## Density of a Collection of Functions in $N_{\Phi}$ -Spaces

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**Abstract.** This paper presents sufficient conditions for a translation invariant subspace of  $L_1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to be dense in  $N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

## Introduction

In the 1930s N.Wiener presented a necessary and sufficient condition under which a collection of functions generated by translating a single function to be complete in  $L_1(\mathbb{R})$  and  $L_2(\mathbb{R})$  [8]. R.A.Zalik proved later that to under some certain conditions the restriction to  $\mathbb{R}$  of the family of functions  $\{f(x + \alpha) : \alpha \in S\}$ , where f is a function on  $\mathcal{C}$  and S a sequence of distinct complex numbers, is complete in  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^+)$  ([10], [11]). Recently, V.V.Volchkov has obtained some generalizations of N.Wiener's theorems in  $L_p(\Omega)$  where  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  [7].

Let  $\varphi$  be a function defined on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and a be a function defined on  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ . Their *semi-discrete convolution* [9] is defined by, for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$\varphi *' a(x) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \varphi(x - \alpha) a(\alpha),$$

for which the series converges absolutely. Denote by  $\ell_0(\mathbb{Z}^n)$  the space of all finitely supported functions on  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  and by  $S_0(\varphi)$  the image of  $\ell_0(\mathbb{Z}^n)$  under  $\varphi *'$ .

A collection F of functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is called *shift invariant* [9] if for each  $f \in F$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  then  $f(.+\alpha) \in F$ . Then  $S_0(\varphi)$  is a linear span of the integer translates of  $\varphi$  and is shift invariant. A set F is called *translation invariant* if

$$\tau_t: f \longrightarrow f(.+t)$$

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maps F into F for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and F is dilation invariant if

$$\sigma_h: f \longrightarrow f(h^{-1}.)$$

maps F into itself for each h > 0. Denote

$$U_h = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \sigma_h^j S_0(\varphi).$$

The problem of finding sufficient conditions on a collection of functions generated by dilating and translating of a single function to be dense in  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is studied by Kang Zhao [9]. The author showed that under some certain conditions on  $\varphi$ , then the span $U_h$  is dense in  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

A natural question arises under what conditions on the collection  $U_h$ and function  $\varphi$ , the span $U_h$  is dense in the space  $N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  generated by the concave function  $\Phi$  [6]?

In the paper, we prove, in contrast with Orlicz spaces  $L_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (where the Young function  $\Phi$  must satisfy the  $\Delta_2$ -condition (see [3], [4])), the continuity of norm in any space  $N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , and give some sufficient conditions for a collection of functions generated by dilating and translating of a single function to be dense in  $N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Besides some results similar to Kang Zhao's ones [9], a study of the geometrical properties of the spectrum of functions in  $N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  helps us to obtain certain new sufficient conditions for the density.

## Main Results

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  denote the family of all non-zero concave functions  $\Phi : [0, +\infty) \to [0, +\infty)$ , which are non-decreasing, unbounded and satisfy  $\Phi(0) = 0$ . For an arbitrary measurable function f and  $\Phi \in \mathcal{C}$ , we put  $\Phi(\infty) := \lim_{x \to \infty} \Phi(x)$  and define

$$\|f\|_{N_{\Phi}} = \int_0^\infty \Phi(\lambda_f(t)) dt,$$

where  $\lambda_f(t) = \mu(\{x : |f(x)| > t\}), t \ge 0$  and  $\mu$  is a positive measure on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be the space of all measurable functions f such that  $\|f\|_{N_{\Phi}} < \infty$ . Then  $N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a Banach space [6].

The following property of  $N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  will be useful in the sequel.

