

**2.1.12 Group Work** Check whether or not the following functions  $u$  are in  $L^2(\Omega)$  with the given domains  $\Omega$ :

(a) the Heaviside step function

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

over  $\Omega = ]-1, 1[$

$$\|u\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_{-1}^1 u(x)^2 dx = \int_0^1 1^2 dx = 1 < \infty$$

yes!

(b) the Heaviside step function over  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$

$$\|u\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x)^2 dx = \int_0^{\infty} 1^2 dx = \infty$$

no!

(c) an arbitrary function  $u \in C(\Omega)$  over a bounded domain  $\Omega$  no!

Take e.g.  $u(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  on  $\Omega = ]0, 1[$ .

$$\|u\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \infty$$

(d) an arbitrary function  $u \in C(\bar{\Omega})$  over a bounded domain  $\Omega$  yes!

$u$  assumes its max & min over the compact set  $\bar{\Omega} \Rightarrow u$  is bounded on  $\Omega$

$$\|u\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_{\Omega} u^2 dx \leq \left( \sup_{\bar{\Omega}} |u|^2 \right) |\Omega| < \infty$$

(e)  $u(x) = \frac{1}{|x|^p}$  over the interval  $\Omega = ]-1, 1[$  (where  $p > 0$ )

$$\|u\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{x^{2p}} dx < \infty \Leftrightarrow 2p < 1 \Leftrightarrow p < \frac{1}{2}$$

(f)  $u(x) = \frac{1}{|x|^p}$  over the unit disk  $\Omega = B(0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\|u\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_{B(0,1)} \frac{1}{|x|^{2p}} dx = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \underbrace{\frac{1}{r^{2p}}}_{= \frac{1}{r^{2p-1}}} r dr d\varphi < \infty \Leftrightarrow 2p-1 < 1 \Leftrightarrow p < 1$$

(g)  $u(x) = \frac{1}{|x|^p}$  over the unit ball  $\Omega = B(0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\|u\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_{B(0,1)} \frac{1}{|x|^{2p}} dx = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \underbrace{\frac{1}{r^{2p}}}_{= \frac{1}{r^{2p-2}}} r^2 dr d\varphi d\theta < \infty \Leftrightarrow 2p-2 < 1 \Leftrightarrow p < \frac{3}{2}$$