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Boundedness of Relative Convolutions on Nilpotent Lie Groups

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We discuss some norm estimations for integrated representations. We use the covariant transform to extend Howe's method from the Heisenberg group to general nilpotent Lie groups.

1. Introduction. Let G be a locally compact group, a left-invariant (Haar) measure on G is denoted by dg. Let ρ be a bounded representation of the group G in a vector space V. The representation can be extended to a function $k \in L_1(G, dg)$ though integration:

$$\rho(k) = \int_G k(g)\,\rho(g)\,dg. \tag{1}$$

It is a homomorphism of the convolution algebra $L_1(G, dg)$ to an algebra of bounded operators on V.

There are many important classes of operators described by (1), notably pseudodifferential operators (PDO) and Toeplitz operators [3, 5, 6, 7]. Thus, it is important to have various norm estimations of $\rho(k)$. We already mentioned a straightforward inequality $\|\rho(k)\| \leq C\,\|k\|_1$ for $k \in L_1(G, dg)$, however, other classes are of interest as well.

If G is the Heisenberg group and ρ is its Schrödinger representation, then $\rho(\hat{a})$ is a PDO $a(X, D)$ with the symbol a [3, 2, 7]. Here, $\hat{a}$ is the

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Fourier transform of a, as usual. The Calderón–Vaillancourt theorem [8, Ch. XIII] estimates $\|a(X, D)\|$ by L_∞-norm of a finite number of partial derivatives of a.

In this paper we revise the method used in [3, § 3.1] to prove the Calderón–Vaillancourt estimations. It was described as "rather magical" in [2, § 2.5]. We hope, that a usage of the covariant transform dispel the mystery without undermining the power of the method.

2. Preliminaries. Through the paper G denotes an exponential Lie group. For a square integrable irreducible representation ρ of G in a Hilbert space V and a fixed admissible mother wavelet $\phi \in V$, the wavelet transform $\mathcal{W}_\phi : V \to C_b(G)$ is [1, 6, 7]:

$$[\mathcal{W}_\phi v](g) := \left\langle \rho(g^{-1})v, \phi \right\rangle = \left\langle v, \rho(g)\phi \right\rangle, \qquad g \in G, \ v \in V. \qquad (2)$$

For an unimodular G, the left $\Lambda(g) : f(g') \mapsto f(g^{-1}g')$ and the right $R : f(g') \mapsto f(g'g)$ regular representations of G are unitary operators on $L_2(G, dg)$. The covariant transforms intertwines the left and right regular representations of G with the following actions of ρ:

$$\Lambda(g)\mathcal{W}_\phi = \mathcal{W}_\phi \rho(g) \quad \text{and} \quad R(g)\mathcal{W}_\phi = \mathcal{W}_{\rho(g)\phi} \quad \text{for all } g \in G. \qquad (3)$$

For a fixed admissible vector $\psi \in V$, the integrated representation (1) produces the contravariant transform $\mathcal{M}_\psi : L_1(G) \to V$, cf. [6, 7]:

$$\mathcal{M}_\psi^\rho(k) = \rho(k)\psi, \qquad \text{where } k \in L_1(G). \qquad (4)$$

The contravariant transform $\mathcal{M}_\psi^\rho$ intertwines the left regular representation Λ on $L_2(G)$ and ρ:

$$\mathcal{M}_\psi^\rho \, \Lambda(g) = \rho(g) \, \mathcal{M}_\psi^\rho. \qquad (5)$$

Combining with (3), we see that the composition $\mathcal{M}_\psi^\rho \circ \mathcal{W}_\phi^\rho$ of the covariant and contravariant transform intertwines ρ with itself. For an irreducible square integrable ρ and suitably normalised admissible ϕ and ψ, we use the Schur's lemma [1, Lem. 4.3.1], [4, Thm. 8.2.1] to conclude that:

$$\mathcal{M}_\psi^\rho \circ \mathcal{W}_\phi^\rho = \langle \psi, \phi \rangle \, I. \qquad (6)$$

Let H be a subgroup of G and $X = G/H$ be the respective homogeneous space (the space of left cosets) with a (quasi-)invariant measure dx [4,

§ 9.1]. There is the natural projection $\mathsf{p} : G \to X$. We usually fix a continuous section $\mathsf{s} : X \to G$ [4, § 13.2], which is a right inverse to p. We also define an operator of relative convolution on V [5, 7], cf. (1):

$$\rho(k) = \int_X k(x) \, \rho(\mathsf{s}(x)) \, dx, \tag{7}$$

with a kernel k defined on $X = G/H$.

3. Norm Estimations. We start from the following lemma, which has a transparent proof in terms of covariant transform, cf. [3, § 3.1] and [2, (2.75)]. For the rest of the paper we assume that ρ is an irreducible square integrable representation of an exponential Lie group G in V and mother wavelet $\phi, \psi \in V$ are admissible.

Lemma 1. *Let $\phi \in V$ be such that, for $\Phi = \mathcal{W}_\phi \phi$, the reciprocal Φ^{-1} is bounded on G or $X = G/H$. Then, for the integrated representation (1) or relative convolution (7), we have the inequality:*

$$\|\rho(f)\| \leq \left\| \Lambda \otimes R(f\Phi^{-1}) \right\|, \tag{8}$$

where $(\Lambda \otimes R)(g) : k(g') \mapsto k(g^{-1}g'g)$ acts on the image of $\mathcal{W}_\phi$.

