

# Multiscale and Wavelet Methods for Operator Equations

(2) Multiresolution - construction and analysis principles

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# Multiscale Decompositions - Construction and Analysis Principles

**Multiresolution**

$$S_0 \subset S_1 \subset S_2 \subset \dots L_2(\Omega), \quad \overline{\bigcup_j S_j} = L_2(\Omega)$$

**Single-scale bases:**

$$S_j = \text{span } \Phi_j =: S(\Phi_j), \quad \Phi_j = \{\phi_{j,k} : k \in \mathcal{I}_j\}$$

**Decomposition:**

$$S_{j+1} = S_j \oplus W_j$$

**Complement bases:**

$$W_j = \text{span } \Psi_j, \quad \Psi_j = \{\psi_\lambda : \lambda \in \mathcal{J}_j\}$$

**Multi-scale basis:**

$$\Psi := \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0} \Psi_j \quad (\Psi_{-1} := \Phi_0)$$

**Uniform single scale stability:**

$$\|\mathbf{c}\|_{l_2(\mathcal{I}_j)} \sim \|\mathbf{c}^T \Phi_j\|_{L_2} \quad \|\mathbf{d}\|_{l_2(\mathcal{J}_j)} \sim \|\mathbf{d}^T \Psi_j\|_{L_2}$$

**Stability over all levels ?**  $\|\mathbf{d}\|_{\ell_2} \sim \|\mathbf{d}^T \Psi\|_{L_2}$

## Multiscale Transformations (cf. [CDP, D1])

$$\sum_{l=-1}^{j-1} \sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{J}_l} d_\lambda \psi_\lambda = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I}_j} c_k \phi_{j,k}$$

$$\mathbf{T}_j : \mathbf{d} \mapsto \mathbf{c}$$

**Remark 3:** Assume that the  $\Phi_j$  are uniformly  $L_2$ -stable. Then

$$\|\mathbf{T}_j\|, \|\mathbf{T}_j^{-1}\| = \mathcal{O}(1) \iff \Psi \text{ is a Riesz basis in } L_2$$

**Proof:** Let  $\Psi^j = \{\psi_\lambda : |\lambda| < j\}$  and  $v = \sum_j^T \Psi^j = \mathbf{c}_j^T \Phi_j$ . Assume that  $\Psi$  is a Riesz basis  
 $\leadsto$

$$\|\mathbf{c}_j\|_{\ell_2} \sim \|v\|_{L_2} = \left\| \sum_j^T \Psi^j \right\|_{L_2} \sim \left\| \sum_j \right\|_{\ell_2} = \|\mathbf{T}_j^{-1} \mathbf{c}_j\|_{\ell_2}$$

Conversely:  $\left\| \sum_j \right\|_{\ell_2} = \|\mathbf{T}_j^{-1} \mathbf{c}_j\|_{\ell_2} \sim \|\mathbf{c}_j\|_{\ell_2} \sim \|v\|_{L_2}$

## Main Issues

- Uniform stability of the  $\Phi_j$  (easy)
- (Spectral) Stability over all levels - Riesz-basis-property in  $L_2$  (more involved)

Biorthogonality in  $L_2$  is necessary !

## Stability of single scale bases $\Phi_j$

**Key: Local dual bases**  $\langle \Phi_j, \tilde{\Phi}_j \rangle = \mathbf{I}$ ,  $\|\tilde{\phi}_{j,k}\|_{L_2} \sim 1 \rightsquigarrow$

$$v = \mathbf{c}^T \Phi_j \rightsquigarrow \|\mathbf{c}\|_{\ell_2}^2 = \|\langle v, \tilde{\Phi}_j \rangle\|_{\ell_2}^2 \lesssim \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I}_j} \|v\|_{L_2(\tilde{\sigma}_{j,k})}^2 \lesssim \|v\|_{L_2}^2$$

$$\|v\|_{L_2(\square_{j,k})}^2 = \left( \sum_{\sigma_{j,m} \cap \square_{j,k} \neq \emptyset} |c_m| \|\phi_{j,m}\|_{L_2(\square_{j,k})} \right)^2 \lesssim \sum_{\sigma_{j,m} \cap \square_{j,k} \neq \emptyset} |c_m|^2$$

summation  $\rightsquigarrow$

$$\|v\|_{L_2}^2 \lesssim \|\mathbf{c}\|_{\ell_2}^2$$

## Construction of biorthogonal bases

- Biorthogonal wavelets on  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{R}^d$  - Fourier methods (see [CDF, Co, Dau])
- More general domains: One needs good complement spaces  $W_j \leadsto$

