

NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR QUASIRADIAL FOURIER MULTIPLIERS

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0. In this paper we give necessary conditions for quasiradial functions $m \circ \rho$ to be Fourier multipliers in $M_p^q(\mathbf{R}^n)$. Here m is defined in $(0, \infty)$; ρ is an A_t -homogeneous distance function; that is, $\rho(x) > 0$, $x \neq 0$, and ρ is homogeneous with respect to the dilations $A_t = t^P$, $t > 0$: $\rho(A_t x) = t\rho(x)$. P is a real $n \times n$ -matrix whose eigenvalues have positive real parts. The trace of P is denoted by ν .

Our results extend and improve those of Gasper and Trebels [9] for radial multipliers. They can be used to produce counterexamples in many concrete cases without explicitly computing asymptotic expansions.

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1. Let us first introduce some notation. On S , the space of rapidly decreasing C^∞ -functions the Fourier transform is defined by

$$F[f](\xi) = \hat{f}(\xi) = \int f(x)e^{-i\xi \cdot x} dx$$

(where the integration is extended over all of \mathbf{R}^n); by F^{-1} we denote its inverse. Let L^p be the standard Lebesgue spaces over \mathbf{R}^n with norm $\|\cdot\|_p$. A tempered distribution $\mu \in S'$ is called a Fourier multiplier of type (p, q) if

$$\|\mu\|_{M_p^q} = \sup\{\|F^{-1}[\mu\hat{f}]\|_q / \|f\|_p; 0 \neq f \in S\}$$

is finite. We set $M_p = M_p^p$. For standard properties of the M_p^q -spaces see Hörmander [10]. In particular, if $q \leq 2$, M_p^q contains only locally integrable functions.

In order to formulate our results we need the notion of Besov spaces $B_{\alpha q}^p(\mathbf{R})$. Let χ be a nonnegative C^∞ -function with support in $(1/2, 2)$ and $\sum_{k \in \mathbf{Z}} \chi(2^{-k}t) = 1$, $t > 0$. Let $\eta_k = F^{-1}[\chi(2^{-k}|\cdot|)]$, $k \geq 1$; $\eta_0 = F^{-1}[1 - \sum_{k \geq 1} \eta_k]$. Then $B_{\alpha q}^p$ is the space of all L^p -functions with finite norm

$$\|f\|_{B_{\alpha q}^p} = \left(\sum_{k \geq 0} 2^{k\alpha q} \|\eta_k * f\|_p^q \right)^{1/q}.$$

For embedding properties and identification as smoothness spaces we refer to Bergh and Löfström ([2, ch. 6]).

We throughout work with functions g compactly supported in $\mathbf{R}_+ = (0, \infty)$. In this case we extend g to an even function \tilde{g} in \mathbf{R} and define

$$\|g\|_{B_{\alpha q}^p(\mathbf{R}_+)} = \|\tilde{g}\|_{B_{\alpha q}^p(\mathbf{R})}.$$

We set $\mathbf{R}_0^n = \mathbf{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$. S^{n-1} denotes the sphere $\{x \in \mathbf{R}^n; |x| = 1\}$ with surface measure $d\theta$. φ will always be a C^∞ -bump-function in \mathbf{R}_+ . By c we denote positive constants which may vary in different occurrences. Our main result is the following:

THEOREM 1. *Let $\rho \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}_0^n)$ be an A_i -homogeneous distance function. If $m \circ \rho$ is a Fourier multiplier in $M_p(\mathbf{R}^n)$, $1 \leq p \leq 2$; then for $\alpha = (n - 1)(1/p - 1/2)$ it holds that*

$$\|m\|_\infty + \sup_{t>0} \|\varphi m(t \cdot)\|_{B_{\alpha p}^{p'}} \leq c \|m \circ \rho\|_{M_p}.$$

