

WEAK FACTORIZATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS IN H^p SPACES

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The weak factorization theorem for real Hardy spaces $H^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$, previously obtained by Coifman, Rochberg and Weiss, and by Uchiyama for the case $p > n/(n + 1)$, is extended to the case $p \leq n/(n + 1)$.

1. Introduction. The purpose of this paper is to give an extension of the following

THEOREM A. (*Coifman-Rochberg-Weiss [3; Theorem II], Uchiyama [7; Corollary to Theorem 1], [8].*) Let K be a homogeneous singular integral operator of Calderón-Zygmund type on \mathbf{R}^n and K' its conjugate. Suppose $p, q, r > 0$ satisfy $1/p = 1/q + 1/r < 1 + 1/n$. (i) If $h \in L^2 \cap H^q(\mathbf{R}^n)$, $g \in L^2 \cap H^r(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and

$$f = hKg - gK'h,$$

then $f \in H^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and

$$\|f\|_{H^p} \leq C_1 \|h\|_{H^q} \|g\|_{H^r}.$$

(ii) Conversely, if, furthermore, K is not a constant multiple of the identity operator and $p \leq 1$, every $f \in H^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$ can be written as

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j (h_j K g_j - g_j K' h_j),$$

where λ_j are complex numbers, $h_j \in L^2 \cap H^q(\mathbf{R}^n)$, $g_j \in L^2 \cap H^r(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and

$$\|h_j\|_{H^q} \|g_j\|_{H^r} \leq C_2, \quad \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq C_3.$$

The constants C_1, C_2 and C_3 depend only on p, q, r, K and n .

As for the definition of $H^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$, see Fefferman-Stein [4]; as for the operators K and K' , see the definitions given in the next section.

An extension of part (i) to the case $1/p \geq 1 + 1/n$ is given in the following

THEOREM B. (*Miyachi [6].*) Let K_1, \dots, K_N be homogeneous singular integral operators of Calderón-Zygmund type on \mathbf{R}^n and K'_j their conjugates.

Set, for $h \in L^2 \cap H^q(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and $g \in L^2 \cap H^r(\mathbf{R}^n)$,

$$P(K_1, \dots, K_N; h, g) = \sum_J (-1)^{|J|} \left\{ \left(\prod_{j \in J} K_j \right) h \right\} \left\{ \left(\prod_{j \in J^c} K_j \right) g \right\},$$

where the summation ranges over all subsets J of $\{1, \dots, N\}$, $|J|$ denotes the number of elements of J , J^c is the complement of J , and \prod is the product of operators; if J or J^c is the empty set, the corresponding product \prod means the identity operator. Then, if $p, q, r > 0$ satisfy $1/p = 1/q + 1/r < 1 + N/n$, there is a constant C depending only on K_1, \dots, K_N, p, q, r and n such that, for all $h \in L^2 \cap H^q(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and all $g \in L^2 \cap H^r(\mathbf{R}^n)$,

$$\|P(K_1, \dots, K_N; h, g)\|_{H^p} \leq C \|h\|_{H^q} \|g\|_{H^r}.$$

In this paper, we shall extend part (ii) of Theorem A to the case $1/p \geq 1 + 1/n$ by using the “product” given in Theorem B.

Throughout this paper, we use the following

NOTATION. For $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and $r > 0$, $B(x, r)$ denotes the ball with respect to the usual metric with center x and radius r . If $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ are nonnegative integers and $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$, the differential operator ∂^α is defined by

$$\partial^\alpha f(x) = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right)^{\alpha_1} \cdots \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right)^{\alpha_n} f(x), \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^n,$$

and $|\alpha|$ by $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n$. We shall also use the notation

$$(\partial/\partial x)^\alpha f(x) = \partial^\alpha f(x).$$

If s is a real number, $[s]$ denotes the largest integer not greater than s . \mathcal{F} denotes the Fourier transform.

2. The result. Before we state our theorem, we shall explain the singular integral operators considered in this paper.

DEFINITION 1. We say that K is a *homogeneous singular integral operator of Calderón-Zygmund type* if it is defined by

$$(1) \quad Kf = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(m\mathcal{F}f)$$

with a bounded function m smooth in $\mathbf{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ and homogeneous of degree zero, i.e. satisfying

$$m(t\xi) = m(\xi), \quad t > 0, \xi \neq 0.$$

We shall call m the *multiplier* corresponding to K .

