

# The Sobolev Spaces $H^k(\mathbb{T})$

$j$ 'th derivative of  $f$ . AA2d (6)

Set  $C^k(\mathbb{T}) =$  Space of Functions on  $\mathbb{T}$  s.t.  $f^{(j)} \in C(\mathbb{T})$  for  $j=0,1,2,\dots,k$   

$$\|f\|_{C^k} = \sum_{j=0}^k \|f^{(j)}\|_{\infty}$$

Suppose that  $f \in C^1(\mathbb{T})$ , and that  $f = \sum \alpha_n e_n$   $f' = \sum \beta_n e_n$ .

Then 
$$\beta_n = \int \frac{e^{-inx}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} f'(x) dx = \left[ \frac{e^{-inx}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} f(x) \right]_{-\pi}^{\pi} - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{(-in)e^{-inx}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} f(x) dx = in\alpha_n$$

So if  $f$  has Fourier series  $(\alpha_n)$ , then  $f'$  has F-series  $(in\alpha_n)$ .

If  $f = \sum \alpha_n e_n$  is a function in  $L^2(\mathbb{T}) \setminus C^1(\mathbb{T})$  for which

$\sum n^2 |\alpha_n|^2 < \infty$ , then we define the weak derivative of  $f$  by

$$f' = \sum in\alpha_n e_n$$

We set  $H^1(\mathbb{T}) =$  All functions  $f = \sum \alpha_n e_n \in L^2$  for which  $\sum n^2 |\alpha_n|^2 < \infty$

and  $\langle f, g \rangle_{H^1} = \sum_n (1 + |n|^2) \bar{\alpha}_n \beta_n$ , where  $f = \sum \alpha_n e_n$ ,  $g = \sum \beta_n e_n$ .

By Parseval:  $\langle f, g \rangle_{H^1} = \sum \bar{\alpha}_n \beta_n + \sum in\bar{\alpha}_n in\beta_n =$

$$= \int [f(x)g(x) + f'(x)g'(x)] dx$$

$f = \sum \alpha_n e_n$   $f' = \sum in\alpha_n e_n$   $\bar{f}' = \sum -in\bar{\alpha}_n e_{-n} = \sum in\bar{\alpha}_{-n} e_n$

Moreover,  $\int f'(x)g(x) dx = \langle \bar{f}', g \rangle = \sum (in\bar{\alpha}_{-n}) \beta_n = - \sum in\alpha_{-n} \beta_n = - \sum \alpha_{-n} (in\beta_n) =$

~~$\int f'(x)g(x) dx = \langle \bar{f}', g \rangle = \sum \frac{-in}{in} \beta_n = - \sum \alpha_n (in\beta_n) = \langle \bar{f}, g' \rangle = \int f(x)g'(x) dx$~~

This is integration by parts!

$\rightarrow = \langle \bar{f}, g' \rangle = - \int f(x)g'(x) dx$

(The boundary terms vanish thanks to periodicity.)

Aside: Weak derivatives can be defined without Fourier methods. AA2d (7)

Suppose that  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{I})$  is a function s.t.

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{I}} \bar{f} \varphi'(x) dx \right| \leq M \|\varphi\|_2 \quad \forall \varphi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{I})$$

Then the map  $F$  is a bounded linear functional defined on  $C^\infty(\mathbb{I})$ , which is a dense subset of  $L^2(\mathbb{I})$  (since  $\mathcal{P} \subset C^\infty(\mathbb{I})$ ).

It can be extended to a map  $\bar{F} \in L^2(\mathbb{I})^*$ .

By the Riesz repr<sup>n</sup> thm,  $\exists! h \in L^2(\mathbb{I})$  s.t.

$$\bar{F}(g) = \langle h, g \rangle \quad \forall g \in L^2(\mathbb{I})$$

This  $g$  is the weak derivative of  $f$ .

