# CHARACTERIZATIONS OF $H^{1}$ AND APPLICATIONS TO SINGULAR INTEGRALS 

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AbSTRACT. We give a necessary and sufficient condition for an integrable compactly supported function with mean value zero on the line to be in the Hardy space $H^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{1}\right)$. As a corollary, we obtain a new characterization of $H^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{1}\right)$ and $p$ independence of the spectrum of homogeneous Calderon-Zygmund operators.

## 1. Introduction and statement of results

It is a well-known result that if a compactly supported function is in $L^{p}\left(\mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{n}}\right)$ and has mean value zero, then it is in the Hardy space $H^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{n}}\right)$. In the fundamental paper [2], Calderón and Zygmund proved that $L^{p}$ can be replaced by $\int_{K}|f| \log ^{+}(|f|)<\infty$ for any compact subset $K$ of $\mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{n}}$. Moreover, it is known that $\log ^{+}(|f|)$ cannot be replaced by $\left(\log ^{+}(|f|)\right)^{1-\varepsilon}$ for any $\varepsilon>0$. Therefore the following question is natural:

Question 1. Find a necessary and sufficient size condition for an integrable compactly supported function on $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}}$ with mean value zero to be in the Hardy space $H^{1}$.

Although, it is unclear whether this question can be answered with a purely size condition, we do have a satisfactory answer in dimension one.

Given a function $f$ on the line, define almost everywhere a function $m_{f}$ on $\mathbf{R}^{1}$ by setting

$$
\begin{equation*}
m_{f}(a)=\int_{R} f(x) \ln \frac{1}{|x-a|} d x \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The content of Theorem 1 below is that $f \in H^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{1}}\right)$ if and only if $m_{f}$ is a function of finite variation. We provide the following heuristic explanation for this. An integrable function is in $H^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{1}\right)$ if and only if its Hilbert transform is in $L^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{1}}\right)$. The result in Theorem 1 states that $m_{f}$ is of total variation if and only if $H f$ is integrable. But formally speaking, the derivative of the function $m_{f}$ is the "Hilbert transform of the function $f$ " which explains the relationship between the variation condition and the space $H^{1}$. This heuristic argument makes sense for some functions $f$ but it cannot

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be justified for a general integrable $f$ since the integral giving $H f$ is never absolutely convergent in this case. Question 1 posed above is related to the following question about Calderón-Zygmund singular operators with homogeneous kernels. Consider an operator

$$
\begin{equation*}
T_{\Omega} f(x)=\text { p.v. } \int_{\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}}} \frac{\Omega(y /|y|)}{|y|^{n}} f(x-y) d y \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\Omega$ is an integrable function on the sphere $\mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{n - 1}}$ with mean value zero.
In 1956 Calderón and Zygmund [2] proved that $T_{\Omega}$ is bounded on $L^{p}\left(R^{n}\right)$ if $\int_{\mathbf{S}^{n-1}}|\Omega| \log ^{+}(|\Omega|)<\infty$. The $L \log ^{+} L$ condition is also sufficient for weak type $(1,1)$ boundedness of $T_{\Omega}$, as shown by A. Seeger [10].

Coifman-Weiss [4] and Connett [5] proved that if $\Omega$ is in the Hardy space $H^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{n - 1}}\right)$, then $T_{\Omega}$ maps $L^{p}\left(\mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{n}}\right)$ into itself. We will refer to this condition as the " $H^{1}$ condition". In Theorem 2 we discuss other characterizations of $H^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{n}-1}\right)$, one of which gives a very simple proof of the results of Coifman-Weiss [4] and Connett [5].

The case $n=2$ is studied in further detail. Define

$$
\begin{equation*}
m_{\Omega}(\xi)=\int_{\mathbf{S}^{1}} \Omega(\theta) \ln \frac{1}{|\langle\theta, \xi\rangle|} d \theta \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

As a consequence of Theorem 2 below ( $a \Leftrightarrow e$ ) we have

$$
\operatorname{Var}_{\mathbf{S}^{1}}\left(m_{\Omega}\right)<+\infty \Longleftrightarrow \Omega \in H^{1}\left(S^{1}\right) .
$$

which gives a characterization of the multipliers corresponding to $H^{1}\left(S^{1}\right)$ kernels, since

$$
m(\xi)=\mathcal{F}\left(\Omega(x) /|x|^{n}\right)(\xi)=\int_{\mathbf{S}^{\mathrm{n}-1}} \Omega(\theta)\left[\frac{\pi i}{2} \operatorname{sgn}\langle\theta, \xi\rangle+\ln \frac{1}{|\langle\theta, \xi\rangle|}\right] d \theta
$$

and therefore

$$
\operatorname{Var}_{\mathbf{S}^{1}}(m)<+\infty \Longleftrightarrow \Omega \in H^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{1}}\right)
$$

THEOREM 1. Let $f$ be a compactly supported function, $f \in L^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{1}}\right)$, $\int f(x) d x=0$. Define a function $m_{f}$ on a full measure subset $A_{f} \subseteq \mathbf{R}^{1}$ (i.e., $\mathbf{R}^{1} \backslash A_{f}$ has measure zero) by

$$
\begin{equation*}
m_{f}(y)=\int_{\mathbf{R}^{1}} f(x) \ln \frac{1}{|x-y|} d x \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then if $\operatorname{Var}_{A_{f}}\left(m_{f}\right)<\infty$, then

$$
\|f\|_{H^{1}} \leq \operatorname{Var}_{A_{f}}\left(m_{f}\right)+C\|f\|_{L^{r}}
$$

and

$$
\operatorname{Var}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}\left(m_{f}\right)=\operatorname{Var}_{A_{f}}\left(m_{f}\right)<+\infty
$$

Conversely, let $f \in H^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{1}\right)$ be a compactly supported function. Then

$$
m_{f}(a)=\left\langle f(\cdot), \ln \frac{1}{|\cdot-a|}\right\rangle
$$

is well defined (via the $H^{1}-B M O$ duality) and

$$
\operatorname{Var}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}\left(m_{f}\right) \leq C\|f\|_{H^{1}}<\infty .
$$

Remark. We are uncertain as of now how to formulate a higher dimensional analogue of Theorem 1.