DEFINITION 2. If K is a homogeneous singular integral operator of Calderón-Zygmund type defined by (1), the *conjugate operator* K' is defined by

$$K'f = \mathfrak{F}^{-1}(\check{m}\mathfrak{F}f),$$

where $\check{m}(\xi) = m(-\xi)$.

By using the Fourier transform, the “product” of Theorem B can be redefined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{F}P(K_1, \dots, K_N; h, g)(\xi) \\ = \int \mathfrak{F}h(\eta)\mathfrak{F}g(\xi - \eta) \prod_{j=1}^N (m_j(\xi - \eta) - m_j(-\eta)) d\eta, \end{aligned}$$

where m_j is the multiplier corresponding to K_j .

The theorem of this paper reads as follows.

THEOREM. Let K_1, \dots, K_N be homogeneous singular integral operators of Calderón-Zygmund type and m_j the multipliers corresponding to K_j . Suppose $p, q, r > 0$ satisfy $1 \leq 1/p = 1/q + 1/r < 1 + N/n$ and the multipliers m_j satisfy the following condition: for any $\xi \neq 0$, there exists an $\eta \neq 0$ such that

$$\prod_{j=1}^N (m_j(\xi) - m_j(\eta)) \neq 0.$$

Then every $f \in H^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$ can be decomposed as

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j P(K_1, \dots, K_N; h_j, g_j),$$

where λ_j are complex numbers, $h_j \in L^2 \cap H^q(\mathbf{R}^n)$, $g_j \in L^2 \cap H^r(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and

$$\|h_j\|_{H^q} \|g_j\|_{H^r} \leq C, \quad \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq C \|f\|_{H^p}$$

with a constant C depending only on K_1, \dots, K_N, p, q, r and n .

The rest of the paper will be devoted to the proof of this theorem.

3. Proof of Theorem. The proof will be based on the following

LEMMA 1. *If $0 < p \leq 1$, every $f \in H^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$ can be decomposed as follows:*

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j f_j,$$

where λ_j are complex numbers, f_j are functions satisfying, for some balls $B(x_j, \rho_j)$,

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} \text{support}(f_j) \subset B(x_j, \rho_j), \\ \|f_j\|_{L^\infty} \leq \rho_j^{-n/p}, \\ \int f_j(x) x^\alpha dx = 0 \quad \text{for } |\alpha| \leq [n/p - n] \end{cases}$$

and

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq A \|f\|_{H^p}.$$

The constant A depends only on p and n .

This lemma is given by Latter [5].

We shall introduce a class of functions: for $p, t > 0$ and a nonnegative integer M , we denote by $\mathcal{Q}_{p,M}(t)$ the set of all functions $f \in L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)$ such that

$$\mathfrak{F}f(\xi) = 0 \quad \text{for } |\xi| \leq 1/t$$

and

$$\|\partial^\alpha \mathfrak{F}f\|_{L^2} \leq t^{|\alpha| - n/p + n/2} \quad \text{for } |\alpha| \leq M.$$

LEMMA 2. *If $0 < p \leq 2$ and $M > n/p - n/2$, then $\mathcal{Q}_{p,M}(t) \subset H^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and there is a constant C depending only on n and p such that*

$$\|f\|_{H^p} \leq C \quad \text{for all } f \in \mathcal{Q}_{p,M}(t), \quad t > 0.$$

Proof. We may assume $M = [n/p - n/2] + 1$. We shall prove that

$$\|\mathfrak{F}^{-1}(m\mathfrak{F}f)\|_{L^p} \leq C \quad \text{for all } f \in \mathcal{Q}_{p,M}(t), \quad t > 0,$$

whenever m is a bounded function satisfying

$$|\partial^\alpha m(\xi)| \leq |\xi|^{-|\alpha|} \quad \text{for } |\alpha| \leq M.$$

This will prove the lemma by the singular integral characterization of $H^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$ (see Fefferman-Stein [4; §8] or Coifman-Dahlberg [2]).

