

# Lecture 1

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**Theorem** ( Lebesgue measure) There exists a positive measure  $m$  defined on a  $\sigma$ - algebra  $\mathfrak{M}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , with the following properties:

- (a)  $m((a_1, b_1) \times \dots \times (a_k, b_k)) = (a_1 - b_1) \times \dots \times (a_k - b_k)$
- (b)  $\mathfrak{M}$  contains all open sets and closed sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; more precisely,  $E \in \mathfrak{M}$  if and only if there are a sequence of closed sets  $\{A_k\}$  and a sequence of open subsets  $\{B_k\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \subset E \subset \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k \quad \text{and} \quad m\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k \setminus \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k\right) = 0$$

(c)  $m$  is translation-invariant, i.e.,  $m(E + x) = m(E)$  for every  $E$  in  $\mathfrak{M}$  and every  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

(d) If  $E$  is in  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $c$  is a positive real number then

$$m(cE) = c^n m(E),$$

where  $cE = \{cx : x \in E\}$ .

The members of  $\mathfrak{M}$  are called the Lebesgue measurable (or simply “measurable”) sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $m$  is called the Lebesgue measure (or simply “measurable”) on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $f$  be a real function on a measurable subset  $A$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We say  $f$  is a measurable function on  $A$  if and only if  $f^{-1}((c, \infty)) \in \mathfrak{M}$  for every real number  $c$ .

**Definition.** A real function  $s$  is said to be a simple function if there are  $k$  measurable subsets  $A_1, \dots, A_k$  and  $k$  real numbers  $c_1, \dots, c_k$  such that

$$s = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \chi_{A_i},$$

where  $\chi_{A_i}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \forall x \in A_i, \\ 0 & \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus A_i. \end{cases}$

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# Lecture 2

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**Definition.** Let  $f$  be a real function on an open subset  $D$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in D$  and  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . We define

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i + t, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) - f(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)}{t}$$

provided the limit exists., and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x)$  is called the partial derivative of  $f$  at  $x$  with respect to the variable  $x_i$ .

If  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(x)$  exists for any  $i$  in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ , we say  $f$  is differentiable at  $x$  and has derivative

$$Df(x) = \nabla f(x) = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x), \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}(x), \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(x) \right)$$

**Definition.** Let  $f$  be a real function on an open subset  $D$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We say :

- $f$  is **differentiable** on  $D$  if  $\nabla f(x)$  exists for any  $x$  in  $D$ ,
- $f$  is **of class  $C^1(D)$**  if  $f$  is differentiable on  $D$  and  $\nabla f$  is a continuous from  $D$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- $f$  is **of class  $C_c^1(D)$**  if  $f$  is of class  $C^1(D)$  and  $f(x) = 0$  for any  $x$  in  $D \setminus K_f$ , where  $K_f$  is a compact set contained in  $D$ .
- $f$  is of **class  $C^1(\bar{D})$**  if  $f$  is of class  $C^1(D_f)$ , where  $D_f$  is a open set containing  $D$ .

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**Definition.** Let  $f$  be a real differentiable function on an open subset  $D$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $x \in D$ . Put  $g_j = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}$ , then  $g_j$  is a real function on  $D$  for any  $j$  in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ . Let  $i$  be in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ . We say :

- $f$  has the **second-order partial derivative**  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(x)$  at  $x$  if  $g_j$  has the partial derivative  $\frac{\partial g_j}{\partial x_i}(x)$  at  $x$ .
- $f$  has **the second-order partial derivative** at  $x$  if  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(x)$  exists for any  $i, j$  in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ . In this case the second-order derivative  $D^2 f(x)$  of  $f$  at  $x$  is the  $n \times n$ -matrix  $\left[ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(x) \right]_{i,j=1,2,\dots,n}$

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- $f$  is differentiable 2-times on  $D$  if  $D^2 f(x)$  exists for any  $x$  in  $D$ ,
- $f$  is of class  $C^2(D)$  if  $f$  is differentiable 2-times on  $D$  and  $D^2 f$  is a continuous from  $D$  into  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .
- $f$  is of class  $C_c^2(D)$  if  $f$  is of class  $C^2(D)$  and  $f(x) = 0$  for any  $x$  in  $D \setminus K_f$ , where  $K_f$  is a compact set contained in  $D$ .
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Similarly we can define the classes  $C^r(D)$ ,  $C_c^r(D)$  and  $C^r(\bar{D})$  for any integer  $r > 2$ . We put

$$C^\infty(D) = \bigcap_{r=1}^{\infty} C^r(D),$$

$$C_c^\infty(D) = \bigcap_{r=1}^{\infty} C_c^r(D),$$

$$C^\infty(\bar{D}) = \bigcap_{r=1}^{\infty} C^r(\bar{D}).$$

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**Theorem.** Let  $D$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $p \in [1, \infty)$  and  $f$  be in  $L^p(D)$ . Assume

$$\int_D f g dx = 0 \quad \forall g \in C_c^\infty(D).$$

Then  $f = 0$  a.e. on  $D$ .

