

Extensions of functions on H^k

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Definition. Let $\Omega \subseteq \Omega'$ and $f \in L_2(\Omega)$. An *extension* of f in Ω' is called any function $f' \in L_2(\Omega')$, s.t. $f'|_{\Omega} = f$.

Example. Every $f \in L_2(\Omega)$ can be extended to Ω' by setting $f = 0$ outside Ω :

$$f' := \begin{cases} f & \text{in } \Omega \\ 0 & \text{in } \Omega' \setminus \Omega \end{cases}.$$

Remark. Our goal is to extend the function $f \in H^k(\Omega)$ on Ω' so that the extension is from $H^k(\Omega')$. In the above definition this is not required — as the example makes clear, extensions can even be discontinuous.

1 Extension from a half-cube to a cube

Below, with $\{y_n > 0\}$ we denote the subset of \mathbb{R}^n consisting of vectors (y_1, \dots, y_n) that satisfy the condition in the brackets.

We introduce the following notations for the hypercube centered around the origin with radius a , as well as its "upper" and "lower" halves:

$$\begin{aligned} K_a &:= \{(y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : |y_i| < a \text{ for all } i\} \\ K_a^+ &:= K_a \cap \{y_n > 0\} \\ K_a^0 &:= K_a \cap \{y_n = 0\} \\ K_a^- &:= K_a \cap \{y_n < 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we denote by y' for any vector $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ the vector $y' := (y_1, \dots, y_{n-1})$. For short, for a $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ we'll denote by (y', c) the vector (y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}, c) .

1.1 Of C^k functions

1. Construction

Let $z(y) \in C^k(\overline{K_a^+})$. We'll extend it to K_a . On points $y \in \overline{K_a^-}$ we define the extension by means of K_a^+ points (see figure) of the form $(y', -\frac{y_n}{i})$.

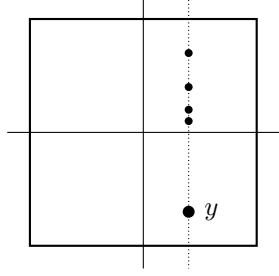


Figure 1: The value of Z at a point y is constructed based on points $(y', -\frac{y_n}{i})$.

Let

$$Z(y) := \begin{cases} z(y) & y \in \overline{K_a^+} \\ \sum_{i=1}^m A_i z(p_i(y)) & y \in \overline{K_a^-} \setminus K_a^0 \end{cases}$$

where $p : \overline{K_a^-} \rightarrow \overline{K_a^+}$ is the function

$$p_i(y) := \left(y', -\frac{y_n}{i} \right),$$

while the number m and the coefficients A_1, \dots, A_m will be determined later so that the resulting extension $Z : \overline{K_a} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of $z : \overline{K_a^+} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is of class C^k .

2. Continuity of the extension

Z is continuous in K_a^+ by definition. We can easily see Z is continuous in K_a^- as well, directly from continuity of z in K_a^+ . It remains to check continuity on the boundary $\bar{y} \in K_a^0$, when y tends to \bar{y} from K_a^- :

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{K_a^- \ni y \rightarrow \bar{y}} Z(y) &= \lim_{K_a^- \ni y \rightarrow \bar{y}} \sum_{i=1}^m A_i z(p_i(y)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m A_i \lim_{y \rightarrow \bar{y}} z(p_i(y)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m A_i z(p_i(\bar{y})) = \sum_{i=1}^m A_i z(\bar{y}) = z(\bar{y}) \sum_{i=1}^m A_i \end{aligned}$$

To make Z continuous in \bar{y} it is enough that this limit equals $z(\bar{y})$, which is the case exactly when

$$\sum_{i=1}^m A_i = 1.$$

3. Smoothness of the extension

Let α be a multiindex with $|\alpha| \leq k$. We will check that the derivative $\partial^\alpha Z(y)$ exists at each $y \in K_a$.

- (a) In K_a^+ this is just $\partial^\alpha z$.
- (b) Z obviously has α -derivative in $y \in K_a^-$ as well:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial^\alpha Z(y) &= \sum_{i=1}^m A_i \partial^\alpha (z(p_i(y))) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m A_i \partial^\alpha p_i(y) \partial^\alpha z(p_i(y)).\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

- (c) It remains to see that Z has α -derivative in any $y \in K_a^0$, too. We'll do it by induction on $|\alpha|$.

