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## Regularity results for vector fields of bounded distortion and applications

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Abstract:

In this paper we prove higher integrability results for vector fields B, E,

 $(B,E) \in L^{2-\epsilon}(\Omega, n) \times L^{2-\epsilon}(\Omega, n), \ \varepsilon$  small, such that

div B = 0, curl E = 0 satisfying a ``reverse" inequality of the type

$$|B|^{2} + |E|^{2} \leq \left(K + \frac{1}{K}\right) \langle B, E \rangle + |F|^{2}$$

with  $K \geq 1$  and  $F \in L^{r}(\Omega, n), r > 2 - \varepsilon$ . Applications to the

theory of quasiconformal mappings and partial differential equations are given. In particular, we prove regularity results for very weak solutions of equations of the type

div 
$$a(x, \nabla u) = \operatorname{div} F$$
.

If 
$$|a(x,z)|^2+|z|^2\leq (K+1/K)\,\langle a(x,z),z
angle$$
 , in the

homogeneous case, our method provides a new proof of the regularity result

$$u \in W^{1,2-\varepsilon}_{loc}(\Omega) \Rightarrow u \in W^{1,2+\varepsilon}_{loc}(\Omega)$$

where  $\mathcal{E}$  is sufficiently small. A result of higher integrability for functions verifying a reverse integral inequality is used, and its optimality is proved.





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