

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda \leq n$ ,  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$f \in L_{loc}^{p,\lambda}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^d)$  iff for  $\Omega' \Subset \Omega'' \Subset \Omega$

$$\sup_{\substack{x \in \Omega' \\ 0 < r < \text{dist}(\Omega', \partial\Omega'')}} \left\{ r^{-\lambda} \int_{B(x,r)} |f|^p \right\} < \infty$$

Note  $L_{loc}^p = L_{loc}^{p,0} \subsetneq L_{loc}^{p,\lambda} \subsetneq L_{loc}^{p,n} = L_{loc}^\infty$   
 $0 < \lambda < n$

**TH 24** Assume  $A \in C^0(\bar{\Omega}, \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^{N \times N}))$

and  $A(x) \in \mathcal{B}(h,L)$  for all  $x$ . If  $u \in W_{loc}^{1,2}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^N)$  satisfies

$$\int_{\Omega} A(x) [Du, D\varphi] = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in C_c^1(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^N),$$

then  $Du \in L_{loc}^{2,\lambda}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^{N \times N})$  for all  $\lambda < n$ .

Furthermore, if  $B_R \Subset \Omega$  then

$$r^{-\lambda} \int_{B_r} |Du|^2 \leq C R^{-\lambda} \int_{B_R} |Du|^2 \quad \text{for } 0 < r < R.$$

NOTE: Inhomogeneous version valid too.

**Pf:** Suppose  $B_R = B(x_0, R)$ .

Let  $h \in W_u^{1,2}(B_R, \mathbb{R}^N)$  be  $A(x_0)$ -harmonic.

Then by the generalized Weyl's Lemma

$$(i) \quad \sup_{B_{R/2}} |Dh|^2 \leq C \int_{B_R} |Dh|^2 \leq \tilde{C} \int_{B_R} |Du|^2,$$

$$(ii) \quad \sup_{B_{R/2}} |D^2h|^2 \leq \frac{C}{R^2} \int_{B_R} |Dh|^2 \leq \frac{\tilde{C}}{R^2} \int_{B_R} |Du|^2,$$

where  $C = C(n, N, \frac{L}{\lambda})$ .

For  $0 < r < R/2$  we get from (ii):

$$(iii) \quad \int_{B_r} |Dh - (Dh)_{B_r}|^2 \leq \sup_{B_{R/2}} |D^2h|^2 \cdot r^2 \leq C \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \int_{B_R} |Du|^2.$$

Use  $\varphi = u - h \in W_0^{1,2}(B_R, \mathbb{R}^N)$ :

$$0 = \int_{B_R} A(x) [Du, D(u-h)]$$

$$= \int_{B_R} A(x_0) [Du - Dh, Du - Dh] + \int_{B_R} (A(x) - A(x_0)) [Du, Du - Dh].$$

$A$  uniformly cont. so  $\exists$  modulus of cont.

$\omega = \omega(t)$  (nonnegative, nondecreasing,  $\omega(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ )

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s.t.  $|A(x) - A(x_0)| \leq \omega(|x - x_0|) \leq \omega(R),$

hence

$$l \int_{B_R} |Du - Dh|^2 \leq \omega(R) \int_{B_R} |Du| |Du - Dh|,$$

and so

$$(iv) \quad \int_{B_R} |Du - Dh|^2 \leq \frac{\omega(R)^2}{l^2} \int_{B_R} |Du|^2.$$

Now if  $0 < r < R/2$  we get

$$\int_{B_r} |Du|^2 \leq 2 \int_{B_r} |Du - Dh|^2 + 2 \int_{B_r} |Dh|^2$$

$$\stackrel{(iv), (i)}{\leq} 2 \frac{\omega(R)^2}{l^2} \int_{B_r} |Du|^2 + 2C \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^n \int_{B_r} |Du|^2$$

$$(v) \quad = C \left( \omega(R)^2 + \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^n \right) \int_{B_r} |Du|^2.$$

If  $R/2 \leq r < R$  then  $\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^n \geq 2^{-n}$  so (v) also holds in this case provided  $C \geq 2^n$ .

We conclude by use of the following...  $\square$

## 25. Iteration Lemma

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Let  $\Phi: (0, R_0] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be nondecreasing and assume

$$\Phi(r) \leq A \left[ \varepsilon + \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^\alpha \right] \Phi(R) + BR^\beta$$

for all  $0 < r < R \leq R_0$ , where  $A, B, \alpha, \beta \geq 0$  are constants and  $\alpha > \beta$ .

