

# On Besov, Hardy and Triebel spaces for $0 < p \leq 1$

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## Introduction

The aim of the present paper is two-fold. Our first aim is to derive a Hardy—Littlewood type characterization for non-homogeneous Besov spaces defined by Peetre [13] in the case  $0 < p < 1$  via traces of temperatures on the upper halfspace  $R_+^{n+1}$ , and thus we answer a question related to the one raised by Peetre [15; p. 258, Remark]. This characterization completes the work of Taibleson [16] and Flett [5] in the case  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , and may be also considered as non-periodic version of another result of Flett [6]. The idea of the proof comes from the classical work of Gwilliam [9] as was done by Peetre [15] in a characterization of homogeneous spaces via harmonic functions (cf. also [6]); other tools are a sub-meanvalue property of temperatures proved in section 1, which is similar to a result of Hardy—Littlewood given in the paper of Fefferman—Stein [4], and results from interpolation theory. As a consequence of this characterization, we extend some results on translation invariant operators on Besov and Hardy spaces to the case  $0 < p \leq 1$  (cf. [2], [12], [15]).

Our second (and main) aim concerns pseudo-differential operators. In [15], Peetre showed that if  $\sigma \in C^\infty(R^n \times R^n)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and

$$(1) \quad |D_x^\alpha D_\xi^\beta \sigma(x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} (1 + |\xi|)^{-|\beta|},$$

then the associated pseudo-differential operator  $T = \sigma(D)$  is bounded on  $B_{p, q}^s$  ( $-\infty < s < \infty$ ,  $0 < q \leq \infty$ ). As for the case  $0 < p < 1$ , he required a “somewhat stronger” assumption on the symbol (cf. [15; pp. 285—287]); however, it is not difficult to prove that  $T$  is still bounded in this case under the same condition (1). On the other hand, Gibbons [7] has proven the boundedness of  $T$  on  $B_{p, q}^s$  ( $0 < s < 1$ ,  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ ) under the following assumption on the symbol:

$$(2) \quad \|D_\xi^\beta \sigma(\cdot, \xi)\|_{B_{\infty, q}^s} \leq C_\beta (1 + |\xi|)^{-|\beta|}.$$