

# Phase Space Analysis for Evolution PDE's and Applications <sup>1</sup>

The Method of Stationary Phase and Applications

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# Summary

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# The Method of Stationary Phase

In order to derive  $L^p - L^q$  estimates on the conjugate line  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  for the wave equation

$$u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0$$

Schrödinger equation

$$i\partial_t u + \Delta u = 0,$$

or plate equation

$$\partial_t^2 u + \Delta^2 u = 0,$$

one has to deal with the convolution

$$F_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1}(e^{-i|\xi|^\sigma t}) * \varphi, \quad \sigma = 1, 2.$$

Even if we choose  $\varphi$  very smooth, there is no hope to just apply Young's inequality.

The main ideas are the followings:

- 1 We add an amplitude function in our model Fourier multiplier. Instead, our model Fourier multiplier takes the form

$$F_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( e^{-i|\xi|^\sigma t} \frac{1}{|\xi|^{2r}} F(\varphi)(\xi) \right),$$

where the parameter  $r$  is determined later.

- 2 We decompose the extended phase space  $(0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}_\xi^n$  into two zones. For this reason we introduce a function  $\chi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}_\xi^n)$  satisfying  $\chi(\xi) \equiv 0$  for  $|\xi| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\chi(\xi) \equiv 1$  for  $|\xi| \geq \frac{3}{4}$ , and  $\chi(\xi) \in [0, 1]$ . Then we define the *pseudo-differential zone*

$$Z_{pd} = \{(t, \xi) \in (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}_\xi^n : t|\xi|^\sigma \leq 1\},$$

and the *evolution zone*

$$Z_{hyp} = \{(t, \xi) \in (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}_\xi^n : t|\xi|^\sigma \geq 1\}.$$

To derive  $L^p - L^q$  estimates for the model Fourier multiplier

$$F_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( e^{-i|\xi|^\sigma t} \frac{1 - \chi(t|\xi|^\sigma)}{|\xi|^{2r}} F(\varphi)(\xi) \right),$$

we use the following result about translation invariant operators in  $L^p = L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  spaces:<sup>2</sup>

### Lemma 1

Let  $f$  be a measurable function. Moreover, we suppose the following relation with suitable positive constants  $C$  and  $b \in (1, \infty)$ :

$$\text{meas} \{ \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : |f(\xi)| \geq \ell \} \leq C\ell^{-b}.$$

Then  $f \in M_p^q$  if  $1 < p \leq 2 \leq q < \infty$  and  $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{b}$ .

<sup>2</sup>L. Hörmander, Estimates for translation invariant operators in  $L^p$  spaces. Acta Mathematica 104 (1960), 93–140.

## Theorem 1

Let us consider for  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the Fourier multiplier

$$F_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( e^{-i|\xi|^\sigma t} \frac{1 - \chi(t|\xi|^\sigma)}{|\xi|^{2r}} F(\varphi)(\xi) \right).$$

We assume  $1 < p \leq 2 \leq q < \infty$  and  $0 \leq 2r \leq n(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q})$ . Then we have the  $L^p - L^q$  estimates

$$\left\| F_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( e^{-i|\xi|^\sigma t} \frac{1 - \chi(t|\xi|^\sigma)}{|\xi|^{2r}} F(\varphi)(\xi) \right) \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C t^{\frac{2r}{\sigma} - \frac{n}{\sigma}(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q})} \|\varphi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

for all admissible  $p, q$ . The constant  $C$  depends on  $p$  and  $q$ .

## Proof.

After the change of variables  $\eta := t^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} \xi$  and  $t^{\frac{1}{\sigma}} y := x$ , applying Lemma 1 with  $b = \frac{n}{2r}$  we conclude

$$m(\eta) = e^{-i|\eta|} \frac{1 - \chi(|\eta|)}{|\eta|^{2r}} \in M_p^q.$$

## Lemma 2 (Littman' type)

Let us consider for  $\tau \geq \tau_0$ ,  $\tau_0$  is a large positive number, the oscillating integral

$$F_{\eta \rightarrow x}^{-1}(e^{-i\tau\rho(\eta)}v(\eta)).$$

The amplitude function  $v = v(\eta)$  is supposed to belong to  $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with support in  $\{\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\eta| \in [\frac{1}{2}, 2]\}$ . The function  $\rho = \rho(\eta)$  is  $C^\infty$  in a neighborhood of the support of  $v$ .