The next theorem gives an equivalence between different definitions of $H^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{n - 1}}\right)$.
TheOrem 2. Let $\Omega \in L^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{n - 1}}\right), \int_{\mathbf{S}^{\mathrm{n}-1}} \Omega=0$. Let $R_{j}$ be the $j^{\text {th }}$ Riesz operator. Then the following conditions are equivalent:
(a) $\Omega \in H^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{n - 1}}\right)$.
(b) $\frac{\Omega(x||x|)}{|x|^{n}} \chi_{(1 \leq|x| \leq 2)} \in H^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{n}}\right)$.
(c) For every $j, R_{j}\left(\frac{\Omega(x /|x|)}{|x|^{n}} \chi_{(1 \leq|x| \leq 2)}\right) \in L^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{n}}\right)$.
(d) If $R_{j}\left(\frac{\Omega(x /|x|)}{|x|^{n}}\right)=\frac{V_{j}(x)}{|x|^{n}}$, then $V_{j} \in L^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{n - 1}}\right), j=1 \ldots n$.
(e) (Only for $n=2$.) $\operatorname{Var}_{\mathbf{S}^{1}}\left(m_{\Omega}\right)<\infty$.
(f) (Only for $n=2$.) $H\left(\Omega\left(e^{2 \pi i x} \chi_{[0.1]}\right) \in L^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{1}}\right)\right.$.

As an easy consequence of Theorem 2, we obtain the following
COROLLARY 1 (Coifman-Weiss 77, Connett 79). Let $T_{\Omega}$ be defined as in (2). Then if $\Omega \in H^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{n - 1}}\right)$, then $T_{\Omega}: L^{p} \rightarrow L^{p}, 1<p<\infty$.

COROLLARY 2. Using the implication $a \Rightarrow c$ in Theorem 2 we can easily deduce $L^{p}$ bounds for the maximal operator

$$
T_{\Omega}^{*} f(x)=\sup _{\varepsilon>0}\left|\int_{|y|>\varepsilon} \frac{\Omega(y /|y|)}{|y|^{n}} f(x-y) d y\right|
$$

We refer the reader to [7] and [8] for detailed proof of the corollaries. We omit the proofs of both corollaries.

As another application of the results in Theorem 2, we prove $p$ independence of the spectrum of Calderon-Zygmund operators with $H^{1}$ kernels. More precisely, we have

Proposition 1. Let $\Omega \in H^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{1}}\right)$ and $1<p<\infty$. Let $m=\mathcal{F}\left(\Omega(\cdot /|\cdot|) /|\cdot|^{2}\right)$ be the multiplier corresponding to $T_{\Omega}$. Then

$$
\sigma\left(T_{\Omega, p}\right)=\sigma\left(T_{\Omega, 2}\right)=\text { essrange } m
$$

where $T_{\Omega, p}=T_{\Omega}: L^{p} \rightarrow L^{p}$.
Proof. The implication $\sigma\left(T_{\Omega, 2}\right) \subseteq \sigma\left(T_{\Omega, p}\right)$ is trivial, for if $\lambda \in \rho\left(T_{\Omega, p}\right)$, then $\left(T_{\Omega}-\lambda\right)^{-1}: L^{p} \rightarrow L^{p}$ and therefore by duality and interpolation $\left(T_{\Omega}-\lambda\right)^{-1}: L^{2} \rightarrow$ $L^{2}$. The converse follows essentially from Theorem 2 . Indeed pick $\lambda \notin$ essrange $m$, Since $\operatorname{Var}_{\mathbf{S}^{1}}(m)<\infty$, we have $\operatorname{Var}_{\mathbf{S}^{1}}\left((m(\cdot)-\lambda)^{-1}\right)<\infty$ too and by Theorem 2, we conclude that the multiplier $\tilde{m}(\cdot)=(m(\cdot)-\lambda)^{-1}$ gives rise to an operator $T_{\tilde{\Omega}}$ with $\tilde{\Omega} \in H^{1}$. Therefore

$$
\left(T_{\Omega}-\lambda\right)^{-1}=T_{\tilde{\Omega}}: L^{p} \rightarrow L^{p}
$$

Remark. To the best of our knowledge, the question of the $p$ independence of the spectrum remains open in higher dimensions ( $n \geq 3$ ).

## 2. Proof of Theorem 1

In this section we give a characterization of compactly supported functions in $H^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{1}\right)$. Let us remark that the compact support condition is necessary, since otherwise the function $m_{f}$ may not be well defined even a.e. By Fubini's theorem, if $f \in L^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{1}\right)$ has compact support then indeed $m_{f}(a)=\int_{\mathbf{R}^{1}} f(x) \ln \frac{1}{|x-a|} d x$ is defined on a full measure subset $A_{f} \subset \mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{1}}$. We will pass gradually from simple functions to Lipschitz functions and then we extend our result to arbitrary compactly supported function in $L^{1}$.

Let us start off with the simplest possible case, a simple function supported in $[0,1]$. Set $f(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{2^{k}-1} c_{i} \chi_{\left(a_{i}, a_{i+1}\right)}$, where $a_{i}=i / 2^{k}$. For symmetry, set $c_{i}=0$ for $i<0$.

LEMMA 1. For any $f$ simple function as above we have

$$
2^{-k} \sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1}\left|b_{i_{0}}\right|-C\|f\|_{L^{1}} \leq \int_{-1}^{2}|H f(x)| d x \leq 2^{-k} \sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1}\left|b_{i_{0}}\right|+C\|f\|_{L^{1}}
$$

where

$$
b_{i_{0}}=\sum_{i=0, i \neq i_{0}}^{2^{k}-1} \frac{c_{i}}{i-i_{0}}
$$

Proof. We have

$$
H f(x)=\int_{0}^{1} \frac{f(y)}{x-y} d y=\sum_{i=0}^{2^{k}-1} c_{i} \int_{a_{i}}^{a_{i+1}} \frac{d y}{x-y}=\sum_{i=0}^{2^{k}-1} c_{i} \ln \left|\frac{x-a_{i}}{x-a_{i+1}}\right|
$$

Note that
(5) $\left[-1+2^{-k-1}, 2-2^{-k-1}\right]=\bigcup_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}} \bigcup_{n=k+2}^{+\infty}\left\{x: 2^{-n} \leq\left|x-i_{0} 2^{-k}\right| \leq 2^{-n+1}\right\}$.

