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REGULARITY OF THE MULTIDIMENSIONAL SCALING  
FUNCTIONS: ESTIMATION OF THE  
 $L^p$ -SOBOLEV EXPONENT

*Abstract.* The relationship between the spectral properties of the transfer operator corresponding to a wavelet refinement equation and the  $L^p$ -Sobolev regularity of solution for the equation is established.

**1. Introduction.** Let us consider the  $d$ -dimensional refinement equation

$$(1) \quad f(x) = 2^d \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} c_k f(2x - k),$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , and

$$(2) \quad \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} c_k = 1.$$

Any solution  $\varphi$  of (1) is called a *scaling function* or *refinable function*.

One of the fundamental problems for the scaling function is to estimate its regularity. For the one-dimensional case with a finite number of nonzero coefficients  $c_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the estimations of Hölder exponent were derived in [13], [4, 5], [14], and the Sobolev and  $L^p$  regularity was studied in [7], [16], [2], [8], [10], [12], [9]. But only [10] and [2] concern the case with an infinite number of nonzero coefficients in (1).

For  $d = 2$  the  $L^p$  regularity for compactly supported scaling functions was studied in [11]. In this article we adopt the methods of [2] for deriving the estimation for the coefficient of  $L^p$ -Sobolev regularity in the case  $d = 2$ . We establish a connection between the  $L^p$ -Sobolev exponent  $s_p$  and the spectral radius of the so called transfer operator corresponding to the equation (1).

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Beginning from Lemma 2.7, for clarity, we confine ourselves to the case  $d = 2$ .

**2. The transfer operator.** The following notations are used:  $\Lambda = \{(j_1, \dots, j_d) : j_k \in \{0, 1\}, k = 1, \dots, d\}$ . For any function  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  we consider the Fourier transform

$$\widehat{f}(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x)e^{i\langle x, \xi \rangle} dx$$

and for any function from  $L^2([-\pi, \pi]^d)$  we consider the  $n$ th Fourier coefficient

$$f_n = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{[-\pi, \pi]^d} f(x)e^{i\langle n, x \rangle} dx, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}^d.$$

The  $L^p$ -Sobolev exponent  $s_p$  is defined by

$$s_p = \sup \left\{ s : \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\widehat{f}(x)|^p (1 + \|x\|^p)^s dx < \infty \right\}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  denote the set of all continuous functions  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $2\pi$ -periodic with respect to each variable. Let  $\omega \in \mathcal{P}$ . Then the transfer operator  $\mathcal{L}_\omega : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$  associated with  $\omega$  is defined by

$$(3) \quad (\mathcal{L}_\omega f)(x) = \sum_{e \in \Lambda} \omega(2^{-1}x + \pi e) f(2^{-1}x + \pi e).$$

It is called the Perron–Frobenius operator.

The following lemmas concerning  $\mathcal{L}_\omega$  will be important in our further considerations:

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{[-\pi, \pi]^d} f(x)(\mathcal{L}_\omega^k g)(x) dx &= \int_{[-2^k\pi, 2^k\pi]^d} f(x) \left[ \prod_{n=1}^k \omega(2^{-n}x) \right] g(2^{-k}x) dx \\ &= 2^{dk} \int_{[-\pi, \pi]^d} f(2^k x) \left[ \prod_{n=0}^{k-1} \omega(2^n x) \right] g(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

The proof is a straightforward generalization of the one-dimensional case (see [2]).

LEMMA 2.2. *Let  $f \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$(4) \quad (\mathcal{L}_\omega^n f)(x) = \sum_{m \in I_n} \left[ \prod_{j=1}^n \omega(2^{-j}(x + 2\pi m)) \right] f(2^{-n}(x + 2\pi m)),$$

where  $I_n = \{m \in \mathbb{Z}^d : m_i \in \{-2^{n-1} + 1, \dots, 2^{n-1}\}, i = 1, \dots, d\}$ .

Proof (by induction). The first step is obvious. Suppose that (4) holds for any  $k \leq n$  and let

$$I_n = \{m \in \mathbb{Z}^d : m_i \in \{-2^{n-1} + 1, \dots, 2^{n-1}\}, i = 1, \dots, d\}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (5) \quad & (\mathcal{L}_\omega^{n+1} f)(x) \\ &= \sum_{e \in \Lambda} \omega(2^{-1}x + \pi e) (\mathcal{L}_\omega^n f)(2^{-1}x + \pi e) \\ &= \sum_{e \in \Lambda} \omega(2^{-1}(x + 2\pi e)) \sum_{m \in I_n} \left[ \prod_{j=2}^{n+1} \omega(2^{-j}(x + 2\pi(e + 2m))) \right] \\ &\quad \times f(2^{-(n+1)}(x + 2\pi(e + 2m))) \\ &= \sum_{e \in \Lambda} \sum_{m \in I_n} \omega(2^{-1}(x + 2\pi(e + 2m))) \left[ \prod_{j=2}^{n+1} \omega(2^{-j}(x + 2\pi(e + 2m))) \right] \\ &\quad \times f(2^{-(n+1)}(x + 2\pi(e + 2m))) \\ &= \sum_{m \in I'_{n+1}} \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{n+1} \omega(2^{-j}(x + 2\pi m)) \right] f(2^{-(n+1)}(x + 2\pi m)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(6) \quad I'_{n+1} = \{m \in \mathbb{Z}^d : m_i \in \{-2^n + 2, \dots, 2^n + 1\}, i = 1, \dots, d\}.$$

Now consider the set

$$I = \{m \in I'_{n+1} : \text{there exists } i \in \{1, \dots, d\} \text{ such that } m_i = 2^n + 1\}.$$

Then for each  $m \in I$  such that

$$m = (m_1, \dots, m_{i-1}, 2^n + 1, m_{i+1}, \dots, m_d),$$

by periodicity we have

$$\omega(2^{-j}(x + 2\pi m)) = \omega(2^{-j}(x + 2\pi(m_1, \dots, m_{i-1}, -2^n + 1, m_{i+1}, \dots, m_d))),$$

and similarly

$$\begin{aligned} & f(2^{-(n+1)}(x + 2\pi m)) \\ &= f(2^{-(n+1)}(x + 2\pi(m_1, \dots, m_{i-1}, -2^n + 1, m_{i+1}, \dots, m_d))). \end{aligned}$$

Hence from (5), (6) we obtain our inductive claim.

