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Useful results

Notations:

For $u \in H^m(\Omega)$, let

$$\|u\|_{H^m(\Omega)} = \left(\sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \int_{\Omega} |D^\alpha u(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} = \left(\sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \|D^\alpha u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

$$|u|_{H^m(\Omega)} = \left(\sum_{|\alpha|=m} \int_{\Omega} |D^\alpha u(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} = \left(\sum_{|\alpha|=m} \|D^\alpha u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Thm. (Poincaré's Inequality for $H_0^1(\Omega)$)

Let Ω be an open and bounded set in R^n . Then there is a positive constant $C = C(\Omega)$ such that, for all $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$, we have Poincaré inequality:

$$\|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq C \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2.$$

Corollary: Let $m > 0$ be a positive integer, and let Ω be an open and bounded set in R^n . Then for $u \in H_0^m(\Omega)$, we have

$$\|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq C_m C^m \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \|D^\alpha u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2,$$

$C_m = \text{constant}$, and C is the constant from the previous theorem.

Corollary: (same assumptions on Ω). $|u|_{H^m(\Omega)}$ is a norm on $H_0^m(\Omega)$, equivalent to the norm $\|u\|_{H^m(\Omega)}$.

Thm. Let Ω be a bounded connected open set in R^n , with sufficiently regular boundary. Then we have for $u \in H^1(\Omega)$, such that $\int_{\Omega} u(x) dx = 0$,

$$|u|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq P(\Omega) \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2.$$

More generally, we have for $u \in H^1(\Omega)$

$$|u|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq P(\Omega) \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \left| \int_{\Omega} u(x) dx \right|^2.$$

Corollary: $|u|_{H^1(\Omega)} = \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ is a norm equivalent with the norm $\|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)}$ on the sub-space V_0 (closed in $H^1(\Omega)$) defined by:

$$V_0 = \{u \in H^1(\Omega) : \int_{\Omega} u(x) dx = 0\}.$$

Corollary: Let Ω be a bounded connected open set in R^n , with sufficiently regular boundary Γ . Suppose $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$ with length (area) of $\Gamma_2 > 0$. Let

$$V_{\Gamma_2} = \{u \in H^1(\Omega) : u|_{\Gamma_2} = 0\}.$$

Then V_{Γ_2} is a closed sub-space of $H^1(\Omega)$ and $|u|_{H^1(\Omega)} = \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ is a norm equivalent with the norm $\|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)}$ on the sub-space V_{Γ_2} .

Remark:

(i) Suppose that Ω is a bounded connected open set in R^n which is “very regular” ($\Gamma = \partial\Omega$ is a $n - 1$ dimensional manifold of class C^∞ and Ω locally on one side of Γ). For $u \in H^1(\Omega)$, let

$$\|u\|_{H^1(\Omega),\Gamma}^2 = \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \int_{\Gamma} |u|_{\Gamma}^2 d\Gamma,$$

where $u|_{\Gamma}$ is the trace of u on Γ . Then there is a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq C \|u\|_{H^1(\Omega),\Gamma},$$

for all $u \in H^1(\Omega)$. Therefore, $\|u\|_{H^1(\Omega),\Gamma}$ is a norm equivalent to $\|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)}$ on $H^1(\Omega)$.

(ii) Let $V_{\Gamma} = \{u \in H^1(\Omega), \int_{\Gamma} u d\Gamma = 0\}$. Then V_{Γ} is a closed subspace of $H^1(\Omega)$, and $|u|_{H^1(\Omega)}$ is a norm equivalent to $\|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)}$ on V_{Γ} .

Corollary: Let Ω an open and bounded domain, with Lipschitz-continuous boundary $\Gamma = \partial\Omega$. Then there is a positive constant C such that

$$\|u|_{\Gamma}\|_{L^2(\Gamma)} \leq C \|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)}.$$

Corollary: Over the space $H_0^2(\Omega)$, $\|\Delta u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ is a norm, equivalent to $\|u\|_{H^2(\Omega)}$.