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THE JOHN-NIRENBERG INEQUALITY FOR ERGODIC SYSTEMS

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The John-Nirenberg's classical theorem [4] asserts that for any locally integrable function  $F \in L_{\text{loc}}\mathbb{R}^d$ , every cube  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , the following inequality holds

$$m\{x \in Q : |F(x) - F_Q| > \lambda\} \leq C_1 m(Q) \exp\left(\frac{-\lambda C_2}{\|F\|_{\text{BMO}}}\right),$$

where  $m$  is the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $F_Q = (1/m(Q)) \int_Q F dm$ , and  $\|F\|_{\text{BMO}} = \sup_Q \frac{1}{m(Q)} \int_Q |F - F_Q| dm$ . The constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are independent of  $F$  and  $Q$ .

Garsia [3] formulated and proved the John-Nirenberg inequality for martingales and L. D. Pitt [6] generalized this inequality for submartingales.

We generalize the theorem to the ergodic systems.

Let  $(X, \mathbb{S}, \mu)$  be a finite measure space,  $\mu(X) < \infty$ , and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be a measure-preserving ergodic invertible transformation (see, e.g., [5] for definitions). For an integrable function  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f \in L(X)$ , the ergodic sharp maximal function is defined as

$$f^\sharp(x) = \sup_{m, n \geq 0} \frac{1}{m+n+1} \sum_{k=-m}^n |f(T^k x) - E_{m,n}(f, x)|,$$

where  $E_{m,n}(f, x) = \frac{1}{m+n+1} \sum_{k=-m}^n f(T^k x)$ , and the ergodic BMO norm of  $f$  is defined as (see [1])

$$\|f\|_{\text{BMO}} = \text{ess sup } f^\sharp.$$

**Theorem.** *There exist universal constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  such that for any finite measure space  $(X, \mathbb{S}, \mu)$ , measure-preserving ergodic invertible transformation  $T$  and  $f \in L(X)$ , we have*

$$\mu\{x \in X : |f(x) - E(f)| > \lambda\} \leq C_1 \mu(X) \exp\left(\frac{-\lambda C_2}{\|f\|_{\text{BMO}}}\right),$$

where  $E(f) = (1/\mu(X)) \int_X f d\mu$  and  $\lambda \geq 0$ .

The proof depends on the discrete version of the John-Nirenberg theorem and on a new method of transferring results on the real line to the general ergodic setting developed in [2].

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