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# Benedicks and Donoho-Stark type theorems

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we prove a Benedicks type theorem and a Donoho-Stark type theorem, for the generalized Fourier transform  $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}$  associated to some differential operators that we call Flensted-Jensen operators, in various spaces such  $L^{1}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ ,  $L^{2}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$  and  $L^{1}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K}) \cap L^{2}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ , where  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}_{+} \times \mathbb{R}$ .

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### 1. Introduction

The uncertainty principle is a characterization of a quantum mechanical system. This principle says that one cannot measure, simultaneously and as accurately as one wants, the position and momentum of a quantum particle. In harmonic analysis, the uncertainty principle can be summarized by the following sentence:

a nonzero function and its Fourier transform cannot be localized as precisely as one wishes.

We can distinguish two formulations of this principle, quantitative and qualitative. In 1927, W. Heisenberg [13] gave a physical interpretation of the quantitative uncertainty principle that he wrote in the form of the following formula called Heisenberg inequality:

$$\forall f \in \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}), \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} x^2 |f(x)|^2 dx \ . \ \int_{\mathbb{R}} y^2 |\widehat{f}(y)|^2 dy \geq \frac{1}{4} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)|^2 dx \right)^2 \,,$$

where  $\hat{f}$  is the Fourier transform of f, defined for all  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , by

$$\widehat{f}(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) e^{-ixy} dx.$$

Equality cases are realized only by Gaussians of the form

$$f(x) = Ce^{-ax^2}, \qquad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where C and a are constants with a > 0.

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By a qualitative uncertainty principle one means a result that, without giving quantitative estimates for a function f and its Fourier transform  $\hat{f}$ , says that f and  $\hat{f}$  cannot both be sharply localized unless f = 0. Several authors have published works in the context of the qualitative uncertainty principle. We can cite for example, [1–7, 12, 14–16]. For further references about uncertainty principle, we refer the reader to the book [11] and the survey [10].

In [7], Donoho and Stark studied a new version of qualitative uncertainty principle. This uncertainty principle relies on the notion of  $\varepsilon$ -concentrated, where a function f belongs to  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  called  $\varepsilon$ -concentrated on a measurable set E if

$$\|f - f_{|E}\|_2 \le \varepsilon \|f\|_2.$$

Both others in [7] established that if f is  $\varepsilon_1$ -concentrated on E and  $\hat{f}$  is  $\varepsilon_2$ -concentrated on F, then

$$m(E)m(F) \ge (1 - \varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2)^2$$

The aim of this paper is to establish Benedicks and Donoho-Stark type theorems associated to the following operators, that we call Flensted-Jensen operators,

$$\begin{cases} D &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}, \\ D_{\alpha} &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \left[ (2\alpha + 1) \coth y + \tanh y \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - \frac{1}{\cosh^2 y} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + (\alpha + 1)^2, \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha > 0$  and  $(y, \theta) \in \mathbb{K} = [0, +\infty[\times \mathbb{R}]$ .

This system was first considered by Flensted-Jensen in [9] for  $\alpha = n - 1$ , where *n* is a positive integer, in the frame work of simply connected semisimple Lie group. The operators *D* and  $[D_{n-1} - n^2]$  with the identity generate the algebra  $\mathbf{D}(\widetilde{G}/K)$  of left invariant differential operators on  $\widetilde{G}/K$ , where  $\widetilde{G}$  is the universal covering group of  $G = \mathbf{U}(n, 1)$  and *K* is the subgroup  $\mathbf{U}(n)$ . A several works on the theory of uncertainty principle, related to the operators *D* and  $D_{\alpha}$  were studied in [15–17].

The outline of this paper is given as follows:

Section 2 is devoted to recall some results concerning the harmonic analysis associated to the operators D and  $D_{\alpha}$ . In section 3, we prove a Benedicks type theorem. In the last section we obtain a various versions of Donoho-Stark theorem.

