

HARDY UNCERTAINTY PRINCIPLE FOR LOW DIMENSIONAL NILPOTENT LIE GROUPS G_4 (III)

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ABSTRACT

An uncertainty principle due to Hardy for Fourier transform pairs on \mathfrak{R} says that if the function f is “very rapidly decreasing”, then the Fourier transform can not also be “very rapidly decreasing” unless f is identically zero. In this paper we state and prove an analogue of Hardy’s theorem for low dimensional nilpotent Lie groups G_4 .

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1. INTRODUCTION

It is a well-known simple fact that if a function f on \mathfrak{R} is compactly supported then its fourier transform \hat{f} cannot also be compactly supported, unless $f = 0$. More generally, we have the following principle in classical Fourier analysis. If the function f is “very rapidly decreasing” then the Fourier transform can not also be “very rapidly decreasing” unless f is identically zero. The following result of Hardy makes the rather vague statement above precise.

Let \mathfrak{g} be an n -dimensional real Nilpotent Lie algebra and $G = \exp \mathfrak{g}$ be the associated connected and simply connected Nilpotent Lie group. Let $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be a strong Malcev basis of \mathfrak{g} through the ascending central series of \mathfrak{g} . In particular, $\mathfrak{R}X_1$ is contained in the centre of \mathfrak{g} . We introduce a norm function on G by setting for

$$x = \exp (x_1X_1 + \dots + x_nX_n) \in G, x_j \in \mathfrak{R}$$

The composed map

$$\mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow G, (x_1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^n x_j X_j$$

is a diffeomorphism and maps Lebesgue measure on \mathfrak{R}^n to Haar measure on G . In this manner, we shall always identify \mathfrak{g} and sometimes G_1 as sets with \mathfrak{R}^n . The measurable (integrable) functions on G can be viewed as such functions on \mathfrak{R}^n .

Let \mathfrak{g}^* denote the vector space dual of \mathfrak{g} and $\{X_1^*, \dots, X_n^*\}$ the basis of \mathfrak{g}^* which is dual to $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$. Then $\{X_1^*, \dots, X_n^*\}$ is Jordan Holder basis for the coadjoint action of G on \mathfrak{g}^* . We shall identify \mathfrak{g}^* with \mathfrak{R}^n via the map $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j X_j^*$ and on \mathfrak{g}^* .

We introduce the Euclidian norm relative to the basis $\{X_1^*, \dots, X_n^*\}$, that is

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \xi_j X_j^* \right\| = \left(\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 + \dots + \xi_n^2 \right)^{1/2} = \|\xi\|.$$

For an operator T in a Hilbert space such that T*T is a trace class. $\|T\|_{HS}$ will denote the Hilbert Schmidt norm of T.

2. THREAD LIKE NILPOTENT LIE GROUPS

For $n \geq 3$, let \mathfrak{g}_n be the n-dimensional real Nilpotent Lie algebra with basis X_1, \dots, X_n and non trivial lie brackets $[X_1, X_{n-1}] = X_{n-2}, \dots, [X_1, X_2] = X_1$.

\mathfrak{g}_n is a (n - 1) step Nilpotent and is a product of $\mathfrak{R}X_n$ and the abelian ideal $\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \mathfrak{R}X_j$.

Note that \mathfrak{g}_3 is the Heisenber Lie algebra. Let $G_n = \exp(\mathfrak{g}_n)$.

For $\xi = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \xi_j X_j^* \in \mathfrak{g}_n^*$, the coadjoint action of G_n is given by

$$\text{Ad}^*(\exp(tX_n)) \xi = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} P_j(\xi, t) X_j^*,$$

where for $i \leq j \leq n-1$, $P_j(\xi, t)$ is the polynomial in t defined by

$$P_j(\xi, t) = \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} (1/k!) (-1)^k t^k \xi_{j-k}$$

The orbit of ξ is generic with respect to the basis $\{X_1^*, \dots, X_n^*\}$ is and only if $\xi_1 \neq 0$, and the jumping indices are 2 to n. The cross section X_{ξ_1} for the set of generic orbit is given by, $X_{\xi_1} = \{\xi = (\xi_1, 0, \xi_3, \dots, \xi_{n-1}, 0): \xi_1 \in \mathfrak{R}, \xi_1 \neq 0\}$

For $\xi \in \mathfrak{g}_n^*$, let π_ξ denote the irreducible representation of G_n , associated with ξ . Then the mapping $\xi \rightarrow \pi_\xi$ is bijection of X_ξ and the set of all generic irreducible representation. Plancherel measure on \hat{G}_n is supported by these π_ξ . Denoting by F the fourier transform on \mathbb{R}^{n-1} , it follows that the Hilbert Schmidt norm of the operator. $\pi_\xi(f), \in L^1 \cap L^2(G_n)$ is given by

$$\|\pi_\xi(f)\|_{HS}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} F f \{p_1(\xi, t), \dots, P_{n-1}(\xi, t), t-s\}^2 ds dt$$

