rightarrow H$  for weak derivatives)

Let  $u \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$  and let  $v := D^\alpha u \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$ .

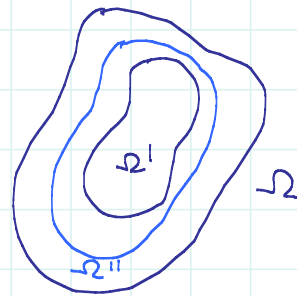
Then there exists  $\{u_n\} \subseteq C_c^\infty(\Omega)$  such that

$$u_n \rightarrow u \quad \text{in } L^1_{loc}(\Omega) \quad (\alpha \text{ is fixed})$$

$$D^\alpha u_n \rightarrow v \quad \text{in } L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$$

**Proof** Let us fix  $\Omega' \subset \subset \Omega$  and let us satisfy  $\Omega'$

Let us choose  $\Omega' \subset \subset \Omega'' \subset \subset \Omega$   
(prove that it DOES exist)



Define  $u_\varepsilon := \hat{u} * \rho_\varepsilon$   
 $\uparrow$   
 extension to 0  
 outside  $\Omega''$

As in the previous proof we can show that

$$u_\varepsilon \rightarrow u \text{ in } L^p(\Omega'') \text{ and also in } L^p(\Omega')$$

$$D^\alpha u_\varepsilon \rightarrow D^\alpha u \text{ in } L^p(\Omega')$$

How to satisfy any  $\Omega'$ . For every  $k \geq 1$  consider

$$\Omega_k := \{x \in \Omega : \|x\| < k \text{ and } \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) > \frac{1}{k}\}$$

It is easy to see that  $\bigcup_{k \geq 1} \Omega_k = \Omega$  and for every  $\Omega' \subset \subset \Omega$

it turns out that  $\Omega' \subset \subset \Omega_k$  eventually.

For every  $k \geq 1$  we know how to satisfy  $\Omega_k$ , in particular there exists  $v_k$  s.t.

$$\|u - v_k\|_{L^p(\Omega_k)} \leq \frac{1}{k}$$

$$\|D^\alpha u - D^\alpha v_k\|_{L^p(\Omega_k)} \leq \frac{1}{k}$$

$\swarrow$  it is enough that  
 $\searrow$  it goes to 0

I claim that  $\{v_k\}$  satisfies any  $\Omega'$ . Indeed eventually it is true that

$$\|u - v_k\|_{L^p(\Omega')} \leq \underbrace{\|u - v_k\|_{L^p(\Omega_k)}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \Omega' \subset \subset \Omega_k}} \leq \frac{1}{k} \text{ and the same for derivatives}$$

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## LECTURE 28

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**Prop** (Sobolev-smooth = Sobolev)Assume that  $u \in W^{m,p}(\Omega)$  and  $\psi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$ .Then  $\psi u \in W^{m,p}(\Omega)$ .Rule There is a "nice" formula for derivatives (general Leibniz rule)

$$D^\alpha [\psi u] = \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} D^\beta \psi D^{\alpha-\beta} u$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\binom{\alpha_1}{\beta_1} \dots \binom{\alpha_d}{\beta_d}$

**Prop** (Type A partition of the unity)Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  be an open set, and let  $\{A_m\}$  be a family of open sets such that(i)  $A_m \subset\subset A$  for every  $m \geq 1$ (ii)  $\{A_m\}$  is a covering of  $A$ , namely

$$\bigcup_{m \geq 1} A_m = A$$

(iii) the covering is LOCALLY FINITE, namely for every compact set  $K \subset A$  the set $\{m \geq 1 : A_m \cap K \neq \emptyset\}$  is finiteThen there exists  $\{\psi_m\}$  such that(1)  $\psi_m \in C_c^\infty(A_m)$ (2)  $\psi_m(x) \geq 0$  for every  $m \geq 1$  and every  $x \in A$  ( $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ )

(3)

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \psi_m(x) = 1 \quad \forall x \in A$$

 $\uparrow$  for every  $x \in A$  this is a finite sum because of (iii)

**Theorem** ( $H = W$  by Meyers-Serrin)

Assume that  $u \in W^{m,p}(\Omega)$  with  $p < +\infty$

Then there exists  $\{u_m\} \subseteq C^\infty(\Omega)$  such that  
 $\uparrow$  without  $C$

$$u_m \rightarrow u \text{ in } L^p(\Omega)$$

$$D^\alpha u_m \rightarrow D^\alpha u \text{ in } L^p(\Omega) \text{ for every } |\alpha| \leq m.$$

**Proof** The result is now trivial if  $\text{supp}(u) \subset\subset \Omega$ .

In this case it is enough to consider the low cost result with  $\text{supp}(u) \subset\subset \Omega' \subset\subset \Omega$ .

Let us consider now the general case. The goal is the following

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists v_\varepsilon \in C^\infty(\Omega) \text{ s.t. } \|u - v_\varepsilon\|_{W^{m,p},\Omega} \leq \varepsilon$$

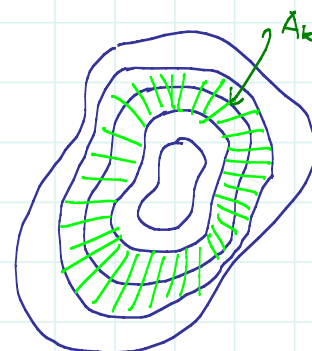
$\uparrow$  full norm

In order to construct  $v_\varepsilon$ , we consider  $\Omega_k$  as before

$$\Omega_k := \{x \in \Omega : \|x\| < k, \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) > \frac{1}{k}\} \quad k \geq 1$$

We set  $\Omega_0 := \emptyset$  and

$$A_k := \Omega_{k+1} \setminus \text{clos}(\Omega_k) \quad \forall k \geq 1$$



We observe that  $\{A_k\}$  is an open covering of  $A$  as in the part. of unity of type A.

(easy check)

Let  $\{\psi_k\}$  denote the corresponding part. of the unity, and let us set

$$u_k := \psi_k \cdot u$$

Properties of  $u_k$ .

- $\text{supp}(u_k) \subset A_k$
- $u_k \in W^{m,p}(\Omega)$  because it is Sobolev-smooth

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$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k(x) = u(x) \quad \text{because } \sum \psi_k(x) = 1$$

↑ this is a finite sum  
for every fixed  $x \in \Omega$

For every  $k \geq 1$ , there exists  $v_k \in C_c^\infty(A_k)$  such that

$$\|u_k - v_k\|_{m,p,\Omega} = \|u_k - v_k\|_{m,p,A_k} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2^k}$$

(It is enough to choose  $v_k = u_k * \rho_\delta$  for  $\delta$  small enough)

Finally define

$$v_\varepsilon(x) := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} v_k(x) \quad \forall x \in \Omega$$

↑ finite sum for  
every fixed  $x \in \Omega$

We claim that it works. Indeed

$$\begin{aligned} \|u - v_\varepsilon\|_{m,p,\Omega} &= \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k - v_k \right\|_{m,p,\Omega} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|u_k - v_k\|_{m,p,\Omega} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varepsilon}{2^k} = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Why is  $v_\varepsilon \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ ? Because in every fixed BALL  $B(x,r) \subset \Omega$  the sum is FINITE, and therefore  $v_\varepsilon \in C^\infty(B(x,r))$  and  $C^\infty$  is a local property

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### Proof of Smooth. Sobolev Induction on $m$

$m=1$  Claim:  $\psi u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  and  $D_{x_i}[\psi u] = D_{x_i}\psi \cdot u + \psi \cdot D_{x_i}u$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\Omega} [\psi u] D_{x_i} \varphi \, dx &= \int_{\Omega} u [\psi D_{x_i} \varphi] \, dx \\
 &\quad \text{test function} \\
 &= \int_{\Omega} u \{ D_{x_i} [\psi \varphi] - D_{x_i} \psi \cdot \varphi \} \, dx \\
 &= \int_{\Omega} u D_{x_i} [\psi \varphi] \, dx - \int_{\Omega} u D_{x_i} \psi \varphi \, dx \\
 &\quad \text{new test function} \\
 &= - \int_{\Omega} D_{x_i} u \cdot \psi \varphi \, dx - \int_{\Omega} u D_{x_i} \psi \varphi \, dx \\
 &= - \int_{\Omega} \{ D_{x_i} u \cdot \psi + u \cdot D_{x_i} \psi \} \varphi \, dx \quad \ddot{\smile}
 \end{aligned}$$

$m \Rightarrow m+1$  Let us consider  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha| = m+1$ . Let us write  
 $\alpha = \beta + (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \uparrow$   
 $\quad \quad \text{pos. } i$

Now

$$D^{\alpha}[\psi u] = D^{\beta} D_{x_i}[\psi u] = D^{\beta} \left( \underbrace{D_{x_i} \psi}_{\text{smooth}} \cdot \underbrace{u}_{W^{1,p}} + \underbrace{\psi}_{\text{smooth}} \cdot \underbrace{D_{x_i} u}_{W^{1,p}} \right)$$

so the result follows by the inductive hypothesis because  $|\beta| = m$ .

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**Lemma** Let  $\{A_k\}$  be an open covering of  $A$  as in the Prop. Then there exists  $\{\hat{A}_k\}$  a new covering as in the Prop. with

$$\hat{A}_k \subset\subset A_k \quad \forall k \geq 1$$

"We can take it smaller"

**Proof** I want to replace  $A_1$  by



$$A_{1,m} := \{x \in A_1 : \text{dist}(x, \partial A_1) > \frac{1}{m}\}$$

Claim: if  $m$  is large enough, I can replace  $A_1$  by  $\hat{A}_1 := A_{1,m}$ . I have to check that

$$A_{1,m} \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots = A$$

To this end, it is enough to check that

$$\underbrace{A_{1,m} \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots}_{B_m} \supseteq \text{Clos}(A_1)$$

$\uparrow$  clos is not really needed

just observe that  $B_m$  is an open covering of  $\text{Clos}(A_1)$ , which is a compact set. Therefore the conclusion follows because  $B_m$ 's are increasing.

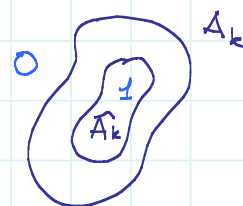
In the same way, I can define  $\hat{A}_2, \hat{A}_3, \dots$

We need to check that  $\bigcup_{k \geq 1} \hat{A}_k = A$ . Let  $x \in A$ . Then

$x$  belongs to a finite number of  $A_k$ , so if  $x$  "survives" after the first  $k$  steps, then it survives forever.

### Proof of part of unity

Let us consider  $\{\hat{A}_k\}$  as in the Lemma.  
For each  $k \geq 1$  we can find  $\vartheta_k(x)$  s.t.



- $\vartheta_k \in C_c^\infty(A_k)$
- $0 \leq \vartheta_k \leq 1$  in  $A_k$
- $\vartheta_k(x) = 1$  for every  $x \in \hat{A}_k$ .

Define  $S(x) := \sum_{k \geq 1} \vartheta_k(x)$  ( $> 0$  in  $A$  because  $\{\hat{A}_k\}$  is a covering)

and finally  $\psi_k(x) := \frac{\vartheta_k(x)}{S(x)}$

Note that  $S(x) \in C^\infty$  because the sum is locally finite

How to find  $\vartheta_k(x)$ ?

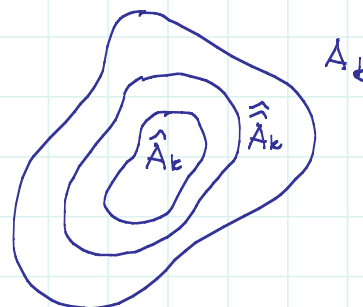
Take

$$\hat{A}_k \subset \hat{\hat{A}}_k \subset A_k$$

and then define

$$\vartheta_k = \mathbb{1}_{\hat{A}_k} * \rho_\varepsilon \quad \text{with } \varepsilon \text{ small enough}$$

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## SOBOLEV EMBEDDINGS

BASIC CASE: WHOLE  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $m=1$ Theorem Let us assume that  $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

$$\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{p_*} = \frac{1}{d}$$

Case  $p < d$  Then  $u \in L^{p_*}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  where  
and

$$p_* := \frac{pd}{d-p} \quad (>p)$$

$$\|u\|_{L^{p_*}(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq c(d,p) \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

PURE ESTIMATE:  
only  $\nabla u$  in RHS

As a consequence,  $u \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)$  for every  $q \in [p, p_*]$  and

$$\|u\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq c(d,p,q) \|u\|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}^d}$$

IMPURE ESTIMATE:  
full norm in RHS

Case  $p = d$  Then  $u \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)$  for every  $q \in [p, +\infty)$  and

Excluded

$$\|u\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq c(d,p,q) \|u\|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}^d}$$

↑  
↑  
equal

Case  $p > d$  Then  $u \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and

$$\|u\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq c(d,p) \|u\|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}^d}$$

$\in (0,1]$

In addition,  $u$  is Hölder continuous and

$$|u(y) - u(x)| \leq c(d,p) \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} |y-x|^{1-\frac{d}{p}}$$

PURE ESTIMATE  
 $\forall x, y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

↑ Hölder constant

### ITERATED BASIC CASE : WHOLE $\mathbb{R}^d$ , ANY $m$

Theorem Assume that  $u \in W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

$$\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{p_*} = \frac{m}{d}$$

Case 1:  $mp < d$  In this case  $u \in L^{p_*(m)}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  where

and

$$p_*(m) = \frac{dp}{d - pm}$$

$$\|u\|_{L^{p_*(m)}(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq c(d, p, m) \sum_{|\alpha| = m} \|D^\alpha u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

As a consequence,  $u \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)$  for all  $q \in [p, p_*(m)]$  and

$$\|u\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq c(d, p, q, m) \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \|D^\alpha u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

$$\|u\|_{m, p, \mathbb{R}^d}$$

Case 2:  $mp = d$  In this case  $u \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)$  for every  $q \in [p, +\infty)$  with improved estimate

Case 3:  $mp > d$  First of all,  $u \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with improved estimate.

Moreover, let  $R$  be the smallest integer such that  $Rp > d$ .

Then  $u \in C^{m-R}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and derivatives of order  $m-R$  are Hölder cont. with Hölder-exponent  $1 - \frac{d}{Rp}$  and

$$|D^\beta u(x) - D^\beta u(y)| \leq c(d, m, p) \sum_{|\alpha| = m} \|D^\alpha u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} |x - y|^{1 - \frac{d}{Rp}}$$

for every  $x$  and  $y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

Proof Induction using previous statement.



**MORE GENERAL CASE :  $m=1$  and  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  open set**

Theorem let us assume that  $\Omega$  is smooth enough and let  $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ .

**Case  $p < d$**  Then  $u \in L^q(\Omega)$  for every  $q \in [p, p^*]$  and

$$\|u\|_{L^q(\Omega)} \leq c(d, p, q, \Omega) \|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}$$

always the full norm, even if  $q = p^*$

**Case  $p = d$**   $u \in L^q(\Omega)$  for every  $q \in [p, +\infty)$  with imprecise est.

**Case  $p > d$**   $u \in L^\infty(\Omega)$  and  $1 - \frac{d}{p}$  Hölder continuous, with imprecise estimates.

**COMPLETELY GENERAL CASE**

Assume again that  $\Omega$  is smooth enough. Assume  $u \in W^{m,p}(\Omega)$ . Then conclusions are the same as in the  $\mathbb{R}^d$  case, but without pme estimates.

All constants DO depend also on  $\Omega$ .

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## EXTENSION PROBLEM

Def Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  be an open set.

① A  $(m,p)$ -extender is a map

$$E_{m,p} : W^{m,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

such that

(i)  $[E_{m,p}(u)](x) = u(x)$  for almost every  $x \in \Omega$

(ii)  $E_{m,p}$  is linear

(iii) we have a "norm control"

$$\|E_{m,p} u\|_{m,p,\mathbb{R}^d} \leq C(m,p,\Omega) \|u\|_{m,p,\Omega}$$

② A  $m$ -extender is a map  $E_m : L^1_{loc}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  such that the restriction of  $E_m$  to  $W^{m,p}(\Omega)$  is a  $(m,p)$ -extender for every  $p \in [1, +\infty]$ .

③ A universal extender is a map  $E_{univ} : L^1_{loc}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  which is good for every  $m \geq 1$  and every  $p \in [1, +\infty]$ .

First application If  $\Omega$  admits a  $(1,p)$ -extender, then Sobolev embeddings hold true in  $\Omega$ .

Proof Let us set  $\hat{u} := E_{1,p} u$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{p^*(\Omega)} & \stackrel{u=\hat{u} \text{ in } \Omega}{=} \|\hat{u}\|_{p^*(\Omega)} \leq \|\hat{u}\|_{p^*(\mathbb{R}^d)} \stackrel{\text{Sobolev in } \mathbb{R}^d}{\leq} C(d,p) \|\nabla \hat{u}\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \\ & \leq C(d,p,\Omega) \|u\|_{1,p,\Omega} \stackrel{\text{property of the extender}}{\uparrow} \end{aligned}$$

**Very important point** If we want embeddings for  $W^{m,p}(\Omega)$  it is enough to have  $(1,p)$ -extenders

**Second application** If  $\Omega$  admits an  $(m,p)$  extender, then the deluxe approx. holds true in  $W^{m,p}(\Omega)$

**Proof** Let  $\hat{u} = E_{m,p}(u) \in W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

Assume that we can approximate  $\hat{u}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  in a deluxe way

$$\begin{array}{c} D^{\alpha} \hat{u}_m \longrightarrow D^{\alpha} \hat{u} \quad \text{in } L^p(\mathbb{R}^d) \text{ for every } |\alpha| \leq m \\ \uparrow \\ \in C_c^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d) \end{array}$$

Then the convergence is true a fortiori in  $L^p(\Omega)$ .

