

# Hilbert Transform

## (1) Background:

### ① Motivation:

i)  $\forall f \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$ . Can we find  $F_f(z) \in \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  st.  $\operatorname{Re}(F_f) \big|_{\mathbb{R}} = f$ ?

Note that  $\{\operatorname{Im} z > 0\}$  is simply connected.

We find a harmonic function:  $P_\eta * f(x) =$

$$\frac{\eta}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t) / (x-t)^2 + \eta^2 dt \text{ on upper plane.}$$

Besides,  $P_\eta * f \xrightarrow{\eta \rightarrow 0^+} f$  a.e.

Next, we find its conjugate harmonic func.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note that } P_\eta * f(x) &= \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{i}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{f(t) dt}{(x-t) + i\eta} \right) \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{i}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{f(t)}{z-t} dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Set } F_f(z) = \frac{i}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{f(t)}{z-t} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rmk: } \operatorname{Im}(F_f(z)) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{f(t)(x-t)}{(x-t)^2 + \eta^2} dt \\ &= Q_\eta * f(x). \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_\eta(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{x}{x^2 + \eta^2}. \quad P_\eta + iQ_\eta = i/\pi z \in \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{R}_+)$$

$Q_\eta$  is called conjugate Poisson kernel.

ii) A natural question:  $Q_\eta * f \xrightarrow{\eta \rightarrow 0} f$  a.e.?

No.  $(Q_\eta)_{\eta>0}$  isn't approxi. of id. and



in fact,  $\alpha_t \notin L'$ . Besides,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \alpha_t(x) = 1/2x \in L'_{loc}(R)$

## ② Principle value of $1/x$ :

Def:  $p.v. \frac{1}{x}(\phi) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{|x| > \varepsilon} \phi(x)/x \, dx$ .  $\phi \in S(R)$ .

Rmk:  $p.v. \frac{1}{x} \in S^*$ . Note we can rewrite it:

$$p.v. \frac{1}{x}(\phi) = \int_{|x| < 1} \frac{\phi(x) - \phi(0)}{x} \, dx + \int_{|x| \geq 1} \frac{\phi(x)}{x} \, dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \|LHS\| \lesssim \|\phi'\|_\infty + \|x\phi\|_\infty$$

Prop:  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \alpha_t = \frac{1}{2} p.v. \frac{1}{x}$  in  $S^*$ .

Pf:  $\psi_\varepsilon(x) = \chi_{\varepsilon/2 < |x| < 3\varepsilon/2} / x \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} p.v. \frac{1}{x}$  in  $S^*$ .

$$\Rightarrow \text{prove: } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (\alpha_t - \frac{1}{2} \psi_\varepsilon) = 0 \text{ in } S^*.$$

$$\begin{aligned} Bq: (\alpha_t - \frac{1}{2} \psi_\varepsilon)(\phi) &= \int_{R^1} \frac{x\phi(x)}{t^2 + x^2} - \int_{|x| > \varepsilon} \frac{\phi(x)}{x} \, dx \\ &= \int_{|x| \leq t} \square - \int_{|x| > \varepsilon} (\frac{x}{t^2 + x^2} - \frac{1}{x}) \phi \end{aligned}$$

Set  $x = tu$ . Apply DCT. Let  $t \rightarrow 0$ .

Def:  $f \in S$ . Hilbert Transf. of  $f$  is  $Hf = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \alpha_t * f$ .

Rmk: i) Equivalent definitions:

$$Hf = p.v. \frac{1}{x} * f / x$$

$$Hf = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \int_{|y| > \varepsilon} f(x-y)/y \, dy$$

ii) Note by conti of " $\wedge$ ":

$$\hat{\alpha}_t(\xi) = -i \operatorname{sgn}(\xi) e^{-2\pi t |\xi|} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} (\frac{1}{2} p.v. \frac{1}{x})^\wedge = -i \operatorname{sgn}(\xi)$$

$$\Rightarrow (Hf)^\wedge(\xi) = -i \operatorname{sgn}(\xi) \hat{f}(\xi). \text{ We have:}$$



$$\|Mf\|_2 = \|f\|_2, \quad M(Mf) = -f \quad (\text{Period 4})$$

$$\int Mf \cdot g = - \int f \cdot Mg$$

Thm.  $f$  is bal on  $\mathbb{R}$  with cpt support. Then:

$$Mf \in L^1(\mathbb{R}) \Leftrightarrow \int f dx = 0.$$

Pf: Denote  $a = \int f dx$ .

$$\begin{aligned} Mf(x) &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \int_{|t| \geq \varepsilon} \left( \frac{1}{x-t} - \frac{1}{x} \right) f(t) dt + \frac{a}{2x} \\ &= \frac{1}{x^2} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \int_{|t| \geq \varepsilon} \frac{t}{1-t/x} f(t) dt + \frac{a}{2x} \\ &= O\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) + \frac{a}{2x}, \quad (x \rightarrow \infty). \end{aligned}$$

(2) Type - (p, p):

Thm. For  $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$ . Then:

i)  $M$  is weak-(1,1):  $|\{Mf \geq \lambda\}| \leq \frac{C}{\lambda} \|f\|_1, \lambda > 0$

ii)  $M$  is strong-(p,p):  $1 < p < \infty, \|Mf\|_p \leq C_p \|f\|_p$ .