REMARK 2.1. For any function  $f \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ ,

$$(\mathcal{L}_\omega f)_n = 2^d \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \omega_{2n-k} f_k.$$

For  $\mathbb{R} \ni \alpha > 0$  the function space

$$E_\alpha = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{P} : f(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} f_n e^{-i\langle n, x \rangle}, \|f\|_\alpha^2 = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |f_n|^2 e^{2\|n\|\alpha} < \infty \right\},$$

is a Hilbert space of analytic functions (see Theorem A.4) with the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle_\alpha = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} f_n \bar{g}_n e^{2\alpha\|n\|}.$$

For each function  $f$  from  $E_\alpha$  we estimate

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)| &\leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |f_n| = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} e^{-\|n\|\alpha} |f_n| e^{\|n\|\alpha} \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} e^{-2\|n\|\alpha} \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |f_n|^2 e^{2\|n\|\alpha} \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have proved:

REMARK 2.2. We have  $\|f\|_{L^\infty} \leq C_\alpha \|f\|_\alpha$  for  $f \in E_\alpha$ , where  $C_\alpha = (\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} e^{-2\alpha\|n\|})^{1/2}$  is a universal constant.

REMARK 2.3. Let  $e_{n,\alpha}(x) = e^{-i\langle n, x \rangle} e^{-\alpha\|n\|}$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ . Then  $\{e_{n,\alpha}\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $E_\alpha$ .

LEMMA 2.3. Let  $\omega \in \mathcal{P}$  and suppose that  $\alpha \in (\gamma, 2\gamma)$  and  $|\omega_n| \leq C e^{-\gamma\|n\|}$  for some  $C, \gamma > 0$ . Then:

- (i)  $\mathcal{L}_\omega$  maps  $E_\alpha$  to  $E_\alpha$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{L}_\omega$  is compact.
- (iii)  $\mathcal{L}_\omega$  is a trace-class operator.

PROOF. (i)  $\|\mathcal{L}_\omega f\|_\alpha^2$  can be estimated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{L}_\omega f\|_\alpha^2 &= 2^{2d} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \omega_{2n-k} f_k \right|^2 e^{2\|n\|\alpha} \\ &\leq 2^{2d} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |\omega_{2n-k} e^{-\|k\|\alpha} f_k e^{\|k\|\alpha}|^2 e^{2\|n\|\alpha} \\ &\leq 2^{2d} \|f\|_\alpha^2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left[ \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |\omega_{2n-k}|^2 e^{-2\|k\|\alpha} \right] e^{2\|n\|\alpha} \\ &\leq 2^{2d} \|f\|_\alpha^2 C^2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} e^{-2\|k\|\alpha} e^{2\|n\|\alpha} e^{2\gamma\|2n-k\|\alpha} \\ &\leq 2^{2d} \|f\|_\alpha^2 C^2 \left[ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} e^{-2\|n\|(2\gamma-\alpha)} \right] \left[ \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} e^{-2\|k\|(\alpha-\gamma)} \right] < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) We must prove that  $\mathcal{L}_\omega(K)$  is relatively compact, where  $K = \{f \in E_\alpha : \|f\|_\alpha \leq 1\}$ . One can immediately see that  $\mathcal{L}_\omega(K)$  is a bounded subset in  $E_\alpha$ .

Now let  $(\varepsilon_k)_{k=1}^\infty$  be a basis of  $E_\alpha$  such that:

(a) for each  $n$  from  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  there exists exactly one  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $e_{n,\alpha} = \varepsilon_k$ ,

(b) for each  $k$  from  $\mathbb{N}$  there exists exactly one  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  such that  $e_{n,\alpha} = \varepsilon_k$ ,

(c) for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $e_{n,\alpha} = \varepsilon_k$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^d |n_i| \leq k$ ,

(d) for each  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  and  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $e_{n,\alpha} = \varepsilon_k$ ,  $e_{m,\alpha} = \varepsilon_l$  the following condition holds: if  $\sum_{i=1}^d |n_i| = \sum_{i=1}^d |m_i|$  then  $k \leq l$ ; if  $\sum_{i=1}^d |n_i| < \sum_{i=1}^d |m_i|$  then  $k < l$ .

Let  $R_k : E_\alpha \rightarrow \text{span}\{\varepsilon_{k+1}, \dots\}$  and  $f \in K$ . Consider  $n^0 \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ ,  $k_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $e_{n^0,\alpha} = \varepsilon_{k_1}$  and  $k_1 = \sum_{i=1}^d |n_i^0|$  and set  $I(k_1) = \{m \in \mathbb{Z}^d : \sum_{i=1}^d |m_i| = k_1 \text{ and for all } l \in \mathbb{N} \text{ if } \varepsilon_l = e_{m,\alpha} \text{ then } l < k_1 + 1\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (7) \quad & \|R_k(\mathcal{L}_\omega f)\|_\alpha \\
 & \leq \left\| \sum_{\|n\| \geq k_1} (\mathcal{L}_\omega f)_n e^{-i\langle n, \cdot \rangle} \right\|_\alpha + \left\| \sum_{n \in I(k_1)} (\mathcal{L}_\omega f)_n e^{-i\langle n, \cdot \rangle} \right\|_\alpha \\
 & = \left( \sum_{\|n\| \geq k_1} |(\mathcal{L}_\omega f)_n|^2 e^{2\|n\|\alpha} \right)^{1/2} + \left( \sum_{n \in I(k_1)} |(\mathcal{L}_\omega f)_n|^2 e^{2\|n\|\alpha} \right)^{1/2} \\
 & \leq \bar{C} \|f\|_\alpha \left( \left( \sum_{\|n\| \geq k_1} e^{-2\|n\|(2\gamma-\alpha)} \right)^{1/2} + \left( \sum_{n \in I(k_1)} e^{-2\|n\|(2\gamma-\alpha)} \right)^{1/2} \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality is obtained as in the proof of (i).