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**GAGLIARDO INEQUALITY** (1959)Special case of  
BRASCAMP-LIEB ineq.Setting: we are in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and we consider  $d$  functions

$$\varphi_i \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})$$

Let

$$P_i : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d-1}$$

be the projections that "forgets the  $i$ -th component".

Define

$$\varphi(x) := \prod_{i=1}^d \varphi_i(P_i x) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

For example:

$$d=2 \quad \varphi(x, y) = \varphi_1(y) \varphi_2(x)$$

$$d=3 \quad \varphi(x, y, z) = \varphi_1(y, z) \varphi_2(x, z) \varphi_3(x, y)$$

(General BL ineq.  $\varphi(x) := \prod_{i=1}^k \varphi_i(L_i x)$   $L_i : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m_i}$  linear  
with  $m_i < d$ )

**Theorem**

$$\|\varphi\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \prod_{i=1}^d \|\varphi_i\|_{L^{d-1}(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})}$$

**Proof** Induction on  $d$ . we can assume that  $\varphi_i \geq 0$ .

$$d=2 \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \varphi_1(y) \varphi_2(x) dx dy = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_2(x) dx \right) \cdot \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_1(y) dy \right) \quad \square$$

$$\boxed{3=4} \quad \varphi(x, y, z, w) = a(y, z, w) b(x, z, w) c(x, y, w) d(x, y, z)$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^4} \varphi(x, y, z, w) dx dy dz dw$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} d(x, y, z) \underbrace{\left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} a(y, z, w) b(x, z, w) c(x, y, w) dw \right\}}_{\Phi(x, y, z)} dx dy dz$$

$\frac{1}{3}$ 
 $\frac{2}{3}$

$$\leq \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} d(x, y, z)^3 dx dy dz \right\}^{\frac{1}{3}} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \Phi(x, y, z)^{3/2} dx dy dz \right\}^{2/3}$$

$\parallel d \parallel_{L^3(\mathbb{R}^3)}$

Let us estimate  $\Phi(x, y, z)$ :

$$\Phi(x, y, z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} a(y, z, w) b(x, z, w) c(x, y, w) dw$$

$\frac{1}{3}$ 
 $\frac{1}{3}$ 
 $\frac{1}{3}$

$$\leq \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} a(y, z, w)^3 dw \right\}^{1/3} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} b(x, z, w)^3 dw \right\}^{1/3} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} c(x, y, w)^3 dw \right\}^{1/3}$$

$$\Phi(x, y, z)^{3/2} \leq \underbrace{\left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} a(y, z, w)^3 dw \right\}^{1/2}}_{A(y, z)} \underbrace{\left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} b(x, z, w)^3 dw \right\}^{1/2}}_{B(x, z)} \underbrace{\left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} c(x, y, w)^3 dw \right\}^{1/2}}_{C(x, y)}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \Phi(x, y, z)^{3/2} dx dy dz \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} A(y, z) B(x, z) C(x, y) dx dy dz$$

$$\leq \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} A(y, z)^2 dy dz \right\}^{1/2} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} B(x, z)^2 dx dz \right\}^{1/2} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} C(x, y)^2 dx dy \right\}^{1/2}$$

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Finally, let us compute any of the three terms

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} A(y, z)^2 dy dz &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} a(y, z, w)^3 dw \right\} dy dz \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} a(y, z, w)^3 dy dz dw \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} A(y, z)^2 dy dz \right\}^{1/2} = \|a\|_{L^3(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{3/2} \quad \leftarrow \text{cancelled by the } 2/3 \text{ in the integral of } \Phi$$

$d \Rightarrow d+1$  We follow the same idea

Notation  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ ,  $\hat{x}_i = x$  without  $i$ -th comp.

$\hat{x}_{i, d+1} = x$  without comp.  $\#i$  and  $\#d+1$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{d+1}} \prod_{i=1}^{d+1} \varphi_i(\hat{x}_i) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi_{d+1}(\hat{x}_{d+1}) \underbrace{\left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \prod_{i=1}^d \varphi_i(\hat{x}_i) d\hat{x}_{d+1} \right\}}_{\Phi(\hat{x}_{d+1})} d\hat{x}_{d+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi_{d+1}(\hat{x}_{d+1})^d d\hat{x}_{d+1} \right\}^{1/d} \cdot \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \Phi(\hat{x}_{d+1})^{d/d-1} d\hat{x}_{d+1} \right\}^{d/d-1} \\ &= \|\varphi_{d+1}\|_{L^d(\mathbb{R}^d)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\hat{x}_{d+1}) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_1(\hat{x}_1) \cdots \varphi_d(\hat{x}_d) d\hat{x}_{d+1} \\ &\leq \prod_{i=1}^d \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_i(\hat{x}_i)^d d\hat{x}_{d+1} \right\}^{1/d} \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\Phi(\hat{x}_{d+1})^{\frac{d}{d-1}} \leq \prod_{i=1}^d \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_i(\hat{x}_i)^d d x_{d+1} \right\}^{\frac{1}{d-1}}$$

$\Phi_i(\hat{x}_{i,d+1})$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \Phi(\hat{x}_{d+1})^{\frac{d}{d-1}} d \hat{x}_{d+1} \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \prod_{i=1}^d \Phi_i(\hat{x}_{i,d+1}) d \hat{x}_{d+1}$$

function in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  which is the product of  $d$  functions in  $\mathbb{R}^{d-1}$   
 $\leadsto$  we can apply the inductive hyp

$$\leq \prod_{i=1}^d \|\Phi_i(\hat{x}_{i,d+1})\|_{L^{d-1}(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})}$$

Now it is enough to check that

$$\|\Phi_i(\hat{x}_{i,d+1})\|_{L^{d-1}(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})} = \|\varphi_i\|_{L^d(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

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Homothety argument If a pme estimate is true

$$\|u\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C(p,d) \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

then necessarily  $q = p^*$

Proof Assume the inequality is true for every  $u \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .  
 Then, for every  $\lambda > 0$ , it is true for  $v(x) := u(\lambda x)$

$$\|u\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} = \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u(\lambda x)^q dx \right\}^{1/q} = \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u(y)^q \frac{1}{\lambda^d} dy \right\}^{1/q}$$

$y = \lambda x$   
 $dy = \lambda^d dx$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda^{d/q}} \|u\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

$\nabla v(x) = \lambda \nabla u(\lambda x)$  and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla v\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}^{1/p} &= \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \lambda^p \|\nabla u(\lambda x)\|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} \\ &= \left[ \frac{\lambda}{\lambda^{d/p}} \right] \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \end{aligned}$$

In particular, it has to be true that

$$\frac{1}{\lambda^{d/q}} \|u\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \frac{\lambda}{\lambda^{d/p}} \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \cdot C(d, p)$$

The two powers of  $\lambda$  should be the same (if not, we get a contradiction when  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$  or  $\lambda \rightarrow +\infty$ )

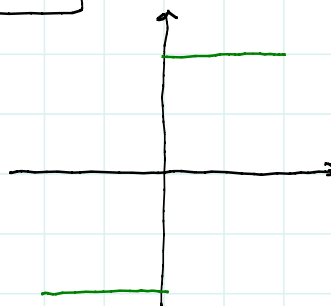
Therefore  $\frac{d}{q} = \frac{d}{p} - 1 \rightsquigarrow \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{d} \rightsquigarrow q = p_*$

In the same way we can show the optimality of the exponents in the pure estimate for the Hölder constant.

The enemy #1 of embeddings and extension

$$\Omega = (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1)$$

$u \in W^{1,p}$  for every  $n \geq 1$  and  $p$



But it is not Hölder continuous, and it is not possible to extend it to  $\mathbb{R}$  in a Sobolev way.

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Sobolev embedding  $p < d$ 

$$\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{p_*} = \frac{1}{d}$$

$$u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d) \Rightarrow u \in L^{p_*}(\mathbb{R}^d) \quad \text{where } p_* = \frac{pd}{d-p}$$

Step 1 Assume  $u \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $p=1$  so  $p_* = \frac{d}{d-1}$

$$u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) = \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1}(t, x_2, \dots, x_d) dt$$

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negative enough  
number

$$|u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)| \leq \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1}(t, x_2, \dots, x_d) \right| dt}_{\varphi_1(\hat{x}_1)}$$

In the same way

$$|u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)| \leq \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, t, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_d) \right| dt}_{\varphi_i(\hat{x}_i)}$$

If we multiply these relations

$$|u(x)|^d \leq \prod_{i=1}^d \varphi_i(\hat{x}_i)$$

and hence

$$|u(x)|^{\frac{d}{d-1}} \leq \prod_{i=1}^d \varphi_i(\hat{x}_i)^{\frac{1}{d-1}}$$

We are in the assumptions of Gagliardo ineq.

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |u(x)|^{\frac{d}{d-1}} dx \leq \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^d}_{\text{Gagliardo}} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-1}} \varphi_i(\hat{x}_i) d\hat{x}_i \right\}^{\frac{1}{d-1}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-1}} \varphi_i(\hat{x}_i) d\hat{x}_i &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-1}} d\hat{x}_i \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, t, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_d) \right| \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(x) \right| dx \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla u(x)| dx \end{aligned}$$

If we plug this in the previous estimate we obtain

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |u(x)|^{\frac{d}{d-1}} dx \leq \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla u(x)| dx \right\}^{\frac{d}{d-1}}$$

This implies that  $\|u\|_{L^{\frac{d}{d-1}}(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \|\nabla u\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)}$

**Step 2** Assume that  $u \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $p < d$ .

Trick: consider  $v(x) := |u(x)|^2 u(x) = \varphi(u(x))$  ( $r > 0$ )  
with  $\varphi(\sigma) := |\sigma|^r \sigma$

Then

$$\varphi'(\sigma) = (r+1) |\sigma|^{r-1} \sigma$$

$$\nabla v(x) = \varphi'(u(x)) \nabla u(x) = (r+1) |u(x)|^{r-1} \nabla u(x).$$

From Step 1 we know that

$$\|v\|_{L^{\frac{d}{d-1}}(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \|\nabla v\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |u(x)|^{\frac{d}{d-1}} dx \right\}^{\frac{d-1}{d}} = \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |u(x)|^{(n+1) \frac{d}{d-1}} dx \right\}^{\frac{d-1}{d}} \\ &= \|u\|_{L^{(n+1) \frac{d}{d-1}}}^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla u(x)| dx = (n+1) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |u(x)|^{\frac{n+1}{p}} \cdot |\nabla u(x)| dx \\ &\leq (n+1) \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |u(x)|^{\frac{np}{p-1}} dx \right\}^{\frac{p-1}{p}} \cdot \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \\ &= (n+1) \|u\|_{L^{\frac{np}{p-1}}}^{\frac{np}{p-1}} \cdot \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \end{aligned}$$

Putting things together we get

$$\|u\|_{L^{(n+1) \frac{d}{d-1}}}^{n+1} \leq (n+1) \|u\|_{L^{\frac{np}{p-1}}}^{\frac{np}{p-1}} \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

Idea: choose  $n$  in such a way that  $(n+1) \frac{d}{d-1} = \frac{p}{p-1}$

$$n \left( \frac{p}{p-1} - \frac{d}{d-1} \right) = \frac{d}{d-1} \leadsto n \frac{pd - p - dp + d}{(p-1)(d-1)} = \frac{d}{d-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \leadsto n &= \frac{d(p-1)}{d-p} \leadsto (n+1) \frac{d}{d-1} = \left( \frac{d(p-1)}{d-p} + 1 \right) \frac{d}{d-1} \\ &= \frac{dp - d + d - p}{d-p} \frac{d}{d-1} = \frac{pd}{d-p} = p_* \end{aligned}$$

with this choice of  $n$  we obtain

$$\|u\|_{L^{p_*}}^{n+1} \leq \overset{C(p,d)}{(n+1)} \|u\|_{L^{p_*}}^{\frac{np}{p-1}} \cdot \|\nabla u\|_{L^p} \leadsto \text{conclusion}$$



As in the previous case, we obtain that

$$\|u\|_{L^{(r+1)\frac{d}{d-1}}(\mathbb{R}^d)}^{r+1} \leq (r+1) \|u\|_{L^{r\frac{d}{d-1}}(\mathbb{R}^d)}^r \|\nabla u\|_{L^d(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

Key point: the summability in the LHS is better than in the RHS

Let us set  $p_k := d + \frac{d}{d-1}k$  and let us prove by induction that  $u \in L^{p_k}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

This is enough because  $p_k \rightarrow +\infty$ .

**Case  $k=0$**  Trivial, because  $u \in L^d(\mathbb{R}^d)$  by assumption.  
Here the estimate is already impure

**Case  $k \Rightarrow k+1$**  Assume that  $u \in L^{p_k}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

We choose  $r$  in such a way that

$$r \frac{d}{d-1} = p_k \leadsto r \frac{d}{d-1} = d + \frac{d}{d-1}k$$

$$\leadsto r = d-1+k$$

Note: at each step the constant is growing

$$\|u\|_{L^{p_k}(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq c(d,k) \|\nabla u\|_{L^d(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

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to  $\infty$  as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$   
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How to prove deluxe approximation in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

**Step 1: regularization** Consider  $u \mapsto p_\varepsilon = u_\varepsilon$  and observe

that  $u_\varepsilon \rightarrow u$  and  $\nabla u_\varepsilon \rightarrow \nabla u$  in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$

Step 2: we obtain the compact support

Take  $u \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$

Consider  $u_m(x) := u(x) \cdot \psi\left(\frac{|x|}{m}\right)$

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coincides with  $u$  in  $B(0,m)$   
and  $u_m(x) \equiv 0$  outside  $B(0,2m)$



Easy to see (dominated convergence) that

$$u_m \rightarrow u \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla u_m \rightarrow \nabla u \quad \text{in } L^p(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

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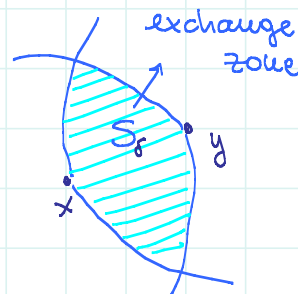
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Sobolev embedding with  $p > d$ 

$u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d) \Rightarrow u \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with imprecise estimate and  
 $u$  is  $1 - \frac{d}{p}$  Hölder cont. with precise estimate of the Hölder constant

Step 1 Let us assume that  $u \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

MORREY TRICK (exchange zone)



$$|u(y) - u(x)| \leq |u(y) - u(z)| + |u(z) - u(x)|$$

We set  $\delta := |y - x|$  and we integrate in  $S_\delta$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \int_{S_\delta} |u(y) - u(x)| dz = |u(y) - u(x)| \cdot \text{meas}(S_\delta) \\ &= |u(y) - u(x)| \cdot C(d) \delta^d \end{aligned}$$

For the RHS, we have the following estimate

$$\begin{aligned} |u(z) - u(x)| &= |\varphi(1) - \varphi(0)| = \left| \int_0^1 \varphi'(t) dt \right| \\ &\quad \uparrow \\ &\quad \varphi(t) = u(x + t(z-x)) \\ &\leq \int_0^1 |\varphi'(t)| dt \\ &= \int_0^1 |\langle \nabla u(x + t(z-x)), z-x \rangle| dt \\ &\leq \underbrace{|z-x|}_{\leq \delta} \cdot \int_0^1 |\nabla u(x + t(z-x))| dt \leq \delta \int_0^1 |\nabla u(x + t(z-x))| dt \end{aligned}$$

Now we integrate

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{S_\delta} |u(z) - u(x)| dz &\leq \delta \int_{S_\delta} dz \int_0^1 |\nabla u(x+t(z-x))| dt \\ &= \delta \int_0^1 dt \int_{S_\delta} |\nabla u(\underbrace{x+t(z-x)}_w)| dz \\ &\quad dw = t^d dz \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \delta \int_0^1 t^{-d} dt \int_{B(x, \delta t)} |\nabla u(w)| \cdot \frac{1}{t^d} \cdot \frac{t^{d-1}}{t} dw$$

where lies  $w$ ?  $|w-x| = t|z-x| \leq \delta t \Rightarrow w \in B(x, \delta t)$

$$\leq \delta \int_0^1 t^{-d} dt \left\{ \int_{B(x, \delta t)} |\nabla u(w)|^p dw \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \text{meas}(B(x, \delta t))^{\frac{p-1}{p}}$$

$\leq \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \quad C(d, p) t^{\frac{d(p-1)}{p}} \delta^{\frac{d(p-1)}{p}}$

$$\leq C(d, p) \delta^{1+d-\frac{d}{p}} \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \int_0^1 t^{1+d-\frac{d}{p}} dt$$

$$= C_1(d, p) \delta^{1+d-\frac{d}{p}} \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{t^{\frac{d}{p}}} dt$$

this is a number  
because  $\frac{d}{p} < 1$

At the end of the day we find that

$$|u(x) - u(y)| C(d) \delta^{\frac{d}{p}} \leq 2 C_1(d, p) \delta^{\overset{1+d-\frac{d}{p}}{\uparrow}} \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $|x-y|$

Hölder exponent that  
we expected



**Step 2** Again  $u \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . We want the  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  estimate

Let us consider any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . For sure

$$\int_{B(x, 24)} |u(y)|^p dy \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |u(y)|^p dy$$

$\parallel$   $\parallel$   
 $\parallel u \parallel_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}^p$

$$|u(\hat{y})|^p \text{ means } (B(x, 24))$$

$\uparrow$   
 mysterious point  
 in the Ball

$$\Rightarrow |u(\hat{y})| \leq C(d) \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

$$\rightarrow |u(x)| \leq |u(\hat{y})| + |u(x) - u(\hat{y})|$$

$$\leq C(d) \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} + C(p, d) \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \cdot 24^{1-\frac{d}{p}}$$

$$\leq C(d, p) \|u\|_{1, p, \mathbb{R}^d}$$

**Step 3** Assume  $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Take deluxe approximation  $\{u_n\} \subseteq C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and observe that in any ball of radius 24 (and actually any radius) they satisfy the assumptions of Ascoli-Arzelà.

