

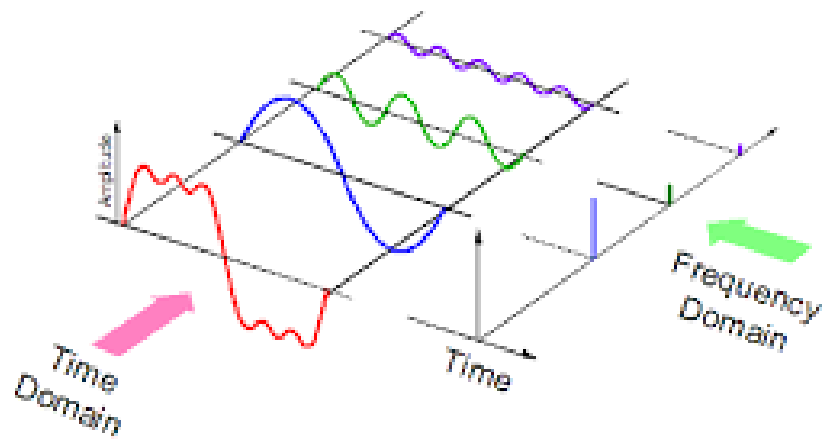
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# Harmonic Analysis

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# Introduction

A brief overview over the material of this lecture:

1. Fourier Transform: Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and periodic, then  $f(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{f}(n)e^{2\pi nix}$ ,

where  $\hat{f} = \int_0^1 f(x)e^{-2\pi nix} dx$ . This decomposition decomposes  $f$  from sth uncountable to sth countable. Fourier transform in general for  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ :

$$\hat{f}(k) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)e^{-2\pi kix} dx$$

Inverse Fourier transform:

$$\hat{f}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{f}(k)e^{2\pi kix} dk$$

2. Convolution form: Fourier transform has the form  $\hat{f}(k) = \int f(x)g(kx)dx$

- $f, g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : (f \star g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x-y)g(y)dy$   
 $= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(y)g(x-y)dy = (g \star f)(x)$
- $\widehat{f \star g}(k) = (\hat{f} \cdot \hat{g})(k)$
- If  $f$  smooth:  $\widehat{\partial x_j f}(k) = (2\pi i k_j) \hat{f}(k)$
- Define operator:  $G : \begin{cases} L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \\ \widehat{Gf}(k) = \hat{g}(k)\hat{f}(k) \end{cases}$ , then

$$Gf(x) = (g \star f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g(x-y)f(y)dy$$

$g$  is called kernel of  $G$

- Example:  $-\Delta u = f$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d \iff u = (-\Delta)^{-1}f = g \star f$ , where  $\hat{g}(k) = \frac{1}{|2\pi k|^2}$ .  
 If  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then  $g(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi|x|^2}$  is the Coulomb potential.

3. Hardy-Littlewood maximal function:  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,

$$M_f = \sup_{R>0} \int_{B(x,R)} |f| = \sup_{R>0} \frac{1}{|B(x,R)|} \int_{B(x,R)} |f|$$

Then  $M_f(x) \geq |f(x)|$  and

$\|M_f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}$  for all  $p > 1$  ("weak form" if  $p = 1$ )

**Theorem 0.1** (Lebesgue Differentiation Theorem). If  $f \in L^1_{loc}$ , then for a.e.  $x$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{B(x,r)} f = f(x)$$

To prove this one needs the so called "Covering Lemmas"

4. Theory of interpolation and decomposition:

$$T : \begin{cases} X_0 \rightarrow Y_0 \\ X_1 \rightarrow Y_1 \end{cases}, T : X_\Theta \rightarrow Y_\Theta, \Theta \in [0, 1]$$

5. Applications:

- Quantum mechanics: *Heisenberg uncertainty* principle, i.e.

$$(p, x) \mapsto \begin{cases} \Psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \\ |\Psi(x)|^2 = \text{probability density in } x \\ |\hat{\Psi}(x)|^2 = \text{probability density in } p \end{cases}$$

*Hardy uncertainty principle*:  $e^{-\pi x^2} = e^{-\pi k^2}$ , if  $f(x) \lesssim \lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\pi \alpha x^2}$

$\Rightarrow \hat{f}(k) \gtrsim e^{-\pi k^2}$  as  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$

*Sobolev uncertainty principle*:  $f, g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , operator  $f(x)g(x)$  compact, if  $f, g \rightarrow 0$  at  $\infty$

$\Rightarrow H^1(\Omega_{bd}) \subset\subset L^2(\Omega)$

- PDE:  $\min \mathcal{E}(u)$ ,  $\mathcal{E}(u) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla u|^2 + V|u|^2$

$\rightsquigarrow$  Schrödinger eq.  $-\Delta u + Vu = Eu$

Harmonic function  $\Delta u = 0$

$\Delta u \geq u \Rightarrow u(x) \leq \int_{B(x,r)} u$  (max principle) and maximum attained on boundary

- Potential theory  $\rightsquigarrow$  Newton thm:  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{|x-y|} = \frac{f \cdot f \cdot g}{d}$

$\Delta \frac{1}{|x|} = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$

- Number theory:  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

Poisson formula: if  $f$  smooth, decay fast at  $\infty$ :

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d} f(x) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \hat{f}(k)$$

Lets have a closer look at an example of the applications in number theory:

**Gauss circle problem** (*still unsolved*)

$$S_R = \#\text{integer points inside circle } B(0, R)$$

$$= \#\{(x_1, x_2) : x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq R\}$$

Conjecture:  $|S_R - \pi R^2| \leq \mathcal{O}(R^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon})$

Gauss:  $\mathcal{O}(R)$

Sierpinski:  $\mathcal{O}(R^{\frac{2}{3}})$

Huxley (2005):  $\mathcal{O}(R^{0.63})$

**Theorem 0.2** (Sierpinski).  $|S_R - \pi R^2| \leq \mathcal{O}(R^{\frac{2}{3}})$

*Proof.* The following proof is due to Hugh Montgomery.

Step 1:  $S_R = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \mathbb{1}_{B_R}$ . We need to replace the indicator function by some smooth

function. Use Convolution. Take  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty$ ,  $\varphi \geq 0$  radial  $\varphi = 0$  outside  $B_1$  and  $\int \varphi = 1$

Define  $\varphi_\varepsilon(x) = \varepsilon^{-2} \varphi(\frac{x}{\varepsilon})$ ,  $\int \varphi_\varepsilon = 1$   $f_R(x) = (\varphi_\varepsilon \star \mathbb{1}_{B_R})(x) = \int_{B(y,R)} \varphi(x-y) dy$

Then  $f_R \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$  by Poisson summation formula

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^2} f_R(x) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \hat{f}_R(k)$$

We have  $\begin{cases} \text{supp } \varphi_\varepsilon \subset B_\varepsilon \\ \text{supp } \mathbb{1}_{B_R} \subset B_R \\ \text{supp } f_R \subset B_{\varepsilon+R} \end{cases}$

Easy to check:  $f_R(x) = 1$ , if  $|x| < R - \varepsilon$ ,  $f_R(x) = 0$ , if  $|x| > R + \varepsilon$  and

$$\tilde{S}_{R-\varepsilon} \leq S_R \leq \tilde{S}_{R+\varepsilon}$$

Step 2: Consider  $\tilde{S}_R = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \hat{f}_R(k)$

$$k = 0 : \hat{f}_R(0) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f_R = \int \varphi_\varepsilon \star \mathbb{1}_{B_R} = (\int \varphi_\varepsilon)(\int \mathbb{1}_{B_R}) = \pi R^2$$

$$k \neq 0 : \hat{f}_R(k) = \widehat{\varphi_\varepsilon \star \mathbb{1}_{B_R}}(k) = \hat{\varphi}_\varepsilon(k) \hat{\mathbb{1}}_{B_R}(k)$$

We have

$$\varphi_\varepsilon = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \varepsilon^{-2} \varphi(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}) e^{-2\pi i k x} dx \tag{1}$$

$$= \int_{\frac{x}{\varepsilon}=y} \varphi(y) e^{-2\pi i k \varepsilon y} dy \tag{2}$$

$$= \hat{\varphi}(\varepsilon k) \tag{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\hat{\varphi}_\varepsilon(k)| = |\hat{\varphi}(\varepsilon k)| \leq \frac{c_l}{|\varepsilon k|^l} \quad \forall l \geq 0$$

(since  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty \Rightarrow \hat{\varphi}(k)$  decays faster than any polynomial)

$$R^{-2} \hat{\mathbb{1}}_{B_R}(k) = \hat{\mathbb{1}}_{B_1}(Rk)$$

**Remark.**  $|\hat{\mathbb{1}}_{B_1}(\xi)| \leq C|\xi|^{-\frac{d+1}{2}}$ ,  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is a Bessel function

**Exercise.** Define  $\mathcal{J}_1(t) = \frac{1}{i\pi} \int_0^\pi e^{it \cos(\Theta)} \cos(\Theta) d\Theta$ , then  $|\mathcal{J}_1(t)| \leq Ct^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $\forall t > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{1}}_{B_R}(k) = R^2 |\hat{\mathbb{1}}_{B_1}(Rk)| \leq \frac{CR^2}{(R|k|)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

In summary:  $|\hat{f}_R(k)| \leq \frac{c_l R^{\frac{1}{2}}}{|k^{\frac{3}{2}}|} \cdot \frac{1}{|\varepsilon k|^l}$ ,  $\forall l \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k \neq 0} |\hat{f}_R(k)| = \sum_{0 < |k| < K} |\hat{f}_R(k)| + \sum_{|k| \geq K} |\hat{f}_R(k)| \quad (4)$$

$$\leq \sum_{0 < |k| < K} \frac{cR^{\frac{1}{2}}}{|k^{\frac{3}{2}}|} + \sum_{|k| \geq K} \frac{cR^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\varepsilon |k^{\frac{5}{2}}|} \quad (5)$$

$$\leq cR^{\frac{1}{2}} K^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{cR^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\varepsilon |K^{\frac{1}{2}}|}, \quad \forall K > 0 \quad (6)$$

Now, choose best  $K$ !

$$\text{Step 3: } S_R \geq \tilde{S}_{R-\varepsilon} \geq \pi(R-\varepsilon)^2 - C \frac{(R-\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\text{Thus, } S_R \leq \tilde{S}_{R+\varepsilon} \leq \pi(R+\varepsilon)^2 + C \frac{(R+\varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow |S_R - \pi R^2| \leq C \left( R\varepsilon + \frac{R^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) \xrightarrow{\text{opt over } \varepsilon > 0} CR^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$R\varepsilon \sim \frac{R^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}} \sim \left( R\varepsilon \left( \frac{R^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) \left( \frac{R^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = R^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

□

# Chapter 1

## $L^p$ -Spaces

### 1.1 Measures

$(\Sigma, \Omega)$ ,  $\Sigma \subset 2^\Omega = \{\text{subsets of } \Omega\}$

$\Sigma$  is called a  $\sigma$ - algebra, if

$$\begin{cases} \Omega \in \Sigma \\ A \in \Sigma \Rightarrow A^c \in \Sigma \\ (A_i)_{i=0}^n \subset \Sigma \Rightarrow \bigcap_{i=0}^n A_i \in \Sigma \\ (A_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ countable} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i \in \Sigma \end{cases}$$

$\mu$  is called a (positive) measure, if  $\mu : \Sigma \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ , s.t.  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$  and if  $(A_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  countable and  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  for all  $i \neq j$ , then  $\mu(\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_i)$

**Example 1.1** (Dirac-Delta measure).  $\mu_y$  a measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$  s.t.

$$\mu_y(A) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } y \in A \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad . \text{ Here } \Sigma = 2^{\mathbb{R}^d}$$

**Example 1.2.** (counting measure)  $\mu(A) = \#A = |A|$  with  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\Sigma = 2^\Omega$

**Remark.** This measure is not sigma-finite

**Definition 1.3.** A measure  $\mu$  is called  $\sigma$ - finite, there is a countable family  $(A_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ , s.t.  $\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_i = \Omega$  and  $\mu A_i < \infty$  for all  $i$



**Example 1.4** (Borel measure).  $(\mu, \Sigma, \Omega) \rightsquigarrow \Sigma =$  smallest  $\sigma$ -Algebra s.t. it contains all open and closed sets. In  $\mathbb{R}^d$  we have a uniquely defined measure s.t.  $\mu([0, 1]^d) = 1$  and  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d, A \in \Sigma : \mu(x + A) = \mu(A)$

**Theorem 1.5.** There is exactly one Borel measure  $\mu$

**Example 1.6** (Lebesgue Measure).  $(\mu, \Sigma, \Omega) \rightsquigarrow \Sigma =$  Borel  $\sigma$ -Algebra + "sets of 0-measure"

$$\mu(A) = \mu(A_{\text{Borel measurable}} + \text{"sets of 0-measure"}) := \mu(A_{\text{Borel measurable}})$$

**Definition 1.7.**  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is a set of 0-measure, if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a Borel measurable set  $A_\varepsilon$  s.t.  $A \subset A_\varepsilon$  and  $\mu(A_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$

**Remark.**

- The advantage of the Lebesgue  $\sigma$ -Algebra is its completeness, i.e. if  $\mu(A) = 0$  for a Borel set  $A$ , then for all  $B \subset A : \mu(B) = 0$ .
- The disadvantage of the Lebesgue  $\sigma$ -Algebra is that we need to be careful with the "product property", i.e. if  $A_1 \subset \mathbb{R}$  is not Lebesgue measurable and  $A_2$  is a set of 0-measure, then  $\mu_{\mathbb{R}^2}(A_1 \times A_2) = 0$ , but  $\mu_{\mathbb{R}^2}(A_1 \times A_2) = \underbrace{\mu_{\mathbb{R}}(A_1)}_{\text{not well defined}} \mu_{\mathbb{R}}(A_2) \not\downarrow$

This is not nice when applying Fubini

- For two functions  $f, g$  we say that  $f = g$  a.e, if there is a Lebesgue set of 0-measure  $A$ , s.t.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus A : f(x) = g(x)$

**Theorem 1.8** (Regularity of Lebesgue measure). If  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is Lebesgue measurable, then

1.  $|A| := \mu(A) = \inf\{|O| : O \text{ open and } A \subset O\}$  (outer regularity)
2.  $|A| := \mu(A) = \sup\{|B| : B \text{ compact and } B \subset A\}$  (inner regularity)

## 1.2 Integration

$(\mu, \Sigma, \Omega)$  measure space. Let  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

**Definition 1.9.**  $f$  is measurable, if for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$   $\underbrace{x \in \Omega : f(x) > \lambda}_{\text{level set}}$  is measurable

In general,  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  measurable, iff  $Re(f)$  and  $Im(f)$  are measurable

**Definition 1.10.** Take  $f : \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  measurable.

Define  $\int_{\Omega} f \mu$  Lebesgue integral  $:= \int_0^{\infty} \mu(\{x \in \Omega : f(x) > \lambda\})$  Riemann integral

This works, since  $\lambda \mapsto \mu(\{x \in \Omega : f(x) > \lambda\})$  is monotone

**Remark.** If  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  monotone, then  $g$  is continuous except on a countable set. More precisely:  $\exists$  countable points  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I} \subset \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $g$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{x_i\}_{i \in I}$  and at  $x_i$ :

$$g(x_i, -) = \lim_{y \nearrow x_i} g(y) \leq \lim_{y \searrow x_i} g(y) = g(x_i, +)$$

In general, if  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f = f_+ - f_-$ , s.t.  $f_+ = \max(f, 0)$  and  $f_- = \max(-f, 0)$  and assume  $\int f_+$  and  $\int f_-$  are finite, then we say that  $f$  is summable and define  $\int f = \int f_+ - \int f_-$ . Also if  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $Re f$  and  $Im f$  are summable, then  $f$  is summable and  $\int f = \int Re f + i \int Im f$

**Theorem 1.11.** (Layer cake representation) For all  $1 \leq p < \infty$ :

$$\int_{\Omega} |f(x)|^p d\mu(x) = \int_0^{\infty} p\lambda^{p-1} \mu(\{x \in \Omega : |f(x)| > \lambda\}) d\lambda$$

**Remark.** Think of Fubini:

$$\int_0^{\infty} p\lambda^{p-1} \mu(\{x \in \Omega : |f(x)| > \lambda\}) d\lambda = \int_0^{\infty} p\lambda^{p-1} \left( \int_{\Omega} \mathbb{1}_{\{|f(x)| > \lambda\}} d\mu(x) \right) d\lambda \quad (1.1)$$

$$= \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\left( p\lambda^{p-1} \int_0^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_{\{|f(x)| > \lambda\}} d\lambda \right)}_{=|f(x)|^p} d\mu(x) \quad (1.2)$$

5 fundamental theorems:

1. Monotone c.v.
2. Dominated c.v.
3. Fatou's Lemma
4. Brezis-Lieb Lemma
5. Fubini

### 1.3 $L^p$ spaces

**Definition 1.12.**  $\|f\|_p = \begin{cases} (\int_{\Omega} |f|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}, & \text{if } 1 \leq p < \infty \\ \text{ess sup } |f|, & \text{if } p = \infty \end{cases}$   
 $\text{ess sup} =$  "sup up to sets of 0-measure"  $= \inf\{\lambda : |f(x)| \leq \lambda \text{ a.e.}\} \quad f \in L^p(\text{dom}(f)) \Leftrightarrow \|f\|_p < \infty$

**Theorem 1.13.**  $L^p(\Omega)$  is a Banach space for all  $p \in [1, \infty]$

**Theorem 1.14** (Hölder inequality). If for all  $f \in L^p$ ,  $g \in L^q$ ,  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  s.t.  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , then

$$\left| \int_{\Omega} fg \right| \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$$

**Remark.** Dual formulation:  $\|f\|_p = \sup_{0 \neq g \in L^q} \frac{|\int_{\Omega} fg|}{\|g\|_q}$

**Theorem 1.15** (Riesz-Representation).  $(L^p(\Omega))^* = L^q(\Omega)$  for all  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ,  $1 \leq p, q < \infty$ . Moreover, if  $(\Omega, \mu)$  is  $\sigma$ -finite, then  $(L^1)^* = L^{\infty}$ , but  $(L^{\infty})^*$  is in general much bigger than  $L^1$ .

**Definition 1.16** (Weak  $L^p$ ). Take  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  measurable. We say  $f \in L_w^p(\Omega)$ , if

$$\sup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda |\{x \in \Omega : |f(x)| > \lambda\}|^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty$$

and define

$$\|f\|_{p,w} = \sup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda^p |\{x \in \Omega : |f(x)| > \lambda\}|$$

**Example 1.17.** Take  $f : x \mapsto \frac{1}{|x|}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

$$|\{f(x) > \lambda\}| = |x : |x| < \frac{1}{\lambda}| = C \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda^d}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda^d |\{f(x) > \lambda\}| < \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{|x|} \in L_w^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

Similarly for  $\frac{1}{|x|^d} \in L_{1,w}$

# Chapter 2

## Hardy-Littlewood maximal functions

### 2.1 Hardy-Littlewood maximal inequalities

Motivation: We want to prove the Lebesgue differentiation theorem for  $L^1$  functions.

**Theorem 2.1** (Lebesgue Differentiation Theorem). If  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then

$$\int_{B(x,r)} |f - f(x)| \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow 0} 0 \text{ a.e.}$$

The same holds, if  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  or  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$  for some  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

**Definition 2.2** (Maximal function). If  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then define

$$Mf(x) := \sup_{r>0} \int_{B(x,r)} |f|$$

**Remark.** 1. By Lebesgue differentiation theorem,  $Mf(x) \geq |f(x)|$  a.e.

2. If  $f \not\equiv 0$ , then  $Mf \notin L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  even, if  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , since

$$Mf(x) \geq \int_{B(x,r)} |f| = \frac{1}{|B_1|r^d} \int_{B(x,r)} |f| \quad (2.1)$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{|B_1|(2|x|)^d} \int_{B(0,|x|)} |f(y)| dy \quad (2.2)$$

$$\geq \frac{\varepsilon}{|x|^d}, \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty \quad (2.3)$$

for some  $\varepsilon > 0$  ( $\varepsilon$  depends on  $f$  but not on  $x$ ) Thus,  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} Mf(x) dx \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{\varepsilon}{|x|^d} dx = \infty$

We can not even expect  $Mf \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , if  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$

**Example 2.3.**  $f(x) = \frac{1}{|x||\ln x|^2} \in L^1(-1, 1)$ . Note that  $\frac{1}{|x||\ln x|} \notin L^1$

$$Mf(x) \geq \int_0^{2x} |f| = \frac{1}{2x} \int_0^{2x} |f| \sim \frac{1}{|x||\ln x|} \notin L^1_{loc}(-1, 1)$$

We will prove that on the other hand  $Mf$  is "as nice as  $f$ "

**Theorem 2.4** (Hardy-Littlewood inequality -  $L^1$  weak form). If  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then

$$|\{x : Mf(x) > \lambda\}| \leq \frac{C_d}{\lambda} \|f\|_{L^1}$$

Here we can take  $C_d = 5^d$  (or  $3^d$ ).

Note that the bound is equivalent:  $\|Mf\|_{L^1_w} \leq C_d \|f\|_{L^1}$

*Proof (Lebesgue differentiation theorem by Hardy-Littlewood maximal inequality 2.1).* Wlog assume  $f \in L^1_c$ , i.e.  $f \in L^1$  and  $f$  has compact support.

Step 1 (Reformulate the statement): We want to prove

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow 0} \int_{B(x,r)} |f - f(x)| = 0 \text{ for a.e. } x$$

Define  $A_\varepsilon := \{x : \limsup_{n \rightarrow 0} |f - f(x)| > \varepsilon\}$

We will prove that for all  $\varepsilon > 0 : |A_\varepsilon| = 0$

Then this implies  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_{\frac{1}{n}} = 0$  and  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_{\frac{1}{n}} = \{x : \limsup_{n \rightarrow 0} |f - f(x)| > 0\}$ .

This implies our desired condition.

Step 2: Take  $\varepsilon > 0$  and prove  $|A_\varepsilon| = 0$

If  $f$  is continuous, then this is obvious. If  $f \in L^1_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then  $\exists \{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset C_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$  s.t.  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^1$ . Then:

$$A_\varepsilon \subset \{x : \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{B(x,r)} |f(y) - f(x)| dy > \varepsilon\}$$

By triangle inequality:

$$|f(y) - f(x)| \leq |f(y) - f_n(y)| + |f_n(y) - f_n(x)| + |f_n(x) - f(x)|$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{B(x,r)} |f(y) - f(x)| dy \leq \int_{B(x,r)} |f(y) - f_n(y)| dy + \int_{B(x,r)} |f_n(y) - f_n(x)| dy + |f_n(x) - f(x)|$$

We have that for all  $n$ :  $\int_{B(x,r)} |f_n(y) - f_n(x)| dy \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow 0} 0$ , since  $f_n$  is continuous. Moreover, by the definition of the maximal function:

$$\int_{B(x,r)} |f(y) - f_n(y)| dy \leq \sup_{r>0} \int_{B(x,r)} |f - f_n|(y) dy = M(f - f_n)(x)$$

Thus

$$A_\varepsilon \subset \{x : M(f - f_n)(x) + |f_n(x) - f(x)| > \varepsilon\}.$$

Note:  $a + b > \varepsilon \Rightarrow$  either  $a > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  or  $b > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow A_\varepsilon \subset \{x : M(f - f_n)(x) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\} \cup \{x : |f_n(x) - f(x)| > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}$$

We have:  $|\{x : |f_n(x) - f(x)| > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}| \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|f_n(x) - f(x)|}{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} \leq \frac{2}{\varepsilon} \|f_n - f\|_{L^1}$

$$|\{x : M(f - f_n)(x) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}| \leq \frac{C_d}{\varepsilon} \|f_n - f\|_{L^1} \quad (\text{maximal inequality})$$

Conclusion:  $|A_\varepsilon| \leq \frac{C_d}{\varepsilon} \|f_n - f\|_{L^1} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow |A_\varepsilon| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{C_d}{\varepsilon} \|f_n - f\|_{L^1} = 0$$

□

**Lemma 2.5** (Vitali covering lemma). Consider a collection of balls in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\{B_i\}_{i \in I}$ , s.t.  $\sup_i \text{diam } B_i < \infty$ . Then  $\exists$  a subcollection  $I' \subset I$  s.t.  $\{B_i\}_{i \in I'}$  contains only disjoint balls and

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} B_i \subset \bigcup_{i \in I'} 5B_i$$

where  $5B(x, r) = B(x, 5r)$ . Here 5 can be replaced by any  $\nu > 3$

*Proof.* First, we only consider the case, where  $I$  is finite. Choose  $I'$  by induction:

1.  $B_1$  is the largest ball in  $\{B_i\}_{i \in I}$ . Add  $B_1$  to  $I'$
2. Ignore all balls that intersect with  $B_1$ . Note that  $5B_1$  covers all balls that intersect with  $B_1$
3. Repeat with remaining balls

The remaining set has the desired properties.

□

*Proof (Hardy-Littlewood 2.4).* We only consider the case where  $f \in L_c^1$ . Note that this is enough to prove 2.1.

Let  $f \in L_c^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . By the definition of the maximal function we get that for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d \exists r_x > 0$  s.t.

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{r>0} \int_{B(x,r)} |f| \leq 2 \int_{B(x,r_x)} |f|$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{B(x,r_x)} |f| \geq \frac{1}{2} |B_r| Mf(x)$$

Idea: We want to decompose  $\{x : Mf(x) > \lambda\}$  into disjoint balls  $\{B(x, r_x)\}_{x \in I}$ . In this step we need that  $\sup_x r_x < \infty$ . This is guaranteed by  $f \in L^1_c$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|\{x : Mf(x) > \lambda\}|}{|\bigcup_x B(x, r_x)| \leq \sum_x |B_{r_x}| \lesssim \sum_x \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{B(x, r_x)} |f|} \lesssim \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{x \in I} \int_{B(x, r_x)} |f| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f| = \frac{1}{\lambda} \|f\|_{L^1}$$

We have  $A = \{x : Mf(x) > \lambda\} \subset \bigcup_{x \in A} B(x, r_x) \xrightarrow{\text{Vitali cover lemma}} \exists A' \subset A$  s.t.

$$\bigcup_{x \in A} B(x, r_x) \subset \bigcup_{x \in A'} 5B(x, r_x)$$

and  $A'$  contains only disjoint balls.

For any  $x \in A' \subset A$ :  $\int_{B(x, r_x)} |f| \geq \frac{1}{2} |B(r_x)| \lambda$

$$\sum_{x \in A'} \int_{B(x, r_x)} |f| \geq \sum_{x \in A'} \frac{1}{2} |B(r_x)| \lambda = \sum_{x \in A'} \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5^d} |B(5r_x)| \lambda \quad (2.4)$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5^d} \left| \bigcup_{x \in A'} B(5r_x) \right| \lambda \quad (2.5)$$

$$\geq |A| \lambda \quad (2.6)$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| \leq \frac{2 \cdot 5^d}{\lambda} \|f\|_{L^1}$$

□

**Theorem 2.6** (Hardy-Littlewood maximal inequality -  $L^p$  strong version). If  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$  for  $1 < p \leq \infty$ , then:

$$\|Mf\|_{L^p} \leq C_{d,p} \|f\|_{L^p}$$

Interpolation idea:  $p = \infty$  is trivial.  $Mf(x) = \sup_{r>0} \int_{B(x,r)} |f| \leq \|f\|_{\infty}$

The lower  $p$  is the harder it gets. In fact, we will see that the hardest case  $p = 1$  in its weak form implies the theorem.