Theorem 2.1 (Hardy) Suppose f is measurable function on \mathfrak{R} such that

$$(1.1) \quad |f(x)| \leq C e^{-\alpha x^2}, \hat{f}(\xi) \leq C e^{-\beta \xi^2}, x, \xi \in \mathfrak{R}$$

where α, β and C are positive constant. If $\alpha\beta > \frac{1}{4}$ then $f = 0$ a.e.

If $\alpha\beta < \frac{1}{4}$ there are infinitely many linearly independent functions satisfying (1.1), if

$\alpha\beta = \frac{1}{4}$ then $f(x) = C e^{-\alpha x^2}$. More precisely, let the fourier transform be defined by

$$\hat{f}(y) = \int_{\mathfrak{R}} f(x) \exp(-2\pi ixy) dx, y \in \mathfrak{R}$$

For a proof the above theorem see [6], theorem 3.2 Hardy's theorem is also valid in \mathfrak{R}^n (see [10] for a proof). A generalization of Hardy's theorem due to cowling and

price asserts that if a, b are non-negative constants such that $ab \geq \frac{1}{4}$, then the only $f \in S'$ satisfying $\|e^{ax^2} f\|_p + \|e^{by^2} \hat{f}\|_q < \infty$ for $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ with at least one of them finite is $f = 0$. On the other hand, if $ab < \frac{1}{4}$, there are infinitely many $f \in S$ satisfying $\|e^{ax^2} f\|_p + \|e^{by^2} \hat{f}\|_q < \infty$ (see [2]). Another theorem of this kind is due to A Beurling which says that if $f \in L^1(\mathfrak{R})$ is such that

$$\int \int_{\mathfrak{R}^2} |f(x)| |\hat{f}(y)| e^{k|xy|} dx dy < \infty$$

then $f = 0$ a.e. one can see that Hardy's theorem can be deduced from this more general theorem of Beurling. This class of results can also be viewed as some sort of uncertainty principle. For an elaboration of this point of view see [10] and the bibliographies in this paper.

2.2 Definition (Lie Groups)

Let G be a topological group. Suppose there is an analytic structure on the set G , compatible with its topology, which converts it into an analytic manifold and for which the maps

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y) &\rightarrow xy & x, y &\in G \\ x &\rightarrow x^{-1} & x &\in G \end{aligned}$$

of $G \times G$ into G is and of G into G , respectively, are both analytic. Then, G together with this analytic structure, is called a Lie group.

Example: \mathfrak{R}^m , the additive group of m -tuples of real numbers is a real analytic group. \mathbb{C}^m , the additive group of m -tuples of complex numbers, is a complex analytic group.

2.3 Nilpotent Lie Algebras: Let \mathfrak{g} be a Lie algebra over \mathfrak{R} . We say that \mathfrak{g} is a nilpotent Lie algebra if there is an integer n such that $\mathfrak{g}^{(n+1)} = (0)$. If $\mathfrak{g}^{(n)} \neq (0)$ as well, so that n is minimal, then \mathfrak{g} is said to be n -step nilpotent.

2.4 Nilpotent Lie Groups: A nilpotent Lie group G is one whose Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} is nilpotent.

G_4 is a group of higher dimension whose underlying set is \mathfrak{R}^4 . The multiplication and inverse of elements of G_4 is defined by,

$$(x_1, \dots, x_4) (y_1, \dots, y_4) = x_1+y_1+x_4y_2+\frac{1}{2}x_4^2y_3, x_2+y_2+x_4y_3, x_3+y_3, x_4+y_4$$

and $(x_1, \dots, x_4)^{-1} = (-x_1+x_2x_4-\frac{1}{2}x_3x_4^2, -x_2+x_3x_4, -x_3, -x_4)$

Theorem 2.5 Let $f \in L^1(G_4) \cap L^2(G_4)$ satisfies the following (α)

$$\int_{G_4} e^{pa\pi \|x\|^2} |f(x)|^p dx < \infty$$

$$(\beta) \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{b\pi q (\xi_1^2 + \xi_3^2)} \|\pi_{\xi_1, \xi_3}(f)\|_{HS}^q d\xi_1, d\xi_3 < \infty$$

If $p < \infty$ then

- (i) for $q \geq 2$ and $ab > 1$, we have $f = 0$ a.e.
- (ii) for $1 \leq q < 2$ and $ab > 2$, we have $f = 0$ a.e.

