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Sobolev extensions of Lipschitz mappings into metric spaces

Abstract: Wenger and Young proved that the pair $(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{H}^n)$ has the Lipschitz extension property for $m \leq n$ where \mathbb{H}^n is the sub-Riemannian Heisenberg group. That is, for some C > 0, any L-Lipschitz map from a subset of \mathbb{R}^m into \mathbb{H}^n can be extended to a CL-Lipschitz mapping on \mathbb{R}^m . In this talk, I construct Sobolev extensions of such Lipschitz mappings with no restriction on the dimension m. I will show that any Lipschitz mapping from a compact subset of \mathbb{R}^m into \mathbb{H}^n may be extended to a Sobolev mapping on any bounded domain containing the set. More generally, I will explain this result in the case of mappings into any Lipschitz (n-1)-connected metric space