**Remark.** We can make  $C_{d,p}$  independent of  $p$  if  $p$  is far away from 1 but  $C_{d,p} \rightarrow \infty$  if  $p = 1$  or  $d \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . We use the layer-cake representation

$$\|Mf\|_{L^p}^p = \int_0^\infty p \lambda^{p-1} |\{Mf > \lambda\}| d\lambda$$



First try: Applying weak  $L^1$  bound from 2.4

$$\Rightarrow \|Mf\|_{L^p}^p = c_{d,p} \int_0^\infty \lambda^{p-1} \frac{\|f\|_{L^1}^p}{\lambda} d\lambda = \infty, \text{ since } \int_0^\infty \lambda^s d\lambda = \infty \text{ for all } s > 0$$

Second try: First show  $\{Mf > 0\} \subset \{Mf_{\frac{\lambda}{2}} > \frac{\lambda}{2}\}$  where  $f_{\frac{\lambda}{2}} = f \cdot \mathbb{1}_{f > \frac{\lambda}{2}}$ :

This holds because  $f(x) = f_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(x) + f(x)\mathbb{1}_{f \leq \frac{\lambda}{2}}$  for all  $x$

$$\Rightarrow Mf(x) = \sup_{r>0} \int_{B(x,r)} f(y)dy \leq \left(\sup_{r>0} \int_{B(x,r)} f_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(y)dy\right) + \frac{\lambda}{2} = Mf_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(x) + \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{If } Mf(x) > \frac{\lambda}{2} \Rightarrow Mf_{\frac{\lambda}{2}} > \frac{\lambda}{2} \Rightarrow \{Mf > 0\} \subset \{Mf_{\frac{\lambda}{2}} > \frac{\lambda}{2}\}$$

By the weak  $L^1$  bound:

$$\begin{aligned} |\{x : Mf_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}(x) > \frac{\lambda}{2}\}| &\leq \frac{C_d}{\frac{\lambda}{2}} \|f_{\frac{\lambda}{2}}\|_{L^1} \\ &= \frac{2C_d}{\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)\mathbb{1}_{f > \frac{\lambda}{2}} dx \end{aligned}$$

Then we conclude from the layer-cake formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \|Mf\|_{L^p}^p &\leq C_{d,p} \int_0^\infty \lambda^{p-1} \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)\mathbb{1}_{f > \frac{\lambda}{2}} dx\right) d\lambda \\ &\stackrel{\text{Fubini}}{=} C_{d,p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) \underbrace{\left(\int_0^\infty \lambda^{p-2} \mathbb{1}_{f > \frac{\lambda}{2}} d\lambda\right)}_{= \int_0^{2f(x)} \lambda^{p-2} d\lambda = c(f(x))^{p-1}} dx \\ &= c \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^p \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark.** (Interpolation) From the proof, we use 2 inequalities:

$$f(x) = \underbrace{f(x)\mathbb{1}_{f > \frac{\lambda}{2}}}_{\text{weak } L^1} + \underbrace{f(x)\mathbb{1}_{f \leq \frac{\lambda}{2}}}_{\text{strong } L^\infty}$$

The same idea can be used in a much more general setting  $\rightsquigarrow$  interpolation inequalities

## 2.2 Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev inequality

**Theorem 2.7** (Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev inequality). Let  $p, q > 1$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} + \frac{\lambda}{d} = 2$

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{|x-y|^\lambda} dx dy \right| \leq c \|f\|_{L^p} \|g\|_{L^q}$$

where  $c = c_{d,\lambda,p,q} < \infty$  independently of  $f, g$

**Remark.** 1. This implies the standard Sobolev inequality. E.g. in  $3D$ :  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla u|^2 \geq$

$$c \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u|^6 \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

The latter follows from HLS and  $(-\delta)^{-1}f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{1}{4\pi|x-y|} f(y) dy$

2. HLS inequality is also called weak young-ineq.

$$\|f \star g\|_{L^r} \leq \|f\|_{L^p} \|g\|_{L^q}, \quad \forall r, p, q > 1 \text{ s.t. } \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 + \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)g(x-y)h(y) dx dy \right| \leq C \|f\|_{L^p} \|g\|_{L^r} \|h\|_{L^q}, \quad \forall r, p, q > 1 \text{ s.t. } \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{r} = 2$$

3. Scaling argument: Let  $f_t(x) := f(tx)$ ,  $t > 0$

LHS:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{f_t(x)g_t(y)}{|x-y|^\lambda} dx dy \right| &\stackrel{\hat{x}=tx, \hat{y}=ty}{=} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{f(\hat{x})g(\hat{y})}{\left|\frac{\hat{x}}{t} - \frac{\hat{y}}{t}\right|^\lambda} d\hat{x} d\hat{y} \right| \\ &= t^{\lambda-2d} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{|x-y|^\lambda} dx dy \right| \end{aligned}$$

LHS:

$$\|f_t\|_{L^p} \|g_t\|_{L^q} = t^{-d(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q})} \|f\|_{L^p} \|g\|_{L^q}$$

(just via substitution  $\hat{x} = tx$ )

Observation: If  $A, B > 0$  and  $At^\alpha \leq Bt^\beta \forall t > 0$ , then  $\alpha = \beta$

HLS ineq  $\Rightarrow \lambda - 2d = -d(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}) \Rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{d} - 2 = -(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q})$ . So this is the only reasonable choice for  $\lambda, p, q$ .

**Lemma 2.8.** (Fefferman-de la Llave) Let  $0 < \lambda < d$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$  s.t.  $x \neq y$ . Then there exists a  $c = c_{d,\lambda} > 0$  s.t.

$$\frac{1}{|x-y|^\lambda} = c_{d,\lambda} \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{1}_{B(t,r)}(x) \mathbb{1}_{B(z,r)}(y) dz \frac{dr}{r^{d+\lambda+1}}$$

*Proof.* The proof consists of showing that the function on the RHS  $RHS(x, y)$  satisfies  $RHS(tx, ty) = \frac{1}{t^\lambda} RHS(x, y)$ . Then it follows that  $RHS(x, y) = c \frac{1}{|x-y|^\lambda}$  for a constant  $c > 0$  (exercise).

$$\begin{aligned}
 RHS(tx, ty) &= \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{1}_{B(x,r)}(tx) \mathbb{1}_{B(z,r)}(ty) dz \frac{dr}{r^{d+\lambda+1}} \\
 &= \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{1}_{B(tz, tr)}(tx) \mathbb{1}_{B(tz, tr)}(ty) \underbrace{d(tz)}_{=t^d dz} \frac{d(tr)}{(tr)^{d+\lambda+1}} \\
 &= \left( \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{1}_{B(t,r)}(x) \mathbb{1}_{B(z,r)}(y) dz \frac{dr}{r^{d+\lambda+1}} \right) \frac{1}{t^\lambda} \\
 &= \frac{1}{t^\lambda} RHS(x, y)
 \end{aligned}$$

□

*proof of HLS by HL max inequality + FD lemma 2.8.*

Assume  $\|f\|_{L^p} = \|g\|_{L^q} = 1$  and  $f, g \geq 0$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{|x-y|^\lambda} dx dy \\
 &= c_{d,\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)g(y) \left( \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{1}_{B(t,r)}(x) \mathbb{1}_{B(z,r)}(y) dz \frac{dr}{r^{d+\lambda+1}} \right) dx dy \\
 &= c_{d,\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left[ \int_0^\infty (f \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)})(z) (g \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)})(z) dz \right] dx dy
 \end{aligned}$$

We have the following bounds:

1.  $f \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)}(z) \leq |B_r| Mf(z) \leq cr^d Mf(z)$ .  
 Identically:  $g \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)}(z) \leq cr^d Mg(z)$

$$\Rightarrow F := (f \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)})(z) (g \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)})(z) \frac{1}{r^{d+\lambda+1}} \lesssim r^{d-\lambda+1} Mf(z) Mg(z) \quad \forall r > 0$$

(We will only use  $r < R$ )

- 2.

$$\|f \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)}\|_{L^\infty} \stackrel{\text{Young ineq}}{\leq} \|f\|_{L^p} \|\mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)}\|_{L^{p'}} \lesssim r^{\frac{d}{p'}}$$

for  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$ .

Identically:  $\|f \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)}\|_{L^\infty} \lesssim r^{\frac{d}{q'}}$  for  $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{q'} = 1$

$$\Rightarrow F \lesssim r^{\frac{d}{p'}} r^{\frac{d}{q'}} \frac{1}{r^{d+\lambda+1}} = \frac{1}{r^{1+d}}$$

We used that  $\frac{d}{p} + \frac{d}{q} = 2d - \lambda$  and since we have Hölder conjugates, the same holds for  $p', q'$  instead of  $p, q$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \int_0^\infty F dr &= \underbrace{\int_0^R F dr}_{\text{use first bound}} + \underbrace{\int_R^\infty F dr}_{\text{use second bound}} \\ &\lesssim \int_0^R r^{d-\lambda+1} Mf(z) Mg(z) dr + \int_R^\infty \frac{1}{r^{1+d}} dr \\ &\lesssim R^{d-\lambda} Mf(z) Mg(z) + \frac{1}{R^d}, \quad \forall R > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Optimize over  $R$  :

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \int_0^\infty F dr &\lesssim \left[ (R^{d-\lambda} Mf(z) Mg(z))^d \left(\frac{1}{R^d}\right)^{d-\lambda} \right]^{\frac{1}{2d-\lambda}} \\ &= (Mf(z))^{\frac{d}{2d-\lambda}} (Mg(z))^{\frac{d}{2d-\lambda}} \end{aligned}$$

Finally:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^\infty F dr dz &\lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (Mf(z))^{\frac{d}{2d-\lambda}} (Mg(z))^{\frac{d}{2d-\lambda}} \\ &\leq \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (Mf(z))^{\frac{d}{2d-\lambda} \alpha} dz \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (Mg(z))^{\frac{d}{2d-\lambda} \beta} dz \right)^{\frac{1}{\beta}} \\ &= \|Mf\|_{L^p}^{\frac{p}{\alpha}} \|Mg\|_{L^q}^{\frac{q}{\alpha}} \stackrel{\text{HL max}}{\lesssim} \|f\|_{L^p}^{\frac{p}{\alpha}} \|g\|_{L^q}^{\frac{q}{\alpha}} \end{aligned}$$

for

1.  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1$
2.  $\frac{d}{2d-\lambda} - \alpha = p, \frac{d}{2d-\lambda} - \beta = q$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{d}{2d-\lambda} \frac{1}{p} + \frac{d}{2d-\lambda} \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{2d-\lambda} \left( \frac{d}{p} + \frac{d}{q} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow d \left( \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \right) = d \left( 2 - \frac{\lambda}{q} \right) \quad \square$$

## 2.3 Lieb-Oxford inequality

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $\Psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^{dN})$ ,  $\|\Psi\|_{L^2} = 1$  and define the one-body density

$$\rho := \rho_\Psi(x) := \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d(N-1)}} |\Psi(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_N)|^2 dx_1, \dots, dx_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, dx_N$$

Then  $\forall 0 < \lambda < d$  we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{dN}} |\Psi(x_1, \dots, x_N)|^2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} \frac{1}{|x_i - x_j|^\lambda} \geq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{dN}} \frac{\rho_\Psi(x)\rho_\Psi(y)}{|x - y|^\lambda} dx dy - C_{d,\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho_\Psi^{1+\frac{\lambda}{d}} dx$$

Motivation: In QM  $|\Psi|^2$  is the probability density of  $N$  quantum particles.

Density functional theory: Only consider  $\rho \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $\rho \geq 0$  and  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho_\Psi dx = N$

If  $|\Psi(x_1, \dots, x_N)|$  is symmetric, i.e.  $|\Psi(x_1, \dots, x_N)| = |\Psi(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(N)})|$  for all  $\sigma \in S_N$ , then the one-body density is simply given by

$$\rho(x) = N \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d(N-1)}} |\Psi(x, x_2, \dots, x_N)|^2 dx_2, \dots, dx_N$$

Actually, there are two kind of particles:

1. Bosons:  $|\Psi(x_1, \dots, x_N)| = |\Psi(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(N)})|$  for all  $\sigma \in S_N$
2. Fermions:  $|\Psi(x_1, \dots, x_N)| = (-1)^\sigma |\Psi(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(N)})|$  for all  $\sigma \in S_N$

In density functional theory, people try to replace  $\Psi$  by  $\rho$  in various situations. E.g. if we compute the ground state energy of a system described by a Hamiltonian  $H$  usually simplified

$$\inf_{\|\Psi\|_{L^2}=1} \langle \Psi, H\Psi \rangle = \inf_{\substack{0 \leq f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \\ \int f = N}} \underbrace{\inf_{\Psi: \rho_{\Psi} = f} \langle \Psi, H\Psi \rangle}_{\substack{\text{In computational physics/chemistry,} \\ \text{one tries to find approximations} \\ \text{for this as a functional } \mathcal{E}(f)}}$$

The L-O inequality suggests that for  $H = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} \frac{1}{|x_i - x_j|^\lambda}$  ( $\lambda = 1$  and  $d = 3$  gives Coulomb interaction) we have the approximation

$$\mathcal{E}(f) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{dN}} \frac{f(x)f(y)}{|x - y|^\lambda} dx dy}_{\substack{\text{direct energy on mean} \\ \text{field energy}}} - C \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)^{1+\frac{\lambda}{d}} dx}_{\text{exchange energy}}$$

The effective formulas can be obtained by mean-field approximation:

- Bosons: Take  $\Psi = u(x_1)\dots u(x_N)$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{dN}} \frac{|\Psi(x_1, \dots, x_N)|^2}{|x_i - x_j|^\lambda} &= \frac{N(N-1)}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{dN}} \frac{|u(x_1)|^2 \dots |u(x_N)|^2}{|x_1 - x_2|} dx_1 \dots dx_N \\ &= \frac{N(N-1)}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{dN}} \frac{|u(x_1)|^2 |u(x_2)|^2}{|x_1 - x_2|} dx_1 dx_2 \end{aligned}$$

and  $\rho = N|u(x)|^2 \Rightarrow \frac{(N-1)}{2N} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{dN}} \frac{\rho(x)\rho(y)}{|x-y|^\lambda} dx dy$  (leading term as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ )

- Fermions: Take  $\Psi(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \det(u_i(x_j))_{i,j}$  for  $\{u_i\}_{i=1}^N$  orthonormal family in  $L^2$

**Exercise.** For the Slater determinant  $\rho(x) = \rho_\Psi(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N |u_i(x)|^2$  we have

$$\sum_{i < j} \int |\Psi|^2 \frac{1}{|x_i - x_j|^\lambda} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{Nd}} \frac{\rho(x)\rho(y)}{|x-y|^\lambda} - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{|\sum_i u_i(x)u_i(y)|^2}{|x-y|^\lambda} dx dy$$

*Proof of LO inequality using the HL maximal inequality.* We use Fefferman-de la Llave approximation:  $\forall 0 < \lambda < d$  we have

$$\frac{1}{|x-y|^\lambda} = C_{\lambda,d} \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{1}_{B(z,r)}(x) \mathbb{1}_{B(z,r)}(y) dz \frac{dr}{r^{\lambda+d+1}}$$

that can be applied to  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  s.t.

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{dN}} |\Psi|^2 \sum_{i < j} \frac{1}{|x_i - x_j|^\lambda} = C_{d,\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{dN}} \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sum_{i < j} \mathbb{1}_{B(z,r)}(x) \mathbb{1}_{B(z,r)}(y) |\Psi|^2 dz \frac{dr}{r^{\lambda+d+1}}$$

Note that

- $\sum_{i < j} X_i X_j = \frac{1}{2} (\sum_{i < j} X_i)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (\sum_{i < j} X_i^2)$  to be used with  $X_i = \mathbb{1}_{B(z,r)}(x_i)$  so that  $X_i^2 = X_i$
- $\sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\mathbb{R}^{dN}} |\Psi|^2 \mathbb{1}_{B(z,r)}(x_i) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho \mathbb{1}_{B(z,r)}(x) dx = \rho \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)}(z)$
- $\int_{\mathbb{R}^{dN}} |\Psi|^2 (\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}_{B(z,r)}(x_i))^2 \geq (\int_{\mathbb{R}^{dN}} |\Psi|^2 \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}_{B(z,r)}(x_i))^2$   
(using that in general  $(\int |\Psi| F^2)(\int |\Psi|^2) \geq (\int |\Psi| F)^2$  and  $\int |\Psi|^2 = 1$ )

In summary, we get that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{dN}} |\Psi|^2 \sum_{i < j} \frac{1}{|x_i - x_j|^\lambda} \geq \frac{C_{d,\lambda}}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^\infty [(\rho \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)})^2(z) - (\rho \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)})(z)] dz \frac{dr}{r^{\lambda+d+1}}$$

Claim:

$$C_{\frac{d,\lambda}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^\infty (\rho \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)})^2(z) dz \frac{dr}{r^{d+\lambda+1}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} \frac{\rho(x)\rho(y)}{|x-y|^\lambda} dx dy$$

(using Fefferman-de laLlave (exercise))

Consider the error term: by the HL maximal function:

$$(\rho \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)})(z) = \int_{B(z,r)} \rho(x) dx \leq |B(z,r)| M\rho(z) = Cr^d M\rho(z)$$

$$\int_0^\infty (\rho \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)})(z) \frac{dr}{r^{d+\lambda+1}} \leq C \int_0^\infty M\rho(z) \frac{dr}{r^{\lambda+1}}$$

BUT  $\frac{1}{r^{\lambda+1}}$  is not integrable. We use the trivial fact that we can put a positive part

$$[(\rho \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)})^2(z) - (\rho \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)})(z)]_+ = (\rho \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)})^2(z) - \min\{(\rho \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)})(z), (\rho \star \mathbb{1}_{B(0,r)})^2(z)\}$$

and by the maximal function again:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \min\{\dots\} \frac{dr}{r^{d+\lambda+1}} &= \int_0^L \dots + \int_L^\infty \dots \leq \int_0^L (M\rho)^2 \frac{r^{2d}}{r^{d+\lambda+1}} dr + \int_L^\infty M\rho \frac{r^d}{r^{d+\lambda+1}} dr \\ &\lesssim (M\rho)^2 L^{d-\lambda} + M\rho(z) L^{d-\lambda} + M\rho(z) L^{-\lambda} \lesssim (M\rho(z))^{1+\frac{\lambda}{d}} \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality follows from  $M^2 L^{d-\lambda} \sim M L^{-\lambda}$ . Optimizing over  $L$  yields:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^\infty \min\{\dots\} \frac{dr}{r^{d+\lambda+1}} dz \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (M\rho(z))^{1+\frac{\lambda}{d}} dz \underset{\text{HL max ineq}}{\lesssim} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho(z)^{1+\frac{\lambda}{d}} dz$$

□

**Remark.** L-O:  $\int |\Psi|^2 \sum_{i < j} \frac{1}{|x_i - x_j|} \geq \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\rho(x)\rho(y)}{|x-y|^\lambda} - C_{L-O} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho(x)^{1+\frac{\lambda}{d}} dx$  The most interesting case is  $d = 3$  and  $\lambda = 1$

→ 1979 Lieb: using Newton's theorem for Coulomb  $\rightsquigarrow C_{L-O} \simeq 8$

→ Lieb-Oxford 1980  $\rightsquigarrow C_{L-O} \simeq 1.68$

Numerically, the expected best constant is  $C_{L-O} \simeq 1.45$

(2022 Lewin-Lieb-Seiringer  $C_{L-O} \simeq 1.58$ )

→ Our proof is due to Lieb-Solovej-Yngvason. This gives a very bad constant!  $\geq 100$

Open Problem: Find best constant for HL maximal inequality.

Only solved for  $d = p = 1$ :  $|x \in \mathbb{R} : Mf(x) > \lambda| \leq \frac{C}{\lambda} \|f\|_{L^1}$ . By Melas (2003) finding:  $C = \frac{11+\sqrt{61}}{12} \simeq 1.567$

Dependence on  $d$ :  $\|Mf\|_{L^p} \leq C_{d,p} \|f\|_{L^p} \quad \forall 1 < p \leq \infty$  In our proof (using Vitali's covering lemma) we get that  $d \mapsto C_{d,p}$  grows exponentially.

By Stein's theorem one can see that  $C_{d,p} = C_p < \infty$  and by Stein's lemma:  $C_{s,d+1,p} \leq C_{s,d,p}$  for all  $d \in \mathbb{N}$

# Chapter 3

## Interpolation Theory

Motivation:

**Exercise.**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq A_0 \leq B_0 \\ 0 \leq A_1 \leq B_1 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow A_\theta \leq B_\theta \quad \forall \theta \in [0, 1]$$

with  $A_\theta = A_0^{1-\theta} A_1^\theta$ ,  $B_\theta = B_0^{1-\theta} B_1^\theta$

**Exercise** (Hölder).

$$|\int fg| \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_{p'} \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1, \quad 1 \leq p \leq \infty$$

Interpolation:

$$\|f\|_r \leq \|f\|_p^\theta \|g\|_q^{1-\theta} \quad \forall p < r < q \exists \theta \in (0, 1)$$

Thus:  $L^p \cap L^q \subset L^r$

Reversely:  $L^r \subset L^p + L^q$  as  $f \in L^r \Rightarrow f = \underbrace{f \mathbb{1}_{|f|>\varepsilon}}_{\in L^p \cap L^r} + \underbrace{f \mathbb{1}_{|f|\leq\varepsilon}}_{\in L^q \cap L^r}$ ,

since  $\int |f|^p \mathbb{1}_{|f|>\varepsilon} \leq \int \frac{|f|^r}{\varepsilon^{r-p}} < \infty$

**Exercise** (Young inequality).

$$\|f \star g\|_{L^r} \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 + \frac{1}{r}$$

*proof 1.*

Duality:  $\|f \star g\|_{L^r} = \sup_{\|h\|_{r'}=1} |\int (f \star g)h| = \sup_{\|h\|_{r'}=1} |\int f(x)g(y-x)h(y)dxdy| \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q \underbrace{\|h\|_r}_{=1}$   
□

*proof 2.*

Fix  $g$  s.t.  $\|g\|_q = 1$  Define  $T : f \mapsto f \star g$ . We prove that  $\|Tf\|_q \leq \|f\|_p \Leftrightarrow \|T\|_{L^p \rightarrow L^r} \leq 1$ .

We have two cases:

- $p = 1, r = q$

$$\|Tf\|_q \leq \|f\|_1 \Leftrightarrow \|f \star g\|_{L^q} \leq \|f\|_1 \|g\|_q$$



- $p = q', r = \infty$

$$\|Tf\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_{q'} \Leftrightarrow \|f \star g\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_{q'} \|g\|_q$$

Desired claim: if  $\|T\|_{L^1 \rightarrow L^q} \leq 1, \|T\|_{L^{q'} \rightarrow L^\infty} \leq 1 \stackrel{(?)}{\Rightarrow} \|T\|_{L^p \rightarrow L^r} \leq 1$  □

**Exercise** (Fourier Transform).  $f \in L^1, \hat{f}(k) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)e^{-2\pi i k x} dx$   
 $\Rightarrow \hat{f} \in L^\infty, \|\hat{f}\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_1$

Plancherel:  $\|\mathcal{F}f\|_2 = \|\hat{f}\|_2 = \|f\|_2$

### 3.1 Complex Interpolation

**Theorem 3.1** (Hausdorff-Young). The Fourier transform  $\mathcal{F}$  can be defined on  $L^1 + L^2$  and it satisfies

$$\|\mathcal{F}f\|_{p'} \leq \|f\|_p, \quad \forall 1 \leq p \leq 2, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$$

"Formal proof":  $\|\mathcal{F}\|_{L^1 \rightarrow L^\infty} \leq 1, \|\mathcal{F}\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \|\mathcal{F}\|_{L^p \rightarrow L^{p'}} \leq 1, \quad \forall p \in [1, 2]$  (by Riesz-Thorin)

**Theorem 3.2** (Riesz-Thorin). Let  $(X, \mu), (Y, \sigma)$  be two measure spaces, both sigma finite. Let  $T : L^{p_0}(X) + L^{p_1}(X) \rightarrow L^{q_0}(Y) + L^{q_1}(Y)$  be a linear operator, where  $1 \leq p_0 < p_1 \leq \infty, 1 \leq q_0, q_1 \leq \infty$  s.t.

$$\|T\|_{L^{p_0} \rightarrow L^{q_0}} \leq 1, \quad \|T\|_{L^{p_1} \rightarrow L^{q_1}} \leq 1$$

Then:

$$\|T\|_{L^{p_\theta} \rightarrow L^{q_\theta}} \leq 1$$

for any  $\theta \in (0, 1),$

$$\frac{1}{p_\theta} = \frac{1-\theta}{p_0} + \frac{\theta}{p_1}, \quad \frac{1}{q_\theta} = \frac{1-\theta}{q_0} + \frac{\theta}{q_1}$$

We use the maximum principle for analytic functions in complex planes!

Maximum principle:  $f : \Omega \stackrel{\text{bounded, open}}{\subset} \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , analytic in  $\Omega$ , continuous on  $\bar{\Omega}$ . Then:

$$\sup_{z \in \bar{\Omega}} |f(z)| = \sup_{z \in \partial\Omega} |f(z)|$$

**Lemma 3.3** (Hadamard's three lines theorem). Let  $f$  be analytic on  $S = \{0 < \operatorname{Re} z < 1\}$  and  $f$  continuous on  $\bar{S}$  and  $|f(z)| \leq Ce^{|z|}$  for all  $z \in S$ . Then:

$$\sup_{z \in S} |f(z)| = \sup_{z \in \bar{S}, \operatorname{Re} z \in \{0,1\}} |f(z)|$$

*Proof.* Step 1: Assume additionally  $|f(z)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$ . Take  $l_n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then  $\sup_{\operatorname{Im} z = \pm l_n} |f(z)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

By the maximum principle:

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{z \in S_n} |f(z)| &\leq \sup_{z \in \partial S_n} |f(z)| \\ &\leq \max\left\{ \sup_{\operatorname{Re} z \in \{0,1\}} |f(x)|, \sup_{\operatorname{Im} z \in \{\pm l_n\}} |f(x)| \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Take  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\sup_{z \in S} |f(z)| = \sup_{z \in \bar{S}, \operatorname{Re} z \in \{0,1\}} |f(z)|$$

Step 2: In general, if we only know  $|f(z)| \leq Ce^{|z|}$ , then we define

$$f_n(z) = f(z)e^{\frac{z^2-1}{n}} \quad \forall z \in S \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

Then:

- $|f_n(z)| = |f_n(x + iy)| \leq Ce^{|z|} e^{-\frac{y^2}{n}} \leq Ce^{-\frac{y^2}{n} + y + 1} \rightarrow 0$ , as  $|y| \rightarrow \infty$  or equivalently  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $z = x + iy$
- $|f_n(z)| \leq |f(z)|$  for all  $z \in S$

By step 1,  $\sup_{z \in S} |f_n(z)| \leq \sup_{\operatorname{Re} z \in \{0,1\}} |f_n(z)| \leq \sup_{\operatorname{Re} z \in \{0,1\}} |f(z)|$ .

Take  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , use  $f_n(z) \rightarrow f(z)$  pointwise  $\Rightarrow$  desired bound for  $f$  □

**Remark.** The H-3-lines still holds if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 : e^{-\varepsilon|z|^2} f(z) \rightarrow 0$  as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$

*proof for Hölder inequality using H3L.* Assume  $\|f\|_{L^p} = 1$ ,  $\|g\|_{L^q} = 1$ . We prove  $\|f\|_{L^r} = 1$ ,  $p < r < q$ . First try:

$$F(z) = \int |f|^{p_z} \quad p_z = (1-z)p + zq$$

If  $|f| > 0$  s.t.  $|f|^{p_z}$  is well defined and  $|f|^{p_z}$  is analytic, then  $F(z)$  is also analytic and by H3L:

$$\begin{aligned} \int |f|^r &\leq \sup_{z \in S} |F(z)| \leq \sup_{\operatorname{Re} z \in \{0,1\}} |F(z)| \\ &\leq \max\left(\int |f|^p, \int |f|^q\right) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

There are two restrictions:

1.  $|f|^{pz}$  might not be well defined if  $f = 0$
2. the center  $|F(z)| \leq Ce^{|z|}$  is somewhere nontrivial

Second try: Assume  $f$  is a step function, namely  $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^M a_n e^{i\alpha_n x} \mathbb{1}_{A_n}$ ,  $a_n > 0$ ,  $\alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A_n \subset \Omega$ ,  $(A_n)$  disjoint. Define

$$F(z) := \sum_{m=1}^M a_m^{P_z} |A_m|, \quad P_z = p(1-z) + qz \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\xrightarrow{H3L} \int |f|^r \leq \max\left(\int |f|^p, \int |f|^q\right)$$

for all step functions  $f$ . To conclude, we use the density argument,  $\{\text{step functions}\}$  is dense in  $L^r(\Omega)$  if  $\begin{cases} \Omega \text{ is sigma-finite} \\ r < \infty \end{cases}$  □

Motivated by the proof above we want to use our new tools to prove Riesz-Thorin:

*proof of Riesz-Thorin.*

By duality:  $\|Tf\|_{p_\Theta} \leq \|f\|_{p_\Theta} \quad \forall f \in L^{p_\Theta}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left| \int_Y (Tf)(y)g(y)dy \right| \leq \|f\|_{L^{p_\Theta}} \|g\|_{L^{q_\Theta}}$$

We will prove the statement for step functions and then use a density argument.

Step 1: Take  $f, g$  step functions.

$$f(x) := \sum_{m=1}^M a_m e^{i\alpha_m x} \mathbb{1}_{A_m}(x)$$

and

$$g(y) := \sum_{n=1}^N b_n e^{i\beta_n y} \mathbb{1}_{B_n}(y)$$

for  $a_m, b_m > 0, \alpha_m, \beta_m \in \mathbb{R}, \{A_m\}_m$  disjoint sets of finite measure,  $\{B_n\}_n$  disjoint sets of finite measure.

For all  $z \in \bar{S} = \{0 \leq \operatorname{Re} z \leq 1\}$  define

$$f_z(x) = \sum_{m=1}^M a_m^{P_z} e^{i\alpha_m x} \mathbb{1}_{A_m}(x)$$

for  $P_z = p_\Theta \left( \frac{1-z}{p_0} + \frac{z}{p_1} \right)$  (chosen s.t.  $P_\Theta = 1$ )

$$g_z(y) = \sum_{n=1}^M b_n^{Q_z} e^{i\beta_n y} \mathbb{1}_{B_n}(y)$$

for  $Q_z = q'_\Theta \left( \frac{1-z}{q'_0} + \frac{z}{q'_1} \right)$  (chosen s.t.  $Q_\Theta = 1$ )

Define:  $F(z) := \int_Y (Tf_z)(y) g_z(y) dy$ . One can prove that  $F$  is analytic in  $S$ ,  $|F(z)| \leq e^{c|z|}$  and that  $F$  is continuous in  $\bar{S}$ .

By H3L Lemma:

$$\left| \int (Tf)g \right| = |F(\Theta)| \leq \sup_{\operatorname{Re} z \in \{0,1\}} |F(z)|$$

So now we have to check the cases where  $\operatorname{Re} z = 0$  and  $\operatorname{Re} z = 1$ .