- i. Assume $|\alpha| = 1$, that is $\partial^\alpha = \frac{d}{dx_j}$ for some $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Let's find under what conditions the derivative $\frac{\partial Z}{\partial x_j}$ exists in $y_0 \in K_a^0$. We need the derivative coming "from above", $\lim_{K_a^+ \ni y \rightarrow y_0} \partial^\alpha z(y)$, equal to the derivative coming "from below"

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{K_a^- \ni y \rightarrow y_0} \partial^\alpha Z &\stackrel{(1)}{=} \lim_{K_a^- \ni y \rightarrow y_0} \sum_{i=1}^m A_i \partial^\alpha p_i(y) \partial^\alpha z(p_i(y)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m A_i \partial^\alpha p_i(y_0) \partial^\alpha z(p_i(y_0)) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m A_i \partial^\alpha p_i(y_0) \partial^\alpha z(y_0) \\ &= \partial^\alpha z(y_0) \sum_{i=1}^m A_i \partial^\alpha p_i(y_0).\end{aligned}$$

The derivatives agree when the right multiple does not play:

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \partial^\alpha p_i(y_0) A_i = 1.$$

- ii. Analogously, for $1 < |\alpha| \leq k$, calculating the derivative as above we get the same condition

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \partial^\alpha p_i(y_0) A_i = 1.$$

In particular, if we take $p_i(y) = (y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}, -\frac{1}{i} y_n)$, we get the system

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \left(-\frac{1}{i}\right)^l A_i = 1, \quad \text{for all } l = 0, \dots, k,$$

that, being a Vandermonde system, has a unique solution when $m = k + 1$.

4. Bound of $\|Z\|_{H^k(K_a)}$ via $\|z\|_{H^k(K_a^+)}$

By Minkowski inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}
|\partial^\alpha Z(y)|^2 &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^m A_i \left(-\frac{1}{i}\right)^{\alpha_n} \partial^\alpha z(p_i(y)) \right|^2 \\
&= \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \left(A_i \left(-\frac{1}{i}\right)^{\alpha_n} \right) (\partial^\alpha z(p_i(y))) \right)^2 \\
&\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^m A_i^2 \left(-\frac{1}{i}\right)^{2\alpha_n} \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^m (\partial^\alpha z(p_i(y)))^2 \right) \\
&= C_\alpha \sum_{i=1}^m (\partial^\alpha z(p_i(y)))^2
\end{aligned}$$

and after integrating over K_a^- :

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{K_a^-} |\partial^\alpha Z(y)|^2 &\leq C_\alpha \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \int_{K_a^-} (\partial^\alpha z(p_i(y)))^2 \\
&= C_\alpha \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i \int_{K_a^{\leq a/i}} (\partial^\alpha z(y))^2 \quad (\text{put } x = p_i(y)) \\
&\leq C_\alpha \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} (k+1) \int_{K_a^{\leq a/i}} (\partial^\alpha z(y))^2 \\
&= \underbrace{C_\alpha (k+1)^2}_{C'_\alpha} \int_{K_a^{\leq a/i}} (\partial^\alpha z(y))^2,
\end{aligned}$$

where $K_a^{\leq a/i} := K_a^+ \cap \{y_n < \frac{a}{i}\}$. Then, over the entire K_a we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{K_a} |\partial^\alpha Z(y)|^2 &= \int_{K_a^+} |\partial^\alpha z(y)|^2 + \int_{K_a^-} |\partial^\alpha Z(y)|^2 \\
&\leq \int_{K_a^+} |\partial^\alpha z(y)|^2 + C'_\alpha \int_{K_a^+} |\partial^\alpha z(y)|^2 \\
&\leq C''_\alpha \int_{K_a^+} |\partial^\alpha z(y)|^2,
\end{aligned}$$

and after summing over $|\alpha| \leq k$ we get the bound

$$\|Z\|_{H^k(K_a)} \leq C \|z\|_{H^k(K_a^+)}, \quad (2)$$

where C is a constant, depending solely on k .

