

L^p estimates for the Hilbert transform along a one-variable vector field

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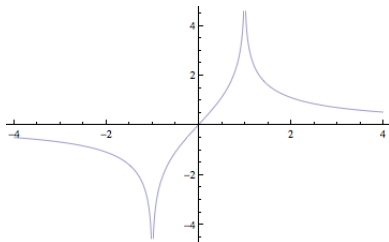
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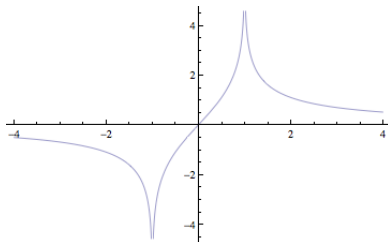
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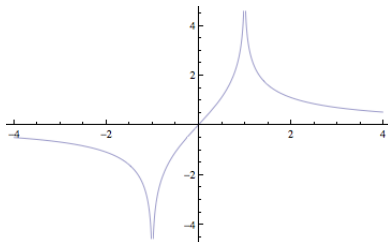
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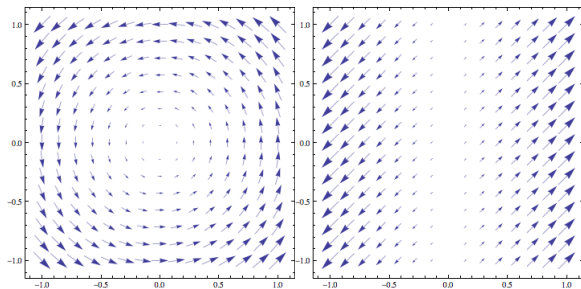
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Theorem [Marcinkiewicz interpolation trick]

Let $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$ be such that $\sum_j \beta_j = 1$ and $\beta_j > 0$ for all j . If Λ is of restricted type α for all α in a neighborhood of β satisfying $\sum_j \alpha_j = 1$, then

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for every f in the linear span of all $X(E)$.

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On Wednesday: prove $(**)$.

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