

## BILINEAR OPERATORS WITH HOMOGENEOUS SYMBOLS, SMOOTH MOLECULES, AND KATO-PONCE INEQUALITIES

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ABSTRACT. We present a unifying approach to establish mapping properties for bilinear pseudodifferential operators with homogeneous symbols in the settings of function spaces that admit a discrete transform and molecular decompositions in the sense of Frazier and Jawerth. As an application, we obtain related Kato-Ponce inequalities.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND MAIN RESULTS

As the main purpose of this note we present a unifying approach towards establishing mapping properties of the form

$$(1.1) \quad \|T_\sigma(f, g)\|_Y \lesssim \|f\|_X \|g\|_{L^\infty} + \|f\|_{L^\infty} \|g\|_X,$$

where  $X$  and  $Y$  are function spaces admitting a molecular decomposition and a  $\varphi$ -transform in the sense of Frazier-Jawerth as introduced in [10, 11], and  $T_\sigma$  is a bilinear pseudodifferential operator given by

$$T_\sigma(f, g)(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \sigma(x, \xi, \eta) \widehat{f}(\xi) \widehat{g}(\eta) e^{2\pi i x \cdot (\xi + \eta)} d\xi d\eta \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

with a bilinear symbol  $\sigma$  in the class  $\dot{B}S_{1,1}^m$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{R}$ , that is,  $\sigma$  is such that for all multiindices  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ , it holds

$$(1.2) \quad \|\sigma\|_{\gamma, \alpha, \beta} := \sup_{(x, \xi, \eta) \in \mathbb{R}^{3n} \setminus \{0\}} |\partial_x^\gamma \partial_\xi^\alpha \partial_\eta^\beta \sigma(x, \xi, \eta)| (|\xi| + |\eta|)^{-m - |\gamma| + |\alpha + \beta|} < \infty.$$

When  $m = 0$ , the  $x$ -independent symbols in  $\dot{B}S_{1,1}^0$  constitute the well-known class of Coifman-Meyer bilinear multipliers. The bilinear forbidden class  $BS_{1,1}^0$  is defined as the family of symbols satisfying (1.2) with  $m = 0$  and with  $|\xi| + |\eta|$  replaced by  $1 + |\xi| + |\eta|$ . Note that if  $\sigma$  belongs to  $BS_{1,1}^0$ , then  $\sigma = \sigma_1 + \sigma_2$  where  $\sigma_1$  is in  $\dot{B}S_{1,1}^0$  and  $\sigma_2$  is a smoothing symbol supported in  $\{(x, \xi, \eta) : |\xi| + |\eta| \leq 1\}$ . We refer the reader to the work of Coifman and Meyer in [7] and the references it contains for pioneering work related to such symbols. As we will describe next, these two classes of symbols possess distinct essential features, and, as a noteworthy consequence of our Theorem 1.1 below, it will follow that they share various mapping properties of the form (1.1).

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Coifman-Meyer bilinear multipliers can be realized as bilinear Calderón-Zygmund operators. As such, they inherit their mapping properties; for instance, Calderón-Zygmund operators are bounded in the settings of Lebesgue spaces, BMO, the Hardy space  $H^1$  (Grafakos-Torres [15]), and in weighted Lebesgue spaces (Lerner et al. [21]).

On the other hand, the bilinear forbidden class  $BS_{1,1}^0$  is known to produce bilinear pseudodifferential operators with a bilinear Calderón-Zygmund kernel, but, in general, they are not bilinear Calderón-Zygmund operators (Bényi-Torres [4]). In particular, they do not always possess mapping properties of the form  $L^{p_1} \times L^{p_2} \rightarrow L^p$  with  $1 < p_1, p_2 \leq \infty$  and  $1/p_1 + 1/p_2 = 1/p$ . Mapping properties for bilinear pseudodifferential operators with symbols in  $BS_{1,1}^0$  have been studied in Bényi [2] in the setting of Besov spaces, in Bényi-Torres [4] and Bényi-Nahmod-Torres [3] in the scale of Lebesgue-Sobolev spaces, and in Naibo [23] and Koezuka-Tomita [20] in the context of Besov and Triebel-Lizorkin spaces.

In our main result, Theorem 1.1 below, we prove molecular estimates on  $T_\sigma$ , with  $\sigma \in \dot{BS}_{1,1}^m$ , when one of its arguments is a fixed function and its other argument is a smooth molecule.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Given  $m \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\sigma \in \dot{BS}_{1,1}^m$ , there exist  $\sigma^1, \sigma^2 \in \dot{BS}_{1,1}^m$  with  $T_\sigma = T_{\sigma^1} + T_{\sigma^2}$  and such that if  $1 \leq r \leq \infty$ ,  $0 < M < \infty$ ,  $\psi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , with  $\widehat{\psi}$  supported in  $\{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{1}{2} < |\xi| < 2\}$ , and  $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ , it holds that*

$$|\partial^\gamma T_{\sigma^1}(\psi_{\nu,k}, g)(x)| \lesssim \frac{2^{\frac{\nu n}{2}} 2^{\nu(m+|\gamma|)} 2^{\frac{\nu n}{r}}}{(1 + |2^\nu x - k|)^M} \|g\|_{L^r} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

and

$$|\partial^\gamma T_{\sigma^2}(f, \psi_{\nu,k})(x)| \lesssim \frac{2^{\frac{\nu n}{2}} 2^{\nu(m+|\gamma|)} 2^{\frac{\nu n}{r}}}{(1 + |2^\nu x - k|)^M} \|f\|_{L^r} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

for every  $\nu \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  and  $f, g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , and where

$$\psi_{\nu,k}(x) = 2^{\frac{\nu n}{2}} \psi(2^\nu x - k).$$

Here  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denotes the Schwartz class of smooth rapidly decreasing functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; the notation  $\lesssim$  means  $\leq C$ , where  $C$  is a constant that may depend on some of the parameters used but not on the functions or variables involved.

