

# Aspects of harmonic analysis related to hypersurfaces, and Newton diagrams Part I

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## Short History of these problems

### (A) Estimation of oscillatory integrals:

B. Riemann (1854):

appear implicitly in his work

*Best understood:*

*Convex hypersurfaces of finite line type:*

B. Randol (1969)

I. Svensson (1971) H. Schulz (1991)

J. Bruna, A. Nagel, S. Wainger (1988)

*Non-convex case:*

A.N. Varchenko (1976) :  $\int e^{i\lambda\phi(x_1, x_2)} a(x_1, x_2) dx$ ,  $\phi$  analytic

V.N. Karpushkin (1984):  $\int e^{i\lambda(\phi(x_1, x_2) + r(x_1, x_2))} a(x_1, x_2) dx$ ,  $\phi$  analytic

### (B) The Fourier-restriction problem: E.M. Stein (1967).

E.M. Stein and P.A. Tomas (1975) :

$$\left( \int_{S^{n-1}} |\hat{f}(x)|^2 d\mu(x) \right)^{1/2} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

iff  $p' \geq 2\left(\frac{2}{n-1} + 1\right)$ .

## Representation of $S$ as a graph of $\phi$

$S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  smooth, finite type hypersurface;  $x^0 \in S$  :

By localization near  $x^0$  and application of Euclidean motion of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  we may assume:  $x^0 = (0, 0, 0)$ , and

$$S = \{(x_1, x_2, \phi(x_1, x_2)) : (x_1, x_2) \in \Omega\},$$

where  $\phi \in C^\infty(\Omega)$  s.t.  $\phi(0, 0) = 0$ ,  $\nabla \phi(0, 0) = 0$ . If

$$\phi(x_1, x_2) \sim \sum_{j,k=0}^{\infty} c_{jk} x_1^j x_2^k$$

is the Taylor series of  $\phi$ , define the **Taylor support** of  $\phi$  at  $(0, 0)$  by

$$\mathcal{T}(\phi) := \{(j, k) \in \mathbb{N}^2 : c_{jk} \neq 0\}.$$

NOTICE:  $\mathcal{T}(\phi) \neq \emptyset$ , since  $\phi$  is of finite type at the origin!



## 2. Newton polyhedra, and adapted coordinates

### 1 Newton polyhedron:

$$\mathcal{N}(\phi) := \text{conv} \bigcup_{(j,k) \in T(\phi)} (j, k) + \mathbb{R}_+^2$$

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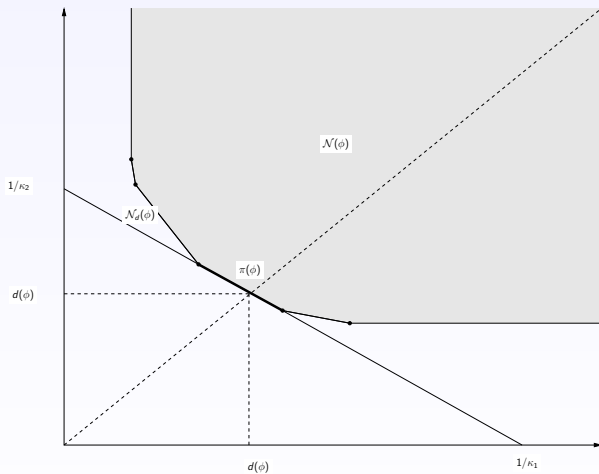


Figure: Newton polyhedron

## Adapted coordinates

Height of  $\phi$  :

$$h(\phi) := \sup\{d_y\},$$

where the supremum is taken over all local analytic (resp. smooth) coordinate systems  $y = (y_1, y_2)$  at the origin, and where  $d_y$  is the Newton distance of  $\phi$  when expressed in the coordinates  $x$ .

NOTICE: The height is invariant under local smooth changes of coordinates at the origin!

A coordinate system  $x$  is said to be **adapted** to  $\phi$  if  $h(\phi) = d_x$ .

