

DERIVATIVE AND APPROXIMATION THEOREMS ON LOCAL FIELDS

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ABSTRACT. The concept of a derivative of functions on local fields K plays a key role in approximation theory. In this note such a concept is given. The formula $\mathcal{Z}_\lambda^{(1)}(x) = |\lambda| \mathcal{Z}_\lambda(x)$ for characters \mathcal{Z}_λ , $\lambda \in K$ is obtained. With some modification it is applicable to more cases; e.g., to the a -adic group $\mathcal{Q}a$. Let $f \in L^r(K)$, $1 \leq r < \infty$, and consider the linear operator

$$L(f, x, \lambda) = \int_K f(t) |\lambda| w(\lambda(x - t)) dt, \quad \lambda \in K,$$

where the kernel w is generated by some $\omega \in L^1(K)$, $w = \omega$. Then, by means of the above derivative, we prove several lemmas including the Bernstein inequality and establish some inverse approximation theorems for the class $W[L^r, |x|^\alpha]$ and $\text{Lip}_r \alpha$. An application to the kernel G^α for the Bessel potential introduced by M. Taibleson is also included.

1. We use the notation in M. Taibleson's book [4]. Let K be a local field. It is well-known that K is locally compact, nondiscrete, complete and totally disconnected, and that the p -adic fields, p -series fields (p : prime) as well as their finite algebraic extensions are the only examples of such fields. Denote by \mathcal{O} the ring of integers, $\mathcal{O} = \{x \in K: |x| \leq 1\}$. $\mathcal{P} = \{x \in K: |x| < 1\}$ is its prime ideal, then \mathcal{O}/\mathcal{P} is isomorphic with a finite field $GF(q)$, where $q = p^c$ for some prime p and positive integer c . There is a prime element \mathfrak{p} of K such that $\mathcal{P} = (\mathfrak{p}) = \mathfrak{p}\mathcal{O}$. The spheres with center 0 (the center is not unique) in K are $\mathcal{P}^{-k} = \{x \in K: |x| \leq q^k\}$, their Haar measures are $|\mathcal{P}^{-k}| = q^k$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. In the sequel we state the concepts and theorems in one-dimensional form, even though most of them remain valid in the n -dimensional case.

Let $\chi_1(x)$ be any fixed nontrivial character of K^+ which is trivial on \mathcal{O} . As usual, denote by \hat{f} the Fourier transform of f , and by $f * g$ the convolution of f and g .

C.W. Onneweer has given a formula for derivatives for p -adic fields and p series fields [3], i.e.,

$$(1) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\ell=-N}^{N-1} p(\ell, N) \sum_{(\ell, N)} (f(x) - f(x + Z_{qN})),$$

where $p(\ell, N) = p^{-N+1}(p+1)^{-1}(p^{2\ell+1} + p^{-2N})$, and $\sum_{(\ell, N)}$ denotes the summation over all $Z_{qN} \in \mathcal{P}' \sim \mathcal{P}^{\ell+1}$ such that the j th coordinates of Z_{qN} are zero as $j \geq N$. We will give another formula for a derivative which seems to be applicable to more cases; e.g., to the a -adic group Ω_a [2]. Our definition, as one will see, has the advantage that, for $f(x) = \chi_y(x)$, $y \in \mathcal{P}^s \sim \mathcal{P}^{s+1}$, one can almost catch the differential coefficient $|y| = q^{-s}$ by using only one term for the p -adic fields case. Furthermore, the formula

$$(2) \quad [f(p^k x)]^{(1)} = |p^k| f^{(1)}(p^k x), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

is easy to deduce.

Let $W[L', \phi]$ denote the class of functions f such that there exists $g \in L'(K)$, $\phi f = \hat{g}$, $1 \leq r \leq \infty$ (where, for $2 < r \leq \infty$, \hat{f} is defined by distribution; see §3). Introducing the convolution integral

$$(3) \quad \int_K f(t) \rho w(\lambda(x-t)) dt,$$

where w is an integrable kernel, $\|w\|_1 = 1$ and $\rho = |\lambda| \rightarrow \infty$ is a parameter, we will establish some theorems characterizing $f \in W[L', |x|^\alpha]$ or Lipschitz class according to the degree of approximation by the operators (3). As is expected, the higher the approximation degree one has, the better properties of f one obtains. Some simple applications are also included.

2. Let $\chi_1(x)$ be a nontrivial character of K^+ . There is a $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, such that χ_1 is trivial on \mathcal{P}^k but is nontrivial on \mathcal{P}^{k-1} . Without loss of generality we may assume $k = 0$ (otherwise use $\chi(x) = \chi_1(p^{-k}x)$ in place of $\chi_1(x)$). Note that any character $\chi_y(x)$ can be expressed as $\chi_y(x) = \chi(yx)$; this is due to the isomorphism $\hat{K} \cong K$.

Recall that $\mathcal{P}^{-1}/\mathcal{P}^0$ is a finite field $GF(p^c)$. If we let $q = p^c$, it is isomorphic with the set $\{\varepsilon_0 p^{-1}, \varepsilon_1 p^{-1}, \dots, \varepsilon_{q-1} p^{-1}\}$, where $\varepsilon_0 = 0$, $|\varepsilon_1| = \dots = |\varepsilon_{q-1}| = 1$. The set forms the entire set of representatives of \mathcal{P}^0 in \mathcal{P}^{-1} , and as a subgroup it is isomorphic with the cyclic group $Z(q)$. χ_1 is also a character when restricted to this set. In fact, we have

$$\chi_1(x+y) = \chi_1(x), \quad x \in \{\varepsilon_0 p^{-1}, \dots, \varepsilon_{q-1} p^{-1}\}, \quad y \in \mathcal{P}^0.$$

Since $\hat{Z}(q) \cong Z(q)$, for every $x \in \{\varepsilon_1 p^{-1}, \dots, \varepsilon_{q-1} p^{-1}\}$, there is a $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, q-1\}$, depending only on j , such that

$$(4) \quad \chi_1(\varepsilon_j p^{-1}) = \exp(2\pi i k q^{-1}), \quad j = 1, \dots, q-1.$$

It is clear that $\chi_1(\varepsilon_j p^{-1}) \neq 1$, for $j \in \{1, \dots, q-1\}$. In the following we always make the assumption on χ_1 that it is nontrivial on \mathcal{P}^{-1} but is trivial on $\mathcal{P}^0 = \mathcal{O}$.

