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## Some recent results on the norm of localization operators



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# Summary

# Chapter 1

## Introduction

# Chapter 2

## Preliminaries

In this first chapter we briefly recall some basic definition and results about functional analysis and Fourier transform. In section 2.1 basic concepts about operators between Banach spaces are presented. In section 2.2 Fourier transform is defined and essential properties are given.

### 2.1 Basics of Functional Analysis

In this section we focus our attention on linear operator between Banach spaces. Across the section a generic Banach space will be denoted as  $X$  (or  $Y$ ) endowed with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_X$ . In case  $X$  is an Hilbert space we will denote its inner product as  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_X$ . A generic linear operator between two Banach spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  will be denoted as  $T : X \rightarrow Y$ . As a standard notation, the image of  $x \in X$  through  $T$  will be denoted as  $T(x)$  or equivalently as  $Tx$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A linear operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be **bounded** if there exist  $C > 0$  such that

$$\|Tx\|_Y \leq C\|x\|_X \quad \forall x \in X \quad (2.1)$$

For linear operator boundedness is strictly related to continuity as the subsequent theorem states

**Theorem 2.2.** For a linear operator  $T$  the following statements are equivalent:

- $T$  is continuous
- $T$  is bounded.

For the sake of completeness we mention that actually, for linear operators, boundedness is equivalent to uniform continuity.

After this we define the *norm* of an operator

**Definition 2.3.** Given a linear bounded operator  $T$  we define its **norm** as the following number:

$$\|T\| := \inf\{C > 0 : \|Tx\|_Y \leq C\|x\|_X \quad \forall x \in X\} = \sup\left\{\frac{\|Tx\|_Y}{\|x\|_X} : x \in X \setminus \{0\}\right\}$$

The proof of the equivalence between two definition is straightforward. We see that the norm of an operator is the best constant for which boundedness property (2.1) holds. Sometimes, in order to emphasize the spaces between which  $T$  operates, we may write the norm of  $T$  as  $\|T\|_{X \rightarrow Y}$ .

In the following we will mostly deal with  $X$  and  $Y$  being  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , which is an Hilbert space. For operators between Hilbert spaces we can give the norm of an operator by means of the dual norm **CONTROLLARE**:

$$\|T\| = \sup\{\langle Tx, y \rangle_X : x, y \in X\}$$

An important class of operators is the class of *compact operators*.

**Definition 2.4.** A linear bounded operator  $T$  is **compact** if for every bounded sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset X$  the sequence of the images  $\{Tx_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset Y$  has a converging subsequence.

The property of compactness can be stated in multiple ways **SERVE SCRIVERLE?**

Now we suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  to be Hilbert spaces. Given a linear bounded operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  we know that there exist a unique linear bonded operator  $T^* : Y \rightarrow X$  such that:

$$\langle Tx, y \rangle_X = \langle x, T^*y \rangle_Y \quad \forall x \in X, y \in Y$$

$T^*$  is called the **adjoint** operator of  $T$ . In the particular case in which  $T : X \rightarrow X$ , if  $T = T^*$  we say that  $T$  is **self-adjoint**.

From now on we suppose that  $X$  is over the field of complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$  and that  $T : X \rightarrow X$ .

**Definition 2.5.** The set  $\sigma(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : T - \lambda I \text{ is not invertible}\}$  is called the **spectrum** of  $T$ .

For operators between finite-dimensional spaces (matrices) the spectrum is made up of *eigenvalues*, those  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $T - \lambda I$  is not injective, because in this case  $T - \lambda I$  is not injective if and only if it is not surjective. On the other hand, when dealing with infinite-dimensional spaces, this is no more true. Eigenvalues are in the so called *punctual spectrum*, which in general is just a part of the whole spectrum.

If an operator is compact or self-adjoint its spectrum has some additional properties.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a compact operator. Then

- Norma operatoriale (FATTO)
- Operatori autoaggiunti? (FATTO)
- Operatori compatti (FATTO)
- Operatori di classe traccia
- Spettro operatori
- Operatori di Hilbert-Schmidt?

