

**Sobolev Spaces and Partial Differential Equations**  
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**Extension theorems - Part 2**

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Defn. Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  be an open set. We say that  $\Omega$  is of class  $C^k$ , where  $k \geq 1$  is an integer, if  $\forall x \in \partial\Omega$ ,  $\exists$  a nbd.  $U$  of  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  and a map  $T: Q \rightarrow U$  such that

- (i)  $T$  is a bijection
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- (iii)  $T(Q_+) = U \cap \Omega$ ,  $T(Q_0) = U \cap \partial\Omega$

where  $Q = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^N \mid x = (x', x_N), |x'| < 1, |x_N| < 1\}$

$Q_+ = \{x \in Q \mid x_N > 0\}$

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So, we will study the method of reflection for extension of functions, we will now see how it can be used for general domains. We start with the definition.

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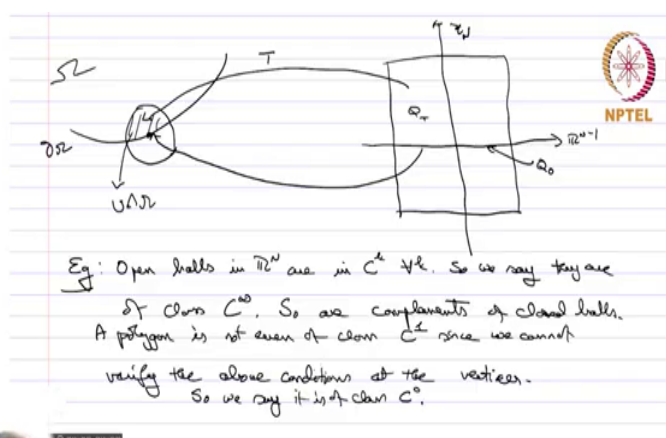
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So, remember this is the picture  $Q$  is this cylindrical domain so, this is  $x$  dash which is  $\mathbb{R}^n$  minus 1 and here you have  $x_N$ . So,  $Q_+$  is here this is  $Q_0$  and the whole cube is called  $Q$ . so, what do we mean by this so, if you have.

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This is the boundary of Omega here  $\partial\Omega$  and Omega is some set which is on this side so, for every  $x$  in  $\partial\Omega$  you have a neighborhood  $U$  and you have here  $Q$ . And so, you have here  $Q_+$  and this is  $Q_0$  so, you have a mapping  $T$  here and you have, it takes  $Q_0$  to the boundary. So, that is what it does and this is the intersection Omega the upper part here. So, you have this mapping so, example.

**Examples:** open balls in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  are in  $C^k$ , for all  $k$  so, we say they are of class  $C^\infty$ . So, are complements of closed balls, a polygon is not even of class  $C^1$  since, we cannot verify the above conditions at the vertices so, we say it is of class  $C^0$  so,  $C^\infty$  means it is in  $C^k$  for every  $k$  and this is of class  $C^0$ .

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Lemma  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  open set  $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$   $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

$K \subset \Omega$  a closed set and if  $u$  vanishes outside  $K$ , then  $\tilde{u}$ , the extension by zero outside  $\Omega$ , is in  $W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .

Pr:  $\tilde{u} \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$ . Let  $\phi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .

$K_1 = K \cap \text{supp}(\phi) \Rightarrow K_1 \subset \Omega$ , cpt.

Let  $\psi \in D(\Omega)$  s.t.  $\psi \equiv 1$  on  $K_1$ . Now, for  $1 \leq i \leq N$ ,

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So, now we are going to prove an extension theorem so, before that we need the following technical Lemma.

**Lemma:** Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  be an open set and  $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .  $K \subset \Omega$  is a closed set and if  $u$  vanishes outside  $K$ , then  $\tilde{u}$ , the extension by 0 outside  $K$ , is in  $W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .

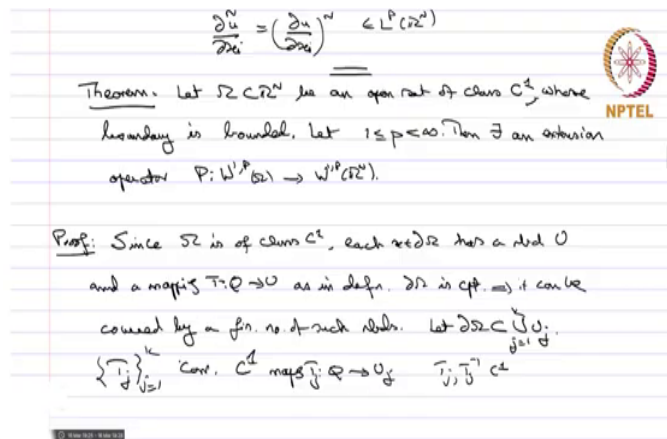
*proof:*  $\tilde{u} \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .  $\phi \in D(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .

$$K_1 = K \cap \text{supp}(\phi) \Rightarrow K_1 \subset \Omega \text{ - cpt.}$$

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&= - \int_{\Omega} \psi \phi \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} dx = - \int_{\Omega} \phi \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} dx = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right)^N \phi dx. \\
\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x_i} &= \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right)^N \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^N).
\end{aligned}$$

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**Proof:** Since  $\Omega$  is of class  $C^1$ , each  $x \in \partial\Omega$  has a neighborhood  $U$  and a mapping  $T: Q \rightarrow U$  as in defn.  $\partial\Omega$  is cft.  $\Rightarrow$  it can be covered by a fin. no. of such nbhd. Let  $\partial\Omega \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^k U_j$ .  
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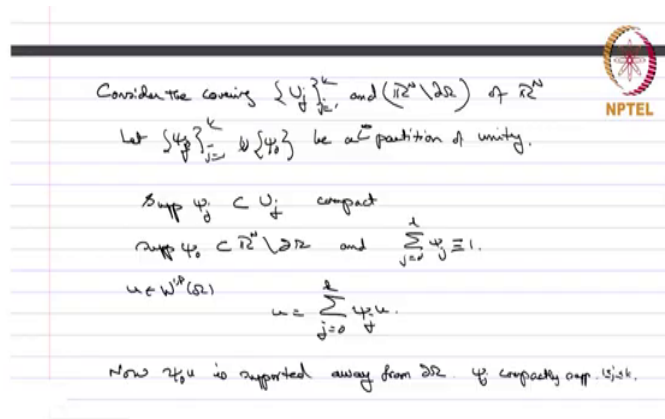


So, now we have the following theorem.

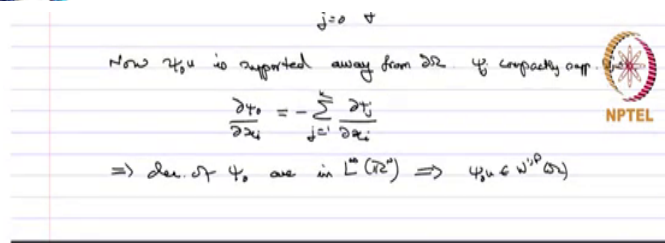
**Theorem:** Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  be an open set of class  $C^1$  whose boundary is bounded. Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then there exists an extension operator  $P: W^{1,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .

*proof:* Since,  $\Omega$  is of class  $C^1$ , each  $x \in \partial\Omega$  has a neighborhood  $U$  mapping  $T$  from  $Q$  to  $U$  as in definition. But  $\partial\Omega$  is compact, which implies it can be covered by a finite number of such neighborhoods. Let us take,  $\partial\Omega = \bigcap_{j=1}^k U_j$ ,  $\{T_j\}_{j=1}^k$  corresponding  $C^1$  maps  $T_j: Q \rightarrow U_j$ ,  $T_j^{-1} \in C^1$ .

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Consider the covering  $\{U_j\}_{j=1}^k$  and  $(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \partial\Omega)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
 Let  $\{\psi_j\}_{j=1}^k$  &  $\{\psi_0\}$  be a partition of unity.  
 $\text{supp } \psi_j \subset U_j$  compact  
 $\text{supp } \psi_0 \subset \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \partial\Omega$  and  $\sum_{j=0}^k \psi_j \equiv 1$ .  
 $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$   
 $u = \sum_{j=0}^k \psi_j u$   
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 $\frac{\partial \psi_0}{\partial x_i} = - \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\partial \psi_j}{\partial x_i}$   
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So, consider the covering  $\{U_j\}_{j=1}^k$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \partial\Omega$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  so, this is only a finite cover of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and then you do not have to worry about local finiteness, let  $\psi_0, \psi_1, \dots, \psi_k$  be a partition of unity,  $C^\infty$  partition of unity. I usually have to put the word locally finite but, now we only have a finite cover and therefore it does not matter, we do not have to use that word at all.

So, you have that the support of  $\psi_j \subset U_j$  and  $U_j$  is a bounded set, because it is an image of  $Q$  and therefore this is compact. So, these are all compactly supported and support of  $\psi_0$  is contained in  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \partial\Omega$  and finally we have  $\sum_{j=0}^k \psi_j$  is identically

equal to 1. So, if  $u$  is in  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ , you can write  $u$  equals  $\sum_{j=0}^k \psi_j u$ . So, now  $\psi_0 u$  is supported away from  $\partial\Omega$  and  $\psi_j$  are compactly supported.

$1 \leq j \leq k$ , that we already saw so,  $d \psi_0$  by  $dx_i$  is equal to  $-\sum_{j=1}^k d \psi_j$  by  $dx_i$ . So, implied derivatives of  $\psi_j$  are bounded, are in  $L^\infty$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Because all derivatives can be written in terms of  $\psi_j$ ,  $\psi_j$  are compactly supported functions so they have bounded derivatives.

