

## ON THE BOUNDEDNESS OF THE V-CONJUGATION OPERATOR ON HARDY SPACES

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Abstract. In this work we prove that the V-conjugation operator is of type  $(H^1, H^1)$ . We provide an example that shows that the  $L^1$ -norm of the V-conjugate function is not equivalent to the  $H^1$ -norm of the original function on any Vilenkin group.

### 1. Introduction

The V-conjugate function was studied in the works of P. Simon [1], [3] and [2]. In [1, Theorem 4] it has been proved that the V-conjugation operator is of type  $(H^1, L^1)$ . On the same paper it was speculated that the  $L^1$ -norm of the V-conjugate function is equivalent to the  $H^1$ -norm of the original function. In this paper we establish that these two norms are not equivalent on any Vilenkin group. Besides, we prove that the V-conjugate function of any element from  $H^1$  also belongs to the space  $H^1$ , on which the boundedness remains valid.

Let  $(m_0, m_1, \dots, m_n, \dots)$  be a bounded sequence of integers not less than 2. Let  $G := \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}_{m_n}$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}_{m_n}$  denotes the discrete group of order  $m_n$ , with addition mod  $m_n$ . Each element from  $G$  can be represented as a sequence  $(x_n)_n$ , where  $x_n \in \{0, 1, \dots, m_n - 1\}$ , for every integer  $n \geq 0$ . Addition in  $G$  is obtained coordinatewise.

The topology on  $G$  is generated by the subgroups:

$$I_n := \{x = (x_i)_i \in G, x_i = 0 \text{ for } i < n\},$$

and their translations

$$I_n(y) := \{x = (x_i)_i \in G, x_i = y_i \text{ for } i < n\}.$$

The basis  $(e_n)_n$  is formed by elements  $e_n = (\delta_{in})_i$ .

Define the sequence  $(M_n)_n$  as follows:  $M_0 = 1$  and  $M_{n+1} = m_n M_n$ .

If  $|I_n|$  denotes the normalized product measure of  $I_n$  then it can be easily seen that  $|I_n| = M_n^{-1}$ .

The generalized Rademacher functions are defined by

$$r_n(x) := e^{\frac{2\pi i x_n}{m_n}}, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, x \in G,$$

For every nonnegative integer  $n$ , there exists a unique sequence  $(n_i)_i$  so that  $n = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} n_i M_i$ .

and the system of Vilenkin functions by

$$\psi_n(x) := \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} r^{n_i}(x), n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}, x \in G.$$

The Fourier coefficients, the partial sums of the Fourier series and the Dirichlet kernels are respectively defined as follows

$$\hat{f}(n) = \int f(x) \bar{\psi}_n(x) dx, \quad S_n f = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \hat{f}(k) \psi_k, \quad D_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \psi_k.$$

It can be easily seen that

$$S_n f(y) = \int D_n(y-x) f(x) dx,$$

and

$$D_{M_n}(x) = M_n 1_{I_n}(x).$$

The Hardy space  $H^1$  (see [1]) consists of integrable functions  $f$  for which the two quadratic variations

$$q(f) = (|\hat{f}(0)|^2 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |S_{M_{n+1}} f - S_{M_n} f|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

$$Q(f) = (|\hat{f}(0)|^2 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{m_n-1} |S_{(j+1)M_n} f - S_{jM_n} f|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

belong to  $L^1$ .

Quadratic variation and conditional quadratic variation were also used in [4] and [5].

In this work we introduce a new quadratic variation

$$\tilde{q}(f)(x) = (|\hat{f}(0)|^2 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sup_{s \in \{0, \dots, m_n-1\}} |S_{M_{n+1}} f(x + se_n) - S_{M_n} f(x)|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

The V-conjugate function as defined in [1] and [3], has the form

$$\tilde{f} := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f * L_k D_{M_k},$$

where  $f$  is an integrable function and

$$L_k := - \sum_{j=1}^{\Delta_k} r_k^j + \sum_{j=\Delta_k+1}^{m_k-1} r_k^j,$$

$\Delta_k = [\frac{m_k-1}{2}]$ , if  $m_k > 2$ , and  $\Delta_k = 1$ , if  $m_k = 2$ .