Pf: i) Separate  $f = f^+ - f^-$ . wlog.  $f \geq 0$ .

By C-Z. Decompose:  $f = g + b, g \leq 2\lambda$ .

$$|\{Mf \geq \lambda\}| \leq |\{Mg \geq \frac{\lambda}{2}\}| + |\{Mb \geq \frac{\lambda}{2}\}|$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1') |\{Mg \geq \frac{\lambda}{2}\}| &\leq \left(\frac{2}{\lambda}\right)^2 \int (Mg)^2 dx \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{\lambda}\right)^2 \|g\|_2^2 \leq \frac{8}{\lambda} \|g\|_1 \\ &= \frac{8}{\lambda} \int f(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

2')  $\mathbb{R} = \cup I_j$ . Set  $2I_j$  is interval with



same center  $c_j$  as  $I_j$ , but twice the length.

$$\lambda^* = U \lambda I_j, \quad |\lambda^*| \leq 2|\lambda| \leq \frac{2}{\lambda} \|f\|,$$

$$\Rightarrow |\{M b\}_{\frac{1}{2}}| \leq |\lambda^*| + |\{X \lambda^*\}_{\frac{1}{2}}| |M b|_{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \leq \frac{2}{\lambda} \|f\| + \frac{2}{\lambda} \int_{\lambda^*/2}^{\lambda^*} |M b|$$

$$\int_{\lambda^*/2}^{\lambda^*} |M b| \leq \sum_j \int_{\lambda^*/2 I_j} |M b(x)| dx$$

where  $M b_j = \int_{I_j} \frac{b(\eta)}{x-\eta} d\eta$ . well-def. since  $x \notin I_j$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\lambda^*/2 I_j} |M b_j| dx &= \int_{\lambda^*/2 I_j} \left| \int_{I_j} b_j(\eta) \left( \frac{1}{x-\eta} - \frac{1}{x-c_j} \right) d\eta \right| dx \\ &\leq \int_{\lambda^*/2 I_j} \int_{I_j} |b_j(\eta)| \frac{|\eta - c_j|}{|x-\eta||x-c_j|} d\eta dx \\ &\leq \int_{I_j} |b_j(\eta)| \left( \int_{\square} \frac{|I_j|}{|x-c_j|^2} dx \right) d\eta \leq 2 \int_{I_j} |b_j| \\ &\leq 4 \int_{I_j} |f|. \end{aligned}$$

(It's alike:  $\bar{E}^2(x - E(x))$ ,  $E(x) = 0$ )

ii) By interpolation, since  $M$  is weak-(1,1), strong-(2,2).

We have  $M$  is strong-(p,p),  $1 < p < 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } p > 2, \quad \|Mf\|_p &= \sup \left\{ \left| \int Mf \cdot g \right| : \|g\|_{p'} \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= \sup \left\{ \left| \int f \cdot Mg \right| : \|g\|_{p'} \leq 1 \right\} \\ &\leq \|f\|_p \sup_{\|g\|_{p'} \leq 1} \|Mg\|_{p'} \\ &\leq C_p \|f\|_p. \quad \text{By Riesz. repr.} \end{aligned}$$

Rmk: i)  $C_p = O(p)$  ( $p \rightarrow \infty$ ),  $C_p = O(1/(1-p))$  ( $p \rightarrow 1$ )

ii) We can extend  $M$  on  $S$  to  $L^p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

When  $1 < p < \infty$  is routine, for  $p=1$ .

Let  $(f_n) \subset S \xrightarrow{L^1} f$ . Then  $f_n \xrightarrow{w} f$ .

By weak-(1,1),  $(Mf_n)$  is Cauchy in Leb-measure.

$\Rightarrow \exists$  subseq. a.e. converge to  $Mf$



iii) Strong- $(p, p)$  fails when  $p = 1, \infty$ .

set  $f = \chi_{(0,1]}$  .  $Hf(x) = \frac{1}{x} \log \left| \frac{x}{x-1} \right|$

### (3) Truncated Form:

Def:  $M_\varepsilon f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \int_{|y| \geq \varepsilon} \frac{f(x-y)}{y} dy$  . for  $f \in L^p$  .  $p \geq 1$ .

