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# ABSTRACT

The question whether a function  $f$  satisfies a Lipschitz estimate in the Schatten-von Neumann space  $S_p$  is well understood for  $p \in (1, \infty)$ . In contrast, the range  $p \in (0, 1)$  has only recently been researched, the main challenge being that  $S_p$  is a quasi-Banach space in that case.

In 2021, McDonald E. and Sukochev F. showed that Lipschitz functions  $f$  belonging to the homogeneous Besov space  $\dot{B}_{p/(1-p),p}^{1/p}(\mathbb{R})$  satisfy a Lipschitz estimate when  $p \in (0, 1)$ . Their result depends on proving the boundedness of Schur multipliers with symbol  $f^{[1]}$ , the first order divided difference of  $f$ , acting on  $S_p$ . Additionally, they mention that wavelet analysis in the context of operator Lipschitz functions is a potentially fruitful technique yet to be exploited.

This thesis leverages wavelets, among other techniques, to extend the previous result to multilinear operator integrals with  $f^{[2]}$ , the second order divided difference of  $f$ , as a symbol. It is proven that  $f \in \dot{B}_{p/(1-p),p}^{1/p}(\mathbb{R}) \cap \dot{B}_{p/(1-p),p}^{1/p+1}(\mathbb{R})$  being Lipschitz is sufficient for boundedness of the multilinear operator integral with symbol  $f^{[2]}$  mapping  $S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p$ , where  $p \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  and  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$  are such that  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{p}$ .

The proof makes extensive use of properties of multilinear operator integrals, with partitions of unity or Toeplitz functions as symbols, and the relation between homogeneous Besov spaces and wavelet decompositions. Moreover, some boundedness results are given for the full range  $p \in (0, 1)$  and a possible strategy for extending the main result to this entire range.



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# 1

## INTRODUCTION

Multilinear operator integrals are a powerful tool in various problems of applied matrix analysis, mathematical physics, non-commutative geometry, and statistical estimation which allows for the analysis of functions with non-commuting arguments. The concept of a multilinear operator integral arose as an extension of the double operator integral [Ste77; Aza+09; Pel06]. The term 'double operator integral' was first coined in 1956 by Yu. L. Daletskii and S. G. Krein [KD56], who discovered the following identity involving a double operator integral in the study of differentiating operator-valued functions,

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} f(A + tX) \right|_{t=0} = \iint_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} \frac{f(x) - f(y)}{x - y} dE_A(x) X dE_A(y) := T_{f[1]}^{A,A}(X). \quad (1.1)$$

where  $A, X$  are self-adjoint bounded operators and  $f$  is a  $C^2(\mathbb{R})$  function mapping  $t \mapsto f(A + tX)$ . The right-hand side of (1.1) is an iterated Riemann-Stieltjes integral with respect to  $E_A$ , the spectral measure of  $A$ . Subsequently, the operator norm of  $\left. \frac{d}{dt} f(A + tX) \right|_{t=0}$  could be estimated by analyzing properties of the transformation  $T_{f[1]}^{A,A}$ .

In the 1960s, the range of the applicability of double operator integrals was significantly expanded by M.S. Birman and M.Z. Solomyak [BS67]. Let  $H$  be a separable Hilbert space. Let  $A, B$  be self-adjoint operators densely defined in  $H$  and let  $\sigma_A, \sigma_B$  be their respective spectra and let  $E_A, E_B$  be their respective spectral measures. Define the spectral measure  $E$  defined on  $\sigma_A \times \sigma_B \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  by

$$E(\sigma_A \times \sigma_B)(X) = E_A(\sigma_A) X E_B(\sigma_B)$$

for every  $X$  in the Hilbert space  $S^2$  of Hilbert-Schmidt operators on  $H$ . M.S. Birman and M.Z. Solomyak defined the double operator integral

$T_{\Phi}^{A,B}$  on  $S^2$  as the spectral integral,

$$T_{\Phi}^{A,B}(X) = \iint_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} \Phi(\lambda, \mu) dE(\lambda, \mu) X$$

where  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a bounded Borel function.

A relatively short proof of (1.1) can be given when  $f$  is a monomial acting on a finite  $d$ -dimensional Hilbert space  $H$ . Let  $f(x) = x^m$  for some positive integer  $m$ . Further, let  $t \mapsto X(t)$  be a  $C^1$ -function mapping to self-adjoint bounded operators in  $H$ . Let  $\{\lambda_i(t)\}_{i=1}^d$  be a complete list of eigenvalues and  $\{\xi_i(t)\}_{i=1}^d$  a respective orthonormal basis of eigenvectors, with projections  $P_{\xi_i(t)}$ , of  $X(t)$ . Then, applying the product rule and the spectral theorem yields the following equality

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{df(X(t))}{dt} &= \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} X^i(t) \frac{dX(t)}{dt} X^{m-i-1}(t) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=1}^d \lambda_j^i(t) P_{\xi_j(t)} \frac{dX(t)}{dt} \sum_{k=1}^d \lambda_k^{m-i-1}(t) P_{\xi_k(t)} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{k=1}^d \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \lambda_j^i(t) \lambda_k^{m-i-1}(t) \right) P_{\xi_j(t)} \frac{dX(t)}{dt} P_{\xi_k(t)} \\ &= \begin{cases} \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{k=1}^d \frac{\lambda_j^m(t) - \lambda_k^m(t)}{\lambda_j(t) - \lambda_k(t)} P_{\xi_j(t)} \frac{dX(t)}{dt} P_{\xi_k(t)} & \lambda_j(t) \neq \lambda_k(t) \\ \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{k=1}^d m \lambda_j^{m-1} P_{\xi_j(t)} \frac{dX(t)}{dt} P_{\xi_k(t)} & \lambda_j(t) = \lambda_k(t) \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

The finite-dimensional equivalent of (1.1) follows by setting  $X(t) = A + tX$ , where  $A$  and  $X$  are self-adjoint bounded operators in  $H$ . Further, the result (1.2) can be extended to general polynomials by linearity and to  $C^1(\mathbb{R})$ -functions via approximations [ST19, Proposition 5.3.1].

In  $T_{f^{[1]}}^{A,A}(X)$ , the symbol  $f^{[1]}$  denotes the first order divided difference of  $f$ , which is defined for  $\lambda_0, \lambda_1 \in \mathbb{R}$  as

$$f^{[1]}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_1} \frac{f(\lambda_0) - f(\lambda)}{\lambda_0 - \lambda}.$$

For any positive integer  $n$  the symbol  $f^{[n]}$  denotes the higher order divided difference of  $f$ , which is defined recursively acting on distinct points  $\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$  as [ST19, Section 2.2]

$$f^{[n]}(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n) = \frac{f^{[n-1]}(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_{n-1}) - f^{[n-1]}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)}{\lambda_0 - \lambda_n}.$$

To evaluate higher-order operator derivatives there were early attempts to define multilinear operator integrals [Pav71; Ste77]. In these efforts it was shown, under appropriate restrictions on  $f$ , that

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} f(A + tX) \Big|_{t=0} = \iiint_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} f^{[2]}(x, y, z) dE_A(x) X dE_A(y) X dE_A(z). \quad (1.3)$$

However, the class of functions for which (1.3) held was relatively narrow. Later, in 2006, V.V. Peller introduced a new approach to multilinear operator integrals based on integral projective tensor products of  $L^\infty$ -spaces, which gives a much broader class of integrable functions [Pel06]. (It is noted that a similar approach was also introduced in 2009 by N. A. Azamov, A. L. Carey, P. G. Dodds, and F. A. Sukochev [Aza+09].) In [Pel06] it was shown that  $f$  being in the Besov spaces  $B_{\infty,1}^1(\mathbb{R}) \cap B_{\infty,1}^n(\mathbb{R})$  is sufficient for the following to hold,

$$\frac{1}{n!} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} f(A + tX) \Big|_{t=0} = \underbrace{\int \dots \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}}}_{n+1} f^{[n]}(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n) dE_A(\lambda_0) X \dots X dE_A(\lambda_n) \quad (1.4)$$

where  $n$  is any positive integer,  $A$  is a self-adjoint operator and  $X$  is a bounded self-adjoint operator. To illustrate, when  $n = 2$ , the right-hand side of (1.4) is called the multilinear operator integral  $T_{f^{[2]}}^{A,A,A}(X, X)$ . In general, multilinear operator integrals are of the form,

$$\begin{aligned} & T_{\Phi}^{A_0, \dots, A_n}(X_1, \dots, X_n) \\ &:= \underbrace{\int \dots \int_{\mathbb{R} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}}}_{n+1} \Phi(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n) dE_{A_0}(\lambda_0) X_1 \dots X_n dE_{A_n}(\lambda_n). \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Phi$  is a measurable function, called the symbol,  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are linear operators and  $E_{A_0}, \dots, E_{A_n}$  are spectral measures of the respective self-adjoint operators  $A_0, \dots, A_n$  [Pel15]. The full definition of multilinear operator integrals, based on the approach given in [Pel06], is given in the preliminaries.

Applications of multilinear operator integrals can be found in the natural sciences. For example, quantum mechanics states that observables are represented by self-adjoint operators on a separable complex Hilbert space [GS18, Section 3.2]. If one has a self-adjoint operator  $A$ , and wants to retrieve a number depending on the spectrum of  $A$  and function  $f$  that behaves properly under direct sums, one looks at

the spectral action  $A \mapsto \text{Tr}(f(A))$  [Con96; Cha98]. The spectral action is used in quantum field theory where  $A$  is the Dirac operator and  $V$  is the quantum field or quantum mechanics where  $A$  is the Hamiltonian,  $V$  is the potential and  $f(t) = e^{it}$  [CC97]. To understand variational properties of the spectral action when  $A$  is perturbed by another self-adjoint operator  $X$ , one can apply a Taylor expansion

$$\text{Tr}(f(A + X)) = \text{Tr}(f(A)) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \text{Tr} \left( \left. \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \right|_{t=0} f(A + tX) \right).$$

This expansion leads naturally to the definition of a so-called spectral shift function, which appeared first in the work of I.M. Lifshits in 1952 [Lif52] in the context of solid state theory. Spectral shift functions  $\eta_n$  are an important concept in perturbation theory, mathematically established by M.G. Krein [Kre53] in 1953, for which the following holds

$$\text{Tr} \left( f(A + X) - \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k}{dt^k} f(A + tX) \Big|_{t=0} \right) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f^{(n)}(t) \eta_n(t) dt$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . In 1975, a connection was established by M.S. Birman and M.Z. Solomyak [BS75] between spectral shift functions and the theory of double operator integrals. Using the theory of multilinear operator integrals the bound

$$\|\eta_n\|_{L_1(\mathbb{R})} \leq c_n \|X\|_{S_n}^n$$

was found in 2012 by D. Potapov, A. Skripka and F. Sukochev, where  $c_n$  is a constant only depending on  $n$  and  $S_n$  is the  $n$ -th Schatten-von Neumann space [PSS12]. An extensive overview of the applications of multilinear operator integrals in perturbation theory can be found in [Pel15; Car+16].