Using the expressions of  $L_k$  given in [3], we have

$$L_k(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{i} \frac{(-1)^k}{\sin \frac{\pi x_k}{m_k}} + \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{\pi x_k i}{m_k}\right)}{i} \left(\sin \frac{x_k \pi}{m_k}\right)^{-1},$$

where  $(x_k \neq 0, m_k \equiv 1(2))$ .

For  $m_k \equiv 0(2)$ ,  $(m_k > 2)$ ,  $(x_k \neq 0)$ , we have

$$L_k(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{i} \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{\pi x_k i}{m_k}\right) [1 - (-1)^{x_k}]}{\sin \frac{\pi x_k}{m_k}}.$$

When  $m_k = 2$ , we have  $L_k(x) = -(-1)^{x_k}$ ,  $(x \in G)$ .

For  $m_k \equiv 1(2)$ ,  $s \in \{1, \dots, m_k - 1\}$ , we write

$$L_k(se_k) = 1 + \frac{i(-1)^s}{\sin \frac{s\pi}{m_k}} - \frac{i \cos \frac{s\pi}{m_k} + \sin \frac{s\pi}{m_k}}{\sin \frac{s\pi}{m_k}} = \frac{i(-1)^s}{\sin \frac{s\pi}{m_k}} - i \frac{\cos \frac{s\pi}{m_k}}{\sin \frac{s\pi}{m_k}}.$$

If  $s \in \{2, \dots, m_k - 1\}$  is even, then

$$L_k(se_k) = i \frac{1 - \cos \frac{s\pi}{m_k}}{\sin \frac{s\pi}{m_k}} = 2i \frac{\sin^2 \frac{s\pi}{2m_k}}{2 \sin \frac{s\pi}{2m_k} \cos \frac{s\pi}{2m_k}} = i \tan \frac{s\pi}{2m_k},$$

and clearly,  $L_k(0) = 0$ . If  $s$  is odd, we obtain

$$L_k(se_k) = -i \frac{1 + \cos \frac{s\pi}{m_k}}{\sin \frac{s\pi}{m_k}} = -2i \frac{\cos^2 \frac{s\pi}{2m_k}}{2 \sin \frac{s\pi}{2m_k} \cos \frac{s\pi}{2m_k}} = -i \cot \frac{s\pi}{2m_k}.$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} (f * L_k D_{M_k})(y) &= \int f(x) (L_k D_{M_k})(y-x) dx = M_k \int_{I_k(y)} f(x) L_k(y-x) dx \\ &= M_k \sum_{j=0}^{m_k-1} \int_{(y-x) \in (s \cdot e_k + I_{k+1})} f(x) L_k(y-x) dx = \\ &= M_k \sum_{j=0}^{m_k-1} L_k(se_k) \int_{t \in (s \cdot e_k + I_{k+1})} f(y-t) dt = \sum_{s=0}^{m_k-1} L_k(se_k) a_s^k(y), \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_s^k(y) = M_k \int_{t \in (s \cdot e_k + I_{k+1})} f(y-t) dt$ .

Notice that if  $s$  is odd then

$$-L_k(se_k) = i \cot \frac{\pi s}{2m_k} = i \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi s}{2m_k} \right) = i \tan \left( \frac{m_k - s}{2m_k} \pi \right) = L_k((m_k - s)e_k).$$

This is clearly also valid when  $s$  is even. Therefore,

$$\sum_{s=0}^{m_k} L_k(se_k) a_s^k = \sum_{s=1}^{m_k} L_k(se_k) a_s^k = \sum_{s=1}^{m_k} L_k(se_k) (a_s^k - a_{m_k-s}^k) = \sum_{s=1}^{m_k} L_k(se_k) (a_s^k - a_{-s}^k).$$

Now, if  $m_k$  is even we have

$$\begin{aligned} L_k(se_k) &= 1 + \frac{1}{i} \frac{(\cos(\frac{\pi s}{m_k}) - i \sin(\frac{\pi s}{m_k})) [1 - (-1)^s]}{\sin \frac{\pi s}{m_k}} \\ &= 1 - \frac{(i \cos(\frac{\pi s}{m_k}) + \sin(\frac{\pi s}{m_k})) [1 - (-1)^s]}{\sin \frac{\pi s}{m_k}}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, for  $s$  even  $L_k(se_k) = 1$ , and for  $s$  odd we get

$$L_k(se_k) = 1 - 2 \frac{i \cos \frac{\pi s}{m_k} + \sin \frac{\pi s}{m_k}}{\sin \frac{\pi s}{m_k}} = -1 - 2i \cot \frac{\pi s}{m_k}.$$

Set  $\gamma_s = 2 \cot \frac{\pi s}{m_k}$ .

