

Sobolev Spaces and Partial Differential Equations
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Imbedding theorems Case p greater than N - Part 3

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We are looking at Embedding theorems. So, we had that

$$W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \rightarrow L^{p^*}(\mathbb{R}^N), \quad p < N, \quad \frac{1}{p^*} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{N}.$$

$$\rightarrow L^q(\mathbb{R}^N), \quad q \in [p, p^*].$$

$$\rightarrow L^q(\mathbb{R}^N), \quad q \in [p, \infty], \quad p = N.$$

So, now we want to look at the case when $p > N$. So, this is the third case which we want to do and here we state the theorem for this.

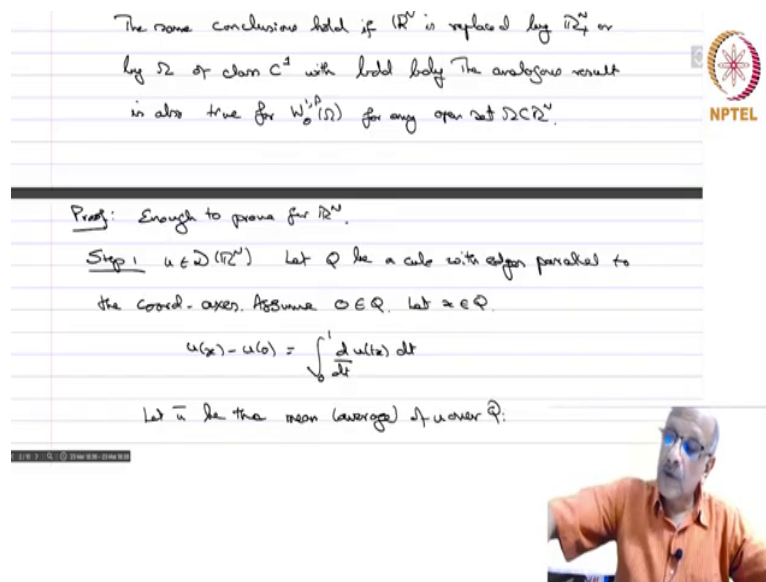
Theorem: So, let $N < p < \infty$. Then we have the continuous inclusion

$$W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \rightarrow L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N).$$

There exists a constant $C = C(N, p) > 0$ such that for all $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$, we have and almost all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^N$ that means except for a set of measures 0 all pairs of points you will have the following inequality,

$$|u(x) - u(y)| \leq C|u|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}^N}|x - y|^{1-\frac{N}{p}}.$$

The same conclusions hold if $\mathbb{R}^N$ is replaced by $\mathbb{R}_+^N$ or by Ω of class C^1 with a bounded boundary. The analogous result is also true for $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ for any open set Ω . (Refer Slide Time: 4:34)



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Proof: Enough to prove for $\mathbb{R}^N$.

Step 1: $u \in D(\mathbb{R}^N)$. Let Q be a cube with edges parallel to the coord. axes. Assume $0 \in Q$. Let $x \in Q$.

$$u(x) - u(0) = \int_0^1 \frac{d}{dt} u(tx) dt$$

Let $\bar{u}$ be the mean (average) of u over Q .

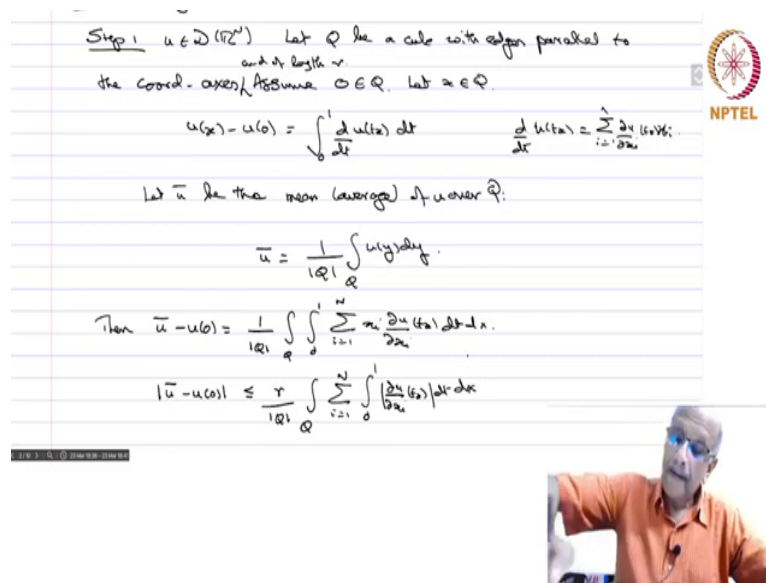
proof: Enough to prove for $\mathbb{R}^N$ as I explained just now extension operators will take care of the rest of the cases.

