

Multiparameter Harmonic Analysis - Overview

- We work in $\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \otimes \mathbb{R}^{n_2} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{R}^{n_k}$ (k parameters). What does this mean?
Look more closely at the simplest case $\mathbb{R} \otimes \mathbb{R}$: What is the big deal?
- In harmonic analysis, we are usually concerned w/ operators acting on functions. On $\mathbb{R} \otimes \mathbb{R}$, we look at operators acting on functions $f(x_1, x_2)$, $x_{1,2} \in \mathbb{R}$.
- Obvious question: How is this so different from working on \mathbb{R}^2 ?

- Look at the foundations of the 1-parameter theory:

- Hilbert transform (\mathbb{R}):

$$K(x) := \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Hf(x) &:= \frac{1}{\pi} \text{p.v.} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{f(y)}{x-y} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \text{p.v.} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(y) K(x-y) dy \end{aligned}$$

- Riesz transform (\mathbb{R}^n):

$$K_j(x) = \frac{x_j}{|x|^{n+1}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_j f(x) &:= C(n) \text{p.v.} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y) \frac{x_j - y_j}{|x-y|^{n+1}} dy \\ &= C(n) \text{p.v.} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y) K_j(x-y) dy \end{aligned}$$

- What happens no differently on $\mathbb{R} \otimes \mathbb{R}$?

$$f(x_1, x_2)$$

$$H_2 f(x_1, x_2)$$

Apply the Hilbert transform
in the 2nd variable:

$$H_2 f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{p.v.} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{f(x_1, y_2)}{x_2 - y_2} dy_2$$

$$H_1 H_2 f(x_1, x_2)$$

Apply the Hilbert transform
in the 1st variable:

$$H_1 H_2 f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{p.v.} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{H_2 f(y_1, x_2)}{x_1 - y_1} dy_1$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \text{p.v.} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{(x_1 - y_1)} \left(\frac{1}{\pi} \text{p.v.} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{f(y_1, y_2)}{x_2 - y_2} dy_2 \right) dy_1$$

$$H_1 H_2 f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \text{p.v.} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{f(y_1, y_2)}{(x_1 - y_1)(x_2 - y_2)} dy_1 dy_2$$

(The "Double Hilbert Transform")

$$= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \text{p.v.} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(y_1, y_2) K(x_1 - y_1, x_2 - y_2) dy_1 dy_2$$

- Compare to Riesz kernels on \mathbb{R}^2 :

$$K_1(x_1, x_2) = \frac{x_1}{|x|^3}$$

$$K_2(x_1, x_2) = \frac{x_2}{|x|^3}$$

$$K(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{|x|^3}$$

- The fundamental difference: Invariance under dilations.
- Go back for a moment to the 1-parameter theory:

→ Calderón-Zygmund (convolution) Kernels:

- The original proof of Marcel Riesz (1928) that the Hilbert transform H preserves $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ used Cauchy's Theorem & complex analysis.
- The work of Calderón and Zygmund.

[1952 - "On the existence of certain singular integrals" - Acta] introduced real-variable techniques & vastly expanded the theory.
 → They considered convolution operators whose kernel $K(x)$, defined on \mathbb{R}^n , "looks like $1/x$ does on \mathbb{R}^1 ".

(Later the theory was extended to non-convolution kernels).

- Important feature: The class of CZ Kernels is invariant under dilations

Generally, this means that $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \mapsto sx; s > 0 \\ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (sx_1, \dots, sx_n) \end{array} \right\}$

If K is a CZ Kernel, then K_s is also a CZ Kernel, where $K_s(x) := \frac{1}{s^n} K\left(\frac{x}{s}\right)$.

Remark: $x \mapsto sx$ is a one-parameter family of dilations.

⇒ the CZ theory seems to be more or less the same independent of the dimension (& # of variables) n .

