

## THE REGULARITY OF $L^p$ -SCALING FUNCTIONS\*

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**Abstract.** The existence of  $L^p$ -scaling function and the  $L^p$ -Lipschitz exponent have been studied in [Ji] and [LW] and a criterion is given in terms of a series of product of matrices. In this paper we make some further study of the criterion. In particular we show that for  $p$  an even integer or for all  $p \geq 1$  in some special cases, the criterion can be simplified to a computationally efficient form.

**1. Introduction.** The solution  $f$  of a 2-scale dilation equation

$$(1.1) \quad f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N c_n f(2x - n), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

is called a *scaling function*. This class of functions has been studied in detail in recent literature in connection with wavelet theory [D] and constructive approximations [DGL]. The question of existence of continuous,  $L^1$  and  $L^2$  solutions was treated in Daubechies [D], Daubechies and Lagarias [DL1], Collela and Heil [CH], Eirola [E], Heil [H], and Micchelli and Prautzsch [MP]. The regularity of such solutions was studied, in addition to the above papers, in Cohen and Daubechies [CD], Daubechies and Lagarias [DL2,3], Herve [He], Lau, Ma and Wang [LWM] and Villemos [V1,2]. Also the existence of  $L^p$ -solutions has been characterized by Lau and Wang in [LW] and Jia[Ji].

In this paper, we will adopt the previous notations as in [CH], [DL1] and [LW]. Let  $T_0 = [c_{2i-j-1}]_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}$  and  $T_1 = [c_{2i-j}]_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}$  be the associated matrices of the coefficients  $\{c_n\}$ , i.e.,

$$T_0 = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ c_2 & c_1 & c_0 & \dots & 0 \\ c_4 & c_3 & c_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & c_{N-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad T_1 = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & c_0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ c_3 & c_2 & c_1 & \dots & 0 \\ c_5 & c_4 & c_3 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & c_N \end{pmatrix}.$$

It is known that if  $\sum_{n=0}^N c_n = 2$ , then 2 is always an eigenvalue of  $(T_0 + T_1)$ . Furthermore, if  $\sum c_{2n} = \sum c_{2n+1} = 1$ , then 1 is an eigenvalue of both  $T_0$  and  $T_1$ . Let  $\mathbf{v}$  be a 2-eigenvector of  $(T_0 + T_1)$  (which means a right eigenvector associated with the eigenvalue 2) and let

$$\tilde{\mathbf{v}} := (T_0 - I)\mathbf{v} = (I - T_1)\mathbf{v}.$$

In [LW] the following theorem was proved:

**THEOREM A.** *Suppose  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^N c_n = 2$ . Then equation (1.1) has a nonzero compactly supported  $L^p$ -solution (notation:  $L_c^p$ -solution) if and only if there exists a 2-eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}$  of  $(T_0 + T_1)$  satisfying*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p = 0.$$

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In [Ji], Jai studied the same existence question by means of a 'hat' function and obtained a similar criterion independently. Furthermore he showed that the existence of an  $L^p$ -solution implies that  $\sum c_{2n} = \sum c_{2n+1} = 1$ .

In this paper we will consider the regularity of the solution. We use the  $L^p$ -Lipschitz exponent to describe the regularity. It is defined by

$$\text{Lip}_p(f) = \liminf_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln \|\Delta_h f\|_p}{\ln h},$$

where  $\Delta_h f(x) = f(x + h) - f(x)$ . It is well known that for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , if

$$\limsup_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{h} \|\Delta_h f\|_p < \infty$$

(which implies  $\text{Lip}_p(f) = 1$ ), then  $f'$  exists a.e. and is in  $L^p$  and  $f$  is the indefinite integral of  $f'$ . Recall that the  $q$ -Sobolev exponent of a function  $f$  is defined as

$$\sup\{\alpha : \int (1 + |\xi|^{q\alpha}) |\hat{f}(\xi)|^q d\xi < \infty\}.$$

For  $p = q = 2$ , the 2-Sobolev exponent equals to the  $L^2$ -Lipschitz exponent, and they are different when  $p, q \neq 2$ . In general the  $L^p$ -Lipschitz exponent describes the regularity of  $f$  more accurately than the Sobolev exponent. The  $q$ -Sobolev exponent has been studied in [He]. The  $L^p$ -Lipschitz exponent (in a slightly different terminology) has been used to investigate the multifractal structure of scaling functions in [DL3] and [J1,2].

Let  $H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$  be the complex subspace spanned by  $\{T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}} : J \text{ is a multi-index}\}$ . (We use complex scalar because it will be more convenient to deal with the complex eigenvalues and eigenvectors.)

**THEOREM B.** *Suppose that  $\sum c_{2n} = \sum c_{2n+1} = 1$  and either (i) 1 is a simple eigenvalue of  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  or (ii)  $H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}}) = \{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{C}^N : \sum_{i=1}^N u_i = 0\}$ . Then for  $f$  an  $L^p_c$ -solution of (1.1),  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,*

$$(1.2) \quad \text{Lip}_p(f) = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(2^{-n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p)}{p \ln(2^{-n})}.$$

We remark that Jia [Ji, Theorem 6.2] proved that the above formula by replacing  $\|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|$  with  $\|T_J/H\|$  where  $H$  denoted the hyperplane in (ii). Our special preference on  $\|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|$  is that it allows us to calculate the sum in many cases (see Section 4 and 5). Even though there are some overlaps with Jia's result, we like to give a full proof of Theorem B because of completeness and the consistence of the development in the in the sequel.

To reduce the formula in Theorem B, we only consider the 4-coefficient dilation equation for simplicity. We show that if in addition  $c_0 + c_3 = 1$ , then

$$\text{Lip}_p(f) = \frac{\ln((|c_0|^p + |1 - c_0|^p)/2)}{-p \ln 2},$$

(Proposition 4.3) and if  $c_0 + c_3 = 1/2$ , then

$$\text{Lip}_p(f) = \min\left\{1, \frac{\ln((|c_0|^p + |\frac{1}{2} - c_0|^p)/2)}{-p \ln 2}\right\}.$$

(Proposition 4.5). Note that the second case contains Daubechies scaling function  $D_4$ . The formula was actually obtained in [DL3] using a different method and assuming

further  $1/2 < c_0 < 3/4$ . For the general case we show that if  $p$  is an even integer, then

$$(1.3) \quad \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p = \mathbf{a} W_p^n \mathbf{b}$$

for an auxillary  $(p + 1) \times (p + 1)$  matrix  $W_p$  depends only on the coefficients of the dilation equation and for some vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  ( Proposition 5.1). In particular for  $p = 2$ , the matrix  $W_2$  is equivalent to the transition matrix used in [CD], [LW] and [V] for the existence of  $L^2$ -scaling function. By using (1.3) it is easy to show that the necessary and sufficient condition in Theorem A reduces to  $\rho(W_p) < 2$  and (1.2) becomes

$$\text{Lip}_p(f) = \frac{\ln(\rho(W_p)/2)}{-p \ln 2}$$

where  $\rho(W_p)$  is the spectral radius of  $W_p$  (Theorem 5.3).

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we include some preliminary results concerning the eigen-properties of the matrices  $T_0, T_1$  and  $T_0 + T_1$  that we need. We give a complete proof of Theorem B in Section 3. In Section 4, we will apply Theorem B to obtain explicit expressions for the two special cases described above. Finally in Section 5 we construct the matrix  $W_p$  in (1.3) and use the spectral radius of  $W_p$  to determine  $\text{Lip}_p(f)$  when  $p$  is an even integer. We also make some remarks concerning extensions of the construction and discuss some unsolved questions.

**2. Preliminaries.** Throughout this paper, unless otherwise specified, we assume that  $1 \leq p < \infty, c_n \in \mathbb{R}, c_0, c_N \neq 0$  and  $\sum c_{2n} = \sum c_{2n+1} = 1$ . For any  $k \geq 1$ , let  $J = (j_1, \dots, j_k), j_i = 0$  or  $1$ , be the multi-index and  $|J|$  the length of  $J$ . Let  $I_J = I_{(j_1, \dots, j_k)}$  be the dyadic interval  $[0.j_1 \dots j_k, 0.j_1 \dots j_k + 2^{-k})$ . The matrix  $T_J$  represents the product  $T_{j_1} \dots T_{j_k}$ . If  $\mathbf{v}$  is a 2-eigenvector of  $(T_0 + T_1)$ , it is clear that

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{1}{2^k} \sum_{|J|=k} T_J \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{2^k} (T_0 + T_1)^k \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}.$$

For any  $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$  with support in  $[0, N]$ , let  $\mathbf{g} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$

$$\mathbf{g}(x) = [g(x), g(x + 1), \dots, g(x + (N - 1))]^t, \quad x \in [0, 1]$$

be the vector-valued function representing  $g$  and let

$$\mathbf{Tg}(x) = \begin{cases} T_0 \mathbf{g}(2x) & \text{if } x \in [0, \frac{1}{2}), \\ T_1 \mathbf{g}(2x - 1) & \text{if } x \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1). \end{cases}$$

It is easy to show that  $f$  is a solution of (1.1) if and only if  $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{Tf}$  [DL1]. With no confusion, we use  $\|\cdot\|$  to denote the  $L^p$ -norm of  $g$  as well as the vector-valued function  $\mathbf{g}$ . Also for a vector  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \|\mathbf{u}\|$  will denote the  $\ell_N^p$ -norm in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ .

Let  $g_I$  be the average  $|I|^{-1} \int_I g(x) dx$  of  $g$  on an interval  $I$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *Let  $f$  be an  $L_c^p$ -solution of (1.1) and  $\mathbf{v} = [f_{[0,1)}, \dots, f_{[N-1,N)}]^t$  be the vector defined by the average of  $f$  on the  $N$  subintervals. Then*

- (i)  $\mathbf{v}$  is a 2-eigenvector of  $(T_0 + T_1)$ .
- (ii) Let  $\mathbf{f}_0(x) = \mathbf{v}, x \in [0, 1)$ , and let  $\mathbf{f}_{n+1} = \mathbf{Tf}_n, n = 0, 1, \dots$ , then

$$\mathbf{f}_n(x) = \sum_{|J|=n} (T_J \mathbf{v}) \chi_{I_J}(x), \quad x \in [0, 1),$$

and  $\|\mathbf{f}_{n+1} - \mathbf{f}_n\|^p = 2^{-n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p$ .

(iii)  $\|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_n\|^p \leq \frac{c}{2^n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p$  for some  $c > 0$  and  $\mathbf{f}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{f}$  in  $L^p([0, 1], \mathbb{R}^N)$ .

*Proof.* The proof of these statements can be found in [LW, Proposition 2.3, Lemma 2.4, 2.5, and Theorem 2.6]. In particular to prove the last identity in (ii), we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{f}_{n+1} - \mathbf{f}_n\|^p &= \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \sum_{|J|=n} (\|T_J(T_0 - I)\mathbf{v}\|^p + \|T_J(T_1 - I)\mathbf{v}\|^p) \\ &= \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\alpha = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(2^{-n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p)}{\ln(2^{-n})}.$$

Then  $\alpha$  is the rate of convergence of  $2^{-n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p$  to 0 in the sense that the sum is of order  $o(2^{-\beta n})$  for any  $\beta < \alpha$ . Let  $H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$  be the subspace (with complex scalar) spanned by  $\{T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}} : J \text{ is a multi-index}\}$ .

LEMMA 2.2. *Under the same conditions and notations as in Proposition 2.1, for any  $\mathbf{u} \in H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$ ,*

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(2^{-n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{u}\|^p)}{\ln(2^{-n})} \geq \alpha.$$

Furthermore equality holds if  $H(\mathbf{u}) = H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$ .

*Proof.* Since  $H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$  is finite dimensional, it suffices to consider  $\mathbf{u} = T_{J'} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}$  for some  $J'$ . Let  $|J'| = k$ , then

$$\frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{u}\|^p = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J T_{J'} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p \leq 2^k \frac{1}{2^{n+k}} \sum_{|J|=n+k} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p.$$

It follows that

$$\frac{\ln(2^{-n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{u}\|^p)}{\ln(2^{-n})} \geq \frac{\ln(2^k)}{\ln(2^{-n})} + \frac{\ln(2^{-(n+k)} \sum_{|J|=n+k} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p)}{\ln(2^{-(n+k)})},$$

which implies the stated inequality. For the last statement we need only change the roles of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}$  and make use of the inequality we just proved.  $\square$

Let  $M = [c_{2i-j}]_{1 \leq i, j \leq N-1}$ , i.e.,

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & c_0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ c_3 & c_2 & c_1 & \dots & 0 \\ c_5 & c_4 & c_3 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & c_{N-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

be the common submatrix of  $T_0$  and  $T_1$ . If  $\sum c_{2n} = \sum c_{2n+1} = 1$ , then 1 is an eigenvalue of  $M$  and  $[1, 1, \dots, 1]$  is the corresponding left 1-eigenvector. Let  $H = \{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{C}^N : \sum_{i=1}^N u_i = 0\}$ .

LEMMA 2.3. *There exist  $\mathbf{v}_0, \mathbf{v}_1 \notin H$  (i.e.,  $\sum (\mathbf{v}_0)_i = \sum (\mathbf{v}_1)_i \neq 0$ ) such that  $(T_0 - I)^m \mathbf{v}_0 = (T_1 - I)^m \mathbf{v}_1 = 0$  for some  $m > 0$ , and*

$$(2.2) \quad T_0 \mathbf{v}_1 = T_1 \mathbf{v}_0.$$

*Remark.* When  $m = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_0$  and  $\mathbf{v}_1$  are 1-eigenvectors of  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  respectively.

*Proof.* Let  $E_\lambda = \{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{C}^{N-1} : (M - \lambda I)^m \mathbf{u} = 0 \text{ for some } m > 0\}$ . Observe that for  $\lambda \neq 1$  and for  $\mathbf{u} \in E_\lambda$ ,

$$0 = [1, 1, \dots, 1](M - \lambda I)^m \mathbf{u} = (1 - \lambda)^m \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} u_i$$

for some  $m > 0$ , so that  $\sum u_i = 0$ . In view of  $\mathbb{C}^{N-1} = E_1 \oplus \sum_{\lambda \neq 1} E_\lambda$ , there exists  $\mathbf{a} \in E_1$  such that  $\sum a_i \neq 0$ . If 1 is a simple eigenvalue of  $M$ ,  $\dim E_1 = 1$  and hence the above  $\mathbf{a}$  is a 1-eigenvector of  $M$ . Let

$$(2.3) \quad \mathbf{v}_0 := [0, a_1, \dots, a_{N-1}]^t, \quad \mathbf{v}_1 := [a_1, \dots, a_{N-1}, 0]^t.$$

Then  $\mathbf{v}_0$  and  $\mathbf{v}_1$  are 1-eigenvectors of  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  respectively, and  $\mathbf{v}_0, \mathbf{v}_1 \notin H$ . Moreover, by the definitions of  $T_0$  and  $T_1$ , we have

$$(2.4) \quad (T_0 \mathbf{v}_1)_i = \sum c_{2i-j-1} a_j = \sum c_{2i-j} a_{j+1} = (T_1 \mathbf{v}_0)_i.$$

so that  $T_0 \mathbf{v}_1 = T_1 \mathbf{v}_0$ . If 1 is not a simple eigenvalue of  $M$ , we let  $m$  be the smallest positive integer so that  $(M - I)^m \mathbf{a} = 0$ . Define  $\mathbf{a}^{(1)} = \mathbf{a}, \dots, \mathbf{a}^{(m)} = (M - I)^{m-1} \mathbf{a}$ , and let

$$(2.5) \quad \mathbf{v}_0^{(i)} = [0, \mathbf{a}^{(i)}]^t \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{v}_1^{(i)} = [\mathbf{a}^{(i)}, 0]^t, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

Then  $\mathbf{v}_j^{(1)} \notin H$  and  $\mathbf{v}_j^{(m)}$  are eigenvectors of  $T_j, j = 0, 1$  and

$$(2.6) \quad T_j \mathbf{v}_j^{(i)} = \mathbf{v}_j^{(i)} + \mathbf{v}_j^{(i+1)}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m - 1, \quad j = 0, 1.$$

If we let  $\mathbf{v}_0 = \mathbf{v}_0^{(1)}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{v}_1^{(1)}$ , then a similar calculation like (2.4) implies that  $T_0 \mathbf{v}_1 = T_1 \mathbf{v}_0$  again.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.4.** *Let  $\mathbf{v}_0, \mathbf{v}_1$  be chosen as in the proof of Lemma 2.3, Then*

- (i)  $T_0 \mathbf{v}_1^{(i)} = T_1 \mathbf{v}_0^{(i)}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .
- (ii)  $T_1 T_0^{k-1} \mathbf{v}_0 = T_0 T_1^{k-1} \mathbf{v}_1$  for  $k \geq 1$ .
- (iii)  $(T_0^n \mathbf{v}_0)_1 = (T_1^n \mathbf{v}_1)_N = 0$  and  $(T_0^n \mathbf{v}_0)_i = (T_1^n \mathbf{v}_1)_{i-1}$  for  $2 \leq i \leq N$ .

*Proof.* (i) and (ii) follows directly from the same calculation as in the proof of the above lemma. The first identity in (iii) is a consequence of  $(\mathbf{v}_0)_1 = (\mathbf{v}_1)_N = 0$  as in (2.3). For the second identity, if  $\mathbf{v}_0$  and  $\mathbf{v}_1$  are 1-eigenvectors of  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  respectively, (2.2) implies that

$$(T_0^n \mathbf{v}_0)_i = (\mathbf{v}_0)_i = (\mathbf{v}_1)_{i-1} = (T_1^n \mathbf{v}_1)_{i-1}.$$

For the general case we need only apply

$$T_j^n \mathbf{v}_j^{(1)} = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} \mathbf{v}_j^{(i+1)} & \text{if } n < m \\ \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \binom{n}{i} \mathbf{v}_j^{(i+1)} & \text{if } n \geq m \end{cases}$$

which can be checked directly by using (2.6).  $\square$

**LEMMA 2.5.** *Let  $\mathbf{v}$  be a 2-eigenvector of  $(T_0 + T_1)$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}} = (T_0 - I)\mathbf{v}$ . Then  $H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$  is a subspace of  $H$ . Moreover, if (i) 1 is a simple eigenvalue of  $T_0$  and  $T_1$ ; or (ii)  $H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}}) = H$ , then for  $\mathbf{v}_0, \mathbf{v}_1 \notin H$  as defined in Lemma 2.3, there exists a constant  $c$  such that*

$$\mathbf{v} = c\mathbf{v}_0 + \mathbf{h}_0 = c\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{h}_1$$

for some  $\mathbf{h}_0, \mathbf{h}_1 \in H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$ .