Further, an application of noncommutativity can be found in the generalized uncertainty principle of quantum mechanics

$$\sigma_A \sigma_B \geq \left| \frac{1}{2i} [A, B] \right|$$

where  $\sigma_X$  (respectively  $\bar{X}$ ) denotes the standard deviation (expectation value) of a physical observable  $X$  [GS18, Section 3.5] and  $[A, B]$  is the commutator, defined for operators  $A, B$  as  $[A, B] = AB - BA$ . Another example is the time-evolution equation of  $X$  in the Heisenberg picture

$$\frac{\partial X}{\partial t} = \frac{i}{\hbar} [H, X]$$

where  $H$  is the Hamiltonian [ND13, Section 1.4]. If  $H$  is transformed by a function  $f$  the resulting commutator may be constructed as [ST19, Theorem 5.1.4]

$$[f(H), X] = T_{f[1]}^{H, H}([H, X]).$$

A different application can be found in the study of Fréchet differentiability. A function  $f$  is  $n$  times continuously Fréchet  $S_p$ -differentiable when  $p \in (1, \infty)$  at every bounded self-adjoint operator  $A$  if and only if  $f \in C^n(\mathbb{R})$ . This was proven for  $n = 1$  in [Kis+12] using double operator integrals and  $n \geq 2$  in [LS20] using multilinear operator integrals. The  $k$ -th Fréchet differential is expressed as,

$$D_p^k f(A)(X_1, \dots, X_k) = \sum_{\sigma \in \text{Sym}_k} T_{f^{[k]}}^{A, \dots, A}(X_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, X_{\sigma(k)})$$

where  $\text{Sym}_k$  is the group of all permutations of the set  $\{1, \dots, k\}$ .

Further, multilinear operator integrals are applied in the study of  $S_p$ -operator Lipschitz functions. A function  $f$  is called  $S_p$ -operator Lipschitz if

$$\|f(A) - f(B)\|_{S_p} \leq C_{f,p} \|A - B\|_{S_p}$$

where  $A, B$  are arbitrary self-adjoint operators and  $C_{f,p}$  is a constant only depending on  $f$  and  $p$ . The operator Lipschitz property is instructive in determining the change in  $f(A)$  when  $A$  is perturbed. A recent survey on operator Lipschitz functions can be found in [AP16].

Using the theory of double operator integrals it was established in [PS12], when  $p \in (1, \infty)$ , that  $f$  being Lipschitz is a sufficient and necessary condition for  $f$  to be  $S_p$ -operator Lipschitz. In contrast, few results exist for the range  $p \in (0, 1]$ . The main challenge is that  $S_p$  is a quasi-Banach space when  $p \in (0, 1)$ . This results in the triangle inequality no longer being valid. As a consequence, techniques applied in proofs for  $p \in (1, \infty)$  can usually not be applied for  $p \in (0, 1)$ . However, in 2021, E. McDonald and F. Sukochev showed that when  $f$  is a Lipschitz function belonging to the homogeneous Besov space  $\dot{B}_{p/(1-p), p}^{1/p}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $p \in (0, 1)$  that

$$\|f(A) - f(B)\|_{S_p} \leq C_p \left( \|f'\|_{L_\infty(\mathbb{R})} + \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p/(1-p), p}^{1/p}(\mathbb{R})} \right) \|A - B\|_{S_p} \quad (1.5)$$

where  $A, B$  are arbitrary self-adjoint operators and  $C_p$  is a constant only depending on  $p$  [MS21]. Besov spaces are efficient in describing the regularity properties of functions and serve as a generalization to elementary function spaces such as Sobolev spaces, a detailed account can be found in [Saw18]. An essential element of the proof of (1.5) is showing that a Schur multiplier with symbol  $f^{[1]}$  acting on  $S_p$ , when  $p \in (0, 1)$ , is bounded [MS21, Theorem 2.4.3]. A double operator integral can be viewed as a continuous analog of a Schur multiplier [ST19, Section 3.2.2]. In general, boundedness properties of multilinear operator integrals with  $f^{[n]}$ , where  $n \geq 1$ , as symbols are used in the study of  $n$ -th order Taylor approximations of operator functions [ST19,

## Section 5.4.2].

This motivates the main problem addressed in this thesis:

*Let  $p \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  and  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$  be such that  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{p}$ . Does there exists a class of functions  $f$  for which a multilinear operator integral with symbol  $f^{[2]}$  mapping  $S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2}$  to  $S_p$  is bounded?*

It is noted that a similar problem for the range  $p, p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$  has been addressed in [PSS12; CR25]. However, the main techniques applied there, such as [Con+23, Theorem A] in [CR25], are only applicable when  $p \in (1, \infty)$ .

The main result obtained in this thesis is that Lipschitz functions in the homogeneous Besov space  $\dot{B}_{p/(1-p), p}^{1/p}(\mathbb{R}) \cap \dot{B}_{p/(1-p), p}^{1/p+1}(\mathbb{R})$  are a suitable class of functions for the main problem to be satisfied, as is shown in the main theorems Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 1.2.

**Theorem 1.1**

*Let  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$  be such that  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = 1$ . Let  $f \in \dot{B}_{\infty, 1}^1(\mathbb{R}) \cap \dot{B}_{\infty, 1}^2(\mathbb{R})$  be Lipschitz. Then  $\|T_{f^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_1\| \lesssim \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty, 1}^1} + \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty, 1}^2}$ .*

**Theorem 1.2**

*Let  $p \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ . Let  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$  be such that  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{p}$ . Let  $f \in \dot{B}_{p/(1-p), p}^{1/p}(\mathbb{R}) \cap \dot{B}_{p/(1-p), p}^{1/p+1}(\mathbb{R})$  be Lipschitz. Then  $\|T_{f^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\| \lesssim \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p/(1-p), p}^{1/p+1}}$ .*

Essential parts of the method of proof of the main theorems are characteristics of Toeplitz Schur multipliers, as established in [AP02], which are also used extensively in [MS21]. Additionally, a wavelet decomposition of  $f$  is applied to show the boundedness of a Schur multiplier with symbol  $f^{[1]}$  acting on  $S_p$ . Wavelet analysis is a technique already used in a broad range of fields such as physics, biology, mathematics and digital processing [Zay+24; BS98]. E. McDonald and F. Sukochev used wavelet analysis extensively in their proof of (1.5) and note that wavelets are a potentially fruitful technique yet to be exploited in the study of operator Lipschitz functions [MS21].

Another exploited technique is the correspondence between multilinear operator integrals with symbols acting on the real line or torus. The boundedness of multilinear operator integral with symbol  $f^{[2]}$  acting on the torus is first proven. Using that result, the boundedness of a multilinear operator integral with symbol  $f^{[2]}$  acting on the real line is proven by exploiting the Cayley transform. The relationship between



divided differences on the torus and real line in the context of multilinear operator integrals has been researched extensively in [PSS15].

Finally, by decomposing the symbol of a multilinear operator integral as a partition of unity one can bound the multilinear operator integral in terms of each element in the specific partition. This technique has been applied before in the context of Schur multipliers [AP02, Theorem 3.2], but not in the context of multilinear operator integrals to the author's knowledge.

*Structure.* Section 2 introduces all notation and preliminaries on divided differences, Schatten-Von Neumann spaces, multilinear operator integrals, wavelet analysis and homogeneous Besov spaces. Section 3.1 shows that a compactly supported function  $f$  with sufficient regularity defines a bounded multilinear operator integral with  $f^{[2]}$  as symbol for quasi-Banach spaces. Section 3.2 proves that a multilinear operator integral with a symbol defined by a partition of unity satisfies a certain bound based on the partition. Section 3.3 defines  $\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}$ , which serves as an abstraction for a wavelet decomposition. Section 3.4 (respectively 3.5) shows that a Lipschitz function  $f$  belonging to the homogeneous Besov space  $\dot{B}_{\infty,1}^1(\mathbb{R}) \cap \dot{B}_{\infty,1}^2(\mathbb{R}) \left( \dot{B}_{p/(1-p),p}^{1/p}(\mathbb{R}) \cap \dot{B}_{p/(1-p),p}^{1/p+1}(\mathbb{R}) \right)$  defines a bounded multilinear operator integral with  $f^{[2]}$  as symbol when  $p = 1$  ( $p \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ ). Section 3.6 states boundedness results based on the entire range  $p \in (0, 1)$  and an outlook for future research directions.



# 2

## PRELIMINARIES

In this chapter, several notational conventions, assumptions and relevant results are introduced that are used throughout this thesis. The reader benefits from having followed a course on spectral theory and functional analysis, such as [Con90].

### 2.1. NOTATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

- $\mathbb{N}_0$  denotes the natural numbers, including zero.  $\mathbb{N} := \mathbb{N}_0 \setminus \{0\}$ .
- $\mathbb{K}$  denotes the real line  $\mathbb{R}$  or the torus  $\mathbb{T}$ .
- Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , denote with  $C^n(\mathbb{K})$  the class of functions  $f : \mathbb{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  which are  $n$ -times differentiable.
- Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , denote with  $C_c^n(\mathbb{R})$  the class of functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  that have compact support and are  $n$ -times differentiable.
- The Fourier coefficients of a function  $f$  are denoted by  $\{\hat{f}(n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ .
- The standard operator norm is denoted by  $\|\cdot\|$ .
- The spectrum of an operator is denoted by  $\sigma(\cdot)$ .
- Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and norm  $\|\cdot\|_H$ . Let  $B(H)$  denote the algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $H$  with the standard operator norm  $\|\cdot\|$ .
- All Hilbert spaces are assumed to be separable and complex.
- Let  $p \in (0, \infty]$ . When  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{K}, \mu)$ ,  $\|f\|_p := \left(\int_{\mathbb{K}} |f|^p d\mu\right)^{1/p}$ .
- The indicator function of a set  $S$  is denoted by  $\chi_S$ .

- When  $A, B$  are expressions.  $A \lesssim B$  denotes that there exists a finite constant  $c$  such that  $A \leq c \cdot B$ . The subscript  $\lesssim \dots$  indicates whether the constant has an explicit dependency.
- When  $A, B$  are expressions.  $A \approx B$  denotes equivalence between  $A$  and  $B$  up to some constants. The subscript  $\approx \dots$  indicates whether these constants have an explicit dependency.
- When  $0 < p \leq 1$ , then  $p^\# := \begin{cases} \frac{p}{1-p} & 0 < p < 1 \\ \infty & p = 1 \end{cases}$
- When  $0 < p \leq 2$ , then  $p^\flat := \begin{cases} \frac{2p}{2-p} & 0 < p < 2 \\ \infty & p = 2 \end{cases}$ .

