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- 1. Introduction. Let V(G) denote the set of all functions having finite variation on G. Set $G=(-\infty,\infty)=\hat{G}$, and let $V_{\infty}(G)$ be the Banach space of all functions in V(G) which vanish at infinity. If $f\in V_{\infty}(G)$, then there exists a bounded linear operator (t_pf) on $L^p(\hat{G})$ such that
- (i_0) (Fourier transform of $(t_p f)x$) = (Fourier transform of x) $\cdot f$

for all x in $L^p(\hat{G})$. This will be shown in 7.2. In the terminology of Hille [3, p. 566], functions f having property (i₀) are called "factor functions for Fourier transforms of type (L_p, L_p) ".

Suppose $1 . When <math>f \in L^1(G) \cap V(G) \subset V_{\infty}(G)$, then $(t_p f)$ is a singular integral operator: for all x in $L^p(\hat{G})$ it is found that $(t_p f)x$ has the form

$$[(t_p f)x]_{\lambda} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\theta) \frac{F(\theta - \lambda)}{\theta - \lambda} d\theta \qquad (\lambda \in \hat{G}) ,$$

where the integral is taken in the Cauchy principal value sense.

In 6.2 will be defined a set $\triangle(L^p(\hat{G}))$ which contains all factor functions for Fourier transforms of type (L_p, L_p) ; the set $\triangle(L^p(\hat{G}))$ is a slight extension of what Mihlin [6] calls "multipliers of Fourier integrals". We will find a number N_p such that

(i) if
$$f \in V_{\omega}(G)$$
 then $f \in \blacktriangle(L^p(\hat{G}))$ and $||(t_p f)|| \leq N_p \cdot ||f||_v$,

where $||f||_{*}$ denotes the total variation on G of the function f. Let F_{*} be the mapping $\{x \to x * F\}$, where x * F is the convolution of the functions x and F;

$$[x * F]_{\lambda} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\theta) \cdot F(\theta - \lambda) d\theta \qquad (\lambda \in \hat{G}).$$

Let (Yf) denote the Fourier transform of the function f:

(ii) if $f \in L^1(G) \cap V(G)$, then the transformation $(Yf)_*$ is a densely defined bounded operator, and $(t_p f)$ is its continuous linear extension to the whole space $L^p(\hat{G})$.

Let us for a moment call $G = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \cdots\}$ and $\hat{G} = [0, 1]$. In

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a sense, the following relations are duals of (i) and (ii), respectively:

(i') if
$$F \in V(\hat{G})$$
 then $(YF) \in \blacktriangle(L^p(\hat{G}))$ and $||t_p(YF)|| \leq k_p \cdot ||F||_v$

(ii') if
$$F \in V(\hat{G})$$
 then $F_* = t_p(YF)$ is a bounded operator on $L^p(\hat{G})$.

When $\hat{G} = [0, 1]$ these properties are easily verified (see 8.1). We will not prove (i')-(ii') for other choices of G.

When G = [0, 1], then (ii) is seen to be a theorem due to Stečkin [10]; by means of appropriate definitions, it could be shown that (i) also holds for this particular choice of G.

- 2. Applications. If f belongs to the class S of members of $L^1(G) \cap V(G)$ such that $(Yf) \in L^1(\hat{G})$, then $(Yf)_* = (t_p f)$ is a bounded operator defined on all of $L^p(\hat{G})$; it is interesting to compare this result with the conclusion $F_* = t_p(YF)$ of (ii'). All the classical convolution operators (Poisson, Picard, Weierstrass, Stieltjes, Dirichlet, Fejér,..etc. [7]) are of the form $(t_p f)$, where $f \in S$. See § 8.
- 3. Preliminaries. We assume $1 throughout, and write <math>G = (-\infty, \infty)$. Denote by L^0 the set of step functions with compact support. Let V be the set of all functions a defined on G and such that $||a||_v \neq \infty$, where $||a||_v$ denotes the total variation on G.
- 3.1 DEFINITIONS. Let V_{∞} be the set of all functions a in V such that $\lim a(\theta) = 0$ whenever $|\theta| \to \infty$. We will write L^p instead of $L^p(G)$. If $\ell = 0, 1$ and $f \in L^1$, then the Fourier transforms $[\ell, Yf]$ are the functions g_{ℓ} defined by