**1.1. A sample of applications of Theorem 1.1.** In the case  $r = \infty$ , Theorem 1.1 implies that, up to uniform multiplicative constants, the functions

$$2^{-\nu m} T_{\sigma^1}(\psi_{\nu,k}, g) / \|g\|_{L^\infty} \quad \text{and} \quad 2^{-\nu m} T_{\sigma^2}(f, \psi_{\nu,k}) / \|f\|_{L^\infty}$$

can be regarded as smooth molecules, as introduced in [10, 11] in the settings of Besov and Triebel-Lizorkin spaces. Since smooth molecules also serve as building blocks for a variety of other function spaces, Theorem 1.1 will apply to such spaces as well.

As a concrete application, we will implement Theorem 1.1 in the scales of homogeneous Besov-type and Triebel-Lizorkin-type spaces. These spaces were introduced and studied in Sawano-Yang-Yuan [25] and Yang-Yuan [28, 29] as natural spaces that extend and unify the scales of homogeneous Besov spaces, homogeneous Triebel-Lizorkin spaces, and  $Q$ -spaces. The latter were introduced in Essén et al. [9] as a refinement of BMO functions. In addition, as proved in [25], the Besov-type and Triebel-Lizorkin-type spaces also contain or coincide with Besov-Morrey and Triebel-Lizorkin-Morrey spaces.

We refer the reader to Section 3 for detailed notation and precise definitions. In the following,  $\mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denotes the closed subspace of functions in  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  that have vanishing moments of all orders; that is,  $f \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if and only if  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} x^\alpha f(x) dx = 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ . For  $0 < p, q \leq \infty$ , set

$$(1.3) \quad s_{p,q} := n \left( \frac{1}{\min\{1,p,q\}} - 1 \right) \quad \text{and} \quad s_p := n \left( \frac{1}{\min\{1,p\}} - 1 \right).$$

By means of Theorem 1.1 and molecular techniques, we obtain the following mapping properties in the scales of homogeneous Besov-type and Triebel-Lizorkin-type spaces.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $m \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\sigma \in \dot{B}S_{1,1}^m$ . If  $0 < p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $s_p < s < \infty$  and  $0 \leq \tau < \frac{1}{p} + \frac{s-s_p}{n}$ , it holds that*

$$\|T_\sigma(f, g)\|_{\dot{B}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p,q}^{s+m,\tau}} \|g\|_{L^\infty} + \|f\|_{L^\infty} \|g\|_{\dot{B}_{p,q}^{s+m,\tau}} \quad \forall f, g \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

*If  $0 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < q \leq \infty$ ,  $s_{p,q} < s < \infty$  and  $0 \leq \tau < \frac{1}{p} + \frac{s-s_{p,q}}{n}$ , it holds that*

$$\|T_\sigma(f, g)\|_{\dot{F}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\dot{F}_{p,q}^{s+m,\tau}} \|g\|_{L^\infty} + \|f\|_{L^\infty} \|g\|_{\dot{F}_{p,q}^{s+m,\tau}} \quad \forall f, g \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Theorem 1.2 can be considered as a bilinear counterpart to Grafakos-Torres [14, Theorems 1.1 and 1.2] (see also Torres [27]), where boundedness properties in homogeneous Besov and Triebel-Lizorkin spaces were addressed for linear pseudodifferential operators with symbols in the class  $\dot{S}_{1,1}^m$ , the linear analog to  $\dot{B}S_{1,1}^m$ . In turn, the (linear) results in [14] were extended to the setting of Besov-type and Triebel-Lizorkin-type spaces in [25, Theorem 1.5]. We refer the reader to Hart-Torres-Wu [17] where very different techniques are used to obtain estimates in the spirit of those in Theorem 1.2 in the setting of Sobolev spaces for operators with  $x$ -independent symbols and a limited amount of regularity.

In Remark 4.1 we address Theorem 1.2 in the cases corresponding to  $s \leq s_p$  and  $s \leq s_{p,q}$  and show that analogous estimates are obtained, with a slightly different range for the parameter  $\tau$ , if a number of cancellation conditions are imposed on the first adjoint of  $T_{\sigma^1}$  and on the second adjoint of  $T_{\sigma^2}$ , where  $\sigma^1$  and  $\sigma^2$  are as in Theorem 1.1. In Remark 4.2 we give a version of Theorem 1.2 involving the  $L^r$  norms of  $f$  and  $g$  instead of their  $L^\infty$  norms.

The next corollary of Theorem 1.2 follows from the realization of  $Q$ -spaces as special cases of Triebel-Lizorkin-type spaces (see Section 3.1.1).

**Corollary 1.3.** *Let  $s, s+m \in (0, 1)$  and  $\sigma \in \dot{B}S_{1,1}^m$ . If  $1 \leq q \leq p \leq \infty$  and  $q \neq \infty$ , it holds that*

$$\|T_\sigma(f, g)\|_{Q_p^{s,q}} \lesssim \|f\|_{Q_p^{s+m,q}} \|g\|_{L^\infty} + \|f\|_{L^\infty} \|g\|_{Q_p^{s+m,q}} \quad \forall f, g \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

**1.2. Applications to Kato-Ponce inequalities.** As a consequence of Theorem 1.1 in the case  $\sigma \equiv 1$ , given a function space  $X$  that admits a molecular representation and a  $\varphi$ -transform, we obtain the following fractional Leibniz rule or Kato-Ponce inequality:

$$(1.4) \quad \|fg\|_X \lesssim \|f\|_X \|g\|_{L^\infty} + \|f\|_{L^\infty} \|g\|_X.$$

Inequalities of the form (1.4) were proved by Kato-Ponce [18] in the case where  $X$  is the Sobolev space  $W^{s,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , with  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $0 < s < \infty$ , in relation to Cauchy problems for the Euler and Navier-Stokes equations; prior work due to Strichartz [26] treats the range  $n/p < s < 1$ , while the case of  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  can be

obtained from the Leibniz rule and the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequality. Later on, Gulisashvili-Kon [16] showed (1.4) for the homogeneous space  $X = \dot{W}^{s,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , for the same range of parameters, in connection with the study of smoothing properties of Schrödinger semigroups. The estimates (1.4) also hold true in the settings of Besov and Triebel-Lizorkin spaces and have applications to partial differential equations (see, for instance, Bahouri-Chemin-Danchin [1], Chae [5], Runst-Sickel [24] and the references they contain). In particular, all such estimates imply that  $X \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is an algebra under pointwise multiplication. Closely related versions to (1.4) were given by Christ-Weinstein [6] and Kenig-Ponce-Vega [19], in the contexts of Korteweg-de Vries equations, and by Gulisashvili-Kon [16]. Extensions to the cases of indices below 1 appear in Grafakos-Oh [13] and Muscalu-Schlag [22], and versions in weighted and variable exponent space settings were proved in Cruz-Uribe-Naibo [8].

