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ON THE EXISTENCE OF A COMPACTLY SUPPORTED
 L^p -SOLUTION FOR TWO-DIMENSIONAL TWO-SCALE
DILATION EQUATIONS

Abstract. Necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of compactly supported L^p -solutions for the two-dimensional two-scale dilation equations are given.

1. Introduction. One of the fundamental problems in higher dimensional wavelet theory is to study the properties of solutions of the dilation equation

$$(1) \quad f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} c_k f(\alpha \mathbf{x} - \beta_k), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

where $k \in A \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$, A is finite and $\mathbb{R} \ni \alpha > 1$.

Using the Fourier method the following fundamental theorem was obtained in [1]:

THEOREM 1.1. Define $P(\xi) = \frac{1}{\alpha^d} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} c_k e^{i\langle \beta_k, \xi \rangle}$, $\xi \in \mathbb{C}^d$ and $\Delta = P(0)$.

- (a) If $|\Delta| \leq 1$ and $\Delta \neq 1$, then the only L^1 -solution to (1) is trivial.
- (b) If $|\Delta| = 1$ and (1) has a non-trivial L^1 -solution f , then f is unique up to scale and \hat{f} is given by

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = f(0) \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} P(\xi/\alpha^m).$$

Moreover, f is compactly supported and

$$\text{supp } f \subseteq \frac{K}{\alpha - 1}, \quad \text{where } K = \text{conv-hull}(\beta_k).$$

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(c) If $|\Delta| > 1$, then a necessary condition for (1) to have a non-trivial compactly supported L^1 -solution is $\Delta = \alpha^k$, for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. In this case

$$\widehat{f}(\xi) = h(\xi) \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{P(\xi/\alpha^m)}{\Delta},$$

where h is a homogeneous polynomial of degree k .

The non-zero solutions of (1) are called *scaling functions*.

Our aim in this paper is to study the L^p -integrability properties of the scaling functions in the case when $d = 2$, $\alpha = 2$ and $\beta_k = k \in A = \{(i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 0 \leq i, j \leq N\}$.

In this case the equation (1) and the condition $|\Delta| = 1$ can be rewritten as

$$(2) \quad f(x, y) = \sum_{0 \leq i, j \leq N} c_{(i, j)} f(2(x, y) - (i, j)),$$

$$(3) \quad \sum_{0 \leq i, j \leq N} c_{(i, j)} = 4.$$

Let us note a simple consequence of Theorem 1.1.

COROLLARY 1.2. *Suppose that the condition (3) holds. If there exists a non-trivial L^1 -solution f of (2), then it must be unique up to scale and $\text{supp } f \subseteq [0, N]^2$.*

Such a special class of scaling functions is important because of its applications in the wavelet theory on \mathbb{R}^2 , in subdivision schemes in approximation theory, and in practical image processing.

The L^p -integrability properties of the scaling function give information on the corresponding wavelet basis. A major problem is to determine the L^p -integrability properties from the values of c_k for $k \in A$. For solving this, we adopt the matrix implementation of the iteration method, which in the one-dimensional case was used in [2–4], [5–6], [7], [8–9].

2. Technical facts. The following notations are used everywhere: $\|\cdot\|$ for any norm in $\mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N$, N is the same as in (2), $K = [0, 1]^2$ and $B + x = \{a + x : a \in B\}$ for $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Let $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ have $\text{supp } g \subseteq [0, N]^2$. Define a matrix-valued function $\vec{g} : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N$ by

$$(\vec{g}(x, y))_{i, j} = g((x, y) + (i, j)) \chi_K(x, y) \quad \text{for } (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

where $0 \leq i, j \leq N - 1$ and χ_K is the characteristic function of the set K .

Conversely, for any matrix-valued function \vec{f} on K we define a function f on \mathbb{R}^2 by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \vec{f}_{i,j}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) & \text{for } (x, y) = (\tilde{x} + i, \tilde{y} + j) \text{ and } (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) \in K, \\ 0 & \text{for } (x, y) \notin [0, N]^2. \end{cases}$$

For $k, l \in \{0, 1\}$, consider the linear operators $T^{(k,l)} : \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N$ with coefficients

$$(4) \quad T_{i_1, i_2; j_1, j_2}^{(k,l)} = c_{(2i_1 - j_1 + k, 2i_2 - j_2 + l)} \quad \text{where } 0 \leq i_1, i_2, j_1, j_2 \leq N - 1;$$

we use the convention that $c_{(i,j)} = 0$ whenever $(i, j) \notin \{(k, l) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 0 \leq k, l \leq N\}$.