So, step 1: Let $D(\mathbb{R}^N)$. So, let Q be a cube with edges parallel to the coordinate axis. Assume 0 is in Q and let x belong to Q . So,

$$u(x) - u(0) = \int_0^1 \frac{d}{dt} u(tx) dt.$$

So, let $\bar{u}$ be the average mean or average of u over Q .

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Step 1: $u \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ Let Q be a cube with edges parallel to the coord. axes, Assume $0 \in Q$. Let $x \in Q$.

$u(x) - u(0) = \int_0^1 \frac{d}{dt} u(tx) dt$ $\frac{d}{dt} u(tx) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(tx)$

Let $\bar{u}$ be the mean (average) of u over Q .

$\bar{u} = \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q u(y) dy.$

Then $\bar{u} - u(0) = \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(tx) dt dx.$

$|\bar{u} - u(0)| \leq \frac{r}{|Q|} \int_Q \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(tx) \right| dt dx$

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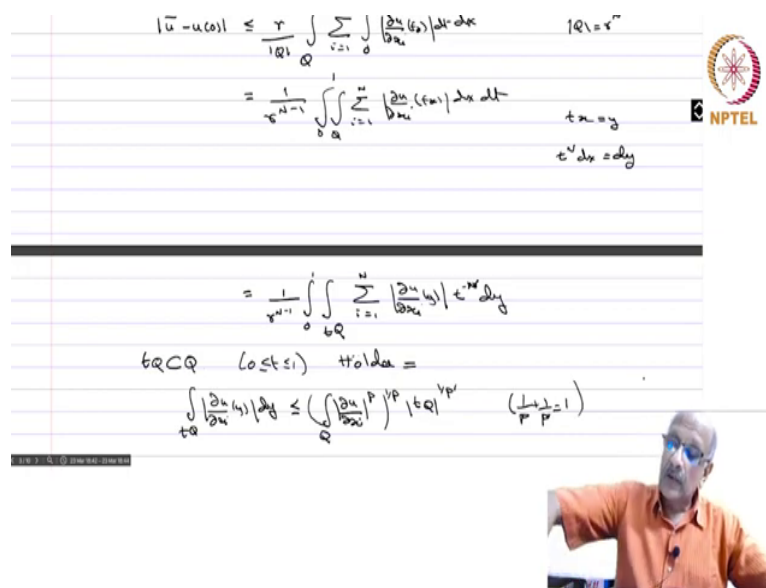
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So, now $|\bar{u} - u(0)| \leq \frac{r}{|Q|} \int_Q \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^N \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(tx) \right| dt dx = \frac{1}{r^{N-1}} \int_Q \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^N \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(tx) \right| dt dx$

[as $|Q| = r^N$]

$$= \frac{1}{r^{N-1}} \int_Q \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^N \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(y) \right| t^N dt dy \text{ [putting } tx = y]$$

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$$|u - u_0| \leq \frac{1}{r} \int_Q \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right| dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^{N+1}} \int_0^1 \int_Q \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i}(t\omega) \right| dx dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^{N+1}} \int_0^1 \int_{tQ} \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right| t^{-N} dy$$