There exists  $\varepsilon_0 = \varepsilon_0(A, \alpha, \beta) > 0$  s.t. if  $\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$ , then

$$\Phi(r) \leq C \left[ \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^\beta \Phi(R) + Br^\beta \right]$$

for all  $0 < r < R \leq R_0$ , where  $C = C(\alpha, \beta, A)$  is a constant.

**Pf:** Let  $0 < \tau < 1$ ,  $0 < R \leq R_0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\tau R) &\leq A(\varepsilon + \tau^\alpha) \Phi(R) + B(\tau R)^\beta \\ &= A\tau^\alpha (\varepsilon \tau^{-\alpha} + 1) \Phi(R) + B\tau^\beta R^\beta. \end{aligned}$$

Take  $\tau$  s.t.  $2A\tau^\alpha = \tau^\gamma$ ,

where  $\gamma \in (\beta, \alpha)$ . Put  $\varepsilon_0 := \frac{1}{2} \tau^\alpha < \tau^\alpha$ .

Then  $\Phi(\tau R) \leq \tau^\gamma \Phi(R) + B\tau^\beta R^\beta$  and so

by iteration  $\Phi(\tau^k R) \leq \tau^\gamma \Phi(\tau^k R) + B \tau^{k\beta} R^\beta$  5/14

$$\leq \tau^{(k+1)\gamma} \Phi(R) + B \tau^{k\beta} R^\beta \sum_{j=0}^k \tau^{j(\gamma-\beta)}$$

$$\leq \tau^{(k+1)\gamma} \Phi(R) + B \frac{\tau^{k\beta} R^\beta}{1 - \tau^{\gamma-\beta}}$$

$$\leq C \tau^{(k+1)\beta} (\Phi(R) + B R^\beta),$$

where  $C := \frac{\tau^{-\beta}}{1 - \tau^{\gamma-\beta}} = \frac{1}{\tau^\beta - \tau^\gamma}$ .

Given  $r \in (0, R)$  choose  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$\tau^{k+1} R < r \leq \tau^k R$  to get the conclusion.  $\square$

26. Campanato's integral characterization of Hölder continuity.

We start by defining the precise representative for  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^d)$ .

Let us say that  $x \in \Omega$  is a good point for  $f$  iff

$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0+} f_{x,r}$  exists in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

Notation  $f_{x,r} = f_{B(x,r)} := \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}^n(B(x,r))} \int_{B(x,r)} f(y) dy.$

Because  $f_{x,r} = g_{x,r}$  whenever  $f = g$  a.e. 6/14  
 it follows that the notion of good point only depends on the equivalence class and not on the particular representative used to calculate the integral average. It follows from Lebesgue's differentiation theorem that  $\mathcal{L}^n$ -almost all points  $x \in \Omega$  are good points for  $f$ .

The precise representative for  $f$  is the map  $\tilde{f} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  which is defined at all points by the formula

$$\tilde{f}(x) := \begin{cases} \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} f_{x,r} & \text{when } x \text{ is good for } f \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We usually omit the tilde and write  $f$  also for the precise representative of  $f$ .

TH (Campanato 1963, Meyers 1964.)

Let  $f \in L^p(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ .

Assume

$$\int_{B(x,r)} |f - f_{x,r}|^p \leq m^p r^{\alpha p}$$

for all  $B(x,r) \subset \Omega$ .

Then the precise representative  $f \in C_{loc}^{0,\alpha}$  and moreover

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq c|x - y|^\alpha$$

for  $x, y \in B(x_0, \frac{r}{4})$  whenever  $B(x_0, r) \subset \Omega$ .

Here  $c = c(n, \alpha, p)$ .

**PF:** Let  $x \in \Omega$  be good for  $f$ . If  $B(x, \frac{R}{2}) \subset B(x_0, R)$  and  $B(x_0, 2R) \subset \Omega$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |f_{x, \frac{R}{2}} - f_{x_0, R}| &\leq \int_{B(x, \frac{R}{2})} |f - f_{x_0, R}| \\ &\leq \left( \int_{B(x, \frac{R}{2})} |f - f_{x_0, R}|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq 2^{\frac{n}{p}} \left( \int_{B(x_0, R)} |f - f_{x_0, R}|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq 2^{\frac{n}{p}} m R^\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Iteration yields:

$$\begin{aligned} |f_{x, 2^{-j}r} - f_{x, r}| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^j |f_{x, 2^i r} - f_{x, 2^{i+1} r}| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^j 2^{\frac{n}{p}} m (2^{-i+1} r)^\alpha \\ &\leq 2^{\frac{n}{p}} \frac{m r^\alpha}{1 - 2^{-\alpha}}, \end{aligned}$$

and thus:  $|f_{x, 2^{-j}r} - f_{x, r}| \leq c_1 m r^\alpha \quad \forall j$  8/14

where  $c_1 := \frac{2^{\frac{n}{p}}}{1 - 2^{-\alpha}}$ . Let  $j \rightarrow \infty$ , we

get:  $|f(x) - f_{x, r}| \leq c_1 m r^\alpha$

when  $B(x, r) \subset \Omega$  and  $f$  is the precise representative.

