

# Kernel Theorems in Coorbit Theory

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## Rationale of Kernel Theorems:

“Reasonable” operators can be written as “generalized” integral operators.

- Schwartz kernel theorem:<sup>1</sup>

$A : \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  continuous  $\Leftrightarrow \exists!$  kernel  $K \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^{2d})$ , s.t.

$$\langle Av, \varphi \rangle = \langle K, \varphi \otimes v \rangle, \quad v, \varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

- More distribution spaces: e.g. Gelfand-Shilov spaces.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>L. Hörmander. The Analysis Of Linear Partial Differential Operators. Springer New York, 1989.

<sup>2</sup>I. M. Gel'fand and G. E. Shilov. Generalized functions. Vol. 2. Spaces of fundamental and generalized functions, Translated from the 1958 Russian original [ MR0106409] by Morris D. Friedman, Amiel Feinstein and Christian P. Peltzer, Reprint of the 1968 English translation [ MR0230128]. AMS Chelsea Publishing, Providence, RI, 2016, pp. x+261. ISBN: 978-1-4704-2659-0.

- Feichtinger's kernel theorem for modulation spaces<sup>3,4</sup>
  - Advantage: Banach spaces.
  - Associate a proper integral operator  $\Rightarrow$  Schur's test.
- **Generalization to general coorbit spaces.**<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>H. G. Feichtinger. "Un espace de Banach de distributions tempérées sur les groupes localement compacts abéliens". In: *C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris Sér. A-B* 290.17 (1980), A791–A794. ISSN: 0151-0509.

<sup>4</sup>E. Cordero and F. Nicola. "Kernel theorems for modulation spaces". In: *Journal of Fourier Analysis and Applications* (2017). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00041-017-9573-3>.

<sup>5</sup>Peter Balazs, Karlheinz Gröchenig, and Michael Speckbacher. "Kernel theorems in coorbit theory". In: *Transactions of the American Mathematical Society Series B* 6 (2019), pp. 346–364.

## Setup:

- $G$  locally compact group
- $dg$  left Haar measure
- $\mathcal{H}$  separable Hilbert space
- $\pi : G \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H})$  unitary representation

$\pi$  **square-integrable**:  $\pi$  is irreducible and there exist  $\psi \in \mathcal{H} \setminus \{0\}$  s.t.

$$\int_G |\langle \psi, \pi(g)\psi \rangle|^2 dg < \infty.$$

$\psi \neq 0$  is called **admissible**

There exists  $T$  densely defined s.t.  $\forall f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{H}, \psi_1, \psi_2 \in \text{dom}(T)$ :

$$\int_G \langle f_1, \pi(g)\psi_1 \rangle \langle \pi(g)\psi_2, f_2 \rangle dg = \langle T\psi_2, T\psi_1 \rangle \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle.$$

- **Generalized wavelet transform:**

$$V_\psi f(g) := \langle f, \pi(g)\psi \rangle, \quad f \in \mathcal{H}, \psi \in \text{dom}(T)$$

- Assume w.l.o.g.  $\|T\psi\| = 1 \Rightarrow V_\psi$  isometry
- $V_\psi^* : L^2(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is given by

$$V_\psi^* F := \int_G F(g)\pi(g)\psi dg, \quad F \in L^2(G)$$

- $I = V_\psi^* V_\psi$

$$f = \int_G \langle f, \pi(g)\psi \rangle \pi(g)\psi dg, \quad f \in \mathcal{H}$$

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Let  $g_1, g_2, g_3 \in G$ . We assume:

- $w : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  **submultiplicative**, i.e.,  $w(g_1g_2) \leq w(g_1)w(g_2)$
- $m : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  **w-moderate**, i.e.,  $m(g_1g_2g_3) \leq w(g_1)m(g_2)w(g_3)$
- Some further technical assumptions on  $w$

$\pi$  **integrable w.r.t.  $w$** : there exists  $\psi$  admissible s.t.

$$\psi \in \mathcal{A}_w(G) := \{ \psi \in \mathcal{H}, \psi \neq 0 : V_\psi \psi \in L_w^1(G) \}.$$

**Test function space:**  $\mathcal{H}_w^1 := \{f \in \mathcal{H} : V_\psi f \in L_w^1(G)\}$

**Distribution space:**  $(\mathcal{H}_w^1)^\sim$  (anti-dual of  $\mathcal{H}_w^1$ )

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- $\mathcal{C}o_\pi L_m^p(G)$  is a Banach space
- $\mathcal{C}o_\pi L_w^1(G) = \mathcal{H}_w^1$
- $\mathcal{C}o_\pi L^2(G) = \mathcal{H}$
- $\mathcal{C}o_\pi L_{1/w}^\infty(G) = (\mathcal{H}_w^1)^\sim$
- $\mathcal{H}_w^1 \subseteq \mathcal{C}o_\pi L_m^p(G) \subseteq \mathcal{H}_{1/w}^\infty$

## Proposition (Feichtinger/Gröchenig)

Let  $\psi \in \mathcal{A}_w(G)$ .

