

# BMO spaces in von Neumann algebras

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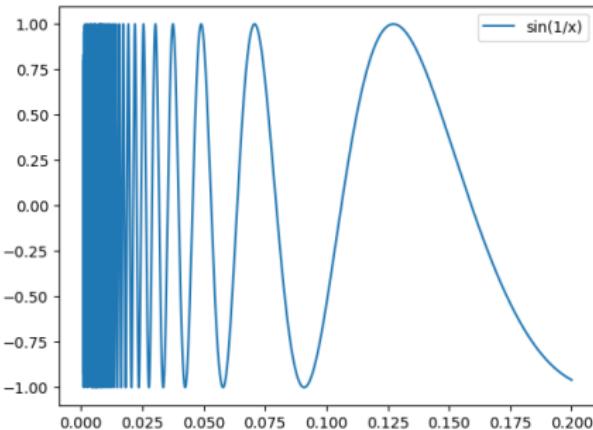
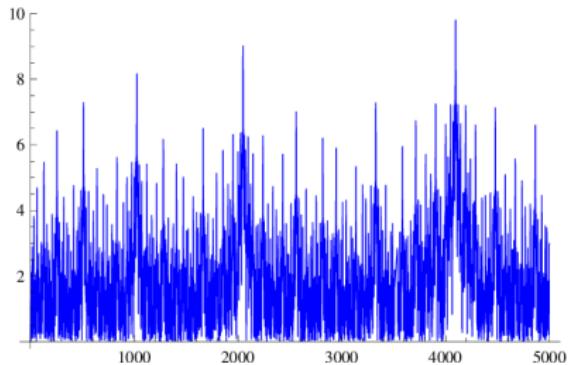
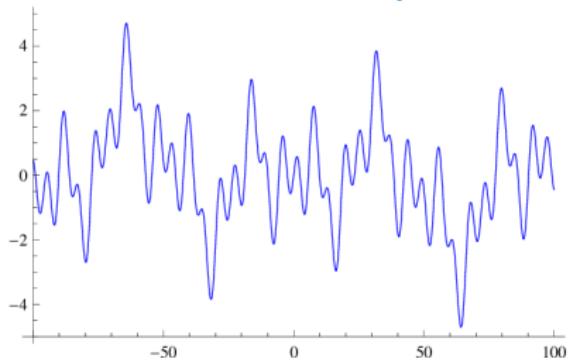
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# Overview

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# Classical BMO spaces



## Classical BMO spaces

"Mean difference to the average". If  $Q$  is a cube in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , set

$$f_Q = \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q f dx.$$

$$\text{"mean oscillation over } Q\text{"} = \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f - f_Q|^2 dx$$

$$\|f\|_{\text{BMO}} = \sup_Q \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f - f_Q|^2 dx \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{BMO} = \{f \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n) : \|f\|_{\text{BMO}} < \infty\}.$$

$\|f\|_{\text{BMO}} = 0$  iff  $f$  is constant

- $H_1^* \cong \text{BMO}$ . - Fefferman/Stein duality
- $[L_1, \text{BMO}]_{1/p} \cong L_p$  - Complex interpolation

