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ANDREI ANDREEVICH SHKALIKOV

(to the 70th birthday)



Andrei Andreevich Shkalikov, corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, an outstanding mathematician with a wide range of interests, a remarkable person, professor of the Faculty of Mechanics and Mathematics of the M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University was born on November 19, 1949.

Andrei Andreevich is a leading specialist in the theory of operators and their applications, especially to problems of mechanics and mathematical physics. He is well known for his work in the theory of functions and in the theory of spaces with indefinite metrics. He is also a specialist in the theory of entire and meromorphic functions and its applications to operator theory.

Andrei Andreevich is known for solving a number of difficult problems that for many years remained unsolved. His work on the basic properties of systems of root functions of differential operators is well known worldwide. He gave a justification for Mandelstam's hypothesis about the existence of solutions satisfying the radiation principle. He solved, in general form, the Rayleigh problem on the reflection of waves from a periodic surface, obtained a solution to the Sobolev problem on the stability of the motion of a top with a cavity filled with liquid. His contribution to the construction of an abstract theory of the Orr-Sommerfeld problem is invaluable. He obtained a description of the limiting spectral portraits for a large class of functions describing the profiles of fluid flows. He is one of the founders of the modern theory of differential operators, coefficients of which are distributions, and inverse problems for such operators.

Andrei Andreevich has been a plenary speaker at many international conferences. He conducts fruitful scientific work and collaborates with many international mathematical research centers.

Andrei Andreevich is an author of more than 130 scientific publications. Among his pupils there are more than 20 Candidates of Sciences and 6 Doctors of Sciences. The results obtained by A.A. Shkalikov, his pupils, collaborators and followers gained worldwide recognition.

Professor Shkalikov is also an outstanding organizer. Under his supervision, many international conferences were held. In particular, conferences dedicated to the memory of I.G. Petrovsky, I.M. Gelfand, S.M. Nikol'skii, B.M. Levitan, anniversary conferences of V.A. Sadovnichy, and others.

Andrei Andreevich is a deputy editor-in-chief of the journals *Mathematical Notes*, *Moscow University Mathematics Bulletin*, *Moscow University Mechanics Bulletin*, and a member of the editorial boards of the *Russian Mathematical Surveys*, *Proceedings of the Moscow Mathematical Society* and other journals, including the *Eurasian Mathematical Journal*.

The Editorial Board of the *Eurasian Mathematical Journal* cordially congratulates Andrei Andreevich on the occasion of his 70th birthday and wishes him good health, and new achievements in mathematics and mathematical education.

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With great pleasure we inform our readers and authors that the Eurasian Mathematical Journal was included in the most popular scientific ranking database SJR in quartile Q2, currently the only mathematical journal in the Republic of Kazakhstan and Central Asia. The SJR data for the Eurasian Mathematical Journal (2018) is as follows:

550. Eurasian Mathematical Journal (Kazakhstan), Q2, SJR=0.624.
(550 is the number in the list of all Q1 - Q4 journals.)

The SJR indicator is calculated by using the data of the Scopus Database of the Elsevier, the modern publishing business founded in 1880. It uses a sophisticated formula, taking into account various characteristics of journals and journals publications. This formula and related comments can be viewed on the web-page

[http : //www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php](http://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php).

Some other SJR Q2 mathematical journals:

- 490. Studia Mathematica (Poland), SJR=0.706,
- 492. Comptes Rendus Mathematique (France), SJR=0.704,
- 522. Journal of Mathematical Physics (USA), SJR=0.667,
- 540. Doklady Mathematics (Russia), SJR=0.636,
- 570. Journal of Mathematical Sciences (Japan), SJR=0.602,
- 662. Journal of Applied Probability (UK), SJR=0.523,
- 733. Mathematical Notes (Russia), SJR=0.465,
- 791. Canadian Mathematical Bulletin (Canada), SJR=0.433.

Our journal ranks:

7726th place in the list of 31971 scientific journals, representing all subjects and all regions, included in this database (in the first 25% of journals of this category),

225th place in the list of 2519 scientific journals, representing all subjects, of the Asiatic region, included in this database (in the first 10% of journals of this category),

550th place in the list of 2011 mathematical journals, representing all regions, included in this database (in the first 30% of journals of this category),

19th place in the list of 165 mathematical journals of the Asiatic region, included in this database (in the first 15% of journals of this category).

On a separate page the SJR statistics for the Eurasian Mathematical Journal is attached.

Recall that the Eurasian Mathematical Journal started its work in 2010 (see [1]-[3]) and was first included in SJR indicator in 2014 (Q4, SJR=0.101, see [4], [5], [6]). So, the ambitious plan set in [6] was implemented and even essentially exceeded.

