

# Multilinear Restriction Theory

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# The $L^2$ bilinear estimate

For  $n \geq 1$ , let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be an open, bounded neighborhood of the origin and let  $\Sigma : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  be a smooth parametrization of the  $n$ -dimensional submanifold  $S = \Sigma(U)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  - a hypersurface. Define

$$\mathcal{E}f(x) = \int_U e^{ix \cdot \Sigma(\xi)} f(\xi) d\xi.$$

The  $L^2$  bilinear estimate :

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$$\tilde{\chi}_T(x, t) = \tilde{\chi}_{D(x_T - \nabla\varphi(\xi_T)t, t; r)}(x).$$

Let  $Q$  be a cube of radius  $R \gg 1$  and  $\phi$  be a free wave. For each  $T \in \mathcal{T}$  there is a free wave  $\phi_T$ , with  $\hat{\phi}_T$  supported in a cube of size less than  $CR^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ . The map  $\phi \rightarrow \phi_T$  is linear and

$$\phi = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}} \phi_T,$$

and the following estimates hold true

$$\sum_T \sup_{q \in Q_J(Q)} \tilde{\chi}_T(x_q, t_q)^{-N} \|\phi_T\|_{L^2(q)}^2 \lesssim rM(\phi)$$

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Let  $\mathcal{L} = r^{-1}\mathbb{Z}^n \cap D$  and  $L = r\mathbb{Z}^n$ . With  $x_T \in L, \xi_T \in \mathcal{L}$ , define the tube  $T := \{(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R} : |x - x_T + \nabla\varphi(\xi_T)t| \leq r\}$ ; denote by  $\mathcal{T}$  the set of such tubes. For  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ , define the cut-off  $\tilde{\chi}_T$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  by

$$\tilde{\chi}_T(x, t) = \tilde{\chi}_{D(x_T - \nabla\varphi(\xi_T)t, t; r)}(x).$$

Let  $Q$  be a cube of radius  $R \gg 1$  and  $\phi$  be a free wave. For each  $T \in \mathcal{T}$  there is a free wave  $\phi_T$ , with  $\hat{\phi}_T$  supported in a cube of size less than  $CR^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ . The map  $\phi \rightarrow \phi_T$  is linear and

$$\phi = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}} \phi_T,$$

and the following estimates hold true

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Next we claim the following estimate :

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This concludes the proofs of all claims of the Proposition.

We establish (10). Taking into account the frequency localization of  $\phi_{T_1} \psi_{\xi_2}$  and the fast decay properties of  $\mathcal{F}_{x,t}(\tilde{\chi}_q)$ , we obtain

$$\|\phi_{T_1} \psi_{\xi_2}(T_1, \xi, \tau) \tilde{\chi}_q\|_{L^2}^2 \lesssim r^{-(n+1)} \|\phi_{T_1} \psi_{\xi_2}(T_1, \xi, \tau) \tilde{\chi}_q\|_{L^1}^2$$

Therefore it suffices to show that

$$\sum_q \sum_{\xi} \sum_{\tau} \sum_{T_1 \in \mathcal{T}(A_1(\xi, \tau))} \frac{\|\phi_{T_1} \tilde{\chi}_q\|_{L^2}^2 \|\psi_{\xi_2}(T_1, \xi, \tau) \tilde{\chi}_q\|_{L^2}^2}{m_{T_1} \tilde{\chi}_{T_1}(x_q, t_q)} \lesssim rM(\phi).$$

The summation with respect to  $(\xi, \tau)$  brings back all possible frequency interactions, hence the above is equivalent to proving

$$\sum_q \sum_{T_1 \cap q \neq \emptyset} \sum_{\xi_2 \in \mathcal{L}} \frac{\|\phi_{T_1} \tilde{\chi}_q\|_{L^2}^2 \|\psi_{\xi_2} \tilde{\chi}_q\|_{L^2}^2}{m_{T_1} \tilde{\chi}_{T_1}(x_q, t_q)} \lesssim rM(\phi).$$

Note that in the above estimate the frequency of  $T_1$ ,  $\xi_{T_1} = \xi_1$  is decoupled from  $\xi_2$ . By rearranging the sum, it suffices to show

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The inner sum is estimated as follows

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We conclude the argument with the following claim

$$\sum_{T_1} \sup_q \|\phi_{T_1} \tilde{\chi}_q\|_{L^2}^2 \lesssim r \sum_{T_1} M(\phi_{T_1}) \lesssim rM(\phi),$$

which is obvious given the size of  $q$  in the temporal direction.