Moreover, the rank of the Hessian  $H_\rho(\eta)$  is supposed to satisfy the assumption  $\text{rank } H_\rho(\eta) \geq \kappa$  on the support of  $v$ . Then the following  $L^\infty - L^\infty$  estimate holds<sup>a</sup>:

$$\|F_{\eta \rightarrow x}^{-1}(e^{-i\tau\rho(\eta)}v(\eta))\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_x^n)} \leq C(1 + \tau)^{-\frac{\kappa}{2}} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq L} \|D_\eta^\alpha v(\eta)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_\eta^n)},$$

where  $L$  is a suitable entire number.

<sup>a</sup>H. Pecher,  $L^p$ -Abschätzungen und klassische Lösungen für nichtlineare Wellengleichungen. I. Math. Z. 150 (1976), 159–183.

If  $\rho(\eta) = |\eta|^\sigma$  in Lemma 2, then

$$\kappa \doteq \text{rank } H_\rho(\eta) = \begin{cases} n, & \sigma > 1 \\ n - 1, & \sigma = 1 \end{cases}.$$

By using Littman's type lemma we derive:

## Theorem 2

Let us consider for  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the Fourier multiplier

$$F_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( e^{-i|\xi|^\sigma t} \frac{\chi(t|\xi|^\sigma)}{|\xi|^{2r}} F(\varphi)(\xi) \right)$$

We assume  $(n - \frac{\kappa\sigma}{2})(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}) \leq 2r$ . Then we have the following  $L^p - L^q$  estimates on the conjugate line:

$$\left\| F_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( e^{-i|\xi|^\sigma t} \frac{\chi(t|\xi|^\sigma)}{|\xi|^{2r}} F(\varphi)(\xi) \right) \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq Ct^{2r-n(\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q})} \|\varphi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

for all admissible  $1 < p \leq 2, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .



# Proof of Theorem 2: 1/3

$L^1 - L^\infty$  estimates: Apply Young's inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| F_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( e^{-i|\xi|^\sigma t} \frac{\chi(t|\xi|^\sigma)}{|\xi|^{2r}} F(\varphi)(\xi) \right) \right\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ & \leq C \left\| F_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( e^{-i|\xi|^\sigma t} \frac{\chi(t|\xi|^\sigma)}{|\xi|^{2r}} \right) \right\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|\varphi\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned}$$

The last oscillating integral is estimated by the Littman type lemma. We choose  $0 \leq \phi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  supported in  $\{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\xi| \in [\frac{1}{2}, 2]\}$ . We set  $\phi_k(\xi) := \phi(2^{-k}|\xi|)$  for  $k \geq 1$  and  $\phi_0(\xi) := 1 - \sum_{k=1}^\infty \phi_k(\xi)$ . We put  $t^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}\xi =: 2^{\frac{k}{\sigma}}\eta$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| F_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( e^{-i|\xi|^\sigma t} \frac{\chi(t|\xi|^\sigma) \phi_k(t|\xi|^\sigma)}{|\xi|^{2r}} \right) \right\|_{L^\infty} \\ & = 2^{\frac{k}{\sigma}(n-2r)} t^{\frac{1}{\sigma}(2r-n)} \left\| F_{\eta \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( e^{-i2^k|\eta|^\sigma} \frac{\phi_k(2^k|\eta|^\sigma)}{|\eta|^{2r}} \right) \right\|_{L^\infty} \\ & = 2^{\frac{k}{\sigma}(n-2r)} t^{\frac{1}{\sigma}(2r-n)} \left\| F_{\eta \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( e^{-i2^k|\eta|^\sigma} \frac{\phi(|\eta|^\sigma)}{|\eta|^{2r}} \right) \right\|_{L^\infty}. \end{aligned}$$