Note that  $\langle h, \varphi \rangle = \bar{F}(\varphi) = -\langle f, \varphi' \rangle \quad \forall \varphi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{I})$

End of aside

More generally, define for  $k \geq 0$ :

$H^k(\mathbb{I}) =$  The space of all functions  $f = \sum \alpha_n e_n$  for which  $\sum (1+|n|^{2k}) |\alpha_n|^2 < \infty$

For  $f, g \in H^k$ , set  $\langle f, g \rangle_{H^k} = \sum (1+|n|^{2k}) \bar{\alpha}_n \beta_n \Rightarrow \|f\|_{H^k} = \left( \sum (1+|n|^{2k}) |\alpha_n|^2 \right)^{1/2}$

Lemma Suppose that  $f = \sum \alpha_n e_n \in H^k(\mathbb{I})$  for some  $k \geq 1/2$ .

Set  $f_N = \sum_{n=-N}^N \alpha_n e_n$ . Then  $\exists C_k < \infty$  s.t.

$$\|f - f_N\|_{H^k} \leq C_k \|f\|_{H^k} N^{-k}$$

Lemma Suppose that  $k > 1/2$ . Then  $\exists C_k < \infty$  w/ the following props:

For every  $f \in H^k(\mathbb{T})$ , we have

$$\|f - f_N\|_\infty \leq \frac{C_k}{N^{k-1/2}} \|f\|_{H^k}$$

where  $f_N = \sum_{n=-N}^N \alpha_n e_n$

In other words, the lemma asserts that if  $f \in H^k$  for  $k > 1/2$ , then the Fourier series converges uniformly to  $f$ .

Since each  $f_N$  is continuous, this proves that  $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$ .

(and so  $\subset\subset H^k(\mathbb{T}) \subset C(\mathbb{T})$ ). ~~This is a special case of:~~

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Proof: First we prove that  $(f_N)_{N=1}^\infty$  is a Cauchy seq in  $C(\mathbb{T})$ .

If  $N < M$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_N - f_M\|_\infty &= \sup_x \left| \sum_{N < |j| \leq M} \alpha_j \frac{e^{ijx}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{|j| > N} |\alpha_j| = \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sum_{|j| > N} j^k |\alpha_j| \frac{1}{j^k} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left( \sum_{|j| > N} j^{2k} |\alpha_j|^{2k} \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{|j| > N} \frac{1}{j^{2k}} \right)^{1/2} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \|f\|_{H^k} \left( \int_N^\infty \frac{1}{t^{2k}} dt \right)^{1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \|f\|_{H^k} \left( \left[ \frac{-1}{(2k-1)t^{2k-1}} \right]_N^\infty \right)^{1/2} = \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \|f\|_{H^k} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k-1}} \frac{1}{N^{k-1/2}} \end{aligned}$$

Set  $C_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sqrt{2k-1}}$ .

Since  $C(\mathbb{T})$  is complete  $\exists! g \in C(\mathbb{T})$  s.t.  $f_N \rightarrow g$  uniformly.

But then  $f_N \rightarrow g$  in  $L^2$  as well, so we must have  $g = f$ .

Finally note that

$$\|f - f_N\|_\infty \leq \limsup_{M \rightarrow \infty} \|f_M - f_N\|_\infty \leq \frac{C_k}{N^{k-1/2}} \|f\|_{H^k}$$

We proved that  $H^k(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq C(\mathbb{R})$  when  $k > 1/2$ .

More generally we have

Thm  
Sobolev embedding

Suppose that  $d$  is a positive integer, and that  $k > d/2$ .

Then  $H^k(\mathbb{R}^d) \subseteq C(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

Moreover, the map

$$E: H^k(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow C(\mathbb{R}^d): f \mapsto f$$

is compact.

## SEC 7.3 - FOURIER METHODS FOR SOLVING PDES

Let us start with a brief review of techniques for solving linear systems of ODEs.

Let  $A$  be a symmetric  $N \times N$  matrix and consider the eq<sup>n</sup>

$$(ODE) \begin{cases} Au(t) = \frac{d}{dt} u(t) \\ u(0) = f \end{cases}$$

for the vector valued function  $u = u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^N$ .