**Example 1.** Let

$$\phi(x_1, x_2) := (x_2 - x_1^m)^n + x_1^\ell.$$

If  $\ell > mn$ , the coordinates are not adapted. Adapted coordinates are then  $y_1 := x_1, y_2 := x_2 - x_1^m$ , in which  $\phi$  is given by

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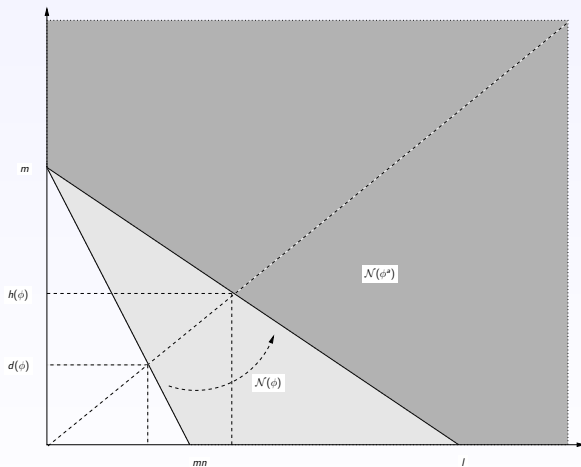


Figure:  $\phi(x_1, x_2) := (x_2 - x_1^m)^n + x_1^\ell \quad (\ell > mn)$

## Supporting lines and homogeneities

Let  $\kappa = (\kappa_1, \kappa_2)$  with, say,  $\kappa_2 \geq \kappa_1 > 0$ , be a given **weight**, with corresponding dilations

$$\delta_r(x_1, x_2) := (r^{\kappa_1} x_1, r^{\kappa_2} x_2), \quad r > 0.$$

$F$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is  **$\kappa$ -homogeneous of degree  $a$** , (short: **mixed homogeneous**) if

$$F(\delta_r x) = r^a F(x) \quad \forall r > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Assume that  $L_\kappa := \{(t_1, t_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \kappa_1 t_1 + \kappa_2 t_2 = a\}$  is a supporting line to the Newton polyhedron  $\mathcal{N}(\phi)$  of  $\phi$ . The  **$\kappa$ -principal part** of  $\phi$

$$\phi_\kappa(x_1, x_2) := \sum_{(j,k) \in L_\kappa} c_{jk} x_1^j x_2^k$$

is  $\kappa$ -homogeneous of degree  $a$ .

$$\phi(x_1, x_2) = \phi_\kappa(x_1, x_2) + \text{terms of higher } \kappa\text{-degree.}$$



## Principal weight

Assume  $\pi(\phi)$  is a compact edge; then it lies on a unique **principal line**

$$L := \{(t_1, t_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \kappa_1 t_1 + \kappa_2 t_2 = 1\},$$

with  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2 > 0$ . We may assume that  $\kappa_1 \leq \kappa_2$  (possibly after permutation of coordinates). The weight  $\kappa = (\kappa_1, \kappa_2)$  will be called the **principal weight** associated to  $\phi$ . Then  $\phi_{\text{pr}} = \phi_{\kappa}$ , and

$$d = \frac{1}{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2} = \frac{1}{|\kappa|}, \quad (3.1)$$

$$\phi_{\kappa}(x_1, x_2) = cx_1^{\nu_1} x_2^{\nu_2} \prod_{l=1}^M (x_2^q - \lambda_l x_1^p)^{n_l}, \quad (3.2)$$

with  $M \geq 1$ , distinct non-trivial “roots”  $\lambda_l \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  of multiplicities  $n_l \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ , and trivial roots of multiplicities  $\nu_1, \nu_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  at the coordinate axes. Here,  $p$  and  $q$  have no common divisor, and  $\kappa_2/\kappa_1 = p/q$ .

