

# **FLAG PARAPRODUCTS**

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① Classical paraproducts

• kernel representation

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

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

• Multiplicier representation

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

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

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

for many multi-indices  $\alpha$ .

• Coifman-Meyer theorem

$$T: L^{p_1} \times \dots \times L^{p_n} \rightarrow L^p \quad \text{as long as}$$
  
$$1 < p_1, \dots, p_n \leq \infty \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{p_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{p_n} = \frac{1}{p} \quad \rightarrow \quad 0 < p < \infty$$

• 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

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

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

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

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

where  $S$  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 CZ decompositions for each of the functions  $f_1, \dots, f_m$  carefully.

i) Flag para products

- kernel representations

$$T(f, g, h)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(x - \alpha - \beta_1) g(x - \alpha - \beta_2 - \gamma_1) h(x - \alpha - \gamma_2) k(\alpha) k(\beta_1) k(\beta_2) d\alpha d\beta_1 d\beta_2$$

where  $k(\beta_1), k(\beta_2)$  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)

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

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

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

- A bit about the proof

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

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

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

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

then  $T(f, g, h) =$

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

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

III) Why should one care?

- ① General Leibniz rules
- ② NLS (Berman, Masmoudi, Shatah > work in progress)

① Aims to understand how to estimate generic expressions such as

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

Recall the Leibniz rule :

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

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 :

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

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

$$= \text{I} + \text{II} + \text{III} .$$

cd II for instance :

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

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

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

and new  $\psi_k$ .

denote by

$$\boxed{\text{II}(fg) = \sum_k \left[ (f * \psi_k)(g * \psi_k) \right] * \psi_k}$$

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

$$\text{So, } \boxed{\mathcal{D}^\alpha (\mathbb{T}(f, g)) = \tilde{\mathbb{T}}(f, \mathcal{D}^\alpha g)}$$

Now, any  $\mathbb{T}(f, g)$  can be rewritten as

$$\mathbb{T}(f, g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} m(z_1, z_2) \hat{f}(z_1) \hat{g}(z_2) e^{2\pi i x(z_1 + z_2)} dz_1 dz_2$$

$$\text{where } m(z_1, z_2) = \sum_k \hat{\psi}_k(z_1) \hat{\psi}_k(z_2) \hat{\psi}_k(z_1 + z_2)$$

is a classical symbol.

Then, Coifman - Meyer theorem solves the problem.

Want to estimate now

$$\|\mathcal{D}^\beta [h. \mathcal{D}^\alpha (f, g)]\|_p$$

— non-linearity  
of complexity 2!

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

- 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,

$$h \cdot \Pi(f, g) = \sum_{k_1 \ll k_2, k_3} (f * \psi_{k_1})(g * \psi_{k_2})(h * \psi_{k_3}) =$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{k_1 \ll k_2 \\ k_3 \ll k_2}} + \sum_{\substack{k_1 \ll k_2 \\ k_3 \sim k_2}} + \sum_{k_1 \ll k_2 \ll k_3}.$$

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

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

$$\text{where } m(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3) = \sum_{k_1 \ll k_2 \ll k_3} \widehat{\psi}_{k_1}(\xi_1) \widehat{\psi}_{k_2}(\xi_2) \widehat{\psi}_{k_3}(\xi_3) =$$

$$= \sum_{k_2 \ll k_3} \widehat{\psi}_{k_2}(\xi_1) \widehat{\psi}_{k_2}(\xi_2) \widehat{\psi}_{k_3}(\xi_3) =$$

$$= \sum_{k_2 \ll k_3} \widehat{\psi}_{k_2}(\xi_1) \widehat{\psi}_{k_2}(\xi_2) \widehat{\psi}_{k_3}(\xi_2) \cdot \widehat{\psi}_{k_3}(\xi_3) = !$$



$$= \left( \sum_{k_2} \widehat{\varphi}_{k_2}(z_1) \widehat{\psi}_{k_2}(z_2) \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{k_3} \widehat{\varphi}_{k_3}(z_2) \cdot \widehat{\psi}_{k_3}(z_3) \right) =$$

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

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

• Observe also that

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

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

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

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

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

the 3-linear operator with symbol  $\frac{|z_1 + z_2 + z_3|^\beta}{|z_1|^\beta + |z_2|^\beta + |z_3|^\beta} \cdot m(z_1, z_2) \cdot \widetilde{m}(z_2, z_3)$ , which is a 'flag symbol' if  $\beta = 2, 4, \dots$  etc.

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

## ② Quadratic NLS

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

• 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:

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

• 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

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{d}{ds} \\ e^{is\phi} \end{array} \right\} \frac{e^{is\phi}}{i\phi}$  - 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  $= 0$  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  $f$ ) =

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

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

Using the fact that  $\frac{\bar{z}^2}{iZ}$  &  $\frac{z^2}{iZ}$  are "classical symbols", Coifman-Meyer theorem proves that both (I) & (II) are "smoothing expressions" (decay in  $s$  also!)

So, expressions of type

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

appear naturally.

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

$$I^{-1} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{is\Phi} m(z_1, z_2) \partial_s \widehat{f}(z_1) \widehat{f}(z_2 - z_1) dz_1 dz_2 \quad (*)$$

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

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

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

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

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

Using this, (\*) becomes:

$$I^{-1} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{is\widetilde{\Phi}} m(z_1, z_2) \widehat{f}(\tau) \widehat{f}(z-\tau) \widehat{f}(z-\tau) d\tau dz ds$$

when  $\widetilde{\Phi} = -z^2 + \cancel{z^2} + (z-\tau)^2 + (z-\tau)^2 + \tau^2$

Using an "integration by parts argument" similar to the one before, one bumps into expressions of the type:

$$I^{-1} \int_0^+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{is\tilde{\Phi}} \underline{m(\xi, \eta)} \underline{m(\xi, \eta, \tau)} \hat{f}(\tau) \hat{f}(\tau - \tau) \hat{f}(\tau - \eta) d\tau d\eta ds.$$

- 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.