The action of these operators on a matrix-valued function $\vec{g} : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N$ is defined by

$$(T^{(k,l)} \cdot \vec{g})_{i_1, i_2} = \sum_{j_1, j_2} T_{i_1, i_2; j_1, j_2}^{(k,l)} \vec{g}_{j_1, j_2}.$$

Set

$$(5) \quad T = T^{(0,0)} + T^{(0,1)} + T^{(1,0)} + T^{(1,1)},$$

and consider the following transformations of the plane:

$$\phi_{(i,j)}(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{i}{2}, \frac{1}{2}y + \frac{j}{2} \right) \quad \text{for } i, j \in \{0, 1\}.$$

Then for any function g such that $\text{supp } g \subseteq [0, N]^2$ define an operator \mathbf{T} by

$$(\mathbf{T}\vec{g})(x, y) = \sum_{k, l \in \{0, 1\}} T^{(k,l)} \vec{g}(\phi_{(k,l)}^{-1}(x, y)).$$

It can be rewritten explicitly as

$$(\mathbf{T}\vec{g})(x, y) = \begin{cases} T^{(0,0)} \vec{g}(2x, 2y), & (x, y) \in [0, 1/2]^2, \\ T^{(0,1)} \vec{g}(2x, 2y - 1), & (x, y) \in [0, 1/2) \times [1/2, 1), \\ T^{(1,0)} \vec{g}(2x - 1, 2y), & (x, y) \in [1/2, 1) \times [0, 1/2), \\ T^{(1,1)} \vec{g}(2x - 1, 2y - 1), & (x, y) \in [1/2, 1)^2, \\ 0, & (x, y) \notin K. \end{cases}$$

Let $A = \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1)\}$, J be a finite sequence of elements of A , $|J|$ be the length of J (we assume that $|J|=0$ if $J = \emptyset$), and $\Lambda = \{J = (j_1, \dots, j_k) : j_l \in A \text{ and } k \geq 0\}$.

For $J = (j_1, \dots, j_k) \in \Lambda$, define $\phi_J = \phi_{j_1} \circ \dots \circ \phi_{j_k}$ (if $J = \emptyset$ then $\phi_J := \text{Id}$), $K_J = \phi_J(K)$ and $T_J = T^{j_1} \circ \dots \circ T^{j_k}$. Notice that $K_J = \bigcup_{i, j \in \{0, 1\}} K_{(J, (i, j))}$ and $K_{(J, J_1)} \subseteq K_J$ for $J, J_1 \in \Lambda$.

Define an operator \mathbf{S} by

$$(\mathbf{S}g)(x, y) = \sum_{0 \leq i, j \leq N} c_{(i,j)} g(2(x, y) - (i, j)).$$

Remark 2.1. (i) Let f be a function such that $\text{supp } f \subseteq [0, N]^2$. Then

$$\overline{\mathbf{S}}\vec{f} = \mathbf{T}\vec{f}.$$

(ii) f is a non-trivial compactly supported L^p -solution of (2) if and only if $\vec{f} \in L^p(K, \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N)$ and $\vec{f} = \mathbf{T}\vec{f}$.

Proof. The proof of the first part can be found in [1]. The second one follows from (i), Corollary 1.2 and the equation (2).

Now we present several lemmas which show properties and connections between the operator \mathbf{T} , an eigenvector of T corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 and the solution of the dilation equation.

LEMMA 2.2. *If $\sum_{(i,j)} c_{(i,j)} = 4$, then there exists an eigenvector (which is an $N \times N$ matrix) of T corresponding to the eigenvalue 4.*

Proof. Let $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N$ be such that $\vec{w}_{i,j} = 1$ for $0 \leq i, j \leq N - 1$. Applying (4) and (5) we get

$$(\vec{w}^t T)_{k,l} = \sum_{0 \leq i,j \leq N} c_{(i,j)} = 4 \quad \text{whenever } 0 \leq k, l \leq N - 1.$$

So \vec{w} is a left eigenvector of T corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 and hence we get the assertion.

