

## A singular integral operator related to block spaces

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**Abstract.** Let  $h(t)$  be an  $L^\infty$  function on  $(0, \infty)$ ,  $\Omega(y')$  be a  $B_q^{0,0}$  function on the unit sphere satisfying the mean zero property (1.1) and  $P_N(t)$  be a real polynomial on  $\mathbf{R}$  of degree  $N$  satisfying  $P_N(0) = 0$ . We prove that the singular integral operator

$$(T_{P_N, hf})(x) = p.v. \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} h(|y|)\Omega(y')|y|^{-n} f(x - P_N(|y|)y') dy$$

is bounded in  $L^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$  for  $1 < p < \infty$ , and the bound is independent of the coefficients of  $P_N(t)$ .

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , be the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space and  $\mathbf{S}^{n-1}$  be the unit sphere in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  equipped with the normalized Lebesgue measure  $d\sigma = d\sigma(x')$ . Let  $\Omega(x)$  be a homogenous function of degree zero, with  $\Omega \in L^1(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})$  and

$$\int_{\mathbf{S}^{n-1}} \Omega(x') d\sigma(x') = 0, \tag{1.1}$$

where  $x' = \frac{x}{|x|}$  for any  $x \neq 0$ .

Suppose that  $h(t) \in L^\infty(0, \infty)$ . Let  $P_N(t)$  be a polynomial of degree  $N$  satisfying  $P_N(0) = 0$ .

The singular integral operator  $T_{P_N, hf}$  is defined by

$$(T_{P_N, hf})(x) = p.v. \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} K(y) f(x - P_N(|y|)y') dy$$

where  $y' = \frac{y}{|y|} \in \mathbf{S}^{n-1}$ ,  $K(y) = h(|y|)\Omega(y')|y|^{-n}$  and  $f \in S(\mathbf{R}^n)$ .

We denote  $T_{P_N, h}$  by  $T_{I, h}$  if  $P_N(t) = t$ ; and we denote  $T_{P_N, h}$  by  $T_I$  if  $P_N(t) = t$  and  $h(t) \equiv 1$ .

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The investigation of such operators began with Calderón-Zygmund’s pioneering papers [2] [3]. By introducing the rotation method, Calderón and Zygmund proved that the operator  $T_I$  is bounded in  $L^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , provided  $\Omega \in L\text{Log}^+L$ . However, Calderón-Zygmund’s method fails in studying the general operator  $T_{I,h}$ , whose kernel has the additional roughness in the radial direction due to the presence of  $h$ . This phenomenon was first observed and studied by R. Fefferman [6] and subsequently was studied by many other authors ([1], [4], [5], [7], [8], [9], [10], [14], [17] et al.). Readers may see these references for backgrounds and further extensions. Among these papers, the following theorem can be found in [4] (see also [1] or [14]).

**Theorem A** *Suppose  $n \geq 2$ , that  $\Omega$  is a homogeneous function of degree zero satisfying (1.1),  $h$  satisfies  $\sup_{R>0} \frac{1}{R} \int_0^R |h(t)|^2 dt \leq C$ . Then the operator  $T_{I,h}$  is bounded in  $L^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , provided  $\Omega \in L^q(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})$  for some  $q > 1$ .*

In order to weaken the condition  $\Omega \in L^q(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})$ , Yiang and Lu introduced certain block spaces  $B_q^{\mu,\nu}$  on  $\mathbf{S}^{n-1}$ . Below we briefly review the definition of the spaces  $B_q^{\mu,\nu}$ . More details can be found in [11].

A  $q$ -block on  $\mathbf{S}^{n-1}$  is an  $L^q$  ( $1 < q \leq \infty$ ) function  $b(\cdot)$  that satisfies

$$\text{supp}(b) \subseteq Q \quad \text{for some } Q, \tag{1.2}$$

where  $Q = \mathbf{S}^{n-1} \cap \{y \in \mathbf{R}^n : |y - \varsigma| < \rho \text{ for some } \varsigma \in \mathbf{S}^{n-1} \text{ and } \rho \in (0, 1]\}$ ;

$$\|b\|_q \leq |Q|^{\left(\frac{1}{q}-1\right)}. \tag{1.3}$$

For  $\mu \geq 0$  and  $\nu \in \mathbf{R}$ , define a non-negative function  $\Phi_{\mu,\nu}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\mu,\nu}(t) &= \int_t^1 u^{-1-\mu} \log^\nu \frac{1}{u} du && 0 < t < 1; \\ \Phi_{\mu,\nu}(t) &= 0 && \text{if } t \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

