

Restriction Theorems for Multiplicative Hankel Operators

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$\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{a})$ is unitarily equivalent to the (classical) Hankel operator $H(\psi)$ (on $H^2(\mathbb{R})$),

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Action on symbols: Formally the (analytic) symbol for $M(\alpha)$ is

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Use real interpolation to get weak- \mathbf{S}_p estimates. □

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