Spectral thm: There is an ON-basis  $(\varphi_n)_{n=1}^N$  s.t.  $A\varphi_n = \lambda_n \varphi_n$

for some  $\lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
Set  $u(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n(t) \varphi_n$  for some functions  $\alpha_n(t)$  to be determined.

$$\text{We find } \left. \begin{aligned} Au &= \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n(t) A\varphi_n = \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n(t) \lambda_n \varphi_n \\ \frac{d}{dt} u &= \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n'(t) \varphi_n \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \alpha_n'(t) = \lambda_n \alpha_n(t) \text{ for } n=1, 2, \dots, N.$$

We see that  $\alpha_n(t) = c_n e^{\lambda_n t}$  for some numbers  $(c_n)$ .  
To determine  $c_n$ , use the initial condition:

$$u(0) = \sum_{n=1}^N c_n e^{\lambda_n \cdot 0} \varphi_n \Big|_{t=0} = \sum_{n=1}^N c_n \varphi_n = f$$

so  $c_n = \langle \varphi_n, f \rangle$  (since  $(\varphi_n)_{n=1}^N$  is an ON-basis)

We find that the unique sol<sup>n</sup> is

$$u(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N \langle \varphi_n, f \rangle e^{\lambda_n t} \varphi_n$$

$$= e^{At} f \quad \text{by def<sup>n</sup> of the matrix exponential.}$$

Now let us try to emulate the same technique for the "heat equations". First we do it heuristically!

Set  $I = [0, \bar{a}]$  and let  $u = u(t, x)$  be an unknown function. The heat eq<sup>n</sup> reads

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} u = \frac{d}{dt} u \quad \text{for } t > 0, x \in I$$

$$u(t, 0) = 0$$

$$u(t, \bar{a}) = 0$$

$$u(0, x) = f(x)$$

} homogeneous  
} boundary conditions  
← initial condition

Set  $A = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$  and  $\varphi_n(x) = \sin(nx)$ . eigs of  $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ !

Observe that  $A\varphi_n = -n^2\varphi_n$ . Set  $\lambda_n = -n^2$

Now make the Ansatz  $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n(t) \sin(nx)$ .

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_{xx} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -n^2 \alpha_n(t) \sin(nx) \\ u_t &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n'(t) \sin(nx) \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \alpha_n(t) = c_n e^{-n^2 t}$$

Initial cond<sup>n</sup>:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin(nx) = f(x) \Leftrightarrow c_n = \frac{2}{\bar{a}} \int_0^{\bar{a}} f(x) \sin(nx) dx$

So  $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\langle \varphi_n, f \rangle}{\|\varphi_n\|^2} e^{-n^2 t} \sin(nx)$   
 $= e^{At} f$  by def<sup>n</sup>!

Formalize the ~~equation~~ sol<sup>n</sup> of heat eq<sup>n</sup> using Fourier methods. AA 2d (12)

For  $t \geq 0$ , let  $u(t) \in C^2(\mathbb{T})$  be a function on  $\mathbb{T} \leftarrow$  the torus

$$u_{xx} = u_t$$

$$u(t=0) = f$$

Assume for now that  $f \in \mathcal{P} \leftarrow$  the trigonometric polynomials.

If  $f = \sum_{n=-N}^N \alpha_n e^{inx}$ , set  $u(x,t) = \sum_{n=-N}^N \alpha_n e^{-n^2 t} e^{inx} = \sum_{n=-N}^N \underbrace{(\alpha_n, f)}_{=\alpha_n} \phi_n$

where  $\phi_n(x) = e^{inx}$ . This is a classical sol<sup>n</sup>.

Define  $T(t): \mathcal{P} \rightarrow L^2$  by  $f \mapsto \sum_{n=-N}^N \underbrace{(\alpha_n, f)}_{=\alpha_n} e^{-n^2 t} \phi_n$ .

$$\|T(t)f\|_{L^2}^2 = \sum_{n=-N}^N |\alpha_n e^{-n^2 t}|^2 \leq \sum_{n=-N}^N |\alpha_n|^2 = \|f\|_{L^2}^2 \Rightarrow \|T(t)\| \leq 1.$$

Since  $T(t)$  is cont &  $\mathcal{P}$  is dense,  $T(t)$  can be extended to all of  $L^2(\mathbb{T})$ .