## 2.2 Fourier Transform and its properties

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . We define the **Fourier transform** of  $f$  the function

$$\mathcal{F}f(\omega) = \hat{f}(\omega) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-2\pi i \omega \cdot t} f(t) dt \quad (2.2)$$

It's straightforward to see that the definition is well-posed and that  $\mathcal{F}f \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $\|\mathcal{F}f\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_1$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{F}$  can be seen as a linear operator between  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $\|\mathcal{F}\| = 1$  (from the previous inequality actually we saw that  $\|\mathcal{F}\| \leq 1$  but if we take  $f \geq 0$  a.e. we have that  $\hat{f}(0) = \|f\|_1$  that gives us the equality).

If  $f$  is in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , the integral in (2.2) in general will not converge. Nevertheless we can define the Fourier transform of an  $L^2$  function through a density argument. There are many dense subspaces in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  to do so. One possible choice is to use the Schwartz class  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Another choice is to use  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . On this space one can show that the Fourier transform is an isometry with respect to the  $L^2$  norm and **CONTINUARE**.

- Defizione trasformata
- Disuguaglianza di Hausdorff-Young
- Teorema di Plancherel
- Formula di inversione
- Proprietà di decadimento e regolarità



## Chapter 3

# Short-Time Fourier Transform

### 3.1 STFT

The *short-time Fourier transform* or *STFT* is a powerful tool, introduced by Gabor in **AGGIUNGERE CITAZIONE E CONTROLLARE CHE SIA CORRETTA**, used to study properties of a signal locally both in time and frequency. The main idea behind the STFT is the following: if we want some information of the spectrum of a signal around a specific time, say  $T$ , we could choose an interval  $(T - \Delta T, T + \Delta T)$  and take the Fourier transform of  $f\chi_{(T-\Delta T, T+\Delta T)}$ . Usually multiplying by a characteristic function will not give us a regular function (not even continuous) and in light of the duality between regularity and decay, the Fourier transform of  $f\chi_{(T-\Delta T, T+\Delta T)}$  will not decay rapidly. Therefore a sharp cutoff in the time domain will result in a “bad” localization in the frequency domain. In order to avoid this kind of problems we could think to multiply the signal  $f$  by a smooth function.

**Definition 3.1.** Fix a function  $\phi \neq 0$  called window function. The *short-time Fourier transform* of a function  $f$  with window  $\phi$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{V}_\phi f(x, \omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t) \overline{\phi(t-x)} e^{-2\pi i \omega \cdot t} dt, \quad (x, \omega) \in \mathbb{R}^{2d} \quad (3.1)$$

In the above definition did not specify where  $f$  and  $\phi$  are chosen. Since we are taking the Fourier transform of the function  $fT_x\bar{\phi}$ , the STFT is well defined whenever the Fourier transform of this function is. For example if both  $f$  and  $\phi$  are in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  then  $fT_x\bar{\phi}$  is in  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and so the integral in (3.1) is defined. In this special case the STFT can be written as a scalar product:

$$\mathcal{V}_\phi f(x, \omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(t) \overline{\phi(t-x)} e^{-2\pi i \omega \cdot t} dt = \langle f, M_\omega T_x \phi \rangle$$

In general, the STFT of  $f$  with respect to  $\phi$  will be defined whenever  $\langle f, M_\omega T_x \phi \rangle$  is an expression of some sort of duality. For example, if  $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $\phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  then  $M_\omega T_x \bar{\phi} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , therefore  $\langle f, M_\omega T_x \phi \rangle$  can be seen as the usual duality between tempered distributions and functions in the Schwartz space.

**AGGIUNGERE ALTRE DEFINIZIONI EQUIVALENTI DELLA STFT?**

### 3.1.1 Properties of STFT

In this section we will present and prove some properties about the STFT. An excellent reference is [grochenig].

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $f_1, f_2, \phi_1, \phi_2 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Then  $\mathcal{V}_{\phi_i} f_i \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$  and the following holds:*

$$\langle \mathcal{V}_{\phi_1} f_1, \mathcal{V}_{\phi_2} f_2 \rangle = \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle \overline{\langle \phi_1, \phi_2 \rangle} \quad (3.2)$$

*Proof.* VA MESSA?? □

**Corollary 3.3.** *If  $f, \phi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  then*

$$\|\mathcal{V}_\phi f\|_2 = \|f\|_2 \|\phi\|_2$$

*In particular if  $\|\phi\|_2 = 1$  we see that  $\mathcal{V}_\phi$  is an isometry from  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  into  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ .*