*Proof.* Note that  $[1, 1, \dots, 1]^t$  is a left 1-eigenvector of  $T_0$ , so that  $(T_0 - I)\mathbf{u} \in H$  for every  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . In particular,  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}} = (T_0 - I)\mathbf{v}$  must be in  $H$ . Also it is easy to show that  $H$  is invariant under  $T_0$  and  $T_1$ , hence  $H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$  is a subspace of  $H$ . Let  $\mathbf{v}_0$  and  $\mathbf{v}_1$  be as in Lemma 2.3, then  $a = \sum(\mathbf{v}_0)_i = \sum(\mathbf{v}_1)_i \neq 0$ . Let  $c = \sum_{i=1}^N v_i/a$ , where  $v_i$ 's are the coordinates of  $\mathbf{v}$  and let

$$\mathbf{h}_0 = \mathbf{v} - c\mathbf{v}_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{h}_1 = \mathbf{v} - c\mathbf{v}_1.$$

By the choice of  $c$ , we have  $\mathbf{h}_0, \mathbf{h}_1 \in H$  which implies case (ii) because  $H = H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$ . In case (i), we observe that if 1 is a simple eigenvalue of  $T_0$ , then  $T_0 - I$  restricted on  $H$  is bijective; it is hence also bijective on the  $(T_0 - I)$ -invariant subspace  $H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$ . Consequently,

$$\tilde{\mathbf{v}} = (T_0 - I)\mathbf{v} = (T_0 - I)(c\mathbf{v}_0 + \mathbf{h}_0) = (T_0 - I)\mathbf{h}_0$$

so that  $\mathbf{h}_0$  must be in  $H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$ . The same proof holds for  $\mathbf{h}_1$ . □

**3. Proof of Theorem B.** Let  $f$  be an  $L^p_c$ -solution of (1.1) and let  $\mathbf{v} = [f_{[0,1)}, \dots, f_{[N-1,N)}]^t$  be the vector defined by the average of  $f$  over the  $N$ -subintervals (see Proposition 2.1), then  $\mathbf{v}$  is a 2-eigenvector of  $(T_0 + T_1)$ . Let

$$\mathbf{f}_n(x) = \sum_{|J|=n} (T_J \mathbf{v}) \chi_{I_J}(x)$$

and let  $f_n$  be the corresponding real valued function of  $\mathbf{f}_n$  defined on  $[0, N]$ .

LEMMA 3.1. For  $n \geq 1$  and  $\ell \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{1-2^{-n}} \|\mathbf{f}_{n+\ell}(x+2^{-n}) - \mathbf{f}_{n+\ell}(x)\|^p dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{n+\ell}} \sum_{|J'|=\ell} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{|J|=n-i} \|T_J(T_1 T_0^{i-1} - T_0 T_1^{i-1}) T_{J'} \mathbf{v}\|^p \right). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We divide the interval  $[0, 1 - 2^{-n})$  into  $2^n - 1$  equal subintervals. For each subinterval, we further divide it into  $2^\ell$  equal parts. In this way we have  $2^\ell(2^n - 1)$  equal subintervals with length  $2^{-(n+\ell)}$ . For each such dyadic interval, we can write down its binary representation with length  $2^{n+\ell}$ , say  $I_{(j_1, \dots, j_n, j'_1, \dots, j'_\ell)}$ . Since it is contained in  $[0, 1 - 2^{-n})$ , at least one of the  $j_1, \dots, j_n$  must equal 0. Suppose  $x \in I_{(j_1, \dots, j_n, j'_1, \dots, j'_\ell)}$  with  $j_{n-i+1}$  as the last zero in  $\{j_1, \dots, j_n\}$ , i.e.,  $x \in I_{(j_1, \dots, j_{n-i}, 0, 1, \dots, 1, j'_1, \dots, j'_\ell)}$ , then  $x + 2^{-n} \in I_{(j_1, \dots, j_{n-i}, 1, 0, \dots, 0, j'_1, \dots, j'_\ell)}$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{f}_{n+\ell}(x+2^{-n}) - \mathbf{f}_{n+\ell}(x) \\ &= T_{j_1} \cdots T_{j_{n-i}} T_1 T_0^{i-1} (T_{j'_1} \cdots T_{j'_\ell} \mathbf{v}) - T_{j_1} \cdots T_{j_{n-i}} T_0 T_1^{i-1} (T_{j'_1} \cdots T_{j'_\ell} \mathbf{v}) \\ &= T_{j_1} \cdots T_{j_{n-i}} (T_1 T_0^{i-1} - T_0 T_1^{i-1}) T_{j'_1} \cdots T_{j'_\ell} \mathbf{v}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathbf{f}_{n+\ell}(x+2^{-n}) - \mathbf{f}_{n+\ell}(x)$  is a constant function on each dyadic interval of size  $2^{-(n+\ell)}$ , an integration over the interval  $[0, 1 - 2^{-n})$  yields the lemma immediately. □

We first give a lower bound estimate of  $\|\Delta_{2^{-n}} f\|$ .

PROPOSITION 3.2. For  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\|\Delta_{2^{-n}} f\|^p \geq \frac{2^{p-1}}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{|J|=n-1} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p.$$

*Proof.* Fix  $n \geq 1$  and for any  $\ell \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_{2^{-n}} f_{n+\ell}\|^p &= \int_{-2^{-n}}^N |f_{n+\ell}(x + 2^{-n}) - f_{n+\ell}(x)|^p dx \\ &\geq \int_0^{1-2^{-n}} \|\mathbf{f}_{n+\ell}(x + 2^{-n}) - \mathbf{f}_{n+\ell}(x)\|^p dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{n+\ell}} \sum_{|J'|=\ell} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{|J|=n-i} \|T_J(T_1 T_0^{i-1} - T_0 T_1^{i-1}) T_{J'} \mathbf{v}\|^p \right) \\ &\hspace{20em} \text{(by Lemma 3.1)} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2^{n+\ell}} \sum_{|J'|=\ell} \sum_{|J|=n-1} \|T_J(T_1 - T_0) T_{J'} \mathbf{v}\|^p \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{|J|=n-1} \|T_J(T_1 - T_0)\| \left( \frac{1}{2^\ell} \sum_{|J'|=\ell} T_{J'} \mathbf{v} \right)^p \\ &= \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{|J|=n-1} \|T_J(T_1 - T_0) \mathbf{v}\|^p \quad \text{(by (2.1))} \\ &= 2^{p-1} \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \sum_{|J|=n-1} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p \quad \text{(use } (T_1 - T_0) \mathbf{v} = -2\tilde{\mathbf{v}} \text{).} \end{aligned}$$

The assertion now follows by letting  $\ell \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\square$

For the upper bound of  $\|\Delta_h f\|$ , we need an estimation of the integral of  $|\Delta_h f_n(x)|$  near the integers  $k = 0, \dots, N$ .

LEMMA 3.3. Under the same assumptions as in Lemma 2.5, for  $n > 0$  and for  $0 < h < 2^{-n}$ ,

$$\int_{E_n} |\Delta_h f_n(x)|^p dx \leq 2^p h (\|T_0^n \mathbf{h}_0\|^p + \|T_1^n \mathbf{h}_1\|^p)$$

where  $E_n = \bigcup_{k=0}^N [k - 2^{-n}, k)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f_n$  is a constant function on the dyadic intervals of size  $2^{-n}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{E_n} |\Delta_h f_n(x)|^p dx &= \sum_{k=0}^N \int_{k-2^{-n}}^k |f_n(x+h) - f_n(x)|^p dx \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^N \int_{k-h}^k |f_n(x+h) - f_n(x)|^p dx \\ &= h \left( |(T_0^n \mathbf{v})_1|^p + \sum_{i=2}^N |(T_0^n \mathbf{v})_i - (T_1^n \mathbf{v})_{i-1}|^p + |-(T_1^n \mathbf{v})_N|^p \right). \end{aligned}$$

Recall that  $\mathbf{v} = c\mathbf{v}_0 + \mathbf{h}_0 = c\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{h}_1$  as in Lemma 2.5. Therefore, by Corollary 2.4(iii),

$$(T_0^n \mathbf{v})_1 = c(T_0^n \mathbf{v}_0)_1 + (T_0^n \mathbf{h}_0)_1 = (T_0^n \mathbf{h}_0)_1$$

and similarly  $(T_1^n \mathbf{v})_N = (T_1^n \mathbf{h}_1)_N$ . Also for  $2 \leq i \leq N$ , by Corollary 2.4(iii) again,

$$\begin{aligned} (T_0^n \mathbf{v})_i - (T_1^n \mathbf{v})_{i-1} &= c(T_0^n \mathbf{v}_0)_i + (T_0^n \mathbf{h}_0)_i - c(T_1^n \mathbf{v}_1)_{i-1} - (T_1^n \mathbf{h}_1)_{i-1} \\ &= (T_0^n \mathbf{h}_0)_i - (T_1^n \mathbf{h}_1)_{i-1}. \end{aligned}$$