- Hilbert Kernel: $K(x) = \frac{1}{|x|}$; $K_s(x) = \frac{1}{s} K\left(\frac{x}{s}\right) = \frac{1}{s} \frac{1}{|x|/s} = \frac{1}{|x|}$
- Riesz Kernels: $K_j(x) = \frac{x_j}{|x|^{n+1}}$; $K_j^s(x) = \frac{1}{s^n} \frac{x_j/s}{|x|^{n+1}/s^{n+1}} = \frac{x_j}{|x|^{n+1}}$

→ Double Hilbert Kernel:

$$K(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{|x_1 x_2|} \rightarrow \text{Invariant under a two-parameter family of dilations:}$$

$$x = (x_1, x_2) \mapsto (s_1 x_1, s_2 x_2)$$

$$K_{s_1, s_2}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{s_1 s_2} K\left(\frac{x_1}{s_1}, \frac{x_2}{s_2}\right) = \frac{1}{s_1 s_2} \frac{1}{|x_1 x_2|} = \frac{1}{s_1 s_2}$$

What happens if we try this with the Riesz Kernels on \mathbb{R}^2 ?

$$K_j(x) = \frac{x_j}{|x|^{n+1}} = \frac{x_j}{(x_1^2 + x_2^2)^{3/2}} \quad (j=1,2)$$

$$\frac{1}{s_1 s_2} K\left(\frac{x_1}{s_1}, \frac{x_2}{s_2}\right) = \frac{1}{s_1 s_2} \frac{x_j/s_j}{\left(\frac{x_1^2}{s_1^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{s_2^2}\right)^{3/2}}$$

→ Generalization of CZ-theory to the 2-parameter settings $\mathbb{R}^n \otimes \mathbb{R}^m$:

R. Fefferman & Stein: "Singular integrals on product spaces" (Advances 82)

→ They considered "tensor product" operators (like $T_1 T_2$ for example)

$$\mathbb{R}^n \otimes \mathbb{R}^m; f(\underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_n}_{\mathbb{R}^n}, \underbrace{x'_1, \dots, x'_m}_{\mathbb{R}^m})$$

$$Tf = T_{(\mathbb{R}^n)} T_{(\mathbb{R}^m)} f$$

(many proofs are "earlier" by appeals to Fubini's, Fefferman-Stein inequalities)

→ Journé - "CZO's on Product Spaces" (A85)

Generalized to product space CZO's which are not necessarily of tensor product type - Journé operators.

→ Generally, we are concerned w/ operators acting on functions on $\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{R}^{n_k}$ (k -parameters)

that are invariant under the k -parameter family of dilations

$$(x_1, \dots, x_k) \mapsto (\delta_1 x_1, \dots, \delta_k x_k)$$
$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$$
$$\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \dots \mathbb{R}^{n_k}$$

→ Side note: There are actually many interesting families of dilations that one can consider. For example: in \mathbb{R}^3 , we may consider the 2-parameter family $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mapsto (\delta_1 x_1, \delta_2 x_2, \delta_1 \delta_2 x_3)$.

Some defining features of multiparameter harmonic analysis:

→ The Breakdown of Weak $(1,1)$ inequalities:

→ Calderón & Zygmund proved that:

$$\|Tf\|_p \leq C(n) \|f\|_p, \quad 1 < p < \infty$$

$$|\{x : |Tf(x)| > \lambda\}| \leq \frac{C}{\lambda} \|f\|_1, \quad \lambda > 0 \quad (*)$$

The structure of their proof & techniques developed there set the tone for real-variable theory for many years:

① Prove the L^2 -estimate: $\|Tf\|_2 \lesssim \|f\|_2$

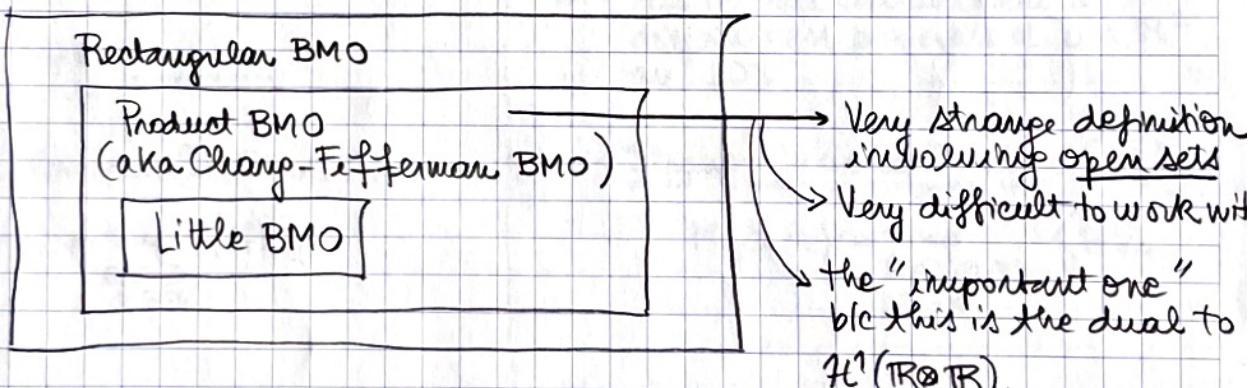
② Prove weak $(1,1)$ (CZ decomposition)