If $i \neq i_{0}, i_{0}-1$ and $2^{-n} \leq\left|x-i_{0} 2^{-k}\right| \leq 2^{-n+1}$, then

$$
\ln \left|\frac{x-a_{i}}{x-a_{i+1}}\right|=\ln \left(1+\frac{1}{i-i_{0}}+O\left(\frac{1}{\left(i-i_{0}\right)^{2}}\right)\right)
$$

since $2^{k}\left|x-i_{0} 2^{-k}\right| \leq 2^{k-n+1} \leq 1 / 2$. Therefore

$$
\ln \left|\frac{x-a_{i}}{x-a_{i+1}}\right|=\frac{1}{i-i_{0}}+O\left(\frac{1}{\left(i-i_{0}\right)^{2}}\right)
$$

Observe also that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& |\ln | \frac{x-a_{i_{0}-1}}{x-a_{i_{0}}}|-(n-k)| \leq 1 \\
& |\ln | \frac{x-a_{i_{0}}}{x-a_{i_{0}+1}}|-(k-n)| \leq 1
\end{aligned}
$$

when $2^{-n} \leq\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right| \leq 2^{-n+1}$. Thus
(6) $H f(x)=\sum_{i \neq i_{0}, i_{0}-1} \frac{c_{i}}{i-i_{0}}+\left(c_{i_{0}}-c_{i_{0}-1}\right)(k-n+O(1))+O\left(\sum_{i \neq i_{0}} \frac{c_{i}}{\left(i-i_{0}\right)^{2}}\right)$,
for $2^{-n} \leq\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right| \leq 2^{-n+1}$. We integrate (6) to get

$$
\begin{aligned}
\int_{2^{-n} \leq\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right| \leq 2^{-n+1}}|H f(x)| d x= & 2^{-n+1}\left|\sum_{i \neq i_{0}, i_{0}-1} \frac{c_{i}}{i-i_{0}}+\left(c_{i_{0}}-c_{i_{0}-1}\right)(k-n+O(1))\right| \\
& +2^{-n} O\left(\sum_{i \neq i_{0}} \frac{c_{i}}{\left(i-i_{0}\right)^{2}}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

We sum over $n$ and use (5) to get

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \quad \int_{0<\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|<2^{-k-1}}|H f(x)| d x \\
& \quad \geq \sum_{n=k+2}^{\infty} \frac{\left|b_{i_{0}}\right|}{2^{n-1}}-\frac{\left(\left|c_{i_{0}}\right|+\left|c_{i_{0}-1}\right|\right)(n-k-C)}{2^{n-1}}-C 2^{-n+1} \sum_{i \neq i_{0}} \frac{\left|c_{i}\right|}{\left(i-i_{0}\right)^{2}}, \\
& \int_{0<\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|<2^{-k-1}}|H f(x)| d x \\
& \quad \leq \sum_{n=k+2}^{\infty} \frac{\left|b_{i_{0}}\right|}{2^{n-1}}+\frac{\left(\left|c_{i_{0}}\right|+\left|c_{i_{0}-1}\right|\right)(n-k+C)}{2^{n-1}}+c 2^{-n+1} \sum_{i \neq i_{0}} \frac{\left|c_{i}\right|}{\left(i-i_{0}\right)^{2}} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Taking into account that $\sum_{n=k+2}^{\infty}(n-k \pm C) 2^{-n+1} \sim 2^{-k}$, we conclude that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k+1}}^{2^{k+1}-1}\left[\frac{\left|b_{i_{0}}\right|}{2^{k}}-c\left(\frac{\left|c_{i_{0}}\right|+\left|c_{i_{0}-1}\right|}{2^{k}}+2^{-k} \sum_{i \neq i_{0}} \frac{\left|c_{i}\right|}{\left(i-i_{0}\right)^{2}}\right)\right] \leq \int_{-1+2^{-k-1}}^{2-2^{-k-1}}|H f(x)| d x, \\
& \int_{-1+2^{-k-1}}^{2-2^{-k-1}}|H f(x)| d x \leq \sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1}\left[\frac{\left|b_{i_{0}}\right|}{2^{k}}+c\left(\frac{\left|c_{i_{0}}\right|+\left|c_{i_{0}-1}\right|}{2^{k}}+2^{-k} \sum_{i \neq i_{0}} \frac{\left|c_{i}\right|}{\left(i-i_{0}\right)^{2}}\right)\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

and therefore

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 2^{-k} \sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1}\left|b_{i_{0}}\right|-c 2^{-k}\left(\sum_{i_{0}=0}^{2^{k}-1}\left|c_{i_{0}}\right|+\sum_{i=0}^{2^{k}-1}\left|c_{i}\right|\right) \leq \int_{-1+2^{-k-1}}^{2-2^{-k-1}}|H f(x)| d x \\
& \int_{-1+2^{-k-1}}^{2-2^{-k-1}}|H f(x)| d x \leq 2^{-k} \sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1}\left|b_{i_{0}}\right|+C 2^{-k}\left(\sum_{i_{0}=0}^{2^{k}-1}\left|c_{i_{0}}\right|+\sum_{i=0}^{2^{k}-1}\left|c_{i}\right|\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

The same calculations applied on the intervals $\left[-1,-1+2^{-k-1}\right]$ and $\left[2-2^{-k-1}, 2\right]$ give

$$
\int_{-1}^{-1+2^{-k-1}}|H f(x)| d x \leq\|f\|_{L^{1}}, \int_{2-2^{-k-1}}^{2}|H f(x)| d x \leq\|f\|_{L^{1}}
$$

Since $\|f\|_{L^{1}}=2^{-k} \sum_{i=0}^{2^{k}-1}\left|c_{i}\right|$, we finally get the desired inequality.

LEMMA 2. With notations as in Lemma 1 we have
$\frac{b_{i_{0}}}{2^{k}}=\left(\int_{0}^{1} f(x) \ln \frac{1}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|} d x-\int_{0}^{1} f(x) \ln \frac{1}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|} d x\right)+2^{-k} O\left(\sum_{i \neq i_{0}} \frac{\left|c_{i}\right|}{\left(i-i_{0}\right)^{2}}\right)$.
Proof.

$$
\begin{aligned}
\int_{0}^{1} f(x) & \ln \\
& \frac{1}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|} d x-\int_{0}^{1} f(x) \ln \frac{1}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|} d x \\
& =\int_{0}^{1} f(x) \ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|} d x \\
& =\sum_{i=0 . i \neq i_{0}}^{2^{k}-1} c_{i} \int_{a_{i}}^{a_{i+1}} \ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|} d x+c_{i_{0}} \int_{a_{i_{0}}}^{a_{i_{0}+1}} \ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|} d x
\end{aligned}
$$