*Proof.* VA MESSA?? □

From a direct computation one can see that the adjoint operator of the STFT operator  $\mathcal{V}_\phi$  is given by the following expression:

$$\mathcal{V}_\phi^* g(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} g(x, \omega) \phi(t - x) e^{2\pi i \omega \cdot t} dx d\omega = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} g(x, \omega) M_\omega T_x \phi(t) dx d\omega \quad \forall g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^{2d}) \quad (3.3)$$

This adjoint operator appears in the following nice property

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $\phi, \gamma \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$  such that  $\langle \phi, \gamma \rangle \neq 0$ . Then:*

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\langle \phi, \gamma \rangle} \mathcal{V}_\gamma^* \mathcal{V}_\phi f(t) = \frac{1}{\langle \phi, \gamma \rangle} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} \mathcal{V}_\phi f(x, \omega) M_\omega T_x \gamma(t) dx d\omega \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad (3.4)$$

*Proof.* VA MESSA?? □

Therefore the adjoint operator  $\mathcal{V}_\gamma^*$  acts, in some sense, as an inverse operator. This will be of paramount importance in the following.

- Relazione di ortogonalità
- Formula di inversione

## 3.2 Fock Space and Bargmann Transform

## Chapter 4

# Uncertainty principles

### 4.1 Heisenberg's uncertainty principle

### 4.2 Donoho-Stark's uncertainty principle

### 4.3 Lieb's uncertainty principle

### 4.4 Nicola-Tilli's uncertainty principle or Faber-Krahn Inequality for the STFT

Theorem from [nicolatilli\_fk]

**Theorem 4.1.** *For every  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  such that  $\|f\|_{L^2} = 1$  and every measurable subset  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{2d}$  with finite measure we have*

$$\int_{\Omega} |\mathcal{V}f(x, \omega)|^2 dx d\omega \leq G(|\Omega|)$$

where  $G(s)$  is given by

$$G(s) := \int_0^s e^{(-d!\tau)^{1/d}} d\tau \tag{4.1}$$

## Chapter 5

# Localization Operators

- Definizione
- Operatori di proiezione
- Operatori di localizzazione di Daubechies
- Proprietà di limitatezza e compattezza
- Autovalori e autofunzioni

# Chapter 6

## Recent results

### 6.1 Norm of localization operators: results from Nicola-Tilli

### 6.2 Generic case

Let's now consider the case where both  $p$  and  $q$  are neither 1 or  $+\infty$ . The result presented in [nicolatilli\_norm] include the case ...

$$\|L_F\|_{L_2 \rightarrow L_2} \leq \min\{\kappa_p^{d\kappa_p} A, \kappa_q^{d\kappa_q} B\}$$

Suppose that the minimum is given by  $\kappa_p^{d\kappa_p} A$ , therefore

$$\kappa_p^{d\kappa_p} A \leq \kappa_q^{d\kappa_q} B \iff \frac{B}{A} \geq \left(\frac{\kappa_p^p}{\kappa_q^q}\right)^d$$

We can check if the solution of the problem with just the  $L^p$  bound solves also the problem with both bounds, that is  $F\|_{L^q} \leq B$ , where  $F$  is given by ...

$$\|F\|_{L^q}^q = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} |F(z)|^q dz = \dots = \lambda^q \left(\frac{p-1}{q}\right)^d$$

Since we want  $F$  to satisfy the  $L^q$  constraint we should have

$$\frac{B}{A} \geq \kappa_p^{d(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{p})} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{\frac{d}{q}}$$

It would be nice if this bound was less restrictive than the first one. Unfortunately that's not the case, in fact it's always true that

$$\left(\frac{p'}{q'}\right)^{\frac{1}{q'}} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq 1$$

Following the path in **[nicolatilli\_norm]** we obtain ...

$$G'(u(t)) = \lambda_1 t^{p-1} + \lambda_2 t^{q-1} \implies u(t) = \frac{1}{d!} \left[ -\log \left( \lambda_1 t^{p-1} + \lambda_2 t^{q-1} \right) \right]^d, \quad t \in (0, M)$$

Our main goal now is to show that multipliers  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  are unique and both positive.

The easiest fact to prove is that both multipliers are not 0. In fact if one, say  $\lambda_2$ , was 0, we would obtain that the solution of our problem is the same as the one with just the  $L^p$  bound. But we already know that this function does not satisfy the  $L^q$  constraint hence it is impossible that  $\lambda_2 = 0$ .