$$(1) \qquad \qquad [{}_{\iota}Yf]_{\lambda} = g_{\iota}(\lambda) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(2\pi i \lambda (-1)^{\iota} \theta) \cdot f(\theta) d\theta \qquad \qquad (\lambda \in G) \; .$$

To lighten the notation, we will write Yf for $[{}_{1}Yf]$ and Ψf for $[{}_{0}Yf]$.

3.2 Lemma. If $a \in L^1 \cap V$, then $a \in V_{\infty}$ and

(2)
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i \theta t} da(t) = 2\pi i \theta \cdot [Ya]_{\theta} \qquad (\theta \in G).$$

Proof. Since $a \in V$, the limits $a(\pm \infty) = \lim a(\theta)$ (when $\theta \to \pm \infty$) exist. Since $||a||_1 < \infty$ we have

$$\lim_{\theta \to \pm \infty} \int_{\theta}^{\theta+1} |a| = 0.$$

The eventuality $a(\pm \infty) \neq 0$ implies a contradiction of (3). Therefore

¹ It would be of interest to determine the validity of (i)-(ii) and (i')-(ii') in the general case where G is a connected locally compact abelian group with dual group \hat{G} . It is mainly in order to suggest such an investigation that (i')-(ii') are mentioned here.

 $a(\pm \infty) = 0$, which permits the integration of (1) by parts to obtain (2).

3.3 DEFINITIONS. Let $\delta_* = (-\infty, -\delta] \cup [\delta, \infty)$ and let $(T_{\delta}a)x$ be the function defined by

$$[(T_{\delta}a)x]_{\lambda} = \int_{\delta_*} d\theta \frac{x(\lambda - \theta)}{2\pi i\theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i\theta t} da(t)$$

for all λ in G. We denote by V_1 the set of all members a of V such that, for all x in L^0 , the limit

$$[(Ta)x]_{\lambda} = \lim_{\delta \to 0+} [(T_{\delta}a)x]_{\lambda}$$

exists almost-everywhere on G. Let Ta be the operator $\{x \to (Ta)x\}$ defined on L° .

3.4 Lemma. If $h(\theta) = i\theta/|\theta|$, then $h \in V_1$ and Th is the restriction to L^0 of the Hilbert transformation. Moreover $||(T_{\delta}h)x||_p \leq c_p \cdot ||x||_p$, where c_p is the norm of Th.

Proof. This follows from the statement in [8, p. 241] that $||(T_{\ell}h)x||_p \leq ||(Th)x||_p$. Theorem G in [1, p. 251] yields a less precise result.

3.5. Lemma. If $a \in L^1 \cap V$ then $a \in V_1$ and x * [Ya] = (Ta)x whenever $x \in L^0$.

Proof. Suppose $\delta > 0$. By definition

$$(xst [Ya])_{\lambda}=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}d heta\!\cdot\! x(\lambda- heta)\!\cdot\! [Ya]_{ heta}=E^{\delta}(\lambda)+G^{\delta}(\lambda)$$
 ,

where

$$G^{\delta}(\lambda) = \int_{\delta_{\star}} d heta \cdot x(\lambda - heta) \cdot [Ya]_{ heta} \qquad (\lambda \in G)$$
 ,

while $E^{\delta}(\lambda)$ is the same integral over the interval $(-\delta, \delta)$. It is clear that $\lim E^{\delta}(\lambda) = 0$ when $\delta \to 0+$. On the other hand, $G^{\delta} = (T_{\delta}a)x$ follows immediately from (2) and (4). This concludes the proof.