Notice that

$$-\gamma_s = 2 \cot(\pi - \frac{\pi s}{m_k}) = 2 \cot \frac{\pi(m_k - s)}{m_k} = \gamma_{-s}.$$

The notation  $C$  will be used for an absolute positive constant that may vary in different contexts.

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $G$  be a bounded Vilenkin group. There exists a sequence  $(f_n)_n \in L^1(G)$  satisfying  $\|f_n\|_1 = 1$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $\|f_n\|_1 \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

**Proof.** Let

$$f_n(y) = \sum_{0 \leq k \leq n, m_k \text{ odd}} f^k(y) (1_{\{y_k=1\}} - 1_{\{y_k=0\}}) + \sum_{0 \leq k \leq n, m_k \text{ even}} f^k(y) \sum_{j=0}^{m_k-1} (-1)^j 1_{\{y_k=j\}},$$

where the functions  $f^k(y)$  are recursively constructed from the formulae

$$f^k(y) = \frac{m_k}{L_k(e_k)} \tilde{f}_{k-1}(y),$$

if  $m_k$  is odd,

$$f^k(y) = \tilde{f}_{k-1}(y),$$

if  $m_k$  is even and  $k \geq 2$ ,

$$f^0(y) = \frac{m_0}{L_0(y_0 - 1) - L_0(y_0)},$$

for  $m_0$  odd, and  $f^0(y) = (-1)^{y_0}$  if  $m_0$  is even.

Let

$$\alpha_k(y_k) = 1 + \frac{L_k((y_k - 1)e_k) - L_k(y_k e_k)}{L_k(e_k)},$$

if  $m_k$  is odd and  $y_k \in \{0, \dots, m_k - 1\}$ , and

$$\alpha_k(y_k) = 1 + (-1)^{y_k},$$

for  $m_k$  even.

Since  $f_n$  is constant on every  $I_{n+1}$ -coset, it follows that  $L_k D_{M_k} * f_n = 0$  if  $k \geq n + 1$  and that  $f^n$  are constant on  $I_n$ -cosets.

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} L_k D_{M_k} * f_k &= L_k D_{M_k} * f_{k-1} + L_k D_{M_k} * f^k(1_{\{y_k=1\}} - 1_{\{y_k=0\}}) \\ &= L_k D_{M_k} * f^k(1_{\{y_k=1\}} - 1_{\{y_k=0\}}). \end{aligned}$$

If  $m_k$  is an odd number then for  $y \in G$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} L_k D_{M_k} * f_k(y) &= M_k \int_{I_k(y)} f^k(x) L_k(y-x)(1_{\{x_k=1\}} - 1_{\{x_k=0\}}) dx \\ &= f^k(y) \frac{M_k}{M_{k+1}} (L_k((y_k - 1)e_k) - L_k(y_k e_k)) \\ &= \tilde{f}_{k-1}(y) \frac{L_k((y_k - 1)e_k) - L_k(y_k e_k)}{L_k(e_k)}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $m_k$  is even we get

$$\begin{aligned} L_k D_{M_k} * f_k(y) &= M_k \int_{I_k(y)} f^k(x) L_k(y-x) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{m_k-1} (-1)^j 1_{\{x_k=j\}}(x) \right) dx \\ &= M_k f^k(y) \sum_{s=0}^{m_k-1} (-1)^{y_k+s} L_k(-s e_k) \int_{I_{k+1}(y+s e_k)} dx \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{y_k}}{m_k} f^k(y) \sum_{s=0}^{m_k-1} (-1)^s L_k(-s e_k) \\ &= (-1)^{y_k} f^k(y) + \frac{(-1)^{y_k}}{m_k} f^k(y) \sum_{0 \leq s \leq m_k-1, s \text{ odd}} 2i \cot \frac{-s\pi}{m_k} = (-1)^{y_k} \tilde{f}_{k-1}(y). \end{aligned}$$

Using these facts it is easily seen that  $\tilde{f}_0 = 1$ . Besides, for arbitrary  $n$  we have

$$\tilde{f}_n(y) = \tilde{f}_{n-1}(y) + (L_n D_{M_n} * f_n)(y) = \alpha_n(y_n) \tilde{f}_{n-1}(y).$$

From  $\tilde{f}_1(y) = \alpha_1(y_1) \tilde{f}_0(y) = \alpha_1(y_1)$ , it follows that  $\tilde{f}_n(y) = \prod_{k=1}^n \alpha_k(y_k)$ .