## 2.2. DIVIDED DIFFERENCES

**Definition 2.2.1** ([ST19, Section 2.2]).

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $f \in C^n(\mathbb{K})$ . Let  $\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n$  be points in  $\mathbb{K}$ . The divided difference of  $f^{[0]}$  of order 0 is the function  $f$  itself. The divided difference  $f^{[n]}$  of order  $n$  is defined recursively by

$$f^{[n]}(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_n} \frac{f^{[n-1]}(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_{n-2}, \lambda_{n-1}) - f^{[n-1]}(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_{n-2}, \lambda)}{\lambda_{n-1} - \lambda}. \quad (2.1)$$

Using this, several examples of divided difference functions follow

$$f^{[1]}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_1} \frac{f(\lambda_0) - f(\lambda)}{\lambda_0 - \lambda}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f^{[2]}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) &= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_2} \frac{f^{[1]}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1) - f^{[1]}(\lambda_1, \lambda)}{\lambda_0 - \lambda} \\ &= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_2} \frac{\lim_{\gamma \rightarrow \lambda_1} \frac{f(\lambda_0) - f(\gamma)}{\lambda_0 - \gamma} - \lim_{\xi \rightarrow \lambda} \frac{f(\lambda_1) - f(\xi)}{\lambda_1 - \xi}}{\lambda_0 - \lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n$  are distinct points in  $\mathbb{K}$  then the divided difference functions simplify as

$$f^{[1]}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1) = \frac{f(\lambda_0) - f(\lambda_1)}{\lambda_0 - \lambda_1}$$

and

$$f^{[2]}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \frac{\frac{f(\lambda_0) - f(\lambda_1)}{\lambda_0 - \lambda_1} - \frac{f(\lambda_1) - f(\lambda_2)}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}}{\lambda_0 - \lambda_2}.$$

Further, it is a well known result that  $f^{[n]}(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n)$  is invariant under all permutations of  $\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n$  [ST19, Section 2.2].

## 2.3. SCHATTEN-VON NEUMANN SPACES

**Definition 2.3.1** ([MS21, Section 2.1]).

Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $0 < p < \infty$ . Define the Schatten-von Neumann  $S_p(H)$  space as the space of all compact operators  $T \in B(H)$  such that its singular value sequence is in  $\ell_p$

$$\|T\|_{S_p} := \text{Tr}(|T|^p)^{1/p} = \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \mu(j, T)^p \right)^{1/p} = \|\mu(T)\|_{\ell_p} < \infty.$$

where  $\mu(T)$  is the sequence of eigenvalues of the absolute value  $|T|$  arranged in non-increasing order with multiplicities. When  $H$  is an arbitrary Hilbert space  $S_p(H)$  is denoted by  $S_p$ .

For  $p \geq 1$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_{S_p}$  defines a Banach norm on  $S_p$ . For  $0 < p < 1$ , this is only a quasi-norm obeying the  $p$ -triangle inequality

$$\|A + B\|_{S_p}^p \leq \|A\|_{S_p}^p + \|B\|_{S_p}^p, \quad T, S \in S_p. \quad (2.2)$$

## 2.4. MULTILINEAR OPERATOR INTEGRALS

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $\mathbb{K} \in \{\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R}\}$ , then  $\mathcal{A}_n(\mathbb{K})$  denotes the class of functions  $\phi : \mathbb{K}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  admitting the representation

$$\phi(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n) = \int_{\Omega} \prod_{i=0}^n a_i(\lambda_i, \omega) d\mu(\omega)$$

for some finite measure space  $(\Omega, \mu)$  and bounded Borel functions  $a_j(\cdot, \omega) : \mathbb{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{A}_n^c(\mathbb{K})$  the class of functions in  $\mathcal{A}_n(\mathbb{K})$  having continuous  $a_j(\cdot, \omega)$  [PSS15, Section 2].

**Definition 2.4.1** ([Aza+09, Definition 4.1]).

Let  $\phi \in \mathcal{A}_n(\mathbb{T})$  (or  $\mathcal{A}_n(\mathbb{R})$ ) and let  $A_0, \dots, A_n$  be closed densely defined unitary (or self-adjoint) operators. The multilinear operator integral,

$$T_{\phi}^{A_0, \dots, A_n} : S_{\alpha_1} \times \dots \times S_{\alpha_n} \rightarrow S_{\alpha}$$

where  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \alpha \in (0, \infty)$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\alpha_i} = \frac{1}{\alpha}$ , is defined as the unique element in  $S_{\alpha}$  such that for all  $h \in H$

$$\begin{aligned} & T_{\phi}^{A_0, \dots, A_n}(V_1, \dots, V_n)h \\ &= \int_{\Omega} a_0(A_0, \omega) V_1 a_1(A_1, \omega) V_2 a_2(A_2, \omega) \dots V_n a_n(A_n, \omega) h d\mu(\omega) \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

where  $a_i(A_i, \omega)$  for  $i \in \{0, \dots, n\}$  is defined by spectral calculus, and the integral is a Bochner integral [Aza+09, Remark 4.2]. The function  $\phi$  is

called the symbol of  $T_{\phi}^{A_0, \dots, A_n}(V_1, \dots, V_n)$ .

### Notation 2.4.2

When  $A_0 = \dots = A_n = A$ , the operator  $T_{\phi}^{A_0, \dots, A_n}$  is written as  $T_{\phi}^A$ . Further, when  $A_0, \dots, A_n$  are fixed implicitly the operator  $T_{\phi}^{A_0, \dots, A_n}$  is written as  $T_{\phi}$ .

Additionally, when  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , inequality (2.2) implies that for  $\phi, \psi \in \mathcal{A}_n(\mathbb{K})$

$$\|T_{\phi} + T_{\psi}\|^{\alpha} \leq \|T_{\phi}\|^{\alpha} + \|T_{\psi}\|^{\alpha}. \quad (2.4)$$

**Lemma 2.4.3** ([PSS12, Lemma 3.2(iii-iv)]).

Let  $p_1, \dots, p_n \in (0, \infty)$ . Let  $x_i \in S_{p_i}$ , where  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Let  $\phi_1 : \mathbb{R}^{k+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $\phi_2 : \mathbb{R}^{n-k+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $\phi_3 : \mathbb{R}^{n-k+2} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be bounded Borel functions such that  $T_{\phi_1}$  and  $T_{\phi_2}$  and  $T_{\phi_3}$  exist. If  $\psi_1(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n) = \phi_1(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_k)\phi_2(\lambda_k, \dots, \lambda_n)$ , then

$$T_{\psi_1}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = T_{\phi_1}(x_1, \dots, x_k)T_{\phi_2}(x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n).$$

If  $\psi_2(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n) = \phi_1(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_k)\phi_3(\lambda_0, \lambda_k, \dots, \lambda_n)$ , then

$$T_{\psi}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = T_{\phi_3}(T_{\phi_1}(x_1, \dots, x_k), x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n).$$

## 2.5. WAVELET ANALYSIS

A wavelet is a function  $\phi \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$  such that the family

$$\phi_{j,k}(t) = 2^{\frac{j}{2}} \phi(2^j t - k), \quad j, k \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

of translations and dilations of  $\phi$  forms an orthonormal basis of  $L_2(\mathbb{R})$  [Gra14, Definition 6.6.1]. It is a well known result that, for every  $r > 0$ , there exists a compactly supported  $C^r$  wavelet [Dau88]. Having defined wavelets, the wavelet decomposition of a function  $f$  is constructed as

$$f_j(t) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{\frac{j}{2}} \phi(2^j t - k) \langle f, \phi_{j,k} \rangle. \quad (2.5)$$

The wavelet coefficient  $\langle f, \phi_{j,k} \rangle$  exists when  $f$  is locally integrable on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\phi$  is continuous and compactly supported [MS21, Equation 4.1].

**Lemma 2.5.1** ([MS21, Lemma 4.1.2]).

Let  $f$  be a locally integrable function on  $\mathbb{R}$ . For every  $p \in (0, \infty]$  and wavelet decomposition  $f_j$ , that is computed with respect to a compactly supported continuous wavelet  $\phi$ , it holds that

$$\|f_j\|_p \approx_{\phi} 2^{j(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p})} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\langle f, \phi_{j,k} \rangle|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

## 2.6. HOMOGENEOUS BESOV SPACES

The following definition of homogeneous Besov spaces is repurposed from [MS21, Section 2.3]. Firstly, for  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}$  define the seminorms

$$\rho_{\alpha,\beta}(f) := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |x^\alpha \partial^\beta f(x)|$$

Then, define the Schwartz space as

$$S(\mathbb{R}) := \{f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) : \rho_{\alpha,\beta}(f) < \infty, \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

and denote by  $S'(\mathbb{R})$  its topological dual [Hyt+16, Definition 2.4.21 and Definition 2.4.24]. Now, let  $\Phi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  be supported in the set  $[-2, -1 + \frac{1}{7}] \cup (1 - \frac{1}{7}, 2]$  and identically equal to 1 in the set  $[-2 + \frac{2}{7}, -1) \cup (1, 2 - \frac{2}{7}]$ . Additionally, assume that

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \Phi(2^{-k}\xi) = 1, \quad \xi \neq 0.$$

Denote by  $\{\Delta_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  the homogeneous Littlewood-Paley decomposition where  $\Delta_k$  is the operator on  $S'(\mathbb{R})$  of Fourier multiplication by the function  $\xi \mapsto \Phi(2^{-k}\xi)$ .

**Definition 2.6.1** ([MS21, Section 2.3]).

Let  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $p, q \in (0, \infty]$ . The homogeneous Besov space  $\dot{B}_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R})$  is defined as the class of tempered distributions  $f \in S'(\mathbb{R})$  where

$$\|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p,q}^s} := \|\{2^{js} \|\Delta_j f\|_p\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_q(\mathbb{Z})} < \infty.$$

Below, two results from [MS21] are restated which relate wavelet analysis to homogeneous Besov spaces.

**Lemma 2.6.2** ([MS21, Lemma 4.1.3]).

Let  $p, q \in (0, \infty]$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f$  be locally integrable function, and let  $\phi$  be a compactly supported  $C^r$  for  $r > |s|$ . Then  $f$  belongs to the homogeneous Besov class  $\dot{B}_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R})$  if and only if,

$$\|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p,q}^s} \approx_{p,q,s,\phi} \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{jsq} \|f_j\|_p^q \right)^{1/q} < \infty.$$

where  $f_j$  is the wavelet decomposition of a function  $f$  with respect to the wavelet  $\phi$  as defined in (2.5).

**Lemma 2.6.3** ([MS21, Lemma 4.1.4]).

Let  $f$  be a Lipschitz function on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $f \in \dot{B}_{p^\#, p}^{(1/p)}(\mathbb{R})$ , where  $0 < p \leq 1$ . There exists a constant  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$f(t) = f(0) + ct + \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} f_j(t) - f_j(0), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

and the series  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} f_j(t) - f_j(0)$  converges uniformly on compact sets.



