

**Corollary:** Given  $m \geq 1$  and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then

1. For  $\frac{N}{p} > m$ , we have

$$W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \subset L^q(\mathbb{R}^N), \quad \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{m}{N}$$

2. For  $\frac{N}{p} = m$ , we have

$$W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \subset L^q(\mathbb{R}^N), \quad \forall q \in [p, +\infty)$$

3. For  $\frac{N}{p} < m$ , we have

$$W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \subset L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$$

Moreover if

$$m - \frac{N}{p} = k + \theta, \text{ for } k = \left[ m - \frac{N}{p} \right] \text{ and } 0 < \theta < 1$$

then  $\forall u \in W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$  we have

$$\|D^\alpha u\|_{L^\infty} \leq C \|u\|_{W^{1,p}}, \quad \forall \alpha, \quad |\alpha| \leq k$$

and

$$|D^\alpha u(x) - D^\alpha u(y)| \leq C \|u\|_{W^{1,p}} |x - y|^\theta$$

for almost every  $x, y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  and all  $\alpha, |\alpha| = k$ . In particular,

$$W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \subset C^k(\mathbb{R}^N)$$

**Remark:** To prove the above results, we only reiterate the results of the embedding theorems for successive derivatives.

**Corollary.** For the special case  $p = 1$  and  $m = N$ , we have  $W^{N,1}(\mathbb{R}^N) \subset L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$ , so we have

$$u(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} \int_{-\infty}^{x_2} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{x_N} \frac{\partial^N u}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2 \dots \partial x_N}(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_N) dt_1, \dots, dt_N$$

hence

$$\|u\|_\infty \leq \|u\|_{W^{N,1}}$$

For  $u \in W^{N,1}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ , we use the density of  $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$  in  $W^{N,1}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .

**Corollary:** Suppose that  $\Omega$  is an open of class  $C^1$  with bounded boundary  $\partial\Omega$  or  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}_+^N$ . Let  $1 \leq p \leq +\infty$ ; so

1. If  $1 \leq p < N$  then

$$W^{1,p}(\Omega) \subset L^{p^*}(\Omega), \quad \frac{1}{p^*} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{N}$$

2. If  $p = N$  then

$$W^{1,p}(\Omega) \subset L^q(\Omega), \quad \forall q \in [p, +\infty).$$

3. If  $p > N$  then

$$W^{1,p}(\Omega) \subset L^\infty(\Omega).$$

Moreover, for  $p > N$ , we have for  $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$

$$|u(x) - u(y)| \leq C \|u\|_{W^{1,p}} |x - y|^\alpha, \quad \text{for almost } x, y \in \Omega$$

where

$$\alpha = 1 - \frac{N}{p} \quad \text{and} \quad C = C(\Omega, p, N).$$

In particular

$$W^{1,p}(\Omega) \subset C(\bar{\Omega})$$

**Proof.** We extend  $u$  to  $\mathbb{R}^N$  by the extension operator we then apply the above corollary to  $Pu$ .

**Corollary:** For  $m \geq 2$  and  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $\Omega$  of class  $C^m$  we have the same embedding result for  $W^{m,p}(\Omega)$  as in the case of  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^N$ .

**Theorem (Rellich Kondrachov):** Suppose that  $\Omega$  is bounded and of class  $C^1$ . So for

1.  $p < N$ ,  $W^{1,p}(\Omega) \subset L^q(\Omega)$ ,  $\forall q \in [1, p^*)$ ,  $\frac{1}{p^*} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{N}$ .
2.  $p = N$ ,  $W^{1,p}(\Omega) \subset L^q(\Omega)$ ,  $\forall q \in [1, +\infty)$
3.  $p > N$ ,  $W^{1,p}(\Omega) \subset C(\bar{\Omega})$

with compact embedding

**Remarks:**

1. If  $\Omega$  is not bounded, the embedding of  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  in  $L^p(\Omega)$  is not compact in general.

Example. on  $[0, +\infty)$  let

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} x - (n - 1), & n - 1 < x \leq n \\ -x + (n + 1), & n < x < n + 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\int_0^\infty |f_n| = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^\infty |f'_n(x)| = 2, \quad \forall n = 1, 2, \dots$$

So

$$\|f_n\|_{W^{1,1}} = 3$$

$$f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = 0, \quad \forall x \in [0, +\infty).$$

However, for any subsequence  $(f_{n_k})$

$$\int_0^{+\infty} |f_{n_k} - f| = \int_0^{+\infty} |f_{n_k}| = 1,$$

which shows that no subsequence would converge in  $L^1$ . Thus the embedding is not compact.

2. The embedding of  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  in  $L^{p^*}(\Omega)$  is never compact even if  $\Omega$  is bounded and regular.
3. For the case  $p = N$ , the embedding of  $W^{1,N}(\Omega)$  in  $L^\infty(\Omega)$  is not always true even if  $\Omega$  is bounded and of class  $C^1$ .

**Example:** Let

$$\Omega = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 / x^2 + y^2 < \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

and

$$u(x, y) = \left( L \log \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} \right)^\alpha, \quad 0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}.$$

It is clear that  $u \notin L^\infty(\Omega)$  because of the singularity at  $(0, 0)$ . However,  $u \in W^{1,2}(\Omega)$  since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_\Omega |u|^2 dx dy &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( 2L \log \frac{1}{r} \right)^{2\alpha} r dr d\theta \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} 2^{2\alpha} \left( \log \frac{1}{r} \right)^{2\alpha} r dr \\ &= C \left[ \int_0^{-e^{-1}} \left( L \log \frac{1}{r} \right)^{2\alpha} r dr + \int_{e^{-1}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \log \frac{1}{r} \right)^{2\alpha} r dr \right] \end{aligned}$$

The second integral is proper and has no problem. On  $[0, e^{-1}]$ , we have

$$\log \frac{1}{r} \geq 1 \Rightarrow \left( \log \frac{1}{r} \right)^{2\alpha} \leq \log \frac{1}{r} \quad \text{since } 2\alpha < 1.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{e^{-1}} \left(\log \frac{1}{r}\right)^{2\alpha} dr &\leq -\int_0^{e^{-1}} (+\log r)r dr \\
&\leq -\left[\frac{r^2}{2} \log r \Big|_0^{e^{-1}} - \int_0^{e^{-1}} \frac{r^2}{2} \frac{1}{r} dr\right] \\
&\leq \frac{e^{-2}}{2} + \frac{e^{-2}}{4} = \frac{3}{4}e^{-2} < \infty
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$\int_{\Omega} |u|^2 dx dy < \infty.$$

It is easy to see that

$$u_x = -\alpha \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2} \left(-\log(x^2 + y^2)\right)^{\alpha-1}$$

Therefore

$$\int_{\Omega} |u_x|^2 = 2^{2\alpha} \alpha^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 \theta d\theta \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{(-\log r)^{2\alpha-2}}{r} dr$$

we make the change of variable  $t = \frac{1}{r}$  to get

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{(-\log r)^{2\alpha-2}}{r} dr &= \int_2^{\infty} \frac{(\log t)^{2\alpha-2}}{t} dt \\
&= \frac{(\log t)^{2\alpha-1}}{2\alpha-1} \Big|_{t=2}^{t=\infty} = \frac{(\log 2)^{2\alpha-1}}{1-2\alpha}.
\end{aligned}$$

since  $2\alpha - 1 < 0$ . Thus  $\int_{\Omega} |u_x|^2 < \infty$  and  $\int_{\Omega} |u_y|^2 < \infty$  by similar computations.