

Flag Paraproducts

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① Classical para products

• kernel representation

$$T(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f_1(x-t_1) \dots f_m(x-t_m) K(t) dt$$

where  $K$  is a  $C^\infty$  kernel in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

• Multiplicier representation

$$T(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} m(z) \hat{f}_1(z_1) \dots \hat{f}_m(z_m) e^{2\pi i x(z_1 + \dots + z_m)} dz$$

where  $m \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfies

$$|\partial^\alpha m(z)| \lesssim \frac{1}{|z|^{|\alpha|}}$$

for many multi-indices  $\alpha$ .

• Coifman-Meyer theorem

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} T: L^{p_1} \times \dots \times L^{p_n} \rightarrow L^p \quad \text{is bang} \\ 1 < p_1, \dots, p_n \leq \infty, \quad \frac{1}{p_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{p_n} = \frac{1}{p}, \quad 0 < p < \infty \end{array} \right.$$

• Kenig-Stein, Grafakos Torres

• A bit about the proof

Write  $K(t) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \phi'_k(t_1) \dots \phi'_k(t_m)$

then,  $T(f_1, \dots, f_m) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (f_1 * \phi'_k) \dots (f_m * \phi'_k)$  and

$\|T(f_1, \dots, f_m)\|_p = \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} T(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x) f_{m+1}(x) dx \right| =$

$= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (f_1 * \phi'_k)(x) \dots (f_m * \phi'_k)(x) (f_{m+1} * \phi'_k)(x) dx \right|$

$\stackrel{\text{say}}{\leq} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |f_1 * \phi'_k|^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |f_2 * \phi'_k|^2 \right)^{1/2} \prod_{j=1,2}^{m+1} |f_j * \phi'_k| dx$

$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} S(f_1)(x) \cdot S(f_2)(x) \cdot \prod_{j=1,2} M(f_j)(x) dx$

when  $S$  is the Littlewood - Paley square function and  $M$  is the Hardy - Littlewood maximal function.

This argument "moves" the Banach - case

The general theorem follows by using  $C^{\infty}$  decompositions for each of the functions  $f_1, \dots, f_m$  carefully.

I) Lagrange products

• kernel representations

$$T(f, g, h)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(x-\alpha-\beta) g(x-\alpha-\beta-\gamma) h(x-\alpha-\gamma) K(\alpha) K(\beta) K(\gamma) d\alpha d\beta d\gamma$$

where  $K(\beta), K(\gamma)$  are CZ kernels in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $K(\alpha)$  is a CZ kernel in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

• Multiplier representations

$$T(f, g, h)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} m(\xi) \widehat{f}(\xi_1) \widehat{g}(\xi_2) \widehat{h}(\xi_3) e^{2\pi i x(\xi_1 + \xi_2 + \xi_3)} d\xi$$

where  $m(\xi) = \widetilde{m}(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3) \cdot \widetilde{m}(\xi_1, \xi_2) \cdot \widetilde{m}(\xi_2, \xi_3)$

Theorem (M, Revista Ibero. 2007)

$$T_{ab} : L^{p_1} \times L^{p_2} \times L^{p_3} \rightarrow L^p \text{ for any } 1 < p_1, p_2, p_3 < \infty$$

$$\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} + \frac{1}{p_3} = \frac{1}{p}, \quad 0 < p < \infty \text{ where}$$

$$T_{ab}(f, g, h)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} a(\xi_1, \xi_2) b(\xi_2, \xi_3) \widehat{f}(\xi_1) \widehat{g}(\xi_2) \widehat{h}(\xi_3) e^{2\pi i x(\xi_1 + \xi_2 + \xi_3)} d\xi$$

• A bit about the proof

Decompose the kernel  $K(\alpha), K(\beta), K(\gamma)$  as before

$$K(\alpha) = \sum_{k_1} \tilde{\Phi}_{k_1}(\alpha_1) \tilde{\Phi}_{k_1}(\alpha_2) \tilde{\Phi}_{k_1}(\alpha_3) \quad ,$$

$$K(\beta) = \sum_{k_2} \tilde{\Phi}_{k_2}(\beta_1) \tilde{\Phi}_{k_2}(\beta_2) \quad ,$$

$$K(\gamma) = \sum_{k_3} \tilde{\Phi}_{k_3}(\gamma_1) \tilde{\Phi}_{k_3}(\gamma_2) \quad .$$

