

Quantitative norm convergence of triple ergodic averages for commuting transformations

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A purpose of this talk is to show how estimates in multilinear harmonic analysis, of the form

$$|\Lambda(f_1, \dots, f_n)| \leq C \|f_1\|_{L^{p_1}} \cdots \|f_n\|_{L^{p_n}},$$

where Λ is a multilinear singular integral form, can be used to show *quantitative* results on convergence of various ergodic averages.

(X, \mathcal{F}, μ) probability space, $T : X \rightarrow X$ measure preserving, i.e.
 $\mu(T^{-1}E) = \mu(E)$, $f \in L^\infty(X)$, $x \in X$

$$M_n(f)(x) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f(T^i x)$$

- L^2 convergence as $n \rightarrow \infty$: von Neumann '30
- Pointwise a.e. convergence as $n \rightarrow \infty$: Birkhoff '31
- Norm-variation estimates: Jones, Ostrovskii, Rosenblatt '96

$$\sup_{n_0 < \dots < n_m} \sum_{j=1}^m \|M_{n_j}(f) - M_{n_{j-1}}(f)\|_{L^2(X)}^2 \lesssim \|f\|_{L^2(X)}^2$$

The variation exponent 2 is sharp.

Gives an upper bound on the # of jumps of $(M_n(f))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of fixed size.

(X, \mathcal{F}, μ) probability space, $T_1, \dots, T_k : X \rightarrow X$ mutually commuting and measure-preserving, $f_1, \dots, f_k \in L^\infty(X)$

$$M_n(f_1, \dots, f_k)(x) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f_1(T_1^i x) \cdots f_k(T_k^i x)$$

- L^2 convergence as $n \rightarrow \infty$: $k = 2$ Conze and Lesigne '84; Tao '08
- Pointwise a.e. convergence as $n \rightarrow \infty$: open problem
- Norm-variation estimates: For some $1 < p_i < \infty$, $2 \leq r < \infty$,

$$\sup_{n_0 < \dots < n_m} \sum_{j=1}^m \|M_{n_j}(f_1, \dots, f_k) - M_{n_{j-1}}(f_1, \dots, f_k)\|_{L^2(X)}^r \lesssim \prod_{i=1}^k \|f_i\|_{L^{p_i}(X)}^r$$

- $k = 2$, $r = 2$, $(p_1, p_2) = (4, 4)$: D., Kovač, Škreb, Thiele '16
- $k = 3$, $r > 4$, $(p_1, p_2, p_3) = (4, 8, 8)$: D., Thiele, Slavíková '23
- Other L^p exponents by interpolation, monotonicity, etc.
- Open problem: $k \geq 4$; $k = 3$ and $r \leq 4$

$$M_n(f, g)(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f(T_1^i x) g(T_2^i x)$$

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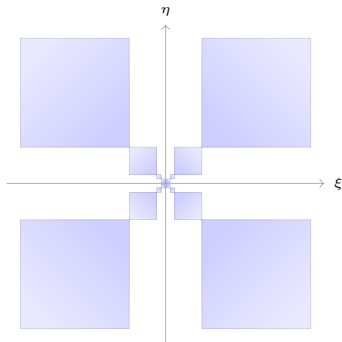
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Let $\widehat{\varphi}$ be supported in $[-1, 1]$ and constant on $[-1/2, 1/2]$.
The Fourier transform of the kernel is

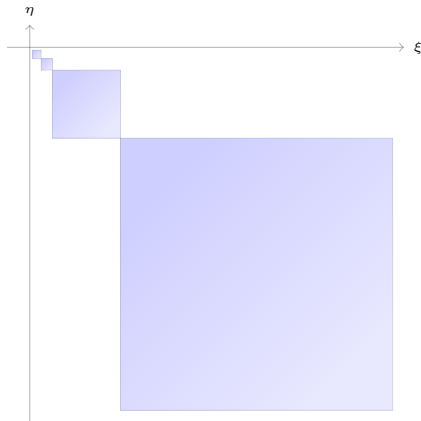
$$\sum_j (\widehat{\varphi}(2^{k_j-1}\xi) - \widehat{\varphi}(2^{k_j}\xi)) (\widehat{\varphi}(2^{k_j-1}\eta) - \widehat{\varphi}(2^{k_j}\eta))$$



Not 2D Calderón-Zygmund kernel (which would be the case $k_j = j$).