Hence if  $B(x, \frac{r}{2}) \subset B(x_0, r)$  and  $B(x_0, 2r) \subset \Omega$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f_{x_0, r}| &\leq |f(x) - f_{x, \frac{r}{2}}| + |f_{x, \frac{r}{2}} - f_{x_0, r}| \\ &\leq c_1 m \left(\frac{r}{2}\right)^\alpha + 2^{\frac{n}{p}} m r^\alpha =: c_2 m r^\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $B(x, R) \subset \Omega$ . If  $x_1, x_2 \in B(x, \frac{R}{4})$  are good, put  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{2}(x_1 + x_2)$  and  $r = |x_1 - x_2|$ . Then  $B(x_i, \frac{r}{2}) \subset B(\bar{x}, r) \subset B(x, R)$  and so by the above we infer

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x_1) - f(x_2)| &\leq |f(x_1) - f_{\bar{x}, r}| + |f_{\bar{x}, r} - f(x_2)| \\ &\leq 2c_2 m r^\alpha, \end{aligned}$$

that is, (with  $c := 2c_2$ ):

$$\textcircled{*} \quad |f(x_1) - f(x_2)| \leq c m |x_1 - x_2|^\alpha$$

when  $x_1, x_2 \in B(x, \frac{R}{4})$  are good.

We conclude by showing that all points

in  $B(x, \frac{R}{4})$  are good: fix any  $y \in B(x, \frac{R}{4})$  and for  $B(y, r) \subset B(y, s) \subset B(x, \frac{R}{4})$  select a good  $\bar{x} \in B(y, \frac{r}{4})$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |f_{y,s} - f_{y,r}| &\leq |f_{y,s} - f(\bar{x})| + |f(\bar{x}) - f_{y,r}| \\ &\leq cm s^\alpha + cm r^\alpha, \end{aligned}$$

that is,  $(f_{y,r})_{r>0}$  is Cauchy in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .  $\square$

### 27. Morrey's embedding theorem

Let  $1 \leq p \leq n$ ,  $0 < \lambda < n$ .

Then  $L_{loc}^{p,\lambda} \iff C_{loc}^{0,\alpha}$

provided  $\alpha := \frac{p+\lambda-n}{p} > 0$ .

Moreover, if  $r^{-\lambda} \int_{B(x,r)} |Du|^p \leq m$  for

all  $B(x,r) \subset \Omega$ , then

$$\int_{B(x,r)} |u - u_{x,r}|^p \leq cm \cdot r^{p+\lambda-n}$$

for all  $B(x,r) \subset \Omega$ .

**PF:** By Poincaré's inequality

$$\int_{B(x,r)} |u - u_{x,r}|^p \leq cr^p \int_{B(x,r)} |Du|^p$$

and hence the theorem follows from Campanato's result.  $\square$

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We now turn to the proof of TH 22.

In fact we'll state it's inhomogeneous version first:

**TH 22'** Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 < l \leq L < \infty$ ,

$A \in C_{loc}^{k-1, \alpha}(\Omega, \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^{N \times n}))$  with  $A(x) \in B(l, L)$  for all  $x$  and  $V \in C_{loc}^{k-1, \alpha}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^{N \times n})$ .

If  $u \in W_{loc}^{1,2}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^N)$  and

$$\int_{\Omega} (A(x) [Du, D\varphi] + V \cdot D\varphi) dx = 0 \quad \forall \varphi \in C_c^1(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^N),$$

then  $u \in C_{loc}^{k, \alpha}(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^N)$ .

**Pf:** We give details only for the homogeneous case and  $k=1$ .

Fix  $B_R = B(x_0, R) \Subset \Omega$ .

Let  $h \in W_u^{1,2}(B_R, \mathbb{R}^N)$  be  $A(x_0)$ -harmonic.

