

# SOBOLEV SPACES $W^{1,p}(\alpha,b) := \{u \in L^p(\alpha,b); \exists u' \in L^p(\alpha,b)\}$

## THEOREM CHARACTERIZATION OF SOBOLEV SPACES

LET  $u \in L^p(\alpha,b)$  FOR  $p \in (1, +\infty]$ . THEN, THE FOLLOWING ARE EQUIVALENT:

- (a)  $u \in W^{1,p}(\alpha,b)$
- (b)  $\exists C > 0$  SUCH THAT  $|\int_a^b u \varphi'| \leq C \|\varphi\|_{L^{p'}(\alpha,b)}$   $\forall \varphi \in C_0^1(\alpha,b)$  ( $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$ )
- (c)  $\exists C > 0$  SUCH THAT  $\|u(x+h) - u(x)\|_{L^p(\alpha, \alpha+d)} \leq C|h|$   $\forall \varphi \in C_0^1(\alpha,b)$   
 $C$  CAN BE CHOSEN AS  $\|u'\|_{L^p}$   $c, d, h$  SUCH THAT  $[c, d] \subset (\alpha+h, b-h)$

IF  $p=1$  WE HAVE (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (c)

REMARKS (p=1) (b)  $\not\Rightarrow$  (a)  $u(x) = \text{sign}(x)$  IS NOT WEAKLY DERIVABLE  $u \notin W^1(\alpha,b)$  BUT  $u$  SATISFIES (b) AND (c):  $|\int_a^b u \varphi'| = |2\varphi(0)| \leq 2\|\varphi\|_{L^1}$   
 AND  $\int_a^b |u(x+h) - u(x)| \leq 2|h|$   $u' = 2\delta_0 \rightarrow$  A MEASURE, NOT A FUNCTION

(p=∞) (c) IS EQUIVALENT TO  $u \in \text{LIP}(\alpha,b)$  LIPSCHITZ CONTINUOUS  
 THE THEOREM SAYS  $W^{1,\infty}(\alpha,b) = \text{LIP}(\alpha,b)$

CONCLUSION IF  $u \in W^{1,p}(\alpha,b)$  AND  $H \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$  THEN  $H(u) \in W^{1,p}(\alpha,b)$  (p>1)

PROOF  $u \in W^{1,p} \xRightarrow{(a)} \|u(x+h) - u\|_{L^p} \leq C|h| \xRightarrow{(c)} \|H(u(x+h)) - H(u(x))\| \leq (\sup |H'|) \|u(x+h) - u(x)\| \leq C|h|$  (c)  
 $\Downarrow$   
 $H(u) \in W^{1,p}$  (a)

PROOF OF THEOREM (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) ASSUME  $u \in W^{1,p}(\alpha,b)$ , TAKE  $\varphi \in C_0^1(\alpha,b)$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \int_a^b u \varphi' \right| = \left| \int_a^b u' \varphi \right| \leq \|u'\|_{L^p} \|\varphi\|_{L^{p'}} \leq C \|\varphi\|_{L^p}$$

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) BY HYPOTHESIS,  $\varphi \mapsto \int_a^b u \varphi'$  IS A CONTINUOUS LINEAR FUNC. ON  $(C_0^1(\alpha,b), \|\cdot\|_{L^{p'}})$ , WE EXTEND  $L$  TO  $\tilde{L} \in (L^{p'})^*$  USING HAHN-BANACH

SINCE  $p > 1$ , THEN BY RIESZ THEOREM  $\exists g \in L^p(\alpha,b)$  SUCH THAT  $\tilde{L} : \varphi \mapsto \int_a^b u \varphi' = \int_a^b \varphi g \Rightarrow g = u'$

$\mathcal{L}: f \rightarrow \int_a^b fg$ . NOW,  $\forall \varphi \in C^1([a,b])$   $\mathcal{L}\varphi = \int_a^b \varphi g \Rightarrow g = U'$   
 $\int_a^b U \varphi' \Rightarrow U \in W^{1,p}$