- $V_\psi : \mathcal{C}o_\pi L_m^p(G) \rightarrow L_m^p(G)$  is an isometry.
- $V_\psi^* : L_m^p(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}o_\pi L_m^p(G)$  is continuous.
- $V_\psi^* V_\psi = I_{\mathcal{C}o_\pi L_m^p(G)}$ .

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## Proposition (Feichtinger/Gröchenig, cont.)

- **Correspondence principle:** Let  $F \in L_m^p(G)$

$$\exists f \in \mathcal{C}o_\pi L_m^p(G) \text{ s.t. } F = V_\psi f \Leftrightarrow F = F * V_\psi \psi$$

- **Duality:** If  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , then  $(\mathcal{C}o_\pi L_m^p(G))^* = \mathcal{C}o_\pi L_{1/m}^q(G)$
- **Discretization:**  $\exists \{g_i\}_{i \in J} \subset G$  and  $\lambda_i : \mathcal{C}o_\pi L_w^1(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  s.t.

$$f = \sum_{i \in J} \lambda_i(f) \pi(g_i) \psi, \text{ with } \sum_{i \in J} |\lambda_i(f)| w(g_i) \asymp \|f\|_{\mathcal{C}o_\pi L_w^1(G)}.$$

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- **Simple tensor:**  $\psi \otimes \phi$  formal product of two vectors  $\psi, \phi \in \mathcal{H}$
- **Homogeneity:**  $\alpha \cdot (\psi \otimes \phi) = (\alpha\psi) \otimes \phi = \psi \otimes (\bar{\alpha}\phi), \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$
- **Tensor product:**

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Sometimes one can find:  $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H} := \mathcal{HS}(\mathcal{H})$  (Hilbert-Schmidt operators)

- implicitly a non-trivial kernel theorem
- we distinguish operators and tensor products

In principle:  $G_1, G_2, \pi_1, \pi_2, \mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2, \psi_1, \psi_2, m_1, m_2, w_1, w_2$

**Tensor representation:**  $\pi_{\otimes} : G \times G \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H})$

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**Properties:**

- $\pi_{\otimes}$  is a unitary representation of  $G \times G$  on  $\mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}$ .
- $\pi_{\otimes}$  is irreducible

In case we would treat the tensor product as a space of Hilbert-Schmidt operators,  $\pi_{\otimes}$  acts on  $A \in \mathcal{HS}(\mathcal{H})$  as

$$\pi_{\otimes}(g, h)A = \pi(h)A\pi(g)^*.$$

- Let  $\Psi := \psi \otimes \psi \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \mathcal{H}$

$$V_{\Psi}(f_2 \otimes f_1)(g, h) = V_{\psi}f_2(h)\overline{V_{\psi}f_1(g)}.$$

$\Rightarrow \Psi$  is admissible for  $\pi_{\otimes}$ , if  $\psi$  is admissible for  $\pi$

- **Separable weights:**

- $w_{\otimes}(g, h) := w(g) \cdot w(h)$
- $m_{\otimes}(g, h) := m(g) \cdot m_2(h)$
- $(1/w)(g, h) := (w(g) \cdot w(h))^{-1}$

where  $w$  is submultiplicative and  $m$  is  $w$ -moderate.

- $\Psi \in \mathcal{A}_w(G \times G)$ , if  $\psi \in \mathcal{A}_w(G)$ , i.e.  $\pi_{\otimes}$  is integrable  $\Rightarrow$  Coorbit spaces for  $\pi_{\otimes}$  are **well-defined**



$$A : \mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_w^1(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_{1/w}^{\infty}(G)$$

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Define

$$\mathfrak{A}F(h) = \int_G F(g)k_A(g, h) dg$$

$$V_{\psi}A = \mathfrak{A}V_{\psi} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad A = V_{\psi}^* \mathfrak{A}V_{\psi}$$

Coorbit theory allows to make these manipulations precise

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## Theorem (B., Gröchenig, Speckbacher)

Let  $\pi$  be an integrable representations of  $G$

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$$\langle Av, \varphi \rangle = \langle K, \varphi \otimes v \rangle, \quad v, \varphi \in \mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_w^1(G).$$

for all  $v, \varphi \in \mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_w^1(G)$ . We have  $k_A = V_{\Psi}K$  and

$$\|A\|_{Op} \asymp \|K\|_{\mathcal{C}o_{\pi \otimes} L_{1/w}^{\infty}(G \times G)},$$

(ii) **Kernel theorem:** If  $A : \mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_w^1(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_{1/w}^{\infty}(G)$  is bounded

$\Rightarrow \exists K \in \mathcal{C}o_{\pi \otimes} L_{1/w}^{\infty}(G \times G)$  unique, s.t. the above holds.