As for the Scopus CiteScore indicator, it uses another sophisticated formula, differently taking into account various characteristics journals publications. This formula and related comments can be viewed on the web-page

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In this indicator the Eurasian Mathematical Journal was included in quartile Q3. The CiteScore data for the Eurasian Mathematical Journal (2018) is as follows:

333. Eurasian Mathematical Journal (Kazakhstan), Q3, CiteScore = 0,41

(333 is the number in the list of only Q3 journals.)

Some other Scopus CiteScore Q3 mathematical journals:

320. Czechoslovak Mathematical Journal (Czech Republic), CiteScore = 0.44,

321. Italian Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics (Italy), CiteScore = 0.44,

323. Studia Scientiarum Mathematicarum Hungarica (Hungary), CiteScore = 0.44,

332. Bulletin Mathematique de la Societe des Sciences Mathematiques de Roumanie (Romania), CiteScore = 0.41,

334. Indian Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics (India), CiteScore = 0.41,

33. Transactions of the Moscow Mathematical Society (Russia), CiteScore = 0.41,

337. Illinois Journal of Mathematics (USA), CiteScore = 0.40,

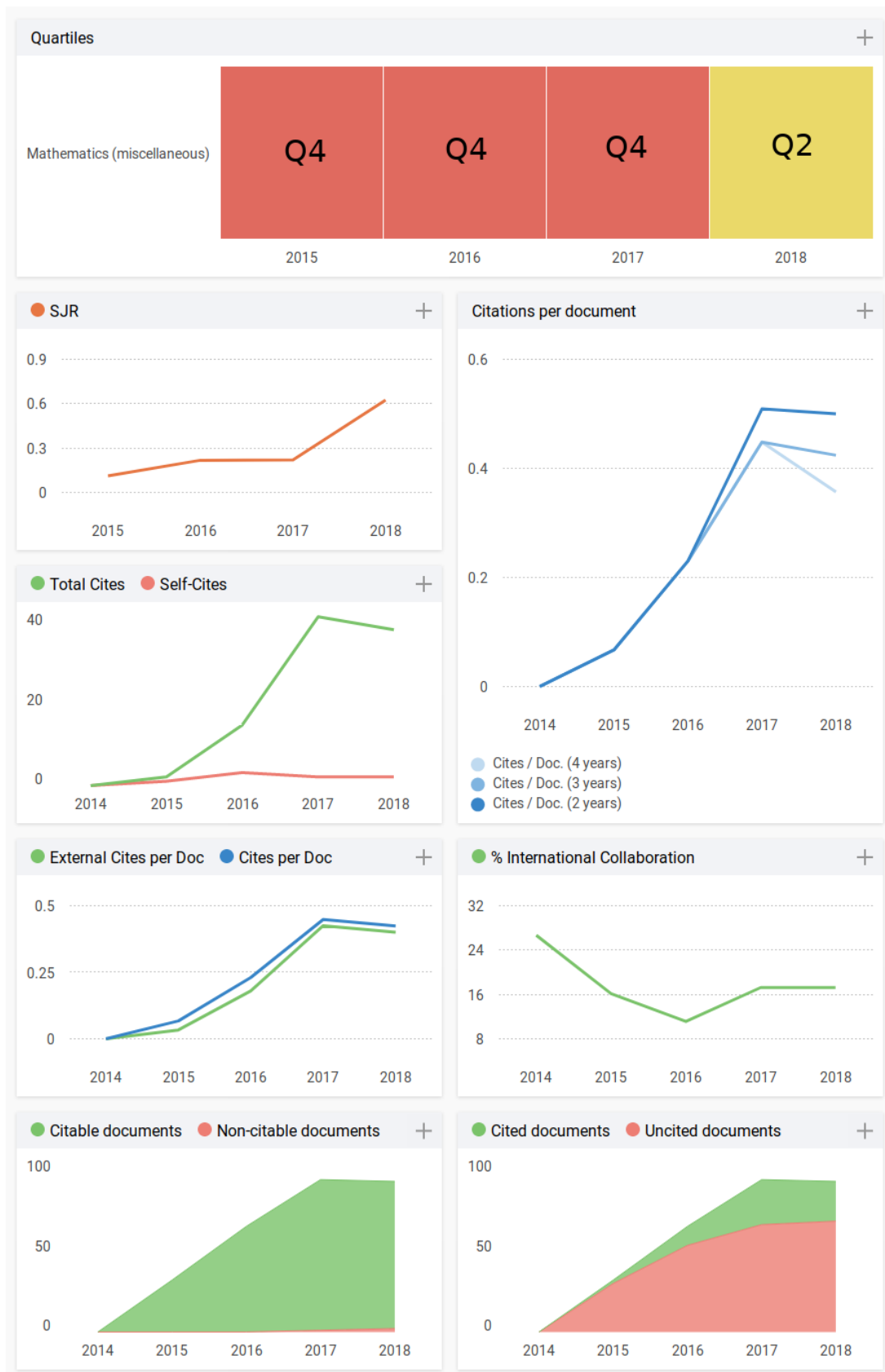
339. Publications de l'Institut Mathematique (France), CiteScore = 0.40.