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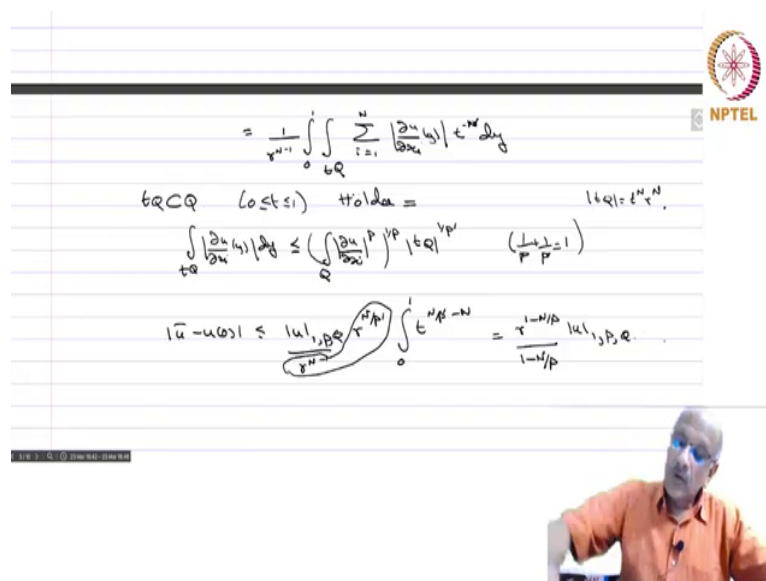
$$\int_{tQ} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right| dy \leq \left(\int_Q \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^p \right)^{1/p} |tQ|^{1/p'} \quad \left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1 \right)$$

Now, $tQ \subset Q$ ($0 \leq t \leq 1$). And therefore, you have that and now you apply Holder to the inner integral.

$$\int_{tQ} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right| dy \leq \left(\int_Q \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^p \right)^{1/p} |tQ|^{1/p'}, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1.$$

so this is what we have.

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$$|u - u_0| \leq \frac{|u|_{1,p,Q}}{r^{N+1}} \int_0^1 t^{N-N} dt = \frac{r^{-N/p}}{1-1/p} |u|_{1,p,Q}$$

So, now if you substitute that in the previous inequality you get $|u - u_0| \leq \frac{|u|_{1,p,Q}}{r^{N+1}} \int_0^1 t^{N-N} dt = \frac{r^{-N/p}}{1-1/p} |u|_{1,p,Q}$ because I have $\sum_{i=1}^n$ to all of the

powers will come there. And then by R^N is already there and then I will get what is mod of t^Q .

So, mod of t^Q equals $t^N R^N$, so and then I am going to take $1/t^P$ of that so R^N/t^P will come there and then integral 0 to 1 of dt will be t^{N-P} because there is a t^N already. Now, I will get t^{N-P} , sorry, $N-P$ and that is equal to so if R^N , so R^{N-P} will give you N times $1/t^P$ which is $1/t^P$, so that is equal to R^{N-P} .

If you simplify this expression here you get R^{N-P} and then this integral if I integrate this will just give you $1/t^P$ again using the fact that $1/t^P + 1/t^P = 2/t^P$ and then mod u , P , Q . So, we have a nice relationship.

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$$|Q| = t^N r^N$$

$$\int_Q \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right| dy \leq \left(\int_Q \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right|^p dy \right)^{1/p} |Q|^{1/p'} \quad \left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1 \right)$$

$$|\bar{u} - u(x)| \leq \frac{|u|_{1,p,Q}}{r^{N/p}} \int_0^1 t^{N/p-1} dt = \frac{r^{1-N/p}}{1-N/p} |u|_{1,p,Q}$$

By translation, this is valid for any such cube Q and any $x \in Q$.

$$|\bar{u} - u(x)| \leq \frac{r^{1-N/p}}{1-N/p} |u|_{1,p,Q}$$

$x, y \in Q$

$$|u(x) - u(y)| \leq \frac{2r^{1-N/p}}{1-N/p} |u|_{1,p,Q}$$

Now, by translation this is valid for any such cube Q and any x in Q . So, you have that for any such Q you have

$$|\bar{u} - u(x)| \leq \frac{r^{1-\frac{N}{p}}}{1-\frac{N}{p}} |u|_{1,p,Q}.$$

Now, if x and y belong to Q you apply it both to x and to y and then you get by the triangle inequality $|u(y) - u(x)| \leq \frac{2r^{1-\frac{N}{p}}}{1-\frac{N}{p}} |u|_{1,p,Q}$.