2. Before proving this theorem we briefly discuss the function spaces occurring in its statement. Define the localized Besov space $T(p, \alpha, q)$ as the space of all $L^1_{loc}(\mathbf{R}_+)$ -functions m , whose norms

$$\|m\|_{T(p, \alpha, q)} = \sup_{t>0} \|\varphi m(t \cdot)\|_{B_{\alpha q}^p(\mathbf{R}_+)}$$

are finite. These spaces are related to localized spaces and WBV-spaces considered in Connett and Schwartz [7], Gasper and Trebels [8], Carbery, Gasper and Trebels [5]. The following lemmas provide some properties; the proofs are easy modifications of those for similar results in the cited papers; hence we omit them.

LEMMA 1. (a) *The definition of $T(p, \alpha, q)$ does not depend on any specific choice of φ .*

(b) *Let $\gamma = k + \delta$, $k \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$, $0 < \delta < 2$. Then*

$$\|m\|_{T(p, \gamma, q)} \approx \sup_{t>0} \left\{ \left(\int_t^{2t} |m(v)|^p \frac{dv}{v} \right)^{1/p} + \left(\int_0^t \left[\int_t^{2t} v^{\gamma p} |\Delta_s^k m(v)|^p \frac{dv}{v} \right] \frac{ds}{s^{1+\delta q}} \right)^{1/q} \right\}.$$

LEMMA 2. (a) *Let $\psi \in C^N(\mathbf{R})$. Then we have for $0 < \gamma \leq N$*

$$\|\psi g\|_{B_{\gamma q}^p} \leq c \sum_{j=0}^N \|\psi^{(j)}\|_\infty \|g\|_{B_{\gamma q}^p}.$$

(b) *Suppose that χ is a strictly monotone C^N -function in a compact subinterval I of $(0, \infty)$, the image J containing $\text{supp } \varphi$ in its interior. Then for $0 < \gamma \leq N$*

$$\|(\varphi g) \circ \chi\|_{B_{\gamma q}^p} \leq c(\chi) \|\varphi g\|_{B_{\gamma q}^p};$$

$c(\mathcal{X})$ remains bounded if \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{X}^{-1} are chosen from a bounded subset of $C^N(I)$ and $C^N(J)$ respectively.

3. Proof of Theorem 1. $\Sigma_\rho = \{\xi; \rho(\xi) = 1\}$ is a closed manifold, hence there is a point $x_0 \in \Sigma_\rho$ with nonzero Gaussian curvature $K(x_0)$. Define Φ as a C^∞ -function with support in a small Σ_ρ -neighbourhood of x_0 (how small will be specified later); then extend Φ to \mathbf{R}^n via $\Phi(A_t x) = \Phi(x)$, $x \in \Sigma_\rho$, $t > 0$. Choose $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R})$ with support in $(1 - \delta, 1 + \delta)$, δ sufficiently small. Then $\varphi \circ \rho \Phi$ is a Schwartz-function and, by uniqueness of Fourier transforms, $\|F^{-1}[\varphi \circ \rho \Phi]\|_p > 0$.

Now assume $m \circ \rho \in M_p$. Let $g_t(s) = \varphi(s)m(ts)$. Then

$$(1) \quad \sup_{t>0} \|F^{-1}[g_t \circ \rho \Phi]\|_p \leq \sup_{t>0} \|m \circ t\rho\|_{M_p} \|F^{-1}[\varphi \circ \rho \Phi]\|_p \\ \leq c \sup_{t>0} \|m \circ \rho(A_t \cdot)\|_{M_p} = c \|m \circ \rho\|_{M_p}.$$

We introduce polar coordinates via the map

$$\mathbf{R}^n \ni x \mapsto (t, x') \in \mathbf{R}_+ \times \Sigma_\rho \quad \text{with} \quad \rho(x) = t, \quad x' = A_{1/\rho(x)} x.$$

