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1. Introduction.

If U is an open domain in \mathbf{R}^k and if f is a smooth, real valued function on U , one may define the associated oscillatory integral as

$$E_f(\vartheta) = \int_U \vartheta(x) e^{2\pi i f(x)} dx,$$

where ϑ belongs to $\mathcal{D}(U)$, the space of testfunctions on U .

When f has the form $f = \sum_{j=1}^n \eta_j \psi_j$, where the $\psi_j \in C^\infty(U)$ are real-valued functions and η_j are real parameters, one is interested in the asymptotic behaviour of $E_{\sum \eta_j \psi_j}(\vartheta)$ as (η_1, \dots, η_n) tends to infinity, for several reasons.

For example, if μ is a smooth measure on a smooth submanifold of \mathbf{R}^m , and if the support of μ is sufficiently small, then the Fourier-Stieltjes transform $\hat{\mu}(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n)$ may always be written as $E_{\sum \eta_j \psi_j}(\vartheta)$ for certain functions ψ_j and ϑ .

Good information about the asymptotic behaviour of such Fourier-Stieltjes transforms is needed to solve the synthesis problem for smooth submanifolds of \mathbf{R}^m (see e.g. [7]). And, as Professor Y. Domar has pointed out to me, such knowledge would also yield information about the decay at infinity of solutions of partial differential equations (see e.g. [5]).

As far as I know, satisfactory answers to the above problem have only been given for oscillatory integrals $E_{\sum \eta_j \psi_j}(\vartheta)$ with

$$\sum \eta_j \psi_j(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \sum_{j=1}^k \eta_j x_j + \eta_{k+1} \psi_{k+1}(x_1, \dots, x_k),$$

which correspond to surface carried measures (see [2], [4], [6]). In some sense, the other extreme is the case where $\sum \eta_j \psi_j$ is a function of only one real variable, which corresponds to measures on curves. For this case, we will prove some quite general results.

2.

Let $\psi \in C^\infty(I, \mathbf{R}^n)$, $\psi = (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n)$, where $I \neq \emptyset$ is some bounded open interval in \mathbf{R} . For $\xi, \eta \in \mathbf{R}^n$ let $\xi \cdot \eta$ denote the Euclidean inner product on \mathbf{R}^n , and correspondingly let

$$\eta \cdot \psi(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n \eta_j \psi_j(x).$$

Further let

$$|\eta| := \max_j |\eta_j| \quad \text{for} \quad \eta \in \mathbf{R}^n.$$

Define the *torsion* τ of ψ by

$$\tau(x) = \det (\psi_j^{(i+1)}(x))_{i,j=1,\dots,n} = \det (\psi''(x) \psi'''(x) \dots \psi^{(n+1)}(x)),$$

where ψ is regarded as a column vector and $\psi^{(k)}$ denotes the k -th derivative of ψ . At least for $n = 2$ we have $\tau(x) = k(x) |\psi''(x)|^2$, where k is the torsion of the curve $\gamma = \{(x, \psi(x)) : x \in I\}$ in \mathbf{R}^{n+1} . Let

$$e(t) = e^{2\pi i t} \quad \text{for} \quad t \in \mathbf{R}, \quad \text{and} \quad e(g) = e \circ g$$

for $g \in C^\infty(I, \mathbf{R})$. If $\psi_0(x) = x$ for $x \in \mathbf{R}$, then for $\vartheta \in \mathcal{D}(I)$, $\eta_0 \in \mathbf{R}$ and $\eta = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n) \in \mathbf{R}^n$, we have

$$E_n \left(\vartheta \right) = \left(\vartheta e(\eta \cdot \psi) \right)^\wedge (-\eta_0).$$

So it will be slightly more general to study the behaviour of $|\vartheta e(\eta \cdot \psi)|_{\text{PM}}$ as $|\eta| \rightarrow \infty$, where

$$|\varphi|_{\text{PM}} = \sup_{t \in \mathbf{R}} |\hat{\varphi}(t)|$$

for every $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{R})$.

For certain reasons (see [3]; [7], Th. 4.1), we will also study $|\mathfrak{g}e(\eta \cdot \psi)|_A$, where

$$|\varphi|_A = \int |\hat{\varphi}(t)| dt$$

for every $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{R})$.