From (7) we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sup_{f \in K} \|R_k(\mathcal{L}_\omega f)\|_\alpha \\
 & \leq \bar{C} \left( \left( \sum_{\|n\| \geq k_1} e^{-2\|n\|(2\gamma-\alpha)} \right)^{1/2} + \left( \sum_{n \in I(k_1)} e^{-2\|n\|(2\gamma-\alpha)} \right)^{1/2} \right) \rightarrow 0
 \end{aligned}$$

as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence applying Theorem A.1 we get the assertion.

(iii) Let us estimate the expression  $|\langle \mathcal{L}_\omega e_{n,\alpha}, e_{n,\alpha} \rangle_\alpha|$ . After some calculations we see that

$$|\langle \mathcal{L}_\omega e_{k,\alpha}, e_{n,\alpha} \rangle_\alpha| \leq 2^d C e^{-(\alpha-\gamma)\|k\|} e^{-(2\gamma-\alpha)\|k\|}.$$

Then

$$\sum_{n, k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |\langle \mathcal{L}_\omega e_{k,\alpha}, e_{n,\alpha} \rangle_\alpha| < \infty.$$

For any orthonormal basis  $(\varphi_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$  of  $E_\alpha$  we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |\langle \mathcal{L}_\omega \varphi_i, \varphi_i \rangle_\alpha| &\leq \sum_{k, l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |\langle \mathcal{L}_\omega e_{k, \alpha}, e_{l, \alpha} \rangle_\alpha| \left[ \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |\langle \varphi_i, e_{k, \alpha} \rangle_\alpha| |\langle e_{l, \alpha}, \varphi_i \rangle_\alpha| \right] \\ &\leq \sum_{k, l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |\langle \mathcal{L}_\omega e_{k, \alpha}, e_{l, \alpha} \rangle_\alpha|, \end{aligned}$$

which yields that  $\mathcal{L}_\omega$  is a trace-class operator in  $E_\alpha$  because of the following theorem:

**THEOREM** (see [15, p. 219]). *Let  $H$  be a separable complex Hilbert space and  $T \in L(H)$  a bounded operator. Suppose that for any orthonormal base  $\{\varphi_i\}_{i \geq 1}$  the series  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle T\varphi_i, \varphi_i \rangle$  is absolutely convergent. Then  $T$  is a trace-class operator.*

This concludes the proof of Lemma 2.3.

The fact that  $\mathcal{L}_\omega$  is a trace-class operator allows us to control the error of the spectral radius of  $\mathcal{L}_\omega$  in  $E_\alpha$  in numerical calculations (see [2]).

**LEMMA 2.4.** *Let  $\omega \in \mathcal{P}$  and suppose that there exist  $C, \gamma > 0$  such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ ,  $|\omega_n| \leq Ce^{-\gamma\|n\|}$ . Then there exist  $\gamma_\varepsilon \in (0, \gamma)$  and  $C_2 > 0$  such that for the Fourier coefficients  $(|\omega|^2)_n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  we have*

$$(|\omega|^2)_n \leq C_2 e^{-\gamma_\varepsilon \|n\|}.$$

**Proof.** One can see that

$$(|\omega|^2)(x) = \sum_{n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \omega_n \bar{\omega}_m e^{-i\langle n-m, x \rangle},$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} (|\omega|^2)_k &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \sum_{n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \omega_n \bar{\omega}_m \int_{[-\pi, \pi]^d} e^{-i\langle n-m+k, x \rangle} dx \\ &= \sum_{n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^d, m-n=k} \omega_n \bar{\omega}_m = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \omega_n \bar{\omega}_{n+k}. \end{aligned}$$

Then for any  $\varepsilon, \gamma_1$  such that  $0 < 2\varepsilon < \gamma$  and  $\gamma_1 = \gamma - \varepsilon$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |(|\omega|^2)_k| &\leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |\omega_n| |\bar{\omega}_{n+k}| \leq C^2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} e^{-\gamma\|n\|} e^{-\gamma\|n+k\|} \\ &= C^2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} e^{-\gamma_1(\|n\| + \|n+k\|)} e^{-\varepsilon(\|n\| + \|n+k\|)} \\ &\leq C^2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} e^{-\gamma_1\|k\|} e^{-\varepsilon(2\|n\| - \|k\|)} \leq C_2 e^{-(\gamma-2\varepsilon)\|k\|}, \end{aligned}$$

where we used the inequalities  $\|k\| \leq \|n\| + \|n+k\|$ ,  $\|n\| - \|k\| \leq \|n+k\|$ .

Iterating Lemma 2.4  $l$  times we obtain:

LEMMA 2.5. *Let  $\omega \in \mathcal{P}$  and suppose that  $|\omega_n| \leq Ce^{-\gamma\|n\|}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  and some  $C, \gamma > 0$ . Then for any  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  there exist  $C_{2l} > 0$  and  $\gamma' \in (0, \gamma)$  such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  the Fourier coefficients  $(|\omega|^{2l})_n$  satisfy the estimate*

$$(|\omega|^{2l})_n \leq C_{2l}e^{-\gamma'\|n\|}.$$

LEMMA 2.6. *Let  $\omega$  satisfy the assumptions of Lemma 2.5 and  $\omega \neq 0$  on  $[0, 2\pi]^d$ . Then for any  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  there exist  $\gamma_1$  in  $(0, \gamma)$  and  $C_p > 0$  such that the Fourier coefficients of  $|\omega|^p$  satisfy the estimate*

$$(|\omega|^p)_n \leq C_p e^{-\gamma_1\|n\|}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}^d.$$

Proof.  $|\omega|^2$  is an analytic function. We can extend  $|\omega|^2$  to a function of a complex variable for  $|\operatorname{Im} z| < \gamma$ . Then there exists  $\gamma_1 \in (0, \gamma)$  such that  $|\omega|^2 \neq 0$  on  $R_{\gamma_1} = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^d : e^{-\gamma_1} \leq |z_k| \leq e^{\gamma_1} \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, d\}$  and we can define on  $R_{\gamma_1}$  an analytic function

$$|\omega|^p = \exp\left(\frac{p}{2} \log |\omega|^2\right).$$

From the analyticity of  $|\omega|^p$  and the form of  $R_{\gamma_1}$  we get the assertion.