Case 1. $i<i_{0}$ and $x \in\left(a_{i}, a_{i+1}\right)$.
We have

$$
\frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|}=1-\frac{1}{2^{k}\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|}=1+\frac{1}{i-i_{0}}+O\left(\frac{1}{\left(i-i_{0}\right)^{2}}\right)
$$

Thus

$$
c_{i} \int_{a_{i}}^{a_{i+1}} \ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|} d x=2^{-k} \frac{c_{i}}{i-i_{0}}+2^{-k} c_{i} O\left(\frac{1}{\left(i-i_{0}\right)^{2}}\right)
$$

Case 2. $i>i_{0}$ and $x \in\left(a_{i}, a_{i+1}\right)$.
A similar argument shows that

$$
c_{i} \int_{a_{i}}^{a_{i+1}} \ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|} d x=2^{-k} \frac{c_{i}}{i-i_{0}}+2^{-k} c_{i} O\left(\frac{1}{\left(i-i_{0}\right)^{2}}\right)
$$

Finally since

$$
\int_{a_{i_{0}}}^{a_{i_{0}+1}} \ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|} d x=0
$$

we get

$$
\int_{0}^{1} f(x) \ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|} d x=2^{-k} b_{i_{0}}+2^{-k} O\left(\sum_{i \neq i_{0}} \frac{\left|c_{i}\right|}{\left(i-i_{0}\right)^{2}}\right) .
$$

Observe also that

$$
\begin{aligned}
2^{-k} \sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1}\left|b_{i_{0}}\right|= & \sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1}\left|\int_{0}^{1} f(x) \ln \frac{1}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|} d x-\int_{0}^{1} f(x) \ln \frac{1}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|} d x\right| \\
& +2^{-k} O\left(\sum_{i_{0}} \sum_{i \neq i_{0}} \frac{\left|c_{i}\right|}{\left(i-i_{0}\right)^{2}}\right) \\
= & \sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1}\left|\int_{0}^{1} f(x) \ln \frac{1}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|} d x-\int_{0}^{1} f(x) \ln \frac{1}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|} d x\right| \\
& +O\left(2^{-k} \sum_{i=1}^{2^{k}}\left|c_{i}\right|\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

By this observation and Lemma 1, we obtain

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1}\left|\int_{0}^{1} f(x) \ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|}\right| d x-C\|f\|_{1} \leq \int_{-1}^{2}|H f(x)| d x  \tag{7}\\
& \int_{-1}^{2}|H f(x)| d x \leq \sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1}\left|\int_{0}^{1} f(x) \ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|}\right| d x+C\|f\|_{1} .
\end{align*}
$$

This is basically the assertion of Theorem 1 for simple functions, since it is easy to control the contribution of $\int_{-\infty}^{-1}|H f(x)| d x$ and $\int_{2}^{\infty}|H f(x)| d x$.

LEMMA 3. Let $f: \mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{1}} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{1}$ be a Lipschitz function and $\operatorname{supp} f \subseteq[0,1]$. Let $m_{f}(a)=\int_{0}^{1} f(x) \ln \frac{1}{|x-a|} d x$. Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{Var}_{-1}^{+2}\left(m_{f}\right)-c\|f\|_{L^{1}} \leq \int_{-1}^{2}|H f(x)| d x \leq \operatorname{Var}_{-1}^{+2}\left(m_{f}\right)+c\|f\|_{L^{1}} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $c$ is a constant independent of $f$.
Proof. Note that there exists a sequence of simple functions $\left\{f_{k}\right\}$, such that
(1) $f_{k} \rightarrow f$ pointwise, $\left|f_{k}\right| \leq|f|$,
(2) $f_{k}=\sum_{i=0}^{2^{k}-1} c_{i} \chi_{\left(a_{i}, a_{i+1}\right)}$,
(3) $\left|f_{k}(x)-f(x)\right| \leq L 2^{-k}$ for every $x \in[0,1]$, where $L$ is the Lipschitz constant.

These can be taken to be the lower Darboux sums for $f$ corresponding to the uniform partition $0=a_{1} \leq \ldots \leq a_{2^{k}}=1$.
I. Let us start with the left inequality first. We may apply (7) to each individual $f_{k}$ (these are simple functions supported on $[0,1]$ ):

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1}\left|\int_{0}^{1} f_{k}(x) \ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|}\right| d x-C\left\|f_{k}\right\|_{1} \leq \int_{-1}^{2}\left|H f_{k}(x)\right| d x \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

Also

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{-1}^{2}\left|H f_{k}(x)\right| d x \rightarrow \int_{-1}^{2}|H f(x)| d x \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

On the other hand, $m_{f}$ is well defined and continuous (due to the Lipschitz assumption on $f$ ), so the total variation of this function can be evaluated as a total variation on a dense subset. In particular,

$$
\operatorname{Var}_{-1}^{+2}\left(m_{f}\right)=\sup _{-1 \leq b_{0} \leq \ldots \leq b_{s} \leq 2} \sum_{i=0}^{s-1}\left|m_{f}\left(b_{i+1}\right)-m_{f}\left(b_{i}\right)\right|,
$$

where the supremum is taken on a dyadic partition of [-1, 2], i.e., $b_{i}=q_{i} / 2^{n_{i}} i=$ $0, \ldots, s$ for some integers $q_{i}$ and $n_{i}$. Let us fix such a partition. Choose $n=$ $\max \left\{n_{1}, \ldots, n_{s}\right\}$. Then obviously the $b_{i}$ 's will be part of the dyadic partition with diameter $2^{-n}$ and therefore part of any dyadic partition with diameter $2^{-k}, k \geq n$. Consider (10) for $k \geq n$. Since the $b_{i}$ 's are part of the dyadic partition (with diameter $2^{-k}$ ), we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=0}^{s-1}\left|\int_{0}^{1} f_{k}(x) \ln \frac{1}{\left|x-b_{i+1}\right|} d x-\int_{0}^{1} f_{k}(x) \ln \frac{1}{\left|x-b_{i}\right|} d x\right| \\
& \quad \leq \sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1}\left|\int_{0}^{1} f_{k}(x) \ln \frac{1}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|} d x-\int_{0}^{1} f_{k}(x) \ln \frac{1}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|} d x\right| \\
& \quad \leq \int_{-1}^{2}\left|H f_{k}(x)\right| d x+C\left\|f_{k}\right\|_{1}
\end{aligned}
$$

and therefore taking limit in $k$ yields

$$
\sum_{i=0}^{s-1}\left|\int_{0}^{1} f(x) \ln \frac{1}{\left|x-b_{i+1}\right|} d x-\int_{0}^{1} f(x) \ln \frac{1}{\left|x-b_{i}\right|} d x\right| \leq \int_{-1}^{2}|H f(x)| d x+C\|f\|_{1}
$$

