

NOTES ON ADMISSIBLE MEASURES IN ONE DIMENSION

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Abstract. μ is called a p -admissible measure in one dimension if it is a doubling measure that supports a $(1, p)$ -Poincaré inequality. In this note, we estimate the range of p that $(1, p)$ -Poincaré inequality holds on $(\mathbf{R}, |\cdot|, \mu)$ where $|\cdot|$ is the Euclidean metric.

1. Introduction

Let μ be a measure on \mathbf{R}^n . We call a measure doubling if there is a constant c such that for every $B = B(x, r)$ centered at x with radius r , the following holds,

$$(1.1) \quad \mu(B(x, 2r)) \leq c\mu(B(x, r)).$$

As a result, there exist constants $C_\mu, \nu > 0$, that depend only on the constant c in above inequality such that

$$(1.2) \quad \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^\nu \leq C_\mu \frac{\mu(B(y, r))}{\mu(B(x, R))},$$

whenever $0 < r < R < \infty$, $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$, and $y \in B(x, R)$.

We say that μ admits a $(1, p)$ -Poincaré inequality if there exists $C > 0$ such that the following holds

$$(1.3) \quad \frac{1}{\mu(B)} \int_B |u - u_B| d\mu \leq Cr \left(\frac{1}{\mu(B)} \int_B |\nabla u|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p}$$

for all ball B and locally Lipschitz function u on B . Here and in what follows, $u_B = (\mu(B))^{-1} \int_B u d\mu$.

A measure μ on \mathbf{R}^n is called p -admissible with $p \geq 1$ if it satisfies (1.1) and (1.3). We denote by C_p the infimum of constants C such that (1.3) holds.

We recall that a nonnegative locally integrable function w on \mathbf{R}^n is called a Muckenhoupt A_p -weight for $p \geq 1$ if for some $C > 0$ and every ball $B \subset \mathbf{R}^n$,

$$(1.4) \quad \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B w dx \leq \begin{cases} C \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B w^{\frac{1}{1-p}} dx \right)^{1-p} & \text{if } p > 1, \\ C \operatorname{ess\,inf}_B w & \text{if } p = 1, \end{cases}$$

where $|B|$ is the Lebesgue measure of B . We write $w \in A_p$ and denote by $M_{p,w}$ the infimum of C on the right side of (1.4).

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It is well known that Muckenhoupt A_p weights have the open ended property ([2]). This result has numerous applications. And the range of p that $w \in A_p$ has been studied in [1], [6], [7] and [9]. On the other hand, according to [4], the Poincaré inequality also has the open ended property. See [3] for the self-improving property of Poincaré inequalities which also has lots of applications. In this note, we get an estimate of the range in a special case, i.e., the p -admissible measures in one dimension.

For every p -admissible measure $\mu = w dx$, set

$$I_{A_p} = \{p \geq 1: w \in A_p\},$$

$$I_{P_p} = \{p \geq 1: (1, p)\text{-Poincaré inequality holds in } (\mathbf{R}, |\cdot|, \mu)\}.$$

In [5], the following result has been proved.

Theorem 1.1. *Let μ be a measure on \mathbf{R} and let $p \geq 1$. Then μ is p -admissible in \mathbf{R} if and only if $d\mu = w dx$ and w is a Muckenhoupt A_p -weight.*

Therefore one has $I_{A_p} = I_{P_p}$. Thus we can estimate I_{P_p} through I_{A_p} . In [6], the estimate of I_{A_p} has been done for measures supported on finite intervals. Namely, Korenovskii proved the following. Let $w \in A_p$ supported on a finite interval, $p > 1$, $M_{p,w} > 1$ and $p_0 \in (1, p)$ be the root of equation

$$(1.5) \quad \frac{p - p_0}{p - 1} (M_{p,w} p_0)^{1/(p-1)} = 1.$$

Then for all $q > p_0$, we have $w \in A_q$. Note that the range of q is sharp, i.e. the statement does not hold for $q \leq p_0$.

The main result of this note is as follows.

Theorem 1.2. *Assume that μ is a p -admissible measure in \mathbf{R} . Denote by p_0 the root of the following equation*

$$\frac{p - p_0}{p - 1} (M p_0)^{1/(p-1)} = 1,$$

where $M = (C_p C_\mu 4^\nu)^p \left(1 - \frac{2}{C_\mu 4^\nu}\right)$. Then $(1, q)$ -Poincaré inequality holds for $q > p_0$.

The proof of Theorem 1.2 is based on Lemma 2.2, which gives a precise estimate of an inequality that plays an important role in [5].

2. Proof of Theorem 1.2

To begin with, we prove some properties of the root of (1.5).

Lemma 2.1. *For any p , $M_{p,w} > 1$, denote by p_0 the root of (1.5). Then p_0 is an increasing function of $M_{p,w}$.*

Proof. It suffices to show that the inverse function

$$x \mapsto M(x) = \frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{p-1}{p-x} \right)^{p-1}$$

is strictly increasing in $[1, p)$, which is easily verified by differentiation. \square

To proceed, we need to estimate $M_{p,w}$ for $w \in A_p$ by ν , C_μ and C_p .

Lemma 2.2. Let μ be a p -admissible measure on \mathbf{R} for $p \geq 1$. Then for any finite interval $I = (a, b) \subset \mathbf{R}$ and nonnegative functions f on I we have

$$\frac{1}{|I|} \int_I f(x) dx \leq C(p, I) \left(\frac{1}{\mu(I)} \int_I f^p d\mu \right)^{1/p},$$

where $C(p, I) = \frac{C_p}{2} \left(\frac{\mu(I)}{\mu(2I)} \right)^{1/p} \frac{\mu(2I)}{\mu(I_+)} \frac{\mu(I_+) + \mu(I_-)}{\mu(I_-)}$ and $I_+ = (b, \frac{3b-a}{2})$, $I_- = (\frac{3a-b}{2}, a)$ are the parts of $2I \setminus I$ lying to the right and to the left of I , respectively.