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) TAKE  $\varphi \in C^1([a,b])$ , TAKE  $h$  SUCH THAT  $\text{SUPP } \varphi \subset (a+h, b-h)$   
 $\int_a^b \frac{U(x+h) - U(x)}{h} \varphi(x) dx = \int_a^b \frac{U(x+h)}{h} \varphi(x) dx - \int_a^b \frac{U(x)}{h} \varphi(x) dx \stackrel{y=x+h}{=} \int_a^b \frac{U(y)}{h} \varphi(y-h) dy$   
 $-\int_a^b \frac{U(y)}{h} \varphi(y) dy = -\int_a^b U(y) \frac{\varphi(y) - \varphi(y-h)}{h} dy$

$\frac{\varphi(y) - \varphi(y-h)}{h} \rightarrow \varphi'(y)$  POINTWISE,  $|\frac{\varphi(y) - \varphi(y-h)}{h}| \leq C$  BECAUSE  $\varphi \in C^1$

$U \in L^1_{loc} \Rightarrow |U(y) \frac{\varphi(y) - \varphi(y-h)}{h}| \leq C |U| \chi_{\text{SUPP}(\varphi)} \in L^1$

BY DOMINATED CONVERGENCE THEOREM,  $\int_a^b U(y) \frac{\varphi(y) - \varphi(y-h)}{h} dy$

$\left| \int_a^b \frac{U(x+h) - U(x)}{h} \varphi(x) dx \right| \leq C \|\varphi\|_{L^1}$   $\left( \int_a^b |U|^{p-1} \right)^{1/p} \int_a^b U \varphi' \leq C \|\varphi\|_{L^p}$  (b)

TAKE  $\varphi_h \in C^1([a,b])$  APPROXIMATING  $|U(x+h) - U(x)|^{p-2} (U(x+h) - U(x))$

$$\int_c^b \frac{|U(x+h) - U(x)|^p}{|h|} \leq C \|U(x+h) - U(x)\|_{L^p}^{p-1}$$

$$\frac{\|U(x+h) - U(x)\|_{L^p}^p}{|h|} \Rightarrow \|U(x+h) - U(x)\|_{L^p} \leq C|h|$$

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)  $\left| \int_a^b \frac{U(x+h) - U(x)}{h} \varphi(x) dx \right| \leq \left\| \frac{U(x+h) - U(x)}{h} \right\|_{L^p} \|\varphi\|_{L^1} \stackrel{(c)}{\leq} C \|\varphi\|_{L^1}$

$h \rightarrow 0$ , SAME PROOF AS BEFORE  
 $\left| -\int_a^b U \varphi' \right| \Rightarrow$  (b) HOLDS TRUE.

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 WE DENOTE THE SET OF COMPACT OPERATORS AS  $K(X, Y) \subset \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$

**REMARK** ① IN GENERAL,  $A(C)$  IS BOUNDED IF  $C$  IS BOUNDED,  $A(C)$  IS COMPACT IF  $C$  IS COMPACT BUT  $A(C)$  MAY NOT BE COMPACT IF  $C$  IS BOUNDED  
 ② IF  $A \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ ,  $B \in \mathcal{L}(Y, Z)$  AND EITHER  $A$  OR  $B$  IS COMPACT, THEN  $BA \in K(X, Z)$

**PROP**  $K(X, Y) \triangleleft \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$

**PROOF** IT IS IMMEDIATE TO VERIFY THAT  $A, B \in K(X, Y) \Rightarrow \alpha A + \beta B \in K(X, Y)$   
 LET US SHOW THAT  $K(X, Y)$  IS CLOSED: TAKE  $\{A_n\}$  SEQUENCE IN  $K(X, Y)$  SUCH THAT  $A_n \rightarrow A$  IN  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ , WE WANT TO SHOW  $A \in K(X, Y)$ .

TAKE  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  BOUNDED SEQUENCE IN  $X$ . SINCE  $A_1$  IS COMPACT,  $A_1 x_n$  CONVERGES UP TO A SUB-SEQ.;  $A_2 x_n$  AGAIN CONVERGES, ...  $A_n x_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \in Y \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . IN PARTICULAR IT IS CAUCHY.

