

2.1.3. Helmholtz Decomposition: $u = \nabla \varphi + \operatorname{curl} z$

■ Lemma 2.9: $H(\operatorname{div}) = H(\operatorname{div}, \Omega)$, ...

Assume that $q \in H(\operatorname{div})$: $\operatorname{div} q = 0$ and $\operatorname{tr}_n q = 0$.

Then there exists a vector function z (↓) such that

$$q = \operatorname{curl} z,$$

where z can be chosen such that

(i) $z \in [H^1(\Omega)]^3$: $\operatorname{div} z = 0 \wedge \|z\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq \|q\|_{L_2(\Omega)}$,

OR (ii) $z \in [H_0^1(\Omega)]^3$: $\|z\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq C \|q\|_{L_2(\Omega)}$.

OR (iii) $z \in H_0(\operatorname{curl})$: $\operatorname{div} z = 0 \wedge \|z\|_{H(\operatorname{curl})} \leq \|q\|_{L_2(\Omega)}$

Proof: via Fourier transformation!

■ Lemma 2.10:

Assume that $q \in H(\operatorname{div})$: $\operatorname{div} q = 0$.

Then there exists a vector function z (↓) such that

$$q = \operatorname{curl} z,$$

where z can be chosen in such a way that

(i) $z \in [H^1(\Omega)]^3$: $\operatorname{div} z = 0 \wedge \|z\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq \|q\|_{L_2(\Omega)}$

OR (ii) $z \in H(\operatorname{curl})$: $\operatorname{div} z = 0 \wedge \operatorname{tr}_n z = 0 \wedge \|z\|_{H(\operatorname{curl})} \leq \|q\|_{L_2(\Omega)}$