The definition of a derivative is given as follows. Let $f: K \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ be given, $N \in \mathbf{N}$, $t \in \mathbf{Z}$. Set

$$(5) \quad \Delta_N f(x) = \sum_{j=-N-t}^{N+t} q^{-N-j+1} \sum_{\nu=1}^{q-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{q^{N-1}-1} \exp(-2\pi i \ell \nu q^{-1}) f(x + \ell p^j).$$

If for any fixed t , $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_N f(x)$ exists, denoted by $f^{(\langle 1 \rangle)}(x)$ (not depending on t), we call it the derivative of $f(x)$ (in the pointwise case). Similarly, one may define the derivative in the $L^r(K)$ sense, higher order derivatives, partial derivatives and weak derivatives in the usual way.

We begin with two simple lemmas.

LEMMA 1. *If a bounded function f has derivative a at each x , then so does $f(p^s x)$, moreover,*

$$(6) \quad [f(p^s x)]^{(\langle 1 \rangle)} = |p^s| f^{(\langle 1 \rangle)}(p^s x), \quad s \in \mathbf{Z}.$$

PROOF. By definition (5), if $s \geq 0$ and $t \in \mathbf{Z}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_N f(p^s x) &= \sum_{k=-N-s-t}^{N-s+t} q^{-N-s-k+1} \sum_{\nu=1}^{q-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{q^{N-1}-1} \exp(-2\pi i \ell \nu q^{-1}) f(p^s x + \ell p^{-k}) \\ &= q^{-s} \sum_{k=-N-s-t}^{N-s+t} q^{-N-k+1} \sum_{\nu=1}^{q-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{q^{N-1}-1} \exp(-2\pi i \ell \nu q^{-1}) f(p^s x + \ell p^{-k}) - q^{-s} \sum_{k=N-s+t+1}^{N+s+t}. \end{aligned}$$

The first sum in the right side tends to $|p^s| f^{(\langle 1 \rangle)}(p^s x)$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$, and the other sum tends to zero because there are only $2s$ terms of $O(1)$.

The case $s < 0$ can be treated similarly. The lemma is proved.

We define \mathcal{E}_s to be the function class on K , where $f \in \mathcal{E}_s$ means $f \in L^r(K)$, for some r , $1 \leq r \leq \infty$, f is constant on each coset of \mathcal{P}^{s_1-1} , for some $s_1 \in \mathbf{Z}$, and s is the infimum of such s_1 (\mathcal{E}_s corresponds to the locally constant function class \mathcal{O}_M (see [4, p.123]) and, in a Walsh system, to the class W_N [5]). Obviously $f = \text{const.}$ implies $s = -\infty$. Otherwise $s > -\infty$. The following lemma is a counterpart of S. Bernstein's inequality in approximation theory.

LEMMA 2. *Let $f \in \mathcal{E}_s$. Then $f^{(\langle k \rangle)} \in \mathcal{E}_s$, where $f^{(\langle k \rangle)}$ is the k^{th} derivative of f defined by induction, i.e., $f^{(\langle k \rangle)} = (f^{(\langle k-1 \rangle)})^{(\langle 1 \rangle)}$, $k \in \mathbf{N}$. Moreover,*

$$(7) \quad \|f^{(\langle k \rangle)}\|_r \leq q^{sk} \|f\|_r, \quad k \in \mathbf{N}, s \in \mathbf{Z}.$$

PROOF. For $j \leq -s + 1$, we have $p^{-j} \in \mathcal{P}^{s-1}$. Consequently, $\ell p^{-j} \in \mathcal{P}^{s-1}$ as $\ell \in \mathbf{N}$. It follows by definition (5) that

$$\Delta_N f(x) = \sum_{j=-s+2}^N q^{-N-j+1} \sum_{\nu=1}^{q-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{q^{N-1}-1} \exp(-2\pi i \ell \nu q^{-1}) f(x + \ell p^{-j}).$$

Therefore

$$(8) \quad \|\Delta_N f\|_r \leq \sum_{j=-s+2}^N q^{-N-j+1}(q-1)q^N \|f\|_r \leq q^s \|f\|_r.$$

The estimate (8) also tells us $\{\Delta_N f\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in $L^r(K)$, so the limit of $\Delta_N f$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$ exists in $L^r(K)$. Letting $N \rightarrow \infty$ in (8), we obtain (7), for $k = 1$. We then are done by induction (obviously $f^{(k)} \in \mathcal{E}_s$).

Let us examine the derivative of a character. We may find that, for both q -adic fields and q -series fields (q prime) the derivative of $\chi_{-\lambda_s}$ $\lambda \in \hat{K}$ exists, but the numerical results are somewhat different. It depends on the topological structure of \hat{K} . We will deal with them separately.

LEMMA 3. Let χ_1 satisfy the following assumptions.

- (i) χ_1 is trivial on \mathcal{P}^0 , but $\chi_1(x) \neq 1$ if $x \neq 0$ and is in $\mathcal{P}^{-j} \sim \mathcal{P}^0$, $j \in \mathbf{N}$;
- (ii) For $j \in \mathbf{N}$, $|x| = 1$,

$$(2\pi i)^{-1} q^j \log \chi_1(xp^{-j}) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}.$$

Then $\chi_\lambda(x) \equiv \chi_1(\lambda x)$ has a derivative for every $\lambda \in \hat{K}$ (regarding \hat{K} as the same of K). Moreover,

$$(9) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_N \chi_\lambda(x) = |\lambda| \chi_\lambda(x).$$

PROOF. We may assume $t = 0$. Then we have

$$(10) \quad \Delta_N \chi_\lambda(x) = \sum_{j=-N}^N q^{-N-j+1} \sum_{\nu=1}^{q-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{q^{N-1}} \exp(-2\pi i \nu q^{-1}) \chi_\lambda(\ell p^{-j}) \chi_\lambda(x).$$