## Conditions for Adaptedness

Let  $P \in \mathbb{R}[x_1, x_2]$  be a  $\kappa$ -homogeneous polynomial with  $\nabla P(0, 0) = 0$ , let

$$m(P) := \text{ord}_{S^1} P$$

be the maximal order of vanishing of  $P$  along the unit circle  $S^1$  centered at the origin.

The **homogeneous distance** of a  $\kappa$ -homogeneous polynomial  $P$  (such as  $P = \phi_{\text{pr}}$ ) is given by

$$d_h(P) := 1/(\kappa_1 + \kappa_2) = 1/|\kappa|.$$

Notice that  $(d_h(P), d_h(P))$  is just the point of intersection of the line given by  $\kappa_1 t_1 + \kappa_2 t_2 = 1$  with the bi-sectrix  $t_1 = t_2$ . The height of  $P$  can then be computed by means of the formula

$$h(P) = \max\{m(P), d_h(P)\}. \quad (3.3)$$

## Theorem

*The coordinates  $x$  are adapted to  $\phi$  if and only if one of the following conditions is satisfied:*

- (a) The principal face  $\pi(\phi)$  of the Newton polyhedron is a compact edge, and  $m(\phi_{\text{pr}}) \leq d(\phi)$ .*
- (b)  $\pi(\phi)$  is a vertex.*
- (c)  $\pi(\phi)$  is an unbounded edge.*

It can be shown that (a) applies whenever  $\pi(\phi)$  is a compact edge and  $\kappa_2/\kappa_1 \notin \mathbb{N}$ ; in this case we even have  $m(\phi_{\text{pr}}) < d(\phi)$

## Theorem (Varchenko; Phong, J. Sturm, Stein (analytic $\phi$ ); I.,M.)

*There always exist adapted smooth coordinates  $y$ , of the form  $y_1 = x_1$ ,  $y_2 = x_2 - \psi(x_1)$ .*

## Construction of adapted coordinates

Assume the coordinates  $(x_1, x_2)$  are **not adapted** to  $\phi$ .  $\implies$   
 $\pi(\phi)$  is compact edge,  $m := \kappa_2/\kappa_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p = m, q = 1$  in (3.2), and  
 $m(\phi_{\text{pr}}) > d(\phi)$ .

$\implies$  there is at least one, non-trivial real root  $x_2 = \lambda_I x_1$  of  $\phi_{\text{pr}}$  of  
multiplicity  $n_I = m(\phi_{\text{pr}}) > d(\phi)$ . This root is **unique**. Putting  $b_1 := \lambda_I$ , we  
shall denote the corresponding root  $x_2 = b_1 x_1$  of  $\phi_{\text{pr}}$  as its **principal root**.  
Changing coordinates

$$y_1 := x_1, \quad y_2 := x_2 - b_1 x_1^m,$$

we arrive at a “better” coordinate system  $y = (y_1, y_2)$ . Indeed, this change  
of coordinates will transform  $\phi_{\text{pr}}$  into a function  $\widetilde{\phi_{\text{pr}}}$ , where the principal  
face of  $\widetilde{\phi_{\text{pr}}}$  will be a horizontal half-line at level  $t_2 = m(\phi_{\text{pr}})$ , so that  
 $d(\widetilde{\phi_{\text{pr}}}) > d(\phi)$ , and correspondingly one finds that  $d(\tilde{\phi}) > d(\phi)$ , if  $\tilde{\phi}$   
expresses  $\phi$  in the coordinates  $y$ .

Essentially by iterating this procedure, we arrive at **Varchenko's algorithm**  
for the construction of an adapted coordinate system.

