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**Abstract:** Pour-El and Richards [5] discussed computable smooth functions with non-computable first derivatives. We show that a similar result holds in the case of Sobolev spaces by giving a non-computable  $\mathcal{H}^1(0, 1)$ -element which, however, is computable in any of larger Sobolev spaces  $\mathcal{H}^s(0, 1)$  for any computable  $s$ ,  $0 \leq s < 1$ .

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $\Omega$  be an open set in a  $d$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbf{R}^d$ . The Sobolev space  $\mathcal{H}^m(\Omega)$  of order  $m$ , ( $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ), over  $\Omega$  is a Hilbert space consisting of the Lebesgue measurable (complex valued) functions  $u(x)$  such that it and all of its weak derivatives up to order  $m$  inclusive are square summable over  $\Omega$ . The inner-product of  $\mathcal{H}^m(\Omega)$  is given by

$$(u, v)_m = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \int_{\Omega} \partial^{\alpha} u(x) \cdot \overline{\partial^{\alpha} v(x)} dx,$$

for  $u, v \in \mathcal{H}^m(\Omega)$ . Here  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d) \in \mathbf{N}^n$  are multi-indices. Thus, the length of  $\alpha$  is  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_d$ . Recall also  $\partial^{\alpha} = \partial_1^{\alpha_1} \dots \partial_d^{\alpha_d}$  for a partial derivation of order  $\alpha$ . Recall  $\|u\|_m = \sqrt{(u, u)_m}$  defines the norm of  $u \in \mathcal{H}^m(\Omega)$ . In particular, the Sobolev space of order 0,  $\mathcal{H}^0(\Omega)$ , coincides with the Lebesgue space  $\mathcal{L}^2(\Omega)$  of the square summable functions. For these function spaces, see any standard textbook of partial differential equations or functional analysis. See, e.g., Adams [1], also Hörmander [4]. The computability notion in a separable Hilbert space is discussed in Pour-El and Richards [5]. Computability properties of the Sobolev spaces are discussed in Zhong [7] for the case  $\Omega = \mathbf{R}^d$ .

The inclusion relation

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{H}^m(\Omega) \subset \mathcal{H}^l(\Omega), \quad m > l \geq 0,$$

is clear from the definition. (1) means that the canonical injection

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{H}^m(\Omega) \ni u \mapsto u \in \mathcal{H}^l(\Omega), \quad m > l \geq 0$$

is continuous.

It is a classical fact that if  $\Omega$  has a nice ( $\mathcal{C}^{\infty}$ ) boundary  $\partial\Omega$ , then  $\bigcap_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^{\ell}(\Omega) (\subset \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(\Omega))$  is dense in each of  $\mathcal{H}^m(\Omega)$ . Actually, the set spanned by the  $\mathcal{C}^{\infty}$  functions supported in closed disks intersecting with  $\Omega$ , centered at rational points and with rational radii, is contained in  $\bigcap_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{H}^{\ell}(\Omega)$  and dense in each  $\mathcal{H}^m(\Omega)$ . Note then that we have a common effective generating set for all the  $\mathcal{H}^m(\Omega)$  consisting of rational dilations and translations of a fixed  $\mathcal{C}^{\infty}$  function supported in the unit disk (as the one analogous to  $\varphi(t)$  given below). Thus, by the First Main Theorem of Pour-El and Richards [5], the injection (2) preserves computability. In particular, in the present context, if  $u$  is computable in  $\mathcal{H}^m(\Omega)$ , then so is it in  $\mathcal{H}^{\ell}(\Omega)$ ,  $m > \ell \geq 0$ .

However, the mapping (2) also maps non-computable elements in smaller spaces  $\mathcal{H}^m(\Omega)$  to computable elements in larger spaces  $\mathcal{H}^{\ell}(\Omega)$ . Similar phenomena have been observed for computability in the standard sense of Turing/Lacombe/Grzegorzczuk: There is a computable function  $f$  (on the real line  $\mathbf{R}$ ), which is continuously differentiable, but with non-computable derivative  $f'$  (See [5]).

Modifying the related arguments in [5], we get, in fact, an example of a computable sequence of elements which is non-effectively convergent in  $\mathcal{H}^m(\Omega)$ , in both of the weak and strong topologies, and which, nevertheless, converges effectively in any of larger spaces  $\mathcal{H}^l(\Omega)$ ,  $m > l \geq 0$ .

**2. A counterexample.** To verify our statement in the last lines of §1, we argue for the case  $d = 1$  and  $\Omega = (0, 1)$ , the unit open interval.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $d = 1$  and  $\Omega = (0, 1)$ . There is a bounded sequence  $\{u_n(x)\} \subset \mathcal{H}^1(0, 1)$*

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which converges to an element  $u(x)$  effectively in  $\mathcal{H}^0(0, 1)$  but non-effectively in  $\mathcal{H}^1(0, 1)$ .