The following step is to verify that  $\alpha_k(y_k)$  is nonnegative for every  $y_k \in \{0, \dots, m_k - 1\}$ ,  $k \geq 1$ . This is obviously true when  $m_k$  is even. Now, if  $m_k$  is odd and  $y_k$  even but different from 0, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_k(y_k) &= 1 + \frac{L_k((y_k - 1)e_k) - L_k(y_k e_k)}{L_k(e_k)} \\ &= 1 + \frac{\cot \frac{y_k-1}{2m_k} \pi + \tan \frac{y_k}{2m_k} \pi}{\cot \frac{\pi}{2m_k}} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

If  $m_k$  and  $y_k$  are both odd numbers with  $y_k \neq 1$ , then we have

$$\alpha_k(y_k) = 1 - \frac{\tan \frac{y_k-1}{2m_k}\pi + \cot \frac{y_k}{2m_k}\pi}{\cot \frac{\pi}{2m_k}} = 1 - \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{2m_k}}{\cos(\frac{y_k-1}{2m_k}\pi) \sin(\frac{y_k}{2m_k}\pi)}.$$

But, from

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{2m_k} = \sin\left(\frac{y_k}{2m_k}\pi\right) \cos\left(\frac{y_k-1}{2m_k}\pi\right) - \sin\left(\frac{y_k-1}{2m_k}\pi\right) \cos\left(\frac{y_k}{2m_k}\pi\right),$$

it follows that

$$\sin \frac{\pi}{2m_k} \leq \sin\left(\frac{y_k}{2m_k}\pi\right) \cos\left(\frac{y_k-1}{2m_k}\pi\right).$$

Now, if  $m_k$  is odd and  $y_k = 0$  or  $y_k = 1$ , we get  $\alpha_k(0) = \alpha_k(1) = 0$ , which implies that  $\alpha_k(y_k) \geq 0$ .

The  $L^1$ -norm of the V-conjugate function is therefore given by

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{f}_n\|_1 &= \sum_{y_0=0}^{m_0-1} \sum_{y_1=0}^{m_1-1} \cdots \sum_{y_n=0}^{m_n-1} \int_{I_{n+1}(y_0, \dots, y_n)} |\tilde{f}_n(y)| dy \\ &= \frac{1}{M_{n+1}} \sum_{y_0=0}^{m_0-1} \sum_{y_1=0}^{m_1-1} \cdots \sum_{y_n=0}^{m_n-1} \prod_{k=1}^n \alpha_k(y_k) = \frac{m_0}{M_{n+1}} \prod_{k=1}^n F_k, \end{aligned}$$

where  $F_k = \sum_{y_k=0}^{m_k-1} \alpha_k(y_k)$ .

For  $m_k$  odd we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_k &= \sum_{y_k=0}^{m_k-1} \left(1 + \frac{L_k((y_k-1)e_k) - L_k(y_k e_k)}{L_k(e_k)}\right) \\ &= m_k + \frac{1}{L_k(e_k)} \sum_{y_k=0}^{m_k-1} (L_k((y_k-1)e_k) - L_k(y_k e_k)) \\ &= m_k + \frac{1}{L_k(e_k)} (L_k(-e_k) - L_k((m_k-1)e_k)) = m_k. \end{aligned}$$

$F_k = m_k$  is also obviously true when  $m_k$  is even. Finally we get  $\|\tilde{f}_n\|_1 = 1$ .

Define the sets  $E_k \subset G$  by  $E_k = \{y_k = 0\} \cup \{y_k = 1\}$ , if  $m_k$  is odd and  $E_k = \{y : y_k \equiv 1, \text{mod}(2)\}$  if  $m_k$  is even.

