## THE HILBERT TRANSFORM ALONG FINITE ORDER LACUNARY SETS OF DIRECTIONS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $\Theta \subset S^1$  be a set of directions (where  $S^1$  is the unit circle). For  $v \in \Theta$  we consider the Hilbert transform along the direction given by v

$$H_v f(x) \coloneqq \text{p.v.} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x - vt) \frac{dt}{t}, \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}^2, \quad f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2).$$

This operator is easily seen to be bounded, uniformly in  $v \in \Theta$ , by using the boundedness of the Hilbert transform on the real line. Consider now the maximal directional Hilbert transform  $H_{\Theta}f(x) \coloneqq \sup_{v \in \Theta} |H_v f(x)|$ . I will give some background and history relating to boundedness results for  $H_{\Theta}$  and present the following sharp bound: if  $\Theta$  is (a finite subset of) a lacunary set of directions of *finite order* D then

$$\|H_{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}\|_{p \to p} = \overline{\gamma}_{p,D} \sqrt{\#\log(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}, \qquad 1$$

I will also discuss some connections between the operator  $H_{\Theta}$  and the Hilbert transform along vector fields and mention some relevant results. This talk reports on recent joint work with Francesco di Plinio (University of Virginia).

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