Then  $\circ T(f, g, h) =$

$$\sum_{k_1, k_2, k_3} (f * \tilde{\Phi}_{k_1} * \tilde{\Phi}_{k_2}) (g * \tilde{\Phi}_{k_1} * \tilde{\Phi}_{k_2} * \tilde{\Phi}_{k_3}) (h * \tilde{\Phi}_{k_1} * \tilde{\Phi}_{k_3}) \quad .$$

- there are no "easy estimates" this time
- CZ decomposition is also ineffective due to the "product structure" of the kernel.

III Why should we care?

- ① General Leibnitz rules
- ② NLS (Germain, Masmondi, Shatah) work in progress

① Aims to understand how to estimate generic expressions such as

$$\| D^\alpha [ D^\alpha (f_1 \cdot f_2) \cdot D^\beta (f_3 \cdot f_4 \cdot f_5 \cdot f_6 \cdot f_7) ] \|_r \quad ?$$

Recall the Leibnitz rule :

$$\|D^\alpha(fg)\|_p \leq \|D^\alpha f\|_{p_1} \|g\|_{q_1} + \|f\|_{p_2} \|D^\alpha g\|_{q_2}$$

For any  $1 < p_i, q_i \leq \infty, \frac{1}{p_i} + \frac{1}{q_i} = \frac{1}{p}, 0 < p < \infty$

Proof : Use Littlewood - Paley dec. & paraproduct theory :

$$f = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} f * \psi_k, \quad g = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} g * \psi_k \quad \text{So,}$$

$$f \cdot g = \sum_{k_1, k_2} (f * \psi_{k_1})(g * \psi_{k_2}) = \sum_{k_1 \sim k_2} + \sum_{k_1 \ll k_2} + \sum_{k_2 \ll k_1}$$

$$= I + \underline{II} + \underline{III}$$

cd II for instance :

$$\underline{II} = \sum_{k_1 \ll k_2} (f * \psi_{k_1})(g * \psi_{k_2}) = \sum_{k_2} \left( \sum_{k_1 \ll k_2} f * \psi_{k_1} \right) (g * \psi_{k_2})$$

$$= \sum_{k_2} (f * \psi_{k_2})(g * \psi_{k_2}) = \sum_k (f * \psi_k)(g * \psi_k) =$$

$$= \sum_k \left[ (f * \psi_k)(g * \psi_k) \right] * \psi_k \quad \text{for a well chosen}$$

and new  $\psi_k$ .

denote by

$$\boxed{T(f, g) = \sum_k \left[ (f * \psi_k)(g * \psi_k) \right] * \psi_k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{So, } \Delta^\alpha (\Pi(f, g)) &= \sum_k [(f * \psi_k)(g * \psi_k)] * \Delta^\alpha \psi_k = \\
&= \sum_k [(f * \psi_k)(g * \psi_k)] * 2^{k\alpha} \tilde{\psi}_k = \\
&= \sum_k [(f * \psi_k)(g * 2^{k\alpha} \psi_k)] * \tilde{\psi}_k = \\
&= \sum_k [(f * \psi_k)(g * \Delta^k \tilde{\psi}_k)] * \tilde{\psi}_k = \\
&= \sum_k [(f * \psi_k)(\Delta^k g * \tilde{\psi}_k)] * \tilde{\psi}_k = \\
&= \tilde{\Pi}(f, \Delta^k g).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } \boxed{\Delta^\alpha (\Pi(f, g)) = \tilde{\Pi}(f, \Delta^\alpha g)}$$

Now, any  $\Pi(f, g)$  can be rewritten as

$$\Pi(f, g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} m(\zeta_1, \zeta_2) \hat{f}(\zeta_1) \hat{g}(\zeta_2) e^{2\pi i x \cdot (\zeta_1 + \zeta_2)} d\zeta_1 d\zeta_2$$

$$\text{where } m(\zeta_1, \zeta_2) = \sum_k \hat{\psi}_k(\zeta_1) \hat{\psi}_k(\zeta_2) \hat{\psi}_k(\zeta_1 + \zeta_2)$$

is a classical symbol.  
 Thus, Coifman - Meyer theorem solves the problem.