Note that the limit  $u(x) \in \mathcal{H}^0(0, 1)$  actually belongs to  $\mathcal{H}^1(0, 1)$  because of weak compactness. In fact, we can then extract a subsequence of  $\{u_n(x)\}$  which converges weakly to some element  $\tilde{u}(x)$  in  $\mathcal{H}^1(0, 1)$ . By Rellich's theorem, this subsequence converges to  $\tilde{u}(x)$  in  $\mathcal{H}^0(0, 1)$ . However, the subsequence already converges to  $u(x)$  in  $\mathcal{H}^0(0, 1)$ , and thus  $\tilde{u}(x) = u(x)$ .

To achieve the proof of the proposition, we adopt the idea of Pour-El and Richards [5], Chapter 1 §1 (p.52). Let

$$\varphi(t) = \begin{cases} \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{1-t^2}\right), & |t| < 1 \\ 0, & |t| \geq 1 \end{cases}.$$

$\varphi(t)$  is a non-negative  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$  even function and its support is the closed interval  $[-1, 1]$ .

Let  $a : \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$  be a one-to-one recursive function which enumerates a recursively enumerable non-recursive set  $A$ . We may assume  $0 \notin A$  or  $a(n) > 0$  for all  $n$ . Now put

$$(3) \quad \varphi_n(x) = \varphi(2^{(n+a(n)+2)}(x - 2^{-a(n)})).$$

Each  $\varphi_n(x)$  is supported on a closed subinterval

$$[2^{-a(n)} - 2^{-(n+a(n)+2)}, 2^{-a(n)} + 2^{-(n+a(n)+2)}]$$

of  $(0, 1)$ .  $\varphi_n(x)$  and  $\varphi_{n'}(x)$  have disjoint supports for  $n \neq n'$ . For, we may assume without loss of generality that  $a(n) < a(n') = a(n) + k$  for some  $k \geq 1$ . Then disjointness of the supports of  $\varphi_n(x)$  and  $\varphi_{n'}(x)$  reduces to positivity of the difference

$$\begin{aligned} & (2^{-a(n)} - 2^{-(n+a(n)+2)}) \\ & \quad - (2^{-a(n')} + 2^{-(n'+a(n')+2)}) \\ & = 2^{-(a(n')+2)}(2^{k+2} - 2^{k-n} - 2^2 - 2^{-n'}). \end{aligned}$$

However,

$$2^{k+2} - 2^{k-n} - 2^2 - 2^{-n'} \geq 3 \cdot 2^k - 5 > 0$$

since  $n, n' \geq 0$  and  $k \geq 1$ .

The  $\mathcal{L}^2$ -norms of  $\varphi_n(x)$  and its derivative  $\varphi'_n(x)$  are given by

$$(4) \quad \|\varphi_n\|_0^2 = 2^{-(n+a(n)+2)} c_0,$$

$$(5) \quad \|\varphi'_n\|_0^2 = 2^{n+a(n)+2} c_1,$$

where

$$c_0 = 2 \int_0^1 \varphi(t)^2 dt, \quad c_1 = 2 \int_0^1 \varphi'(t)^2 dt$$

are both computable reals.

Let

$$(6) \quad u_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n 2^{-b(k)} \varphi_k(x), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Choosing  $b(k)$  appropriately, we will have the proposition verified. Let us compute the  $\mathcal{H}^m(0, 1)$ -norms of  $u_n(x)$  for  $m = 0, 1$ . The orthogonality then implies

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} \|u_n\|_0^2 &= \sum_{k=0}^n 2^{-2b(k)} \|\varphi_k\|_0^2 \\ &= c_0 \sum_{k=0}^n 2^{-2b(k)-k-a(k)-2}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, for whatever  $a(k) > 0$  and  $b(k) > 0$ , the sequence  $\{u_n(x)\}$  converges effectively to the element

$$(8) \quad u(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-b(k)} \varphi_k(x)$$

in  $\mathcal{L}^2(0, 1)$ . In fact, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u - u_n\|_0^2 &= c_0 \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} 2^{-2b(k)-k-a(k)-2} \\ &< 2^{-n-1} c_0, \end{aligned}$$

since  $a(k) + 2b(k) > 0$ . On the other hand, note

$$(9) \quad \begin{aligned} \|u'_n\|_0^2 &= \sum_{k=0}^n 2^{-2b(k)} \|\varphi'_k\|_0^2 \\ &= c_1 \sum_{k=0}^n 2^{-2b(k)+k+a(k)+2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, taking

$$b(k) = a(k) + \frac{1}{2}k,$$

we see that  $\{u'_n(x)\}$  converges to

$$(10) \quad v(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-b(k)} \varphi'_k(x)$$

in  $\mathcal{L}^2(0, 1)$  since

$$\|v - u'_n\|_0^2 = c_1 \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} 2^{-a(k)+2}.$$

However, this convergence is not effective (See [5], p. 16). It is readily seen that  $v(x)$  is the weak derivative  $u'(x)$  of  $u(x)$ , whence  $u \in \mathcal{H}^1(0, 1)$ . Then the sequence  $\{u_n(x)\}$  converges to  $u(x)$  in  $\mathcal{H}^1(0, 1)$  as

$$\|u - u_n\|_1^2 = \|u - u_n\|_0^2 + \|v - u'_n\|_0^2 \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

This convergence is not effective.