# 3

## BOUNDEDNESS OF DIVIDED DIFFERENCE OPERATORS

In this chapter, the necessary results will be presented to prove the main theorems: [Theorem 1.1](#) and [Theorem 1.2](#). Firstly, it is proven that a compactly supported function  $f$  with sufficient regularity defines a bounded multilinear operator integral with  $f^{[2]}$  as a symbol mapping  $S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2}$  to  $S_p$ . Secondly, it is proven that a multilinear operator integral with a symbol defined by a partition of unity satisfies a certain bound based on the specific partition. Then,  $\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}$  is defined, which serves as an abstraction for a wavelet decomposition. Then, by decomposing  $\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}$  in a specific way it is shown that the multilinear operator integral with the symbol  $\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}$  is bounded by the wavelet coefficients introduced in (2.5). Then, by applying [Lemma 2.6.2](#), which links wavelet decompositions to homogeneous Besov classes, the main theorems, [Theorem 1.1](#) and [Theorem 1.2](#), are proven. In the last section, some boundedness results on the entire range  $p \in (0, 1)$  are presented.

### 3.1. BOUNDING $T_{\phi^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p$ , $\phi \in C_c^\beta(\mathbb{R})$

#### **Lemma 3.1**

Let  $0 < p \leq 1$  and  $p_1, p_2 \in (0, \infty)$  be such that  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{p}$  and  $\frac{3}{p} < \beta \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $\phi \in C^\beta(\mathbb{T})$ , then  $\|T_{\phi^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\| < \infty$ .

*Proof.* Firstly, note that due to [[Gra14](#), Proposition 3.2.5]

$$\phi(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{\phi}(n) z^n.$$

Thus,

$$\phi^{[2]}(x, y, z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \hat{\phi}(n) \frac{\frac{x^n - y^n}{x-y} - \frac{y^n - z^n}{y-z}}{x-z} + \sum_{n \in -\mathbb{N}} \hat{\phi}(n) \frac{\frac{x^n - y^n}{x-y} - \frac{y^n - z^n}{y-z}}{x-z}.$$

Note that on the circle  $\mathbb{T}$  for  $n \geq 0$ ,

$$\frac{z^n - w^n}{z - w} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} z^k w^{n-k-1}$$

and for  $n < 0$

$$\frac{z^n - w^n}{z - w} = - \sum_{k=0}^{-n-1} z^{k+n} w^{-k-1}.$$

Now, observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \hat{\phi}(n) \frac{\frac{x^n - y^n}{x-y} - \frac{y^n - z^n}{y-z}}{x-z} &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \hat{\phi}(n) \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} x^k y^{n-k-1} - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} z^k y^{n-k-1}}{x-z} \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \hat{\phi}(n) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} y^{n-k-1} \frac{x^k - z^k}{x-z} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \hat{\phi}(n) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} y^{n-k-1} x^l z^{k-l-1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{n \in -\mathbb{N}} \hat{\phi}(n) \frac{\frac{x^n - y^n}{x-y} - \frac{y^n - z^n}{y-z}}{x-z} \\ &= \sum_{n \in -\mathbb{N}} \hat{\phi}(n) \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{-n-1} z^{k+n} y^{-k-1} - \sum_{k=0}^{-n-1} x^{k+n} y^{-k-1}}{x-z} \\ &= - \sum_{n \in -\mathbb{N}} \hat{\phi}(n) \sum_{k=0}^{-n-1} y^{-k-1} \frac{z^{n+k} - x^{n+k}}{z-x} = \\ &= \sum_{n \in -\mathbb{N}} \hat{\phi}(n) \sum_{k=0}^{-n-1-n-k-1} \sum_{l=0}^{-n-k-1} y^{-k-1} x^{n+k+l} z^{-l-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Define  $\psi_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma}(x, y, z) = x^\alpha y^\beta z^\gamma$ . Further, let  $X, Y, Z$  be arbitrary unitary operators. Then observe that for all  $V \in S_{p_1}$ ,  $W \in S_{p_2}$

$$T_{\psi_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma}}^{X, Y, Z}(V, W) = X^\alpha V Y^\beta W Z^\gamma.$$

from which, by repeatedly applying Hölder's inequality [DR21, Equation 1.8], it follows that,

$$\|T_{\psi_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma}}^{X, Y, Z}(V, W)\|_{S_p}$$

$$\leq \|X^\alpha\| \|V\|_{S_{p_1}} \|Y^\beta\| \|W\|_{S_{p_2}} \|Z^\gamma\| = \|V\|_{S_{p_1}} \|W\|_{S_{p_2}}$$

which implies that

$$\|T_{\psi_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}}\| \leq 1$$

Now, using the p-triangle inequality yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p \\ & \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} |\hat{\phi}(n)|^p \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} \|T_{\psi_{l,n-k-1,k-l-1}}\|^p \\ & \quad + \sum_{n \in -\mathbb{N}} |\hat{\phi}(n)|^p \sum_{k=0}^{-n-1} \sum_{l=0}^{-n-k-1} \|T_{\psi_{n+k+l,-k-1,-l-1}}\|^p. \\ & \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} |\hat{\phi}(n)|^p \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} 1 + \sum_{n \in -\mathbb{N}} |\hat{\phi}(n)|^p \sum_{k=0}^{-n-1} \sum_{l=0}^{-n-k-1} 1 \\ & = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} |\hat{\phi}(n)|^p \frac{n(n-3)}{2} + \sum_{n \in -\mathbb{N}} |\hat{\phi}(n)|^p \frac{n(n+1)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

When  $h \in C^\beta(\mathbb{T})$ , the Fourier coefficients  $\{\hat{h}(n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  satisfy  $|\hat{h}(n)| \lesssim (1+|n|)^{-\beta}$  [Gra14, Proposition 3.3.12].

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p & \lesssim \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} (1+n)^{-\beta p} \frac{n(n-3)}{2} + \sum_{n \in -\mathbb{N}} (1+|n|)^{-\beta p} \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ & = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (1+n)^{-\beta p} \frac{n(n-3)}{2} + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (1+n)^{-\beta p} \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \leq 2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} n^{2-\beta p} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Apply in the last step that  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} n^{2-\beta p}$  converges due to  $2-\beta p < -1$ .  $\square$

The following lemma is primarily based on [PSS15, Theorem 2.7].

### Theorem 3.2

Let  $H$  be a densely defined self-adjoint operator, let  $U$  denote the unitary operator  $(H+i)(H-i)^{-1}$ , and let  $W_1, \dots, W_n \in S_p$ , where  $p \in (0, \infty)$ . Let  $h(z) = i \frac{z+1}{z-1}$  and  $g(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda+i}{\lambda-i}$  be functions defined on  $\mathbb{T}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  respectively, and let  $\phi \in \mathcal{A}_n^c(\mathbb{T})$ . Define  $\psi(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n) = \phi(g(\lambda_0), \dots, g(\lambda_n))$ . Then,

$$T_\phi^U(W_1, \dots, W_n) = T_\psi^H(W_1, \dots, W_n).$$

*Proof.* Firstly, as  $\phi \in \mathcal{A}_n^c(\mathbb{T})$ ,

$$\phi(z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n) = \int_{\Omega} a_0(z_0, \omega) a_1(z_1, \omega) \dots a_n(z_n, \omega) d\mu(\omega)$$

where each  $a_j(\cdot, \omega)$  is continuous. Furthermore, note that  $\psi \in \mathcal{A}_n^c(\mathbb{R})$  and

$$\psi(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) = \int_{\Omega} b_0(\lambda_0, \omega) b_1(\lambda_1, \omega) \dots b_n(\lambda_n, \omega) d\mu(\omega)$$

where each  $b_j(\cdot, \omega)$  is continuous and given by  $b_j(\lambda, \omega) = a_j(g(\lambda), \omega)$ .

Now, fix the finite rank operators  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$ . Let  $V$  be a finite rank operator. Let  $E_H$  denote the spectral measure of  $H$ . Then, the set function

$$\Omega_0 \times \Omega_1 \times \dots \times \Omega_n \rightarrow \text{Tr}(E_H(\Omega_0)V_1E_H(\Omega_1)V_2\dots V_nE_H(\Omega_n)V).$$

defined on the rectangular sets of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  extends to a finite countably additive measure  $\nu_H$  on the Borel subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  [BS96]. Now, observe that  $h(U)$  is well defined due to  $1 \notin \sigma_p(U)$  [Con90, Corollary X.3.5]. Similarly, the set function, where  $E_U$  is the spectral measure of  $U$ ,

$$\Omega_0 \times \Omega_1 \times \dots \times \Omega_n \rightarrow \text{Tr}(E_U(\Omega_0)V_1E_U(\Omega_1)V_2\dots V_nE_U(\Omega_n)V).$$

extends to a finite countably additive measure  $\nu_U$  on the Borel subsets of  $\mathbb{T}^{n+1}$ . Since  $h$  and  $g$  are inverses of one another,  $\nu_U = \nu_H \circ h$ . Making a change of variables in the scalar integrals yields

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^{n+1}} \phi(z_0, \dots, z_n) d\nu_U(z_0, \dots, z_n) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \psi(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n) d\nu_H(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n). \quad (3.1)$$

Now, apply the definition of multiple operator integral (2.3), [PSS12, Lemma 3.10], Fubini's theorem and (3.1) to observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Tr}(T_{\phi}^U(V_1, \dots, V_n)V) \\ &= \text{Tr}\left(\int_{\Omega} \int_{\mathbb{T}} a_0(z, \omega) dE_U(z) V_1 \dots V_n \int_{\mathbb{T}} a_n(z, \omega) dE_U(z) V d\mu(\omega)\right) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \int_{\mathbb{T}^{n+1}} a_0(z, \omega) \dots a_n(z, \omega) \text{Tr}(dE_U(z) V_1 dE_U(z) V_2 \dots V_n dE_U(z) V) d\mu(\omega) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{T}^{n+1}} \int_{\Omega} a_0(z, \omega) \dots a_n(z, \omega) d\mu(\omega) \text{Tr}(dE_U(z) V_1 dE_U(z) V_2 \dots V_n dE_U(z) V) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{T}^{n+1}} \phi(z_0, \dots, z_n) d\nu_U(z_0, \dots, z_n) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \psi(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n) d\nu_H(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_n) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \int_{\Omega} b_0(z, \omega) \dots b_n(z, \omega) d\mu(\omega) \text{Tr}(dE_H(\lambda) V_1 dE_H(\lambda) V_2 \dots V_n dE_H(\lambda) V) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} b_0(z, \omega) \dots b_n(z, \omega) \text{Tr}(dE_H(\lambda) V_1 dE_H(\lambda) V_2 \dots V_n dE_H(\lambda) V) d\mu(\omega) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \text{Tr} \left( \int_{\Omega} \int_{\mathbb{R}} b_0(z, \omega) dE_H(\lambda) V_1 \cdots V_n \int_{\mathbb{R}} b_n(z, \omega) dE_H(\lambda) V d\mu(\omega) \right) \\
 &= \text{Tr}(T_{\psi}^H(V_1, \dots, V_n)V).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$T_{\phi}^U(V_1, \dots, V_n) = T_{\psi}^H(V_1, \dots, V_n).$$

Furthermore, the finite rank operators are dense in  $S_p$ . Construct for each  $W_i$ , where  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , a sequence  $\{V_{i,j} : j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of finite rank operators such that  $V_{i,j} \rightarrow W_i$  in the so-topology. Apply [PSS12, Proposition 4.9] to see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &T_{\phi}^U(W_1, \dots, W_n) \\
 &= \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} T_{\phi}^U(V_{1,j}, \dots, V_{n,j}) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} T_{\psi}^H(V_{1,j}, \dots, V_{n,j}) \\
 &= T_{\psi}^H(W_1, \dots, W_n).
 \end{aligned}$$

□

### Theorem 3.3

Let  $0 < p \leq 1$  and  $p_1, p_2 \in (0, \infty)$  such that  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{p}$  and  $\frac{3}{p} < \beta \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $f \in C_c^\beta(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $\|T_{f^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\| < \infty$ .