### 2. Preliminaries

For  $(y, \theta) \in \mathbb{K}$ , the following system

has a unique solution given by

$$\varphi_{\lambda,\mu}(y,\theta) = e^{i\lambda\theta} (\cosh y)^{\lambda} \,\varphi_{\mu}^{\alpha,\lambda}(y)$$

where  $\varphi_{\mu}^{\alpha,\lambda}$  is the Jacobi function defined by

$$\varphi_{\mu}^{\alpha,\lambda}(y) = {}_{2}F_{1}\left(\frac{\alpha+\lambda+1+i\mu}{2}, \frac{\alpha+\lambda+1-i\mu}{2}; \alpha+1; -\sinh^{2}y\right)$$

Recall that  $_2F_1$  is the Gaussian hypergeometric function (see [8]). From [18], we have

$$\sup_{(y,\theta)\in\mathbb{K}} |\varphi_{\lambda,\mu}(y,\theta)| = 1, \quad (\lambda,\mu)\in\widehat{\mathbb{K}}$$
(2.1)

Let  $\mathbb{L} = \mathbb{R} \times [0, +\infty[$  and  $\widehat{\mathbb{K}} = \mathbb{L} \cup \Omega$ , where

$$\Omega = \bigcup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} D_m^+ \cup D_m^-$$

with

$$D_m^+ = \{ (\alpha + 2m + 1 + \eta, i\eta) | \eta > 0 \} \quad \text{and} \quad D_m^- = \{ (-\alpha - 2m - 1 - \eta, i\eta) | \eta > 0 \}.$$

Let  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ . Consider  $L^p_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ , the space of measurable functions f on  $\mathbb{K}$  verifying

$$||f||_{p,m_{\alpha}} = \left(\int_{\mathbb{K}} |f(y,\theta)|^p \, dm_{\alpha}(y,\theta)\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < +\infty,$$

where

$$dm_{\alpha}(y,\theta) = 2^{2(\alpha+1)}(\sinh y)^{2\alpha+1}\cosh y\,dy\,d\theta.$$

For  $p = \infty$ , we put

$$||f||_{\infty,m_{\alpha}} = \operatorname{ess} \sup_{(y,\theta) \in \mathbb{K}} |f(y,\theta)|.$$

The generalized Fourier transform of f associated to Flensted-Jensen operators is given by

$$\forall (\lambda, \mu) \in \widehat{\mathbb{K}}, \qquad \mathcal{F}_{\alpha} f(\lambda, \mu) = \int_{\mathbb{K}} f(y, \theta) \varphi_{-\lambda, \mu}(y, \theta), dm_{\alpha}(y, \theta).$$

where  $f \in L^1_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ .

Denote  $\gamma_{\alpha}$  the positive measure, defined on  $\widehat{\mathbb{K}}$  by

$$\begin{split} \int_{\widehat{\mathbb{K}}} g \, d\gamma_{\alpha}(\lambda,\mu) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R} \times [0,+\infty[} g(\lambda,\mu) \frac{d\lambda d\mu}{|C_1(\lambda,\mu)|^2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \left\{ \int_0^{+\infty} g(\alpha+2m+1+\eta,i\eta) C_2(\alpha+2m+1+\eta,i\eta) d\eta \right. \\ &+ \int_0^{+\infty} g(-\alpha-2m-1-\eta,i\eta) C_2(-\alpha-2m-1-\eta,i\eta) d\eta \right\}, \end{split}$$

where

$$C_1(\lambda,\mu) = \frac{2^{\alpha+1-i\mu}\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(i\mu)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha+\lambda+1+i\mu}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha-\lambda+1+i\mu}{2}\right)}, \quad (\lambda,\mu) \in \mathbb{R} \times ]0,+\infty[$$

and

$$C_2(\lambda,\mu) = -i \operatorname{Res}_{z=\mu} \left[ C_1(\lambda,z)C_1(\lambda,-z) \right]^{-1}, \quad (\lambda,\mu) \in \Omega.$$

We have from [18] the following inversion formula

$$\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}^{-1}g(y,\theta) = \int_{\widehat{\mathbb{K}}} g(\lambda,\mu)\varphi_{\lambda,\mu}(y,\theta) \,d\gamma_{\alpha}(\lambda,\mu),\tag{2.2}$$