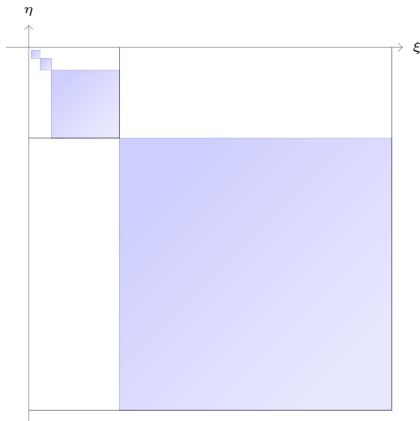
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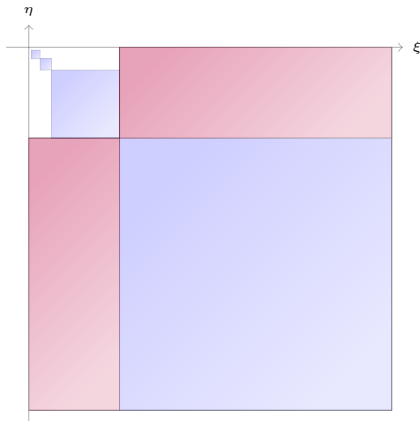
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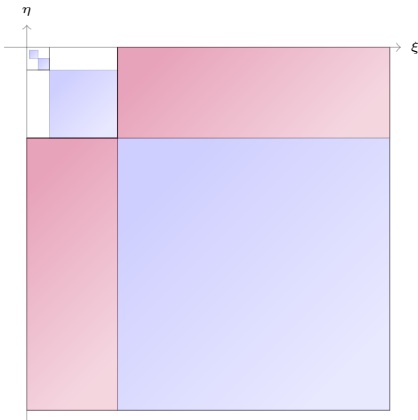
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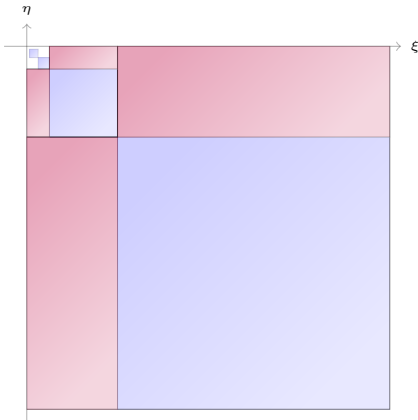
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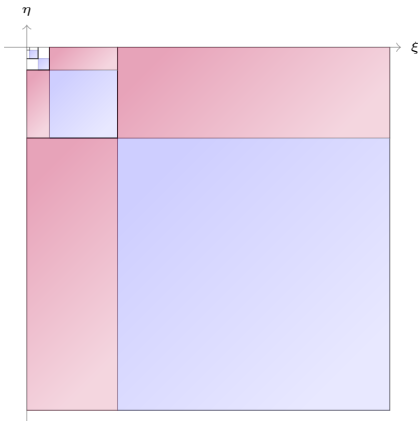
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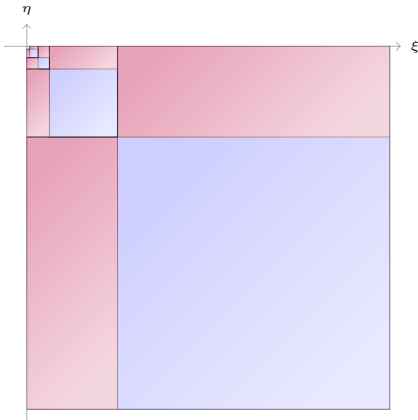
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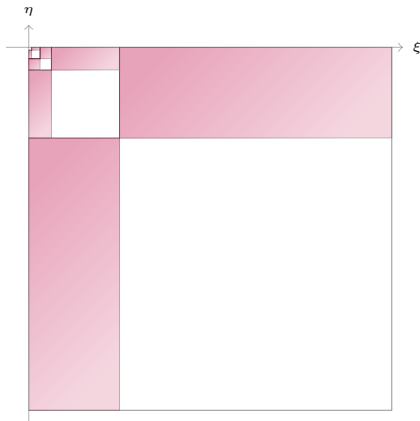
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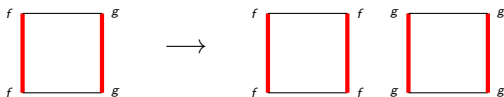
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We would like to achieve this with $\int \omega = 0$.

