

A Hörmander type multiplier theorem for arbitrary discrete groups

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The problem

Consider a Fourier multiplier on (\mathbb{T}^n, μ)

$$T_m \left(\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \widehat{f}(k) e^{2\pi i \langle k, \cdot \rangle} \right) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n} m_k \widehat{f}(k) e^{2\pi i \langle k, \cdot \rangle}.$$

A **lifting multiplier** for m is an smooth function

$$\tilde{m} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad \text{satisfying} \quad \tilde{m}|_{\mathbb{Z}^n} = m.$$

It is well-known that L_p -boundedness is preserved, so that we have

$$|\partial_\xi^\beta \tilde{m}(\xi)| \leq c_n |\xi|^{-|\beta|} \quad \text{for all} \quad |\beta| \leq \left[\frac{n}{2} \right] + 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad T_m : L_p(\mathbb{T}^n, \mu) \rightarrow L_p(\mathbb{T}^n, \mu).$$

In the case of arbitrary discrete groups

- There is no canonical differential structure to work with.
- No sufficient differentiability conditions are known for L_p -boundedness.

Our main goals in this talk is to present

- A Hörmander multiplier theorem for arbitrary discrete groups.
- A noncommutative Calderón-Zygmund theory for von Neumann algebras.

Compact duals

Let G be a discrete group and

$$f \sim \sum_{g \in G} \widehat{f}(g) \lambda(g) \in L_p(\widehat{G}, \tau) \quad \text{such that} \quad \widehat{f}(g) = \tau(f \lambda(g^{-1}))$$

a Fourier series on its compact dual, where:

- $\lambda : G \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\ell_2(G))$ is the left regular representation

$$\lambda(g) \delta_h = \delta_{gh} \quad \text{for} \quad \delta_g(h) = \delta_{g=h},$$

and $\widehat{G} = \mathcal{L}(G)$ is the weak operator closure of $\text{span} \lambda(G)$ in $\mathcal{B}(\ell_2(G))$.

- We equip the group von Neumann algebra $\mathcal{L}(G)$ with its **natural trace**

$$\tau(f) = \langle f \delta_e, \delta_e \rangle_{\ell_2(G)} = \widehat{f}(e) \quad \text{where} \quad e = \text{Identity of } G.$$

$L_p(\widehat{G}, \tau)$ is the noncommutative L_p space associated to $(\mathcal{L}(G), \tau)$, with norm

$$\|f\|_p = (\tau |f|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\|_\infty = \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}(\ell_2(G))}.$$

Example. If $G = \mathbb{Z}$, we have an isometry

$$\ell_2(G) \ni \delta_m \mapsto \exp(2\pi i m \cdot) \in L_2(\mathbb{T}, \mu) \Rightarrow \lambda(m) \sim \exp(2\pi i m \cdot).$$

We have $\tau = \int_{\mathbb{T}} \cdot d\mu$ for the normalized Haar measure μ and $L_p(\widehat{G}, \tau) = L_p(\mathbb{T}, \mu)$.

Sketch of the talk

Given a discrete group G , the key points are:

- **Cocycles.** If $\psi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is such that

$$e^{-t\psi} \text{ is positive definite for all } t > 0,$$

we may find an inclusion $b_\psi : G \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\psi$ into a Hilbert space \mathcal{H}_ψ , which is isometric in the sense that

$$\text{dist}(g, h) \equiv \sqrt{\psi(g^{-1}h)} = \|b_\psi(g) - b_\psi(h)\|_{\mathcal{H}_\psi}$$

defines a **pseudo-metric** on G , and \mathcal{H}_ψ plays the role of an **'ambient space'** for G .

- **Hörmander-Mihlin condition.** Given a Fourier multiplier

$$T_m : \sum_g \widehat{f}(g) \lambda(g) \mapsto \sum_g m_g \widehat{f}(g) \lambda(g),$$

a lifting multiplier is given by $\tilde{m} : \mathcal{H}_\psi \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with $m = \tilde{m} \circ b_\psi$. If $\dim \mathcal{H}_\psi = n$

$$|\partial_\xi^\beta \tilde{m}(\xi)| \leq c_n |\xi|^{-\beta} \text{ for all } |\beta| \leq \left[\frac{n}{2}\right] + 1 \stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow} T_m : L_p(\widehat{G}, \tau) \rightarrow L_p(\widehat{G}, \tau)$$

- **Calderón-Zygmund theory.** This naturally leads to a form of

$$\text{ess sup}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \int_{|s| > 2|x|} |k_{\tilde{m}}(s-x) - k_{\tilde{m}}(s)| ds < \infty \Rightarrow T_{\tilde{m}} : L_\infty \rightarrow \text{BMO}$$

the **Hörmander condition for the kernel**, valid for arbitrary von Neumann algebras.