Properties of  $T(t)$ :

\*  $T(0) = I$

\*  $T(t)T(s) = T(t+s)$  for  $s, t \geq 0$

\*  $T(t) \rightarrow I$  strongly as  $t \rightarrow 0$ .

Note that  $T(t)$  does not converge in norm at  $t \rightarrow 0$ .

We call  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$  a strongly continuous semigroup.

For  $t > 0$ ,  $T(t)f$  is a classical sol<sup>n</sup> of (PDE).

To see this, we prove that  $T(t)f \in C^\infty$ .

Fix  $n$ , then  $T(t)f \in H^n(\mathbb{T})$  since

$$\|T(t)f\|_{H^n}^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 |\alpha_n|^2 e^{-2n^2 t} \leq C \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_n|^2 = C \|f\|_{L^2}^2$$

Thus  $T(t)f \in C^{n-1}(\mathbb{T})$  for all  $n$ .

We have constructed one sol<sup>n</sup> of PDE.

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It remains to prove uniqueness.

$$u_{xx} = u_t \Rightarrow \int_0^{\bar{x}} u_{xx} dx = \int_0^{\bar{x}} u_t dx \Rightarrow - \int_0^{\bar{x}} u_x^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^{\bar{x}} u^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|u\|_2^2.$$

Thus  $\|u\|_2$  is non-increasing as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\Rightarrow \|u(t)\| \leq \|f\|$ .

Now assume  $u$  &  $v$  both solve PDE and set  $w = u - v$ .

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Then } w_{xx} = w_t \\ w(t=0) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \|w\|_2 \leq \|0\| = 0.$$



# PROJECTIONS ON LINEAR SPACES (NO TOPOLOGY)

Def<sup>n</sup> Let  $X$  be a linear space. An operator  $P: X \rightarrow X$  is a proj<sup>n</sup> if  $P^2 = P$ .

Lemma 1 Let  $P$  be a proj<sup>n</sup> on a linear space  $X$ .

Set  $M = \text{ran } P$ ,  $N = \text{ker } P$ . Then

- (i)  $M = \{x \in X : x = Px\}$
  - (ii)  $X = \text{span}(M, N)$
  - (iii)  $M \cap N = \{0\}$
- }  $\Rightarrow X = \text{ran } P \oplus \text{ker } P$

Proof (i) Set  $A = \{x : x = Px\}$ .

Obviously,  $A \subseteq M$ .

Conversely, assume  $x \in M$ , then  $\exists y$  s.t.  $x = Py \Rightarrow Px = P^2y = Py = x$

(ii) Given  $x$ , set  $y = Px$  &  $z = x - y$ .

Then  $x = y + z$ ,  $y \in M$  &  $Pz = Px - Py = Px - Px = 0$  so  $z \in N$ .

(iii) Suppose  $x \in M \cap N$ . Then  $x = Px = 0$ .

Lemma 2 Suppose that  $X$  is a linear space with subspaces  $M$  &  $N$  s.t.  $X = M \oplus N$ .  
Then  $\exists$  a proj<sup>n</sup>  $P$  s.t.  $\text{ran } P = M$ ,  $\text{ker } P = N$ .

## PROJECTIONS ON BANACH SPACES

Def<sup>n</sup> Let  $X$  be a Banach space.

A map  $P: X \rightarrow X$  is a proj<sup>n</sup> if  $P^2 = P$  &  $\|P\| < \infty$ .

Lemma 1 Let  $P$  be a proj<sup>n</sup> on a Banach space  $X$ .

Set  $M = \text{ran } P$  &  $N = \text{ker } P$ . Then:

- (i)  $M = \{x : x = Px\}$
- (ii)  $X = \text{span}(M, N)$
- (iii)  $M \cap N = \{0\}$
- (iv)  $M$  &  $N$  are closed.