The block spaces  $B_q^{\mu,\nu}$  on  $\mathbf{S}^{n-1}$  are defined by

$$B_q^{\mu,\nu}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1}) = \left\{ \Omega \in L^1(\mathbf{S}^{n-1}) : \Omega(y') = \sum_m C_m b_m(y'), \right.$$

each  $b_m$  is a  $q$ -block supported in  $Q_m$ , and  $M_q^{\mu,\nu}(\{C_m\}) < \infty$  } where

$$M_q^{\mu,\nu}(\{C_m\}) = \sum_m |C_m| \{1 + \Phi_{\mu,\nu}(|Q_m|)\}.$$

The “norm”  $M_q^{\mu,\nu}(\Omega)$  of  $\Omega \in B_q^{\mu,\nu}$  is defined by  $M_q^{\mu,\nu}(\Omega) = \inf \{M_q^{\mu,\nu}(\{C_m\})\}$ , where the infimum is taken over all  $q$ -block decompositions of  $\Omega$ .

The method of block decomposition of functions was originated by M.H. Taibleson and G. Weiss in the study of the convergence of the Fourier series (see [16]). Later on, many applications of the block decomposition to harmonic analysis were discovered. For the details, readers may see the survey book [11], which is a good reference in this topic. Particularly, one can find in [11] (see also [13]) that

$$L^q(\mathbf{S}^{n-1}) \subseteq B_q^{\mu,\nu}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1}) \subseteq B_q^{\mu,\varepsilon}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1}) \quad \text{for } \nu > \varepsilon, \mu \in \mathbf{R};$$

and

$$B_q^{\mu,\alpha}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1}) \subseteq B_q^{\delta,\beta}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1}) \subseteq B_q^{0,\gamma}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})$$

for  $0 < \delta < \mu$  and any real numbers  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ .

In [9], [10], Jiang and Lu proved the following theorem.

**Theorem B** *Suppose  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\Omega$  is a homogeneous function of degree zero satisfying (1.1). If  $h$  is a bounded radial function, then  $T_{I,h}$  is bounded in  $L^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , provided  $\Omega \in B_q^{\mu,0}$  for some  $q > 1$  and  $\mu > 0$ .*

It was noted by Keitoku and Sato in [12] that Theorem B is essentially the same of Theorem A, since for any  $q > 1$  and  $\mu > 0$ ,  $B_q^{\mu,0}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1}) \subseteq \bigcup_{r>1} L^r(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})$ . But Keitoku and Sato pointed out that  $\bigcup_{r>1} L^r(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})$  is properly contained in  $B_q^{0,0}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})$  for any  $q > 1$ . The relationship between  $B_q^{0,0}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})$  and  $L \log^+ L(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})$  remains open. Now we state the main result in this paper.

**Theorem 1** *Suppose that  $\Omega$  is a homogeneous function of degree zero satisfying (1.1), and that  $h$  is an  $L^\infty(0, \infty)$  function. Then, the operator  $T_{P_N,h}$  is bounded in  $L^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$  if  $\Omega \in B_q^{0,0}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})$  for some  $q > 1$ , and the bound is independent of the coefficients of the polynomial  $P_N$ .*

*Remarks.*

1. For the reason of simplicity, in Theorem 1, we assume  $h \in L^\infty(0, \infty)$ . Actually, this condition can be weakened to the condition  $\sup_{R>0} \frac{1}{R} \int_0^R |h(t)|^2 dt < \infty$ . Readers can find this easy treatment in [8]. Thus, even in the case  $P(t) = t$ , our theorem is an improvement of Theorem A and B.

2. By the definition,  $\Omega \in B_q^{0,0}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})$  has the block decomposition

$$\Omega(y') = \sum_m C_m b_m(y') \tag{1.4}$$

where each  $b_m$  is a  $q$ -block, supported in  $Q_m$  and

$$\sum_m |C_m| \left\{ 1 + \log^+ \left( \frac{1}{|Q_m|} \right) \right\} < \infty.$$

Throughout this paper, we always use the letter  $C$  to denote a positive constant that may vary at each occurrence but is independent of the essential variables.