Suppose now that one of the multipliers, say always  $\lambda_2$ , is negative. Consider an interval  $[a, b] \subset (0, M)$  and a variation  $\eta \in L^\infty(0, M)$  supported in  $[a, b]$ . Thanks to the Gram-Schmidt process we can construct a variation orthogonal to  $t^{p-1}$ . Since  $\eta$  is arbitrary we can suppose that it is not orthogonal to  $t^{q-1}$ , in particular we can suppose that  $\int_a^b t^{q-1} \eta(t) dt < 0$ . Therefore the directional derivative of  $G$  along  $\eta$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b G'(u(t)) \eta(t) dt &= \int_a^b (\lambda_1 t^{p-1} + \lambda_2 t^{q-1}) \eta(t) dt = \\ &= \lambda_2 \int_a^b t^{q-1} \eta(t) dt > 0 \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts the fact that  $u$  is a maximizer.

Now that we now that both multipliers are positive we can prove that  $u$  is continuous, which is equivalent to say that  $M = T$ , where  $T$  is the unique positive number such that  $\lambda_1 T^{p-1} + \lambda_2 T^{q-1} = 1$  (uniqueness of  $T$  follows from the positivity of multipliers). We start supposing that  $M < T$  which means that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow M^-} u(t) > 0$ . Consider the following variation

$$\eta(t) = \begin{cases} -1 + \alpha \frac{t}{M} + \beta, & t \in (M - M\delta, M) \\ 1, & t \in (M, M + M\delta) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $\delta > 0$  is small enough so that  $M - M\delta > 0$  and  $M + M\delta < T$  while  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are constants, depending on  $\delta$ , to be found. Since we want this to be an admissible variation we need to impose that  $\eta$  is orthogonal to  $t^{p-1}$  and  $t^{q-1}$ . For example, the first condition is:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_{M-M\delta}^{M+M\delta} t^{p-1} \eta(t) dt = - \int_{M-M\delta}^M t^{p-1} dt + \int_{M-M\delta}^M t^{p-1} \left( \alpha \frac{t}{M} + \beta \right) dt + \int_M^{M+M\delta} t^{p-1} dt \stackrel{\tau=t/M}{=} \\ &= M^p \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^{p-1} (\alpha \tau + \beta) d\tau - M^p \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^{p-1} d\tau + M^p \int_1^{1+\delta} \tau^{p-1} d\tau \stackrel{1/\delta}{=} \\ &\implies \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^{p-1} (\alpha \tau + \beta) d\tau = \alpha \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^p d\tau + \beta \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^{p-1} d\tau = \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^{p-1} d\tau - \int_1^{1+\delta} \tau^{p-1} d\tau \end{aligned}$$

The equation stemming from the orthogonality with  $t^{q-1}$  is analogous. Therefore we obtained a nonhomogeneous linear system for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  **VA RESO MEGLIO**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^p d\tau & \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^{p-1} d\tau \\ \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^q d\tau & \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^{q-1} d\tau \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^{p-1} d\tau - \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^{1+\delta} \tau^{p-1} d\tau \\ \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^{q-1} d\tau - \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^{1+\delta} \tau^{q-1} d\tau \end{pmatrix} \quad (6.1)$$

This system has a unique solution if and only if the determinant of the matrix is not 0. If we see it as a function of  $\delta$  we can expand the terms in a Taylor series:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^p d\tau \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^{q-1} d\tau - \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^q d\tau \int_{1-\delta}^1 \tau^{p-1} d\tau = \\ & = \left(1 - \frac{p}{2}\delta + \frac{p(p-1)}{6}\delta^2 + o(\delta^2)\right) \left(1 - \frac{q-1}{2}\delta + \frac{(q-1)(q-2)}{6}\delta^2 + o(\delta^2)\right) + \\ & - \left(1 - \frac{q}{2}\delta + \frac{q(q-1)}{6}\delta^2 + o(\delta^2)\right) \left(1 - \frac{p-1}{2}\delta + \frac{(p-1)(p-2)}{6}\delta^2 + o(\delta^2)\right) = \\ & = (1-1) + \delta \left(-\frac{q-1}{2} - \frac{p}{2} + \frac{p-1}{2} + \frac{q}{2}\right) \dots \\ & = \frac{p-q}{12}\delta^2 + o(\delta^2) \end{aligned}$$

therefore the determinant is always non 0.