We will first state our main results and prove some corollaries:

THEOREM 1. — *Let $\mathfrak{g} \in \mathcal{D}(I)$. Then*

(i) $|\mathfrak{g}e(\eta \cdot \psi)|_A = O(|\eta|^{\frac{1}{2}})$, as $|\eta| \rightarrow \infty$.

(ii) *If for some subinterval J of I and some $\sigma > 0$*

$$|\mathfrak{g}(x)| \geq \sigma \quad \text{and} \quad |\mathfrak{g}(x) - \mathfrak{g}(y)| < \sigma/2 \quad \text{for all } x, y \in J,$$

and if $\psi_1|_J, \dots, \psi_n|_J$ are linearly independent modulo affine linear functions, then there is a constant $C > 0$, such that

$$|\mathfrak{g}e(\eta \cdot \psi)|_A \geq C(1 + |\eta|)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for all $\eta \in \mathbf{R}^n$.

COROLLARY 1. — *The following two conditions are equivalent:*

(i) *For each $\mathfrak{g} \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{R})$, $\mathfrak{g} \neq 0$, there are constants $c > 0$, $C > 0$, such that for all $\eta \in \mathbf{R}^n$*

$$c(1 + |\eta|)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq |\mathfrak{g}e(\eta \cdot \psi)|_A \leq C(1 + |\eta|)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

(ii) ψ_1, \dots, ψ_n *are linearly independent modulo affine linear functions on every non empty open subinterval of I .*

Proof of Corollary 1. — (i) follows directly from (ii) by Theorem 1. Now suppose that there exists a vector $v \in \mathbf{R}^n$, $v \neq 0$, such that $v \cdot \psi$ is affine linear on some open subinterval $\mathcal{J} \neq \emptyset$ of I . Then we have for any non-trivial $\mathfrak{g} \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{J})$

$$|\mathfrak{g}e(sv \cdot \psi)|_A = |\mathfrak{g}|_A \neq 0 \quad \text{for all } s \in \mathbf{R},$$

since $e(sv \cdot \psi)$ is the product of a unimodular complex number and a unitary character of \mathbf{R} .

Thus (i) is not fulfilled, q.e.d.

Remark. — Condition (ii) of Corollary 1 is clearly satisfied if $\tau^{-1}(\{0\})$ has empty interior. As will be shown later (Lemma 3), this is always the case if ψ_1, \dots, ψ_n are real analytic and linearly independent modulo affine mappings. However one should notice that global linear independence does not in general imply local linear independence.

THEOREM 2. — (i) If $\tau^{-1}(\{0\}) = \emptyset$, then for $\vartheta \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{I})$

$$|\vartheta e(\eta \cdot \psi)|_{\text{PM}} = 0 (|\eta|^{-1/(n+1)}) \quad \text{as} \quad |\eta| \rightarrow \infty.$$

(ii) If $\vartheta \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{I})$, and if there exists an $x_0 \in \mathbf{I}$ with $\vartheta(x_0) \neq 0$ and $\tau(x_0) \neq 0$, then there exists an $\varepsilon > 0$ and a function $\xi \in C^\infty((-\varepsilon, \varepsilon), \mathbf{R}^n)$ with

$$\det(\xi(y)\xi'(y) \dots \xi^{(n-1)}(y)) \neq 0 \quad \text{for all} \quad y \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon),$$

such that, for some $C > 0$,

$$|\vartheta e(s\xi(y) \cdot \psi)|_{\text{PM}} \geq C(1 + |s|)^{-1/(n+1)}$$

for all $s \in \mathbf{R}$ and $y \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$.