The conclusion is standard.

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**Remark** The previous proof does NOT work if  $p = +\infty$  in the point where we apply Hölder inequality.

This case can be dealt with by convolution or simply by observing that Step 1 is almost trivial if  $p = +\infty$  (in this case  $|\nabla u|$  bounded  $\Rightarrow u$  is Lip. with bound on the Lip. const.)

Corollary If  $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $p > d$ , then

$\rightarrow u \in C^0(\mathbb{R}^d)$  (and actually uniformly continuous)

$\rightarrow \lim_{|x| \rightarrow +\infty} u(x) = 0$

$\uparrow$  This DOES NOT follow from  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |u(x)|^p dx < +\infty$

**GENERAL FACT** If  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |v(x)| dx < +\infty$  AND  $v(x)$  is unip. cont.

then  $v(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $|x| \rightarrow +\infty$

Exercise If  $p < d$ , then there exists  $u \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  such that  $u(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $|x| \rightarrow +\infty$

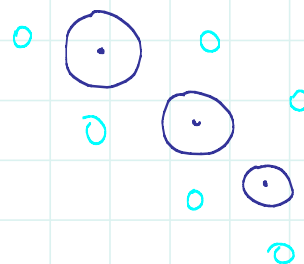
Let us use a scaling technique. Let us consider

$\varphi \in C_c^\infty(B(0,1))$  with  $\varphi \geq 0$  and  $\int_{B(0,1)} \varphi(x) dx = 1$

Let us consider a sequence of disjoint balls  $B(x_m, r_m)$

Let us consider

$$u(x) := a_m \varphi\left(\frac{x-x_m}{r_m}\right) \text{ in } B(x_m, r_m)$$



$$\int_{B(x_m, r_m)} |u(x)|^q dx = a_m^q \int_{B(x_m, r_m)} \varphi\left(\frac{x-x_m}{r_m}\right)^q dx$$

$$= a_m^q r_m^d \int_{B(0,1)} \varphi(y)^q dy$$

$$\nabla u(x) = \frac{a_n}{r_n} \nabla \varphi\left(\frac{x-x_n}{r_n}\right) \text{ and therefore}$$

$$\int_{B(x_n, r_n)} |\nabla u(x)|^q = \frac{a_n^q}{r_n^q} r_n^d \int_{B(0,1)} |\nabla \varphi(y)|^q dy$$

If we want  $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  we need

$$\sum a_n^p r_n^d < +\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \sum a_n^p r_n^{d-p} < +\infty$$

We can take  $a_n \equiv 1$  so that  $|u(x)| \not\rightarrow 0$  as  $|x| \rightarrow +\infty$   
(of course  $|x_n| \rightarrow +\infty$ )

$$\sum r_n^{\overset{>0}{d}} < +\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \sum r_n^{\overset{>0}{d-p}} < +\infty$$

enough to choose  $r_n = \frac{1}{n!}$  (can also choose  $a_n \rightarrow +\infty !!$ )  
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EXTENDERS - MODEL CASE

Why do we need extenders? They are a suff. cond. for

→ deluxe approx. in  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$

→ Sobolev embeddings in  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$

Model case

$A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d-1}$  open set

$$C_A := \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^d : x \in A, y \in (-1, 1) \} \quad \text{cylinder}$$

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ d-1 \text{ v.m.} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \in \mathbb{R} \end{matrix}$

$$C_A^+ := \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^d : x \in A, y \in (0, 1) \}$$

We can consider also the "infinite cylinders"

$$C_A := A \times \mathbb{R}$$

$$C_A^+ := A \times (0, +\infty)$$

Goal: given  $u \in W^{1,p}(C_A^+)$ , find  $\hat{u} \in W^{1,p}(C_A)$  that extends  $u$ .

Def. For every  $u \in W^{1,p}(C_A^+)$ , let us consider

$$[E_{\text{even}} u](x, y) := \begin{cases} u(x, y) & \text{if } x \in A \text{ and } y \in (0, 1) \\ u(x, -y) & \text{if } x \in A \text{ and } y \in (-1, 0) \end{cases}$$

$$[E_{\text{odd}} u](x, y) := \begin{cases} u(x, y) & \text{as before} \\ -u(x, -y) & \text{as before} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem** Let  $u \in W^{1,p}(C_A^+)$ . Then  $\hat{u} := [E_{\text{even}} u](x) \in W^{1,p}(C_A)$ ,  
and

$$D_{x_i} \hat{u} = E_{\text{even}} D_{x_i} u \quad \text{if } i \in \{1, \dots, d-1\}$$

$$D_y \hat{u} = E_{\text{odd}} D_y u$$

In addition  $\|\hat{u}\|_{1,p,C_A} = 2 \|u\|_{1,p,C_A}$

**Proof** It is trivial that  $E_{\text{even}}$  is linear and extends  $u$ .  
Let us consider derivatives.

$D_{x_i} \hat{u}$  with  $i=1, \dots, d-1$  We need to prove that

$$\int_{C_A} \hat{u}(x,y) D_{x_i} \varphi(x,y) dx dy = - \int_{C_A} E_{\text{even}} D_{x_i} u(x,y) \varphi(x,y) dx dy$$

for every  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(C_A)$ .

$$\text{LHS} = \int_A dx \int_0^1 dy u(x,y) D_{x_i} \varphi(x,y) + \int_A dx \int_{-1}^0 dy u(x,-y) D_{x_i} \varphi(x,y)$$

$\begin{matrix} dz = -dy \\ z \\ \uparrow \end{matrix}$

$$= \int_A dx \int_0^1 dy u(x,y) D_{x_i} \varphi(x,y) + \int_A dx \int_0^1 dy u(x,y) D_{x_i} \varphi(x,-y)$$

$$= \int_{C_A^+} u(x,y) \{ D_{x_i} \varphi(x,y) + D_{x_i} \varphi(x,-y) \} dx dy$$

$$= \int_{C_A^+} u(x,y) D_{x_i} \psi(x,y) dx dy \quad \text{where } \psi(x,y) := \varphi(x,y) + \varphi(x,-y)$$

If we do the same with the RHS we find

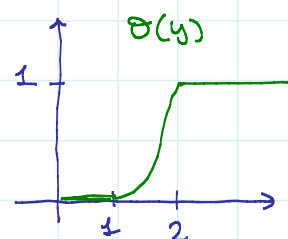
$$\text{RHS} = - \int_{C_A^+} D_{x_i} u(x,y) \psi(x,y) dx dy \quad \text{with } \psi \text{ as above}$$

So we reduced ourselves to proving that

$$\int_{C_A^+} u(x,y) D_{x_i} \psi(x,y) dx dy = - \int_{C_A^+} D_{x_i} u(x,y) \psi(x,y) dx dy$$

This would be trivial if  $\psi \in C_c^\infty(C_A^+)$ , but in general this is not true.

Consider a cutoff function  $\theta$  as in the figure.



Consider

$$\psi_n(x,y) := \psi(x,y) \cdot \theta(ny)$$

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coincides with  $\psi$  if  $y \geq \frac{2}{n}$   
and vanishes if  $y \leq \frac{1}{n}$

In particular,  $\psi_n \in C_c^\infty(C_A^+)$  and therefore

$$\int_{C_A^+} u(x,y) D_{x_i} \psi_n(x,y) dx dy = - \int_{C_A^+} D_{x_i} u(x,y) \psi_n(x,y) dx dy$$

is true for every  $n \geq 1$ . Now we pass to the limit.

In the RHS we have pointwise convergence and domination

$$|D_{x_i} u(x,y) \psi_n(x,y)| \leq \text{constant } |D_{x_i} u(x,y)| \in L^1$$

The LHS is equal to

$$\int_{\mathbb{C}_A^+} u(x,y) \Theta(ny) D_x \psi(x,y) dx dy$$

and we conclude in the same way.

$D_y \hat{u}$  We need to prove that

$$\int_{\mathbb{C}_A} \hat{u}(x,y) D_y \varphi(x,y) dx dy = - \int_{\mathbb{C}_A} E_{\text{odd}} D_y u(x,y) \varphi(x,y) dx dy$$

for every  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{C}_A)$ .

With the same variable change we find that

$$\text{LHS} = \int_{\mathbb{C}_A^+} u(x,y) D_y \psi(x,y) dx dy$$

$$\text{RHS} = - \int_{\mathbb{C}_A^+} D_y u(x,y) \psi(x,y) dx dy$$

$$\text{but now } \psi(x,y) := \varphi(x,y) - \varphi(x,-y)$$

We introduce  $\psi_n(x,y) := \psi(x,y) \cdot \Theta(ny)$  as before, and we observe that, for every  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{C}_A^+} u(x,y) D_y \psi_n(x,y) dx dy &= - \int_{\mathbb{C}_A^+} D_y u(x,y) \psi_n(x,y) dx dy \\ &\quad \downarrow \\ &= - \int_{\mathbb{C}_A^+} D_y u(x,y) \psi(x,y) dx dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{LHS} = \int_{\mathbb{C}_A^+} u(x,y) \Theta(ny) D_y \psi(x,y) dx dy + \int_{\mathbb{C}_A^+} u(x,y) \psi(x,y) n \Theta'(ny) dx dy$$

The first term  $\leadsto$  no problem

As for the second term we observe that

- $n |\theta'(ny)| \leq \text{const.} \cdot n$  and vanishes when  $y \geq \frac{2}{n}$
- $\psi(x, 0) = 0$  for every  $x \in A$  and in addition  $\psi$  is Lip. cont. and therefore

$$|\psi(x, y)| = |\psi(x, y) - \psi(x, 0)| \leq L y$$

As a consequence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{C_A^+} |u(x, y) \psi(x, y) n \theta'(ny)| dx dy & \\ & \leq \int_A dx \int_0^{\frac{2}{n}} dy |u(x, y)| \cdot L y \cdot n \cdot \text{const.} \\ & \leq \int_A dx \int_0^{\frac{2}{n}} dy \text{const.} \cdot L \cdot |u(x, y)| \xrightarrow{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{dominated} \\ \text{convergence}}} 0 \\ & \quad \text{--- } 0 \text{ --- } 0 \text{ ---} \end{aligned}$$

**Remark** In general it is NOT true that

$$\int_{C_A^+} u(x, y) D_{x_i} \psi(x, y) dx dy = - \int_{C_A^+} D_{x_i} u(x, y) \psi(x, y) dx dy$$

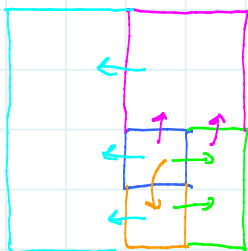
if  $\psi$  has not compact support in  $C_A^+$ .

One has to consider the boundary terms when  $y = 0$

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### Extender for squares / rectangles



→ In four steps we extend by reflection to a bigger square

→ Then we multiply by a function of class  $C^\infty$  that is

- 1 in the smaller square
- 0 outside the big square

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## EXTENDER FOR SMOOTH OPEN SET

Let us consider the standard "cubes"

$$Q := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{d-1} \times \mathbb{R} : \|x\| < 1, |y| < 1\}$$



$$Q^+ := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{d-1} \times \mathbb{R} : \|x\| < 1, 0 < y < 1\}$$

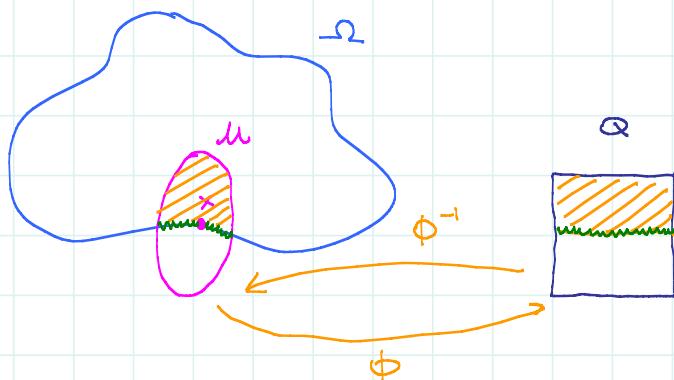
Defn Let us assume that  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  is an open set with the following properties

- $\partial\Omega$  is compact
- for every  $x \in \partial\Omega$  there exists an open set  $U \ni x$  and a function

$$\Phi: U \rightarrow Q$$

such that

- $\Phi$  is invertible
- $\Phi$  and  $\Phi^{-1}$  are of class  $C^1$
- $J\Phi$  and  $J\Phi^{-1}$  are bounded matrices
- $\Phi(U \cap \Omega) = Q^+$
- $\Phi(U \cap \partial\Omega) = Q_0 = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{d-1} \times \mathbb{R} : \|x\| < 1, y = 0\}$



### Partition of the unity of type B

Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  be an open set with  $\partial\Omega$  compact.

Assume that  $A_1, \dots, A_m$  is a FINITE open covering of  $\partial\Omega$  by bounded open set.

Let us set  $A_0 := \Omega$ .

Then there exist functions  $\psi_0, \psi_1, \dots, \psi_m$  such that

(i)  $\text{supp}(\psi_i) \subseteq A_i$  for  $i=0, 1, \dots, m$

(this means compact support for  $i \geq 1$  but not necessarily for  $i=0$  if  $\Omega$  is not bounded)

(ii)  $\psi_i(x) \geq 0$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and every  $i=0, 1, \dots, m$ .

(iii) as expected

$$\sum_{i=0}^m \psi_i(x) = 1 \quad \forall x \in \text{Clos}(\Omega)$$

(and actually in an open set that contains  $\text{Clos}(\Omega)$ ).

### Second ingredient (Composition with Sobolev outside)

Assume  $\phi: A \rightarrow B$  has the properties stated above  
 $\uparrow$  open sets  $\uparrow$  ( $J\phi$  and  $J\phi^{-1}$  are bounded)

Then for every  $v \in W^{1,p}(B)$  it turns out that  $u = v \circ \phi \in W^{1,p}(A)$  and we have a control on the full norms

$$M \|v\|_{1,p,B} \leq \|u\|_{1,p,A} \leq M \|v\|_{1,p,B}$$

The same using  $\phi^{-1}$  instead of  $\phi$ .

**Theorem** Let us assume that  $\Omega$  is as in the previous definition.

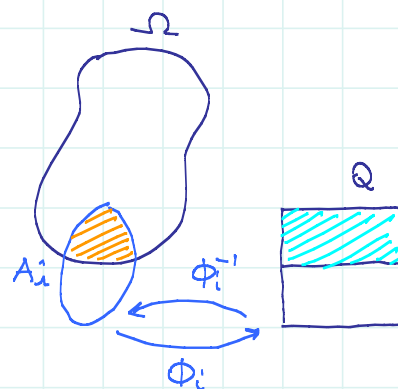
Then  $\Omega$  admits a  $(1, p)$ -extender

**Proof** Let  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  be a finite covering of  $\partial\Omega$  with open sets as in the definition.

For every  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , let

$$\Phi_i : A_i \rightarrow Q$$

the corresponding map.



Let  $\psi_0, \psi_1, \dots, \psi_n$  be the corresponding partition of the unity of type B. Let us set

$$\mu_i(x) = \mu(x) \psi_i(x) \quad \forall x \in \Omega$$

so that

$$\mu(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \mu_i(x)$$

↑ has support  $\subseteq A_i$

For every  $i = 1, \dots, n$  we set

$$\nu_i(x) := \mu_i(\Phi_i^{-1}(x)) \quad \forall x \in Q^+$$

$$\hat{\nu}_i(x) := E_{\text{even}} \nu_i(x) \quad \forall x \in Q \leftarrow \text{FULL CUBE}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_i(x) := \hat{\nu}_i(\Phi_i(x)) \quad \forall x \in A_i$$

and finally

$$\hat{\mu}(x) := \mu_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\mu}_i(x) \quad \forall x \in \bigcup_{i=0}^n A_i$$

open neighborhood  
of  $\text{Clos}(\Omega)$   
↑

The claim is that  $u \rightarrow \hat{u}$  is a  $(1,p)$  extender

- It is linear (almost trivial)
- It is an extension. To this end, it is enough to show that

$$\hat{u}_i(x) = u_i(x) \quad \forall x \in A_i \cap \Omega$$

(if  $x \in A_i \cap \Omega$  we did nothing)

- We need the norm control. It is enough to show that

$$\|\hat{u}_i\|_{1,p,A_i} \leq M_i \|u_i\|_{1,p,A_i \cap \Omega}$$

and this is true because

$$\|\hat{u}_i\|_{1,p,A_i} \leq \text{const} \cdot \|\hat{v}_i\|_{1,p,Q}$$

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$$\leq 2 \cdot \text{const} \cdot \|v_i\|_{1,p,Q^+}$$

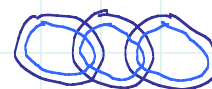
$$\leq \text{const} \cdot 2 \cdot \text{const} \cdot \|u_i\|_{1,p,A_i \cap \Omega}$$

The conclusion follows because

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{u}\|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}^d} &\leq \|u_0\|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}^d} + \sum_{i=1}^n \|\hat{u}_i\|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}^d} \\ &\leq \|u_0\|_{1,p,\Omega} + M \sum_{i=1}^n \|u_i\|_{1,p,A_i \cap \Omega} \\ &\leq \text{const} \|u\|_{1,p,\Omega} \end{aligned}$$

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# Proof of partition of the unity



**Step 1** We replace  $A_0, A_1, \dots, A_n$  by smaller open sets defined as

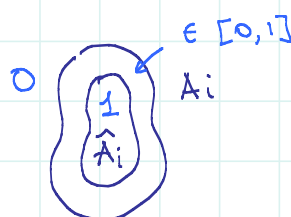
$$A_{i,k} := \{x \in A_i : \text{dist}(x, \partial A_i) > \frac{1}{k}\}$$

We show that, if  $k$  is large enough, then  $\{A_{i,k}\}_{i=0,1,\dots,n}$  are again an open covering of  $\text{Clos}(\Omega)$ .