1.2 Of functions in H^k

Let $z \in H^k(K_a^+)$. We'll find an extension $Z \in H^k(K_a)$, based on the construction above for C^k functions. We'll prove the following lemma in a bit:

Lemma. *The set $C^\infty(\overline{K_a})$ is dense in $H^k(K_a)$.*

According to it, there is some sequence $\{z_s\}_s \subset C^k(\overline{K_a^+})$ tending to z in the $H^k(K_a^+)$ norm. We extend its elements as in the previous section to $\overline{K_a}$ and get a sequence $\{Z_s\}_s \subset C^k(\overline{K_a})$. It remains to check the the newly constructed sequence has a limit Z in $H^k(K_a)$.

Since H^k is complete, it is enough to show $\{Z_s\}$ is Cauchy. Observe that the difference $Z_s - Z_p$ is an extension (by above construction) of the difference $z_s - z_p$. Then the bound $\|Z\|_{H^k(K_a)} \leq C \|z\|_{H^k(K_a^+)}$ holds here as well, that is

$$\|Z_s - Z_p\|_{H^k(K_a)} \leq C \|z_s - z_p\|_{H^k(K_a^+)}.$$

Now, since $\{z_s\}_s$ is Cauchy, $\{Z_s\}_s$ is Cauchy, too, and the limit $Z \in H^k(K_a)$ exists and is an extension of $z \in H^k(K_a^+)$.

Finally, in the limit $p \rightarrow \infty$ in

$$\|Z_p\|_{H^k(K_a)} \leq C \|z_p\|_{H^k(K_a^+)}$$

we see that the bound (2) holds for extensions in H^k too. Thus we proved

Proposition. *Every $z \in H^k(K_a^+)$ has an extension $Z \in H^k(K_a)$, satisfying*

$$\|Z\|_{H^k(K_a)} \leq C \|z\|_{H^k(K_a^+)}.$$

It's time to get back to the proof of the lemma.

Proof ($C^\infty(K_a)$ is dense in $H^k(K_a)$). Let $f \in H^k(K_a)$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. We need to find $F \in C^\infty(\overline{K_a})$ with $\|f - F\| < \varepsilon$.

Idea The main (actually the only one we have seen so far) technique for obtaining C^∞ functions from L_2 functions comes from the averaging operator: we know that if $f \in L_2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then the average f_h is infinitely smooth for every $h > 0$. We will average the function $f \in H^k(K_a)$ in a slightly narrower region with a sufficiently small averaging radius so that the H^k -norm of the average does not deviate significantly from that of f . In this way, we will obtain an infinitely smooth function that is sufficiently close (in H^k) to f .

Before we start constructing the average, we will take approximations of the derivatives, since for the average to be close to f (in H^k), the derivatives also need to be close (in L_2). As elements of $L_2(K_a)$, the derivatives $\partial^\alpha f$ are within an ε -neighborhood in the L_2 -norm of some functions $\varphi_\alpha \in C(\overline{K_a})$, that is

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \forall \alpha : |\alpha| \leq k \exists \varphi_\alpha \in C(K_a) : \|\partial^\alpha f - \varphi_\alpha\|_{L_2} < \varepsilon.$$

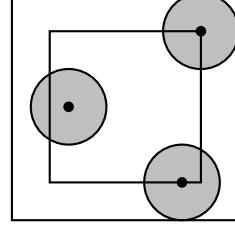
Instead of narrowing K_a and averaging in the narrowed region, equivalently (but more conveniently for calculations), we will expand K_a by a factor $\sigma > 1$ to

$$K_{\sigma a} := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x_i| < \sigma a\},$$

expanding simultaneously the function f to $F_\sigma \in H^k(K_{\sigma a})$,

$$F_\sigma(x) = f\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right),$$

and after that we'll average the expanded function in the narrower domain $K_a \subset K_{\sigma a}$.



Bound on the expansion $\|f - F_\sigma\|_{H^k(K_a)}$ To evaluate the H^k -norm, we first evaluate the L_2 -norms of each derivative separately. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\partial^\alpha F_\sigma(x) - \varphi_\alpha(x)\|_{L_2(K_a)} &= \left\| \partial^\alpha F_\sigma(x) - \varphi_a\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) + \varphi_a\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) - \varphi_\alpha(x) \right\|_{L_2(K_a)} \\ &\stackrel{\Delta\text{-inequality}}{\leq} \left\| \partial^\alpha F_\sigma(x) - \varphi_a\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) \right\|_{L_2(K_a)} + \left\| \varphi_a\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) - \varphi_\alpha(x) \right\|_{L_2(K_a)} \\ &\leq \left\| \partial^\alpha F_\sigma(x) - \varphi_a\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) \right\|_{L_2(K_{\sigma a})} + \left\| \varphi_a\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) - \varphi_\alpha(x) \right\|_{L_2(K_a)}. \end{aligned}$$