To proceed with our considerations we recall the Cohen condition (see [3]).

A set  $K$  is called *congruent* to  $[-\pi, \pi]^d$  (modulo  $2\pi\mathbb{Z}^d$ ) if  $|K| = (2\pi)^d$  and for all  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]^d$  there exists  $x' \in K$  such that  $x - x' \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}^d$ . We say that a function  $\omega$  satisfies the *Cohen condition* if there exists a compact set  $K$  congruent to  $[-\pi, \pi]^d$  (modulo  $2\pi\mathbb{Z}^d$ ) such that it contains a neighbourhood of 0 and

$$\inf_{j \geq 1, x \in K} |\omega(2^{-j}x)| > 0.$$

We finish our preparatory considerations. From now on we assume  $d = 2$ .

LEMMA 2.7. *Let  $\omega \in \mathcal{P}$  be real-valued and satisfy the following conditions:*

- (i) *there exist  $C > 0, \gamma > 0$  such that for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^2, |\omega_n| \leq Ce^{-\gamma\|n\|}$ ,*
- (ii)  *$\omega \geq 0, \omega(0) = 1$ ,*
- (iii)  *$\omega$  satisfies the Cohen condition,*
- (iv)  *$\omega(s, r) > 0$  when  $r \in [0, 2\pi], s = 0$  or  $s = \pi$ , and  $\omega(2^{-n}\pi, r) > 0$  for  $r \in [0, \pi/2]$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

*If  $f \in E_\alpha \setminus \{0\}$  ( $\alpha \in (\gamma, 2\gamma)$ ) is a real-valued function such that  $f \geq 0$ , then for each  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]^2$  there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(\mathcal{L}_\omega^n f)(x) > 0$ .*

Proof. Assume, on the contrary, that there exist a function  $0 \leq f \in E_\alpha$  and  $x^0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $(\mathcal{L}_\omega^n f)(x^0) = 0$  for any  $n \geq 1$ . We can assume that  $x^0 = 0$ , because if  $x^0 \neq 0$  then by Lemma 2.2 for any  $p \geq 0$  we can write

$$(8) \quad 0 = (\mathcal{L}_\omega^{n+p} f)(x^0) \\ = \sum_{m \in I_n} \left[ \prod_{j=1}^n \omega(2^{-j}(x^0 + 2m\pi)) \right] (\mathcal{L}_\omega^p f)(2^{-n}(x^0 + 2m\pi)),$$

where  $I_n = \{(m_1, m_2) : m_j \in [-2^{n-1} + 1, 2^{n-1}] \cap \mathbb{Z}, j = 1, 2\}$ .

By the Cohen condition there exist  $c > 0$  and a set  $K$  congruent to  $[-\pi, \pi]^2$  such that  $\omega(2^{-j}x) \geq c\chi_K(x)$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2, j \geq 1$ . By (8),

$$(9) \quad 0 = (\mathcal{L}_\omega^{n+p} f)(x^0) \geq c^n \sum_{m \in I_n} \chi_K(x^0 + 2m\pi) (\mathcal{L}_\omega^p f)(2^{-n}(x^0 + 2m\pi)).$$

There exist  $m^0 \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  and  $\bar{x} \in K$  such that  $x^0 + 2\pi m^0 = \bar{x}$ . Now if  $2^{n-1} > |m_i^0|, i = 1, 2$ , then by (9),

$$0 = (\mathcal{L}_\omega^{n+p} f)(x^0) \geq c^n (\mathcal{L}_\omega^p f)(2^{-n}\bar{x}).$$

Hence by analyticity  $\mathcal{L}_\omega^p f$  vanishes on the line  $\{y = t\bar{x}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2, p \geq 0$ .

The next steps of the proof are as follows. First we show that

$$(10) \quad (\mathcal{L}_\omega^p f)\left(\pi, \frac{l}{2^j}\pi\right) = 0$$

for any  $p \geq 0$  and  $l \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^j\}, j \geq 1$ . Then we deduce that

$$(11) \quad f\left(r\left(\pi, \frac{l}{2^j}\pi\right)\right) = 0$$

for each  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ . Hence we conclude that  $f \equiv 0$  by analyticity.

To prove (10) let us take into account (8). For  $x^0 = 0$  and  $n \geq j - 1$  we derive

$$(12) \quad 0 = (\mathcal{L}_\omega^{n+p} f)(0) \geq \left[ \prod_{k=1}^n \omega(2^{-k}2m\pi) \right] (\mathcal{L}_\omega^p f)\left(\pi, \frac{l}{2^j}\pi\right) \geq 0,$$

where  $m = (2^{n-1}, 2^{n-j-1}l), l \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^j\}$ . If  $k \in \{1, \dots, n - 1\}$  then

$$\omega(2^{-k}2\pi(2^{n-1}, 2^{n-j-1}l)) = \omega(2\pi, 2^{n-k-j}l\pi) = \omega(0, 2^{n-k-j}l\pi) > 0,$$

and for  $k = n$ ,

$$\omega(2^{-k}2\pi(2^{n-1}, 2^{n-j-1}l)) = \omega\left(\pi, \frac{l}{2^j}\pi\right) > 0.$$

Hence by (12) we obtain (10).

