

Remark: The dyadic square function is often expressed as  $S_D^2 \varphi = \sum_{I \in D} (\Delta_I \varphi)^2 \mathbb{1}_I$  where  $\Delta_I$  is the martingale difference operator:

$$\Delta_I \varphi := \sum_{K \in \text{ch}(I)} \mathbb{1}_K (\langle \varphi \rangle_K - \langle \varphi \rangle_I)$$

$$= \mathbb{1}_{I_+} (\langle \varphi \rangle_{I_+} - \langle \varphi \rangle_I) + \mathbb{1}_{I_-} (\langle \varphi \rangle_{I_-} - \langle \varphi \rangle_I)$$

$$= \mathbb{1}_{I_+} \left( \frac{\langle \varphi \rangle_{I_+} - \langle \varphi \rangle_{I_-}}{2} \right) + \mathbb{1}_{I_-} \left( \frac{\langle \varphi \rangle_{I_-} - \langle \varphi \rangle_{I_+}}{2} \right)$$

$$\langle \varphi \rangle_I = \frac{\langle \varphi \rangle_{I_-} + \langle \varphi \rangle_{I_+}}{2}$$

$$= \mathbb{1}_{I_+} (\varphi, h_I) \frac{1}{\sqrt{|I|}} - \mathbb{1}_{I_-} (\varphi, h_I) \frac{1}{\sqrt{|I|}}$$

$$= (\varphi, h_I) h_I$$

$$(\varphi, h_I) = \sqrt{|I|} \frac{\langle \varphi \rangle_{I_-} - \langle \varphi \rangle_{I_+}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{I \in D} (\Delta_I \varphi)^2 \mathbb{1}_I = \sum_{I \in D} (\varphi, h_I)^2 \frac{\mathbb{1}_I}{|I|}$$

$$\Delta_I \varphi = (\varphi, h_I) h_I$$

A simple but useful inequality:

$$\langle \varphi \rangle_J^2 + \Delta_J^2 \varphi \leq \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_J \quad (*)$$

$$\Delta_J^2 \varphi = \left( \frac{\langle \varphi \rangle_{J_+} - \langle \varphi \rangle_{J_-}}{2} \right)^2 \mathbb{1}_J$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \varphi \rangle_J^2 + \Delta_J^2 \varphi = \left( \frac{\langle \varphi \rangle_{J_+} + \langle \varphi \rangle_{J_-}}{2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\langle \varphi \rangle_{J_+} - \langle \varphi \rangle_{J_-}}{2} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \langle \varphi \rangle_{J_-}^2 + \langle \varphi \rangle_{J_+}^2 \right) \leftarrow \text{Hölder: } \langle \varphi \rangle_{J_-}^2 \leq \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_{J_-}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_{J_-} + \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_{J_+} \right)$$

$$= \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_J$$



B is the least supersolution:

$$\langle \varphi \rangle_J^2 + \Delta_J^2 \varphi \leq \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_J \quad (*)$$

Def: A supersolution for this problem is any continuous  $u: \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$  that satisfies:

- ① Main Inequality:  $u(\varphi, F, \lambda + \frac{(\varphi_+ - \varphi_-)^2}{2}) \geq \frac{1}{2} (u(\varphi_-, F_-, \lambda) + u(\varphi_+, F_+, \lambda))$
- ② Obstacle Condition:  $u(\varphi, F, \lambda) = 1, \forall \lambda \leq F - \varphi^2$

THM:  $B \leq u$  for any supersolution  $u$ .

Proof: We need to show that, if  $u$  is any supersolution and  $\varphi$  is any function on  $J$  with  $\langle \varphi \rangle_J = \varphi, \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_J = F$ , we have

$$u(\varphi, F, \lambda) \geq \frac{1}{|J|} |E_\varphi| \quad (1) \text{ where}$$

$$E_\varphi := \{x \in J: S_J^2 \varphi(x) > \lambda\}$$

It suffices to prove (1) for functions  $\varphi$  with finite Haar expansion. So assume that  $\varphi = \varphi \mathbb{1}_J + \sum_{\substack{I \subset J \\ |I| \geq |J|2^{-N}}} (\varphi, h_I) h_I$  for some dyadic level  $N \geq 0$ .

For every  $I \subset J$ , let  $\varphi_I := \langle \varphi \rangle_I; F_I := \langle \varphi^2 \rangle_I; \lambda_I := \lambda - \sum_{k: I \not\subseteq k \subset J} \Delta_k^2 \varphi$ .

Then note that:  $\varphi = \varphi_J = \frac{1}{2}(\varphi_{J-} + \varphi_{J+}); F = F_J = \frac{1}{2}(F_{J-} + F_{J+}); \lambda_J = \lambda$ .