Thm.  $M_\varepsilon$  is weak- $(1,1)$  . Strong- $(p,p)$  .  $1 < p < \infty$  .  $\Sigma \geq 0$   
with const  $C_p^\varepsilon$  . uniform bdd with  $\varepsilon$ .

Pf: 1') Weak- $(1,1)$  is identical argue as  $H$ .

2') Strong- $(2,2)$ : Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{1}{y} \chi_{|y| \geq \varepsilon} \right)^\wedge(\xi) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\varepsilon < |y| \leq N} e^{-2\pi i y \xi} / y dy \\ &= -2i \operatorname{sgn}(\xi) \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{2\pi \varepsilon |\xi|}^{2\pi N |\xi|} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow L_2^\varepsilon$  is uniform bdd.

3') By interpolation and dual argue

Solve  $2 < p < \infty$ .

Thm. For  $f \in L^p$  .  $1 \leq p < \infty$  .  $M_\varepsilon f \xrightarrow{L^p} Hf$  . if  $p > 1$ .

$M_\varepsilon f \xrightarrow{m} Hf$  if  $p = 1$ .

Pf: Approx  $f$  by  $(f_n) \subset S$ .

$$Hf = \lim_n Hf_n = \lim_n \lim_\varepsilon M_\varepsilon f_n = \lim_\varepsilon \lim_n M_\varepsilon f_n = \lim_\varepsilon H_\varepsilon f$$

follows from the uniform bdd const.  $C_p$ .



Thm.  $H^*f = \sup_{\varepsilon > 0} |H_\varepsilon f|$  is weak-(1,1), strong-(p,p),  $1 < p < \infty$ .

Lemma.  $H^*f \leq M(Hf) + Cmf$ .  $\forall f \in S$ .

Pf: Prove for each  $H_\varepsilon$ .  $C^\infty$  is indept with  $\varepsilon$ .

Fix  $\phi \geq 0 \in S$ . even.  $\downarrow$  on  $(0, \infty)$ .  $\text{supp } \phi = \{x | x < \frac{1}{\eta}\}$

$\int \phi = 1$ . Set  $\phi_\varepsilon(x) = \varepsilon^{-1} \phi(x/\varepsilon)$ .

$$\frac{1}{\eta} \chi_{|y| > \varepsilon} = \phi_\varepsilon * p.v. \frac{1}{x} + \left( \frac{1}{\eta} \chi_{\varepsilon |y| > \varepsilon} - \square \right).$$

$$=: A + B$$

$$1') |A(y)| \leq \|\phi\|, M(Hf).$$

$$2') \text{ For } B: \text{ Fix } \varepsilon = 1.$$

$$\text{If } |y| > 1. \quad |B| = \left| \int_{|x| < \frac{1}{\eta}} \phi(x) \left( \frac{1}{\eta} - \frac{1}{\eta-x} \right) dx \right|$$

$$\lesssim 1/|y|^2.$$

$$\text{If } |y| < 1. \quad |B| = 1 - \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{|x| > \varepsilon} \frac{\phi(\eta-x)}{x} dx$$

$$\leq \left| \int_{|x| < \varepsilon} \frac{\phi(\eta-x) - \phi(\eta)}{x} dx \right|$$

$$\leq C$$

$\Rightarrow |B| \leq C/|y|^2$ . satisfies radial ... condition

$$S, \quad |B(f)| \lesssim Mf.$$

Return to pf.

By Lemma  $\Rightarrow H^*$  is strong-(p,p),  $1 < p < \infty$ .

For weak-(1,1):

Fix  $f \in L'$ . suppose  $f \geq 0$ .  $C-\infty$  Decompose  $f$  in height  $\lambda > 0$ :

$$f = g + b = g + \sum b_j$$

good part is trivial by strong-(2,2) of  $H^*$ .



Similarly, prove:  $|\{x \in \mathcal{N}^* \mid M^*b(x) > \lambda\}| \leq \frac{C}{\lambda} \|b\|_1$

$\mathcal{N}^* = \bigcup I_j$ .  $\mathcal{N} = \bigcup I_j$ .  $c_j$  is center of  $I_j$ .

Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ .  $x \in \mathcal{N}^*$ .