Interpolation:
 $1 < p < 2$ ✓
 $p > 2$: Adjoint ✓

→ When considering classes of kernels invariant under several-parameter dilations, (*) is no longer true

→ Underlying cause: the geometry of rectangles, which leads to (among many consequences) the breakdown of covering lemmas.

→ There are 3 BMO spaces: (For example in $\mathbb{R} \otimes \mathbb{R}$)



→ Construction of the Haar basis on \mathbb{R}^2 :

Recall the Haar functions on \mathbb{R} , associated to a dyadic interval I :

$$h_I^0(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|I|}} (1_{I_+} - 1_{I_-}) \quad (\text{cancellative})$$

$$h_I^1(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|I|}} 1_I \quad (\text{non-cancellative}).$$

Haar Functions on \mathbb{R}^2

$$h_{I_1 \times I_2}^{(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)}(x_1, x_2) := h_{I_1}^{\varepsilon_1}(x_1) h_{I_2}^{\varepsilon_2}(x_2)$$

where $|I_1| = |I_2|$

⇒ Four Haar functions:
3 cancellative

++	-+	-+
--	-+	+-
(0, 1)	(1, 0)	(0, 0)

and 1 non-cancellative

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(1, 1)

Dyadic grid: SQUARES
 (D)

⇒ (dyadic) Maximal function (\mathbb{R}^n):

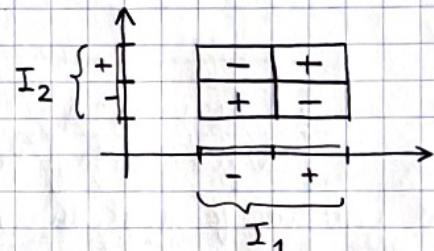
$$M_f^*(x) := \sup_{\substack{Q \in D \\ Q \ni x}} \langle |f| \rangle_Q$$

Haar Functions on $\mathbb{R} \otimes \mathbb{R}$

$$h_{I_1 \times I_2}(x_1, x_2) := h_{I_1}^0(x_1) h_{I_2}^0(x_2)$$

$$= h_{I_1}^0 \otimes h_{I_2}^0$$

No requirement for lengths to be equal!



Dyadic grid $(D_1 \otimes D_2)$: RECTANGLES

⇒ All the nice containment & disjointness properties of D in \mathbb{R}^2 are LOST.

⇒ Strong Maximal Function (\mathbb{R}^n):

$$M_S f^*(x) := \sup_{\substack{R \in D_1 \otimes D_2 \\ R \ni x}} \langle |f| \rangle_R$$

One-parameter BMO: $\|b\|_{BMO_d(\mathbb{R})} := \sup_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \left(\frac{1}{|I|} \int_I |b - \langle b \rangle_I|^2 \right)^{1/2} \simeq \sup_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \left(\frac{1}{|I|} \sum_{K \subset I} (b, h_K)^2 \right)^{1/2}$

The second, equivalent, definition comes from John-Nirenberg but also the simple but crucial fact that $\mathbb{1}_I(b - \langle b \rangle_I) = \sum_{K \subset I} (b, h_K) h_K$.