$\operatorname{Re} z = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f_z(x) &= \sum_{m=1}^M a_m^{P_z} e^{i\alpha_m} \mathbb{1}_{A_m}(x) \\ \Rightarrow \int |f_z(x)|^p dx &= \sum_{m=1}^M |a_m^{P_z}|^p |A_m| \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^M |a_m^{\operatorname{Re} P_z}|^p |A_m| \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^M a_m^{p \left( \frac{p\Theta}{p_0} + \operatorname{Re} z \left( \frac{p\Theta}{p_1} - \frac{p\Theta}{p_0} \right) \right)} |A_m| \\ &\stackrel{\operatorname{Re} z=0}{=} \sum_{m=1}^M a_m^{p \frac{p\Theta}{p_0}} |A_m| \end{aligned}$$

Analogously:

$$\begin{aligned} \int |g_z(y)|^p dy &= \sum_{n=1}^N b_n^{p \frac{q'_\Theta}{q'_0}} |B_n| \\ |F(z)| = \left| \int_Y (Tf_z)g_z \right| &\leq \|Tf_z\|_{L^{q_0}} \|g_z\|_{L^{q'_0}} \\ &\leq \|f_z\|_{L^{p_0}} \|g_z\|_{q'_0} \\ &= \underbrace{\left( \sum_{m=1}^M a_m^{p\Theta} |A_m| \right)^{\frac{1}{p_0}}}_{=\|f\|_{L^{p_\Theta}}^{p_\Theta}=1} \underbrace{\left( \sum_{n=1}^N b_n^{q'_\Theta} |B_n| \right)^{\frac{1}{q'_0}}}_{=\|g\|_{L^{q'_\Theta}}^{q'_\Theta}=1} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\operatorname{Re} z = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \int |f_z(x)|^p dx &= \sum_{m=1}^M a_m^{p \frac{p\Theta}{p_1}} |A_m| \\ \int |g_z(y)|^p dy &= \sum_{n=1}^N b_n^{p \frac{q'_\Theta}{q'_1}} |B_n| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow |F(z)| &= \left| \int_Y (Tf_z)g_z \right| \leq \|Tf_z\|_{L^{q_1}} \|g_z\|_{L^{q'_1}} \\
 &\leq \|f_z\|_{L^{p_1}} \|g_z\|_{L^{q'_1}} \\
 &= \left( \sum_{m=1}^M a_m^{p_\Theta} |A_m| \right)^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N b_n^{q'_\Theta} |B_n| \right)^{\frac{1}{q'_1}} \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Step 2 (Density Argument): We proved the statement for the case that  $f, g$  are step functions. By a standard density argument, this extends to all  $g \in L^{q'_\Theta}$ , as

$$\sup_{g \text{ step function}} \frac{\left| \int hg \right|}{\|g\|_{L^{q'}}} = \|h\|_{L^q} \quad \forall 1 \leq q \leq \infty \text{ (exercise)}$$

Thus:  $\|Tf\|_{L^{q_\Theta}} \leq \|f\|_{L^{p_\Theta}}$  for all  $f$  step functions.

We want to extend this to all  $f \in L^{p_\Theta}$ .

Easy case: Assume  $f \in L^{p_\Theta} \cap L^{p_0}$  and  $p_0 < p_\Theta < \infty$ . Then find  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  step functions s.t.  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^{p_\Theta}$  and  $L^{p_0}$  ( $|f_n| \leq |f|$ ).

By assumption:  $\|Tf_n - Tf\|_{L^{q_0}} \leq \|f_n - f\|_{L^{p_0}} \rightarrow 0$ .

By step 1:  $\|Tf_n - Tf\|_{L^{p_\Theta}} \leq \|f_n - f\|_{L^{p_\Theta}} \rightarrow 0$

Thus:  $\left. \begin{array}{l} Tf_n \rightarrow Tf \text{ in } L^{p_0} \\ \{Tf_n\} \text{ Cauchy sequence in } L^{p_\Theta} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow Tf_n \rightarrow Tf \text{ in } L^{p_\Theta}$

Consequently, by step 1 again:

$$\|Tf\|_{L^{q_\Theta}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Tf_n\|_{L^{q_\Theta}} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n\|_{L^{p_\Theta}} = \|f\|_{L^{p_\Theta}}$$

More general case: Assume  $f \in L^{p_\Theta}$ ,  $p_0 < p_\Theta < p_1$

Decompose:  $f = \underbrace{f \mathbb{1}_{\{|f| > \varepsilon\}}}_{=: f_\varepsilon \in L^{p_0} \cap L^{p_\Theta}} + \underbrace{f \mathbb{1}_{\{|f| < \varepsilon\}}}_{\in L^{p_1}}$

Then:  $Tf = Tf_\varepsilon + T\tilde{f}_\varepsilon$

$$\|Tf_\varepsilon\|_{L^{q_\Theta}} \leq \|f_\varepsilon\|_{L^{p_\Theta}} \leq \|f\|_{L^{p_\Theta}} \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

$$\left\| T\tilde{f}_\varepsilon \right\|_{L^{q_1}} \leq \left\| \tilde{f}_\varepsilon \right\|_{L^{p_1}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$

□

We used:

Q: If  $F = F_\varepsilon + G_\varepsilon$  and  $\|F_\varepsilon\|_{L^q} \leq 1$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\|G_\varepsilon\|_{L^r} \rightarrow 0$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . How can we conclude that  $\|F\|_{L^q} \leq 1$  ?

Idea: If we only need an upper bound, then Fatou is helpful!

Apply: From  $\|G_\varepsilon\|_{L^r} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow$  up to a subseq.  $G_\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  a.e.

$\Rightarrow F_\varepsilon \rightarrow F$  a.e.

$\Rightarrow \|F\|_{L^q} \leq \limsup \varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \|F_\varepsilon\|_{L^q} \leq 1$

In general: If  $g_n \rightarrow g$  in  $L^r$  for  $r < \infty$ , then  $\exists$  subseq:

$$\begin{cases} g_n(x) \rightarrow g(x) \text{ a.e.} \\ |g_n(x)| \leq G(x) \in L^r \end{cases}$$

Note: If  $p = p_0 = p_1$ , then we cannot use  $p_0 < p_\theta < p_1$  but we can simply use Hölder:

$$\|Tf\|_{L^{q_\theta}} \leq \max\{\|Tf\|_{L^{q_0}}, \|Tf\|_{L^{q_1}}\} \leq \|f\|_{L^p}$$

### 3.2 Real Interpolation

**Theorem 3.4** (Marcinkiewicz Interpolation Theorem). Let  $X$  be a sigma finite measure space. Take  $1 \leq p_0 < p_1 \leq \infty$ . Assume  $T$  is a quasi linear map of measurable functions from  $X$  to measurable functions in  $X$ , i.e.

$$\begin{cases} |T(\lambda f)(y)| \leq |\lambda| |Tf(y)| \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \\ |T(f + g)(y)| \leq K(|Tf(y)| + |Tg(y)|) \end{cases}$$

for all  $y \in X$ . And

$$\begin{cases} \|T\|_{L^{p_0} \rightarrow L_w^{p_0}} \leq 1 \\ \|T\|_{L^{p_1} \rightarrow L_w^{p_1}} \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Then:

$$\|T\|_{L^p \rightarrow L^p} \leq C_{p,K} \|Tf\|_{L^p} \leq C_p \|f\|_{L^p}$$

for all  $p_0 < p < p_1$ .

Motivation: HL max ineq:  $\left. \begin{cases} \|Mf\|_{L_w^1} \leq C \|f\|_{L^1} \\ \|Mf\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|f\|_{L^\infty} \end{cases} \right\} \Rightarrow \|Mf\|_{L^p} \leq \|f\|_{L^p}$

Recall:  $f \in L_w^p \Leftrightarrow \|f\|_{L_w^p} = \sup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda |\{ |f| > \lambda \}|^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty$

Here  $\|\cdot\|_{L_w^p}$  is a quasi norm, i.e.

$$\|f + g\|_{L_w^p} \leq K(\|f\|_{L_w^p} + \|g\|_{L_w^p})$$

**Remark.** We can take  $C_{p,K} = 2K \left( \frac{p}{p-p_0} + \frac{p}{p_1-p} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $p \rightarrow p_1$  or  $p \rightarrow p_0$

In comparison to the Riesz-Thorin thm, the constant here is not too good but the thm applies to non-linear mappings!

*proof of Marcinkiewicz Interpolation Theorem.* Start with the layer-cake representation ( $p_0 < p < p_1 < \infty$ )

$$\|Tf\|_{L^p}^p = p \int_0^\infty \lambda^{p-1} |\{|Tf| > \lambda\}| d\lambda$$

$$\text{Decompose: } f = \underbrace{f \mathbb{1}_{\{|f| > \frac{\lambda}{2}\}}}_{f_\lambda^>} + \underbrace{f \mathbb{1}_{\{|f| < \frac{\lambda}{2}\}}}_{f_\lambda^<}$$

$$\Rightarrow |Tf| \leq K(|Tf_\lambda^>} + |Tf_\lambda^<|)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\{|Tf| > \lambda\}| &\leq |\{|Tf_\lambda^>} > \frac{\lambda}{2K}\}| + |\{|Tf_\lambda^<} > \frac{\lambda}{2K}\}| \\ &\lesssim \|Tf_\lambda^>\|_{L^{p_0}}^{p_0} + \frac{1}{\lambda^{p_1}} \|f_\lambda^<\|_{L^{p_1}}^{p_1} \\ &\lesssim \frac{1}{\lambda^{p_0}} \|f_\lambda^>\|_{L^{p_0}}^{p_0} + \frac{1}{\lambda^{p_1}} \|f_\lambda^<\|_{L^{p_1}}^{p_1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda^{p_0}} \int |f|^{p_0} \mathbb{1}_{\{|f| > \frac{\lambda}{2}\}} + \frac{1}{\lambda^{p_1}} \int |f|^{p_1} \mathbb{1}_{\{|f| < \frac{\lambda}{2}\}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \|Tf\|_{L^p}^p &\lesssim \int_0^\infty d\lambda \left[ \frac{1}{\lambda^{p_0}} \int |f|^{p_0} \mathbb{1}_{\{|f| > \frac{\lambda}{2}\}} + \frac{1}{\lambda^{p_1}} \int |f|^{p_1} \mathbb{1}_{\{|f| < \frac{\lambda}{2}\}} \right] \\ &= \int |f|^{p_0} \underbrace{\int_0^\infty \lambda^{p-p_0-1} \mathbb{1}_{\{|f| > \frac{\lambda}{2}\}} d\lambda}_{|f|^{p-p_0}} + \int |f|^{p_1} \underbrace{\int_0^\infty \lambda^{p-p_1-1} \mathbb{1}_{\{|f| < \frac{\lambda}{2}\}} d\lambda}_{|f|^{p-p_0}} \\ &\lesssim \int |f|^p \end{aligned}$$

case  $p_1 = \infty$  (exercise)

□

# Chapter 4

## Lorentz spaces

Motivation:  $X_0, X_1$  2 Banach spaces compatible (i.e.  $X_0 \cap X_1$  and  $X_0 + X_1$  can be defined,  $X_0, X_1 \subset Z$  vs)

$$X_0 \cup X_1 \subset X \subset X_0 + X_1$$

$X$  is intermediate between  $X_0 \cap X_1$  and  $X_0 + X_1$ .

With Lorentz spaces  $L_{p,q}$  we want to study what's inbetween  $L^{p,p} = L^p$  and  $L^{p,\infty} = L_w^p$  if  $p < q$ . If  $p > q$  then  $L^{p,q}$  has a stronger norm than  $L^p$ .

**Definition 4.1** (Lorentz space). Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be measurable.  $f \in L^{p,q} \Leftrightarrow \|f\|_{L^{p,q}} < \infty$

- $\|f\|_{L^{p,q}} := p^{\frac{1}{q}} \left\| \lambda |\{ |f| > \lambda \}|^{\frac{1}{p}} \right\|_{\mathbb{R}_+, \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda}} = \left( \int_0^\infty \lambda^{q-1} |\{ |f| > \lambda \}|^{\frac{q}{p}} d\lambda \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$
- $\|f\|_{L^{p,\infty}} := \|f\|_{L_w^p}$

**Definition 4.2** (Quasi-normed vector space). Let  $V$  be a vector space with field  $\mathbb{C}$ . We say that  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  is a quasi normed vector space, if  $\|\cdot\| : V \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfies:

- $\|x\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$
- $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, x \in V$
- $\|x + y\| \leq C(\|x\| + \|y\|)$  for all  $x, y \in V, C \geq 1$  independent of  $x, y$

**Remark.** It's easy to see that  $\|\cdot\|_{L^{p,q}}$  is a quasi norm. (to see this use  $|\{|f+g| > t\}| \leq |\{|f| > \frac{t}{2}\}| + |\{|g| > \frac{t}{2}\}|$ )



**Example 4.3.**  $L^{1,\infty} = L_w^1$  is a quasi normed space with  $C = 2$ . Recall that  $\|f\|_{L^{1,\infty}} = \sup_{\lambda>0} \lambda |\{|f| > \lambda\}|$ .

Take  $f, g \in L^{1,\infty}$ . Consider  $|\{|f+g| > \lambda\}| \leq |\{|f| > \frac{\lambda}{2}\}| + |\{|g| > \frac{\lambda}{2}\}|$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda |\{|f+g| > \lambda\}| &\leq 2\left(\frac{\lambda}{2} |\{|f| > \frac{\lambda}{2}\}| + \frac{\lambda}{2} |\{|f| > \frac{\lambda}{2}\}| \right) \\ &\stackrel{\sup}{\leq} 2(\|f\|_{L^{1,\infty}} + \|g\|_{L^{1,\infty}}) \end{aligned}$$

**Remark.** There exists no norm  $\|\cdot\|$  on  $L^{1,\infty}$  which is equivalent to  $\|\cdot\|_{L^{1,\infty}}$ , i.e. there are no  $C_1, C_2 > 0$  s.t. for all  $f \in L^{1,\infty}$ :

$$C_1 \|f\|_{L^{1,\infty}} \leq \|\cdot\| \leq C_2 \|f\|_{L^{1,\infty}}$$

**Example 4.4.** Define  $f_{N,R}(x) = \frac{1}{\log N} \frac{1}{|x - \frac{R}{N}|}$  for  $N \geq 1$ ,  $R \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ . Easy to check:  $f_{N,R} \in L^{1,\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  and:

$$\begin{aligned} |\{f_{N,R} > \lambda\}| &= |\{x \mid \frac{1}{\log N} \frac{1}{|x - \frac{R}{N}|} > \lambda\}| \\ &= |\{x \mid \frac{1}{\log N \lambda} > |x - \frac{R}{N}|\}| \\ &= \frac{2}{\log(N)\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|f_{N,R}\|_{L^{1,\infty}} = \sup_{\lambda>0} \lambda |\{f_{N,R} > \lambda\}| = \frac{2}{\log N} \rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{as } N \rightarrow \infty)$$

However,  $F_N(0) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{R=1}^N f_{N,R}(0) = \frac{1}{\log N} \sum_{R=1}^N \frac{1}{R} \geq 1 > 0 \quad \forall N$

Exercise: similarly  $\|F_N\|_{L^{1,\infty}} \not\rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . This shows:  $\nexists$  norm equivalent to  $\|\cdot\|_{L^{1,\infty}}$ . ( $L^{1,\infty}$  is not locally convex, i.e.  $\nexists$  local basis of neighbourhood of 0 which consists of convex sets)

## 4.1 Aoki-Robewicz theorem

**Theorem 4.5 (Aoki-Robewicz).** Let  $(V; \|\cdot\|)$  be a quasi normed vector space. Then it is metrizable, i.e.  $\exists$  a metric  $d(x, y) = \Lambda(x - y)$  for a function  $\Lambda : V \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  s.t.

- $\Lambda(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$
- $\Lambda(x) = \Lambda(-x)$
- $\Lambda(x + y) \leq \Lambda(x) + \Lambda(y)$

and

$$x_n \rightarrow x \text{ w.r.t. the metric } \Leftrightarrow \|x_n - x\| \rightarrow 0$$

**Lemma 4.6.** Let  $V$  be a quasi normed vector space and  $C$  be the constant of the quasi norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\alpha > 0$  s.t.  $(2C)^\alpha = 2^\alpha$ . Then  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall x_1, \dots, x_n \in V$ :

$$\|x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n\|^\alpha \leq 4(\|x_1\|^\alpha + (\|x_2\|^\alpha + \dots + (\|x_n\|^\alpha)))$$

**Remark.** If we use the assumption  $\|x + y\| \leq C(\|x\| + \|y\|)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n\| &\leq C\|x_1\| + C\|x_2 + \dots + x_n\| \\ &\leq C\|x_1\| + C^2\|x_2\| + C^2\|x_3 + \dots + x_n\| \\ &\leq C\|x_1\| + C^2\|x_2\| + \dots + C^{n-1}\|x_n\| \end{aligned}$$

*proof of lemma.* Define  $H : V \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $H(x) := \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 2^{j\alpha}, & \text{if } 2^{(j-1)\alpha} \leq \|x\| < 2^{j\alpha} \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$

(Dyadic decomposition)

Then:  $\|x\| \leq \|H(x)\| \leq 2^\alpha \|x\| \quad \forall x \in V$

Claim:  $\forall n \forall x_1, \dots, x_n : \|x_1, \dots, x_n\|^\alpha \leq 2(H(x_1)^\alpha + \dots + H(x_n)^\alpha)$

We prove this by induction in  $n$ :

$n = 1 : \|x\|_1 \leq H(x_1) \Rightarrow \|x\|_1^\alpha \leq H(x_1)^\alpha$

$(n - 1) \rightsquigarrow n$  : Wlog, assume  $\|x\|_1 \geq \|x\|_2 \geq \dots \geq \|x\|_n \Rightarrow H(x_1) \geq H(x_2) \geq \dots \geq H(x_n)$

Case 1:  $\exists i_0 \in \{1, \dots, n - 1\}$  s.t.  $H(x_{i_0}) = H(x_{i_0+1}) = 2^{j_0\alpha}$

Then:  $\|x_{i_0} + x_{i_0+1}\| \leq C(\|x_{i_0}\| + \|x_{i_0+1}\|) \leq \underbrace{H(x_{i_0}) + H(x_{i_0+1})}_{2C2^{j_0\alpha}} \stackrel{2C=2^\alpha}{=} 2^{(j_0+1)\alpha}$

$\Rightarrow H(x_{i_0} + x_{i_0+1}) \leq 2^{(j_0+1)\alpha}$

$\Rightarrow H(x_{i_0} + x_{i_0+1})^\alpha \leq 2^{j_0+1} = H(x_{i_0})^\alpha + H(x_{i_0+1})^\alpha$  By induction assumption:

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1 + \dots + x_n\| &= \|x_1 + \dots + (x_{i_0} + x_{i_0+1}) + \dots + x_n\| \\ &\leq 2(H(x_1)^\alpha + \dots + \underbrace{H(x_{i_0} + x_{i_0+1})^\alpha}_{\leq H(x_{i_0})^\alpha + H(x_{i_0+1})^\alpha} + \dots + H(x_n)^\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

Case 2:  $H(x_1) > H(x_2) > \dots > H(x_n)$

$$\Rightarrow H(x_i) \leq H(x_{i-1})2^\alpha \quad \forall i \Rightarrow H(x_i) \leq 2^{-(i-1)\alpha} H(x_1) \quad \forall i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \|x_1 + \dots + x_n\| &\leq C(\|x_1\| + \|x_2 + \dots + x_n\|) \\ &\leq \max(2C\|x_1\|, 2C\|x_2 + \dots + x_n\|) \\ &\leq \dots \leq \max(\underbrace{2C}_{=2^\alpha}, (2C)^2\|x_2\|, \dots, (2C)^{n-1}\|x_n\|) \\ &\leq \max(2^\alpha H(x_1), 2^{2\alpha} H(x_2), \dots, 2^{(n-1)\alpha} H(x_n)) \\ &= 2^\alpha H(x_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n\|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} 2H(x_1)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \leq 2(H(x_1)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} + \dots + H(x_n)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}})$$

Thus the claim is correct and this implies the conclusion.

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n\|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} &\leq 2(H(x_1)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} + \dots + H(x_n)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}) \\ &\leq 4(\|x_1\|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} + \dots + \|x_n\|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}) \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark.** The difficulty is related to  $L^p$  spaces with  $0 < p < 1$ .

*Proof of the Aoki-Robewicz theorem.*

Define  $\Lambda : V \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  by  $\Lambda(x) = \inf\{\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} : \forall n \forall \{x_i\} : x = \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|\}$ ,

where  $2C = 2^\alpha$  and  $C$  is the constant from the quasi-norm.

Then:

$$\|x\|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \geq \Lambda(x) \geq \frac{1}{4} \|x\|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

(the second bound comes from lemma 4.6)

This function satisfies all desired properties:

- $\|f\|_{L^{p,q}} := p^{\frac{1}{q}} \left\| \lambda |\{ |f| > \lambda \}|^{\frac{1}{p}} \right\|_{\mathbb{R}^+, \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda}} = \left( \int_0^\infty \lambda^{q-1} |\{ |f| > \lambda \}|^{\frac{q}{p}} d\lambda \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$
- $\|f\|_{L^{p,\infty}} := \|f\|_{L_w^p}$ . This is an easy consequence from the definition. In fact  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$  :  
 $\exists \{x_i\}, \{y_j\}$  s.t.  $x = \sum_i \|x_i\|, y = \sum_j \|y_j\|$   
 $\Lambda(x) \geq \sum_i \|x_i\|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} - \varepsilon$   
 $\Lambda(y) \geq \sum_j \|y_j\|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} - \varepsilon$

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda(x) + \Lambda(y) &\geq \sum_i \|x_i\|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} - \varepsilon + \Lambda(y) \geq \sum_j \|y_j\|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} - \varepsilon \\ &\geq \Lambda\left(\sum_i x_i + \sum_j y_j\right) - 2\varepsilon = \Lambda(x+y) - 2\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

then  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

This allows us to define the distance function  $d(x, y) = \Lambda(x - y)$ , which satisfies all requirements of a metric  $\Rightarrow (V, \|\cdot\|)$  is a metric space.

Further, we have that

$$x_n \rightarrow x \text{ in } (V, d) \Leftrightarrow d(x, y) \rightarrow 0 \Leftrightarrow \|x_n - x\| \rightarrow 0$$

Thus quasi-norm and metric are compatible. □

**Remark.** This topology, i.e.  $(V, d)$  is the unique topology which is compatible with the quasi-norm.

To be precise, if we are given the quasi-norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , then the only topology should come from the local basis of the neighbourhood of 0 given by  $B_r(0) = \{x : \|x\| < r\}$  ( $B_r(0)$  might not be open in  $(V, d)$ )

Here the open sets are defined by

$$U \subset V \text{ is open iff } \forall x \in U \exists r_x > 0 \text{ s.t. } B_{r_x}(x) = \{y : \|x - y\| < r_x\} \subset U$$

**Exercise.** The  $L^{1,\infty}$  quasi norm is not equivalent to any other norm.

## 4.2 Normability of Lorentz spaces

Q: For which  $L^{p,q}$  do we have a norm which is equivalent to the quasi norm?

**Theorem 4.7.**  $\forall 1 < p \leq \infty$  and  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ . Then  $\exists$  norm in  $L^{p,q}$  that is equivalent to the quasi-norm. We will construct  $||| \cdot |||$  s.t.

$$\|f\|_{L^{p,q}} \leq |||f||| \leq p' \|f\|_{L^{p,q}}, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$$

To prove this, we need a rearranged version of  $f!$  First, let us consider the basic rearrangement inequality:

**Theorem 4.8.** If we have real numbers  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n, b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots \geq b_n$ , then:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_{\sigma(i)} \quad \forall \sigma \in S_n$$

[Basic rearrangement inequality/Chebychev sum inequality] E.g.  $a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 \geq a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1 \Leftrightarrow (a_1 - a_2)(b_1 - b_2) \geq 0$

**Definition 4.9.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . We define  $f^* : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  s.t.

1.  $f^*$  is radially symmetric decreasing, i.e.  $f^*(x)$  depends only on  $|x|$  and  $|x| \mapsto f^*(x)$  is decreasing
2.  $|\{f^* > t\}| = |\{|f| > t\}|$ , for all  $t > 0$ .

Equivalently, we can use the layer cake representation to define  $f^*$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)| &= \int_0^\infty \mathbb{1}_{\{|f|>t\}}(x) dt \\ &\rightsquigarrow f^* := \int_0^\infty \mathbb{1}_{\{|f|>t\}^*} \end{aligned}$$

Where for a set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\Omega^* =$  ball in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  centered at 0, with  $|\Omega| = |\Omega^*|$

**Theorem 4.10** (Hardy-Littlewood rearrangement inequality). If  $f, g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , then

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} fg \right| \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^* g^*$$

*Proof.* Consider  $f, g \geq 0$ . Then by layer cake

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)g(x) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \int_0^\infty \mathbb{1}_{\{f>t\}}(x) dt \right) \left( \int_0^\infty \mathbb{1}_{\{g>t\}}(x) dt \right) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \int_0^\infty \mathbb{1}_{\{f>t\}}(x) dt \right) \left( \int_0^\infty \mathbb{1}_{\{g>s\}}(x) ds \right) dx \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \int_0^\infty \mathbb{1}_{\{f>t\}^*}(x) dt \right) \left( \int_0^\infty \mathbb{1}_{\{g>s\}^*}(x) ds \right) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^*(x)g^*(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

We used:  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{1}_A \mathbb{1}_B = |A \cap B| = |A^* \cap B^*| = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{1}_{A^*} \mathbb{1}_{B^*}$

And  $|A \cap B| \leq \min(|A|, |B|) = \min(|A^*|, |B^*|) = |A^* \cap B^*|$  □

**Definition 4.11** (Decreasing rearrangement). Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . Define  $f_* : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  s.t.

- $f_*$  is decreasing
- $|\{f_* > t\}|_{\mathbb{R}_+} = |\{|f| > t\}|_{\mathbb{R}^d}$

**Example 4.12.** If  $f(x) = \frac{1}{|x|^p}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , then  $f^*(x) = f(x) = \frac{1}{|x|^p}$  and  $f_*(t) = \frac{1}{(\frac{t}{|B_1|})^{\frac{p}{d}}}$  where  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $|B_1| = \text{volume of unit ball in } \mathbb{R}^d \text{ as:}$

$$|\{f > \lambda\}| = |\{\frac{1}{|x|^p} > \lambda\}| = |\{|x| < \lambda^{-\frac{1}{p}}\}|_{\mathbb{R}^d} = \lambda^{-\frac{d}{p}} |B_1|$$

$$|\{f_* > \lambda\}|_{\mathbb{R}_+} = |\{(\frac{|B_1|}{t})^{\frac{p}{d}} > \lambda\}|_{\mathbb{R}_+} = |B_1| \lambda^{-\frac{d}{p}}$$

**Theorem 4.13** (Alternative definition of  $\|\cdot\|_{L^{p,q}}$ ).

$p, q < \infty$  :

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{L^{p,q}} &\stackrel{def}{=} \left( p \int_0^\infty t^{q-1} |\{|f| > t\}|^{\frac{q}{p}} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\stackrel{new}{=} \left( \int_0^\infty \lambda^{\frac{q}{p}-1} f_*(\lambda)^q d\lambda \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \left\| \lambda^{\frac{1}{p}} f_*(\lambda) \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}_+, \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda})} \end{aligned}$$

If  $q = \infty$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{L^{p,\infty}} &\stackrel{def}{=} \sup_{t>0} t |\{|f| > t\}|^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\stackrel{new}{=} \left\| \lambda^{\frac{1}{p}} f_*(\lambda) \right\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)} \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Case  $q < \infty$  :

From the def:

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{L^{p,q}}^q &= p \int_0^\infty t^{q-1} |\{|f| > t\}|^{\frac{q}{p}} dt \\ &= p \int_0^\infty t^{q-1} \left( \frac{q}{p} \int_0^\infty \lambda^{\frac{q}{p}-1} \mathbb{1}_{\{f_*(\lambda) > t\}} d\lambda \right) dt \end{aligned}$$

$f_*(\lambda) > t \Leftrightarrow |\{|f| > t\}| > \lambda$  Duality formula (exercise)

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{Fubini}{=} \int_0^\infty \left( q \int_0^\infty t^{q-1} \mathbb{1}_{\{f_*(\lambda) > t\}} dt \right) \lambda^{\frac{q}{p}-1} d\lambda \\ &= \int_0^\infty f_*(\lambda)^{\frac{q}{p}-1} d\lambda \end{aligned}$$

case  $q = \infty$  (exercise)

□

**Lemma 4.14.**

$$\int_0^t f_*(s)ds = \sup\left\{ \int_E |f| : |E| \leq t \right\}$$

*Proof.* Consider step functions  $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbb{1}_{A_i}(x)$  with  $a_1 > a_2 > \dots > a_n$  and  $\{A_i\}$  disjoint.

