

# $H^1$ or $L^\infty$ ?

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## Summary

- Prof. Martin found that  $L^2$  was not enough and  $L^2 \cap L^\infty$  might be too much for the orbitals.
- We are trying to explore what if we use  $H^1$  instead of  $L^2 \cap L^\infty$  for the orbitals.

## Definition of Sobolev Spaces $W^{k,p}(\Omega)$ and Sobolev Norm

- The Sobolev spaces  $W^{k,p}(\Omega)$  are defined over an arbitrary domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and are vector subspaces of various spaces  $L^p(\Omega)$  such that function  $f$  and its weak derivatives up to some order  $k$  have a finite  $L^p$  norm. The Sobolev norm  $\| \cdot \|_{k,p}$ , where  $k$  is a nonnegative integer and  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , is:

$$\|f\|_{k,p} = \left( \sum_{0 \leq |a| \leq k} \|D^a f\|_p^p \right)^{1/p}, \quad \text{if } 1 \leq p < \infty$$

$$\|f\|_{k,\infty} = \max_{0 \leq |a| \leq k} \|D^a f\|_\infty, \quad \text{if } p = \infty$$

## Definition of Sobolev Spaces $W^{k,p}(\Omega)$ and Sobolev Norm

- Sobolev spaces with  $p = 2$  are especially important because they form a Hilbert space. A special notation has arisen to cover this case:

$$H^k = W^{k,2}$$

In addition, the  $H^k$  inner product is defined in terms of the  $L^2$  inner product.

$$\langle u, v \rangle_{H^k} = \sum_{i=0}^k \langle D^i u, D^i v \rangle_{L^2}$$

Hence, the space  $H^k$  becomes a Hilbert space with this inner product.

- In this project, we consider functions in  $W^{1,2}$ , which is also known as  $H^1$ .

## Example

**Example:** Compute  $\|\varphi(r)\|_{H^1}$ , where  $(x, y, z) \in R^3$ ,

$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ , and  $\varphi(r) = \sqrt{\frac{Z^3}{\pi}} e^{-Zr}$ .

By definition, we have:

$$\|\varphi\|_{H^1}^2 = \|\varphi\|_2^2 + \|\nabla\varphi\|_2^2$$

We can compute,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\varphi\|_2 &= \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \varphi^2 dx dy dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left( 4\pi \int_0^{+\infty} \varphi^2(r) r^2 dr \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left( 4Z^3 \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-2Zr} r^2 dr \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

## Example

$$\begin{aligned}\|\nabla\varphi\|_2 &= \left( \int \int \int \nabla\varphi \cdot \nabla\varphi dV \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left( \int \int \int \left( \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial y} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial z} \right)^2 dx dy dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left( \int \int \int \frac{Z^5}{\pi} e^{-2Z\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}} dx dy dz \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left( \int_0^{+\infty} 4Z^5 e^{-2Zr} r^2 dr \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = Z\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\|\varphi\|_{H^1} = (1 + Z^2)^{1/2}$$

## Embedding Theorem

**Theorem 1 :**  $W^{k,p}(R^n) \subseteq W^{l,q}(R^n)$  if  $k > l$  and  $k - \frac{n}{p} \geq l - \frac{n}{q}$ .

**Lemma 1:**  $f, g \in H^1 \Rightarrow fg \in L^1 \cap L^2$

Proof.

By Theorem 1, let  $k = 1$ ,  $p = 2$ ,  $n = 3$ ,  $l = 0$  and  $q = 4$ , we have  $H^1 \subseteq L^4$ .

Since  $f, g \in H^1$ ,  $f, g \in L^4$ .

Hence,  $\|fg\|_2^4 \leq \|f^2\|_2^2 \cdot \|g^2\|_2^2 = \|f\|_4^4 \cdot \|g\|_4^4 < +\infty$ . So,  $f, g \in L^2$ .

On the other hand,  $\|fg\|_1 \leq \|f\|_2 \cdot \|g\|_2 < +\infty$ . Hence,  $fg \in L^1$ .

Therefore,  $fg \in L^1 \cap L^2$

## Sobolev Inequality

**Theorem 2:** Assume that  $f(x) \in C_0^\infty(R^n)$ , a infinitely differentiable function with compact support. Then for  $1 \leq p < n$  and  $q = \frac{np}{n-p}$ , there exists a constant  $C(n, p)$  such that

$$\|f\|_q \leq C(n, p) \|\nabla f\|_p,$$

where  $c(n, p) = \frac{p-1}{n-p} \left( \frac{n-p}{n(p-1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(n/p)\Gamma(n+1-n/p)\omega_{n-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$ .

## Sobolev Inequality

**Example:** Consider  $n = 3$  and  $p = 2$ , then  $q = 6$  and we have:

$$\|f\|_6 \leq C(3, 2) \|\nabla f\|_2$$

We computed and get:  $C(3, 2) = 0.616216$ .