Length functions

We will be working with functions $\psi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ such that:

- i) $\psi(e) = 0$,
- ii) $\psi(g) = \psi(g^{-1})$ for all $g \in G$,
- iii) ψ is a conditionally negative function

$$\sum_{g \in \Lambda \subset G} \gamma_g = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad |\Lambda| < \infty \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sum_{g, h \in \Lambda} \bar{\gamma}_g \gamma_h \psi(g^{-1}h) \leq 0.$$

We will call such a ψ a **length function**. By Schoenberg theorem

$$\psi \text{ length function} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad e^{-t\psi} \text{ positive definite for all } t > 0.$$

Examples. Two standard cases:

- If $G = \mathbb{Z}^n$, we may take

$$\psi_1 = | \cdot |^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_2 = | \cdot |.$$

The heat and Poisson kernels are positive with Fourier transforms $e^{-t\psi_j}$, $j = 1, 2$.

- If $G = \mathbb{F}_n$ is the free group with n generators, we may use

$$\psi(g) = |g| = \text{standard length function,}$$

because the associated Poisson semigroup is formed of completely positive maps.

Construction of the cocycle

Given a length function ψ

$$K_\psi(g, h) = \frac{\psi(g) + \psi(h) - \psi(g^{-1}h)}{2} \rightsquigarrow \left\langle \sum_{g \in G} \gamma_g \delta_g, \sum_{h \in G} \gamma'_h \delta_h \right\rangle_\psi = \sum_{g, h \in G} \gamma_g K_\psi(g, h) \gamma'_h.$$

This is an \mathbb{R} -product on the group algebra $\mathbb{R}[G]$ of finitely supported real functions on G . If we set N_ψ to be the null space of $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\psi$, we may define the Hilbert space \mathcal{H}_ψ as the completion of $(\mathbb{R}[G]/N_\psi, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\psi)$ and define the natural inclusion

$$b_\psi : g \in G \mapsto \delta_g + N_\psi \in \mathcal{H}_\psi$$

which satisfies the isometric identity $\|b_\psi(g) - b_\psi(h)\|_{\mathcal{H}_\psi} = \sqrt{\psi(g^{-1}h)} = \text{dist}(g, h)$.

There exists a natural action $\alpha_\psi : G \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathcal{H}_\psi)$

$$\alpha_{\psi, g}(b_\psi(h)) = b_\psi(gh) - b_\psi(g)$$

which is isometric in the sense that we have $\langle \alpha_{\psi, g}(\xi_1), \alpha_{\psi, g}(\xi_2) \rangle_\psi = \langle \xi_1, \xi_2 \rangle_\psi$. This allows us to construct a **semidirect product embedding** $g \mapsto b_\psi(g) \rtimes g$ which extends to the group von Neumann algebras as follows

$$\pi_\psi : \lambda(g) \in \mathcal{L}(G) \mapsto \exp b_\psi(g) \rtimes \lambda(g) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_\psi) \rtimes_{\alpha_\psi} G.$$

The key is to show $T_{\tilde{m}} : L_\infty(\mathcal{H}_\psi) \rightarrow \text{BMO} \Rightarrow T_{\tilde{m}} \rtimes id_G$ is still bounded (**NCCZ theory**).

