

# Exercises on Sobolev Spaces

## Exercise 1 (Embeddings of $L^p(\Omega)$ )

Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  a bounded domain and  $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$ . Prove that any  $f \in L^q(\Omega)$  satisfies  $f \in L^p(\Omega)$  and (with the short notation  $1/q := 0$  for  $q = \infty$ ),

$$\|f\|_p \leq |\Omega|^{1/p-1/q} \|f\|_q.$$

In particular, it holds  $L^q(\Omega) \subseteq L^p(\Omega)$ .

*Hint:* Consider  $\tilde{p} := q/p$  and  $\tilde{q}$  with  $1/\tilde{p} + 1/\tilde{q} = 1$  and use Hölder's inequality.

## Exercise 2 (Globally discontinuous, piecewise differentiable functions)

Let  $\Omega = (-1, 1) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $\text{sgn} : \overline{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with

$$\text{sgn}(x) := \begin{cases} \frac{x}{|x|} & \text{for } x \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{for } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Prove that  $\text{sgn}$  is *not* weakly differentiable.

## Exercise 3 (Functions in $H^1(\Omega)$ don't have jumps)

Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  open, bounded with piecewise smooth boundary,  $(\Omega_j)_{j=1, \dots, J}$  open, bounded and disjoint subsets of  $\Omega$  with piecewise smooth boundary with  $\overline{\Omega} = \overline{\Omega}_1 \cup \dots \cup \overline{\Omega}_J$ . Show that any  $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $u|_{\Omega_j} \in C^1(\overline{\Omega}_j)$  satisfies  $u \in H^1(\Omega)$  if and only if  $u \in C(\overline{\Omega})$ .

## Exercise 4 ( $H^1(\Omega)$ is not embedded in $C^0(\overline{\Omega})$ )

Let  $\Omega = B_1(0) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with

$$u(x) := \ln \left( \left| \ln \frac{1}{|x|} \right| \right).$$

Prove that  $u \in H^1(\Omega) \setminus C(\Omega)$ .

*Hint:* Calculate the (classical) partial derivatives on  $B_1(0) \setminus \{0\}$  and show that they lie in  $L^2(\Omega)$  by transformation to polar coordinates.