Our main current aim is to preserve the status of an SJR Q2 journal and of a Scopus CiteScore Q3 journal.

We hope that all respected members of the international Editorial Board, reviewers, current authors of our journal, representing more than 35 countries, and future authors will provide high quality publications in the EMJ which will allow to achieve this aim.

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NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS OF COMPACTNESS
OF CERTAIN EMBEDDINGS OF SOBOLEV SPACES

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Abstract. Necessary and sufficient conditions on an open set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ are obtained ensuring that for $l, m \in \mathbb{N}_0, m < l$ the embedding $\overset{\circ}{W}_\infty^l(\Omega) \subset W_\infty^m(\Omega)$ is compact, where $W_\infty^m(\Omega)$ is the Sobolev space and $\overset{\circ}{W}_\infty^l(\Omega)$ is the closure in $W_\infty^l(\Omega)$ of the space of all infinitely continuously differentiable functions on Ω with supports compact in Ω .

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1 Introduction

Let $n, l \in \mathbb{N}, 1 \leq p \leq \infty$ and $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a non-empty open set. We consider the Sobolev $W_p^l(\Omega)$ of all functions $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$ for which for any multi-index $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ with $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n = l$ the weak derivatives $D_w^\alpha f$ exist on Ω and

$$\|f\|_{W_p^l(\Omega)} = \|f\|_{L_p(\Omega)} + \sum_{|\alpha|=l} \|D_w^\alpha f\|_{L_p(\Omega)} < \infty,$$

and the Sobolev spaces $\overset{\circ}{W}_p^l(\Omega)$ which are the closures in $W_p^l(\Omega)$ of the space $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ of all infinitely continuously differentiable functions on Ω with supports compact in Ω . (If $l = 0$ it is meant that $W_p^0(\Omega) = L_p(\Omega)$.)

Assume that $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $m < l$. For any open set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ the embedding

$$\overset{\circ}{W}_p^l(\Omega) \subset W_p^m(\Omega) \tag{1.1}$$

is continuous. If $m = 0$ this is obvious. If $m \geq 1$, let, for any $f \in \overset{\circ}{W}_p^l(\Omega)$, $\overset{\circ}{f}$ denote the extension of f by 0 outside Ω . Then, by the well-known theorems on estimates for intermediate derivatives (see, for example, books [12], [1], [2]), for any function $f \in \overset{\circ}{W}_p^l(\Omega)$

$$\|f\|_{W_p^m(\Omega)} = \|\overset{\circ}{f}\|_{W_p^m(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq c_1 \|\overset{\circ}{f}\|_{W_p^l(\mathbb{R}^n)} = c_1 \|f\|_{W_p^l(\Omega)}, \tag{1.2}$$

where $c_1 > 0$ depends only on n, p and l .

The compactness of this embedding is, in particular, important in some areas of spectral theory of elliptic differential operators. It is one of the assumptions required to ensure the existence of

eigenvalues and the min-max formula for the eigenvalues for certain spectral Dirichlet boundary value problems for such operators. (See, for example, [9], [7], [4], [5], [6], [3], [8].)

Clearly embedding (1.1) is compact if the embedding $W_p^l(\Omega) \subset W_p^m(\Omega)$ is compact. Its compactness holds under rather weak assumptions on the regularity of Ω . In [2] (Chapter 4) its compactness is proved for $m = 0$ for bounded sets with quasi-continuous boundaries. However, it may happen that this embedding is not compact, even does not hold, but embedding (1.1) is compact (see Example 1 in Section 2.1).

In this paper we consider the case $p = \infty$. As for $1 \leq p < \infty$ we only make some comments.

The aim of this paper is to present necessary and sufficient conditions on Ω ensuring that the embedding

$$\overset{\circ}{W}_\infty^l(\Omega) \subset W_\infty^m(\Omega) \quad (1.3)$$

is compact, that is the embedding operator $I : \overset{\circ}{W}_\infty^l(\Omega) \rightarrow W_\infty^m(\Omega)$ ($I f = f$ for $f \in \overset{\circ}{W}_\infty^l(\Omega)$) is compact.

2 Main results

Let, for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0$, $B(x, r)$ denote the open ball centered at x of radius r . We shall use the following description of pre-compact sets in $W_\infty^l(\Omega)$ (see [2], page 168).

Lemma 2.1. *Let $n, l \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a non-empty open set.*

A subset $S \subset W_\infty^l(\Omega)$ is pre-compact if

- 1) *the set S is bounded in $W_\infty^l(\Omega)$,*
- 2)

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \sup_{f \in S} \|f\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta)} = 0,$$

where $\Omega_\delta = \{x \in \Omega : \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) > \delta\}$,

- 3)

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sup_{f \in S} \|f(x+h) - f(x)\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega_{|h|})} = 0,$$

and

- 4) *if Ω is unbounded, then also*

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \sup_{f \in S} \|f\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega \setminus B(0, r))} = 0.$$

Remark 1. This lemma also holds for the spaces $W_p^l(\Omega)$ for $1 \leq p < \infty$.