- case  $t < \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i|$  and we stop at some  $k < n$  s.t.

$$\sup_{|E| \leq t} \int_E |f| = \sum_{i=1}^k a_{k+1} + a_{k+1} \left( t - \sum_{i=1}^k |A_i| \right)$$

- else:  $k = n$  and  $a_{k+1} = 0$

(bathtub principle)

$$f_*(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mathbb{1}_{[B_{i-1}, B_i]}(s) \text{ where } B_i = \sum_{j=1}^i |A_j|$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^t f(s)ds = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i (B_i - B_{i-1}) + a_{k+1} (t - B_k)$$

Still we need to pass the limit for the general case  $f \in L^{p,q}$ . In the general case, we can choose a sequence of step functions  $\{f_n\}$  s.t.  $f_n \uparrow f$  point wise a.e.

$$\Rightarrow (f_n)_*(t) \uparrow f_*(t) \quad \forall t \text{ (exercise)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^t (f_n)_*(s)ds \rightarrow \int_0^t f_*(s)ds \text{ by monotone convergence}$$

Moreover:  $\sup_{|E| \leq t} \int_E |f| \uparrow \sup_{|E| \leq t} \int_E |f|$  by monotone convergence □

**Lemma 4.15** (Hardy inequality).

If  $g \in C^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $g(0) = 0$ , then :

$$p' \|g\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+)} \geq \left\| \frac{g}{|x|} \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}_+)}$$

More generally:

$$p' \left( \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{q}{p}-1} |g'(x)|^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq \left( \int_0^\infty x^{\frac{q}{p}-1} \left| \frac{g(x)}{x} \right|^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

*Proof.* Duality  $(L^q(X))^* = L^{q'}(X)$  i.e.  $\|G\|_{L^q(X)} = \sup_{\|\varphi\|_{L^{q'}(X)}=1} |\int G\varphi|$ ,  $X = \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $d\mu(t) =$

$t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} dt$ 

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left( \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} \left| \frac{1}{t} \int h(s) ds \right|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} &= \left\| \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t h(s) ds \right\|_{L^q(X, d\mu)} = \sup_{\varphi_{L^{q'}}=1} \left| \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t h(s) ds \varphi(t) dt \right| \\
 &= \left| \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t h(s) ds \varphi(t) d\mu(t) \right| \\
 &= \left| \int_0^\infty \int_0^1 h(t\xi) d\xi \varphi(t) d\mu(t) \right| \\
 &\leq \int_0^1 \|h(\xi \cdot)\|_{L^q(X, d\mu)} \|\varphi\|_{L^{q'}(X, d\mu)} d\xi \\
 &\leq \int_0^1 \|h\|_{L^q(X)} \xi^{-\frac{1}{p}} d\xi \\
 &= \|h\|_{L^q(X)} \left[ \frac{\xi^{1-\frac{1}{p}}}{1-\frac{1}{p}} \right]_0^1 \\
 &= p' \|h\|_{L^q(X)}
 \end{aligned}$$

□

*proof of the normality of  $L^{p,q}$  for  $p > 1$ .*

Define  $f_{**}(t) = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f_*(s) ds$  and

$$\|f\| = \begin{cases} \left( \int_0^\infty \lambda^{\frac{q}{p}-1} f_{**}(\lambda)^q d\lambda \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} & \text{if } q < \infty \\ \left\| \lambda^{\frac{1}{p}} f_{**}(\lambda) \right\|_{L^\infty} & \text{if } q = \infty \end{cases}$$

Then we claim that  $\|f\|$  is a norm in  $L^{p,q}$  and

$$\|f\|_{L^{p,q}} \leq \| |\cdot| \| \leq p' \|f\|_{L^{p,q}}$$

Step 1: (triangle inequality)

$$(f+g)_{**}(\lambda) \leq f_{**}(\lambda) + g_{**}(\lambda), \quad \forall \lambda > 0$$

Remark: We only have  $(f+g)_*(t) \leq f_*(\frac{t}{2}) + g_*(\frac{t}{2})$  (exercise)

From lemma 4.14:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (f+g)_{**} &= \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t (f+g)(s) ds = \sup \left\{ \int_E |f+g| : |E| \leq t \right\} \\
 &\leq \sup \left\{ \int_E |f| + \int_E |g| : \dots \right\} \\
 &\leq \sup \left\{ \int_E |f| : |E| \leq t \right\} + \sup \left\{ \int_E |g| : |E| \leq t \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$



As a consequence:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |||f + g||| &= \left( \int_0^\infty \lambda^{\frac{q}{p}-1} (f + g)_{**}(\lambda)^q d\lambda \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
 &= \left\| \lambda^{\frac{1}{p}} (f + g)_{**}(\lambda) \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}_+, \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda})} \\
 &\leq \left\| \lambda^{\frac{1}{p}} (f_{**}(\lambda) + g_{**}(\lambda)) \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}_+, \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda})} \\
 &\leq \left\| \lambda^{\frac{1}{p}} f_{**}(\lambda) \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}_+, \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda})} + \left\| \lambda^{\frac{1}{p}} g_{**}(\lambda) \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}_+, \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda})}
 \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: We still have to prove that

$$\|f\|_{L^{p,q}} \leq ||| \cdot ||| \leq p' \|f\|_{L^{p,q}}$$

It follows directly from the definition that  $|||f||| \geq \|f\|_{L^{p,q}}$ .

The other side follows from Hardy's inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(x) &= \int_0^x h(t) dt, \quad g(0) = 0, \quad g'(x) = h(x) \\
 \Rightarrow p' \left( \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{p}{q}-1} |h(t)|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} &\geq \left( \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{p}{q}-1} \left| \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t h(s) ds \right|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
 &\stackrel{h \rightsquigarrow f_{**}}{\Rightarrow} p' \|f\|_{L^{p,q}} \geq |||f|||
 \end{aligned}$$

□

### 4.3 Some functional inequalities for Lorentz norms

**Theorem 4.16** (Monotonicity). If  $q < r$ , then  $\exists C > 0$  s.t.  $\forall f \in L^{p,q}$  :

$$C \|f\|_{L^{p,q}} \geq \|f\|_{L^{p,r}}$$

**Remark.** If  $|\Omega| < \infty$ , then  $L^{p_1} \subset L^{p_2}$  if  $p_1 > p_2$ . We get the same for all  $q, r$  with  $L^{p_1,q} \subset L^{p_2,r}$  (exercise)

*Proof.*

$r = \infty$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|f\|_{L^{p,q}} &= \left( \int_0^\infty r^{\frac{q}{p}-1} f_*(t)^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
 &\geq \left( \int_0^\lambda r^{\frac{q}{p}-1} \underbrace{f_*^q(t)}_{\geq f_*(\lambda)} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
 &\geq \left( \int_0^\lambda t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} f_*(\lambda) \\
 &= \left( \frac{p}{q} \lambda^{\frac{q}{p}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} f_*(\lambda) \sim \lambda^{\frac{1}{p}} f_*(\lambda), \quad \forall \lambda > 0 \\
 \Rightarrow \|f\|_{L^{p,q}} &\geq \sup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda^{\frac{1}{p}} f_*(\lambda) = \|f\|_{L^{p,\infty}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$r < \infty$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|f\|_{L^{p,r}} &= \left( \int_0^\infty r^{\frac{r}{p}-1} f_*(t)^r dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \\
 &\leq \left( \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} f_*^q(t) dt \left( \sup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda^{\frac{r-q}{p}} f_*^{r-q}(\lambda) \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \\
 &= \left( \|f\|_{L^{p,q}}^q \|f\|_{L^{p,\infty}}^{r-q} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^{p,q}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(We used  $\|f\|_{L^{p,\infty}} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^{p,q}}$  version  $r = \infty$ )

□

**Theorem 4.17 (Hölder).** If  $1 < p_1, p_2, p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q_1, q_2, q \leq \infty$  s.t.

$$\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = 1, \quad \frac{1}{q_1} + \frac{1}{q_2} = \frac{1}{q}$$

then:

$$\|fg\|_{L^{p,q}} \lesssim \|fg\|_{L^{p_1,q_1}} \|fg\|_{L^{p_2,q_2}}$$

**Remark.** 1. We can replace  $\frac{1}{q_1} + \frac{1}{q_2} = \frac{1}{q}$  by  $\frac{1}{q_1} + \frac{1}{q_2} \geq \frac{1}{q}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2. \quad p = q = 1 &\Rightarrow \|fg\|_{L^1} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^{p_1,q_1}} \|f\|_{L^{p_2,q_2}} \\
 &\Rightarrow (L^{p_1,q_1})^* = L^{p_2,q_2}, \quad \forall 1 < p_1 < \infty \quad 1 \leq q_1 < \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Claim:  $(fg)_*(t_1 + t_2) \leq f_*(t_1)g_*(t_2)$ . To see this, we use the density relation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\{f\} > \lambda\}| > t &\Leftrightarrow f_*(t) > \lambda \\
 \rightsquigarrow |\{f\} > \lambda\}| \leq t &\Leftrightarrow f_*(t) \leq \lambda \\
 \rightsquigarrow |\{f\} > f_*(t)\}| \leq t &, \quad \forall t > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Consequentially:

$$\begin{aligned} |\{|fg| > f(t_1)g(t_2)\}| &\leq |\{|f| > f_*(t_1)\}| + |\{|g| > g_*(t_2)\}| \leq t_1 + t_2 \\ \Rightarrow (fg)_*(t_1 + t_2) &\leq f_*(t_1)g_*(t_2) \end{aligned}$$

To conclude:

$$\begin{aligned} \|fg\|_{L^{p,q}} &= \left( \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} (fg)_*^q \left( \underbrace{t}_{=\frac{t}{2}+\frac{t}{2}} \right) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq \left( \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} f_*^q \left( \frac{t}{2} \right) g_*^q \left( \frac{t}{2} \right) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq \left( \left( \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q_1}{p_1}-1} f_*^{q_1} \left( \frac{t}{2} \right) dt \right)^{\frac{q}{q_1}} \left( \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q_2}{p_2}-1} g_*^{q_2} \left( \frac{t}{2} \right) dt \right)^{\frac{q}{q_2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\stackrel{\frac{t}{2} \rightsquigarrow t}{\leq} \|f\|_{L^{p_1, q_1}} \|g\|_{L^{p_2, q_2}} \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 4.18** (Improved Sobolev inequality).

If  $1 \leq p < d$ ,  $p^* = \frac{dp}{d-p}$ , then

$$\|f\|_{L^{p^*, p}} \lesssim \|\nabla f\|_{L^p}$$

**Remark.** Since  $p < p^*$ , this is an improvement of the standard Sobolev inequality. This can be proven in two ways. 1) Weak-Young inequality 2) Dyadic decomposition. We will have a look at 1) first. The proof of the improved Sobolev inequality with weak-young is motivated by the proof of the standard Sobolev inequality with weak young.

Weak-Young:  $\|g \star h\|_{L^p} \lesssim \|g\|_{L^{q, \infty}} \|h\|_{L^r}$  if  $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{r} = 1 + \frac{1}{p}$  for  $1 < p, q, r < \infty$

*proof of standard Sobolev inequality by weak-young.* Note that the equation  $-\Delta f = g$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  can be written as

$$f(x) = (-\Delta)^{-1}g(x) = (G(x) \star g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} G(x-y)g(y)dy$$

and the Green function

$$\begin{cases} \text{const.} \ln(x), & \text{if } d = 2 \\ \text{const.} \frac{1}{|x|^{d-2}}, & \text{if } d \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

(Formally:  $(-\Delta)^{-1}g(k) = \frac{1}{|2\pi k|^2} \hat{g}(k) \stackrel{(?)}{=} \widehat{G \star g}(k) = \hat{G}(k) \hat{g}(k) \Rightarrow \hat{G}(g) = \frac{1}{|2\pi k|^2} \Rightarrow G(x)$  above) We will discuss the Fourier transform later to make sense of all of this.

Put differently,  $f = G \star (-\Delta f) = (-\Delta)(G \star f) = (-\nabla G) \star (\nabla f)$  i.e.

$$f(x) = - \sum_{i=1}^d (\partial_{x_i} G \star \partial_{x_i} f)(x)$$

if  $f$  regular enough! (e.g.  $f \in C_c^\infty$ )

Hence:

$$\|f\|_{L^{p^*}(\mathbb{R}^d)} = \|(-\nabla G) \star (\nabla f)\|_{L^{p^*}(\mathbb{R}^d)} \stackrel{\text{weak-young}}{\lesssim} \|\nabla G\|_{L^{q,\infty}} \|\nabla f\|_{L^p}$$

provided that:  $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p} = 1 + \frac{1}{p^*}$

Here  $|\nabla G(x)| = \text{const.} \frac{1}{|x|^{d-1}}$  for  $d \geq 2$

$\Rightarrow \|\nabla G\|_{L^{1,\infty}} < \infty$  with  $q = \frac{d}{d-1}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{p^*} = \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p} - 1 = \frac{1}{\frac{d}{d-1}} + \frac{1}{p} - 1 = \frac{d-1}{d} + \frac{1}{p} - 1 = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{d}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p^* = \frac{dp}{d-p} \quad \square$$

Inspired by this, we want to prove a Young inequality for Lorentz spaces s.t. we can conclude the improved Sobolev inequality. For that we first need the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.19.** If  $f, g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ , then:

$$(f \star g)_{**}(t) \leq t f_{**}(t) g_{**}(t) + \int_0^\infty f_*(s) g_*(s) ds \quad \forall t > 0$$

*Proof.* Step 1:  $f = \mathbb{1}_A$ ,  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $|A| < \infty$ .

Easy to check:

$$\begin{aligned} f_*(s) &= \mathbb{1}(s \leq |A|) = \mathbb{1}_{(0, |A|]}(s) \\ f_{**} &= \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f_*(s) ds = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \mathbb{1}_{\{s \leq |A|\}} ds = \frac{1}{t} \min(|A|, t) \end{aligned}$$

RHS:

$$t f_{**}(t) g_{**}(t) + \int_t^\infty f_*(s) g_*(s) ds = \min(|A|, t) g_{**}(t) + \int_t^\infty \mathbb{1}_{\{s \leq |A|\}} g_{**}(s) ds$$

$$\begin{cases} \stackrel{|A| \geq t}{=} \int_0^t g_*(s) ds + \int_t^{|A|} g_*(s) ds = \int_0^{|A|} g_*(s) ds = |A| g_{**}(|A|) = |A| g_{**}(\max(t, |A|)) \\ \stackrel{|A| < t}{=} |A| g_{**}(t) + 0 = |A| \min(g_{**}(t), g_{**}(|A|)) \end{cases}$$

Why:

$$(\mathbb{1}_A \star g)_{**}(t) \leq |A| \min(g_{**}(t), g_{**}(|A|))$$

Recall:

$$h_{**}(t) = \frac{1}{t} \sup \left\{ \int_B |h| : \forall B \subset \mathbb{R}^d \text{ s.t. } |B| = t \right\}$$

(we used this in the proof of theorem 4.7)

Take any  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $|B| = t$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{t} \int_B |\mathbb{1}_A \star g| &\leq \frac{1}{t} \int_B \left( \int_A |g(x-y)| dy \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{t} \int_B \left( \int_{\substack{X-A \\ |X-A|=A}} |g(y)| dy \right) dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{t} \int_B (|A| g_{**}(|A|)) dx \\ &= |A| g_{**}(|A|) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{t} \int_B |\mathbb{1}_A \star g| &\stackrel{Fubini}{\leq} \frac{1}{t} \int_A \left( \int_B |g(x-y)| dx \right) dy = \frac{1}{t} \int_A \left( \int_{\substack{B-y \\ |B-y|=|B|=t}} |g(x)| dx \right) dy \leq \frac{1}{t} \int_A (t g_{**}(t)) dy = |A| g_{**}(t) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{t} \int_B |\mathbb{1}_A \star g| \leq |A| \min(g_{**}(|A|), g_{**}(t)) \Rightarrow \text{optimizing over } B \end{aligned}$$

Step 2:  $f$  as step function:

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \mathbb{1}_{A_i}(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

with  $A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots \supseteq A_N$

Why can we write it like that?

Assume  $f = \alpha_1 \mathbb{1}_{B_1} + \alpha_2 \mathbb{1}_{B_2}(x)$ ,  $B_1 \cap B_2 =$

In this case, we can write  $f(x) = \alpha_1 \mathbb{1}_{B_1 \cup B_2}(x) + (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) \mathbb{1}_{B_2}(x)$  with  $A_1 = B_1 \cup B_2$  and  $A_1 = B_2$

Claim: If  $f = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \mathbb{1}_{A_i}$ ,  $\alpha_i \geq 0$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^d = A_0 \supseteq A_1 \supseteq A_2 \supseteq \dots \supseteq A_N \supseteq A_{N+1} =$

Then:

$$f_*(s) = \sum_{i \leq j} \alpha_i \mathbb{1}_{(|A_{j+1}|, |A_j|)}(s), \quad s > 0 \quad (\text{exercise})$$

Come back to the lemma with this  $f$ :

$$(f + g)_{**}(t) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i (\mathbb{1}_{A_i} \star g) \right)_{**}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i (\mathbb{1}_{A_i} \star g)_{**}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i |A_i| g(\max(t, |A_i|))$$

Assume  $\exists i_0$  s.t.  $|A_{i_0}| = t$  (we can take  $\alpha_{i_0}$  if we want)

$$\Rightarrow (f \star g)_{**}(t) \leq \underbrace{\sum_{i < i_0} \alpha_i |A_i| g(|A_i|)}_{(I)} + \underbrace{\sum_{i \geq i_0} \alpha_i |A_i| g(|A_i|)}_{(II)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (I) &= \sum_{i \leq i_0} \alpha_i \int_0^{|A_i|} g_*(s) ds = \sum_{i < i_0} \alpha_i \sum_{j \geq i} \int_{|A_{j+1}|}^{|A_j|} g_*(s) ds \\
 &= \underbrace{\sum_{i < i_0 \leq j} \alpha_i \int_{|A_{j+1}|}^{|A_j|} g_*(s) ds}_{(I')} + \underbrace{\sum_{i \leq j < i_0} \alpha_i \int_{|A_{j+1}|}^{|A_j|} g_*(s) ds}_{(I'')}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (I') &= \sum_{i < i_0} \sum_{j \geq i_0} \alpha_i \int_{|A_{j+1}|}^{|A_j|} g_*(s) ds = \sum_{i < i_0} \sum_{j \geq i_0} \sum_{j \geq i} \int_0^\infty \alpha_i \mathbb{1}_{[|A_{j+1}|, |A_j|]} g_*(s) ds \\
 &= \sum_{i < i_0} \int_0^\infty \alpha_i \mathbb{1}_{[0, t]} g_*(s) ds \\
 &= \sum_{i < i_0} \alpha_i \int_0^t g_*(s) ds \\
 &= \sum_{i < i_0} \alpha_i t g_{**}(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (I'') &= \sum_{i \leq j < i_0} \alpha_i \int_{|A_{j+1}|}^{|A_j|} g_*(s) ds = \sum_{j < i_0} \int_{|A_{j+1}|}^{|A_j|} \left( \sum_{i \leq j} \alpha_i \right) g_*(s) ds \\
 &= \sum_{j < i_0} \int_{|A_{j+1}|}^{|A_j|} f_*(s) g_*(s) ds \\
 &= \int_t^\infty f_*(s) g_*(s) ds
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (I') + (II) = \left( \sum_{i < i_0} + \sum_{i \geq i_0} \right) \alpha_i \min(|A_i|, t) g_{**}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \min(|A_i|, t) g_{**}(t) = t f_{**}(t) g_{**}(t)$$

□

**Theorem 4.20** (Young inequality for Lorentz Spaces).

$$\|g \star h\|_{L^{p,q}} \lesssim \|g\|_{L^{p_1, q_1}} \|h\|_{L^{p_2, q_2}}$$

with

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = 1 + \frac{1}{p} & 1 < p_1, p_2, p < \infty \\ \frac{1}{q_1} + \frac{1}{q_2} = \frac{1}{q} & 1 < q_1, q_2, q < \infty \end{cases}$$

**Remark.** 1. The previous weak Young inequality corresponds to the case  $p_1 = q$ ,  $q_1 = \infty$ ,  $p_2 = q_2 = r$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{r} = 1 + \frac{1}{p} \text{ and} \\
 &\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{q_1} + \frac{1}{q_2} = \frac{1}{\infty} + \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{r} \\
 &\Rightarrow q = r \xrightarrow{Y\text{-Lorentz}} \|g\|_{L^{q,\infty}} \|h\|_{L^{r,r}} \gtrsim \|g \star h\|_{L^{p,r}} \gtrsim \|g \star h\|_{L^{p,p}} \text{ since } r \leq p \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{r} > \frac{1}{p} \\
 &\text{since } \underbrace{\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{r}}_{<1} = 1 + \frac{1}{p}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Stronger result:  $\|g\|_{L^{p_1}} \|h\|_{L^{p_2}} \gtrsim \|g \star h\|_{L^{p,q}}$  where

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = 1 + \frac{1}{p}, \quad \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p_1} = 1 + \frac{1}{p} \\
 &\Rightarrow q < p \Rightarrow \|g \star h\|_{L^{p,q}} \gtrsim \|g \star h\|_{L^p}
 \end{aligned}$$

3. The improved Sobolev inequality follows easily from the Y-Lorentz spaces:

$$\|f\|_{L^{p^*,p}} = \|\nabla G \star \nabla f\|_{L^{p^*,p}} \lesssim \|\nabla G\|_{L^{\frac{d}{d-1}-\infty}} \|\nabla f\|_{L^{p,p}} \lesssim \|\nabla f\|_{L^p}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{i.e. } p_1 = \frac{d}{d-1}, \quad q_1 = \infty, \quad p_2 = q_2 = p \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^*} + 1 = \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2}, \quad \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{q_1} + \frac{1}{q_2}
 \end{aligned}$$

*proof of the Y-Lorentz inequality (by Niel).* Recall

$$\|f\|_{L^{p,q}} = \left( \int_0^\infty \lambda^{\frac{q}{p}-1} f_*(\lambda)^q d\lambda \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \sim \left( \int_0^\infty \lambda^{\frac{q}{p}-1} f_{**}(\lambda)^q d\lambda \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

with  $f_*$  decreasing rearrangement,  $f_{**}(t) = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f_*(s) ds \geq f_*(t)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|g \star h\|_{L^{p,q}} &\sim \left( \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} (g \star h)_{**}^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
 &= \left\| t^{\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q}} (g \star h)(t) \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{lemma 4.19}}{\leq} \left\| t^{\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q}+1} g_{**}(t) h_{**}(t) + t^{\frac{1}{p}+\frac{1}{q}} \int_t^\infty g_*(s) h_*(s) ds \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}_+, dt)} \\
 &\leq \left\| t^{\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q}+1} g_{**}(t) h_{**}(t) \right\| + \left\| t^{\frac{1}{p}+\frac{1}{q}} \int_t^\infty g_*(s) h_*(s) ds \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}_+, dt)} = (I) + (II)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (I) &= \left\| t^{\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q}+1} g_{**}(t) h_{**}(t) \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}_+)} \stackrel{\text{Hölder}}{\leq} \left\| t^{\frac{1}{p_1}-\frac{1}{q_1}} g_{**}(t) \right\|_{L^{q_1}(\mathbb{R}_+)} \left\| t^{\frac{1}{p_2}-\frac{1}{q_2}} h_{**}(t) \right\|_{L^{q_2}(\mathbb{R}_+)} \\
 &\leq \|g\|_{L^{p_1, q_1}} \|g\|_{L^{p_2, q_2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Here for Hölder:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left( \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}-1+q} g_{**}^q(t) h_{**}^q(t) dt \right) \leq \left( \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q_1}{p_1}-1} g_{**}^{q_1}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{q}{q_1}} \left( \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q_2}{p_2}-1} h_{**}^{q_2}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{q}{q_2}} \\
 \text{RHS} &\geq \left( \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q_1}{p_1}-1} g_{**}^{q_1}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{q}{q_1}} t^{\frac{q_2}{p_2}-1} h_{**}^{q_2}(t) dt)^{\frac{q}{q_2}} = \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p_1}-\frac{q}{q_1}+\frac{q_2}{p_2}-\frac{q}{q_2}} g_{**}^q(t) h_{**}^q(t) dt
 \end{aligned}$$

So we get

$$\frac{q}{p} - 1 + q = \frac{q}{p_1} - \frac{q}{q_1} + \frac{q_2}{p_2} - \frac{q}{q_2} = q\left(1 + \frac{1}{p}\right) - 1$$

(II)

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| t^{\frac{1}{q}-1} \int_t^\infty g_*(s)h_*(s)ds \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}_+)} &= \left( \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} \left( \int_t^\infty g_*(s)h_*(s)ds \right)^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\stackrel{t=\frac{1}{u}, s=\frac{1}{v}}{=} \left( \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)^{\frac{q}{p}-1} \left( \int_0^u g_*\left(\frac{1}{v}\right)h_*\left(\frac{1}{v}\right)\frac{dv}{v^2} \right)^q \frac{du}{u^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \left( \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)^{\frac{q}{p}+1} \underbrace{\left( \int_0^u g_*\left(\frac{1}{v}\right)h_*\left(\frac{1}{v}\right)\frac{dv}{v^2} \right)^q}_{f(u):=} du \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \left( \int_0^\infty \frac{|f(u)|^q}{u^{\frac{q}{p}+1}} du \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \left( \int_0^\infty u^{\frac{q}{p'}-1} \left| \frac{f(u)}{u} \right|^q du \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\stackrel{Hardy}{\lesssim} \left( \int_0^\infty u^{\frac{q}{p'}-1} |f'(u)|^q du \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \left( \int_0^\infty u^{\frac{q}{p'}-1} \left| g_*\left(\frac{1}{u}\right)h_*\left(\frac{1}{u}\right)\frac{1}{u^2} \right|^q du \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \left( \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{u^{\frac{q}{p}+1+q}} \left| g_*\left(\frac{1}{u}\right)h_*\left(\frac{1}{u}\right) \right|^q du \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\stackrel{t=\frac{1}{u}}{=} \left( \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}+1+q} \left| g_*(t)h_*(t) \right|^q \frac{dt}{t^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \left( \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}-1+q} \left| g_*(t)h_*(t) \right|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \left\| t^{\frac{1}{p}+1-\frac{1}{q}} g_*(t)h_*(t) \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}_+, dt)} \\ &\leq \|g\|_{L^{p_1, q_1}} \|h\|_{L^{p_2, q_2}} \end{aligned}$$

The last inequality works the same as in (I) except that we use  $g_*h_*$  instead of  $g_{**}h_{**}$   $\square$

## 4.4 Dyadic decomposition

We will have a look at another proof of the improved Sobolev inequality. For this we will use the dyadic decomposition. The basic idea comes from deviding the positive real



number line in a smart, disjoint way, i.e.  $(0, \infty) = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} [2^j, 2^{j+1})$ . We can use this for the values of functions.

**Example 4.21.**  $f \in L^p$ ,  $\|f\|_{L^p}^p = p \int \lambda^{p-1} |\{ |f| > \lambda \}| d\lambda$

We can decompose  $f = \sum_i \underbrace{f \mathbb{1}_{\{|f| \in [2^j, 2^{j+1})\}}}_{f_i} = \sum_i f_i \Rightarrow$  all  $\{f_i\}$  disjoint support and

$\text{supp } f_i \subset \{|f| \in [2^j, 2^{j+1})\}$

$$\Rightarrow \|f\|_{L^p}^p = \sum_i \|f_i\|_{L^p}^p \text{ as } |\sum_i f_i|^p = \sum_i |f_i|^p$$

We will extend this to a version with smooth cut-off s.t.  $f$  smooth gives us a set of  $\{f_i\}$  smooth functions.

**Lemma 4.22.**  $\exists \varphi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$  s.t.  $\varphi(x) = 0$  if  $|x| \notin [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  s.t.

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi(2^j t) = 1, \quad \forall t \neq 0$$

*Proof.*  $\varphi(t) = \Psi(t) - \Psi(2t)$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi(2^j t) = \sum_j (\Psi(2^j t) - \Psi(2^{j+1} t)) = \Psi(0) = 1$$

if  $\Psi \in C^\infty$  s.t.  $\Psi(x) = 1$  if  $|x| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\Psi(x) = 0$  if  $|x| \geq 1$  □

**Lemma 4.23.** For any  $f$ , we decompose

$$f = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} f_j \text{ where } f_j(x) = f(x) \varphi(2^{-j}|f|)$$

In particular, we have  $\text{supp } f_j \subset \{2^{j-1} \leq |f| \leq 2^j\}$ .

Then:

$$\|f\|_{L^{p,q}} \lesssim \left( \sum_j \underbrace{\|f_j\|_{L^p}^q}_{\|f_j\|_{L^p} \|1\|_{l^q(\mathbb{Z})}} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^{p,q}} \quad \forall q \leq p$$

**Remark.**

$$\left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \|f_j + g_j\|_{L^p}^q\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq \left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \|f_j\|_{L^p}^q\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \|g_j\|_{L^p}^q\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

but  $f \mapsto \left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \|f_j\|_{L^p}^q\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$  is not a norm, since it is non linear.

