

Wavelets and paracommutators

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1. Introduction

Let P denote the collection of all dyadic cubes in \mathbf{R}^d , $E = \{0, 1\}^d \setminus \{0, 0\}$ and $\Lambda = P \times E$. The construction of the wavelet bases $\{\psi_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda}$ on $L^2(\mathbf{R}^d)$ is a celebrated result in mathematical analysis. Y. Meyer [7] and G. David [3] have used the bases $\{\psi_\lambda\}$ to study the boundedness of the Calderón–Zygmund operators, and have successfully simplified the proofs of the “ $T1$ Theorem” and the “ Tb Theorem”. It is well known that operators of the form

$$Tf(x) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^d} K(x, y)f(y) dy$$

can be compact; for example $T \in S_2$, i.e. T is Hilbert–Schmidt, if and only if $K \in L^2(\mathbf{R}^d \times \mathbf{R}^d)$. In this paper we will study the compactness and the Schatten–von Neumann properties by wavelet bases.

Precisely speaking, we consider the bilinear form $T(f, g) = \langle T(f), g \rangle$ on $\mathcal{D} \times \mathcal{D}$ with the distributional kernel $K(x, y)$. Let $\alpha_{\lambda, \lambda'} = T(\psi_\lambda, \psi_{\lambda'})$, for $\lambda, \lambda' \in \Lambda$. Then the bilinear form T is determined by the infinite matrix $\{\alpha_{\lambda, \lambda'}\}$. In other words, $\sum_\lambda \sum_{\lambda'} \alpha_{\lambda, \lambda'} \psi_\lambda \otimes \psi_{\lambda'}$ gives a decomposition for T , called the standard decomposition. We will also consider non-standard decompositions for T . And we will find out the conditions for $T \in S_p$ (the Schatten–von Neumann class). Then we will consider an important example: paracommutators, which are defined and studied systematically by Janson and Peetre [5]. Supplementary results are given by Peng [9], [10], and Peng–Qian [11].

In Section 2 we will give some notations and definitions, and in Section 3 we will give some lemmas for the S_p estimates. In Section 4 we will revisit the paracommutator, and will give simplified proofs for most results on paracommutators by wavelet basis expansions.

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