To prove (11) it is necessary to show that the function  $f$  vanishes on the line  $r\left(\pi, \frac{l}{2^j}\pi\right), r \in \mathbb{R}$ , or equivalently that it vanishes at infinitely many points having a point of accumulation. Once more rewrite (8) for  $p = 0$  and



$x = (\pi, \frac{l}{2^j}\pi)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (\mathcal{L}_\omega^n f)\left(\pi, \frac{l}{2^j}\pi\right) \\ &= \sum_{m \in I_n} \left[ \prod_{p=1}^n \omega\left(2^{-p}\left(\left(\pi, \frac{l}{2^j}\pi\right) + 2m\pi\right)\right) \right] \\ &\quad \times f\left(2^{-n}\left(\left(\pi, \frac{l}{2^j}\pi\right) + 2m\pi\right)\right). \end{aligned}$$

Then inserting  $m = 0$  we observe that

$$(13) \quad 0 = (\mathcal{L}_\omega^n f)\left(\pi, \frac{l}{2^j}\pi\right) \geq \prod_{p=1}^n \omega\left(2^{-p}\left(\pi, \frac{l}{2^j}\pi\right)\right) f\left(2^{-n}\left(\pi, \frac{l}{2^j}\pi\right)\right) \geq 0,$$

where the last inequality follows from (iv). Then by (13),

$$f\left(2^{-n}\left(\pi, \frac{l}{2^j}\pi\right)\right) = 0$$

for any  $n$  and hence we obtain (11). The set  $\{\frac{l}{2^j}\pi : j \geq 1, l = 0, 1, \dots, 2^j\}$  is dense in  $[0, \pi]$  hence  $f$  vanishes on the triangle with vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(\pi, 0)$ ,  $(\pi, \pi)$ . So  $f \equiv 0$  and we obtain a contradiction.

From the proof it is clear that (iv) can be replaced by another condition given in the following:

REMARK 2.4.  $\omega(s, r) > 0$  whenever  $s \in [0, 2\pi]$ ,  $r = 0$  or  $r = \pi$ , and  $\omega(r, 2^{-n}\pi) > 0$  for  $r \in [0, \pi/2]$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let us remark that the second part of (iv) (i.e.  $\omega(2^{-n}\pi, r) > 0$  for  $r \in [0, \pi/2]$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) concerns only a finite number of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \in \{1, \dots, k_0\}$ , where  $k_0 \geq 1$  is such that the square  $[0, 2^{-k_0}\pi]^2 \subseteq 2^{-1}K$ ,  $K$  being the compact set from the Cohen condition. We recall that for  $x \in 2^{-1}K$ ,  $w(x) > 0$ .

It seems that the assumption (iv) in Lemma 2.7 is excessively strong, and it is an open problem how to relax it.

In the case  $d = 1$  assumptions (i)–(iii) suffice for proving the assertion of Lemma 2.7 (see [2]).

**3. Regularity of the refinable function.** An operator  $T \in L(X)$ , where  $X$  is a Banach space, is called *positive* with respect to the cone  $K \subset X$  if  $T(K) \subset K$ . If  $\text{Int } K \neq \emptyset$  we say that  $T$  is *strictly positive* when  $T(K \setminus \{0\}) \subseteq \text{Int } K$ . We use  $r(T)$  for the spectral radius of  $T$  and  $B(x, r)$  for the ball with center at  $x$  and radius  $r$ .

Define

$$E_{\alpha, \mathbb{R}} = \{f \in E_\alpha : f(x) \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^d\}.$$

Then

$$E_\alpha = E_{\alpha, \mathbb{R}} + iE_{\alpha, \mathbb{R}}.$$

For  $E_{\alpha, \mathbb{R}}$  and  $E_\alpha$  the sets

$$E_{\alpha, \mathbb{R}}^+ = \{f \in E_{\alpha, \mathbb{R}} : f \geq 0\} \quad \text{and} \quad E_\alpha^+ = E_{\alpha, \mathbb{R}}^+ + iE_{\alpha, \mathbb{R}}^+$$

are cones.

LEMMA 3.1. *Let  $f \in E_{\alpha, \mathbb{R}}$ . Suppose that  $f > 0$ . Then*

(i)  $B(f, a_f/(2C_\alpha)) \subset E_{\alpha, \mathbb{R}}^+$ , where  $\min\{f(x) : x \in [-\pi, \pi]^d\} > a_f > 0$  and  $C_\alpha$  is as in Remark 2.2.

(ii) For each  $g \in E_{\alpha, \mathbb{R}}$  we have  $g > 0$  whenever  $g \in B(f, a_f/(2C_\alpha))$ .

PROOF. Let  $a_f > 0$  be such that  $f > a_f$  and assume  $g \in B(f, a_f/(2C_\alpha))$ . Then

$$g(x) \geq f(x) - |f(x) - g(x)| \geq a_f - \|f - g\|_{L^\infty} \geq a_f - C_\alpha \|f - g\|_\alpha > 0.$$

As a direct consequence of this lemma we get the following

REMARK 3.1.  $E_{\alpha, \mathbb{R}}^+$  and  $E_\alpha^+$  are cones with nonempty interior.

Let  $f$  be an integrable and normalized solution of the equation (1), i.e.  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = 1$ . Applying the Fourier transform to (1) one obtains

$$(14) \quad \widehat{f}(x) = m(2^{-1}x)\widehat{f}(2^{-1}x),$$

where  $m(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^2} c_n e^{i\langle n, x \rangle}$ .

From now on we assume that the function  $m$  can be factored as

$$(15) \quad m(x) = \left(\frac{1 + e^{ix_1}}{2}\right)^N \left(\frac{1 + e^{ix_2}}{2}\right)^M q(x),$$

where  $N, M \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $q$  is a  $2\pi\mathbb{Z}^2$ -periodic function such that the Fourier coefficients  $q_n$  satisfy the estimate

$$(16) \quad |q_n| \leq C e^{-\gamma \|n\|}$$

for some  $C, \gamma > 0$ .