Theorem 2.1. *Let $n, l \in \mathbb{N}, m \in \mathbb{N}_0, l > m$ and $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a non-empty open set.*

- 1) *If the Lebesgue measure of Ω is finite, then embedding (1.3) is compact.*
- 2) *If the Lebesgue measure of Ω is infinite, then embedding (1.3) is compact if and only if Ω satisfies the following condition:*

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \sup_{x \in \Omega \setminus B(0, r)} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) = 0. \quad (2.1)$$

or, equivalently,

$$\Omega \text{ does not contain an infinite family of disjoint open balls of the same radius } \varrho > 0. \quad (2.2)$$

Proof. Step 1. (Proof of equivalence of conditions (2.1) and (2.2) for unbounded open sets Ω .)

Step 1.1. Assume that condition (2.2) is not satisfied, that is there exist $\varrho > 0$ and $x_k \in \Omega, k \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $B(x_k, \varrho) \subset \Omega$ and $B(x_k, \varrho) \cap B(x_m, \varrho), k, m \in \mathbb{N}, k \neq m$. Then $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = \infty$. Indeed, otherwise the sequence $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ is bounded, hence there exists a subsequence $\{x_{k_s}\}_{s \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $x_0 \in \bar{\Omega}$ such that $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} x_{k_s} = x_0$. Therefore, there exists $s_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_{k_s} \in B(x_0, \frac{\varrho}{2})$ for all $s \in \mathbb{N}, s \geq s_0$. Consequently, $B(x_{k_s}, \varrho) \supset B(x_0, \frac{\varrho}{2})$, which contradicts the assumption that the $B(x_k, \varrho), k \in \mathbb{N}$, are disjoint.

So, for any $r > 0$ there exists $k(r) \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_{k(r)} \in \Omega \setminus B(0, r)$, hence, for any $r > 0$

$$\sup_{x \in \Omega \setminus B(0, r)} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \geq \text{dist}(x_{k(r)}, \partial\Omega) \geq \text{dist}(x_{k(r)}, \partial B(x_{k(r)}, \varrho)) = \varrho.$$

Therefore, condition (2.1) is not satisfied.

Step 1.2. Assume that condition (2.1) is not satisfied. Since the function $\sup_{x \in \Omega \setminus B(0, r)} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega)$ is non-increasing, it follows that for some $\varrho > 0$ for any $r > 0$

$$\sup_{x \in \Omega \setminus B(0, r)} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \geq \varrho. \quad (2.3)$$

Taking here $r = \varrho$ we get that there exists $x_1 \in \Omega$ such that $\text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \geq \frac{\varrho}{2} \iff B(x_1, \frac{\varrho}{2}) \subset \Omega$ and $|x_1| \geq \varrho$. Next by (2.3) with $r = \varrho + |x_1|$ we get that there exists $x_2 \in \Omega$ such that $\text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \geq \frac{\varrho}{2} \iff B(x_2, \frac{\varrho}{2}) \subset \Omega$ and $|x_2| \geq \varrho + |x_1|$, and so on. So, there exist $x_k \in \Omega, k \in \mathbb{N}$, such that

$$B\left(x_2, \frac{\varrho}{2}\right) \subset \Omega \quad \text{and} \quad |x_{k+1}| \geq \varrho + |x_k|.$$

Hence, for any $m \in \mathbb{N}, m > k$

$$|x_m| \geq \varrho + |x_{m-1}| \geq 2\varrho + |x_{m-2}| \geq \dots \geq (m - k)\varrho + |x_k|$$

and

$$|x_m - x_k| \geq |x_m| - |x_k| \geq (m - k)\varrho.$$

Let $z \in B(x_m, \frac{\varrho}{2})$. Then

$$|z - x_k| = |x_m - x_k + z - x_m| \geq |x_m - x_k| - |z - x_m| > (m - k)\varrho - \frac{\varrho}{2} \geq \frac{\varrho}{2},$$

therefore, $z \notin B(x_k, \frac{\varrho}{2}) \implies B(x_m, \frac{\varrho}{2}) \cap B(x_k, \frac{\varrho}{2}) = \emptyset$.

Step 2. (Proof of the necessity of condition (2.2) for open sets Ω of infinite Lebesgue measure.)