If we had this,

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- Cauchy-Schwarz to separate f and g



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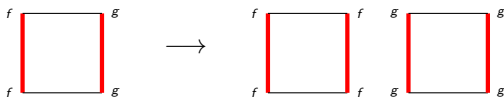
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$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(x, x') g(x, y') \omega_t(x - p) dx \right|$$

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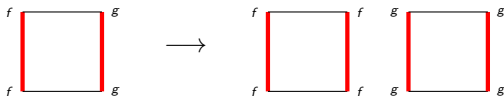
If we had this,

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \int_{2^{k_j-1}}^{2^{k_j}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^6} f(y, x') g(x, x') f(y, y') g(x, y')$$

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- Cauchy-Schwarz to separate f and g



- Cauchy-Schwarz lowers complexity of the form by reducing to forms with occurrences of one function only
- Now dominate $|\varphi|, |\psi|$ by Gaussians to obtain a highly symmetric non-negative form whose proof can be completed with partial integration (heat equation) and monotonicity arguments

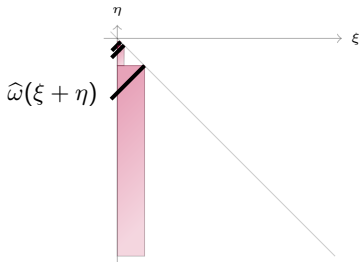
$$\Lambda_1(f) \leq \|f\|_4^4 - \Lambda_2(f) \leq \|f\|_4^4$$

- Singular Brascamp-Lieb forms with cubical structure, do not fall under classical CZ theory (Even with one-parameter CZ kernel)
- Kovac '12, . . . , D., Thiele, Slavikova '21, etc.

$$\varphi_{2^{k_j}}(x' - x - y)\psi_t(y' - x - y)$$

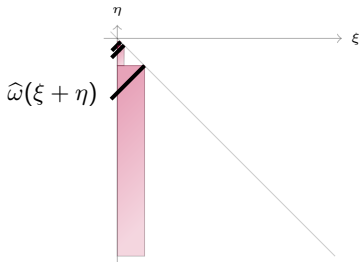
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$$\begin{aligned}
& \varphi_{2^{k_j}}(x' - x - y)\psi_t(y' - x - y) \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \widehat{\varphi}_{2^{k_j}}(\xi) e^{2\pi i \xi(x' - x - y)} \widehat{\psi}_t(\eta) e^{2\pi i \eta(y' - x - y)} d\xi d\eta \\
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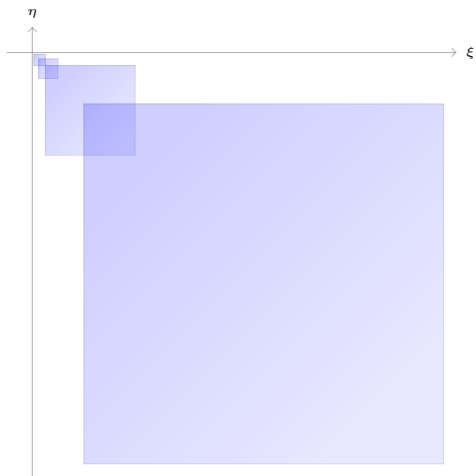
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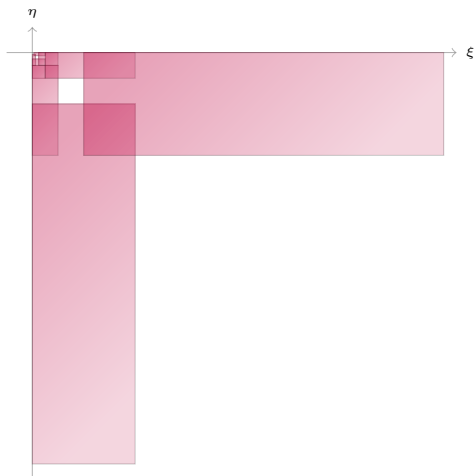
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However: in reality the support of ω intersects the diagonal