## Proof of Theorem 2: 2/3

Now we apply Lemma 2 with  $\tau := 2^k$ . Taking into account of the properties of  $\phi$  (smoothness and compact support) we may conclude

$$\left\| F_{\eta \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( e^{-i2^k |\eta|^\sigma} \frac{\phi(|\eta|^\sigma)}{|\eta|^{2r}} \right) \right\|_{L^\infty} \leq C(1+2^k)^{-\frac{\kappa}{2}}, \quad \kappa = \begin{cases} n, & \sigma > 1 \\ n-1, & \sigma = 1 \end{cases}.$$

Summarizing all estimates gives

$$\left\| F^{-1} \left( e^{-i|\xi|^\sigma t} \frac{\chi(t|\xi|^\sigma) \phi_k(t|\xi|^\sigma)}{|\xi|^{2r}} F(\varphi)(\xi) \right) \right\|_{L^\infty} \leq C 2^{\frac{k}{\sigma}(n-2r-\frac{\kappa\sigma}{2})} t^{\frac{1}{\sigma}(2r-n)} \|\varphi\|_{L^1}$$

$L^2 - L^2$  estimates:

After application of the formula of Parseval-Plancherel we immediately get the desired  $L^2 - L^2$  estimate

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| F_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( e^{-i|\xi|^\sigma t} \frac{\chi(t|\xi|^\sigma) \phi_k(t|\xi|^\sigma)}{|\xi|^{2r}} F(\varphi)(\xi) \right) \right\|_{L^2} \\ & \leq C 2^{-\frac{2kr}{\sigma}} t^{\frac{2r}{\sigma}} \|\varphi\|_{L^2}. \end{aligned}$$

## Proof of Theorem 2: 3/3

$L^p - L^q$  estimates on the conjugate line:

Using the  $L^1 - L^\infty$  and  $L^2 - L^2$  estimates the application of the Riesz-Thorin interpolation theorem yields  $L^p - L^q$  estimates on the conjugate line

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| F_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( e^{-i|\xi|^\sigma t} \frac{\chi(t|\xi|^\sigma) \phi_k(t|\xi|^\sigma)}{|\xi|^{2r}} F(\varphi)(\xi) \right) \right\|_{L^q} \\ & \leq C 2^{\frac{k}{\sigma}} \left( (n - \frac{\kappa\sigma}{2}) (\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}) - 2r \right) t^{\frac{2r}{\sigma} - \frac{n}{\sigma} (\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q})} \|\varphi\|_{L^p}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $p \in (1, 2]$ .

After choosing  $(n - \frac{\kappa\sigma}{2}) (\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}) \leq 2r$  and using the dyadic decomposition, the desired  $L^p - L^q$  estimates follow. This completes the proof.

## $L^p - L^q$ estimates for the Wave equation

Now, let us come back to the representation of solutions to the Cauchy problem for the free wave equation

$$\begin{aligned} u(t, x) &= F_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( \left( e^{i|\xi|t} + e^{-i|\xi|t} \right) \frac{1}{2} F(\varphi)(\xi) \right) \\ &\quad + F_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( \left( e^{i|\xi|t} - e^{-i|\xi|t} \right) \frac{1}{2i|\xi|} F(\psi)(\xi) \right). \end{aligned}$$

### Remark

If  $\varphi \neq 0$ , we have  $L^2 - L^2$  estimates for  $u(t, x)$ , but not  $L^p - L^q$  with  $p \neq 2$  and  $q \neq 2$  (see Theorem 2 for the conjugate line).

If  $\varphi \equiv 0$ , for small frequencies it is helpful to use recall

$$u(t, x) = F_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( \frac{\sin(|\xi|t)}{|\xi|} F(\psi)(\xi) \right).$$

By putting  $\sigma = 1$ ,  $r = 0$  in Theorem 1 and  $r = \frac{1}{2}$  in Theorem 2 we conclude:

### Theorem 3

Let  $\psi$  belong to  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then we have the following  $L^p - L^q$  decay estimates on the conjugate line:

$$\left\| F_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( \frac{e^{i|\xi|t} - e^{-i|\xi|t}}{2i|\xi|} F(\psi)(\xi) \right) \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq Ct^{1-n(\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q})} \|\psi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\frac{n+1}{2}(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}) \leq 1$ ,  $1 < p \leq 2$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