Since $\lambda = 0$, (9) is obvious. So we assume $\lambda \neq 0$, $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}^s \sim \mathcal{P}^{s+1}$ and $|\lambda| = q^{-s}$, and suppose $s \geq 0$. If $j \leq s$ and $\lambda p^{-j} \in \mathcal{P}^0$, by (i), we have

$$(11) \quad \chi_\lambda(\ell p^{-j}) - 1 = [\chi_1(\lambda p^{-j})]^\ell - 1 = 0, \quad \ell = 0, 1, \dots, q^N - 1.$$

If $j = s + 1$, the corresponding term in (10) is

$$(12) \quad q^{-N-s} \sum_{\nu=1}^{q-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{q^{N-1}} \exp(-2\pi i \nu q^{-1}) \chi_\lambda(\ell p^{-s-1}) \chi_\lambda(x).$$

Since $\chi_\lambda(\ell p^{-s-1}) = [\chi_1(\lambda' p^{-1})]^\ell$ for some λ' , $|\lambda'| = 1$, there is a $j_1 \in \{1, \dots, q-1\}$ such that $\lambda' p^{-1} \in \varepsilon_{j_1} p^{-1} + \mathcal{P}^0$; by (4) there is a $k_1 \in \{1, \dots, q-1\}$ such that $\chi_1(\lambda' p^{-1}) = \chi_1(\varepsilon_{j_1} p^{-1}) = \exp(2\pi i k_1^{-1} q)$.

Therefore

$$(13) \quad \chi_\lambda(\ell p^{-s-1}) = \exp(2\pi i k_1 \ell q^{-1}), \quad k_1 \not\equiv 0, \pmod{q}.$$

Clearly (12) is equal to (corresponding to the index $\nu \equiv k_1, \pmod{q}$)

$$(14) \quad q^{-N-s} \sum_{\ell=0}^{q^{N-1}} e^0 \chi_\lambda(x) = q^{-s} \chi_\lambda(x) = |\lambda| \chi_\lambda(x).$$

If $j > s + 1$, it follows by (i) that

$$(15) \quad \chi_\lambda(\mathfrak{p}^{-j}) = \chi_1(\lambda' \mathfrak{p}^{s-j}) \neq 1, \quad |\lambda'| = 1.$$

Meanwhile we have, by (ii),

$$(2\pi i)^{-1} q^{j-s} \log \chi_\lambda(\mathfrak{p}^{-j}) = (2\pi i)^{-1} q^{j-s} \log \chi_1(\lambda' \mathfrak{p}^{s-j}) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}.$$

Therefore there is an $m \in \mathbf{Z}$, depending only on λ, j such that

$$\chi_\lambda(\mathfrak{p}^{-j}) = \exp(2\pi i m q^{s-j}), \quad s - j < -1.$$

Thus

$$(16) \quad \sum_{\nu=0}^{q^N-1} \exp(-2\pi i \nu q^{-1}) \chi_\lambda(\nu \mathfrak{p}^{-j}) = \sum_{\nu=0}^{q^N-1} \exp(-2\pi i \nu q^{-1}(\nu - m q^{s-j+1})) = 0.$$

This is true since $m q^{s-j+1}$ is not an integer, by (15) (consequently $\exp(-(2\pi i)/q(\nu - m/(qj - s - 1)))$ does not equal 1 for any $\nu = 1, \dots, q-1$), and since $N \geq j - s$ ($j \leq N, s \geq 0$). From (12), (14), and (16) we obtain (9) for such λ , $|\lambda| = q^s, s \geq 0$.

Assume now $\lambda \in \mathcal{P}^s \sim \mathcal{P}^{s+1}$, $s < 0$. Then, for $j \leq s+1$, the argument above on the summation (11) applies and gives the same result. For $j > s+1$, one should note that all the corresponding terms in (11) for $s+1 < j \leq N+s$ vanish. For $N+s+1 \leq j \leq N$, we have

$$\left| \sum_{j=N+s+1}^N q^{-N-j+1} \sum_{\nu=1}^{q-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{q^N-1} \exp(-2\pi i \ell \nu q^{-1}) \chi_\lambda(\ell \mathfrak{p}^{-j}) \chi_\lambda(x) \right| < q^{-N-s+1},$$

which tends to zero for fixed s as $N \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, the case of $s < 0$ (9) is also valid. The proof is complete.

To apply the above concept of derivative to the q -series field K_q , we use a different but equivalent topology for the dual of K_q . That is, if $\lambda \in \hat{K}_q$ (regarding it as the same as K_q), $\lambda = (\dots, 0, \lambda_s, \lambda_{s+1}, \dots)$, $\lambda_s \neq 0$, we set $\|\lambda\| = \sum \{q^{-sk} : \lambda_{sk} \neq 0\}$ and $\|0\| = 0$. It is easy to verify $\|\cdot\|$ and $|\cdot|$ are equivalent since

$$|\lambda| \leq \|\lambda\| \leq q |\lambda|, \quad \text{for any } \lambda \in K_q.$$

Furthermore, $\|\cdot\|$ satisfies the following properties:

- (i) $\|\lambda\| \geq 0$ for all $\lambda \in K_q$ and $\|\lambda\| = 0$ if and only if $\lambda = 0$;
- (ii) $\|\mathfrak{p}^k \lambda\| = |\mathfrak{p}^k| \|\lambda\|$, $k \in \mathbf{Z}$, $\lambda \in K_q$; and
- (iii) $\|\lambda + \mu\| \leq \|\lambda\| + \|\mu\|$, $\lambda, \mu \in K_q$.

LEMMA 4. *Let $K = K_q$ be the q -series field, χ_1 be a character of K which is nontrivial on \mathcal{P}^{-1} and is trivial on \mathcal{P}^0 . Let $\{\chi_\lambda(x) : \lambda \in K\}$ be the dual of K with the "norm" $\|\lambda\|$. Then the derivative of χ_λ exists and we have the following formula.*

$$(17) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_N \chi_\lambda(x) = \|\lambda\| \chi_\lambda(x).$$

PROOF. In this case we have $\chi_\lambda(p^{-j}) = \exp(2\pi i \lambda_{j-1} q^{-1})$. Thus, from (5), for $\lambda = (\dots, 0, \lambda_s \lambda_{s+1})$, $\lambda_s = 0$, $t \in \mathbf{Z}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_N \chi_\lambda(x) &= \sum_{j=-N-t}^{N+t} q^{-N-j+1} \sum_{\nu=1}^{q-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{q^{N-1}} \exp(-2\pi i \ell q^{-1}(\nu - \lambda_{j-1})) \chi_\lambda(x) \\ &\rightarrow \sum \{q^{-s_k}: \lambda_{s_k} \neq 0\} \chi_\lambda(x) = \|\lambda\| \chi_\lambda(x), \quad N \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

For $\lambda = 0$, the result to be proved is obvious.

