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Traces and trace spaces:

- Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be  $\forall$  and Lip,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .  
 Then there exists a linear, continuous operator

$$(g)_0 \begin{cases} \gamma_0 \in L(W_p^1(\Omega), L_p(\Gamma)): & \Gamma = \partial\Omega \\ \gamma_0 u(x) = u(x) \quad \forall x \in \Gamma = \partial\Omega \quad \forall u \in C^1(\bar{\Omega}), \\ \|\gamma_0 u\|_{L_p(\Gamma)} \leq c \|u\|_{W_p^1(\Omega)} \quad \forall u \in \overline{C^1(\Omega)}^{W_p^1(\Omega)} \end{cases}$$

The function  $g = \gamma_0 u$  is called generalized trace function of  $u$  on  $\Gamma$ .

$\gamma_0$  is called trace operator. The trace operator  $\gamma_0$  as operator from  $W_p^1(\Omega)$  to  $L_p(\Gamma)$  is **not** surjective, i.e. not every function  $g \in L_p(\Gamma)$  is a trace of some function  $u \in W_p^1(\Omega)$ !

- Trace space for the space  $H^1(\Omega)$ :

$$H^{1/2}(\Gamma) := \gamma_0 H^1(\Omega) \subset L_2(\Gamma),$$

$$(g)_{1/2} \quad \|g\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)} := \inf_{\substack{u \in H^1(\Omega): \\ \gamma_0 u = g}} \|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)}$$

- Trace theorem:

$$(g)_t \quad \exists c_t = \text{const} > 0: \|\gamma_0 u\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)} \leq c_t \|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \quad \forall u \in H^1(\Omega)$$

- Inverse trace theorem: (extension theorem)

$$(g)_e \quad \exists c_e = \text{const} > 0: \forall g \in H^{1/2}(\Gamma) \exists u \in H^1(\Omega):$$

$$\gamma_0 u = g \text{ and}$$

$$\|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq c_e \|g\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)}$$

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