*Proof.* Note that

$$f_j \sim 2^j \mathbb{1}_{\{|f| \in [2^{j-1}, 2^j]\}}$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \|f_j\|_{L^p}^q &\sim \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{jq} |\{|f| \in [2^{j-1}, 2^j]\}|^{\frac{q}{p}} \leq \sum_j 2^{jq} |\{|f| > 2^{j-1}\}|^{\frac{q}{p}} \\ &\leq \int_0^\infty \lambda^{q-1} |\{|f| > \lambda\}|^{\frac{q}{p}} d\lambda = \|f\|_{L^{p,q}}^q \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand:

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{L^{p,q}}^q &= \int_0^\infty \lambda^{q-1} |\{|f| > \lambda\}|^{\frac{q}{p}} d\lambda = \sum_j \int_{2^j}^{2^{j+1}} \lambda^{q-1} \underbrace{|\{|f| > \lambda\}|}_{\lambda \sim 2^j, \leq |\{|f| \geq 2^j\}|} d\lambda \\ &\leq \sum_j \int_{2^j}^{2^{j+1}} \lambda^{q-1} \left(\sum_{k \geq j} |\{2^k < |f| < 2^{k+1}\}|\right)^{\frac{q}{p}} d\lambda \\ &\leq \sum_j \sum_k \int_{2^j}^{2^{j+1}} \lambda^{q-1} |\{2^k < |f| < 2^{k+1}\}|^{\frac{q}{p}} d\lambda \\ &\sim \sum_j \sum_k 2^j 2^{j(q-1)} |\{2^k < |f| < 2^{k+1}\}|^{\frac{q}{p}} \\ &= \sum_k \underbrace{\sum_{j \leq k} |\{2^k < |f| < 2^{k+1}\}|^{\frac{q}{p}}}_{2^{q(k+1)}} \\ &\sim \sum_k \underbrace{2^{qk} |\{2^k < |f| < 2^{k+1}\}|^{\frac{q}{p}}}_{\|f_k\|_{L^p}^q + \|f_{k+1}\|_{L^p}^q \lesssim \|f_k\|_{L^p}^q + \|f_{k+1}\|_{L^p}^q} \end{aligned}$$

The last step used that

$$|f_k| + |f_{k+1}| \sim 2^k \mathbb{1}_{\{2^k < |f| < 2^{k+1}\}}$$

□

*Another proof of the improved Sobolev inequality using the standard Sobolev inequality.*

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{L^{p,q}}^p &\lesssim \sum_j \|f_j\|_{L^{p^*}}^p \stackrel{\text{Standard Sobolev}}{\lesssim} \sum_j \|\nabla f_j\|_{L^p}^p \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sum_j |\nabla f_j|^p \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla f|^p = \|\nabla f\|_{L^p}^p \end{aligned}$$

$$\lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (|\nabla f|^p |f|^p) \leq \|\nabla f\|_{L^p}^p + \|f\|_{L^p}^p = \|f\|_{W^{1,p}}^p$$

We used the pointwise bound:

$$\left| \underbrace{\nabla f_j(x)}_{=\nabla(f\varphi(2^{-j}f))=\nabla f \cdot \varphi + f \nabla \varphi} \right| \lesssim |\nabla f(x)| \mathbb{1}_{\{2^{j-1} \leq |f| \leq 2^{j+1}\}}$$

By Scaling argument: If  $\|f\|_{L^{p^*,p}} \lesssim \|\nabla f\|_{L^p} + \|f\|_{L^p}$ ,  $\forall f$

$$\Rightarrow \|f\|_{L^{p^*,p}} \lesssim \|\nabla f\|_{L^p}$$

□

**Remark.** Scaling argument in 3D:

$$(1) \|f\|_{L^6} \lesssim \left( \int |\nabla f|^2 + \int |f|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \forall f$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow \|f\|_{L^6} \leq \left( \int |\nabla f|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Use (1)  $f_\lambda(x) = \lambda^{\frac{3}{2}} f(\lambda x) \Rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |f_\lambda|^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |f|^2$

$$\int |\nabla f_\lambda|^2 = \lambda^2 \int |\nabla f|^2, \quad \|f\|_{L^6}^2 = \lambda^2 \|f\|_{L^6}^2$$

# Chapter 5

## Fourier Transform

We will define the Fourier transform for tempered distributions, which can be viewed as a generalization of  $L^p$  functions. The space of tempered distributions is constructed as the dual space of the Schwartz class  $C_c^\infty S(\mathbb{R}^d) \subset C^\infty$ .

First, let's start with the Fourier transform in  $L^p$ .

**Definition 5.1** (Fourier Transform in  $L^1$ ). Let  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then the Fourier transform of  $f$  is defined as

$$\hat{f} = \mathcal{F}f(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)e^{-2\pi i\xi x} dx$$

**Remark.** 1.  $\|\hat{f}\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|f\|_{L^1}$

2.  $\hat{f}$  is uniformly continuous: follows from

$$\lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)|e^{2\pi i\xi x} dx$$

by dominated convergence

3.  $\phi(x) = e^{-\pi|x|^2} \Rightarrow \hat{\phi}(\xi) = e^{-\pi|\xi|^2}$ . To see this, observe

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{\xi_n} \hat{\phi}(\xi) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} -2\pi i x_n e^{-\pi|x|^2} e^{-2\pi i\xi x} dx = i \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \partial_{x_n} (e^{-\pi|x|^2}) e^{-2\pi i\xi x} dx \\ &= -i \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-\pi|x|^2} (\partial_{x_n} e^{-2\pi i\xi x}) dx = -2\pi \xi_n \hat{\phi}(\xi) \end{aligned}$$

So  $\partial_{\xi_n} \hat{\phi}(\xi) = -2\pi \xi_n \hat{\phi}(\xi)$  and the claim follows from solving this ODE.

4.  $g(x) = f(\lambda x) \Rightarrow \hat{g}(x) = \frac{1}{|\lambda|^d} \hat{f}(\frac{x}{\lambda})$

5.  $\tau_a f(x) = f(x - a) \Rightarrow \widehat{\tau_a f}(k) = e^{-2\pi i\xi a} \hat{f}(\xi)$

**Lemma 5.2** (Riemann-Lebesgue). If  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then

$$\lim_{\xi \rightarrow \infty} \hat{f}(\xi) = 0$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}(\xi) &= \frac{1}{2}(f(\xi) + e^{2\pi i \xi a} \widehat{\tau_a f}(\xi)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (f(x) - \tau_a f(x)) e^{-2\pi i \xi x} dx \\ &\Rightarrow |\hat{f}(\xi)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x) - f(x-a)| dx \end{aligned}$$

and now take  $a(\xi) = \frac{\xi}{2|\xi|^2}$ .

If  $f$  is continuous and compactly supported in  $B(0, R)$ , then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  we can choose  $\delta > 0$  s.t.

$$\|f - \tau_a f\|_{L^1} \leq \varepsilon$$

if  $|a| < \delta$  and  $\text{supp } \tau_a f \subset B(0, R)$

$\Rightarrow |\hat{f}(\xi)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . Now conclude with approximation argument.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.3.** Let  $f, g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then

$$\widehat{f \star g}(\xi) = \hat{f}(\xi) \hat{g}(\xi)$$

*Proof.*

$$\widehat{f \star g}(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} t_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x-y) g(y) e^{-2\pi i \xi x} dy dx$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Fubini and change of variable}}{=} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x-y) e^{-2\pi i \xi(x-y)} dx \right) \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g(y) e^{-2\pi i \xi(y)} dy \right) = \hat{f}(\xi) \hat{g}(\xi)$$

$\square$

**Theorem 5.4.** If  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $\hat{f} \in L^1$ , then

$$f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{f}(\xi) e^{2\pi i x \xi} d\xi$$

*Proof.* The problem is that we want to consider

$$\int \int f(y)e^{2\pi i x \xi} d\xi dy$$

BUT  $(\xi, y) \mapsto f(y)e^{2\pi i \xi(x-y)} \notin L^1(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d)$ .

So we define

$$A_\varepsilon(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \hat{f}(\xi) e^{2\pi i x \xi} e^{-\varepsilon|\xi|^2} d\xi$$

and observe that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} A_\varepsilon = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(f)(x)$$

again by DCT and observe

$$A_\varepsilon(x) = \int \int \underbrace{f(y) e^{2\pi i \xi(x-y)} e^{\varepsilon|\xi|^2}}_{\in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d)} d\xi dy = \int f(y) \Phi_\varepsilon(x-y) dy$$

where  $\Phi_\varepsilon(y) = \left(\frac{\pi}{\varepsilon}\right)^{\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\frac{\pi^2}{\varepsilon}|y|^2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (f \star \Phi_\varepsilon)(x) - f(x) &= \int (f(x-y) - f(x)) \Phi_\varepsilon(y) dy \\ \Rightarrow \| (f \star \Phi_\varepsilon) - f \|_{L^1} &\leq \int \| f(x - \sqrt{\varepsilon}y) - f(x) \|_{L^1} \Phi_1(y) dy \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} 0 \end{aligned}$$

by DCT

so we can take a subsequence  $\varepsilon_k \rightarrow 0$  s.t.  $A_{\varepsilon_k} \rightarrow 0$  s.t.  $A_{\varepsilon_k}(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  pointwise □

**Lemma 5.5** (Uncertainty Principle). Let  $f \in L^1$ . If both  $f, \hat{f}$  have compact support, then  $f = 0$  a.e.

*Proof.* (sketch)  $\hat{f}(\xi) = \int f(x) e^{-2\pi i \xi x} dx$ . Consider it as a function if  $\xi \in \mathbb{C}^d$ .  $f$  compact support  $\Rightarrow \hat{f}$  analytic and since it has compact support, then  $\hat{f} = 0$  a.e. and thus  $f = 0$  a.e. □

**Lemma 5.6.** Let  $f \in L^1 \cap L^2$ . Then  $\hat{f} \in L^1 \cap L^2$  and  $\|\hat{f}\|_{L^2} = \|f\|_{L^2}$

*Proof.* First one proves that

$$\int f(x) \hat{g}(x) dx = \int \int f(x) g(y) e^{-2\pi i xy} dy dx = \int \hat{f}(y) g(y) dy$$

and just take  $g = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\bar{\hat{f}}) = \overline{\mathcal{F}^{-1}(f)}$ . Thus  $\|\hat{f}\|_{L^2} = \|f\|_{L^2}$  □

Now we have  $\|\mathcal{F}\|_{L^1 \rightarrow L^\infty} \leq 1$  and  $\|\mathcal{F}\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} = 1$ . We can use interpolation!

**Theorem 5.7** (Hausdorff-Young). Let  $[1, 2]$ , then  $\|\mathcal{F}\|_{L^p \rightarrow L^{p'}} \leq 1$ , i.e.  $\|\mathcal{F}f\|_{L^{p'}} \leq \|f\|_{L^p}$  where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$

*Proof.* This is a direct application of Riesz-Thorin with  $T : L^{p_0} + L^{p_1} \rightarrow L^{q_0} + L^{q_1}$  where we choose  $T = \mathcal{F}$ ,  $p_0 = 1$ ,  $q_0 = \infty$ ,  $p_1 = q_1 = 2$   $\square$

## 5.1 Schwarz class

**Definition 5.8.** Let  $\varphi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ . Define

$$\rho_{\alpha, \beta}(\varphi) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} |x^\alpha \partial^\beta \varphi|$$

The Schwarz class is then defined as

$$S(\mathbb{R}^d) = \{\varphi \in C^\infty : \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d : \rho_{\alpha, \beta}(\varphi) < \infty\}$$

**Remark.** 1.  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d) \subset S(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$2. \varphi \in S \Leftrightarrow \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d, N \in \mathbb{N} \exists C_{\alpha, N} \text{ s.t. } |\partial^\alpha f(x)| \leq \frac{C_{\alpha, N}}{(1+|x|^2)^N}$$

3.  $S() \subset L^p$  for every  $p \geq 1$

4.  $S()$  is closed under differentiation and multiplication by polynomials

**Proposition 5.9.** Let  $f \in S()$  then

$$1. \|\hat{f}\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|f\|_{L^1}$$

$$2. \|\hat{f}\|_{L^2} = \|f\|_{L^2}$$

$$3. \widehat{f \star g} = \hat{f} \hat{g}$$

$$4. \partial^\alpha \hat{f}(\xi) = ((-2\pi i x)^\alpha \widehat{f(x)})(\xi)$$

$$5. \widehat{\partial^\alpha f}(\xi) = (2\pi i \xi)^\alpha \hat{f}(\xi)$$

$$6. \hat{f} \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

*Proof.* (1)-(3) already done.

(4)-(5) just use DCT: for example  $\partial_{\xi_k} \hat{f}(\xi) = \partial_{\xi_k} \int f(x) e^{-2\pi i \xi x} dx = -2\pi i \xi_k \hat{f}(\xi)$

(6) To show that  $\hat{f} \in S$ , observe that

$$\rho_{\alpha,\beta}(\hat{f}) = \left\| \xi^\alpha \partial^\beta \hat{f} \right\|_{L^\infty} = \frac{(2\pi)^{|\beta|}}{(2\pi)^{|\alpha|}} \left\| \widehat{x \partial^\beta f} \right\|_{L^\infty} \leq (2\pi)^{|\beta| - |\alpha|} \left\| x^\alpha \partial^\beta f \right\|_{L^1} < \infty$$

□

**Definition 5.10.** Let  $X$  be a vector space. A function  $\rho : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is called a seminorm, if

1.  $\rho(\lambda x) = |\lambda| \rho(x) \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C}, x \in X$
2.  $\rho(x + y) \leq \rho(x) + \rho(y) \quad \forall x, y \in X$

**Definition 5.11.** Let  $X$  be a vector space with seminorms  $\{\rho_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  s.t.

$$\rho_n(x) = 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \Leftrightarrow x = 0$$

We call  $X$  a Fréchet space if  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space for

$$d(x, y) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{2^n} \frac{\rho_n(x - y)}{1 + \rho_n(x - y)}$$

**Proposition 5.12.** Let  $X$  be a Fréchet space, then

1.  $f_n \xrightarrow{d} f \Leftrightarrow \forall m \in \mathbb{N} \quad \rho_m(f_n - f) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$
2.  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is Cauchy in  $d$  iff it is Cauchy in each  $\rho_m$
3.  $\rho_m$  are continuous wrt  $d$

*Proof.* (1)  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $d \Rightarrow \rho_m(f_n - f)$  for each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Now assume  $\rho_m(f_n - f) \rightarrow 0$  for each  $m$ , then we can choose  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$\sum_{n=M+}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$



and choose  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\rho_m(f_n - f) < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \forall m = 1, \dots, M, n \geq N$

$$\Rightarrow d(f_n, f) \leq \sum_{n=0}^M \frac{\rho_m(f_n - f)}{1 + \rho_m(f_n - f)} \frac{1}{2^m} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < \varepsilon$$

(2) and (3) are similar □

**Theorem 5.13.**  $S(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with the seminorms  $\{\rho_{\alpha,\beta}\}_{\alpha,\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d}$  is a Fréchet space.

*Proof.* (exercise) □

**Proposition 5.14.**  $\mathcal{F} : S(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow S(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is a linear homeomorphism, i.e. it is continuous and has a continuous inverse

*Proof.*

$$\rho_{\alpha,\beta}(\hat{\phi}) = \left\| \xi^\alpha \partial^\beta \hat{\phi} \right\|_{L^\infty} = \frac{(2\pi)^{|\beta|}}{(2\pi)^{|\alpha|}} \left\| \widehat{\partial^\alpha x^\beta \phi} \right\|_{L^\infty} \leq C_{\alpha,\beta} \left\| \partial^\alpha x^\beta \phi \right\|_{L^1}$$

And using Leibnitz rule:

$$\partial^\alpha (fg) = \sum_{\gamma \leq \alpha} \binom{\alpha}{\gamma} \partial^{\alpha-\gamma} f \partial^\gamma g$$

we get

$$\rho_{\alpha,\beta}(\hat{\phi}) \leq C_{\alpha,\beta} \sum_{\gamma \leq \alpha} c_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma} \left\| x^{\beta-\alpha+\gamma} \check{\phi} \right\|_{L^1}$$

and observe that

$$\|\rho\|_{L^1} = \int \frac{(1 + |x|^{2d})}{(1 + |x|^{2d})} |\phi| dx \leq C_d \left\| (1 + |x|^d) \phi \right\|_{L^\infty}$$

$$\rho_{\alpha,\beta}(\hat{\phi}) \leq \check{C}_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma,d} \sum_{|\nu| \leq N, |\kappa| \leq N} \rho_{\nu,\kappa}(\phi)$$

where  $N = \max(|\alpha|, |\beta|) + 2d$ . Thus if  $\phi_n \rightarrow 0$  in  $S(\mathbb{R}^d)$  we also get  $\mathcal{F}(\phi_n) \rightarrow 0$  in  $S(\mathbb{R}^d)$  □

## 5.2 Tempered Distributions

**Definition 5.15.** The space  $S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  of tempered distributions is the set of linear continuous functionals  $T : S(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

Notation:  $T \in S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $\phi \in S(\mathbb{R}^d) \Rightarrow T(\phi) = \langle T, \phi \rangle$

**Proposition 5.16.** A linear map  $T : S(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  belongs to  $S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  iff  $\exists c < \infty$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}_0$  s.t.

$$|\langle T, \phi \rangle| \leq c \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N, |\beta| \leq N} \rho_{\alpha, \beta}(\phi) \quad \forall \phi \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

*Proof.* " $\Leftarrow$ " is clear, since  $\phi_n \rightarrow 0$  in  $S(\mathbb{R}^d) \Rightarrow \langle T, \phi \rangle \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathbb{C}$

" $\Rightarrow$ " By way of contradiction. Suppose for every  $N \in \mathbb{N}_0$  we can find  $\phi_N \in S$  s.t.  $\langle T, \phi_N \rangle \geq N \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N, |\beta| \leq N} \rho_{\alpha, \beta}(\phi_N) =: N \mathcal{N}_N(\phi_N)$  and define  $\Psi_N := \frac{\phi_N}{\sqrt{N} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N, |\beta| \leq N} \rho_{\alpha, \beta}(\phi_N)} \Rightarrow$  for

every  $|\alpha|, |\beta| \leq K : \rho_{\alpha, \beta}(\Psi_N) \leq \frac{\rho_{\alpha, \beta}(\phi_N)}{\sqrt{N} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N, |\beta| \leq N} \rho_{\alpha, \beta}(\phi_N)} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$

i.e.  $\Psi_N \rightarrow 0$  in  $S$ . Thus by continuity,  $\langle T, \Psi_N \rangle \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  BUT  $|\langle T, \Psi_N \rangle| \geq \frac{|\langle T, \phi_N \rangle|}{\sqrt{N} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N, |\beta| \leq N} \rho_{\alpha, \beta}(\phi_N) \geq \sqrt{N}}$  which is a contradiction.  $\square$

**Example 5.17.** 1.  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$  for some  $p \in [1, \infty]$

$$T_f : \phi \mapsto \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f \phi$$

is a tempered distribution. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle T_f, \phi \rangle| &\leq \|f\|_{L^p} \|\phi\|_{L^{p'}} = \|f\|_{L^p} \left\| |\phi|^{\frac{1}{p'}} |\phi|^{1-\frac{1}{p'}} \right\| \leq \|f\|_{L^p} \|\phi\|_{L^1}^{\frac{1}{p'}} \|\phi\|_{L^\infty}^{1-\frac{1}{p'}} \\ &\leq \|f\|_{L^p} \sum_{|\alpha|, |\beta| \leq K} \rho_{\alpha, \beta}(\phi) \end{aligned}$$

in the last step we used  $a^\theta b^{1-\theta} \leq \theta a + (1-\theta)b$

2. Polynomials are in  $S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$

3. Dirac-delta in  $S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  : Define  $\langle \delta_a, \phi \rangle = \phi(a)$ , then clearly  $|\langle \delta_a, \phi \rangle| \leq \rho_{0,0}(\phi)$  and one usually writes  $\phi \mapsto \int \phi d\mu_a = \phi(a) = \int \phi(x) \delta(x-a) dx$

4. Given a finite measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , then  $\phi \mapsto \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \phi d\mu \in S'$  since  $|\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \phi d\mu| \leq \|\phi\|_{L^\infty} \mu(\mathbb{R}^d)$

**Definition 5.18.**  $\{T_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  converges to  $T \in S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  if

$$\forall \phi \in S(\mathbb{R}^d) : \quad \langle T_n, \phi \rangle \rightarrow \langle T, \phi \rangle \text{ in } \mathbb{C}$$

One usually writes  $T_n \rightarrow T$

**Remark.** Given  $g \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $\|g\|_{L^1} = 1$ , define  $g_k(x) = 2^{-kd}g(2^kx)$ . Then  $g_k = T_{g_k} \rightarrow \delta_0$  in  $S'$

Observe that for  $\phi, \psi \in S$  we have the integration by parts formula:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (\partial^\alpha \phi) \psi = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \phi (\partial^\alpha \psi)$$

**Definition 5.19.** For  $T \in S'$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ , we define  $\partial^\alpha T \in S'$  as

$$\partial^\alpha T(\phi) = (-1)^{|\alpha|} T(\partial^\alpha \phi) \quad \forall \phi \in S$$

**Remark.** To show that  $\partial^\alpha T \in S'$  we have to check  $\exists C, K$  s.t.  $|\langle \partial^\alpha T, \phi \rangle| \leq CN_K(\phi) \quad \forall \phi \in S$  and this is true, since  $|\langle \partial^\alpha T, \phi \rangle| = |T, \partial^\alpha \phi| \leq CN_{K+|\alpha|}(\phi)$

**Example 5.20.** 1.  $\partial^\alpha \delta_a = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \partial^\alpha \phi(0)$  by definition

2. In  $d = 1$  define  $g(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$  so that  $|\int g(x)\phi(x)| \leq \|x\phi\|_{L^1} \leq CN_K(\phi)$

and  $\langle \partial g, \phi \rangle = -\int_0^\infty x\phi'(x)dx = \int_0^\infty \phi(x)dx = \langle \Theta, \phi \rangle$  where  $\partial g = \Theta = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$  the Heavyside function

$$\langle \partial \Theta, \phi \rangle = -\int_0^\infty \phi'(x)dx = \phi(0) = \delta_0(\phi) \Rightarrow \partial \Theta = \delta_0$$

**Definition 5.21.** The space of slowly increasing functions is given by

$$\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{R}^d) := \{\phi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d) : \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d \exists C_\alpha, m_\alpha \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } |\partial^\alpha \phi| \leq C_\alpha(1 + |x|)^{m_\alpha}\}$$

**Remark.** 1.  $\mathcal{O} \hookrightarrow S'$  in the sense of integration

2. Given  $\psi \in \mathcal{O} : M_\psi : \phi \in S \mapsto \psi\phi \in S$  is continuous

**Definition 5.22.** Given  $T \in S'$  and  $g \in \mathcal{O}$  we can define  $\langle gT, \phi \rangle = \langle T, g\phi \rangle \quad \forall \phi \in S$

**Definition 5.23.** Let  $T \in S'$ . Define its Fourier transform  $\hat{T} = \mathcal{F}(T)$  as

$$\langle \hat{T}, \phi \rangle = \langle T, \hat{\phi} \rangle, \quad \forall \phi \in S$$

**Remark.**  $\hat{T} \in S'$  because  $\mathcal{F} : S \rightarrow S$  is a linear homeomorphism. This also allows us to define the inverse Fourier transform for tempered distributions:

$$\langle \check{T}, \phi \rangle = \langle T, \check{\phi} \rangle$$

**Example 5.24.** 1.  $\langle \hat{\delta}_a, \phi \rangle = \langle \delta_a, \hat{\phi} \rangle = \hat{\phi}(a) = \int \phi(x)e^{-2\pi iax} dx$  i.e.  $\hat{\delta}_a = e^{-2\pi iax}$  and in particular  $\hat{\delta}_0 = 1$

2. Similarly  $\langle \hat{1}, \phi \rangle = \langle 1, \hat{\phi} \rangle = \int \hat{\phi}(\xi)d\xi = \phi(0)$ , i.e.  $\hat{1} = \delta_0$

3.  $\langle \widehat{\partial^\alpha \delta_a}, \phi \rangle = \langle \partial^\alpha \delta_a, \hat{\phi} \rangle = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \langle \delta_a, \partial^\alpha \hat{\phi} \rangle = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \langle \delta_a, \widehat{(2\pi i x)^\alpha \phi} \rangle = (2\pi i x)^\alpha e^{-2\pi iax}$

**Proposition 5.25.** Let  $T \in S'$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ , then we have

$$\partial^\alpha \hat{T} = \widehat{(-2\pi i x)^\alpha T}$$

and

$$\widehat{\partial^\alpha T} = (-2\pi i \xi)^\alpha \hat{T}$$

in the sense of distributions

*Proof.* (exercise) □

**Definition 5.26.** Let  $T \in S'$  and  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  open. We say that  $T$  vanishes in  $\Omega$  if  $\forall \phi \in S$  with  $\text{supp}(\phi) \subset \Omega$  we have

$$\langle T, \phi \rangle = 0$$

The support of  $T$  is the complement of the largest open set in which  $T$  vanishes.

**Proposition 5.27.** Suppose  $T \in S'$  has a support at the origin. Then  $\exists K \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$T = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq K} c_\alpha \partial^\alpha \delta_0$$

*Proof.* Since  $T \in S'$ , we can find  $c > 0$  and  $K \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$|\langle T, \phi \rangle| \leq c \sum_{|\alpha|, |\beta| \leq K} \rho_{\alpha, \beta}(\phi) = c \mathcal{N}_K(\phi)$$

We use Taylor's formula for  $\phi$  at the origin:

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{|\gamma| \leq K} a_\gamma \partial^\gamma \phi(0) x^\gamma + R_K(x)$$

where  $R_K(x) = \mathcal{O}(|x|^\gamma)$  as  $|x| \rightarrow 0$  and thus  $\lim_{|x| \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\partial^\gamma R_K(x)|}{|x|^{K-|\gamma|}} = 0$  for  $|\gamma| \leq K$ .

Let  $\chi \in C_c^\infty$  with support  $B(0, 1)$  and  $\chi = 1$  in  $B(0, \frac{1}{2})$  s.t.

$$\langle T, \phi \rangle = \langle T, \chi \phi + (1-\chi)\phi \rangle = \langle T, \chi \phi \rangle + \langle T, \chi x^\gamma \rangle + \langle T, \chi R_K(x) \rangle.$$

So it is enough to show that the second term is equal to 0.

Let  $\varepsilon < 1$ . Define  $\chi_\varepsilon := \chi(\frac{x}{\varepsilon})$  s.t.

$$\langle T, \chi(x) R_K(x) \rangle = \langle T, \chi(x) R_K(x) \chi_\varepsilon + \chi(x) R_K(x) (1-\chi_\varepsilon) \rangle = \langle T, \chi R_K(x) \chi_\varepsilon(x) \rangle + \langle T, \chi_\varepsilon R_K(x) \rangle$$

and by continuity of T

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle T, \chi_\varepsilon R_K \rangle| &\leq C \mathcal{N}_K(\chi_\varepsilon R_K) \leq C \sum_{|\alpha|, |\beta| \leq K} \sum_{\gamma \leq \beta} c_{\gamma, \beta} \|x^\alpha \partial^{\beta-\gamma} R_K(x) \partial^\gamma \chi_\varepsilon\|_{L^\infty} \\ &\leq \tilde{C} \sum_{|\beta| \leq K} \|\partial^{\beta-\gamma} R_K(x) \partial^\gamma \chi_\varepsilon(x)\|_{L^\infty} \end{aligned}$$

Now observe that  $|\partial^\gamma \chi_\varepsilon(x)| \leq \frac{C_\gamma}{|\varepsilon|^\gamma} \chi_{B(0, \varepsilon)}(x)$  and  $\|\partial^{\beta-\gamma} R_K(x) \chi_{B(0, \varepsilon)}(x)\|_{L^\infty} = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{K-|\beta-\gamma|})$  by Taylor.

Thus all in all:  $|\langle T, \chi_\varepsilon R_K \rangle| = \mathcal{O}(\sum_{|\alpha|, |\beta| \leq K} \sum_{\gamma \leq \beta} \varepsilon^{K-|\beta-\gamma|-|\gamma|})$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  and by our constraints:  $K - |\beta - \gamma| - |\gamma| \geq 0$  □

**Corollary 5.28.** Let  $T \in S'$  be s.t.  $\Delta T = 0$ , i.e.  $\sum_{i=1}^d \partial_{x_i}^2 T = 0$ . Then  $T$  is a polynomial.

*Proof.*  $0 = \langle \Delta T, \hat{\phi} \rangle = \langle T, \Delta \hat{\phi} \rangle = - \langle T, \widehat{4\pi^2|x|^2\phi} \rangle$ , i.e.  $4\pi^2\xi^2\hat{T} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{T}$  has support at the origin.

$$\Rightarrow \hat{T} = \sum_{|\gamma| \leq K} c_\gamma \partial^\gamma \delta_0$$

and  $T = \sum_{|\gamma| \leq K} c_\gamma \underbrace{\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\partial^\gamma \delta_0)}_{\text{is polynomial from examples}}$  □

### 5.3 Remarks on Distributions vs. Tempered distributions

**Definition 5.29.** Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  open. Define the space of distributions  $D'(\Omega)$  as the dual space of  $D(\Omega)$ .

Here  $D(\Omega) = C_c^\infty(\Omega)$ , with the topology

$$\varphi_n \rightarrow \varphi \text{ in } D(\Omega) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \|D^\alpha \varphi_n - D^\alpha \varphi\|_{L^\infty} \rightarrow 0 \forall \alpha \\ \text{supp}(\varphi_n) \subset K \text{ compact } \subset \Omega \end{cases}$$

Heuristic idea:

$$D(\Omega) \subset L^2 \Rightarrow (D(\Omega))^* = D'(\Omega) \supset (L^2)^* = L^2$$

since "smaller space  $\Rightarrow$  larger dual"

**Example 5.30.** Any function  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$  is a distribution  $T_f(\varphi) = \int_\Omega f\varphi \quad \forall \varphi \in D(\Omega)$

**Lemma 5.31** (Fundamental Lemma of Calculus of Variations). If  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$  and  $\int_\Omega f\varphi = 0, \quad \forall \varphi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$ , then  $f = 0$  a.e.  $x \in \Omega$

*Proof.* Step 1 Case  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^d$ . Let  $f \in L^1_{loc}$  and  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f\varphi = 0, \quad \forall \varphi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$   
 Take  $\varphi_0 \in C_c^\infty$  and define  $\varphi_{n,y}(x) = n^d \varphi(\frac{y-x}{n}) \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d, dx)$ . Also choose  $1 = \int_\Omega \varphi_0 = \int_\Omega \varphi_n$ .

Then:  $0 = \int_{\Omega} f(x)\varphi_{n,y}(x)dx = \int_{\Omega} n^d f(x)\varphi(\frac{y-x}{n})dx \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f(y)$ , i.e.  $f = 0$  a.e.

Step 2: Consider the general case  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\Omega)$ . Take  $\chi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega)$ . Then  $\int_{\Omega} f \underbrace{\chi \varphi}_{\in C_c^\infty}$ ,  $\forall \varphi \in$

$C_c^\infty(\Omega) = \int_{\Omega} g\varphi$  where  $g = f\chi \in L^1_c(\Omega) \subset L^1_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$

By step 1,  $g = f\chi = 0$  a.e.  $\Rightarrow f = 0$  a.e. □

### Comparing to the tempered distributions:

Note that  $D'$  is really bigger than the space of tempered distributions!