In particular, in the scales of Besov-type and Triebel-Lizorkin-type spaces, Theorem 1.2 yields the following new Kato-Ponce inequalities.

**Corollary 1.4.** *If  $0 < p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $s_p < s < \infty$  and  $0 \leq \tau < \frac{1}{p} + \frac{s-s_p}{n}$ , it holds that*

$$\|fg\|_{\dot{B}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} \|g\|_{L^\infty} + \|f\|_{L^\infty} \|g\|_{\dot{B}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} \quad \forall f, g \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

*If  $0 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < q \leq \infty$ ,  $s_{p,q} < s < \infty$  and  $0 \leq \tau < \frac{1}{p} + \frac{s-s_{p,q}}{n}$ , it holds that*

$$\|fg\|_{\dot{F}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\dot{F}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} \|g\|_{L^\infty} + \|f\|_{L^\infty} \|g\|_{\dot{F}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} \quad \forall f, g \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

*If  $0 < s < 1$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq p \leq \infty$  and  $q \neq \infty$ , it holds that*

$$\|fg\|_{Q_p^{s,q}} \lesssim \|f\|_{Q_p^{s,q}} \|g\|_{L^\infty} + \|f\|_{L^\infty} \|g\|_{Q_p^{s,q}} \quad \forall f, g \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

The article is organized as follows. In Section 2 we prove Theorem 1.1. Section 3 contains the definitions of Besov-type and Triebel-Lizorkin-type spaces, smooth molecules, and the  $\varphi$ -transform. The proof of Theorem 1.2 and several closing remarks are given in Section 4.

## 2. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

Our first step towards the proof of Theorem 1.1 will be obtaining a representation of a bilinear pseudodifferential operator with a symbol in  $\dot{BS}_{1,1}^m$  as a superposition of paraproduct-like operators. Such representations can be traced back to the pioneering work of Coifman and Meyer; Lemma 2.1 gives a version of a decomposition suited for our purposes, and its proof follows ideas inspired from [7, pp. 154-155]. We then state and prove Lemma 2.2, which procures a formula for the derivatives of the building blocks, appropriately evaluated, given by Lemma 2.1. We close this section with the proof of Theorem 1.1.

The Fourier transform of a tempered distribution  $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  will be denoted by  $\widehat{f}$ ; in particular, we use the formula  $\widehat{f}(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x)e^{-2\pi i x \cdot \xi} dx$  for  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Let  $\theta$  be a real-valued infinitely differentiable function supported on  $(-2, 2)$  and such that  $\theta(t) + \theta(1/t) = 1$  for every  $t > 0$ . For  $\sigma \in \dot{BS}_{1,1}^m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{R}$ , define

$$\sigma^1(x, \xi, \eta) := \sigma(x, \xi, \eta)\theta\left(\frac{|\eta|}{|\xi|}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^2(x, \xi, \eta) := \sigma(x, \xi, \eta)\theta\left(\frac{|\xi|}{|\eta|}\right) \quad \forall x, \xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Simple computations show that  $\sigma^1, \sigma^2 \in \dot{BS}_{1,1}^m$  with

$$\|\sigma^d\|_{\gamma, \alpha, \beta} \lesssim \sup_{\bar{\alpha} \leq \alpha, \bar{\beta} \leq \beta} \|\sigma\|_{\gamma, \bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta}} \quad \text{for } \gamma, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^n \text{ and } d = 1, 2,$$

where the implicit constant depends only on  $\gamma, \alpha, \beta$  and  $\theta$ , and we have

$$T_\sigma(f, g) = T_{\sigma^1}(f, g) + T_{\sigma^2}(f, g), \quad \forall f, g \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Endowing  $\mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with the topology inherited from  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , a standard argument using integration by parts allows one to conclude that  $T_{\sigma^1}$  is continuous from  $\mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $T_{\sigma^2}$  is continuous from  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Let  $\Psi, \Phi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be such that  $\widehat{\Psi}$  and  $\widehat{\Phi}$  are real-valued,  $\text{supp}(\widehat{\Psi}) \subset \{\xi : \frac{1}{2} < |\xi| < 2\}$ ,  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\widehat{\Psi}(2^{-j}\xi)|^2 = 1$  for every  $\xi \neq 0$ ,  $\widehat{\Phi} \equiv 1$  for  $|\xi| \leq 4$  and  $\widehat{\Phi} \equiv 0$  for  $|\xi| > 10$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\sigma \in \dot{B}S_{1,1}^m$ . With the notation introduced above and given  $N > n$ , there exist sequences of functions  $\{m_j^1(x, u, v)\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $\{m_j^2(x, u, v)\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$  defined for  $x, u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that if  $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ , then*

$$(2.5) \quad \sup_{x, u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n} |\partial_x^\gamma m_j^d(x, u, v)| \lesssim 2^{j(m+|\gamma|)}, \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{Z}, d = 1, 2,$$

and, if  $f \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , it holds that

$$(2.6) \quad T_{\sigma^1}(f, g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} m_j^1(x, u, v) \Delta_j^u f(x) S_j^v g(x) \frac{dudv}{(1 + |u|^2 + |v|^2)^N}$$

and

$$(2.7) \quad T_{\sigma^2}(g, f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} m_j^2(x, u, v) S_j^u g(x) \Delta_j^v f(x) \frac{dudv}{(1 + |u|^2 + |v|^2)^N},$$

where  $\widehat{\Delta_j^u f}(\xi) = \widehat{\Psi^u}(2^{-j}\xi) \widehat{f}(\xi)$  with  $\Psi^u(x) := \Psi(x + u)$  and  $\widehat{S_j^v g}(\xi) = \widehat{\Phi^v}(2^{-j}\xi) \widehat{g}(\xi)$  with  $\Phi^v(x) := \Phi(x + v)$ .

