



Higher order Glaeser inequalities and optimal regularity of roots of real functions

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We prove a higher order generalization of Glaeser inequality, according to which one can estimate the first derivative of a function in terms of the function itself, and the Holder constant of its k -th derivative.

We apply these inequalities in order to obtain pointwise estimates on the derivative of the $(k+\alpha)$ -th root of a function of class C^k whose derivative of order k is α -Holder continuous. Thanks to such estimates, we prove that the root is not just absolutely continuous, but its derivative has a higher summability exponent.

Some examples show that our results are optimal.

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