The derivative of  $G$  along  $\eta$  is nonpositive because  $u$  is supposed to be a maximizer, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} 0 & \geq \int_{M-M\delta}^{M+M\delta} G'(u(t))\eta(t)dt = - \int_{M-M\delta}^M (\lambda_1 t^{p-1} + \lambda_2 t^{q-1}) dt + \\ & + \int_{M-M\delta}^M (\lambda_1 t^{p-1} + \lambda_2 t^{q-1}) \left(\alpha \frac{t}{M} + \beta\right) dt + \int_M^{M+M\delta} dt = \\ & = - \int_{M-M\delta}^M (\lambda_1 t^{p-1} + \lambda_2 t^{q-1}) dt + \lambda_1 M^p \int_{1-\delta}^1 t^{p-1}(\alpha t + \beta) dt + \\ & + \lambda_2 M^q \int_{1-\delta}^1 t^{q-1}(\alpha t + \beta) dt + M\delta \end{aligned}$$

Dividing by  $M\delta$  and rearranging we obtain:

$$\int_{M-M\delta}^M (\lambda_1 t^{p-1} + \lambda_2 t^{q-1}) dt \geq 1 + \lambda_1 M^{p-1} \int_{1-\delta}^1 t^{p-1}(\alpha t + \beta) dt + \lambda_2 M^{q-1} \int_{1-\delta}^1 t^{q-1}(\alpha t + \beta) dt \quad (6.2)$$

We notice that the last two terms are exactly the one that appear in the orthogonality condition, therefore to understand their behavior as  $\delta$  approaches 0 we need to study the right-hand side of the system (6.1). If we expand the first term in its Taylor series with respect to  $\delta$  we have:

$$\left(1 - \frac{p-1}{2}\delta + o(\delta)\right) - \left(1 + \frac{p-1}{2}\delta + o(\delta)\right) = -(p-1)\delta + o(\delta)$$

and the same is for the other term. Since they both are of order  $\delta$  if we let  $\delta \rightarrow 0^+$  in (6.2) we obtain

$$\lambda_1 M^{p-1} + \lambda_2 M^{q-1} \geq 1$$

Since the function  $\lambda_1 t^{p-1} + \lambda_2 t^{q-1}$  is strictly increasing (because  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are both positive)  $M \geq T$  which is absurd because we supposed that  $M < T$ .

Lastly we shall prove that multipliers  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$ , and hence maximizer, are unique. For this proof it is convenient to express  $u$  in a slightly different way:

$$u(t) = \frac{1}{d!} \left[ \text{Log}_- \left( (c_1 t)^{p-1} + (c_2 t)^{q-1} \right) \right]^d$$

To emphasize that  $u$  is parametrized by  $c_1, c_2$  we may write  $u(t; c_1, c_2)$ . Now we define

$$f(c_1, c_2) = p \int_0^T t^{p-1} u(t; c_1, c_2) dt, \quad g(c_1, c_2) = q \int_0^T t^{q-1} u(t; c_1, c_2) dt$$

We want to highlight that, even if not explicit, also  $T$  depends on  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ . Nevertheless these functions are differentiable since both  $T$  and  $u$  are differentiable with respect to  $(c_1, c_2)$ , functions  $t^{p-1}u$  and  $t^{q-1}u$  and their derivatives are bounded in  $(0, T)$ . Our maximizer  $u$  satisfies the constraints only if  $f(c_1, c_2) = A^p$ ,  $g(c_1, c_2) = B^q$ . Therefore to prove uniqueness of the maximizer we need to show that level sets  $\{f = A^p\}$  and  $\{g = B^q\}$  intersect in only a point.