Proof: The proof is a reduction to the case $p = \infty$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \| (u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4)^{-1} (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \| \\ = & \| (-u_1, u_2u_4 - \frac{1}{2}u_3u_4^2, -u_2 + u_3u_4, -u_3, -u_4) (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \| \\ = & \| (x_1 - u_1 + u_2u_4 - \frac{1}{2}u_3u_4^2 - u_4x_2 + \frac{1}{2}u_4^2x_3, x_2 - u_2 + u_3u_4 - u_4x_3, x_3 - u_3, x_4 - u_4) \| \\ = & \| (x_1 - u_1 - u_4(x_2 - u_2) - \frac{1}{2}u_4^2(u_3 - x_3), x_2 - u_2 - u_4(x_3 - u_3), x_3 - u_3, x_4 - u_4) \| \\ \geq & \| (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \| - \| (u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4) \| - \| (u_4(x_2 - u_2), 0, 0, 0) \| - \| (\frac{1}{2}u_4^2(u_3 - x_3), \\ & u_4(x_3 - u_3), 0, 0) \| \\ = & \| (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \| - \| (u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4) \| - |u_4| |x_2 - u_2| - |u_4 - x_3| |u_4| \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}u_4^2 + 1} \\ = & (u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4) = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \end{aligned}$$

For $u \in \{u: \|u\| \leq \frac{1}{m}\}$ and $x \in G_4$ s.t. $\|x\| > 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u^{-1}x\| & \geq \|x\| - \frac{1}{m} - \|u\| (|x_2| + |u_2|) - (|u_3| + |x_3|) |u_4| \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}u_4^2 + 1} \\ \geq & \|x\| - \frac{1}{m} - \|u\| (\|x\| + \|u\|) - (\|u\| + \|x\|) \|u\| (1 + \frac{1}{2}|u_4|) \\ \geq & \|x\| - \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{m} (\|x\| + \frac{1}{m}) - (\frac{1}{m} + \|x\|) \frac{1}{m} (1 + \frac{1}{2m}) \\ = & \|x\| - \frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{m^2} - \frac{1}{m^2} (1 + \frac{1}{2m}) - \|x\| (\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{2m^2}) \\ = & \|x\| - \frac{1}{m} - \frac{2}{m^2} - \frac{1}{2m^3} - \|x\| (\frac{2}{m} + \frac{1}{2}m^2) \\ \geq & \|x\| (1 - \frac{1}{m} - \frac{2}{m^2} - \frac{1}{2m^3} - \frac{2}{m} - \frac{1}{2m^2}) \quad (\text{since } \|x\| > 1) \\ = & \|x\| (1 - \frac{3}{m} - \frac{5}{2m^2} - \frac{1}{2m^3}) \end{aligned}$$

Let g be a continuous function with compact support with $\text{supp } g \subset \{u = (u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4) : \|u\| \leq \frac{1}{m}\}$.

Let $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in G_4$ be s.t. $\|x\| > 1$. Then $\|u^{-1}x\| \geq \|x\| (1 - \frac{3}{m} - \frac{5}{2m^2} - \frac{1}{2m^3})$

for all $u \in \text{supp } g$.

Denote $e_a(x) = e^{a\pi \|x\|^2}$

by $(\alpha)e_a |f| \in L^p(G_4)$ so $|g| * e_a |f| \in L^\infty(G_4)$

Let $C = \| |g| * e_a |f| \|_\infty$ and let $\|x\| > 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} C &\geq \| |g| * e_a |f| \| (x) \\ &= \int |g|(u) e_a |f|(u^{-1}x) du \\ &= \int |g|(u) e_a(u^{-1}x) |f|(u^{-1}x) du \\ &= \int |g|(u) e^{a\pi \|u^{-1}x\|^2} |f|(u^{-1}x) du \\ &\geq \int |g|(u) e^{a\pi \|x\|^2} (1 - 3/m - 5/m^2 - 1/2 m^3) |f|(u^{-1}x) du \\ &= e^{a(1 - 3/m - 5/m^2 - 1/2 m^3)^2} |g| * |f|(x) \end{aligned}$$

Hence for $x \in G_4$ with $\|x\| > 1$

$$|g * f(x)| \leq |g| * |f|(x) \leq C e^{-\pi a(1 - 3/m - 5/m^2 - 1/2 m^3)^2 \|x\|^2}$$

Since $g * f$ is continuous (or $\{x: \|x\| \leq 1\}$ is a compact set)

