

Inversion and extension of the finite Hilbert transform

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Examples: L^p spaces, weak- L^p spaces, Orlicz spaces, Lorentz $L^{p,q}$ spaces, Lorentz Λ_ϕ spaces, Marcinkiewicz spaces,.....

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 - Not when $1/2 \in [\underline{\alpha}_X, \overline{\alpha}_X]$.
 For example, $X=L^{2,q}$ for $1 \leq q \leq \infty$.

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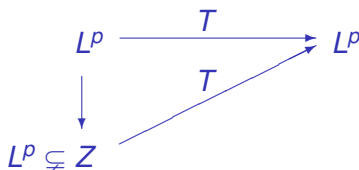
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The proof is based on Tricomi's decomposition of L^p in terms of T .

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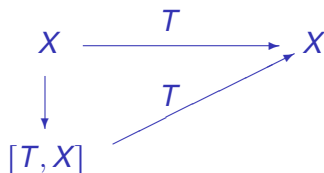
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(4) Since $\sigma_n = \pm 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|F\|_{L^\infty(\Lambda)} &= \sup_{\sigma \in \Lambda} \left\| T\left(\sum_{n=1}^N \sigma_n a_n \chi_{A_n}\right) \right\|_X \\ &= \sup_{\sigma \in \Lambda} \left\{ \left\| T\left(\theta \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \chi_{A_n}\right) \right\|_X : \theta = \sum_{n=1}^N \sigma_n \chi_{A_n} \right\} \\ &\leq \sup_{|\theta|=1} \|T(\theta\phi)\|_X. \end{aligned}$$

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(5) Fubini's theorem and duality yields

$$\begin{aligned}
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 &\geq \sup_{\|g\|_{X'}=1} \int_{-1}^1 |g(t)| \left(\int_{\Lambda} \left| \sum_{n=1}^N \sigma_n a_n T(\chi_{A_n})(t) \right| d\sigma \right) dt.
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(7) Consequently,

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 &\geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\|E_\delta\|} \left\| \sum_{n=1}^N |a_n| \chi_{A_n} \right\|_X = C\|\phi\|_X.
 \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

Consequence

Corollary (C., Okada & Ricker, 2019)

Let X be a r.i.s. on $(-1, 1)$ satisfying $0 < \underline{\alpha}_X \leq \overline{\alpha}_X < 1$.
 Given $f \in L^1(-1, 1)$, the following conditions are equivalent.

- (a) $f \in X$.
- (b) $T(f\chi_A) \in X$ for every $A \in \mathcal{B}$.
- (c) $T(f\theta) \in X$ for every $\theta \in L^\infty$ with $|\theta| = 1$ a.e.
- (d) $T(h) \in X$ for every $h \in L^0$ with $|h| \leq |f|$ a.e.

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