A T(1) theorem for Sobolev spaces on domains

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In particular, if $z \notin \mathrm{supp}(f)$ then Bf is analytic in an ε-neighborhood of z and

$$\partial^n Bf(z) = c_n \int_{|w-z|>\varepsilon} \frac{f(w)}{(z-w)^{n+2}} dm(z).$$

back to T(P)

The problem we face

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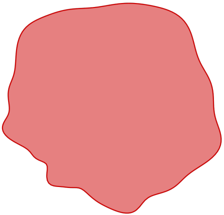

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Tolsa proved a converse for Ω flat enough.

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Proof of the T(P) theorem

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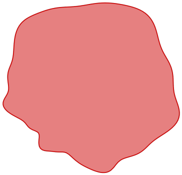

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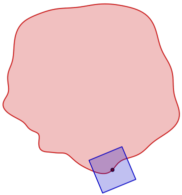

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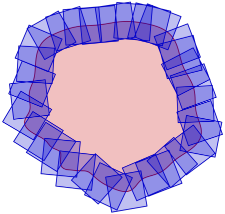

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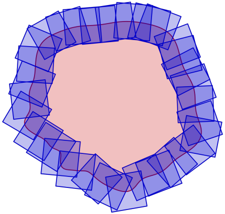

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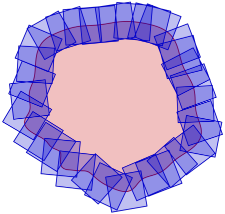

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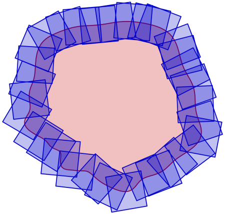

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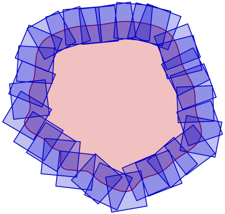

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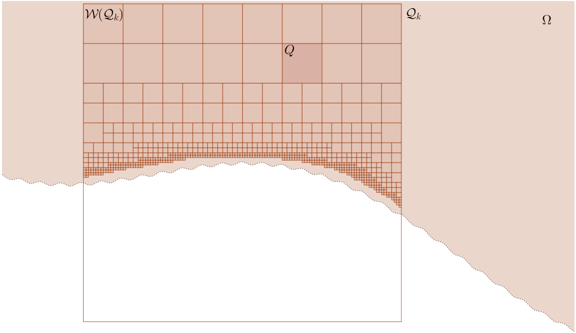

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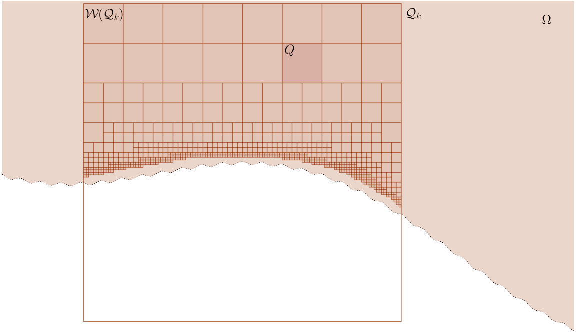

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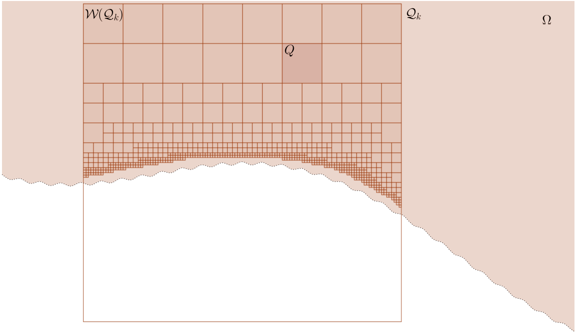

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Adding with respect to $Q \in \mathcal{W}$, by the Sobolev Embedding Theorem ($\left\|\nabla^j f\right\|_{L^\infty(\mathcal{Q}\cap\Omega)} \leq C\left\|\nabla^j f\right\|_{W^{1,p}(\mathcal{Q}\cap\Omega)}$ when $p > 2$), we get

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Idea of the proof: separate local and non-local parts of the error term,