Want to estimate now

$$\| \Delta^B [h. \Delta^\alpha (fg)] \|_p \quad - \quad \text{non-linearity of complexity 2!}$$

- Need to understand the correct way to "multiply it".
- First, how should one multiply  $h \cdot \Pi(f, g)$ ?

• Say  $\Pi(f, g) = \sum_{k_1 \ll k_2} (f * \psi_{k_1})(g * \psi_{k_2})$

• Write  $h = \sum_{k_3 \in \mathbb{Z}} h * \psi_{k_3}$  as before. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 h \cdot \Pi(f, g) &= \sum_{k_1 \ll k_2, k_3} (f * \psi_{k_1})(g * \psi_{k_2})(h * \psi_{k_3}) = \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{k_1 \ll k_2 \\ k_3 \ll k_2}} + \sum_{\substack{k_1 \ll k_2 \\ k_3 \sim k_2}} + \sum_{k_1 \ll k_2 \ll k_3}
 \end{aligned}$$

• Observe that the first two expressions are just regular point products, while the third one is not. It can be written as:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} m(z_1, z_2, z_3) \widehat{f}(z_1) \widehat{g}(z_2) \widehat{h}(z_3) e^{2\pi i x(z_1 + z_2 + z_3)} dz_3$$

where  $m(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \sum_{k_1 \ll k_2 \ll k_3} \widehat{\psi}_{k_1}(z_1) \widehat{\psi}_{k_2}(z_2) \widehat{\psi}_{k_3}(z_3) =$

$$= \sum_{k_2 \ll k_3} \widehat{\psi}_{k_2}(z_1) \widehat{\psi}_{k_2}(z_2) \widehat{\psi}_{k_3}(z_3) =$$

$$= \sum_{k_2 \ll k_3} \widehat{\psi}_{k_2}(z_1) \widehat{\psi}_{k_2}(z_2) \widehat{\psi}_{k_3}(z_2) \cdot \widehat{\psi}_{k_3}(z_3) = !$$



$$= \left( \sum_{k_2} \overline{\Psi}_{k_2}(z_1) \Psi_{k_2}(z_2) \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{k_3} \overline{\Psi}_{k_3}(z_2) \Psi_{k_3}(z_3) \right) =$$

$$= \underline{\underline{m(z_1, z_2) \cdot \tilde{m}(z_2, z_3)}}$$

• So the third term is a flag paraproduct which we denote by  $\Pi_{\text{flag}}(f, g, h)$ .

• Observe also that

$$D^\beta \left( \Pi_{\text{flag}}(f, g, h) \right) =$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |z_1 + z_2 + z_3|^\beta m(z_1, z_2) \tilde{m}(z_2, z_3) \overline{f}(z_1) \overline{g}(z_2) \overline{h}(z_3) \dots$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{|z_1 + z_2 + z_3|^\beta}{|z_1|^\beta + |z_2|^\beta + |z_3|^\beta} \left( |z_1|^\beta + |z_2|^\beta + |z_3|^\beta \right) \dots$$

$$:= \widetilde{\Pi}_{\text{flag}}(D^\beta f, g, h) + \widetilde{\Pi}_{\text{flag}}(f, D^\beta g, h) +$$

$$+ \widetilde{\Pi}_{\text{flag}}(f, g, D^\beta h) \quad \text{where } \widetilde{\Pi}_{\text{flag}} \text{ is}$$

the 3-linear operator with symbol

$$\frac{|z_1 + z_2 + z_3|^\beta}{|z_1|^\beta + |z_2|^\beta + |z_3|^\beta} \cdot m(z_1, z_2) \cdot \tilde{m}(z_2, z_3), \text{ which is}$$

a 'flag symbol' if  $\beta = 2, 4, \dots$  etc.

this way, one reduces the study of the general Leibnitz rules to the study of flag paraproduct

② Quadratic NLS

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u + i \Delta u = u^2 & (t,x) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \\ u|_{t=0} = u_0 \end{cases}$$

Duhamel formula:

$$\widehat{u}(t,z) = \widehat{u}_0(z) \cdot e^{it z^2} + \int_0^t e^{-i(s-t)z^2} \widehat{u^2}(s,z) ds$$

Write u as  $u = e^{-it \Delta} \varphi$  then Duhamel

became:

$$\widehat{\varphi}(t,z) = \widehat{u}_0(z) + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{is(-z^2 + \eta^2 + (z-\eta)^2)} \widehat{\varphi}(s,\eta) \widehat{\varphi}(s,z-\eta) ds d\eta$$

Idea: Want to take advantage of the oscillation of the term  $e^{is\phi}$  when  $\phi := -z^2 + \eta^2 + (z-\eta)^2$ .