*Proof.* We will prove (2.6), with the proof of (2.7) following analogously. Since the support of  $|\widehat{\Psi}(2^{-j}\xi)|^2 \sigma^1(x, \xi, \eta)$  is contained in  $\{(x, \xi, \eta) : |\eta| \leq 2|\xi| \text{ and } 2^{j-1} < |\xi| < 2^{j+1}\} \subset \{(x, \xi, \eta) : |\eta| \leq 2^{j+2}\}$  and  $\widehat{\Phi}(2^{-j}\eta) \equiv 1$  for  $|\eta| \leq 2^{j+2}$ , we have

$$|\widehat{\Psi}(2^{-j}\xi)|^2 \sigma^1(x, \xi, \eta) = |\widehat{\Phi}(2^{-j}\eta)|^2 |\widehat{\Psi}(2^{-j}\xi)|^2 \sigma^1(x, \xi, \eta) \quad \forall x, \xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n, j \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

From this, the fact that  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\widehat{\Psi}(2^{-j}\xi)|^2 = 1$  for  $\xi \neq 0$  and Fubini's theorem, it follows that if  $f \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then

$$(2.8) \quad T_{\sigma^1}(f, g)(x) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \sigma_j^1(x, 2^{-j}\xi, 2^{-j}\eta) \widehat{\Psi}(2^{-j}\xi) \widehat{\Phi}(2^{-j}\eta) \widehat{f}(\xi) \widehat{g}(\eta) e^{2\pi i x \cdot (\xi + \eta)} d\xi d\eta,$$

where  $\sigma_j^1(x, \xi, \eta) := \widehat{\Psi}(\xi) \widehat{\Phi}(\eta) \sigma^1(x, 2^j\xi, 2^j\eta)$ .

Given multiindices  $\gamma, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ , the Leibniz rule implies that  $\partial_x^\gamma \partial_\xi^\alpha \partial_\eta^\beta \sigma_j^1$  can be written as a linear combination of terms of the form

$$(2.9) \quad \partial^{\alpha_1} \widehat{\Psi}(\xi) \partial^{\beta_1} \widehat{\Phi}(\eta) (\partial_x^\gamma \partial_\xi^{\alpha_2} \partial_\eta^{\beta_2} \sigma^1)(x, 2^j\xi, 2^j\eta) 2^{j|\alpha_2 + \beta_2|}, \quad \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = \alpha, \beta_1 + \beta_2 = \beta.$$

Since  $\sigma^1 \in \dot{B}S_{1,1}^m$ , the absolute value of each term (2.9) can be bounded by a multiple of

$$|\partial^{\alpha_1} \widehat{\Psi}(\xi) \partial^{\beta_1} \widehat{\Phi}(\eta)| 2^{j|\alpha_2 + \beta_2|} (|2^j\xi| + |2^j\eta|)^{m+|\gamma|-|\alpha_2 + \beta_2|} \lesssim 2^{j(m+|\gamma|)} \quad \forall x, \xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

where we have used that  $\partial^{\alpha_1} \widehat{\Psi}(\xi) \partial^{\beta_1} \widehat{\Phi}(\eta)$  is supported in  $\{(\xi, \eta) : \frac{1}{2} < |\xi| + |\eta| < 12\}$ , and the implicit constant is independent of  $j$ .

Define  $m_j^1(x, u, v) := (1 + |u|^2 + |v|^2)^N \widehat{\sigma_j^1(x, \cdot)}(u, v)$ ; by the above we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |\partial_x^\gamma m_j^1(x, u, v)| \\ &= (1 + |u|^2 + |v|^2)^N \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \partial_x^\gamma \sigma_j^1(x, \xi, \eta) \frac{(1 - \Delta_{\xi, \eta})^N e^{-2\pi i(u \cdot \xi + v \cdot \eta)}}{(1 + 4\pi^2|u|^2 + 4\pi^2|v|^2)^N} d\xi d\eta \right| \\ &\sim \left| \int_{\frac{1}{2} < |\xi| + |\eta| < 12} (1 - \Delta_{\xi, \eta})^N (\partial_x^\gamma \sigma_j^1)(x, \xi, \eta) e^{-2\pi i(u \cdot \xi + v \cdot \eta)} d\xi d\eta \right| \lesssim 2^{j(m+|\gamma|)}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, using that

$$\sigma_j^1(x, 2^{-j}\xi, 2^{-j}\eta) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} m_j^1(x, u, v) e^{2\pi i(u \cdot 2^{-j}\xi + v \cdot 2^{-j}\eta)} \frac{dudv}{(1 + |u|^2 + |v|^2)^N}$$

in (2.8), after interchanging summation and integral signs justified by Fubini’s theorem, we get (2.6). □

For each  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , set

$$\sigma_{u,v}^1(x, \xi, \eta) := \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} m_j^1(x, u, v) \widehat{\Psi}^u(2^{-j}\xi) \widehat{\Phi}^v(2^{-j}\eta);$$

then  $T_{\sigma_{u,v}^1}(f, g)(x) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} m_j^1(x, u, v) \Delta_j^u f(x) S_j^v g(x)$ . Similarly define  $\sigma_{u,v}^2$ . In our next lemma we look at derivatives of  $T_{\sigma_{u,v}^1}(\psi_{\nu,k}, g)$  and  $T_{\sigma_{u,v}^2}(f, \psi_{\nu,k})$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *If  $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ ,  $\nu \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ ,  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\psi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is such that  $\text{supp}(\widehat{\psi}) \subset \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{1}{2} < |\xi| < 2\}$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial^\gamma T_{\sigma_{u,v}^1}(\psi_{\nu,k}, g)(x) \\ &= 2^{\frac{\nu n}{2}} \sum_{\substack{j=\nu-1 \\ \gamma_1+\gamma_2+\gamma_3=\gamma}}^{\nu+1} C_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3} 2^{\nu|\gamma-\gamma_1|} \partial_x^{\gamma_1} m_j^1(x, u, v) \\ &\quad \times (\Phi_{\nu-j}^{\gamma_2} * g(2^{-\nu} \cdot))(2^\nu x + 2^{\nu-j}v) \Psi_{\nu-j}^{\gamma_3}(2^\nu x - k + 2^{\nu-j}u), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Phi_{\nu-j}^{\gamma_2}, \Psi_{\nu-j}^{\gamma_3} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  are independent of  $g$  and  $\psi_{\nu,k}(x) = 2^{\frac{\nu n}{2}} \psi(2^\nu x - k)$ . An analogous formula holds for  $\partial^\gamma T_{\sigma_{u,v}^2}(f, \psi_{\nu,k})$  with  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