We call these new sets

$$\hat{A}_0, \hat{A}_1, \dots, \hat{A}_n$$

**Step 2** For every  $i=0,1,\dots,n$  we find  $\theta_i$  which is



**Step 3** We set

$$\psi_0(x) := \theta_0(x)$$

$$\psi_1(x) := \theta_1(x) (1 - \theta_0(x))$$

$$\psi_2(x) := \theta_2(x) (1 - \theta_1(x)) (1 - \theta_0(x))$$

$\vdots$

$$\psi_k(x) := \theta_k(x) \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} (1 - \theta_i(x))$$

This works! We only need to check that  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi_i(x) = 1$  for every  $x \in \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} \hat{A}_i$ . This follows from

$$1 - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi_i(x) = \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} (1 - \theta_i(x)) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

[This equality with  $k$  instead of  $\infty$  can be proved by induction]

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## LECTURE 35

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Compactness results

Basic idea: assume that  $\{u_n\}$  is bounded in  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ . We want to show that some subseq. converges in some

STRONG sense (weak conv. is trivial)

Compactness in metric spaces

Let  $X$  be a metric space. Then the following are equivalent

- (i)  $X$  is covering compact
- (ii)  $X$  is sequentially compact
- (iii)  $X$  is complete and TOTALLY BOUNDED

Def. A metric space  $(X, d)$  is tot. bounded if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a FINITE subset  $S \subseteq X$  such that

↑  $\varepsilon$ -net

$$X \subseteq \bigcup_{s \in S} B(s, \varepsilon)$$

Prop. (relatively compact subsets)

Let  $Y \subseteq X$  be a subset of a COMPLETE metric space  $X$ .

Then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $\text{Clos}(Y)$  is compact (wrt the restriction of the metric)
- (ii) for every  $\{y_n\} \subseteq Y$  there exists  $y_n \rightarrow y_\infty$  with  $y_\infty$  not necessarily in  $Y$
- (iii)  $Y$  is totally bounded (wrt the restriction of the metric).

Defn  $Y \subseteq X$  is relatively compact if it satisfies any of (i), (ii), (iii)  
 ↑ complete

Prop. Let  $X$  be a metric space, and let  $Y \subseteq X$  be a subset

Then the following are equivalent

(i)  $Y$  is totally bounded, namely

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \text{ FINITE } S \subseteq Y \text{ s.t. } Y \subseteq \bigcup_{y \in S} B(y, \varepsilon)$$

(ii)  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists K_\varepsilon \subseteq X$  s.t.  $K_\varepsilon$  is totally bounded (for example  $K_\varepsilon$  compact) and

$$Y \subseteq \bigcup_{y \in K_\varepsilon} B(y, \varepsilon)$$

"Existence of a compact  $\varepsilon$ -net  $\Rightarrow$  existence of finite  $\varepsilon$ -net"

Proof of (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  find  $K_\varepsilon$  s.t.

$$Y \subseteq \bigcup_{y \in K_\varepsilon} B(y, \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$$

then find  $S \subseteq K_\varepsilon$  s.t.  $K_\varepsilon \subseteq \bigcup_{y \in S} B(y, \frac{\varepsilon}{2})$ . Conclude that

$$Y \subseteq \bigcup_{y \in S} B(y, \varepsilon)$$

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Conclusion of the summary Assume that  $X$  is a complete metric space. Assume that

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists K_\varepsilon \subseteq X \text{ compact s.t. } Y \subseteq \bigcup_{y \in K_\varepsilon} B(y, \varepsilon)$$

tot. bounded is enough

Then  $Y$  is relatively compact.

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**Theorem** (Compactness in  $L^p$ ) Let us assume that  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq L^p(\Omega)$ .

Let us assume that

(i)  $\Omega$  is BOUNDED

(ii)  $\mathcal{Y}$  is bounded in  $L^p(\Omega)$ , namely

$$\exists M \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{Y} \quad \|f\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq M$$

(iii)  $\mathcal{Y}$  is "equicontinuous in  $L^p(\Omega)$ ", namely

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists \delta > 0 \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{Y} \quad \forall R \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$|R| \leq \delta \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\hat{f}(x+R) - \hat{f}(x)|^p dx \leq \varepsilon^p$$

[After video:  $\Omega$  is enough]
↑ extension of  $u$  to 0 outside  $\Omega$

$$\|\tau_R \hat{f} - \hat{f}\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \varepsilon$$

↑  $R$ -translation of  $u$ .
↑ [  $\Omega$  is enough ]

[ Some philosophy in the VIDEO ]

Then  $\mathcal{Y}$  is relatively compact in  $L^p(\Omega)$ .

Proof We need to show that

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists K_\varepsilon \text{ s.t. } \mathcal{Y} \subseteq \bigcup_{g \in K_\varepsilon} B(g, \varepsilon)$$

↑ compact

$$\text{namely } \forall f \in \mathcal{Y} \quad \exists g \in K_\varepsilon \text{ s.t. } \|f - g\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq \varepsilon. \quad (*)$$

Consider  $\delta > 0$  corresponding to  $\varepsilon$  in (iii), and define

$$K_\varepsilon := \{ f * \rho_\delta : f \in \mathcal{Y} \}$$

↑ convolution

Step 1 Let us check (\*). Natural choice :  $g = f * \rho_\delta$

$$f(x) - g(x) = f(x) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x + \delta y) \rho(y) dy$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) \rho(y) dy - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x + \delta y) \rho(y) dy$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (f(x) - f(x + \delta y)) \rho(y) dy$$

$$|f(x) - g(x)| \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x + \delta y) - f(x)| \rho(y) dy \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \underbrace{|f(x + \delta y) - f(x)| \rho(y)}^{\frac{1}{p}} \underbrace{\rho(y)^{\frac{1}{p'}}}_{\frac{1}{p'}} dy$$

$$\leq \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x + \delta y) - f(x)|^p \rho(y) dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \underbrace{\left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho(y) dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{p'}}}_{1}$$

$$|f(x) - g(x)|^p \leq \int_{\substack{\mathbb{R}^d \\ \uparrow B(0,1)}} |f(x + \delta y) - f(x)|^p \rho(y) dy$$

Integrate over  $\Omega$

$$\int_{\Omega} |f(x) - g(x)|^p dx \leq \int_{\substack{\mathbb{R}^d \\ \uparrow B(0,1)}} dy \rho(y) \int_{\substack{\Omega \\ \uparrow \text{with } |x| \leq \delta}} |f(x + \delta y) - f(x)|^p dx$$

$\leq \underbrace{1}_{\substack{\text{"1"} \\ \uparrow B(0,1)}} \underbrace{\leq \varepsilon^p}_{\substack{\text{"}\leq \varepsilon^p\text{"} \\ \uparrow \text{with } |x| \leq \delta}} \leq \varepsilon^p$

"Some  $f$  are actually  $\frac{1}{p}$ ".

**Step 2** Elements of  $k_\varepsilon$  are bounded in the  $L^\infty$  sense.

$$\begin{aligned}
 |(f * \rho_\varepsilon)(x)| &\leq \int_{\substack{\mathbb{R}^d \\ \uparrow \\ B(0,1)}} |\hat{f}(x+\varepsilon y)| \cdot |\rho(y)| dy \\
 &\leq \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\hat{f}(x+\varepsilon y)|^p dy \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho(y)^{p'} dy \right\}^{1/p'} \\
 &\quad \begin{array}{c} \text{"z"} \\ \varepsilon^d dy = dz \\ \uparrow \\ \text{bounded} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{fixed number} \end{array} \\
 &\leq \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\hat{f}(z)|^p \frac{1}{\varepsilon^d} dz \right\}^{1/p}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Step 3** Elements of  $k_\varepsilon$  are Lipschitz continuous with a common bound on the Lip. constant.  
 Since elements of  $k_\varepsilon$  are of class  $C^\infty$ , it is enough to bound the gradient

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla (f * \rho_\varepsilon)(x) &= \nabla \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{f}(x+\varepsilon y) \rho(y) dy \right) \\
 &= \nabla \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{f}(z) \rho\left(\frac{z-x}{\varepsilon}\right) dz \right) \\
 &= - \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{d+1}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{f}(z) \nabla \rho\left(\frac{z-x}{\varepsilon}\right) dz
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\nabla (f * \rho_\varepsilon)(x)| &\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{d+1}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\hat{f}(z)| \cdot |\nabla \rho\left(\frac{z-x}{\varepsilon}\right)| dz \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{d+1}} \|\hat{f}\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla \rho\left(\frac{z-x}{\varepsilon}\right)|^{p'} dz \right\}^{1/p'} \\
 &\quad \text{number}
 \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion : the set  $K_\varepsilon$  satisfies the assumptions of the standard Ascoli - Arzelà in  $\text{Clos}(\Omega)$  which is bounded and compact.

Therefore  $K_\varepsilon$  is relatively compact wrt unif. convergence, and therefore also with respect to  $L^p$  convergence.

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COMPACT EMBEDDING RESULTS

Theorem Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ , and let us assume that

(i)  $\Omega$  is BOUNDED

(ii)  $\Omega$  is "regular" (what is needed for Sobolev embeddings and deluxe approximation)

Then the following statements are true

$p < d$  The embedding  $W^{1,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^q(\Omega)$  is compact  
for every  $q \in [1, p^*)$  ↑ NOT INCLUDED

$p = d$   $W^{1,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^q(\Omega)$  is compact for every  $q \in [1, +\infty)$

$p > d$   $W^{1,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow C^0(\text{clos}(\bar{\Omega}))$  is compact

Defn Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be metric space. A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is compact if the image of every bounded subset of  $X$  is relatively compact in  $Y$ . In other words

$\forall \{x_n\} \subseteq X$  bounded,  $\{f(x_n)\}$  admits a converging subsequence in  $Y$ .

Proof for  $p > d$  Almost trivial. If  $\{u_n\} \subseteq W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  is bounded then  $u_n$  is bounded in  $L^\infty(\Omega)$  and we have a control on Hölder constants  
Standard A.A.  $\Rightarrow$  conclusion.

Proof for  $p = d$  Very easy. Consider any  $q < +\infty$ . Then there exists  $p_1 < p = d$  such that  $q < (p_1)^*$ .

Observe that  $\{u_n\}$  bounded in  $W^{1,p}$   $\Rightarrow \{u_n\}$  bounded in  $W^{1,p_1}$  because  $\Omega$  is bounded.

The conclusion follows from the case  $p_1 < d$ .

Proof of the true case:  $p < d$  Let us start with the case  $q = 1$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  be a bounded family. We want to prove that  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies the assumptions of the compactness thm. in  $L^1(\Omega)$ .

The first two assumptions are true for free. We need assumption (iii), namely

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\hat{u}(x+R) - \hat{u}(x)| dx \leq \varepsilon$$

for every  $u \in \mathcal{F}$  if  $|R|$  is small.

Step 1 Let us set  $\Omega_k := \{x \in \Omega : \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) > \frac{1}{k}\}$

$$\int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_k} |\hat{u}(x+R) - \hat{u}(x)| dx \leq \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_k} |\hat{u}(x+R)| dx + \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_k} |\hat{u}(x)| dx$$

$$\int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_k} |\hat{u}(x)| \cdot 1 dx \leq \left\{ \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_k} |\hat{u}(x)|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} \cdot \underbrace{\text{meas}(\Omega \setminus \Omega_k)}_{\downarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow +\infty}^{1/p'} \leq \|u\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$$

The same for the other term. We obtain that

$$\int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_k} |\hat{u}(x+R) - \hat{u}(x)| dx \leq 2 \|u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \text{meas}(\Omega \setminus \Omega_k)^{\frac{1}{p'}}$$

[After video: if  $p = 1$  one needs to use  $1_*$  instead of  $1$ ]

**Step 2** Assume that  $|R| < \frac{1}{k}$ . Assume also  $u \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .  
Assume that  $x \in \Omega_k$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 |u(x+R) - u(x)| &= \left| \varphi(1) - \varphi(0) \right| \\
 &\quad \uparrow \\
 &\quad \varphi(t) := u(x+Rt) \\
 &\leq \int_0^1 |\varphi'(t)| dt \\
 &= \int_0^1 |\langle \nabla u(x+Rt), R \rangle| dt \\
 &\leq |R| \cdot \int_0^1 |\nabla u(x+Rt)| dt
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us integrate wrt  $x$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\Omega_k} |u(x+R) - u(x)| dx &\leq |R| \cdot \int_{\Omega_k} dx \int_0^1 |\nabla u(x+Rt)| dt \\
 &= |R| \int_0^1 dt \int_{\Omega_k} |\nabla u(\underbrace{x+Rt}_y)| dx \\
 &\quad \underbrace{dx=dy}_y \\
 &= |R| \int_0^1 dt \int_{\substack{\Omega_k+Rt \\ \subseteq \Omega}} |\nabla u(y)| dy \\
 &\leq |R| \int_0^1 dt \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u(y)| dy \\
 &= |R| \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u(y)| \cdot 1 dy \\
 &\leq |R| \cdot \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \cdot \text{meas}(\Omega)^{\frac{1}{p'}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion: if  $u \in \mathcal{Y}$  and  $|R| < \frac{1}{k}$ , then

$$\int_{\Omega_k} |u(x+R) - u(x)| dx \leq |R| \cdot \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \cdot \text{meas}(\Omega)^{\frac{1}{p'}}.$$

provided that also  $u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

Why is the same true for every  $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ ?

This is true due to deluxe approximation!!

**Step 3** The goal was the following

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists \delta > 0 \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{Y} \quad \forall R \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$|R| \leq \delta \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int_{\Omega} |\hat{u}(x+R) - u(x)| dx \leq \varepsilon$$

We proved that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |\hat{u}(x+R) - \hat{u}(x)| dx &= \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_k} \dots + \int_{\Omega_k} \dots \\ &\leq 2 \|u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \cdot \text{meas}(\Omega \setminus \Omega_k)^{\frac{1}{p'}} + |R| \cdot \|\nabla u\|_{L^p} \cdot \text{meas}(\Omega)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \end{aligned}$$

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we choose  $k$  s.t. first term is  $\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ .

Then, after choosing  $k$ , we choose  $\delta$  such that  $\delta < \frac{1}{k}$  and the second term is  $\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ .

**Step 4** We need compactness up to  $p_*$ .

**GENERAL FACT** small / converging in  $L^1$  + bounded in  $L^{p_*}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  small / converging in  $L^q$  for every  $q \in [1, p_*)$



This is due to the interpolation inequality

$$\|u\|_{L^q(\Omega)} \leq \|u\|_{L^1(\Omega)}^\alpha \cdot \|u\|_{L^{p_*}(\Omega)}^{1-\alpha}$$

where  $\frac{\alpha}{1} + \frac{1-\alpha}{p_*} = \frac{1}{q}$

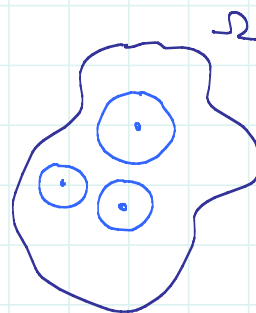
More generally

$$\|u\|_{L^q(\Omega)} \leq \|u\|_{L^{p_1}(\Omega)}^\alpha \cdot \|u\|_{L^{p_2}(\Omega)}^{1-\alpha} \quad \forall q \in [p_1, p_2]$$

where  $\frac{\alpha}{p_1} + \frac{1-\alpha}{p_2} = \frac{1}{q}$  with  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$

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The embedding is NOT compact if  $q = p_*$



**Step 1** There exists a sequence of disjoint balls  $B(x_n, r_n) \subset \Omega$

**Step 2** Choose a nontrivial  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(B(0, 1))$  and define

$$u_n(x) := a_n \varphi\left(\frac{x - x_n}{r_n}\right)$$

↑  
choose  $a_n$  in such a way

that  $\|\nabla u_n\| = 1$

↑ in  $L^p(\Omega)$  or  $L^p(B(x_n, r_n))$

**Step 3** Observe that

$$\|u_n\|_{L^{p_*}(\Omega)} = \text{constant} \quad (\text{does NOT depend on } n)$$

↑ because of the defn. of  $p_*$

$$\|u_n\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and therefore is bounded}$$

↑ because  $p < p_*$

In particular, the sequence  $\{u_m\}$  is bounded in  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$

Step 4  $\{u_m\}$  does NOT admit a converging subseq. in  $L^{p^*}(\Omega)$   
because

$$\int_{\Omega} |u_m(x) - u_n(x)|^{p^*} dx = \int_{\Omega} |u_m(x)|^{p^*} dx + \int_{\Omega} |u_n(x)|^{p^*} dx$$

↑  
balls are disjoint

$$= 2 \cdot \text{constant}$$

$\Rightarrow \{u_m\}$  has no Cauchy subseq.

Remark  $u_m \rightarrow 0$  for every  $p \in [1, p^*)$   
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### TRACES OF SOBOLEV FUNCTIONS

Problem: given  $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ , define  $u|_{\partial\Omega}$  and more generally  $u|_K$  where  $K \subseteq \text{Clos}(\Omega)$  is a subset  
 $\rightarrow$  either of codimension 1  
 $\rightarrow$  or of " 2.

Remark If  $u \in L^p(\Omega)$  and nothing better, then there is no hope to define restrictions to sets of measure 0.

