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In the unit ball B in \mathbb{R}^n we estimate entropy and approximation numbers of the compact embedding

$$\text{id} : E_{p,\sigma}^m(B) \hookrightarrow L_p(B), \quad 1 \leq p < \infty,$$

where $E_{p,\sigma}^m(B)$ is the completion of $D(B)$ in the norm

$$\left(\int_B |x|^{pm} (1 + |\log |x||)^{p\sigma} \sum_{|\alpha|=m} |D^\alpha f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p},$$

$m \in \mathbb{N}$, $\sigma > 0$. This is based on Hardy inequalities and used to say something about the distribution of eigenvalues of positive definite self-adjoint degenerate elliptic operators of type

$$A_\sigma^m f = (-1)^m \sum_{|\alpha|=m} D^\alpha \left(|x|^{2m} (1 + |\log |x||)^{2\sigma} D^\alpha f \right).$$