**Theorem.** Let  $D$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with smooth boundary  $\partial D$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $f$  be in  $C^1(\bar{D})$ . Then

$$(i) \int_D f \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} dx = \int_{\partial D} f g ds - \int_D \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} g dx \quad \forall g \in C^1(\bar{D}),$$

$$(ii) \int_D f \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} dx = - \int_D \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} g dx \quad \forall g \in C_c^1(D),$$

where  $ds$  is the measure on the boundary  $\partial D$ .

Put

$$\|f\|_{1,p} = \left\{ \int_D (|f|^p + \|\nabla f\|^p) dx \right\}^{1/p} \quad \forall f \in C^1(\bar{D}),$$

$$\|f\|_{2,p} = \left\{ \int_D (|f|^p + \|\nabla f\|^p + \|D^2 f\|^p) dx \right\}^{1/p} \quad \forall f \in C^2(\bar{D}),$$

$$\|f\|_{k,p} = \left\{ \int_D (|f|^p + \sum_{r=1}^k \|D^r f\|^p) dx \right\}^{1/p} \quad \forall f \in C^k(\bar{D}).$$

We see that  $(C_c^k(D), \|\cdot\|_{1,p})$  and  $(C^k(\bar{D}), \|\cdot\|_{1,p})$  are normed linear spaces. We denote by  $W_0^{k,p}(D)$  and  $W^{k,p}(D)$  their completions respectively. These Banach spaces are called Sobolev spaces.

We see that

- $W_0^{k,p}(D) \subset W^{k,p}(D) \quad \forall k \geq 1,$
- $W^{k,p}(D) \subset W^{k-1,p}(D) \subset L^p(D) \quad \forall k > 1.$

Let  $p \in [1, \infty)$  and  $u \in W^{1,p}(D)$ . There is a Cauchy sequence  $\{u_m\}$  in  $(C^1(\bar{D}), \|\cdot\|_{1,p})$  such that  $\{u_m\}$  “converges” to  $u$  in following sense :  $\{u_m\}$  converges to  $u$  in  $L^p(D)$ ,  $\{\frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_i}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L^p(D)$  for any  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

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We can choose  $\{u_m\}$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  in  $L^p(D)$  such that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_i} - v_i \right\|_p = 0 \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\},$$

$$u(x) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} u_m(x) \quad \text{a.e. on } D,$$

$$v_i(x) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_i}(x) \quad \text{a.e. on } D, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

$$\int_D u_m \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i} dx = - \int_D \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_i} \varphi dx \quad \forall \varphi \in C_\infty^1(D), m \in \mathbb{N} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_D u_m \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i} dx - \int_D u \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i} dx \right| = \left| \int_D (u_m - u) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i} dx \right| \leq \int_D \left| (u_m - u) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i} \right| dx \\ & \leq \left\{ \int_D |u_m - u|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \int_D \left| \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i} \right|^{p/(p-1)} dx \right\}^{(p-1)/p} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_D \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_i} \varphi dx - \int_D v_i \varphi dx \right| = \left| \int_D \left( \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_i} - v_i \right) \varphi dx \right| \leq \int_D \left| \left( \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_i} - v_i \right) \varphi \right| dx \\ & \leq \left\{ \int_D \left| \frac{\partial u_m}{\partial x_i} - v_i \right|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \int_D |\varphi|^{p/(p-1)} dx \right\}^{(p-1)/p} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty \quad (3). \end{aligned}$$

$$(1), (2), (3) \Rightarrow \int_D u \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i} dx = - \int_D v_i \varphi dx \quad \forall \varphi \in C_\infty^1(D), i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

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We say  $v_i$  is the generalized partial derivative of  $u$  with respect to  $x_i$  and denote it by  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}$ .

Thus, let  $u$  be in  $W^{1,p}(D)$ , then  $u$  has its generalized partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \in L^p(D)$  such that

$$\int_D u \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i} dx = - \int_D \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \varphi dx \quad \forall \varphi \in C_\infty^1(D), i \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

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$$\int_D u \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i} dx = - \int_D \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \varphi dx \quad \forall \varphi \in C_c^1(D), i \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

Let  $\eta$  be in  $W_0^{1,p}(D)$ . We can choose a sequence  $\{\varphi_m\}$  in  $C_c^1(D)$ , which converges to  $\eta$  in  $W_0^{1,p}(D)$ . Arguing as in (1), (2) and (3), we get

$$\int_D u \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x_i} dx = - \int_D \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \eta dx \quad \forall \eta \in W_0^{1,p}(D), i \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

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Let  $D = (-1, 1)$  and  $u(x) = |x|$  for any  $x$  in  $D$ . Put

$$u_m(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + m^{-1}} \quad \forall x \in D, m \in \{1, 2, \dots\}.$$

We have

- $|u_m(x)| \leq \sqrt{2}$  and  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} u_m(x) = \sqrt{x^2} = u(x) \quad \forall x \in D$ ,
- $|u'_m(x)| = \left| \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + m^{-1}}} \right| \leq 1 \quad \forall x \in D \setminus \{0\}$ ,
- $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} u'_m(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2}} = \text{sign } x \quad \forall x \in D \setminus \{0\}$ .