Since the partition was arbitrarily chosen,

$$
\operatorname{Var}_{-1}^{+2}\left(m_{f}\right) \leq \int_{-1}^{2}|H f(x)| d x+C\|f\|_{1}
$$

II. The proof of the right-hand side in (9) is more involved. First of all, consider sequence $\left\{f_{k}\right\}$ of simple functions as above. For this part of the proof we use (8). We have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \int_{-1}^{2}\left|H f_{k}(x)\right| d x \leq \sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1}\left|\int_{0}^{1} f_{k}(x) \ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|} d x\right|+C\left\|f_{k}\right\|_{1} \\
& \sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1}\left|\int_{0}^{1} f_{k}(x) \ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|} d x\right| \leq A_{k}+B_{k}
\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
A_{k} & =\sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1}\left(\int_{0}^{1}\left|f_{k}(x)-f(x)\right|\left|\ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|}\right| d x\right) \\
B_{k} & =\sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1}\left|\int_{0}^{1} f(x) \ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|} d x\right|
\end{aligned}
$$

Clearly $B_{k} \leq \operatorname{Var}_{-1}^{+2}\left(m_{f}\right)<\infty$. For $A_{k}$ we use the estimate

$$
\begin{aligned}
A_{k} \leq & \sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1} \sum_{i-i_{0} \mid>1} \int_{a_{i}}^{a_{i+1}}\left|f_{k}(x)-f(x)\right|\left|\ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|}\right| d x \\
& +\int_{a_{i_{0}-1}}^{a_{i_{0}+2}}\left|f_{k}(x)-f(x)\right|\left|\ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|}\right| d x .
\end{aligned}
$$

As in Lemma 1, if $x \in\left(a_{i}, a_{i+1}\right)$ and $i \neq i_{0}-1, i_{0}, i_{0}+1$, then

$$
\ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|}=\frac{1}{i-i_{0}}+O\left(\frac{1}{\left(i-i_{0}\right)^{2}}\right)
$$

Taking into account the choice of $f_{k}$ 's (condition 3), we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{a_{i}}^{a_{i+1}}\left|f_{k}(x)-f(x)\right|\left|\ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|}\right| d x \leq L\left(\frac{1}{\left|i-i_{0}\right|}+\frac{C}{\left(i-i_{0}\right)^{2}}\right) 2^{-2 k} \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{a_{i_{0}-1}}^{a_{i_{0}+2}}\left|f_{k}(x)-f(x)\right|\left|\ln \frac{\left|x-a_{i_{0}}\right|}{\left|x-a_{i_{0}+1}\right|}\right| d x \leq C L 2^{-k} \int_{0}^{2-k} \ln \frac{1}{x} d x \leq C L k 2^{-2 k} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus

$$
\begin{aligned}
A_{k} & \leq \sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1} \sum_{i \neq i_{0}}\left(\frac{1}{\left|i-i_{0}\right|}+\frac{C}{\left(i-i_{0}\right)^{2}}\right) 2^{-2 k} L+\sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}-1} L k 2^{-2 k} \\
& \leq C \sum_{i_{0}=-2^{k}+1}^{2^{k+1}}\left(L k 2^{-2 k}\right)+C L 2^{-k} k=C L k 2^{-k} \rightarrow 0 .
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus

$$
\limsup _{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-1}^{2}\left|H f_{k}(x)\right| d x \leq \operatorname{Var}_{-1}^{+2}\left(m_{f}\right)+C\|f\|_{1} .
$$

The only fact that remains to be proved is

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{-1}^{2}|H f(x)| d x \leq \limsup _{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-1}^{2}\left|H f_{k}(x)\right| d x \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

But since $f_{k} \rightarrow f$ in $L^{1}$, we have that for every $\lambda>0$

$$
\left|\left\{x:\left|H f_{k}(x)-H f(x)\right| \geq \lambda\right\}\right| \leq \frac{C}{\lambda}\left\|f_{k}-f\right\|_{1} \rightarrow 0
$$

and therefore $H f_{k} \rightarrow H f$ in measure. Then select a subsequence $\left\{f_{k_{n}}\right\}$ so that $H f_{k_{n}} \rightarrow H f$ a.e. The assertion follows from the Fatou's lemma.

The next lemma follows from Lemma 3 by dilation and translation.
LEMMA 4. Let $f$ be a Lipschitz continuous function with compact support, such that $\int f(x) d x=0$. Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{Var}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}\left(m_{f}\right)-c\|f\|_{1} \leq \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty}|H f(x)| d x \leq \operatorname{Var}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}\left(m_{f}\right)+c\|f\|_{1} \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. If supp $f \subseteq[0,1]$, then it is easy to see that

$$
|H f(x)| \chi_{(x \notin[-1,2])} \leq C\|f\|_{1}|x|^{-2} .
$$

Also observe that $m_{f}$ is differentiable outside $[-1,2]$ and

$$
\left|m_{f}^{\prime}(a)\right| \chi_{(a \notin[-1,2])} \leq C\|f\|_{1} a^{-2} .
$$

Therefore

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 0 \leq\left(\int_{-\infty}^{-1}+\int_{2}^{\infty}\right)|H f(x)| d x \leq C\left(\int_{-\infty}^{-1}+\int_{2}^{\infty}\right)\|f\|_{1} /|x|^{2} d x \leq C\|f\|_{L^{1}} \\
& 0 \leq \operatorname{Var}_{-\infty}^{-1}\left(m_{f}\right)+\operatorname{Var}_{+2}^{+\infty}\left(m_{f}\right) \leq C\|f\|_{L^{1}}
\end{aligned}
$$

and combining the last two inequalities with Lemma 3 we get (15).
The general case follows by an easy dilation and translation argument. To this end, notice that every compactly supported function $f$ can be recovered from a function $\bar{f}$ with dilation $\delta_{t}$ and translation $\tau_{a}$, where $\bar{f}: \operatorname{supp} \bar{f} \subseteq[0,1]$. Observe that

$$
\begin{aligned}
H\left(\delta_{t} \circ f\right) & =\delta_{t} \circ(H f) \\
m_{\delta_{t} \circ f}(a) & =m_{f}(a / t)
\end{aligned}
$$

where the second identity holds because of the mean value zero property of $f$. Having these in mind one easily gets

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|H\left(\delta_{t} \circ f\right)\right\|_{1} & =\left\|\delta_{t} \circ(H f)\right\|_{1}=\|H f\|_{1} \\
\left.\operatorname{Var}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}\left(m_{\delta_{t} \circ f}\right)\right) & =\operatorname{Var}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}\left(m_{f}(\cdot / t)\right)=\operatorname{Var}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}\left(m_{f}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

It is also straightforward to check that the translation does not affect the expressions involved in (15) and therefore the lemma follows.