The weak convergence of the sequence  $\{u_n(x)\}$  is not effective in the following sense.

**Corollary 2.1.** *There is a  $\hat{u}(x) \in \mathcal{H}^1(0, 1)$  such that  $(u_n - u, \hat{u})_1$  does not converge effectively.*

In fact, take  $\hat{u}(x) = u(x)$ . Then

$$(u - u_n, u)_1 = (u, u)_1 - (u_n, u_n)_1 = \|u - u_n\|_1^2$$

because of disjointness of the supports of  $\varphi_k(x)$ .

**Remark 2.1.** Analogously to (5),  $\mathcal{L}^2$ -norms of the  $m$ -th derivatives  $\varphi_n^{(m)}(x)$  of  $\varphi_n(x)$  ( $m = 2, 3, \dots$ ) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi_n^{(m)}\|_0^2 &= 2^{(2m-1)(n+a(n)+2)} c_m, \\ c_m &= 2 \int_0^1 \varphi^{(m)}(t)^2 dt, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_m$  are computable. Therefore, taking

$$b(k) = m a(k) + \left(m - \frac{1}{2}\right) k$$

in (6), we have a non-effectively convergent sequence  $\{u_n(x)\}$  in  $\mathcal{H}^m(0, 1)$  which converges effectively in  $\mathcal{H}^0(0, 1)$ .  $\{u_n(x)\}$  also converges effectively in each of  $\mathcal{H}^l(0, 1)$ ,  $m > l \geq 0$ .

**3. Further observation.** Let  $0 < s < 1$ . The Sobolev space  $\mathcal{H}^s(0, 1)$  of order  $s$  can be defined via the Fourier series expansions. Let  $w(x) \in \mathcal{L}^2(0, 1)$  be expanded into the Fourier series

$$w(x) = \alpha_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \{\alpha_n \cos 2n\pi x + \beta_n \sin 2n\pi x\}.$$

Then we have  $w \in \mathcal{H}^s(0, 1)$  if and only if

$$(11) \quad |\alpha_0|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + n^2)^s \{|\alpha_n|^2 + |\beta_n|^2\} < +\infty.$$

In fact, (11) gives the square  $\|w\|_s^2$  of the  $\mathcal{H}^s(0, 1)$ -norm of  $w(x)$ .

Observe that we have the logarithmic convexity of norms

$$(12) \quad \|w\|_s \leq \|w\|_0^{1-s} \|w\|_1^s \quad (0 < s < 1)$$

for  $w \in \mathcal{H}^1(0, 1) \subset \mathcal{H}^s(0, 1) \subset \mathcal{H}^0(0, 1)$ . In fact, it is easy to see (12) in the present case. For we have

$$(1 + n^2)^s \leq (1 - s) \epsilon^{-s} + s \epsilon^{1-s} (1 + n^2)$$

for all  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Thus, (11) implies that if  $w \in \mathcal{H}^1(0, 1)$ , then

$$\|w\|_s^2 \leq (1 - s) \epsilon^{-s} \|w\|_0^2 + s \epsilon^{1-s} \|w\|_1^2$$

for all  $\epsilon > 0$ . Taking the minimum of the right hand side, we get (12).

The space  $\mathcal{H}^s(0, 1)$  is obtained as the complex interpolation space  $\mathcal{H}^s(0, 1) = [\mathcal{H}^0(0, 1), \mathcal{H}^1(0, 1)]_s$  in the sense of Calderón [3]. (See, e.g., Bergh *et al.* [2]). Then recall that the computability structure in  $\mathcal{H}^s(0, 1)$  is induced from those of  $\mathcal{H}^0(0, 1)$  and  $\mathcal{H}^1(0, 1)$  if  $s$  is computable (See Yoshikawa [6]).

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $0 < s < 1$  be computable. Then the sequence  $\{u_n(x)\} \subset \mathcal{H}^1(0, 1)$  in Proposition 2.1 effectively converges to  $u(x)$  also in  $\mathcal{H}^s(0, 1)$ .*

In fact, from (12), we have

$$\|u - u_n\|_s \leq \|u - u_n\|_0^{1-s} \|u - u_n\|_1^s.$$

Note

$$\|u - u_n\|_1 < \sqrt{c_0 + 4c_1} = c.$$

Hence,

$$\|u - u_n\|_s \leq c^s \|u - u_n\|_0^{1-s} = 2^{-(1-s)(n+1)} c^s.$$

Thus, choose a recursive function  $e_s(N)$  such that

$$e_s(N) \geq \frac{N}{1-s} + \frac{s}{1-s} \log_2 c - 1.$$

Then we have  $\|u - u_n\|_s < 2^{-N}$  for  $n > e_s(N)$ .

**Remark 3.1.** We may take  $e_s(N) \geq e_{s'}(N)$ ,  $s > s'$ , since  $\|u - u_n\|_{s'} \leq \|u - u_n\|_s$  if  $s > s' \geq 0$ .

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