

**Exercise 1** (Young's Inequality). Let  $1 \leq p, q, r \leq \infty$  be such that  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 + \frac{1}{r}$ . Prove that for all  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $g \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , for  $\mathcal{L}^d$  almost every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , the integral

$$f * g(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x-y)g(y)dy$$

converges, and that we have

$$\|f * g\|_{L^r(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \|g\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

**Hint:** First treat the case  $p = q = 1$ , then  $p = 1$  and  $1 < q \leq \infty$ . In general, write  $|f(x-y)||g(y)| = (|f(x-y)|^\alpha |g(y)|^\beta) (|f(x-y)|^{1-\alpha} |g(y)|^{1-\beta})$  for well-chosen  $0 < \alpha, \beta < 1$  and apply Hölder's inequality.

**Exercise 2** (A Direct Proof of the Poincaré Inequality). Let  $B = B(x_0, r) \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be an open ball and let  $u \in C^1(B)$  be a function of zero average on  $B$ , i.e., that satisfies

$$\int_B u(x)dx = 0.$$

1. Show that

$$\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B u^2(x)dx = \frac{1}{2|B|^2} \int_{B \times B} (u(x) - u(y))^2 dx dy.$$

2. Deduce that

$$\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B u^2 dx \leq \frac{(2r)^2}{2|B|^2} \int_{B \times B} \left( \int_0^1 |\nabla u(tx + (1-t)y)|^2 dt \right) dx dy.$$

Show that for all  $z \in B$ , we have

$$\int_B \mathbf{1}_{tB+(1-t)y}(z) dy \leq \min \left\{ 1, \frac{t^d}{(1-t)^d} \right\} |B|.$$

3. Deduce that there exists a constant  $C < \infty$  (independent of  $u$ ,  $x_0$ , and  $r$ ) such that

$$\left( \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B u^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C r \left( \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |\nabla u|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

4. Conclude that for all  $u \in W^{1,2}(B)$ , we have

$$\left( \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |u - \bar{u}_B|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C r \left( \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |\nabla u|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where  $\bar{u}_B$  is the average of  $u$  on  $B$ .

**Exercise 3.** Show that for all  $0 < s < 1$ , we have

$$H^s(\mathbb{R}^d) = L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap \left\{ u : \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|u(x) - u(y)|^2}{|x-y|^{d+2s}} dx dy < \infty \right\}.$$

**Exercise 4.** Let  $d \geq 2$  and  $s > \frac{d}{2}$ .

1. Show that there exists  $C_1 < \infty$  such that for all  $1 \leq j, k \leq d$  and for all  $u \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , we have

$$\left\| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j \partial x_k} u \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C_1 \|\Delta u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}.$$

2. Show that there exists  $C_2 < \infty$  such that for all  $u \in H^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ , we have

$$\|u\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C_2 \left( \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)} + \|\Delta u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)} \right).$$

By a scaling argument, deduce the following inequality (for some  $C_3 < \infty$  independent of  $u$ )

$$\|u\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)} \leq C_3 \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|\Delta u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$