3.6 Lemma. Suppose $a \in V_1$ and $x \in L^0$. If there exists a number k_p such that $||(T_\delta a)x||_p \le k_p$ for all $\delta > 0$, then $||(Ta)x||_p \le k_p$.

Proof. Set q = p/(p-1). Observe first that

$$||g||_{\mathfrak{p}}=\sup\Bigl\{\Bigl|\int\!\! g\!\cdot\!\varphi\Bigr|\!:\varphi\in L^{q}\ \ \mathrm{and}\ \ ||\varphi||_{\mathfrak{q}}\leqq 1\Bigr\}\ .$$

Next, we infer from a theorem of F. Riesz ([8], p. 227 footnote 10) that the uniform boundedness of $||(T_{\delta}a)x||_p$ implies that, for all φ in L^q with $||\varphi||_q \le 1$:

(6)
$$\int [(Ta)x] \cdot \varphi = \lim_{\delta \to 0+} \int [T_{\delta}a)x] \cdot \varphi.$$

By (5) we have $\left|\int [(T_{\delta}a)x]\cdot\varphi\right| \leq k_p$; this enables us to use (6) to deduce $\int [(Ta)x]\cdot\varphi \leq k_p$. The conclusion is reached by another application of (5).

3.7 Lemma. If $a \in L^1 \cap V$ and $x \in L^0$, then

$$||(Ta)x||_p \leq 2^{-1}c_p||a||_p||x||_p$$
.

Proof. Suppose $\delta > 0$. Apply Fubini's theorem to (4):

$$[(T_{\delta}a)x]_{\lambda}=\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\!da(t)e^{-2\pi i\lambda t}\!\!\int_{\delta_*}\!\!d hetarac{x(\lambda- heta)}{2\pi i heta}e^{2\pi it(\lambda- heta)}\;.$$

Set $x^{i}(\beta) = x(\beta) \exp(2\pi i t \beta)$. Keeping both (4) and 3.4 in mind, we can therefore write

$$[(T_{\delta}a)x]_{\lambda} = (2i)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} da(t) \left\{ e^{-2\pi i \lambda t} [(T_{\delta}h)x^{t}]_{\lambda} \right\}.$$

This implies

(8)
$$||(T_{\delta}a)x||_{p} \leq 2^{-1}||a||_{v} \sup_{t \in a} ||(T_{\delta}h)x^{t}||_{p}.$$

The derivation of (8) from (7) is obtained by a standard procedure (e.g. as in [3, Lemma 21.2.1]); it rests upon (5) and requires a single application of the Fubini theorem. On the other hand, 3.4 implies that

$$||(T_{\cdot}h)x^{t}||_{p} \leq c_{p} \cdot ||x^{t}||_{p} \leq c_{p} \cdot ||x||_{p}$$
.

In view of (8) therefore: $||(T_{\delta}a)x||_p \leq 2^{-1}c_p||a||_p||x||_p$. Use now 3.6 to reach the conclusion.

4. The Banach space V_{∞} . Let V_s denote the set of all functions in V which have compact support. The norm $\{a \to ||a||_v\}$ makes the set $\{a \in V: a(-\infty) = 0\}$ into a Banach space V_0 . Note that $V_s \subset V_{\infty} \subset V_0$. Henceforth V_{∞} will be given the topology of V_0 . We will write $||a||_{\infty} = \sup\{|a(\theta)|: \theta \in G\}$; it is easily checked that

$$||a||_{\infty} \leq ||a||_{v} \qquad \qquad (\text{when } a \in V_{\scriptscriptstyle 0}) \; .$$

Let χ_n denote the characteristic function of the interval (-n, n), and set $a_n = \chi_n \cdot a$.

