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## ESTIMATES OF ONE-DIMENSIONAL OSCILLATORY INTEGRALS

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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  $\vartheta$  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  $\eta_j$  are real parameters, one is interested in the asymptotic behaviour of  $E_{\Sigma \eta_j \psi_j}(\vartheta)$  as  $(\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n)$  tends to infinity, for several reasons.

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

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  $E_{\Sigma \eta_j \psi_j}(\vartheta)$  with

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

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*  $\tau$  of  $\psi$  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  $\psi$  is regarded as a column vector and  $\psi^{(k)}$  denotes the  $k$ -th derivative of  $\psi$ . 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

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

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

$$E_n \left( \vartheta \right) = \left( \vartheta e(\eta \cdot \psi) \right) \widehat{(-\eta_0)}.$$

$$\sum_0^n \eta_j \psi_j$$

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

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

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)  *$\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n$  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  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n$  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  $\vartheta \in \mathcal{D}(I)$

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

(ii) If  $\vartheta \in \mathcal{D}(I)$ , and if there exists an  $x_0 \in I$  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  $\vartheta \in \mathcal{D}(I)$ ,  $\vartheta \neq 0$ , 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  $\vartheta \in \mathcal{D}(I)$ ,  $\vartheta \neq 0$ , 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  $x_0 \in I$  with  $\tau(x_0) \neq 0$ , and so, for  $\vartheta \in \mathcal{D}(I)$  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

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

hence

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

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

Conversely, let now  $\mathfrak{g} \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{I})$ ,  $\mathfrak{g} \neq 0$ , 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  $\mathfrak{g}(x_0) \neq 0$  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

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

It follows

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

On the other hand, (2.1) yields

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

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  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

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

*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  $\psi_j$  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

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

and

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

By Lemma 2,  $\psi^{(k_1)}(x_0), \dots, \psi^{(k_n)}(x_0)$  are linearly dependent for any  $k_j \in \mathbb{N}$  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  $\psi$  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  $\varphi$ . 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  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n$  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  $J_\eta$  of length  $2\varepsilon$  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  $\varphi$  such that  $\text{supp } \tilde{\varphi} \subset J_{\eta'}$ . Then we get

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

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  $\varphi$ ,  $\psi$  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  $\xi', \eta'$  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  $x \in I$ ,  $\xi', \eta'$  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  $s \in \mathbf{R}$

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

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  $\varepsilon$  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  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  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  $\varepsilon$  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

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

(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  $\text{A} = \text{A}(\mathbf{R})$ , 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  $h(x) = -|s|^{-1}x^{n+1}g(|s|^{-1/(n+1)}x + y)$ . 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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