

$$f_N(x) = \begin{cases} N & \text{if } f(x) > N, \\ f(x) & \text{if } |f(x)| \leq N, \\ -N & \text{if } f(x) < -N \end{cases}$$

satisfies $\|f_N\|_{BMO} \leq \frac{9}{4}\|f\|_{BMO}$. [Hint: Write $f_N = \max(-N, \min(f, N))$.]

6.1.3. Let $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. Find functions F in $L^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and $G \in BMO(\mathbf{R}^n)$ such that FG does not lie in $L^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$.

6.1.4. Show that for all f in $BMO_{\text{balls}}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and all $r > 0$ we have

$$|f_{rB} - f_B| \leq 2^n \left(1 + \log_2 \max(r, \frac{1}{r})\right) \|f\|_{BMO_{\text{balls}}}.$$

6.1.5. Let $a > 0$ and let $f \in BMO(\mathbf{R}^n)$. Let B and B' be balls in \mathbf{R}^n both of radius r whose centers have distance ar (these balls could be overlapping). Prove that

$$|f_B - f_{B'}| \leq 2^{n+1} \log_2(a+2) \|f\|_{BMO_{\text{balls}}}.$$

Also show that $\sup_{B, B' \text{ balls with } |B|=|B'|} |f_B - f_{B'}| / \|f\|_{BMO}$ may be unbounded.

[Hint: Pick $m \in \mathbf{Z}$ such that $2^m \leq a+2 < 2^{m+1}$ and let x_0 be the midpoint of the line segment joining the centers of B and B' . Consider the ball $B'' = B(x_0, 2^m r)$ and estimate $|f_B - f_{B''}|$ and $|f_{B''} - f_{B'}|$ via telescoping sums, using (6.1.10).]

6.1.6. Let $f \in BMO(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and $N \in \mathbf{Z}^+$. Verify the following assertions:

(a) For any two cubes Q and Q' of side length 1 contained in $[0, 2^N]^n$ we have

$$|f_Q - f_{Q'}| \leq N2^{n+1} \|f\|_{BMO}.$$

(b) Let $-\infty < l < L < \infty$. Conclude that for any two cubes Q, Q' of side length 2^l both contained in a cube of side length 2^L the following estimate is valid:

$$|f_Q - f_{Q'}| \leq (L-l+1)2^{n+1} \|f\|_{BMO}.$$

[Hint: Part (a). For any interval I of length 1 contained in $[0, 2^N]$ there is a sequence of intervals $I = I_0 \subset I_1 \subset \cdots \subset I_{N-1} \subset [0, 2^N]$ with $|I_j| = 2^j$. Then use (6.1.10).]

6.1.7. Let Φ be a concave strictly increasing function from $[0, \infty)$ to $[0, \infty)$ that satisfies $\Phi(0) = 0$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(t) = \infty$, and $\Phi(t+s) \leq \Phi(t) + \Phi(s)$ for all $t, s \geq 0$. Prove that if $f \in BMO$, then $\Phi(|f|)$ lies also in BMO and

$$\|\Phi(|f|)\|_{BMO} \leq 2\Phi(\|f\|_{BMO}).$$

Let $0 < p < 1$. **Three** important examples of such functions Φ are

$$\Phi(t) = t^p, \quad \Phi(t) = \log(t+1), \quad \Phi(t) = [\log(t+1)]^p.$$