So, this implies that  $\psi_0 u$  belongs to  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ , because its derivatives are all in the  $L^\infty$  so, by the product rule  $d$  by  $dx_i$  of this will be  $d \psi_0$  by  $dx_i$  into  $u$  which is in  $L^\infty$  plus  $\psi_0 du$  by  $dx_i$  that is also in  $L^\infty$ . And therefore, you have  $u$ , that is true. Because  $\sum \psi_j$  is equal to 1 and all the  $\psi_j$  of course are  $0 \leq \psi_j \leq 1$  for all  $j$ . So, we also have that.

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$\Rightarrow$  den. of  $\psi_j$  are in  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N) \Rightarrow \psi_j u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$

Since it vanishes in a neighborhood of  $\partial\Omega$ ,  $\tilde{\psi}_0 u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .

Clearly,  $\|\tilde{\psi}_0 u\|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}^N} = \|\psi_0 u\|_{1,p,\Omega} \leq c \|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}$ .

$1 \leq j \leq k$ .  $u|_{U_j \cap \Omega}$ . For  $y \in Q_+$ , define

$U_j(y) = u(T_j^{-1}(y))$

Easy to show ( $T_j, T_j^{-1}$  are  $C^1$ ) that  $U_j \in W^{1,p}(Q_+)$ .

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$\Rightarrow w_j \in W^{1,p}(U_j)$   $w_j = u$  on  $U_j \cap \Omega$

$\|w_j\|_{1,p,U_j} \leq C_j \|u\|_{1,p,U_j \cap \Omega} \leq C_j \|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}$



And since, it vanishes in a neighborhood of  $\partial\Omega$ ,  $\tilde{\psi}_0 u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .

Clearly,  $\|\tilde{\psi}_0 u\|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}^N} = \|\psi_0 u\|_{1,p,\Omega} \leq c \|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}$ .

Therefore, you have this.

So, now you let  $1 \leq j \leq k$ ,  $u|_{U_j \cap \Omega}$ . For  $y \in Q_+$ , define  $U_j(y) = u(T_j^{-1}(y))$ .

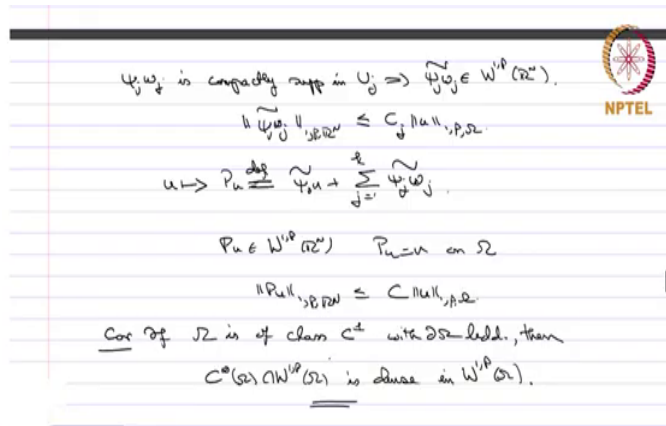
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$$\Rightarrow w_j \in W^{1,p}(U_j), \quad w_j = u \text{ on } \Omega \cap U_j.$$

$$\|w_j\|_{1,p,U_j} \leq c_j \|u\|_{1,p,U_j \cap \Omega} \leq c_j \|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}.$$

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$\psi_j w_j$  is compactly supp in  $U_j \Rightarrow \tilde{\psi}_j w_j \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ .  
 $\|\tilde{\psi}_j w_j\|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}^N} \leq c_j \|w_j\|_{1,p,U_j}$ .  
 $u \mapsto P_u \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \tilde{\psi}_0 u + \sum_{j=1}^k \tilde{\psi}_j w_j$ .  
 $P_u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \quad P_u = u \text{ on } \Omega$   
 $\|P_u\|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}^N} \leq C \|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}$ .  
Cor of  $\Omega$  is of class  $C^1$  with  $\partial\Omega$  bdd., then  
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$$\|\tilde{\psi}_j w_j\|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}^N} \leq c_j \|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}.$$

$$u \rightarrow P_u = \tilde{\psi}_0 u + \sum_{j=1}^k \psi_j w_j, \quad P_u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N), \quad P_u = u \text{ on } \Omega.$$

$$\|P_u\|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}^N} \leq c \|u\|_{1,p,\Omega}.$$

**Corollary:** if  $\Omega$  is of class  $C^1$ , with  $\partial\Omega$  bounded, then as usual  $C^\infty(\Omega) \cap W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  is dense in

$W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ . Because, you take the prolongation then you know that it can be approximated by d of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  functions and then  $u$  restricted to  $\Omega$  because you have a prolongation operator you do not have to use Friedrich's Theorem you have directly this thing.

So, this completes the extension theorem.