First of all we are studying endpoints. For example, if  $c_2 = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(c_1, 0) &= p \int_0^{1/c_1} t^{p-1} \frac{1}{d!} \left[ -\log(c_1 t)^{p-1} \right]^d dt \stackrel{\tau = c_1 t}{=} \\ &= \frac{p(p-1)^d}{c_1^p d!} \int_0^1 \tau^{p-1} [-\log(\tau)]^d d\tau = \frac{\kappa_p^d}{c_1^p} = A^p \implies c_{1,f} = \frac{\kappa_p^{d/p}}{A} \end{aligned}$$

The same can be done for  $g$  and setting  $c_1 = 0$  thus we obtain four points

$$c_{1,f} = \frac{\kappa_p^{d/p}}{A}, \quad c_{1,g} = \left( \frac{p-1}{q} \right)^{d/q} \frac{1}{B}, \quad c_{2,f} = \left( \frac{q-1}{p} \right)^{d/p} \frac{1}{A}, \quad c_{2,g} = \frac{\kappa_q^{d/q}}{B}$$

In the regime we are considering one has that  $c_{1,f} < c_{1,g}$  and  $c_{2,f} > c_{2,g}$ , indeed

$$\begin{aligned} c_{1,f} < c_{1,g} &\iff \frac{\kappa_p^{d/p}}{A} < \left( \frac{p-1}{q} \right)^{d/q} \frac{1}{B} \iff \frac{B}{A} < \kappa_p^{d(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p})} \left( \frac{p}{q} \right)^{d/q} \\ c_{2,f} > c_{2,g} &\iff \left( \frac{q-1}{p} \right)^{d/p} \frac{1}{A} > \frac{\kappa_q^{d/q}}{B} \iff \frac{B}{A} > \kappa_q^{d(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q})} \left( \frac{q}{p} \right)^{d/p} \end{aligned}$$

Since there is this dispositions of these points we expect there is an intersection between the level sets. Firstly we notice that, for every  $c_1 \in (0, c_{1,f})$  there exist a unique value of  $c_2$  for which  $f(c_1, c_2) = A^p$ . Indeed, from previous computations we notice that  $f(c_1, 0)$  is



a decreasing function hence  $f(c_1, 0) > A^p$ , while  $\lim_{c_2 \rightarrow +\infty} f(c_1, c_2) = 0$ . The uniqueness of this value follows from strict monotonicity of  $f(c_1, \cdot)$ , in fact:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial c_1}(c_1, c_2) = -\frac{p(p-1)}{(d-1)!} c_1^{p-2} \int_0^T \frac{t^{2(p-1)}}{(c_1 t)^{p-1} + (c_2 t)^{q-1}} \left[ -\log \left( (c_1 t)^{p-1} + (c_2 t)^{q-1} \right) \right]^{d-1} dt \quad (6.3)$$

is always strictly negative. We point out that the term  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial c_1}(c_1, c_2)u(T; c_1, c_2)$  is zero because  $u$  is 0 in  $T$ . The same is true for  $g$ , therefore on the interval  $(0, c_{1,f})$  the level sets of  $f$  and  $g$  can be seen as the graph of two functions  $\varphi, \gamma$ . Since  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial c_2}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial c_2} < 0$  for every  $(c_1, c_2)$  from the implicit function theorem we have that  $\varphi$  and  $\gamma$  are differentiable with respect to  $c_1$ .

### Possibile disegno??

After defining  $\varphi$  and  $\gamma$  we want to prove that  $(\varphi - \gamma)' < 0$ . Still from the implicit function theorem we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dc_1}(\varphi - \gamma)(c_1) &= -\frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial c_1}(c_1, \varphi(c_1))}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial c_2}(c_1, \varphi(c_1))} + \frac{\frac{\partial g}{\partial c_1}(c_1, \gamma(c_1))}{\frac{\partial g}{\partial c_2}(c_1, \gamma(c_1))} < 0 \iff \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial c_1}(c_1, \varphi(c_1)) \frac{\partial g}{\partial c_2}(c_1, \gamma(c_1)) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial c_2}(c_1, \varphi(c_1)) \frac{\partial g}{\partial c_1}(c_1, \gamma(c_1)) &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

As for (6.3) the other derivatives are computed. To simplify the notation we define  $h(t; c_1, c_2) = \frac{1}{(d-1)!} \frac{1}{(c_1 t)^{p-1} + (c_2 t)^{q-1}} \left[ -\log \left( (c_1 t)^{p-1} + (c_2 t)^{q-1} \right) \right]^{d-1}$ . From Fubini's theorem we can write the product of the integrals as a double integral

$$\begin{aligned} &p(p-1)q(q-1)c_1^{p-2}\gamma(c_1)^{q-2} \iint_{[0,T]^2} h(t; c_1, \varphi(c_2))h(s; c_1, \gamma(c_2))t^{2(p-1)}s^{2(q-1)}dtds - \\ &p(q-1)q(p-1)c_1^{p-2}\varphi(c_1)^{q-2} \iint_{[0,T]^2} h(t; c_1, \varphi(c_2))h(s; c_1, \gamma(c_2))t^{p+q-2}s^{p+q-2}dtds \end{aligned}$$