Now suppose $f \in \mathcal{Q}_{p,M}(t)$, $t > 0$, and m is as above; we set $g = \mathfrak{F}^{-1}(m\mathfrak{F}f)$. Then

$$\|\partial^\alpha \mathfrak{F}g\|_{L^2} \leq Ct^{|\alpha|-n/p+n/2}, \quad |\alpha| \leq M,$$

and hence, by Plancherel's theorem,

$$\| |x|^k g(x) \|_{L^2} \leq Ct^{k-n/p+n/2}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, M.$$

From this we can derive the desired estimate by using Hölder's inequality. In fact, if $0 < p \leq 2$ and $1/p = 1/2 + 1/q$, we have

$$\left(\int_{|x|<t} |g(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq \|g\|_{L^2} \left(\int_{|x|<t} dx \right)^{1/q} \leq C$$

and

$$\left(\int_{|x|>t} |g(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq \| |x|^M g(x) \|_{L^2} \left(\int_{|x|>t} |x|^{-Mq} dx \right)^{1/q} \leq C,$$

where we used the fact that $Mq > n$; thus $\|g\|_{L^p} \leq C$. This completes the proof.

LEMMA 3. *If $0 < p \leq 1$ and $M > n/p - n/2$, every $f \in H^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$ can be decomposed as follows:*

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j f_j(\cdot - x_j),$$

where λ_j are complex numbers, $f_j \in \mathcal{Q}_{p,M}(t_j)$ with some $t_j > 0$, $x_j \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq A' \|f\|_{H^p}$$

with a constant A' depending only on M , p and n .

Proof. We shall prove that if f satisfies

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} \text{support}(f) \subset B(x_0, \rho), \\ \|f\|_{L^\infty} \leq \rho^{-n/p}, \\ \int f(x) x^\alpha dx = 0 \quad \text{for } |\alpha| \leq [n/p - n], \end{cases}$$

then we can take a constant A'' depending only on M , p and n and a function $g \in \mathcal{Q}_{p,M}(t)$, $t > 0$, such that

$$(4) \quad \|f - A''g(\cdot - x_0)\|_{H^p} \leq 1/2A,$$

where A is the constant in Lemma 1.

For the moment we assume the approximation (3)–(4) and derive Lemma 3 from Lemma 1. Let f be an arbitrary element of $H^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$. Apply Lemma 1 to f to obtain

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j f_j$$

with f_j satisfying (2) and λ_j satisfying

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq A \|f\|_{H^p};$$

then apply the approximation (3)–(4) to each f_j to obtain

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j A'' g_j(\cdot - x_j) + f_{(1)}$$

with $g_j \in \mathcal{Q}_{p,M}(t_j)$, $t_j > 0$, and

$$\|f_{(1)}\|_{H^p} \leq 2^{-1} \|f\|_{H^p}.$$

Next apply the same process to $f_{(1)}$ to obtain a smaller error $f_{(2)}$, and then again apply the same process to $f_{(2)}$ to obtain $f_{(3)}, \dots$; repeating this process, we obtain, for each N ,

$$f = \sum_{k=0}^N \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j^k A'' g_j^k(\cdot - x_j^k) + f_{(N+1)},$$

where $g_j^k \in \mathcal{Q}_{p,M}(t_j^k)$, $t_j^k > 0$, and

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_j^k|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq 2^{-k} A \|f\|_{H^p},$$

$$\|f_{(N+1)}\|_{H^p} \leq 2^{-N-1} \|f\|_{H^p}.$$

Now the decomposition of Lemma 3 can be obtained by letting $N \rightarrow \infty$ since

$$\left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_j^k A''|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-kp} \right)^{1/p} A'' A \|f\|_{H^p} = A' \|f\|_{H^p}.$$

Now we shall prove the approximation (3)–(4). We may assume $x_0 = 0$; suppose f satisfies (3) with $x_0 = 0$.