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- **Surjectivity:**

If  $A : \mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_w^1(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_{1/w}^{\infty}(G)$ , then  $k_A \in L_{1/w}^{\infty}(G \times G)$

We show:  $k_A * V_{\Psi} \Psi = k_A$

$\Rightarrow \exists K \in \mathcal{C}o_{\pi_{\otimes}} L_{1/w}^{\infty}(G \times G)$  by correspondence principle

$$\|F\|_{L_m^{p,\infty}(G \times G)} := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{h \in G} \left( \int_G |F(g, h)|^p m(g, h)^p d\mathbf{g} \right)^{1/p},$$

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### Proposition (Schur's Test)

Let  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , and  $Tf(h) := \int_G f(g)k_T(g, h)dg$ , with  $k_T : G \times G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

(i)  $T : L_m^1(G) \rightarrow L_m^p(G)$  bdd.  $\Leftrightarrow k_T \in \mathcal{L}_{m^{-1} \otimes m}^{p, \infty}(G \times G)$ .

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“ $\Leftarrow$ ”: If  $K \in \mathcal{C}o_{\pi \otimes} \mathcal{L}_{m^{-1} \otimes m}^{p, \infty}(G \times G)$ , then  $A : \mathcal{C}o_\pi L_m^1(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}o_\pi L_m^p(G)$  is bounded, since

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|A\|_{Op} &\leq \|V_\Psi^*\|_{Op} \|\mathfrak{A}\|_{L_m^1(G) \rightarrow L_m^p(G)} \|V_\Psi\|_{Op} \\
 &\leq C \|k_A\|_{\mathcal{L}_{m^{-1} \otimes m}^{p, \infty}(G \times G)} = C \|K\|_{\mathcal{C}o_{\pi \otimes} \mathcal{L}_{m^{-1} \otimes m}^{p, \infty}(G \times G)}.
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" $\Rightarrow$ ": Assume  $A : \mathcal{C}o_\pi L_m^1(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}o_\pi L_m^p(G)$  is bounded, then

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 \|K\|_{\mathcal{C}o_\pi \mathcal{L}_{m^{-1} \otimes m}^{p, \infty}(G \times G)} &= \|V_\Psi K\|_{\mathcal{L}_{m^{-1} \otimes m}^{p, \infty}(G \times G)} \\
 &= \sup_{g \in G} \left( \int_G |\langle A\pi(g)\psi, \pi(h)\psi \rangle m(h)|^p dh \right)^{1/p} m(g)^{-1} \\
 &= \sup_{g \in G} \|A\pi(g)\psi\|_{\mathcal{C}o_\pi L_m^p(G)} m(g)^{-1}. \\
 &\leq \|A\|_{Op} \sup_{g \in G} \|\pi(g)\psi\|_{\mathcal{C}o_\pi L_m^1(G)} m(g)^{-1} \leq C \|A\|_{Op}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Corollary

*The following conditions are equivalent:*

- $A : \mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_m^p(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_m^p(G)$  is bounded for **every**  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ .
- $A : \mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_m^1(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_m^1(G)$  **and**  
 $A : \mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_m^{\infty}(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_m^{\infty}(G)$  are bounded.
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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_m^1(G) & \xrightarrow{\quad A \text{ bounded} \quad} & \mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_m^p(G) \\
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 L_m^1(G) & \xrightarrow{\quad \mathfrak{A} \text{ bounded} \quad} & L_m^p(G)
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- So far: Correspondence between coorbit spaces of kernels and boundedness of operators
- Sufficient versions of Schur's test: conditions for e.g. regularizing operators

## Theorem

*If the unique kernel of  $A$  satisfies  $K \in \mathcal{C}o_{\pi_{\otimes}} L_w^1(G \times G)$ , then  $A$  is bounded from  $\mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_{1/w}^{\infty}(G)$  to  $\mathcal{C}o_{\pi} L_w^1(G)$ .*

- Feichtinger & Jakobsen: Full characterization of operators with kernel in  $\mathcal{C}o_{\pi_{\otimes}} L^1(G \times G)$  in the case of **modulation spaces**<sup>11</sup>

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For every bounded operator  $A : M^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow M^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , there exists a kernel  $K \in \mathcal{C}o_{\pi \otimes} L^\infty(G \times G)$ , s.t.  $\langle Av, \varphi \rangle = \langle K, \varphi \otimes v \rangle$ ,  $v, \varphi \in M^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

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Interpret the mixed-norm spaces as mixed modulation spaces

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- **Step 1:** Show the existence of kernel  $K$  for operator  $A$
- **Step 2:**
  - Associate an integral operator  $\mathfrak{A}$  with equivalent norm to the operator  $A$
  - Identify the integral kernel of  $\mathfrak{A}$  as  $V_{\Psi}K$
  - Use Schur's test to get wide range of kernel theorems
- These "finer" characterizations do not have a counterpart in distribution theory
- Operators on well-known spaces can be characterized
- Operators between coorbit spaces of different groups can be characterized

## True for *localized frames!*

- Cordero and Nicola argued that “this reveals the superiority, in some respects, of the **modulation space formalism** upon distribution theory”
- We added a more abstract point of view and argued that the deeper reason for this superiority lies in the **theory of coorbit spaces** and in the convenience of Schur’s test for integral operators.
- In the future we will argue that the group structure is **not** necessary.

Thank you!

Questions? Comments?