By the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem,  $u$  is in  $W^{1,2}(D)$  and its generalized derivative is  $u'(x) = \text{sign } x$ .

Let  $D = (-1, 1)$ . Put

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \forall x \in (-1, 0], \\ 0 & \forall x \in (0, 1). \end{cases}$$

We see that  $u \in L^2(D)$ .

Now assume there is  $v \in L^2(D)$  such that

$$\int_D u \varphi' dx = - \int_D v \varphi dx \quad \forall \varphi \in C_c^1(D) \quad (1)$$

We have

$$\int_D u \varphi' dx = \int_{-1}^0 \varphi' dx = \varphi(0) - \varphi(-1) = \varphi(0) \quad \forall \varphi \in C_c^1(D) \quad (2),$$

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By (1) and (2), we see that

$$\int_D v \varphi dx = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in C_c^1(D \setminus \{0\}),$$

which implies  $v = 0$  a.e. on  $D \setminus \{0\}$ . Thus  $v = 0$  a.e. on  $D$

$$\text{or} \quad \int_D v \varphi dx = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in C_c^1(D) \quad (3)$$

By (2) and (3),  $\varphi(0) = 0$  for any  $\varphi \in C_c^1(D)$  !

Therefore  $W^{1,2}(D) \subset L^2(D)$ , but  $W^{1,2}(D) \neq L^2(D)$ .

The following properties of generalized derivatives are proved in Chapter 7 of the book “D. Gilbarg and N. Trudinger, Elliptic partial differential equations of second order”.

**Theorem.** Let  $D$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $p$  and  $q$  be in  $(1, \infty)$  such that  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ . Let  $u \in W^{1,p}(D)$  and  $v \in W^{1,q}(D)$ . Then  $uv$  belongs to  $W^{1,1}(D)$  and

$$\frac{\partial(uv)}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} v + u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i} \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

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**Theorem.** Let  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_k$  be  $k$  real numbers,  $D$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Put  $B = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$ . Let  $f$  be a real function on  $\mathbb{R}$  of class  $C(\mathbb{R}) \cap C^1(\mathbb{R} \setminus B)$  such that  $f'$  is discontinuous at every point of  $B$ , and  $f' \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R} \setminus B)$ . Let  $u \in W^{1,p}(D)$  with  $p \in [1, \infty)$ . Then  $v = f \circ u$  belongs to  $W^{1,p}(D)$  and

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i}(x) = \begin{cases} f'(u(x)) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(x) & \text{if } u(x) \in \mathbb{R} \setminus B, \\ 0 & \text{if } u(x) \in B. \end{cases}$$

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**Theorem.** Let  $D$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $u \in W^{1,p}(D)$  with  $p \in [1, \infty)$ . Put  $u^+ = \max\{0, u\}$  and  $u^- = \max\{0, -u\}$ . Then  $u^+$ ,  $u^-$  and  $|u|$  belong to  $W^{1,p}(D)$  and

$$\frac{\partial u^+}{\partial x_i}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(x) & \text{if } u(x) > 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } u(x) \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\partial u^-}{\partial x_i}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(x) & \text{if } u(x) < 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } u(x) \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\partial |u|}{\partial x_i}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(x) & \text{if } u(x) > 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } u(x) = 0, \\ -\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(x) & \text{if } u(x) < 0. \end{cases}$$

We see that

- $W_0^{k,p}(D) \subset W^{k,p}(D) \quad \forall k \geq 1,$
- $W^{k,p}(D) \subset W^{k-1,p}(D) \subset L^p(D) \quad \forall k > 1,$
- $W_0^{1,p}(D) \subset W^{1,p}(D) \subset L^p(D).$

**Theorem (Sobolev imbedding).** Let  $D$  be an open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $u \in W^{1,p}(D)$  with  $p \in [1, \infty)$ . Then

- $u$  is in  $L^q(D)$  where  $q = \frac{np}{n-p}$  if  $p < n$ ,
- $u$  is of class  $C^r(\bar{D})$  if  $0 \leq r < 1 - n^{-1}p$ .

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- (i)  $u$  is in  $L^q(D)$  where  $q = \frac{np}{n-kp}$  if  $kp < n$ ,
- (ii)  $u$  is of class  $C^r(\bar{D})$  if  $0 \leq r < k - n^{-1}p$ .