The transformation of the Euclidean measure is given by $dx = t^{n-1} dt d\sigma(x') / |\nabla \rho(x')|$, $d\sigma$ being surface measure on Σ_ρ . If Σ_ρ is parametrized near x_0 by

$$\mathbf{R}^{n-1} \ni y \mapsto x(y) \in \Sigma_\rho \quad \text{with} \quad x(0) = x_0$$

and if $G(y) = [\det(\partial x / \partial y_i, \partial x / \partial y_j)]^{1/2}$ then we can write

$$(2) \quad (2\pi)^n F^{-1}[g_t \circ \rho \Phi](\xi) = \int_0^\infty g_t(s) s^{\nu-1} \int_{\Sigma_\rho} \Phi(x') e^{i\langle A_s x', \xi \rangle} |\nabla \rho(x')|^{-1} d\sigma(x') ds \\ = \int_0^\infty g_t(s) s^{\nu-1} \int \Phi(x(y)) |\nabla \rho(x(y))|^{-1} G(y) e^{i\langle x(y), A_s^* \xi \rangle} dy ds.$$

It is well known that the method of stationary phase can be used to obtain an asymptotic expansion for the inner integral in (2) (see [11, ch. 7]). To apply this we examine the occurring phase functions. Let

$$f(y, s, \xi') = \langle x(y), A_s^* \xi' \rangle, \quad \text{where} \quad |\xi'| = 1.$$

For fixed (s, ξ') , f has a nondegenerate critical point if $\xi'_s = A_s^* \xi' / |A_s^* \xi'|$ is a unit normal vector to Σ_ρ in $x(y)$, provided the Gaussian curvature does not vanish there. This is the case in a Σ_ρ -neighborhood V_0 of x_0 , where the normal map n is a diffeomorphism onto a neighbourhood W_0 of $n(x_0) \in S^{n-1}$. By continuity there is a neighbourhood $W \subset W_0$ of $n(x_0)$ and $\delta > 0$ so that $\xi'_s \in W_0$ for all $\xi' \in W$ and $s \in I_\delta = (1 - \delta, 1 + \delta)$. In view of Euler's homogeneity relation $\langle \nabla \rho(x), Px \rangle = \rho(x)$ we may assume that

$\langle Px, \xi' \rangle \geq d_0 > 0$ for all $x \in V = n^{-1}(W)$, $\xi' \in W_0$. Now let $\tilde{y}(s, \xi')$ implicitly be defined by $\nabla_y f(y, s, \xi') = 0$ and let

$$u(s, \xi') = \langle n^{-1}(\xi'_s), A_s^* \xi' \rangle = f(\tilde{y}(s, \xi'), s, \xi'),$$

near $y = 0$. Then $u_s(s, \xi') = \langle n^{-1}(\xi'_s), P^* A_s^* \xi' / s \rangle$, and we have $u_s(s, \xi') \geq d_1 > 0$, $(s, \xi') \in I_\delta \times W$. Hence $u(\cdot, \xi')$ can be inverted in I_δ ; that is $s = \sigma(u(s, \xi'), \xi')$, where the inverse σ depends smoothly on (u, ξ') . Further $u_s(s, \xi')$ is bounded away from zero for $(s, \xi') \in I_\delta \times W$.

Now assume that $\text{supp } \Phi|_{\Sigma_\rho} \subset V$ and $\text{supp } \varphi \subset I_\delta$. We consider the asymptotic expansion of the inner integral of (2) in the truncated cone $C_b = \{\omega \xi'; \xi' \in W, \omega \geq b\}$. It is given by (cf. [11, ch. 7])

$$\left| \int \Phi(x(y)) |\nabla \rho(x(y))|^{-1} G(y) e^{i\langle x(y), A_s^* \xi' \rangle \omega} dy - e^{i\langle n^{-1}(\xi'_s), A_s^* \xi' \rangle \omega} \sum_{j=0}^N \Psi_j(s, \xi') \omega^{-(n-1)/2-j} \right| \leq c \omega^{-(n-1)/2-\beta}, \quad \beta \leq N + 1.$$