We look for a map

$$\text{Tr}: W^{1,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow \text{Space}(\partial\Omega)$$

with some reasonable properties

$\rightarrow$  linear

$\rightarrow$  it coincides with  $u|_{\partial\Omega}$  if  $u \in C^0(\text{Clos}(\Omega))$

$\rightarrow$  it is continuous, namely if  $u_n \rightarrow u_\infty$  in some sense, then  $\text{Tr } u_n \rightarrow \text{Tr } u_\infty$  in  $\text{Space}(\partial\Omega)$

$\rightarrow$  it satisfies estimates such as

$$\|\text{Tr } u\|_{\text{Space}(\partial\Omega)} \leq \text{const } \|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}$$

$\rightarrow$  some int. by parts formula holds true.

Easy case 1  $\Omega = (a,b) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . In this case functions in  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  are continuous up to the boundary

Easy case 2  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  with  $p > d$  and  $\Omega$  regular.

As before  $u$  is continuous (also Hölder cont.)

in  $\text{clos}(\Omega)$ , so that in this case we can take

$$\text{Space}(\partial\Omega) = C^0(\partial\Omega)$$

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**FIRST NONTRIVIAL CASE**

Model case  $p < d$  and  $\Omega$  is a half-space

$$\Omega = \{ (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^d : y > 0 \} = \mathbb{R}_+^d$$

$\begin{matrix} \nearrow & \nearrow \\ d-1 & 1 \end{matrix}$

$$\partial\Omega = \{ (x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^d : y = 0 \}$$

**Proposition** (key estimates) Let us assume that  $u \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

$$(1) \quad \|u(x,0)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})} \leq C(p,d) \|u\|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}_+^d}$$

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$u$  defined in  $\mathbb{R}^d$   
LHS is in  $\mathbb{R}^{d-1}$   
RHS with full norm in  $\mathbb{R}_+^d$

$$(2) \quad \text{Let us assume } p < d \text{ and set } \hat{p}_* := \frac{p(d-1)}{d-p}. \text{ Then}$$

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$$\|u(x,0)\|_{L^{\hat{p}_*}(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})} \leq C(p,d) \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

$u$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$   
LHS in  $\mathbb{R}^{d-1}$   
RHS only  $\nabla u$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

$$(3) \quad \|u(x,0)\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})} \leq C(p,d,q) \|u\|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}^d} \quad \forall q \in [p, \hat{p}_*]$$

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RHS with full norm in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

**Proof** **Step 1** Consider  $p = 1$

### Step 1

Consider  $p = 1$

any large  $R$  is enough

$$|u(x,0)| = \left| - \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x,y) dy \right|$$

$$\leq \int_0^{\infty} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} (x, y) \right| dy$$

We integrate wrt  $x$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-1}} |u(x, 0)| dx &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-1}} dx \int_0^{+\infty} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, y) \right| dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^d} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, y) \right| dx dy \end{aligned}$$

**Step 2** Any  $p \geq 1$ . We set  $v(x, y) := |u(x, y)|^2 u(x, y)$  and we apply Step 1 to  $v(x, y)$ .

We observe that

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x,y) = (2+1)|u(x,y)|^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x,y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-1}} |u(x,0)|^{2+1} dx &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^d} (2+1) |u(x,y)|^2 \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x,y) \right| dx dy \\ &\stackrel{1}{=} \frac{1}{p'} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^d} |u(x,y)|^{2p'} dx dy \\ \|u(x,0)\|_{L^{2+1}(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})}^{2+1} &\leq (2+1) \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^d)} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^d} |u(x,y)|^{2p'} dx dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{p'}} \\ &\stackrel{1}{=} \left\| u \right\|_{L^{2p'}(\mathbb{R}_+^d)}^2 \end{aligned}$$

We proved that

$$\|u(x, 0)\|_{L^{n+1}(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})} \leq (n+1) \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^d)} \|u\|_{L^{np}(\mathbb{R}_+^d)}^n$$

Choose  $r$  such that  $rp' = p \rightsquigarrow r = \frac{p}{p'} = p \frac{p-1}{p} = p-1$

In this case we obtain what we need

$$\|u(x,0)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})}^p \leq p \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^d)} \left\| u \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^d)}^{p-1}$$

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 $\|u\|_{L^{p,p}(\mathbb{R}_+^d)}^p$

**Step 3** Choose  $r$  such that  $rp' = p_*$

$$\frac{rp}{p-1} = \frac{pd}{d-p} \rightsquigarrow r = \frac{d(p-1)}{d-p} \rightsquigarrow r+1 = \frac{dp-d}{d-p} + 1$$

$$= \frac{dp - \cancel{d} + \cancel{d} - p}{d-p} = \frac{p(d-1)}{d-p} = \hat{p}_*$$

We obtain that

$$\|u(x,0)\|_{L^{\hat{p}_*}(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})}^{\hat{p}_*} \leq c(p,d) \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^d)} \left\| u \right\|_{L^{\hat{p}_*}(\mathbb{R}_+^d)}^{\hat{p}_*-1}$$

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 $\leq \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \|u\|_{L^{\hat{p}_*}(\mathbb{R}^d)}^{\hat{p}_*-1} \leq \hat{c}(p,d) \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}^{\hat{p}_*-1}$

and the conclusion follows.

**Step 4** The estimate for every  $q \in [p, \hat{p}_*]$  follows by interpolation from the previous ones.

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Remark The statements for the case  $p=d$  follow in the same way. (exercise!)



**CONTINUITY OF THE TRACE**

Trivial statement: if  $u_n \rightarrow u_\infty$  in  $W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}_+^d)$  (in full norm)  
 then  $\text{Tr} u_n \rightarrow \text{Tr} u_\infty$  in  $L^q(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})$  for  
 every  $q \in [p, \hat{p}^*]$

Follows from linearity + estimates

**Prop** (Hölder continuity of the trace wrt to the level)  $p > 1$   
 For every  $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}_+^d)$  it turns out that

$$\|u(x, y_2) - u(x, y_1)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})} \leq \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^d)} |y_2 - y_1|^{\frac{1}{p'}} \quad \forall 0 < y_1 < y_2$$

**Proof**  $|u(x, y_2) - u(x, y_1)| \leq \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \underbrace{\left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, y) \right|}_{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \underbrace{1}_{\frac{1}{p'}} dy$

$$\leq |y_2 - y_1|^{\frac{1}{p'}} \left\{ \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, y) \right|^p dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

We raise both sides to power  $p$  and we integrate wrt  $x$ :

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-1}} |u(x, y_2) - u(x, y_1)|^p dx \leq |y_2 - y_1|^{\frac{p}{p'}} \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-1}} dx \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, y) \right|^p dy}_{\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^d} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, y) \right|^p dx dy}$$

This is good if  $u \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+^d)$ . Then we conclude by approx.  
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**Theorem** Assume  $1 < p < d$

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IMPORTANT

Let  $\{u_m\} \subseteq W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}_+^d)$ . Assume that

(i)  $u_m \rightarrow u_\infty$  in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^d)$

(ii) there exists  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $\|\nabla u_m\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^d)} \leq M$

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Then  $\text{Tr } u_m \rightarrow \text{Tr } u_\infty$  in  $L^q(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})$  for every  $q \in [p, \hat{p}_*)$ .

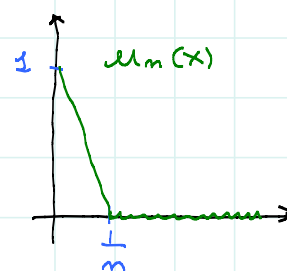
Example  $p=1$  and  $d=1$  and  $\Omega = (0,1)$

We observe that  $u_m \rightarrow 0$  in  $L^p(\Omega)$  for

every  $p \in [1, +\infty)$  and

$$\|u_m\|_{L^1((0,1))} = 1 \quad \forall m \geq 1$$

↑  
only in  $L^1$



In this case  $\text{Tr } u_m \rightarrow \text{Tr } u_\infty$

General philosophy: the trace is well-defined for every  $p \geq 1$   
but it does NOT behave well if  $p = 1$ .

**Proof** **Step 1** It is enough to prove the case  $q = p$ . This is due to the usual interpolation inequality

conv. in  $L^p$  + bound in  $L^{\hat{p}_*} \Rightarrow$  conv. in  $L^q$  for every  $q \in [p, \hat{p}_*)$

↑  
follows from bound  
on  $\|u_m\|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}_+^d}$

**Step 2** Observe that  $u_\infty \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}_+^d)$  and  $\|\nabla u_\infty\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^d)} \leq M$ .

Since  $\|\nabla u_m\|_p$  are bounded and  $p > 1$ , up to subsequences we can assume that

$\nabla u_m \rightarrow \text{something}$  weakly in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^d)$

(Here we use weak compactness of balls in  $L^p$  when  $p > 1$ )

In the usual way we see that  $\text{something} = \nabla u_\infty$  and

$$\|\nabla u_\infty\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^d)} \leq M$$

(the norm of the gradient is convex, and therefore LSC wrt weak convergence).

Therefore the trace of  $u_\infty$  is well defined.

**Step 3** We use Morrey's trick (exchange zone)

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_\infty(x, 0) - u_m(x, 0)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^d)} &\leq \|u_\infty(x, 0) - u_\infty(x, y)\|_{L^p} \dots \\ &\quad + \|u_\infty(x, y) - u_m(x, y)\|_{L^p} \dots \\ &\quad + \|u_m(x, y) - u_m(x, 0)\|_{L^p} \dots \end{aligned}$$

for every  $y > 0$ .

Let us raise to power  $p$  and use that

$$(A+B+C)^p \leq 3^{p-1} (A^p + B^p + C^p) \quad \forall (A, B, C) \in [0, +\infty)^3$$

$$\| \text{Tr } u_\infty - \text{Tr } u_m \|_{L^p}^p \leq 3^{p-1} \left\{ \|u_\infty(x, 0) - u_\infty(x, y)\|_{L^p}^p \right. \quad (1)$$

$$+ \|u_\infty(x, y) - u_m(x, y)\|_{L^p}^p \quad (2)$$

$$\left. + \|u_m(x, y) - u_m(x, 0)\|_{L^p}^p \right\} \quad (3)$$

Now fix  $\delta > 0$  and integrate in  $(0, \delta)$  wrt  $y$   
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 exchange zone

$$\text{LHS} = \delta \| \text{Tr } u_\infty - \text{Tr } u_n \|_{L^p}^p$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \int_0^\delta \underbrace{\| u_n(x, y) - u_n(x, 0) \|_{L^p}^p}_{\leq \| \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial y} \|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^d)} \cdot y^{\frac{p}{p'}}} dy \leq \underbrace{\| \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial y} \|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^d)}}_{\leq M} \cdot \delta^{1 + \frac{p}{p'}}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \int_0^\delta \| u_\infty(x, y) - u_\infty(x, 0) \|_{L^p}^p dy \leq M \delta^{1 + \frac{p}{p'}}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \int_0^\delta dy \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-1}} dx |u_\infty(x, y) - u_n(x, y)|^p \leq \| u_\infty - u_n \|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^d)}^p$$

In conclusion we obtain

$$\delta \| \text{Tr } u_\infty - \text{Tr } u_n \|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})}^p \leq 3^{p-1} \left\{ 2M \delta^{1 + \frac{p}{p'}} + \| u_\infty - u_n \|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+^d)}^p \right\}$$

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We take the limsup as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$

$$\delta \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \| \text{Tr } u_\infty - \text{Tr } u_n \|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})}^p \leq 3^{p-1} \cdot 2M \delta^{1 + \frac{p}{p'}}$$

Finally, let  $\delta \rightarrow 0^+$  and observe that  $\frac{p}{p'} > 0$  because  $p > 1$ .

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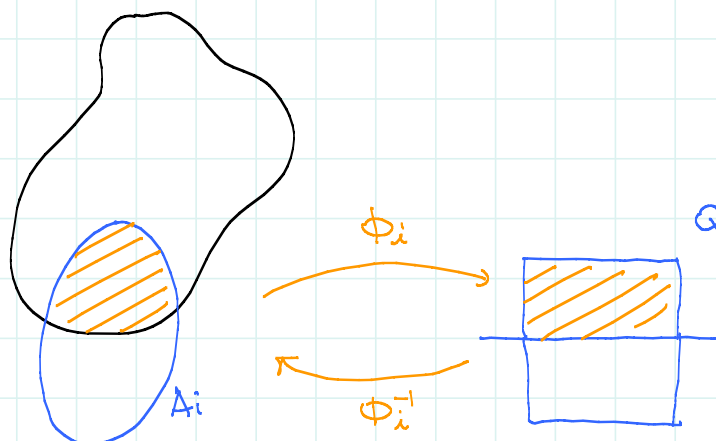
How to define the trace for a general open set

Assume  $\Omega$  is regular in the sense that  $\partial\Omega$  is compact and  $C^1$

The key point is proving inequalities such that

$$\| u \|_{L^q(\partial\Omega)} \leq C(p, d, q, \Omega) \| u \|_{L^p(\Omega)}$$

For every  $u \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$



→ Take any  $u \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$

→ Write  $u$  as a sum  $u_0 + u_1 + \dots + u_m$  where  $u_i$  has support contained in  $A_i$

→ Move everything to  $Q$  using  $\phi_i$

→ In  $Q$  we are in the model case ( $\mathbb{R}_+^d$ )

→ Estimate the trace in  $Q$

→ Go back to  $A_i$  using  $\phi_i^{-1}$ .

The key points are that if  $u_i \in W^{1,p}(A_i)$  then  $u_i \circ \phi_i^{-1} \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with an estimate such as

$$m \|u_i\|_{1,p,A_i} \leq \|u_i \circ \phi_i^{-1}\|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}^d} \leq M \|u_i\|_{1,p,A_i}$$

and the same is true with  $\|u_i\|_{L^q(\partial\Omega \cap A_i)}$  and  $\|u_i(x,0)\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})}$

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## Istituzioni di Analisi

## LECTURE 39

Note Title

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The space  $W_0^{m,p}(\Omega)$

Def. Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  be an open set, let  $m \geq 1$ , let  $p \in [1, +\infty]$ .

(1) The space  $W_0^{m,p}(\Omega)$  is the closure in  $W^{m,p}(\Omega)$  of  $C_c^\infty(\Omega)$  (closure w.r.t. the full norm of  $W^{m,p}(\Omega)$ )

(2) The space  $W_0^{m,p}(\Omega)$  is the abstract completion of  $C_c^\infty(\Omega)$  with respect to the metric derived from the full norm of  $W^{m,p}(\Omega)$ .

Easy Lemma The two definitions are equivalent.

Intuitive idea: we expect elements in  $W_0^{m,p}(\Omega)$  to be Sobolev functions that vanish on  $\partial\Omega$  with all derivatives up to order  $m-1$ .  
In general this is false, but true under suitable assumptions.

Achtung! Do not confuse spaces such as

$$W^{2,p}(\Omega) \cap W_0^{1,p}(\Omega) \quad \text{and} \quad W_0^{2,p}(\Omega)$$

For example, when  $\Omega = (a,b) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$W_0^{2,p}((a,b)) = \{u \in W^{2,p}((a,b)) : \underbrace{u(a) = u'(a) = u(b) = u'(b) = 0}_{u_m \rightarrow u \text{ and } u'_m \rightarrow u' \text{ unif.}}\}$$

$$W^{2,p}((a,b)) \cap W_0^{1,p}((a,b)) = \{u \in W^{2,p}((a,b)) : \underbrace{u(a) = u(b) = 0}_{\text{only } u_m \rightarrow u \text{ unif.}}\}$$

**Remark** If  $p > d$ , and  $u \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$ , then necessarily  $u = 0$  at  $\partial\Omega$ .

**Proof** Let  $\{u_n\} \subseteq C_c^\infty(\Omega)$  be such that  $u_n \rightarrow u$  and  $\nabla u_n \rightarrow \nabla u$  in  $L^p(\Omega)$ .

Due to the bounds on  $\|\nabla u_n\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$  and  $\|u_n\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$

we can apply Ascoli - Arzelà in every ball  $\subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ , and therefore  $u_n \rightarrow u$  unif. on bounded sets of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  extended to 0 outside  $\Omega$ .

**Theorem** All embedding theorems hold true in  $W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$  without assumptions on  $\Omega$  and with the same pure inequalities as in the case of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .  
In particular if  $u \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$

(1) If  $p < d$ , then

$$\|u\|_{L^{p^*}(\Omega)} \leq c(p,d) \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$$

(2) If  $p = d$ , then

$$\|u\|_{L^q(\Omega)} \leq c(p,d,q) \|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}$$

(3) If  $p > d$ , then

$$\|u\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq c(p,d) \|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}$$

Moreover,  $u$  is  $1 - \frac{d}{p}$  Hölder cont., with a pure estimate on the Hölder constant.

**Proof** The estimates are true for every  $u \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$

and then we can pass to the limit.

**Remark** Same is true for compact embeddings.

Prop. (Always true, even if  $\Omega$  is "bad")

If  $u \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$ , then  $\hat{u} \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .  
 $\uparrow$   
 extension to 0  
 outside  $\Omega$

Proof Let us consider  $\{u_m\} \subseteq C_c^\infty(\Omega)$  such that  
 $u_m \rightarrow u$  and  $\nabla u_m \rightarrow \nabla u$  in  $L^p(\Omega)$

Observe that actually  $u_m \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and

$$\hat{u}_m = u_m \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \hat{u}_m = \nabla u_m$$

and in addition

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \hat{u}_m \rightarrow \hat{u} \quad \text{in } L^p(\mathbb{R}^d) \\ \nabla \hat{u}_m \rightarrow \nabla \hat{u} \quad \text{in } L^p(\mathbb{R}^d) \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{outside } \Omega \text{ everything is 0.} \\ \text{--- o --- o ---} \end{array}$$

Theorem Assume now that  $\partial\Omega$  is compact and of class  $C^1$ .