- Construct stable **dual** multiresolution sequences

$$\mathcal{S} = \{S_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0}, \quad S_j = \text{span}(\Phi_j), \quad \tilde{\mathcal{S}} = \{\tilde{S}_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0}, \quad \tilde{S}_j = \text{span}(\tilde{\Phi}_j), \quad \langle \Phi_j, \tilde{\Phi}_j \rangle$$

- Construct some simple **initial** complement spaces  $\check{W}_j$
- **Change** the initial complements into better ones  $W_j$

## Stable Completions – Lifting [CDP, SW1, SW2]

**Refinement equation:** Stability, nestedness  $\rightsquigarrow$

$$\phi_{j,k} = \sum_{l \in \mathcal{I}_{j+1}} m_{j,l,k} \phi_{j+1,l} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \Phi_j^T = \Phi_{j+1}^T \mathbf{M}_{j,0}$$

**Find:**

$$\Psi_{j+1}^T = \Phi_{j+1}^T \mathbf{M}_{j,1}$$

s.t.  $\mathbf{M}_j := (\mathbf{M}_{j,0}, \mathbf{M}_{j,1})$  is **invertible**, i.e., for  $\mathbf{M}^{-1} =: \mathbf{G}_j = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{G}_{j,0} \\ \mathbf{G}_{j,1} \end{pmatrix}$  one has

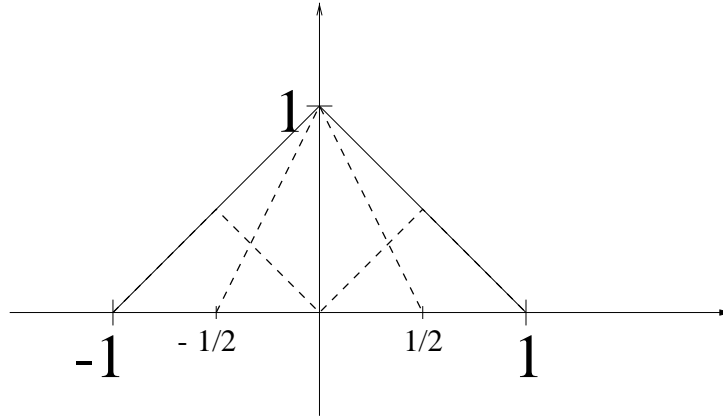
$$\Phi_{j+1}^T = \Phi_j^T \mathbf{G}_{j,0} + \Psi_{j+1}^T \mathbf{G}_{j,1} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{M}_j \mathbf{G}_j = \mathbf{G}_j \mathbf{M}_j = \mathbf{I}$$

**Remark 4:**  $\Psi_j, \Phi_j$  uniformly **stable**  $\Longleftrightarrow \|\mathbf{M}_j\|, \|\mathbf{G}_j\| = \mathcal{O}(1)$

## Hierarchical Bases $1 - D$

$$\mathbf{M}_{j,0} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 & \dots & \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 & \dots & \\ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \dots & \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \dots & \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ & & & 0 & \\ & & & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{M}_{j,1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & & \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ & & & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & & & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$





$$\begin{aligned}
\phi_{j+1,2k} &= \sqrt{2} \phi_{j,k} - \frac{1}{2} (\phi_{j+1,2k-1} + \phi_{j+1,2k+1}) \\
&= \sqrt{2} \phi_{j,k} - \frac{1}{2} (\psi_{j,k-1} + \psi_{j,k}), \quad k = 1, \dots, 2^j - 1, \\
\phi_{j+1,2k+1} &= \psi_{j,k}, \quad k = 0, \dots, 2^j - 1 \\
\phi_{j+1,0} &= \sqrt{2} \phi_{j,0} - \frac{1}{2} \psi_{j,0}, \quad \phi_{j+1,2^{j+1}} = \sqrt{2} \phi_{j,2^j} - \frac{1}{2} \psi_{j,2^j-1},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{G}_{j,0} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 & \vdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & & & & \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{G}_{j,1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \dots & & \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & & \vdots & \\ \vdots & & & & & \vdots & \\ \vdots & & & & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \\ 0 & \dots & & & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 & \end{pmatrix}$$