For a matrix-valued function \vec{f} such that $\text{supp } f \subseteq [0, N]^2$ we define its average matrix $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N$ on the unit square. The coordinates of \vec{v} are

$$\vec{v}_{i,j} = f_{[i,i+1] \times [j,j+1]} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq i, j \leq N - 1,$$

where $f_Q = \frac{1}{m(Q)} \int_Q f(x, y) dm(x, y)$ for any cube Q .

LEMMA 2.3. *Let f be a compactly supported L^p -solution of (2) and let \vec{v} be its average matrix. Then \vec{v} is an eigenvector of T corresponding to the eigenvalue 4.*

Proof. From Lemma 2.1 we get $\vec{f} = \mathbf{T}\vec{f}$. When we integrate separately both of this equation over the sets $[0, 1/2)^2, [0, 1/2) \times [1/2, 1), [1/2, 1) \times [0, 1/2), [1/2, 1)^2$ we observe that for $k, l \in \{0, 1\}$, and $0 \leq i, j \leq N - 1$ we have

$$(T^{(k,l)}\vec{v})_{i,j} = f_{[k/2, (k+1)/2) \times [l/2, (l+1)/2) + (i,j)}.$$

After taking into account that

$$\begin{aligned} 4\vec{f}_{K+(i,j)} &= \vec{f}_{[0,1/2)^2+(i,j)} + \vec{f}_{[0,1/2) \times [1/2,1) + (i,j)} \\ &\quad + \vec{f}_{[1/2,1) \times [0,1/2) + (i,j)} + \vec{f}_{[1/2,1)^2 + (i,j)}, \quad 0 \leq i, j \leq N - 1, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain the assertion.

LEMMA 2.4. For $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N$ define functions

$$\vec{f}_0(x, y) = \vec{v} \quad \text{for } (x, y) \in K, \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{f}_{k+1} = \mathbf{T}\vec{f}_k \quad \text{for } k \geq 0.$$

Then:

(i) $\vec{f}_k(x, y) = T_J \vec{v}$ for $(x, y) \in K_J$, $|J| = k$.

(ii) If f is a compactly supported L^p -solution of (2) and \vec{v} is its average matrix, then

$$(6) \quad (\vec{f}_k(x, y))_{i,j} = f_{K_{J+(i,j)}}, \quad 0 \leq i, j \leq N-1, \quad |J| = k, \quad (x, y) \in K_J,$$

and moreover \vec{f}_k converges to \vec{f} in L^p .

PROOF. (i) is proved by induction with respect to k . For $k = 0$, (i) follows from the definition of \vec{f}_0 . Suppose that (i) is true for $|J| = k$. Now if $|J| = k + 1$, then one of the following holds:

$$J = ((0, 0), J_1); \quad J = ((0, 1), J_1); \quad J = ((1, 0), J_1); \quad J = ((1, 1), J_1),$$

where $|J_1| = k$. Suppose that the first case occurs (the argument for the others is similar). The assumption $(x, y) \in K_J$ implies that $(2x, 2y) = \phi_{(0,0)}^{-1}(x, y) \in K_{J_1}$. Hence

$$\vec{f}_{k+1}(x, y) = \mathbf{T}\vec{f}_k(x, y) = T^{(0,0)}\vec{f}_k(2x, 2y) = T^{(0,0)}T_{J_1}\vec{v} = T_{((0,0),J_1)}\vec{v},$$

which gives (i).

For (ii) we use the formula $\vec{f} = \mathbf{T}\vec{f}$. It is clear that it can be rewritten in the form $\vec{f}(x, y) = T_J \vec{f}(\phi_J^{-1}(x, y))$ for $(x, y) \in K_J$. Integration over K_J gives (6).

The convergence in the L^p -norm is obtained from the Banach–Steinhaus Theorem in the following way. Let

$$X = L^p(K, \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N),$$

$$D = \left\{ \vec{h} \in X : \text{there exists } n \geq 0 \text{ such that} \right.$$

$$\left. \vec{h}_{i,j} = \sum_{|J|=n} a_{i,j}^J \chi_{K_J} \text{ for } 0 \leq i, j \leq N-1 \right\},$$

and for each $n \geq 1$ define the operator O_n on X by

$$(O_n \vec{h})_{i,j} = h_{K_{J+(i,j)}} \quad \text{where } |J| = n, \quad \vec{h} \in X.$$