### 2. Some Lemmas

**Lemma A** (Van der Corput [15]) *Suppose  $\phi$  and  $f$  are smooth functions on  $[a, b]$  and  $\phi$  is real-valued. If  $|\phi^{(k)}(x)| \geq 1$  for  $x \in [a, b]$  then*

$$\left| \int_a^b e^{i\lambda\phi(t)} f(t) dt \right| \leq C_k |\lambda|^{\frac{-1}{k}} \left[ \|f\|_\infty + \|f'\|_1 \right]$$

holds when

- (i)  $k \geq 2$
- (ii) or  $k = 1$ , if in addition it is assumed that  $\phi'(t)$  is monotonic.

Let  $h$  and  $\Omega(y') = \sum C_m b_m(y')$  be as in Theorem 1. For the polynomial  $P_N(t) = \sum_{\lambda=1}^N \beta_\lambda t^\lambda$ , we denote  $P_r(t) = \sum_{\lambda=1}^r \beta_\lambda t^\lambda$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . Define the following functions and operators:

$$B_{m,r}(f)(x) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} h(|y|) |y|^{-n} b_m(y') f(x - P_r(|y|)y') dy;$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{\Omega,k,r}(\xi) = \int_{2^k \leq |y| \leq 2^{k+1}} h(|y|) |y|^{-n} \Omega(y') e^{-iP_r(|y|)\langle y', \xi \rangle} dy;$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{b_m,k,r}(\xi) = \int_{2^k \leq |y| \leq 2^{k+1}} |y|^{-n} |h(|y|) b_m(y')| e^{-iP_r(|y|)\langle y', \xi \rangle} dy;$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{\Omega,k,r}(\xi) = \int_{2^k \leq |y| \leq 2^{k+1}} |y|^{-n} |h(|y|) \Omega(y')| e^{-iP_r(|y|)\langle y', \xi \rangle} dy;$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Lambda}_{\Omega,k,r}(\xi) &= \int_{2^k \leq |y| \leq 2^{k+1}} |y|^{-n} |\Omega(y')| e^{-iP_r(|y|)\langle y', \xi \rangle} dy; \\ \sigma_{b_m,k,r}^* f(x) &= \sup_k |\mu_{b_m,k,r} * f(x)|; \quad \sigma_{\Omega,k,r}^* f(x) = \sup_k |\mu_{\Omega,k,r} * f(x)|; \\ \Lambda_{\Omega,k,r}^* f(x) &= \sup_k |\Lambda_{\Omega,k,r} * f(x)|; \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, we have

$$T_{P_N,h}(f) = \sum_k \sigma_{\Omega,k,N} * f$$

Also, for each  $r = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , we can write

$$T_{P_r,h}(f) = \sum_m \sum_k C_m \sigma_{b_m,k,r} * f$$

where

$$\hat{\sigma}_{b_m,k,r}(\xi) = \int_{2^k \leq |y| \leq 2^{k+1}} h(|y|) |y|^{-n} b_m(y') e^{-iP_r(|y|)\langle \xi, y' \rangle} dy.$$

It is easy to see that  $\|\hat{\sigma}_{\Omega,k,N}\|_\infty \leq C$ ,  $\|\hat{\sigma}_{b_m,k,N}\|_\infty < C$  uniformly for  $k$  and  $m$ .

**Lemma 2.1** For  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $h \in L^\infty(0, \infty)$ , there is a constant  $C$  such that  $\|\sigma_{b_m,k,r}^*(f)\|_p \leq C\|f\|_p$  and  $\|\sigma_{\Omega,k,r}^* f\|_p \leq C\|\Lambda_{\Omega,k,r}^*(f)\|_p \leq C\|f\|_p$ , where the constant  $C$  is independent of the block  $b_m(\cdot)$  and the coefficients of the polynomial  $P_r$  (it may depend on  $r$ ).

*Proof.* Clearly, we only need to prove the first inequality.

Now

$$\mu_{b_m,k,r} * f(x) = \int_{2^k \leq |y| \leq 2^{k+1}} |h(|y|)|y|^{-n} b_m(y') |f(x - P_r(|y|)y') dy.$$

Write  $P_r(|y|)y' = (\Pi_1(|y|), \Pi_2(|y|), \dots, \Pi_n(|y|))$ , where each  $\Pi_j$  is a polynomial of  $|y|$  whose coefficients depend on  $y'$ .