The proof of this theorem is in the book of Adams.

**Theorem (Sobolev imbedding).** Let  $D$  be an open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $u \in W^{k,p}(D)$  with  $p \in [1, \infty)$ . Then  $u$  is in  $L^q(D)$  if  $q \in [p, \frac{np}{n-kp}]$  and  $kp < n$ .

**Theorem (Sobolev imbedding).** Let  $D$  be a bounded open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $u \in W^{k,p}(D)$  with  $p \in [1, \infty)$ . Then  $u$  is in  $L^q(D)$  if  $q \in [1, \frac{np}{n-kp}]$  and  $kp < n$ .

**Theorem (Sobolev inequality).** Let  $D$  be a bounded open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n$  and  $k$  be positive integers and  $p \in [1, \infty)$  such that  $kp < n$ .

Then for any  $q \in [1, \frac{np}{n-kp}]$  there is a positive real number  $C$  such that

$$\|u\|_q \leq C \|u\|_{k,p} \quad \forall u \in W^{k,p}(D).$$

**Theorem (Poincare inequality).** Let  $D$  be a bounded open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n$  be a positive integer,  $p \in [1, \infty)$  such that  $p < n$ .

Then for any  $q \in [1, \frac{np}{n-p}]$  there is a positive real number  $C$  such that

$$\|u\|_q \leq C \|\nabla u\|_p \quad \forall u \in W_0^{1,p}(D).$$

**Theorem .** Let  $D$  be a bounded open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n$  be a positive integer,  $p \in [1, \infty)$  such that  $p < n$ . Put

$$||| u |||_{1,p} = \left\{ \int_D \|\nabla u\|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} \quad \forall u \in W_0^{1,p}(D).$$

Then there are a positive real number  $c$  such that

$$c \|u\|_{1,p} \leq ||| u |||_{1,p} \leq \|u\|_{1,p} \quad \forall u \in W_0^{1,p}(D).$$

**Theorem.**  $(W_0^{1,2}(D), ||| \cdot |||)$  is a Hilbert space with the following inner product

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \int_D \nabla u \nabla v dx \quad \forall u, v \in W_0^{1,2}(D).$$

**Theorem.**  $W^{1,2}(D)$  is a Hilbert space with the following inner product

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \int_D (uv + \nabla u \nabla v) dx \quad \forall u, v \in W_0^{1,2}(D).$$

**Theorem(Rellich-Kondrachov).** Let  $D$  be a bounded open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $k$  be positive integer, and  $p \in [1, \infty)$  such that  $kp < n$ . Let  $q \in [1, \frac{np}{n-kp})$  and put

$$T(u) = u \quad \forall u \in W^{k,p}(D).$$

Then  $T$  is a bounded linear mapping from  $W^{k,p}(D)$  into  $L^q(D)$ , and the closure  $T(A)$  in  $L^q(D)$  is compact in  $L^q(D)$  for any bounded subset  $A$  in  $W^{k,p}(D)$ .

**Theorem(Rellich-Kondrachov).** Let  $D$  be a bounded open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $p \in (1, \infty)$  and  $q \in [1, \infty)$ . Put

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**Theorem (Sobolev imbedding).** Let  $D$  be a bounded open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $u \in W^{1,p}(D)$  with  $p \in (1, \infty)$ . Then  $u$  is in  $L^q(D)$  for any  $q \in [1, \infty)$ .

**Theorem (Sobolev inequality).** Let  $D$  be a bounded open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $p \in (1, \infty)$ . Then for any  $q \in [1, \infty)$ , there is a positive real number  $C$  such that

$$\|u\|_q \leq C \|u\|_{1,p} \quad \forall u \in W^{1,p}(D).$$

**Theorem.** Let  $D$  be a bounded open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $p \in (1, \infty)$ , and  $T$  be a linear mapping from  $W^{1,p}(D)$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $T$  is continuous on  $W^{1,p}(D)$  if and only if there are  $g, g_1, \dots, g_n$  in  $L^{p/(p-1)}(D)$  such that

$$T(u) = \int_D [ug + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} g_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_n} g_n] dx \quad \forall u \in W^{1,p}(D).$$



**Theorem.** Let  $D$  be a bounded open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $T$  be a linear mapping from  $W_0^{1,2}(D)$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $T$  is continuous on  $W_0^{1,2}(D)$  if and only if there is  $g$  in  $W_0^{1,2}(D)$  such that

$$T(u) = \int_D \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_1} + \cdots + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_n} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_n} \right] dx \quad \forall u \in W_0^{1,2}(D).$$

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**Definition.** Let  $D$  be a bounded open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $p \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $v$  in  $W^{1,p}(D)$  and  $\{v_m\}$  be a sequence in  $W^{1,p}(D)$ . Then we say  $\{v_m\}$  weakly converges to  $v$  in  $W^{1,p}(D)$  if  $\{T(v_m)\}$  converges to  $T(v)$  for any bounded linear mapping  $T$  from  $W^{1,p}(D)$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem.** Let  $D$  be a bounded open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $p \in (1, \infty)$ , and  $\{u_m\}$  be a bounded sequence in  $W^{1,p}(D)$ . Then there are  $u$  in  $W^{1,p}(D)$  and a subsequence  $\{u_{m_k}\}$  such that  $\{u_{m_k}\}$  weakly converges to  $u$ .