4.1 LEMMA. If $a \in V_{\infty}$, then $\lim_{n \to \infty} ||a - a_n||_v = 0$.

Proof. Suppose $f \in V$. Using the notation δ_* of 3.3, we have

(iii)
$$||f||_v = v(f; [-\delta, \delta]) + v(f; \delta_*),$$

where v(f; I) denotes the total variation over I. Set $\delta = n$ and $h_n = a - a_n$; therefore $v(h_n; [-\delta, \delta]) = |a(-\delta)| + |a(\delta)|$ and $v(h_n; \delta_*) = v(a; \delta_*)$. From (iii) therefore $||h_n||_v = |a(-\delta)| + |a(\delta)| + v(a; \delta_*)$, and the conclusion follows by letting $\delta \to \infty$.

- 4.2 REMARK. The set V_s is dense in V_{∞} (since 4.1 and the fact that $a_n \in V_s$).
 - 4.3 Theorem. The set V_{∞} is a Banach space.

Proof. Since V_{∞} is a metric subspace of the Banach space V_0 , it will suffice to show that V_{∞} is complete. To that effect, consider a Cauchy sequence $\{g_k\}$ in V_{∞} ; since $\{g_k\}$ is also in V_0 , it will converge to some function f in V_0 ; therefore $f(-\infty) = 0$ and we need only establish that $f(\infty) = 0$. From (9) we see that

$$|f(\theta) - g_k(\theta)| \le ||f - g_k||_v \qquad (\theta \in G) .$$

In view of $g_k(\infty) = 0$, the conclusion is obtained by letting $\theta \to \infty$ and $k \to \infty$.

5. The bilinear operator B_p . From 3.2 results that $V_s \subset L^1 \cap V \subset V_{\infty}$; it follows from 4.2 that $L^1 \cap V$ is dense in V_{∞} . Consider the bilinear operator $B = \{(x, a) \to (Ta)x\}$ which maps $L^0 \times (L^1 \cap V)$ into L^p . From 3.7 we see that B is a continuous bilinear mapping of $L^0 \times (L^1 \cap V)$ into L^p . Since L^0 and $L^1 \cap V$ are dense in L^p and V_{∞} , respectively, it follows that B has a (unique) continuous extension B_p to $L^p \times V_{\infty}$. Accordingly, if $a \in V_{\infty}$, then

If $a \in L^1 \cap V$, then (from 3.5)

(11)
$$B_p(x, a) = x * Ya \qquad (if x \in L^0).$$

- 5.1 NOTATION. We henceforth identify functions equal almost-everywhere on G. If the sequence $\{f_n\}$ converges in the mean of order p (i.e., in the topology of L^p), then its limit will be denoted $(L^p) \lim f_n$.
 - 5.2 LEMMA. Let $\bar{\chi}_n$ be the function defined by

$$\bar{\chi}_n(\theta) = (\sin 2\pi n\theta)/\pi\theta$$
 $(\theta \in G)$.

If $f \in L^p$, then $f = (L^p) \lim f * \overline{\chi}_n$ as $n \to \infty$.

Proof. Observe that Dunford's proof [2, p. 51, Lemma 3] for the case p=2 holds without alteration whenever $1< p<\infty$.

6. The main result. Suppose $\ell = 0, 1$. When f is a locally integrable function, we set

(12)
$$[(_{\iota}Y_{p})f] = (L^{p}) \lim_{n \to \infty} [_{\iota}Y(\chi_{n} \cdot f)] .$$

As in 3.1, we lighten the notation by writing $Y_p f = [(_1Y_p)f]$ and $\Psi_p f = [(_0Y_p)f]$.

- 6.1 REMARK. If $f \in L^1$ then $[((Y_p)f] = [(Yf)]$. The following definition is an extension of the one used by Mihlin ("Multipliers of Fourier integrals").
- 6.2 DEFINITION. A locally integrable function a is called a "multiplier of type L^p " if both the following conditions hold:

the transform
$$Y_p(a \cdot [\varPsi x])$$
 exists and belongs to L^p whenever $x \in L^0$ $\infty \neq \sup\{||Y_p(a \cdot [\varPsi x])||_p \colon x \in L^0 \text{ and } ||x||_p \leqq 1\}$.