For the right summand we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \partial^\alpha F_\sigma(x) - \varphi_a\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) \right\|_{L_2(K_{\sigma a})} &\stackrel{\text{def. of } F_\sigma}{=} \left\| \frac{1}{\sigma^{|\alpha|}} \partial^\alpha f\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) - \varphi_a\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) \right\|_{L_2(K_{\sigma a})} \\ &\stackrel{\Delta\text{-inequality}}{\leq} \left\| \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^{|\alpha|}} - 1 \right) \partial^\alpha f\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) \right\|_{L_2(K_{\sigma a})} + \left\| 1 \partial^\alpha f\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) - \varphi_a\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) \right\|_{L_2(K_{\sigma a})} \\ &= \sigma^{n/2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sigma^{|\alpha|}} \right) \|\partial^\alpha f(x)\|_{L_2(K_a)} + \sigma^{n/2} \|\partial^\alpha f(x) - \varphi_a(x)\|_{L_2(K_a)} \\ &\leq \sigma^{n/2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sigma^{|\alpha|}} \right) \|\partial^\alpha f\|_{L_2(K_a)} + \sigma^{n/2} \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

and substituting above, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\partial^\alpha F_\sigma(x) - \varphi_\alpha(x)\|_{L_2(K_a)} &\leq \sigma^{n/2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sigma^{|\alpha|}} \right) \|\partial^\alpha f\|_{L_2(K_a)} + \sigma^{n/2} \varepsilon \\ &\quad + \left\| \varphi_a\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) - \varphi_\alpha(x) \right\|_{L_2(K_a)}. \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \|\partial^\alpha f - \partial^\alpha F_\sigma\|_{L_2(K_a)} &\leq \underbrace{\|\partial^\alpha f - \varphi_\alpha\|_{L_2(K_a)}}_{\leq \varepsilon} + \|\partial^\alpha F_\sigma - \varphi_\alpha\|_{L_2(K_a)} \\ &\leq (1 + \sigma^{n/2}) \varepsilon + \sigma^{n/2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sigma^{|\alpha|}} \right) \|\partial^\alpha f\|_{L_2(K_a)} + \left\| \varphi_a\left(\frac{x}{\sigma}\right) - \varphi_\alpha(x) \right\|_{L_2(K_a)}. \end{aligned}$$

It remains to evaluate the second and the third summand

- For the second summand we have

$$\sigma^{n/2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sigma^{|\alpha|}} \right) \xrightarrow{\sigma \rightarrow 1^+} 0,$$

therefore for some $\sigma > 1$, the second summand is smaller than ε .

- Since φ_a is uniformly continuous, it follows $\varphi_a \left(\frac{x}{\sigma} \right) \xrightarrow{\sigma \rightarrow 1} \varphi_a(x)$, hence for some $\sigma > 1$,

$$\left\| \varphi_a \left(\frac{x}{\sigma} \right) - \varphi_a(x) \right\|_{L_2(K_a)} \leq \varepsilon.$$

From the two bounds it follows that for some $\sigma_0 > 1$ (WLOG $\sigma_0 < 2$ (?? TODO check typo??))

$$\begin{aligned} \|\partial^\alpha f - \partial^\alpha F_{\sigma_0}\|_{L_2(K_a)} &\leq \left(1 + \sigma_0^{n/2} \right) \varepsilon + \varepsilon + \varepsilon \\ &\leq 4\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Summing over all α with $|\alpha| \leq k$ we get an analogous bound of for the H^k -norm:

$$\|f - F_{\sigma_0}\|_{H^k(K_a)} \leq 4n^k \varepsilon.$$

The Averaging For sufficiently small $h > 0$ ($h < a(\sigma - 1)$) we look at the averaging $(F_{\sigma_0})_h \in C^\infty(K_a)$ of F_{σ_0} . In the narrower domain K_a we have

$$\|(F_{\sigma_0})_h - F_{\sigma_0}\|_{H^k(K_a)} \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 0,$$