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# Lecture 3

## Variational calculus

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**Definition.** Let  $f$  be a mapping from an open subset  $U$  of a normed space  $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$  into another normed space  $(G, \|\cdot\|_G)$ , and  $x \in U$ . We say  $f$  has the directional derivative at  $x$  if and only if there is a bounded linear mapping  $T$  from  $E$  into  $G$  such that

$$T(h) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+th) - f(x)}{t} \quad \forall h \in E.$$

In this case, we call  $T$  the directional derivative at  $x$  of  $f$  and denote it by  $Df(x)$ .

If  $Df(x)$  exists for any  $x$  in  $U$ , we say  $f$  is directional differentiable on  $U$ .

Denote by  $L(E, G)$  the set of all bounded linear mappings from  $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$  into  $(G, \|\cdot\|_G)$ , then  $L(E, G)$  is a normed space with the following norm

$$\|T\| = \sup_{\|h\|_E \leq 1} \|T(h)\|_G \quad \forall h \in E.$$

Let  $f$  be a directionally differentiable mapping from an open subset  $U$  of a normed space  $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$  into another normed space  $(G, \|\cdot\|_G)$ . We say  $f$  is of class  $C^1(U)$  if and only if  $Df$  is a continuous mapping from  $U$  into  $(L(E, G), \|\cdot\|)$

If  $Df$  is of class  $C^1(U)$ , then we say  $f$  is of class  $C^2(U)$  and has the second order derivative  $D^2f(x) = D(Df)(x)$  for any  $x$  in  $U$ .

Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Put

$$f(u) = \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx \quad \forall u \in W^{1,2}(\Omega).$$

Then  $f$  is of class  $C^1(\Omega)$ .

Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $g$  be a real function of class  $C^2$  on  $\Omega \times \mathbb{R}$  such that there are a positive real number  $c$  and a real function  $v$  in  $L^{(2n+1)/2n}(\Omega)$  such that

$$|g(x, s)| + \left| \frac{\partial g}{\partial s}(x, s) \right| \leq cv(x) \quad \forall (x, s) \in \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Put

$$f(u) = \int_{\Omega} g(x, u(x)) dx \quad \forall u \in W^{1,2}(\Omega).$$

Then  $f$  is directionally differentiable on  $W^{1,2}(\Omega)$ .

**Theorem.** Let  $f$  be a mapping from an open subset  $U$  of a normed space  $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $x \in U$  such that

- (i)  $f$  has the directional derivative at  $x$ ,
- (ii)  $f(x) \leq f(y)$  for any  $y \in U$ .

Then

$$Df(x)h = 0 \quad \forall h \in E. \quad (1)$$

Therefore if we can find  $x$  as in the foregoing theorem, we can solve the equation (1).

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**Definition.** Let  $D$  be an open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $f$  be a real function on a subset  $M$  of  $W^{k,p}(D)$  with  $k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $p \in (1, \infty)$ . Then we say  $f$  is weakly lower semi-continuous on  $M$  if and only if for any sequence  $\{u_m\}$  weakly converging to  $u$  in  $M$ , we have

$$f(u) \leq \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} f(u_m)$$

Let  $D$  be an open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Put

$$f(u) = \int_D u^6(x) dx \quad \forall u \in W^{1,2}(D).$$

Then  $f$  is weakly lower semi-continuous on  $W^{1,2}(D)$ .

Let  $D$  be an open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $F$  be a real function on  $D \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $F(x, u(x), \nabla u(x))$  is integrable on  $D$  for any  $u$  in  $W^{1,p}(D)$ . Assume

- (i)  $F(x, s, \cdot)$  is convex on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for every  $(x, s) \in D \times \mathbb{R}$ ,
- (ii) There is an integrable function  $g$  on  $D$  such that

$$g(x) \leq F(x, s, z) \quad \forall (x, s, z) \in D \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Put

$$f(u) = \int_D F(x, u(x), \nabla u(x)) dx \quad \forall u \in W^{1,p}(D).$$

Then  $f$  is weakly lower semi-continuous on  $W^{1,p}(D)$ .