We can continue the above estimation:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{E_n} |\Delta_h f_n(x)|^p dx &= h \left( |(T_0^n \mathbf{h}_0)_1|^p + \sum_{i=2}^N |(T_0^n \mathbf{h}_0)_i - (T_1^n \mathbf{h}_1)_{i-1}|^p + |(T_1^n \mathbf{h}_1)_N|^p \right) \\ &\leq 2^p h (\|T_0^n \mathbf{h}_0\|^p + \|T_1^n \mathbf{h}_1\|^p) \end{aligned}$$

and complete the proof.  $\square$

PROPOSITION 3.4. *Under the same assumptions as in Lemma 2.5, we have for  $0 < h < 2^{-n}$ ,*

$$\|\Delta_h f_n\|^p \leq \frac{2^{p+1}}{2^n} \left( \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{h}_0\|^p + \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{h}_1\|^p \right).$$

*Proof.* Let  $E_n = \bigcup_{k=0}^N [k - 2^{-n}, k)$  and  $\tilde{E}_n = [-2^{-n}, N) \setminus E_n = \bigcup_{k=0}^{N-1} [k, k + 1 - 2^{-n})$ . Since  $f_n$  is supported by  $[0, N]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_h f_n\|^p &= \int_{-2^{-n}}^N |\Delta_h f_n(x)|^p dx \\ &= \int_{E_n} |\Delta_h f_n(x)|^p dx + \int_{\tilde{E}_n} |\Delta_h f_n(x)|^p dx \\ &:= I_1 + I_2. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3.3 implies that

$$I_1 \leq 2^p h (\|T_0^n \mathbf{h}_0\|^p + \|T_1^n \mathbf{h}_1\|^p).$$

On the other hand, if we write  $I_2$  in the vector form, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int_0^{1-2^{-n}} \|\mathbf{f}_n(x+h) - \mathbf{f}_n(x)\|^p dx \\ &= h \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{|J|=n-k} \|T_J (T_1 T_0^{k-1} - T_0 T_1^{k-1}) \mathbf{v}\|^p. \end{aligned}$$

From Corollary 2.4(ii) we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} (T_1 T_0^{k-1} - T_0 T_1^{k-1}) \mathbf{v} &= T_1 T_0^{k-1} (c\mathbf{v}_0 + \mathbf{h}_0) - T_0 T_1^{k-1} (c\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{h}_1) \\ &= T_1 T_0^{k-1} \mathbf{h}_0 - T_0 T_1^{k-1} \mathbf{h}_1, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &\leq 2^p h \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{|J|=n-k} \|T_J T_1 T_0^{k-1} \mathbf{h}_0\|^p + \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{|J|=n-k} \|T_J T_0 T_1^{k-1} \mathbf{h}_1\|^p \right) \\ &\leq 2^p h \left( \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{h}_0\|^p + \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{h}_1\|^p \right). \end{aligned}$$

The lemma then follows from the two estimates of  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ .  $\square$



We can now state and prove our main theorem of this section (i.e. Theorem B in Section 1).

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Suppose that either (i) 1 is a simple eigenvalue of  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  or (ii)  $H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}}) = \{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{C}^N : \sum_{i=1}^N u_i = 0\}$ . If  $f$  is a  $L_c^p$ -solution of (1.1), then*

$$\text{Lip}_p(f) = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(2^{-n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p)}{p \ln(2^{-n})}.$$

*Proof.* As a direct consequence of Proposition 3.2, we have

$$\text{Lip}_p(f) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \|\Delta_{2^{-n}} f\|}{\ln(2^{-n})} \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(2^{-n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p)}{p \ln(2^{-n})}.$$

To prove the reverse inequality we first observe that  $\|\Delta_h f\| \leq 2\|f - f_n\| + \|\Delta_h f_n\|$ . Proposition 2.1 (iii) and Proposition 3.4 imply that

$$\|\Delta_h f\|^p \leq C \left( 2^{-n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p + 2^{-n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{h}_0\|^p + 2^{-n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{h}_1\|^p \right)$$

for some constant  $C$  independent of  $n$ . Since  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}$ ,  $\mathbf{h}_0$ ,  $\mathbf{h}_1$  are all in  $H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$ , we can apply Lemma 2.2 to have the reverse inequality.  $\square$

**4.  $\text{Lip}_p(f)$  for some special cases.** For the 2-coefficient dilation equation  $f(x) = f(2x) + f(2x - 1)$ , the scaling function is  $\chi_{[0,1]}$  and it is easy to calculate that  $\text{Lip}_p(f) = 1/p$  from the definition.

**PROPOSITION 4.1.** *If  $f$  is an  $L_c^p$ -solution of  $f(x) = c_0 f(2x) + c_1 f(2x - 1) + c_2 f(2x - 2)$  with  $c_0 + c_2 = 1$ ,  $c_1 = 1$ , and  $c_0, c_2 \neq 0$ , then*

$$\text{Lip}_p(f) = \frac{\ln((|c_0|^p + |1 - c_0|^p)/2)}{-p \ln 2}.$$

*Proof.* In this case,

$$T_0 = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & 0 \\ 1 - c_0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & c_0 \\ 0 & 1 - c_0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and  $\mathbf{v} = [c_0, c_0 - 1]^t$  is a 2-eigenvector of  $(T_0 + T_1)$ . Then

$$\tilde{\mathbf{v}} = (T_0 - I)\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} c_0(c_0 - 1) \\ -c_0(c_0 - 1) \end{pmatrix} \neq 0.$$

Note that  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}$  is an  $c_0$ -eigenvector of  $T_0$  and  $(1 - c_0)$ -eigenvector of  $T_1$ . A straight-forward calculation yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p &= \frac{1}{2^n} \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (|c_0|^p)^k (|1 - c_0|^p)^{n-k} \right) \|\tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p \\ &= \left( \frac{|c_0|^p + |1 - c_0|^p}{2} \right)^n \|\tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\text{Lip}_p(f) = \frac{\ln((|c_0|^p + |1 - c_0|^p)/2)}{-p \ln 2}. \quad \square$$

We now turn to the 4-coefficient dilation equation

$$(4.1) \quad f(x) = c_0 f(2x) + c_1 f(2x - 1) + c_2 f(2x - 2) + c_3 f(2x - 3)$$

with  $c_0 + c_2 = c_1 + c_3 = 1$  and  $c_0, c_3 \neq 0$ . We first observe that

$$(4.2) \quad T_0 = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 - c_0 & 1 - c_3 & c_0 \\ 0 & c_3 & 1 - c_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - c_3 & c_0 & 0 \\ c_3 & 1 - c_0 & 1 - c_3 \\ 0 & 0 & c_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The eigenvalues of  $(T_0 + T_1)$  are 2, 1, and  $(1 - c_0 - c_3)$ , and the 2-eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}$  is

$$(4.3) \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} c_0(1 + c_0 - c_3) \\ (1 + c_0 - c_3)(1 - c_0 + c_3) \\ c_3(1 - c_0 + c_3) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore

$$(4.4) \quad \tilde{\mathbf{v}} = (T_0 - I)\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} c_0(c_0 - 1)(1 + c_0 - c_3) \\ -c_0(c_0 - 1)(1 + c_0 - c_3) + c_3(c_3 - 1)(1 - c_0 + c_3) \\ -c_3(c_3 - 1)(1 - c_0 + c_3) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that in Proposition 4.1, the computation can be made easier if  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}$  is an eigenvector of both  $T_0$  and  $T_1$ . Here we have

LEMMA 4.2. *Let  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  be as in (4.2) and let  $\mathbf{v}$  be the 2-eigenvector of  $(T_0 + T_1)$  as in (4.3) and let  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}} = (T_0 - I)\mathbf{v}$ . Then  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}$  is an eigenvector of both  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  (not necessary to the same eigenvalue) if and only if  $c_0 + c_3 = 1$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $c_0 + c_3 = 1$ , then  $c_0 = c_1, c_2 = c_3$ , and (4.2) reduces to

$$T_0 = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 - c_0 & c_0 & c_0 \\ 0 & 1 - c_0 & 1 - c_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T_1 = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & c_0 & 0 \\ 1 - c_0 & 1 - c_0 & c_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 - c_0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}} = [-2c_0^2c_3, 2c_0^2c_3 - 2c_0c_3^2, 2c_0c_3^2]^t \neq 0$ . By a direct calculation,  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}$  is a  $c_0$ -eigenvector of  $T_0$  and  $(1 - c_0)$ -eigenvector of  $T_1$ .