Recall that D is dense in X . It is clear that for each $\vec{h} \in D$ there exists $N_0 \geq 1$ such that

$$(7) \quad O_n \vec{h} = \vec{h} \quad \text{for each } n \geq N_0.$$

Computing $\|\vec{h}\|_{L^p}^p$ we see that

$$(8) \quad \|\vec{h}\|_{L^p}^p = \sum_{0 \leq i, j \leq N-1} \sum_{|J|=n} \int_{K_J} |\vec{h}_{i,j}(x, y)|^p dx dy.$$

Analogously

$$(9) \quad \|O_n \vec{h}\|_{L^p}^p = \frac{1}{4^n} \sum_{0 \leq i, j \leq N-1} \sum_{|J|=n} |h_{K_J+(i,j)}|^p.$$

For any fixed n and $|J| = n$ using the Fubini Theorem and Jensen inequality we obtain

$$\frac{1}{4^n} |h_{K_J+(i,j)}|^p \leq \int_{K_J} |\vec{h}_{i,j}(x, y)|^p dx dy \quad \text{where } 0 \leq i, j \leq N - 1.$$

Then we infer from (8) and (9) that $\|O_n \vec{h}\|_{L^p}^p \leq \|\vec{h}\|_{L^p}^p$. Now (7) and the Banach–Steinhaus Theorem yield the convergence of \vec{f}_n to \vec{f} in the L^p -norm.

LEMMA 2.5. *Let \vec{w} be an eigenvector of T corresponding to the eigenvalue 4. Let \vec{f}_k (for $k \geq 0$) be defined as in Lemma 2.4. Then*

$$(10) \quad \int_K \vec{f}_k(x, y) dx dy = \vec{w} \quad \text{for each } k \geq 0.$$

Proof (by induction). The first step is obvious. Suppose that the assertion (10) holds for some k . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_K \vec{f}_{k+1}(x, y) dx dy &= \int_K T \vec{f}_k(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \int_{[0,1/2] \times [0,1/2]} T^{(0,0)} \vec{f}_k(2x, 2y) dx dy \\ &\quad + \int_{[0,1/2] \times [1/2,1]} T^{(0,1)} \vec{f}_k(2x, 2y - 1) dx dy \\ &\quad + \int_{[1/2,1] \times [0,1/2]} T^{(1,0)} \vec{f}_k(2x - 1, 2y) dx dy \\ &\quad + \int_{[1/2,1] \times [1/2,1]} T^{(1,1)} \vec{f}_k(2x - 1, 2y - 1) dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (T^{(0,0)} + T^{(0,1)} + T^{(1,0)} + T^{(1,1)}) \int_K \vec{f}_k(x, y) dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (T^{(0,0)} + T^{(0,1)} + T^{(1,0)} + T^{(1,1)}) \vec{w} = \vec{w}, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.

3. The main theorem. Let \vec{w} be an eigenvector of T corresponding to the eigenvalue 4. Then we can write

$$(11) \quad (T^{(1,1)} - I)\vec{w} = -((T^{(0,0)} - I)\vec{w} + (T^{(0,1)} - I)\vec{w} + (T^{(1,1)} - I)\vec{w}).$$

Using the notations $\vec{w}^{(i,j)} = (T^{(i,j)} - I)\vec{w}$ for $i, j \in \{0, 1\}$ the expression (11) can be rewritten in the form

$$\vec{w}^{(1,1)} = -(\vec{w}^{(0,0)} + \vec{w}^{(0,1)} + \vec{w}^{(1,1)}).$$

Let H be the subspace of $\mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N$ defined by

$$H = \text{span}\{T_J w^{(0,0)}, T_J w^{(0,1)}, T_J w^{(1,0)} : J \in \Lambda\}.$$

Our main result is as follows:

THEOREM 3.1. *Let $1 \leq p < \infty$. The following conditions are equivalent:*

(i) *There exists a non-zero L^p -solution of the equation (2) with support in $[0, N]^2$.*

(ii) *There exists an eigenvector \vec{w} of T corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 and*

$$(12) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4^n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \vec{w}^{i,j}\|^p = 0 \quad \text{whenever } (i, j) \in \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0)\}.$$

(iii) *There exists an eigenvector \vec{w} of T corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 and for each $c > 0$ there exists an integer $l \geq 1$ such that*

$$(13) \quad \frac{1}{4^l} \sum_{|J|=l} \|T_J \vec{w}\|^p < c \quad \text{for all } \vec{w} \in H \text{ and } \|\vec{w}\| \leq 1.$$