For  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ , denote  $L^p_{\alpha}(\widehat{\mathbb{K}})$  the space of measurable functions  $g: \widehat{\mathbb{K}} \longmapsto \mathbb{C}$  verifying

$$\|g\|_{p,\gamma_{\alpha}} = \left(\int_{\widehat{\mathbb{K}}} |g(\lambda,\mu)|^p \, d\gamma_{\alpha}(\lambda,\mu)\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < +\infty.$$

For  $p = \infty$ , we denote

$$\|g\|_{\infty,\gamma_{lpha}} = \mathbf{ess} \sup_{(\lambda,\mu)\in\widehat{\mathbb{K}}} |g(\lambda,\mu)|$$

The generalized Fourier transform  $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}$  extended to an isometry between  $L^2_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$  and  $L^2_{\alpha}(\widehat{\mathbb{K}})$ . In particular, for  $f \in L^2_{\alpha}(\widehat{\mathbb{K}})$ , we have the Plancherel formula

$$\|\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f\|_{2,\gamma_{\alpha}} = \|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}.$$
(2.3)

For  $f \in L^1_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ , we have

$$\|\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f\|_{\infty,\gamma_{\alpha}} \leq \|f\|_{1,m_{\alpha}}.$$
(2.4)

In the following sections, we consider  $E \subset \mathbb{K}$  and  $F \subset \widehat{\mathbb{K}}$  tow measurable subsets. For a function  $f \in L^2_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ , we denote by

 $T_{\scriptscriptstyle E}\,$  the time-limiting operator

$$T_{\scriptscriptstyle E}f=\chi_{\scriptscriptstyle E}\ f,$$

 $P_{\scriptscriptstyle F}\,$  the frequency-limiting operator

$$\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}(P_{F} \ f) = \chi_{F} \ \mathcal{F}_{\alpha}(f),$$

where  $\chi_A$  is the characteristic function of the set A. If  $0 < \gamma_{\alpha}(F) < \infty$ , then for  $f \in L^2_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$  we have

$$P_F f(y,\theta) = \int_F \mathcal{F}_{\alpha} f(\lambda,\mu) \varphi_{\lambda,\mu}(y,\theta) d\gamma_{\alpha}(\lambda,\mu).$$
(2.5)

The operators  $P_{\scriptscriptstyle F}$  is bounded from  $\mathrm{L}^2_\alpha(\mathbb{K})$  into itself and

$$\|P_F f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} \le \|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}.$$
(2.6)

### 3. Benedicks type theorem

In order to prove the main theorem of this section, we start by proving the following lemmas.

**Lemma 3.1** If  $0 < m_{\alpha}(E) < \infty$  and  $\gamma_{\alpha}(F) < \infty$ , then the Hilbert-Schmidt norm of  $P_{F}T_{E}$  is finite and we have

$$\|P_F T_E\|_{HS} \le \sqrt{m_\alpha(E)\gamma_\alpha(F)}.$$

**Proof** Let  $f \in L^2_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ , from relation (2.5)

$$\begin{split} P_{F}T_{E}f(y,\theta) &= \int_{F}\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}T_{E}f(\lambda,\mu)\varphi_{\lambda,\mu}(y,\theta)d\gamma_{\alpha}(\lambda,\mu) \\ &= \int_{\widehat{\mathbb{K}}}\chi_{F}(\lambda,\mu)\left\{\int_{\mathbb{K}}\chi_{E}(s,t)f(s,t)\varphi_{-\lambda,\mu}(s,t)dm_{\alpha}(s,t)\right\}\varphi_{\lambda,\mu}(y,\theta)d\gamma_{\alpha}(\lambda,\mu)\,. \end{split}$$

Denote

$$g_{s,t}(\lambda,\mu) = \chi_F(\lambda,\mu)\varphi_{-\lambda,\mu}(s,t)$$

and

$$\mathcal{N}(s,t,y,\theta) = \chi_E(s,t)\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}^{-1}(g_{s,t})(y,\theta)$$

Using Fubini's theorem, we obtain

$$P_{\scriptscriptstyle F}T_{\scriptscriptstyle E}f(y,\theta) = \int_{\mathbb{K}}f(s,t)\mathcal{N}(s,t,y,\theta)dm_{\alpha}(s,t).$$