We denote  $\tilde{P}(|y|) = (\Pi_1(|y|), \Pi_2(|y|), \dots, \Pi_n(|y|))$ , then

$$\mu_{b_m,k,r} * f(x) = \int_{2^k \leq |y| \leq 2^{k+1}} |h(|y|)|y|^{-n} b_m(y') |f(x - \tilde{P}(|y|)) dy.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mu_{b_m, k, r} * f(x)| \\ & \leq \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|h\|_\infty 2^{-nk} \int_{2^k \leq |y| \leq 2^{k+1}} |b_m(y') f(x - \tilde{P}(|y|))| dy \\ & \leq C \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-k} \int_{|t| \leq 2^{k+1}} \int_{\mathbf{S}^{n-1}} |b_m(y')| |f(x - \tilde{P}(t))| d\sigma(y') dt. \end{aligned}$$

Noting  $\|b_m\|_{L^1(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})} \leq C$ , where  $C$  is independent of  $b_m$ , by Hölder's inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mu_{b_m, k, r} * f(x)| \right)^p \\ & \leq C \int_{\mathbf{S}^{n-1}} \left( \sup_{s > 0} \frac{1}{s} \int_0^s |f(x - \tilde{P}(t))| dt \right)^p |b_m(y')| d\sigma(y'). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mu_{b_m, k, r} * f(x)| \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \\ & \leq C \int_{\mathbf{S}^{n-1}} |b_m(y')| \left\| \sup_{s > 0} \frac{1}{s} \int_0^s |f(\cdot - \tilde{P}(t))| dt \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p d\sigma(y'). \end{aligned}$$

It was shown that

$$\left\| \sup_{s > 0} \frac{1}{s} \int_0^s |f(\cdot - \tilde{P}(t))| dt \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \leq C \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \quad \text{for } 1 < p < \infty$$

with  $C$  independent of the coefficients of  $\tilde{P}$  (thus independent of  $y'$ ) (see [15] pages 476–478). So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mu_{b_m, k, r} * f(x)| \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} & \leq C \left( \int_{\mathbf{S}^{n-1}} |b_m(y')| d\sigma(y') \right) \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \\ & \leq C \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \quad \text{for } 1 < p < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

□

Now we prove a key estimate in this paper:

**Lemma 2.2** *Let  $h \in L^\infty(0, \infty)$ . For  $q > 1$ , suppose that  $b_m$  is a  $q$ -block with support in  $Q_m$ . Denote  $\hat{\sigma}_{\Omega,k,0}(\xi) \equiv 0$ , then for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, N$*

- (i)  $|\hat{\sigma}_{\Omega,k,r}(\xi) - \hat{\sigma}_{\Omega,k,r-1}(\xi)| \leq C|2^{rk}\beta_r\xi|;$
- (ii)  $|\hat{\sigma}_{b_m,k,r}(\xi)| \leq C|2^{rk}\xi\beta_r|^{\frac{1}{2r\log|Q_m|}}$  if  $|Q_m| < e^{\frac{q}{1-q}}$  and  $\beta_r \neq 0;$
- (iii)  $|\hat{\sigma}_{b_m,k,r}| \leq C|2^{rk}\beta_r\xi|^{-\omega}$  if  $|Q_m| \geq e^{\frac{q}{1-q}}$  and  $\beta_r \neq 0$

where  $C$  and  $\omega$  are positive constants independent of  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $\xi \in \mathbf{R}^n$ , the block  $b_m$ , and the coefficients of the polynomials  $P_r$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} & |\hat{\sigma}_{\Omega,k,r}(\xi) - \hat{\sigma}_{\Omega,k,r-1}(\xi)| \\ &= \left| \int_{2^k \leq |y| \leq 2^{k+1}} h(|y|)|y|^{-n}\Omega(y')e^{-iP_r(t)\langle y', \xi \rangle} dy \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_{2^k \leq |y| \leq 2^{k+1}} h(|y|)|y|^{-n}\Omega(y')e^{-iP_{r-1}(t)\langle y', \xi \rangle} dy \right| \\ &\leq C \int_{2^k}^{2^{k+1}} t^{-1} \left| \int_{\mathbf{S}^{n-1}} \Omega(y')e^{-iP_{r-1}(t)\langle y, \xi \rangle} \{e^{-i\beta_r t^r \langle y', \xi \rangle} - 1\} d\sigma(y') \right| dt \\ &\leq C \int_{2^k}^{2^{k+1}} t^{-1} \int_{\mathbf{S}^{n-1}} |\Omega(y')| |\beta_r t^r \langle y', \xi \rangle| d\sigma(y') dt \\ &= C \int_{2^k}^{2^{k+1}} |\beta_r| t^{r-1} \left| \int_{\mathbf{S}^{n-1}} |\Omega(y')| |\langle y', \xi \rangle| d\sigma(y') \right| dt \\ &\leq C \|\Omega\|_{L^1(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})} |\beta_r \xi| \int_{2^k}^{2^{k+1}} t^{r-1} dt \\ &\leq C |\beta_r \xi| 2^{rk} \quad \text{and (i) is proved.} \end{aligned}$$