therefore for sufficiently small $h = h_0$,

$$\|(F_{\sigma_0})_{h_0} - F_{\sigma_0}\| \leq \varepsilon.$$

It remains to observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \|(F_{\sigma_0})_{h_0} - f\|_{H^k(K_a)} &\leq \underbrace{\|(F_{\sigma_0})_{h_0} - F_{\sigma_0}\|_{H^k(K_a)}}_{\leq \varepsilon} + \underbrace{\|f - F_{\sigma_0}\|}_{\leq 4n^k \varepsilon} \\ &\leq (1 + 4n^k) \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

which means we can make the averaging close enough to f . \square

2 Change of variables in H^k

Lemma. *Let $\bar{Q}' \subset Q$, $f \in H^k(Q)$ and $|\alpha| \leq k$. Then for $h \leq \text{dist}(Q', \partial Q)$, the derivative of the averaging $f_h \in C^\infty$ is the averaging of the derivative, that is*

$$\partial^\alpha f_h = (\partial^\alpha f)_h.$$

Proof. We'll check it for $k = 1$. Let $1 \leq i \leq n$. We have to prove

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \int_Q \omega_{x,h}(y) \cdot f(y) \, dy = \int_Q \omega_{x,h}(y) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_i}(y) \, dy.$$

We write out the definition of the generalized derivative $\partial^\alpha f$ in the RHS with a test function $\omega_{x,\varepsilon}$:

$$\int_Q \omega_{x,h}(y) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_i}(y) \, dy = - \int_Q \frac{\partial \omega_{x,h}}{\partial y_i}(y) \cdot f(y) \, dy.$$

Therefore it remains to convince us that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \int_Q \omega_{x,h}(y) \cdot f(y) \, dy = - \int_Q \frac{\partial \omega_{x,h}}{\partial y_i}(y) \cdot f(y) \, dy.$$

We write out the derivative

$$\frac{\partial \omega_{x,h}(y)}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial \omega\left(\frac{x-y}{\varepsilon}\right)}{\partial y_i} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \omega' \left(\frac{x-y}{\varepsilon} \right) = \omega \left(\frac{x-y}{\varepsilon} \right) \frac{1}{(1-|x|^2)^2} (2|x|)$$

□

Proposition. Let $y : \bar{Q} \rightarrow \bar{\Omega}$ and $x : \bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \bar{Q}$ be inverse to each other functions in C^k .

Then, $f \in H^k(\Omega)$ if and only if $F = f \circ y \in H^k(Q)$, and in that case the derivatives of F are calculated by the usual chain rule.

Moreover, for these x and y there exist such constants C_1, C_2 that

$$C_1 \|f\|_{H^k(\Omega)} \leq \|F\|_{H^k(Q)} \leq C_2 \|f\|_{H^k(\Omega)} \quad \text{for all } f \in H^k(\Omega).$$

Proof. Let $f \in H^k$. First, it is clear that $F \in L_2$, because $F = f \circ y$ has an integrable square by the change of variables formula in the Lebesgue integral $\int_Q f(y(x)) dx$.

Existence of the first derivatives As in the previous lemma, we will approximate (the almost everywhere defined) $f \in H^k$ with an averaging in C^∞ , and then we will see that the derivatives of the average approximate the derivatives of f .

To perform averaging at all, we need it to be defined "a little outside," so we narrow the considered region to $\bar{\Omega}' \subset \bar{\Omega}$. We set $Q' = x(\Omega')$, and let $f_h \in C^\infty(\Omega')$ be the average of f in Ω' with a sufficiently small radius $h \leq \text{dist}(\Omega', \partial\Omega)$. Then, from the property

$$\|f_h - f\|_{L_2(Q)} \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 0$$

we get (again by change of variables in the integral)

$$\|F_h - F\|_{L_2(Q')} = \|f_h \circ y - f \circ y\| = \|(f_h - f) \circ y\| \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 0.$$

We need an analogous bound for the derivative of F , too. From

$$\left\| \frac{\partial f_h}{\partial y_i} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_i} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega')} \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 0$$

it follows

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(f_h \circ y) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(f \circ y) \right\|_{L_2(\Omega')} &= \left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}((f_h - f) \circ y) \right\|_{L_2(\Omega')} \\ &\leq \left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(f_h - f) \right\| \left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} y \right\| \\ &= \tilde{C} \left\| \frac{\partial f_h}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right\| \\ &= \tilde{C} \left\| \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right)_h - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right\| \quad (\text{сменяме } \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \text{ и } (\cdot)_h) \\ &\xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 0. \end{aligned}$$