 ${\cal N}$  is called the kernel of integral operator  $P_{\scriptscriptstyle F}T_{\scriptscriptstyle E}$  and the Hilbert-Schmidt norm of this operator is given by

$$\|P_{\scriptscriptstyle F}T_{\scriptscriptstyle E}\|_{HS}=\|\mathcal{N}\|_{\mathrm{L}^2_\alpha(\mathbb{K})\otimes \mathrm{L}^2_\alpha(\mathbb{K})}.$$

Therefore,

$$\|\mathcal{N}\|_{\mathrm{L}^{2}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})\otimes\mathrm{L}^{2}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})} = \left(\int_{\mathbb{K}} |\chi_{E}(s,t)|^{2} \left(\int_{\mathbb{K}} |\mathcal{F}^{-1}_{\alpha}(g_{s,t})(y,\theta)|^{2} dm_{\alpha}(y,\theta)\right) dm_{\alpha}(s,t)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

By applying Plancherel formula (2.3), we get

$$\|\mathcal{N}\|_{\mathrm{L}^{2}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})\otimes\mathrm{L}^{2}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})} = \left(\int_{\mathbb{K}}\chi_{E}(s,t)\left(\int_{\mathbb{K}}\chi_{F}(\lambda,\mu)|\varphi_{-\lambda,\mu}(s,t)|^{2}d\gamma_{\alpha}(\lambda,\mu)\right)dm_{\alpha}(s,t)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

We deduce from relation (2.1) that

$$\|P_F T_E\|_{HS} \le \sqrt{m_\alpha(E)\gamma_\alpha(F)}$$

**Lemma 3.2** Let  $f \in L^2_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ . Then

 $(1 - \|P_{\scriptscriptstyle F} T_{\scriptscriptstyle E}\|)\|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} \leq \left(\|T_{\scriptscriptstyle E^c} f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}^2 + \|P_{\scriptscriptstyle F^c} f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ 

**Proof** Let I be the identity operator, we have

$$I = P_{\scriptscriptstyle F} T_{\scriptscriptstyle E} + P_{\scriptscriptstyle F} T_{\scriptscriptstyle E^c} + P_{\scriptscriptstyle F^c}.$$

For  $f \in L^2_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ , we get

$$\begin{split} \|f - P_F T_E f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}^2 &= \|P_F T_{E^c} f + P_{F^c} f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}^2 \\ &= \|P_F T_{E^c} f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}^2 + \|P_{F^c} f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}^2 \end{split}$$

It follows by using (2.6) that

$$\|f - P_F T_E f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}^2 \le \|T_{E^c} f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}^2 + \|P_{F^c} f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}^2.$$
(3.1)

On the other hand, we have

 $\|f - P_{_{F}}T_{_{E}}f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} \geq \|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} - \|P_{_{F}}T_{_{E}}f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}.$ 

Since

$$\|P_{_{F}}T_{_{E}}f\| \leq \|P_{_{F}}T_{_{E}}\| \ \|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} \,,$$

therefore

$$\|f - P_{F}T_{E}f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} \ge (1 - \|P_{F}T_{E}\|)\|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}.$$
(3.2)

Combining relations (3.1) and (3.2) we obtain the wanted result.

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $f \in L^2_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ . If  $supp(f) \subset E$ ,  $supp(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f) \subset F$  and  $0 < m_{\alpha}(E)\gamma_{\alpha}(F) < 1$  then f = 0.

**Proof** Let  $f \in L^2_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ . from lemma 3.1, we obtain

$$\|P_{\scriptscriptstyle F}T_{\scriptscriptstyle E}\| \le \|P_{\scriptscriptstyle F}T_{\scriptscriptstyle E}\|_{HS} \le \sqrt{m_{\alpha}(E)\gamma_{\alpha}(F)} < 1.$$

Applying lemma 3.2, we get

$$\begin{split} \|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}^{2} &\leq \left(1 - \|P_{F}T_{E}\|\right)^{-2} \left(\|T_{E^{c}}f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}^{2} + \|P_{F^{c}}f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}^{2}\right) \\ &\leq \left(1 - \sqrt{m_{\alpha}(E)\gamma_{\alpha}(F)}\right)^{-2} \left(\|T_{E^{c}}f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}^{2} + \|P_{F^{c}}f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}^{2}\right). \end{split}$$

Hence  $supp f \subset E$  and  $supp \mathcal{F}_{\alpha} f \subset F$  then

$$T_{{\scriptscriptstyle E^c}}f=0 \quad {\rm and} \quad P_{{\scriptscriptstyle F^c}}f=0.$$

Therefore f = 0.