Suppose  $f, g \in H^1$ , we can show that:

$$\begin{aligned} \|fg\|_2^4 &\leq \|f^2\|_2^2 \cdot \|g^2\|_2^2 \\ &= \|f\|_4^4 \cdot \|g\|_4^4 \\ &\leq \|f\|_2 \cdot \|f\|_6^3 \cdot \|g\|_2 \cdot \|g\|_6^3 \\ &\leq C(3, 2)^6 \cdot \|f\|_2 \cdot \|g\|_2 \cdot \|\nabla f\|_2^3 \cdot \|\nabla g\|_2^3 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3:**

$$\int \frac{|f(x)| \cdot |h(y)|}{|x - y|^\lambda} d^n x d^n y \leq C_{p,r,\lambda,n} \|f\|_p \cdot \|h\|_q,$$

where  $f \in L^p(R^n)$ ,  $h \in L^q(R^n)$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} + \frac{\lambda}{n} = 2$  with  $\lambda < n$ .  
 We concern the case that  $\lambda = 1$  and  $n=3$ . So, we have:

$$\int \frac{|f(x)| \cdot |h(y)|}{|x - y|} d^3 x d^3 y \leq C_{p,q} \|f\|_p \cdot \|h\|_q,$$

where  $f \in L^p(R^3)$ ,  $h \in L^q(R^3)$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{5}{3}$ .  
 For example, we can have  $p=1$  and  $q = \frac{3}{2}$ .

Application of  $L^\infty$  and  $H_1$  Spaces

Professor Martin did:

**Case 1.** Define  $W_p[f](r) = \int \frac{1}{||r-r'||} f(r') dr'$ .

$\int f_1 g_1 W_p[f g] dr$  may be unbounded, when  $f, g \in L^2$ .

Suppose  $f(r) = \sqrt{\frac{Z^3}{\pi}} e^{-Zr}$ , we have:

$$\int f^2 W_p[f^2] dr = \int \frac{Z^3}{\pi} e^{-2Zr} \left( \int \frac{1}{||r-r'||} \cdot \frac{Z^3}{\pi} e^{-2Zr'} dr' \right) dr = \frac{5}{8} Z$$

Professor Martin did:

**Case 2.** We assume that both  $f$  and  $g$  are in  $L^2 \cap L^\infty$ . Using Hölder's inequality with  $(L^2, L^2)$  we have

$$\|fg\|_1 \leq \|f\|_2 \|g\|_2$$

and also

$$\|fg\|_2 \leq \|f\|_\infty \|g\|_2$$

Thus  $fg \in L^1 \cap L^2$ .

$W_p[\cdot]$  is unbounded  $L^1 \cap L^2 \rightarrow L^2$ , but bounded  $L^1 \cap L^2 \rightarrow L^\infty$

## Application of $L^\infty$ and $H_1$ Spaces

We did:

**Case 3.** We assume that both  $f$  and  $g$  are in  $H^1$ . According to Lemma 1, if  $f, g \in H^1$ , then  $fg \in L^1 \cap L^2$ . Hence,  $W_p[fg]$  is bounded in  $L^\infty$ .

Hence, when  $f_1, g_1, f, g \in H^1$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \int f_1 g_1 W_p[fg] dr &\leq \|f_1\|_2 \cdot \|g_1 \cdot W_p[fg]\|_2 \\ &\leq \|f_1\|_2 \cdot \|g_1\|_2 \cdot \|W_p[fg]\|_\infty \\ &< +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

We did:

**Case 4.** Since  $f, g \in H^1 \Rightarrow fg \in L^{3/2}$ , we consider if we can use  $fg \in L^{3/2}$  instead of  $fg \in L^1 \cap L^2$ .

**Prove:**  $f, g \in H^1 \Rightarrow fg \in L^{3/2}$

**Proof :**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|fg\|_{3/2} &\leq \|\nabla(fg)\|_1 \\
 &= \|\nabla f \cdot g + \nabla g \cdot f\|_1 \\
 &\leq \|\nabla f \cdot g\|_1 + \|\nabla g \cdot f\|_1 \\
 &\leq \|\nabla f\|_2 \cdot \|g\|_2 + \|\nabla g\|_2 \cdot \|f\|_2
 \end{aligned}$$

However, when  $fg \in L^{3/2}$ , we have:

$$\int f_1 g_1 W_p[fg] dr = +\infty$$

Hence, we give up this attempt.

We derived:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \infty > C &\geq \sup_{f,g} \frac{\int \int \frac{f(x)g(x)}{\|x-y\|} dx dy}{\|f\|_1 \|g\|_{3/2}} && (Theorem\ 3) \\
 &= \sup_{f,g} \int \frac{f(x)}{\|f\|_1} \int \frac{\frac{g(y)}{\|x-y\|}}{\|g\|_{3/2}} dy dx && (Fubini) \\
 &= \sup_g \left\| \frac{\int \frac{g(y)}{\|x-y\|} dy}{\|g\|_{3/2}} \right\|_\infty && (L^1 \text{ and } L^\infty \text{ are dual spaces}) \\
 &= \sup_g \left\| \int \frac{g(y)}{\|g\|_{3/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\|x-y\|} dy \right\|_\infty
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sup_g \left\| \int \frac{g(z-x)}{\|g\|_{3/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\|z\|} dz \right\|_\infty \\ &= \sup_g \int \frac{g(z)}{\|g\|_{3/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\|z\|} dz \\ &= \left\| \frac{1}{\|z\|} \right\|_3 = \infty \quad (L^{3/2} \text{ and } L^3 \text{ are dual spaces}) \end{aligned}$$

Can you find the mistake?