Hörmander-Mihlin multipliers for discrete groups

Theorem [JMP]. Let G be a discrete group and

$$T_m : \sum_g \widehat{f}(g) \lambda(g) \mapsto \sum_g m_g \widehat{f}(g) \lambda(g)$$

a Fourier multiplier on its compact dual. Assume that G is equipped with a length function ψ , with associated cocycle $b_\psi : G \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\psi$ such that $\dim \mathcal{H}_\psi = n$. Let $\tilde{m} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a lifting multiplier for m , so that $m = \tilde{m} \circ b_\psi$. Then

$$T_m : L_p(\widehat{G}, \tau) \rightarrow L_p(\widehat{G}, \tau) \quad \text{is cb-bounded for } 1 < p < \infty$$

provided the condition below holds for some $\varepsilon > 0$

$$|\partial_\xi^\beta \tilde{m}(\xi)| \leq c_n |\xi|^{-|\beta|-\varepsilon} \quad \text{for all multi-indices } \beta \text{ s.t. } |\beta| \leq n + 2.$$

The classical hypotheses with

$$|\beta| \leq \left[\frac{n}{2} \right] + 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon = 0$$

suffice in the following particular cases:

- If $b_\psi(G)$ is a lattice in \mathcal{H}_ψ .
- Radial Fourier multipliers $m_g = h(\psi(g))$.

We may also prove $L_\infty \rightarrow \text{BMO}$ type inequalities and some free-dimensional estimates.

Some comments

- If $G = \mathbb{Z}^n$ and $\psi_1(k) = |k|^2$, we easily get

$\mathcal{H}_{\psi_1} \simeq \mathbb{R}^n$ and $b_{\psi_1}(k) = k \Rightarrow$ Classical Hörmander multiplier theorem.

However, $\psi_2(k) = |k|$ gives $\dim \mathcal{H}_{\psi_2} = \infty!$ **Highly non canonical** choice of cocycle.

- There are two problems to solve

- **Interpolation problem.** Given $\psi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$, estimate

$$\inf \left\{ \sup_{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sup_{|\beta| \leq d_n} |\xi|^{-|\beta|} |\partial_\beta \tilde{m}(\xi)| \text{ s.t. } \tilde{m} \circ b_\psi(g) = m_g \right\}.$$

Related to Fefferman's recent work on '**smooth interpolation of data**'.

- **Dimensional problem.** Given G , find $\inf_\psi \dim \mathcal{H}_\psi$ for $b_\psi : G \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\psi$ injective.

Remark. We have $\text{H-dim}(\mathbb{Z}^n) = 1!!$ Both problems are '**incompatible**'.

- The negative generator of the semigroup

$$\lambda(g) \mapsto \exp(-t\psi(g))\lambda(g)$$

is the map $A(\lambda(g)) = \psi(g)\lambda(g)$. In particular, we find

Radial Fourier multipliers \subset **McIntosh's H_∞ -calculus.**

However, our Hörmander-Mihlin type condition above is **considerably weaker.**

- If $\dim \mathcal{H}_\psi = n \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\psi \simeq \mathbb{R}_{\text{disc}}^n$ and $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H}_\psi) \simeq L_\infty(\widehat{\mathbb{R}}_{\text{disc}}^n, \mu) \rightarrow$ de Leeuw.

Riesz transforms

Given a discrete group G , we have seen

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \psi : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ & & (\mathcal{H}_\psi, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_\psi) & & b_\psi : G \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\psi \\ \text{length function} & \Rightarrow & \text{Hilbert space} & \Rightarrow & \text{cocycle map.} \end{array}$$

Thus, we consider the η -th Riesz ψ -transform for $\eta \in \mathcal{H}_\psi$ as

$$R_\eta \left(\sum_{g \in G} \widehat{f}(g) \lambda(g) \right) = -i \sum_{g \in G} \frac{\langle b_\psi(g), \eta \rangle_\psi}{\sqrt{\psi(g)}} \widehat{f}(g) \lambda(g).$$

The lifting multiplier $\tilde{m}_\eta(\xi) = -i \frac{\langle \xi, \eta \rangle_\psi}{\sqrt{\langle \xi, \xi \rangle_\psi}}$ only satisfies the classical condition

$$|\partial_\xi^\beta \tilde{m}_\eta(\xi)| \leq c_n |\xi|^{-|\beta|} \text{ for any multi-index } \beta \Rightarrow \varepsilon = 0.$$

Theorem [JMP]. If $\dim \mathcal{H}_\psi < \infty$, any operator in

$$\mathcal{R} = \text{span} \left\{ \prod_{\eta \in \Gamma} R_\eta \mid \Gamma \text{ finite set in } \mathcal{H}_\psi \right\}$$

defines a cb-map $\mathcal{L}(G) \rightarrow \text{BMO}_{\mathcal{S}_\psi}$ and $L_p(\widehat{G}, \tau) \rightarrow L_p(\widehat{G}, \tau)$ for all $1 < p < \infty$.

