

Muckenhoupt-Wheeden conjecture for commutators

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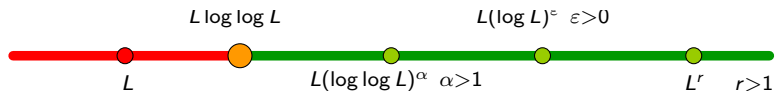
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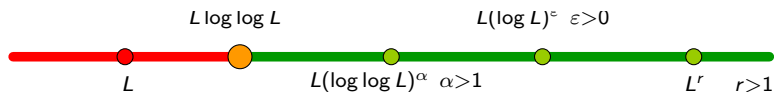
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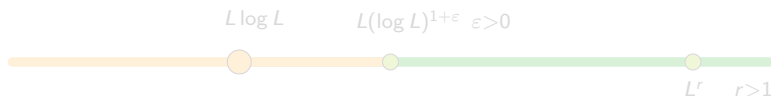
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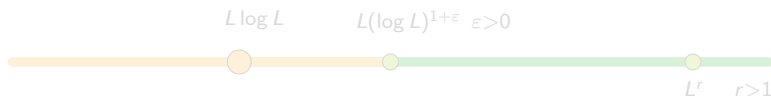
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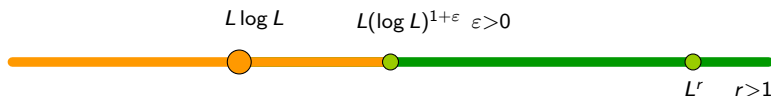
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Our proof relies on a suitable pointwise control for the commutator and in an adaptation of the arguments given in [DSL_R].

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