We close this section with a few remarks.

REMARK 1. In comparing with the definition of derivative of Onneweer, it is basic that both provide the formula (6). The coefficients $f(0)$ and $f(p^{-N})$ in question (assume $x = 0$) are

$$\frac{N(2N+1)(p^2-1)^2 + p^{4N+3} - (2N+1)p^3 + 2Np}{p^{3N-1}(p-1)^2(p+1)} \quad \text{and} \quad -p^{-3N+1}$$

for Onneweer's, respectively, while in (5) they are (in the special case $K = \mathcal{Q}_p$)

$$(p^{2N+1} - 1)p^{-2N-1} \quad \text{and} \quad -p^{-2N+1}.$$

REMARK 2. Our definition (5) with a slight modification could be applied to define a derivative of functions on an a -adic group \mathcal{Q}_a ([2, p. 106]). That is, use

$$(18) \quad \Delta_N f(x) = \sum_{j=-N}^N A_{-j} \sum_{\nu=1}^{a_{-j}-1} \sum_{\ell=0}^{a_N-1} \exp(-2\pi i \ell \nu a_{-j}^{-1}) f(x + \ell e_{-j})$$

in place of (5), where $A_{-j} = q^{-j}(a_{-j}a_{-j+1} \cdots a_N)^{-1}$, $e_{-j} = (\dots, (-j), 0, 1, 0, \dots)$. In this case, the assumption (ii) on χ_1 in Lemma 3 with necessary modification is automatically satisfied.

3. In this section we shall establish some approximation theorems. Let $\omega(t) \in L(K)$ such that the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) ω is radial;
 - (ii) There exists $w \in L(K)$ such that $\hat{w} = \omega$;
 - (iii) $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (\omega(t) - 1)/|t|^\alpha = C \neq 0$ for some $\alpha > 0$, whence $\omega(0) = 1$.
- Note that from (ii) and (iii) we obtain

$$(iv) \quad |\omega(t) - \omega(pt)| \leq M |t|^\alpha, \quad M \text{ is a const.}$$

Consider the approximation operator of convolution type

$$(19) \quad L(f, x, \rho) = \int_K f(t) \rho w(\lambda(x-t)) dt,$$

where $\lambda \in K$, $\rho = |\lambda|$ is a parameter, $\rho \rightarrow \infty$, and the kernel w is generated by ω . By (i) and $\omega(0) = 1$, $L(f, \cdot, \rho)$ provides a strong approximation process in $L^r(K)$, $1 \leq r < \infty$.

The following functions are examples for ω :

$$\exp(-|t|^\alpha), (1 + |t|^\alpha)^{-1}, \min(1 + |t|^\alpha, |t|^{-\beta}), \quad \alpha, \beta > 0.$$

LEMMA 5. (see [3]) For any $k \in \mathbf{Z}$, there is a function $V_k \in L(K)$ such that

$$(20) \quad (V_k)^\wedge(t) = |t|^{-1} \{1 - \Phi_k(t)\}, \quad t \in K,$$

where Φ_k is the characteristic function of \mathcal{P}^k . Moreover,

$$(21) \quad \|V_k\|_1 = O(q^k), \quad k \rightarrow -\infty.$$

The first part of the lemma follows easily from [4; p. 138 Lemma (5.2)]. For (21), see the remark after Lemma 8.

LEMMA 6. If $w^{(1)}$ exists in $L(K)$, then, for $f \in L^r(K)$, $1 \leq r \leq \infty$, the operator (19) with $\lambda = \mathfrak{p}^{-k}$ has a derivative in $L^r(K)$. Moreover,

$$(22) \quad \|L^{(1)}(f, \cdot, \rho)\|_r \leq \rho \|f\|_r \|w^{(1)}\|_1, \quad \rho = q^k, k \in \mathbf{Z}.$$

PROOF. Suppose $\lambda = \mathfrak{p}^{-k}$. By Lemma 1, $\Delta_N w(\lambda(x-t)) \rightarrow \rho w^{(1)}(\lambda(x-t))$ in $L(K)$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$, where t is regarded as a parameter. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_N L(f, \cdot, \rho) - \int_K f(t) \rho^2 w^{(1)}(\lambda(x-t)) dt\|_r \\ \leq \|f\|_r \|\rho \Delta_N w(\lambda(\cdot - t)) - \rho^2 w^{(1)}(\lambda(\cdot - t))\|_1 \\ = \rho \|f\|_r \|\Delta_N w(\lambda(\cdot)) - \rho w^{(1)}(\lambda(\cdot))\|_1 \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as $N \rightarrow \infty$. It follows that

$$L^{(1)}(f, \cdot, \rho) = \rho \int_K f(t) \rho w^{(1)}(\lambda(x-t)) dt, \quad \lambda = \mathfrak{p}^{-k},$$

and, consequently, the estimate (22) holds.

LEMMA 7. Let ω satisfy the conditions (i), (ii), and (iv), with $\alpha = \beta$ $\omega \in \hat{L}(K)$ if $\beta > 0$ and $\omega \in L^2(K)$ if $\beta = 0$, where \hat{A} denotes the class of Fourier transforms of the class A .

