

A First Course in Fractional Sobolev Spaces
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CHAPTER 1:

- p. 7 **Applying Theorem 1.76** should be replaced by **Applying Theorem 1.3** [Antonio Villagómez].

CHAPTER 4:

- p. 121 & 142 **Corollaries 4.19 and 4.46.** The hypothesis that k is integrable in those corollaries is not needed. Let $k : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be decreasing. Define $k_n := \chi_{[0, n]} \min\{k, n\}$. Then k_n is decreasing and integrable. Hence, by Corollary 4.19,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(u^\sigma(x) - v^\sigma(y)) k_n(|x-y|) dx dy \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(u(x) - v(y)) k_n(|x-y|) dx dy.$$

Since $k_n \leq k_{n+1}$, by the Lebesgue monotone convergence theorem,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(u^\sigma(x) - v^\sigma(y)) k(|x-y|) dx dy \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(u(x) - v(y)) k(|x-y|) dx dy. \tag{1}$$

[Tristan Bullion-Gauthier]

- p. 124 **An alternative proof of Theorem 4.20.** The following proof is due to Tristan Bullion-Gauthier "Espaces de Sobolev et de Besov: réarrangements, interpolation, extrapolation", master thesis. The inequality (4.24) follows from the (improved) Corollary 4.19 (see the bullet above), taking $k(t) = \frac{1}{t^{1+sp}}$.

To prove continuity, let $u_n \rightarrow u$ in $W^{s,p}(\mathbb{R})$. Given $\delta > 0$, write

$$\begin{aligned} |u_n^\sigma - u^\sigma|_{W^{s,p}(\mathbb{R})}^p &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{(y-\delta, y+\delta)} \frac{|(u_n^\sigma - u^\sigma)(x) - (u_n^\sigma - u^\sigma)(y)|^p}{|x-y|^{1+sp}} dx dy \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R} \setminus (y-\delta, y+\delta)} \frac{|(u_n^\sigma - u^\sigma)(x) - (u_n^\sigma - u^\sigma)(y)|^p}{|x-y|^{1+sp}} dx dy \\ &=: \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}. \end{aligned}$$

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

By Tonelli's theorem and Corollary 4.17, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B} &\preceq \int_{\mathbb{R}} |(u_n^\sigma - u^\sigma)(y)|^p \left(\int_{\mathbb{R} \setminus (y-\delta, y+\delta)} \frac{1}{|x-y|^{1+sp}} dx \right) dy \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}} |(u_n^\sigma - u^\sigma)(x)|^p \left(\int_{\mathbb{R} \setminus (x-\delta, x+\delta)} \frac{1}{|x-y|^{1+sp}} dy \right) dx \\ &\preceq \frac{1}{\delta^{sp}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |(u_n^\sigma - u^\sigma)(y)|^p dy \preceq \frac{1}{\delta^{sp}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |(u_n - u)(y)|^p dy \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

On the other hand, since $u \in W^{s,p}(\mathbb{R})$, given $\varepsilon > 0$ we can find $\delta > 0$ so small that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{(y-\delta, y+\delta)} \frac{|u(x) - u(y)|^p}{|x-y|^{1+sp}} dx dy \leq \varepsilon.$$

Since $|u_n - u|_{W^{s,p}(\mathbb{R})} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, using the inequality $||a| - |b|| \leq |a - b|$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{(y-\delta, y+\delta)} \frac{|u_n(x) - u_n(y)|^p}{|x-y|^{1+sp}} dx dy - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{(y-\delta, y+\delta)} \frac{|u(x) - u(y)|^p}{|x-y|^{1+sp}} dx dy \right| \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{(y-\delta, y+\delta)} \left| \frac{|u_n(x) - u_n(y)|^p}{|x-y|^{1+sp}} - \frac{|u(x) - u(y)|^p}{|x-y|^{1+sp}} \right| dx dy \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{(y-\delta, y+\delta)} \left| \frac{|(u_n - u)(x) - (u_n - u)(y)|^p}{|x-y|^{1+sp}} \right| dx dy \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hence,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{(y-\delta, y+\delta)} \frac{|u_n(x) - u_n(y)|^p}{|x-y|^{1+sp}} dx dy \leq 2\varepsilon$$

for all n sufficiently large. Using the (improved) Corollary 4.19 (see the bullet above) with $k(t) = \frac{\chi_{[0,\delta)}(t)}{t^{1+sp}}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} &\preceq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{(y-\delta, y+\delta)} \frac{|u_n^\sigma(x) - u_n^\sigma(y)|^p}{|x-y|^{1+sp}} dx dy + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{(y-\delta, y+\delta)} \frac{|u^\sigma(x) - u^\sigma(y)|^p}{|x-y|^{1+sp}} dx dy \\ &\preceq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{(y-\delta, y+\delta)} \frac{|u_n(x) - u_n(y)|^p}{|x-y|^{1+sp}} dx dy + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{(y-\delta, y+\delta)} \frac{|u(x) - u(y)|^p}{|x-y|^{1+sp}} dx dy \\ &\preceq \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

for all n sufficiently large. [Tristan Bullion-Gauthier]

CHAPTER 5:

p. 174 Right underneath equation (5.36), $u \in \dot{W}^{s_1, p_1}(\mathbb{R}^N) \cap \dot{W}^{s_2, p_2}(\mathbb{R}^N)$ should be replaced by $u \in \dot{W}^{s_1, p_1}(\mathbb{R}) \cap \dot{W}^{s_2, p_2}(\mathbb{R})$. [Joshua Siktar]

CHAPTER 6:

- p. 189 In line 9, $(u_n, v_n) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega) \times L^p(\Omega \times \Omega)$ should be replaced by $(u_n, v_n) \rightarrow (u, v)$ in $L^p(\Omega) \times L^p(\Omega \times \Omega)$. [Wesley Caldwell]
- p. 210 In the proof of Lemma 6.48 in the last equation block, y should be replaced by z . [Wesley Caldwell]
- p. 211 In the proof of Theorem 6.47, $f(x, y) = |u(x+h) - u(x)|^p$ should be replaced by $f(x, y) = \frac{|u(x+h) - u(x)|^p}{|x-y|^{N+sp}}$. [Wesley Caldwell]

CHAPTER 10:

- p. 390 & 402 **Corollaries 10.12 and 10.32.** In view of the bullet above on Corollaries 4.19 and 4.46, the hypothesis that k is integrable in those corollaries is not needed. [Tristan Bullion-Gauthier]
- p. 391 **An alternative proof of Theorem 10.13.** The same proof in the bullet above on **An alternative proof of Theorem 4.20** can be used to give an alternative proof of Theorem 10.13. In particular, the inequality (10.3) follows from the (improved) Corollary 10.12 (see the bullet above), taking $k(t) = \frac{1}{t^{N+sp}}$. [Tristan Bullion-Gauthier]

CHAPTER 13:

- p. 529 In the proof of Step 1 of Proof of Theorem 13.9, I used v_μ for two difference sequences. It is confusing. On line 23 and afterwards, $v_\mu := \mu u_\mu$ should be replaced by $w_\mu := \mu u_\mu$ [Indulekha Madathil Sasi]
- p. 531 In the second displayed formula after (13.16), $+f\eta v$ should be replaced by $-f\eta v$. [Indulekha Madathil Sasi]

More to come for sure... :(