

May 13<sup>th</sup> Sobolev spaces.

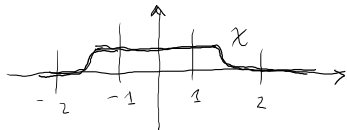
Ex. 1. Let  $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  then  $\int f \hat{g} = \int \hat{f} g$  ←  
 and  $\int f \bar{g} = \int \overline{f g}$  ←  
 (2π)<sup>-1</sup> we saw this for  $f, g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$

Hint: approximation of  $L^2$  via  $\mathcal{Y}$

Ex. 2. Let  $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R})$  let  $f \in \mathcal{Y}(\mathbb{R})$

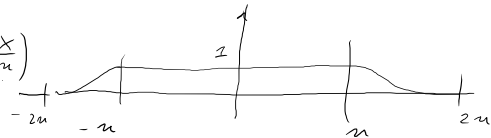
then  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} u f' = - \int_{\mathbb{R}} u' f$  ←  $f \in \mathcal{Y}$   
 (mind that  $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}) \Leftrightarrow \exists g \in L^p$  s.t.  $\int u \varphi' = - \int g \varphi$  with  $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}_0^\infty$ )

Solution: let  $f \in \mathcal{Y}(\mathbb{R})$  let  $\chi \in \mathcal{C}_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$   $\chi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & |x| \leq 1 \\ 0 & |x| \geq 2 \end{cases}$



$0 \leq \chi \leq 1$   
 truncation function

consider  $\chi_n(x) = \chi(\frac{x}{n})$



$f_n(x) = \chi_n(x) f(x) \in \mathcal{C}_0^\infty$

$$\int u(x) (f_n(x))' dx = - \int u'(x) f_n(x) dx$$

$$= \int u(x) \left( \frac{1}{n} \chi'(\frac{x}{n}) f(x) + \chi_n(x) f'(x) \right) dx = - \int u'(x) f_n(x) dx$$

dominated convergence →  $\int u(x) f'(x) dx$

↓  $n$  ← Lebesgue's thm  
 $-\int u'(x) f(x) dx$

Theorem let  $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$

$$u \in W^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}) = H^1(\mathbb{R}) \iff (1+|\xi|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \widehat{u}(\xi) \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$$

$$\text{and } \|u\|_{H^1} = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1+|\xi|^2) |\widehat{u}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Proof, let  $s \in \mathbb{R}$

$$H^1(\mathbb{R}) = \{ u \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}) \text{ s.t. } (1+|\xi|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \widehat{u}(\xi) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \}$$

proof, let  $u \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$

we have  $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $u' \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\widehat{u} \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\widehat{u}' \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi \in \mathcal{S} \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} \widehat{u}'(\xi) \Psi(\xi) d\xi &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} u'(x) \widehat{\Psi}(\xi) dx = - \int_{\mathbb{R}} u(x) (\widehat{\Psi})' dx \\ &= - \int_{\mathbb{R}} u(x) i \xi \widehat{\Psi}(\xi) dx = -i \int_{\mathbb{R}} \widehat{u}(\xi) \xi \Psi(\xi) d\xi \end{aligned}$$

conclusion

$$-i \widehat{u}(\xi) \xi = \widehat{u}'(\xi) \quad \text{a.e.}$$

$$\uparrow_{L^2} \implies \widehat{u}(\xi) \cdot \xi \in L^2$$

$$\downarrow (1+|\xi|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \widehat{u}(\xi) \in L^2$$

$$\text{conversely suppose } \left. \begin{array}{l} \widehat{u}(\xi) \in L^2 \\ \xi \widehat{u}(\xi) \in L^2 \end{array} \right\} \iff (1+|\xi|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \widehat{u}(\xi) \in L^2$$

take  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R})$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} u(x) \varphi'(x) dx \right| &= \left| \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \widehat{u}(\xi) \widehat{\varphi}'(\xi) d\xi \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \underbrace{\widehat{u}(\xi) \xi}_{\in L^2} \widehat{\varphi}(\xi) d\xi \right| \\ &\leq C \| \widehat{u}(\xi) \cdot \xi \|_{L^2} \| \varphi \|_{L^2} \end{aligned}$$

at Re end

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} u \varphi' \right| \leq C \| \varphi \|_{L^2}$$

$$\updownarrow u \in W^{1,2}(\mathbb{R})$$

QED

The extension operator:

Prob. take  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , take  $u \in W^{2,p}(I)$ ,  
 $\exists \tilde{u} \in W^{2,p}(\mathbb{R}) : \tilde{u}|_I = u$ ?

The. Let  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , let  $p \in [2, \infty]$

$\exists P : W^{2,p}(I) \rightarrow W^{2,p}(\mathbb{R})$  s.t.

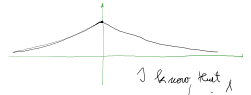
- i)  $\forall u \in W^{2,p}(I), P u|_I = u$
- ii)  $\exists C_0 > 0 : \forall u \in W^{2,p}(I) \|P u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_0 \|u\|_{L^p(I)}$
- iii)  $\exists C_1 > 0 : \forall u \in W^{2,p}(I) \|P u\|_{W^{2,p}(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_1 \|u\|_{W^{2,p}(I)}$

where  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  depend only on  $|I|$  (length of  $I$ )

Proof. step 1, suppose  $I = ]a, a+c[$

$u \in W^{2,p}(]a, a+c[)$  from theorem on continuous representative  
 we know that  $u \in C^2([a, a+c])$

I define  $P u(t) = \begin{cases} u(t) & \text{if } t \geq 0 \\ u(-t) & \text{if } t \leq 0 \end{cases}$  (reflection)



I know that  $u(t) = u(0) + \int_0^t u'(s) ds$   
 from the theory of AC functions

so that I can verify that

$$P u(t) = \begin{cases} u(0) + \int_0^t u'(s) ds & \text{if } t \geq 0 \\ u(0) + \int_0^{-t} -u'(s) ds & \text{if } t < 0 \end{cases}$$

and  $(P u)'(t) = \begin{cases} u'(t) & \text{if } t \geq 0 \\ -u'(-t) & \text{if } t < 0 \end{cases}$

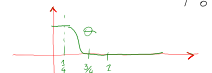
we have that  $P u \in W^{2,p}(\mathbb{R})$  (because  $P u \in L^p$   
 (we use the integration by parts in AC functions).

and also  $\|P u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R})} \leq 2 \|u\|_{L^p(]a, a+c[)}$ ,  $\|P u\|_{W^{2,p}(\mathbb{R})} \leq 2 \|u\|_{W^{2,p}(]a, a+c[)}$

2<sup>nd</sup> step  $I = ]0, 1[$

lemma let  $\Theta \in C^\infty([0, 1])$  s.t.  $0 \leq \Theta \leq 1$

and  $\Theta(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \leq \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \geq \frac{3}{4} \end{cases}$



let  $u \in W^{2,p}(]0, 1[)$   
 denote by  $\tilde{u}(x) = \begin{cases} u(x) & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & x > 1 \end{cases}$   
 and  $\tilde{u}'(x) = \begin{cases} u'(x) & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & x > 1 \end{cases}$

consider  $v(x) = \Theta(x) \tilde{u}(x)$

Then  $v \in W^{2,p}(]0, 1])$   
 and  $v' = \Theta' \tilde{u} + \Theta \tilde{u}'$

Proof (lemma)

$\Theta \tilde{u} \in L^p(]0, 1])$ ,  $\Theta' \tilde{u} + \Theta \tilde{u}' \in L^p(]0, 1])$

it remains to prove that  $\int_0^1 (\Theta \tilde{u}) \psi' = - \int_0^1 (\Theta' \tilde{u} + \Theta \tilde{u}') \psi$   
 $\forall \psi \in C_c^\infty(]0, 1])$