Assume that condition (2.2) is not satisfied, then there exist $0 < \varrho \leq 1$ and an infinite family of disjoint open balls $B(x_k, \varrho) \subset \Omega, k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Let $\varphi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n), \varphi \not\equiv 0$ be such that $\text{supp } \varphi \subset B(0, 1)$ and $S = \{f_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$, where $f_k(x) = \varphi\left(\frac{x - x_k}{\varrho}\right), x \in \Omega, k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $f_k \in W_\infty^l(\Omega)$ and for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_k\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega)} &= \left\| \varphi\left(\frac{x - x_k}{\varrho}\right) \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega)} + \sum_{|\alpha|=l} \left\| D^\alpha \varphi\left(\frac{x - x_k}{\varrho}\right) \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega)} \\ &= \|\varphi\|_{L_\infty(B(0,1))} + \varrho^{-l} \sum_{|\alpha|=l} \|D^\alpha \varphi\|_{L_\infty(B(0,1))} \leq \varrho^{-l} \|\varphi\|_{W_\infty^l(B(0,1))}. \end{aligned}$$

Also for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\|f_k\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega)} \geq \left\| \varphi\left(\frac{x - x_k}{\varrho}\right) \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega)} = \|\varphi\|_{L_\infty(B(0,1))}.$$

So, the set S is bounded in $W_\infty^l(\Omega)$, but does not contain any subsequence convergent in $W_\infty^l(\Omega)$, because $\text{supp } f_k \cap \text{supp } f_s = \emptyset$ for $k, s \in \mathbb{N}, k \neq s$, and

$$\|f_k - f_s\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega)} \geq \|f_k\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega)} \geq \|\varphi\|_{L_\infty(B(0,1))}.$$

Thus, embedding (1.3) is not compact.

Step 3. (Proof of the compactness of embedding (1.3) for unbounded open sets Ω satisfying condition (2.1).)

Let S be a bounded set in $\overset{\circ}{W}_\infty^l(\Omega)$. It is required to prove that it is pre-compact in $W_\infty^m(\Omega)$. So, it suffices to prove that for S conditions 1) – 4) of Lemma 2.1 are satisfied.

Step 3.1. (Proof of condition 1) for any non-empty open set Ω .) Inequality (1.2) implies that

$$\sup_{f \in S} \|f\|_{W_\infty^m(\Omega)} \leq c_1 \sup_{f \in S} \|f\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega)},$$

which implies condition 1).

Step 3.2. (Proof of condition 2) for any non-empty open set Ω .)

Let $\delta > 0$, $x \in \Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta$, and let $y \in \partial\Omega$ be such that $\text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) = |x - y|$. Moreover, let $f \in \overset{\circ}{W}_\infty^l(\Omega)$ and $f_k \in C_0^\infty(\Omega), k \in \mathbb{N}$, be such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|f_k - f\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega)} = 0$. Clearly, $\overset{\circ}{f}_k \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Since $[x, y] \subset \Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta$, it follows that for some $t \in (0, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} f_k(x) &= \overset{\circ}{f}_k(x) - \overset{\circ}{f}_k(y) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial \overset{\circ}{f}_k}{\partial x_j}(y + t(x - y))(x_j - y_j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_j}(y + t(x - y))(x_j - y_j), \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

hence, for all $x \in \Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta$

$$|f_k(x)| \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_j}(y + t(x - y)) \right| |x_j - y_j| \leq \delta \sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta)}$$

and

$$\|f_k\|_{L_\infty(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta)} \leq \delta \sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta)}.$$

For similar reasons for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$ with $|\alpha| = m$

$$\|D^\alpha f_k\|_{L_\infty(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta)} \leq \delta \sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \frac{\partial D^\alpha f_k}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta)}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_k\|_{W_\infty^m(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta)} &= \|f_k\|_{L_\infty(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta)} + \sum_{|\alpha|=l} \|D^\alpha f_k\|_{L_\infty(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta)} \\ &\leq \delta \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta)} + \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \frac{\partial D^\alpha f_k}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta)} \right) \\ &\leq \delta \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega)} + n \sum_{|\beta|=m+1} \left\| \frac{\partial D^\beta f_k}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

By applying inequality (1.2) with m replaced by 1 and by $m + 1$ we get that for some $c_2 > 0$, depending only on l, m, n , for any $\delta > 0$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\|f_k\|_{W_\infty^m(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta)} \leq c_2 \delta \|f_k\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega)}. \quad (2.5)$$

By passing to the limit as $k \rightarrow \infty$ it follows that for any $f \in \overset{\circ}{W}_\infty^l(\Omega)$

$$\|f\|_{W_\infty^m(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta)} \leq c_2 \delta \|f\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega)}$$

and

$$\sup_{f \in S} \|f\|_{W_\infty^m(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta)} \leq c_2 \delta \sup_{f \in S} \|f\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega)},$$

which implies condition 2).

Step 3.3. (Proof of condition 3) for any non-empty open set Ω .

