

THE LINEARIZED EQUATION IN THE HÖLDER CLASSES

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0.1. The result.

Proposition 0.1. *Let s, τ be non-negative real numbers such that s is not an integer. If $\alpha \in \mathbb{T}^d$ belongs to $DC(\tau)$, and φ belongs to $C_0^{s+d+\tau}(\mathbb{T}^d)$, then the equation*

$$\psi \circ R_\alpha - \psi = \varphi$$

has a solution $\psi \in C_0^s(\mathbb{T}^d)$.

Moreover, with $\alpha \in DC(\gamma, \tau)$, one has

$$\|\psi\|_{C^s} \leq C\gamma^{-1}\|\varphi\|_{C^{s+d+\tau}}.$$

I am not sure about the correct reference. I am essentially following Herman in his Asterisque book, Volume 1.

0.2. Smoothing operators and Hadamard convexity inequalities. Let $\widehat{\chi} \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ be a non-negative even function with support in $[-1, 1]^d$, equal to 1 on $[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]^d$. Let χ be the inverse Fourier transform of $\widehat{\chi}$ and define $\chi_t(x) = t^d \chi(tx)$ for $t > 0$. For $t \geq 1$, let $S(t)$ be the convolution operator $S(t)\varphi = \varphi * \chi_t$ from $C^0(\mathbb{T}^d)$ to $C^\infty(\mathbb{T}^d)$. Then, we have, for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$

$$\widehat{S(t)\varphi}(n) = \widehat{\varphi}(n)\widehat{\chi}\left(\frac{n}{t}\right).$$

One has the following estimates, for real numbers $s \leq r$ and $t \geq 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \|S(t)\varphi\|_{C^r} &\leq Ct^{r-s}\|\varphi\|_{C^s}, \\ \|S(t)\varphi - \varphi\|_{C^s} &\leq Ct^{s-r}\|\varphi\|_{C^r}, \end{aligned}$$

with constants C depending on r, s only.

From these estimates one gets *Hadamard convexity inequalities*: let $r_0 \leq r_1, u \in [0, 1]$, $r_u = ur_1 + (1-u)r_0$. One has

$$\|\varphi\|_{C^{r_u}} \leq C\|\varphi\|_{C^{r_0}}^{1-u}\|\varphi\|_{C^{r_1}}^u.$$

0.3. Littlewood-Paley decomposition. Let $\varphi \in C^0(\mathbb{T}^d)$. We define

$$\Delta_0\varphi := S(1)\varphi = \int_{\mathbb{T}} \varphi(x) dx,$$

$$\Delta_n\varphi = (S(2^n) - S(2^{n-1}))\varphi, \quad \text{for } n > 0.$$

Observe that $\Delta_n\varphi$ is a trigonometric polynomial of degree $^1 < 2^n$, and that the series $\sum_n \Delta_n\varphi$ converge formally to φ . From the estimates above, we have, for $\varphi \in C^r(\mathbb{T}^d)$:

$$\|\Delta_n\varphi\|_{C^0} \leq C2^{-rn}\|\varphi\|_{C^r},$$

so the convergence is uniform as soon as $r > 0$. Conversely

¹A trigonometric polynomial Φ has degree $< D$ if $\widehat{\Phi}(k) = 0$ for $\|k\|_\infty \geq D$

Lemma 0.2. *Let $r > 0$ be a real number which is not an integer, and (φ_n) a sequence of trigonometric polynomials such that the degree of φ_n is $< 2^n$. Assume that*

$$\sup_n 2^{rn} \|\varphi_n\|_{C^0} =: A < +\infty.$$

Then the series $\sum_n \varphi_n$ converge uniformly to a function φ which belongs to $C^r(\mathbb{T}^d)$ and we have

$$\|\varphi\|_{C^r} \leq CA.$$

Proof. Clearly the series $\sum_n \varphi_n$ converge uniformly to a function $\varphi \in C^0(\mathbb{T}^d)$. We first deal with the case $0 < r < 1$. Observe that $\varphi_n = S(2^{n+1})\varphi_n$, hence

$$\|\varphi_n\|_{C^1} \leq C2^{(1-r)n}A.$$

Let $x, y \in \mathbb{T}^d$, and let $N \geq 0$ s.t. $2^{-N-1} \leq \|x - y\| \leq 2^{-N}$. For $n > N$, we just write

$$|\varphi_n(x) - \varphi_n(y)| \leq 2\|\varphi_n\|_{C^0} \leq 2^{1-rn}A.$$

For $n \leq N$, we write

$$|\varphi_n(x) - \varphi_n(y)| \leq \|x - y\| \|D\varphi_n\|_{C^0} \leq C2^{-N}2^{(1-r)n}A.$$

Summing over n , we get

$$|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)| \leq C2^{-rN}A \leq C\|x - y\|^rA,$$

which proves the result for $0 < r < 1$.