# Preliminaries

## Definition

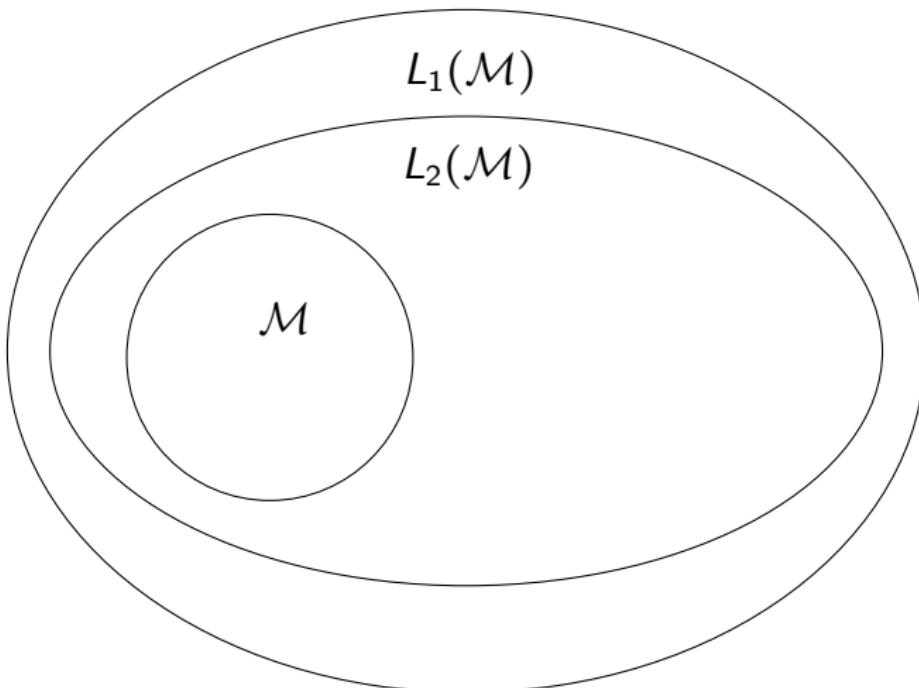
A von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{M}$  is called  **$\sigma$ -finite** if there exists a normal faithful (n.f.) state  $\varphi \in \mathcal{M}^*$ . It is called **finite** if there exists a n.f. *tracial* state  $\tau \in \mathcal{M}^*$ .

Example of a  $\sigma$ -finite von Neumann algebra:

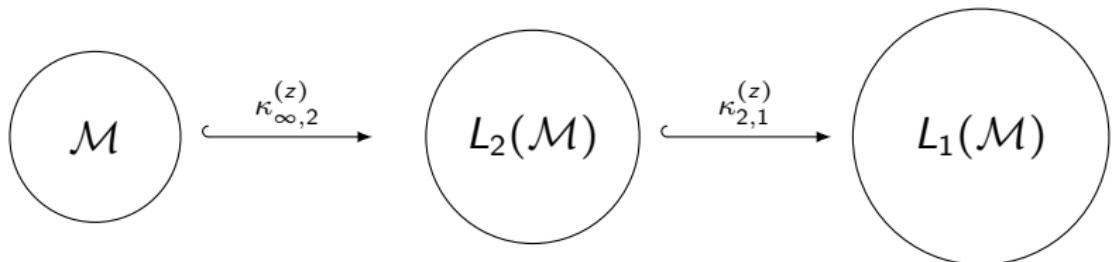
- Quantum group  $SU_q(2)$ , von Neumann algebra  $L_\infty(SU_q(2))$ , n.f. Haar state  $\varphi$

## $L_p$ spaces in finite von Neumann algebras

$$L_p(\mathcal{M}, \tau) = \{x \in \overline{\mathcal{M}} \mid \|x\|_p := \tau(|x|^p)^{1/p} < \infty\}.$$



## $L_p$ spaces in $\sigma$ -finite von Neumann algebras



- $z \in [-1, 1]$
- $\kappa_{q,p}^{(z)}(x)^* = \kappa_{q,p}^{(-z)}(x^*)$
- $(\kappa_{2,1}^{(1)} \circ \kappa_{\infty,2}^{(-1)})(x) = (\kappa_{2,1}^{(-1)} \circ \kappa_{\infty,2}^{(1)})(x) = \kappa_{\infty,1}^{(0)}(x)$

## History of noncommutative BMO spaces

- (Pisier-Xu, '97) - Martingale BMO spaces,  $(H_1)^*$  – BMO duality. Requires filtration of von Neumann algebra.
- (Mei, '08), (Junge-Mei, '12) - Semigroup BMO spaces for finite von Neumann algebras, interpolation results, 'abstract'  $(h_1)^*$  – BMO duality.
- (Caspers, '19) - Semigroup BMO for  $\sigma$ -finite von Neumann algebras, interpolation results. Uses a 'smaller' BMO space.

# Markov semigroups

## Definition

Let  $(\mathcal{M}, \varphi)$  be a von Neumann algebra. A (GNS-symmetric)

**Markov semigroup** is a semigroup of linear operators

$(T_t)_{t \geq 0} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  satisfying

- i)  $T_t$  is normal ucp,  $t \geq 0$ ,
- ii)  $\varphi(T_t(x)y) = \varphi(xT_t(y))$ ,  $x, y \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $t \geq 0$  (GNS-symmetry)
- iii) The mapping  $t \mapsto T_t(x)$  is strongly continuous,  $x \in \mathcal{M}$ .