Multiparameter BMO spaces ($\mathbb{R} \otimes \mathbb{R}$): Working within $\mathbb{R} \otimes \mathbb{R}$, equipped with dyadic rectangles $R = D_1 \otimes D_2$ ($R = I_1 \times I_2$; $I_i \in D_i$; D_i = dyadic grid on \mathbb{R}).
⇒ Associated Haar system

$$h_R := h_I \otimes h_J, \forall R = I \times J \in \mathcal{D}.$$

Rectangular BMO:

$$\|b\|_{BMO_R} := \sup_{R_0 \in \mathcal{R}} \left(\frac{1}{|R_0|} \sum_{R \subset R_0} (b, h_R)^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

Product BMO:

$$\|b\|_{BMO} := \sup_{\Omega} \left(\frac{1}{|\Omega|} \sum_{\substack{R \in \mathcal{R} \\ R \subset \Omega}} (b, h_R)^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

where sup is over all open sets $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, $|\Omega| < \infty$.

(iterated)
commutators

$$[b, H_1], H_2$$

little bmo:

$$\|b\|_{bmo} := \sup_{R \in \mathcal{R}} \frac{1}{|R|} \int_R |b - \langle b \rangle_R|$$

commutators

$$[b, T], T = \text{Journ\'e operator}$$

$$[b, H_1, H_2]$$

Why do both of the straightforward generalizations fail?

In 2 parameters, there is a disconnect between $\mathbb{1}_R(b - \langle b \rangle_R)$ and $\sum_{T \subset R} (b, h_T) h_T$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{1}_R(b - \langle b \rangle_R) &= \sum_{T \subset R} (b, h_T) h_T + \sum_{\substack{J_1 \subset I_1 \\ J_2 \subset I_2}} (b, h_{J_1} \otimes \frac{\mathbb{1}_{I_2}}{|I_2|}) h_{J_1}(\eta_1) \mathbb{1}_{I_2}(\eta_2) \\ &\quad + \sum_{\substack{J_2 \subset I_2 \\ J_1 \subset I_1}} (b, \frac{\mathbb{1}_{I_1}}{|I_1|} \otimes h_{J_2}) \mathbb{1}_{I_1}(\eta_1) h_{J_2}(\eta_2) \end{aligned}$$

One-parameter formulas: $\langle b \rangle_I = \sum_{J \supseteq I} (b, h_J) h_J(I)$; $\mathbb{1}_J (b - \langle b \rangle_J) = \sum_{I \subset J} (b, h_I) h_I$

The second formula follows from the first one & properties of Haar functions:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{1}_J(\star)(b(\star) - \langle b \rangle_J) &= \mathbb{1}_J(\star) \left(\underbrace{\sum_I (b, h_I) h_I(\star)}_{I \text{ must } \cap J} \mathbb{1}_J(\star) - \sum_{K \supsetneq J} (b, h_K) h_K(J) \mathbb{1}_J(\star) \right) \\ &= \sum_{I \subset J} (b, h_I) h_I(\star) + \sum_{I \supsetneq J} (b, h_I) h_I(J) \mathbb{1}_J(\star) - \sum_{K \supsetneq J} (b, h_K) h_K(J) \mathbb{1}_J\end{aligned}$$

What happens in 2 parameters? Take $R = I_1 \times I_2$. Average formula is the same (basically)

$$\begin{aligned}\langle b \rangle_R &= \frac{1}{|I_1||I_2|} \int_{I_1 \times I_2} \left(\sum_{T \in R} (b, h_T) h_T(u_1, u_2) \right) d(u_1, u_2) \quad \text{but } h_T(u_1, u_2) = h_{J_1}(u_1) h_{J_2}(u_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{|I_1||I_2|} \sum_{T \in R} (b, h_T) \left(\underbrace{\int_{I_1} h_{J_1}(u_1)}_{0 \text{ unless } I_1 \subseteq J_1} \right) \left(\underbrace{\int_{I_2} h_{J_2}(u_2)}_{0 \text{ unless } I_2 \subseteq J_2} \right) = \frac{1}{|I_1||I_2|} \sum_{\substack{J_1 \supseteq I_1 \\ J_2 \supseteq I_2}} (b, h_{J_1}) h_{J_1}(I_1) |I_1| \\ &\quad \cdot h_{J_2}(I_2) |I_2|\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle b \rangle_R = \sum_{\substack{T=J_1 \times J_2 \\ J_1 \supseteq I_1, \\ J_2 \supseteq I_2}} (b, h_T) \underbrace{h_T(R)}_{h_{J_1}(I_1) h_{J_2}(I_2)}$$

Remark: this is NOT the same as $\sum_{T \supseteq R} T$ because, for example, $T = J_1 \times I_2$ satisfies $T \supsetneq R$.

