

ABSTRACT. We consider n -hypersurfaces Σ_j with interior E_j whose mean curvature are given by the trace of an ambient Sobolev function $u_j \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$

$$(0.1) \quad \vec{H}_{\Sigma_j} = u_j \nu_{E_j} \quad \text{on } \Sigma_j,$$

where ν_{E_j} denotes the inner normal of Σ_j . We investigate (0.1) when $\Sigma_j \rightarrow \Sigma$ weakly as varifolds and prove that Σ is an integral n -varifold with bounded first variation which still satisfies (0.1) for $u_j \rightarrow u, E_j \rightarrow E$. p has to satisfy

$$p > \frac{1}{2}(n+1)$$

and $p \geq \frac{4}{3}$ if $n = 1$. The difficulty is that in the limit several layers can meet at Σ which creates cancellations of the mean curvature.