Assume that $\tau^{-1}(\{0\})$ has empty interior. Then we have

COROLLARY 2. — There exists a $\vartheta \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{I})$, $\vartheta \neq 0$, such that for all positive $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbf{R}$ with $\sum_1^n \alpha_j \leq (n+1)^{-1}$, there exists a constant $C = C(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) > 0$ such that

$$(2.1) \quad |\vartheta e(\eta \cdot \psi)|_{\text{PM}} \leq C \prod_{j=1}^n |\eta_j|^{-\alpha_j}.$$

Conversely, if $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbf{R}$ are positive, and if there exists a $\vartheta \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{I})$, $\vartheta \neq 0$, and a $C > 0$ such that (2.1) holds, then

$$\sum_1^n \alpha_j \leq (n+1)^{-1}.$$

Proof of Corollary 2. — If $\tau^{-1}(\{0\})$ has empty interior, then there is of course an $x_0 \in \mathbf{I}$ with $\tau(x_0) \neq 0$, and so, for $\vartheta \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{I})$ with sufficiently small support near x_0 ,

$$|\vartheta e(\eta \cdot \psi)|_{\text{PM}} \leq C(1 + |\eta|)^{-1/(n+1)}$$

by Theorem 2, (i).

If $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ are positive and $\sum \alpha_j \leq (n+1)^{-1}$, then

$$\prod_j |\eta_j|^{\alpha_j} \leq |\eta|^{1/(n+1)} \quad \text{for} \quad |\eta| \geq 1,$$

hence

$$|\vartheta e(\eta \cdot \psi)|_{\text{PM}} \leq C \prod_j |\eta_j|^{-\alpha_j} \quad \text{for} \quad |\eta| \geq 1,$$

and the same estimate holds for all η if one replaces C by $C + |\vartheta|_{L^1}$.

Conversely, let now $\vartheta \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{I})$, $\vartheta \neq 0$, such that (2.1) holds for some $\alpha_j \geq 0$, and assume

$$\sum \alpha_j = (n+1)^{-1} + \delta, \quad \delta > 0.$$

Since $\tau^{-1}(\{0\})$ has empty interior, there is an $x_0 \in \mathbf{I}$ with $\vartheta(x_0) \neq 0$ and $\tau(x_0) \neq 0$. Choose $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\xi \in C^\infty((-\varepsilon, \varepsilon), \mathbf{R}^n)$ as in Theorem 2 (ii). Since $\det(\xi(y)\xi'(y) \dots \xi^{(n-1)}(y)) \neq 0$ for all $y \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$, there exists a $y_0 \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ with

$$\xi_j(y_0) \neq 0 \quad \text{for} \quad j = 1, \dots, n.$$

It follows

$$|\vartheta e(s\xi(y_0) \cdot \psi)|_{\text{PM}} \geq C'(1 + |s|)^{-1/(n+1)}.$$

On the other hand, (2.1) yields

$$\begin{aligned} |\vartheta e(s\xi(y_0) \cdot \psi)|_{\text{PM}} &\leq C \prod_j |s\xi_j(y_0)|^{-\alpha_j} \\ &= \left(C \prod_j |\xi_j(y_0)|^{-\alpha_j} \right) |s|^{-1/(n+1)} |s|^{-\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

For $|s|$ sufficiently large this leads to a contradiction to (2.2), q.e.d.

Corollary 2 demonstrates that the result in Theorem 2 is in some sense best possible.

3.

Before we start to prove the theorems above we will state some lemmas. The first one is due to J.-E. Björk and is cited in [3], Lemma 1.6:

LEMMA 1. — *Let $\mathbf{I} \neq \emptyset$ be a bounded, open interval in \mathbf{R} , and let $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{I})$, $g \in C^p(\mathbf{I})$ with*

$$0 < C_1 \leq |g'(x)| + |g''(x)| + \dots + |g^{(p)}(x)| \leq C_2$$

if $x \in \bar{I}$, where C_1 and C_2 are constants and p is a positive integer. Then there exists a constant C not depending on g , such that

$$\left| \int \varphi(x) e^{2\pi i t g(x)} dx \right| \leq C(1+|t|)^{-1/p}$$

for every $t \in \mathbf{R}$.

The second lemma will be used to prove the remark following Corollary 1. I would like to thank Professor H. Leptin for pointing out to me a shorter proof than my original one. By « \wedge » we denote the exterior product in the Grassmann algebra $\Lambda(\mathbf{R}^n)$.

LEMMA 2. — Let $\psi \in C^\infty(I, \mathbf{R}^n)$. Then

$$\psi(x) \wedge \psi'(x) \dots \wedge \psi^{(n-1)}(x) = 0$$

for all $x \in I$ implies

$$\psi^{(k_1)}(x) \wedge \psi^{(k_2)}(x) \wedge \dots \wedge \psi^{(k_n)}(x) = 0$$

for all $x \in I$ and $k_1, \dots, k_n \in \mathbf{N}_0$.