THEOREM 1. For every  $f \in N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

(1) 
$$\lim_{t \to 0} \|f(.+t) - f\|_{N_{\Phi}} = 0.$$

PROOF. We shall begin with showing that the set A of all complex, measurable, simple functions with bounded support is dense in  $N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Fixed  $f \in N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $f \geq 0$ . As traditionally, for  $m = 1, 2, \ldots$ , and for  $1 \leq k \leq m2^m$ , we define

$$E_{m,k} = f^{-1}\left(\left[\frac{k-1}{2^m}, \frac{k}{2^m}\right)\right)$$
 and  $F_m = f^{-1}\left([m, \infty]\right)$ 

and put

$$s_m = \sum_{k=1}^{m2^m} \frac{k-1}{2^m} \chi_{E_{m,k}} + m\chi_{F_m}.$$

Then  $E_{m,k}$  and  $F_m$  are measurable sets,  $s_m \leq m, 0 \leq s_1 \leq s_2 \leq \cdots \leq f$ and  $s_m(x) \longrightarrow f(x)$  as  $m \to \infty$ , for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Since  $0 \le s_m \le f$ , it follows that  $s_m \in N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\mu(E_m) < \infty$ , where  $E_m = \{x : s_m(x) \ne 0\}.$ 

It is easy to see that  $s_m(x) \ge f(x) - 2^{-m}$  if  $m \ge f(x)$ , and  $s_m(x) = m$ if  $f(x) = \infty$ . Hence, since  $f \in N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $0 \le s_1 \le s_2 \le \cdots \le f$ , we have for each t > 0

$$\lambda_{f-s_m}(t) = \mu(\{x: f(x) - s_m(x) > t\}) \to 0 \text{ as } m \to \infty.$$

On the other hand,  $\lambda_{f-s_m} \leq \lambda_f$  and then  $\Phi(\lambda_{f-s_m}) \leq \Phi(\lambda_f)$ . Therefore, the dominated convergence theorem shows that

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \|f - s_m\|_{N_{\Phi}} = \lim_{m \to \infty} \int_0^\infty \Phi(\lambda_{f-s_m}(t)) dt = 0.$$

Further, since  $\mu(E_m) < \infty$ , there exists a ball  $B_m$  such that

$$||s_m||_{\infty} \Phi(\mu(E_m \setminus B_m)) \to 0 \text{ as } m \to \infty.$$

We define

$$s'_m(x) = \begin{cases} s_m(x) & \text{if } x \in B_m \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus B_m \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\begin{split} \|s_m - s'_m\|_{N_{\Phi}} &= \int_0^\infty \Phi(\lambda_{s_m - s'_m}(t))dt \\ &= \int_0^{\|s_m\|_\infty} \Phi(\mu\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus B_m : s_m(x) > t\})dt \\ &\leq \|s_m\|_\infty \Phi(\mu(E_m \setminus B_m)). \end{split}$$

Thus we have proved

$$\lim_{m \to \infty} \|f - s'_m\|_{N_\Phi} = 0$$

as was to be shown.

Therefore, to prove the theorem, it suffices to show (1) for any  $f \in A$ . Assume on the contrary that, there exist  $\{t_k\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $|t_k| \to 0$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

(2) 
$$||f(.+t_k) - f||_{N_{\Phi}} \ge \varepsilon, \quad \forall k \ge 1.$$

Since  $f \in L^1_{\ell oc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have for each  $K_{\ell} = [-\ell, \ell]^n$ 

$$\int_{K_{\ell}} |f(x+t_k) - f(x)| dx \to 0 \quad \text{as } k \to \infty.$$

Therefore, by Theorem D [2, p. 93], there exists a subsequence  $\{t_{k_j}\}$ , we still denote by  $\{t_k\}$  such that  $f(.+t_k) \to f$  a.e. on  $K_{\ell}$ . Hence, there exists a subsequence, denoted again by  $\{t_k\}$  such that  $f(.+t_k) \to f$  a.e. on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Define

$$g_m(x) = \inf_{k \ge m} |f(x+t_k)|, \ x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

then  $\{g_m\}$  is a nondecreasing sequence and  $g_m \to |f|$  a.e. By the result in [6], we have

$$\lambda_{g_m}(t) \to \lambda_{|f|}(t)$$
 as  $m \to \infty$ , for every  $t > 0$ .