## Multiscale Transformation

$$\Phi_j^T \mathbf{c}^j + \Psi_j^T \mathbf{d}^j = \Phi_{j+1}^T (\mathbf{M}_{j,0} \mathbf{c}^j + \mathbf{M}_{j,1} \mathbf{d}^j),$$

$$\mathbf{T}_J : \mathbf{d} \rightarrow \mathbf{c}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \mathbf{c}^0 & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{M}_{0,0}} & \mathbf{c}^1 & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{M}_{1,0}} & \mathbf{c}^2 & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{M}_{2,0}} \dots & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{M}_{J-1,0}} \mathbf{c}^J \\
 & \nearrow \mathbf{M}_{0,1} & & \nearrow \mathbf{M}_{1,1} & & \nearrow \mathbf{M}_{2,1} \dots & \nearrow \mathbf{M}_{J-1,1} \\
 \mathbf{d}^0 & & \mathbf{d}^1 & & \mathbf{d}^2 & & \mathbf{d}^{J-1}
 \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{T}_{J,j} := \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{M}_j & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{T}_J = \mathbf{T}_{J,J-1} \cdots \mathbf{T}_{J,0}$$

$$\mathbf{T}_J^{-1} : \mathbf{c} \rightarrow \mathbf{d}$$

$$\Phi_{j+1}^T \mathbf{c}^{j+1} = \Phi_j^T (\mathbf{G}_{j,0} \mathbf{c}^{j+1}) + \Psi_j^T (\mathbf{G}_{j,1} \mathbf{c}^{j+1}) = \Phi_j^T \mathbf{c}^j + \Psi_j^T \mathbf{d}^j$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathbf{c}^J & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{G}_{J-1,0}} & \mathbf{c}^{J-1} & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{G}_{J-2,0}} & \mathbf{c}^{J-2} & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{G}_{J-3,0}} \dots & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{G}_{0,0}} \mathbf{c}^0 \\ & \searrow \mathbf{G}_{J-1,1} & & \searrow \mathbf{G}_{J-2,1} & & \searrow \mathbf{G}_{J-3,1} \dots & \searrow \mathbf{G}_{0,1} \\ & & \mathbf{d}^{J-1} & & \mathbf{d}^{J-2} & & \mathbf{d}^0, \end{array}$$

## Parametrization of Completions [CDP]

**Theorem:** Given some **initial** completion  $\check{\mathbf{M}}_{j,1}$  (and  $\check{\mathbf{G}}_j$ ), then **all** other completions have the form

$$\mathbf{M}_{j,1} = \mathbf{M}_{j,0}\mathbf{L} + \check{\mathbf{M}}_{j,1}\mathbf{K}$$

and

$$\mathbf{G}_{j,0} = \check{\mathbf{G}}_{j,0} - \check{\mathbf{G}}_{j,1}(\mathbf{K}^T)^{-1}\mathbf{L}^T \quad \mathbf{G}_{j,1} = \check{\mathbf{G}}_{j,1}(\mathbf{K}^T)^{-1}$$


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**Proof:**

$$\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{M}_j\mathbf{G}_j = \mathbf{M}_j \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{L} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{K} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{L}\mathbf{K}^{-1} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{K}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{G}_j =: \check{\mathbf{M}}_j\check{\mathbf{G}}_j$$

**Idea:** **Some** initial completion is often available e.g. **Hierarchical Bases**

## Applications:

- Raising **moment conditions**: Choose  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{L}$  s.t.

$$\int_{\Omega} \Psi_j^T P dx = \int_{\Omega} \Phi_{j+1}^T \mathbf{M}_{j,1} P dx = \int_{\Omega} \Phi_j^T \mathbf{L} P + \check{\Psi}_j^T \mathbf{K} P dx = 0, \quad P \in \Pi_{d^*}$$

- F.E. based wavelets – coarse grid corrections [CDP, DK, D2, VW]
- Construction of **biorthogonal** wavelets [CTU1, CTU2, CM, DS1, DS2]

## Biorthogonalization

Suppose that

$$\Phi_j^T = \Phi_{j+1}^T \mathbf{M}_{j,0}, \quad \tilde{\Phi}_j^T = \tilde{\Phi}_{j+1}^T \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_{j,0}, \quad \langle \Phi_j, \tilde{\Phi}_j \rangle = \mathbf{I}$$