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**Definition.** Let  $D$  be an open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $M$  be a subset of  $W^{k,p}(D)$  with  $k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $p \in (1, \infty)$ . Then we say  $M$  is weakly closed in  $W^{k,p}(D)$  if and only if for any sequence  $\{u_m\}$  in  $M$  such that  $\{u_m\}$  weakly converging to  $u$  in  $W^{k,p}(D)$ , we have  $u \in M$ .

Let  $D = (0, 2\pi)$ . Put

$$S = \{u \in L^2(D) : \|u\|_2 = 1\} \quad \text{and}$$

$$B = \{u \in L^2(D) : \|u\|_2 \leq 1\}.$$

Then  $S$  and  $B$  are closed in  $L^2(D)$ ,  $B$  is weakly closed in  $L^2(D)$ , and  $S$  is not weakly closed in  $L^2(D)$ .

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**Theorem.** Let  $D$  be an open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $M$  be a closed convex subset of  $W^{k,p}(D)$  with  $k \in \{0,1,2, \dots\}$ ,  $p \in (1,\infty)$ . Then  $M$  is weakly closed in  $W^{k,p}(D)$ .

**Theorem.** Let  $D$  be an open subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $M$  be a weakly closed subset of  $W^{k,p}(D)$  with  $k \in \{0,1,2, \dots\}$ ,  $p \in (1,\infty)$ . Let  $f$  be a real weakly lower semi-continuous function on  $M$ . Assume :  $\{u_m\}$  is bounded in  $W^{k,p}(D)$  if it is a sequence in  $M$  and  $\{f(u_m)\}$  is bounded in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then there is  $u$  in  $M$  such that

$$f(u) \leq f(v) \quad \forall v \in M.$$

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Let  $k$  be a nonnegative function in  $L^{n/2}(D)$ , Then there is a  $u$  in  $W_0^{1,2}(D)$  such that

$$\int_D [\nabla u \nabla v + kuv + v \sin u^2] dx = 0 \quad \forall v \in W_0^{1,2}(D)$$

This  $u$  is called a weak solution  $W_0^{1,2}(D)$  to the following equation

$$-\Delta u + ku + \cos u^2 = 0$$

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**Theorem.**(Lagrange multiplier) Let  $f$  and  $g$  be real functions of class  $C^1$  from an open subset  $U$  of a Banach space  $E$ , and  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $x_0 \in M = \{x \in U : g(x) = r\}$  such that  $Dg(x_0) \neq 0$  and  $f(x_0) \leq f(x)$  for any  $x$  in  $M$ . Then there is a real number  $c$  such that

$$Df(x_0) = cDg(x_0)$$

Using this theorem we can find weak solution  $u$  to the following eigenvalue problem

$$\Delta u = \lambda k(x, u)$$

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# Lecture 4

## TOPOLOGICAL DEGREE

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**Definition.** Let  $T$  be a continuous mapping from a subset  $A$  of a normed space  $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$  into  $E$ . We say  $T$  is a compact mapping on  $A$  if and only if the closure of  $T(A)$  in  $E$  is compact.

In this case, put

$$f(x) = x - T(x) \quad \forall x \in A.$$

Then  $f$  is called a compact vector field on  $A$ .

Let  $T$  and  $S$  be compact mappings on a subset  $A$  of a normed space  $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$ . Then  $T + S$  also is compact on  $A$ .

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Let  $D$  be an open bounded subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $g$  be in  $L^3(D)$ . Put

$$\begin{aligned} \int_D \nabla(S(u)) \cdot \nabla v dx &\equiv \langle S(u), v \rangle \\ &= \int_D g(x)v(x)dx \quad \forall u \in W_0^{1,2}(D). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $S$  is a compact mapping on every bounded subset  $A$  of  $W^{1,2}(D)$ .

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Let  $D$  be an open bounded subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Put

$$\begin{aligned} \int_D \nabla(T(u)) \cdot \nabla v dx &\equiv \langle T(u), v \rangle \\ &= - \int_D u^3(x)v(x)dx \quad \forall u \in W_0^{1,2}(D) \end{aligned}$$

Then  $T$  is a compact mapping on every bounded subset  $A$  of  $W^{1,2}(D)$ .

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Put  $f(w) = w - S(w) - T(w)$  for any  $w$  in  $W_0^{1,2}(D)$ . Let  $u$  be in  $W_0^{1,2}(D)$  such that  $f(u) = 0$ . Then  $u$  is a weak solution in  $W_0^{1,2}(D)$  to the following equation

$$-\Delta u + \frac{1}{4}u^4 = g$$

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Theorem. Let  $U$  be a open subset in a Banach space  $E$  with closure  $\bar{U}$  and boundary  $\partial U$ , and  $f$  be a compact vector field on  $\bar{U}$ . Then  $f(\partial U)$  is closed in  $E$ .