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \text{ SUCH THAT } \|A - A_N\| < \epsilon \text{ AND } \|A_N x_n - A_N x_m\| < \epsilon, n, m \geq N$$

$$\Rightarrow \|A x_n - A x_m\| \leq \underbrace{\|A x_n - A_N x_n\|}_{\leq \|x_n\| \|A - A_N\|} + \underbrace{\|A_N x_n - A_N x_m\|}_{< \epsilon} + \underbrace{\|A_N x_m - A x_m\|}_{\leq \|x_m\| \|A - A_N\|}$$

$$\|x_n\|, \|x_m\| \leq C \leq (2C + 1) \epsilon$$

$\Rightarrow \{A x_n\}$  IS CAUCHY, SO IT CONVERGES, SO  $A$  IS COMPACT

**EXAMPLES** ①  $\dim Y < +\infty \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X, Y) = K(X, Y)$  BECAUSE ANY BOUNDED SET IN  $Y$  IS REL. COMPACT. SINCE  $K(X, Y) \triangleleft \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ , IF  $A$  IS THE LIMIT OF A SEQ. OF FINITE RANGE OPERATORS ( $\dim(\text{ran}(A_n)) < +\infty$ ), THEN  $A$  IS COMPACT

②  $I: X \rightarrow X$  IDENTITY IS NOT COMPACT IF  $\dim X = +\infty$ : IN FACT, TAKE  $C = B_1(0)$  UNIT BALL IS BOUNDED BUT  $I(C) = C$  IS NOT COMPACT

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③  $A \in \mathcal{L}(l_2)$   $(x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(k)}, \dots) \xrightarrow{A} (x^{(1)}, \frac{x^{(2)}}{2}, \dots, \frac{x^{(k)}}{k}, \dots)$  IS COMPACT.

IN FACT,  $A$  IS THE LIMIT OF  $A_n : (x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(n)}, \dots) \rightarrow (x^{(1)}, \dots, \frac{x^{(n)}}{n}, 0, \dots)$   
 $\dim(\text{ran}(A_n)) = n$ , LET US SHOW THAT  $\|A - A_n\| \rightarrow 0$

$$A - A_n : (x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(k)}, \dots) \rightarrow (0, \dots, 0, \frac{x^{(k+n)}}{k+n}, \dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|A - A_n\| = \sup_{\|x\|_X=1} \sqrt{\sum_{k \geq n+1} \frac{x^{(k)}{}^2}{k^2}} \leq \frac{1}{n+1} \underbrace{\sqrt{\sum_{k \geq n+1} x^{(k)}{}^2}}_{\leq \|x\|} \leq \frac{1}{n+1} \rightarrow 0$$

DEF LET  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$ ,  $(Y, \|\cdot\|_Y)$  BE NORMED SPACES, WITH  $X \subset Y$

WE SAY  $X$  IS CONTINUOUSLY EMBEDDED IN  $Y$  IF  $i : X \rightarrow Y$   
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 IS A CONTINUOUS MAP, THAT IS  $\|x\|_Y \leq C \|x\|_X \quad \forall x \in X$

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 A COMPACT OPERATOR, THAT IS IF  $\|x_n\|_X \leq C$  THEN  $x_n$  CONVERGES  
 W.R. TO  $\|\cdot\|_Y$

EXAMPLES ① IF  $E \subset X$  IS A LINEAR SUBSPACE, THE EMBEDDING  
 $(E, \|\cdot\|_X)$  IN  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  IS ALWAYS CONTINUOUS, COMPACT IFF  $\dim E < \infty$

②  $L^p(a,b)$  IS CONTINUOUSLY EMBEDDED IN  $L^q(a,b)$  IF  $a, b$  FINITE,  $p \geq q$

③  $l_p$  IS CONTINUOUSLY EMBEDDED IN  $l_q$  IF  $p \leq q$