It is called  $\varphi$ -**modular** if  $T_t \circ \sigma_s^\varphi = \sigma_s^\varphi \circ T_t$  for all  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

The  $T_t$  can be extended to  $L_p(\mathcal{M})$ .

# BMO for finite von Neumann algebras

$$\text{Classical case: } \|f\|_{\text{BMO}} = \sup_Q \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f - f_Q|^2 dx \right)^{1/2}$$

$(\mathcal{M}, \tau)$  finite von Neumann algebra.

## Definition

Let  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a Markov semigroup on  $\mathcal{M}$ . The **column** respectively **row BMO norm** is defined as

$$\|x\|_{\text{BMO}^c} = \sup_{t \geq 0} \|T_t(|x - T_t(x)|^2)\|_{\infty}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \|x\|_{\text{BMO}^r} = \|x^*\|_{\text{BMO}^c}.$$

The **BMO norm** is given by

$$\|x\|_{\text{BMO}} = \max\{\|x\|_{\text{BMO}^c}, \|x\|_{\text{BMO}^r}\}.$$

Also defined for  $x \in L_p(\mathcal{M})$ ,  $2 \leq p < \infty$ .

These are seminorms!

## BMO for finite von Neumann algebras

Need to remove (among others) multiples of the identity.

$$L_p^\circ(\mathcal{M}) := \{x \in L_p(\mathcal{M}) : T_t(x) \rightarrow 0\}, \quad 1 \leq p < \infty,$$

$$\mathcal{M}^\circ := \{x \in \mathcal{M} : T_t(x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ in the weak-* topology.}\}$$

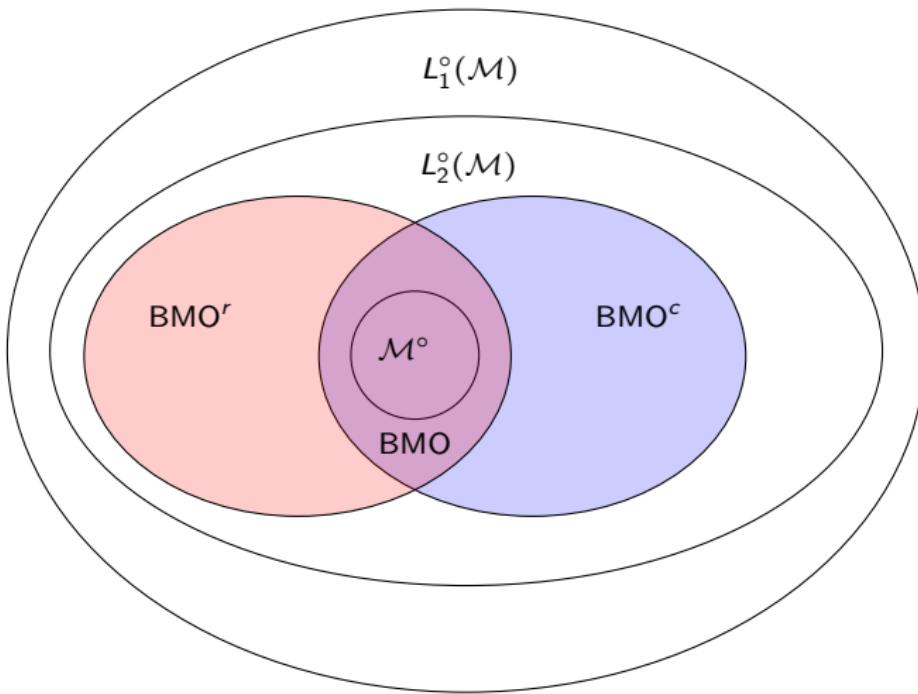
BMO is a norm on  $L_p^\circ(\mathcal{M})$ ,  $2 \leq p < \infty$ . The BMO spaces are defined as

