About some notions of regularity for functions

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Pointwise spaces of generalized smoothness

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where, given r > 0, if $\overline{s}(\sigma) > 0$, we have

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If f belongs to the space $T^{\sigma}_{p,q}(x_0)$, then

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Conversely, if $2^{-jd/p}\sigma_j^{-1}$ tends to 0 as j tends to ∞ and $\underline{\sigma}_1 > 2^{-d/p}$, if f belongs to $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$ for some s > 0, then $(\sigma_j d_j^p(x_0))_j \in \ell^q$ implies $f \in T_{p,q,\log}^{\sigma}(x_0)$.



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Compatibility conditions

An admissible sequence σ and a family of admissible sequences $\gamma^{(\cdot)}$ are compatible for $p, q, r, s \in [1, \infty]$ with $s \leq q$ if

- $\underline{s}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) > 0$,
- $\underline{s}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) d/r > -d/p$,
- the function ζ defined on $(-d/p,\infty)$ by

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is non decreasing, continuous and such that

$$\{h>-d/p:\zeta(h)<-d/r\}\neq \emptyset.$$

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Equipped with this norm, $T^p_{\phi}(x_0)$ is a Banach space

$$\|f\|_{T^p_{\phi}(x_0)} := \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} + \sum_{|\alpha| < \underline{b}(\phi)} \frac{|D^{\alpha}P(x_0)|}{\alpha!} + \sup_{r > 0} \phi(r)^{-1} r^{-d/p} \|f - P\|_{L^p(B(x_0, r))}.$$

Elliptic partial differential equations

An *elliptic partial differential equation at* $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ *of order* $m \in \mathbb{N}$ is a partial differentiable equation of the form

$$\mathcal{E}f = \sum_{|\alpha| \le m} a_{\alpha} D^{\alpha} f = g$$

where for all $|\alpha| \le m$, a_{α} is an $s \times r$ matrix of functions, f and g are vector valued functions with $f_j \in W_m^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ for all $j \in \{1, ..., r\}$ and

$$\mu(x_0) := \inf_{|\xi|=1} \det \left[\left(\sum_{|\alpha|=m} a_{\alpha}^*(x_0) \xi^{\alpha} \right) \left(\sum_{|\alpha|=m} a_{\alpha}(x_0) \xi^{\alpha} \right) \right] > 0$$

is the ellipticity constant of \mathcal{E} at x_0 .



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where $\phi_s: (0, +\infty) \to (0, +\infty)$ $x \mapsto \phi(x)x^s$ and

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- if $\underline{b}(\varphi) = \overline{b}(\varphi)$, $k_p(\phi, \varphi) := \min\{k \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{1}{k}(\underline{b}(\varphi) + \frac{d}{p}) < \min\{1, \underline{b}(\phi)\}\},\$
- if $n < \underline{b}(\varphi) < \overline{b}(\varphi) < n + 1$,

$$k_p(\phi,\varphi) := k_p(\phi, \cdot \underline{b}(\varphi)) + \min\{k \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{\overline{b}(\varphi) - \underline{b}(\varphi)}{k} < \min\{1, \underline{b}(\phi)\}\}.$$





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For a compact set $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ we have $C^1(K) = C^1(\mathbb{R}|K)$ if and only if $\sigma(\xi) < \infty$ for all $\xi \in K$.



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