The other formula takes a turn though:

$$\mathbb{1}_R(b - \langle b \rangle_R) = \sum_{T \in R} (b, h_T) h_T(u_1, u_2) \mathbb{1}_R(u_1, u_2) - \mathbb{1}_R \langle b \rangle_R$$

$$[h_{J_1}(u_1) \mathbb{1}_{I_1}(u_1)] \cdot [h_{J_2}(u_2) \mathbb{1}_{I_2}(u_2)]$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} h_{J_1}(u_1) \text{ if } J_1 \subseteq I_1 & h_{J_2}(u_2) \text{ if } J_2 \subseteq I_2 \\ h_{J_1}(I_1) \text{ if } J_1 \supsetneq I_1 & h_{J_2}(I_2) \text{ if } J_2 \supsetneq I_2 \end{array}$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{J_1 \subset I_1 \\ J_2 \subset I_2}} (b, h_T) h_T + \sum_{\substack{J_1 \subset I_1 \\ J_2 \supsetneq I_2}} (b, h_T) h_{J_1}(u_1) h_{J_2}(I_2) \mathbb{1}_{I_2}(u_2)$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{J_1 \supsetneq I_1 \\ J_2 \subseteq I_2}} (b, h_T) h_{J_1}(I_1) \mathbb{1}_{I_1}(u_1) h_{J_2}(u_2)$$

$$+ \sum_{\substack{J_1 \supsetneq I_1 \\ J_2 \supsetneq I_2}} (b, h_T) h_T(u_1) \mathbb{1}_R - \langle b \rangle_R \mathbb{1}_R$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{J_1 \subset I_1 \\ J_2 \subset I_2}} (b, h_T) h_T + \sum_{J_1 \subset I_1} h_{J_1}(u_1) \left(\sum_{J_2 \supsetneq I_2} (b, h_{J_1} \otimes h_{J_2}) h_{J_2}(I_2) \right) \mathbb{1}_{I_2}(u_2)$$

$$+ \sum_{J_2 \subset I_2} h_{J_2}(u_2) \left(\sum_{J_1 \supsetneq I_1} (b, h_{J_1} \times h_{J_2}) h_{J_1}(I_1) \right) \mathbb{1}_{I_1}(u_1)$$

$$\mathbb{1}_R(b - \langle b \rangle_R) = \sum_{T \in R} (b, h_T) h_T + \sum_{J_1 \subset I_1} (m_{I_2} b, h_{J_1}) h_{J_1}(u_1) \otimes \mathbb{1}_{I_2}(u_2)$$

$$+ \sum_{J_2 \subset I_2} (m_{I_1} b, h_{J_2}) \mathbb{1}_{I_1}(u_1) \otimes h_{J_2}(u_2)$$

$$(b, h_{I_1} \otimes \frac{\mathbb{1}_{I_2}}{|I_2|}) = \sum_{J_2 \supsetneq I_2} (b, h_{I_1} \times J_2) h_{J_2}(I_2)$$

$$= (m_{I_2} b, h_{I_1})_1$$

$$(b, \frac{\mathbb{1}_{I_1}}{|I_1|} \otimes h_{I_2}) = \sum_{J_1 \supsetneq I_1} (b, h_{J_1} \times I_2) h_{J_1}(I_1)$$

$$= (m_{I_1} b, h_{I_2})_2$$

$$m_{I_1} b(x_2) := \frac{1}{|I_1|} \int_{I_1} b(x_1, x_2) dx_1$$

$$m_{I_2} b(x_1) := \frac{1}{|I_2|} \int_{I_2} b(x_1, x_2) dx_2$$

$$\begin{aligned}m_{I_1} b(x_2) &= \langle b(\cdot, x_2) \rangle_{I_1} \\ &= \sum_{J_1 \supsetneq I_1} (b(\cdot, x_2), h_{J_1})_1 h_{J_1}(I_1) \\ &= \sum_{J_1 \supsetneq I_1} \left(\int b(x_1, x_2) h_{J_1}(x_1) dx_1 \right) h_{J_1}^{(I_1)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (m_{I_1} b, h_{I_2})_2 =$$