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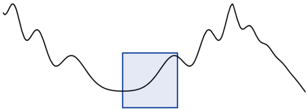

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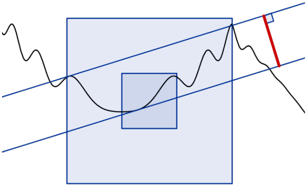

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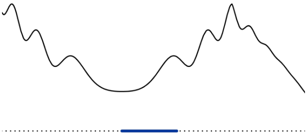

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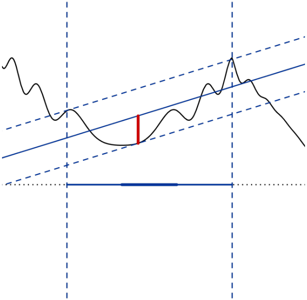

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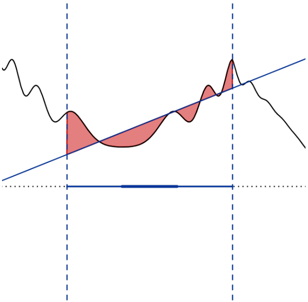

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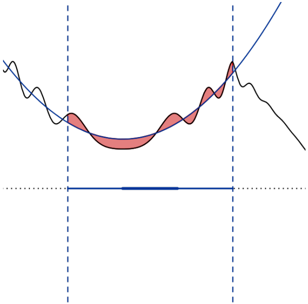

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If there is no risk of confusion, we will write just $\beta_{(n)}(I)$.

Relation between $\beta_{(n)}$ and $B^n_{p,p}$

Theorem (Dorronsoro)

Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a function in the homogeneous Besov space $\dot{B}^s_{p,p}$. Then, for any $n \geq [s]$,

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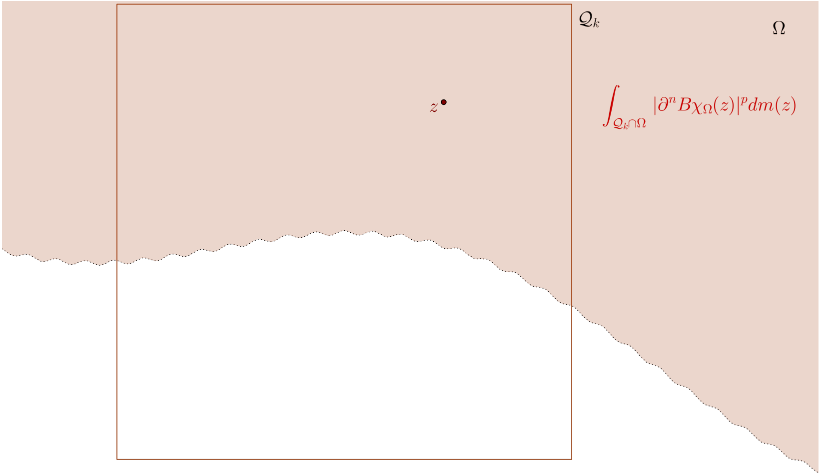

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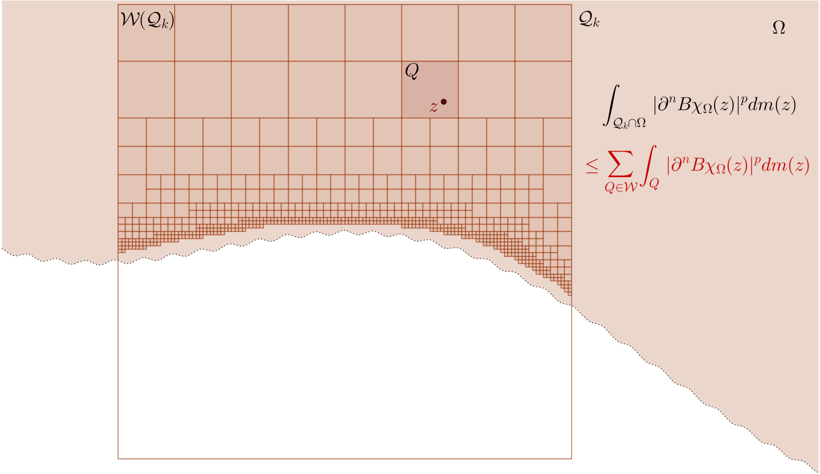