*Proof.* In view of the supports of  $\widehat{\psi}$  and  $\widehat{\Psi}$ , the supports of  $\widehat{\psi}(2^{-\nu}\cdot)$  and  $\widehat{\Psi}(2^{-j}\cdot)$  only intersect if  $\nu - 1 \leq j \leq \nu + 1$ . We then have

$$\begin{aligned} & T_{\sigma_{u,v}^1}(\psi_{\nu,k}, g)(x) \\ &= \sum_{j=\nu-1}^{\nu+1} m_j^1(x, u, v) \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \widehat{\Psi}^u(2^{-j}\xi) \widehat{\Phi}^v(2^{-j}\eta) \widehat{\psi}_{\nu,k}(\xi) \widehat{g}(\eta) e^{2\pi i x \cdot (\xi + \eta)} d\xi d\eta \\ &= \sum_{j=\nu-1}^{\nu+1} m_j^1(x, u, v) 2^{-\frac{\nu n}{2}} \\ &\quad \times \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \widehat{\Psi}^u(2^{-j}\xi) \widehat{\Phi}^v(2^{-j}\eta) e^{-2\pi i 2^{-\nu} k \cdot \xi} \widehat{\psi}(2^{-\nu}\xi) \widehat{g}(\eta) e^{2\pi i x \cdot (\xi + \eta)} d\xi d\eta \\ &= \sum_{j=\nu-1}^{\nu+1} 2^{\frac{\nu n}{2}} m_j^1(x, u, v) \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} 2^{\nu n} \widehat{g}(2^\nu \eta) \widehat{\Phi}^v(2^{\nu-j}\eta) e^{2\pi i 2^\nu x \cdot \eta} d\eta \right) \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \widehat{\Psi}^u(2^{\nu-j}\xi) \widehat{\psi}(\xi) e^{2\pi i (2^\nu x - k) \cdot \xi} d\xi \right). \end{aligned}$$

Denoting

$$F_j(x) := m_j^1(x, u, v) \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} 2^{\nu n} \widehat{g}(2^\nu \eta) \widehat{\Phi}^v(2^{\nu-j}\eta) e^{2\pi i 2^\nu x \cdot \eta} d\eta \right) \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \widehat{\Psi}^u(2^{\nu-j}\xi) \widehat{\psi}(\xi) e^{2\pi i (2^\nu x - k) \cdot \xi} d\xi \right)$$

and given a multiindex  $\gamma \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \partial^\gamma F_j(x) &= \sum_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3 = \gamma} C_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3} \partial_x^{\gamma_1} m_j^1(x, u, v) \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} 2^{\nu n} \widehat{g}(2^\nu \eta) 2^{|\gamma_2|} \eta^{\gamma_2} \widehat{\Phi}^v(2^{\nu-j}\eta) e^{2\pi i 2^\nu x \cdot \eta} d\eta \right) \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} 2^{|\gamma_3|} \xi^{\gamma_3} \widehat{\Psi}^u(2^{\nu-j}\xi) \widehat{\psi}(\xi) e^{2\pi i (2^\nu x - k) \cdot \xi} d\xi \right) \\ &= \sum_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3 = \gamma} C_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3} 2^{|\gamma - \gamma_1|} \partial_x^{\gamma_1} m_j^1(x, u, v) \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} 2^{\nu n} \widehat{g}(2^\nu \eta) \eta^{\gamma_2} \widehat{\Phi}^v(2^{\nu-j}\eta) e^{2\pi i (2^\nu x + 2^{\nu-j} v) \cdot \eta} d\eta \right) \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \xi^{\gamma_3} \widehat{\Psi}^u(2^{\nu-j}\xi) \widehat{\psi}(\xi) e^{2\pi i (2^\nu x - k + 2^{\nu-j} u) \cdot \xi} d\xi \right) \\ &= \sum_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3 = \gamma} C_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3} 2^{|\gamma - \gamma_1|} \partial_x^{\gamma_1} m_j^1(x, u, v) (\Phi_{\nu-j}^{\gamma_2} * g(2^{-\nu}\cdot)) (2^\nu x + 2^{\nu-j} v) \\ &\quad \times \Psi_{\nu-j}^{\gamma_3}(2^\nu x - k + 2^{\nu-j} u), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\widehat{\Phi}_{\nu-j}^{\gamma_2} := \eta^{\gamma_2} \widehat{\Phi}^v(2^{\nu-j}\eta)$  and  $\widehat{\Psi}_{\nu-j}^{\gamma_3}(\xi) := \xi^{\gamma_3} \widehat{\Psi}^u(2^{\nu-j}\xi) \widehat{\psi}(\xi)$ . Since

$$\partial_x^\gamma T_{\sigma_{u,v}^1}(\psi_{\nu,k}, g)(x) = \sum_{j=\nu-1}^{\nu+1} 2^{\frac{\nu n}{2}} \partial^\gamma F_j(x),$$

we get the desired result. □

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* Let  $\sigma \in \dot{B}S_{1,1}^m$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq \infty$ ,  $0 < M < \infty$ ,  $\psi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $\widehat{\psi}$  is supported in  $\{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{1}{2} < |\xi| < 2\}$  and  $g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . With the notation used above, Lemma 2.2 and (2.5) imply