We are finally ready to proceed with the proof of Theorem 1.
Proof of Theorem 1. Let $\Phi$ be a $C^{\infty}$ function supported in $[0,1]$ and $\int|\Phi(y)| d y=1$. Define $f_{k}=f * \Phi_{1 / k}$. We know that $f_{k}$ is a smooth function with mean value zero $\left(\hat{f}_{k}(0)=0\right)$ and has compact support. Thus, we are in a position to apply Lemma 4. We have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|H f_{k}\right\|_{L^{1}} \leq \operatorname{Var}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}\left(m_{f_{k}}\right)+C\left\|f_{k}\right\|_{L^{1}} \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $m_{f_{k}}(a)=\int_{R}\left(f * \Phi_{1 / k}\right)(x) \ln \frac{1}{|x-a|} d x$. But

$$
\begin{aligned}
m_{f_{k}}(a) & =\int\left(\int \Phi_{1 / k}(y) f(x-y) d y\right) \ln \frac{1}{|x-a|} d x \\
& =\int\left(\int_{a-A_{f}} \Phi_{1 / k}(y) f(z) \ln \frac{1}{|z-(a-y)|} d y\right) d z \\
& =\int \Phi_{1 / k}(y) m_{f}(a-y) d y
\end{aligned}
$$

where we used Fubini's theorem ( $m_{f}$ is defined and an absolutely convergent integral on $A_{f}$, which is a full measure subset of $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{1}}$ ).

So

$$
\begin{equation*}
m_{f_{k}}(a)=\int \Phi_{1 / k}(y) m_{f}(a-y) d y \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

Take any sequence of points $a_{1}<a_{2} \ldots<a_{n}$. Notice that since $A_{f}$ is a full measure set, so is $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n}\left(a_{i}-A_{f}\right)$. Thus

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^{n-1}\left|m_{f_{k}}\left(a_{i+1}\right)-m_{f_{k}}\left(a_{i}\right)\right| \\
& \quad=\sum_{i=1}^{n-1}\left|\int \Phi_{1 / k}(y)\left(m_{f}\left(a_{i+1}-y\right)-m_{f}\left(a_{i}-y\right)\right) d y\right| \\
& \quad \leq \int_{\bigcap\left(a_{i}-A_{f}\right)}\left|\Phi_{1 / k}(y)\right|\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n-1}\left|m_{f}\left(a_{i+1}-y\right)-m_{f}\left(a_{i}-y\right)\right|\right] d y \\
& \quad \leq \int\left|\Phi_{1 / k}(y)\right| \operatorname{Var}_{A_{f}}\left(m_{f}\right) d y=\operatorname{Var}_{A_{f}}\left(m_{f}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore

$$
\operatorname{Var}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}\left(m_{f_{k}}\right) \leq \operatorname{Var}_{A_{f}}\left(m_{f}\right)
$$

and in particular, by (16),

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|H f_{k}\right\|_{L^{1}} \leq \operatorname{Var}_{A_{f}}\left(m_{f}\right)+C\left\|f_{k}\right\|_{L^{1}} \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

We now finish with an argument similar to the one in Lemma 3. Select a subsequence such that $H f_{n_{k}} \rightarrow H f$ a.e. An application of Fatou's lemma then gives

$$
\|H f\|_{L^{1}}-C\|f\|_{L^{1}} \leq \operatorname{Var}_{A_{f}}\left(m_{f}\right)
$$

and this proves the first assertion in Theorem 1.
The converse direction of the proof is in fact easier, since everything is correctly defined via the $H^{1}-B M O$ duality. Let $f \in H^{1}$ and $f_{k}=f * \Phi_{1 / k}$ as above. Apply (15) to get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{Var}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}\left(m_{f_{k}}\right)-C\left\|f_{k}\right\|_{L^{1}} \leq\left\|H f_{k}\right\|_{L^{1}} \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

Observe that $f_{k}=f * \Phi_{1 / k} \rightarrow f$ in $H^{1}$ sense. (See [11], p. 127, 5.1(c).) Therefore

$$
\begin{aligned}
& H f_{k} \rightarrow H f \quad \text { in } L^{1}, \\
& m_{f_{k}}(a)=\left\langle f_{k}, \ln \frac{1}{|\cdot-a|}\right\rangle \rightarrow\left\langle f, \ln \frac{1}{|\cdot-a|}\right\rangle=m_{f}(a)
\end{aligned}
$$

Taking limits in $k$ in (19), we obtain

$$
\operatorname{Var}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}\left(m_{f}\right) \leq\|H f\|_{L^{1}}+C\|f\|_{L^{1}} \leq C\|f\|_{H^{1}}
$$

## 3. Characterization of $H^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{n - 1}}\right)$

In this section we prove Theorem 2, which gives equivalence between various notions of $H^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{n - 1}}\right)$. Let us recall that (a) $\Leftrightarrow$ (d) in Theorem 2 is the Ricci-Weiss result in [9].

Proof of Theorem 2. (a) $\Leftrightarrow$ (b) Let $\Omega(\theta)=\sum_{i} \lambda_{i} a_{i}(\theta)$, where $a_{i}$ are $H^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{n - 1}}\right)$ atoms. It clearly suffices to check that

$$
\left\|\frac{a(x /|x|)}{|x|^{n}} \chi_{(1<|x|<2)}\right\|_{H^{1}} \leq C
$$

where $C$ is uniform on $H^{1}$ atoms. Let $b(x)=\frac{a(x| | x \mid)}{|x|^{n}} \chi_{(1<|x|<2)}$. Also, denote by $J\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}\right)$ the Jacobian factor of the unit sphere surface measure as a function of the polar angles. In what follows we will always assume that a vector $x \in \mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}}$ is represented by its polar coordinates $\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}, r\right)$, where the first ( $n-1$ ) components are the polar angles and the last one is the polar radius. Hence

$$
J\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}\right)=\left|\left(\sin ^{n-2} \varphi_{1}\right)\left(\sin ^{n-3} \varphi_{2}\right) \ldots\left(\sin \varphi_{n-2}\right)\right|
$$