**Theorem:** Let  $\tilde{\mathbf{M}}_{j,0}, \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_{j,1}, \check{\mathbf{G}}_j$  be as above. Then ( $\mathbf{K} := \mathbf{I}$ ,  $\mathbf{L} := -\tilde{\mathbf{M}}_{j,0}^T \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_{j,1}$ )

$$\mathbf{M}_{j,1} := (I - \mathbf{M}_{j,0} \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_{j,0}^T) \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_{j,1}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_{j,1} := \check{\mathbf{G}}_{j,1}$$

satisfy  $\mathbf{M}_j \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_j^T = \mathbf{I}$  and

$$\Psi_j^T := \Phi_{j+1}^T \mathbf{M}_{j,1}, \quad \tilde{\Psi}_{j+1}^T := \tilde{\Phi}_{j+1}^T \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_{j,1}$$

form **biorthogonal wavelet bases**. **Riesz-bases ???**

## What could additional conditions look like ?

Suppose (NE) holds for  $0 \leq t < \gamma \rightsquigarrow$

$$\left\| \sum_{|\lambda| < J} d_\lambda \psi_\lambda \right\|_{H^t} \stackrel{(\text{NE})}{\sim} \left\| \{2^{t|\lambda|} d_\lambda\}_{|\lambda| < J} \right\|_{\ell_2} \lesssim 2^{Jt} \left\| \{d_\lambda\}_{|\lambda| < J} \right\|_{\ell_2} \stackrel{(\text{NE})}{\sim} 2^{Jt} \left\| \sum_{|\lambda| < J} d_\lambda \psi_\lambda \right\|_{L_2} \rightsquigarrow$$

**Inverse Estimate:**  $\|v\|_{H^t} \lesssim 2^{jt} \|v\|_{L_2}, \quad v \in S_j, \quad t < \gamma$

$$Q_j v := \sum_{|\lambda| < j} \langle v, \tilde{\psi}_\lambda \rangle \psi_\lambda \rightsquigarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|v - Q_j v\|_{L_2} &\lesssim \left( \sum_{|\lambda| \geq j} |\langle v, \tilde{\psi}_\lambda \rangle|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq 2^{-jt} \left( \sum_{|\lambda| \geq j} 2^{2t|\lambda|} |\langle v, \tilde{\psi}_\lambda \rangle|^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\stackrel{(\text{NE})}{\lesssim} 2^{-jt} \|v\|_{H^t} \rightsquigarrow \end{aligned}$$

**Direct Estimate:**  $\inf_{v_j \in S_j} \|v - v_j\|_{L_2} \lesssim 2^{-jt} \|v\|_{H^t}, \quad t < \gamma$



## Fourier Free Criteria for (NE)

$$\sum_{|\lambda|=j} \langle v, \tilde{\psi}_\lambda \rangle \psi_\lambda = (Q_{j+1} - Q_j)v, \quad \|(Q_{j+1} - Q_j)v\|_{L_2}^2 \sim \sum_{|\lambda|=j} |\langle v, \tilde{\psi}_\lambda \rangle|^2$$

$$\leadsto \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{j2s} \|(Q_{j+1} - Q_j)v\|_{L_2}^2 \right)^{1/2} \sim \left( \sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{J}} 2^{2s|\lambda|} |\langle v, \tilde{\psi}_\lambda \rangle|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

- $\mathcal{S} = \{S_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ :  $S_j \subset H^s$  for  $s < \gamma$ ,  
 $\mathcal{Q} = \{Q_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ :  $Q_j : L_2 \rightarrow S_j$  uniformly  $L_2$ -bounded;
- *commutator property (C)*:  $Q_l Q_j = Q_l, \quad l \leq j$
- *Jackson estimate (J)*:  $\inf_{v_j \in V_j} \|v - v_j\|_{L_2} \lesssim 2^{-m'j} \|v\|_{H^{m'}}, \quad v \in H^{m'}$
- *Bernstein estimate (B)*:  $\|v_j\|_{H^s} \lesssim 2^{sj} \|v_j\|_{L_2}, \quad v_j \in V_j, \quad s < \gamma',$

**Theorem:** For  $\mathcal{S}$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}$  as above suppose that (C) and (B), (J) hold for  $V_j = S_j$  with  $m' = m > \gamma' = \gamma > 0$ . Then

$$\|v\|_{H^s} \sim \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{2sj} \|(Q_j - Q_{j-1})v\|_{L_2}^2 \right)^{1/2}, \quad 0 < s < \gamma.$$

Moreover, if (J) and (B) also hold for  $V_j = \tilde{S}_j := \text{range } Q_j^*$  with  $m' = \tilde{m} > \gamma' = \tilde{\gamma} > 0$ , then the above **(NE)** also holds for  $-\tilde{\gamma} < s < \gamma$  ( $H^s = (H^{-s})'$ ).