The precise form of $\Psi_j \in C^\infty$, $j \geq 1$, is not important here, $\Psi_j(\cdot, \xi')$ lies in a bounded subset of $C^N(I_\delta)$, whenever $\xi' \in W$. Ψ_0 is given by

$$(3) \quad [\Phi |\nabla \rho|^{-1} |K|^{-1/2}] (n^{-1}(\xi'_s)) |A_s^* \xi'|^{-(n-1)/2}.$$

We introduce spherical polar coordinates and obtain

$$(4) \quad (2\pi)^n \|F^{-1}[g_t \circ \rho \Phi]\|_p \geq (2\pi)^n \left(\int |F^{-1}[g_t \circ \rho \Phi](\xi)|^p d\xi \right)^{1/p} \geq I_0 - \sum_{j=1}^N I_j - II.$$

where

$$I_j = \left(\int_W \int_b^\infty \left| \int_0^\infty g_t(s) s^{\nu-1} \Psi_j(s, \xi') e^{i\langle n^{-1}(\xi'_s), A_s^* \xi' \rangle \omega} \omega^{-(n-1)/2-j} ds \right|^p \omega^{n-1} d\omega d\theta(\xi') \right)^{1/p}$$

and

$$II = \int_0^\infty |g_t(s) s^{\nu-1}| ds \left(\int_W d\theta(\xi') \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_b^\infty \omega^{-((n-1)/2+\beta)p} \omega^{n-1} d\omega \right)^{1/p}.$$

Let us first estimate the main term I_0 . It is useful to substitute $u = \langle n^{-1}(\xi'_s), A_s^* \xi' \rangle$; this was seen to be correct for $(s, \xi') \in I_\delta \times W$. Abbreviate

$$(5) \quad \tilde{\Psi}_j(u, \xi') = \sigma^{\nu-1}(u, \xi') \frac{d\sigma}{du}(u, \xi') \Psi_j(\sigma(u, \xi'), \xi').$$

Let $\alpha = (n-1)(1/p - 1/2)$, $2^{m+2} \leq b < 2^{m+3}$, and λ, η_k as in the definition of the Besov spaces.

We apply the one-dimensional Hausdorff-Young inequality to obtain

$$I_0 \geq c \left(\int_W \int_{|\omega| \geq b} |[g_t \circ \sigma(\cdot, \xi') \tilde{\Psi}_0(\cdot, \xi')]^\wedge(\omega) \omega^\alpha|^p d\omega d\theta(\xi') \right)^{1/p}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq c \left(\int_W \sum_{k \geq m} \int_0^\infty \left| \chi \left(\frac{\omega}{2^k} \right) 2^{k\alpha} [g_t \circ \sigma(\cdot, \xi') \tilde{\Psi}_0(\cdot, \xi')]^\wedge(\omega) \right|^p d\omega d\theta(\xi') \right)^{1/p} \\ &\geq c \left(\int_W \sum_{k \geq m} 2^{k\alpha p} \|\eta_k * \{g_t \circ \sigma(\cdot, \xi') \tilde{\Psi}_0(\cdot, \xi')\}\|_{B_{\alpha p}^2}^p d\theta(\xi') \right)^{1/p}, \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} I_0 &\geq c \left(\int_W \|g_t \circ \sigma(\cdot, \xi') \tilde{\Psi}_0(\cdot, \xi')\|_{B_{\alpha p}^2}^p d\theta(\xi') \right)^{1/p} \\ &\quad - c_1 b^\alpha \left(\int_W \|g_t \circ \sigma(\cdot, \xi') \tilde{\Psi}_0(\cdot, \xi')\|_{B_{\alpha p}^2}^p d\theta(\xi') \right)^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

