



Strongly Singular Integrals along Curves in \mathbb{R}^d

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- To every smooth *well-curved* mapping $\gamma(t)$ there exists a constant nonsingular matrix M such that

$$\tilde{\gamma}(t) = M\gamma(t),$$

is of *standard type*, that is

$$\tilde{\gamma}_k(t) = t^{a_k}/a_k! + \text{ higher order terms}$$

with $1 \leq a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_d$.

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- Key to proof: Show $\exists C_1$ so that for each $t \in [a, b]$

$$|\varphi^{(k)}(t)| \geq C_1 t^{b_0 - k}$$

for at least one $k = 1, \dots, n + 1$.

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- Necessity: \exists constants c_1, \dots, c_d , such that

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$$\left| \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2} \right| < \frac{\beta - (d+1)\alpha}{2\beta} \implies T : L^p(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$$