In the general case, we write $r = m + r'$ with an integer m and $0 < r' < 1$. We have

$$\|\varphi_n\|_{C^m} \leq C2^{(n+1)m}2^{-rn} \leq C2^{-r'n}.$$

This proves that $\varphi \in C^m(\mathbb{T}^d)$. Then, as $0 < r' < 1$, the previous case shows that $D^m\varphi \in C^{r'}(\mathbb{T}^d)$. This concludes the proof. \square

0.4. Proof of proposition. Let $r = s + d + \tau$, $\varphi \in C_0^r(\mathbb{T}^d)$. We write $\varphi = \sum_{n>0} \Delta_n\varphi$ and solve

$$\psi_n \circ R_\alpha - \psi_n = \Delta_n\varphi,$$

where ψ_n is a trigonometric polynomial of mean value zero. We want to apply the lemma to show that $\psi = \sum_{n>0} \psi_n$ belongs to $C^s(\mathbb{T}^d)$. The Fourier coefficients of ψ_n are given by:

$$\widehat{\psi}_n(k) = (\exp(2\pi i \langle k, \alpha \rangle) - 1)^{-1} \widehat{\Delta_n\varphi}(k), \quad \frac{1}{4}2^n < \|k\|_\infty < 2^n.$$

From this, we get, by Cauchy-Schwartz inequality

$$\|\psi_n\|_{C^0} \leq \sum_k |\widehat{\psi}_n(k)| \leq \sqrt{S} \|\Delta_n\varphi\|_{L^2},$$

where

$$S := \sum_{2^{n-2} < \|k\|_\infty < 2^n} |\exp(2\pi i k \alpha) - 1|^{-2}.$$

Lemma 0.3. *Assume that $\alpha \in DC(\gamma, \tau)$. Then*

$$S \leq C\gamma^{-2}2^{2n(d+\tau)}.$$

Proof. As $|\exp(2\pi i x) - 1| \geq 4\|x\|_{\mathbb{T}}$, it is sufficient to deal with

$$S' = \sum_{0 < \|k\|_{\infty} < 2^n} \|\langle k, \alpha \rangle\|_{\mathbb{T}}^{-2}.$$

Let $u := \gamma 2^{-(n+1)(d+\tau)}$. As $\alpha \in DC(\gamma, \tau)$, we have $\|\langle k, \alpha \rangle\|_{\mathbb{T}} \geq u$ for $0 < \|k\|_{\infty} < 2^{n+1}$; therefore, for each $j > 0$, there is at most one $k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ with $0 < \|k\|_{\infty} < 2^n$ such that $\{\langle k, \alpha \rangle\} \in [ju, (j+1)u)$ and at most one such that $1 - \{\langle k, \alpha \rangle\} \in [ju, (j+1)u)$. We have therefore

$$S' \leq 2u^{-2} \sum_{j>0} j^{-2} \leq cu^{-2}.$$

□

On the other hand, we have

$$\|\Delta_n \varphi\|_{L^2} \leq \|\Delta_n \varphi\|_{C^0} \leq C 2^{-nr} \|\varphi\|_{C^r},$$

hence we get from the lemma

$$\|\psi_n\|_{C^0} \leq C \gamma^{-1} 2^{n(1+\tau)} 2^{-nr} \|\varphi\|_{C^r} \leq C \gamma^{-1} 2^{-ns} \|\varphi\|_{C^r}.$$

Thus we obtain

$$\sup_n 2^{ns} \|\psi_n\|_{C^0} \leq C \gamma^{-1} \|\varphi\|_{C^r}.$$

Applying Lemma 0.2 allows to conclude that $\psi \in C^s(\mathbb{T}^d)$ with

$$\|\psi\|_{C^s} \leq C \gamma^{-1} \|\varphi\|_{C^r}.$$

The proof is complete. □