Problem:  $\phi$  is "too degenerate" (i.e.  $\phi \equiv 0$  when  $z=\eta$  or  $\eta=0$ ) and so the usual

$\left. \begin{matrix} \frac{d}{ds} \\ \int \end{matrix} \right\} \frac{e^{is\phi}}{i\phi} \right\}$  - argument doesn't work.

Need a "wiser integration by parts".

Denote by  $P := -z + \frac{1}{2} \bar{z}$  and

$$Z := \phi + P \cdot (\partial_{\bar{z}} \phi)$$

Observe that  $Z = - (z^2 + (\bar{z} + z)^2)$  which  $\equiv 0$  only at the origin.

Alternatively, one has

$$\frac{1}{iZ} (\partial_s + \frac{P}{s} \partial_{\bar{z}}) e^{is\phi} = e^{is\phi}$$

In particular, RHS (Duhamel for  $f$ ) =

$$\int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{1}{iZ} (\partial_s + \frac{P}{s} \partial_{\bar{z}}) [e^{is\phi}] \widehat{f}(\bar{z}-z) \widehat{f}(z) ds dz =$$

$$= I + \textcircled{II}$$

Using the fact that  $\frac{\bar{z}^2}{iZ}$  &  $\frac{z^2}{iZ}$

are "classical symbols", Coifman-Meyer theorem proves that both  $\textcircled{I}$  &  $\textcircled{II}$  are smoothing expressions (decay in  $s$  also!)

So, expressions of type

$$\widehat{f}^{-1} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{is\phi} m(z, \bar{z}) \widehat{g}(z) \widehat{h}(\bar{z}-z) ds dz$$

appear naturally.

Also, one of the expressions related to I is of the form

$$I^{-1} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{is\Phi} m(z_1, z_2) \partial_s \widehat{f}(z_1) \widehat{f}(z_2) \widehat{f}(z_3-z_2) ds dz_2 \quad (*)$$

Since  $u = e^{-is\Delta} f \Rightarrow f = e^{is\Delta} u \Rightarrow \dots$

$$\Rightarrow \partial_s f = e^{is\Delta} u' \Rightarrow \widehat{\partial_s f}(z) = e^{-is z^2} \widehat{u}'(z)$$

$$= e^{-is z^2} \int_{z_1+z_2=z} \widehat{u}(z_1) \cdot \widehat{u}(z_2) dz_1 dz_2 =$$

$$= e^{-is z^2} \int_{z_1+z_2=z} e^{+is z_1^2} \widehat{f}(z_1) e^{+is z_2^2} \widehat{f}(z_2) dz_1 dz_2$$

$$= e^{-is z^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{+is \tau^2} \widehat{f}(\tau) e^{+is(z-\tau)^2} \widehat{f}(z-\tau) d\tau$$


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Using this, (\*) becomes:

$$I^{-1} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{is\widetilde{\Phi}} m(z_1, z_2) \widehat{f}(z_1) \widehat{f}(z_2-z_1) \widehat{f}(z_3-z_2) dz_1 dz_2 ds$$

when  $\widetilde{\Phi} = -z_1^2 + z_1 z_2 + (z_2-z_1)^2 + (z_3-z_2)^2 + t^2$

Using an "integration by parts argument"

similar to the one before, one bumps into expressions of type:

$$I^{-1} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{i s \hat{\Delta}} \underline{m(z, \eta)} \underline{m(z, \eta, \tau)} \hat{f}(z) \hat{f}(z-\tau) \hat{f}(z-\eta) dz d\eta ds.$$

Note that the same formula is a

flag paraproduct !

So this time, the theorem about such tri-linear operators proves that such expressions are "smoothing".

In the 3D case paraproduct theory seems to be enough while flag-paraproducts are needed in the 2D case.