First observe that the Fourier transform of f has the following estimates:

$$(5) \quad \|\partial^\alpha \mathcal{F}f\|_{L^2} \leq C_\alpha \rho^{|\alpha| - n/p + n/2},$$

$$(6) \quad |\partial^\alpha \mathcal{F}f(\xi)| \leq C_\alpha \rho^{\lfloor n/p \rfloor + 1 - n/p} |\xi|^{\lfloor n/p \rfloor - n - |\alpha| + 1} \quad \text{if } |\xi| \leq \rho^{-1},$$

where the constant C_α depends only on p , n and α . Estimate (5) follows from

$$\|x^\alpha f(x)\|_{L^2} \leq C_\alpha \rho^{|\alpha| - n/p + n/2}$$

via Plancherel's theorem. Estimate (6) follows, if $|\alpha| \leq \lfloor n/p - n \rfloor$, from the estimates

$$\partial^\beta \partial^\alpha \mathcal{F}f(0) = 0 \quad \text{for } |\beta| \leq \lfloor n/p - n \rfloor - |\alpha|,$$

$$\|\partial^\beta \partial^\alpha \mathcal{F}f\|_{L^\infty} \leq C \rho^{\lfloor n/p \rfloor + 1 - n/p} \quad \text{for } |\beta| = \lfloor n/p - n \rfloor - |\alpha| + 1$$

via Taylor's formula; if $|\alpha| > \lfloor n/p - n \rfloor$, (6) is a consequence of the stronger estimate

$$\|\partial^\alpha \mathcal{F}f\|_{L^\infty} \leq C_\alpha \rho^{|\alpha| - n/p + n}.$$

For $T > 2$, consider the function

$$h_T = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\psi(T\rho \cdot) \mathcal{F}f(\cdot)),$$

where ψ is a fixed smooth function on \mathbf{R}^n such that $\psi(\xi) = 1$ for $|\xi| \geq 2$ and $\psi(\xi) = 0$ for $|\xi| \leq 1$. From (5) and (6) we shall derive the estimates

$$(7) \quad \|\partial^\alpha \mathcal{F}h_T\|_{L^2} \leq C'_\alpha T^{|\alpha|} \rho^{|\alpha| - n/p + n/2},$$

$$(8) \quad \|f - h_T\|_{H^p} \leq CT^{-\lfloor n/p \rfloor - 1 + n/p},$$

where C'_α and C do not depend on f , ρ and T . Once these estimates are proved, the approximation (4) can be obtained by setting

$$g = A''^{-1}h_T \in \mathcal{Q}_{p,M}(T\rho)$$

with A'' and T sufficiently large; A'' and T can be taken depending only on M , p and n .

Thus the proof is reduced to that of (7) and (8). (7) follows directly from (5). In order to prove (8), decompose $f - h_T$ as

$$f - h_T = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\chi(2^j T\rho \cdot) \mathcal{F}f(\cdot)) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f_j,$$

where $\chi(\xi) = \psi(2\xi) - \psi(\xi)$. As for f_j , we have

$$\text{support}(\mathcal{F}f_j) \subset \{\xi; 2^{-1} \leq 2^j T \rho |\xi| \leq 2\},$$

and, from (6),

$$\|\partial^\alpha \mathcal{F}f_j\|_{L^2} \leq C_\alpha (2^j T)^{-[n/p]-1+n/p} (2^j T \rho)^{|\alpha|-n/p+n/2},$$

and, hence, by Lemma 2,

$$\|f_j\|_{H^p} \leq C(2^j T)^{-[n/p]-1+n/p}.$$

Thus

$$\|f - h_T\|_{H^p} \leq \left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \|f_j\|_{H^p}^p \right)^{1/p} \leq CT^{-[n/p]-1+n/p}.$$

This proves (8) and completes the proof of Lemma 3.

Proof of Theorem. Since $1/p = 1/q + 1/r \geq 1$, either q or r is less than or equal to 2; we assume $r \leq 2$.

We shall prove that, for any $f \in \mathcal{O}_{p,M}(t)$, $t > 0$, $M = [n/p - n/2] + 2$, we can take $h_j \in L^2 \cap H^q(\mathbf{R}^n)$, $g_j \in L^2 \cap H^r(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and complex numbers λ_j so that we have

$$\left\| f - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j P(K_1, \dots, K_N; h_j, g_j) \right\|_{H^p} \leq \frac{1}{2A'},$$

$$\|h_j\|_{H^q} \|g_j\|_{H^r} \leq C, \quad \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq C,$$

where A' is the constant in Lemma 3 corresponding to $M = [n/p - n/2] + 2$ and C is a constant depending only on K_1, \dots, K_N, p, q, r and n . Once this is proved, the Theorem is derived from Lemma 3 by the same argument as Lemma 3 was derived from Lemma 1.