By Corollary 7 of Chapter 3 of [2], page 103, for any $f \in \overset{\circ}{W}_\infty^l(\Omega)$

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x+h) - f(x)\|_{W_\infty^m(\Omega_{|h|})} &= \|f(x+h) - f(x)\|_{L_\infty(\Omega_{|h|})} \\ &+ \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \|D^\alpha f(x+h) - D^\alpha f(x)\|_{L_\infty(\Omega_{|h|})} \\ &\leq |h| \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta)} + \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \frac{\partial D^\alpha f}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega \setminus \Omega_\delta)} \right) \\ &\leq |h| \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega)} + n \sum_{|\beta|=m+1} \left\| \frac{\partial D^\beta f}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

By applying inequality (1.2) with m replaced by 1 and by $m + 1$ we get that for the same $c_2 > 0$ as in inequality (2.5) for any $h \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\|f(x+h) - f(x)\|_{W_\infty^m(\Omega_{|h|})} \leq c_2 |h| \|f\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega)}.$$

Hence,

$$\sup_{f \in S} \|f(x+h) - f(x)\|_{W_\infty^m(\Omega_{|h|})} \leq c_2 |h| \sup_{f \in S} \|f\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega)},$$

which implies condition 3).

If Ω is a non-empty bounded open set, then conditions 1) - 3) of Lemma 2.1 are satisfied, hence, the set S is pre-compact in $W_\infty^m(\Omega)$ and embedding (1.3) is compact.

Step 3.4. (Proof of condition 4) for any unbounded open set Ω satisfying condition (2.1).

Let $r > 0$, $x \in \Omega \setminus B(0, r)$, and let y, f, f_k be the same as in Step 2.2. Since $[x, y] \subset \Omega$, it follows that for some $t \in (0, 1)$ equality (2.4) holds for all $x \in \Omega \setminus B(0, r)$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} |f_k(x)| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_j}(y + t(x-y)) \right| |x_j - y_j| \leq |x-y| \sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega)} \\ &= \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|f_k\|_{L_\infty(\Omega \setminus B(0, r))} \leq \sup_{x \in \Omega \setminus B(0, r)} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega)}.$$

For similar reasons for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$ with $|\alpha| = m$

$$\|D^\alpha f_k\|_{L_\infty(\Omega \setminus B(0,r))} \leq \sup_{x \in \Omega \setminus B(0,r)} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \frac{\partial D^\alpha f_k}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega)}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_k\|_{W_\infty^m(\Omega \setminus B(0,r))} &\leq \sup_{x \in \Omega \setminus B(0,r)} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega)} + \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \frac{\partial D^\alpha f_k}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega)} \right) \\ &\leq \sup_{x \in \Omega \setminus B(0,r)} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \left\| \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega)} + n \sum_{|\beta|=m+1} \left\| \frac{\partial D^\beta f_k}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L_\infty(\Omega)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

By applying inequality (1.2) with m replaced by 1 and by $m+1$ we get that for the same $c_2 > 0$ as in inequality (2.5), for any $r > 0$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\|f_k\|_{W_\infty^m(\Omega \setminus B(0,r))} \leq c_2 \sup_{x \in \Omega \setminus B(0,r)} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \|f_k\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega)}. \quad (2.6)$$

By passing to the limit as $k \rightarrow \infty$ it follows that for any $f \in \mathring{W}_\infty^l(\Omega)$

$$\|f\|_{W_\infty^m(\Omega \setminus B(0,r))} \leq c_2 \sup_{x \in \Omega \setminus B(0,r)} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \|f\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega)},$$

hence,

$$\sup_{f \in S} \|f\|_{W_\infty^m(\Omega \setminus B(0,r))} \leq c_2 \sup_{x \in \Omega \setminus B(0,r)} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \sup_{f \in S} \|f\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega)},$$

which implies condition 4).

So, all four conditions of Lemma 2.1 are satisfied, hence, the set S is pre-compact in $W_\infty^m(\Omega)$ and embedding (1.3) is compact.

Step 4. (Proof of the compactness of embedding (1.3) open set Ω of finite Lebesgue measure.)

If Ω is bounded, then according to Lemma 2.1 it suffices to verify only conditions 1) - 3). Their validity follow by Steps 3.1 - 3.3 (they are proved for any open sets Ω), hence, embedding (1.3) is compact.

If Ω is unbounded and is of finite Lebesgue measure, then condition (2.2) is satisfied. Indeed, otherwise there exist $\varrho > 0$ and disjoint open balls $B(x_k, \varrho) \subset \Omega, k \in \mathbb{N}$, and

$$\text{meas } \Omega \geq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \text{meas } B(x_k, \varrho) = +\infty,$$