We can rewrite (15) as

$$m(x) = q(x) \sum_{k \in I} 2^{-(N+M)} \binom{N}{k_1} \binom{M}{k_2} e^{i\langle k, x \rangle},$$

where  $I = \{k \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : k_1 = 0, 1, \dots, N, k_2 = 0, 1, \dots, M\}$ . Then the Fourier coefficients of  $m$  can be estimated as follows:

$$c_n = m_n = \sum_{k \in I} 2^{-(N+M)} \binom{N}{k_1} \binom{M}{k_2} q_{n+k},$$

and applying (16) we obtain

$$|m_n| \leq 2^{-(N+M)} C e^{-\gamma\|n\|} \sum_{k \in I} \binom{N}{k_1} \binom{M}{k_2} e^{\gamma\|k\|},$$

hence

$$(17) \quad |m_n| \leq \bar{C} e^{-\gamma\|n\|} \quad \text{for any } n \in \mathbb{Z}^2.$$

One sees that  $\prod_{j=1}^\infty m(2^{-j}x)$  and  $\prod_{j=1}^\infty q(2^{-j}x)$  are uniformly convergent on each compact subset  $K$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , since using (2) and (17) it follows that

$$(18) \quad |q(x)| = |m(x)| \leq 1 + |m(x) - 1| = 1 + \left| \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^2} c_n e^{i\langle n, x \rangle} - \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^2} c_n \right| \\ \leq 1 + 2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^2} |c_n| \left| \sin \frac{1}{2} \langle n, x \rangle \right| \leq 1 + 2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \bar{C} e^{-2\gamma\|n\|} \left| \frac{1}{2} \langle n, x \rangle \right| \\ \leq 1 + \bar{C} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^2} e^{-2\gamma\|n\|} \|n\| \cdot \|x\| \leq 1 + C_1 \|x\|.$$

LEMMA 3.2. Assume that  $m, q$  satisfy (15), (16) and one of the following conditions:

1.  $p > 0$  and  $q \neq 0$  on  $[-\pi, \pi]^2$ ,
2.  $p \in 2\mathbb{N}$ ,  $m$  satisfy the Cohen condition and  $|q|$  satisfies the condition (iv) of Lemma 2.7.

Let  $\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}$  be the transfer operator associated with the function  $|q|^p$  and  $r_p$  be the spectral radius of this operator on  $E_\alpha$  for any  $\alpha \in (\gamma, 2\gamma)$ . Then:

- (i)  $r_p$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}$ ,
- (ii) the eigenfunction corresponding to  $r_p$  is strictly positive (i.e. is in  $E_\alpha^+$ ),
- (iii)  $r_p > 1$ .

Proof. For  $\lambda > \|\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}\|$  consider the operator

$$(19) \quad T = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \lambda^{-k} \mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}^k \quad \text{acting on } E_\alpha.$$

$T$  is compact and by Lemma 2.7 it is strongly positive. Then by Theorem A.3 its spectral radius  $r(T) > 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$ . Moreover, the corresponding eigenfunction  $F$  is in  $\text{Int } E_\alpha^+$ . Recall that for  $\lambda > \|\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}\|$  the resolvent  $R(\lambda, \mathcal{L}_{|q|^p})$  equals  $\sum_{k=0}^\infty \lambda^{-(k+1)} \mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}^k$ . So we can write

$$(20) \quad I + T = \lambda R(\lambda, \mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}).$$

Because also  $F$  is an eigenfunction of  $I + T$  corresponding to the eigenvalue  $1 + r(T)$ , from (20) we derive

$$\lambda R(\lambda, \mathcal{L}_{|q|^p})F = (1 + r(T))F.$$

This immediately gives  $\lambda F = (1+r(T))(\lambda I - \mathcal{L}_{|q|^p})F$  and therefore  $\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}F = \kappa F$ ,  $\kappa \equiv \frac{\lambda}{1+r(T)}r(T) > 0$ . So  $r_p \geq \kappa > 0$  where  $r_p$  is the spectral radius of  $\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}$ . Now the Krein–Rutman Theorem (see Theorem A.2) applied to  $\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}$  shows that  $r_p$  is an eigenvalue of  $\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}$  and the corresponding eigenfunction  $G$  is in  $E_\alpha^+$ . By (19),  $G$  is also an eigenfunction for  $T$  and

$$TG = \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{r_p}{\lambda} \right)^k \right) G \in \text{Int } E_\alpha^+.$$

Hence we obtain (i), (ii).

Now write

$$r_p F(0) = (\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p} F)(0) = F(0) + \sum_{e \in \Lambda'} |q(\pi e)|^p F(\pi e), \quad \Lambda' = \Lambda \setminus \{(0, 0)\}.$$

The assumption imposed on  $q$  guarantees that  $|q(0, \pi)| > 0$ . Hence the sum on the right hand side of the latter formula is positive. Thus  $r_p > 1$  and the proof is finished.

Let

$$E'_\alpha = \{g : g(x) = |\sin(2^{-1}x_1)|^{Np} |\sin(2^{-1}x_2)|^{Mp} f(x) \text{ and } f \in E_\alpha\},$$

and for any  $g \in E'_\alpha$  the norm of  $g$  is identified with the norm of the corresponding  $f$  in  $E_\alpha$ .

LEMMA 3.3. *Let  $\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{L}'_{|m|^p}$ ) be the transfer operator associated with  $|q|^p$  (resp.  $|m|^p$ ). For any  $\alpha \in (\gamma, 2\gamma)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}'_{|m|^p}$  is a trace-class operator on the space  $E'_\alpha$ . Moreover, if  $f$  is a continuous eigenfunction of  $\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda$  then  $g(x) = |\sin(2^{-1}x_1)|^{Np} |\sin(2^{-1}x_2)|^{Mp} f(x)$  is a continuous eigenfunction of  $\mathcal{L}'_{|m|^p}$  with eigenvalue  $2^{-(N+M)p}\lambda$ .*

Proof. As in the one-dimensional case (see [2]), it is enough to show

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{L}'_{|m|^p} g)(2x) &= \sum_{e \in \Lambda} |m(x + \pi e)|^p g(x + \pi e) \\ &= \left| \sin\left(\frac{x_1}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x_1}{2}\right) \right|^{Np} \left| \sin\left(\frac{x_2}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x_2}{2}\right) \right|^{Mp} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{e \in \Lambda} |q(x + \pi e)|^p f(x + \pi e) \\ &= 2^{-(N+M)p} |\sin x_1|^{Np} |\sin x_2|^{Mp} (\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p} f)(2x). \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 1. *Assume that  $m, q$  satisfy (15), (16) and one of the conditions of Lemma 3.2. Let  $\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}$  be the transfer operator associated with the function  $|q|^p$  and  $r_p$  be the spectral radius of this operator on  $E_\alpha$  for any*