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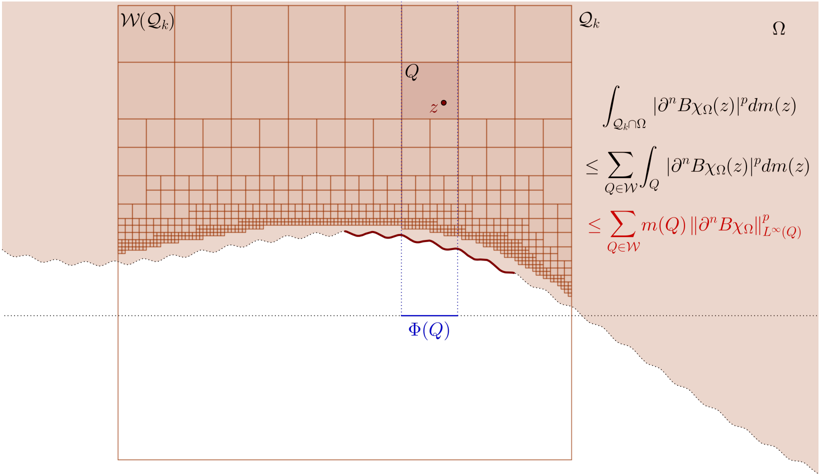

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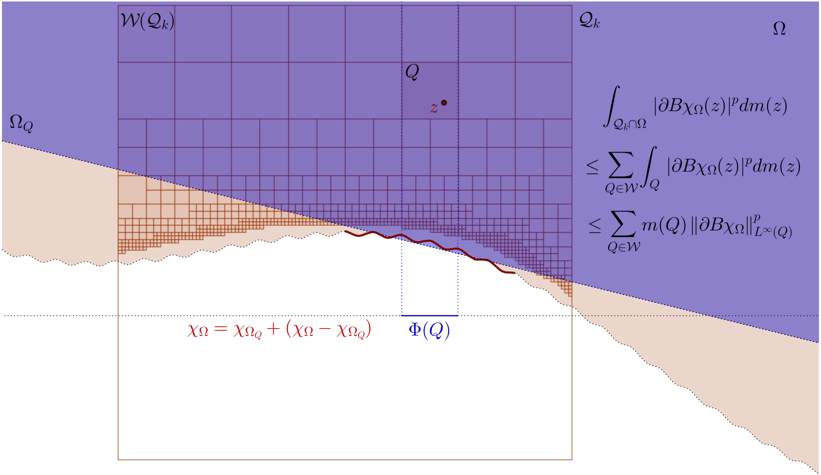

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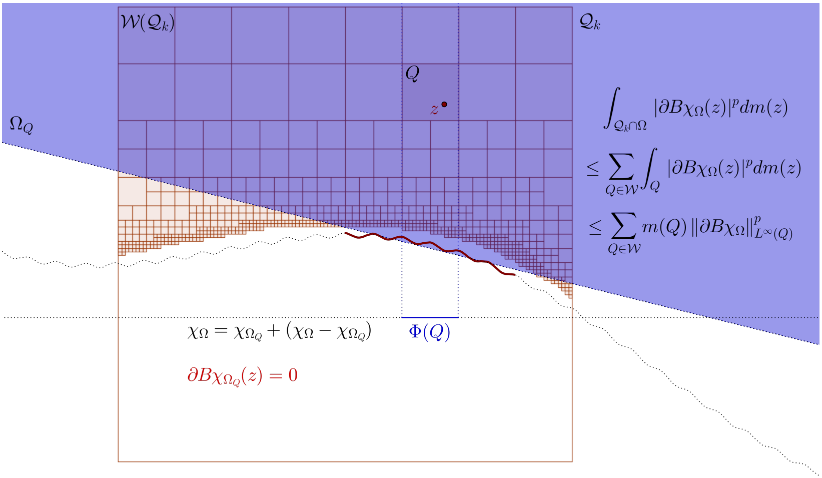

