SOBOLEV INEQUALITIES WITH VARIABLE EXPONENT ATTAINING THE VALUES 1 AND \boldsymbol{n}

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$Abstract _$

We study Sobolev embeddings in the Sobolev space $W^{1,p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ with variable exponent satisfying $1 \leq p(x) \leq n$. Since the exponent is allowed to reach the values 1 and n, we need to introduce new techniques, combining weak- and strong-type estimates, and a new variable exponent target space scale which features a space of exponential type integrability instead of L^{∞} at the upper end.

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