Proof. — Fix $x_0 \in I$, and assume first $\psi(x_0) \neq 0$. If $u \in C^\infty(I, \mathbf{R})$, then

$$(u\psi)^{(k)} = \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} u^{(k-j)} \psi^{(j)},$$

so $\psi \wedge \psi' \wedge \dots \wedge \psi^{(n-1)} \equiv 0$ implies

$$(u\psi) \wedge (u\psi)' \wedge \dots \wedge (u\psi)^{(n-1)} \equiv 0.$$

So, it is no loss of generality to assume

$$\psi_n(x) = 1 \quad \text{for} \quad x \in I.$$

If $\{e_j\}_j$ denotes the canonical basis of \mathbf{R}^n , we may thus write $\psi(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \psi_j(x) e_j + e_n = \rho(x) + e_n$, where $\rho(x) \in \mathbf{R}^{n-1} \times \{0\} \subset \mathbf{R}^n$. This yields

$$0 = \psi(x) \wedge \psi'(x) \wedge \dots \wedge \psi^{(n-1)}(x) = \rho(x) \wedge \rho'(x) \wedge \dots \wedge \rho^{(n-1)}(x) + e_n \wedge \rho'(x) \wedge \dots \wedge \rho^{(n-1)}(x),$$

and since $\rho(x), \rho'(x), \dots, \rho^{(n-1)}(x)$ are clearly linearly dependent, we get

$$0 = \rho'(x) \wedge \rho''(x) \wedge \dots \wedge \rho^{(n-1)}(x).$$

By induction over n , we now may assume

$$0 = \rho^{(k_2)}(x) \wedge \rho^{(k_3)}(x) \wedge \dots \wedge \rho^{(k_n)}(x)$$

for $x \in I$ and $k_j \geq 1$.

This implies

$$\psi^{(k_1)}(x) \wedge \dots \wedge \psi^{(k_n)}(x) = e_n^{(k_1)}(x) \wedge \rho^{(k_2)}(x) \wedge \dots \wedge \rho^{(k_n)}(x) = 0$$

for $0 \leq k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_n$, where we considered e_n as the function $e_n(x) = e_n$.

Thus we have proved

$$\psi^{(k_1)}(x_0) \wedge \psi^{(k_2)}(x_0) \wedge \dots \wedge \psi^{(k_n)}(x_0) = 0$$

for all $x_0 \in I_0 = \{x \in I : \psi(x) \neq 0\}$ and $k_j \geq 0$. By continuity, the same holds true for $x_0 \in \bar{I}_0 \cap I$, hence for all $x_0 \in I$, since for $y \in I \setminus \bar{I}_0$ clearly $\psi^{(k)}(y) = 0$ for every $k \in \mathbf{N}_0$.

LEMMA 3. — *If $\psi = (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n) \in C^\infty(I, \mathbf{R}^n)$ is real analytic, and if ψ_1, \dots, ψ_n are linearly independent modulo affine mappings, then $\tau^{-1}(\{0\})$ has empty interior, where τ denotes the torsion of ψ .*

Proof. — Assume $\tau(x) = 0$ for every x in some nonempty open interval $J \subset I$. Fix $x_0 \in J$. Then, passing to a possibly smaller interval, we may assume that ψ_j has an absolute convergent series expansion

$$\psi_j(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k^j (x-x_0)^k, \quad j = 1, \dots, n, \quad x \in J.$$

Define vectors

$$a_k = (a_k^j)_{j=1, \dots, n} \in \mathbf{R}^n$$

and

$$a^j = (a_k^j)_{k=2, \dots, \infty} \in \mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{N}_1}, \quad \mathbf{N}_1 = \mathbf{N} \setminus \{0, 1\}.$$

By Lemma 2, $\psi^{(k_1)}(x_0), \dots, \psi^{(k_n)}(x_0)$ are linearly dependent for any $k_j \in \mathbf{N}$ with $2 \leq k_1 < \dots < k_n$, i.e. a_{k_1}, \dots, a_{k_n} are linearly dependent for $2 \leq k_1 < \dots < k_n$. But this implies that a^1, \dots, a^n are linearly

dependent, i.e. there exist $v_1, \dots, v_n \in \mathbf{R}$, not all zero, with

$$0 = \sum_j v_j a^j, \quad \text{i.e.}$$

$$\sum_j v_j \psi_j(x) = \sum_j v_j a_0^j + v_j a_1^j (x - x_0) \quad \text{for } x \in J.$$

But, since ψ is real analytic, this equation holds for all $x \in I$, i.e. $\sum_j v_j \psi_j$ is affine linear.