$\alpha \in (\gamma, 2\gamma)$ . Then the  $L^p$ -Sobolev exponent of the scaling function  $f$  satisfies

$$(21) \quad s_p = N + M - \frac{1}{p} \log_2 r_p.$$

Proof. Applying (14) and (15) we see that

$$(22) \quad |\widehat{f}(x)| = \left[ \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} |\cos^N(2^{-k-1}x_1)| \right] \left[ \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} |\cos^M(2^{-k-1}x_2)| \right] \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} |q(2^{-k}x)| \\ = \left| \frac{2 \sin(2^{-1}x_1)}{x_1} \right|^N \left| \frac{2 \sin(2^{-1}x_2)}{x_2} \right|^M \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} |q(2^{-k}x)|.$$

For all  $x \in [-2^n\pi, 2^n\pi]^2$  we obtain

$$(23) \quad \left| \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} q(2^{-k}x) \right|^p \leq C_p \prod_{k=1}^n |q(2^{-k}x)|^p,$$

where  $C_p = \sup\{|\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} q(2^{-k}x)|^p : x \in [-\pi, \pi]^2\}$  and  $C_p$  is finite by (18). Using (23) we obtain

$$(24) \quad \int_{[-2^n\pi, 2^n\pi]^2} \left| \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} q(2^{-k}x) \right|^p dx \\ \leq C_p \int_{[-2^n\pi, 2^n\pi]^2} \prod_{k=1}^n |q(2^{-k}x)|^p dx \\ \leq C_p \int_{[-\pi, \pi]^2} (\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p})^n 1(x) dx \quad \text{by Lemma 2.1} \\ \leq (2\pi)^2 C_p \langle (\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p})^n 1, 1 \rangle_{\alpha} \leq (2\pi)^2 C_p \|\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}^n\|.$$

For each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $n \geq n_0(\varepsilon) \geq 1$  we have

$$\| \|\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}^n\|^{1/n} - r_p \| < \varepsilon.$$

Hence applying (24) we see that

$$(25) \quad \int_{[-2^n\pi, 2^n\pi]^2} \left| \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} q(2^{-k}x) \right|^p dx \\ \leq \begin{cases} (2\pi)^2 C_p (r_p + \varepsilon)^n & \text{for } n \geq n_0(\varepsilon) \geq 1, \\ (2\pi)^2 C_p \|\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}\|^n & \text{for } 1 \leq n < n_0(\varepsilon). \end{cases}$$

Consider the family of sets  $A_0 = [-\pi, \pi]^2$ ,  $A_j = [-2^j\pi, 2^j\pi]^2 \setminus [-2^{j-1}\pi, 2^{j-1}\pi]^2$  for  $j \geq 1$ . Then using (22) and (25) we estimate

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\widehat{f}(x)|^p (1 + \|x\|^p)^s dx \\ = \int_{[-\pi, \pi]^2} |\widehat{f}(x)|^p (1 + \|x\|^p)^s dx + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{x \in A_j} |\widehat{f}(x)|^p (1 + \|x\|^p)^s dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C_1 + C \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{jp(s-N-M)} C_p \int_{x \in A_j} \prod_{k=1}^j |q(2^{-k}x)|^p dx \quad \text{by (22), (23)} \\ &\leq C_1 + C_2 \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_0-1} 2^{jp(s-N-M)} \|\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}\|^j + \sum_{j=n_0}^{\infty} 2^{jp(s-N-M)} (r_p + \varepsilon)^j \right) \\ &\leq C_3 + C_2 \sum_{j=n_0}^{\infty} 2^{j(p(s-N-M) + \log_2(r_p + \varepsilon))}. \end{aligned}$$

Then for any  $s$  such that  $j(p(s-N-M) + \log_2 r_p) < 0$  the series is convergent and hence the  $L^p$ -Sobolev exponent  $s_p$  is greater than or equal to  $N + M - \frac{1}{p} \log_2 r_p$ .

Let  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  be a compact set congruent to  $[-\pi, \pi]^2$  modulo  $2\pi\mathbb{Z}^2$  from the Cohen condition. Define

$$I_n = \int_{x \in 2^n K} \|x\|^{(N+M)p} |\widehat{f}(x)|^p dx$$

and

$$\varrho = \inf \left\{ \left| \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} m(2^{-k}x) \right|^p : x \in K \right\}.$$

Then  $\varrho > 0$  by the Cohen condition.

Let  $F$  be a strictly positive eigenfunction of  $\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}$  (see Lemma 3.2) corresponding to  $r_p$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \sup\{|F(x)| : x \in [-\pi, \pi]^2\}, \\ g(x) &= |\sin(2^{-1}x_1)|^{Np} |\sin(2^{-1}x_2)|^{Mp} F(x), \quad G = \int_{[-\pi, \pi]^2} g(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

We can estimate  $I_n$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= \int_{x \in 2^n K} \|x\|^{(N+M)p} \left[ \prod_{k=1}^n |m(2^{-k}x)| \right]^p \left[ \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} |m(2^{-(k+n)}x)| \right]^p dx \\ &\geq \varrho \int_{x \in 2^n K} |x_1|^{Np} |x_2|^{Mp} \left[ \prod_{k=1}^n |m(2^{-k}x)| \right]^p dx \\ &\geq \varrho 2^{(N+M)p(n+1)} \int_{x \in 2^n K} |\sin(2^{-(n+1)}x_1)|^{Np} |\sin(2^{-(n+1)}x_2)|^{Mp} \\ &\quad \times \left[ \prod_{k=1}^n |m(2^{-k}x)| \right]^p dx \\ &\geq S^{-1} \varrho 2^{(N+M)p(n+1)} \left| \int_{x \in 2^n K} g(2^{-n}x) \left[ \prod_{k=1}^n |m(2^{-k}x)| \right]^p dx \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq S^{-1} \varrho 2^{(N+M)p(n+1)} \left| \int_{x \in [-2^n \pi, 2^n \pi]^2} g(2^{-n}x) \left[ \prod_{k=1}^n |m(2^{-k}x)| \right]^p dx \right| \\ &= S^{-1} \varrho 2^{(N+M)p(n+1)} \left| \int_{x \in [-\pi, \pi]^2} (\mathcal{L}'_{|m|_p})^n g(x) dx \right| \quad \text{by Lemma 2.1} \\ &= |G| \varrho S^{-1} 2^{(N+M)p} (r_p)^n \quad \text{by Lemma 3.3} \\ &= C(r_p)^n. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $K$  is compact there exists a finite  $L$  such that  $K \subseteq [-2^L \pi, 2^L \pi]^2$ .