At the intersection point  $\varphi(c_1) = \gamma(c_1)$  hence the sign of the previous expression depends only on the sign of

$$\begin{aligned} &\iint_{[0,T]^2} h(t; c_1, \varphi(c_1))h(s; c_1, \gamma(c_1)) \left( t^{2(p-1)}s^{2(q-1)} - t^{p+q-2}s^{p+q-2} \right) dtds = \\ &= \iint_{[0,T]^2} h(t; c_1, \varphi(c_1))h(s; c_1, \gamma(c_1))t^{p-2}s^{q-2} (t^p s^q - t^q s^p) dtds \end{aligned}$$

In order to simplify the notation once again we set  $H(t, s; c_1) = h(t; c_1, \varphi(c_1))h(s; c_1, \gamma(c_1))$ . Let  $T_1 = [0, T]^2 \cap \{t > s\}$  and  $T_2 = [0, T]^2 \cap \{t < s\}$ . We can split the above integral in two parts

$$\iint_{T_1} H(t, s; c_1)t^{p-2}s^{q-2} (t^p s^q - t^q s^p) dtds + \iint_{T_2} H(t, s; c_1)t^{p-2}s^{q-2} (t^p s^q - t^q s^p) dtds$$

We can exchange  $t$  with  $s$  in the second integral. With this change of variables the domain of integration becomes  $T_1$  and since  $H$  is symmetric in  $t$  and  $s$  we have that the previous quantity is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{T_1} H(t, s; c_1) \left( t^{p-2} s^{q-2} - t^{q-2} s^{p-2} \right) (t^p s^q - t^q s^p) dt ds = \\ & \iint_{T_1} H(t, s; c_1) \frac{1}{t^2 s^2} (t^p s^q - t^q s^p)^2 dt ds \end{aligned}$$

which is strictly positive.

Now we are able to prove the uniqueness of multipliers.

First of all, since  $(\varphi - \gamma)' < 0$  whenever  $\varphi(c_1) = \gamma(c_1)$ , for every point of intersection there exist  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\varphi(t) > \gamma(t)$  for  $t \in (c_1 - \delta, c_1)$  while  $\varphi(t) < \gamma(t)$  for  $t \in (c_1, c_1 + \delta)$ . Define  $c_1^* := \sup\{c_1 \in [0, c_{1,f}] : \forall t \in [0, c_1] \varphi(t) \geq \gamma(t)\}$ . This is an intersection point between  $\varphi$  and  $\gamma$  (if  $\varphi(c_1^*) > \gamma(c_1^*)$  due to continuity there would be  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\varphi(c_1^* + \varepsilon) > \gamma(c_1^* + \varepsilon)$  which contradicts the definition of  $c_1^*$ ) and it is the first one, because we saw that after every intersection point there is an interval where  $\varphi < \gamma$ . Lastly, since  $\varphi(0) > \gamma(0)$  and  $\varphi(c_{1,f}) = 0 < \gamma(c_{1,f})$  we have that  $0 < c_1^* < c_{1,f}$ .

Suppose now that there is a second point of intersection  $\tilde{c}_1$  after the first one. Since immediately after  $c_1^*$  we have that  $\varphi$  becomes smaller than  $\gamma$  this second point of intersection is given by  $\tilde{c}_1 = \sup\{c_1 \in [c_1^*, c_{1,f}] : \forall t \in [c_1^*, c_1] \varphi(t) \leq \gamma(t)\}$ . Considering that this is an intersection point, there exist an interval before  $\tilde{c}_1$  where  $\varphi$  is strictly greater than  $\gamma$  which is absurd, hence  $c_1^*$  is the only intersection point between  $\varphi$  and  $\gamma$ .

Therefore  $(c_1^*, \varphi(c_1^*) = c_2^*)$  is the unique pair of multipliers for which  $p \int_0^T t^{p-1} u(t; c_1^*, c_2^*) dt = A^p$ ,  $q \int_0^T t^{q-1} u(t; c_1^*, c_2^*) dt = B^q$  and in the end  $u(t; c_1^*, c_2^*)$  is the unique maximizer for

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