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Since  $\Phi \in \mathcal{C}$ ,

(3) 
$$\Phi(\lambda_{|f|}(t)) = \lim_{m \to \infty} \Phi(\lambda_{|g_m|}(t)) \le \lim_{k \to \infty} \Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)|}(t)), \ t > 0.$$

It follows from  $\Phi \in \mathcal{C}$  that  $\Phi(a+b) \leq \Phi(a) + \Phi(b)$  for  $a, b \geq 0$ . Observing that, for any  $f, g \in N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and t > 0 we have  $\lambda_{f+g}(2t) \leq \lambda_f(t) + \lambda_g(t)$ , then

$$\Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)-f|}(2t)) \le \Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)|}(t)) + \Phi(\lambda_{|f|}(t)).$$

Hence,

$$0 \le \left[\Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)|}(t)) + \Phi(\lambda_{|f|}(t))\right] - \Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)-f|}(2t)), \ \forall t > 0, \ \forall k \ge 1.$$

It is easy to check that

$$\lim_{t \to 0} \|f(.+t)\|_{N_{\Phi}} = \|f\|_{N_{\Phi}}.$$

Applying Fatou's lemma to the sequence

$$\{ [\Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)|}(t)) + \Phi(\lambda_{|f|}(t))] - \Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)-f|}(2t)) \},\$$

we obtain

$$(4) \quad \int_0^\infty \lim_{k \to \infty} \left[ \left[ \Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)|}(t)) + \Phi(\lambda_{|f|}(t)) \right] - \Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)-f|}(2t)) \right] dt$$
$$\leq \lim_{k \to \infty} \int_0^\infty \left[ \left[ \Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)|}(t)) + \Phi(\lambda_{|f|}(t)) \right] - \Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)-f|}(2t)) \right] dt$$
$$= 2 \int_0^\infty \Phi(\lambda_{|f|}(t)) dt - \frac{1}{2} \lim_{k \to \infty} \int_0^\infty \Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)-f|}(t)) dt.$$

Since  $|t_k| \to 0$  and the support of f is bounded, there exists a ball B such that

$$\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)-f|}(t) = \mu(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |f(x+t_k) - f(x)| > t\})$$
  
=  $\mu(\{x \in B : |f(x+t_k) - f(x)| > t\})$ 

for all  $k \ge 1$  and t > 0. Therefore, taking account of  $f(.+t_k) \to f$  a.e. on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mu(B) < \infty$ , we have

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \lambda_{|f(.+t_k) - f|}(t) = 0$$

and then

(5) 
$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k) - f|}(t)) = 0.$$

Combining (3) and (5), we get for any t > 0

(6) 
$$2\Phi(\lambda_{|f|}(t)) = \lim_{k \to \infty} \Phi(\lambda_{|g_k|}(t)) + \Phi(\lambda_{|f|}(t)) - \lim_{k \to \infty} \Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)-f|}(2t)) \\ \leq \lim_{k \to \infty} \left[ \Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)|}(t)) + \Phi(\lambda_{|f|}(t)) - \Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)-f|}(2t)) \right].$$

Since (4) and (6), we have

$$2\int_0^\infty \Phi(\lambda_{|f|}(t))dt \le 2\int_0^\infty \Phi(\lambda_{|f|}(t))dt - \frac{1}{2}\overline{\lim}_{k\to\infty}\int_0^\infty \Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)-f|}(t))dt.$$

Hence

$$\int_0^\infty \Phi(\lambda_{|f(.+t_k)-f|}(t))dt \to 0 \text{ as } k \to \infty,$$

i.e.,  $\lim_{k\to\infty} ||f(.+t_k) - f||_{N_{\Phi}} = 0$ , which contradicts (2). The proof is complete.  $\Box$ 

The two following lemmas are based on Theorem 1 and can be proved in a similar way to that of Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2 [9].

LEMMA 1. Let  $\varphi \in N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Assume that  $\frac{1}{h}$  is an integer larger than 1. If  $\varphi \in \overline{\operatorname{span}U_h}$ , where  $U_h = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \sigma_h^j S_0(\varphi)$ , then  $\overline{\operatorname{span}U_h}$  is translation invariant.

Denote by  $\mathbb{R}^*$  the abelian group of all nonzero real numbers with the operation of ordinary multiplication and  $\operatorname{dist}(\varphi, S)_{N_{\Phi}} = \inf\{\|\varphi - f\|_{N_{\Phi}}, f \in S\}.$ 

LEMMA 2. Let  $\varphi \in N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and let G be a subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^*$ . If

$$\lim_{h \in G, \ h \to 0} \operatorname{dist}(\varphi, \sigma_h S_0(\varphi))_{N_{\Phi}} = 0,$$

then  $\overline{\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \sigma_h^j S_0(\varphi)}$  is translation invariant, for any sequence  $\{h_j\} \subset G$  with  $\lim_{j \to \infty} h_j = 0.$ 