Firstly, observe that our assumption on the multipliers means, via a compactness argument, that there exist a finite open covering $\{V_k; k = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ of $S^{n-1} = \{\xi \in \mathbf{R}^n; |\xi| = 1\}$, points $\{\eta_k; k = 1, 2, \dots, m\} \subset S^{n-1}$, and a positive number c such that, for each k ,

$$(9) \quad \inf_{\xi \in V_k} \left| \prod_{j=1}^N (m_j(\xi) - m_j(-\eta_k)) \right| \geq c.$$

Let $\{\varphi_k; k = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ be a smooth partition of unity on S^{n-1} subordinate to the covering $\{V_k; k = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$. Take an arbitrary $f \in \mathcal{C}_{p, M}(t)$, $t > 0$, $M = [n/p - n/2] + 2$. Decompose f as

$$f = \sum_{k=1}^m f_k, \quad f_k = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\tilde{\varphi}_k \mathcal{F}f),$$

where $\tilde{\varphi}_k(\xi) = \varphi_k(\xi/|\xi|)$. It is sufficient to show that for each k we can take $h_k \in L^2 \cap H^q(\mathbf{R}^n)$ and $g_k \in L^2 \cap H^r(\mathbf{R}^n)$ such that

$$(10) \quad \begin{cases} \|f_k - P(K_1, \dots, K_N; h_k, g_k)\|_{H^p} \leq m^{-1/p} (2A')^{-1}, \\ \|h_k\|_{H^q} \|g_k\|_{H^r} \leq C. \end{cases}$$

In order to prove (10), we set

$$g_k = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left(\left(\prod_{j=1}^N (m_j(\cdot) - m_j(-\eta_k)) \right)^{-1} \mathcal{F}f_k \right).$$

As a candidate for h_k , we consider the following function. Take a smooth function θ satisfying $\text{support}(\theta) \subset B(0, 1)$ and $\int \theta(x) dx = 1$, and set

$$h_{k, \delta, \varepsilon} = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left((\varepsilon^{-1}t)^n \theta(\varepsilon^{-1}t(\cdot - \delta t^{-1}\eta_k)) \right),$$

where δ and ε are small positive numbers satisfying $\varepsilon < \delta/2$ and $\delta + \varepsilon < 1/2$. We shall prove the following estimates:

$$(11) \quad \|g_k\|_{H^r} \leq Ct^{-n/p+n/r},$$

$$(12) \quad \|h_{k, \delta, \varepsilon}\|_{H^q} \leq C(\varepsilon^{-1}t)^{n/q},$$

$$(13) \quad \|f_k - P(K_1, \dots, K_N; h_{k, \delta, \varepsilon}, g_k)\|_{H^p} \leq C(\delta + \delta^{-1}\varepsilon),$$

where C is a constant depending only on K_1, \dots, K_N, p, q, r and n . If these estimates are established, (10) can be obtained by taking $h_k = h_{k, \delta, \varepsilon}$ with δ and ε sufficiently small; δ and ε can be taken depending only on K_1, \dots, K_N, p, q, r and n .

Proof of (11). By (9) and by the homogeneity of m_j , the function

$$G(\xi) = \left(\prod_{j=1}^N (m_j(\xi) - m_j(-\eta_k)) \right)^{-1}$$

satisfies

$$|\partial^\alpha G(\xi)| \leq C_\alpha |\xi|^{-|\alpha|}$$

in an appropriate neighborhood of $\text{support}(\mathcal{F}f_k)$. Hence the well-known multiplier theorem for H^p spaces (see [4; Theorem 12] or [1; Theorems 4.6 and 4.7]) gives

$$\|g_k\|_{H^r} \leq C\|f_k\|_{H^r} \leq C\|f\|_{H^r} \leq Ct^{-n/p+n/r},$$

where the last inequality is due to Lemma 2.