$$\text{BMO} = \{x \in L_2^\circ(\mathcal{M}) : \|x\|_{\text{BMO}} < \infty\},$$

and similarly for  $\text{BMO}^c$ ,  $\text{BMO}^r$

# BMO for finite von Neumann algebras

$$\|x\|_{\text{BMO}} = \max\{\|x\|_{\text{BMO}^c}, \|x\|_{\text{BMO}^r}\}.$$

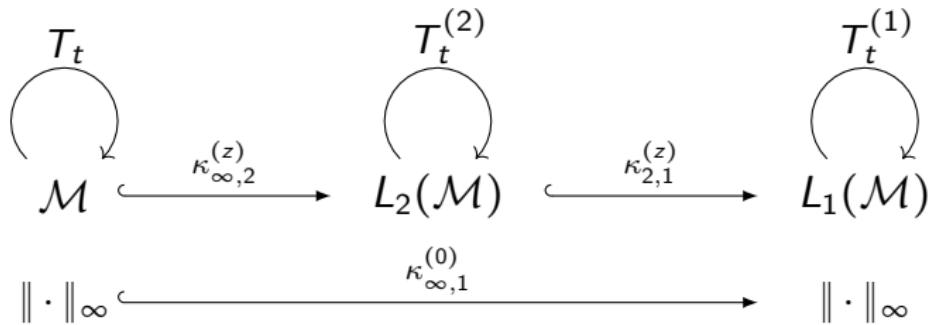


# BMO for $\sigma$ -finite von Neumann algebras

Finite case:

$$\|x\|_{\text{BMO}^c} = \sup_{t \geq 0} \|T_t(|x - T_t(x)|^2)\|_{\infty}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad x \in L_2(\mathcal{M})$$

From now on,  $(\mathcal{M}, \varphi)$  is a  $\sigma$ -finite von Neumann algebra.



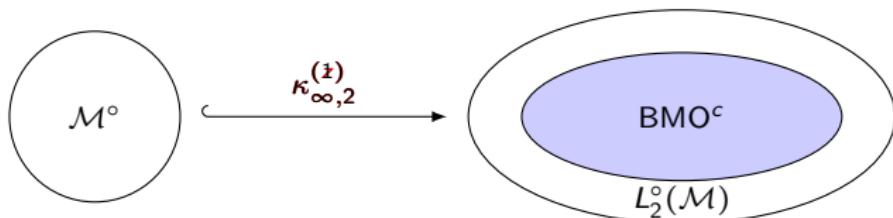
We henceforth assume  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  to be  $\varphi$ -modular!

$$\|x\|_{\text{BMO}^c} = \sup_{t \geq 0} \|T_t^{(1)}(|x - T_t^{(2)}(x)|^2)\|_{\infty}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad x \in L_2(\mathcal{M})$$

## BMO for $\sigma$ -finite von Neumann algebras

Again,  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{BMO}^c}$  is a norm on  $L_2^\circ(\mathcal{M})$ .

$$\text{BMO}^c = \{x \in L_2^\circ(\mathcal{M}) : \|x\|_{\text{BMO}^c} < \infty\}.$$



We can also define  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{BMO}^c}$  on  $\mathcal{M}$ !

$$\|x\|_{\text{BMO}^c} = \sup_{t \geq 0} \|T_t(|x - T_t(x)|^2)\|_\infty^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad x \in \mathcal{M}$$