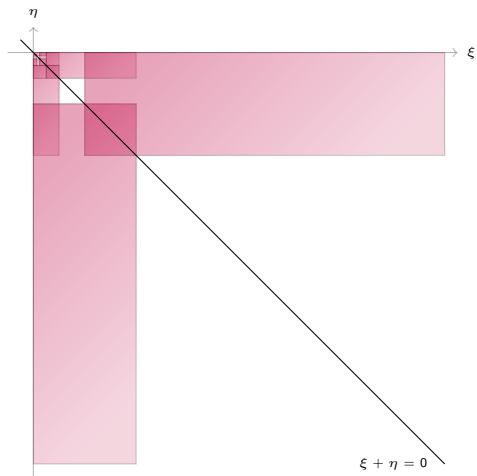
Multiplier and telescoping (realistic)



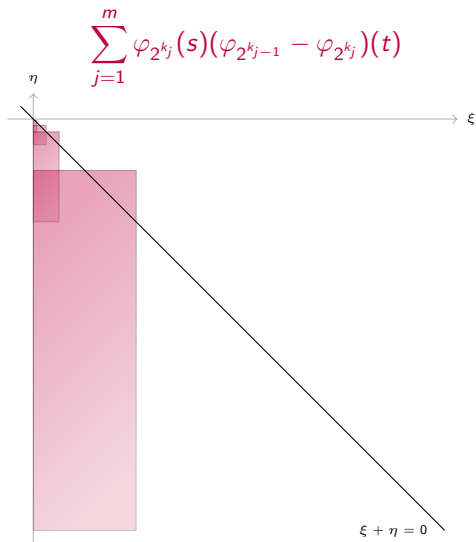
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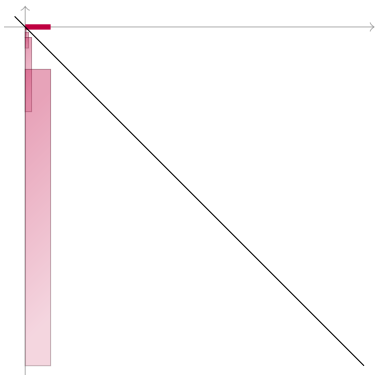


Multiplier and telescoping (realistic)



$$\sum_{j=1}^m \phi_{2^{k_j}}(s) (\varphi_{2^{k_{j-1}}} - \varphi_{2^{k_j}})(t)$$

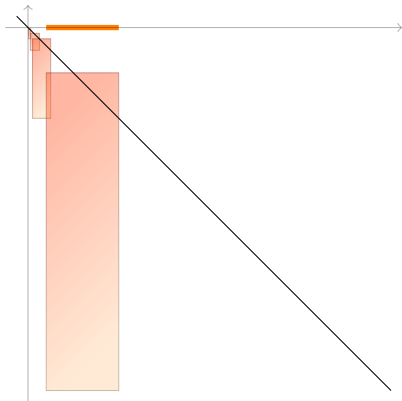
$$\phi = \varphi \chi_{(-2^{-4}, 2^{-4})}$$



stick

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \psi_{2^{k_j}}(s) (\varphi_{2^{k_{j-1}}} - \varphi_{2^{k_j}})(t)$$