Clearly, $J\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}\right)$ does not vanish on an open set on the unit sphere and therefore without loss of generality we may assume that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{diam}(\operatorname{supp} \mathrm{a})<\delta_{n} \\
& 0<c_{n} \leq J\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}\right) \leq 1 \text { on the support of } a
\end{aligned}
$$

where the small constants $\delta_{n}, c_{n}$ depend only on the dimension $n$. These can be achieved; otherwise, if diam(supp a) $\geq \delta_{n}$, we use the trivial estimate $\|b\|_{H^{1}} \leq \delta_{n}^{-n+1}$. Define the auxiliary function

$$
\tilde{b}\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}, r\right)=\frac{a\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}\right) J\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}\right)}{r} \chi_{(1<r<2)}
$$

We prove that $\|\tilde{b}\|_{H^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}}\right)} \leq C$. Observe that $a\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}\right) J\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}\right)$ is a fixed multiple of an $H^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n - 1}}\right)$ atom. Consider $g\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}, r\right)=\psi\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}\right) h(r)$, where
(1) $\psi \geq 0 ; h \geq 0$,
(2) $\operatorname{supp} \psi \subset B(0,1)$; supp $h \subset B(0,1)$,
(3) $\int \psi=1, \int h=1$.

Define

$$
M_{g} \tilde{b}(x)=\sup _{t>0}\left|\tilde{b} * g_{t}\right|(x)
$$

The idea is to show that this maximal function has enough decay at infinity (due only to the fact that $\tilde{b}$ has mean value zero and is an $L^{1}$ function), while around the origin we exploit the structure of $\tilde{b}$. Obviously $\operatorname{supp} \tilde{b} \subset[0,2 \pi]^{n-1} \times[1,2]$. Choose a compact set $K$, so that supp $\tilde{b} \subset K$ and $\operatorname{dist}\left(K^{c}, \operatorname{supp} \tilde{b}\right) \geq 1$. This can be done independently of $a$, so every constant that appear later on, depending on $K$ is actually uniform with respect to $a$. For $x \in K^{c}$ we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\tilde{b} * g_{t}(x) & =\frac{1}{t^{n}} \int \tilde{b}(z) g\left(\frac{x-z}{t}\right) d z \\
& =\frac{1}{t^{n+1}} \int \tilde{b}(z) \nabla g\left(\frac{x-s_{z} z}{t}\right) d z
\end{aligned}
$$

Since supp $g \subset B(0,2)$ and $x \in K^{c}$ we have

$$
\frac{1}{t} \leq \frac{2}{\left|x-s_{z} z\right|} \leq \frac{C}{|x|}
$$

thus we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{g} \tilde{b}(x)=\sup _{t>0}\left|\tilde{b} * g_{t}\right|(x) \leq C /|x|^{n+1} \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

which is the desired estimate at infinity. For $x \in K$,

$$
\left|\tilde{b} * g_{t}\right|\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}, r\right)=\left|(a J) * \psi_{t}\right|\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}\right)\left|\frac{1}{r} \chi_{(1<r<2)} * h_{t}\right|(r)
$$

which yields

$$
M_{g} \tilde{b}\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}, r\right) \leq M_{\psi}(a J) M\left(\chi_{(1<r<2)} / r\right)
$$

Thus by Cauchy-Schwartz we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
\int_{K} M_{g} \tilde{b}(x) d x & \leq\left\|M_{\psi}(a J)\right\|_{L^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}-1}\right)} \sqrt{\pi_{2}(K)}\left\|M\left(\chi_{(1<r<2)} / r\right)\right\|_{L^{2}} \\
& \leq C\left\|M_{\psi}(a J)\right\|_{L^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}-1)}\right.} \sqrt{\pi_{2}(K)}\left\|\chi_{(1<r<2)} / r\right\|_{L^{2}} \leq C
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\pi_{2}(K)$ is the measure of the projection of $K$ on $e_{2}$. This, together with (20), implies $\|\tilde{b}\|_{H^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{n}}\right)} \leq C$. By the atomic decomposition in [3], we can represent $\tilde{b}$ as a sum of atoms whose supports are in a small neighborhood of the support of the function. Let $\tilde{b}\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}, r\right)=\sum \lambda_{i} \tilde{b}_{i}\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}, r\right)$, where the angular parts of the supports of the $\tilde{b_{i}}$ 's are supported in a small neighborhood of supp $a$. Let

$$
b_{i}(x)=\frac{1}{r^{n-1}} \frac{\tilde{b}_{i}\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}, r\right)}{J\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}\right)}
$$

Observe that $b(x)=\sum_{i} \lambda_{i} b_{i}(x)$ and

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \int b_{i}(x) d x=\int \tilde{b_{i}}\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}, r\right) d \varphi_{1} \ldots d \varphi_{n-1} d r=0 \\
& \left|\operatorname{supp} b_{i}\right| \sim\left|\operatorname{supp} \tilde{b_{i}}\right| \\
& \left|b_{i}(x)\right| \leq \sup _{\varphi, r} \frac{\left|\tilde{b_{i}}\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}, r\right)\right|}{\left|J\left(\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}\right)\right|} \leq \frac{C}{\left|\operatorname{supp} \tilde{b_{i}}\right|} \leq \frac{C}{\left|\operatorname{supp} b_{i}\right|}
\end{aligned}
$$

This implies that $\left\|\tilde{b}_{i}\right\|_{H^{1}} \leq C$ and

$$
\|b\|_{H^{1}} \leq C \sum\left|\lambda_{i}\right| \leq C\left\|\tilde{b}_{i}\right\|_{H^{1}} \leq C
$$

(b) $\Rightarrow$ (c) The proof of this direction consists of the trivial observation that the Riesz transforms map $H^{1}$ into $L^{1}$.
(c) $\Rightarrow$ (d) We have

$$
\begin{aligned}
V_{j}(x) /|x|^{n} & =R_{j}\left(\Omega(x) /|x|^{n}\right) \\
& =R_{j}\left(\frac{\Omega(x)}{|x|^{n}} \chi_{(|x| \notin[1.2])}\right)+R_{j}\left(\frac{\Omega(x)}{|x|^{n}} \chi_{(1 \leq|x| \leq 2)}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