Theorem. Let  $U$  be a open subset in a Banach space  $E$  with closure  $\bar{U}$  and boundary  $\partial U$ , and  $f$  be a compact vector field on  $\bar{U}$ . Then there is a continuous mapping  $\deg(f, U, \cdot)$  from  $E \setminus f(\partial U)$  into  $\mathbb{Z}$  having the following properties :

(D1) If  $a \in E \setminus f(\partial U)$  and  $\deg(f, U, a) \neq 0$ . Then there is  $x$  in  $U$  such that  $f(x) = a$ .

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(D2)  $\deg(Id, U, a) = 1$  if  $a \in U$  and  $\deg(Id, U, a) = 0$  if  $a \in E \setminus \bar{U}$ .

(D2) If there are a compact mapping  $H$  from  $[0,1] \times \bar{U}$  into  $E$  and  $a \in E \setminus H([0,1] \times \partial U)$ . Then

$$\deg(f_1, U, a) = \deg(f_0, U, a)$$

where  $f_i(x) = x - H(i, x)$  for any  $(i, x)$  in  $\{0,1\} \times \bar{U}$ .

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Let  $f$  be a compact vector field on a closed  $B^r(0, r)$  in a Hilbert space  $H$  such that

$$\langle f(x), x \rangle > 0 \quad \forall x, \|x\| = r.$$

Then there is  $u$  in  $B(0, r)$  such that  $f(u) = 0$ .

Let  $D$  be an open bounded subset with smooth boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $g$  be in  $L^3(D)$ . Then there is a weak solution in  $W_0^{1,2}(D)$  to the following equation

$$-\Delta u + \frac{1}{4}u^4 = g$$

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**Definition** . Let  $E$  be a measurable subset and  $s$  be a simple function such that

$$s = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \chi_{A_i} .$$

We define the integral of  $s$  on  $E$  as follows

$$\int_E s dx = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i m(E \cap A_i)$$

**Definition** . Let  $E$  be a measurable subset and  $f$  be a positive measurable function on  $E$  . Put  $F(f)$  is the set of all nonnegative simple function  $s \leq f$  . Then the integral of  $f$  on  $E$  is defined as follows

$$\int_E f dx = \sup_{s \in F(f)} \int_E s dx ,$$

**Definition** . Let  $E$  be a measurable subset and  $f$  be a measurable function on  $E$  . We say  $f$  is integrable on  $E$  if and only if

$$\int_E |f| dx < \infty .$$

In this case we put

$$\int_E f dx = \int_E f^+ dx - \int_E f^- dx ,$$

where  $f^+ = \max\{f, 0\}$  and  $f^- = \max\{-f, 0\}$ .

We have following results (see the proofs in the book “Real and complex analysis” of W. Rudin)

### Theorem (Lebesgue's Monotone Convergence theorem)

Let  $\{f_m\}$  be a sequence of measurable functions on  $E$ , and suppose that

- (a)  $0 \leq f_1(x) \leq f_2(x) \leq \dots \leq f_m(x) \leq \dots$  for every  $x \in E$ ,
- (b)  $f_m(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for every  $x \in E$ .

Then  $f$  is measurable on  $E$ , and

$$\int_E f dx = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_m dx$$

**Fatou's Lemma:** If  $f_m : E \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is measurable, for each positive integer  $m$ , then

$$\int_E (\liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} f_m) dx \leq \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_m dx .$$

### Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem

Suppose  $\{f_m\}$  is a sequence of real measurable functions on  $E$  such that there is a real function  $f$  and an integrable real function  $g$  on  $E$  having the following properties

$$f(x) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} f_m(x) \quad \forall x \in E,$$

$$|f_m(x)| \leq g(x) \quad \forall x \in E, m = 1, 2, \dots$$

Then  $f$  is integrable on  $E$ ,

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_E |f_m - f| dx = 0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$\int_E f dx = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_E f_m dx$$

Let  $E$  be a measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $m(E) > 0$ . Denote by  $\mathfrak{M}(E)$  the set of all real measurable functions on  $E$ . If  $f$  and  $g$  are in  $\mathfrak{M}(E)$  and if  $m(\{x : f(x) \neq g(x)\}) = 0$ , we say that  $f = g$  a.e. (almost everywhere) on  $E$ , and we may write  $f \sim g$ . This is easily seen to be an equivalence relation. The transitivity ( $f \sim g$  and  $g \sim h$  implies  $f \sim h$ ) is a consequence of the fact that the union of two sets of measure 0 has measure 0.

Note that if  $f \sim g$  and  $u \sim v$ , then

- $f + u \sim g + v$ ,
- $f \cdot u \sim g \cdot v$ ,
- $c u \sim c v$  for any real number  $c$ .

Denote by  $M(E)$  be this vector space. An element of  $M(E)$  is a class of functions.