DEFINITION 1. A measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be admissible if for any permutation  $(m_1, \ldots, m_n)$  of  $(1, \ldots, n)$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n-1$  and any ball B in the k-dimensional space of the variables  $x_{m_1}, \ldots, x_{m_k}$  then

$$\mu(B \times \mathbb{R}^{n-k}) = \infty$$

In the sequel we assume that  $\mu$  is admissible. Further, we also assume that the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  of subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has the following property: If  $E \in \mathcal{B}$ and  $\mu(E) = +\infty$  then there exists some set  $F \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $F \subset E$  and  $0 < \mu(F) < \infty$ . The last property is a necessary and sufficient condition so that  $M_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is normed, where we denote  $M_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the space of measurable functions g such that

$$||g||_{M_{\Phi}} = \sup\left\{\frac{1}{\Phi(\mu(E))}\int_{E}|g(x)|dx: E \subset \mathbb{R}^{n}, \ 0 < \mu(E) < \infty\right\} < \infty.$$

Then  $M_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a Banach space and  $N^*_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n) = M_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  [6].

The spectrum of a function g, denoted by sp(g), is defined to be the support of  $\hat{g}$ , the Fourier transform of g. According to the method of the proof of Theorem 1 [1] we obtain the following result.

LEMMA 3. Let  $f \in N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $f(x) \neq 0$  and let  $\xi^0 \in \operatorname{sp}(f)$  be an arbitrary point. Then the restriction of  $\hat{f}$  to any neighbourhood of  $\xi^0$  cannot concentrate on any finite number of hyperplanes.

PROOF. We little sketch the proof. Without loss of generality, we shall prove the result for functions f with bounded spectrum and  $\xi^0 = 0$ .

Assume on the contrary that there exist a neighbourhood  $U \ni 0$  and hyperplanes  $H_1, \ldots, H_m$  such that the restriction of  $\hat{f}(\xi)$  to U concentrates on  $H_1, \ldots, H_m$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $0 \in H_j, j = 1, \ldots, m$ . Then  $H_j$  can be defined by the equation

$$a_{j1}\xi_1 + \dots + a_{jn}\xi_n = 0,$$

where  $(a_{j1}, \ldots, a_{jn})$  is a unit vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

We put for each  $j = 1, \ldots, m$ 

$$G_j = \mathbb{R}^n \backslash \left(\bigcup_{i \neq j} H_i\right)$$

Then  $G_j$  is open. For any  $\psi(\xi) \in C_0^{\infty}(G_j)$ , the distribution  $\psi(\xi)\hat{f}(\xi)$  concentrates on the hyperplane  $H_j$ . We introduce the transformation

$$x = (x_1, \cdots, x_n) \iff (y_1, \cdots, y_n) = y,$$

where  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  are the coordinates of x in the new rectangular system of coordinates, which is chosen such a way that the hyperplane

$$a_{j1}x_1 + \dots + a_{jn}x_n = 0$$

will be transformed into the hyperplane  $y_j = 0$ . The coordinate transformation

$$x_k = \sum_{s=1}^n \alpha_{k,s} y_s, \quad k = 1, \cdots, n$$

is defined by a real orthogonal matrix  $A = (\alpha_{k,s})$  and  $|\det A| = 1$ .

Put  $g(y) = (F^{-1}\psi * f)(x)$ . Then  $||g||_{N_{\Phi}} = ||F^{-1}\psi * f||_{N_{\Phi}}$ ,  $\operatorname{supp} \hat{g}$  is compact and, clearly, the Fourier transform of g(y) will concentrate on the hyperplane  $\xi_j = 0$ . By an argument analogous to that used for the proof of Theorem 1 [1], we see that g(y) does not depend on  $y_j$ .