Then the following are equivalent (for a function in  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ ).

(1)  $u \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$

$\uparrow$  [Added after video]

(2)  $\hat{u} \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  extension to 0

(3)  $\text{Tr } u = 0$  in  $\partial\Omega$  (the trace is well-defined)

Proof (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is always true.

We need to show that (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Easy way: consider the definition of  $\text{Tr } u$ .

Extend  $u$  to  $\hat{u}$ . Approximate  $\hat{u}$  in a deluxe way. In this  
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 extension to 0

case we know that we can do it with  $u_m \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$ .

$\text{Tr } u$  is the limit in  $L^p(\partial\Omega)$  of the restrictions of  $u_m$  to the boundary, which are 0.

Alternative way Consider again the sequence  $\{u_m\} \subseteq C_c^\infty(\Omega)$  that converges to  $u$  in full norm. Then exploit the continuity of the trace.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) We need to prove that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{u}(x) D_{x_i} \varphi(x) dx = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} D_{x_i} \hat{u}(x) \varphi(x) dx \quad \forall \varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

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 should be  $\widehat{D_{x_i} u}(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \int_{\Omega} u(x) D_{x_i} \varphi(x) dx \\ \text{RHS} &= - \int_{\Omega} D_{x_i} u(x) \varphi(x) dx \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{They are equal if } \varphi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega) \\ \text{but this is NOT enough} \end{array} \quad \uparrow \uparrow$$

On the other hand, the integration by parts is always true

$$\int_{\Omega} u(x) D_{x_i} \varphi(x) dx = - \int_{\Omega} D_{x_i} u(x) \varphi(x) dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} \underbrace{\text{Tr } u}_{=0} \langle \vec{E}, \vec{n} \rangle d\sigma$$

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 $\text{div } E(x)$   $\langle \nabla u(x), \vec{E}(x) \rangle$

$E(x) = (0, \dots, 0, \varphi, 0, \dots, 0)$   
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(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) In the usual way we reduce to the model case where  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}_+^m$

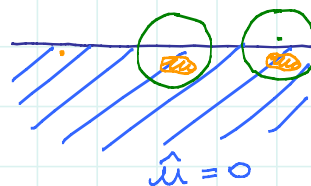
We have  $\hat{u} \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}_+^d)$ .

We want to approximate

$$u_m \rightarrow \hat{u} \quad \text{in } W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}_+^d)$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+^d)$

Consider as usual  $u_\varepsilon := u * \rho_\varepsilon$

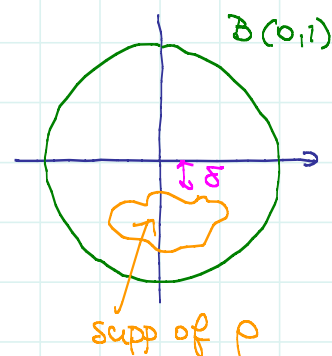




The support of  $\mu_\varepsilon$  in general is not contained in  $\mathbb{R}_+^d$

Trick to fix : consider a convolution kernel  $\rho$

When I compute the convolution, it is equal to zero provided that the distance from the hyperplane is  $\geq \varepsilon \delta$ .



In this case  $\mu * \rho_\varepsilon$  has compact support in  $\mathbb{R}_+^d$ .

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Question : are there cases where  $W^{1,p}(\Omega) = W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$  ?

First case: TRUE if  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^d$  (Deluxe approximation)

Second example:  $d=1$  and  $\Omega = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ . In this case it is FALSE because

$$W_0^{1,p}(\Omega) = \{u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega) : u(0) = 0\}$$

This is because Sobolev functions are continuous up to the boundary and if  $u_m \rightarrow u$  in the full norm of  $\Omega$ , then  $u_m \rightarrow u$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $\text{Clos}(\Omega)$

(this is true and easy if  $p > 1$  because bound on full norm  $\Rightarrow$  Ascoli - Arzelà; if  $p=1$  it is true but less easy)

Third example :  $d \geq 2$  and  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{\text{origin}\}$

It is TRUE that

$$W_0^{1,p}(\Omega) = W^{1,p}(\Omega)$$

provided that  $p \leq d$ .

↑ TRUE in general  
if what we remove  
is "small"

What we need to prove: for every  $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  there exists  $\{u_m\} \subseteq C_c^\infty(\Omega)$  s.t.  $u_m \rightarrow u$  in full norm.

Equivalently: for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $u_\varepsilon \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$  s.t.

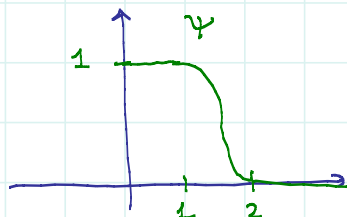
$$\|u - u_\varepsilon\|_{1,p,\Omega} \leq \varepsilon.$$

Let us prove the equivalent statement

**Step 1** For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $v_\varepsilon \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  s.t.

$$\|u - v_\varepsilon\|_{1,p,\Omega} \leq \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon$$

Consider  $u_n(x) := u(x) \cdot \psi\left(\frac{|x|}{n}\right)$



It is easy to see that  $u_n \rightarrow u$  in full norm of  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  (pointwise convergence + domination)

If  $n$  is large enough then

$$\|u - u_n\|_{1,p,\Omega} \leq \frac{1}{4} \varepsilon$$

$\uparrow$   
 or  $\mathbb{R}^d$

Now consider a convolution  $u_n * \rho_\delta$  and if  $\delta$  is small enough then

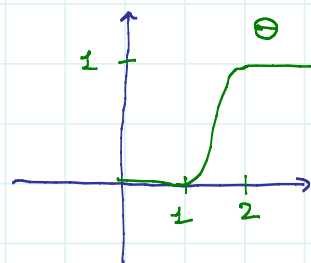
$$\|u_n - u_n * \rho_\delta\|_{1,p,\Omega} \leq \frac{1}{4} \varepsilon$$

and of course  $\underbrace{u_n * \rho_\delta}_{=: v_\varepsilon} \text{ is in } C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$

**Step 2** We modify  $v_\varepsilon$  in order to obtain  $u_\varepsilon \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$  and

$$\|v_\varepsilon - u_\varepsilon\|_{1,p,\Omega} \leq \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon.$$

Define  $v_n(x) := v_\varepsilon(x) \cdot \theta\left(n|x|\right)$   
 $\uparrow$  coincides with  $v_\varepsilon$  if  $|x| \geq \frac{2}{n}$



Claim:  $v_n \rightarrow v_\varepsilon$  in full norm

$v_n \rightarrow v_\varepsilon$  in  $L^p(\Omega)$  (pointwise convergence + domination)

$$\nabla v_m(x) = \nabla v_\varepsilon(x) \cdot \Theta(m|x|) + v_\varepsilon(x) \cdot m \Theta'(m|x|) \frac{x}{|x|}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\nabla v_\varepsilon(x) \text{ in } L^p$$

We need that the second term  $\rightarrow 0$  in  $L^p(\Omega)$

$$\int_{\Omega} \overbrace{|v_\varepsilon(x)|^p}^{\leq C} \cdot m^p \cdot \overbrace{|\Theta'(m|x|)|^p}^{\leq C} dx \leq \text{const} \cdot m^p \cdot \text{meas}(B(0, \frac{2}{m}))$$

$\uparrow B(0, \frac{2}{m})$  because otherwise  $\Theta' = 0$

$$\sim \frac{\text{const}}{m^d}$$

$$\sim \text{const} \frac{m^p}{m^d}$$

This goes to 0 if  $p < d$ .

The statement is true if  $p < d$ .

**Exercise** Given  $E \subset \subset \Omega \subset \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

$\uparrow$  any meas. set       $\uparrow$  open set

Define

$$\text{Cap}_p(E, \Omega) := \inf \left\{ \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u(x)|^p dx : u \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega), u(x) \geq 1 \text{ in } E \right\}$$

$\uparrow$  Capacity

$u \in C_c^\infty(\Omega) \rightarrow$  makes sense

Statement  $\text{Cap}_p(\text{point}, \text{ball}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p \leq d \\ > 0 & \text{if } p > d \end{cases}$

$\text{Cap}_p(\text{point}, \text{ball}) > 0$  if  $p > d$  Claim: there exists

$$\min \left\{ \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^p dx : u \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega), u(0) \geq 1 \right\}$$

$\uparrow$  ball       $\uparrow$  well defined because  $p > d$

Direct method let  $u_n$  be a minimizing sequence.

Then  $\|\nabla u_n\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq M$

In addition  $\|u_n\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq M^{\frac{1}{p-1}}$  (because  $\|\nabla u_n\|$  controls the Hölder constant of  $u_n$ , which is 0 at the boundary)

A.A.  $\Rightarrow$  up to subsequences  $u_n \rightarrow u_\infty$  unif. in  $\text{clos}(\Omega)$

and therefore also  $u_\infty(0) \geq 1$ .

As usual, up to further subsequences

$$\nabla u_n \rightharpoonup \nabla u_\infty \text{ weakly in } L^p(\Omega)$$

and finally

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_n(x)|^p dx \geq \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_\infty(x)|^p dx$$

↑  
convexity of the norm

Weierstrass theorem  $\Rightarrow$  the min exists.

Claim: it is  $> 0$ . If not, then  $\nabla u(x) = 0$  and this implies (true, but not trivial) that  $u \equiv \text{const}$ , but  $u=0$  at the boundary and  $u=1$  in the center.

How to prove that  $\text{Capp}(\text{center}, \text{ball}) = 0$  if  $p \leq d$

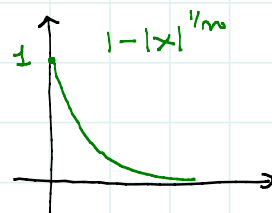
- If  $p < d$ , consider

$$u_n(x) = \psi(n|x|)$$



- If  $p = d$ , consider

$$u_n(x) = (1 - |x|)^{1/n}$$



(we can modify it near 0 if we want  $u_n \in C^\infty$ )

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## POINCARÉ INEQUALITY

Setting:  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  is a **BOUNDED** set and  $p \in [1, +\infty]$ .

$$\|u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq C(p, d, \Omega) \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \quad \forall u \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$$

↑↑

NECESSARY

(think of a constant function)

NATURAL INEQUALITY: 0 at  $\partial\Omega$  and

$|\nabla u|$  small  
 $\Rightarrow u$  small

POINCARÉ - SOBOLEV INEQ  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  is bounded

$$\|u\|_{L^q(\Omega)} \leq C(p, q, d, \Omega) \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \quad \forall u \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$$

This inequality holds true for  $q \in [1, p^*]$  if  $p < d$ .

True for every  $q \in [1, +\infty)$  if  $p = d$

True for every  $q \in [1, +\infty]$  if  $p > d$ .

**[Proof]** Almost trivial if  $p > d$ . The case  $p = d$  follows from  $p < d$ .  
 Let us consider  $p < d$ .

$$\|u\|_{L^q(\Omega)} \leq C(q, \Omega) \|u\|_{L^{p^*}(\Omega)}$$

↑  
 $\Omega$  is bounded

$$\leq C(p, d, q, \Omega) \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$$

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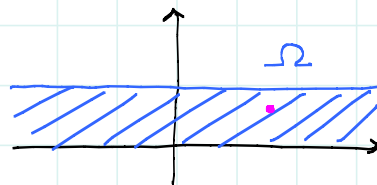
Sobolev embedding  
 with Poincaré inequality  $\rightarrow$  TRUE because  $u \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$

Remark In the previous proof we do NOT need any regularity on  $\partial\Omega$ .

**THE EXAMPLE** The boundedness of  $\Omega$  is not really needed.

Let us consider a strip in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$$\Omega := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 < y < 1\}$$



I claim that  $\|u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq \|u_y\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$

**Proof** Assume  $u \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |u(x, y)| &= \left| \int_0^y u_y(x, t) dt \right| \leq \int_0^1 \underbrace{|u_y(x, t)|}_{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \underbrace{1}_{\frac{1}{p'}} dt \\ &\leq \left\{ \int_0^1 |u_y(x, t)|^p dt \right\}^{1/p} \cdot 1 \end{aligned}$$

We raise to power  $p$  and integrate in  $\Omega$

$$\begin{aligned} |u(x, y)|^p &\leq \int_0^1 |u_y(x, t)|^p dt \\ \int_{\mathbb{R}} dx \int_0^1 dy |u(x, y)|^p &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} dx \underbrace{\int_0^1 dy}_{=1} \int_0^1 |u_y(x, t)|^p dt = \|u_y\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p \end{aligned}$$

If  $u \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$ , then exploit the usual approx. argument

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Conclusion The true assumption for Poincaré–Sobolev ineq. is that each point  $x \in \Omega$  is "close enough" to some point in  $\partial\Omega$ , where  $u = 0$ .

Question In the previous inequality, can we consider different exponents in LHS and RHS? [Usual homogeneity...]

When  $u$  is NOT 0 at  $\partial\Omega$

### POINCARÉ - SOBOLEV - WIRTINGER

$$\|u - u_\Omega\|_{L^q(\Omega)} \leq C(d, p, q, \Omega) \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \quad \forall u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$$

where

$$u_\Omega := \frac{1}{\text{meas}(\Omega)} \int_{\Omega} u(x) dx$$

← Average of  $u$  in  $\Omega$

True under the following assumptions

- $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  is BOUNDED
- $\Omega$  is regular enough for Sobolev embeddings
- $q \in [1, p^*]$  (at least if  $p < d$ , otherwise it is simpler)
- $\Omega$  is CONNECTED (if not, consider  $u \equiv 1$  in a ball and  $u \equiv -1$  in an equal disjoint ball)

### Proof Some initial reductions

- we can assume that  $u_\Omega = 0$  (if not, subtract  $u_\Omega$ )
- we can assume that  $\|u\|_{L^q(\Omega)} = 1$  (because the ineq. is homogeneous of degree 1)
- It is enough to prove the case  $q = p$ .

$$\|u\|_{L^q(\Omega)} \leq c_1(d, p, q, \Omega) \|u\|_{L^{p^*}(\Omega)}$$

↑  
 $\Omega$  is bounded

$$\leq c_2(d, p, q, \Omega) \{ \|u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} + \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \}$$

↑  
Sobolev embedding.

$$\leq c_3(d, p, q, \Omega) \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$$

↑  
Ineq. for  $q \geq p$



The case  $p=q$  Assume the inequality

$$\|u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq C(d, p, \Omega) \|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$$

for every  $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  with  $\int_{\Omega} u(x) dx = 0$  and  $\|u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} = 1$

is FALSE.

Then there exists a sequence  $\{u_m\} \subseteq W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  s.t.

$$\|u_m\|_{L^p(\Omega)} = 1 \quad \int_{\Omega} u_m(x) dx = 0 \quad \|\nabla u_m\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0$$

In particular  $\|u_m\|_{1,p,\Omega}$  is bounded. Due to the compact embedding theorem, there exists

$$u_{m_k} \rightarrow u_{\infty} \text{ in } L^p(\Omega),$$

and by assumption

$$\nabla u_{m_k} \rightarrow 0 \text{ in } L^p(\Omega)$$

In the usual way we see that  $\nabla u_{\infty} = 0$ , and therefore  $u_{\infty}$  is locally constant in  $\Omega$ . But  $\Omega$  is connected, and hence  $u_{\infty}$  is constant.

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \|u_{m_k}\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \rightarrow \|u_{\infty}\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \\ 0 &= \int_{\Omega} u_{m_k}(x) dx \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} u_{\infty}(x) dx \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{impossible if} \\ u_{\infty} \text{ is constant} \end{array}$$

$\uparrow$   
 pointwise conv. +  
 domination

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**Exercise** P-S-W inequality is equivalent to proving that

$$\inf_{\Omega} \left\{ \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u(x)|^p dx : u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega), \|u\|_{L^q(\Omega)} = 1, \int_{\Omega} u(x) dx = 0 \right\}$$

is strictly positive. (in this case  $C = \frac{1}{\inf}$ )

One could try to prove, using the DIRECT METHOD, that  $\inf = \min$  (when it is min, it is strictly positive)

This proof works almost always, but there are problems in two special cases

- $q = p^*$  (the embedding is not compact)
- $p = 1$  (balls in  $L^1$  are not weakly compact)

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## Two variational problems in higher dimension

Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  be a ball (any regular bounded open set is the same)  
we want to solve

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta u &= \sin u & \text{in } \Omega \\ \text{DBC} & \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta u &= u^{2021} & \text{in } \Omega \\ \text{DBC} & \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

We expect a variational formulation of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} |\nabla u(x)|^2 - \cos u(x) \right\} dx \\ + \text{DBC} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} |\nabla u(x)|^2 + \frac{1}{2022} u^{2022}(x) \right\} dx \\ + \text{DBC} \end{aligned}$$

## Discussion on DBC

Does it make sense to minimize them  
with pointwise constraints such as  
 $u(\text{origin}) = \text{something}$

Answer: depends on  $p$  and  $d$ . It makes sense if we have

$$\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u(x)|^p dx \quad \text{with } p > d.$$

For the future: prescribing the values on a subset  $E \subseteq \Omega$   
makes sense if the  $p$ -capacity of  $E$  is  $\neq 0$ .

If we want to prescribe the values of  $u$  in  $\partial\Omega$  it's enough to say that  $\text{Tr } u = \text{given function}$   
 $\uparrow$   
 trace

but the given function has to be in the image of the trace, but the image of the trace is strange, for example in  $\dim = 2$  it is not true that any continuous function on  $S^1$  is the trace of a function  $u \in H^1 = W^{1,2}$  (ball).