If  $|Q_m| < e^{\frac{q}{1-q}}$ , let  $p_m = \log |Q_m| / \{1 + \log |Q_m|\}$ , then  $1 < p_m$ . By Hölder's inequality we have

$$|\hat{\sigma}_{b_m,k,r}(\xi)|^2 \leq C \int_{2^k}^{2^{k+1}} \left| \int_{\mathbf{S}^{n-1}} b_m(y') e^{-iP_r(t)\langle y', \xi \rangle} d\sigma(y') \right|^2 t^{-1} dt.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\mathbf{S}^{n-1}} b_m(y') e^{-iP_r(t)\langle y', \xi \rangle} d\sigma(y') \right|^2 \\ &= \iint_{\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{n-1}} b_m(y') \bar{b}_m(x') e^{-iP_r(t)\langle y'-x', \xi \rangle} d\sigma(y') d\sigma(x'), \end{aligned}$$

and by the Van der Corput lemma (Lemma A), if  $r > 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{2^k}^{2^{k+1}} e^{-iP_r(t)\langle y'-x', \xi \rangle} t^{-1} dt &= \int_1^2 e^{iP_r(2^k t)\langle y'-x', \xi \rangle} t^{-1} dt \\ &\leq C(|2^k \beta_r^{\frac{1}{r}}| |\langle y'-x', \xi \rangle|^{\frac{1}{r}})^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

By the easy fact  $|\int_{2^k}^{2^{k+1}} e^{-iP_r(t)\langle y'-x', \xi \rangle} t^{-1} dt| \leq \log 2$ , we have

$$\left| \int_{2^k}^{2^{k+1}} e^{-iP_r(t)\langle y'-x', \xi \rangle} t^{-1} dt \right| \leq C|2^{kr} \beta_r \langle y'-x', \xi \rangle|^{\frac{-\delta}{r}}$$

for any  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ .

Let  $\delta = \frac{1}{p'_m}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{\sigma}_{b_m, k, r}(\xi)| &\leq C|2^{rk} \beta_r \xi|^{\frac{-1}{2rp'_m}} \\ &\times \left\{ \iint_{\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{n-1}} b_m(y') \bar{b}_m(x') (|\xi' \cdot (y'-x')|)^{\frac{-1}{rp'_m}} d\sigma(y') d\sigma(x') \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\xi' = \xi/|\xi|$ . Thus by Hölder's inequality

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{\sigma}_{b_m, k, r}(\xi)| &\leq C|2^{rk} \beta_r \xi|^{\frac{-1}{2rp'_m}} \|b_m\|_{L^{p_m}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})} \\ &\times \left\{ \iint_{\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{n-1}} (|\xi' \cdot (y'-x')|)^{\frac{-1}{r}} d\sigma(y') d\sigma(x') \right\}^{\frac{1}{2p'_m}}. \end{aligned}$$

By the choice of  $p_m$ , and Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|b_m\|_{L^{p_m}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})} &\leq C \|b_m\|_{L^q(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})} |Q_m|^{\frac{1}{p_m} - \frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq C |Q_m|^{\frac{1}{p_m} - 1} \leq C |Q_m|^{\frac{1}{\log |Q_m|}} \leq C. \end{aligned}$$



So, by recalling  $p'_m = -\log |Q_m|$ , we obtain

$$|\hat{\sigma}_{b_m, k, r}(\xi)| \leq C |2^{rk} \beta_r \xi|^{\frac{1}{2r \log |Q_m|}}.$$

For  $r = 1$ , note the easy fact

$$\left| \int_1^2 e^{iP_1(2^k t) \langle y' - x', \xi \rangle} t^{-1} dt \right| \leq \min \left\{ \log 2, \frac{1}{|2^k \beta_1 \langle \xi, (y' - x') \rangle|} \right\}$$

where the first inequality can be obtained by bringing the absolute value inside the integral and the second inequality can be obtained by integration by parts.

