

## Poincaré inequalities

In the case of second derivative, the following Poincaré-type inequality holds (you don't need to prove it):

**Theorem.** Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be Lipschitz,  $p \in [1, \infty)$  and let  $\Gamma \subset \partial\Omega$  be a set with positive  $(n - 1)$ -dimensional measure such that  $\Gamma$  **is not contained in a hyperplane**<sup>1</sup>. Then there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\forall u \in W^{2,p}(\Omega) : \|u\|_{W^{2,p}(\Omega)} \leq C \left( \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^p(\Omega)}^p + \int_{\Gamma} |u|^p \, dS \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

1. Show by counterexample that the assumption **in bold** cannot be dropped in the above theorem.
2. Consider the functions  $u_\delta$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1$  defined on the unit ball  $B = B(0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  for  $n \geq 2$  by

$$u_\delta(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x|}{\delta}, & \text{if } |x| < \delta \\ 1, & \text{if } \delta \leq |x| < 1. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Verify that  $u_\delta \in W^{1,1}(B)$  and show that  $u \rightarrow 1$  in  $W^{1,1}(B)$ .

Using this, show that “being zero at one point is not enough for Poincaré inequality to hold”: that is, there is no  $C > 0$  such that for every  $u \in W^{1,1}(B)$  with  $u(0) = 0$ , where  $0$  is a Lebesgue point<sup>2</sup> of  $u$  it holds

$$\|u\|_{L^1(B)} \leq C \|\nabla u\|_{L^1(B)}. \quad (2)$$

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<sup>1</sup>A *hyperplane* is an  $(n - 1)$ -dimensional affine subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

<sup>2</sup>As  $u$  is defined only almost everywhere, this is one way to make sense of “ $u(0) = 0$ ”.