Strange answer:  $\text{Tr} : W^{1,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow W^{1-\frac{1}{p},p}(\partial\Omega)$   
 is surjective  
 $\uparrow$   
 fractional Sobolev space, with "fractional derivatives"

What we do in general is to prescribe DBC in the form

$$\text{Tr } u = \text{Tr } u_0$$

$\uparrow$   
 given function in  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$

$$u - u_0 \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$$

Let us start with the direct method.

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} |\nabla u|^2 - \cos u$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} |\nabla u|^2 + \frac{u^{2022}}{2022}$$

Weak formulation in  $H^1(\Omega) = W^{1,2}(\Omega)$ . So  $F : H^1(\Omega) \rightarrow ??$

In the first case real values, in the second case it depends on  $d$ : if  $2022 < 2^*$ , then real values, otherwise  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$   
 $\frac{2d}{d-2}$  (the only case is  $d=2$ )

**Compactness** Let us assume that  $F(u_n) \leq M$ .

In both cases we obtain

$$\|\nabla u_n\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq M' \quad (\text{usual argument})$$

We need a bound on  $u_n$  in some space.

In the second case we have

$$\|u_n\|_{L^{2^*}(\Omega)} \leq M'' \text{ and therefore } \|u_n\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

In the first case we use Poincaré inequality if  $u \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$ :

$$\|u_n\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \text{const.} \|\nabla u_n\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

If  $u - u_0 \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_n\|_{L^2(\Omega)} &\leq \|u_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|u_n - u_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ &\leq \|u_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \text{const} \|\nabla(u_n - u_0)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ &\leq \underbrace{\|u_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \text{const} \|\nabla u_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)}}_{\text{given}} + \text{const} \|\nabla u_n\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \end{aligned}$$

In any case from  $F(u_n) \leq M$  we get  $\|u_n\|_{1,2,\Omega} \leq M'$   
FULL NORM in  $H^1(\Omega)$

Compact embedding  $\Rightarrow u_{n_k} \rightarrow u_\infty$  in  $L^2(\Omega)$   
 $\uparrow$   
more generally in  $L^q(\Omega)$  for  $q < 2^*$

Up to a further subsequence

$$\nabla u_{n_k} \rightharpoonup \nabla u_\infty \text{ weakly in } L^2(\Omega)$$

**LSC** In both cases we have that

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_{n_k}(x)|^2 dx \geq \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u_{\infty}(x)|^2 dx$$

$\uparrow$   
 LSC of the norm  
 w.r.t weak conv.

In the first case

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} \cos(u_{n_k}(x)) dx = \int_{\Omega} \cos(u_{\infty}(x)) dx$$

$\uparrow$   
 pointwise conv.  
 + trivial domination

[Here we do NOT need a further subsequence, because any subseq. has a further subsubseq. for which convergence is true]

$\uparrow$   
 (SUB-SUB lemma)

In the second case we have that

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} u_{n_k}^{2022} dx \geq \int_{\Omega} u_{\infty}^{2022} dx$$

$\uparrow$   
 FATOU lemma  
 + equi-bounded from below

Back to compactness: we need to be sure that  $\text{Tr } u_{\infty} = \text{Tr } u_0$

This is true because of the continuity of the trace

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u_n \rightarrow u_{\infty} \text{ in } L^2 \\ \|\nabla u_n\|_{L^2} \text{ bounded} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{Tr } u_n \rightarrow \text{Tr } u_{\infty} \text{ in } L^2(\partial\Omega)$$

In this moment a min. exists in  $H^1(\Omega)$ .

**ELE** In both cases take a nice point  $u$ , and consider  
 $\varphi(t) := F(u+tv)$  with  $v \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$

In the usual way we discover that

$$0 = \varphi'(0) = \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla u(x), \nabla v(x) \rangle + \sin u(x) \cdot v(x) dx$$

If we **could** integrate by parts ... then

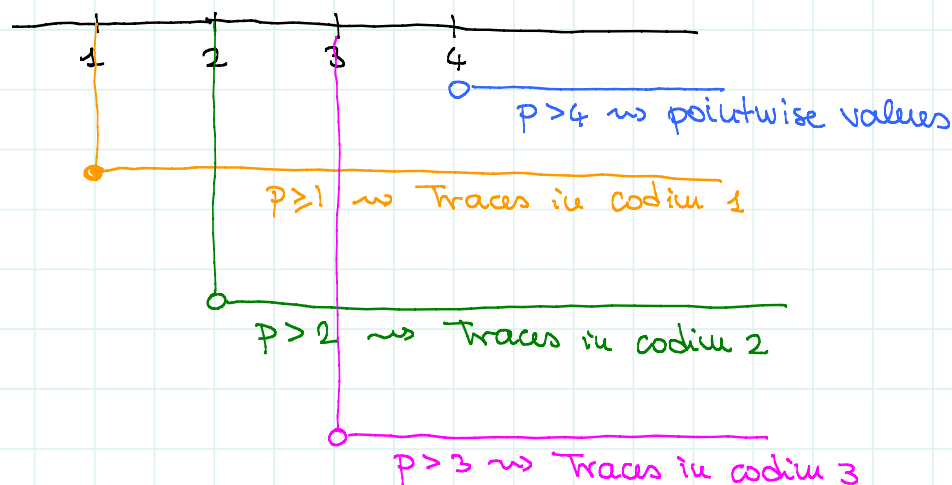
$$0 = \int_{\Omega} (-\Delta u(x) + \sin u(x)) v(x) dx$$

$$\text{FLCV} \Rightarrow \Delta u = \sin u$$

**UNFORTUNATELY WE CANNOT**

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Traces again let us assume  $d=4$ , and  $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$



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## ELLIPTIC REGULARITY

$$\Delta u = \sin u$$

DBC in  $\partial\Omega$ 

$$\Delta u = u^{2021}$$

DBC in  $\partial\Omega$ 

We proved that there exists  $u \in H^1(\Omega)$  s.t.

1-st int. form of ELE

$$-\int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla u, \nabla \varphi \rangle dx = \int_{\Omega} \sin u \varphi$$

$$-\int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla u, \nabla \varphi \rangle dx = \int_{\Omega} u^{2021} \varphi dx$$

$\forall \varphi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega) \rightsquigarrow$  and therefore also  $\forall \varphi \in H_0^1(\Omega)$

## ELLIPTIC EQUATION

## 1.1 Basic linear equation

$$\Delta u = f(x)$$

- weak formulation

$$-\int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla u, \nabla \varphi \rangle = \int_{\Omega} f \varphi$$

- Functional

$$F(u) = \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} |\nabla u|^2 + f(x)u \right\} dx$$

$$L(x, s, p) := \frac{1}{2} |p|^2 + f(x)s$$

## 1.2 Linear equation with coefficient

$$\operatorname{div}(A(x) \nabla u) = f$$

↑  
symmetric square matrix with  
entries depending on  $x$

- weak formulation

$$-\int_{\Omega} \langle A(x) \nabla u(x), \nabla \varphi(x) \rangle = \int_{\Omega} f \varphi$$

↑  
scalar product



## • Functional

$$F(u) = \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\langle A(x) \nabla u(x), \nabla u(x) \rangle + f u}_{\text{quadratic form}} dx$$

$$L(x, s, p) = \langle A(x) p, p \rangle + f(x) s$$

Def. The matrix  $A(x)$  is uniformly elliptic in  $\Omega$  if there exists  $\nu > 0$  s.t.

$$\langle A(x) p, p \rangle \geq \nu \|p\|^2 \quad \forall p \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad \forall x \in \Omega$$

The KEY POINT is that

$$\nu \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx \leq \int_{\Omega} \langle A(x) \nabla u(x), \nabla u(x) \rangle dx$$

With sums

$$\langle A(x) \nabla u(x), \nabla u(x) \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{j=1}^d A_{i,j}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j}(x)$$

$$\operatorname{div}(A(x) \nabla u(x)) = \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \sum_{j=1}^d A_{i,j}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j}(x) \right)$$

### 1.3 General linear equation

...  $L(x, s, p)$  = general polynomial of degree 2 in the variables  $s$  and  $p$  with coeff. depending on  $x$ .

## 2 SEMILINEAR EQUATION

$$\operatorname{div}(A(x)\nabla u(x)) = g(x, u)$$

- Weak formulation

$$-\int_{\Omega} \langle A(x)\nabla u(x), \nabla \varphi(x) \rangle dx = \int_{\Omega} g(x, u(x)) \varphi(x) dx$$

- Functional

$$F(u) := \int_{\Omega} \{ \langle A(x)\nabla u, \nabla u \rangle + G(x, u) \} dx$$

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial s}(x, s) = g(x, s)$$

$$L(x, s, p) = \dots$$

## 3 QUASILINEAR EQUATION

$$\operatorname{div}(A(x, u, \nabla u)\nabla u) = g(x, u, \nabla u)$$

↑↑  
The matrix depends  
on  $x, u, \nabla u$

- Weak formulation : what we expect

- Functional  $\int_{\Omega} L(x, u, \nabla u) dx$

## 4 FULLY NONLINEAR EQUATIONS

$$F(x, u, \nabla u, D^2 u) = 0$$

↑  
Hessian matrix

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Elliptic regularity

→ INTERNAL

→ BOUNDARY REGULARITY

$$\Delta u(x) = f(x) \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

Internal regularity :  $f \in \text{Space}_{\text{loc}}(\Omega) \Rightarrow D^2 u \in \text{Space}_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$

Boundary regularity :  $f \in \text{Space}(\Omega) \Rightarrow D^2 u \in \text{Space}(\Omega)$

Surprise : we assume the sum of pure 2-nd order deriv. in some space, and we obtain ALL 2-nd order deriv. in same space

"If we control  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  we control  $x^2, y^2, z^2, xy, yz, zx$ "

$$f \in H_{\text{loc}}^k(\Omega) \Rightarrow D^2 u \in H_{\text{loc}}^k(\Omega)$$

 $L^2$ -theory

$$f \in W_{\text{loc}}^{k,p}(\Omega) \Rightarrow D^2 u \in W_{\text{loc}}^{k,p}(\Omega)$$

 $L^p$ -theory  $p \in (1, \infty)$ 

$$f \in C_{\text{loc}}^{0,\alpha}(\Omega) \Rightarrow D^2 u \in C_{\text{loc}}^{0,\alpha}(\Omega)$$

SCHAUDER THEORY  $\alpha \in (0,1)$ 

The same without "loc"

$$f \in L^\infty \Rightarrow D^2 u \in L^\infty$$

$$f \in L^1 \Rightarrow D^2 u \in L^1$$

$$f \in C^0 \Rightarrow D^2 u \in C^0$$

$$f \in \text{Lip} \Rightarrow D^2 u \in \text{Lip}$$

$L^2$  theory and  $L^p$  theory include the case  $k=0$ .

$$\Delta u = \underbrace{\sin u}_{f(x) \in L^2} \quad \text{and } \Omega = \text{ball}$$

$$f(x) \in L^2(\Omega) = \Delta^2 u \in L^2(\Omega) \rightsquigarrow \Delta u \in L^2 \text{ and therefore}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \text{the equation is satisfied}$$

$$u \in H^2(\Omega) \quad \text{in diff. form}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin u = f(x) \in H^2(\Omega) \Rightarrow u \in H^4(\Omega) \Rightarrow \dots u \in H^k \text{ for every } k \text{ and therefore } u \in C^\infty(\Omega)$$

IT DOES NOT WORK

$$\text{It is false that } u \in H^2 \Rightarrow \sin u \in H^2$$

$$u \in H^1 \Rightarrow \sin u \in H^1 \quad \text{TRUE}$$

$d=1$   $V = \sin u(x)$

$$V'(x) = \cos u(x) \cdot u'(x)$$

$$V''(x) = -\sin u(x) \cdot [u'(x)]^2 + \cos u(x) \cdot u''(x)$$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 bounded  $\uparrow$  bounded  $L^2$   
 a priori not  
 in  $L^2$ , unless  
 $u' \in L^4$

If we want the implication  $u \in H^2 \Rightarrow \sin u \in H^2$  we need

$$H^1 \rightarrow L^4, \text{ namely } 4 \leq 2^* = \frac{2d}{d-2}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow 4d-8 \leq 2d \rightsquigarrow d \leq 4$$

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**Theorem** (Internal regularity)

Let  $d \geq 1$ , let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  be any open set. Let us assume that

$$\operatorname{div}(A(x)\nabla u(x)) = f(x) \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

in the sense that

$$-\int_{\Omega} \langle A(x)\nabla u(x), \nabla \varphi(x) \rangle dx = \int_{\Omega} f(x) \varphi(x) dx \quad \forall \varphi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$$

Let us assume that

- (i)  $f \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$
  - (ii)  $A(x) \in C^1(\Omega)$
  - (iii)  $u \in H^1_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$
  - (iv)  $A(x)$  unif. elliptic in  $\Omega$
- } under these assumptions the weak formulation makes sense

Then  $u \in H^2_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$  and for every  $\Omega_1 \subset\subset \Omega_2 \subset\subset \Omega$

$$\|D^2 u\|_{L^2(\Omega_1)} \leq c(\Omega_1, \Omega_2) \{ \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega_2)} + \|u\|_{1,2,\Omega_2} \}$$

UN-NATURAL ESTIMATE



Remark The theorem is true also in iterated form,  
namely

- (i)  $f \in H^k_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$
- (ii)  $A \in C^{k+1}$
- (iii)  $u \in H^{k+1}_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$

$$\leadsto u \in H^{k+2}_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$$

### A PRIORI ESTIMATES

Assume everything is  $C^\infty$  and prove the estimates

Baby case 1  $d=2$ ,  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $u \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$ ,  $f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$

$$-\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} u_x \varphi_x + u_y \varphi_y = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f \varphi$$

Idea: use  $\varphi = u_{xx}$  (I can because  $u \in C_c^\infty$ )

$$-\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} u_x \underbrace{u_{xxx}} + u_y \underbrace{u_{xyy}} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f u_{xx}$$

$$\text{RHS} \leq \|f\|_{L^2} \cdot \|u_{xx}\|_{L^2} \leq \|f\|_{L^2} (\|u_{xx}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|u_{xy}\|_{L^2}^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{LHS} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (u_{xx}^2 + u_{xy}^2) = \|u_{xx}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|u_{xy}\|_{L^2}^2$$

When I compare I get

$$\|u_{xx}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|u_{xy}\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \|f\|_{L^2} \cdot (\dots)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{and therefore } (\|u_{xx}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|u_{xy}\|_{L^2}^2)^{1/2} \leq \|f\|_{L^2}$$

If we use  $\varphi = u_{yy}$  we obtain

$$(\|u_{yy}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|u_{xy}\|_{L^2}^2)^{1/2} \leq \|f\|_{L^2}$$

and finally

$$\|u_{xx}\|_{L^2}^2 + \|u_{yy}\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|u_{xy}\|_{L^2}^2 \leq 2\|f\|_{L^2}^2$$

Baby case 2 any  $d$ ,  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $u$  and  $f$  in  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$

We use  $\varphi = u_{x_i x_i}$  and in the same way we estimate all second derivatives with one  $x_i$ .

At the end of the day

$$\sum_{i=1}^d \|u_{x_i x_i}\|_{L^2}^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} \|u_{x_i x_j}\|_{L^2}^2 \leq d \|f\|_{L^2}^2$$

Baby case 3 any  $d$ ,  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $u, f, A \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , equation

$$-\int_{\Omega} \langle A(x) \nabla u, \nabla \varphi \rangle = \int_{\Omega} f \varphi$$

Use again  $\varphi = u_{x_i x_i}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= \int_{\Omega} f u_{x_i x_i} \leq \|f\|_{L^2} \|u_{x_i x_i}\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq \|f\|_{L^2} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^d \|u_{x_i x_j}\|_{L^2}^2 \right\}^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{LHS} = - \int_{\Omega} \langle A(x) \nabla u, \nabla u_{x_i x_i} \rangle dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{\Omega} \langle A_{x_i}(x) \nabla u, \nabla u_{x_i} \rangle dx + \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \langle A(x) \nabla u_{x_i}, \nabla u_{x_i} \rangle}_{\geq 0 \text{ (ellipticity)}} \\ &\quad \geq \nu \int_{\Omega} \|\nabla u_{x_i}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\nu \int_{\Omega} \|\nabla u_{x_i}\|^2 \leq \|f\|_{L^2} \|\nabla u_{x_i}\|_{L^2}^2 - \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\langle A_{x_i}(x) \nabla u, \nabla u_{x_i} \rangle}_{\text{bounded}}$$

In conclusion

$$\forall \|\nabla u_{x_i}\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \|f\|_{L^2} \|\cancel{\nabla u_{x_i}}\|_{L^2} + \|A\|_{C^1} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2} \|\cancel{\nabla u_{x_i}}\|$$

and we obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^d \|\nabla u_{x_j}\|_{L^2}^2 \leq \|f\|_{L^2} + \|A\|_{C^1} \cdot \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}$$

**Case 4**  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  any open set,  $\Delta u = f$  in weak sense in  $\Omega$ ,  
 $u$  and  $f$  in  $C^\infty(\Omega)$  (no opt. support)

Consider  $\Omega_1 \subset \subset \Omega_2 \subset \subset \Omega$

Consider  $\psi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with

$\psi \equiv 1$  in  $\Omega_1$

$\psi \equiv 0$  outside  $\Omega_2$

$0 \leq \psi \leq 1$  in between



Define  $v = u\psi$ . Then

$$\Delta v = \Delta(u\psi) = \underbrace{\Delta u}_{=f} \psi + u \Delta \psi + 2 \langle \nabla u, \nabla \psi \rangle =: g$$

Then apply baby case 2 to  $v$  and  $g$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^2(\Omega_1)}^2 &\stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ u=u \\ \text{in } \Omega_1}}{\leq} \|\nabla^2 v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 \leq d \|g\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 \\ &\stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{depends on } \psi}}{\leq} \text{const} \left\{ \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega_2)}^2 + \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega_2)}^2 + \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\Omega_2)}^2 \right\} \\ &\stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \psi \equiv 0 \text{ outside } \Omega_2 \\ \text{and } \psi \leq 1 \text{ in } \Omega_2}}{\leq} \end{aligned}$$



Case 4 revisited Assume everything as in Case 4, but only  $f \in L^2_{loc}$  and  $u \in H^1_{loc}$

Can we say that  $v$  solves the same equation  $\Delta v = g$  ?