The derivatives of $\tilde{\Psi}_0(\cdot, \xi')$ and $[\tilde{\Psi}_0(\cdot, \xi')]^{-1}$ remain bounded if $\xi' \in W$, as an inspection of (3), (5) shows. Our previous discussion allows to apply Lemma 2 to deduce

$$(6) \quad I_0 \geq c' \|g_t\|_{B_{\alpha p}^{p'}} - c'' b^\alpha \|g_t\|_{p'}.$$

We are left with the remainder terms. If $1 \leq j \leq N$, it follows by Hölder's inequality and the Plancherel identity

$$\begin{aligned} (7) \quad I_j &\leq c \left(\int_W \int_b^\infty \|[g_t \circ \sigma(\cdot, \xi') \tilde{\Psi}_j(\cdot, \xi')]^\wedge(-\omega) \omega^{\alpha-1}\|^p d\omega d\theta(\xi') \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq c \left(\int_W \left(\int_b^\infty \omega^{-2/(2-p)} d\omega \right)^{1-p/2} \left(\int_0^\infty |\omega^{\alpha-1/p'} [g_t \circ \sigma(\cdot, \xi') \tilde{\Psi}_j(\cdot, \xi')]^\wedge(\omega)|^2 d\omega \right)^{p/2} d\theta(\xi') \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq c b^{-1/2} \left(\int_W \|g_t \circ \sigma(\cdot, \xi') \tilde{\Psi}_j(\cdot, \xi')\|_{B_{\alpha-1/p', 2}^2}^2 d\theta(\xi') \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq c b^{-1/2} \|g_t\|_{B_{\alpha-1/p', 2}^2} \end{aligned}$$

Here Lemma 2 was applied; further we have used the fact that the Besov space $B_{r, 2}^2$ coincide with the potential space L_r^2 .

Choosing in (4) N sufficiently large we may achieve $\beta > n(1/p - 1/2) + 1/2$; hence

$$(8) \quad II \leq c b^{n(1/p-1/2)+1/2-\beta} \|g_t\|_{p'} \leq c' \|g_t\|_{p'}.$$

Collecting the estimates (6), (7), (8) we get

$$(9) \quad \|F^{-1}[g_t \circ \rho \Phi]\|_p \geq c \|g_t\|_{B_{\alpha p}^{p'}} - c_0 b^\alpha \|g_t\|_{p'} - c_1 b^{-1/2} \|g_t\|_{B_{\alpha-1/p', 2}^2},$$

$$g_t = \varphi_m(t \cdot).$$

The constants are independent of $t > 0$. Observe that

$$T(p', \alpha, p) \subset T(2, \alpha, p) \subset T(2, \alpha - 1/p', 2).$$

The first inclusion follows via Hölder's inequality and Lemma 1(b), the second inclusion by an embedding property of Besov spaces. Now choose b in (9) sufficiently large. Since $\text{supp } g_t$ is compact, $\|g_t\|_{p'}$ is dominated

by $c\|m\|_\infty$. Since $M_p \subset M_2 = L^\infty$, by (1) and (9) the assertion of the Theorem follows. □

4. The proof of Theorem 1 suggests to give criteria also for M_p^q -multipliers; especially for $p = 1, q > 1$ (recall that in this case $M_1^q = [L^q]^\wedge$).

THEOREM 2. *Let ρ be as in Theorem 1 and $m \circ \rho \in M_p^q, 1 \leq p \leq q \leq 2,$*

$$\alpha = (n - 1)(1/q - 1/2) .$$

Then

(a)
$$\sup_{t>0} t^{\nu(1/p-1/q)} \|\varphi m(t \cdot)\|_{B_{\alpha q}^{q'}} \leq c \|m \circ \rho\|_{M_p^q} .$$

(b) *If $p = 1, 1 < q \leq 2,$ the following sharper inequality is valid:*

$$\left(\int_0^\infty [t^{\nu/q'} \|\varphi m(t \cdot)\|_{B_{\alpha q}^{q'}}]^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/2} \leq c \|F^{-1}[m \circ \rho]\|_q .$$

