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Sobolev embeddings with variable exponent. (English) Zbl 0974.46040

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Let Ω be a bounded open subset of \mathbb{R}^n with Lipschitz boundary and let $p : \overline{\Omega} \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ be Lipschitz-continuous. The authors consider the generalised Lebesgue space $L^{p(x)}(\Omega)$ and the corresponding Sobolev space $W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$, consisting of all $f \in L^{p(x)}(\Omega)$ with first-order distributional derivatives in $L^{p(x)}(\Omega)$.

It is shown that if $1 \leq p(x) < n$ for all $x \in \Omega$, then there is a constant $c > 0$ such that for all $f \in W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$,

$$\|f\|_{M,\Omega} \leq c \|f\|_{1,p,\Omega}.$$

Here $\|\cdot\|_{M,\Omega}$ is the norm on an appropriate space of Orlicz-Musielak type and $\|\cdot\|_{1,p,\Omega}$ is the norm on $W^{1,p(x)}(\Omega)$. The inequality reduces to the usual Sobolev inequality if $\sup_{\Omega} p < n$. Corresponding results are proved for the case in which $p(x) > n$ for all $x \in \Omega$.

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- 26D10** Inequalities involving derivatives and differential and integral operators

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