So we have

$$\left| \int_1^2 e^{iP_1(2^k t) \langle y' - x', \xi \rangle} t^{-1} dt \right| \leq \frac{C}{|2^k \beta_1 \langle \xi, (y' - x') \rangle|^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

Thus, using the same argument as in  $r > 1$ , we have

$$|\hat{\sigma}_{b_m, k, 1}(\xi)| \leq C |2^k \beta_1 \xi|^{\frac{1}{2 \log |Q_m|}}.$$

This proves (ii).

To prove (iii), we take a  $\lambda > 1$  such that  $\lambda \leq \min\{q, 2\}$ . Following the proof in (ii), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{\sigma}_{b_m, k, r}(\xi)| &\leq C |2^{rk} \beta_r \xi|^{\frac{\delta}{2r}} \|b_m\|_{L^\lambda(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})} \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \iint_{\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{n-1}} (|\xi' \cdot (y' - x')|^{\frac{1}{r}})^{-\delta \lambda'} d\sigma(y') d\sigma(x') \right\}^{\frac{1}{2\lambda'}} \end{aligned}$$

for any  $\delta \in (0, 1]$ .

Since  $\|b_m\|_{L^\lambda(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})} \leq C$ , letting  $\delta < \frac{1}{\lambda'}$  we obtain

$$|\hat{\sigma}_{b_m, k, r}(\xi)| \leq C |2^{rk} \beta_r \xi|^{\frac{-\delta}{2r}}.$$

□

We now choose and fix a function  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R})$  such that  $\phi(t) \equiv 1$  for  $|t| \leq 1$  and  $\phi(t) \equiv 0$  for  $|t| > 2$ .

Let  $\varphi(t) = \phi(t^2)$ . In order to use an induction argument, we define the

measures  $\{\tau_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda}\}$  and  $\{\tau_{b_m,k,N-\lambda}\}$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\tau}_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda}(\xi) &= \hat{\sigma}_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda}(\xi) \prod_{N-\lambda < l \leq N} \varphi(|2^{lk} \beta_{N-\lambda} \xi|) \\ &\quad - \hat{\sigma}_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda-1}(\xi) \prod_{N-\lambda-1 < l \leq N} \varphi(|2^{lk} \beta_{N-\lambda} \xi|), \\ \hat{\tau}_{b_m,k,N-\lambda}(\xi) &= \hat{\sigma}_{b_m,k,N-\lambda}(\xi) \prod_{N-\lambda < l \leq N} \varphi(|2^{lk} \beta_{N-\lambda} \xi|) \\ &\quad - \hat{\sigma}_{b_m,k,N-\lambda-1}(\xi) \prod_{N-\lambda-1 < l \leq N} \varphi(|2^{lk} \beta_{N-\lambda} \xi|) \end{aligned}$$

for  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $\lambda = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$ , where we use the convention  $\prod_{j \in \emptyset} a_j = 1$ .

Since  $\hat{\sigma}_{\Omega,k,0} = 0$ , we find that

$$\sigma_{\Omega,k,N} = \sum_{\lambda=0}^{N-1} \tau_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda}. \tag{2.4}$$

Note that

$$T_{P_N,h}(f) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma_{\Omega,k,N} * f = \sum_{\lambda=0}^{N-1} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \tau_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda} * f,$$

so we have

$$\|T_{P_N,h}(f)\|_{L^p(\mathbf{R}^n)} \leq \sum_{\lambda=0}^{N-1} \left\| \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \tau_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda} * f \right\|_{L^p(\mathbf{R}^n)}.$$

Thus, to prove the theorem, it suffices to show

$$\left\| \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \tau_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda} * f \right\|_{L^p(\mathbf{R}^n)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbf{R}^n)} \quad \text{for } \lambda = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N - 1. \tag{2.5}$$

It is easy to see that  $\tau_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda} = 0$  if  $\beta_{N-\lambda} = 0$ . Thus, without loss of generality we assume  $\beta_{N-\lambda} \neq 0$  for  $\lambda = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$ .