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$$|u(x) - u(y)| \leq C |x-y|^{1-N/p} \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

$u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \Rightarrow u \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^N) \exists u_n \in C_c^\infty$ such that $u_n \rightarrow u$ in $W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ and, for a subseq., $u_n \rightarrow u$ a.e.

$$\Rightarrow \forall u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$$

$$|u(x) - u(y)| \leq C |x-y|^{1-N/p} \quad \text{a.e. } x, y$$

Now, given $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^N$, We can always find Q containing them and of side $r = 2|x - y|$. And therefore, you have that substituting that you get

$$|u(y) - u(x)| \leq C|x - y|^{1-\frac{N}{p}}, \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^N.$$

So, this is for almost for every, for all x, y in $\mathbb{R}^N$. So, this is for $u \in D(\mathbb{R}^N)$. So, if $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$, then there exists $u_n \in D(\mathbb{R}^N)$ such that $u_n \rightarrow u$ in $W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$. And for a subsequence pointwise almost everywhere. So, then that will imply for all $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$. So you apply it to u_n and then you pass to the limit you get

$$|u(y) - u(x)| \leq C|x - y|^{1-\frac{N}{p}}, \quad a.e. x, y \in \mathbb{R}^N.$$

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Handwritten notes on a slide showing the proof of the Sobolev inequality. The notes include the inequality $|u(y) - u(x)| \leq C|x - y|^{1-\frac{N}{p}}$ a.e. x, y , followed by "Step 2: $u \in D(\mathbb{R}^N)$ ", the inequality $|u(x)| \leq |u(0)| + C|u|_{1,p,Q} \leq C'|u|_{1,p,Q} \leq C''|u|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}^N}$, and the conclusion "Again true for $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ by density" and " $\Rightarrow W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \subset L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$ ". The NPTEL logo is visible on the right.

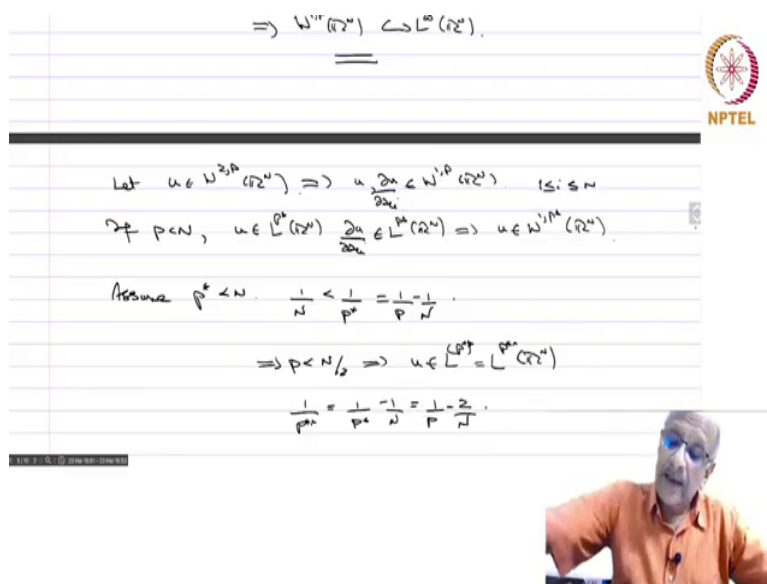
step 2: if $u \in D(\mathbb{R}^N)$, you have

$$|u(x)| \leq |u(0)| + C|u|_{1,p,Q} \leq C''|u|_{1,p,Q} \leq C''|u|_{1,p,\mathbb{R}^N}.$$

And now again true for $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ by density, $D(\Omega)$ is dense and therefore you have this. So, this implies that $W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \rightarrow L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$.

So, this completely proves the theorem here.

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$$\Rightarrow W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \hookrightarrow L^{\frac{Np}{N-p}}(\mathbb{R}^N).$$

Let $u \in W^{2,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \Rightarrow u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N), 1 \leq i \leq N$
 If $p < N$, $u \in L^{\frac{Np}{N-p}}(\mathbb{R}^N), \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \in L^{\frac{Np}{N-p}}(\mathbb{R}^N) \Rightarrow u \in W^{1,p^*}(\mathbb{R}^N)$.

Assume $p^* < N$. $\frac{1}{N} < \frac{1}{p^*} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{N}$.
 $\Rightarrow p < \frac{N}{2} \Rightarrow u \in L^{\frac{Np^*}{N-p^*}} = L^{\frac{Np}{N-p}}(\mathbb{R}^N)$.