### 4. Donoho-Stark uncertainty principle

# 4.1. L<sup>2</sup> version of Donoho-Stark theorem

We start by giving the definition of  $\varepsilon$ -concentrated functions.

**Definition 4.1** Let  $f \in L^2_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ , E and F be measurable subsets, respectively, of  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $\widehat{\mathbb{K}}$ . We call

1. f is an  $\varepsilon_{\scriptscriptstyle E}$  -concentrated on E if there exists a vanishing function g on  $\mathbb{K}\setminus E\,,$  such that

$$\|f - g\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} \le \varepsilon_E \, \|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}.$$

2.  $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}(f)$  is an  $\varepsilon_{F}$ -concentrated on F if there exists a vanishing function h on  $\widehat{\mathbb{K}} \setminus F$ , such that

$$\|\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}(f) - h\|_{2,\gamma_{\alpha}} \leq \varepsilon_F \,\|\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f\|_{2,\gamma_{\alpha}}.$$

**Lemma 4.2** Let  $f \in L^2_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ , E and F be measurable subsets, respectively, of  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $\widehat{\mathbb{K}}$ . We have

1. f is  $\varepsilon_{E}$ -concentrated on E if and only if

$$\|f - T_E f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} \le \varepsilon_E \|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}.$$
(4.1)

2.  $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f$  is  $\varepsilon_{F}$ -concentrated on F if and only if

$$||f - P_F f||_{2,m_{\alpha}} \le \varepsilon_F ||f||_{2,m_{\alpha}}.$$
 (4.2)

### Proof

1. Let f be a  $\varepsilon_{E}$ -concentrated on E. There exits a vanishing function g on  $E^{c}$ , such that

$$\|f - g\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} \le \varepsilon_E \|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}.$$
(4.3)

On the other hand, we have

$$f(y,\theta) - T_E f = \chi_{E^c} f.$$

Then

$$\begin{split} \|f - T_{\scriptscriptstyle E} f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}^2 &= \int_{\mathbb{K}} |f(y,\theta) - T_{\scriptscriptstyle E} f(y,\theta)|^2 dm_{\alpha}(y,\theta) \\ &= \int_{E^c} |f(y,\theta) - g(y,\theta)|^2 dm_{\alpha}(y,\theta) \\ &\leq \|f - g\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}^2. \end{split}$$

Then from relation (4.3), we get

$$\|f - T_{\scriptscriptstyle E} f\|_{2,m_\alpha} \le \varepsilon_E \|f\|_{2,m_\alpha}$$

2. Let  $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f$  be a  $\varepsilon_{F}$ -concentrated to F, then there exists a vanishing function h on  $F^{c}$ , such that

$$\|\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}(f) - h\|_{2,\gamma_{\alpha}} \le \varepsilon_{F} \, \|\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f\|_{2,\gamma_{\alpha}}. \tag{4.4}$$

Moreover

$$\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f - \mathcal{F}_{\alpha}(P_{F}f) = \mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f - \chi_{F}\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f = \chi_{F^{c}}\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f$$

Then

$$\begin{split} \|\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f - \mathcal{F}_{\alpha}(P_{F}f)\|_{2,\gamma_{\alpha}}^{2} &= \int_{\widehat{\mathbb{K}}} |\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f(\lambda,\mu) - \mathcal{F}_{\alpha}(P_{F}f)(\lambda,\mu)|^{2}d\gamma_{\alpha}(\lambda,\mu) \\ &= \int_{F^{c}} |\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f(\lambda,\mu) - h(\lambda,\mu)|^{2}d\gamma_{\alpha}(\lambda,\mu) \\ &\leq \|\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f - h\|_{2,\gamma_{\alpha}}^{2}. \end{split}$$

