

MATH 517 PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS  
HOMEWORK 3

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Due date: 17:00 on Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018.

**TeX-typed Homework is accepted only.** (No hand-written Homework accepted)

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1. Let  $\Omega$  be an open and bounded set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Assume that the boundary  $\partial\Omega$  of  $\Omega$  satisfies

$$\partial\Omega = \bigcup_{j=1}^n \Gamma_j,$$

where each  $\Gamma_j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$  is a  $C^1$  curve. Also, assume that if  $j \neq j'$ , then  $\Gamma_j$  and  $\Gamma_{j'}$  do not intersect except at their endpoints. Under these assumptions, prove the following statement:

*If  $u \in W^{k,p}(\Omega)$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , then there exists a sequence  $\{u^{(m)}\} \subset C^\infty(\overline{\Omega})$  so that*

$$u^{(m)} \rightarrow u \quad \text{in } W^{k,p}(\Omega) \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty.$$

2. Let  $\Omega$  be an open and bounded set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and assume that the boundary  $\partial\Omega$  of  $\Omega$  is  $C^1$ . Is  $W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$  a Banach space?
3. Let  $\Omega$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . (The set  $\Omega$  is not necessarily bounded.) For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ , define a space

$$C^{k,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega}) := \{u \in C^k(\overline{\Omega}) : \|u\|_{C^{k,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega})} < \infty\}.$$

- (a) Prove that  $C^{k,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega})$  is a vector space.
- (b) Is  $C^{k,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega})$  finite dimensional?
- (c) Prove that  $C^{k,\alpha}(\overline{\Omega})$  is a Banach space.
4. Let  $\Omega$  be an open and bounded set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and assume that the boundary  $\partial\Omega$  of  $\Omega$  is  $C^1$ . Assume that  $n < p < \infty$ . Prove that  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  is compactly embedded into  $C^{0,\tilde{\alpha}}(\overline{\Omega})$  for any  $\tilde{\alpha} \in [0, \alpha)$  for  $\alpha = 1 - \frac{n}{p}$ .
5. Suppose that  $\Omega$  is connected and  $u \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  satisfies

$$Du = 0 \quad \text{a.e. in } \Omega.$$

Prove that  $u$  is constant a.e. in  $\Omega$

6. Verify that if  $n > 1$ , the unbounded function

$$u = \log \log \left( 1 + \frac{1}{|x|} \right)$$

belongs to  $W^{1,n}(B_1(\mathbf{0}))$ .

7. Use the Fourier transform to prove that if  $u \in H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $s > \frac{n}{2}$ , then  $u \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , with the bound

$$\|u\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \|u\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

for a constant  $C > 0$  depending only on  $s$  and  $n$ .