Noncommutative tori

Given $n \geq 1$ and $\Theta = (\theta_{jk})_{n \times n}$ antisymmetric

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_\Theta &= \left\langle u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n \mid \text{unitaries with } u_j u_k = e^{2\pi i \theta_{jk}} u_k u_j \right\rangle \\ &= \left\{ f \sim \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \widehat{f}(k) w_k \mid w_k = u_1^{k_1} u_2^{k_2} \cdots u_n^{k_n} \text{ with } k = (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

We also need the trace $\tau(f) = \widehat{f}(0)$ and the heat semigroup $S_{\Theta, t}(f) = \sum_k \widehat{f}(k) e^{-t|k|^2} w_k$.

Theorem [JMP]. Let

$$T_m : \sum_k \widehat{f}(k) w_k \mapsto \sum_k m_k \widehat{f}(k) w_k.$$

If a lifting multiplier $\tilde{m} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with $\tilde{m}|_{\mathbb{Z}^n} = m$ satisfies

$$|\partial_\xi^\beta \tilde{m}(\xi)| \leq c_n |\xi|^{-\beta} \quad \text{for all } |\beta| \leq \left[\frac{n}{2} \right] + 1,$$

then we find that $T_m : L_\infty(\mathcal{A}_\Theta, \tau) \rightarrow \text{BMO}_{\mathcal{S}_\Theta}$ and $L_p(\mathcal{A}_\Theta) \rightarrow L_p(\mathcal{A}_\Theta)$ for all $1 < p < \infty$.

Proof 1. Noncommutative form of **Calderón's transference** from \mathbb{T}^n .

Proof 2. We have $\mathcal{L}(H_\Theta) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n}^\oplus \mathcal{A}_{x_\Theta} dx$ and apply our **multiplier theorem** to H_Θ .

Noncommutative Calderón-Zygmund theory

We are interested in a noncommutative form of

$$\operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \int_{|s| > 2|x|} |k(s-x) - k(s)| \, ds < \infty$$
$$\Updownarrow$$
$$\sup_{s > 0} \left\| \left(\chi_{B_s(0)} \otimes \chi_{B_s(0)} \right) \delta_{\mathbb{R}^n} T \left(f \chi_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B_{5s}(0)} \right) \right\|_{L_\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)} \leq c_h \|f\|_\infty$$

for any Calderón-Zygmund T with kernel k and with $\delta_{\mathbb{R}^n}(f) = f \otimes 1_{\mathbb{R}^n} - 1_{\mathbb{R}^n} \otimes f$.

Major difficulty: Construct projections playing the role of the Euclidean balls $B_s(0)$.

The key ingredients are

- Noncommutative BMO's over semigroups.
- An associated 'metric' on the von Neumann algebra.

Semigroup type BMO's

Duong and Yan recently extended BMO theory to certain semigroups on homogeneous spaces assuming certain regularity. This theory, however, *still imposes the existence of a metric in the underlying space*. We may not assume the existence of a metric.

Given a noncommutative measure space (\mathcal{M}, τ) and

$$\mathcal{S} = (S_t)_{t \geq 0} \quad \text{with} \quad S_t : f \in L_p(\mathcal{M}, \tau) \rightarrow d_t * f \in L_p(\mathcal{M}, \tau),$$

a noncommutative diffusion semigroup of convolution type, we define

$$\|f\|_{\text{BMO}_\mathcal{S}^c} = \sup_{t \geq 0} \left\| \left(S_t |f|^2 - |S_t f|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_\infty$$

for the *column semigroup type BMO*. The row analog and the general form are

$$\|f\|_{\text{BMO}_\mathcal{S}^r} = \|f^*\|_{\text{BMO}_\mathcal{S}^c} \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\|_{\text{BMO}_\mathcal{S}} = \max \left\{ \|f\|_{\text{BMO}_\mathcal{S}^r}, \|f\|_{\text{BMO}_\mathcal{S}^c} \right\}.$$

Theorem [Junge/Mei]. *If \mathcal{S} admits a ‘nice enough’ Markov dilation*

$$[\text{BMO}_\mathcal{S}, L_p(\mathcal{M}, \tau)]_{p/q} \simeq L_q(\mathcal{M}, \tau).$$

Remark. The regularity assumed in the result above holds in our main examples.