4.

Proof of Theorem 1. — It is well-known (see e.g. [1], [7]) that for $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{R})$ one has the estimate

$$(4.1) \quad |\varphi|_A \leq \{2 |\text{supp } \varphi| |\varphi|_\infty |\varphi'|_\infty\}^{1/2},$$

where $|\text{supp } \varphi|$ denotes the Lebesgue measure of the support of φ . From (4.1) one immediately gets (i) of Theorem 1.

Now, suppose there exists a subinterval J in I and a $\sigma > 0$ such that $|\vartheta(x)| \geq \sigma$ and $|\vartheta(x) - \vartheta(y)| < \sigma/2$ for $x, y \in J$, and such that ψ_1, \dots, ψ_n are linearly independent modulo affine mappings on J . Then a simple compactness argument yields:

There are constants $\varepsilon > 0$, $\delta > 0$, such that for every $\eta \in \mathbf{R}^n$ with $|\eta| = 1$ there is an interval J_η of length 2ε in J with

$$(4.2) \quad |\eta \cdot \psi''(x)| \geq \delta \quad \text{for all } x \in J_\eta.$$

Now choose $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$, $\varphi \geq 0$, with $\int \varphi(x) dx = 1$. For fixed $\eta \in \mathbf{R}^n$, $\eta \neq 0$, set $\eta' = |\eta|^{-1} \eta$, and choose $J_{\eta'}$ as in (4.2). Let $\tilde{\varphi}$ be a suitable translate of φ such that $\text{supp } \tilde{\varphi} \subset J_{\eta'}$. Then we get

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 < \sigma/2 &\leq \left| \int \vartheta(x) \tilde{\varphi}(x) dx \right| \\ &= \left| \int \vartheta(x) e(\eta \cdot \psi)(x) \tilde{\varphi}(x) e(-\eta \cdot \psi)(x) dx \right| \\ &\leq |\vartheta e(\eta \cdot \psi)|_A |\tilde{\varphi} e(-\eta \cdot \psi)|_{PM}, \end{aligned}$$

since $J_{\eta'} \subset J$.

For $\xi \in \mathbf{R}$ one has

$$\begin{aligned} \{\tilde{\varphi}e(\eta \cdot \psi)\}^\wedge(-\xi) &= \int \tilde{\varphi}(x)e(-\xi x - \eta \cdot \psi(x)) dx \\ &= \int \varphi(x)e(-|\eta|g(x)) dx, \end{aligned}$$

where g is a function on $[-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$ which is a certain translate of the function

$$x \mapsto \xi'x + \eta' \cdot \psi(x) \quad \text{on} \quad J_{\eta'},$$

where $\xi' = |\eta|^{-1}\xi$.

But (4.2) implies

$$\delta \leq |g''(x)| \quad \text{for every} \quad x \in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon].$$

Moreover, if we set $A = 2 \sup_{x \in J} |\psi'(x)|$, $B = \sup_{x \in J} |\psi''(x)|$, then for $|\xi| \leq A|\eta|$:

$$\begin{aligned} |g'(x)| + |g''(x)| &\leq |\xi'| + |\eta'| (A + B) \\ &\leq 2A + B \end{aligned}$$

for every $x \in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$.