Proof. Let $f_k = \min\{f, k\}$ for $k \in \mathbf{N}$ and for simplicity we denote

$$u(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_k(t) \chi_I(t) dt.$$

Set $2I = ((3a-b)/2, (3b-a)/2)$. Since u is Lipschitz, we can apply the $(1, p)$ -Poincaré inequality.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\mu(2I)} \int_{2I} |u - u_{2I}| d\mu &\leq C_p |I| \left(\frac{1}{\mu(2I)} \int_{2I} |u'|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq C_p |I| \left(\frac{\mu(I)}{\mu(2I)} \right)^{1/p} \left(\frac{1}{\mu(I)} \int_I f^p d\mu \right)^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

Next we will estimate the left side of above inequality. Note first that

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < a, \\ \int_a^x f_k(t) dt, & a \leq x \leq b, \\ \int_a^b f_k(t) dt, & x > b. \end{cases}$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{2I} |u - u_{2I}| d\mu &= \int_{I_-} u_{2I} d\mu + \int_{I_+} (u(b) - u_{2I}) d\mu + \int_I |u - u_{2I}| d\mu \\ &\geq (\mu(I_-) - \mu(I_+)) u_{2I} + \mu(I_+) u(b) + \mu(I) |u_I - u_{2I}|. \end{aligned}$$

By the definition, one has

$$(2.1) \quad u_{2I} = \frac{1}{\mu(2I)} \int_I u d\mu + \frac{\mu(I_+)}{\mu(2I)} u(b) = \frac{\mu(I)}{\mu(2I)} u_I + \frac{\mu(I_+)}{\mu(2I)} u(b).$$

Substituting (2.1) into the above inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{2I} |u - u_{2I}| d\mu &\geq (\mu(I_-) - \mu(I_+)) \left(\frac{\mu(I)}{\mu(2I)} u_I + \frac{\mu(I_+)}{\mu(2I)} u(b) \right) + \mu(I_+) u(b) \\ &\quad + \mu(I) \left| \frac{\mu(I_+) + \mu(I_-)}{\mu(2I)} u_I - \frac{\mu(I_+)}{\mu(2I)} u(b) \right|. \end{aligned}$$

If $u_I - u_{2I} \geq 0$, then $|u_I - u_{2I}| = u_I - u_{2I}$ and (2.1) gives

$$u_I \geq \frac{\mu(I_+)}{\mu(I_+) + \mu(I_-)} u(b).$$

Thus, after some elementary cancellations, one has

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{2I} |u - u_{2I}| d\mu &\geq 2\mu(I_-) \frac{\mu(I)}{\mu(2I)} u_I + 2\mu(I_+) \frac{\mu(I_-)}{\mu(2I)} u(b) \\ &\geq 2\mu(I_-) \frac{\mu(I_+)}{\mu(I_+) + \mu(I_-)} u(b). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, if $u_I - u_{2I} \leq 0$, then $|u_I - u_{2I}| = u_{2I} - u_I$ and

$$u_I \leq \frac{\mu(I_+)}{\mu(I_+) + \mu(I_-)} u(b)$$

and hence, after suitable simplifications,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{2I} |u - u_{2I}| d\mu &\geq 2\mu(I_+) \frac{\mu(I_-) + \mu(I)}{\mu(2I)} u(b) - 2\mu(I_+) \frac{\mu(I)}{\mu(2I)} u_I \\ &\geq 2\mu(I_+) \frac{\mu(I_-)}{\mu(I_+) + \mu(I_-)} u(b). \end{aligned}$$

Putting this into the Poincaré inequality results in

$$\frac{1}{|I|} \int_I f(x) dx \leq \frac{C_p}{2} \left(\frac{\mu(I)}{\mu(2I)} \right)^{1/p} \frac{\mu(2I)}{\mu(I_+)} \frac{\mu(I_+) + \mu(I_-)}{\mu(I_-)} \left(\frac{1}{\mu(I)} \int_I f^p d\mu \right)^{1/p}$$

and the monotone convergence theorem proves the lemma. \square

According to the equivalence definition of the A_p weights (see p.200 of [8]), one gets

$$\begin{aligned} M_{p,w} &\leq \frac{\mu(I)}{\mu(2I)} \left(\frac{C_p \mu(2I)}{2} \frac{\mu(I_+) + \mu(I_-)}{\mu(I_+) \mu(I_-)} \right)^p \\ &\leq \left(1 - \frac{2 \min\{\mu(I_+), \mu(I_-)\}}{\mu(2I)} \right) \left(\frac{C_p \mu(2I)}{\min\{\mu(I_+), \mu(I_-)\}} \right)^p \\ &\leq \left(1 - \frac{2}{C_\mu 4^\nu} \right) (C_p C_\mu 4^\nu)^p = M. \end{aligned}$$

Now we prove Theorem 1.2.

Proof. Theorem 1.2 follows directly from (1.5) and Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2. and that the new A_q constant is no larger than

$$M \left(\frac{q-1}{p-1} \frac{1}{Z(q)} \right)^{q-1}$$

where $Z(q) = 1 - \frac{p-q}{p-1} (Mq)^{1/(p-1)}$ (see p. 1200 of [6]). \square

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