

Lemma 1 If  $x_0 \in [0, 1)$  is dyadic irrational then there is a subsequence  $j_n$  of natural numbers such that

$$\frac{1}{4} \leq 2^{j_n} x_0 \pmod{1} \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Proof: Write  $x_0$  as its dyadic expansion

$$x_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_i}{2^i} \quad \text{where } b_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ for all } i.$$

Define

$$J_0 = \{i : b_i = 0\} \text{ and } J_1 = \{i : b_i = 1\}.$$

Claim both sets are infinite. If not then  $x_0$  would be a dyadic rational, either because the dyadic expansion terminates or because it would end with repeating 1s.

Therefore, there is an infinite sequence  $j_n$  such that

$$b_{j_n+1} = 0 \text{ and } b_{j_n+2} = 1.$$

Now

$$2^{j_n} x_0 \pmod{1} = \sum_{i=1+j_n}^{\infty} 2^{j_n} \frac{b_i}{2^i} = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} 2^{j_n} \frac{b_{l+j_n}}{2^{l+j_n}}$$

$$= \frac{b_{1+j_n}}{2} + \frac{b_{2+j_n}}{4} + \sum_{l=3}^{\infty} \frac{b_{l+j_n}}{2^l} \quad (l = i - j_n) \quad i = l + j_n$$

$$= \frac{0}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_{m+2+j_n}}{2^m} \right] \in [0, 1)$$

Since  $0 \leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_{m+2+j_n}}{2^m} \leq 1$  then

$$\frac{1}{4} \leq 2^{j_n} x_0 \pmod{1} \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Theorem: If  $f$  is bounded on  $[0, 1)$ , then

$$|\langle f, h_{j,k} \rangle| = O(2^{-j/2})$$

Proof. Let  $B = \sup \{ |f(t)| : t \in (0, 1) \}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
|\langle f, h_{j,k} \rangle| &= \left| \int_0^1 f(t) h_{j,k}(t) dt \right| \leq \int_0^1 |f(t)| |h_{j,k}(t)| dt \\
&\leq B \int_{\frac{k}{2^j}}^{\frac{k+1}{2^j}} 2^{j/2} dt = B 2^j \left( \frac{k+1}{2^j} - \frac{k}{2^j} \right) = B 2^{-j/2}
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem: Suppose  $f$  is piecewise differentiable with bounded derivative and has a jump discontinuity at  $x_0$  where  $x_0$  is a dyadic irrational. Then the asymptotic bound in the above theorem is sharp.

Proof: By the lemma there is a subsequence  $j_n$  such that  $\frac{1}{4} \leq 2^{j_n} x_0 \pmod 1 \leq \frac{1}{2}$  for  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$ .

Choose  $k_n$  so that  $x_0 \in [\frac{k_n}{2^{j_n}}, \frac{k_n+1}{2^{j_n}})$ . Then we have that  $2^{j_n} x_0 \in [k_n, k_n+1)$ , so  $2^{j_n} x_0 - k_n = 2^{j_n} x_0 \pmod 1$ .

Therefore  $\frac{1}{4} \leq 2^{j_n} x_0 - k_n \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , or  $\frac{k_n + \frac{1}{4}}{2^{j_n}} \leq x_0 \leq \frac{k_n + \frac{1}{2}}{2^{j_n}}$ .

Since  $x_0$  is dyadic irrational then  $x_0 \in (\frac{k_n + \frac{1}{4}}{2^{j_n}}, \frac{k_n + \frac{1}{2}}{2^{j_n}})$  and not equal to the end points.   
  $= (at \frac{1}{2^{j_n+2}}, 0)$

Choose  $N$  so large that  $n \geq N$  implies that on the interval  $[\frac{k_n}{2^{j_n}}, \frac{k_n+1}{2^{j_n}}]$  the only place where  $f$  fails to have a derivative is at  $x_0$ . We can do this because  $f$  is piecewise differentiable so there are only finitely many places where  $f$  fails to have a derivative.