Conversely, suppose  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}$  is an eigenvector of both  $T_0$  and  $T_1$ . Let  $\mathbf{u}_0 = [0, 1, -1]^t$  and  $\mathbf{u}_1 = [1, -1, 0]^t$ , then  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}} = a\mathbf{u}_0 + b\mathbf{u}_1$  where  $a$  and  $b$  is determined by (4.4). By using  $\mathbf{u}_0$  and  $\mathbf{u}_1$  as a basis of the subspace  $H = \{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{C}^3 : \sum u_i = 0\}$ , we can rewrite  $T_0, T_1$  (restricted on  $H$ ) and  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}$  as follows:

$$(4.5) \quad T_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - c_0 - c_3 & c_3 \\ 0 & c_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T_1 = \begin{pmatrix} c_3 & 0 \\ c_0 & 1 - c_0 - c_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that  $T_0$  has  $c_0$  and  $1 - c_0 - c_3$  as eigenvalues while  $T_1$  has  $c_3$  and  $1 - c_0 - c_3$  as eigenvalues. We claim that  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}$  is an  $c_0$ -eigenvector of  $T_0$ . For otherwise,  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}$  is an  $(1 - c_0 - c_3)$ -eigenvector of  $T_0$ , then  $b$  must be zero and  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}} = [a, 0]^t$ . But this contradicts to the assumption that  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}$  is an eigenvector of  $T_1$ . Similarly,  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}$  must be a  $c_3$ -eigenvector of  $T_1$ . Hence,

$$(T_0 + T_1)\tilde{\mathbf{v}} = (c_0 + c_3)\tilde{\mathbf{v}}.$$

There are only three choices of the eigenvalues of  $T_0 + T_1$ : 2, 1 or  $1 - c_0 - c_3$ . By a direct check we conclude that  $c_0 + c_3 = 1$  is the only allowable case.  $\square$

In view of Lemma 4.2 we can use the same technique as in Proposition 4.1 to prove the next proposition

PROPOSITION 4.3. *If  $f$  is an  $L^p_c$ -solution of (4.1) with the additional assumption that  $c_0 + c_3 = 1$ , then*

$$(4.6) \quad \text{Lip}_p(f) = \frac{\ln((|c_0|^p + |1 - c_0|^p))/2}{-p \ln 2}.$$

In Figure 1, we draw the graphs of some scaling functions satisfying the assumption in the above proposition and their  $L^p$ -Lipschitz exponents. Note that if  $\text{Lip}_p(f) = 1$  for all  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , then  $f$  is differentiable almost everywhere and the derivative is in  $L^p$  for all  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . This is the case for  $c_0 = 0.5$  and is obvious from the graph of the corresponding scaling function. For the graph of  $c_0 = 1.125$ , we see that  $\text{Lip}_p(f)$  is undefined for  $p > 6$ . Indeed  $f \notin L^p(\mathbb{R})$ , for  $p > 6$ , making use of the criterion in Theorem A.

We conclude this section by giving a formula of  $\text{Lip}_p(f)$  with the coefficients satisfying  $c_0 + c_3 = \frac{1}{2}$  instead of  $c_0 + c_3 = 1$ . It includes Daubechies scaling function  $D_4$  which corresponds to  $c_0 = (1 + \sqrt{3})/4$ ,  $c_3 = (1 - \sqrt{3})/4$ . This formula has been obtained in [DL3] using a different method and assuming in addition that  $\frac{1}{2} < c_0 < \frac{3}{4}$ . Here, we need an estimation on the product of two non-commutative matrices.

LEMMA 4.4. *Let  $\beta_0, \beta_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let*

$$P_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta_0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \beta_0 & \beta_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For any multi-index  $J = (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n)$ , we let  $P_J = P_{j_1} \cdots P_{j_n}$ . Then

$$P_J = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \lambda_J & \mu_J \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\lambda_J = \beta_0(j_1 + j_2\beta_{j_1} + \cdots + j_n(\beta_{j_{n-1}} \cdots \beta_{j_1}))$  and  $\mu_J = \beta_{j_n}\beta_{j_{n-1}} \cdots \beta_{j_1}$ . Let  $\gamma = (|\beta_0|^p + |\beta_1|^p)/2$ . Then

$$2^{-n} \sum_{|J|=n} |\mu_J|^p = \gamma^n \quad \text{and} \quad 2^{-n} \sum_{|J|=n} |\lambda_J|^p \leq C n^p \max\{1, \gamma^n\}$$

for some constant  $C > 0$  independent of  $n$ .

*Proof.* The explicit form of the product  $P_J$  can easily be shown by induction. For the second part of the lemma, the first identity follows from

$$2^{-n} \sum_{|J|=n} |\mu_J|^p = 2^{-n} \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_n=0,1} |\beta_{j_n} \cdots \beta_{j_1}|^p = \gamma^n.$$

For the second identity we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{|J|=n} |\lambda_J|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} &= |\beta_0| \left( \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_n=0,1} \left| j_1 + \sum_{i=2}^n j_i(\beta_{j_{i-1}} \cdots \beta_{j_1}) \right|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq |\beta_0| \left( 2^{(n-1)/p} + \sum_{i=2}^n \left( \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_n=0,1} |j_i(\beta_{j_{i-1}} \cdots \beta_{j_1})|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right) \\ &\hspace{15em} \text{(by Minkowski inequality)} \\ &= |\beta_0| \left( 2^{(n-1)/p} + \sum_{i=2}^n (|\beta_0|^p + |\beta_1|^p)^{(i-1)/p} \right) \\ &\leq |\beta_0| 2^{(n-1)/p} \sum_{i=1}^n (\gamma^{1/p})^{i-1} \\ &\leq |\beta_0| n 2^{(n-1)/p} \max\{1, (\gamma^{1/p})^n\}. \end{aligned}$$

The last identity now follows. □

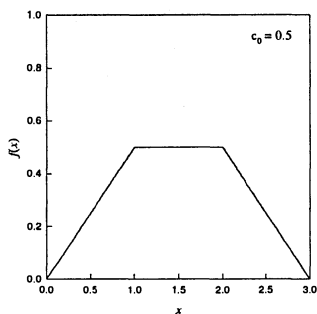


Figure 1a

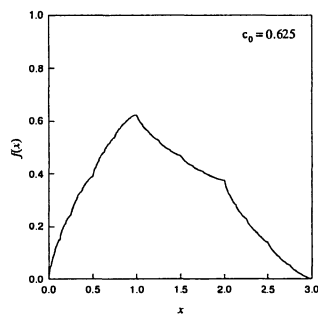


Figure 1b

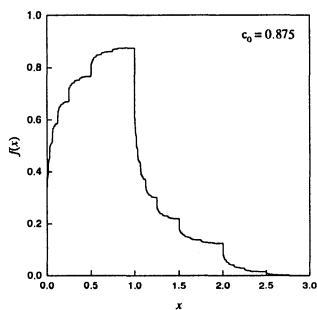


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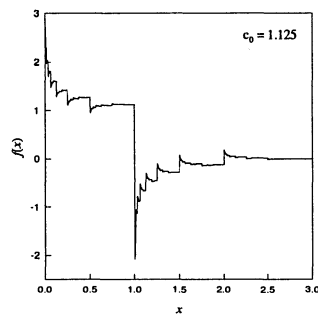


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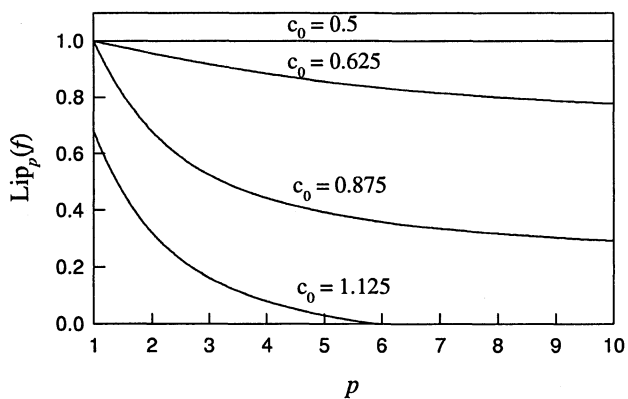


Figure 1e

PROPOSITION 4.5. *If  $f$  is the  $L^p_c$ -solution of (4.1) with the additional assumption*

that  $c_0 + c_3 = \frac{1}{2}$ , then

$$(4.7) \quad \text{Lip}_p(f) = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{\ln(|c_0|^p + |\frac{1}{2} - c_0|^p)/2}{-p \ln 2} \right\}.$$

*Proof.* In this case, (4.2) reduces to

$$T_0 = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 - c_0 & \frac{1}{2} + c_0 & c_0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} - c_0 & 1 - c_0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + c_0 & c_0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} - c_0 & 1 - c_0 & \frac{1}{2} + c_0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} - c_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that  $\mathbf{h} = [1, -2, 1]^t$  is a  $c_0$ -eigenvector of  $T_0$  and also a  $(\frac{1}{2} - c_0)$ -eigenvector of  $T_1$ . It is clear that

$$2^{-n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{h}\|^p = 2^{-n} \left( |c_0|^p + |\frac{1}{2} - c_0|^p \right)^n \|\mathbf{h}\|^p.$$

Since  $\mathbf{h} \in H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$ , by Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\text{Lip}_p(f) \leq \frac{\ln(|c_0|^p + |\frac{1}{2} - c_0|^p)/2}{-p \ln 2}.$$