By relation (4.4), we obtain the following result

$$\|\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f - \mathcal{F}_{\alpha}(P_{F}f)\|_{2,\gamma_{\alpha}} \leq \varepsilon_{F} \|\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f\|_{2,\gamma_{\alpha}}.$$

Applying Plancherel's formula (2.3) on both terms of the above inequality we get

$$\|f-P_{\scriptscriptstyle F}f\|_{2,m_\alpha}\leq \varepsilon_{\scriptscriptstyle F}\|f\|_{2,m_\alpha}.$$

**Lemma 4.3** For  $f \in L^2_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$  we have

$$\|P_{\scriptscriptstyle F}T_{\scriptscriptstyle E}f\|_{2,m_\alpha} \leq \sqrt{m_\alpha(E)\gamma_\alpha(F)} \ \|f\|_{2,m_\alpha}.$$

**Proof** Assume that  $m_{\alpha}(E)$  and  $\gamma_{\alpha}(F)$  are finite. Applying Lemma 3.1 we get

$$\|P_F T_E\|_{HS} \le \sqrt{m_\alpha(E)\gamma_\alpha(F)}$$

considering

$$\|P_{{}_{F}}T_{{}_{E}}\| = \sup_{f \in \mathcal{L}^{2}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K}) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|P_{{}_{F}}T_{E}f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}}{\|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}} \leq \|P_{{}_{F}}T_{{}_{E}}\|_{HS}$$

then for  $f \in L^2_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K}) \setminus \{0\}$  we have

$$\frac{\|P_{\scriptscriptstyle F}T_{\scriptscriptstyle E}f\|_{2,m_\alpha}}{\|f\|_{2,m_\alpha}} \leq \sqrt{m_\alpha(E)\gamma_\alpha(F)}$$

which allows us to deduce the wanted result.

**Theorem 4.4** Consider a nonzero function  $f \in L^2_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ . If f is an  $\varepsilon_E$ -concentrated on E,  $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f$  is an  $\varepsilon_F$ -concentrated on F and  $\varepsilon_E + \varepsilon_F < 1$ , then

$$\sqrt{m_{\alpha}(E)\gamma_{\alpha}(F)} \ge 1 - \varepsilon_{E} - \varepsilon_{F}.$$

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**Proof** Let  $f \in L^2_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K}) \setminus \{0\}$ , we have

$$\|f - P_{F}T_{E}f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} \leq \|f - P_{F}f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} + \|P_{F}f - P_{F}T_{E}f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}$$

From relations(4.2), (2.6) and (4.1), we obtain

$$\begin{split} \|f - P_F T_E f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} &\leq \varepsilon_F \|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} + \|f - T_E f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} \\ &\leq (\varepsilon_E + \varepsilon_F) \|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}. \end{split}$$

which allows us to get the following inequality

$$\begin{split} \|P_F T_E f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} &\geq \|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} - \|f - P_F T_E f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} \\ &\geq (1 - \varepsilon_E - \varepsilon_F) \|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}. \end{split}$$

Applying lemma 4.3 we conclude that

$$\sqrt{m_{\alpha}(E)\gamma_{\alpha}(F)} \ge (1 - \varepsilon_E - \varepsilon_F).$$

# 4.2. $L^1$ version of Donoho-Stark theorem

In this section, we study the case of a function  $f \in L^1_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ .

The operator  $T_{\scriptscriptstyle E}$  verifies the following inequality on  $\, {\rm L}^1_\alpha(\mathbb{K}) \, .$ 

$$\|T_E f\|_{1,m_{\alpha}} \le \|f\|_{1,m_{\alpha}} \tag{4.5}$$

We say that f is an  $\varepsilon_{\scriptscriptstyle E}-{\rm concentrated}$  on E in  ${\rm L}^1_\alpha(\mathbb{K})$  if

$$\|f - T_E f\|_{1,m_\alpha} \le \varepsilon_E \|f\|_{1,m_\alpha}.$$

We denote by  $\mathbf{B}^1_{\alpha}(F)$  the following subset

$$\mathcal{B}_1^{\alpha}(F) = \left\{ g \in \mathcal{L}^1_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K}) | P_F g = g \right\}.$$

We say that f is an  $\varepsilon_{\scriptscriptstyle F}$  – bandlimited on F if there is a function  $g \in \mathcal{B}^{\alpha}_1(F)$  such that

$$\|f-g\|_{1,m_{\alpha}} \leq \varepsilon_F \|f\|_{1,m_{\alpha}}.$$

We begin with the following lemma in order to prove the Donoho-Stark type theorem on  $L^{1}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ .

**Lemma 4.5** Consider a nonzero function  $f \in B_1^{\alpha}(F)$ , we have

$$\frac{\|T_E f\|_{1,m_{\alpha}}}{\|f\|_{1,m_{\alpha}}} \le m_{\alpha}(E)\gamma_{\alpha}(F).$$

**Proof** Let  $f \in B_1^{\alpha}(F) \setminus \{0\}$ , according to relation (2.5) we get

$$f(y,\theta) = \int_{\widehat{\mathbb{K}}} \chi_F(\lambda,\mu) \mathcal{F}_{\alpha} f(\lambda,\mu) \varphi_{\lambda,\mu}(y,\theta) d\gamma_{\alpha}(\lambda,\mu)$$

Therefore by Fubini's theorem, we obtain

$$f(y,\theta) = \int_{\mathbb{K}} f(s,t) \left( \int_{F} \varphi_{-\lambda,\mu}(s,t) \varphi_{\lambda,\mu}(y,\theta) d\gamma_{\alpha}(\lambda,\mu) \right) dm_{\alpha}(s,t) $

From relation(2.1), we get

$$||f||_{\infty,m_{\alpha}} \le \gamma_{\alpha}(F) ||f||_{1,m_{\alpha}}.$$
(4.6)

Furthermore,

$$\|T_{_E}f\|_{1,m_{\alpha}} = \int_{\mathbb{K}} \chi_{_E}(y,\theta) |f(y,\theta)| dm_{\alpha}(y,\theta) \le m_{\alpha}(E) \|f\|_{\infty,m_{\alpha}}$$

by using the relation (4.6), we get

$$||T_E f||_{1,m_\alpha} \le m_\alpha(E)\gamma_\alpha(F)||f||_{1,m_\alpha}$$

Then, we gain the wanted result.

**Theorem 4.6** Consider a nonzero function  $f \in L^1_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$  and  $\varepsilon_E$ ,  $\varepsilon_F$  two real numbers such that  $\varepsilon_E + \varepsilon_F < 1$ . If f is  $\varepsilon_E$ -concentrated on E and  $\varepsilon_F$ -bandlimited on F in  $L^1_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$  then

$$m_{\alpha}(E)\gamma_{\alpha}(F) \ge \frac{1-\varepsilon_E-\varepsilon_F}{1+\varepsilon_F}.$$

**Proof** We consider  $f \in L^1_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K}) \setminus \{0\}$ , we have

$$||T_{E}f||_{1,m_{\alpha}} = ||f + T_{E}f - f||_{1,m_{\alpha}}$$

By applying the triangular inequality, we obtain

$$||T_E f||_{1,m_{\alpha}} \ge ||f||_{1,m_{\alpha}} - ||f - T_E f||_{1,m_{\alpha}}.$$

Since f is  $\varepsilon_{\scriptscriptstyle E}$  – concentrated on E, then

$$||T_E f||_{1,m_{\alpha}} \ge (1 - \varepsilon_E) ||f||_{1,m_{\alpha}}.$$
(4.7)

On the other hand, f is  $\varepsilon_{_F}$  – bandlimited so there exists a function  $g \in B^1_{\alpha}(F)$  such that

$$\|f - g\|_{1,m_{\alpha}} \le \varepsilon_F \|f\|_{1,m_{\alpha}}.$$
(4.8)