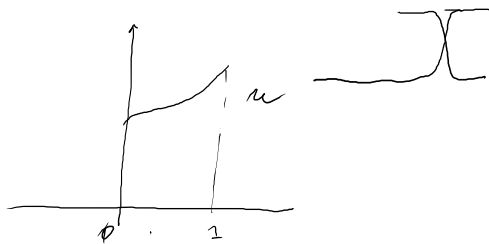
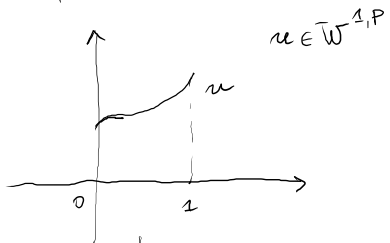
let  $\psi \in C_c^\infty(]0, 1])$

consider  $\Theta \psi$  and  $\Theta' \psi$  this are  $C_c^\infty(]0, 1])$  but also  $C_c^\infty(]0, 1])$

so that  $\int_0^1 (\Theta \tilde{u}) \psi' = \int_0^1 \tilde{u}' (\Theta \psi) = \int_0^1 u' (\Theta \psi) = \int_0^1 u' (\Theta \psi) - \int_0^1 u (\Theta \psi) - \int_0^1 u (\Theta' \psi)$   
 $= - \int_0^1 (\tilde{u} \Theta' + \tilde{u} \Theta') \psi$  QED

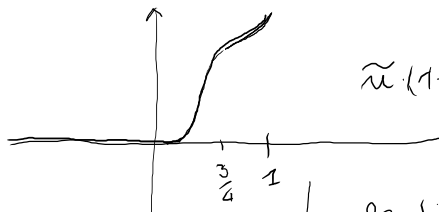
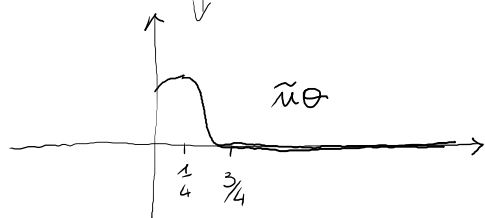
Step 2 proof of the theorem

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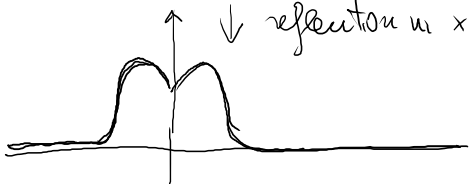
multiply by  $\theta$  (of Lemma)

multiply by  $t-\theta$  on  $[-\infty, 1]$

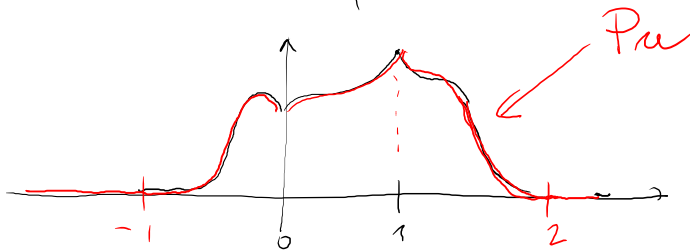


reflection in  $x=0$

reflection in  $x=1$



sum up



conversely

$$P_u|_{[0,1]} = u$$

exercice : check that  $\exists C_0, C_1$  which depend only on  $|I|$

Approximation results.

Let  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$  and let  $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R})$ .  
 Then  $f * u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $(f * u)' = f * u'$

Proof. Consider first  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , with compact support.  
 It is clear that  $f * u'$  is the derivative of  $(f * u)$ .