For $4 / 3 \leq|x| \leq 3 / 2$, we will prove that the first function is bounded, whereas the second one is integrable by assumption. Indeed,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left|R_{j}\left(\frac{\Omega(x)}{|x|^{n}} \chi_{(|\cdot|<1)}\right)(x)\right| & =c_{n} \lim _{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0}\left|\int_{\varepsilon<|y|<1} \frac{x_{j}-y_{j}}{|x-y|^{n+1}} \frac{\Omega(y)}{|y|^{n}} d y\right| \\
& =c_{n}\left|\int_{|y|<1}\left(\frac{x_{j}-y_{j}}{|x-y|^{n+1}}-\frac{x_{j}}{|x|^{n+1}}\right) \frac{\Omega(y)}{|y|^{n}} d y\right| \\
& \leq C\|\Omega\|_{L^{1}} \max _{1 / 3 \leq|x| \leq 5 / 2}\left|\nabla\left(\frac{x_{j}}{|x|^{n+1}}\right)\right| \leq C\|\Omega\|_{L^{1}} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Similarly,

$$
R_{j}\left(\frac{\Omega(\cdot)}{|\cdot|^{n}} \chi_{(|\cdot|>2)}\right)(x)=c_{n} \int_{2}^{\infty} \int_{S^{n-1}} \frac{x_{j}-\rho \theta_{j}}{|x-\rho \theta|^{n+1}} \frac{\Omega(\theta)}{\rho} d \theta d \rho
$$

and again for $4 / 3 \leq|x| \leq 3 / 2$, we get

$$
R_{j}\left(\frac{\Omega(\cdot)}{|\cdot|^{n}} \chi_{(|\cdot|>2)}\right)(x) \leq C \int_{2}^{\infty} \int_{S^{n-1}}|\Omega(\theta)| \frac{1}{\rho^{n+1}} d \theta d \rho \leq C\|\Omega\|_{L^{1}}
$$

Observe that we actually proved

$$
\frac{V_{j}(x)}{|x|^{n}} \chi_{(4 / 3<|x|<3 / 2)} \in L^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{n}}\right)
$$

which is the same as $V_{j} \in L^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{n - 1}}\right)$ as stated.
(d) $\Rightarrow$ (a) This direction is contained in Theorem 2 in [9].

We pass now to the two dimensional case. First of all observe that (a) $\Leftrightarrow$ (f) is just a restatement of the fact that the Hilbert transform determines $H^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{1}\right)$. For the equivalence (e) $\Leftrightarrow$ (b), we use Theorem 1 in a crucial way.
(e) $\Rightarrow$ (b) $\mathrm{By}(1)$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
m_{\Omega}\left(e^{2 \pi i a}\right) & =\int_{0}^{1} \Omega(\cos 2 \pi x, \sin 2 \pi x) \ln \frac{1}{\left|\left\langle e^{2 \pi i x}, e^{2 \pi i a}\right\rangle\right|} d x \\
& =\int_{0}^{1} \Omega(\cos 2 \pi x, \sin 2 \pi x) \ln \frac{1}{|\cos 2 \pi| x-a| |} d x
\end{aligned}
$$

In what follows we shall identify $\mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{1}}$ and $[0,1]$ via the usual exponential map. In particular we use $\operatorname{Var}_{\mathbf{S}^{1}}\left(m_{\Omega}\right)$ instead of $\operatorname{Var}_{0}^{1}\left(m_{\Omega}\right)$. Now, let us define

$$
\tilde{m}(a)=m\left(e^{2 \pi i\left(a-\frac{1}{4}\right)}\right)=\int_{0}^{1} \Omega(\cos 2 \pi x, \sin 2 \pi x) \ln \frac{1}{|\sin 2 \pi| x-a| |} d x
$$

Obviously

$$
\begin{align*}
& \operatorname{Var}_{-2}^{+2}(\tilde{m}) \leq \operatorname{Var}_{\mathbf{S}^{1}}\left(m_{\Omega}\right)+C\|\Omega\|_{L^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{1}\right)},  \tag{21}\\
& \operatorname{Var}_{\mathbf{S}^{1}}\left(m_{\Omega}\right) \leq \operatorname{Var}_{-2}^{+2}(\tilde{m})+C\|\Omega\|_{L^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{1}\right)} . \tag{22}
\end{align*}
$$

It is not difficult to see that $\Omega \in H^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{1}}\right)$ iff $\Omega(\cos 2 \pi x, \sin 2 \pi x) \chi_{(0<|x|<1)} \in$ $H^{1}\left(\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{1}}\right)$. Now consider

$$
m(a)=\int_{0}^{1} \Omega(\cos 2 \pi x, \sin 2 \pi x) \ln \frac{1}{|x-a|} d x
$$

By Theorem 1 and the previous observation, $\Omega \in H^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{\mathbf{1}}\right)$ iff $m$ has bounded variation. We will now show that $m$ has bounded variation iff $m_{\Omega}$ has bounded variation, and Theorem 2 will be proved. Indeed, let

$$
h(a)=m(a)-\tilde{m}(a)=\int_{0}^{1} \Omega(\cos 2 \pi x, \sin 2 \pi x) \ln \left(\frac{\sin 2 \pi|x-a|}{|x-a|}\right) d x
$$

It is straightforward to check that $\left|h^{\prime}(a)\right| \leq C\|\Omega\|_{L^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{1}\right)}, a \in(-2,2)$ and so by (21),

$$
\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{Var}_{-2}^{+2}(m) & \leq \operatorname{Var}_{-2}^{+2}(h)+\operatorname{Var}_{-2}^{+2}(\tilde{m}) \\
& \leq C\|\Omega\|_{L^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{1}\right)}+\operatorname{Var}_{\mathbf{S}^{1}\left(m_{\Omega}\right)} .
\end{aligned}
$$

It is also clear that away from $[-2,2]$, we have $\left|m^{\prime}(a)\right| \leq C\|\Omega\|_{L^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{1}\right)} / a^{2}$ and therefore

$$
\operatorname{Var}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}(m) \leq \operatorname{Var}_{\mathbf{S}^{1}}\left(m_{\Omega}\right)+C\|\Omega\|_{L^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{1}\right)}
$$

Similarly we get the other inequality,

$$
\operatorname{Var}_{\mathbf{S}^{1}}\left(m_{\Omega}\right) \leq \operatorname{Var}_{-\infty}^{+\infty}(m)+C\|\Omega\|_{L^{1}\left(\mathbf{S}^{1}\right)},
$$

which finishes the proof.
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