In conclusion: there exists a smooth real-valued function  $\psi$  (which we may choose as the so-called **principal root jet** of  $\phi$ ) of the form

$$\psi(x_1) = x_1^m \omega(x_1) \quad (3.4)$$

with  $\omega(0) \neq 0$ , defined on a neighborhood of the origin such that an adapted coordinate system  $(y_1, y_2)$  for  $\phi$  is given locally near the origin by means of the (in general non-linear) shear

$$y_1 := x_1, \quad y_2 := x_2 - \psi(x_1). \quad (3.5)$$

In these adapted coordinates,  $\phi$  is given by

$$\phi^a(y) := \phi(y_1, y_2 + \psi(y_1)). \quad (3.6)$$

**Example 1.**  $\phi(x_1, x_2) := (x_2 - x_1^m)^n + x_1^\ell$ ,  $\ell > mn$ . The coordinates  $x$  are not adapted. Indeed,  $\phi_{\text{pr}}(x_1, x_2) = (x_2 - x_1^m)^n$ ,  $d(\phi) = 1/(1/n + 1/(mn)) = mn/(m+1)$  and  $m(\phi_{\text{pr}}) = n > d(\phi)$ . Adapted coordinates are given by  $y_1 := x_1, y_2 := x_2 - x_1^m$ , in which  $\phi$  is expressed by  $\phi^a(y) = y_2^n + y_1^\ell$ .

## Linearly adapted coordinates

If  $m = \kappa_2/\kappa_1 = 1$  in the first step of Varchenko's algorithm, then a **linear** change of coordinates of the form  $y_1 = x_1, y_2 = x_2 - b_1 x_1$  will transform  $\phi$  into a function  $\tilde{\phi}$ . Since all of our problems A - C are invariant under such linear changes of coordinates, by replacing our original coordinates  $(x_1, x_2)$  by  $(y_1, y_2)$  and  $\phi$  by  $\tilde{\phi}$ , we may in the sequel always assume the following

### CONVENTION:

- either our coordinates  $(x_1, x_2)$  are adapted, or
- they are not adapted and

$$m = \kappa_2/\kappa_1 \quad \text{is an integer} \quad \geq 2. \quad (3.7)$$

A linear, non-adapted coordinate system for which (3.7) holds true will be called **linearly adapted** to  $\phi$ .

## A. Decay of the Fourier transform of the surface measure

Write  $\hat{\mu}(\xi)$  as an **oscillatory integral**

$$\hat{\mu}(\xi) =: J(\xi) = \int_{\Omega} e^{-i(\xi_3 \phi(x_1, x_2) + \xi_1 x_1 + \xi_2 x_2)} \eta(x) dx, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^3,$$

$\eta \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ . Since  $\nabla \phi(0, 0) = 0$ , the complete phase in this oscillatory integral will have no critical point on the support of  $\eta$  unless  $|\xi_1| + |\xi_2| \ll |\xi_3|$ , provided  $\Omega$  is chosen sufficiently small. Integrations by parts then show that  $\hat{\mu}(\xi) = O(|\xi|^{-N})$  as  $|\xi| \rightarrow \infty$ , for every  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , unless  $|\xi_1| + |\xi_2| \ll |\xi_3|$ .

We may thus focus on the latter case. In this case, by writing  $\lambda = -\xi_3$  and  $\xi_j = s_j \lambda$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , we are reduced to estimating two-dimensional oscillatory integrals of the form

$$I(\lambda; s) := \int e^{i\lambda(\phi(x_1, x_2) + s_1 x_1 + s_2 x_2)} \eta(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2,$$

where  $\lambda \gg 1$ , and that  $s = (s_1, s_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  are sufficiently **small parameters**, provided that  $\eta$  is supported in a sufficiently small neighborhood of the origin. The phase is a **linear perturbation** of  $\phi$ !

## Theorem (Bernstein-Gelfand; Atiyah)

If  $\phi$  is analytic (on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ), then

$$\int e^{i\lambda\phi(x)} \eta(x) dx \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_{j,k}(\phi) \lambda^{-r_k} \log(\lambda)^j, \quad (4.1)$$

provided the support of  $\eta$  is sufficiently small.