PROOF. That ω is radial implies w is radial and vice versa. Moreover, any one of them is the Fourier transform of the other. Let $\omega_\ell = \omega(x)$, where $|x| = q^\ell$, $\ell \in \mathbf{Z}$. It is not hard to prove that

$$(23) \quad w_{\ell+1} - w_\ell = q^{-\ell}(\omega_{\ell+1} - \omega_{-\ell}), \quad \ell \in \mathbf{Z}.$$

(For K^n , one should replace the factor $q^{-\ell}$ in the right side by $q^{-\ell n}$.) Obviously w is continuous, hence is locally integrable. Thus we need only to consider the asymptotic property of w_ℓ as $\ell \rightarrow \infty$. By (iv) we may write

$$(24) \quad |\omega_{-\ell+1} - \omega_{-\ell}| \leq M q^{(-\ell+1)\beta}, \quad \ell > 0.$$

It follows from (23) that

$$(25) \quad |w_{r+1} - w_r| \leq Mq^\beta q^{-r(1+\beta)}.$$

By induction we have

$$|w_{r+s} - w_r| \leq Mq^\beta \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} q^{-(r+k)(1+\beta)} \leq Mq^\beta (1 - q^{-1-\beta})^{-1} q^{-r(1+\beta)}.$$

We see $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} w_{r+s} = 0$ by the Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma. Accordingly,

$$(26) \quad w_r = 0(q^{-r(1+\beta)}).$$

If $\beta > 0$, then w is integrable in a neighbourhood of ∞ . And if $\beta = 0$, w is square integrable in that domain. This completes the proof.

LEMMA 8. Let $\mathcal{O}(t)$ be defined by

$$(27) \quad \mathcal{O}(t) = \min(|t|^\alpha, |t|^{-\beta}), \quad t \in K,$$

where $\alpha \geq 0, \beta > 0$. Then, for $\alpha > 0$ and $\beta > 0$, we have $\mathcal{O} \in \hat{L}(K)$, while, for $\alpha = 0$ and $\beta > 0$, we have $\mathcal{O} \in L^2(K)$.

PROOF. The result follows from [4, Lemma (5.2)]. If we set $\mathcal{O}(t) = \mathcal{O}_1(t) + \mathcal{O}_2(t)$, where $\mathcal{O}_1(t) = |t|^\alpha \Phi_0(t)$ and $\mathcal{O}_2 = \mathcal{O} - \mathcal{O}_1$, we can verify directly that the functions

$$(28) \quad \varphi(x) = \left\{ \frac{1 - q^{-1}}{q^{\beta-1} - 1} - \frac{1 - q^{-\beta}}{q^{\beta-1} - 1} |x|^{\beta-1} \right\} \Phi_0(x)$$

and

$$(29) \quad \psi(x) = \left\{ \frac{q^{-1} - 1}{\log q} \log |x| - q^{-1} \right\} \Phi_0(x),$$

being in $L(K)$, satisfy $\hat{\varphi} = \mathcal{O}_2$ since $\beta \neq 1$ and $\hat{\psi} = \mathcal{O}_2$ since $\beta = 1$.

REMARK. From (29) we can deduce Lemma 5. In fact, let $\beta = 1$. If we set $\lambda(t) = |t|^{-1} \{1 - \Phi_k(x)\}$, then $q^{-k} \lambda(p^k u) = \mathcal{O}_2(u)$, since $\hat{\psi}(u) = \mathcal{O}_2(u)$. Thus $\hat{\psi}(p^k \cdot)(t) = q^k \mathcal{O}_2(p^{-k} t) = \lambda(t)$. Moreover,

$$\|\psi(p^k \cdot)\|_1 = q^k \|\psi(\cdot)\|_1 = 0(q^k), \quad k \rightarrow \infty.$$

For $L^r(K)$, $1 \leq r \leq 2$, the Fourier transform is defined in the usual way. For $2 < r < \infty$, we would like to define the Fourier transform on $L^r(K)$ by the dual method. Thus, let $f \in L^r(K)$, $2 < r < \infty$, and let r' be the conjugate index to r . If there is a continuous linear functional g on $L^r(K)$ such that, for any $\varphi \in L^{r'}(K)$,

$$(30) \quad (g, \hat{\varphi}) = (f, \varphi),$$

we say that g is the Fourier transform of f and denote it by \hat{f} . Since the

Fourier transform is a homeomorphism of \mathcal{S} onto \mathcal{S} ([4], p. 37, 122]) and \mathcal{S} is dense in any $L^r(K)$, $1 \leq r < \infty$ or in C_0 , it is convenient to use \mathcal{S} instead of $L^r(K)$ in (30) to define the Fourier transform of f :

$$(31) \quad (g, \hat{\varphi}) = (f, \varphi), \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{S}.$$

The convolution of $f \in L^r(K)$ ($1 \leq r \leq \infty$) and $w \in L^1(K)$ satisfies the relation

$$(32) \quad (f * w, \varphi) = (f, \tilde{w} * \varphi), \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{S},$$

where \tilde{w} is the reflection of w , and obviously $\tilde{w} * \varphi \in L^r(K)$, for any $r \in [1, \infty]$. It follows easily that

$$(33) \quad ((f * w)^\wedge, \varphi) = (f \hat{w}, \varphi), \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{S}.$$

By virtue of $(|\lambda| \delta_\lambda w)^\wedge = \delta_{\lambda^{-1}}(\hat{w})$, applying (33) to f and $|\lambda| \delta_\lambda w$, where $f \in L^r(K)$ ($2 < r < \infty$), $w \in L^1(K)$, we obtain

$$(34) \quad ((f * |\lambda| \delta_\lambda w)^\wedge, \varphi) = (f \hat{\delta}_{\lambda^{-1}}(\hat{w}), \varphi), \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{S}.$$

Let $h \in K$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. One can verify that the inverse Fourier transform of $|v|^\alpha \chi_h(v) \Phi_{-k}(v)$ is

$$(35) \quad \phi_0(v) = \begin{cases} q^{k(1+\alpha)} (1-q^{-1}) (1-q^{-1-\alpha})^{-1}, & \text{if } |v-h| \leq q^{-k}, \\ q^{-r(1+\alpha)} (1-q^\alpha) (1-q^{-1-\alpha})^{-1}, & \text{if } q^r = |v-h| > q^{-k}. \end{cases}$$