*Proof.* Consider the image of  $f$  under the Cayley transform

$$\begin{aligned}
 h(z) &:= f\left(i \frac{z+1}{z-1}\right) \\
 f(z) &:= h\left(\frac{z+i}{z-i}\right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $z \in \mathbb{T}$ .

Since  $f \in C_c^\beta(\mathbb{R})$  and the Cayley transform is  $C^\infty$ , it follows that  $h \in C^\beta(\mathbb{T})$ . Therefore  $\|T_{h^{[2]}}\| < \infty$  due to Lemma 3.1. Further, because  $\beta > \frac{2}{p}$ , note that  $\|T_{h^{[1]}}\| < \infty$  by [MS21, Theorem 4.3.1].

Define the following class of functions

$$G_m(\mathbb{T}) := \{\phi \in C(\mathbb{T}) : \phi(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} a_n z^n : \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} |a_n| n^m < \infty\}.$$

Additionally, due to  $h \in C^4(\mathbb{T})$  the function  $h$  can be expressed as,

$$h(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{h}(n) z^n = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \hat{h}(n) z^n + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \hat{h}(-n) z^{-n} := h_1(z) + h_2(z^{-1})$$

where

$$h_1(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} a_n z^n$$

$$h_2(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} b_n z^n$$

and

$$a_n = \hat{h}(n)$$

$$b_n = \begin{cases} \hat{h}(-n) & n > 0 \\ 0 & n = 0 \end{cases}.$$

Observe that  $|a_n| \lesssim (1 + |n|)^{-4}$  and  $|b_n| \lesssim (1 + |n|)^{-4}$  due to [Gra14, Proposition 3.3.12]. Thus,

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} |a_n| n^2 \lesssim \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} (1 + |n|)^{-4} n^2 < \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} n^{-2} < \infty$$

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} |b_n| n^2 \lesssim \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} (1 + |n|)^{-4} n^2 < \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} n^{-2} < \infty.$$

Therefore  $h_1, h_2 \in G_2(\mathbb{T})$ . Thus  $h \in G_2(\mathbb{T})$  as well. Due to  $G_2(\mathbb{T}) \subset G_1(\mathbb{T})$  it follows that  $h^{[1]} \in \mathcal{A}_1^c(\mathbb{T})$  and  $h^{[2]} \in \mathcal{A}_2^c(\mathbb{T})$  due to [PSS15, Theorem 2.4(i)].

Further, let  $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $h \in C^2(\mathbb{T})$  and define  $z := g(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda+i}{\lambda-i} \in \mathbb{T}$  and  $\lambda := h(z) = i \frac{z+1}{z-1} \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then, it follows from [PSS15, Lemma 2.3(ii)] that

$$\begin{aligned} & f^{[2]}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^2 \sum_{0=i_0 < \dots < i_k=2} \frac{(-1)^{k+1} i^{3-k}}{2^{3-k}} h^{[k]}(z_{i_0}, \dots, z_{i_k}) \\ & \quad \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} (z_{i_j} - 1)^2 \prod_{l \in \{0,1,2\} \setminus \{i_1, \dots, i_{k-1}\}} (z_l - 1) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} h^{[1]}(z_0, z_2) - \frac{i}{2} h^{[2]}(z_0, z_1, z_2) (z_0 - 1)(z_1 - 1)^2 (z_2 - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $H$  be a bounded densely defined self-adjoint closed operator and let  $U$  denote the unitary operator  $(H + i)(H - i)^{-1}$ . Now define

$$u_{0,2}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) := h^{[1]}(g(\lambda_0), g(\lambda_2))$$

$$u_{0,1,2}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) := h^{[2]}(g(\lambda_0), g(\lambda_1), g(\lambda_2))(g(\lambda_0) - 1)(g(\lambda_1) - 1)^2(g(\lambda_2) - 1).$$

It then follows from [PSS15, Lemma 2.2(i)] that

$$T_{f^{[2]}}^{H,H,H}(X, Y) = -\frac{1}{4} T_{u_{0,2}}^{H,H,H}(X, Y) - \frac{i}{2} T_{u_{0,1,2}}^{H,H,H}(X, Y).$$

Additionally, set

$$v_{0,2}(z_0, z_1, z_2) := u_{0,2}(h(z_0), h(z_1), h(z_2)) = h^{[1]}(z_0, z_2) \quad (3.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_{0,1,2}(z_0, z_1, z_2) &:= u_{0,1,2}(h(z_0), h(z_1), h(z_2)) \\ &= h^{[2]}(z_0, z_1, z_2)(z_0 - 1)(z_1 - 1)^2(z_2 - 1). \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Due to  $h^{[1]} \in \mathcal{A}_1^c(\mathbb{T})$ ,  $h^{[2]} \in \mathcal{A}_2^c(\mathbb{T})$ , observe that  $v_{0,2}, v_{0,1,2} \in \mathcal{A}_2^c(\mathbb{T})$ . Now, apply [Theorem 3.2](#) to obtain

$$T_{u_{0,2}}^{H,H,H}(X, Y) = T_{v_{0,2}}^{U,U,U}(X, Y)$$

$$T_{u_{0,1,2}}^{H,H,H}(X, Y) = T_{v_{0,1,2}}^{U,U,U}(X, Y).$$

Now, recall that  $v_{0,2}(z_0, z_1, z_2)$  admits the representation

$$v_{0,2}(z_0, z_1, z_2) = \int_{\Omega} a_0(z_0, \omega) a_1(z_1, \omega) a_2(z_2, \omega) d\mu(\omega).$$

Additionally, recall that  $h^{[1]}(z_0, z_2)$  admits the representation,

$$h^{[1]}(z_0, z_1, z_2) := \int_{\Omega} b_0(z_0, \omega) b_1(z_1, \omega) b_2(z_2, \omega) d\mu(\omega).$$

where  $b_1$  is the identity. Using [\(3.2\)](#), observe that

$$\begin{aligned} T_{v_{0,2}}^{U,U,U}(X, Y) &= \int_{\Omega} a_0(U, \omega) X a_1(U, \omega) Y a_2(U, \omega) d\mu(\omega) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} b_0(U, \omega) X b_1(U, \omega) Y b_2(U, \omega) d\mu(\omega) = T_{h^{[1]}}^{U,U}(XY). \end{aligned}$$

Secondly, assume that  $v_{0,1,2}(z_0, z_1, z_2)$  admits the representation

$$v_{0,1,2}(z_0, z_1, z_2) = \int_{\Omega} c_0(z_0, \omega) c_1(z_1, \omega) c_2(z_2, \omega) d\mu(\omega).$$

Additionally, assume that  $h^{[2]}(z_0, z_1, z_2)$  admits the representation

$$h^{[2]}(z_0, z_1, z_2) = \int_{\Omega} d_0(z_0, \omega) d_1(z_1, \omega) d_2(z_2, \omega) d\mu(\omega).$$

Apply [\[PSS15, Lemma 2.2\(iii\)\]](#) and [\[PSS16, Lemma 2.3\(iii\)\]](#) and  $d_1(U, \omega)(U - 1) = (U - 1)d_1(U, \omega)$  to observe that

$$T_{v_{0,1,2}}^{U,U,U}(X, Y) = \int_{\Omega} c_0(U, \omega) X c_1(U, \omega) Y c_2(U, \omega) d\mu(\omega)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{\Omega} d_0(U, \omega)(U-1)X(U-1)d_1(U, \omega)(U-1)Y(U-1)d_2(V, \omega)d\mu(\omega) \\
&= T_{h^{[2]}}^{U,U,U}((U-1)X(U-1), (U-1)Y(U-1)).
\end{aligned}$$

Now, apply the  $p$ -triangle inequality (2.2), the boundedness of  $T_{h^{[1]}}$  and  $T_{h^{[2]}}$  and Hölder's inequality [DR21, Equation 1.8] to observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|T_{f^{[2]}}^{H,H,H}(X, Y)\|_{S_p}^p \\
&= \left\| -\frac{1}{4}T_{h^{[1]}}^{U,U}(XY) - \frac{i}{2}T_{h^{[2]}}^{U,U,U}((U-1)X(U-1), (U-1)Y(U-1)) \right\|_{S_p}^p \\
&\leq \frac{1}{4^p}\|T_{h^{[1]}}^{U,U}(XY)\|_{S_p}^p + \frac{1}{2^p}\|T_{h^{[2]}}^{U,U,U}((U-1)X(U-1), (U-1)Y(U-1))\|_{S_p}^p \\
&\lesssim \|T_{h^{[1]}}^{U,U}(XY)\|_{S_p}^p + \|T_{h^{[2]}}^{U,U,U}((U-1)X(U-1), (U-1)Y(U-1))\|_{S_p}^p \\
&\lesssim \|XY\|_{S_p}^p + \|(U-1)X(U-1)\|_{S_{p_1}}^p \|(U-1)Y(U-1)\|_{S_{p_2}}^p \\
&\lesssim \|XY\|_{S_p}^p + \|U-1\|^{4p}\|X\|_{S_{p_1}}^p \|Y\|_{S_{p_2}}^p \lesssim \|X\|_{S_{p_1}}^p \|Y\|_{S_{p_2}}^p.
\end{aligned}$$

From which it follows that  $\|T_{f^{[2]}}^{H,H,H}\| < \infty$ .

Now, let  $A, B, C$  be arbitrary densely defined self-adjoint operators. After careful examination, one observes that the techniques used in the proof of [CSZ21, Corollary 2.4] are also valid for  $0 < p < 1$ . Applying [CSZ21, Corollary 2.4] gives that  $\|T_{f^{[2]}}^{A,B,C}\| < \infty$ . Thus,  $\|T_{f^{[2]}}\| < \infty$ .  $\square$

### 3.2. BOUNDING PARTITIONS OF UNITY

The following three results are used to prove a result analogous to [MS21, Lemma 2.2.3] in the context of multilinear operator integrals.

#### Lemma 3.4

Let  $A, B \in B(H)$  be arbitrary normal operators such that  $AB = BA = 0$  and let  $\Omega = \sigma(A) \cup \sigma(B) \cup (\sigma(A) + \sigma(B))$ . Let  $f \in C(\Omega)$  and  $f(0) = 0$ . Then,  $f(A+B) = f(A) + f(B)$ .