Hyp: 
$$-\int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla u, \nabla \varphi \rangle = \int_{\Omega} f \varphi$$

Th: 
$$-\int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla v, \nabla \varphi \rangle = \int_{\Omega} g \varphi$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla v, \nabla \varphi \rangle &= -\int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla (u\psi), \nabla \varphi \rangle \\ &= -\int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla u \cdot \psi + u \nabla \psi, \nabla \varphi \rangle \\ &= \underbrace{-\int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla u, \psi \nabla \varphi \rangle}_{(1)} - \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \langle u \nabla \psi, \nabla \varphi \rangle}_{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) &= -\int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla u, \nabla (\psi \varphi) - \varphi \nabla \psi \rangle \\ &= -\int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla u, \nabla (\psi \varphi) \rangle + \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla u, \nabla \psi \rangle \varphi}_{\text{}} \\ &\quad \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} f \psi \varphi}_{\text{}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (2) &= -\int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\langle u \nabla \psi, \nabla \varphi \rangle}_{\vec{E}} = \int_{\Omega} \varphi \underbrace{\operatorname{div} (u \nabla \psi)}_{\text{}} \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \varphi \langle \nabla u, \nabla \psi \rangle + \underbrace{\varphi u \Delta \psi}_{\text{}} \end{aligned}$$

The sum of  $\text{}$  is  $\int_{\Omega} g \varphi$

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## DIFFERENCE QUOTIENTS

## DISCRETE DERIVATIVES

Let  $u: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}$ , let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We set

$$D_{\alpha}^{\varepsilon} u(x) := \frac{u(x + \varepsilon \alpha) - u(x)}{\varepsilon \|\alpha\|}$$

Diff. quotient  
in direction  $\alpha$

If  $\alpha = (0, \dots, 0, \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{pos. } i}}{1}, 0, \dots, 0) = e_i$  then we write  $D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} u(x)$

If  $u$  is defined in  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  open set, then  $D_{\alpha}^{\varepsilon} u$  is defined in every  $\Omega' \subset\subset \Omega$  provide that  $\varepsilon$  is small enough.

## SIMPLE PROPERTIES

(i)  $u \rightarrow D_{\alpha}^{\varepsilon} u$  is linear

(ii)  $D_{\alpha}^{\varepsilon}$  preserves regularity: if  $u \in W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then  $D_{\alpha}^{\varepsilon} u \in W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$

(iii)  $D_{\alpha}^{\varepsilon}$  commutes with weak derivatives  $D_{\alpha}^{\varepsilon} (D^{\beta} u) = D^{\beta} (D_{\alpha}^{\varepsilon} u)$   
for every multiindex  $\beta$ .

(iv) There is a formula for the product

$$D_{\alpha}^{\varepsilon} (u(x)v(x)) = D_{\alpha}^{\varepsilon} u(x) \cdot v(x) + u(x + \varepsilon \alpha) \cdot D_{\alpha}^{\varepsilon} v(x)$$

(v) There is a formula for the composition. Assume  $g \in C^1$

$$D_{\alpha}^{\varepsilon} (g(u(x))) = g'(\quad) D_{\alpha}^{\varepsilon} u(x)$$

$\uparrow$  some point between  $u(x)$  and  $u(x + \varepsilon \alpha)$

**Proposition**

(1) If  $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then  $\|D_{x_i}^\varepsilon u(x)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \|D_{x_i} u(x)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}$

(2) Discrete integration by parts

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} D_{x_i}^\varepsilon u(x) \cdot \varphi(x) dx = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u(x) \cdot D_{x_i}^{-\varepsilon} \varphi(x) dx$$

for every choice of  $u$  and  $\varphi$  for which the integrals make sense  
for example

$\rightarrow u \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$\rightarrow u \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $\varphi \in L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  if  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$ .

**Proof**

$$(1) |u(x + \varepsilon e_i) - u(x)| = \underset{\varphi(t) := u(x + \varepsilon e_i t)}{\uparrow} |\varphi(1) - \varphi(0)|$$

$$\leq \int_0^1 |\varphi'(t)| dt = \int_0^1 |D_{x_i} u(x + \varepsilon e_i t)| \cdot \underset{\frac{1}{p'}}{|\varepsilon|} dt$$

$$\leq |\varepsilon| \left\{ \int_0^1 |D_{x_i} u(x + \varepsilon e_i t)|^p dt \right\}^{1/p}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |u(x + \varepsilon e_i) - u(x)|^p dx &\leq |\varepsilon|^p \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} dx \int_0^1 |D_{x_i} u(x + \varepsilon e_i t)|^p dt \\ &= |\varepsilon|^p \int_0^1 dt \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |D_{x_i} \underbrace{(x + \varepsilon e_i t)}_y|^p dx \\ &\quad \text{dx = dy} \end{aligned}$$

$$= |\varepsilon|^p \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |D_{x_i}(y)|^p dy$$

We divide by  $|\varepsilon|^p$  and we get the conclusion

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) \quad & \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{u(x+\varepsilon\alpha) - u(x)}{\varepsilon\|\alpha\|} \varphi(x) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon\|\alpha\|} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \underbrace{u(x+\varepsilon\alpha)}_y \underbrace{\varphi(x)}_{\varphi(y-\varepsilon\alpha)} dx - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u(x) \varphi(x) dx \right\} \\
 &= \frac{-1}{\varepsilon\|\alpha\|} \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u(y) \varphi(y-\varepsilon\alpha) dy - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u(y) \varphi(y) dy \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

This proves (2).  $\quad \text{---} \circ \text{---} \circ \text{---}$

**Theorem** (Sobolev spaces and discrete derivatives)

Let us assume that  $u \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $p \in (1, +\infty)$

$\uparrow$  excluded, but something is true  $\uparrow$

Then the following are equivalent

(1)  $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$

(2)  $D_{x_i}^\varepsilon u \rightarrow \text{something in } L^p(\mathbb{R}^d) \text{ as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \text{ for every } i=1, \dots, d$   
 $\uparrow$  a posteriori is  $D_{x_i} u$

(3)  $D_{x_i}^\varepsilon u \rightarrow \text{something weakly in } L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$

(4)  $\|D_{x_i}^\varepsilon u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}$  are bounded indep. of  $\varepsilon$

**Proof** (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) are almost trivial by general facts

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) less easy, but again an exercise

[Hint: very similar to the proof that  $u * \rho_\varepsilon \rightarrow u$ ]

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Due to the bound on the norms, there exists  $\varepsilon_k \rightarrow 0^+$  such that (we need also  $p > 1$ )

$$D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon_k} u(x) \longrightarrow v_i(x) \text{ weakly in } L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

Claim:  $v_i(x) = D_{x_i} u(x)$ , namely

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u(x) D_{x_i} \varphi(x) dx = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} v_i(x) \varphi(x) dx$$

We start with the discrete integration by parts

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon_k} u(x) \varphi(x) dx &= - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u(x) D_{x_i}^{-\varepsilon_k} \varphi(x) dx \\ &\quad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \text{also uniformly if } \varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d) \\ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} v_i(x) \varphi(x) dx &= - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u(x) D_{x_i} \varphi(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

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**Theorem** (Internal regularity)

Assume that  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $u \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is a solution to  $\Delta u = f$  in the weak formulation

$$-\int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla u, \nabla \varphi \rangle dx = \int_{\Omega} f \varphi \quad \begin{aligned} &\forall \varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d) \\ &\forall \varphi \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \end{aligned}$$

Then  $u \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and

$$\|D^2 u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 \leq d \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2$$

Proof Last lecture we used  $\varphi = dx_i \otimes x_i$ .

Now we use

$$\varphi = D_{x_i}^{-\varepsilon} D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} u(x) \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

$$-\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \langle \nabla u(x), \nabla D_{x_i}^{-\varepsilon} D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} u(x) \rangle dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi D_{x_i}^{-\varepsilon} D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} u(x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &\leq \|\varphi\| \cdot \|D_{x_i}^{-\varepsilon} D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} u\| \leq \|\varphi\| \cdot \|D_{x_i} D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} u\| \\ &\quad \uparrow \text{Prop} \\ &\leq \|\varphi\| \cdot \|\nabla D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} u\| \\ &= \|\varphi\| \cdot \|D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} \nabla u\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{LHS} = -\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \langle \nabla u(x), \nabla D_{x_i}^{-\varepsilon} D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} u(x) \rangle dx$$

$$= -\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \langle \nabla u(x), D_{x_i}^{-\varepsilon} \nabla D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} u(x) \rangle dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{\substack{\text{integr.} \\ \text{by parts} \\ \text{to each term} \\ \text{of the sc. prod}}}{=} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \langle D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} \nabla u(x), \nabla D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} u(x) \rangle dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \langle D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} \nabla u(x), D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} \nabla u(x) \rangle dx \\ &= \|D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} \nabla u(x)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

In conclusion  $\|D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} \nabla u(x)\|^2 \leq \|\varphi\| \cdot \cancel{\|D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} \nabla u(x)\|}$

This implies that  $\|D_{x_i} \nabla u(x)\|^2 \leq \|\varphi\|^2$

$\uparrow$   $\sum_{j=1}^d \|D_{x_i} x_j u(x)\|^2$  . sum over  $i$  and get conclusion.

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## Boundary regularity for Dirichlet problem

**Theorem** Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  be an open set, let  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  and let  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  be a solution to  $\Delta u = f$  in the  $\uparrow$  usual weak sense.

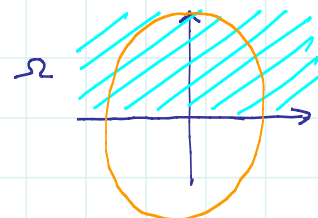
Assume that  $\partial\Omega$  is compact and of class  $C^2$ .

Then  $u \in H^2(\Omega)$  and

$$\|D^2 u\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C(\Omega) \{ \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|u\|_{d,2,\Omega} \}$$

The same is true for  $\operatorname{div}(A(x)\nabla u) = f$  provided that  $A \in C^1(\operatorname{clos}(\Omega))$  and unip. elliptic.

**Model case**  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}_+^d$



**Proof** Let us show that a priori estimates

$$\begin{matrix} (x, y) \\ \mathbb{R}_+^{d-1} \uparrow y \in \mathbb{R}_+ \end{matrix}$$

Let us assume that  $f$  and  $u$  are in  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+^d)$  and they vanish outside a large enough ball of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

For every  $i = 1, \dots, d-1$  we use  $\varphi = u x_i x_i$

$$-\int_{\mathbb{R}_+^d} \langle \nabla u, \nabla u x_i x_i \rangle dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^d} f u x_i x_i dx$$

$\uparrow$   
we can integrate by parts w.r.t  $x_i$  because we do not cross the boundary

As in the case of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  we obtain that

$$\sum_{j=1}^d \|u_{x_i x_j}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^d)}^2 \leq \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^d)}^2 \quad i = 1, \dots, d-1$$

In this way we can estimate all second order derivatives of  $u$  with the exception of  $u_{yy}$ . But

$$u_{yy} = f - \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} u_{x_i x_i} \quad \Rightarrow \quad u_{yy} \in L^2 \text{ with estimate}$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{L^2} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{L^2}$

In the case where  $f \in L^2$  and  $u \in H^1$  we use discrete derivatives in the same way as for the internal regularity.

$$\varphi = D_{x_i}^{-\varepsilon} D_{x_i}^{\varepsilon} u \in H_0^1(\mathbb{R}_+^d) \quad \text{because } i = 1, \dots, d-1$$

Again we obtain that all second der. of  $u$ , but  $u_{yy}$ , are in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}_+^d)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} -\int_{\Omega} f \varphi &= + \int_{\Omega} \langle \nabla u, \nabla \varphi \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} \int_{\Omega} D_{x_i} u D_{x_i} \varphi + \int_{\Omega} D_y u D_y \varphi \\ &\quad \downarrow \text{here we can integrate by parts} \end{aligned}$$

$$= - \sum_{i=1}^{d-1} \int_{\Omega} D_{x_i x_i} u \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} D_y u D_y \varphi$$

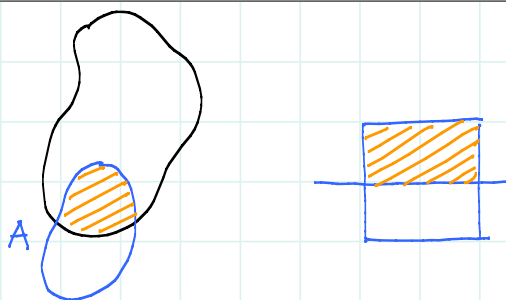
$$-\int_{\Omega} D_y u D_y \varphi = \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\{f - D_{x_i x_i} u\}}_{g \in L^2} \varphi$$

This is equivalent to saying that  $D_y u$  has a weak derivative w.r.t  $y$  and  $D_y D_y u = g$



**General case**

As always we write  $\mu$  as a sum of functions  $\mu_i$  with support in suitable open sets that are diffeomorphic to the standard cube.



**Problem** Consider two diffeom. open sets  $A$  and  $B$

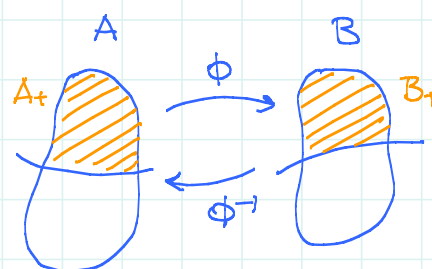
$$\phi: A \rightarrow B$$

$$\phi: A^+ \rightarrow B^+$$

$$\phi: \partial A^+ \rightarrow \partial B^+$$

If  $\mu$  solves

$$\operatorname{div}(\hat{A}(x) \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } A_+$$



Let us define  $v(y)$ ,  $g(y)$ ,  $\hat{B}(y)$  for  $y \in B$  or  $B^+$  such that

$$v(\phi(x)) = u(x)$$

$$g(\phi(x)) |\operatorname{Det} J\phi(x)| = f(x)$$

$$\hat{B}(\phi(x)) |\operatorname{Det} J\phi(x)| = J\phi(x) \hat{A}(x) J\phi(x)^t$$

We claim that  $\operatorname{div}(\hat{B}(y) \nabla v(y)) = g(y)$  in  $B_+$  in the usual weak sense

$$\underline{\text{Hyp}}: -\int_{A^+} \langle \hat{A}(x) \nabla u(x), \nabla \varphi(x) \rangle = \int_{A^+} f \varphi \quad \forall \varphi \in C_c^\infty(A^+)$$

$$\underline{\text{Th}}: -\int_{B^+} \langle \hat{B}(y) \nabla v(y), \nabla \psi(y) \rangle = \int_{B^+} g \psi \quad \forall \psi \in C_c^\infty(B^+)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{RHS} &= \int_{B_+} g(y) \psi(y) dy \stackrel{y=\phi(x)}{=} \int_{A_+} \underbrace{g(\phi(x))}_{\psi(\phi(x))} \underbrace{\psi(\phi(x))}_{\phi(x)} \underbrace{|\text{Det } J\phi(x)|}_{\phi(x)} dx \\
 &= \int_{A_+} f(x) \varphi(x) dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us observe that  $\nabla \varphi(x) = \nabla \psi(\phi(x)) J\phi(x)$

$$\boxed{\quad} \quad \boxed{\quad} \quad \boxed{\quad}$$

$$\nabla u(x) = \nabla v(\phi(x)) \cdot J\phi(x)$$

$$- \text{LHS} = \int_{B_+} \langle \hat{B}(y) \nabla v(y), \nabla \psi(y) \rangle dy$$

$$= \int_{B_+} \nabla v(y) \hat{B}(y) \nabla \psi(y)^t dy$$

$$= \int_{A_+} \nabla v(\phi(x)) \hat{B}(\phi(x)) \nabla \psi(\phi(x))^t |\text{Det } J\phi(x)| dx$$

$$= \int_{A_+} \underbrace{\nabla v(\phi(x)) J\phi(x)}_{\nabla u(x)} \hat{A}(x) \underbrace{J\phi(x)^t \nabla \psi(\phi(x))^t}_{\nabla \varphi(x)^t} dx$$

$$= - \text{LHS in the assumption}$$

what we need is that

$$\hat{B}(\phi(x)) |\text{Det } J\phi(x)| = J\phi(x) \hat{A}(x) J\phi(x)^t$$

**[Remark]** Where we need that  $\partial\Omega$  is of class  $C^2$ .

In at least two points

- 1 - we need  $\hat{B}$  to be of class  $C^1$
- 2 - we need that  $v \in H^2 \Rightarrow u \in H^2$  and this requires  $\phi$  to be of class  $C^2$ .

**Remark** we need  $\hat{B}$  to be unif. elliptic.

Lemma (lin. alg.) If  $A$  is coercive and  $M$  is invertible,  
then  $MA M^+$  is coercive

**Remark** What about the case where  $u = u_0$  on  $\partial\Omega$   
in the sense that  $u - u_0 \in H_0^1$

$$\Delta(u - u_0) = \Delta u - \Delta u_0 = f - \Delta u_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } u_0 \in H^2 \rightsquigarrow f - \Delta u_0 \in L^2 \rightsquigarrow u - u_0 \in H^2 \\ \rightsquigarrow u \in H^2. \end{aligned}$$

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