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1. Take a look at Definition 66, Corollary 74, and Exercise 76 in <https://terrytao.wordpress.com/2010/10/16/245a-notes-5-differentiation-theorems/#lip-diff>

Show that any Lipschitz continuous function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is locally of bounded variation. Use Corollary 74 to conclude that  $f$  is differentiable almost everywhere.

2. Consider the *Dirichlet–Neumann problem*

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{d}{dx} \left( a(x) \frac{d}{dx} u(x) \right) &= 1 \quad \text{for } x \in (0, 1), \\ u(0) &= 0, \\ u'(1) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a \in C^1([0, 1])$  is such that  $a(x) \geq c > 0$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Show that

$$u(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1-y}{a(y)} dy$$

is a solution to this problem.

3. Show that the norms

$$\|u\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} := \left( \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 1} \|\partial^\alpha u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 \right)^{1/2}, \quad u \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^d),$$

and

$$\|u\|'_{H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} := \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 + \|\xi\|^2) |\widehat{u}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \right)^{1/2}, \quad u \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^d),$$

are equivalent. That is, there exist constants  $c, C > 0$  such that

$$c\|u\|'_{H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \|u\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C\|u\|'_{H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} \quad \text{for all } u \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

*Hint:* Fourier transform turns differentiation into multiplication.

4. Show that for large enough dimension  $d$ , there holds

$$\frac{1}{\|\mathbf{x}\|} \in H^1(B(\mathbf{0}, 1)),$$

where  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_d^2}$  for  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $B(\mathbf{0}, 1)$  is the unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

*Hint:* The change of variables formula for  $d$ -dimensional polar coordinates is

$$\int_{B(\mathbf{0}, 1)} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \int_0^1 \int_{\|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|=1} f(r\boldsymbol{\omega}) r^{d-1} dS(\boldsymbol{\omega}) dr, \quad (\text{VK: typo fixed!})$$

where  $C_d := \int_{\|\boldsymbol{\omega}\|=1} dS(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \frac{2\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2)}$  and  $\Gamma$  denotes the gamma function.