*Proof.* Define  $q(x) = \sum_{m=1}^M a_m x^m$ , where  $\{a_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  is an arbitrary bounded sequence. Apply the binomial expansion to observe that

$$q(A+B) = \sum_{m=1}^M a_m (A+B)^m = \sum_{m=1}^M a_m \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} A^{m-k} B^k \quad (3.4)$$



$$= \sum_{m=1}^M a_m A^m + \sum_{m=1}^M a_m B^m = q(A) + q(B).$$

By the Stone–Weierstrass theorem there exists a sequence of polynomials  $\{p_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f - p_n\|_\infty = 0$  on  $\Omega$ . Define  $\widetilde{p}_n(x) = p_n(x) - p_n(0)$ . Note that  $f(0) = 0$  implies that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|p_n(0)\|_\infty = 0$ . Then,

$$\|f - \widetilde{p}_n\|_\infty \leq \|f - p_n\|_\infty + \|p_n - \widetilde{p}_n\|_\infty = \|f - p_n\|_\infty + \|p_n(0)\|_\infty \quad (3.5)$$

on  $\Omega$ , where the right-hand side converges to 0 as  $n$  goes to  $\infty$ .

Due to (3.4–3.5) and the functional calculus it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(A+B) - f(A) - f(B)\| \\ & \leq \|f(A+B) - \widetilde{p}_n(A+B)\| + \|f(A) - \widetilde{p}_n(A)\| + \|f(B) - \widetilde{p}_n(B)\| \\ & = \|f(A+B) - \widetilde{p}_n(A+B)\|_\infty + \|f(A) - \widetilde{p}_n(A)\|_\infty + \|f(B) - \widetilde{p}_n(B)\|_\infty \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

where the right-hand side converges to 0 as  $n$  goes to  $\infty$ .  $\square$

### Lemma 3.5

Let  $p \in (1, \infty)$ . Additionally, let  $H_1, H_2$  be arbitrary self-adjoint operators. Let  $\{s_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $\{t_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be partitions of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $s_k \cap s_{k'} = t_k \cap t_{k'} = \emptyset$  whenever  $k \neq k'$ . Then the mapping  $\Omega : S_p \rightarrow S_p : V \mapsto \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi_{s_k}(H_1) V \chi_{t_k}(H_2)$  is a contraction.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in H \oplus H$  be arbitrary. Thus,  $x = (h_1, h_2)$  where  $h_1, h_2 \in H$ . Observe that any  $T \in B(H \oplus H)$  can be represented as

$$Tx = (Ah_1 + Bh_2, Ch_1 + Dh_2)$$

where  $A, B, C, D \in B(H)$ . Thus  $T$  can be identified with the  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $T' \in B(H \oplus H)$  be identified with the  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} A' & B' \\ C' & D' \end{pmatrix}$ .

Observe that regular matrix multiplication  $T'T = \begin{pmatrix} A'A + B'C & A'B + B'D \\ C'A + D'C & B'C + D'D \end{pmatrix}$

and addition  $T + T' = \begin{pmatrix} A + A' & B + B' \\ C + C' & D + D' \end{pmatrix}$  is equivalent with multiplication

and addition on  $B(H \oplus H)$ . Thus,  $B(H \oplus H) \cong \begin{pmatrix} B(H) & B(H) \\ B(H) & B(H) \end{pmatrix}$ .

Construct the following operator  $P_k \in B(H \oplus H)$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$P_k = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{s_k}(H_1) & 0 \\ 0 & \chi_{t_k}(H_2) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that  $P_k^* = P_k$  and  $P_k P_{k'} = P_{k'} P_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  when  $k \neq k'$  due to  $\chi_{s_k}(H_1)$  and  $\chi_{t_k}(H_2)$  being pairwise orthogonal projections.

Define the following map  $E : B(H \oplus H) \rightarrow B(H \oplus H)$  defined by

$$EX = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} P_k X P_k.$$

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Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of operators in  $B(H \oplus H)$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|X_n\|_{B(H \oplus H)} = 0$ . Additionally, suppose that there exists some  $Y \in B(H \oplus H)$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|EX_n\|_{B(H \oplus H)} = \|Y\|_{B(H \oplus H)}$ . Let  $\mathcal{G} \in \text{Ran}(P_l)$  for some  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|EX_n \mathcal{G}\|_{H \oplus H} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|P_l X_n P_l \mathcal{G}\|_{H \oplus H} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|X_n\|_{B(H \oplus H)} \|\mathcal{G}\|_{H \oplus H} = 0$ . From this it follows that  $Y = 0$  and due to the Closed Graph Theorem [Con90, Proposition III.12.7] it follows that  $E$  is a bounded operator.

Further, observe that  $E$  is idempotent due to

$$\begin{aligned} E^2 X &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} P_k \left( \sum_{k' \in \mathbb{Z}} P_{k'} X P_{k'} \right) P_k \\ &= \sum_{k, k' \in \mathbb{Z}} P_k P_{k'} X P_{k'} P_k = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} P_k X P_k = EX. \end{aligned}$$

Additionally, when  $A \in B(H \oplus H)$  is positive there exists a positive self-adjoint compact operator  $B \in B(H \oplus H)$  such that  $A = B^2$  [Con90, Definition II.2.12, Theorem II.7.16]. Let  $h \in H \oplus H$  be arbitrary. Then  $EA$  is positive due to

$$\begin{aligned} \langle EA h, h \rangle &= \langle \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} P_k A P_k h, h \rangle = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \langle P_k A P_k h, h \rangle \\ &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \langle P_k B^2 P_k h, h \rangle = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \langle B P_k h, B P_k h \rangle \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $E$  is completely positive.

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\xi \in H \oplus H$  be arbitrary. Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a net of bounded operators in  $B(H \oplus H)$  converging strongly to  $X \in B(H \oplus H)$ . Now, let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\epsilon_k > 0$  be arbitrary. Then one can pick  $N_k \geq 1$  sufficiently large such that for all  $n_k \geq N_k$  it holds that

$$\|P_k X_{n_k} P_k h - P_k X P_k h\|_{H \oplus H} < \epsilon_k.$$

Denote an orthonormal basis of  $H \oplus H$  by  $\{q_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , where each  $q_n \in \text{Ran}(P_{k'})$  for some  $k' \in \mathbb{Z}$  depending on  $n$ . One can choose  $N_A \geq 1$

sufficiently large such that there exists an  $\eta \in \text{span}(\{q_i\}_{i=1}^{N_A})$  such that  $\|\xi - \eta\|_{H \oplus H} < \frac{\epsilon}{3}(\|E\|$

$\max(\sup_{n \geq N_A} \|X_n\|, \|X\|))^{-1}$ . It follows that there exists  $\tilde{R}^-, \tilde{R}^+ \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $\tilde{R}^- \leq \tilde{R}^+$ , such that for all  $Y \in B(H \oplus H)$ :  $EY\eta = \sum_{k=R^-}^{R^+} P_k Y P_k \eta$ . Thus, one can choose  $N_B \geq \max(N_{R^-}, N_{(R^-+1)}, \dots, N_{R^+})$  sufficiently large such that for all  $n \geq N_B$  the following inequality holds

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{k=R^-}^{R^+} P_k X_n P_k \xi - \sum_{k=R^-}^{R^+} P_k X P_k \xi \right\|_{H \oplus H} &\leq \sum_{k=R^-}^{R^+} \|P_k X_n P_k \xi - P_k X P_k \xi\|_{H \oplus H} \\ &\leq (R^+ - R^-) \cdot \max(\epsilon_{R^-}, \epsilon_{(R^-+1)}, \dots, \epsilon_{R^+}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\epsilon_{R^-}, \epsilon_{(R^-+1)}, \dots, \epsilon_{R^+}$  are arbitrary one can bound

$$\left\| \sum_{k=R^-}^{R^+} P_k X_n P_k \xi - \sum_{k=R^-}^{R^+} P_k X P_k \xi \right\|_{H \oplus H} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3}.$$

Choose  $N_{\max} = \max(N_A, N_B)$ . Then, for all  $n \geq N_{\max}$ , one observes that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|EX_n \xi - EX \xi\|_{H \oplus H} \\ &\leq \|EX_n \xi - EX_n \eta\|_{H \oplus H} + \|EX_n \eta - EX \eta\|_{H \oplus H} + \|EX \eta - EX \xi\|_{H \oplus H} \\ &\leq \|EX_n\| \|\xi - \eta\|_{H \oplus H} + \|EX\| \|\xi - \eta\|_{H \oplus H} + \|EX_n \eta - EX \eta\|_{H \oplus H} \\ &\leq \|E\| \|X_n\| \|\xi - \eta\|_{H \oplus H} + \|E\| \|X\| \|\xi - \eta\|_{H \oplus H} + \|EX_n \eta - EX \eta\|_{H \oplus H} \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\{EX_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{J}}$  is a net of bounded operators in  $B(H \oplus H)$  converging strongly to  $EX \in B(H \oplus H)$ . Then, from [Tak11, Theorem II.2.6] it follows that  $E$  is normal.

Thus,  $E$  is a normal conditional expectation. Now, applying [HJX09, Theorem 5.1] and [HJX09, Remark 5.6] yields the result that  $E$  is a contraction. This implies that  $E$  restricted to  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & S_p(H) \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \supseteq S_p(H \oplus H)$  is also a contraction. Further, observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 & X \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{S_p(H \oplus H)}^p &= \text{Tr} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & X \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} 0 & X \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)^{p/2} \\ &= \text{Tr} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & |X|^2 \end{pmatrix} \right)^{p/2} = \text{Tr}(|X|^p) = \|X\|_{S_p(H)}^p \end{aligned}$$

and

$$P_k \begin{pmatrix} 0 & X \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \chi_{s_k}(H_1)X\chi_{t_k}(H_2) \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

From which it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi_{s_k}(H_1)X\chi_{t_k}(H_2) \right\|_{S_p(H)} &= \left\| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} P_k \begin{pmatrix} 0 & X \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} P_k \right\|_{S_p(H \oplus H)} \\ &\leq \left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 & X \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{S_p(H \oplus H)} = \|X\|_{S_p(H)}. \end{aligned}$$

□

### Lemma 3.6

Let  $\{\phi_k : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be a sequence of disjointly supported functions in all variables. That is, if  $\phi_k(x, y, z) \neq 0$ , then for all  $k' \neq k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $s, t, u \in \mathbb{R}$  it holds that  $\phi_{k'}(x, t, u) = \phi_{k'}(s, y, u) = \phi_{k'}(s, t, z) = 0$ . Choose  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\phi(x, y, z) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \phi_k(x, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $p \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  and  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$  be such that  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{p}$ . Then  $\|T_\phi : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\| \leq \|\{ \|T_{\phi_k} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p \| \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_{p^\#}}$ .