E.g. Take  $f(x) = e^x$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  is a distribution but not a tempered distribution!

For proving that, consider the Schwartz function  $\varphi(x) = e^{-\sqrt{1+x^2}}$  and show that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi e^x = \infty$  (exercise)

Derivatives: For all  $T \in D$  we can define  $\forall \alpha$

$$(D^\alpha T) \in D' \text{ by } (D^\alpha T)(\varphi) = (-1)^{|\alpha|} T(D^\alpha \varphi), \forall \varphi \in D$$

Q: Why is the space of distributions too big for the Fourier transform?

If we want to define the Fourier transform of a distribution  $T \in D'$ , then we want to do something like

$$(\mathcal{F}T)(\varphi) = \langle \mathcal{F}T, \varphi \rangle = \langle T, \mathcal{F}^* \varphi \rangle$$

BUT this does not work in general in  $D'$ , since  $\mathcal{F} : C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d) \not\rightarrow C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$

This is related to the "uncertainty principle", i.e. if  $f$  is more localized  $\Rightarrow \hat{f}$  is less localized.

**Theorem 5.32** (Hardy Uncertainty Principle). If  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfies

$$|f(x)| \leq C e^{-\pi a|x|^2}$$

and

$$|\hat{f}(\xi)| \leq C e^{-\pi b|\xi|^2}$$

for parameters  $a, b > 0$ , then

$$ab \leq 1$$

Moreover, if  $ab = 1$ , then  $f(x) = \text{const} e^{-\pi a|x|^2}$  and  $\hat{f}(\xi) = \text{const} e^{-\frac{\pi}{a}|\xi|^2}$

It is easy to prove, that if  $f \in C_c^\infty$ , then  $\hat{f}$  is not compactly supported.

Let  $d = 1$ . Consider  $\hat{f}(z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x)e^{-2\pi izx} dx$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Since  $f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \Rightarrow \hat{f}(z)$  is entire. (This is sufficient, if  $f \in L^1_c$ )

Here, if  $\hat{f}(\xi)$ ,  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$  is compactly supported, then  $\hat{f}(\xi) = 0$  is an open integral in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$\Rightarrow \hat{f} = 0$  in  $\mathbb{C} \Rightarrow \hat{f} = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R} \Rightarrow f = 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}$

*proof of Hardy Uncertainty Principle.* We only consider  $d = 1$ . The argument can be extended to higher dimensions. We prove that if  $\begin{cases} |f(x)| \leq Ce^{-\pi x^2}, \\ |\hat{f}(x)| \leq Ce^{-\pi \xi^2} \end{cases}$  for all  $x, \xi \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

then  $f = ce^{-\pi x^2}$ .

Define  $\hat{f}(z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x)e^{-2\pi izx} dx$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $z = \xi + i\nu$ ,  $\xi, \nu \in \mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow \partial_z \hat{f}(z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x)(-2\pi ix)e^{-2\pi izx} dx \Rightarrow \hat{f}(z)$  is entire.

We have the following easy upper bound:

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{f}(z)| &= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x)e^{-2\pi i\xi x + 2\pi\nu x} dx \right| \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)|e^{2\pi\nu x} dx \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-\pi x^2} e^{2\pi\nu x} dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-\pi|x-\nu|^2} e^{\pi\nu^2} dx \\ &= \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-\pi y^2} dy \right) e^{\pi\nu^2} = e^{\pi\nu^2} \end{aligned}$$

1.try:  $F(z) = e^{\pi z^2} \hat{f}(z)$  entire.  $|F(\xi)| = |e^{\pi \xi^2} \hat{f}(\xi)| \leq C$  for all  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ .

We want to somehow show  $|F(z)| \leq C$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ .

$\Rightarrow F(z) = const$  in  $\mathbb{C} \Rightarrow \hat{f}(z) = const e^{-\pi z^2} \forall z \in \mathbb{C}$

The problem here is that  $|F(z)| = |F(\xi + i\nu)| = e^{\pi^2(\xi^2 - \nu^2)} \hat{f}(\xi + i\nu) \leq e^{\pi(\xi^2 - \nu^2)} e^{\pi\nu^2} \leq e^{\pi\xi^2}$

This is not enough to get the bound for  $F$ .

2.try: Take  $\varepsilon > 0$  small,  $\theta > 0$  small,  $\delta > 0$  small

$$F_\varepsilon(z) = e^{(i\varepsilon e^{i\varepsilon} z^{2+\varepsilon})} e^{i\delta z^2} e^{\pi z^2} \hat{f}(z)$$

and  $\Gamma_\theta = \{z = re^{i\alpha}, 0 \leq \alpha \leq \theta\}$

Claim:  $|F_\varepsilon(z)| \leq C$  as the bound of  $\Gamma_\theta$  and  $|F_\varepsilon(z)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $z \in \Gamma_\theta$  and  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$

$$|F_\varepsilon(z)| = \underbrace{\left| e^{(i\varepsilon(\cos(\varepsilon) + i \sin(\varepsilon))r^{2+\varepsilon})} \right|}_{\substack{C e \\ \geq 0}} \underbrace{\left| e^{i\delta z^2} e^{\pi z^2} \hat{f}(z) \right|}_{e^{cr^2}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty$$

Thus, by the maximum principle:  $|F_\varepsilon(z)| \leq C$  for all  $z \in \Gamma_\theta$  with  $C$  independent of  $\varepsilon$  (need to verify!)

Take  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  and  $\delta \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow |e^{\pi z^2} \hat{f}(z)| \leq C$  for all  $z \in \Gamma_\theta$ ,  $C$  independent of  $\theta$  if  $\theta$  is small and fixed.

By rotations we can increase  $\theta \Rightarrow |e^{\pi z^2} \hat{f}(z)| \leq C$  □

**Remark.** The Sobolev inequality is also a form of the uncertainty principle!

Operators defined by integral kernel:

$$(Kf)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(x, y)f(y)dy$$



If we take  $K = f(p)g(x)$ , then this defines a kernel.

$$K\varphi(x) = f(k)(g\varphi)(x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(f(k)\widehat{g\varphi}(k))$$

Consequence: If  $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} |K(x, y)|^2 dx dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\check{f}(x - y)|^2 |g(y)|^2 dx dy = \|f\|_{L^2}^2 \|g\|_{L^2}^2 < \infty$

$\Rightarrow K$  is a Hilbert Schmidt operator  $\Rightarrow K$  is compact, i.e. if  $\varphi_n \rightharpoonup \varphi$  weakly in  $L^2$ , then  $K\varphi_n \rightarrow K\varphi$  strongly in  $L^2$ .

**Theorem 5.33.** If  $f, g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $f, g \rightarrow 0$  at  $\infty$ , then the operator  $K = f(p)g(x)$  is a compact operator in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$

**Remark.** This implies the Sobolev embedding, i.e.

$$H^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \subset L^{2^*}(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

where  $2^* = \frac{2d}{d-2}$

$$\|u\|_{L^{2^*}} \lesssim \|u\|_{H^1}$$

Sobolev compact embedding:

$$\mathbb{1}_\Omega H^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \underset{\text{compact}}{\subset} \mathbb{1}_\Omega L^p(\mathbb{R}^d) \quad \forall \Omega \text{ bd. in } \mathbb{R}^d \quad \forall p < 2^*$$

i.e.  $u_n \rightharpoonup u$  weakly in  $H^1$ , then  $\mathbb{1}_\Omega u_n \rightarrow \mathbb{1}_\Omega u$  strongly in  $L^p$  for  $p < 2^*$

Why?  $\mathbb{1}_\Omega u_n = \underbrace{(\mathbb{1}_\Omega(x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{p^2 + 1}})}_{\text{compact operator}} \underbrace{(\sqrt{p^2 + 1} u_n)}_{\text{bd. } \rightarrow \sqrt{p^2 + 1} u} \rightarrow \mathbb{1}_\Omega u$  in  $L^2$

**Example 5.34.** For  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , let  $r \in (0, d]$ , then  $\frac{1}{|\cdot|^r} \in S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$| \langle \frac{1}{|\cdot|^r}, \varphi \rangle | \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|\varphi(x)|}{|x|^r} dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{B}(0,1)} \frac{|\varphi(x)|}{|x|^r} dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\varphi(x)| dx$$

Now fix  $r = 1, d = 1$  Let  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . We define the cauchy principal value in the sense of distributions as

$$(p.v. \left(\frac{1}{x}\right))(\varphi) := \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{|x| > \varepsilon} \frac{\varphi(x) - \varphi(-x)}{x} = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} \frac{\varphi(x) - \varphi(-x)}{x}$$

This is well defined, since

$$\left| \frac{1}{x}(\varphi(x) - \varphi(-x)) \right| \leq \frac{1}{x} \int_{-x}^x |\varphi'(y)| dy \leq 2 \|\varphi'\|_{L^\infty}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\langle p.v.\frac{1}{x}, \varphi \rangle| \leq 2 \int_0^1 \|\varphi'\|_{L^\infty} + \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\varphi| \Rightarrow p.v. \in S'(\mathbb{R})$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} xp.v.\frac{1}{x} &= 1 \\ \widehat{xp.v.\frac{1}{x}} &= \hat{1} = \delta_0 \\ \widehat{\partial p.v.\frac{1}{x}} &= -2\pi i xp.v.\frac{1}{x} = -2\pi i \delta_0 \end{aligned}$$

Further, we know that  $\partial H = \delta_0$ , where  $H = \begin{cases} 1, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$  is the Heaviside function. Thus

:

$$\widehat{\partial(p.v.\frac{1}{x} + 2\pi i H)} = 0$$

**Lemma 5.35.** If  $T \in S'(\mathbb{R})$ , then

$$\partial T = 0 \Rightarrow T = \text{const.}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi \in S$  s.t.  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi = 0$ . Then  $x \mapsto \int_{-\infty}^x \varphi(y) dy \in S(\mathbb{R})$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \langle T, \varphi \rangle = \langle T, \partial \int_{-\infty}^x \varphi(y) dy \rangle = - \langle \partial, \int_{-\infty}^x \varphi(y) dy \rangle$$

Let  $\psi \in S$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \langle T, \psi - \frac{e^{-x^2} \int \psi(y) dy}{\int e^{-y^2} dy} \rangle &= \langle T, \psi \rangle - \frac{\int \psi(y) dy}{\int e^{-y^2} dy} \langle T, e^{-x^2} \rangle \\ \Rightarrow \langle T, \psi \rangle &= \frac{\int \langle T, e^{-x^2} \rangle \psi(y) dy}{\int e^{-y^2} dy} \end{aligned}$$

□

$$p.v.\frac{1}{x} = -\partial \pi i H + C$$

Let  $\varphi$  be even  $\langle \widehat{p.v.\frac{1}{x}}, \check{\varphi} \rangle = \langle p.v.\frac{1}{x}, \varphi \rangle = 0$

If  $\psi$  is even, then  $\check{\psi}$  and  $\hat{\psi}$  are even,

$$\langle \widehat{p.v.\frac{1}{x}}, \psi \rangle = \langle p.v.\frac{1}{x}, \check{\psi} \rangle = 0 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (-2\pi i H + C) \varphi$$

and  $-2\pi iH + C$  is odd, where  $C = \pi i$

$$\widehat{p.v.\frac{1}{x}} = -i\pi \operatorname{sign}(\xi)$$

**Remark.** This is important for defining the Hilbert transform.

$$H\varphi = \varphi \star p.v.\frac{1}{x}$$

## 5.4 Convolutions

We want to define convolution for distributions. Let  $\nu, \varphi, \psi \in S$

$$\begin{aligned} \int (\psi \star \nu)(x)\varphi(x)dx &= \int \int \psi(x-y)\nu(y)dy\varphi(x)dx = \int \int \psi^\#(y-x)\nu(y)dy\varphi(x)dx \\ &= \int \nu(y)\psi^\# \star \varphi(y)dy \end{aligned}$$

where  $\psi^\#(x) = \psi(-x)$ . If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ ,  $\partial^\alpha(\varphi \star \psi) = \partial^\alpha \int \varphi(x-y)\psi(y)dy = (\partial^\alpha \varphi) \star \psi = \varphi \star (\partial^\alpha \psi)$

**Remark.** If  $\varphi \in S$ , then  $\psi \mapsto \varphi \star \psi$  is continuous and linear in  $S \rightarrow S$

**Definition 5.36.** Let  $T \in S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then

$$\langle \varphi \star T, \psi \rangle := \langle T, \varphi^\# \star \psi \rangle$$

for all  $\psi \in S$ , where  $\varphi^\# = \varphi(-x)$

**Proposition 5.37.** Let  $T \in S'$ ,  $\varphi \in S$

1.  $\partial^\alpha(\varphi \star T) = \partial^\alpha(\varphi \star T) = \partial^\alpha \varphi \star T = \varphi \star \partial^\alpha T$
2.  $\widehat{\varphi \star T} = \hat{\varphi} \hat{T}$

*Proof.* 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \partial^\alpha(\varphi \star T), \psi \rangle &= (-1)^{|\alpha|} \langle \varphi \star T, \partial^\alpha \psi \rangle \\ &= (-1)^{|\alpha|} \langle T, \varphi^\# \star \partial^\alpha \psi \rangle \\ &= (-1)^{|\alpha|} \langle T, \partial^\alpha \varphi^\# \star \psi \rangle \\ &= (-1)^{|\alpha|} \langle \partial^\alpha \varphi \star T, \psi \rangle \end{aligned}$$

The other equality works similarly.

2.

$$\langle \widehat{\varphi \star T}, \psi \rangle = \langle \varphi \star T, \hat{\psi} \rangle = \langle T, \varphi^\# \star \hat{\psi} \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi^\# \star \hat{\psi})(x) &= \int \varphi(y-x) \hat{\psi}(y) dy \\ &= \int \varphi(y-x) \int \psi(z) e^{-2\pi i y z} dz dy \\ &= \int \int \varphi(y) \psi(z) e^{-2\pi i y z} e^{-2\pi i x z} dz dy \\ &= \int \hat{\varphi}(z) \psi(z) e^{-2\pi i x z} dz \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle T, \mathcal{F}(\hat{\varphi}\psi) \rangle = \langle \hat{T}, \hat{\varphi}\psi \rangle$$

□

**Theorem 5.38.** Let  $T \in S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $\varphi \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then

$$\varphi \star T \in \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

where

$$\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{R}^d) = \{g \in C^\infty : \forall \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^d \ C_\beta(1 + |x|)^{m_\beta}\}$$

**Remark.**

$$\tau_y : S(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow S(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

is clearly a homeomorphism of  $S$ , so we can use duality to find

$$\langle \tau_y T, \phi \rangle = \langle T, \tau_y \phi \rangle$$

for  $T \in S'$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \varphi \star T, \phi \rangle &= \langle T, \varphi^\# \star \psi(x) \rangle \\ &= \langle T, \int \varphi^\#(x-y) \psi(y) dy \rangle \\ &= \langle T, \int \tau_y \varphi^\#(x) \psi(y) dy \rangle \\ &= \int \langle T, \tau_y \varphi^\# \rangle \psi(y) dy \\ &= \int \langle T, \tau_y \varphi^\# \rangle \psi(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

So we identify  $(\varphi \star T)(x) = \langle T, \tau_x \varphi^\# \rangle$

$\varphi \star T \in C^\infty$  : Let  $e_k = (0, \dots, 0, \underbrace{1}_{k\text{-th}}, 0, \dots, 0)$

$$\frac{\tau_{-he_k}(\varphi \star T)(x) - (\varphi \star T)(x)}{h} = \langle T, \frac{\tau_{-he_k}(\tau_x \varphi^\#) - (\tau_x \varphi^\#)}{h} \rangle$$

As  $h \rightarrow 0$  we get  $\langle T, \tau_x \partial^{e_k} \varphi^\# \rangle$ . Repeat for higher order.  $\Rightarrow \varphi \star T \in C^\infty$

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial^\gamma(\varphi \star T)(x)| &\leq C \sum_{|\alpha|, |\beta| \leq K} \|y^\alpha \tau_x \partial^{\beta+\gamma} \varphi^\#\|_{L^\infty} \\ &= C \sum_{|\alpha|, |\beta| \leq K} \| |x+y|^\alpha \partial^{\beta+\gamma} \varphi^\# \|_{L^\infty} \\ &\leq \tilde{C} \sum_{|\beta| \leq K} \| (1 + |x|^K + |y|^K) \partial^{\beta+\gamma} \varphi^\# \|_{L^\infty} \end{aligned}$$

So  $\varphi \star T \in \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  □

**Corollary 5.39.** If  $T \in \mathcal{E}'(\mathbb{R}^d) = \{U \in S'(\mathbb{R}^d) : \text{supp } U \text{ is compact}\}$ , then for any  $\varphi \in S$ :  $\varphi \star T \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi \in S$  be 1 in  $\text{supp } T$ , then  $\varphi T = T$  (exercise).

Thus  $\widehat{T} = \widehat{\varphi T} = \widehat{\varphi} \star \widehat{T} \in \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  by thm 5.38. Since for all  $\psi \in S$  and  $g \in \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  we have  $g\psi \in S$  and  $\widehat{\psi \star T} = \widehat{\psi} \widehat{T} \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$  □

**Definition 5.40.** Let  $T \in S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $U \in \mathcal{E}'$ .

$$\langle U \star T, \varphi \rangle := \langle T, \varphi U^\# \rangle$$

where  $\langle U^\#, \varphi \rangle := \langle U, \varphi^\# \rangle$

**Exercise.** Let  $T \in S'$ ,  $U \in \mathcal{E}'$ , then

$$\widehat{U \star T} = \widehat{U} \widehat{T}$$

# Chapter 6

## Applications of Fourier transform

### 6.1 Distribution Theory and PDEs

Let  $p(\partial) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq K} c_\alpha \partial^\alpha$ , then we call  $T \in S'$  a fundamental solution, if  $p(\partial)T = \delta_0$ .  
If we want to solve for  $f \in S$

$$p(\partial)u = f \quad (*)$$

then

$$u = f \star T$$

solves (\*):

$$p(\partial)(f \star T) = f \star (p(\partial)T) = f \star \delta_0 = f$$

In particular,  $m = \frac{1}{4\pi^2|x|^2} \in S'$ .

Let  $T = \mathcal{F}^{-1}m$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle -\widehat{\Delta T}, \varphi \rangle &= \langle 4\pi|\xi|^2 \hat{T}, \varphi \rangle \\ &= \langle \hat{T}, 4\pi^2|\xi|^2 \varphi(\xi) \rangle \\ &= \int \frac{4\pi^2|\xi|^2 \varphi(\xi)}{4\pi^2|\xi|^2} d\xi \\ &= \int \varphi = \langle 1, \varphi \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $-\widehat{\Delta T} = 1$ , so  $-\Delta T = \delta_0$

#### 6.1.1 Poisson equation

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u &= f \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^d \\ \Rightarrow u(x) &= (G \star f)(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{with } G = \begin{cases} \frac{c}{|x|^{d-2}}, & \text{if } d \geq 3 \\ c \log |x|, & \text{if } d = 2 \\ c|x|, & \text{if } d = 1 \end{cases}$$

**Remark.** It is not trivial to see how to transfer the regularity of  $f$  to the regularity of  $u$ , i.e. "Which properties should  $f$  have, s.t. we get that  $u$  is a classical solution?"

**Theorem 6.1** (Regularity of Poisson equation). Assume  $f$  is compactly supported in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

1. If  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $p > \frac{d}{2}$ , then  $u \in C^{0,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , i.e.  $u$  is Hölder continuous:

$$|u(x) - u(y)| \leq C|x - y|^\alpha, \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

2. If  $f \in L^p$ ,  $p > d$ , then  $u \in C^{1,\alpha}$  with  $0 < \alpha < 1 - \frac{d}{p}$ .
3. If  $f \in C^{k,\alpha}$  for  $k \geq 0$  and  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , then  $u \in C^{k+2,\alpha}$

**Remark.**  $f \in C^{k,\alpha}$ , iff  $\|D^\beta f\|_\infty < \infty$  for all  $|\beta| \leq k$  and  $\|D^\beta f\|_{C^{0,\alpha}} < \infty$  for all  $|\beta| = k$

*Proof.* 1)  $f \in L^p$ ,  $p > \frac{d}{2}$ ,  $u = G \star f$ ,  $d \geq 3$ ,  $G \sim \frac{1}{|x|^{d-2}}$

$$|u(x) - u(y)| = \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (G(x-y) - G(z-y))f(y)dy \right| \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \frac{1}{|x-y|^{d-2}} - \frac{1}{|z-y|^{d-2}} \right) |f(y)|dy$$

By the triangle inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{|x-y|^{d-2}} - \frac{1}{|z-y|^{d-2}} \right| &\leq C \frac{||x-y|^{d-2} - |z-y|^{d-2}|}{|x-y|^{d-2}|z-y|^{d-2}} \\ &\leq C \frac{||x-y| - |z-y||}{|x-y|^{d-2}|z-y|^{d-2}} (|x-y|^{d-3} + |z-y|^{d-3}) \leq C \frac{|x-z|}{|x-y|^{d-2}|z-y|^{d-2}} (|x-y|^{d-3} + |z-y|^{d-3}) \end{aligned}$$

First try:

$$\begin{aligned} |u(x) - u(z)| &\leq C|x-z| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \frac{1}{|x-y||z-y|^{d-2}} + \frac{1}{|x-y|^{d-2}|z-y|} \right) |f(y)|dy \\ &\leq C|x-z| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \frac{1}{|x-y|^{d-1}} + \frac{1}{|z-y|^{d-1}} \right) |f(y)|dy \end{aligned}$$

By Hölder:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{|x-y|^{d-1}|f(y)|dy} \leq \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(y)|^p dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_{\text{supp } f} \frac{1}{|x-y|^{(d-1)p'}} dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} < \infty$$

if  $(d-1)p' < d$ , i.e.  $1 - \frac{1}{d} < \frac{1}{p'} = 1 - \frac{1}{p} \Leftrightarrow p > d$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$ . But this is not enough!

Second try:

$$||x-y| - |z-y|| \leq \min(|x-z|, |x-y| + |z-y|) \leq |x-z|^\alpha (|x-y|^{1-\alpha} + |z-y|^{1-\alpha})$$

Then:

$$|u(x) - u(y)| \leq C|x - z|^\alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \underbrace{\left( \frac{|x - y|^{d-2-\alpha} + |z - y|^{d-2-\alpha}}{|x - y|^{d-2}|z - y|^{d-2}} \right)}_{\leq C\left(\frac{1}{|x-y|^{d-2+\alpha}} + \frac{1}{|z-y|^{d-2+\alpha}}\right)} |f(y)| dy$$

By Hölder:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{|x - y|^{d-2+\alpha}} |f(y)| dy \leq \left( \int |f|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_{\text{supp } f} \frac{1}{|x - y|^{(d-2+\alpha)p'}} dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}}$$

where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$

The last integral is finite if  $(d - 2 + \alpha)p' < d$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 - \frac{2 - \alpha}{d} = \frac{d - 2 + \alpha}{d} < \frac{1}{p'} = 1 - \frac{1}{p} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2 - \alpha}{d} > \frac{1}{p}$$

Remark: By the same analysis, we can obtain the Sobolev embedding  $\underbrace{H^s(\mathbb{R}^d)}_{(1-\Delta)^{\frac{s}{2}} f \in L^2} \subset$

$C^{0,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  if  $s > \frac{d}{2}$

2) If  $f \in L^p$  with  $p > d$  using  $u = G \star f$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_i u(x) = (\partial_i G) \star f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \underbrace{\partial_i G(x - y)}_{\frac{(x-y)_i}{|x-y|^d}} f(y) dy$$

$$\Rightarrow |\partial_i u(x) - \partial_i u(z)| \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\partial_i G(x - y) - \partial_i G(z - y)| |f(y)| dy$$

By the triangle inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial_i G(x - y) - \partial_i G(z - y)| &\leq \left| \frac{(x - y)_i}{|x - y|^d} - \frac{(z - y)_i}{|z - y|^d} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{x - y}{|x - y|^d} - \frac{z - y}{|z - y|^d} \right| \leq c|x - z|^\alpha \left( \frac{1}{|x - y|^{d-1+\alpha}} - \frac{1}{|z - y|^{d-1+\alpha}} \right) \\ \Rightarrow |\partial_i u(x) - \partial_i u(z)| &\leq c|x - z|^\alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \frac{1}{|x - y|^{d-1+\alpha}} - \frac{1}{|z - y|^{d-1+\alpha}} \right) |f(y)| dy \end{aligned}$$

Hölder:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{|x - y|^{d-1+\alpha}} |f(y)| dy \leq \|f\|_{L^p} \left( \int_{\text{supp } f} \frac{1}{|x - y|^{(d-1+\alpha)p'}} dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}}$$

where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$ . We need  $(d - 1 + \alpha)p' < d \Leftrightarrow \alpha < 1 - \frac{d}{p}$



3) Let  $f \in C^{0,\alpha}$ , then  $u = G \star f \in C^{1,\alpha}$  (this only needs  $f \in L^p$ ,  $p > d$ )

We will compute  $\partial_{i,j}^2 u$ . Formally  $\partial_{i,j}^2 G \star f$  is ill defined:

$$\partial_i G(x) = \partial \left( \frac{1}{|x|^{d-2}} \right) = -(d-2) \frac{1}{|x|^{d-1}} \underbrace{\partial |x|}_{\frac{x_i}{|x|}} = \frac{-(d-2)x_i}{|x|^d}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{i,j}^2 G(x) &\sim \partial_j \left( \frac{x_i}{|x|^d} \right) = \delta_{i,j} \frac{1}{|x|^d} + x_i \partial_j \left( \frac{1}{|x|^d} \right) = \delta_{i,j} \frac{1}{|x|^d} - \frac{x_i x_j}{|x|^d} = \frac{1}{|x|^d} \left( \delta_{i,j} - d \frac{x_i x_j}{|x|^2} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow |\partial_{i,j}^2 G(x)| \leq \frac{c}{|x|^d} \notin L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \end{aligned}$$

Take  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_{i,j} u)(\varphi) &= - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (\partial_i u)(x) \partial_j \varphi(x) dx \sim \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} (\partial_i G)(x-y) f(y) \partial_j \varphi(x) dx dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(y) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \partial_j \varphi(x) \partial_i G(x-y) dx = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(y) \underbrace{\int_{|x-y| \geq \varepsilon} \partial_j \varphi(x) \partial_i G(x-y) dx}_{(I)} \\ &= \underbrace{\int_{|x-y|=\varepsilon} (\varphi \partial_i G) \nu_j dx}_{(I)} - \underbrace{\int_{|x-y| \geq \varepsilon} (\varphi \partial_{i,j}^2 G) dx}_{(II)} \\ (I) &= c \int_{|x-y|=\varepsilon} \varphi \frac{(x-y)_i}{|x-y|^{d-i}} \frac{(x-y)_j}{|x-y|} = c \int_{|x-y|=\varepsilon} \varphi(x) (x-y)_i (x-y)_j \varepsilon^{-(d+1)} dx \\ &\rightarrow c \delta_{i,j} \varphi(y) \text{ as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(II) = \int_{|x-y| \geq 1} \varphi \partial_{i,j}^2 G dx + \int_{1 > |x-y| \geq \varepsilon} (\varphi \partial_{i,j}^2 G) dx$$

We don't need to worry about the first integral, since  $\partial_{i,j} G(x-y)$  is smooth in the  $|x-y| \geq 1$  domain.

$$\int_{1 > |x-y| \geq \varepsilon} \varphi \partial_{i,j}^2 G dx = \int_{1 > |x-y| \geq \varepsilon} \underbrace{(\varphi(x) - \varphi(y))}_{c|x-y|} \underbrace{\partial_{i,j}^2 G(x-y)}_{\frac{c}{|x-y|^d}} dx \rightarrow \text{good limit}$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_{i,j} u)(\varphi) &= - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (\partial_i u)(x) \partial_j \varphi(x) dx \\ &= c \delta_{i,j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(y) \varphi(y) dy + \int_{|x-y| \geq 1} f(y) \varphi(x) \partial_{i,j}^2 G(x-y) dx dy \\ &\quad + \int_{|x-y| < 1} \underbrace{f(y)(\varphi(x) - \varphi(y))}_{(f(x) - f(y))\varphi(x)} \partial_{i,j}^2 G(x-y) dx dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\partial_{i,j}u)(x) = c\delta_{i,j}f(x) + \int_{|x-y|\geq 1} f(y)\partial_{i,j}^2G(x-y)dy + \int_{|x-y|<1} (f(x)) - f(y)\partial_{i,j}^2G(x-y)dy$$

Now we want to show, that the RHS is  $C^{0,\alpha}(dx)$ . It is already clear that  $f \in C^{0,\alpha}$  and  $f \star (\partial_{i,j}^2G\mathbb{1}_{|x|\geq 1}) \in C^{0,\alpha}$ . The main difficulty is in the last term.