PROOF. (a) We use the same notations as in the proof of Theorem 1. For every $t > 0$ we have

$$\|m \circ \rho\|_{M_p^q} = t^{\nu(1/q-1/p)} \|m \circ t\rho\|_{M_p^q} \geq ct^{\nu(1/q-1/p)} \|F^{-1}[g_t \circ \rho\Phi]\|_q .$$

The proof of Theorem 1 leads us to the inequality (9), with p replaced by q ; from this it follows

$$\|g_t\|_{B_{\alpha q}^{q'}} \leq c \|F^{-1}[g_t \circ \rho\Phi]\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \|g_t\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R})} .$$

We introduce polar coordinates (with respect to ρ). An application of the Hausdorff-Young-inequality (in \mathbb{R}^n) gives

$$\|g_t\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R})} \leq c \|g_t \circ \rho\Phi\|_{L^{q'}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq c \|F^{-1}[g_t \circ \rho\Phi]\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

This is enough to deduce the assertion in (a).

(b) Choose a C^∞ -function ψ with compact support in $(0, \infty), \psi(t) = 1,$ if $t \in \text{supp } \varphi$. By (a),

$$t^{\nu/q'} \|\varphi m(t \cdot)\|_{B_{\alpha q}^{q'}} \leq ct^{\nu/q'} \|F^{-1}[\psi \circ \rho m \circ t\rho]\|_q = c \left\| F^{-1} \left[\psi \circ \frac{\rho}{t} m \circ \rho \right] \right\|_q .$$

We integrate and use Minkowski's inequality and Littlewood-Paley-theory (see Madych [12]) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_0^\infty [t^{\nu/q'} \|\varphi m(t \cdot)\|_{B_{\alpha q}^{q'}}]^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/2} &\leq c \left(\int_0^\infty \left\| F^{-1} \left[\psi \circ \frac{\rho}{t} m \circ \rho \right] \right\|_q^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq c \left\| \left(\int_0^\infty \left| F^{-1} \left[\psi \circ \frac{\rho}{t} m \circ \rho \right] \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/2} \right\|_q \leq c \|F^{-1}[m \circ \rho]\|_q . \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

There are also versions of our theorems for convolution operators

acting on anisotropic H^p -spaces. Here H^p is defined with respect to the A_t^* -dilations (see Calderón and Torchinsky [3]). From the proofs of the above theorems we obtain the following:

COROLLARY. *Let $\rho \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}_0^n)$ be an A_t -homogeneous distance function and $m \in L^1_{loc}(0, \infty)$.*

(a) *If for every $f \in H^p$*

$$\|F^{-1}[m \circ \rho f^\wedge]\|_{H^q} \leq A \|f\|_{H^q}, \quad 0 < p \leq q \leq 2, \quad q \geq 1,$$

then

$$\sup_{t>0} t^{\nu(1/p-1/q)} \|\varphi m(t \cdot)\|_{B_{\alpha q}^{q'}} \leq cA; \quad \alpha = (n-1)(1/q - 1/2).$$

If $0 < p \leq q < 1$, one has to replace $B_{\alpha q}^{q'}$ by $B_{\alpha q}^\infty$.

(b) *If $m \circ \rho$ is the Fourier transform of an H^q -distribution ($0 < q \leq 1$), then*

$$\left(\int_0^\infty [t^{\nu(1-1/q)} \|\varphi m(t \cdot)\|_{B_{\alpha q}^\infty}]^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/2} \leq c \|F^{-1}[m \circ \rho]\|_{H^q}, \quad \alpha = (n-1) \left(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

5. Remarks. (a) The proof of Theorem 1 shows that the global C^∞ -assumption can be weakened; it suffices to assume that ρ is smooth near a point $x_0 \in \Sigma_\rho$, where the Gaussian curvature does not vanish. This is the case in most applications. The proof works if we require that $\rho \in C^L$ near x_0 , $L > (2n/p) - (n-5)/2$. Also the assumption $\rho(x) > 0$, $x \neq 0$ is not really necessary; e.g. all results remain valid if $\rho(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n |\xi_i|^{\alpha_i}$, $\alpha_i > 0$.