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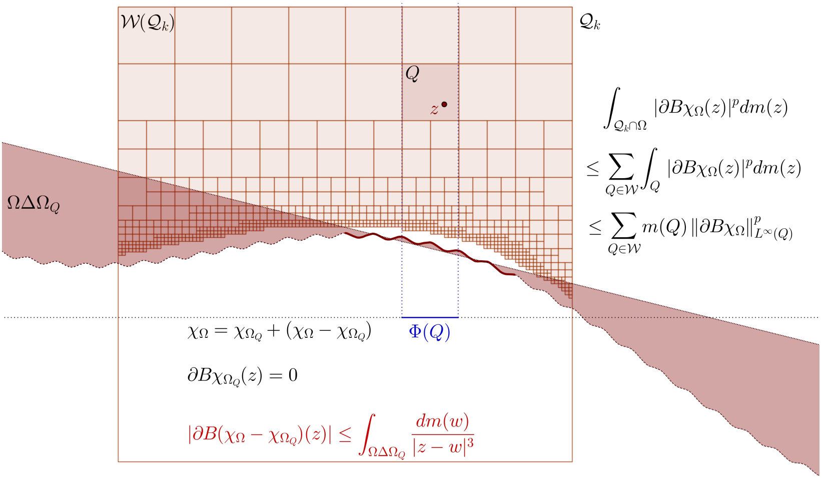

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Farewell

Thank you!

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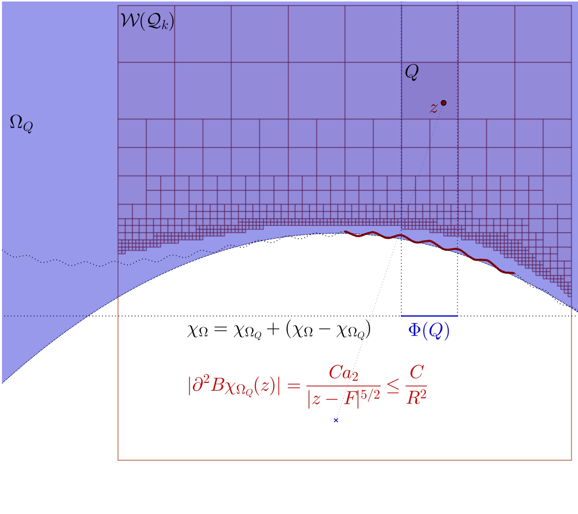

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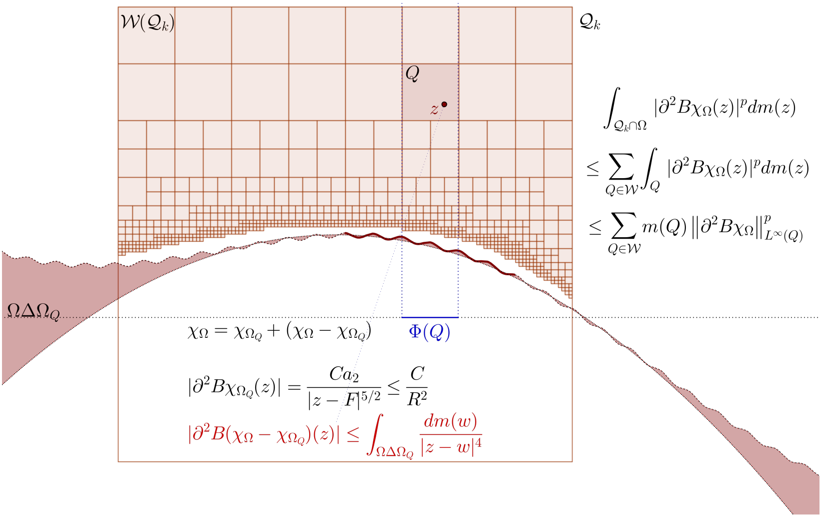