By the generalized Weyl's Lemma,  $h \in C^\infty$  and

$$\sup_{B_{R/2}} |Dh|^2 \leq \tilde{c} \int_{B_R} |Dh|^2 \leq c \int_{B_R} |Du|^2, \quad \square \text{ 11/14}$$

$$\sup_{B_{R/2}} |D^2h|^2 \leq \frac{\tilde{c}}{R^2} \int_{B_R} |Dh - (Dh)_{B_R}|^2 \leq \frac{c}{R^2} \int_{B_R} |Du - (Du)_{B_R}|^2.$$

Hence for  $0 < r < \frac{R}{2}$ ,

$$\int_{B_r} |Dh - (Dh)_{B_r}|^2 \leq \sup_{B_{R/2}} |D^2h|^2 \cdot r^2 \leq c \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \int_{B_R} |Du - (Du)_{B_R}|^2,$$

or

$$(i) \quad \int_{B_r} |Dh - (Dh)_{B_r}|^2 \leq c \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{n+2} \int_{B_R} |Du - (Du)_{B_R}|^2.$$

How well does  $h$  approximate  $u$  in  $B_R$ ?

Test PDE by  $\varphi = u - h \in W_0^{1,2}(B_R, \mathbb{R}^N)$ :

$$0 = \int_{B_R} A(x) [Du, D(u-h)]$$

$$= \int_{B_R} A(x_0) [Du - Dh, Du - Dh]$$

$$+ \int_{B_R} (A(x) - A(x_0)) [Du, Du - Dh]$$

$$\geq \lambda \int_{B_R} |Du - Dh|^2 - [A]_{0,\alpha; B_R} R^\alpha \int_{B_R} |Du| |Du - Dh|$$

hence

$$\int_{B_R} |Du - Dh|^2 \leq \left( \frac{[A]_{0,\alpha;B_R}}{l} \right)^2 R^{2\alpha} \int_{B_R} |Du|^2.$$

Recall from TH 24 that  $Du \in L^{2,\lambda}_{loc}$  for all  $\lambda < n$ . Therefore

$$(ii) \int_{B_R} |Du - Dh|^2 \leq C \cdot R^{2\alpha + \lambda},$$

$$C := \left( \frac{[A]_{0,\alpha;B_R}}{l} \right)^2 R^{-\lambda} \int_{B_R} |Du|^2.$$

Now for  $0 < r < \frac{R}{2}$  we get from (i), (ii):

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{B_r} |Du - (Du)_{B_r}|^2 &\leq \int_{B_r} |Du - (Dh)_{B_r}|^2 \leq \\ &2 \int_{B_r} |Du - Dh|^2 + 2 \int_{B_r} |Dh - (Dh)_{B_r}|^2 \leq \\ &2C R^{2\alpha + \lambda} + 2C \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^{n+2} \int_{B_R} |Du - (Du)_{B_R}|^2, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$(iii) \Phi(r) \leq A \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^{n+2} \Phi(R) + B \cdot R^{\lambda + 2\alpha}$$

for  $0 < r < \frac{R}{2}$  and  $A := 2C, B := 2C$ .

If  $\frac{R}{2} \leq r < R$  then  $\left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^{n+2} \geq 2^{-n-2}$  so (iii)

also holds in this range provided 13/14  
 we take  $A \geq 2^{n+2}$ . Now use the Iteration Lemma\*) to conclude that

$$(iv) \quad \Phi(r) \leq C \left( \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{2\alpha+\lambda} \Phi(R) + B r^{2\alpha+\lambda} \right)$$

and hence  $Du \in C_{loc}^{0, \alpha'}$  for each  $\alpha' < \alpha$   
 by Campanato.

[\*]  $\Phi$  is nondecreasing:

$$\text{for any } g \in L^2, \quad \int_A |g - g_A|^2 \leq \int_A |g - \xi|^2 + \xi^2$$

so when  $0 < r < s$ ,

$$\Phi(r) \leq \int_{B_r} |Du - (Du)_{B_s}|^2 \leq \Phi(s).$$

In particular,  $Du \in L_{loc}^{\infty}$  so that we can  
 actually take  $\lambda = n$  in (ii) and hence  
 get (iv) with  $\lambda = n$ . Campanato then  
 gives the conclusion  $Du \in C_{loc}^{0, \alpha}$ .

- The inhomogeneous case is exactly as above but with additional bookkeeping
- In the case  $k > 1$  we take a multi-index  $\beta$  of length  $k-1$  and proceed as

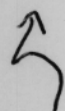
follows: for  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty$ , also  $D^\beta \varphi \in C_c^\infty$  14/14

so

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_{\Omega} \left( A(x) [Du, D^\beta \varphi] + V \cdot D^\beta \varphi \right) \\ &= (-1)^{k-1} \int_{\Omega} \left( D^\beta (A(x) Du) \cdot \varphi + D^\beta V \cdot \varphi \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \int_{\Omega} \left( A(x) [D(D^\beta u), \varphi] \right.$$

$$\left. + (W + D^\beta V) \cdot \varphi \right)$$



lower order terms in  $u$

Now apply  $k=1$  version and interpolation Inequalities (a la Auxiliary Lemma 1)  $\square$