Here, the  $r_k$  form an increasing sequence of rational numbers consisting of a finite number of arithmetic progressions, which depends only on the zero set of  $\phi$ , and the  $a_{j,k}$  are distributions with respect to the cut-off function  $\eta$ . The proof is based on [Hironaka's theorem](#).

**Varchenko's exponent  $\nu(\phi) \in \{0, 1\}$  for  $n = 2$ :** If there exists an adapted local coordinate system  $y$  near the origin such that the principal face  $\pi(\phi^a)$  of  $\phi^a$ , is a vertex, and if  $h(\phi) \geq 2$ , then we put  $\nu(\phi) := 1$ ; otherwise, we put  $\nu(\phi) := 0$ .



**Remark:** the first condition is equivalent to the following one:

If  $y$  is any adapted local coordinate system at the origin, then either  $\pi(\phi^a)$  is a vertex, or a compact edge and  $m(\phi_{\text{pr}}^a) = d(\phi^a)$ .

**Varchenko:** the leading exponent in (4.1) is given by  $r_0 = 1/h(\phi)$ , and  $\nu(\phi)$  is the maximal  $j$  for which  $a_{j,k}(\phi) \neq 0$ . This implies in particular that

$$|I(\lambda; 0)| \leq C \lambda^{-\frac{1}{h(\phi)}} \log(\lambda)^{\nu(\phi)}, \quad \lambda \gg 1, \quad (4.2)$$

and this estimate is sharp in the exponents.

**Karpushkin:** this estimate is stable under sufficiently small analytic perturbations of  $\phi$  (analogous results are known to be wrong in higher dimensions!).

In particular, we obtain the following **uniform estimate** for  $\hat{\mu}$ ,

$$|\hat{\mu}(\xi)| \leq C(1 + |\xi|)^{-\frac{1}{h(\phi)}} \log(2 + |\xi|)^{\nu(\phi)}, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^3, \quad (4.3)$$

### Theorem (Ikromov, M.)

*Let  $S = \text{graph}(\phi)$ ,  $\phi$  smooth and finite type. Then there exists a neighborhood  $U \subset S$  of  $x^0 = 0$  such that for every  $\rho \in C_0^\infty(U)$  the following estimate holds true for every  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^3$  :*

$$|\widehat{d\mu}(\xi)| \leq C \|\rho\|_{C^3(S)} (\log(2 + |\xi|))^{\nu(\phi)} (1 + |\xi|)^{-1/h(\phi)} \quad (4.4)$$

**Remark:** For  $\phi$  smooth, M. Greenblatt had obtained such estimates for  $\xi$  normal to  $S$  at 0.

## Sharpness

Let  $N$  be a unit normal to  $S$  at  $x^0 = 0$ , and put

$$J(\lambda) := \widehat{d\mu}(\lambda N) = \iint e^{\pm i\lambda\phi(x_1, x_2)} a(x_1, x_2) dx_1 dx_2, \quad \lambda > 0.$$

### Proposition

If in an adapted coordinates system the principal face  $\pi(\phi^a)$  is a compact set (i.e. a compact edge or a vertex), then the following limit

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\lambda^{1/h(\phi)}}{\log \lambda^{\nu(\phi)}} J(\lambda) = C \cdot a(0, 0),$$

exists, where  $C$  is a non-zero constant depending on  $\phi$  only.

## Remarks:

- 1 This improves on a result by M. Greenblatt, who proved that this limit exists for some sequence of  $\lambda_k \rightarrow \infty$ .
- 2 If the principal face  $\pi(\phi^a)$  is unbounded, then the estimate in the theorem may fail to be sharp, if  $\phi$  is non-analytic, as the following example by A. Iosevich and E. Sawyer shows: If

$$\Phi(x_1, x_2) := x_2^2 + e^{-1/|x_1|^\alpha},$$

then

$$|J(\lambda)| \asymp \frac{1}{\lambda^{1/2} \log \lambda^{1/\alpha}} \quad \text{as } \lambda \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Here,  $\nu(\phi) = 0$ .

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