$$\psi = \varphi \chi_{(-2, -2^{-5}) \cup (2^{-5}, 2)}$$



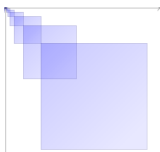
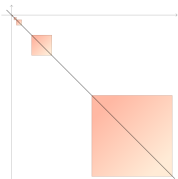
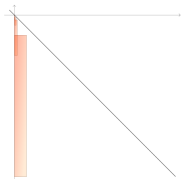
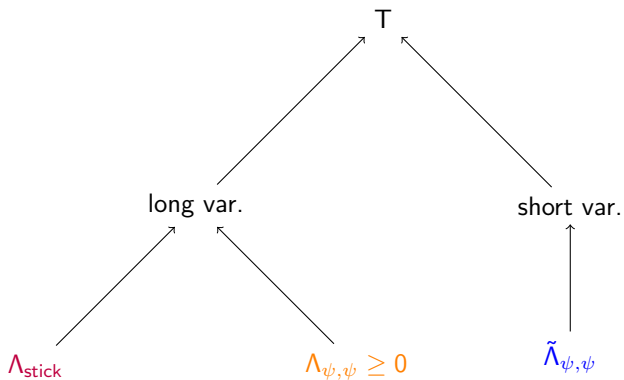
bad, but CZ near $\xi + \eta = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Lambda_{\text{bad}} &= \sum_{j=1}^m \int_{\mathbb{R}^4} f(x+s, y)g(x, y+s)f(x+t, y)g(x, y+t) \\
&\quad \psi_{2^{k_j}}(s)(\varphi_{2^{k_{j-1}}} - \varphi_{2^{k_j}})(t) dx dy ds dt \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^m \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x+s, y)g(x, y+s)\psi_{2^{k_j}}(s) ds \right) \\
&\quad \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x+t, y)g(x, y+t)(\varphi_{2^{k_j}} - \varphi_{2^{k_{j-1}}})(t) dt \right) dx dy \\
&\leq \Lambda_{\psi, \psi}^{1/2} \Lambda^{1/2}
\end{aligned}$$

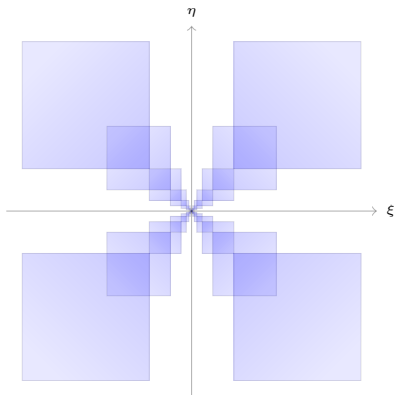
Therefore, long variation:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Lambda &\lesssim \text{single-scale} + \Lambda_{\text{stick}} + \Lambda_{\text{bad}} \\
&\lesssim \text{single-scale} + \Lambda_{\text{stick}} + \Lambda_{\psi, \psi}^{1/2} \Lambda^{1/2}
\end{aligned}$$

So it suffices to bound Λ_{stick} and $\Lambda_{\psi, \psi}$.

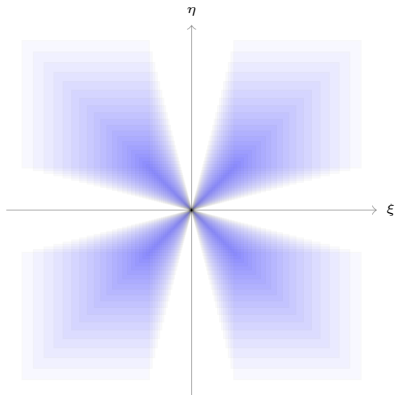


- $\Lambda_{\psi,\psi}$ and $\tilde{\Lambda}_{\psi,\psi}$: Calderón-Zygmund kernel with FT

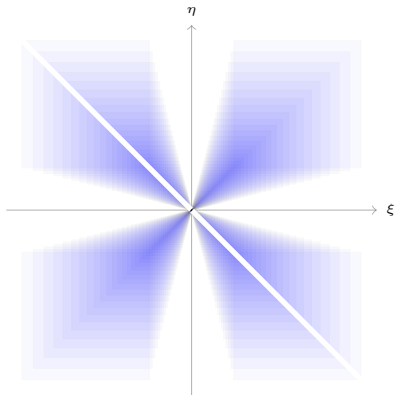


- How to deal with the diagonal?