From this we assert that, for any $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}$ (φ is some finite linear combination of $\chi_h \Phi_{-k}$), there is a $\psi \in L^r(K)$ ($1 \leq r \leq \infty$) such that

$$(36) \quad \psi^\wedge(v) = |v|^\alpha \varphi(v), \quad \alpha > 0.$$

The class $W[L^r, |x|^\alpha]$, for $1 \leq r \leq 2$, is defined as usual; i.e., $f \in W[L^r, |x|^\alpha]$ means that there is a function $g \in L^r(K)$ such that $|v|^\alpha \hat{f}(v) = \hat{g}(v)$ a.e. But, for $2 < r < \infty$, we mean that there is a $g \in L^r(K)$; its Fourier transform (in the distribution sense) \hat{g} satisfies the relation

$$(37) \quad (|v|^\alpha \hat{f}(v), \varphi(v)) = (g(v), \varphi(v)), \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{S}.$$

Now we may state and prove the following

THEOREM 1. *Let $L(f, \cdot, \rho)$ be the operator (19) with a generating function ω satisfying (i), (ii) and*

$$(38) \quad (v) \frac{\omega(v) - 1}{|v|^\alpha} = \hat{\mu}(v),$$

where $\alpha > 0$, $\mu \in L(K)$, $\|\mu\|_1 = 1$, and $f \in L^r(K)$, $1 \leq r < \infty$. If there is a $g \in L^r(K)$ such that, for $\lambda = \mathfrak{p}^{-k}(\rho = q^k)$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$(39) \quad \|\rho^\alpha [L(f, \cdot, \rho) - f(\cdot)] - g(\cdot)\|_r = 0(1), \quad \rho \rightarrow \infty,$$

then $f \in W[L^r, |x|^\alpha]$.

PROOF. Suppose $1 \leq r \leq 2$. Then we have

$$\{\rho^\alpha[L(f, \cdot, \rho) - f(\cdot)] - g(\cdot)\}^\wedge(v) = \frac{\omega(\lambda^{-1}v) - 1}{|\lambda^{-1}v|^\alpha} |v|^\alpha \hat{f}(v) - \hat{g}(v).$$

By the Hausdorff—Young inequality,

$$\left\| \frac{\omega(\lambda^{-1}v) - 1}{|\lambda^{-1}v|^\alpha} |v|^\alpha \hat{f}(v) - \hat{g}(v) \right\|_{r'} \leq \|\rho^\alpha[L(f, \cdot, \rho) - f(\cdot)] - g(\cdot)\|_r,$$

where r' is the conjugate index to r . From (38) and $\|\mu\|_1 = 1$ we see that $\lim_{v \rightarrow 0} |v|^{-\alpha}(\omega(v) - 1) = 1$. Hence, by Fatou's Lemma, we have a.e. $v \in K$, $|v|^\alpha \hat{f}(v) = \hat{g}(v)$. That is, $f \in W[L^r, |v|^\alpha]$, $1 \leq r \leq 2$.

Suppose now, that $2 < r < \infty$. From (39) it is easy to see that, for any $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}$,

$$(40) \quad (\rho^\alpha[f * |\lambda| \delta_\lambda w]^\wedge, \varphi) - (\hat{f}, \varphi) \rightarrow (\hat{g}, \varphi), \quad \rho \rightarrow \infty.$$

By (34), (38) the left hand side of (40) equals $(|v|^\alpha \hat{f}(v) \hat{\mu}(\lambda^{-1}v), \varphi(v))$. By virtue of (36) it then equals (ω is radial)

$$\begin{aligned} & (\hat{f}(v) \hat{\mu}(\lambda^{-1}v), |v|^\alpha \varphi(v)) = (\hat{f}(v) \hat{\mu}(\lambda^{-1}v), \psi^\vee(v)) \\ & = (\hat{f}(v), \check{\mu}(\lambda^{-1}v) \psi^\vee(v)) = (\hat{f}(v), [|\lambda| \mu(\lambda \cdot) * \psi(\cdot)]^\vee(v)) \\ & = (f(v), |\lambda|(\mu(\lambda \cdot) * \psi(\cdot))(v)). \end{aligned}$$

Since $|\lambda| \mu(\lambda x)$ is an approximate identity kernel, $|\lambda| \mu(\lambda \cdot) * \psi(\cdot)$ tends to $* \psi(\cdot)$ in $L^{r'}(K)$ as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$. We have $(f(v), |\lambda|(\mu(\lambda \cdot) * \psi(\cdot))(v)) \rightarrow (f(v), \psi(v))$ as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$; by (36) it equals $(\hat{f}(v), |v|^\alpha \varphi(v)) = (|v|^\alpha \hat{f}(v), \varphi(v))$. Comparing this result with (40), we get (37).

THEOREM 2. Let $f \in L^r(K)$, $1 \leq r \leq 2$. If ω satisfies the conditions (i), (ii) and

$$(vi) \quad \frac{\omega(v) - 1}{|v|^\alpha} = \check{\mu}(v),$$

where $\alpha > 0$, μ is a finite Borel measure with total variation $\|\mu\|_{BV}$, and $\hat{\mu}(x) = \int_K \chi_\lambda(t) d\mu(t)$, $\hat{\mu}(o) = 1$. Then the operator $L(f, \cdot, \rho)$ in (19) is saturated in $L^r(K)$ with the order $O(\rho^{-\alpha})$.

PROOF. By Theorem 1, the usual argument in approximation theory [1] will offer a proof of the theorem if we provide a nonzero function $\lambda_0 \in L^r(K)$ such that $L(\lambda_0, x, \rho) - \lambda_0(x)$ has the exact degree $O(\rho^{-\alpha})$.

To that end, we take the function $\lambda_0(x) = \Phi_0(x)$. Plainly, $\lambda_0^\wedge = \lambda_0$, and, by Lemma 8, there is a function $H \in L^r(K)$ such that $\hat{H}(t) = |t|^\alpha \lambda_0(t)$. It is easy to find that

$$\begin{aligned}\rho^\alpha [L(\lambda_0, x, \rho) - \lambda_0(x)] &= \int_K \frac{\omega(\lambda^{-1}v) - 1}{(|v|/\rho)^\alpha} |v|^\alpha \lambda_0(v) \chi(xv) dv \\ &= \int_K \hat{\mu}(\lambda^{-1}v) \hat{H}(v) \chi(xv) dv = \int_K H(x-t) d\mu(\lambda t).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\rho^\alpha [L(\lambda_0, x, \rho) - \lambda_0(x)] - H(x) = \int_K [H(x-t) - H(x)] d\mu(\lambda t).$$

Since $d\mu(\lambda t)$ is an approximate identity kernel,

$$\|L(\lambda_0, \cdot, \rho) - \lambda_0(\cdot) - \rho^{-\alpha} H(\cdot)\|_r = o(\rho^{-\alpha}), \quad \rho \rightarrow \infty,$$

which completes the proof of the theorem.