By Lemma (2.2) (i) we find

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{\tau}_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda}(\xi)| &\leq [|\hat{\sigma}_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda}(\xi) - \hat{\sigma}_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda-1}(\xi)| \\ &\quad + \|\hat{\sigma}_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda-1}(\xi)\| |1 - \varphi(|2^{(N-\lambda)k} \beta_{N-\lambda} \xi|)|] \\ &\quad \times \prod_{N-\lambda < l \leq N} |\varphi(|2^{lk} \beta_{N-\lambda} \xi|)| \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq C2^{(N-\lambda)k}|\beta_{N-\lambda}\xi|. \tag{2.6}$$

By Lemma (2.2) (ii) and (iii) we find that if  $\text{supp}(b_m) \subseteq Q_m$  with  $|Q_m| < e^{\frac{q}{1-q}}$  then

$$|\hat{\tau}_{b_m,k,N-\lambda}(\xi)| \leq C|2^{(N-\lambda)k}\beta_{N-\lambda}\xi|^{\frac{1}{2(N-\lambda)\log|Q_m|}}, \tag{2.7}$$

and if  $\text{supp}(b_m) \subseteq Q_m$  with  $|Q_m| \geq e^{\frac{q}{1-q}}$  then

$$|\hat{\tau}_{b_m,k,N-\lambda}(\xi)| \leq C|2^{(N-\lambda)k}\beta_{N-\lambda}\xi|^{-\omega} \quad \text{for some } \omega > 0. \tag{2.7'}$$

Also, by Lemma (2.1), it is easy to see that

$$\left\| \sup_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} |\tau_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda}| * f \right\|_p \leq C\|f\|_p \tag{2.8}$$

and

$$\left\| \sup_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} |\tau_{b_m,k,N-\lambda}| * f \right\|_p \leq C\|f\|_p \tag{2.9}$$

and the bounds are independent of  $b_m$ , and the coefficients of the polynomials.

By applying (2.9), we can obtain the following modified lemma in [4].

**Lemma 2.3** For arbitrary functions  $g_k$ ,

$$\left\| \left( \sum_k |\tau_{b_m,k,N-\lambda} * g_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{p_0} \leq C \left\| \left( \sum_k |g_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{p_0}$$

for  $1 < p_0 < \infty$ , where  $C$  is independent of  $b_m$ , and the coefficients of the polynomials.

*Proof.* The proof is a minor modification of those in Lemma of [4]. In fact, it suffices to consider the case  $p_0 \geq 2$  so that  $q = (\frac{p_0}{2})$ .

There exist  $u \in L^q_+$  of unit norm such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \left( \sum_k |\tau_{b_m,k,N-\lambda} * g_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{p_0}^2 \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \left( \sum_k |\tau_{b_m,k,N-\lambda} * g_k(x)|^2 \right) u(x) dx \\ &\leq \sum_k \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \left( |\tau_{b_m,k,N-\lambda}| * |g_k(x)|^2 \right) u(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \sum_k \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |g_k(x)|^2 \sup_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \|\tau_{b_m, k, N-\lambda} * u(x)\| dx \\ &\leq \left\| \left( \sum_k |g_k(x)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{p_0}^2 \left\| \sup_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \|\tau_{b_m, k, N-\lambda} * u\| \right\|_q. \end{aligned}$$

By (2.9) we obtain

$$\left\| \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} |\tau_{b_m, k, r} * g_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{p_0}^2 \leq C_{p_0} \left\| \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} |g_k|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{p_0}.$$

□

### 3. Proof of main theorem

As we discussed in Section 2, to prove the theorem, it suffices to prove (2.5). By 2 in Remarks, we write  $\Omega(y') = \sum_m C_m b_m(y')$ . By (2.7) and (2.7'), without loss of generality, we may assume that the support  $Q_m$  of  $b_m$  are uniformly small such that  $|Q_m| < e^{\frac{q}{1-q}}$ .

Let  $\{\Phi_j\}_{j=-\infty}^{\infty}$  be a smooth partition of unity in  $(0, \infty)$  adapted to the interval  $(2^{-(N-\lambda)j} \beta_{N-\lambda}^{-1}, 2^{-(N-\lambda)j+1} \beta_{N-\lambda}^{-1})$ . To be precise, we require the following:

$$\begin{aligned} &\Phi_j \in C^\infty, \quad 0 \leq \Phi_j \leq 1, \quad \sum_j \Phi_j(t)^2 = 1, \\ &\text{supp}(\Phi_j) \subseteq (2^{-(N-\lambda)j-1} \beta_{N-\lambda}^{-1}, 2^{-(N-\lambda)j+1} \beta_{N-\lambda}^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Define the multiplier operators  $S_j$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  by

$$(S_j f)^\wedge(\xi) = f^\wedge(\xi) \Phi_j(|\xi|).$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \tau_{\Omega, k, N-\lambda} * f &= \sum_k \tau_{\Omega, k, N-\lambda} * \left( \sum_j S_{j+k} S_{j+k} f \right) \\ &= \sum_j \left( \sum_k S_{j+k} (\tau_{\Omega, k, N-\lambda} * S_{j+k} f) \right) \\ &= \sum_j I_j f. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\left\| \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \tau_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda} * f \right\|_p \leq \left\| \sum_{j \geq 0} I_j f \right\|_p + \left\| \sum_{j < 0} I_j f \right\|_p.$$