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \partial^\gamma T_{\sigma_{u,v}^1}(\psi_{\nu,k}, g)(x) \right| \\ & \lesssim 2^{\frac{\nu n}{2}} 2^{\nu(m+|\gamma|)} \sum_{\substack{j=\nu-1 \\ \gamma_1+\gamma_2+\gamma_3=\gamma}}^{\nu+1} \left\| \Phi_{\nu-j}^{\gamma_2} * g(2^{-\nu}\cdot) \right\|_{L^\infty} \left\| \Psi_{\nu-j}^{\gamma_3}(2^\nu x - k + 2^{\nu-j}u) \right\| \\ & \lesssim 2^{\frac{\nu n}{2}} 2^{\nu(m+|\gamma|)} \sum_{\substack{j=\nu-1 \\ \gamma_1+\gamma_2+\gamma_3=\gamma}}^{\nu+1} \left\| \Phi_{\nu-j}^{\gamma_2} \right\|_{L^{r'}} \left\| g(2^{-\nu}\cdot) \right\|_{L^r} \frac{(1 + |2^{\nu-j}u|)^M}{(1 + |2^\nu x - k|)^M} \\ & \lesssim 2^{\frac{\nu n}{2}} 2^{\nu(m+|\gamma|)} 2^{\frac{\nu n}{r}} \frac{(1 + |u|)^M}{(1 + |2^\nu x - k|)^M} \|g\|_{L^r}, \end{aligned}$$

where in the second inequality we have used that  $\Psi_{\nu-j}^{\gamma_3} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Since

$$T_{\sigma^1}(f, g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} T_{\sigma_{u,v}^1}(f, g)(x) \frac{dudv}{(1 + |u|^2 + |v|^2)^N},$$

by choosing  $N$  sufficiently large so that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \frac{(1+|u|)^M}{(1+|u|^2+|v|^2)^N} dudv < \infty$ , we obtain the desired estimate for  $\partial^\gamma T_{\sigma^1}(\psi_{\nu,k}, g)(x)$ . Analogous reasoning leads to the estimate for  $\partial^\gamma T_{\sigma^2}(f, \psi_{\nu,k})(x)$ . □

### 3. FUNCTION SPACES

We recall that  $\mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denotes the closed subspace of functions in  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  that have vanishing moments of all orders and we endow  $\mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with the topology inherited from  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The dual space of  $\mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\mathcal{S}'_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , can be identified with the space of tempered distributions modulo polynomials,  $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)/\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be the collection of dyadic cubes in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . That is,  $\mathcal{D} := \{Q_{\nu,k}\}_{\nu \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^n}$  where

$$Q_{\nu,k} := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : k_j \leq 2^\nu x_j < k_j + 1, j = 1, \dots, n\}.$$

We denote the edge length of  $Q_{\nu,k}$  by  $l(Q_{\nu,k})$  and set  $x_Q = x_{\nu,k} := 2^{-\nu}k$  where  $Q = Q_{\nu,k}$ .

We will consider functions  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that

$$(3.10) \quad \text{supp}(\widehat{\varphi}), \text{supp}(\widehat{\psi}) \subset \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{1}{2} < |\xi| < 2\},$$

$$(3.11) \quad |\widehat{\varphi}(\xi)|, |\widehat{\psi}(\xi)| > c \quad \text{for all } \xi \text{ such that } \frac{2}{5} < |\xi| < \frac{5}{3} \text{ and some } c > 0,$$

$$(3.12) \quad \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \overline{\widehat{\varphi}(2^{-j}\xi)} \widehat{\psi}(2^{-j}\xi) = 1 \quad \text{for } \xi \neq 0.$$

See [12, Lemma 6.9] for a construction of  $\psi$  given that  $\varphi$  satisfies (3.10) and (3.11).

If  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfies (3.10) and (3.11),  $\nu \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ , we recall that  $\varphi_{\nu,k}$  denotes the  $L^2$ -normalized function  $\varphi_{\nu,k}(x) = 2^{\frac{\nu n}{2}} \varphi(2^\nu x - k) = 2^{\frac{\nu n}{2}} \varphi(2^\nu(x - x_{\nu,k}))$ . If  $\psi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  verifies (3.10), (3.11) and (3.12), then it follows that

$$f = \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \langle f, \varphi_{\nu,k} \rangle \psi_{\nu,k},$$



where the series converges for  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  in the topology of  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , for  $f \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  in the topology of  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and for  $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  in  $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  modulo polynomials (see [10,11] for details).

**3.1. Homogeneous Besov-type and Triebel-Lizorkin-type spaces.** Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfy conditions (3.10) and (3.11), and set  $\varphi_j(x) := 2^{jn}\varphi(2^jx)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Fix  $s, \tau \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $0 < q \leq \infty$ . For  $0 < p \leq \infty$ , the Besov-type space  $\dot{B}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is defined as the set of all  $f \in \mathcal{S}'_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that

$$\|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} := \sup_{P \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{1}{|P|^\tau} \left\{ \sum_{j=-\log_2(\ell(P))}^\infty \left[ \int_P (2^{js} |\varphi_j * f(x)|)^p dx \right]^{q/p} \right\}^{1/q} < \infty.$$

For  $0 < p < \infty$ , the Triebel-Lizorkin-type space  $\dot{F}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is defined as the set of all  $f \in \mathcal{S}'_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that

$$\|f\|_{\dot{F}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} := \sup_{P \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{1}{|P|^\tau} \left\{ \int_P \left[ \sum_{j=-\log_2(\ell(P))}^\infty (2^{js} |\varphi_j * f(x)|)^q \right]^{p/q} dx \right\}^{1/p} < \infty.$$

These spaces are independent of the choice of  $\varphi$  (see [29, Corollary 3.1]). As in [29], we will use  $\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to denote either  $\dot{B}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  or  $\dot{F}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , excluding  $p = \infty$  in the latter case.

**3.1.1. Special cases of  $\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .** We refer the reader to [28, Section 3] and [29, Proposition 3.1] regarding the following statements:

- (i) If  $0 < p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $-\infty < \tau < 0$ , then  $\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  equals the equivalence class of all polynomials on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; if  $0 \leq \tau < \infty$ , they are quasi-Banach spaces and contain  $\mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .
- (ii) If  $0 < p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\tau = 0$ , then  $\dot{B}_{p,q}^{s,0}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  coincides with the homogeneous Besov space  $\dot{B}_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , with equivalent norms.
- (iii) If  $0 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < q \leq \infty$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\tau = 0$ , then  $\dot{F}_{p,q}^{s,0}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  coincides with the homogeneous Triebel-Lizorkin space  $\dot{F}_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , with equivalent norms. In turn,  $\dot{F}_{p,2}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  coincides with the Sobolev space  $\dot{W}^{s,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $0 < s < \infty$ , with equivalent norms.
- (iv) If  $0 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < q \leq \infty$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\dot{F}_{p,q}^{s,\frac{1}{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  coincides with the homogeneous Triebel-Lizorkin space  $\dot{F}_{\infty,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , with equivalent norms. In particular,  $\dot{F}_{p,2}^{0,\frac{1}{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n) = BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , with equivalent norms.
- (v) If  $0 < p \leq \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q < \infty$  and  $0 < s < 1$ , then  $\dot{F}_{q,q}^{s,\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  coincides with the  $Q$ -space  $Q_p^{s,q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , with equivalent norms. Here  $f \in Q_p^{s,q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if and only if  $f \in \mathcal{S}'_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $f(x) - f(y)$  measurable on  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  and

