

L^p -versions of the generalized Korn inequalities for incompatible tensor fields

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For $1 < p < \infty$ we prove an L^p -version of the generalized Korn's inequality for incompatible tensor fields P in $W_0^{1,p}(\text{Curl}; \Omega, \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3})$. More precisely, let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ be a bounded Lipschitz domain. Then there exists a constant $c > 0$ such that

$$\|P\|_{L^p(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3})} \leq c (\|\text{sym } P\|_{L^p(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3})} + \|\text{Curl } P\|_{L^p(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3})})$$

holds for all tensor fields $P \in W_0^{1,p}(\text{Curl}; \Omega, \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3})$, i.e., for all $P \in W^{1,p}(\text{Curl}; \Omega, \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3})$ with vanishing tangential trace $P \times \nu = 0$ on $\partial\Omega$ where ν denotes the outward unit normal vector field to $\partial\Omega$. For compatible $P = \nabla u$ this recovers an L^p -version of the classical Korn's first inequality

$$\|\nabla u\|_{L^p(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3})} \leq c \|\text{sym } \nabla u\|_{L^p(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3})} \quad \text{with } \nabla u \times \nu = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega,$$

and for skew-symmetric $P = A \in \mathfrak{so}(3)$ an L^p -version of the Poincaré inequality

$$\|A\|_{L^p(\Omega, \mathfrak{so}(3))} \leq c \|\text{Curl } A\|_{L^p(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3})} \quad \text{with } A \times \nu = 0 \Leftrightarrow A = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.$$

Further generalizations will be discussed.

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