*Proof.* Without loss of generality it may be assumed that

$$\phi_k(x, y, z) = \phi_k(x, y, z) \chi_{s_k}(x) \chi_{t_k}(y) \chi_{u_k}(z).$$

where  $\{s_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}, \{t_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}, \{u_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are pairwise disjoint partitions of  $\mathbb{R}$  and for all  $k' \neq k$  it holds that  $s_{k'} \cap s_k = t_{k'} \cap t_k = u_{k'} \cap u_k = \emptyset$ . Let  $H_1, H_2, H_3$  be arbitrary self-adjoint operators. Let  $V \in S_{p_1}$  and  $W \in S_{p_2}$  be arbitrary. Further, define  $V_k := \chi_{s_k}(H_1)V\chi_{t_k}(H_2)$  and  $W_k := \chi_{t_k}(H_2)W\chi_{u_k}(H_3)$ . Note that the mappings  $S_{p_1} \rightarrow S_{p_1} : V \mapsto \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} V_k$  and  $S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_{p_2} : W \mapsto \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} W_k$  are contractions due to Lemma 3.5. Combining this with (2.3) and Hölder's inequality for sequence spaces yields

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_\phi^{H_1, H_2, H_3}(V, W)\|_{S_p} &\leq \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|T_{\phi_k}^{H_1, H_2, H_3}(V, W)\|_{S_p}^p \right)^{1/p} \quad (3.7) \\ &= \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|T_{\phi_k}^{H_1, H_2, H_3}(V_k, W_k)\|_{S_p}^p \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|T_{\phi_k}^{H_1, H_2, H_3}\|^p \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}}^p \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}}^p \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq \|\{ \|T_{\phi_k}\| \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_{p^\#}} \|\{ \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_1} \\ &\leq \|\{ \|T_{\phi_k}\| \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_{p^\#}} \|\{ \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_p} \\ &\leq \|\{ \|T_{\phi_k}\| \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_{p^\#}} \|\{ \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_{p_1}} \|\{ \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_{p_2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Further,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\{ \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_{p_1}} &= \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}}^{p_1} \right)^{1/p_1} \\ &= \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Tr}((V_k^* V_k)^{p_1/2}) \right)^{1/p_1} = \left( \text{Tr} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (V_k^* V_k)^{p_1/2} \right) \right)^{1/p_1}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

When  $k \neq k'$ , note that  $(V_k^* V_k)(V_{k'}^* V_{k'}) = (V_{k'}^* V_{k'})(V_k^* V_k) = 0$ . Thus, Lemma 3.4 can be applied to (3.8) from which it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\{ \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_{p_1}} &= \left( \text{Tr} \left( \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} V_k^* V_k \right)^{p_1/2} \right) \right)^{1/p_1} \\ &= \left( \text{Tr} \left( \left( \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} V_k \right)^* \left( \sum_{k' \in \mathbb{Z}} V_{k'} \right) \right)^{p_1/2} \right) \right)^{1/p_1} = \text{Tr} \left( \left| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} V_k \right|^{p_1} \right)^{1/p_1} \\ &= \left\| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} V_k \right\|_{S_{p_1}} \leq \|V\|_{S_{p_1}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

By following an identical procedure it is also valid that

$$\|\{ \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_{p_2}} \leq \|W\|_{S_{p_2}}. \quad (3.10)$$

Inserting (3.9-3.10) into (3.7) finishes the proof.  $\square$

### 3.3. STRUCTURE OF $\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[2]}$

Let  $\phi \in C_c^\beta(\mathbb{R})$ , where  $\beta \in \mathbb{N}$ , be a compactly supported  $C^\beta$  function. Let  $\alpha = \{\alpha_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be a bounded sequence of complex numbers and let  $\lambda > 0$ . Define

$$\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}(x) := \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_k \phi(\lambda x - k). \quad (3.11)$$

Comparing (2.5) and (3.11) shows that  $\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}(x)$  serves as an abstraction of a wavelet decomposition.

#### Lemma 3.7

If  $\phi \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_k \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - k, \lambda y - k, \lambda z - k)$ .

*Proof.* Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} &\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \\ &= \frac{\frac{\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}(x) - \phi_{\alpha,\lambda}(y)}{x-y} - \frac{\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}(y) - \phi_{\alpha,\lambda}(z)}{y-z}}{x-z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_k \frac{\frac{\phi(\lambda x - k) - \phi(\lambda y - k)}{x - y} - \frac{\phi(\lambda y - k) - \phi(\lambda z - k)}{y - z}}{x - z} \\
&= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_k \lambda \frac{\frac{\phi(\lambda x - k) - \phi(\lambda y - k)}{(\lambda x - k) - (\lambda y - k)} - \frac{\phi(\lambda y - k) - \phi(\lambda z - k)}{(\lambda y - k) - (\lambda z - k)}}{x - z} \\
&= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_k \lambda \frac{\phi^{[1]}(\lambda x - k, \lambda y - k) - \phi^{[1]}(\lambda y - k, \lambda z - k)}{x - z} \\
&= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_k \lambda^2 \frac{\phi^{[1]}(\lambda x - k, \lambda y - k) - \phi^{[1]}(\lambda y - k, \lambda z - k)}{(\lambda x - k) - (\lambda z - k)} \\
&= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_k \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - k, \lambda y - k, \lambda z - k).
\end{aligned}$$

□

### 3.4. BOUNDING $T_{\phi^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p$ , $p = 1$

The next theorem aims to prove a result analogous to [MS21, Theorem 4.2.1], where  $p = 1$ , for multilinear operator integrals with a second order divided difference function as symbol.

#### Theorem 3.8

Let  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$  such that  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = 1$ . If  $\phi \in C_c^4(\mathbb{R})$ , then  $\|T_{\phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_1\| \lesssim (\lambda + \lambda^2) \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\alpha_k|$ .

*Proof.* Without loss of generality, assume that the functions  $\{\phi(\lambda \cdot - k)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are disjointly supported. Indeed, otherwise one may select  $N > 1$  sufficiently large such that  $\{\phi(\lambda \cdot - Nk)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are disjointly supported, and write

$$\phi_{\alpha, \lambda} = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \phi_{\alpha^{(j)}, \lambda}$$

where  $\alpha^{(j)}$  is the sequence  $\{\alpha_{j+Nk}\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ . Then the assertion may be proven for each  $\phi_{\alpha^{(j)}, \lambda}$  separately.

Let  $\rho$  be a smooth compactly supported function on  $\mathbb{R}$  which is equal to 1 in a neighbourhood of zero, define  $\mu(t) = \frac{1-\rho(t)}{t}$ .

Split the second order divided difference as follows

$$\phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) = \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z)(1 - \rho(x - z)) + \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z)\rho(x - z)$$

$$:= A(x, y, z) + B(x, y, z).$$

First examine the  $A(x, y, z)$  term

$$\begin{aligned} A(x, y, z) &= \frac{\phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(x, y) - \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(y, z)}{x - z} (1 - \rho(x - z)) \\ &= (\phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(x, y) - \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(y, z)) \mu(x - z) \\ &= \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(x, y) \mu(x - z) - \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(y, z) \mu(x - z). \end{aligned}$$

Now, use [MS21, Theorem 4.2.1] to show  $\|T_{\phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_1\| \lesssim \lambda \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\alpha_k|$ . Using [MS21, Lemma 4.2.3 and Proposition 4.2.2.(ii)], observe that  $\|T_{(x, z) \mapsto \mu(x - z)} : S_1 \rightarrow S_1\| < \infty$ . Further, use Lemma 2.4.3 to observe that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|T_A : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_1\| \\ &\leq \|T_{(x, y, z) \mapsto \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(x, y) \mu(x - z)} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_1\| \\ &\quad + \|T_{(x, y, z) \mapsto \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(y, z) \mu(x - z)} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_1\| \\ &\leq \|T_{\phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]} : S_{p_1} \rightarrow S_{p_1}}\| \|T_{(x, z) \mapsto \mu(x - z)} : S_1 \rightarrow S_1\| \\ &\quad + \|T_{\phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]} : S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_{p_2}}\| \|T_{(x, z) \mapsto \mu(x - z)} : S_1 \rightarrow S_1\| \\ &\lesssim \lambda \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\alpha_k|. \end{aligned}$$

Now, examine the  $B(x, y, z)$  term by splitting it as follows

$$\begin{aligned} B(x, y, z) &= \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \rho(x - z) \\ &= \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \rho(x - z) (1 - \rho(x - y)) + \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \rho(x - z) \rho(x - y) \\ &:= C(x, y, z) + D(x, y, z). \end{aligned}$$

First, examine the  $C(x, y, z)$  term and apply that  $\phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}$  is invariant under permutations [ST19, Section 2.2]

$$\begin{aligned} C(x, y, z) &= \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \rho(x - z) (1 - \rho(x - y)) \\ &= \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, z, y) \rho(x - z) (1 - \rho(x - y)) \\ &= \frac{\phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(x, z) - \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(z, y)}{x - y} \rho(x - z) (1 - \rho(x - y)) \\ &= \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(x, z) \rho(x - z) \mu(x - y) - \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(z, y) \rho(x - z) \mu(x - y). \end{aligned}$$

Now, use [MS21, Theorem 4.2.1] to show  $\|T_{\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[1]}}\| \lesssim \lambda \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\alpha_k|$ . Use [MS21, Lemma 4.2.3 and Proposition 4.2.2(ii)] to observe that  $\|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \mu(x-y)} : S_{p_1} \rightarrow S_{p_1}\| < \infty$ . Additionally, due to  $\rho$  being Schwartz class it follows that  $\|T_{(x,z) \rightarrow \rho(x-z)} : S_1 \rightarrow S_1\| < \infty$  due to [MS21, Proposition 4.2.2(ii)]. Further, use the above and Lemma 2.4.3 to observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|T_C : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_1\| \\
& \leq \|T_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow \phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[1]}(x,y)\rho(x-z)\mu(x-y)} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_1\| \\
& \quad + \|T_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow \phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[1]}(z,y)\rho(x-z)\mu(x-y)} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_1\| \\
& \leq \|T_{\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[1]}} : S_{p_1} \rightarrow S_{p_1}\| \|T_{(x,z) \rightarrow \rho(x-z)} : S_1 \rightarrow S_1\| \|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \mu(x-y)} : S_{p_1} \rightarrow S_{p_1}\| \\
& \quad + \|T_{\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[1]}} : S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_{p_2}\| \|T_{(x,z) \rightarrow \rho(x-z)} : S_1 \rightarrow S_1\| \|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \mu(x-y)} : S_{p_1} \rightarrow S_{p_1}\| \\
& \lesssim \lambda \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\alpha_k|.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, observe the  $D(x, y, z)$  term. Assume that  $\rho$  is bounded in the interval  $(-1, 1)$ . It follows that the function  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow \phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z)\rho(x-z)\rho(x-y)$  is supported in the plane  $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : |x-z| < 1, |x-y| < 1\}$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : |x-z| < 1, |x-y| < 1\} \\
& \subset \sum_{i,j \in \{-1,0,1\}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} [k, k+1) \times [k+i, k+i+1) \times [k+j, k+j+1).
\end{aligned}$$