Proof: (iv)  $M = \text{ker } P$  is closed since  $P$  is cont  
 $N = \text{ker}(I - P)$  ————  $I - P$  ————

Lemma 2 Let  $X$  be a Banach space, and let  $M, N$  be closed linear subspaces s.t.  $X = M \oplus N$ .

Then  $\exists$  a proj<sup>n</sup>  $P$  s.t.  $M = \text{ran } P, N = \text{ker } P$ .

Sketch Proof: We only need to prove that  $P$  is continuous.

Step 1 Let  $\mathcal{X}$  denote the space  $X$  equipped w/ the norm  $\|x\| = \|y\| + \|z\|$ .  
It is simple to prove that  $\|\cdot\|$  is a norm.

That  $\mathcal{X}$  is complete follows from the closedness of  $M$  &  $N$ .

Step 2 Note that  $P \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X})$  since  $\|Px\| = \|y\| \leq \|y\| + \|z\| = \|x\|$

Step 3 ~~Prove that  $\mathcal{X} \cong X$~~

That  $P \in \mathcal{B}(X, X)$  follows if we can prove that  $\mathcal{X} \cong X$  are homeomorphic.

Consider the embedding map  $J: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow X$ .

$J$  is obviously bijective.

$J$  is continuous since  $\|x\| = \|y+z\| \leq \|y\| + \|z\| = \|x\|$ .

That  $J^{-1}$  is cont now follows from the open mapping thm.

PROJECTIONS ON HILBERT SPACES.

Def<sup>n</sup> ~~B~~ the same as Banach space.

Lemma 1

is identical to Banach space case.

Lemma 2

Let  $H$  be a H.S. and let  $M$  be a closed linear subspace.

$\exists$  a proj<sup>n</sup>  $P$  s.t.  $\text{ran } P = M, \& H = M \oplus \text{ker } P$ .

Proof

We proved previously that  $H = M \oplus M^\perp$ .

~~Now apply the Banach space lemma 2~~

Given  $x \in H$ , we have  $x = y + z$  set  $Px = y$   
 $y \in M, z \in M^\perp$

$\|Px\| = \|y\| = \sqrt{\|x\|^2 - \|z\|^2} < \|x\|$  so  $P$  is cont.

Def<sup>n</sup> Let  $P$  be a proj<sup>n</sup> on a H.S.  $H$ .

If  $\text{ran } P \perp \text{ker } P$ , we say that  $P$  is an orthogonal proj<sup>n</sup>.

Lemma Let  $H$  be a H.S. and let  $P$  be a proj<sup>n</sup> on  $H$ .

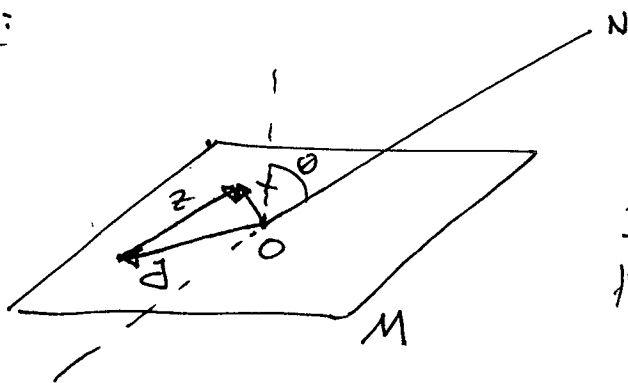
TFAE: (a)  $P$  is orthogonal

(b)  $\langle Px, y \rangle = \langle x, Py \rangle \quad \forall x, y \in X$

(c)  ~~$\|P\| = 1$  (if  $P \neq 0$ )~~  
 $\|P\| = 1$  or  $0$

Proof Homework

Geometry:



$Px = y.$

If  $N$  is not perpendicular to  $M$ , then  $\|y\| \geq \|x\|$  and so  $\|P\| > 1$ .

$\exists x \text{ s.t.}$

$\|P\| = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}$

In a Banach space, it is possible for  $\|P\| = \infty$ .