Since  $g \in N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we get

(7) 
$$\int_0^\infty \Phi(\lambda_g(t))dt < \infty.$$

We shall show that  $g(y) \equiv 0$ . Actually, assume on the contrary that  $g(y^0) \neq 0$  for some point  $y^0$ . Because  $g(y) = F^{-1}(\psi \hat{f})(x)$  is continuous, there exist

a number  $\varepsilon > 0$  and a neighbourhood V of  $y^0$  such that  $|g(y)| > \varepsilon$  for all  $y \in V$ . Hence, since g(y) does not depend on  $y_j$ , we get

$$\lambda_g(\varepsilon) = \mu(\{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n : |g(y)| > \varepsilon \}) = \infty.$$

From  $\lambda_g(t)$  is a nonincreasing function,  $\lambda_g(t) = +\infty$  on the interval  $[0, \varepsilon]$ . Since  $\Phi(t)$  is nondecreasing and unbounded, it follows that  $\Phi(\lambda_g(t)) = +\infty$ on  $[0, \varepsilon]$ , which contradicts (7). Thus, we get  $g(y) \equiv 0$ , i.e.,  $\psi(\xi)\hat{f}(\xi) \equiv 0$ . Since  $\psi(\xi) \in C_0^{\infty}(G_j)$  is arbitrarily chosen, we get  $\hat{f}(\xi) \equiv 0$  on the hyperplane  $H_j$ . So  $\hat{f}(\xi)$  must concentrate on the planes  $H_i \cap H_j$ ,  $i, j = 1, \ldots, m, i \neq j$ .

We put for  $i, j = 1, \ldots, m, i \neq j$ 

$$G_{ij} := \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup \{ H_k \cap H_\ell : (k, \ell) \neq (i, j), k \neq \ell \}.$$

Then  $G_{ij}$  is open. For any  $\psi(\xi) \in C_0^{\infty}(G_{ij})$ , the distribution  $\psi(\xi)\hat{f}(\xi)$  concentrates on the plane  $H_i \cap H_j$ .

By an argument analogous to the previous one, we obtain  $\psi(\xi)\hat{f}(\xi) \equiv 0$ . Since  $\psi \in C_0^{\infty}(G_{ij})$  is arbitrarily chosen, we see that  $\hat{f}(\xi)$  must concentrate on  $H_i \cap H_j \cap H_\ell$ ,  $i, j, \ell = 1, \ldots, m, i \neq j \neq \ell$ .

Repeating the above arguments (k-3) times more, we deduce that the distribution  $\hat{f}(\xi)$  concentrates on  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{m} H_i$  and then, by the same way, we get  $\hat{f}(\xi) \equiv 0$ , which contradicts  $f(x) \neq 0$ . The proof is complete.  $\Box$ 

The following lemma, which will be used in the sequel, is the analogy for the space  $N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  of Theorem 9.3 [5], and has a similar proof.

LEMMA 4. Let  $f \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $g \in M_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . If f \* g = 0then

$$\operatorname{sp}(g) \subset Z(f) := \{ t \in \mathbb{R}^n : \widehat{f}(t) = 0 \}.$$

THEOREM 2. Let Y be a translation invariant subspace of  $L_1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . If for each  $\xi \in Z(Y) := \bigcap_{f \in Y} \{t \in \mathbb{R}^n : \hat{f}(t) = 0\}$  there is a neighbourhood V of  $\xi$  such that  $V \cap Z(Y)$  is contained in a finite number of hyperplanes, then Y is dense in  $N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

PROOF. Assume on the contrary that Y is not dense in  $N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then, since  $(N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n))^* = M_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (Theorem 4.3 [6]) and the Hahn-Banach theorem, there exists a non-zero function  $g \in M_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x)g(-x)dx = 0 \text{ for all } f \in \overline{Y}.$$

Since Y is a translation invariant subspace, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y-x)g(x)dx = 0 \text{ for all } f \in Y.$$

In other words, f \* g = 0. By Lemma 4, we obtain

$$\operatorname{sp}(g) \subset \{t \in \mathbb{R}^n : f(t) = 0\}$$
 for all  $f \in Y$ .

Hence,  $\operatorname{sp}(g) \subset Z(Y)$ .