Indeed, (1) holds <sup>3</sup> uniformly for any  $t > 0$ , if, and only if, the point  $(\frac{1}{p}, \frac{1}{q})$  belongs to the closed triangle with vertices

$$P_1 = \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n+1}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right), \quad P_2 = \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n-1}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n-1} \right),$$

$$\text{and } P_3 = \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n-1}, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n-1} \right).$$

<sup>3</sup>J. Peral,  $L^p$  estimates for the Wave Equation, J. Funct. Anal. 36, 114–145 (1980).

## $L^p - L^q$ estimates for the Plate equation

Let us consider the Cauchy problem for the plate equation,

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} + (-\Delta)^\sigma u = 0, & t \geq 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ u(0, x) = \varphi(x), \quad u_t(0, x) = \psi(x). \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

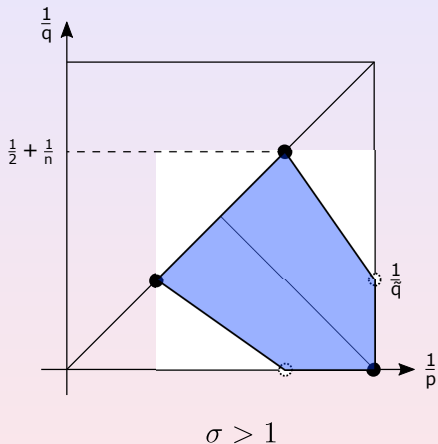
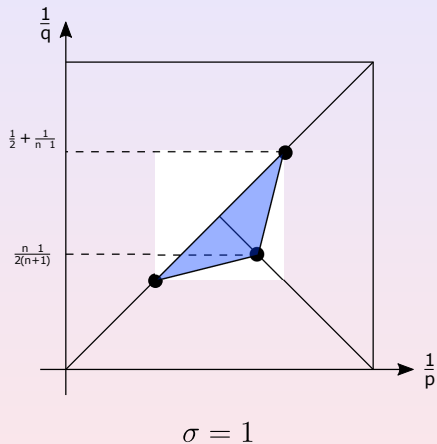
### Theorem 4

Let  $\sigma > 1$ . If  $\varphi \equiv 0$  and  $\psi \in L^p$ , then the solution  $u$  to the Cauchy problem (2) satisfies the following estimate<sup>a</sup>

$$\|u(t, \cdot)\|_{L^q} \lesssim t^{1-\frac{n}{\sigma}(\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q})} \|\psi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}, \quad \forall t > 0, \quad (3)$$

for all  $1 \leq p \leq q < \infty$ , with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \leq 1$  and  $\frac{1-\sigma}{p} - \frac{1}{q} \leq \sigma \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{2}\right)$   
or  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \geq 1$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{\sigma-1}{q} \leq \sigma \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

<sup>a</sup>M. R. Ebert, L. M. Lourenço, The Critical Exponent for Evolution Models with Power Non-linearity. New Tools for Nonlinear PDEs and Application. Trends in Mathematics. Birkhäuser, Cham 2019, p. 153-177.

Figure :  $L^p - L^q$  estimates

## Notation

By  $L_p^q = L_p^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  we denote the space of tempered distributions  $T$  satisfying the estimate

$$\|T * f\|_{L^q} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p}$$

for all  $f$  in the Schwartz space  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with a constant  $C$  which is independent of  $f$ .

The set of Fourier transforms  $\hat{T}$  of distributions  $T \in L_p^q$  is denoted by  $M_p^q = M_p^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The elements in  $M_p^q$  are called multipliers of type  $(p, q)$ . We define in  $M_p^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the following norm

$$\|m\|_{M_p^q} := \sup\{\|\mathfrak{F}^{-1}(m\mathfrak{F}(f))\|_q : f \in \mathcal{S}, \|f\|_p = 1\}.$$

In the case  $p = q$ , we denote  $M_p^p$  by  $M_p$ .