→ If  $\lambda < \Delta_J^2 \varphi$  then by (\*):  $\lambda < \Delta_J^2 \varphi \leq F - \varphi^2 \xrightarrow{OC} u(\varphi, F, \lambda) = 1 \geq \frac{|E_\varphi|}{|J|}$  done.

→ Otherwise: Suppose  $\lambda_{J+} = \lambda_{J-} = \lambda - \Delta_J^2 \varphi > 0 \Rightarrow$  Apply MI to obtain:

$$|J| u(\varphi, F, \lambda) \geq |J_-| u(\varphi_{J-}, F_{J-}, \lambda_{J-}) + |J_+| u(\varphi_{J+}, F_{J+}, \lambda_{J+}) \quad (2)$$

→ If  $\lambda < \Delta_{J+}^2 \varphi + \Delta_{J-}^2 \varphi$  then  $\lambda_{J+} = \lambda - \Delta_J^2 \varphi \leq \Delta_{J+}^2 \varphi \leq F_{J+} - \varphi_{J+}^2$  by (\*) and so by the OC:  $u(\varphi_{J+}, F_{J+}, \lambda_{J+}) = 1$ . Then (2) becomes:

$$|J| u(\varphi, F, \lambda) \geq |J_-| u(\varphi_{J-}, F_{J-}, \lambda_{J-}) + |J_+|$$

and if we iterate further, we do so only on  $J_-$ . Remark that:

$$\forall I \in J_{(N)}, I \subset J_+ : \lambda \leq \Delta_J^2 \varphi + \Delta_{J_+}^2 \varphi \leq \Delta_J^2 \varphi + \Delta_{J_+}^2 \varphi + \dots + \Delta_{I(1)}^2 \varphi \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_I \leq 0 \quad \forall I \in J_{(N)}, I \subset J_+$$

→ Otherwise, iterate the  $J_+$  term further, with  $\lambda_{J\pm} = \lambda_{J\pm} = \lambda - \Delta_J^2 \varphi - \Delta_{J_+}^2 \varphi > 0$

(Same analysis for  $J_-$ )



Continue down to level N:

$$|J|u(\#_I, F_I, \lambda) \geq \sum_{\substack{I \in J(N) \\ \lambda_I > 0}} |I|u(\#_I, F_I, \lambda_I) + \sum_{\substack{I \in J(N) \\ \lambda_I \leq 0}} |I| \quad (3)$$

Let  $I \in J(N)$ . Then  $S_J^2 \varphi(x) = \Delta_I^2 \varphi + \Delta_{I^{(1)}}^2 \varphi + \dots + \Delta_J^2 \varphi$ ,  $\forall x \in I$ , so  
 $I \in E_\varphi \Leftrightarrow \lambda \leq \Delta_I^2 \varphi + \dots + \Delta_J^2 \varphi \Leftrightarrow \lambda_I \leq \Delta_I^2 \varphi$

$$I \in J(N): \quad \textcircled{I \in E_\varphi} \Leftrightarrow \textcircled{\lambda_I \leq \Delta_I^2 \varphi}$$

So if  $I \in E_\varphi$  and  $\lambda_I > 0$ , then  $\lambda_I < \Delta_I^2 \varphi \leq F_I - \#_I^2$  by (\*), so  
 by OC:  $|I|u(\#_I, F_I, \lambda_I) = |I|$

$\Rightarrow$  (3) gives that:

$$\begin{aligned} |J|u(\#_I, F_I, \lambda) &\geq \sum_{\substack{I \in J(N) \\ \lambda_I > 0 \\ I \in E_\varphi}} |I|u(\#_I, F_I, \lambda_I) + \underbrace{\sum_{\substack{I \in J(N) \\ \lambda_I \leq 0}} |I|}_{\substack{I \in E_\varphi \\ \text{automatically} \\ \text{b/c } \lambda_I \leq 0 \leq \Delta_I^2 \varphi}} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{I \in J(N) \\ I \in E_\varphi}} |I| = |E_\varphi| \end{aligned}$$



## Finding $B(f, F, \lambda)$ :

Same as in the  $L^1 \rightarrow L^{1, \infty}$  case

→ The main inequality in differential form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} B_{ff} - 2B_\lambda & B_{fF} \\ B_{fF} & B_{FF} \end{pmatrix} \leq 0$$

→ Using homogeneities:

$$B(f, F, \lambda) = \theta(\tau), \text{ where } \tau = \frac{F - f^2}{\lambda}$$

→ The obstacle condition gives:  $B(f, F, \lambda) = 1, \forall \frac{F - f^2}{\lambda} \geq 1 \Rightarrow \theta(\tau) = 1, \forall \tau \geq 1$ .