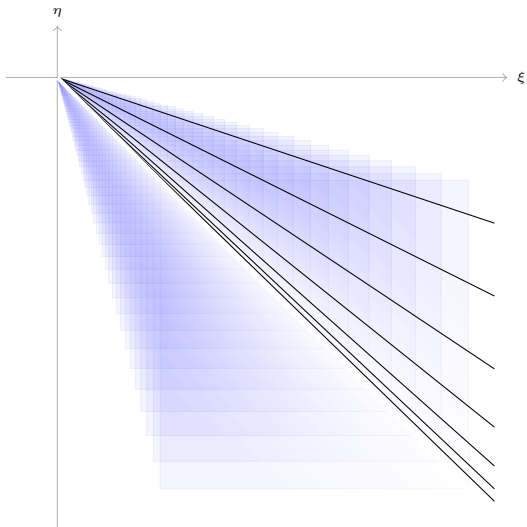
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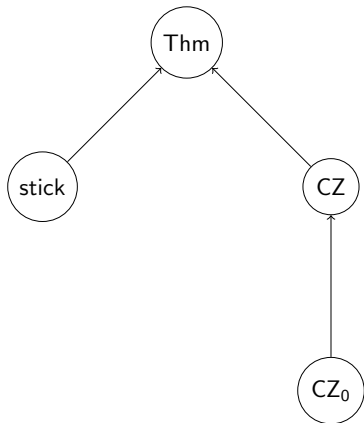


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- Estimate each cone separately
- Estimates summable due to vanishing on $\xi + \eta = 0$

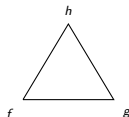




- In the proof it was important to “fill in the gaps” i.e. add missing scales; crucial positivity of the form.
- Used after the reduction in the long variation as well as to pass to a homogeneous multiplier.

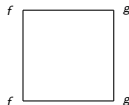
Triangular Hilbert transform

$$(x, y) \mapsto \text{p.v.} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(x+t, y)g(x, y+t) \frac{1}{t} dt$$



- No L^p estimates known.
- As a byproduct we prove a bound for the associated square function,

$$\left\| \left(\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x+t, y)g(x, y+t) 2^{-j} \psi(2^{-j}t) dt \right|^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L^2_{x,y}(\mathbb{R}^2)} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^4(\mathbb{R}^2)} \|g\|_{L^4(\mathbb{R}^2)}$$



Transference leads to averages on \mathbb{R}^3

$$A_n(f, g, h)(x, y, z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x + s, y, z)g(x, y + s, z)g(x, y, z + s)\varphi_n(s)ds$$

- We show, for $r > 4$ and $0 < n_0 < \dots < n_m$,

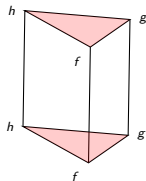
$$\sum_{j=1}^m \|A_{n_j}(f, g, h) - A_{n_{j-1}}(f, g, h)\|_{L^2}^r \lesssim_{\varphi} \|f\|_{L^8}^r \|g\|_{L^8}^r \|h\|_{L^4}^r$$

via a "weak-type endpoint" estimate

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \|A_{n_j}(f, g, h) - A_{n_{j-1}}(f, g, h)\|_{L^2}^2 \lesssim_{\varphi} m^{1/2} \|f\|_{L^8}^2 \|g\|_{L^8}^2 \|h\|_{L^4}^2$$

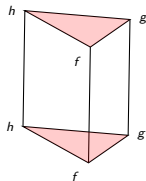
- Limitation of the techniques: not able to remove the loss in m