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} (f * u)' \varphi = - \int_{\mathbb{R}} (f * u) \varphi' \quad \forall \varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$$

in fact

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} (f * u)' \varphi dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x-y) u(y) dy \right) \varphi'(x) dx$$

change the order of integration?  
 (change at the support  $\Rightarrow$   
 $(x,y) \rightarrow f(x-y) u(y) \varphi'(x)$   
 is in  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$ )

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x-y) \varphi'(x) dx \right) u(y) dy$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x-y)' \varphi'(x) dx \right) u(y) dy = - \int_{\mathbb{R}} (f * \varphi)' u(y) dy$$

exchange the variables  $\rightarrow$

$$= - \int_{\mathbb{R}} (u * f)' \varphi dx$$

QED

Theorem. Let  $u \in W^{1,p}(I)$  with  $p \in \mathbb{C}, p \geq 1$ .

Then  $\exists (u_n)_n$  in  $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  s.t.  
 $u_n \rightarrow u$  in  $W^{1,p}(I)$

(Corollary in  $I = \mathbb{R}$  then  $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  is dense in  $W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R})$  for  $p < +\infty$ .)

Proof. Consider  $u \in W^{1,p}(I)$ .  
 use the extension theorem  $\Rightarrow \tilde{u} \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R})$   
 If  $(u_n)_n$  is in  $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and  $u_n \rightarrow \tilde{u}$  in  $W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R})$   
 then  $u_n \rightarrow u$  in  $W^{1,p}(I)$

It will be sufficient to prove that  
 given  $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R})$  with  $p < +\infty$   
 $\exists (u_n)_n$  in  $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  s.t.  $u_n \rightarrow u$  in  $W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Consider  $\chi_n(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } |x| \leq 1 \\ \frac{2}{|x|} & \text{for } |x| \geq 2 \end{cases}$   $\chi_n(x) = \chi\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)$   
 consider  $(\rho_n)_n$  a family of mollifiers ( $\rho_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \rho\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)$  etc.)

$$\text{Set } u_n(x) = \chi_n(x) (\rho_n * u)(x)$$

Have to estimate  $\|u_n - u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R})}$  and  $\|u_n' - u'\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R})}$

$$\|u_n - u\|_{L^p} = \|\chi_n(\rho_n * u) - u\|_{L^p}$$

$$\leq \|\chi_n(\rho_n * u) - \chi_n u\|_{L^p} + \|\chi_n u - u\|_{L^p} ?$$

$\downarrow$  (dominated convergence theorem)  
 $\rightarrow 0$   
 $p < +\infty$

$$\|\chi_n u - u\|_{L^p} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \|u_n - u\|_{L^p} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\|u_n' - u'\|_{L^p} = \|\chi_n' \rho_n * u + \chi_n(\rho_n * u)' - u'\|_{L^p}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{n} \|\chi_n'\|_{L^p} \|\rho_n * u\|_{L^p} + \|\chi_n(\rho_n * u)' - \chi_n u'\|_{L^p} + \|u' - u_n'\|_{L^p}$$

$\leq C \|\rho_n\|_{L^1} \|u\|_{L^p}$  as before

QED

# Sobolev embeddings (d=1)

Th. Let  $I$  interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ , let  $p \in [1, +\infty]$ , let  $u \in W^{1,p}(I)$

(Sobolev) then  $u \in L^\infty(I)$  and  $\exists C$  (depending only on  $|I|$ )

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \|u\|_{L^\infty(I)} \leq C \|u\|_{W^{1,p}(I)}$$

proof. we start with  $I = \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{if } W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq L^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \quad \text{and} \quad \|u\|_{L^\infty} \leq C \|u\|_{W^{1,p}}$$

then

$$u \in W^{1,p}(I) \Rightarrow \overset{\text{extension}}{\downarrow} Pu \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$$

$$\text{so then } u = Pu|_I \in L^\infty(I)$$

$$\text{and } \|u\|_{L^\infty(I)} \leq \|Pu\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R})} \leq \|Pu\|_{W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|u\|_{W^{1,p}(I)}$$

↑  
extension theorem