Let $\Delta(L^p)$ denote the set of all multipliers of type L^p . When $a \in \Delta(L^p)$, then $(t_p a)$ is defined as the continuous extension to all of L^p of the transformation $\{x \to Y_p(a \cdot [\Psi x])\}$ defined on L^p .

6.3 Theorem. If $a \in V_{\infty}$, then $a \in \blacktriangle(L^p)$ and $(t_p a)x = B_p(x, a)$ for all x in L^p .

Proof. Note first that $a_n = (\chi_n \cdot a) \in L^1 \cap V$. Suppose $x \in L^0$. From (11) we see that

$$[B_p(x, a_n)]_{\lambda} = \int \!\! d\theta \cdot x(\theta) \!\! \int \!\! dt \cdot e^{-2\pi i (\lambda - \theta) t} a_n(t)$$
 (when $\lambda \in G$).

By Fubini's theorem

$$[B_p(x,a_n)]_{\lambda} = \int \! dt \cdot a_n(t) e^{-2\pi i \lambda t} [\Psi x]_t \qquad ext{(for all λ in G)} \;.$$

Or, equivalently

$$B_n(x, a_n) = Y(\gamma_n \cdot a \cdot [\Psi x])$$
.

² See [6]; in that article, Mihlin gives a condition which ensures that a differentiable function be in $\blacktriangle(L^p)$.

From (10) and 4.1 we can now infer that

$$B_{p}(x, a) = (L^{p}) \lim_{n \to \infty} Y(\chi_{n} \cdot \{a \cdot [\Psi x]\}).$$

From the definition (12) now results that $B_p(x, a) = Y_p(a \cdot [\Psi x])$ for all x in L^0 . This completes the proof, in view of (10) and 6.2.

7. Hille's definition. Set q = p/(p-1). The following definition is found in [3, p. 566]: a function a is said to be a factor function for Fourier transforms of type (L_p, L_p) if and only if

$$a \cdot [\Psi_a x] \in {\Psi_a z : z \in L^p}$$

wherever $x \in L^p$. This definition seems to require the restriction $p \leq 2$, since $[\Psi_q x]$ need not exist otherwise.

7.1 THEOREM. Suppose $1 . If a is a factor function for Fourier transforms of type <math>(L_p, L_p)$, then $a \in \blacktriangle(L^p)$.

Proof. If a is such a factor function, there exists a bounded linear mapping $(t'_p a)$ of $L^p(G)$ into itself (see [3, Theorem 21.2.1]); this operator is defined by

$$a \cdot [\Psi_a x] = \Psi_a((t'_n a)x)$$
 for all x in L^p .

In view of [11, 5.17], this implies

(13)
$$Y_{p}(a \cdot [\Psi_{q}x]) = (t'_{p}a)x \qquad \text{for all } x \text{ in } L^{p}.$$

The conclusion follows from 6.1 and 6.2.

7.2 THEOREM. Suppose $1 and <math>a \in V_{\infty}$. Then a is a factor function for Fourier transforms of type (L_v, L_p) ; moreover,

(14)
$$\Psi_{a}(B_{n}(x,a)) = a \cdot [\Psi_{a}x] \qquad (\text{when } x \in L^{p}).$$

Proof. Since $B_p(x,a) \in L^p$ when $x \in L^p$ (see §4), it will suffice to prove (14). Consider first the case $(x,a) \in L^p \times V_s$. From (12) we see that

(15)
$$\varPsi_q(B_p(x,a)) = (L^q) \lim_{n \to \infty} g_n ,$$

where $g_n = \Psi[\chi_n \cdot B_p(x, a)]$. From (11):

$$g_n(\lambda) = \int_{-n}^n \! d\theta \cdot e^{2\pi i \lambda \theta} \! \int \! d\alpha \cdot x(\alpha) [Ya]_{\theta-\alpha}$$
 (when $\lambda \in G$).