To simplify the notation  $z = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \rightsquigarrow \int_{|y|<1} \underbrace{\partial_{i,j}G(y)}_{|\cdot|\leq\frac{c}{|y|^d}} \underbrace{(f(x+y) - f(y))}_{|\cdot|\leq C|x|^\alpha} dy \\ & = \int_{4|x|<|y|<1} \partial_{i,j}G(y)(f(x+y) - f(y))dy + \int_{|y|<4|x|} \partial_{i,j}G(y)(f(x+y) - f(y))dy \end{aligned}$$

Second term:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{|y|<4|x|} \partial_{i,j}G(y)(f(x+y) - f(y))dy \right| &= \left| \int_{|y|<4|x|} \partial_{i,j}G(y)(f(x+y) + f(x) - f(y) + f(0))dy \right| \\ &\leq C \int_{|y|<4|x|} \frac{|y|^\alpha}{|y|^d} dy = C|x|^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

First term:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{4|x|<|y|<1} \partial_{i,j}G(y)(f(x+y) - f(y))dy \\ &= \int_{\underbrace{4|x|<|y-x|<1}_A} \partial_{i,j}G(y-x) \underbrace{f(y)}_{f(y)-f(0)} dy - \int_{\underbrace{4|x|<|y-x|<1}_B} \partial_{i,j}G(y) \underbrace{f(y)}_{f(y)-f(0)} dy \\ &= \int_{A \cap B} (\partial_{i,j}G(y-x) - \partial_{i,j}G(y))(f(y) - f(0))dy \\ & \quad + \int_{A \setminus B} \partial_{i,j}G(y)(f(y) - f(0))dy - \int_{B \setminus A} \partial_{i,j}G(y)(f(y) - f(0))dy \end{aligned}$$

For these three integrals we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{A \cap B} \partial_{i,j}G(y)(f(y) - f(0))dy \right| &\leq \int_{A \cap B} \underbrace{|\partial_{i,j}G(y)|}_{c|x|(\frac{1}{|y-x|^{d+1}} + \frac{1}{|y|^{d+1}})} \underbrace{|f(y) - f(0)|}_{\leq c|y|^\alpha} dy \\ &\leq c|x| \int_{1>|y|>4|x|} \frac{|y|^\alpha}{|y|^{d+1}} dy \leq c|x|(|x|^{\alpha-1}) = c|x|^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

The second:

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{A \setminus B} \partial_{i,j}G(y)(f(y) - f(0))dy \right| &\leq \int_{4|x|<|y-x|<1, |y|\leq 4|x|} |\partial_{i,j}G(y-x)||f(y) - f(0)|dy \\ &\leq \int_{|y|\leq 4|x|} \frac{|y|^\alpha}{|x|^d} dy \leq C|x|^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

The third:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \int_{B \setminus A} \dots \right| &\leq \int_{4|x| < |y| < 1, |x-y| \leq 4|x|} \dots + \int_{4|x| < |y| < 1, |x-y| \leq 4|x|} \dots \\
 &\leq \int_{4|x| < |y| < 5|x|} |\partial_{i,j} G(y)| |f(y) - f(0)| dy + \int_{1-|x| < |y| < 1} |\partial_{i,j} G(y)| |f(y) - f(0)| dy \\
 &\leq \int_{4|x| < |y| < 5|x|} \frac{|y|^\alpha}{|y|^\alpha} dy + c \int_{[1-|x|, 1]} \frac{r^\alpha}{r^d} r^{d-1} dr \\
 &\leq c|x|^\alpha + c'|x|^\alpha \sim |x|^\alpha
 \end{aligned}$$

For general  $k$  :, e.g  $f \in C^{1,\alpha}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\Delta u = f &\Rightarrow -\Delta(\partial_i u) = \underbrace{(\partial_i f)}_{C^{0,\alpha}} \\
 &\stackrel{k=0}{\Rightarrow} \partial_i u \in C^{2,\alpha} \forall i \Rightarrow u \in C^{3,\alpha}
 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark.** We need  $D^\alpha D^\beta T = D^\beta D^\alpha T$  for all distributions  $T$ . This can be proved by  
 1) seeing that this is true for  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty$  instead of a distribution  $T$  (Schwarz's theorem)  
 2)  $(D^\alpha D^\beta T)(\varphi) = T(D^\alpha D^\beta \varphi)(-1)^{|\alpha|+|\beta|} = (D^\beta D^\alpha T)(\varphi)$

## 6.1.2 Heat equation

$$\partial_t u(t, x) = \Delta_x u(t, x), \quad t \geq 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

By Fourier transform in  $x$ :

$$\partial_t \hat{u}(t, x) = -|2\pi k|^2 \hat{u}(t, k) \Rightarrow \hat{u}(x, t) = e^{-t|2\pi k|^2} \hat{u}(0, k) = e^{-t|2\pi k|^2} \hat{f}(k)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(t, x) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-t|2\pi k|^2} \hat{f}(k) e^{2\pi i k x} dx = (G_t \star f)(x) \\
 &= \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-\frac{|x-y|^2}{4t}} f(y) dy
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $G_t(x) = \frac{e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{4t}}}{(4\pi t)^{\frac{d}{2}}}$  is the heat kernel  $\hat{G}_t(k) = e^{-t|2\pi k|^2}$

**Theorem 6.2.** If  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then the solution of the heat equation  $u(t, x) = (e^{t\Delta} f)(x) = (G_t \star f)(x)$  satisfies

1.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} u(t, x) = f(x)$  in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$
2.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(t, x) = 0$  in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$

### 6.1.3 Schrödinger equation

$$\begin{cases} i\partial_t u(t, x) = \Delta_x u(t, x), & t \geq 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ u(0, x) = f(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^d \end{cases}$$

By following the heat equation formally,  $t \mapsto it$  (imaginary time)

$$u(t, x) = \frac{1}{(4\pi it)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{\frac{-|x-y|^2}{4it}} f(y) dy \quad (*)$$

**Theorem 6.3.** 1. If  $f \in L^1 \cap L^2$ , then  $u(t, x) = (e^{it\Delta} f)(x)$  given by (\*)

2.  $\forall f \in L^2$ , we can define  $u(t, x)$  by a limiting argument. We have:

$$\hat{u}(t, k) = e^{-it|2\pi k|^2} \hat{f}(k)$$

*Proof.* First take  $f \in L^1 \cap L^2$ , then use (\*)

$$\Rightarrow \hat{u}(t, k) = e^{-it|2\pi k|^2} \hat{f}(k)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2} = \|\hat{u}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2} = \|\hat{f}\|_{L^2} = \|f\|_{L^2}$$

For any  $f \in L^2$ , find  $f_1 \in L^1 \cap L^2$ ,  $f_n \rightarrow f$ , then  $u_n = e^{-it\Delta} f_n$  well-defined and a cauchy sequence in  $L^2$

$$\|u_m(t) - u_n(t)\|_{L^2(dx)} = \|e^{-it\Delta}(f_n - f)\|_{L^2(dx)} = \|f_n - f_m\|_{L^2} \rightarrow 0$$

So  $\exists u(t, x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n(t, x)$  in  $L^2$  □

**Theorem 6.4.** Take  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $u(t, x) = e^{-it\Delta} f(x)$ . Then:

1.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} u(t, x) = f(x)$  in  $L^2$
2.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_B |u(t, x)|^2 dx = 0$ , for all  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  bounded (scattering theory)

*Proof.* Consider the case  $f \in L^1 \cap L^2$ . Then:

$$|u(t, x)| = \frac{1}{(4\pi t)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \|f\|_{L^1} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

If  $B$  bounded, then:

$$\int_B |u(t, x)|^2 dx \leq |B| \|u(t)\|_{L^\infty} \leq \frac{|B| \|f\|_{L^1}}{t^{\frac{d}{2}}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

General case  $f \in L^2$ : Take  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $L^2$ ,  $f_n \in L^1 \cap L^2$ .

Define  $u_n = e^{-it\Delta} f_n$ , then  $u_n(t, x) \rightarrow u(t, x)$  in  $L^2$ .

$$\int_B |u(t, x)|^2 dx \leq 2 \int_B |u_n(t, x)|^2 dx + 2 \int_B |(u - u_n)(t, x)|^2 dx \leq \frac{|B| \|f\|_{L^1}}{t^{\frac{d}{2}}} + C \|f_n - f\|_{L^2}$$

Then take  $t \rightarrow \infty$  and  $n \rightarrow \infty$  □

### 6.1.4 Well posedness of PDEs

Stability: small errors of data  $\rightsquigarrow$  a small error of equation

Schrödinger equation:

$$\begin{cases} i\partial_t u = \Delta_x u \\ u(0, x) = f(x) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\| \underbrace{e^{-it\Delta} f - e^{-it\Delta} f_\varepsilon}_u \right\|_{L^2} = \|f - f_\varepsilon\|$$

which is exactly what we want.

Heat equation:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u = \Delta_x u \\ u(0, x) = f(x) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|e^{t\Delta} f - e^{t\Delta} f_\varepsilon\|_{L^2} = \|f - f_\varepsilon\| \quad (\text{exercise})$$

Heat equation:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u = \Delta_x u \\ u(T, x) = f(x) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\| \underbrace{u(0, x)}_{e^{-T\Delta} f} - e^{t\Delta} f_\varepsilon \right\|_{L^2} \xrightarrow{\text{may}} \infty$$

even if  $\|f_\varepsilon - f\| \rightarrow 0$ . This is because

$$\left\| \underbrace{u(0, x)}_{e^{-T\Delta} f} - e^{t\Delta} f_\varepsilon \right\|_{L^2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{2T|2\pi k|^2} |\hat{f}(k) - \hat{f}_\varepsilon(k)|^2 \gg \int |\hat{f}(k) - \hat{f}_\varepsilon(k)|^2 = \|f_\varepsilon - f\|_{L^2}^2$$

**Theorem 6.5.** Let  $f \in L^2$  s.t.  $e^{-T\Delta} f \in L^2$ , i.e.  $e^{T|2\pi k|^2} \hat{f}(k) \in L^2$  for  $T > 0$ . Let  $u$  be the solution of the backward heat equation. Given  $f_\varepsilon \in L^2$ ,  $\|f_\varepsilon - f\|_{L^2} \leq \varepsilon$ . Define  $\hat{u}_\varepsilon(0, k) = e^{T|2\pi k|^2} \hat{f}_\varepsilon(k) \mathbb{1}_{|k| \leq \delta_\varepsilon}$  with  $\delta_\varepsilon := |\log \varepsilon|^{\frac{1}{4}}$ . Then:

$$\|u_\varepsilon(0, x) - u(0, x)\|_{L^2} \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} 0$$

## 6.2 Oscillatory Integrals

**Definition 6.6.**

$$I(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{it\varphi(x)} f(x) dx$$

is called an oscillatory integral, where  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  complex valued and  $\varphi$  real valued.

Q: How does  $I(t)$  decay as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ?

Fourier  $\rightsquigarrow t\varphi(x) = 2\pi kx, k \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . But here we consider a general phase.

**Theorem 6.7** ( $\varphi$  has no critical point). Assume  $f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d), \varphi \in C^\infty, \nabla\varphi(x) \neq 0 \forall x \in \text{supp } f$ , then

$$|I(t)| = \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{it\varphi(x)} f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{C_N}{|t|^N} \text{ as } |t| \rightarrow \infty$$

for all  $N \geq 1$

*Proof.* Step 1: In 1D:  $\varphi'(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in \text{supp } f \Rightarrow \varphi$  is monotone in  $\text{supp } f$ . We can change the variable in  $u = \varphi(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow dx = d(\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(x))) = (\varphi^{-1})'(u) du \\ I(t) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{it\varphi(x)} f(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \underbrace{f(\varphi^{-1}(u))(\varphi^{-1})'(u)}_{\in C_c^\infty} du \end{aligned}$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  usual Fourier transform.

$$\Rightarrow |I(t)| \leq \frac{C_N}{|t|^N} \forall N \geq 1$$

as  $I(t)$  is Schwartz.

Step 2: ( $d \geq 1$ ) Assume  $\partial_{x_i}\varphi(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x \in \text{supp } f$ , then

$$I(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{it\varphi(x)} f(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d-1}} \underbrace{\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{it\varphi(x)} f(x) dx_1 \right)}_{|\cdot| \leq \frac{C_N(x_2, \dots, x_d)}{|t|^N}} dx_2 \dots dx_d$$

since  $C_N(x_2, \dots, x_d)$  is nice enough:

$$\Rightarrow |I(t)| \leq \frac{\tilde{C}_N}{|t|^N}$$

In general, we only assume  $\nabla\varphi(x) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow (\partial_{x_1}\varphi, \dots, \partial_{x_d}\varphi) \neq 0$ . We can find a partition of unity  $1 = \sum_{k=1}^d \chi_k$ ,  $\chi_k \in C^\infty, 0 \leq \chi_k \leq 1$  s.t.  $\partial_{x_k}\varphi \neq 0$  on  $\text{supp } f\chi_k$

$$\Rightarrow |I(t)| \leq \sum_k = 1^d \left| \int e^{it\varphi(x)} f(x) \chi_k(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{C_N}{|t|^N} \quad \forall N \geq 1$$

□

**Remark** (geometric method). Assume  $\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_l \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  open,  $\bigcup \Omega_j = \mathbb{R}^d$ , then for all  $\Omega_j$  we can find a function

$$a_i : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, 1], \text{ s.t. } a_i \simeq \mathbb{1}_{\Omega_i} \begin{cases} a_i(x) = 1 \text{ if } x \in \Omega_i \\ a_i(x) = 0 \text{ if } \text{dist}(x, \Omega_i) \geq \varepsilon \end{cases} \quad (\text{Urgushen lemma})$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \chi_i = \frac{a_i}{\sum_j a_j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \chi_i = 1, \text{ supp } \chi_i = \text{supp } a_i, \sum_j a_j > 0 \text{ since } \bigcup_i \Omega_i = \mathbb{R}^d$$

Problem: We will see the oscillatory integral with  $\varphi$  having critical points!

**Remark.** 1D: If we bound  $|\int_a^b e^{it\varphi(x)} dx| \lesssim \frac{c}{|t|^\alpha}$ , then

$$\left| \int_a^b \underbrace{e^{it\varphi(x)}}_{F'} f(x) dx \right| \stackrel{Ibp}{=} |[Ff]_a^b - \int_a^b F(x) f'(x) dx| \leq \|F\|_{L^\infty} (\|f\|_{L^\infty} + \int_a^b |f'|)$$

**Theorem 6.8.** (1D, Van der Corput)

(a) Take  $a < b$  real  $\varphi \in C^k$  for some  $k \geq 2$ ,  $|\varphi^{(k)}(t)| \geq 1$ . Then

$$\left| \int_a^b e^{it\varphi(x)} dx \right| \leq \frac{Ck}{|t|^{\frac{1}{k}}}$$

(b) If  $\varphi \in C^1$ ,  $\varphi'$  monotone and  $|\varphi'| \geq 1$ , then

$$\left| \int_a^b e^{it\varphi(x)} dx \right| \leq \frac{C}{|t|}$$

**Example 6.9** (Bessel function).

$$\hat{\mathbb{1}}_{[-1,1]}(t) \rightsquigarrow \left| \int_a^b e^{it \cos(x)} \cos(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{c}{|t|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

Here  $\varphi(x) = \cos(x)$ .  $\varphi'(x) = -\sin(x)$ ,  $\varphi''(x) = -\cos(x)$ . We can divide  $[0, \pi]$  to sub-intervals where either  $|\varphi'| \geq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\varphi'$  monotone or  $|\varphi''| \geq \frac{1}{2}$ . In our proof of the Gauss circle problem bound we used this decay of the Bessel function.

*Proof.* (b) Assume  $\varphi' \geq 1$  in  $[a, b]$  and  $\varphi'$  monotone.

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_a^b e^{it\varphi(x)} dx \right| &= \left| \int_a^b \frac{(e^{it\varphi(x)})'}{it\varphi'(x)} dx \right| = \frac{1}{t} \left| - \int_a^b (e^{it\varphi} (\frac{1}{\varphi}')') + \left[ \frac{e^{it\varphi}}{\varphi'} \right]_a^b \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{t} \left| \frac{1}{\varphi'(a)} + \frac{1}{\varphi'(b)} \right| + \underbrace{\int_a^b \left| (\frac{1}{\varphi}')' \right|}_{\stackrel{(*)}{=} \int_a^b (\frac{1}{\varphi}')' = \left| \frac{1}{\varphi'(b)} - \frac{1}{\varphi'(a)} \right|} \leq \frac{4}{t} \end{aligned}$$

In (\*) we used that  $\varphi'$  monotone  $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\varphi'}$  monotone  $\Rightarrow (\frac{1}{\varphi}')'$  either  $\geq 0$  on  $[a, b]$  or  $\leq 0$  on  $[a, b]$

For (a) we need some new tools! We will prove (a) later. □

**Remark.** Without the assumption  $\varphi'$  monotone, this fails!

**Lemma 6.10.**  $\forall k \geq 1, \forall \{a_m\}_{m=0}^k \subset [a, b]$  distinct,  $\forall f \in C^k([a, b])$  real valued. Then  $\exists y \in [a, b]$  s.t.  $f^{(k)}(y) = \sum_{m=0}^k c_m f(a_m)$  where  $c_m = (-1)^k k! \prod_{l \in \{0, \dots, k\} \setminus \{m\}} \frac{1}{a_l - a_m}$

*Proof.* Induction:

$k = 1$ :  $f \in C^1, a_0 < a_1, \exists y \in (a_0, a_1)$  s.t.

$$f'(y) = \frac{f(a_1) - f(a_0)}{a_1 - a_0}, \quad c_0 = \frac{-1}{a_1 - a_0}, \quad c_1 = \frac{1}{a_1 - a_0}$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  Rolle's theorem

$k \geq 1$ : We will try to apply Rolle's theorem many times. More precisely, we find a poly-

nomial  $p(x) = \sum_{m=0}^k b_m x^m$  s.t. the function  $F(x) = f(x) - p(x)$  has zeros  $\{a_m\}_{m=0}^k$ , i.e.

$$F(a_0) = F(a_1) = \dots = F(a_k) = 0.$$

$$\exists a_0 < b_0 < a_1 < b_1 < \dots < b_{k-1} < a_k \text{ s.t. } F'(b_0) = F'(b_1) = \dots = F'(b_{k-1}) = 0$$



$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \exists y \in [a, b] \text{ s.t. } F^{(k)}(y) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow f^{(k)}(y) - k!b_k = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The claim follows from the fact that  $k!b_k = \sum_{m=0}^k c_m f(a_m)$ . How can we find  $p(x) =$

$$\sum_{m=0}^k b_m x^m? \text{ We want } \underbrace{p(a_l)}_{\sum_{m=0}^k b_m a_l^m} = f(a_l) \text{ for all } l = 0, \dots, k.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a_0^1 & \dots & a_0^k \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & a_k^1 & \dots & a_k^k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_0 \\ \vdots \\ b_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f(a_0) \\ \vdots \\ f(a_k) \end{pmatrix}$$

determine the  $\{b_l\}$  uniquely.

$$\det(\cdot) = \text{Van der monde determinant} = \prod_{l=0}^{k-1} \prod_{j=l+1}^k (a_l - a_j) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b_m = \sum_{m=0}^k (-1)^m f(a_m) \prod_{l \in \{0, \dots, k\} \setminus \{m\}} \frac{1}{a_l - a_m} (-1)^{k-m} \quad \square$$

**Lemma 6.11.** Let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$  measurable,  $0 < |E| < \infty$ , then  $\forall k \geq 1$ ,  $\exists \{a_m\}_{m=0}^k \subset E$  s.t.

$$\prod_{l \neq j} |a_l - a_j| \geq \left( \frac{|E|}{2e} \right)^k, \quad e = 2.7\dots$$

*Proof.* (exercise) □

**Lemma 6.12** (Controlling of sub-level set).  $\forall k \geq 1$ ,  $\forall \varphi \in C^k$  real-valued,  $|\varphi^{(k)}(t)| \geq 1$ . Then

$$|\{t : |\varphi(t)| \leq \alpha\}| \leq Ck\alpha^{\frac{1}{k}}$$

*Proof.* By the previous lemma  $E = \{|\varphi| \leq \alpha\}$ ,  $\exists \{a_m\}_{m=0}^k$  s.t.

$$\frac{|E|^k}{(2l)^k} \leq \prod_{l \neq j} |a_l - a_j|$$

By lemma 6.10,  $\exists y : \varphi^{(k)}(y) = (-1)^k k! \sum_{m=0}^k \varphi(a_m) \prod_{l \neq j} |a_l - a_j|$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \leq |\varphi^{(k)}| \leq k! \alpha \prod_{l \neq j} |a_l - a_j| \leq k! \alpha \frac{(2e)^k}{|E|^k}$$

$$\Rightarrow |E| \leq (k!\alpha(2e)^k)^{\frac{1}{k}} \leq Ck\alpha^{\frac{1}{k}}$$

□

*proof of theorem 6.8 (a).*  $|\varphi^{(k)}(t)| \geq 1$ . We consider

$$R_1 = \{t : |\varphi'(t)| \geq \alpha\}$$

$$R_2 = \{t : |\varphi'(t)| \geq \alpha\}$$

For  $R_2$ :  $|R_2| \leq Ck\alpha^{\frac{1}{k-1}}$  by previous sub-level set lemma.

For  $R_1$ :  $\varphi^{(k)} \neq 0$  on  $(a, b) \Rightarrow \varphi^{(2)}$  has at most  $2k$  zeros.

$\Rightarrow R_1 =$  union of at most  $k$  intervals where  $\varphi^{(2)} \neq 0$  in each interval  $\Rightarrow \varphi'$  is monotone in each interval.

Consider 1 interval  $(c, d)$ ,  $|\varphi'| \geq 0$  on  $(c, d)$  and  $\varphi'$  is monotone in  $(c, d)$ . (b)  $\Rightarrow |\int_c^d e^{it\varphi(x)} dx| \leq \frac{c}{|t|\alpha}$

*triangle inequality*  $\Rightarrow |\int_{R_1} e^{it\varphi(x)} dx| \leq \frac{Ck}{|t|\alpha}$ .

Conclusion:

$$|\int_a^b e^{it\varphi(x)} dx| \leq |R_2| + |\int_{R_1} e^{it\varphi(x)} dx|$$

$$Ck\alpha^{\frac{1}{k-1}} + \frac{Ck}{|t|\alpha} = Ck(\alpha^{\frac{1}{k-1}} + \frac{1}{|t|\alpha}) \quad \forall \alpha$$

$$\stackrel{\text{optimize}}{\Rightarrow} \min_{\alpha > 0} (\alpha^{\frac{1}{k-1}} + \frac{1}{|t|\alpha}) \lesssim \frac{1}{|t|^{\frac{1}{k}}}$$

□

### 6.3 Number Theory

Recall that for the Gauss circle problem we used:

**Lemma 6.13** (Poisson summation formula). Let  $f \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d} f(x) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \hat{f}(k)$$

**Lemma 6.14** (Bessel).

$$|\int_0^\pi e^{it \cos(\theta)} \cos(\theta) d\theta| \lesssim \frac{1}{|t|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

Question: What is the distribution of the first digit of  $2^m$ ?

$$2^0 = \underline{1}, \quad 2^1 = \underline{2}, \quad 2^2 = \underline{4}, \quad 2^3 = \underline{8}, \quad 2^4 = \underline{16}, \quad 2^5 = \underline{32}, \dots$$

One would expect that all digits are equally distributed. In reality, e.g. 1 appears more than any other digit!

**Theorem 6.15.** Define  $\{1, \dots, 9\} \ni \alpha(n) = \text{first digit of } n$ , then

$$\frac{\#\{1 \leq k \leq N : a(2^k) = m\}}{N} \rightarrow \log_{10}\left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right)$$

for all  $m \in \{1, \dots, 9\}$

**Theorem 6.16.** If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  is irrational, then  $\{k\alpha - [k\alpha]\}_{k=1}^\infty$  is equidistributed in  $[0, 1)$ , i.e.

$$\frac{1}{N} \#\{1 \leq k \leq N : k\alpha - [k\alpha] \in Q\} \rightarrow |Q|$$

for all  $Q \subset [0, 1)$  measurable.

Theorem 6.15 is a consequence of this:

*Proof.*  $\alpha(2^k) = m \Leftrightarrow m10^s \leq 2^k < (m+1)10^s$  for some  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$2^k = \underbrace{m\dots}_{s \text{ digits}} \Leftrightarrow s + \log_{10}(m) \leq k \log_{10} 2 < s + \log_{10}(m+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{10}(m) \leq k \log_{10}(2) - [k \log_{10}(2)]$$

$\forall m \in \{1, \dots, 9\}$ , we have that  $\alpha = \log_{10} 2$  is irrational and

$$\frac{1}{N} \#\{1 \leq k \leq N : k\alpha - [k\alpha] \in [\log_{10}(m), \log_{10}(m+1)]\} \rightarrow \log_{10}\left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right)$$

□

**Theorem 6.17.** Take  $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset \underbrace{\mathbb{T}^d}_{\text{torus}}$ ,  $d$  fixed. Then TFAE:

(a) Take  $\{a_k\}$  is equidistributed, namely

$$\frac{1}{N} \#\{k \leq N : a_k \in Q\} \rightarrow |Q|, \quad \forall Q \subset \mathbb{T}^d \text{ measurable}$$

(b)  $\forall f$  smooth  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N f(a_k) \rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} f(x) dx$

$$(c) \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}^d \setminus \{0\}, \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N e^{2\pi i m a_k} \rightarrow 0$$

**Remark.** To us the torus is simply  $\mathbb{T}^d = [0, 1]^d$

*Proof.* (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b): We can conclude (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) for smooth  $f$  by approximating it with step functions and then using a density argument.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): We will conclude this by using the idea from the Gauss circle problem. We can find 2 smooth functions  $g, h$  s.t.  $0 \leq g(x) \leq \mathbb{1}_Q(x) \leq 1$  of every  $x$ . Then:

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N g(a_k)}_{\rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} g(x) dx} \leq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \mathbb{1}_Q(a_k) \leq \underbrace{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N h(a_k)}_{\rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} h(x) dx}$$

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c): Use (b) for  $x \mapsto e^{2\pi i m x} = f(x)$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N e^{2\pi i m a_k} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N f(a_k) \rightarrow \int f(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} e^{2\pi i m x} dx = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } m = 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } m \in \mathbb{Z}^d \setminus \{0\} \end{cases}$$

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N f(a_k) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \left( \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \hat{f}(l) e^{2\pi i l a_k} \right) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_l \sum_k = \hat{f}(0) + \sum_{l \neq 0} \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N e^{2\pi i l a_k} \right)}_{\rightarrow 0, \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty} \hat{f}(l) \\ &\rightarrow \hat{f}(0) = \int f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

□

**Exercise.** Use this thm to prove  $k\alpha - [k\alpha]$  is equidistributed.

Riemann Zeta function:

$$\zeta(s) := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^s}, \quad \forall s > 1$$

Basel problem:  $\zeta(s)$  is transcendental  $\forall s \in \mathbb{N}, s > 1$ , i.e.  $\zeta(s)$  is not a root of any polynomial of rational coefficients.

**Theorem 6.18** (Euler). The Basel problem is true if  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  is even.

*Proof.* Consider B-polynomial  $\{B_m\}_{m=0}^{\infty}$ ,  $B_0 = 1$ ,  $B'_m(x) = mB_{m-1}(x)$ ,  $\int_0^1 B_m(x)dx = 0$ .  
 Actually:  $B_m(x) = -m! \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} \frac{e^{2\pi i k x}}{(2\pi i k)^m}$ ,  $\forall m \geq 2$  the series converges absolutely.

$$B'_m(x) = -m! \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} \frac{e^{2\pi i k x}}{(2\pi i k)^{m-1}} = mB_{m-1}(x)$$

(for  $m = 1$  the series converges conditionally)

Application: If  $m$  is even,  $x = 0$ , then:

$$B_m(0) = \left( \underbrace{c_m}_{\in \mathbb{Q}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2\pi k x)}{(2\pi k)^m} \right) \Big|_{x=0} = c_m \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2\pi k)^m} = \frac{c_m}{(2\pi)^m} \zeta(m)$$

Conclusion follows from  $B_m(0)$  being rational! Since  $B'_m(x) = mB_{m-1}(x)$ ,  $\int B_m = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow B_m(x)$  has rational coefficients  $\forall m \Rightarrow B_m \in \mathbb{Q}$  □

# Chapter 7

## Decomposition Methods

### 7.1 Caldéron-Zugmund decomposition

Idea: For a constant  $\alpha > 0$  decompose the domain of  $0 \leq f \in L^1$  into cubes s.t. restricted to one of the cubes either  $f \leq \alpha$  or  $f \sim \alpha$ .

**Theorem 7.1.** Let  $0 \leq f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Then  $\forall \alpha > 0 \exists$  countable family of disjoint cubes  $\{Q_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  s.t.

1. If  $x \notin \Omega = \bigcup_k Q_k$ , then  $f(x) \leq \alpha$  a.e.
2.  $\alpha < \int_{Q_k} f \leq 2^d \alpha, \forall k$

*Proof.* The proof uses a stopping time argument. Assume  $f$  is compactly supported, then we cover  $\text{supp } f$  by a big cube  $Q_0$ . We can assume that  $\int_{Q_0} f = \frac{1}{|Q_0|} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f < \alpha$ . Now we divide  $Q_0$  into  $2^d$  sub-cubes of half-length side. For a sub-cube  $Q$  of  $Q_0$ , if

$$\int_Q f > \alpha \rightarrow \text{bad cube} \rightarrow \text{stop} \rightarrow \text{add to collection}$$

Otherwise, if  $\int_Q f \leq \alpha \rightarrow$  good cube  $\rightarrow$  divide  $Q$  again into  $2^d$  sub-cubes and repeat. By induction, we obtain a countable collection  $\{Q_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  of sub-cubes s.t. all  $Q_k$  are bad cubes.

Clearly,  $\{Q_k\}$  are disjoint. Now we check the properties 1) and 2).

1) If  $x \notin \Omega = \bigcup_k Q_k \Rightarrow \exists$  a sequence of good cubes  $\{g_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  s.t.  $x \in g_n, \forall n$ , and  $|g_n| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then:

$$\int_{g_n} f \leq \alpha, \forall n \Rightarrow f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{g_n} f \leq \alpha.$$

for a.e.  $x$  by Lebesgue differentiation theorem.