Hence

$$(26) \quad \bar{I}_n = \int_{[-2^n \pi, 2^n \pi]^2} \|x\|^{(N+M)p} |\hat{f}(x)|^p dx \geq I_{n-L} \geq \bar{C}(r_p)^n.$$

Put

$$J_n = \bar{I}_n - \bar{I}_{n-1} = \int_{A_n} \|x\|^{(N+M)p} |\hat{f}(x)|^p dx.$$

Now we prove that  $r_p > 0$  and (26) gives

$$(27) \quad \text{for each } C > 0 \text{ and } \varepsilon > 0 \text{ we have } J_n \geq C(r_p/2^\varepsilon)^n \text{ for infinitely many } n \geq 1.$$

In fact, suppose not. Then there exist  $n_0 \geq 1, C_0 > 0$ , and  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that  $J_n < C_0(r_p/2^{\varepsilon_0})^n$  for each  $n \geq n_0$ . For  $n > n_0$  this yields

$$(28) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 < \bar{C} &\leq (r_p)^{-n} \bar{I}_n = (r_p)^{-n} \left( \bar{I}_{n_0} + \sum_{k=n_0+1}^n J_k \right) \\ &< (r_p)^{-n} \bar{I}_{n_0} + C_0 (r_p)^{-n} \sum_{k=n_0+1}^n \left( \frac{r_p}{2^{\varepsilon_0}} \right)^k. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that for  $r_p/2^{\varepsilon_0} \leq 1$  the right hand side tends to zero as  $n$  tends to infinity. Now we show that the same holds for  $r_p/2^{\varepsilon_0} > 1$ . Actually, in this case we have

$$\begin{aligned} (r_p)^{-n} \sum_{k=n_0+1}^n \left( \frac{r_p}{2^{\varepsilon_0}} \right)^k &\leq (r_p)^{-n} \int_{n_0}^n \left( \frac{r_p}{2^{\varepsilon_0}} \right)^x dx \\ &= \frac{(r_p)^{-n}}{\ln \frac{r_p}{2^{\varepsilon_0}}} \left[ \left( \frac{r_p}{2^{\varepsilon_0}} \right)^n - \left( \frac{r_p}{2^{\varepsilon_0}} \right)^{n_0} \right], \end{aligned}$$

which gives the claim.

We thus get a contradiction, and therefore (27) is valid.

Let us write (27) in the form

$$(29) \quad \int_{A_n} \|x\|^{(N+M)p - \log_2 r_p + \varepsilon} |\hat{f}(x)|^p dx \geq C_1 > 0$$

for infinitely many  $n \geq 1$ . Now for

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (1 + \|x\|^p)^s |\widehat{f}(x)|^p dx \geq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{A_n} \|x\|^{ps} |\widehat{f}(x)|^p dx,$$

using (29) we see that when  $s > N = M - \frac{1}{p} \log_2 r_p + \frac{\varepsilon}{p}$ , the integral  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (1 + \|x\|^p)^s |\widehat{f}(x)|^p dx$  is divergent. Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  can be chosen arbitrarily small we infer  $s_p \leq N + M - \frac{1}{p} \log_2 r_p$ . This concludes the proof of Theorem 1.

From the first part of the proof we get

REMARK 3.2. If we impose on  $m, q$  only (15), (16), and the spectral radius  $r_p$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{|q|^p}$  is greater than zero then

$$s_p \geq N + M - \frac{1}{p} \log_2 r_p \quad \text{for } p \in 2\mathbb{N}.$$

**4. Appendix.** Let us recall three theorems which were used in the article:

THEOREM A.1 (Proposition 7.4 of [6]). *Let  $X$  be a Banach space with a basis. Then  $B \subseteq X$  is relatively compact if and only if  $B$  is bounded and  $\sup\{|R_n x| : x \in B\} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $R_n : X \rightarrow \text{span}\{\varepsilon_{n+1}, \dots\}$  are projections and  $(\varepsilon_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is a basis of  $X$ .*

THEOREM A.2 (Theorem 19.2 of [6]). *Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $K \subset X$  a total cone, and  $T \in L(X)$  compact positive with  $r(T) > 0$ . Then  $r(T)$  is an eigenvalue of  $T$  with positive eigenvector.*

THEOREM A.3 (Theorem 19.3 of [6]). *Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $K \subset X$  a cone with  $\text{Int } K \neq \emptyset$ , and  $T \in L(X)$  compact and strongly positive (i.e.  $T(K \setminus \{0\}) \subseteq \text{Int } K$ ). Then:*

- (a)  $r(T) > 0$ ,  $r(T)$  is a simple eigenvalue with an eigenvector  $v \in \text{Int } K$  and there is no other eigenvalue with a positive eigenvector.
- (b)  $|\lambda| < r(T)$  for all eigenvalues  $\lambda \neq r(T)$ .
- (c) For  $y > 0$ , the equation  $\lambda x - Tx = y$  has a unique solution  $x \in \text{Int } K$  if  $\lambda > r(T)$  and no solution in  $K$  if  $\lambda \leq r(T)$ . The equation  $r(T)x - Tx = -y$  also has no solution in  $K$ .
- (d) If  $S \in L(X)$  and  $Sx \geq Tx$  on  $K$  then  $r(S) \geq r(T)$ , while  $r(S) > r(T)$  if  $Sx - Tx \in \text{Int } K$  for  $x > 0$ .

The next theorem is a generalization of a well-known theorem for functions of one variable (see [1]):

THEOREM A.4. *Let  $f \in \mathcal{P}$ , and suppose that  $f(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} f_n e^{-i\langle n, x \rangle}$  for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) for some  $C, \gamma > 0$  and each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  we have  $|f_n| \leq C e^{-\gamma \|n\|}$ ,
- (ii)  $f$  is an analytic function.



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