- One sided **(NE)** are easier to realize,  $s \leq 0$  is difficult
- The space  $H^s$  may have incorporated homogeneous boundary conditions
- There exist versions that do not require explicit knowledge of the projectors  $Q_j$  [DSt].

**Remark:** Let  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}$  be *two given* multi-resolution sequences satisfying  $\dim S_j = \dim \tilde{S}_j$  and

$$\inf_{v_j \in S_j} \sup_{\tilde{v}_j \in \tilde{S}_j} \frac{|\langle v_j, \tilde{v}_j \rangle|}{\|v_j\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \|\tilde{v}_j\|_{L_2(\Omega)}} \gtrsim 1 \implies \quad (1)$$

$\exists$  a sequence  $\mathcal{Q}$  uniformly  $L_2$ -bounded with ranges  $\mathcal{S}$  such that

$$\text{range}(id - Q_j) = (\tilde{S}_j)^{\perp_{L_2}}, \quad \text{range}(id - Q_j^*) = (S_j)^{\perp_{L_2}}.$$

Moreover,  $\mathcal{Q}$  satisfies the commutator property (C).

**Theorem:** If in addition to the hypotheses of the previous Remark  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}$  satisfy (J) and (B) with respective parameters  $m, \tilde{m} \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\gamma, \tilde{\gamma} > 0$  then one has for any  $w_j \in \text{range}(Q_j - Q_{j-1})$

$$\left\| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} w_j \right\|_{H^s}^2 \lesssim \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{2sj} \|w_j\|_{L_2}^2, \quad s \in [-\tilde{m}, \gamma), \quad (2)$$

and

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{2sj} \|(Q_j - Q_{j-1})v\|_{L_2}^2 \lesssim \|v\|_{H^s}^2, \quad s \in (-\tilde{\gamma}, m]. \quad (3)$$

Thus for  $s \in (-\tilde{\gamma}, \gamma)$  (2), (3) hold with ‘ $\lesssim$ ’ replaced by ‘ $\sim$ ’.

**Sketch of proof (see [D1, DSt]):** Define orth. proj.  $P_j : L_2 \rightarrow \tilde{S}_j$  by

$$\langle v, \tilde{v}_j \rangle = \langle P_j v, \tilde{v}_j \rangle, \quad v \in L_2, \quad \tilde{v}_j \in \tilde{S}_j, \quad R_j : P_j|_{S_j} \rightsquigarrow$$

$\|R_j\|_{L_2} \leq 1$ , (1)  $\rightsquigarrow \|R_j v_j\|_{L_2} \gtrsim \|v_j\|_{L_2}$ ,  $v_j \in S_j$ . Claim:  $\text{range } R_j = \tilde{S}_j$  since otherwise  $\exists \tilde{v}'_j \in \tilde{S}_j$ ,  $\tilde{v}'_j \perp_{L_2} \text{range } R_j$  contradicting (1);  $\rightsquigarrow R_j^{-1} : \tilde{S}_j \rightarrow S_j$  uniformly  $L_2$ -bounded; Define  $Q_j := R_j^{-1} Q_j : L_2 \rightarrow S_j$  uniformly  $L_2$  bounded,  $\text{range } Q_j = S_j$  and  $\langle Q_j v, \tilde{v}_j \rangle = \langle v, \tilde{v}_j \rangle \rightsquigarrow \text{range } (I - Q_j) \subset (\tilde{S}_j)^{\perp_{L_2}}$ ; conversely  $v \in (\tilde{S}_j)^{\perp_{L_2}} \implies \text{range } (I - Q_j) \subset (\tilde{S}_j)^{\perp_{L_2}}$ ;  $\rightsquigarrow$  analogous properties for adjoints  $Q_j^*$ ; note  $\tilde{S}_j \subset \tilde{S}_{j+1} \implies$   
(C)  $Q_j Q_{j+1} = Q_j$ . □.

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As for the Theorem, observe first:

$$\|w_j\|_{H^{s \pm \epsilon}} \lesssim 2^{j(s \pm \epsilon)} \|w_j\|_{L_2}, \quad \forall w_j \in \text{range } (Q_j - Q_{j-1}), \quad s \pm \epsilon \in [-\tilde{m}, \gamma). \quad (4)$$

In fact, (4) follows from (B) for  $s \pm \epsilon \in [0, \gamma)$ .