Thus, by Lemma 1, there exists a $C > 0$, such that for $|\xi| \leq A|\eta|$

$$(4.4) \quad \left| \int \tilde{\varphi}(x)e(-\xi x - \eta \cdot \psi(x)) dx \right| \leq C(1 + |\eta|)^{-1/2}.$$

And, if $|\xi| > A|\eta|$, then integration by parts yields

$$\begin{aligned} (4.5) \quad &\left| \int \tilde{\varphi}(x)e(-\xi x - \eta \cdot \psi(x)) dx \right| \\ &= \left| \int e(-|\eta|g(x)) \left(\frac{\varphi}{2\pi i |\eta| g'} \right)'(x) dx \right| \\ &\leq (2\pi|\eta|)^{-1} \int \left\{ \frac{|\varphi'(x)|}{|g'(x)|} + \frac{|\varphi(x)| |g''(x)|}{|g'(x)|^2} \right\} dx \\ &\leq C' |\eta|^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where C' is some constant depending on φ , ψ and A only, since for $x \in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$ we have $|g''(x)| \leq B$ and $|g'(x)| = |\xi' + \eta' \cdot \psi'(y)| \geq A - A/2$ for some $y \in J$.

Now, by (4.4), (4.5),

$$|\tilde{\varphi}e(-\eta \cdot \psi)|_{\text{PM}} \leq (C+C')|\eta|^{-1/2} \quad \text{if} \quad |\eta| \geq 1,$$

which together with (4.3) proves Theorem 1 (ii).

Proof of Theorem 2. — Assume $\tau(x) \neq 0$ for every $x \in I$, and let $\vartheta \in \mathcal{D}(I)$, $\vartheta \neq 0$. Passing to a smaller interval, we may even assume that I is closed.

Set $A = 2 \sup_{x \in I} |\psi'(x)|$, and for $\xi' \in \mathbf{R}$, $|\xi'| \leq A$, $\eta' \in \mathbf{R}^n$, $|\eta'| = 1$, $x \in I$ let

$$Q_{\xi', \eta'}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} |(\xi'x + \eta' \cdot \psi(x))^{(j)}(x)|.$$

Since $\tau^{-1}(\{0\}) = \emptyset$, we have $Q_{\xi', \eta'}(x) \neq 0$ for every $x \in I$, and since $Q_{\xi', \eta'}(x)$ is continuous in ξ', η' and x on the compact space $[-A, A] \times \{\eta' \in \mathbf{R}^n : |\eta'| = 1\} \times I$, there exist constants $C_1 > 0$, $C_2 > 0$, such that

$$(4.6) \quad C_1 \leq Q_{\xi', \eta'}(x) \leq C_2$$

for all $x \in I$, ξ', η' with $|\xi'| \leq A$, $|\eta'| = 1$.

So, using quite the same arguments as in the proof of Theorem 1 (ii), we can deduce from (4.6) by Lemma 1:

$$|\vartheta e(\eta \cdot \psi)|_{\text{PM}} \leq C(1 + |\eta|)^{-1/(n+1)}$$

for some constant $C > 0$, which proves (i).

To prove (ii), we will assume, for convenience, $x_0 = 0$, i.e. $0 \in I$, and $\vartheta(0) \neq 0$, $\tau(0) \neq 0$.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\tau(x) \neq 0$ for $x \in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$.

Since $\psi''(x)$, $\psi'''(x)$, \dots , $\psi^{(n+1)}(x)$ are linearly independent for $x \in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$, there exists a function $\xi \in C^\infty([-\varepsilon, \varepsilon], \mathbf{R}^n)$, such that for every $x \in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$

$$(4.7) \quad \xi(x) \cdot \psi^{(j)}(x) = 0, \quad j = 2, \dots, n,$$

and

$$(4.8) \quad \xi(x) \cdot \tilde{\psi}^{(n+1)}(x) = 1.$$

Differentiating (4.7) and inserting (4.8), we get

$$\xi'(x) \cdot \psi^{(j)}(x) = 0 \quad \text{for } j = 2, \dots, n - 1,$$

and

$$\xi'(x)\psi^{(n)}(x) = -1.$$

Repeating this process, one inductively obtains for $k = 0, \dots, n - 1$

$$(4.9) \quad \begin{cases} \xi^{(k)}(x) \cdot \psi^{(j)}(x) = 0 & \text{for } j = 2, \dots, n - k, \\ \xi^{(k)}(x) \cdot \psi^{(n+1-k)}(x) = (-1)^k. \end{cases}$$

So, if we define matrices

$$S(x) = (\xi_j^{(n-i)}(x))_{i,j=1,\dots,n}, \quad T(x) = (\psi_i^{(j+1)}(x))_{i,j=1,\dots,n},$$

then (4.9) means that $S(x)T(x)$ is an upper triangular matrix with diagonal elements 1 or -1 , which yields

$$(4.10) \quad |\det (\xi(x)\xi'(x) \dots \xi^{(n-1)}(x))| = |\det S(x)| = |\tau(x)|^{-1} \neq 0$$

for all $x \in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$.