Given  $n \geq N$  let  $[a, b] = \left[ \frac{kn}{2^{jn}}, \frac{(k+1)n}{2^{jn}} \right]$ . Then  
for  $t \in [a, x_0]$  then

$$f(x_0^-) - f(t) = \int_t^{x_0} f'(s) ds$$

for  $t \in [x_0, b]$  then

$$f(t) - f(x_0^+) = \int_{x_0}^t f'(s) ds$$

consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, h_{j_n, k_n} \rangle &= \int_a^{x_0} f(t) h_{j_n, k_n}(t) dt + \int_{x_0}^b f(t) h_{j_n, k_n}(t) dt \\ &= \int_a^{x_0} \left( f(x_0^-) - \int_t^{x_0} f'(s) ds \right) h_{j_n, k_n}(t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_{x_0}^b \left( f(x_0^+) + \int_{x_0}^t f'(s) ds \right) h_{j_n, k_n}(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

$$= I_n + J_n$$

where

$$I_n = \int_a^{x_0} f(x_0^-) h_{j_n, k_n}(t) dt + \int_{x_0}^b f(x_0^+) h_{j_n, k_n}(t) dt$$

and

$$J_n = - \int_a^{x_0} \int_t^{x_0} f'(s) ds h_{j_n, k_n}(t) dt + \int_{x_0}^b \int_{x_0}^t f'(s) ds h_{j_n, k_n}(t) dt$$

Estimate  $I_n$  from below. By choice of the  $j_n$ 's we have that  $x_0 \in [a, c)$  where  $c = \frac{a+b}{2}$ . Therefore

$h_{j_n, k_n}(t) = 2^{j_n/2}$  for all  $t \in [a, x_0)$ . So

$$\int_a^{x_0} f(x_0^-) h_{j_n, k_n}(t) dt = 2^{j_n/2} (x_0 - a) f(x_0^-).$$

also

$$\int_{x_0}^b f(x_0^+) h_{j,n,k_n}(t) dt = \int_{x_0}^c f(x_0^+) 2^{jn/2} dt - \int_c^b f(x_0^+) 2^{jn/2} dt$$

$$= f(x_0^+) 2^{jn/2} (c - x_0) - f(x_0^+) 2^{jn/2} (b - c)$$

$$= f(x_0^+) 2^{jn/2} (2c - b - x_0)$$

$$= f(x_0^+) 2^{jn/2} (a + b - b - x_0)$$

$$= f(x_0^+) 2^{jn/2} (a - x_0) = -f(x_0^+) 2^{jn/2} (x_0 - a)$$

Therefore

$$I_n = 2^{jn/2} (f(x_0^-) - f(x_0^+)) (x_0 - a)$$

Since  $x_0 \in (a + \frac{1}{2^{j_n+2}}, c)$  then  $x_0 - a > \frac{1}{2^{j_n+2}}$ . Thus

$$|I_n| \geq 2^{jn/2} |f(x_0^-) - f(x_0^+)| \frac{1}{2^{j_n+2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} |f(x_0^-) - f(x_0^+)| 2^{-jn/2}$$

Estimate  $J_n$  from above. Let  $M = \sup \left\{ |f'(x)| : \left[ \frac{K_n}{2^{j_n}}, \frac{K_{n+1}}{2^{j_n}} \right] \right\}$

$$|J_n| \leq \int_a^{x_0} \int_t^{x_0} M ds 2^{jn/2} dt + \int_{x_0}^b \int_{x_0}^t M 2^{jn/2} ds dt$$

$$\leq 2 \int_a^b \int_a^b M 2^{jn/2} ds ds = 2(b-a)^2 M 2^{jn/2}$$

$$= 2 \left( \frac{K_{n+1}}{2^{j_n}} - \frac{K_n}{2^{j_n}} \right)^2 M 2^{jn/2} = 2M 2^{-3j_n/2}$$

$$= O(2^{-3j_n/2})$$

Therefore

$$|\langle f, h_{j_n, k_n} \rangle| \geq |I_n| - |J_n|$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{4} |f(x_0^-) - f(x_0^+)| 2^{-j_n/2} - 2M 2^{-3j_n/2}$$

for  $j_n$  large enough there is a positive constant  $A$  such that

$$|\langle f, h_{j_n, k_n} \rangle| \geq A 2^{-j_n/2}.$$

This shows the bound is asymptotically sharp.