## Proof of Theorem 4: 1/4

After applying the Fourier transform, the solution to (2) can be written as

$$u(t, x) = \mathfrak{F}_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( \left( e^{i|\xi|^\sigma t} - e^{-i|\xi|^\sigma t} \right) \frac{1}{2i|\xi|^\sigma} \mathfrak{F}(\psi)(\xi) \right),$$

or

$$u(t, x) = \mathfrak{F}_{\xi \rightarrow x}^{-1} \left( \sin(t|\xi|^\sigma) \frac{1}{|\xi|^\sigma} \mathfrak{F}(\psi)(\xi) \right).$$

By homogeneity, it is sufficient to prove (3) for  $t = 1$ . By using that  $\frac{\sin(|\xi|^\sigma)}{|\xi|^\sigma}$  is a bounded function, similar to Theorem 1, one may conclude the following:

### Proposition 1

For  $1 < p \leq 2 \leq q < \infty$ , we have

$$\frac{(1 - \chi(\xi)) \sin(|\xi|^\sigma)}{|\xi|^\sigma} \in M_p^q. \quad (4)$$

## Proof of Theorem 4: 2/4

### Theorem (Mikhlin-Hörmander)

Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $k = \max \{ [n(1/p - 1/2)] + 1, [n/2] + 1 \}$ .  
Suppose that  $m \in C^k(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$  and

$$|\partial_\xi^\beta m(\xi)| \leq C |\xi|^{-|\beta|}, \quad |\beta| \leq k.$$

Then  $m \in M_p \doteq M_p^p$ .

As a consequence of the Mikhlin-Hörmander multiplier theorem we have:

### Proposition 2

For all  $1 < q < \infty$  we have

$$m(\xi) := \frac{(1 - \chi(\xi)) \sin(|\xi|^\sigma)}{|\xi|^\sigma} \in M_q^q. \quad (5)$$

## Proof of Theorem 4: 3/4

## Proposition 3

Let us consider Fourier multiplier

$$m(\xi) = \frac{\chi(\xi)e^{i|\xi|^\sigma}}{|\xi|^\sigma}, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \sigma > 0, \sigma \neq 1, \quad b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

If  $p \leq q$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \geq 1$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{\sigma-1}{q} < \sigma \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$ , then  $m \in M_p^q$ .

The same conclusion is true if  $p \leq q$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \leq 1$  and

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## Remark

By using duality argument, it is sufficient to prove Proposition 3 for  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \geq 1$ .

## Proof of Theorem 4: 4/4

Let us sketch the proof of Proposition 3. By Littman' lemma

$$\|\phi_k \cdot m\|_{M_p^q} \leq C 2^{k \left( -\sigma + \left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2}\right)(n(2-\sigma)) \right)}, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$$

Applying the Bernstein's inequality <sup>4</sup> for  $M > \frac{n}{2}$  we get

$$\|\phi_k \cdot m\|_{M_1} \leq \|\phi_k \cdot m\|_{L^2}^{(1 - \frac{n}{2M})} \|D^M(\phi_k \cdot m)\|_{L^2}^{\frac{n}{2M}} \leq C 2^{k\sigma(\frac{n}{2}-1)}.$$

Hence, by Riesz-Thorin interpolation theorem we conclude that

$$\|\phi_k \cdot m\|_{M_p^q} \leq C 2^{kn \left( \frac{1}{p} + \frac{\sigma-1}{q} - \sigma \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right)},$$

and the series in  $k$  is convergent if  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{\sigma-1}{q} - \sigma \left( \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{2} \right) < 0$   
and the proof is concluded.

<sup>4</sup>Bernstein' result: Let  $n \geq 1$  and  $N > n \left( \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$ . Assume that  $\hat{a} \in H^N$ , then  $F^{-1}(\hat{a}) \in L^p$  and there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\|F^{-1}(\hat{a})\|_{L^p} \leq C \|\hat{a}\|_{L^2}^{1 - \frac{n}{N} \left( \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2} \right)} \|D^N \hat{a}\|_{L^2}^{\frac{n}{N} \left( \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2} \right)}$$

**Thanks for your  
attention!**