$$(a) (x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon) \cap I_j = I_j \Rightarrow M_\varepsilon b_j = 0$$

$$(b) (x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon) \cap I_j = \emptyset \Rightarrow |M_\varepsilon b_j| = |M b_j| \leq \frac{|I_j|}{|x - c_j|^2} \|b_j\|_1$$

$$(c) x - \varepsilon \in I_j \text{ or } x + \varepsilon \in I_j \Rightarrow I_j \subset (x - 3\varepsilon, x + 3\varepsilon)$$

$$\forall \eta \in I_j. |x - \eta| > \frac{\varepsilon}{3}$$

$$\therefore |M_\varepsilon b_j(x)| \leq \frac{3}{\varepsilon} \int_{x-3\varepsilon}^{x+3\varepsilon} |b_j(\eta)| d\eta$$

$$\Rightarrow |M_\varepsilon b(x)| \leq \sum_j \frac{|I_j|}{|x - c_j|^2} \|b_j\|_1 + C m b$$

$$|\mathcal{N}^{*c} \cap \{M^*b \geq \lambda\}| \leq |\mathcal{N}^{*c} \cap \{M_\varepsilon b \geq \frac{\lambda}{2}\}| + |\{M b \geq \frac{\lambda}{2}\}|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_j \|b_j\|_1 \int_{|x-c_j| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{3}} \frac{|I_j|}{|x - c_j|^2} dx + \frac{C}{\lambda} \|b\|_1$$

$$\leq \frac{C}{\lambda} \|b\|_1 \leq \frac{2C}{\lambda} \|f\|_1$$

Cor.  $M_\varepsilon f \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} Mf$  a.e.  $\forall f \in L^p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

#### (4) Multipliers:

Def:  $m \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is multiplier of operator  $T_m$

if  $(T_m f)^\wedge(\xi) = m(\xi) \hat{f}(\xi)$

When  $T_m$  can be extended to bdd operator on  $L^p$ . Then we say  $m$  is multiplier on  $L^p$ .

Thm:  $T_m$  is bdd on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $\|T_m\| = \|m\|_\infty$ .

Pf:  $\|T_m f\|_2 \leq \|m\|_\infty \|f\|_2$ . By Plancherel.

Conversely, set  $f = \hat{f} = \chi_A$ .  $A = \{ |m| > \|m\|_\infty - \varepsilon \}$



where  $\epsilon$  small enough.  $m(A) < \infty$ .

eq. i)  $m(\zeta) = -i \operatorname{sgn}(\zeta)$ , multiplier of Hilbert Transf.

ii) Def:  $m_{a,b}(\zeta) = \chi_{(a,b)}(\zeta)$ , multiplier of  $S_{a,b}$ .

recover  $S_{a,b} = \frac{i}{2} (M_a M_{b-a} - m_b M_{b-a})$ .

where  $M_n f(x) = e^{22inx} f(x)$ , bdd on  $L^p$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ .

Pf: Multiplier of  $i M_a M_{b-a}$  is  $\operatorname{sgn}(\zeta - a)$ .

prop.  $S_{a,b}$  is strong-c.p.p.,  $1 < p < \infty$ , for  $\forall$   
 $-\infty \leq a < b \leq \infty$

Cor. Set  $a=b=R$ . Then  $S_R f = P_R * f$ .

$P_R$  is Dirichlet kernel. So:

$$\|S_R f - f\|_p \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} 0, \forall f \in L^p, 1 < p < \infty.$$

Rmk:  $p=1$ , the converge only hold in measure.

prop. If  $m$  is func. of BV on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $m$  is  
a multiplier on  $L^p$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ .

Pf: Note  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-N}^N |d\mu| = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} TV_m[-N, N] < \infty$ .

suppose  $m(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} 0$ ,  $m$  is right-cont.

$$\Rightarrow m(\zeta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\zeta} d\mu(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi_{(-\infty, \zeta)}(\zeta) d\mu(t).$$

$$\text{recover } T_m f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} S_{\zeta, m} f(x) d\mu(\zeta).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So: } \|T_m f\|_p &\stackrel{\text{Minkowski}}{\leq} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} |d\mu| \right) \|S_{\zeta, m} f\|_p \\ &\leq C_p \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} |d\mu| \right) \|f\|_p \end{aligned}$$



prop. If  $m$  is multiplier on  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then:

$m(\xi + \eta)$ ,  $m(\lambda \xi)$ ,  $m(c\xi)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{O}(n)$   
are all multipliers on  $L^p$ . with same norm.

Pf. By property of Fourier Transf.

Rmk.  $m$  is multiplier on  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .  $\Rightarrow \tilde{m}(\xi) = m(\xi)$  is  
multiplier on  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .  $T_{\tilde{m}} f(x) = T_m f(\cdot, x_2, \dots, x_n)(x_1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} B_2: \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |T_{\tilde{m}} f|^p &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^1} |T_m f(\cdot, \dots)(x_1)|^p \\ &\leq C \|f\|_p^p. \end{aligned}$$

prop.  $P \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , convex polyhedron that contains  
origin. Then  $\|S_{\lambda P} f - f\|_p \xrightarrow{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} 0$ ,  $\forall 1 < p < \infty$ .

$S_{\lambda P}$  is operator with multiplier  $\chi_{\lambda P}$ .

Rmk.  $n > 1$ , the operator with multiplier  
 $\chi_{\mathbb{O}(n,1)}$  won't be bad on  $L^p$ ,  $p \neq 2$ .