→ The boundary condition  $B(f, f^2, \lambda) = 0$  gives that  $\theta(0) = 0$ .

→ The derivatives:

$$B_f = \theta'(\tau) \frac{-2f}{\lambda} \Rightarrow B_{ff} = \theta''(\tau) \frac{4f^2}{\lambda^2} - \theta'(\tau) \frac{2}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow B_{fF} = \theta''(\tau) \frac{-2f}{\lambda^2}$$

$$B_\lambda = \theta'(\tau) \frac{-(F - f^2)}{\lambda^2}$$

$$B_F = \theta'(\tau) \frac{1}{\lambda} \Rightarrow B_{FF} = \theta''(\tau) \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

→ The matrix inequality becomes

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{4f^2}{\lambda^2} \theta''(\tau) - \frac{2}{\lambda} \theta'(\tau) + \frac{2}{\lambda} \left( \frac{F - f^2}{\lambda} \right) \theta'(\tau) & -\frac{2f}{\lambda^2} \theta''(\tau) \\ -\frac{2f}{\lambda^2} \theta''(\tau) & \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \theta''(\tau) \end{pmatrix} \leq 0$$

$$R_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 4f^2 \theta''(\tau) + 2\lambda(\tau - 1) \theta'(\tau) & 2f \theta''(\tau) \\ 2f \theta''(\tau) & \theta''(\tau) \end{pmatrix} \leq 0 \quad (*)$$

Remarks: → We only need to consider (\*) for  $0 \leq \tau \leq 1$ , since  $\theta(\tau) = 1, \forall \tau \geq 1$ .

→  $\theta'(\tau) \geq 0$ : For  $f > 0$ , we know  $B$  is decreasing in  $f$ , i.e.,  
 $f > 0 \Rightarrow B_f \leq 0 \Rightarrow \theta'(\tau) = -\frac{\lambda}{2f} B_f \geq 0$ .

→  $\theta''(\tau) \leq 0$ : Recall that  $B$  is concave in  $F$ , so  $\theta''(\tau) = \lambda^2 B_{FF} \leq 0$ .

⇒ (\*) now only requires that  $\det(R_0) \geq 0$



$$\rightarrow \det(R_\theta) = 4f^2 (\theta''(\tau))^2 + 2\lambda (\tau-1) \theta'(\tau) \theta''(\tau) - 4f^2 (\theta''(\tau))^2$$

$$\det(R_\theta) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (\tau-1) \theta'(\tau) \theta''(\tau) \geq 0$$

$\rightarrow$  Remark that this always holds: for  $0 \leq \tau \leq 1$ ,  $\left. \begin{array}{l} (\tau-1) \leq 0 \\ \theta'(\tau) \geq 0 \\ \theta''(\tau) \leq 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \det(R_\theta) \geq 0.$

$\rightarrow$  Setting  $\det(R_\theta) = 0$  requires that  $\theta''(\tau) = 0$  (we cannot have  $\theta'(\tau) = 0$ , for this would make  $\theta \equiv c$ ).

$\Rightarrow \theta(\tau) = c\tau + d$  for  $\tau \in [0, 1]$ .

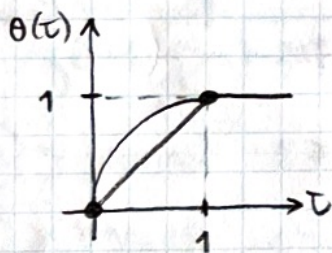
$$\theta(0) = 0 \Rightarrow d = 0; \quad \theta(1) = 1 \Rightarrow c = 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  Propose the function:

$$\tilde{\theta}(\tau) = \begin{cases} \tau, & \text{for } \tau \in [0, 1] \\ 1, & \text{for } \tau \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{B}(f, F, \lambda) = \begin{cases} \frac{F-f^2}{2}, & \text{for } \lambda \geq F-f^2 \\ 1, & \text{for } \lambda \leq F-f^2 \end{cases}$$

$\rightarrow$  Since  $\theta''(\tau) \leq 0$ , so  $\theta$  is concave, it lies above the secant line on  $\tau \in [0, 1]$



Since  $\theta(0) = 0$  and  $\theta(1) = 1$ , this secant line is just  $y = \tau$ .

$$\Rightarrow \theta(\tau) \geq \tau \text{ on } \tau \in [0, 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta(\tau) \geq \tilde{\theta}(\tau), \text{ or } B \geq \tilde{B}$$

$\rightarrow$  Conversely, we show that  $\tilde{B}$  is a supersolution (check  $M_i$ ), and so  $B \leq \tilde{B}$ .  
(See next for  $M_i$  check).