We can consider every element of  $M(E)$  as a real function on  $E$ , which belongs to it. We say:

- $\tilde{f}$  is continuous if there is a continuous map  $g$  in  $\tilde{f}$ ,
- $\tilde{f}$  is bounded if there is a bounded map  $g$  in  $\tilde{f}$ ,
- $\tilde{f}$  is differentiable if there is a differentiable map  $g$  in  $\tilde{f}$ .

Let  $f$  be in  $\mathfrak{M}(E)$ , we put

$$\tilde{f} = \{g \in \mathfrak{M}(E) : g \sim f\}$$

We see that  $\tilde{f}$  is an equivalent class of  $\mathfrak{M}(E)$  with respect to relation  $\sim$ . The set of these equivalent classes is a vector space with the following operations :

$$\tilde{f} + \tilde{g} = \widetilde{f + g} \quad \forall f, g \in \mathfrak{M}(E),$$

$$\alpha \tilde{f} = \widetilde{\alpha f} \quad \forall f \in \mathfrak{M}(E), \alpha \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$\tilde{f} \cdot \tilde{g} = \widetilde{f \cdot g} \quad \forall f, g \in \mathfrak{M}(E),$$

$$|\tilde{f}| = \widetilde{|f|} \quad \forall f \in \mathfrak{M}(E).$$

Hereafter we consider every element  $u$  of  $M(E)$  as a real function  $f$  on  $E$  and apply the differential and integral calculus to  $f$  in order to get estimations about  $u$ .

For example, if we can prove that  $|f(x)| \leq 5$  for any  $x$  in  $E$ , then we say  $|u| \leq 5$  for almost everywhere on  $E$ , that is : for any  $g$  in the class  $u$  there is a subset  $A_g$  of  $E$  such that  $m(A_g) = 0$  and  $|g(x)| \leq 5$  for any  $x$  in  $E \setminus A_g$ .

Let  $A$  be a measurable subset of  $E$  with  $m(A) > 0$ , then we can define the restriction  $u|_A$  in usual way. But  $u|_A$  is nonsense if  $m(A) = 0$ .



Let  $u$  be in  $M(E)$ . If there is an integrable function  $f$  in the class  $u$ , we say  $u$  is integrable on  $E$  and put

$$\int_A u dx = \int_A f dx \quad \forall \text{ measurable subset } A \text{ of } E.$$

This notation is well-defined, because

$$\int_A f dx = \int_A g dx \quad \forall \text{ measurable subset } A \text{ of } E, f, g \in M(E). \\ (m(\{x \in E : f(x) \neq g(x)\}) = 0)$$

Let  $p$  be in the interval  $[1, \infty)$  and  $E$  be a measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $m(E) > 0$ , and  $u$  be in  $M(E)$ . We say

- $u \in L^p(E)$  if  $|u|^p$  is integrable on  $E$ ,
- $u \in L^\infty(E)$  if there is a real number  $K$  such that  $|u| \leq K$  almost everywhere on  $E$ .

We put

$$\|u\|_p = \left\{ \int_E |u|^p \right\}^{1/p} \quad \forall u \in L^p(E), 1 \leq p < \infty,$$

$$\|u\|_\infty = \inf\{K > 0 : |u| \leq K \text{ a.e. on } E\} \quad \forall u \in L^\infty(E).$$

We have following properties of  $L^p(E)$  (see the proofs in the book “Real and complex analysis” of W. Rudin)

**Theorem** .  $(L^r(E), \|\cdot\|_r)$  is a Banach space for any  $r$  in  $[1, \infty]$ .

**Theorem (Holder)** Let  $p$  and  $q$  be in  $(1, \infty)$ ,  $f$  be in  $L^p(E)$  and  $g$  be in  $L^q(E)$  such that  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ . Then

$$\left| \int_E fg dx \right| \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$$

**Theorem.** Let  $p$  be in  $(1, \infty)$  and  $T$  be a continuous linear mapping from  $L^p(E)$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then there exists a unique  $g$  in  $L^q(E)$ ,  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$  such that  $\|T\| = \|g\|_q$  and

$$T(f) = \int_E fg dx \quad \forall f \in L^p(E).$$

**Theorem.**  $L^2(E)$  is a Hilbert space with respect to following inner-product

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \int_E uv dx \quad \forall u, v \in L^2(E).$$

**Definition.** Let  $D$  an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f$  be a continuous real function on  $D$ . We say  $f$  is of class  $C_c(D)$  if and only if there is a compact subset  $K$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $K \subset D$  and  $f(x) = 0$  for any  $x$  in  $D \setminus K$ .

**Theorem.** Let  $D$  an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $p \in [1, \infty)$  and  $u$  be in  $L^p(D)$ . Then there is a sequence  $\{u_m\}$  in  $C_c(D)$  such that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|u - u_m\|_p = 0.$$