From these estimations it follows that the function sequences $\{F_{h=1/n}\}_{n=1}^\infty$ and $\{\partial^{x_i} F_{h=1/n}\}_{n=1}^\infty$ are bounded by $F + L$ and $\partial^{x_i} F + L$, respectively, where L is a constant. Then in the definition for a generalized derivative of $F_h = f_h \circ y$

$$\int_{Q'} F_h \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} dx = - \int_{Q'} \frac{\partial F_h}{\partial x_i} g dx \quad \text{for all } g \in C^1(\bar{Q})$$

we can perform on both sides dominated convergence with $h \rightarrow 0$ and get

$$\int_Q \underbrace{\left(\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} F_h \right)}_F \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} dx = - \int_Q \left(\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial F_h}{\partial x_i} \right) g dx \quad \text{for all } g \in C^1(\bar{Q}),$$

and now we have the first generalized derivatives of F :

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial F_h}{\partial x_i}.$$

To ensure $F \in H^1$, it remains only to verify that the derivatives are square-integrable. By the chain rule

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i}(x) = \sum_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j}(y(x)) \frac{\partial y_j}{\partial x_i}(x),$$

we immediately get the bound

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} \right\| &\leq \sum_j \left\| \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_j} \right\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \left\| \frac{\partial y_j}{\partial x_i} \right\|_{L_2(Q)} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{H^1}, \end{aligned}$$

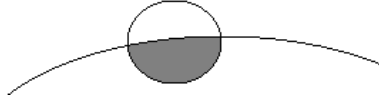
where the constant C depends only on y .

The derivatives of order ≥ 2 we get after repeated differentiation in the chain rule. \square

3 Extension outside Q with smooth boundary

3.1 Locally

Denote by $B_r(\xi)$ the ball $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x - \xi\| < r\}$.



In the next lemma, we will ensure that if we have an extension of f in a neighborhood of each point ("individually") of the boundary, then we can construct an extension of f in any arbitrary extension of the considered region.

Lemma. *Let $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a bounded domain, $f \in H^k(Q)$ and in each point on the boundary of Q there is an extension of f in some ball around that point, with „uniformly smaller“ H^k -norm than f , that is*

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \xi \in \partial Q \quad \exists r_\xi > 0 \quad \exists F_\xi \in H^k(B_r(\xi)) : \\ F_\xi|_Q \equiv f \text{ and } \|F_\xi\|_{H^k(B_r(\xi))} \leq C \|f\|_{H^k(Q)}, \end{aligned}$$

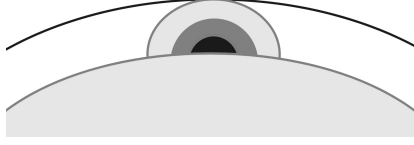
where C is a constant.

Then in every superset $Q_\rho := \{x : \text{dist}(x, Q) < \rho\}$ of Q there exists an extension $F \in H^k(Q_\rho)$ of f , vanishing outside $Q_{\rho/2}$ with „uniformly smaller“ norm than f , that is

$$\begin{aligned} \forall \rho > 0 \quad \exists F \in H^k(Q_\rho) : F|_Q \equiv f, \\ \text{and } F|_{Q_\rho \setminus Q_{\rho/2}} \equiv 0 \\ \text{and } \|F\|_{H^k(Q_\rho)} \leq C' \|f\|_{H^k(Q)} \end{aligned}$$

where the constant C does not depend on f .

Proof. With the given F_ξ we'll build extensions f_i of f in open supersets $Q_i \supset Q$, for which $\bigcup_i Q_i \supset \bar{Q}$. Then we'll smooth them out to zero outside of $Q_{\rho/2}$ and with suitable weights we'll set their sum to be the extension wanted.



In the colored regions, we use the extension by assumption or the original values of f , while in the dark gray region ($\frac{\rho}{2}$), we will smooth the jump that otherwise occurs between the light gray and the white regions.