The hypothesis that for each  $\xi \in \operatorname{sp}(g)$  there is a neighbourhood V of  $\xi$  such that  $\operatorname{sp}(g) \cap V$  is contained in a finite number of hyperplanes and Lemma 3 imply that g = 0, which contradicts  $g \neq 0$ . The proof is complete.  $\Box$ 

COROLLARY 1. Let Y be a translation invariant subspace of  $L_1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . If Z(Y) is contained in a finite number of hyperplanes, then Y is dense in  $N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

THEOREM 3. Let  $\varphi \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $\hat{\varphi}(0) \neq 0$  and let  $\frac{1}{h}$  be an integer larger than 1. If  $\varphi \in \overline{\operatorname{span}U_h}$ , then  $\overline{\operatorname{span}U_h} = N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

PROOF. For any  $g \in (N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n))^* = M_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfying

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x)g(x)dx = 0$$

for all  $f \in \overline{\text{span}U_h}$ , we will prove that g = 0. By virtue of Lemma 1, we get

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sigma_h^j \varphi(y-x) g(x) dx = 0, \quad \forall j \ge 1, \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Note that the Fourier transform of  $\sigma_h^j \varphi(x)$  is  $h^{jn} \hat{\varphi}(h^j t)$ . It follows from Lemma 4 that

$$\operatorname{sp}(g) \subset Z^*(\varphi) := \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} \{ t \in \mathbb{R}^n : \hat{\varphi}(h^j t) = 0 \}.$$

It follows from  $\varphi \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\hat{\varphi}(0) \neq 0$  that for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\hat{\varphi}(h^j t) \neq 0$ when j is sufficiently large. Hence,  $\operatorname{sp}(g) = \emptyset$ , i.e., g = 0. By the Hahn-Banach theorem, we have  $\overline{\operatorname{span} U_h} = N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The proof is complete.  $\Box$ 

REMARK 1. If  $\Phi(t) = t$ , i.e.,  $N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n) = L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then it was shown in [9] that the condition  $\hat{\varphi}(0) \neq 0$  is necessary for the density of the span $U_h$  in  $L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

THEOREM 4. Let  $\varphi \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and let  $\frac{1}{h}$  be an integer > 1. Suppose  $\varphi \in \overline{\operatorname{span}U_h}$ . If for each  $\xi \in Z^*(\varphi)$  there is a neighbourhood V of  $\xi$  such that  $Z^*(\varphi) \cap V$  is contained in a finite number of hyperplanes, then  $\operatorname{span}U_h$  is dense in  $N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

PROOF. Assume on the contrary; then there exists a non-zero function  $g \in M_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x)g(x)dx = 0 \text{ for all } f \in \overline{\operatorname{span} U_h}.$$

By virtue of Lemma 1,  $\overline{\text{span}U_h}$  is translation invariant, and hence,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sigma_h^j \varphi(y-x) g(x) dx = 0, \forall j \ge 1, \ \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Therefore, since Lemma 4,  $\operatorname{sp}(g) \subset Z^*(\varphi)$ . By the hypothesis and Lemma 3, we get g = 0, a contradiction. The proof is complete.  $\Box$ 

REMARK 2. In the above theorems, if we replace the condition  $\varphi \in \overline{\operatorname{span}U_h}$  by  $\lim_{h\to 0,h\in G} \operatorname{dist}(\varphi,\sigma_h S_0(\varphi))_{N_\Phi} = 0$ , then  $U_h$  is dense in  $N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

COROLLARY 2. Let  $\varphi \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n), \frac{1}{h}$  be an integer > 1 and  $\varphi \in \overline{\operatorname{span}U_h}$ . If  $Z^*(\varphi)$  is contained in a finite number of hyperplanes then  $\operatorname{span}U_h$  is dense in  $N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

By an argument analogous to that used for the proof of Proposition 6.1 [9], we obtain the following results:

COROLLARY 3. Let  $\varphi \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\hat{\varphi}(0) \neq 0$  and  $\frac{1}{h}$  be an integer larger than 1. If  $\varphi \in \overline{\sigma_h S_0(\varphi)}$ , then

$$\lim_{j \to \infty} \operatorname{dist}(f, \sigma_h^j S_0(\varphi))_{N_{\Phi}} = 0, \qquad \forall f \in N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

COROLLARY 4. Let  $\varphi \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\frac{1}{h}$  be an integer larger than 1. If  $Z^*(\varphi)$  is contained in a finite number of hyperplanes and  $\varphi \in \overline{\sigma_h S_0(\varphi)}$ , then

$$\lim_{j \to \infty} \operatorname{dist}(f, \sigma_h^j S_0(\varphi))_{N_{\Phi}} = 0, \qquad \forall f \in N_{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

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