We have,

$$|g * f(x)| \leq \text{const } e^{-\pi a(1 - 3/m - 5/m^2 - 1/2 m^3)^2 \|x\|^2}$$

for all $x \in G_4$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} \|\pi_{\xi_1, \xi_3}(g * f)\|_{\text{HS}} &\leq \|\pi_{\xi_1, \xi_3}(g)\|_{\text{op}} \|\pi_{\xi_1, \xi_3}(f)\|_{\text{HS}} \\ &(\|\cdot\|_{\text{op}} \text{ is the operator norm}) \\ &\leq \|g\|_1 \|\pi_{\xi_1, \xi_3}(f)\|_{\text{HS}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \int_{\mathfrak{R}^2} e^{b\pi q (\xi_1^2 + \xi_3^2)} |_{|\xi_1|} \|\pi_{\xi_1, \xi_3}(g * f)\|_{\text{HS}}^q d\xi_1 d\xi_3 \\ \leq \|g\|_1^q \int_{\mathfrak{R}^2} e^{b\pi q (\xi_1^2 + \xi_3^2)} |_{|\xi_1|} \|\pi_{\xi_1, \xi_3}(f)\|_{\text{HS}}^q d\xi_1 d\xi_3 \\ < \infty \end{aligned}$$

Choosing m sufficiently large so that

$$ab(1 - 3/m - 5/m^2 - 1/2 m^3)^2 > 1 \quad (\text{or } > 2)$$

We have,

$g * f = 0$ a.e. by the previous case. Choosing g to be approximate identity we get $f = 0$ a.e.

Theorem 2.6 Let $f: G_4 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be measurable and

- (a) $|f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)| \leq C g(x_2, x_3, x_4) e^{-a\pi |x_1|^p}$
- (b) $\|\pi_{\xi_1, \xi_3}(f)\|_{\text{HS}} \leq C e^{-b\pi (|\xi_1|^q + |\xi_3|^q)}$

where $a, b, C > 0, g \in L^1(\mathfrak{R}^3) \cap L^2(\mathfrak{R}^3), p \geq 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$

If $(ap)^{1/p} (bq)^{1/q} > 2$ then $f = 0$ a.e.

Proof: Let V be as in earlier pages then

$$|V(x_1)| \leq \int_{\mathfrak{R}^4} |f(y_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)| |f(y_1 - x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)| dx_2 dx_3 dx dy_1$$

$$\leq C \int_{\mathfrak{R}^4} (g(x_2, x_3, x_4))^2 e^{-a\pi(y_1^p + (y_1 - x_1)^p)}$$

$$\leq C \|g\|_2^2 \int_{\mathfrak{R}} e^{-a\pi(y_1^p + (y_1 - x_1)^p)} dy_1$$

$$y_1^p + (y_1 - x_1)^p = (y_1^2)^{p/2} + ((y_1 - x_1)^2)^{p/2}$$

$$\geq 2^{1-p/2} (y_1^2 + (y_1 - x_1)^2)^{p/2} \quad \text{for } a, b \geq 0$$

$$a^p + b^p \geq 2^{1-p} (a + b)^p$$

$$= 2^{1-p/2} \left[\frac{1}{2} [(2y_1 - x_1)^2 + x_1^2] \right]^{p/2}$$

$$= 2^{1-p} [x_1^2 + (2y_1 - x_1)^2]^{p/2} \geq 2^{1-p} [|x_1|^p + |2y_1 - x_1|^p]$$

$$\text{Hence, } |V(x_1)| \leq C \|g\|_2^2 e^{-a\pi 2^{1-p} |x_1|^p} \int_{\mathfrak{R}} e^{-a\pi |2y_1 - x_1|^p} dy_1$$

$$\leq \text{const } e^{-a\pi 2^{1-p} |x_1|^p}$$

$$|\hat{V}(\xi_1)| = |\xi_1| \int_{\mathfrak{R}} \|\pi_{\xi_1, \xi_3}(f)\|_{\text{HS}}^2 d\xi_3$$

$$\leq |\xi_1| \int_{\mathfrak{R}} e^{-2b\pi (|\xi_1|^q + |\xi_3|^q)} d\xi_3$$

$$\leq \text{const. } |\xi_1| e^{-2b\pi |\xi_1|^q}$$

Choose $b' < b$ s.t. $(ap)^{1/p} (b'q)^{1/q} > 2$, we have

$$|\hat{V}(\xi_1)| \leq \text{const } e^{-2b'\pi |\xi_1|^q}$$

$$(a 2^{1-p} p)^{1/p} (2b'q)^{1/q} = (ap)^{1/p} (b'q)^{1/q} 2^{(1-p)/p + 1/q} > 2$$

So $V = 0$ a.e. Hence $f = 0$ a.e.

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