Next observe that  $\mathbf{u} = [0, 1, -1]^t$  is a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -eigenvector of  $T_0$  and  $T_1 \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u} + c_0 \mathbf{h}$ . Therefore, by using  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{h}$  as a basis of the subspace  $H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$ , we can rewrite  $T_0, T_1$ , restricted on  $H$  ( $= H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$  in this case), and  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}$ , as

$$T_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & c_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ c_0 & \frac{1}{2} - c_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{v}} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $a = -\frac{1}{4}$  and  $b = \frac{2}{3}c_0(c_0 - 1)(\frac{1}{2} + 2c_0)$ . Let  $\beta_0 = 2c_0$  and  $\beta_1 = 1 - \beta_0$ . For  $J = (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n)$ , we have  $T_J = \frac{1}{2^n} P_J$ , so that

$$\|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p = |a 2^{-n}|^p + |2^{-n}(a \lambda_J + b \mu_J)|^p,$$

where  $\lambda_J$  and  $\mu_J$  are defined as in Lemma 4.4. This implies  $\|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p \geq |a 2^{-n}|^p$  and  $\text{Lip}_p(f) \leq 1$  by Theorem 3.5. Hence

$$(4.8) \quad \text{Lip}_p(f) \leq \min \left\{ 1, \frac{\ln(|c_0|^p + |\frac{1}{2} - c_0|^p)/2}{-p \ln 2} \right\}.$$

On the other hand,

$$\|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p \leq |a 2^{-n}|^p + 2^p |a 2^{-n} \lambda_J|^p + 2^p |b 2^{-n} \mu_J|^p.$$

By Lemma 4.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{-n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p &\leq C n^p 2^{-pn} \max\{1, ((|\beta_0|^p + |\beta_1|^p)/2)^n\} \\ &= C n^p \max \left\{ 2^{-pn}, ((|\beta_0/2|^p + |\beta_1/2|^p)/2)^n \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently we have the reverse inequality of (4.8) and completes the proof.  $\square$

In figures 2a-e we again sketch some  $L^p_c$ -scaling functions from Proposition 4.5 ( $c_0 + c_3 = \frac{1}{2}$ ) and their  $L^p$ -Lipschitz exponents  $\text{Lip}_p(f)$  of  $p$ . The case for  $c_0 = 0.25$  corresponding to  $\chi_{[0,1]} * \chi_{[0,1]}$ , it is differentiable and hence  $\text{Lip}_p(f) = 1$  for all  $p$ . The case corresponding to  $c_0 = 0.683\dots$  is the Daubechies scaling function  $D_4$ . From the

picture of  $\text{Lip}_p(f)$ ,  $D_4$  has  $L^p$ -derivative for  $1 \leq p < 2$ . It is known that for  $p = 2$ ,  $D_4$  is differentiable almost everywhere but the derivative is not in  $L^2$ . Also it is known that the Hölder exponent of  $D_4$  is  $2 - \ln(1 + \sqrt{3})/\ln 2$ , which is the same number as the formula in the proposition when  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .

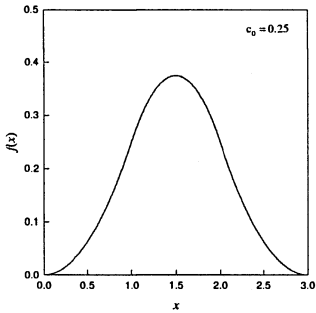


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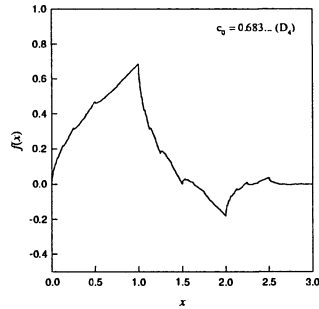


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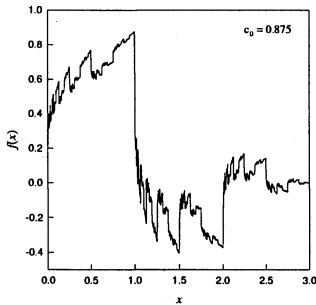


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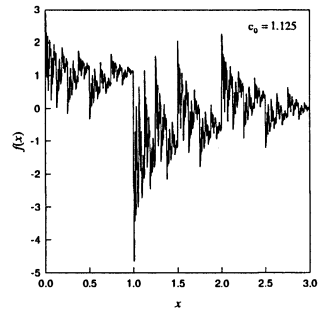


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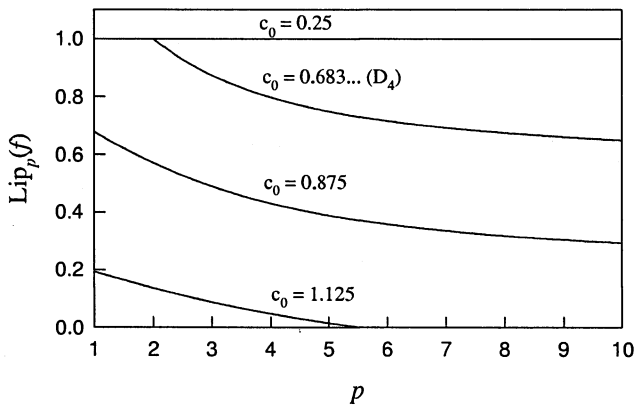


Figure 2e

**5.  $\text{Lip}_p(f)$  when  $p$  is a positive even integer.** The computation of  $\text{Lip}_p(f)$  in Section 4 depends on the existence of an eigenvector of both  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  (which may be associated with different eigenvalues). This technique cannot be used for the general case. In this section we show that if  $p$  is a positive even integer, then  $\text{Lip}_p(f)$  is related to the spectral radius of a matrix  $W_p$  whose entries are induced from the coefficients of the dilation equation. For simplicity, we only give the construction of  $W_p$  for the 4-coefficient dilation equation. It is not hard to extend this to the case with more coefficients.

In view of Theorem 3.5, we will first develop a simple expression for the sum  $2^{-n} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|^p$  for  $p$  a positive even integer. Let  $[0, 1, -1]^t$  and  $[1, -1, 0]^t$  be a basis of  $H = \{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{C}^3 : \sum u_i = 0\}$ . Then  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  can be written as in (4.5). Let  $\mathbf{e}_0 = [1, 0]$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_1 = [0, 1]$ . For a fixed  $\mathbf{u} = [\alpha, \beta]^t \in H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$  (to be determined later), we define the vector  $\mathbf{a}_n$  with the  $i$ -th entry by

$$(\mathbf{a}_n)_i = \sum_{|J|=n} (\mathbf{e}_0 T_J \mathbf{u})^{p-i} (\mathbf{e}_1 T_J \mathbf{u})^i, \quad i = 0, \dots, p.$$

If  $p$  is an even integer, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{u}\|^p &= \sum_{|J|=n} (|\mathbf{e}_0 T_J \mathbf{u}|^p + |\mathbf{e}_1 T_J \mathbf{u}|^p) \\ (5.1) \qquad \qquad \qquad &= (\mathbf{a}_n)_0 + (\mathbf{a}_n)_p = |(\mathbf{a}_n)_0| + |(\mathbf{a}_n)_p|. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\mathbf{a}_0 = [\alpha^p, \alpha^{p-1}\beta, \dots, \alpha\beta^{p-1}, \beta^p]^t$ . If we let  $d = 1 - c_0 - c_3$ , we have, in view of (4.5),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e}_0 T_0 &= d\mathbf{e}_0 + c_3\mathbf{e}_1, & \mathbf{e}_1 T_0 &= c_0\mathbf{e}_1, \\ \mathbf{e}_0 T_1 &= c_3\mathbf{e}_0, & \mathbf{e}_1 T_1 &= c_0\mathbf{e}_0 + d\mathbf{e}_1, \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{a}_{n+1})_i &= \sum_{|J|=n+1} (\mathbf{e}_0 T_J \mathbf{u})^{p-i} (\mathbf{e}_1 T_J \mathbf{u})^i \\ &= \sum_{|J|=n} (\mathbf{e}_0 T_0 T_J \mathbf{u})^{p-i} (\mathbf{e}_1 T_0 T_J \mathbf{u})^i + \sum_{|J|=n} (\mathbf{e}_0 T_1 T_J \mathbf{u})^{p-i} (\mathbf{e}_1 T_1 T_J \mathbf{u})^i \\ &= \sum_{|J|=n} ((d\mathbf{e}_0 + c_3\mathbf{e}_1) T_J \mathbf{u})^{p-i} (c_0\mathbf{e}_1 T_J \mathbf{u})^i \\ &\quad + \sum_{|J|=n} ((c_3\mathbf{e}_0) T_J \mathbf{u})^{p-i} (c_0\mathbf{e}_0 + d\mathbf{e}_1 T_J \mathbf{u})^i \\ &= \sum_{|J|=n} \left( \sum_{\ell=0}^{p-i} \binom{p-i}{\ell} d^{p-i-\ell} (\mathbf{e}_0 T_J \mathbf{u})^{p-i-\ell} c_3^\ell (\mathbf{e}_1 T_J \mathbf{u})^\ell \right) (c_0^i (\mathbf{e}_1 T_J \mathbf{u})^i) \\ &\quad + \sum_{|J|=n} \left( c_3^{p-i} (\mathbf{e}_0 T_J \mathbf{u})^{p-i} \right) \left( \sum_{\ell=0}^i \binom{i}{\ell} c_0^{i-\ell} (\mathbf{e}_0 T_J \mathbf{u})^{i-\ell} d^\ell (\mathbf{e}_1 T_J \mathbf{u})^\ell \right) \\ &= \sum_{\ell=0}^{p-i} \binom{p-i}{\ell} c_0^i c_3^\ell d^{p-i-\ell} (\mathbf{a}_n)_{i+\ell} + \sum_{\ell=0}^i \binom{i}{\ell} c_0^{i-\ell} c_3^{p-i} d^\ell (\mathbf{a}_n)_\ell. \end{aligned}$$