therefore, by Step 3 embedding (1.3) is compact. \square

Remark 2. The proof of Step 3.2 also works for the pair of spaces $\mathring{W}_p^l(\Omega)$ and $W_p^m(\Omega)$ for any $1 \leq p < \infty$. Indeed, the functions $f_k, k \in \mathbb{N}$, constructed in Step 2, also belong to $\mathring{W}_p^l(\Omega)$ for any $1 \leq p < \infty$. Furthermore, for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\|f_k\|_{W_p^l(\Omega)} = \varrho^{\frac{n}{p}} \|\varphi\|_{L_p(B(0,1))} + \varrho^{\frac{n}{p}-l} \sum_{|\alpha|=l} \|D^\alpha \varphi\|_{L_p(B(0,1))} \leq \max\{1, \varrho^{\frac{n}{p}-l}\} \|\varphi\|_{W_p^l(B(0,1))}$$

and for any $k, s \in \mathbb{N}, k \neq s$,

$$\|f_k - f_s\|_{W_p^l(\Omega)} \geq \|f_k\|_{W_p^l(\Omega)} \geq \varrho^{\frac{n}{p}} \|\varphi\|_{L_p(B(0,1))},$$

which implies that embedding (1.3) is not compact if condition (2.2) is not satisfied.

Remark 3. The proofs of Steps 3.1 and 3.3 also work for the pair of spaces $\overset{\circ}{W}_p^l(\Omega)$ and $W_p^m(\Omega)$ for any $1 \leq p < \infty$. (One just needs to replace the parameter ∞ in $\overset{\circ}{W}_\infty^l(\Omega)$ and $W_\infty^m(\Omega)$ by p .)

Remark 4. Condition (2.2) can be satisfied for some open sets of infinite Lebesgue measure, hence, embedding (1.3) can be compact for some open sets of infinite Lebesgue measure. We give two examples.

Example 1. (*Infinite union of disjoint balls.*) Let

$$\Omega = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} B(x_k, \varrho_k),$$

where the balls $B(x_k, \varrho_k), k \in \mathbb{N}$ are disjoint, $0 < \varrho_k < \infty$ and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varrho_k = 0. \quad (2.7)$$

If condition (2.7) is not satisfied, then there exist $\varrho > 0$ and a subsequence $\{k_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $\varrho_{k_m} \geq \varrho, m \in \mathbb{N}$, hence, Ω contains the infinite family of disjoint balls $B(x_{k_m}, \varrho), m \in \mathbb{N}$. Therefore, by Theorem 2.1 embedding (1.3) is not compact.

Let condition (2.7) be satisfied. Assume, to the contrary, that there exists an infinite family of disjoint balls $B(y_m, \varrho) \subset \Omega, m \in \mathbb{N}$, of the same radius $\varrho > 0$. Since the balls $B(x_k, \varrho_k), k \in \mathbb{N}$, are disjoint, each ball $B(y_m, \varrho)$ is contained in a certain ball $B(x_{k_m}, \varrho_{k_m})$. Furthermore, there exists an infinite family of balls $B(x_{k_l}, \varrho_{k_l}), l \in \mathbb{N}$, containing $B(y_m, \varrho)$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$, since any ball $B(x_{k_l}, \varrho_{k_l})$, being finite, cannot contain infinitely many disjoint balls $B(y_m, \varrho)$. Hence, $\varrho_{k_l} \geq \varrho$ for any $l \in \mathbb{N}$ which contradicts (2.7). So, Ω does not contain an infinite family of disjoint balls of the same positive radius. Therefore, by Theorem 2.1 embedding (1.3) is compact.

If $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \varrho_k^n = \infty$, then $\text{meas } \Omega = \infty$.

Note that the embedding $W_\infty^l(\Omega) \subset W_\infty^m(\Omega)$ for $l > m > 0$ does not hold. Indeed, let

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \quad \text{where } f_k(x) = \varrho_k^{1-l} (x_1 - x_{k1})^{l-1}, \quad x \in B(x_k, \varrho_k), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then

$$\|f\|_{W_\infty^l(\Omega)} = \|f\|_{L_\infty(\Omega)} = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|f_k\|_{L_\infty(B(x_k, \varrho_k))} = 1$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{W_\infty^m(\Omega)} &= \|f\|_{L_\infty(\Omega)} + (l-1) \cdots (l-m) \varrho_k^{1-l} \|(x_1 - x_{k1})^{l-m-1}\|_{L_\infty(B(x_k, \varrho_k))} \\ &= 1 + (l-1) \cdots (l-m) \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \varrho_k^{-m} = \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Example 2. (*Tube.*) Let

$$\Omega = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : 0 < x_1 < \infty, (x_2^2 + \cdots + x_n^2)^{1/2} < \varphi(x_1)\},$$

where φ is a continuous positive non-increasing function on $[0, \infty)$ such that $\lim_{x_1 \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(x_1) = 0$.

