



Mapping theorems for Sobolev spaces of vector-valued functions
(joint work with Wolfgang Arendt)

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$R(\lambda, \tilde{A})(f \otimes x) = R(\lambda, A)f \otimes x \quad \forall \lambda < 0$

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$$\tilde{A} + \tilde{B} : D(\tilde{A}) \cap D(\tilde{B}) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega, H)$$

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