$$\|f\|_{Q_p^{s,q}(\mathbb{R}^n)} := \sup_I |I|^{1/p-1/q} \left\{ \int_I \int_I \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|^q}{|x - y|^{n+qs}} dy dx \right\}^{1/q} < \infty,$$

where  $I$  ranges over all cubes of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with dyadic edge lengths. In particular,  $Q_s(\mathbb{R}^n) := Q_{n/s}^{s,2}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \dot{F}_{2,2}^{s,\frac{1}{2}-\frac{s}{n}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . For  $0 < s < 1$  if  $n \geq 2$ , or for  $0 < s \leq \frac{1}{2}$  if  $n = 1$ , the spaces  $Q_s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  constitute a decreasing family of nontrivial subspaces of BMO; see [9].

- (vi) Further special cases of the spaces  $\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  involving homogeneous Besov-Morrey and Triebel-Lizorkin-Morrey spaces can be found in [25, Theorem 1.1].

3.1.2. *Molecules.* Based on the pioneering work from [10, 11], it was proved in [29, Theorem 3.1] that the spaces  $\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  can be characterized in terms of the so-called  $\varphi$ -transform defined by  $S_\varphi(f) = \{\langle f, \varphi_{\nu,k} \rangle\}_{\nu,k}$  for  $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , where  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfies (3.10) and (3.11). More precisely, if  $0 < p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $0 \leq \tau < \infty$ , then

$$(3.13) \quad \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} \sim \|\{\langle f, \varphi_{\nu,k} \rangle\}_{\nu,k}\|_{\dot{b}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\|_{\dot{F}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} \sim \|\{\langle f, \varphi_{\nu,k} \rangle\}_{\nu,k}\|_{\dot{f}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}},$$

where  $\dot{b}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}$  and  $\dot{f}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}$  refer to the following spaces of sequences: For  $0 < p \leq \infty$ , the space  $\dot{b}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is defined as the collection of all sequences  $t = \{t_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \subset \mathbb{C}$ , indexed by the dyadic cubes, such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|t\|_{\dot{b}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} \\ & := \sup_{P \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{1}{|P|^\tau} \left\{ \sum_{j=-\log_2(\ell(P))}^{\infty} \left[ \int_P \left( \sum_{l(Q)=2^{-j}} |Q|^{-s/n-1/2} |t_Q| \chi_Q(x) \right)^p dx \right]^{q/p} \right\}^{1/q} \\ & < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

For  $0 < p < \infty$ , the space  $\dot{f}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is defined as the collection of all sequences  $t = \{t_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \subset \mathbb{C}$ , indexed by the dyadic cubes, such that

$$\|t\|_{\dot{f}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} := \sup_{P \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{1}{|P|^\tau} \left\{ \int_P \left[ \sum_{Q \subset P} (|Q|^{-s/n-1/2} |t_Q| \chi_Q(x))^q \right]^{p/q} dx \right\}^{1/p} < \infty.$$

As before, we will use  $\dot{a}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to denote either  $\dot{b}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  or  $\dot{f}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , excluding the case  $p = \infty$  in the latter case.

Let  $0 < p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $0 \leq \tau < \infty$  and  $s^* := s - [s]$ , where  $[s]$  denotes the largest integer smaller than or equal to  $s$ . Set

$$J := \begin{cases} s_p + n & \text{if } \dot{A}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \dot{B}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n), \\ s_{p,q} + n & \text{if } \dot{A}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \dot{F}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n), \end{cases}$$

where  $s_p$  and  $s_{p,q}$  are as in (1.3). We say that  $\{m_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ , where  $m_Q : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , is a family of smooth synthesis molecules for  $\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if there exist  $\delta$  and  $M$  with  $\max\{s^*, (s + n\tau)^*\} < \delta \leq 1$  and  $J < M < \infty$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} m_Q(x) x^\gamma dx = 0 \quad \text{if } |\gamma| \leq \max\{[J - n - s], -1\}, \\ & |m_Q(x)| \leq \frac{|Q|^{-1/2}}{(1 + l(Q)^{-1} |x - x_Q|)^{\max\{M, M-s\}}} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ & |\partial^\gamma m_Q(x)| \leq \frac{|Q|^{-1/2-|\gamma|/n}}{(1 + l(Q)^{-1} |x - x_Q|)^M} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } |\gamma| \leq [s + n\tau], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |\partial^\gamma m_Q(x) - \partial^\gamma m_Q(y)| \\
 & \leq |Q|^{-1/2-|\gamma|/n-\delta/n} |x-y|^\delta \\
 & \quad \times \sup_{|z|\leq|x-y|} \frac{1}{(1+l(Q)^{-1}|x-z-x_Q|)^M} \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } |\gamma| = [s+n\tau].
 \end{aligned}$$

It easily follows that  $\{\varphi_{\nu,k}\}_{\nu \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^n}$  and  $\{\psi_{\nu,k}\}_{\nu \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^n}$  are families of smooth synthesis molecules for any  $\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with parameters  $\delta = 1$  and any  $M > J$ .

Through analogous ideas on almost-diagonal operators used to prove [11, Theorem 3.5] it follows that if  $0 < p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\max\{s^*, (s+n\tau)^*\} < \delta \leq 1$ ,  $J < M < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq \tau < \min\{\frac{1}{p} + \frac{M-J}{2n}, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1-(J-s)^*}{n}\}$  if  $\max\{[J-n-s], -1\} \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq \tau < \min\{\frac{1}{p} + \frac{M-J}{2n}, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{s+n-J}{n}\}$  if  $\max\{[J-n-s], -1\} < 0$ , and  $\{m_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$  is a family of synthesis molecules for  $\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with parameters  $\delta$  and  $M$ , then

$$(3.14) \quad \left\| \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} t_Q m_Q \right\|_{\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} \lesssim \|t\|_{\dot{a}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} \quad \forall t = \{t_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \in \dot{a}_{p,q}^{s,\tau},$$

where the implicit constant does not depend on the family of molecules ([29, Theorem 4.2]).

4. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.2 AND CLOSING REMARKS

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* Let  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfy (3.10), (3.11) and (3.12). Since  $T_{\sigma_1}$  and  $T_{\sigma_2}$ , as given by Theorem 1.1, are continuous from  $\mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $h = \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \langle h, \varphi_{\nu,k} \rangle \psi_{\nu,k}$  for  $h \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with convergence in  $\mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (see Section 3), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{\sigma_1}(f, g) &= \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \langle f, \varphi_{\nu,k} \rangle T_{\sigma_1}(\psi_{\nu,k}, g) \quad \forall f, g \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n), \\
 T_{\sigma_2}(f, g) &= \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \langle g, \varphi_{\nu,k} \rangle T_{\sigma_2}(f, \psi_{\nu,k}) \quad \forall f, g \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n),
 \end{aligned}$$

where the convergence is in  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Theorem 1.1 implies that there are constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that if  $f, g \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then

$$\left\{ \frac{c_1 2^{-\nu m} T_{\sigma_1}(\psi_{\nu,k}, g)}{\|g\|_{L^\infty}} \right\}_{\nu \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \quad \text{and} \quad \left\{ \frac{c_2 2^{-\nu m} T_{\sigma_2}(f, \psi_{\nu,k})}{\|f\|_{L^\infty}} \right\}_{\nu \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^n}$$

are families of smooth synthesis molecules for any  $\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if  $0 < p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $s > J-n$  and  $0 \leq \tau < \infty$  (with  $\delta = 1$  and any  $M > J$ ; note that the zero moment condition is void since  $J-n-s < 0$ ). If, in addition,  $0 \leq \tau < \frac{1}{p} + \frac{s+n-J}{n}$ , we can apply (3.14) and (3.13) to get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|T_{\sigma_1}(f, g)\|_{\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} &\lesssim \|\{2^{\nu m} \langle f, \varphi_{\nu,k} \rangle\}\|_{\dot{a}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} \|g\|_{L^\infty} \\
 &= \|\{\langle f, \varphi_{\nu,k} \rangle\}\|_{\dot{a}_{p,q}^{s+m,\tau}} \|g\|_{L^\infty} \simeq \|f\|_{\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s+m,\tau}} \|g\|_{L^\infty}, \\
 \|T_{\sigma_2}(f, g)\|_{\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} &\lesssim \|\{2^{\nu m} \langle g, \varphi_{\nu,k} \rangle\}\|_{\dot{a}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} \|f\|_{L^\infty} \\
 &= \|\{\langle g, \varphi_{\nu,k} \rangle\}\|_{\dot{a}_{p,q}^{s+m,\tau}} \|f\|_{L^\infty} \simeq \|g\|_{\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s+m,\tau}} \|f\|_{L^\infty},
 \end{aligned}$$

from which the desired estimates follow. □

*Remark 4.1.* Let  $m \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\sigma \in \dot{B}S_{1,1}^m$ . The estimates in Theorem 1.2 hold true in  $\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}$  for  $0 < p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $s \leq J - n$  and  $0 \leq \tau < \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1-(J-s)^*}{n}$  if the following cancellation conditions are satisfied:

$$T_{\sigma^1}^{*1}(x^\gamma, g) = T_{\sigma^2}^{*1}(f, x^\gamma) = 0 \quad \forall f, g \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n), |\gamma| \leq [J - n - s].$$

We recall that if  $T$  is a bilinear operator continuous from  $\mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $T^{*1}$  and  $T^{*2}$  denote the adjoint operators of  $T$  defined from  $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $\mathcal{S}'_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and from  $\mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $\mathcal{S}'_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , respectively, as  $\langle h, T(f, g) \rangle = \langle T^{*1}(h, g), f \rangle = \langle T^{*2}(f, h), g \rangle$ .

The proof of the estimates in this case is the same as above, with the only thing left to check being the zero moment conditions for  $T_{\sigma^1}(\psi_{\nu,k}, g)$  and  $T_{\sigma^2}(f, \psi_{\nu,k})$  (note that the range assumed for  $\tau$  comes from the assumptions for the validity of (3.14)). We have, for  $|\gamma| \leq [J - n - s]$ ,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} x^\gamma T_{\sigma^1}(\psi_{\nu,k}, g) dx = \langle x^\gamma, T_{\sigma^1}(\psi_{\nu,k}, g) \rangle = \langle T_{\sigma^1}^{*1}(x^\gamma, g), \psi_{\nu,k} \rangle = 0 \quad \forall g \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^n),$$

and similarly for  $T_{\sigma^2}(f, \psi_{\nu,k})$ .

*Remark 4.2.* Let  $1 \leq r \leq \infty$  and  $m, \sigma, p, q, s$  and  $\tau$  be as in the hypothesis of Theorem 1.2 or Remark 4.1. By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 1.2 and Remark 4.1, we also obtain

$$\|T_\sigma(f, g)\|_{\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s,\tau}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s+m+\frac{n}{r},\tau}} \|g\|_{L^r} + \|g\|_{\dot{A}_{p,q}^{s+m+\frac{n}{r},\tau}} \|f\|_{L^r}.$$

*Remark 4.3.* The implicit constants in the inequalities of Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 1.2 depend linearly on  $\|\sigma\|_{K,L}$  for some  $K, L \in \mathbb{N}$ , where

$$\|\sigma\|_{K,L} := \sup_{|\gamma| \leq K, |\alpha+\beta| \leq L} \|\sigma\|_{\gamma,\alpha,\beta}.$$

From the proofs, it follows that the implicit constants in the inequalities of Theorem 1.1 are multiples of  $\|\sigma\|_{|\gamma|,2N}$ , with  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $N > M + n$  and where  $\gamma$  and  $M$  are as in the statement of the theorem. In turn, this implies that the implicit constants in Theorem 1.2 can be taken to be multiples of  $\|\sigma\|_{[s+n\tau]+1,2N}$  with  $N > \max\{J + n, 2(s + n) - J + n\}$ . The latter is also true for the inequalities from Remark 4.1 with  $N > J + n + 2(1 - (J - s)^*)$ .

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