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \int_{\mathbb{R}^5} f(x+s, y, z)g(x, y+s, z)h(x, y, z+s) \\ f(x+t, y, z)g(x, y+t, z)h(x, y, z+t) \\ (\varphi_{n_j} - \varphi_{n_{j-1}})(s) \\ (\varphi_{n_j} - \varphi_{n_{j-1}})(t) \quad d(x, y, z, s, t)$$



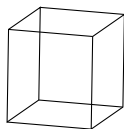
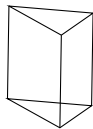
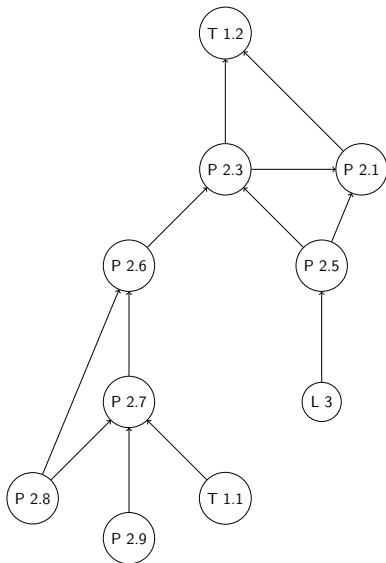
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$$\sum_{j=1}^m \int_{\mathbb{R}^5} f(u, y, z)g(x, u, z)h(x, y, u) \\ f(u', y, z)g(x, u', z)h(x, y, u') \\ (\varphi_{n_j} - \varphi_{n_{j-1}})(u - x - y - z) \\ (\varphi_{n_j} - \varphi_{n_{j-1}})(u' - x - y - z) \quad d(x, y, z, u, u')$$

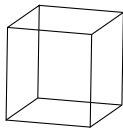
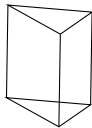
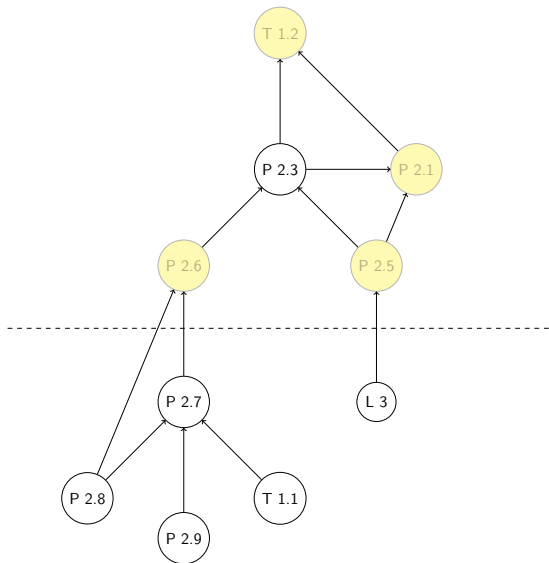


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- **First:** cannot add additional scales to positive forms due to loss $m^{1/2}$, which is produced by the first Cauchy-Schwarz
- Workaround: Up to CZ error terms, pass to particular bump functions which allow to create multipliers constant on $\xi + \eta = 0$
- CZ error terms still need to preserve complexity m

- **Second:** new stick terms, associated with higher-dim kernels
- They are multi-parameter, but no need to keep track of m .
- Higher dimensional CZ pieces also arise, but this has been done previously (D., Thiele '18 and D., Thiele, Slavikova '21).

$$M_n(f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4)(x) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f_1(T_1^i x) f_2(T_2^i x) f_3(T_1^i x) f_4(T_1^i x)$$

- Do not aim for a sharp variation exponent.
- More "triangles", more iterations needed to reduce complexity to a higher dimensional cube.
- Not yet clear how to iterate the steps on higher dimensional multipliers that arise after multiple applications of Cauchy-Schwarz.
- In particular, need to keep the number of jumps m at multiple iterations
- Multiple transformations: likely induction with 4 transformations being the induction base.

Thank you!