Proof. Let \vec{w} be an eigenvector of T corresponding to the eigenvalue 4. Define, as in Lemma 2.4, $\vec{f}_0 = \vec{w}$, $\vec{f}_{k+1} = \mathbf{T}\vec{f}_k$. Let $\vec{g}_n = \vec{f}_{n+1} - \vec{f}_n$. Then

$$(14) \quad \vec{f}_{n+1} = \vec{f}_0 + \vec{g}_0 + \dots + \vec{g}_n$$

and

$$(15) \quad \vec{g}_n(x, y) = \begin{cases} T_J \vec{w}^{(0,0)}, & (x, y) \in K_{(J,(0,0))}, \\ T_J \vec{w}^{(0,1)}, & (x, y) \in K_{(J,(0,1))}, \\ T_J \vec{w}^{(1,0)}, & (x, y) \in K_{(J,(1,0))}, \\ T_J \vec{w}^{(1,1)}, & (x, y) \in K_{(J,(1,1))}. \end{cases}$$

Note that

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} \|\vec{g}_n\|_{L^p}^p &= \int_K \|\vec{g}_n(x, y)\|^p dx dy = \sum_{|J|=n+1} \int_{K_J} \|\vec{g}_n(x, y)\|^p dx dy \\ &= \sum_{|J|=n} \left(\int_{K_{(J,(0,0))}} + \int_{K_{(J,(0,1))}} + \int_{K_{(J,(1,0))}} + \int_{K_{(J,(1,1))}} \right) \|\vec{g}_n(x, y)\|^p dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{4^n} \sum_{|J|=n} (\|T_J \vec{w}^{(0,0)}\|^p + \|T_J \vec{w}^{(0,1)}\|^p + \|T_J \vec{w}^{(1,0)}\|^p + \|T_J \vec{w}^{(1,1)}\|^p). \end{aligned}$$

(i) \Rightarrow (ii). Let \vec{w} be the average matrix of \vec{f} on unit squares, where f is the non-trivial L^p -solution of (2). Then by Lemma 2.4, \vec{f}_n converges to \vec{f}

in L^p -norm (we know that \vec{w} is an eigenvector of T corresponding to the eigenvalue 4), which together with (14) implies that $\|\vec{g}_n\|_{L^p}^p \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hence we obtain (12).

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii). Let d be the dimension of H . For $d = 0$ we have the assertion at once. Suppose that $d \geq 1$. Then there exists a basis of H consisting of the vectors of the form $T_{J_k^l} \vec{w}^{(i,j)}$ where $(i, j) \in \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0)\}$, $1 \leq l \leq d$, $|J_k^l| = k^l$ and $J_k^l \in \Lambda$.

For $\vec{u} = T_{J_k^l} \vec{w}^{(i,j)}$ we obtain

$$\frac{1}{4^n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \vec{u}\|^p \leq 4^{k^l} \frac{1}{4^{n+k^l}} \sum_{|J|=n+k^l} \|T_J \vec{w}^{(i,j)}\|^p \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

and hence for each $c > 0$, l, k^l there exists n_l such that

$$\frac{1}{4^{n_l}} \sum_{|J|=n_l+k^l} \|T_J \vec{w}^{(i,j)}\|^p < \frac{c}{2^{(d-1)(p-1)}}.$$

Let $L = \max_{1 \leq l \leq d} \{n_l + k^l\}$. Let $\|\cdot\|_1$ be a norm in $\mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N$ such that for $H \ni \vec{u} = \sum_{l=1}^d a_l T_{J_k^l} \vec{w}^{(i,j)}$ we have $\|\vec{u}\|_1^p = \sum_{l=1}^d |a_l|^p$. Hence for $n \geq L$ and $\|\vec{u}\|_1 \leq 1$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4^n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \vec{u}\|_1^p &= \frac{1}{4^n} \sum_{|J|=n} \left\| \sum_{l=1}^d a_l T_J T_{J_k^l} \vec{w}^{(i,j)} \right\|_1^p \\ &\leq 2^{(d-1)(p-1)} \sum_{l=1}^d |a_l|^p \frac{1}{4^n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J T_{J_k^l} \vec{w}^{(i,j)}\|_1^p \\ &\leq 2^{(d-1)(p-1)} \sum_{l=1}^d |a_l|^p \frac{1}{4^n} \sum_{|J|=n+k^l} \|T_J \vec{w}^{(i,j)}\|_1^p \\ &< 2^{(d-1)(p-1)} \sum_{l=1}^d |a_l|^p \frac{c}{2^{(d-1)(p-1)}} = c \|\vec{u}\|_1^p \leq c. \end{aligned}$$

