

201C, Spring '16, Thomases
Homework 4 due 4/26/16

1. Let $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$, and set

$$g(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(y)dy.$$

Prove that f is continuous, and show that $\frac{dg}{dx} = f$, where $\frac{dg}{dx}$ denotes the weak derivative.

Hint: given $\phi \in \mathcal{C}_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$, use the definition of g to obtain

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi'(x)g(x)dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{-\infty}^x \phi'(x)f(y)dydx.$$

Then write this integral as

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \int_{\mathbb{R}} [\phi(x+h) - \phi(x)] g(x)dx = - \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_x^{x+h} f(y)\phi(x)dydx.$$

2. Show that $W^{n,1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subseteq C(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Hint: $u(x) = \int_{-\infty}^0 \cdots \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x_1 \cdots \partial x_n} u(x+y) dy_1 \cdots dy_n.$

3. If $u \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R})$ and if $\frac{du}{dx} = f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$, then

$$u(x) = C + \int_{-\infty}^x f(y)dy, \quad \text{a.e. } x \in \mathbb{R},$$

for some constant C .

4. Let $\Omega := B(0, 1/2) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ denote the open ball of radius $1/2$. For $x = (x_1, x_2) \in \Omega$, let

$$u(x_1, x_2) = x_1 x_2 \log(|\log(|x|)|) \quad \text{where } |x| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}.$$

(a) Show that $u \in \mathcal{C}^1(\bar{\Omega})$.

(b) Show that $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_j^2} \in \mathcal{C}(\bar{\Omega})$ for $j = 1, 2$ but $u \notin \mathcal{C}^2(\bar{\Omega})$.

(c) Show that $u \in H^2(\Omega)$.

5. Prove that $\mathcal{C}_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is dense in $W^{k,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for integers $k \geq 0$ and $1 \leq p < \infty$.

6. Let η_ε denote the standard mollifier, and for $u \in H^3(\mathbb{R}^3)$, set $u^\varepsilon = \eta_\varepsilon * u$. Prove that

$$\|u^\varepsilon - u\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C\sqrt{\varepsilon}\|u\|_{H^2(\mathbb{R}^3)},$$

and that

$$\|u^\varepsilon - u\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C\varepsilon\|u\|_{H^3(\mathbb{R}^3)}.$$

7. Let $D := B(0, 1) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ denote the unit disc, and let

$$u(x) = [-\log |x|]^\alpha.$$

Prove that the *weak derivative* of u exists for all $\alpha \geq 0$.