Summarizing the above, we have

PROPOSITION 5.1. For any integer  $p \geq 1$ , let  $W_p$  be the  $(p + 1) \times (p + 1)$  matrix defined by

$$(W_p)_{ij} = \begin{cases} \binom{p-i}{j-i} c_0^i c_3^{j-i} d^{p-j} & \text{for } 0 \leq i < j \leq p \\ c_0^i d^{p-i} + c_3^{p-i} d^i & \text{for } i = j \\ \binom{i}{j} c_0^{i-j} c_3^{p-i} d^j & \text{for } 0 \leq j < i \leq p \end{cases}$$

where  $d = 1 - c_0 - c_3$ . Then

$$\mathbf{a}_{n+1} = W_p \mathbf{a}_n = W_p^{n+1} \mathbf{a}_0$$

where  $\mathbf{a}_0 = [\alpha^p, \alpha^{p-1}\beta, \dots, \alpha\beta^{p-1}, \beta^p]^t$ . In particular if  $p$  is an even integer, then

$$\sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{u}\|^p = [1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 1] W_p^n \mathbf{a}_0.$$

The matrix  $W_p$  can be written as  $W_p = W_p^{(L)} + W_p^{(U)}$ , where  $W_p^{(L)}$  and  $W_p^{(U)}$  are the lower and upper triangular part of  $W_p$ , in a very symmetric manner. For example,

$$W_2^{(L)} = \begin{pmatrix} \binom{0}{0} c_3^2 & 0 & 0 \\ \binom{1}{0} c_0 c_3 & \binom{1}{1} c_3 d & 0 \\ \binom{2}{0} c_0^2 & \binom{2}{1} c_0 d & \binom{2}{2} d^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad W_2^{(U)} = \begin{pmatrix} \binom{2}{0} d^2 & \binom{2}{1} c_3 d & \binom{2}{2} c_3^2 \\ 0 & \binom{1}{0} c_0 d & \binom{1}{1} c_0 c_3 \\ 0 & 0 & \binom{0}{0} c_0^2 \end{pmatrix};$$

$$W_4^{(L)} = \begin{pmatrix} \binom{0}{0} c_3^4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \binom{1}{0} c_0 c_3^3 & \binom{1}{1} c_3^3 d & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \binom{2}{0} c_0^2 c_3^2 & \binom{2}{1} c_0 c_3^2 d & \binom{2}{2} c_3^2 d^2 & 0 & 0 \\ \binom{3}{0} c_0^3 c_3 & \binom{3}{1} c_0^2 c_3 d & \binom{3}{2} c_0 c_3 d^2 & \binom{3}{3} c_3 d^3 & 0 \\ \binom{4}{0} c_0^4 & \binom{4}{1} c_0^3 d & \binom{4}{2} c_0^2 d^2 & \binom{4}{3} c_0 d^3 & \binom{4}{4} d^4 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$W_4^{(U)} = \begin{pmatrix} \binom{4}{0} d^4 & \binom{4}{1} c_3 d^3 & \binom{4}{2} c_3^2 d^2 & \binom{4}{3} c_3^3 d & \binom{4}{4} c_3^4 \\ 0 & \binom{3}{0} c_0 d^3 & \binom{3}{1} c_0 c_3 d^2 & \binom{3}{2} c_0 c_3^2 d & \binom{3}{3} c_0 c_3^3 \\ 0 & 0 & \binom{2}{0} c_0^2 d^2 & \binom{2}{1} c_0^2 c_3 d & \binom{2}{2} c_0^2 c_3^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \binom{1}{0} c_0^3 d & \binom{1}{1} c_0^3 c_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \binom{0}{0} c_0^4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Recall from basic linear algebra that if  $\rho(A)$  is the spectral radius of an  $N \times N$  matrix  $A$ , then  $\rho(A) = \max\{|\lambda| : \lambda \text{ is an eigenvalue of } A\}$  and

$$(5.2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|A^n\|^{1/n} = \rho(A).$$

Let  $\lambda$  be any eigenvalue of  $A$ , and  $E_\lambda = \{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{C}^N : (A - \lambda I)^m \mathbf{u} = 0 \text{ for some } m > 0\}$ , then  $\mathbb{C}^N = E_\lambda \oplus Z$  for some  $A$ -invariant subspace  $Z$  of  $\mathbb{C}^N$ . We say that  $\mathbf{u}$  has a component in  $E_\lambda$  if  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_\lambda + \mathbf{z}$  with  $\mathbf{u}_\lambda \neq 0$ . It is clear that if  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{C}^N$  has a component in  $E_\lambda$ , then there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that  $\|A^n \mathbf{u}\| \geq C |\lambda|^n$  for all  $n > 0$ .

LEMMA 5.2. Let  $\lambda$  be the eigenvalue of  $W_p$  such that  $|\lambda| = \rho(W_p)$  and let  $E_\lambda$  be defined as above. Suppose  $\dim H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}}) = 2$ . Then there exists  $\mathbf{u} = \alpha \mathbf{b}_0 + \beta \mathbf{b}_1 \in H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$ , where  $\mathbf{b}_0 = [0, 1, -1]^t$ ,  $\mathbf{b}_1 = [1, -1, 0]^t$ , such that  $H(\mathbf{u}) = H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$  and the



corresponding  $\mathbf{a}_0 = [\alpha^p, \alpha^{p-1}\beta, \dots, \alpha\beta^{p-1}, \beta^p]^t$  has a component of  $E_\lambda$ . For such  $\mathbf{u}$ , there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$C \rho(W_p)^n \leq \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{u}\|^p \quad \text{for all } n > 0.$$

*Proof.* We choose  $p+1$  vectors  $\mathbf{u}_i = \alpha_i \mathbf{b}_0 + \beta_i \mathbf{b}_1$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, p$ , such that  $H(\mathbf{u}_i) = H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$  and

$$\alpha_i \beta_j - \alpha_j \beta_i \neq 0, \quad \text{for } i \neq j.$$

Then the corresponding vectors

$$\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i = [\alpha_i^p, \alpha_i^{p-1}\beta_i, \dots, \alpha_i\beta_i^{p-1}, \beta_i^p]^t, \quad 0 \leq i \leq p$$

form a basis of  $\mathbb{C}^{p+1}$  because the matrix with the vectors  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i$ 's as rows is a Vandermonde matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0^p & \alpha_0^{p-1}\beta_0 & \cdots & \alpha_0\beta_0^{p-1} & \beta_0^p \\ \alpha_1^p & \alpha_1^{p-1}\beta_1 & \cdots & \alpha_1\beta_1^{p-1} & \beta_1^p \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_p^p & \alpha_p^{p-1}\beta_p & \cdots & \alpha_p\beta_p^{p-1} & \beta_p^p \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $\det A = \prod_{0 \leq j, k \leq p} (\alpha_j \beta_k - \alpha_k \beta_j) \neq 0$ . Hence, one of the  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i$ 's has a component of  $E_\lambda$ . Let  $\mathbf{u}$  be the corresponding  $\mathbf{u}_i$  and the first part of the lemma follows. To prove the second part, we observe that for any  $J$  with  $|J| = n$  and  $0 \leq j \leq p$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{e}_0 T_J \mathbf{u}|^{p-j} |\mathbf{e}_1 T_J \mathbf{u}|^j &\leq \max\{|\mathbf{e}_0 T_J \mathbf{u}|^p, |\mathbf{e}_1 T_J \mathbf{u}|^p\} \\ &\leq |\mathbf{e}_0 T_J \mathbf{u}|^p + |\mathbf{e}_1 T_J \mathbf{u}|^p. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |(\mathbf{a}_n)_j| &= \sum_{|J|=n} |\mathbf{e}_0 T_J \mathbf{u}|^{p-j} |\mathbf{e}_1 T_J \mathbf{u}|^j \\ &\leq \sum_{|J|=n} |\mathbf{e}_0 T_J \mathbf{u}|^p + \sum_{|J|=n} |\mathbf{e}_1 T_J \mathbf{u}|^p = |(\mathbf{a}_n)_0| + |(\mathbf{a}_n)_p| \\ &= \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{u}\|^p \quad (\text{by (5.1)}) \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $\|\mathbf{a}_n\|_1 = \sum_{j=0}^p |(\mathbf{a}_n)_j| \leq p \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{u}\|^p$ . Since  $\mathbf{a}_0$  has a component of  $E_\lambda$ , there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$C \rho(W_p)^n \leq \|W_p^n \mathbf{a}_0\|_1 = \|\mathbf{a}_n\|_1 \leq p \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{u}\|^p. \quad \square$$

For the 4-coefficient dilation equation in (4.1), it is easy to check that  $\dim H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}}) = 0$  if and only if  $(c_0, c_3) \in \{(0, 0), (1, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1)\}$ , and the solutions are characteristic functions ([LW, Lemma 3.3]). Hence  $\text{Lip}_p(f) = 1/p$ . Also  $\dim H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}}) = 1$  if and only if  $c_0 + c_3 = 1$  (Lemma 4.2), and in Proposition 4.3 we have given a formula of  $\text{Lip}_p(f)$  for this case. It remains to consider the case  $\dim H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}}) = 2$ , which will complete all the cases for all 4-coefficient scaling functions.