$\frac{1}{p^{**}} = \frac{1}{p^*} - \frac{1}{N} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{2}{N}$.

So, now you consider $u \in W^{2,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \Rightarrow u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^N), 1 \leq i \leq N$. Now, if $p < N$, then $u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \in L^{p^*}(\mathbb{R}^N) \Rightarrow u \in W^{1,p^*}(\mathbb{R}^N)$.

Assume $p^* < N$. So, when will this happen?

$$\frac{1}{N} < \frac{1}{p^*} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{N} \Rightarrow p < \frac{N}{2} \Rightarrow L^{(p^*)^*} = L^{p^{**}}(\mathbb{R}^N).$$

$$\frac{1}{p^{**}} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{2}{N}.$$

So, we can now iterate this to any positive integer and then we can iterate all the theorems.

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$\Rightarrow p < \infty \Rightarrow u \in L = L^{m+1}$

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By iterating arguments in the preceding theorems, we get:

THEOREM. Let $m \geq 1$ an integer. Let $1 \leq p < \infty$.

(i) If $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{m}{N} > 0$, then $W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \hookrightarrow L^q(\mathbb{R}^N)$, $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{m}{N}$.

(ii) If $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{m}{N} = 0$, then $W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \hookrightarrow L^q(\mathbb{R}^N)$, $\forall q \in [p, \infty)$.

(iii) If $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{m}{N} < 0$, then $W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \hookrightarrow L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^N)$.

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In the last case, let k be the integral part and θ be the fractional part of $m - \frac{N}{p}$. Then there exists $C > 0$, s. t. $\forall u \in W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$, we have

$$|D^\alpha u|_{0,\infty,\mathbb{R}^N} \leq C \|u\|_{m,p,\mathbb{R}^N}, \quad \forall |\alpha| \leq k.$$

For almost all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^N$ and $|\alpha| = k$,

$$|D^\alpha u(x) - D^\alpha u(y)| \leq C \|u\|_{m,p,\mathbb{R}^N} |x - y|^\theta.$$

In particular, $W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^N) \rightarrow C^k(\mathbb{R}^N)$ and the k -th derivatives are Holder continuous.

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

(iii) If $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{m}{N} < 0$ then
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In the last case, let us use the integral part and the fractional part of $\frac{m-N}{p}$. Then $\exists C > 0$ s.t. $\forall u \in W^{m,p}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ we have

$$|D^\alpha u|_{0,\infty;\mathbb{R}^N} \leq C \|u\|_{m,p;\mathbb{R}^N} \quad \forall |\alpha| \leq k$$

For almost all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^N$, and $\forall |\alpha| \leq k$

$$|D^\alpha u(x) - D^\alpha u(y)| \leq C \|u\|_{m,p;\mathbb{R}^N} |x-y|^\alpha$$

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$\forall m > \frac{N}{p}$. Some results true for $\mathbb{R}_+^N$ or Ω of class C^m with bdd. bdy and for $W_0^{m,p}(\Omega)$ for any open set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$.

So if Ω is bdd and reg. smooth $m > N/p$

$$W^{m,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow C^k(\bar{\Omega})$$

Remark: if $m > \frac{N}{p}$ $|\alpha| \leq k \Rightarrow D^\alpha u$ is lip. cont.





The previous derivatives will be actually Lipschitz continuous for all $m > \frac{N}{p}$. Same results true for $\mathbb{R}_+^N$ or Ω of class C^m , because you are iterating the condition for the first derivative you need C^1 , so now for successive derivatives you have to include a bounded boundary and for $W_0^{m,p}(\Omega)$ for any open set Ω in $\mathbb{R}^N$.

remark: if $m > \frac{N}{p}$ and $|\alpha| < k$, then it implies that $D^\alpha u$ is Lipschitz continuous because any higher, the first derivative of $D^\alpha u$ is in L^∞ , it is bounded. And therefore, $D^\alpha u$ will be automatically Lipschitz continuous. It is only when you come to alpha equals mod k you

cannot say anything about the next derivative and therefore you only have Holder continuous, so that is just from the mean value theorem which says if the derivative is bounded then the function is Lipschitz continuous. So, this completes the study of the embedding theorems. Our next aim is to see which of these embeddings are going to be compact.