Noncommutative ‘metrics’

A **weighted spectral decomposition** for

$$\mathcal{S} = (S_t)_{t \geq 0} \quad \text{with} \quad S_t f = d_t * f$$

is a family of projections $(q_{k,t})$ in \mathcal{M} —indexed by $(k, t) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{R}_+$ — which are increasing in k for t fixed, together with a family of positive numbers $\beta_{k,t} \in \mathbb{R}_+$ such that the following conditions hold for absolute constants c_w, c_s, c_d

- i) $\sum_{k \geq 1} \beta_{k,t} \tau(q_{k,t}) \leq c_s,$
- ii) $d_t \leq c_d \sum_{k \geq 1} \beta_{k,t} (q_{k,t} - q_{k-1,t}),$
- iii) $\sum_{k \geq 1} \beta_{k,t} w_{k,t} \tau(q_{k,t} - q_{k-1,t}) \leq c_w$ for $w_{k,t} = \left(\sum_{j \leq k} \sqrt{\frac{\tau(q_{j+1,t})}{\tau(q_j,t)}} \right)^2.$

This notion is somehow related to

- Tolsa’s notion of RBMO space for nondoubling measures.
- Blunck/Kunstmann’s analysis of non-integral Calderón-Zygmund operators.

We will however require a **doubling property of the trace τ**

$$\tau(q_{\alpha(k),t}) \leq c_\alpha \tau(q_{k,t}) \quad \text{for some strictly increasing function } \alpha : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}.$$

Boundedness of noncommutative CZO's

Taking $Q_{k,t}(f) = \frac{1}{\tau(q_{k,t})} q_{k,t} * f$ yields a metric type BMO, called BMO_Q .

Theorem [JMP]. *Let (\mathcal{M}, τ) be a noncommutative measure space and \mathcal{S} a semigroup acting on it equipped with an α -doubling weighted decomposition with associated metric $Q = (Q_{k,t})$. Let $T : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ defined on a weakly dense $*$ -subalgebra of \mathcal{M} . If we consider the derivation $\delta_{\mathcal{M}}(f) = f \otimes \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{M}} - \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{M}} \otimes f$, the conditions*

a) $T : L_2(\mathcal{M}, \tau) \rightarrow L_2(\mathcal{M}, \tau)$ is bounded by c_{22} ,

b1) $\left\| \mathcal{R}_{q_{k,t} \otimes q_{k,t}} \delta_{\mathcal{M}}(T \otimes id_{\mathcal{M}}) \mathcal{R}_{q_{\alpha(k),t}^\perp} : \mathcal{M} \bar{\otimes} \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \bar{\otimes} \mathcal{M} \bar{\otimes} \mathcal{M} \right\| \leq c_h$ for all k, t ,

b2) $\left\| \mathcal{L}_{q_{k,t} \otimes q_{k,t}} \delta_{\mathcal{M}}(T \otimes id_{\mathcal{M}}) \mathcal{L}_{q_{\alpha(k),t}^\perp} : \mathcal{M} \bar{\otimes} \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \bar{\otimes} \mathcal{M} \bar{\otimes} \mathcal{M} \right\| \leq c_h$ for all k, t ,

imply that $T : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \text{BMO}_Q$. More concretely, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tf\|_{\text{BMO}_Q} &\leq (2c_{22} \sqrt{c_\alpha} + c_h) \|f\|_\infty. \\ \|Tf\|_{\text{BMO}_S} &\leq 2\sqrt{2} \sqrt{c_d(c_s + c_w)} (2c_{22} \sqrt{c_\alpha} + c_h) \|f\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Corollary [JMP]. *Additionally, if \mathcal{S} has a nice Markov dilation, we obtain L_p -boundedness.*

Remark. The heat semigroup reconstructs the classical \mathbb{R}^n -theory from Theorem above.

Applications and examples

- New $L_\infty \rightarrow$ BMO **Schur multipliers**.
- Analysis of some **concrete groups**: $\mathbb{Z}_n, \mathcal{S}_n, \mathbb{F}_n \dots$
- **Burnside groups**: $\text{H-dim}(B(n, m)) = \infty$ for $n \geq 2$ and $m \geq 665$ odd.
- **Calderón's transference method** for quantum groups.
- An adapted **Littlewood-Paley theory**.

Thanks for listening!!