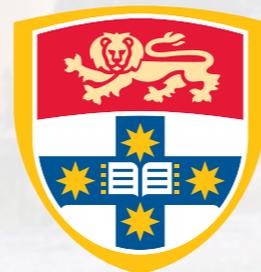


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& of particular interest:

$$(UC) \quad \|T_t\|_{\mathcal{L}(L^1, L^\infty)} \lesssim t^{-d/2} \quad \text{for all } t > 0.$$



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there are  $\delta, \gamma > 0$  s.t.

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For  $\Theta_r := \frac{r-q}{q(r-1)} > 0$  if  $r < \infty$  &  $\Theta_\infty := \frac{1}{q}$  if  $r = \infty$

assume that  $\gamma(1 - \Theta_r) < 1$ .

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$$\Rightarrow \forall (u, v) \in A, \quad \langle u, v \rangle_Z = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} -\operatorname{div}(z) \cdot u \, dx$$

Green's formula (Anzellotti)  $\stackrel{z}{=} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (z, Du)$







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Since  $\frac{d}{d-1} > 1$ ,

$$\text{Thm 2}^* \implies \|T_t u\|_{\infty} \lesssim t^{-\frac{1}{(d/(d-1)-1)m_0-1}} \|u\|_{\frac{dm_0}{d-1}} \quad \forall u \in L^{\frac{dm_0}{d-1}}$$

for any  $m_0 > 1$  s.t.  
 $(\frac{d}{d-1}-1)m_0-1 > 0$



Thank You!

