

*A First Course in Sobolev Spaces*, First edition  
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### CHAPTER 1:

- p. 5 In Exercise 1.5 one should assume that  $u$  is bounded from below, since otherwise the series could diverge to  $\infty$ . Alternatively, one should choose a point  $x_0 \in I^\circ$  at which  $u$  is continuous and then take

$$u_J(x) := \begin{cases} + \sum_{y \in I, x_0 \leq y < x} (u_+(y) - u_-(y)) + u(x) - u_-(x) & \text{if } x \geq x_0, \\ - \sum_{y \in I, x < y \leq x_0} (u_+(y) - u_-(y)) + u(x) - u_+(x), & \text{if } x \leq x_0. \end{cases} \quad (\boxplus)$$

- p. 32 In Exercise 1.44 **Consider the Banach space**

$$X := \{u : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : u \text{ is continuous, } u(0) = 0, \text{ and } u(1) = 1\},$$

where we take the supremum norm

$$\|u\|_\infty := \max_{x \in [0,1]} |u(x)|.$$

should be replaced by **Consider the complete metric space**

$$X := \{u : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : u \text{ is continuous, } u(0) = 0, \text{ and } u(1) = 1\},$$

where we take the metric induced by supremum norm

$$\|u\|_\infty := \max_{x \in [0,1]} |u(x)|.$$

[Rinat Kashaev]

### CHAPTER 3:

- p. 109 In Corollary 3.74 one should either assume that  $u$  is bounded from below or replace (3.33) with  $(\boxplus)$  (above in this file).

### CHAPTER 10:

- p. 305 In Exercise 10.51,  $p$  should be  $\infty$  . Also the fact that  $W^{1,\infty}(\Omega)$  is a dual space is not obvious. See the file “Lipschitz functions as a dual space”.  
 [M.G. Mora]

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<sup>1</sup>The style of this file is inspired by <http://www.hss.caltech.edu/~kcb/IDA-Errata.pdf>

## CHAPTER 11:

- p. 305 In line 8, by (1.15) (with  $u$  replaced by  $u_n$ ) should be replaced by reasoning somewhat as in (1.15). [M.G. Mora]
- p. 316 In Step 4

$$v_n(x) := \begin{cases} |u(x)| - \frac{1}{n} & \text{if } \frac{1}{n} \leq |u(x)| \leq n, \\ 0 & \text{if } |u(x)| < \frac{1}{n}, \\ n - \frac{1}{n} & \text{if } |u(x)| > \frac{1}{n}. \end{cases}$$

should be replaced by

$$v_n(x) := \begin{cases} |u(x)| - \frac{1}{n} & \text{if } \frac{1}{n} \leq |u(x)| \leq n, \\ 0 & \text{if } |u(x)| < \frac{1}{n}, \\ n - \frac{1}{n} & \text{if } |u(x)| > n. \end{cases}$$

[Robert Simione]

## CHAPTER 12:

- p. 353 In Exercises 12.6 and 12.7,  $d_{\text{reg}}$  be its regularized distance should be replaced by  $d_{\text{reg}}$  be the regularized distance corresponding to  $\mathbb{R}^N \setminus \bar{\Omega}$ .
- p. 354 In Line 2,  $td_{\text{reg}}(x)$  should be replaced by  $Ctd_{\text{reg}}(x)$ , where  $C$  is the constant given in Exercises 12.6. See also the file “Extension domains for higher order Sobolev spaces” for a complete proof.
- p. 356 In formula (12.7),  $\frac{1}{\varepsilon}$  should be replaced by  $\frac{M}{\varepsilon}$ .
- p. 359 In lines 2-6 and in Remark 12.16,  $\frac{1}{\varepsilon}$  should be replaced by  $\frac{M}{\varepsilon}$ .
- p. 370 In Remark 12.35,  $\frac{1}{4}$  should be replaced by  $\frac{1}{2}$ . [Marco Barchiesi]

## CHAPTER 13:

- p. 402 Thanks to Paolo Piovano for pointing out that the proof of Theorem 13.30 is too fast. It should be divided in two steps. Assuming first that  $u \in L^{1^*}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ , by mollification it follows that

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |u(x)|^{1^*} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{1^*}} \leq C |Du|(\mathbb{R}^N).$$

To remove the additional hypothesis that  $u \in L^{1^*}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ , one should truncate  $u$  as in Step 4 of the proof of Theorem 11.2. The problem here is the fact the mollification of a function vanishing at infinity needs not vanish at infinity. See also the file “An extension of the Sobolev–Gagliardo–Nirenberg theorem”.

CHAPTER 14:

p. 422 In Exercise 14.13 Prove that if  $g$  is decreasing, then there exists

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \|g\|_{s, \infty} = \lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} g(h).$$

What happens if we remove the hypothesis that  $g$  is decreasing? should be replaced by Prove that if  $g$  is increasing, then there exists

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \|g\|_{s, \infty} = \lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} g(h).$$

What happens if we remove the hypothesis that  $g$  is increasing? [Xiang Xu]

p. 422 In Exercise 14.13 Prove that if  $\frac{g(h)}{h}$  is increasing, then there exists

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 1^-} \|g\|_{s, \infty} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{g(h)}{h}.$$

What happens if we remove the hypothesis that  $\frac{g(h)}{h}$  is increasing? should be replaced by Prove that if  $\frac{g(h)}{h}$  is decreasing, then there exists

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 1^-} \|g\|_{s, \infty} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{g(h)}{h}.$$

What happens if we remove the hypothesis that  $\frac{g(h)}{h}$  is decreasing? [Xiang Xu]

More to come for sure... :(