

# Hodge-Helmholtz Decompositions of Weighted Sobolev Spaces

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- near infinity  $\hat{\varepsilon} \in C^1$
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