

# Abstract Hardy inequalities and monotone functions

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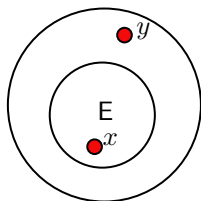
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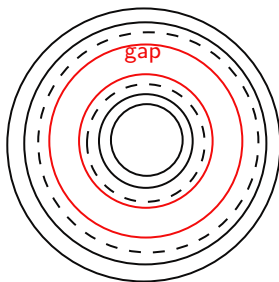
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## Theorem [Sinnamon, S.- 2024]

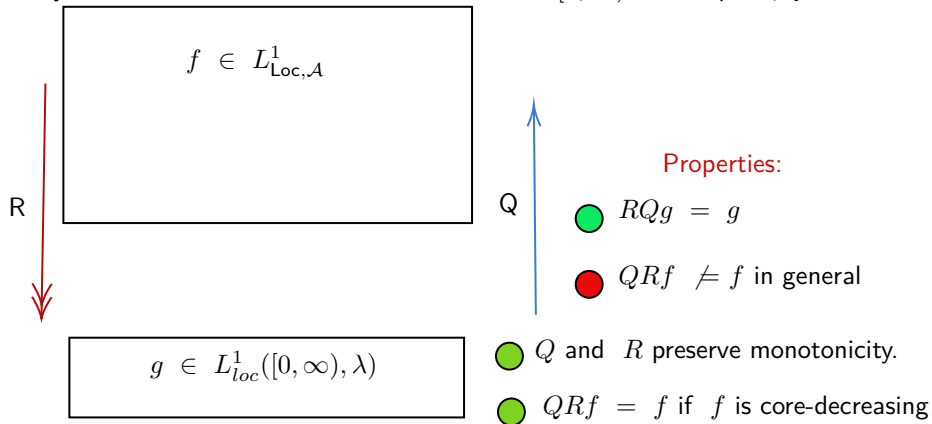
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# Induced measure on the half line

Every ordered core induces a Borel measure  $\lambda$  on  $[0, \infty)$  and maps  $R, Q$ :



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[Sinnamon 2022]

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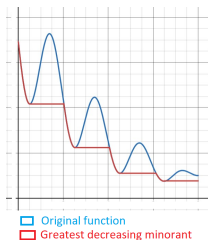
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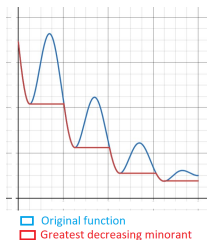
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## Main result, case $p = 1$ .

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and

$$C = \sup_{s \in U} \left( \frac{1}{\underline{u}}(s) \right) \tau(\{y \in Y : s \in B(y)\})^{1/q}, \text{ for } q \in [1, \infty).$$

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$$\text{satisfies } C \approx \left( \int_{\mathbb{X}} \left( \int_{z \leq_{\mathcal{A}} x} \frac{1}{\underline{v}}(x) \omega(x) d\mu(x) \right)^{\frac{q}{1-q}} \omega(z) d\mu(z) \right)^{\frac{1-q}{q}}, \quad \text{for } q \in (0, 1),$$

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Where  $\underline{v}(x) = \text{ess inf}\{v(t) : t \in B[a; |x|_a]\}$ ,  $x \leq_{\mathcal{A}} t$  means  $B[a; |x|_a] \subseteq B(a, |t|)$  and  $B[a; |x|_a] = \{z \in \mathbb{X} : \text{dist}(a, z) \leq \text{dist}(a, x)\}$ .



# Our contribution, the case $p > 1$

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and only if  $p \leq q$  and:

$$\sup_{x \neq a} \left\{ \left( \int_{\mathbb{X} \setminus B[a;|x|_a]} \omega d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{B[a;|x|_a]} v^{1-p'} d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \right\} < \infty, \quad 0 < q < 1 < p \text{ and}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{X}} \left( \int_{\mathbb{X} \setminus B[a;|x|_a]} \omega d\mu \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{B[a;|x|_a]} v^{1-p'} d\mu \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} u(s) d\mu(s) < \infty, \text{ or } 1 < q < p \text{ and}$$

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Can we extend monotone 'functions' to the noncommutative setting? (e.g. von Neumann algebras with semifinite trace).

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