(1)  $\lambda \leq F - f^2 \Rightarrow B = \tilde{B}$  holds for  $\lambda \leq 1$ .

(2)  $\lambda \geq F - f^2$



Check  $M_i$ :  $\tilde{B}(f, F, \lambda + a^2) \geq \frac{1}{2} \left( \tilde{B}(f-a, F-b, \lambda) + \tilde{B}(f+a, F+b, \lambda) \right)$

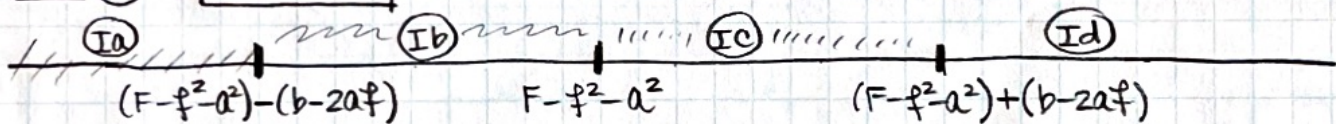
$$\tilde{B}(f, F, \lambda + a^2) = \begin{cases} \frac{F-f^2}{\lambda+a^2}, & \lambda+a^2 \geq F-f^2, \text{ or } \lambda \geq F-f^2-a^2 \\ 1, & \lambda+a^2 \leq F-f^2, \text{ or } \lambda \leq F-f^2-a^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{B}(f-a, F-b, \lambda) = \begin{cases} \frac{F-b-(f-a)^2}{\lambda}, & \lambda \geq F-b-(f-a)^2 = F-f^2-a^2-b+2af \\ 1, & \lambda \leq F-b-(f-a)^2 = (F-f^2-a^2)-(b-2af) \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{B}(f+a, F+b, \lambda) = \begin{cases} \frac{F+b-(f+a)^2}{\lambda}, & \lambda \geq F+b-(f+a)^2 = F-f^2-a^2+b-2af \\ 1, & \lambda \leq F-f^2-a^2+b-2af \end{cases}$$

Must arrange on axis:  $(F-f^2-a^2)$ ,  $(F-f^2-a^2)-(b-2af)$ ,  $(F-f^2-a^2)+(b-2af)$ .

Case I:  $b-2af \geq 0$  (The other case should be symmetric).



(Ia)  $M_i$  becomes:  $1 \geq \frac{1}{2}(1+1)$  True.

(Ib)  $M_i$  becomes:  $1 \geq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{F-b-(f-a)^2}{\lambda} + 1 \right)$ ;  $1 \geq \frac{F-b-(f-a)^2}{\lambda}$ ;  $\lambda \geq (F-f^2-a^2)-(b-2af)$  yes

(Ic)  $M_i$  becomes:  $\frac{F-f^2}{\lambda+a^2} \geq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{F-b-(f-a)^2}{\lambda} + 1 \right)$

$$\frac{2(F-f^2)}{\lambda+a^2} \geq \frac{F-b-(f-a)^2+\lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{F-f^2-a^2-(b-2af)+\lambda}{\lambda}$$

$$2\lambda F - 2\lambda f^2 \geq (\lambda+a^2)(F-f^2-a^2-(b-2af)+\lambda)$$

$$F-f^2-a^2-(b-2af)+\lambda \leq 2(F-f^2-a^2) \quad \text{yes!}$$

$$(\lambda+a^2)(F-f^2-a^2-(b-2af)+\lambda) \leq 2(\lambda+a^2)(F-f^2-a^2) \leq 2\lambda(F-f^2)$$

$$\cancel{\lambda F} - \cancel{\lambda f^2} - \lambda a^2 + a^2 F - a^2 f^2 - a^4 \leq \cancel{\lambda F} - \cancel{\lambda f^2}$$

$$-\lambda + F - f^2 - a^2 \leq 0$$

$$F - f^2 - a^2 \leq \lambda$$

(Yes)



(Id) Mi becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{F-f^2}{\lambda+a^2} &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{F-b-(f-a)^2}{\lambda} + \frac{F+b-(f+a)^2}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= \frac{\cancel{F-b-f^2} + 2af - a^2 + \cancel{F+b-f^2} - a^2 - 2af}{2\lambda} \\ &= \frac{F-f^2-a^2}{\lambda}\end{aligned}$$

$$\cancel{\lambda F - \lambda f^2} \geq \cancel{\lambda F - \lambda f^2} - \lambda a^2 + a^2 F - a^2 f^2 - a^4$$

$$0 \geq -\lambda + F - f^2 - a^2$$

$$\lambda \geq F - f^2 - a^2 \quad (\text{Yes}).$$