$$= \sum_{J_2 \supsetneq I_2} \left(\int b(x_1, x_2) h_{J_1}(x_1) h_{J_2}(x_2) dx_1 \right) h_{J_2}(I_2)$$

$$= \sum_{J_2 \supsetneq I_2} (b, h_{J_1} \otimes h_{J_2}) h_{J_1}(I_1)$$

Square function associated with $\{h_R\}_{R \in \mathbb{R}}$: $S_R f(x_1, x_2) := \left(\sum_{R \in \mathbb{R}} (f, h_R)^2 \frac{1}{|R|} \right)^{1/2}$

Dyadic H^1 in this situation: $\|f\|_{H^1(R \otimes R)} := \|S_R f\|_{L^1(R \otimes R)}$.

Same construction as before:

- $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$:
- $U_k := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : S_R \phi(x) > 2^k\}$
 - $\tilde{U}_k := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : M_S 1_{U_k}(x) > \frac{1}{2}\}$
 - $R_k := \{R \in \mathbb{R} : |R \cap U_k| > \frac{|R|}{2}\}$.

- $U_{k+1} \subset U_k ; R_{k+1} \subset R_k$ (same)
- $(\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |U_k| 2^k) \approx \|S_R \phi\|_1$, (same)

- $|\tilde{U}_k| \lesssim |U_k| \rightarrow$ slight issue here: we used weak(1,1) for M here in the 1-param. case

Still, this is OK for us: For the strong maximal function:

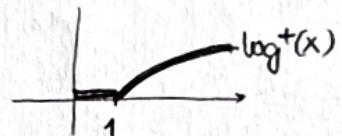
$$\begin{aligned} |\tilde{U}_k| &= |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : M_S 1_{U_k}(x) > \frac{1}{2}\}| \\ &\lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{1_{U_k}}{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \log^+ \frac{1_{U_k}}{\frac{1}{2}} \right) dx \\ &= \int_{U_k} 2 \left(1 + \log^+(2) \right) dx \approx |U_k|. \end{aligned}$$

- $(\bigcup_{R \in R_k} R) \subset \tilde{U}_k$ (same)
- $R \notin \bigcup_{k' \in \mathbb{Z}} R_{k'} \Rightarrow |R \cap \{S_R = 0\}| \geq \frac{|R|}{2} \Rightarrow (\phi, h_R) = 0$ (same)
- $\bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} R_k = \emptyset$ (same)

Caution here: this is the strong maximal function (which fails weak(1,1) - more later).

$$M_S f(x) = \sup_{\substack{R \in \mathbb{R} \\ R \ni x}} \langle f \rangle_R$$

$$\begin{aligned} &|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : M_S f(x) > \lambda\}| \lesssim \\ &\lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda} \left(1 + \log^+ \frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda} \right) dx \end{aligned}$$



$$|(b, \phi)| \leq \sum_{R \in \mathbb{R}} |(b, h_R)| |(\phi, h_R)| = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(\sum_{R \in R_k \setminus R_{k+1}} (b, h_R)^2 \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{R \in R_k \setminus R_{k+1}} (\phi, h_R)^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\approx \|b\|_{BMO} |\tilde{U}_k|^{1/2} \lesssim 2^k |\tilde{U}_k|^{1/2} \text{ (same)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum_{R \in R_k \setminus R_{k+1}} (b, h_R)^2 \right)^{1/2} &\leq \left(\sum_{R \in R_k} (b, h_R)^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \left(\sum_{\substack{R \in \mathbb{R} \\ R \subset \tilde{U}_k}} (b, h_R)^2 \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq |\tilde{U}_k|^{1/2} \|b\|_{BMO_{\mathbb{R} \otimes \mathbb{R}}} ! \text{ (easier even)}$$