A repeated application of the Fubini theorem yields

$$g_n(\lambda) = \int dt \cdot a(t) [\Psi \, x]_t \int_{-n}^n d\theta \cdot e^{2\pi i (\lambda - t) \theta}$$
 (when $\lambda \in G$).

In the notation of 5.2 we accordingly have

$$g_n = \{a \cdot [\Psi x]\} * \overline{\chi}_n$$
.

Since $a \cdot [\Psi x]$ is in L^q , it can be inferred from 5.2 and (15) that

$$\Psi_q(B_p(x,a)) = (L^q) \lim_{n \to \infty} (\{a \cdot [\Psi x]\} * \bar{\chi}_n) = a \cdot [\Psi x]$$
.

Keeping $\Psi x = \Psi_q x$ in mind (see 6.1), it is clear that (14) is now proved in the case $(x,a) \in L^0 \times V_s$. Consider the bilinear operator $R = \{(x,a) \to a \cdot \Psi_q x\}$ defined on $L^p \times V_{\infty}$; since $||\Psi_q z||_q \leq ||z||_p$, it follows that $||R(x,a)||_q \leq ||x||_p ||a||_{\infty}$, and from (9) results that R is a bounded bilinear mapping of $L^p \times V_{\infty}$ into L^q . In view of (10), this remark also shows that the bilinear operator $J = \{(x,a) \to \Psi_q(B_p(x,a))\}$ is a bounded bilinear mapping of $L^p \times V_{\infty}$ into L^q .

Having shown that R(x, a) = J(x, a) whenever $(x, a) \in L^0 \times V_s$, the desired conclusion R = J can now be inferred from the denseness of L^0 and V_s in L^p and V_{∞} , respectively (see 4.2).

8. Concluding remarks. From 6.3, 3.2 and 3.5 follows that, if $f \in L^1 \cap V$ and $x \in L^p$, then $(t_p f)x = B_p(x, f) = Tf$; hence, if F is the Fourier-Stieltjes transform of f, we have (from 3.3) the relation

$$[(t_p f)x]_{\lambda} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\theta) \frac{F(\theta - \lambda)}{\theta - \lambda} d\theta \qquad (\lambda \in G)$$

which was announced in the introduction. Property (ii) of the introduction follows from (11) and 6.3. If $A \in L^1$ we denote by A_{*p} the bounded operator $\{x \to x * A\}$ defined on L^p . Let S be the set of all a in $L^1 \cap V$ such that $Ya \in L^1$, and observe that $(Ya)_{*p} = (t_pa)$ when $a \in S$. Again if $a \in S$, then $A = Ya \in L^1$ and $a = \Psi A$; from [4] it is seen that the spectrum of (t_pa) is the closure of the range of a.

8.1 REMARK. Set $\hat{G} = [0, 1]$ and $G = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \cdots\}$. We will now sketch a proof of the properties (i')-(ii') described in §1. Denote by $||A||_v$ the total variation of A on \hat{G} , and suppose $||A||_v \neq \infty$. Observe that, since $A \in L^1(\hat{G})$, we may borrow from [5, p. 10] the following conclusion: $a = YA \in \triangle(L^p(\hat{G}))$ and $t_p(YA) = A_*$ is a bounded linear operator on $L^p(\hat{G})$.

This is all of (i')-(ii') except for the inequality. The main result of [5] can be stated as follows³:

³ The definition of $V_{\sigma}(a)$ is given in [5, p. 8].

$$||t_{p}(a)|| \leq 2k_{p} \cdot V_{\sigma}(a) .$$

Note also that $|[YA]_n| \leq |2\pi n|^{-1}||A||_v$ when $n \in G$ (this is obtained by integrating by parts, as in 3.2); consequently $V_{\sigma}(a) = V_{\sigma}(YA) \leq m_p ||A||_v$. In view of (16), the proof of the inequality in (i') is completed.

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