1. A cover and rough extensions Fix $\rho > 0$. We can assume the radii r_ξ smaller than ρ .

First we'll extend the r_ξ to be defined not only for $\xi \in \partial Q$, but over the whole \bar{Q} . By lemma assumption, around each point $\xi \in \bar{Q}$ there is a ball $B_r(\xi)$, $r = r(\xi)$, where either f is defined, or a smooth extension of f .

It is clear that

$$Q \subset \bigcup_{\xi \in \bar{Q}} B_{r_\xi/3}(\xi).$$

We use only half a radius $\frac{1}{2}r_\xi$ in order to have space for the cut later. Since Q is bounded, \bar{Q} is a compact, hence we can choose from the cover $\bigcup_{\xi \in \bar{Q}} B_{r_\xi/2}(\xi)$ a finite subcover $B_{r_1/2}(\xi_1), \dots, B_{r_N/2}(\xi_N)$.

Now we define the functions $f_i \in L_2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $i = 1, \dots, N$ in the way described above – (rough) extensions of f over the entire \mathbb{R}^n , supported in $Q \cup B_{r_i}(x_i)$:

$$f_i(x) := \begin{cases} F_{x_i}(x) & , \text{ if } x \in B_{r_i}(x_i) \\ f(x) & , \text{ if } x \in Q \\ 0 & , \text{ else} \end{cases}$$

Let's bound their norm

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_i\|_{H^k(Q \cup B_{r_i}(x_i))} &\leq \|F_{x_i}\| + \|f\| \\ &\leq C \|f\| + \|f\| = \tilde{C} \|f\|. \end{aligned}$$

It remains to glue them with suitable γ_i , to define a now smooth extension

$$F = \sum_i \gamma_i f_i.$$

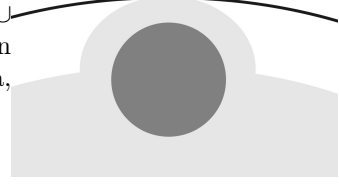
2. Glueing by partition of unity For F to be an extension of f at all, we need $F|_Q \equiv f$. For $x \in Q$ we have defined $f_i(x) = f(x)$, therefore

$$F|_Q = \sum_i \gamma_i f_i = \sum_i \gamma_i f = f \sum_i \gamma_i.$$

Since we want $F|_Q \equiv f$, we need to have $\sum_i \gamma_i|_Q \equiv 1$. This reminds us to use partition of unity.

Let $\{\gamma_i\}_{i=1}^N$ be a partition of unity subordinate to the cover $\{B_{r_i/2}\}_{i=1}^N$ and consisting of compactly supported in $Q_{\rho/2}$ functions, and $F = \sum_i \gamma_i f_i$. According to what we just calculated and the property $\sum_i \gamma_i|_Q = 1$, F is truly an *extension* of f . It remains to check it satisfies the needed properties:

1. $F \in H^k(Q_\rho)$, because every γ_i smooths the edge of the respective f_i , since every f_i can be non-smooth only on the boundary of the light-gray area $Q \cup B_{r_i}(x_i)$, a neighbourhood of which is contained in $Q_{\rho/2} \setminus B_{r_i/2}$ — the complement of the dark area, where γ_i vanishes.



2. $F|_{Q_\rho \setminus Q_{\rho/2}} \equiv 0$, since we required γ_i to be compactly supported in the respective set.
3. $\|F\|_{H^k(Q_\rho)} \leq C' \|f\|_{H^k(Q)}$, since

$$\begin{aligned}
\|F\|_{H^k(Q_\rho)} &= \left\| \sum_i \gamma_i f_i \right\|_{H^k(Q_\rho)} \\
&\leq \sum_i \|\gamma_i\| \|f_i\| \\
&\leq \sum_i \|\gamma_i\| \tilde{C} \|f\| \\
&\leq C' \|f\|,
\end{aligned}$$

where in the last inequality we used that γ_i depend not on f , but only on the domain — so in our context, their norm turns out to be a constant.

□

3.2 Globally

Theorem (for the extension). *Let Q and Q' be bounded domains in \mathbb{R}^n , s.t. $\bar{Q} \subset Q'$ and $\partial Q \in C^k$.*

Then every $f \in H^k(Q)$ has a compactly supported (vanishing in a neighbourhood of $\partial Q'$) extension $F \in H^k(Q')$, for which the bound holds

$$\|F\|_{H^k(Q')} \leq C \|f\|_{H^k(Q)}$$

with a constant C , independent of f .