**THEOREM 5.3.** *Consider the 4-coefficient dilation equation in (4.1) with the assumption that  $\dim H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}}) = 2$ . For  $p$  a positive even integer, the equation has a (unique)*

$L_c^p$ -solution  $f$  if and only if  $\rho(W_p)/2 < 1$ , and in this case

$$\text{Lip}_p(f) = \frac{\ln(\rho(W_p)/2)}{-p \ln 2}.$$

*Proof.* Note that for any  $\mathbf{u} \in H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$  and for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , we have for large  $n$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{u}\|^p &= |(\mathbf{a}_n)_0| + |(\mathbf{a}_n)_p| && \text{(by (5.1))} \\ &\leq \|\mathbf{a}_n\|_1 = \|W_p^n \mathbf{a}_0\|_1 && \text{(by Proposition 5.1)} \\ &\leq \|W_p^n\| \|\mathbf{a}_0\|_1 \\ &\leq \|\mathbf{a}_0\|_1 (\rho(W_p) + \epsilon)^n. && \text{(by (5.2))} \end{aligned}$$

If we choose  $\mathbf{u} \in H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}})$  as in Lemma 5.2, combining with Theorem A in Section 1, we have the first conclusion. The second assertion follows from Lemma 2.2, the estimation of  $\sum_{|J|=n} \|T_J \mathbf{u}\|^p$  from above and Lemma 5.2.  $\square$

Figure 3 shows the domain of  $(c_0, c_3)$  for the existence of  $L_c^p$ -solutions for even integers using the above criterion  $\rho(W_p)/2 < 1$ . The curves are  $\rho(W_p)/2 = 1$  corresponds to  $p = 2, 4, 6, 10, 20$ , and  $40$ . Note that when  $p \rightarrow \infty$  the limit is the triangular region which is the approximate region plotted in [H] for the existence of continuous 4-coefficient scaling functions using the joint spectral radius. However, we are not able to prove this assertion yet, i.e.,  $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \text{Lip}_p(f)$  is the Hölder exponent. Also we do not have a criterion for the existence of an  $L_c^\infty$ -solution.

Figure 4 is the graph of  $\text{Lip}_4(f)$  plotted against the  $(c_0, c_3)$ -plane. It shows the overall picture of  $\text{Lip}_4(f)$  for the 4-coefficient case. It looks similar to the graph of  $\text{Lip}_2(f)$  plotted in [LMW].

We remark that if  $c_0 > 0$ ,  $c_3 > 0$ , and  $1 - c_0 - c_3 > 0$ , then  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  in (4.5) are non-negative matrices. Also the vector  $\mathbf{u}$  in Lemma 5.2 can be chosen to be a positive vector. Hence (5.1) still holds if  $p$  is a positive odd integer. Consequently, we have

**PROPOSITION 5.4.** *Consider the 4-coefficient dilation equation (4.1) with  $c_0 > 0$ ,  $c_3 > 0$ , and  $1 - c_0 - c_3 > 0$ . Suppose  $\dim H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}}) = 2$ , then for  $p$  a positive integer,*

$$(5.3) \quad \text{Lip}_p(f) = \frac{\ln(\rho(W_p)/2)}{-p \ln 2}.$$

Without such positivity assumption on the coefficients, the expression in (5.3) does not necessarily give  $\text{Lip}_p(f)$  for  $p$  odd integers. For example Figure 5a is the graph of  $-\ln(\rho(W_p)/2)/(p \ln 2)$ ,  $p = 1, \dots, 10$ , of the scaling function corresponding to  $c_0 = 0.5$  and  $c_3 = -0.4$ . The points bounce up and down but  $\text{Lip}_p(f)$  should be convex in that region. Figure 5b corresponds to Daubechies scaling function  $D_4$  ( $c_3 < 0$ ). On this graph, the points are obtained by  $-\ln(\rho(W_p)/2)/(p \ln 2)$  while the curve is  $\text{Lip}_p(f)$  given by (4.7). It shows that for even integer  $p$ , they coincide. For odd integer  $p$ , the values obtained by (5.3) are different to  $\text{Lip}_p(f)$  but surprisingly close (see Table 1). Also when  $p \rightarrow \infty$ , in our numerical and graphical experiments, the values obtained from  $-\ln(\rho(W_p)/2)/(p \ln 2)$ ,  $p$  odd integers, seems to converge to  $\text{Lip}_p(f)$  rather rapidly.

Finally we remark that for the dilation equation with  $N + 1$  ( $N > 3$ ) coefficients, if  $\dim H(\tilde{\mathbf{v}}) = 1$  then  $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}$  is an eigenvector of both  $T_0$  and  $T_1$ , say  $T_0 \tilde{\mathbf{v}} = a \tilde{\mathbf{v}}$  and  $T_1 \tilde{\mathbf{v}} = b \tilde{\mathbf{v}}$ .

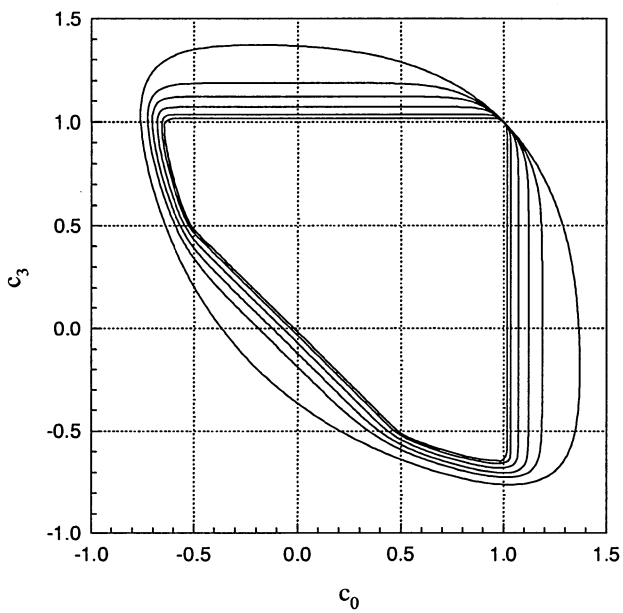


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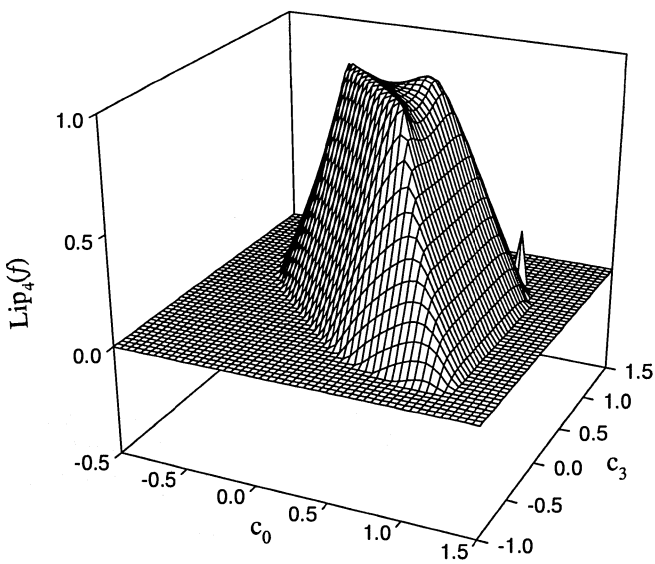


Figure 4

Then the same technique as in the proof of Proposition 4.1 yields

$$\text{Lip}_p(f) = \frac{\ln((|a|^p + |b|^p)/2)}{-p \ln 2}$$

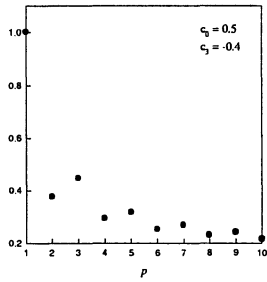


Figure 5a

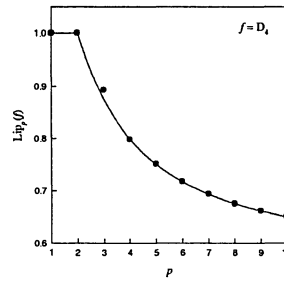


Figure 5b

p	Lip <sub>p</sub> (f)	value obtained
		by (5.3)
3	0.874185416	0.892690635
5	0.749617426	0.750414497
7	0.692852392	0.692893269
9	0.661125656	0.661127939

Table 1

for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . For the case  $\dim H(\tilde{\nu}) \geq 2$ , we can use a similar method to that in Proposition 5.1 to obtain a  $(p + 1)^{N-2} \times (p + 1)^{N-2}$  square matrix  $W_p$ , and Theorem 5.3 and Proposition 5.4 will still hold for  $\dim H(\tilde{\nu}) \geq 2$ .

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