## BMO for $\sigma$ -finite von Neumann algebras

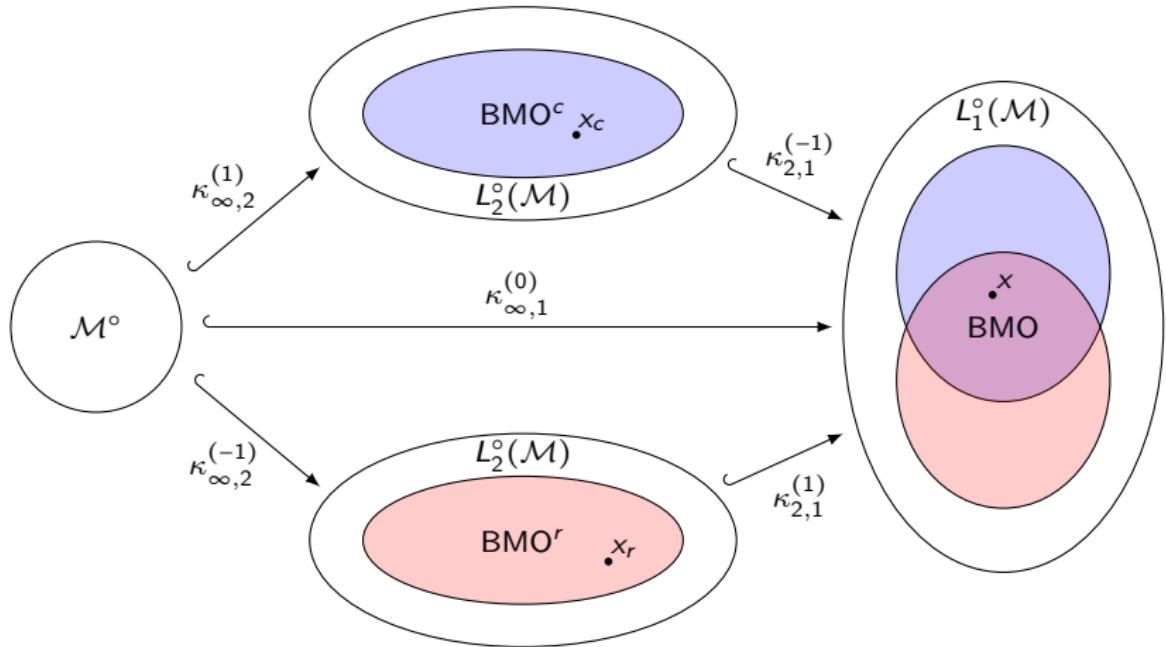
$$\|x\|_{\text{BMO}^c} = \|\kappa_{\infty,2}^{(1)}(x)\|_{\text{BMO}^c}, \quad \|x\|_{\text{BMO}^r} = \|\kappa_{\infty,2}^{(-1)}(x)\|_{\text{BMO}^r}$$

How to define  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{BMO}}$ ? For  $x \in \mathcal{M}$ , we have

$$\|x\|_{\text{BMO}} = \max\{\|x\|_{\text{BMO}^c}, \|x\|_{\text{BMO}^r}\}$$

but if we do this for  $x \in L_2^\circ(\mathcal{M})$ , then there is no embedding preserving the BMO-norm!

# BMO for $\sigma$ -finite von Neumann algebras



$$\|x\|_{\text{BMO}} = \max\{\|x_c\|_{\text{BMO}^c}, \|x_r\|_{\text{BMO}^r}\}.$$

## A predual for $\text{BMO}^c$

Goal: create ‘abstract’ predual  $h_r^1$  for  $\text{BMO}^c$ . For  $y \in L_2^\circ(\mathcal{M})$ :

$$\|y\|_{h_1^r} = \sup_{\|x\|_{\text{BMO}^c} \leq 1} |\langle y, x^* \rangle|.$$

We set

$$h_1^r = \overline{L_2^\circ(\mathcal{M})}^{\|\cdot\|_{h_1^r}}.$$

# A predual for BMO

## Proposition

$$BMO^c \cong (h_1^r)^*, \quad BMO^r \cong (h_1^c)^*$$

## Theorem (See Bergh-Löfström)

Let  $(A_0, A_1)$  be a compatible couple such that  $A_0 \cap A_1$  is dense in  $A_0$  and  $A_1$ . Then

$$(A_0 + A_1)^* \cong A_0^* \cap A_1^*.$$

Idea: find suitable compatible couple structure for  $(h_1^r, h_1^c)$ , set  $h_1 = h_1^r + h_1^c$ .

# A predual for BMO

Theorem (Caspers-V.)

$(\mathcal{M}, \varphi)$   $\sigma$ -finite. Set  $h_1 = h_1^c + h_1^r$ . Then  $(h_1)^* \cong BMO$ .

Corollary

$BMO$  is a Banach space.

## Interpolation

Theorem (Junge-Mei '12)

Let  $(\mathcal{M}, \tau)$  be a finite von Neumann algebra and assume  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is a Markov semigroup on  $\mathcal{M}$  that admits a standard Markov dilation. Then

$$L_{pq}^\circ(\mathcal{M}) = [BMO, L_p^\circ(\mathcal{M})]_{1/q}$$

Theorem (Caspers '19, Caspers-V.)

Let  $(\mathcal{M}, \varphi)$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite von Neumann algebra and assume  $(T_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is a  $\varphi$ -modular Markov semigroup on  $\mathcal{M}$  that admits a standard Markov dilation. Then

$$L_{pq}^\circ(\mathcal{M}) = [BMO, L_p^\circ(\mathcal{M})]_{1/q}$$