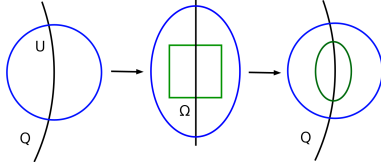
In the bound of F in the theorem we can also instead of the H^k -norm take any norm H^s with $s \leq k$.

Proof. We'll build an extension of f in a neighbourhood of a given point on the boundary of the domain, after which we'll apply the previous lemma.

Let $\xi \in \partial Q$. We will construct an extension in a neighbourhood U_ξ of ξ in 3 steps:

1. We will flatten (bijectively) the boundary around ξ to the hypersurface $\{y_n = 0\}$;

2. We will apply the lemma for extension from $\overline{K_a^+}$ to $\overline{K_a^-}$ from the previous section;
3. We will send the extension from K_a^- back behind the non-flat boundary (?? TODO rephrase ??).

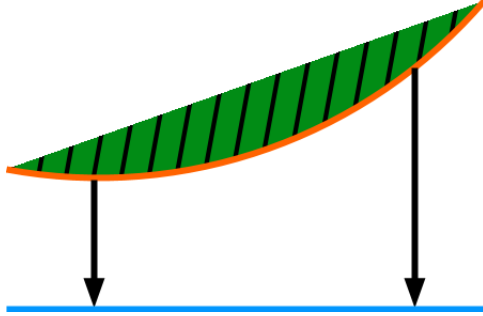


Since $\partial Q \in C^k$, in a neighbourhood U_ξ of ξ we can, up to reordering variables, represent the equations of ∂Q in the form

$$x_n = \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}),$$

where $\varphi \in C^k(D)$ in a domain $D \subset \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$. Moreover we'll require the domain Q in U_ξ to lie „above“, that is

$$x_n > \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \quad \text{for all } x \in U_\xi \cap Q.$$



We change the variables so that ξ is in the origin of the coordinate system y_1, \dots, y_n , and the hypersurface $\{y_n = 0\}$ fits $\partial Q \cap U_\xi$, that is

$$\begin{aligned} y' &:= x' - \xi' \\ y_n &:= x_n - \varphi(x'). \end{aligned}$$

Then U_ξ is mapped bijectively to a neighbourhood Ω of 0, and the function $f|_{Q \cap U_\xi}$ - to the function

$$z(y) = f(y' + \xi', y_n + \varphi(y' + \xi')),$$

which, according to an earlier proposition is again in H^k . It is time to apply the lemma from the first section.

Let K_a be cube with a sufficiently small side to fit $K_a \subset \Omega$. Then z , as a function from $H^k(\overline{K_a^+})$, has an extension $Z \in H^k(\overline{K_a^-})$, which after an inverse change of variables gives us an extension F_ξ of f in the set $y^{-1}(K_a)$.

$y^{-1}(K_a)$ is open and contains ξ , hence we have an extension of f in some ball $B_r(\xi)$. To apply the previous lemma, though, we need one more condition.

From the property for change of variables (?? TODO revisit wording ??) for the function F_ξ we have

$$\|F_\xi\|_{H^k(B_r(\xi))} \leq \|F_\xi\|_{H^k(y^{-1}(\Omega))} \leq C_3 \|Z\|_{H^k(K_a)},$$

and for the function f –

$$\|z\|_{H^k(K_a^+)} \leq C_4 \|f\|_{H^k(Q \cap y^{-1}(\Omega))} \leq C_4 \|f\|_{H^k(Q)},$$

where the constants C_3, C_4 depend only on the change $y = y(x)$, that is – in our case – depend on ∂Q and are universal for all functions we may want to extend. With this we are allowed to apply the last lemma with $\rho < \text{dist}(Q, Q')$ and get an extension of f over the entire Q . \square

4 Extension “inward” in Q for $\partial Q \in C^k$

Theorem. *Let Q have a smooth boundary $\partial Q \in C^k$ for some $k \geq 1$. Then every function $f \in C^k(\partial Q)$ has an extension $F \in C^k(\bar{Q})$, satisfying the bound*

$$\|F\|_{C^k(\bar{Q})} \leq C \|f\|_{C^k(\partial Q)},$$

where the constant C depends only on ∂Q .

Without proof.