Proof. We know from (6) that $\mathcal{M}_\phi \circ \mathcal{W}_{\rho(g)\phi} = \langle \phi, \rho(g)\phi \rangle \, I$ on V, thus:

$$\mathcal{M}_\phi \circ \mathcal{W}_{\rho(g)\phi} \circ \rho(g) = \langle \phi, \rho(g)\phi \rangle \, \rho(g) = \Phi(g)\rho(g).$$

On the other hand, the intertwining properties (3) of the wavelet transform imply:

$$\mathcal{M}_\phi \circ \mathcal{W}_{\rho(g)\phi} \circ \rho(g) = \mathcal{M}_\phi \circ (\Lambda \otimes R)(g) \circ \mathcal{W}_\phi.$$

Integrating the identity $\Phi(g)\rho(g) = \mathcal{M}_\phi \circ (\Lambda \otimes R)(g) \circ \mathcal{W}_\phi$ with the function $f\Phi^{-1}$ and use the partial isometries $\mathcal{W}_\phi$ and $\mathcal{M}_\phi$ we get the inequality. $\quad\square$

The Lemma is most efficient if $\Lambda \otimes R$ act in a simple way. Thus, we give he following

Definition 2. We say that the subgroup H has the *complemented commutator property*, if there exists a continuous section $\mathsf{s} : X \to G$ such that:

$$\mathsf{p}(\mathsf{s}(x)^{-1} g \mathsf{s}(x)) = \mathsf{p}(g), \qquad \text{for all } x \in X = G/H, \ g \in G. \tag{9}$$

For a Lie group G with the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{g}$ define the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{h} = [\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}]$. The subgroup $H = \exp(\mathfrak{h})$ (as well as any larger subgroup) has the complemented commutator property (9). Of course, $X = G/H$ is non-trivial if $H \neq G$ and this happens, for example, for a nilpotent G. In particular, for the Heisenberg group, its centre has the complemented commutator property.

Note, that the complemented commutator property (9) implies:

$$\Lambda \otimes R(\mathsf{s}(x)) : g \mapsto gh, \quad \text{for the unique } h = g^{-1}\mathsf{s}(x)^{-1}g\mathsf{s}(x) \in H. \quad (10)$$

For a character χ of the subgroup H, we introduce an integral transformation $\widehat{\ } : L_1(X) \to C(G)$:

$$\widehat{k}(g) = \int_X k(x)\,\chi(g^{-1}\mathsf{s}(x)^{-1}g\mathsf{s}(x))\,dx, \quad (11)$$

where $h(x, g) = g^{-1}\mathsf{s}(x)^{-1}g\mathsf{s}(x)$ is in H due to the relations (9). This transformation generalises the isotropic symbol defined for the Heisenberg group in [3, § 2.1].

Proposition 3. *Let a subgroup H of G has the complemented commutator property (9) and ρ_χ be an irreducible representation of G induced from a character χ of H, then*

$$\left\|\rho_\chi(f)\right\| \leq \left\|\widehat{f\Phi^{-1}}\right\|_\infty, \quad (12)$$

with the sup-*norm of the function $\widehat{f\Phi^{-1}}$ on the right.*

Proof. For an induced representation ρ_χ [4, § 13.2], the covariant transform $\mathcal{W}_\phi$ maps V to a space $L_2^\chi(G)$ of functions having the property $F(gh) = \chi(h)F(g)$ [7, § 3.1]. From (10), the restriction of $\Lambda \otimes R$ to the space $L_2^\chi(G)$ is, see:

$$\Lambda \otimes R(\mathsf{s}(x)) : \psi(g) \mapsto \psi(gh) = \chi(h(x, g))\psi(g).$$

In other words, $\Lambda \otimes R$ acts by multiplication on $L_2^\chi(G)$. Then, integrating the representation $\Lambda \otimes R$ over X with a function k we get an operator $(L \otimes R)(k)$, which reduces on the irreducible component to multiplication by the function $\widehat{k}(g)$. Put $k = f\Phi^{-1}$ for $\Phi = \mathcal{W}_\phi\phi$. Then, from the inequality (8), the norm of operator $\rho_\chi(f)$ can be estimated by $\left\|\Lambda \otimes R(f\Phi^{-1})\right\| = \left\|\widehat{f\Phi^{-1}}\right\|_\infty$. $\square$

For a nilpotent step 2 Lie group, the transformation (11) is almost the Fourier transform, cf. the case of the Heisenberg group in [3, § 2.1]. This allows to estimate $\left\|\widehat{f\Phi^{-1}}\right\|_\infty$ through $\left\|\widehat{f}\right\|_\infty$, where $\widehat{f}$ is in the essence the symbol of the respective PDO. For other groups, the expression $g^{-1}\mathsf{s}(x)^{-1}g\mathsf{s}(x)$ in (11) contains non-linear terms and its analysis is more difficult. In some circumstance the integral Fourier operators [8, Ch. VIII] may be useful for this purpose.

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