There is another type, the Bernstein type, of inverse approximation theorem.

THEOREM 3. *If the operator $L(f, x, \rho)$ with such a kernel w , $w^{(1)} \in L(K)$, provides a degree of approximation to $f \in L^r(K)$, $1 \leq r \leq \infty$,*

$$(42) \quad \|L(f, \cdot, \rho) - f(\cdot)\|_r = O(\rho^{-s-\alpha}), \quad \text{for some } s \in \mathbf{P}, \alpha > 0, \rho \rightarrow \infty,$$

where, for $r = \infty$, one should replace $L^\infty(K)$ by $C(K)$. Then f has an s^{th} derivative. Moreover, $f^{(s)} \in \text{Lip}, \alpha$, where Lip, α denotes the class Kip, α with the $L^r(K)$ norm.

PROOF. We only prove the case $s = 0$. For the general case, it is done by induction. As usual, let us select the subsequence $q^k(\lambda = p^{-k})$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$. By (42),

$$(43) \quad \|L(f, \cdot, q^k) - f(\cdot)\|_r \leq A q^{-k\alpha},$$

where A is a constant, not depending on k (the same for A_1, A_2 , below).

Let

$$(44) \quad \begin{aligned}U_k(x) &= L(f, x, q^k) - L(f, x, q^{k-1}) \\ &= L(F_{k-1}, x, q^k) - L(F_k, x, q^{k-1}),\end{aligned}$$

where $F_k = f - L(f, \cdot, q^k)$. From (44) we obtain the estimate

$$(45) \quad \|U_k\|_r \leq \|F_{k-1}\|_r + \|F_k\|_r \leq A_1 q^{-k\alpha}.$$

Thus the series

$$(46) \quad f(x) = U_2(x) + U_3(x) + U_4(x) + \dots$$

converges to $f(x)$ in $L^r(K)$.

Suppose $h \in K$, $h \neq 0$. There is an integer $m > 0$ such that $q^{-m} < |h| \leq q^{-m+1}$. Consequently, by (45),

$$\sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \|U_k\|_p \leq \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} A_1 q^{-k\alpha} \leq A_2 |h|^\alpha,$$

whence

$$(47) \quad \|f(x+h) - f(x)\|_r \leq \sum_{k=2}^m \|U_k(\cdot+h) - U_k(\cdot)\|_r + A_3 |h|^\alpha.$$

By the Fourier transform method, it is easy to verify the equality

$$(48) \quad U_k(x+h) - U_k(x) = \int_K V_{-m}(u) \{U_k^{(1)}(x+h-u) - U_k^{(1)}(x-u)\} du,$$

where V_m is the function in Lemma 5. Hence, by that lemma, (44), and Lemma 6,

$$\begin{aligned} \|U_k(\cdot+h) - U_k(\cdot)\|_r &\leq \|V_{-m}\|_1 \|U_k^{(1)}(\cdot+h) - U_k^{(1)}(\cdot)\|_r \\ &\leq A_4 q^{-m} \|L^{(1)}(F_{k-1}, \cdot+h, q^k) - L^{(1)}(F_k, \cdot+h, q^{k-1}) \\ &\quad - L^{(1)}(F_{k-1}, \cdot, q^k) + L^{(1)}(F_k, \cdot, q^{k-1})\|_r \\ &\leq A_4 q^{-m} q^k \|F_{k-1}\|_r \|w^{(1)}\|_1 \leq A_5 \|w^{(1)}\|_1 q^{-m+k(1-\alpha)}. \end{aligned}$$

Back to (47), we obtain

$$\|f(\cdot+h) - f(\cdot)\|_r \leq \sum_{k=2}^m A_5 \|w^{(1)}\|_1 q^{-m+k(1-\alpha)} + A_3 |h|^\alpha \leq A_6 |h|^\alpha.$$

The theorem is proved.

THEOREM 4. Let $f \in L^r(K)$, $1 \leq r < \infty$ and ω satisfies (i), (ii), and (vi). Then if $f \in W[L^r, c|v|^\alpha]$, we have $\|L(f, \cdot, \rho) - f(\cdot)\|_r = O(\rho^{-\alpha})$, $\rho \rightarrow \infty$. Conversely, for $1 < r < \infty$, $\|L(f, \cdot, \rho) - f(\cdot)\|_r = O(\rho^{-\alpha})$ implies $f \in W[L^r, c|v|^\alpha]$, where the class W is the same as in the statement preceding (37) and c is a nonzero constant.

PROOF. Suppose $f \in W[L^r, c|v|^\alpha]$. Then there exists $g \in L^r(K)$, $1 \leq r < \infty$, such that $c|v|^\alpha \hat{f}(v) = \hat{g}(v)$ a.e. for $1 \leq r \leq 2$ and that

$$(c|v|^\alpha \hat{f}(v), \varphi(v)) = (\hat{g}(v), \varphi(v)) \quad (\varphi \in \mathcal{S})$$

for $2 < r < \infty$, respectively. Meanwhile

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho^\alpha [L(f, v, \rho) - f(v)], \hat{\varphi}(v)) &= (\rho^\alpha [w(\lambda^{-1}v) - 1] \hat{f}(v), \varphi(v)) \\ &= (\hat{\mu}(\lambda^{-1}v) \hat{g}(v), \varphi(v)) = (q * d\mu(\lambda \cdot)(v), \hat{\varphi}(v)). \end{aligned}$$