From classical Littlewood-Paley theory and Lemma (2.3), we know that

$$\|I_j f\|_p \leq C \|f\|_p \quad \text{with } C \text{ independent of } j. \tag{3.1}$$

By the Plancherel theorem

$$\|I_j f\|_2^2 \leq C \sum_k \int_{E_{j+k,N-\lambda}} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 |\hat{\tau}_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda}(\xi)|^2 d\xi$$

where

$$E_{j+k,N-\lambda} = \left\{ \xi : 2^{-(N-\lambda)(j+k)-1} \beta_{N-\lambda}^{-1} \leq |\xi| < 2^{-(N-\lambda)(j+k)+1} \beta_{N-\lambda}^{-1} \right\}.$$

Thus by (2.6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_j f\|_2^2 &\leq C \sum_k \int_{E_{j+k,N-\lambda}} |\hat{\tau}_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda}(\xi)|^2 |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq C \sum_k \int_{E_{j+k,N-\lambda}} |2^{(N-\lambda)k} \beta_{N-\lambda} \xi|^2 |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq C 2^{-2(N-\lambda)j} \|\hat{f}(\xi)\|_2^2. \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Using interpolation between (3.1) and (3.2), we obtain

$$\left\| \sum_{j \geq 0} I_j f \right\|_p \leq C \|f\|_p. \tag{3.3}$$

On the other hand

$$\left\| \sum_{j < 0} I_j f \right\|_p \leq \sum_{j < 0} \|I_j f\|_p \leq \sum_{j < 0} \sum_m |C_m| \|I_{j,m} f\|_p$$

where

$$I_{j,m} f = \sum_k S_{j+k} (\tau_{b_m,k,N-\lambda} * S_{j+k} f).$$

By Lemma (2.3) and the Littlewood-Paley theorem, one has

$$\|I_{j,m} f\|_{p_0} \leq C \|f\|_{p_0} \quad \text{for } 1 < p_0 < \infty \tag{3.4}$$

where  $C$  is independent of  $b_m$  and  $j$ . By the Plancherel theorem and (ii) in Lemma (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_{j,m}f\|_2^2 &\leq C \sum_k \int_{E_{k+j,N-\lambda}} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 |\hat{\tau}_{b_m,k,N-\lambda}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq C \sum_k \int_{E_{k+j,N-\lambda}} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 |2^{(N-\lambda)k} \beta_{N-\lambda} \xi|^{\frac{1}{(N-\lambda)\log|Q_m|}} d\xi \\ &\leq C |2^{-(N-\lambda)j}|^{\frac{1}{(N-\lambda)\log|Q_m|}} \sum_k \int_{E_{k+j,N-\lambda}} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &\leq C |2^{-(N-\lambda)j}|^{\frac{1}{(N-\lambda)\log|Q_m|}} \|\hat{f}\|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we obtain

$$\|I_{j,m}\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \leq C 2^{\frac{-j}{\log|Q_m|}}. \tag{3.5}$$

Using interpolation again we obtain

$$\|I_{j,m}f\|_p \leq 2^{\frac{-j\theta}{\log|Q_m|}} \|f\|_p \quad \text{for some } \theta > 0. \tag{3.6}$$

This shows that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j < 0} \|I_j f\|_p &\leq C \sum_{j < 0} \sum_m |C_m| 2^{\frac{-j\theta}{\log|Q_m|}} \|f\|_p \\ &\leq C \|f\|_p \sum_m |C_m| \left( \log \frac{1}{|Q_m|} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

Clearly, the constant  $C$  above is independent of the essential variables. (3.3) and (3.7) now imply

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \tau_{\Omega,k,N-\lambda} * f \right\|_p &\leq C M_q^{0,0} \|f\|_p, \quad \text{for all } 1 < p < \infty, \\ &\text{and } \lambda = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1. \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

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