For  $t := s \pm \epsilon \in [-\tilde{m}, 0]$ ,  $w_j \in \text{range } (Q_j - Q_{j-1}) \rightsquigarrow$

$$\|w_j\|_{H^t} = \sup_{z \in H^{-t}} \frac{\langle w_j, z \rangle}{\|z\|_{H^{-t}}} = \sup_{z \in H^{-t}} \frac{\langle w_j, (Q_j^* - Q_{j-1}^*)z \rangle}{\|z\|_{H^{-t}}}$$

$$\lesssim \sup_{z \in H^{-t}} \frac{\|w_j\|_{L_2} \inf_{\tilde{v}_{j-1} \in \tilde{S}_{j-1}} \|z - \tilde{v}_{j-1}\|_{L_2}}{\|z\|_{H^{-t}}} \stackrel{(J)}{\lesssim} 2^{tj} \|w_j\|_{L_2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_j w_j \right\|_{H^s}^2 &= \left\langle \sum_j w_j, \sum_l w_l \right\rangle_{H^s} \lesssim \sum_j \sum_{l \geq j} \|w_j\|_{H^{s+\epsilon}} \|w_l\|_{H^{s-\epsilon}} \\ &\stackrel{(B)}{\lesssim} \sum_j \sum_{l \geq j} 2^{\epsilon j} 2^{-l\epsilon} (2^{sk} \|w_j\|_{L_2}) (2^{sl} \|w_l\|_{L_2}) \lesssim \sum_j 2^{2sj} \|w_j\|_{L_2}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, defining  $N_{s,Q}(v) := \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{2js} \|(Q_j - Q_{j-1})v\|_{L_2}^2 \right)^{1/2}$ , we have shown

$$\|v\|_{H^s} \lesssim N_{s,Q}(v), \quad s \in [-\tilde{m}, \gamma) \quad (5)$$

which is (2). The same argument gives

$$\|v\|_{H^s} \lesssim N_{s,Q^*}(v), \quad s \in [-m, \tilde{\gamma}). \quad (6)$$

To prove (3) note first

$$\begin{aligned}
N_{s,\mathcal{Q}}(v)^2 &= \sum_j 2^{2sj} \langle (Q_j - Q_{j-1})v, (Q_j - Q_{j-1})v \rangle \\
&= \left\langle \sum_j 2^{2sj} (Q_j^* - Q_{j-1}^*)(Q_j - Q_{j-1})v, v \right\rangle \\
&\leq \underbrace{\left\| \sum_j 2^{2sj} (Q_j^* - Q_{j-1}^*)(Q_j - Q_{j-1})v \right\|_{H^{-s}}}_{:=w} \|v\|_{H^s} \\
&\stackrel{(6)}{\lesssim} N_{-s,\mathcal{Q}^*}(w) \|v\|_{H^s}, \quad s \in (-\tilde{\gamma}, m]
\end{aligned}$$

Since by (C)  $(Q_l^* - Q_{l-1}^*)(Q_j^* - Q_{j-1}^*) = \delta_{j,l}(Q_l^* - Q_{l-1}^*)$  one has

$$\|(Q_l^* - Q_{l-1}^*)w\|_{L_2} = 2^{2sl} \|(Q_l^* - Q_{l-1}^*)(Q_l - Q_{l-1})v\|_{L_2} \lesssim 2^{2sl} \|(Q_l - Q_{l-1})v\|_{L_2} \rightsquigarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned}
N_{-s, \mathcal{Q}^*}(w) &= \left( \sum_l 2^{-2sl} \|(Q_l^* - Q_{l-1}^*)w\|_{L_2}^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
&\lesssim \left( \sum_j 2^{-2sl} 2^{4sl} \|(Q_l - Q_{l-1})v\|_{L_2}^2 \right)^{1/2} = N_{s, \mathcal{Q}}(v)
\end{aligned}$$

which upon dividing by  $N_{s, \mathcal{Q}}(v)$  yields (3) □

**Comments:** (J), (B) are satisfied for all standard hierarchies of trial spaces where  $m$  is the order of polynomial exactness.

- Possible strategy for (J): Construct  $L_2$ -bounded local projectors onto  $S_j$ , use reproduction of polynomials and corresponding local polynomial inequalities;
- (B) follows from stability and rescaling arguments. Simple example:  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  - estimate on reference domain - rescale and sum up.



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