Notice that  $\alpha_k(y_k) = 0$  if and only if  $y \in E_k$ . Define  $J_k \subset \{0, \dots, m_k - 1\}$  by  $y \in E_k \Leftrightarrow y_k \in J_k$ .

Suppose that  $y \in E_k \setminus \bigcup_{i=0}^{k-1} E_i$ , for some  $k \geq 1$ . Then  $\alpha_k(y_k) = 0$  and  $\alpha_i(y_i) > 0$  for every  $i \in \{0, \dots, k-1\}$ . This means that whenever  $m_i$  is odd for  $i \leq k-1$ , we get  $f^i(y) = 0$ , because  $y_i \neq 0, 1$ .

Also, if  $m_i$  is even then  $f^i$  is nonnegative by definition.

Notice that from  $\alpha_k(y_k) = 0$ , we get that  $f^i(y) = 0$  whenever  $i \geq k+1$ .

Since  $f^k(y)$  is either nonnegative or purely imaginary we conclude that

$$|f_n(y)| = |f^k(y) + \sum_{0 \leq i \leq k-1, m_i \text{ even}} f^i(y)| \geq |f^k(y)| \geq \tilde{f}_{k-1}(y) = \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} \alpha_i(y_i).$$

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{E_k \setminus \bigcup_{i=0}^{k-1} E_i} |f_n(y)| dy &\geq \int_{E_k \setminus \bigcup_{i=0}^{k-1} E_i} \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} \alpha_i(y_i) \\ &= \sum_{y_0 \in J_0^c} \cdots \sum_{y_{k-1} \in J_{k-1}^c} \sum_{y_k \in J_k} \int_{I_{k+1}(y_0, \dots, y_k)} \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} \alpha_i(y_i), \\ &\geq \frac{2}{M_{k+1}} \sum_{y_0=0}^{m_0-1} \cdots \sum_{y_{k-1}=0}^{m_{k-1}-1} \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} \alpha_i(y_i) = \frac{2m_0}{M_{k+1}} \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} F_i = \frac{2m_0}{m_k}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$J_i^c = \{0, \dots, m_i - 1\} \setminus J_i, i \in \{0, \dots, k-1\}.$$

From

$$\int |f_n(y)| dy = \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{E_k \setminus \bigcup_{i=0}^{k-1} E_i} |f_n(y)| dy \geq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2m_0}{m_k},$$

we get that  $\|f_n\|_1 \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** *There exists a constant  $C > 0$  only depending on the sequence  $(m_n)_n$  satisfying*

$$|L_n D_{M_n} * f(x)| \leq C \sup_{s \in \{0, \dots, m_n - 1\}} |S_{M_{n+1}} f(x + se_n) - S_{M_n} f(x)|,$$

for every  $f \in L^1(G)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose in the first case that  $m_n$  is odd.

$$\begin{aligned} |L_n D_{M_n} * f(x)| &= \left| \sum_{s=0}^{m_n-1} L_k(se_k) a_s^n(x) \right| = \left| \sum_{s=1}^{\frac{m_n-1}{2}} L_k(se_k) (a_s^n(x) - a_{-s}^n(x)) \right| \\ &\leq C \sup_{s \in \{0, \dots, m_n - 1\}} |S_{M_{n+1}} f(x + se_n) - S_{M_n} f(x)| \sum_{s=1}^{\frac{m_n-1}{2}} |L_k(se_k)| \\ &= C \sup_{s \in \{0, \dots, m_n - 1\}} |S_{M_{n+1}} f(x + se_n) - S_{M_n} f(x)|. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose now that  $m_n$  is even. If  $f$  is a real function, the imaginary part of  $L_n D_{M_n} * f(x)$  is given by

$$\text{Im}(L_n D_{M_n} * f)(x) = \sum_{1 \leq s \leq m_n - 1, s \text{ odd}} \gamma_s a_s^n(x) = \sum_{1 \leq s \leq \frac{m_n}{2} - 1, s \text{ odd}} \gamma_s (a_s^n(x) - a_{-s}^n(x)).$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} |\text{Im}(L_n D_{M_n} * f)(x)| &\leq \sup_{s \in \{0, \dots, m_n - 1\}} |S_{M_{n+1}} f(x + se_n) - S_{M_n} f(x)| \sum_{s=1}^{\frac{m_n}{2} - 1} |\gamma_s| \\ &= C \sup_{s \in \{0, \dots, m_n - 1\}} |S_{M_{n+1}} f(x + se_n) - S_{M_n} f(x)|. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand the real part consists of