Note that for any unbounded open set condition (2.1) is equivalent to the condition

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \sup_{x \in \Omega \setminus Q(0, r)} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) = 0. \quad (2.8)$$

where $Q(0, r) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x_j| < r, j = 1, \dots, n\}$, because

$$\sup_{x \in \Omega \setminus B(0, r\sqrt{n})} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \leq \sup_{x \in \Omega \setminus Q(0, r)} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \leq \sup_{x \in \Omega \setminus B(0, r)} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega).$$

Clearly, for any $x \in \Omega$ under consideration, $\text{dist}(x, \Omega) \leq \varphi(x_1)$, hence, for any $r > \varphi(0)$

$$\sup_{x \in \Omega \setminus Q(0, r)} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \leq \varphi(r).$$

Therefore, condition (2.8) is satisfied and embedding (1.3) is compact for all considered Ω .

If $\int_0^\infty \varphi(x_1)^{n-1} dx_1 = \infty$, then $\text{meas } \Omega = \infty$.

Corollary 2.1. *For an arbitrary one-dimensional open set*

$$\Omega = \bigcup_{k=1}^s (a_k, b_k),$$

where $s \in \mathbb{N}$ or $s = \infty$, embedding (1.3) is compact if and only if $b_k - a_k < \infty$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $s \in \mathbb{N}$ or $s = \infty$ and

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (b_k - a_k) = 0. \quad (2.9)$$

Proof. If, for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $b_k - a_k = \infty$, then Ω contains infinitely many disjoint intervals $(a_k + m, a_k + m + 1)$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$, hence, by Theorem 2.1 embedding (1.3) is not compact. If Ω is bounded, then by Theorem 2.1 embedding (1.3) is compact.

Finally, let $b_k - a_k < \infty$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $s = \infty$. Then condition (2.9) is necessary and sufficient for the compactness of embedding (1.3) by Example 2. \square

Remark 5. Let $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, $l \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open set. Often another variant of Sobolev spaces is used, namely the space $\widetilde{W}_p^l(\Omega)$ of all functions $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$ for which for any multi-index $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ with $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n = l$ the weak derivatives $D_w^\alpha f$ exist on Ω and

$$\|f\|_{\widetilde{W}_p^l(\Omega)} = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq l} \|D_w^\alpha f\|_{L_p(\Omega)} < \infty,$$

and, respectively, the Sobolev spaces $\overset{\circ}{\widetilde{W}}_p^l(\Omega)$ which are the closures in $\widetilde{W}_p^l(\Omega)$ of the space $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ of all infinitely continuously differentiable functions on Ω with supports compact in Ω .

Clearly, $\widetilde{W}_p^l(\Omega) \subset W_p^l(\Omega)$. In general, $\widetilde{W}_p^l(\Omega) \neq W_p^l(\Omega)$ (for counter-examples see, for example, books [10], [11]), but, under rather weak assumptions on the regularity of Ω , $\widetilde{W}_p^l(\Omega) = W_p^l(\Omega)$. For example, this equality holds for bounded open sets with quasi-resolved boundaries ([2], Chapter 3). However, due to inequality (1.2),

$$\overset{\circ}{\widetilde{W}}_p^l(\Omega) = \overset{\circ}{W}_p^l(\Omega) \quad (2.10)$$

for any open set Ω .

Remark 6. The problem of the compactness of the embedding

$$\overset{\circ}{\widetilde{W}}_\infty^l(\Omega) \subset \widetilde{W}_\infty^m(\Omega) \quad (2.11)$$

is very close to the problem of the compactness of embedding (1.3).

Lemma 2.1 and Theorem 2.1 are also valid if the space $W_\infty^l(\Omega)$ is replaced by the space $\overset{\circ}{\widetilde{W}}_\infty^l(\Omega)$.

Assume that conditions 1) – 4) of Lemma 2.1 are satisfied for a subset S of the space $\widetilde{W}_\infty^l(\Omega)$. Then they are satisfied for the spaces $W_\infty^s(\Omega)$ with $s = 1, \dots, l$. By Lemma 2.1 the set S is pre-compact in the spaces $W_\infty^s(\Omega)$ for $s = 1, \dots, m$. Hence, S is pre-compact in the space $\bigcap_{s=1}^m W_\infty^s(\Omega) = \widetilde{W}_\infty^m(\Omega)$.

Assume that the assumptions of Theorem 2.1 (which are independent of l and m) are satisfied, then the embeddings

$$\overset{\circ}{\widetilde{W}}_\infty^l(\Omega) = \overset{\circ}{W}_\infty^l(\Omega) \subset W_\infty^s(\Omega), \quad s = 1, \dots, m,$$

are compact, hence, the embedding

$$\overset{\circ}{\widetilde{W}}_\infty^l(\Omega) \subset \bigcap_{s=1}^m W_\infty^s(\Omega) = \widetilde{W}_\infty^m(\Omega)$$

is also compact.

The necessity of condition (2.1) follows since the compactness of embedding (2.11) implies the compactness of embedding (1.3), because

$$W_\infty^l(\Omega) = \overset{\circ}{\widetilde{W}}_\infty^l(\Omega) \subset \widetilde{W}_\infty^m(\Omega) \subset W_\infty^m(\Omega).$$

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