(b) Gasper and Trebels [9], [8] proved

$$\sup_{t>0} \|\varphi m(t \cdot)\|_{L_\alpha^{p'}} \leq c \|m(\cdot)\|_{M_p}, \quad 1 \leq p \leq 2, \quad \alpha = (n-1) \left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

Theorem 1 is slightly sharper even for radial multipliers, because of the embedding $B_{\alpha p}^{p'} \subset L_\alpha^{p'}$, $1 < p \leq 2$, ([2, p. 152]). An analogous remark applies to more general Hankel multipliers, considered in [9].

(c) Theorem 1 can be used to accomplish some known results on quasiradial multipliers ([4], [6], [14]): If $\rho \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}_0^n)$, Σ_ρ strictly convex, then the following inequality holds, provided $1 < p \leq 2(n+1)/(n+3)$.

$$(10) \quad \|m \circ \rho\|_{M_p} \leq c \sup_{t>0} \|\varphi m(t \cdot)\|_{L_\gamma^2}, \quad \gamma > n(1/p - 1/2).$$

In dimension two, (10) is valid for $1 < p \leq 4/3$ ($\rho(\xi) = |\xi|$). Well known counterexamples show that (10) is false, if $\gamma < n(1/p - 1/2) =: \gamma_c$ (see e.g. [4]). What about $\gamma = \gamma_c$? Consider

$$m_{\beta, \gamma, q}(t) = \psi(t) (1-t)_+^{\beta-1/q} |\log(1-t)|^{-\gamma},$$

where ψ is a C^∞ -bump function in $(0, \infty)$, $\psi(1) > 0$.

Then $m_{\beta, \gamma, q} \in L^q_\beta \setminus B^p_{\beta+(1/p'-1/q), p}$, if $1/q < \gamma < 1/p$, $p < q \leq 2$. Hence Theorem 1 shows that (10) is false for the critical index γ_c .

(d) Theorem (2b) should be compared with the following inequality which furnishes an $[L^q]^\wedge$ -criterion for quasiradial multipliers: Let $\gamma = n(1/q - 1/2)$, $\rho \in C^N(\mathbb{R}^n_0)$, $N > \gamma$, $1 \leq q \leq 2$. Then

$$(11) \quad \|F^{-1}[m \circ \rho]\|_q \leq c \left(\int_0^\infty [t^{\nu/q'} \|\varphi m(t \cdot)\|_{B^2_{\gamma, q}}]^q \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/q}.$$

If $q = 2$, this immediately follows by the Plancherel identity; if $q = 1$ the inequality is a dilation invariant version of Bernstein's theorem (see Peetre [13]), specialized to quasiradial multipliers. The case $1 < q < 2$ follows by a complex interpolation argument (cf. [7], [5]). The inequality (11) and counterexamples (see (c)) show that the smoothness condition in Theorem (2b) cannot be improved in the context of Besov spaces.

(e) The following criterion is a special case of an anisotropic version of Baernstein's and Sawyer's sharp multiplier theorem ([1, p. 20]).

$$(12) \quad \|F^{-1}[m \circ \rho \hat{f}]\|_{H^p} \leq c \sup_{t > 0} \|\varphi m(t \cdot)\|_{B^2_{\gamma, p}} \|f\|_{H^p},$$

$0 < p < 1$, $\gamma = n(1/p - 1/2)$ (H^p , ρ as in Section 4).

The necessary conditions in the corollary provide new counterexamples to the results of Baernstein and Sawyer. In particular it follows that $B^2_{\gamma, p}$ in (12) cannot be replaced by any larger $B^2_{\beta, q}$ -space.

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