Proof of (12). If $q > 2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|h_{k,\delta,\varepsilon}\|_{H^q} &\approx \|h_{k,\delta,\varepsilon}\|_{L^q} \\ &= \|\mathcal{F}^{-1}\theta(\varepsilon t^{-1}\cdot)\|_{L^q} = C(\varepsilon t^{-1})^{-n/q}; \end{aligned}$$

if $q \leq 2$, then (12) is obtained by using Lemma 2 since

$$\|\partial^\alpha \mathcal{F}h_{k,\delta,\varepsilon}\|_{L^2} \leq C_\alpha(\varepsilon^{-1}t)^{|\alpha|+n/2}$$

and $\mathcal{F}h_{k,\delta,\varepsilon}(\xi) = 0$ for $|\xi| < \varepsilon t^{-1}$.

Proof of (13). We shall again appeal to Lemma 2. We have

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathcal{F}(f_k - P(K_1, \dots, K_N; h_{k,\delta,\varepsilon}, g_k))(\xi) \\ &= \int \mathcal{F}h_{k,\delta,\varepsilon}(\eta)(\mathcal{F}f_k(\xi) - \mathcal{F}f_k(\xi - \eta)) d\eta \\ &\quad + \int \mathcal{F}h_{k,\delta,\varepsilon}(\eta)\mathcal{F}f_k(\xi - \eta) \\ &\quad \times \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^N \frac{m_j(\xi - \eta) - m_j(-\eta)}{m_j(\xi - \eta) - m_j(-\eta_k)}\right) d\eta \\ &= \text{I}(\xi) + \text{II}(\xi). \end{aligned}$$

Supports of the functions I and II are contained in

$$\{\xi \in \mathbf{R}^n; \text{dist}(\xi, \text{support}(\mathcal{F}f_k)) \leq (\delta + \varepsilon)t^{-1}\}$$

and, hence, in $\{|\xi| > (2t)^{-1}\}$. As for the function I, we have, if $|\alpha| \leq M - 1 = [n/p - n/2] + 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\partial^\alpha \text{I}\|_{L^2} &\leq \|\text{grad } \partial^\alpha \mathcal{F}f_k\|_{L^2} \int |\mathcal{F}h_{k,\delta,\varepsilon}(\eta)| |\eta| d\eta \\ &\leq C\delta t^{|\alpha|-n/p+n/2}. \end{aligned}$$

In order to estimate II, observe the following inequalities: if $\xi - \eta \in \text{support}(\mathcal{F}f_k)$ and $\zeta \in B(\delta t^{-1}\eta_k, \varepsilon t^{-1})$,

$$\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \right)^\alpha \prod_{j=1}^N \frac{m_j(\xi - \eta) - m_j(-\zeta)}{m_j(\xi - \eta) - m_j(-\eta_k)} \right| \leq C_\alpha \delta^{-1} t |\xi - \eta|^{-|\alpha|},$$

and, hence, if $\xi - \eta \in \text{support}(\mathcal{F}f_k)$ and $\eta \in \text{support}(\mathcal{F}h_{k,\delta,\varepsilon})$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \right)^\alpha \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^N \frac{m_j(\xi - \eta) - m_j(-\eta)}{m_j(\xi - \eta) - m_j(-\eta_k)} \right) \right| \\ &= \left| \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \right)^\alpha \prod_{j=1}^N \frac{m_j(\xi - \eta) - m_j(-\zeta)}{m_j(\xi - \eta) - m_j(-\eta_k)} \right]_{\xi=\delta t^{-1}\eta_k} - [\cdots]_{\xi=\eta} \right| \\ &\leq C'_\alpha \delta^{-1} \varepsilon |\xi - \eta|^{-|\alpha|} \leq C'_\alpha \delta^{-1} \varepsilon t^{|\alpha|}. \end{aligned}$$

Using this inequality, we obtain, for $|\alpha| \leq M$,

$$\|\partial^\alpha \mathbf{II}\|_{L^2} \leq C \delta^{-1} \varepsilon t^{|\alpha| - n/p + n/2}.$$

Now we can utilize Lemma 2 to obtain

$$\|\mathcal{F}^{-1} \mathbf{I}\|_{H^p} + \|\mathcal{F}^{-1} \mathbf{II}\|_{H^p} \leq C \delta + C \delta^{-1} \varepsilon,$$

which implies (13).

This completes the proof of the Theorem.

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