We now claim :

There is a constant $C > 0$, such that for all $y \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ and $s \in \mathbf{R}$

$$(4.11) \quad |\Im e(s\xi(y) \cdot \psi)|_{PM} \geq C(1 + |s|)^{-1/(n+1)}.$$

Choose $y \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$. Then by (4.7), $(\xi(y) \cdot \psi)^{(j)}(y) = \delta_{j,n+1}$ for $j = 2, \dots, n + 1$, and so a Taylor expansion of $\xi(y) \cdot \psi$ yields (for ε small enough)

$$(4.12) \quad (\xi(y) \cdot \psi)(x) = \alpha + \beta x + (x - y)^{n+1}g(x) \quad \text{for } x \in (-2\varepsilon, 2\varepsilon),$$

where g is some smooth function on $(-2\varepsilon, 2\varepsilon)$ which depends on y , and where α and β are some real numbers.

Let us remark here that although $g = g_y$ depends on y , $\sup_{|x| < 2\varepsilon} |g'_y(x)|$ is uniformly bounded for $y \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$.

Now take $\rho \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{R})$ with $\text{supp } \rho \subset (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$, $\rho \geq 0$ and $\int \rho(x) dx = 1$, and set $\tilde{\rho}(x) = \rho(|s|^{1/(n+1)}(x - y))$.

If we choose ε small enough such that

$$|\vartheta(0) - \vartheta(x)| < \frac{1}{2} |\vartheta(0)|$$

for $x \in (-2\varepsilon, 2\varepsilon)$, then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int \vartheta(x) \tilde{\rho}(x) dx \right| &= \left| \int \vartheta(|s|^{-1/(n+1)}x + y) \rho(x) dx \right| |s|^{-1/(n+1)} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} |\vartheta(0)| |s|^{-1/(n+1)}, \quad \text{if } |s| \geq 1; \end{aligned}$$

and since

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int \vartheta(x) \tilde{\rho}(x) dx \right| &= \left| \int \vartheta(x) e(s\xi(y) \cdot \psi) \tilde{\rho}(x) e(-s\xi(y) \cdot \psi) dx \right| \\ &\leq |\vartheta e(s\xi(y) \cdot \psi)|_{\text{PM}} |\tilde{\rho} e(-s\xi(y) \cdot \psi)|_{\text{A}}, \end{aligned}$$

(4.11) will follow if we can show that $|\tilde{\rho} e(-s\xi(y) \cdot \psi)|_{\text{A}}$ is uniformly bounded for $y \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ and $|s| \geq 1$.

Now, regular affine mappings of \mathbf{R} induce isometries of the Fourier algebra $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{R})$, thus

$$|\tilde{\rho} e(-s\xi(y) \cdot \psi)|_{\text{A}} = |\rho e(-s\xi(y) \cdot \tilde{\Psi})|_{\text{A}},$$

where $\tilde{\Psi}(x) = \psi(|s|^{-1/(n+1)}x + y)$.

Since for $x \in \text{supp } \rho$ and $|s| \geq 1$,

$$|s|^{-1/(n+1)}x + y \in (-2\varepsilon, 2\varepsilon),$$

(4.12) yields

$$\xi(y) \cdot \tilde{\Psi}(x) = \alpha + \beta y + \beta |s|^{-1/(n+1)}x + |s|^{-1}x^{n+1}g(|s|^{-1/(n+1)}x + y).$$

Thus

$$|\tilde{\rho} e(-s\xi(y) \cdot \psi)|_{\text{A}} = |\rho e(h)|_{\text{A}},$$

where $h(x) = -s|s|^{-1}x^{n+1}g(|s|^{-1/(n+1)}x + y)$. If we again apply estimate (4.1), we easily see that $|\rho e(h)|_{\text{A}}$ is uniformly bounded for $y \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ and $|s| \geq 1$, q.e.d.

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