$$\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{Re}(L_n D_{M_n} * f)(x) &= \sum_{0 \leq s \leq m_n - 2, s \text{ even}} a_s^n(x) - \sum_{1 \leq s \leq m_n - 1, s \text{ odd}} a_s^n(x) \\
&= m_n S_{M_n} - 2 \sum_{1 \leq s \leq m_n - 1, s \text{ odd}} a_s^n(x) = 2 \sum_{1 \leq s \leq m_n - 1, s \text{ odd}} (S_{M_n} f(x) - a_s^n(x)).
\end{aligned}$$

It follows

$$|\operatorname{Re}(L_n D_{M_n} * f)(x)| \leq C \sup_{s \in \{0, \dots, m_n - 1\}} |S_{M_{n+1}} f(x + se_n) - S_{M_n} f(x)|.$$

Then, the result follows by an easy calculation.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** *The norms  $\|\tilde{q}(f)\|_1$  and  $\|f\|_{H^1}$  are equivalent in  $H^1$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $f \in H^1$ . It is clear that  $q(f) \leq \tilde{q}(f)$ . Let  $x \in G$  be arbitrary.

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sup_{s \in \{0, \dots, m_n - 1\}} |S_{M_{n+1}} f(x + se_n) - S_{M_n} f(x)|^2 \\
&= \sup_{s \in \{0, \dots, m_n - 1\}} |S_{M_{n+1}} f(x + se_n) - S_{M_n} f(x + se_n)|^2 \\
&= \sup_{s \in \{0, \dots, m_n - 1\}} \left| \sum_{j=0}^{m_n - 1} (S_{(j+1)M_n} f(x + se_n) - S_{jM_n} f(x + se_n)) \right|^2 \\
&\leq C \sup_{s \in \{0, \dots, m_n - 1\}} \sum_{j=0}^{m_n - 1} |S_{(j+1)M_n} f(x + se_n) - S_{jM_n} f(x + se_n)|^2 \\
&= C \sup_{s \in \{0, \dots, m_n - 1\}} \sum_{j=0}^{m_n - 1} |r_n^j(x + se_n) M_n \int_{I_n(x + se_n)} f(t) \bar{r}_n^j(t) dt|^2 \\
&= C \sup_{s \in \{0, \dots, m_n - 1\}} \sum_{j=0}^{m_n - 1} |r_n^j(x) M_n \int_{I_n(x)} f(t) \bar{r}_n^j(t) dt|^2 \\
&= C \sup_{s \in \{0, \dots, m_n - 1\}} \sum_{j=0}^{m_n - 1} |S_{(j+1)M_n} f(x) - S_{jM_n} f(x)|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $\tilde{q}(f) \leq CQ(f)$ , and the result follows by applying Theorem 3 from [1].  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** *The  $V$ -conjugation operator is bounded on  $H^1$ . Namely, if  $f \in H^1$ , then  $\tilde{f} \in H^1$ , and there exists a constant  $C > 0$  only depending on the sequence  $(m_n)_n$  such that  $\|\tilde{f}\|_{H^1} \leq C\|f\|_{H^1}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $f \in H^1$ . Notice that  $S_{M_n} \tilde{f} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} L_i D_{M_i} * f$ . Therefore, by Lemma 2.2 we get

$$\begin{aligned} |S_{M_{n+1}} \tilde{f}(x) - S_{M_n} \tilde{f}(x)| &= |(L_n D_{M_n} * f)(x)| \\ &\leq C \sup_{s \in \{0, \dots, m_n - 1\}} |S_{M_{n+1}} f(x + se_n) - S_{M_n} f(x)|, \end{aligned}$$

for some constant  $C > 0$  only depending on the sequence  $(m_n)_n$ .

Then, Lemma 2.3 gives

$$\|\tilde{f}\|_{H^1} \leq C \|\tilde{q}(f)\|_1 \sim \|f\|_{H^1}.$$

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