(iii) \Rightarrow (i). Let \vec{w} be an eigenvector of T corresponding to the eigenvalue 4, and $0 < c < 1$. Consider l such that

$$(17) \quad \frac{1}{4^l} \sum_{|J|=l} \|T_J \vec{u}\|^p < c \|\vec{u}\|^p \quad \text{for each } \vec{u} \in H.$$

Let $i, j \in \{0, 1\}$. Applying (17) we obtain

$$\frac{1}{4^l} \sum_{|J|=l} \|T_J T_{J_1} \vec{w}^{(i,j)}\|^p < c \|T_{J_1} \vec{w}^{(i,j)}\|^p$$

and consequently

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4^{l+n}} \sum_{|J|=l+n} \|T_J \vec{w}^{(i,j)}\|^p &= \frac{1}{4^{l+n}} \sum_{|J|=l} \sum_{|J_1|=n} \|T_J T_{J_1} \vec{w}^{(i,j)}\|^p \\ &< \frac{c}{4^n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_{J_1} \vec{w}^{(i,j)}\|^p, \end{aligned}$$

which yields $\|\vec{g}_{n+l}\|_{L^p}^p < c\|\vec{g}_n\|_{L^p}^p$ for each $l \geq 0$ by (15), (17). This means that for each fixed n the sequence $\{\|\vec{g}_{n+kl}\|_{L^p}^p\}_{k=0}^\infty$ is convergent, and so is \vec{f}_n by (14). From Lemma 2.5, $\vec{f} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \vec{f}_n$ is non-trivial and $\vec{f} = \mathbf{T}\vec{f}$. Hence from Lemma 2.1 the function f is a solution of the equation (2).

The following can be easily observed:

Remark 3.2. In the condition (12) we can use any three elements of the set $\{(0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1)\}$ instead of $(0,0), (0,1), (1,0)$.

The proof of Theorem 3.1 also yields

Remark 3.3. The condition (13) can be replaced by

$$\frac{1}{4^l} \sum_{|J|=l} \|T_J \vec{u}_i\|^p < c \quad \text{where } \{u_1, \dots, u_k\} \text{ is a basis of } H.$$

Lemma 3.4. *Let $1 \leq p < \infty$. Assume that one of the conditions of Theorem 3.1 holds. Then for any eigenvector \vec{w} of the operator T corresponding to the eigenvalue 4 we have $\vec{w} \notin H$ and $\dim H < N^2 - 1$.*

Proof. Suppose that (ii) of Theorem 3.1 holds and $\vec{w} \in H$. Then by the Jensen inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{w}\|^p &= \left\| \frac{1}{4^n} (T^{(0,0)} + T^{(0,1)} + T^{(1,0)} + T^{(1,1)})^n \vec{w} \right\|^p = \left(\frac{1}{4^n} \left\| \sum_{|J|=n} T_J \vec{w} \right\| \right)^p \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{4^n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \vec{w}\| \right)^p \leq \frac{1}{4^n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \vec{w}\|^p \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned}$$

which finishes the proof.

4. Final remarks. In contrast to the one-dimensional case, even for small N , Theorem 3.1 does not give simple conditions on the coefficients c_k for which the scaling function belongs to L^p . However, p can be approximated in the following way.

Let f be a non-trivial compactly supported L^p -solution of (2). Define

$$f^x(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x, y) dx, \quad f^y(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x, y) dy.$$

These are solutions of the one-dimensional equations

$$(18) \quad f^x(y) = \sum_{j=0}^N c_j^x f^x(2y - j) \quad \text{where} \quad c_j^x = \sum_{i=0}^N c_{(i,j)},$$

$$(19) \quad f^y(x) = \sum_{i=0}^N c_i^y f^y(2x - i) \quad \text{where} \quad c_i^y = \sum_{j=0}^N c_{(i,j)}.$$

By applying Theorem 2.6 of [9] to (18), (19) one can estimate the greatest values p_x, p_y of q for which f^x, f^y belong to L^q . Let p be the greatest value of q such that the solution f of (2) belongs to L^q . Then $p \leq \min(p^x, p^y)$.

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