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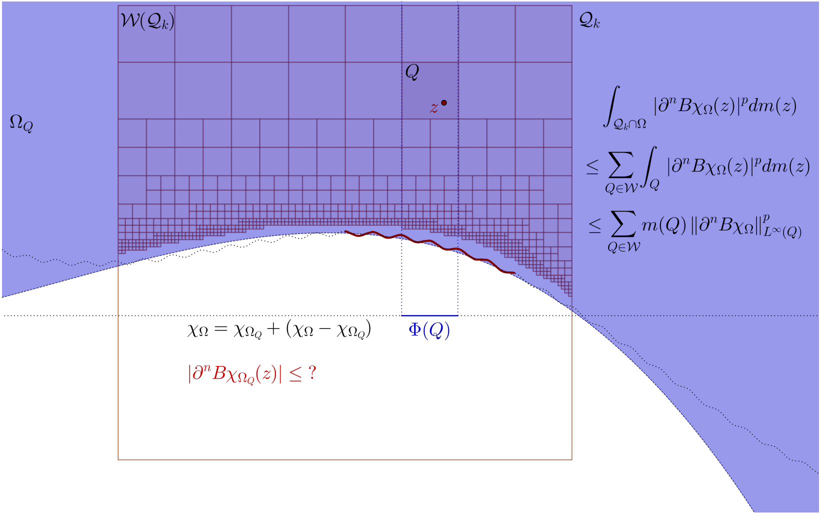

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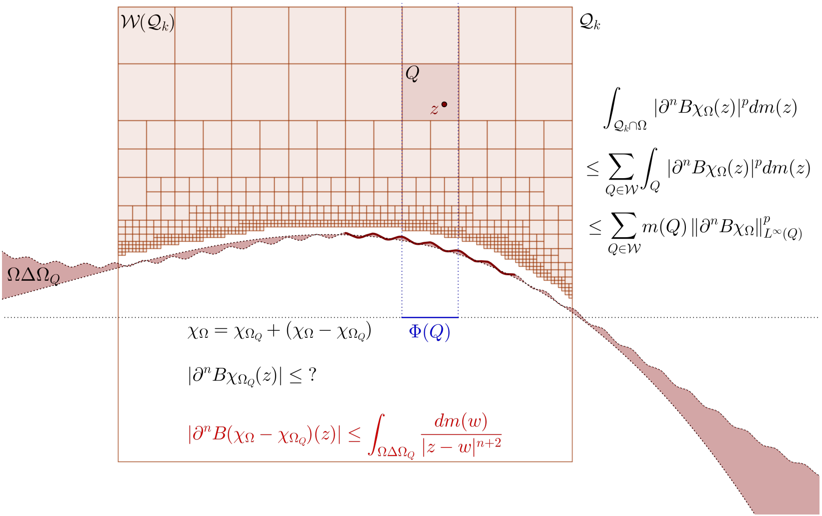

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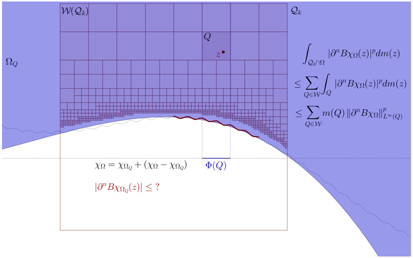

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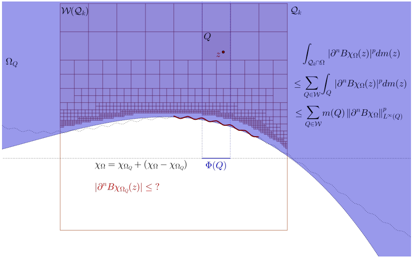

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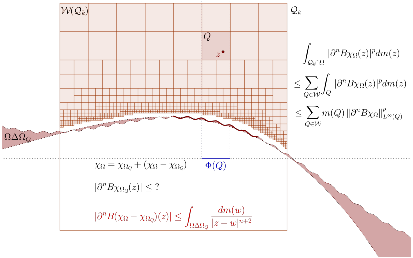

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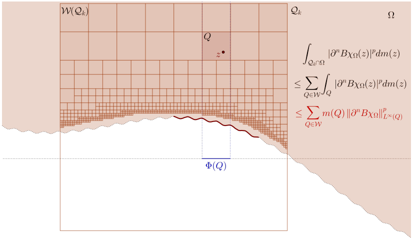

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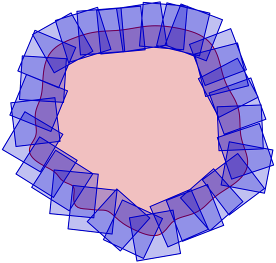

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