2)  $\forall$  bad cubes  $Q_k$ , then by the definition  $\int_{Q_k} f > \alpha$ . From the construction,  $Q_k$  is a sub-cube of a good cube  $\tilde{Q}$  s.t.  $|Q_k| = 2^{-d}|\tilde{Q}|$  and  $\int_{\tilde{Q}} f \leq \alpha$

Consequently:

$$\int_{Q_k} f = \frac{1}{|Q_k|} \int_{Q_k} f \leq \frac{1}{2^{-d}|\tilde{Q}|} \int_{\tilde{Q}} f = 2^d \int_{\tilde{Q}} f \leq 2^d \alpha$$

□

**Remark.** From the above construction, we have:

$$|\Omega| = \sum_k |Q_k| < \sum_k \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{Q_k} f \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f$$

Note that if  $x \in \Omega^c \Rightarrow f(x) \leq \alpha$ . This means  $|\Omega| \rightsquigarrow |\{f > \alpha\}|$  related.  
 $\rightarrow$  recall that  $|\{f > \alpha\}| \lesssim \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f|$

**Lemma 7.2** (Reverse maximal inequality). Let  $0 \leq f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , then

$$|\{Mf > c\alpha\}| \geq \frac{1}{2^d \alpha} \int_{\{f > \alpha\}} f$$

for some constant  $c = c_d > 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{Q_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  be the collection of cubes obtained by the Caldéron-Zugmund decomposition. Then for  $\Omega = \bigcup_k Q_k$ :

$$\int_{\{f > \alpha\}} f \stackrel{1)}{\leq} \int_{\Omega} f = \sum_k \int_{Q_k} f \stackrel{2)}{\leq} \sum_k 2^d \alpha |Q_k| = 2^d \alpha |\Omega|$$

$$\forall k : \int_{Q_k} f > \alpha \Rightarrow \{Mf > c_d \alpha\} \supset Q_k$$

We conclude that

$$|\{Mf > c_d \alpha\}| \geq |\Omega| \geq \frac{1}{2^d \alpha} \int_{\{f > \alpha\}} f$$

□

**Definition 7.3.**

$$\|f\|_{L^1_{loc}L^1(B)} = \|f\|_{L^1} + \int_B |f(y)| \log\left(\frac{|f(y)|}{\|f\|_{L^1}}\right) dy$$

We can apply the lemma from above to obtain:

**Theorem 7.4.** Let  $f \in L^1(B)$  for  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  ball. Then:

$$Mf \in L^1(B) \Leftrightarrow f \in L^1 \log L^1(B)$$

**Remark.** Recall that  $f \in L^p \Leftrightarrow Mf \in L^q, \forall p > 1$ .

*Proof.* Step 1: (Assume  $B$  unit ball and  $f \geq 0$  for simplicity) We prove that

$$\int_B |Mf| \lesssim \|f\|_{L^1 \log L^1(B)}$$

By layer-cake:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_B |Mf| &= \int_0^\infty |\{x \in B : Mf(x) > \lambda\}| d\lambda \\ &\leq \int_0^\delta \dots + \int_\delta^\infty \dots \\ &\leq \int_0^\delta |B| d\lambda + \int_\delta^\infty \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\{f>\lambda\}} f d\lambda \\ &= |B|\delta + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(y) \left( \int_\delta^{f(y)} \frac{1}{\lambda} d\lambda \right) dy \\ &= |B|\delta + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(y) \log\left(\frac{f(y)}{\delta}\right) dy \stackrel{\delta=\|f\|_{L^1}}{\leq} \|f\|_{L^1 \log L^1(B)} \end{aligned}$$

We used the weak  $L^1$  inequality:  $|\{Mf > \lambda\}| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \|f\|_{L^1} \rightsquigarrow \underbrace{|\{Mf > \lambda\}|}_{\leq |\{Mf \mathbf{1}_{|f| \geq \frac{\lambda}{2}} > \frac{\lambda}{2}\}|} \lesssim \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\| f \mathbf{1}_{|f| > \frac{\lambda}{2}} \right\|_{L^1}$

Step 2: We prove

$$\int_B |Mf| \gtrsim \|f\|_{L^1 \log L^1(B)}$$

Recall lemma  $|\{Mf > \lambda\}| \gtrsim \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\{f>\lambda\}} f$  (We proved this by CZ decomposition)

By layer cake:

$$\int_B |Mf| = \int_0^\infty |\{x \in B : Mf > \lambda\}| d\lambda \gtrsim \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\{f>\lambda\}} f \right) d\lambda = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(y) \left( \int_{\lambda_0}^{f(y)} \frac{1}{\lambda} d\lambda \right) dy \sim \|f\|_{L^1 \log L^1(B)}$$

Here  $\lambda_0 \geq c_d \|f\|_{L^1}$

$$\Rightarrow |\{x \in B : Mf > \lambda\}| \gtrsim \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\{f>\lambda\}} f$$

□



**Theorem 7.5** (A variant of CZ decomposition). Let  $0 \geq f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , assume  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f \geq c_d$ . Then  $\forall 0 < \Lambda \leq c_d, \forall \alpha_d > 0$ , we can find a cover  $\mathbb{R}^d$  of disjoint cubes  $\{Q_k\}_{k=1}^N$  s.t.

1.  $\int_{Q_k} f \leq \Lambda, \forall k$
2.  $\sum_Q \frac{1}{|Q_k|^\alpha} (\int_{Q_k} f - \alpha_d \Lambda) \geq 0$

*Proof.* We use again the stopping time argument. Assume  $\text{supp } f \subset Q_0$  big cube. We divide  $Q_0$  into  $2^d$  sub-cubes. For all  $Q$  sub-cubes of  $Q_0$  one of the following two holds:

- $\int_Q f \leq \Lambda$ , then stop and add  $Q$  to collection
- $\int_Q f > \Lambda$ , then divide again in  $2^d$  sub-cubes and repeat!

After finitely many steps, we stop and get a collection  $\{Q_k\}$ . Now we have to check 1) and 2). 1) is obvious.

2) By writing the cubes as a tree, we can divide  $\{Q\} \rightarrow \bigcup_F \{Q\}_{Q \in F}$  where  $Q$  are the nodes of the tree and  $F$  are the branches of the tree. So we get a union of disjoint collections  $\{\{Q\}_{Q \in F}\}_F$  s.t. for all  $F$  we have:

$\forall m, \exists$  at most  $2^d$  cubes  $Q \subset F : |Q| = m$ . Now we prove that  $\forall F : \sum_{Q \in F} \frac{1}{|Q|^\alpha} (\int_Q f - c_d \Lambda) \geq 0$ .

Take  $m =$  smallest volume of cubes in  $F$ . Then  $\forall Q \in F \Rightarrow |Q| = m2^{dn}$ , then

$$\sum_{Q \in F} \frac{1}{|Q|^\alpha} \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^d}{(m2^{dn})^\alpha} \lesssim c_d \frac{1}{m^\alpha}$$

On the other hand:

$$\sum_{Q \in F} \frac{1}{|Q|^\alpha} (\int_Q f) \geq \sum_{Q \in F, |Q|=m} \frac{1}{m^\alpha} \int_Q f = \frac{1}{m^\alpha} \int_{\tilde{Q}} f \geq \frac{\Lambda}{m^\alpha}$$

where  $\int_{\tilde{Q}} f > 1$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{Q \in F} \frac{1}{|Q_k|^\alpha} (\int_{Q_k} f - \alpha_d \Lambda) \geq \frac{\Lambda}{m^\alpha} - \underbrace{c_d \tilde{c}_d}_{< 1} \frac{\Lambda}{m^\alpha} \geq 0$$

□

**Theorem 7.6.**  $\forall d \geq 1$ , if  $\{u_n\}_{n=1}^N$  ONF, in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla u_n|^2 \geq K_d \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho^{1+\frac{2}{d}}$$

where  $\rho(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N |u_n(x)|^2$  density of the system. Here  $K_d$  is independent of  $N$ . In particular, we can take  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Remark.** ( $d=3$ ) We have the Sobolev inequality:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla u|^2 \geq C \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u|^6 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \stackrel{\text{Hölder}}{\geq} C \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u|^{\frac{10}{3}}}{\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u|^2 \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}} = c \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \rho^{\frac{5}{3}}$$

$\rho = |u|^2$ ,  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u|^2 = 1$ . This is the LT inequality for  $N = 1$ .

**Lemma 7.7.** For any normalized functions  $\{u_n\}_{n=1}^N \subset L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  we have:

$$(*) \quad \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla u_n|^2 \geq \frac{c_d}{N^{\frac{2}{d}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho^{1+\frac{2}{d}} \quad (c_d > 0 \text{ independent of } N)$$

*Proof.* If  $u_n = u \Rightarrow (*)$  becomes the LT inequality for  $N = 1$ , namely

$$\text{LHS of } (*) = N \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla u|^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla \sqrt{\rho}|^2 \leq \frac{c \int \rho^{1+\frac{2}{d}}}{\left( \int \rho \right)^{\frac{2}{d}}} = \frac{c}{N^{\frac{2}{d}}} \int \rho^{1+\frac{2}{d}}$$

$$\rho = N|u|^2$$

For general  $\{u_n\}_{n=1}^N$  normalized in  $L^2$ , then for  $\rho(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N |u_n(x)|^2$

$$|\nabla \sqrt{\rho}|^2 |\nabla \sqrt{\sum_n |u_n|^2}|^2 \leq \left| \frac{\sum_n |u_n| |\nabla u_n|}{\sqrt{\sum_n |u_n|^2}} \right|^2 \leq \sum_n |\nabla u_n|^2$$

(convexity of the gradient. Brezis/Hoffman-Ostenhof)  $\Rightarrow \text{LHS} (*) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sum_n |\nabla u_n|^2 \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla \sqrt{\rho}|^2 \geq \frac{c_d}{N^{\frac{2}{d}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho^{1+\frac{2}{d}}$  by the previous estimate.  $\square$

History of LT:

- 1969 Dyson-Lenard: proof of Stability of matter. Key observation: For kinetic energy of fermions in a cube  $\varphi : \infty > c > \frac{1}{|\varphi|^{\frac{d}{2}}}(N-1)$  (Pauli-exclusion principle)
- 1975 Lieb-Thirring: Nice proof of stability of matter using their inequality.  
LT = uncertainty + exclusion principle  
In 1975, LT proved their inequality in the dual form

$$\left| \sum_{\lambda < 0} \lambda(-\Delta + V(x)) \right| \leq c_d \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |v|^{1+\frac{d}{2}}$$

**Lemma 7.8** (Dyson-Lenard).

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \int_Q |\nabla u_n|^2 =: T_Q \geq \frac{(2\pi)^2}{|Q|^{\frac{2}{d}}} \left( \int_Q \rho - 1 \right), \quad \rho(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N |u_n(x)|^2$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_Q &= \sum_{n=1}^N \\
 &\stackrel{(*)}{\lesssim} \frac{1}{|Q|^{\frac{2}{d}}} \sum_{n=1}^N \int_Q |u_n - \overline{u_n^Q}|^2 \\
 &\stackrel{(**)}{\lesssim} \frac{1}{|Q|^{\frac{2}{d}}} \sum_{n=1}^N \int_Q (|u_n|^2 - 2|\overline{u_n^Q}|^2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{|Q|^{\frac{2}{d}}} \int_Q \rho - 2|Q| \sum_{n=1}^N \int_Q |u_n|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Here :  $\sum_{n=1}^N \int_Q |u_n|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^N \langle 1, u_n \rangle_{L^2(Q)}^2 \stackrel{ONF}{\leq} \|1\|_{L^2}^2 = |Q|$

Conclusion:  $T_Q \gtrsim \frac{1}{|Q|^{\frac{2}{d}}} (\int_Q \rho - 2)$  The improved one  $\frac{(2\pi)^2}{|Q|^{\frac{2}{d}}} (\int_Q \rho - 1)$  needs a bit more careful analysis.

(\*\*) : We used  $|a - b|^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}|a|^2 - 2|b|^2$

(\*) : In  $d=3$ : Sobolev in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla u|^2 \gtrsim \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |u|^6 \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Poincaré:  $\underbrace{\int_Q |\nabla u|^2}_{=\nabla(u-c)} \gtrsim (\int_Q |u - \overline{u_n^Q}|^6)^{\frac{1}{6}} \gtrsim \frac{1}{|Q|^{\frac{2}{3}}} |u - \overline{u_n^Q}|^2, c = \overline{u_n^Q} = \int_Q u$  □

*proof of LT.* Denote  $T = \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla u_n|^2$  and  $T_Q = \sum_{n=1}^N \int_Q |\nabla u_n|^2$ . Take  $\{Q\}$  a collection of disjoint cubes in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Then:  $T \geq \sum_Q T_Q$

For  $d \geq 3$  :

- We proved  $T_Q \gtrsim \frac{1}{|Q|^{\frac{2}{d}}} (\int_Q \rho - 1), \rho = \sum_n |u_n|^2$
- By the convexity of gradient/H-O inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_Q &\geq \int_Q |\nabla \sqrt{\rho}|^2 \stackrel{\text{Poincaré}}{\gtrsim} \left( \int_Q |\rho - \overline{\rho^Q}|^p \right)^{\frac{2}{p}}, \quad p = 2^* = \frac{2d}{d-2} \\
 &\geq \frac{\int_Q |\sqrt{\rho} - \overline{\sqrt{\rho^Q}}|^{2(1+\frac{2}{d})}}{\left( \int_Q |\sqrt{\rho} - \overline{\sqrt{\rho^Q}}|^2 \right)^{\frac{2}{d}}} \gtrsim \frac{\int_Q \rho^{1+\frac{2}{d}}}{\left( \int_Q \rho \right)^{\frac{2}{d}}} - \frac{c_d}{|Q|^{\frac{2}{d}}} \int_Q \rho
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(\overline{\sqrt{\rho}})^Q = \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |\sqrt{\rho}| \leq \frac{1}{|Q|^{\frac{1}{2}}} (\int_Q \rho)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

We can combine the two bounds:

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + \varepsilon)T_Q &\gtrsim \sum_Q \left( \frac{\varepsilon \int_Q \rho^{1+\frac{2}{d}}}{(\int_Q \rho)^{\frac{2}{d}}} - \frac{\varepsilon c_d}{|Q|^{\frac{2}{d}}} \int_Q \rho + \frac{1}{|Q|^{\frac{2}{d}}} (\int_Q \rho - 1) \right) \\ &\geq \sum_Q \frac{\varepsilon \int_Q \rho^{1+\frac{2}{d}}}{(\int_Q \rho)^{\frac{2}{d}}} + \sum_Q \frac{1}{|Q|^{\frac{2}{d}}} ((1 - \varepsilon c_d) \int_Q \rho - 1) \\ &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho^{1+\frac{2}{d}} \end{aligned}$$

To get the conclusion, we need to choose  $\{Q\}$  nicely. By our variant of CZ decomposition, we can choose  $\{Q\}$  disjoint s.t.  $\bigcup_Q Q = \mathbb{R}^d$  and

1.  $\int_Q \rho \leq \Lambda$
2.  $\sum_Q \frac{1}{|Q|^\alpha} (\int_Q \rho - \alpha_d \Lambda) \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{2}{d}$

Then:

$$(1 + \varepsilon)T \geq \sum_Q \frac{\varepsilon \int_Q \rho^{1+\frac{2}{d}}}{\Lambda^{\frac{2}{d}}} + \underbrace{(1 - \varepsilon c_d)}_{>0} \sum_Q \frac{1}{|Q|^{\frac{2}{d}}} (\int_Q \rho - \frac{1}{1 - \varepsilon c_d}) = \varepsilon \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho^{1+\frac{2}{d}}$$

Here we can take  $\varepsilon > 0$  small s.t.  $(1 - \varepsilon c_d) > 0$ . Then we choose  $\Lambda > 0$  large s.t.  $\alpha_d \Lambda > \frac{1}{1 - \varepsilon c_d}$

$$\Rightarrow T \geq \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{1 + \varepsilon} \frac{1}{\Lambda^{\frac{2}{d}}} \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho^{1+\frac{2}{d}}$$

(good for  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho \geq \Lambda$ )

Actually if  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho = N \leq \Lambda$ , then we can use the simple lemma:

$$T \geq \frac{c_d}{N^{\frac{2}{d}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho^{1+\frac{2}{d}} \geq \frac{c_d}{\Lambda^{\frac{2}{d}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho^{1+\frac{2}{d}}$$

□

## 7.2 Littlewood-Paley decomposition

We write  $f = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} f_n$ ,  $\hat{f}_n(k) \mathbb{1}_{\{2^{n-1} \leq |k| \leq 2^n\}}$ . (Similar to dyadic decomposition)

**Theorem 7.9** (Bernstein inequality/Reverse Poincaré).  $\text{supp } \hat{f}_n \subset \underbrace{\{2^{n-1} \leq |k| \leq 2^n\}}_{\Omega}$ ,

$\forall d \geq 1, \forall p \in [1, \infty]$ :

$$\tilde{c}_{d,p} \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq 2^{-n} \|\nabla f_n\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq c_{d,p} \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

*Proof.* (d = 2, Sketch)

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla f_n\|_{L^2}^2 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |k|^2 \mathbb{1}_\Omega |\hat{f}_n(k)|^2 dk \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |k|^2 \chi(k) |\hat{f}_n(k)|^2 dk = \|\nabla(G \star f_n)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &= \|(\nabla G) \star f_n\|_{L^2}^2 \stackrel{Young}{\leq} \|\nabla G\|_{L^1}^2 \|f_n\|_{L^2}^2 \end{aligned}$$

for  $\hat{G}(k) = \chi(k) \simeq \mathbb{1}_{2^{n-1} \leq |k| \leq 2^n}$ ,  $\chi, G \in C^\infty$  □

Smooth dyadic decomposition:

Take  $\psi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $\begin{cases} \psi(k) = 1, & \text{if } |k| \leq 1 \\ \psi(k) = 0, & \text{if } |k| \geq 2 \end{cases}$

$\varphi(k) = \psi(k) - \psi(2k)$ ,  $\varphi_n(x) = \psi(2^{-n}k) - \psi(2^{-n+1}k)$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\varphi_0 = \psi(x)$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^N \varphi_n(k) = \psi(2^{-N}k) \rightarrow 1, \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varphi_n$$

**Definition 7.10.**  $f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n$ ,  $\hat{f}_n(k) = \varphi_n(k) \hat{f}(k)$

**Remark.** If  $f \in S(\mathbb{R}^d) \Rightarrow f_n \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $\forall n$ .

$$\|D^\alpha f_n\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \sim 2^{n|\alpha|} \|f_n\|_{L^p}$$

**Lemma 7.11.** Let  $0 \leq f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ , then we can find disjoint cubes  $\{Q\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  s.t.  $f = g_\alpha + b_\alpha = g_\alpha + \sum_Q (b_\alpha)|_Q$ , where

1.  $\text{supp}(g_\alpha) \subset \{\bigcup_Q Q\}^c$ ,  $|g_\alpha| \lesssim \alpha$
2.  $\forall Q: \int_Q b_\alpha = 0$ ,  $f_Q |b_\alpha| \lesssim \alpha$
3.  $\sum_Q |Q| \lesssim \frac{c}{\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f|$

*Proof.* (exercise) □

**Lemma 7.12** (Hörmander). Let  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi_n$  be as above. Define  $K_n(x) := \check{\varphi}_n(x) = 2^{nd} \check{\varphi}(2^n x)$ , then

$$\int_{|x| > 2|y|} \underbrace{\|K_n(x-y) - K_n(x)\|_{l^2(n)}}_{=\sqrt{\sum_n |K_n(x-y) - K_n(x)|^2}} dx$$

*Proof.* We will use Minkowski's inequality:  $\forall 1 \leq p \leq \infty$  :

$$\left( \int_{\Omega_2} \left| \int_{\Omega_1} F(x, y) d\mu_1(x) \right|^p d\mu_2(y) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \int_{\Omega_1} \left( \int_{\Omega_2} |F(x, y)|^p d\mu_2(y) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} d\mu_1(x)$$

with  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  sigma finite.

Now consider

$$|K_n(x - y) - K_n(x)| \leq \int_0^{|y|} |\nabla K_n(x - te)| dt$$

where  $e = \frac{y}{|y|}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow & \int_{|x| > 2|y|} \sqrt{\sum_n |K_n(x - y) - K_n(x)|^2} dx \leq \int_{|x| > 2|y|} \sqrt{\sum_n \int_0^{|y|} |\nabla K_n(x - te)|^2 dt} dx \\ & \stackrel{\text{Minkowski}}{\leq} \int_{|x| > 2|y|} \int_0^{|y|} \sqrt{\sum_n |\nabla K_n(x - te)|^2} dt dx \quad ((d\mu_2, \Omega_2) \rightsquigarrow \text{counting on } \mathbb{N}) \\ & \leq \int_{|z| > |y|} \int_0^{|y|} \sqrt{\sum_n |\nabla K_n(z)|^2} dt dz \\ & = |y| \int_{|z| > |y|} \sqrt{\sum_n |\nabla K_n(z)|^2} dz \end{aligned}$$

Recall:  $K_n(z) = 2^{nd} \check{\varphi}(2^n z)$ ,  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty \subset S(\mathbb{R}^d) \Rightarrow \check{\varphi} \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$\Rightarrow |\nabla K_n(z)| \leq 2^{n(d+1)} |\nabla \check{\varphi}(2^n z)| \leq 2^{n(d+1)} \min(1, |2^n z|^{-2(d+2)})$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_n |\nabla K_n(z)|^2 \leq \sum_n \min(2^{2n(d+1)}, 2^{-2n} |z|^{-2(d+2)})$$

$$\leq \sum_{|n| \leq L} 2^{2n(d+1)} + \sum_{n \geq L} 2^{-2n} |z|^{-2(d+2)}$$

$$\lesssim 2^{2L(d+1)} + 2^{-2L} |z|^{-2L} |z|^{-2(d+2)} \stackrel{\text{opt over } L}{\rightsquigarrow} |z|^{-2(d+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\text{LHS lemma}) \leq |y| \int_{|z| \geq |y|} |z|^{-(d+1)} dz \lesssim C$$

□

**Theorem 7.13** ( $L^p$  theory of Littlewood-Paley decomposition). Let  $f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n$ , then

$$C^{-1} \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \left\| \sqrt{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |f_n|^2} \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

*Proof.*  $p = 2$  :

$$\left\| \sqrt{\sum_n |f_n|^2} \right\|_{L^2}^2 = \int \sum_n |f_n|^2 = \int \sum_n |\hat{f}_n|^2 = \int \sum_n |\varphi_n(k)|^2 |\hat{f}(k)|^2 dk \sim \int |\hat{f}|^2 = \|f\|_{L^2}^2$$

The main part of the proof is to extend the bound to all  $p \in (1, \infty)$ .

Define  $S(f)(x) = \sqrt{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |f_n(x)|^2}$ ,  $f = \sum_n f_n$ . We need to prove that  $S : L^p \rightarrow L^p$  is bounded. We will prove this by real-interpolation:

- $|S(f+g)(x)| \leq S(f)(x) + S(g)(x)$  (Sub-additivity) ✓
- $S : L^2 \rightarrow L^2$  bounded ✓
- $S : L^1 \rightarrow L^{1,\infty}$  bounded (difficult)

From those, we find that  $S : L^p \rightarrow L^p$  bounded  $\forall p \in (1, 2]$ . To get the result for  $\infty > p > 2$ , we use a duality argument.  $\infty > p > 2 \Leftrightarrow 1 < p' < 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \|S(f)\|_{L^p} &\sim \sup \left| \sum_n \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} S(f)(x) h_n(x) dx \right| \\ &= \sup_{\sum_n \|h_n\|_{L^{p'}}^2 \leq 1} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) S^*(h_n) dx \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{\sum_n \|S^* h_n\|_{L^{p'}}^2 \leq 1} \sim \|f\|_{L^p} \end{aligned}$$

We used  $S^* : L^{p'} \rightarrow L^{p'}$  bounded.

Let us prove the weak  $(1, 1)$  property.

$$|\{x : S(f)(x) > \alpha\}| \leq \frac{c}{\alpha} \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)}, \quad c = c_d \text{ (universal)}$$

We use the variant of Calderon-Zugmund from above. Using the sub-additivity  $S(f) = S(g_\alpha + b_\alpha) \leq S(g_\alpha) + S(b_\alpha)$

$$\Rightarrow |\{x : S(f)(x) > \alpha\}| \leq |\{x : S(g_\alpha) > \frac{\alpha}{2}\}| + |\{x : S(b_\alpha) > \frac{\alpha}{2}\}|$$

good one: We use  $S : L^2 \rightarrow L^2$  bounded and  $|g_\alpha| \lesssim \alpha$

$$\begin{aligned} |\{x : S(g_\alpha)(x) > \frac{\alpha}{2}\}| &\lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|S(g_\alpha)(x)|^2}{\alpha^2} dx \\ &\lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|g_\alpha(x)|^2}{\alpha^2} dx \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|g_\alpha(x)|}{\alpha} dx \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f| \end{aligned}$$

bad one:

$b_\alpha = \sum_Q (b_\alpha)|_Q$ ,  $c_Q =$  center of  $Q$ . Define  $\tilde{Q} = \text{const. } Q$  s.t.  $c_{\tilde{Q}} = c_Q$  and  $|x - c_Q| \geq 2|y - c_Q|$ ,  $\forall x \in \tilde{Q}$ ,  $y \in Q$ . Then:

$$|\bigcup_Q \tilde{Q}| \leq \sum_Q |\tilde{Q}| \lesssim \sum_Q |Q| \lesssim \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f|$$

Here, it suffices to bound:

$$|\{x : S(b_\alpha)(x) > \frac{\alpha}{2}\} \cap (\bigcup_Q \tilde{Q})^c| \lesssim \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{(\bigcup_Q \tilde{Q})^c} S(b_\alpha)(x) dx$$

We need to prove  $\int_{(\bigcup_Q \tilde{Q})^c} S(b_\alpha)(x) dx \lesssim \|f\|_{L^1}$ .

We conclude the bound with Hörmander's lemma from above. So let  $K_n(x) = \check{\varphi}_n(x) = 2^{nd} \check{\varphi}(2^n x)$  as in the lemma. Then:  $\hat{f}_n(k) = \varphi_n(k) \hat{f}(k) \Rightarrow f_n(x) = (\check{\varphi}_n \star f)(x) = (K_n \star f)(x)$ .

We prove  $\int_{(\bigcup_Q \tilde{Q})^c} S(b_\alpha)(x) dx \lesssim \|f\|_{L^1}$ .

With Hörmander's lemma and Minkowski we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{(\bigcup_Q \tilde{Q})^c} S(b_\alpha)(x) dx &= \int_{(\bigcup_Q \tilde{Q})^c} \sqrt{\sum_n |K_n \star b_\alpha|^2} dx \\ &= \int_{(\bigcup_Q \tilde{Q})^c} \sqrt{\sum_n |\sum_Q (K_n \star b_{\alpha,Q})(x)|^2} dx, \quad b_\alpha = \sum_Q b_{\alpha,Q} \end{aligned}$$

Here note that  $\int_Q b_{\alpha,Q} = 0$ , hence:

$$(K_n \star b_{\alpha,Q})(x) = \int_{y \in Q} K_n(x-y) b_\alpha(y) dy = \int_{y \in Q} (K_n(x-c_Q - (y-c_Q)) - K_n(x-c_Q)) b_\alpha(y) dy$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{(\bigcup_Q \tilde{Q})^c} S(b_\alpha) dx &\stackrel{\text{C.S.ineq, Minkowski}}{\leq} \sum_Q \int_{(\bigcup_Q \tilde{Q})^c} dx \int_Q |b_\alpha(y)| \sqrt{\sum_n |K_n(x-y) - K(x-c_Q)|^2} dy \\ &\stackrel{\text{Fubini}}{\leq} \sum_Q \int_Q |b_{\alpha,Q}| \underbrace{\int_{|x-c_Q| > 2|y-c_Q|} dx \sqrt{\sum_n |K_n(x-y) - K(x-c_Q)|^2} dy}_{\leq C < \infty \text{ (H lemma)}} \lesssim \sum_Q \int_Q |b_\alpha(y)| dy \lesssim \|f\|_{L^1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} |\{x : S(b_\alpha) > \frac{\alpha}{2}\}| &\leq |\{x : S(b_\alpha) > \frac{\alpha}{2}\} \cap (\bigcup_Q \tilde{Q})| + |(\bigcup_Q \tilde{Q})^c| \lesssim \frac{1}{\alpha} \|f\|_{L^1} \\ &\Rightarrow \|S(f)\|_{L^{1,\infty}} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^1} \end{aligned}$$

By interpolation:  $\|S(f)\|_{L^p} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^p}$ ,  $\forall p \in (1, 2]$

Duality:

$$\|(f_n)_n\|_{L^p, l^2(n)} = \left\| \sqrt{\sum_n |f_n(x)|^2} \right\|_{L^p(x)} = \sup_{\|h_n\|_{L^{p'}, l^2(n)} \leq 1} \left| \sum_n \int (\bar{f}_n)(h_n) \right|$$



If  $p > 2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \|S(f)\|_{L^p} &= \|(f_n)\|_{L^p, l^2(n)} = \sup_{\|h_n\|_{L^{p'}, l^2(n)} \leq 1} \left| \sum_n \int (\tilde{f}_n)(h_n) \right| = \sup_{\|h_n\|_{L^{p'}, l^2(n)} \leq 1} \left| \int f \sum_n (\varphi_n \hat{h}_n)^v \right| \\ &\stackrel{\text{Hölder}}{\leq} \|f\|_{L^p} \sup \left\| \sum_n (\varphi_n \hat{h}_n)^v \right\|_{L^{p'}} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^p} \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark.**  $L^p$  theory for a function can be extended to orthonormal family to prove the Lieb Thirring inequality (Julien Sabin 2015)