

Quantitative differentiation

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Similar idea ⇒ removal of subordination assumption from abstract Littlewood–Paley theory by Q. Xu (personal communication, 2016)!

The end

Thanks for your attention!