Furthermore, from relation (4.5) we get

$$\|T_{{\scriptscriptstyle E}}g\|_{1,m_{\alpha}} \geq \|T_{{\scriptscriptstyle E}}f\|_{1,m_{\alpha}} - \|T_{{\scriptscriptstyle E}}f - T_{{\scriptscriptstyle E}}g\|_{1,m_{\alpha}} \geq \|T_{{\scriptscriptstyle E}}f\|_{1,m_{\alpha}} - \|f - g\|_{1,m_{\alpha}}.$$

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Using both relations (4.7) and (4.8), we get

$$||T_E g||_{1,m_{\alpha}} \ge (1 - \varepsilon_E - \varepsilon_F) ||f||_{1,m_{\alpha}}.$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\|g\|_{1,m_{\alpha}} \leq (1+\varepsilon_F) \|f\|_{1,m_{\alpha}}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{\|T_{\scriptscriptstyle F}g\|_{1,m_\alpha}}{\|g\|_{1,m_\alpha}} \geq \frac{1-\varepsilon_{\scriptscriptstyle E}-\varepsilon_{\scriptscriptstyle F}}{1+\varepsilon_{\scriptscriptstyle F}}$$

Then, by lemma 4.5 we obtain the wanted result.

In the sequel, we give an  $L^1_{\alpha} \cap L^2_{\alpha}$  version of Donoho-Stark theorem for the generalized Fourier transform  $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}$ .

**Theorem 4.7** Consider a nonzero function  $f \in L^1_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K}) \cap L^2_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ . If f is  $\varepsilon_E$ -concentrated on E in  $L^1_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$  and  $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f$  is  $\varepsilon_F$ -cocentrated on F in  $L^2_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$  then

$$m_{\alpha}(E)\gamma_{\alpha}(F) \ge (1-\varepsilon_E)^2(1-\varepsilon_F)^2$$

**Proof** Assume that  $m_{\alpha}(E)$  and  $\gamma_{\alpha}(F)$  are finite. For a nonzero function  $f \in L^{1}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K}) \cap L^{2}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ , we have

$$\|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} \leq \|f - P_{F}f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} + \|P_{F}f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}$$

Plancherel's formula (2.3) gives us the following inequality

$$\|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} \leq \|\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f - \mathcal{F}_{\alpha}(P_{F}f)\|_{2,\gamma_{\alpha}} + \|\chi_{F}\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}(f)\|_{2,\gamma_{\alpha}}$$

Since  $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f$  is  $\varepsilon_{F}$ -cocentrated on F in  $L^{2}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ , we obtain by using relation(4.2)

$$\begin{split} \|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} &\leq \varepsilon_{F} \|\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f\|_{2,\gamma_{\alpha}} + \left(\int_{F} |\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f(\lambda,\mu)|^{2} d\gamma_{\alpha}(\lambda,\mu)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \varepsilon_{F} \|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}} + \sqrt{\gamma_{\alpha}(F)} \|\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}f\|_{\infty,\gamma_{\alpha}}. \end{split}$$

Furthermore from relation (2.4), we obtain

$$(1 - \varepsilon_F) \|f\|_{2,m_\alpha} \le \sqrt{\gamma_\alpha(F)} \|f\|_{1,m_\alpha}.$$
(4.9)

On the other hand, we have

$$||f||_{1,m_{\alpha}} \le ||f - T_E f||_{1,m_{\alpha}} + ||T_E f||_{1,m_{\alpha}}.$$

Seeing that f is  $\varepsilon_E$  - concentrated on E in  $L^1_{\alpha}(\mathbb{K})$ , we conclude from relation (4.1) that

$$\begin{split} \|f\|_{1,m_{\alpha}} &\leq \varepsilon_{E} \|f\|_{1,m\alpha} + \int_{E} |f(y,\theta)| dm_{\alpha}(y,\theta) \\ &\leq \varepsilon_{E} \|f\|_{1,m_{\alpha}} + \sqrt{m_{\alpha}(E)} \|f\|_{2,m_{\alpha}}. \end{split}$$

Therefore,

$$(1 - \varepsilon_E) \|f\|_{1,m_\alpha} \le \sqrt{m_\alpha(E)} \|f\|_{2,m_\alpha}.$$

$$(4.10)$$

Combining (4.9) and (4.10) we reach the needed result.

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