Since \mathcal{S} is dense in $L^r(K)$, we have a.e. $\rho^\alpha [L(f, x, \rho) - f(x)] = (g * d\mu(\lambda \cdot))(x)$ so that

$$\|\rho^\alpha[L(f, \cdot, \rho) - f(\cdot)]\|_r \leq \|g\|_r \|\mu\|_{BV}.$$

Now suppose $\|L(f, \cdot, \rho) - f(\cdot)\|_r = O(\rho^{-\alpha})$, $1 < r < \infty$. At first we consider the case $1 < r \leq 2$. By the Hausdorff-Young inequality, there is a ρ_0 such that $\rho > \rho_0$,

$$\left\| \frac{\omega(\lambda^{-1} \cdot) - 1}{\rho^{-\alpha}} \hat{f}(\cdot) \right\|_{r'} \leq \|\rho^\alpha[L(f, \cdot, \rho) - f(\cdot)]\|_r \leq M,$$

where M is a constant. Therefore, according to (vi).

$$\|\hat{\mu}(\lambda^{-1} \cdot) |\cdot|^\alpha \hat{f}(\cdot)\|_{r'} \leq M, \quad |\lambda| > \rho_0.$$

Since $\hat{\mu}(x)$ is continuous, $\hat{\mu}(0) = 1$, it follows from Fatou's lemma that $|v|^\alpha \hat{f}(v) \in L^{r'}(K)$. Let us examine the linear functional on $L^{r'}$,

$$\angle(\hat{\varphi}) = (c|v|^\alpha \hat{f}(v), \varphi(v)), \quad \hat{\varphi} \in \mathcal{S},$$

where \angle is induced by f and the acting space is \mathcal{S} that is dense in $L^{r'}$. It's easy to see that $|\angle(\hat{\varphi})| \leq M \|\hat{\varphi}\|_{r'}$. Thus, by the Riesz representation theorem, there is a function $g \in L^r(K)$ such that, for every $\hat{\varphi} \in \mathcal{S}$,

$$\angle(\hat{\varphi}) = \int_K g(u) \hat{\varphi}(u) du = \int_K \hat{g}(u) \varphi(u) du.$$

By the uniqueness theorem, we obtain $c|v|^\alpha \hat{f}(v) = \hat{g}(v)$ a.e.; that is $f \in W[L^r, c|v|^\alpha]$, for $1 < r \leq 2$.

Assume now $2 < r < \infty$. As is mentioned, in this case the definitions of Fourier transform and convolution should be understood in the distribution sense. So, for every $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}$,

$$(\rho^\alpha[L(f, \cdot, \rho) - f(\cdot)]^\wedge, \varphi) = (\rho^\alpha[L(f, \cdot, \rho) - f(\cdot)], \hat{\varphi}).$$

Applying Holder's inequality we obtain the estimate

$$|(\hat{\mu}(\lambda^{-1} \cdot) |\cdot|^\alpha \hat{f}(\cdot), \varphi)| \leq M \|\hat{\varphi}\|_{r'}, \quad \varphi \in \mathcal{S}.$$

Just as in the proof of Theorem 1, we have

$$|(f(v), |\lambda| (\mu(\lambda \cdot) * \psi(\cdot))(v))| \leq M \|\hat{\varphi}\|_{r'}, \quad \hat{\varphi} \in \mathcal{S},$$

as well as

$$|(|v|^\alpha \hat{f}(v), \varphi(v))| \leq M \|\hat{\varphi}\|_{r'}, \quad \hat{\varphi} \in \mathcal{S}.$$

The idea of the first paragraph of the proof yields a function $g \in L^r(K)$ such that $(|v|^\alpha \hat{f}(v), \varphi(v)) = (g, \hat{\varphi})$, $\hat{\varphi} \in \mathcal{S}$. Obviously this means that g is the Fourier transform of $|v|^\alpha \hat{f}(v)$ in the distribution sense and, moreover, $\hat{g}(v) = |v|^\alpha \hat{f}(v)$. That is, $f \in W[L^r, |v|^\alpha]$, $2 < r < \infty$.

The proof is complete.

As an application we consider the kernel for the Bessel potential. Here we have the functions

$$G^\alpha(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma_n(\alpha)} (|x|^{\alpha-n} - q^{\alpha-n}) \Phi_0(x), \quad \text{for } \alpha \neq n,$$

and

$$G^n(x) = (1 - q^{-n}) \log_q (q/|x|) \Phi_0(x),$$

where $\operatorname{Re} \alpha > 0$, $\Gamma_n(\alpha) = (1 - q^{\alpha-n}) (1 - q^{-\alpha})^{-1}$ (see [4, p. 136–142]). We know

$$(49) \quad G^{\hat{\alpha}}(t) = \min(1, |t|^{-\alpha})$$

and $G^\alpha \in \operatorname{Lip}_r \beta$, for $\operatorname{Re} \alpha - n/r' = \beta > 0$:

$$(50) \quad \|G^\alpha(\cdot + h) - G^\alpha(\cdot)\|_r \leq A_{\alpha r} |h|^\beta.$$

The case $r = \infty$ is easy to verify. Let us show (50) for the case $1 \leq r < \infty$ by the approximation theorems above (in n -dimensional fashion).

From Lemma 8, the function $\min(1, |t|^{-\alpha})$ is the Fourier transform of some function (in fact, G^α) in $L^1(K^n)$. For $\beta = \operatorname{Re} \alpha - n/r' > 0$, select ω such that (i), (ii), (v) are satisfied and $\hat{\omega}^{(1)} \in L(K^n)$ for such a β (instead of α there). Now, since $\beta - \alpha < 0$ by Lemma 8, $|t|^\beta \hat{G}^\alpha(t) = \min(|t|^\beta, |t|^{\beta-\alpha})$ is the Fourier transform of some function $g \in L^1(L^n)$, and from (28), (29) we also see that $g \in L^r(K^n)$, $1 \leq r \leq \infty$. Therefore $\hat{g}(t) = |t|^\beta \hat{G}^\alpha(t)$ in a certain sense. By Theorem 4 we have, for $1 \leq r < \infty$,

$$\|L(G^\alpha, \cdot, \rho) - f(\cdot)\|_r = 0 \quad (\rho^{-\beta}), \quad \rho \rightarrow \infty.$$

From this we conclude that $G^\alpha \in \operatorname{Lip}_r \beta$, $1 \leq r < \infty$, by Theorem 3.

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