Now, define

$$\chi_{i,j,k}(x, y, z) = \chi_{[k,k+1)}(x) \chi_{[k+i,k+i+1)}(y) \chi_{[k+j,k+j+1)}(z).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
D(x, y, z) &= \sum_{i,j \in \{-1,0,1\}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \rho(x-z) \rho(x-y) \chi_{i,j,k}(x, y, z) \\
&:= \sum_{i,j \in \{-1,0,1\}} F_{i,j}(x, y, z).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

Additionally, observe that due to Lemma 3.7

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) &= \frac{\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[1]}(x, y) - \phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[1]}(y, z)}{x - z} \\
&= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_k \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - k, \lambda y - k, \lambda z - k).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$



Inserting (3.13) into (3.12) yields

$$\begin{aligned} & F_{i,j}(x, y, z) \\ &= \sum_{k' \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi_{i,j,k'}(x, y, z) \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_k \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - k, \lambda y - k, \lambda z - k) \rho(x - z) \rho(x - y). \end{aligned}$$

Due to  $\phi$  being compactly supported for each  $k'$  the sum over  $k$  has only finitely many terms. In fact, there exists a constant  $N$  (depending on  $\phi, \lambda, i$  and  $j$ ) such that for  $|k - k'| > N$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha_k \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - k, \lambda y - k, \lambda z - k) \\ &= \alpha_k \lambda \frac{\phi(\lambda x - k) - \phi(\lambda y - k)}{(x - z)(x - y)} - \alpha_k \lambda \frac{\phi(\lambda y - k) - \phi(\lambda z - k)}{(x - z)(y - z)} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & F_{i,j}(x, y, z) \\ &= \sum_{k' \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi_{i,j,k'}(x, y, z) \sum_{|k - k'| \leq N} \alpha_k \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - k, \lambda y - k, \lambda z - k) \rho(x - z) \rho(x - y). \end{aligned}$$

Now, fix  $i, j \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ . If  $\chi_{i,j,n}(x, y, z) \neq 0$ , then for all  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $m \neq n$  observe that  $\chi_{i,j,m}(s, t, z) = 0$ ,  $\chi_{i,j,m}(x, s, t) = 0$  and  $\chi_{i,j,m}(s, y, t) = 0$ . Thus  $F_{i,j}(x, y, z)$  is disjointly supported in  $x, y$  and  $z$ .

Apply Lemma 3.6 to observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|T_{F_{i,j}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_1\| \\ &\leq \sup_{k' \in \mathbb{Z}} \|T_{(x,y,z) \mapsto \chi_{i,j,k'}(x,y,z) \sum_{|k - k'| \leq N} \alpha_k \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - k, \lambda y - k, \lambda z - k) \rho(x - z) \rho(x - y)}\| \\ &= \sup_{k' \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{|k - k'| \leq N} |\alpha_k| \lambda^2 \|T_{(x,y,z) \mapsto \chi_{i,j,k'}(x,y,z) \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - k, \lambda y - k, \lambda z - k) \rho(x - z) \rho(x - y)}\|. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $\phi$  is a  $C_c^4$  function, thus by Theorem 3.3 it follows that  $\|T_{\phi^{[2]} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_1\| < \infty$ . Similarly, due to  $\rho$  being Schwartz class it follows that  $\|T_{(x,z) \mapsto \rho(x - z)} : S_1 \rightarrow S_1\| < \infty$  and  $\|T_{(x,y) \mapsto \rho(x - y)} : S_{p_1} \rightarrow S_{p_1}\| < \infty$  due to [MS21, Proposition 4.2.2(ii)]. Combining this once again with Lemma 2.4.3 yields

$$\|T_{F_{i,j}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_1\| \lesssim \lambda^2 \sup_{k' \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{|k - k'| \leq N} |\alpha_k| \lesssim_N \lambda^2 \sup_{k' \in \mathbb{Z}} |\alpha_{k'}|.$$

From which it follows that

$$\|T_{\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[2]} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_1\| \lesssim (\lambda + \lambda^2) \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\alpha_k|.$$

□

**Lemma 3.9**

If  $f$  is Lipschitz on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f \in \dot{B}_{p^\#, p}^{1/p}(\mathbb{R})$ , where  $0 < p \leq 1$ , then  $f^{[2]}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} f_j^{[2]}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ .

*Proof.* Apply Lemma 2.6.3 to observe that

$$f(t) - f(0) = ct + \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} f_j(t) - f_j(0), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

By dividing by  $t$ , when  $t \neq 0$ , it follows that

$$f^{[1]}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1) = c + \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} f_j^{[1]}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1). \quad (3.14)$$

Taking the derivative with respect to  $t$  yields

$$f'(t) = c + \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} f_j'(t) \quad (3.15)$$

$$f''(t) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} f_j''(t). \quad (3.16)$$

Thus, when  $\lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda$  it follows from (3.15) and (3.16) that

$$f^{[2]}(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda) = f''(\lambda) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} f_j''(\lambda) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} f_j^{[2]}(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda).$$

Additionally, if there exists  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  such that  $i \neq j$  and  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$ , then it follows from (3.14) that

$$\begin{aligned} f^{[2]}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) &= \frac{f^{[1]}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1) - f^{[1]}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)}{\lambda_0 - \lambda_2} \\ &= \frac{(c + \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} f_j^{[1]}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1)) - (c + \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} f_j^{[1]}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2))}{\lambda_0 - \lambda_2} = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} f_j^{[2]}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the wavelet decomposition of  $f^{[2]}$  for arbitrary  $\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  is

$$f^{[2]}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} f_j^{[2]}(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2).$$

□

The general strategy in the proof will be to apply the wavelet decomposition to bound  $\|T_{f^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\|^p$  by  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \|T_{f_j^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\|^p$ .

**Lemma 3.10**

Let  $f$  be a locally integrable function on  $\mathbb{R}$ , and let  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  be such that  $f_j$  is bounded where  $f_j$  is computed with respect to a compactly supported  $C^4$  wavelet  $\phi$ . Let  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$  be such that  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = 1$ . Then the map  $T_{f_j^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_1$  is bounded by  $\|T_{f_j^{[2]}}\| \lesssim (2^j + 2^{2j}) \|f_j\|_\infty$ .

*Proof.* Observe that

$$f_j(t) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{j/2} \phi(2^j t - k) \langle f, \phi_{j,k} \rangle.$$

Which has the correct form to be able to apply [Theorem 3.8](#) and [Lemma 2.5.1](#)

$$\|T_{f_j^{[2]}}\| \leq (2^j + 2^{2j}) \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{j/2} |\langle f, \phi_{j,k} \rangle| \approx_\phi (2^j + 2^{2j}) \|f_j\|_\infty.$$

□

**Collorary 3.11**

Let  $f \in \dot{B}_{\infty,1}^1(\mathbb{R}) \cap \dot{B}_{\infty,1}^2(\mathbb{R})$  be Lipschitz. Let  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$  be such that  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = 1$ . Then the map  $T_{f^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_1$  is bounded by  $\|T_{f^{[2]}}\| \lesssim \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,1}^1} + \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,1}^2}$ .

*Proof.* Apply [Lemma 3.9](#), [Lemma 3.10](#) and [Lemma 2.6.2](#) to observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{f^{[2]}}\| &= \left\| \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} T_{f_j^{[2]}} \right\| \lesssim \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} (2^j + 2^{2j}) \|f_j\|_\infty \\ &= \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^j \|f_j\|_\infty + \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{2j} \|f_j\|_\infty \approx_\phi \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,1}^1} + \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{\infty,1}^2}. \end{aligned}$$

□

This completes the proof of [Theorem 1.1](#).

**3.5. BOUNDING  $T_{\phi^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p$ ,  $p \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$** 

Now the corresponding result of [Collorary 3.11](#) for  $p \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$  will be proven in the following results. The first step is to prove a result analogous to [[MS21](#), Proposition 4.2.2(ii)] for multilinear operator integrals.

**Lemma 3.12**

Let  $p \in [1, \infty)$ . Suppose that  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  has Toeplitz form. That is, there exists a bounded function  $\mu$  such that  $\phi(t, s) = \mu(t - s)$ . Then  $\|T_\phi : S_p \rightarrow S_p\| \leq (2\pi)^{-1} \|\hat{\mu}\|_1$ .

*Proof.* Firstly, let  $A, B$  be arbitrary self-adjoint operators. Further, let  $X \in S_p$  be arbitrary. Repeatedly apply Hölder's inequality [DR21, Equation 1.8] to observe that

$$\|T_{(t,s) \rightarrow e^{i\xi t} e^{-i\xi s}}^{A,B}(X)\|_{S_p} = \|e^{i\xi A} X e^{-i\xi B}\|_{S_p} \leq \|e^{i\xi A}\| \|X\|_{S_p} \|e^{-i\xi B}\| \leq \|X\|_{S_p}.$$

Thus,  $\|T_{(t,s) \rightarrow e^{i\xi t} e^{-i\xi s}} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\| \leq 1$ . Secondly, apply the fourier transform to observe that  $\phi(t, s) = \mu(t - s) = (2\pi)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\xi(t-s)} \hat{\mu}(\xi) d\xi = (2\pi)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\xi t} e^{-i\xi s} \hat{\mu}(\xi) d\xi$ . Then applying the linearity of the multiple operator integral, the triangle inequality, Lemma 2.4.3 yields

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_\phi\| &= \|T_{(t,s) \rightarrow (2\pi)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\xi t} e^{-i\xi s} \hat{\mu}(\xi) d\xi}\| = \\ &= (2\pi)^{-1} \left\| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{\mu}(\xi) T_{(t,s) \rightarrow e^{i\xi t} e^{-i\xi s}} d\xi \right\| \\ &\leq (2\pi)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|\hat{\mu}(\xi) T_{(t,s) \rightarrow e^{i\xi t} e^{-i\xi s}}\| d\xi \\ &= (2\pi)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{\mu}(\xi)| \|T_{(t,s) \rightarrow e^{i\xi t} e^{-i\xi s}}\| d\xi \\ &\leq (2\pi)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{\mu}(\xi)| d\xi = (2\pi)^{-1} \|\hat{\mu}\|_1. \end{aligned}$$

□

### Lemma 3.13

Let  $p, R \in (1, \infty)$ . Then  $\|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \chi_{\|x\|-\|y\| \leq R}} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\| \leq (2\pi)^{-1} (2R + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

*Proof.* Apply [MS21, Lemma 4.3.3] to observe that,

$$\|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \chi_{\|x\|-\|y\| \leq R}} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\| = \|T_\omega : S_p \rightarrow S_p\|$$

where  $\omega : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  is defined as the mapping

$$\omega(n, m) = \chi_{\|n-m\| \leq R}.$$

Note that  $\omega$  has Toeplitz form  $\omega(n, m) := \mu(n - m)$ , where  $\mu(l) = \chi_{\|l\| \leq R}$ . When applying the discrete time Fourier transform to  $\mu$  observe that the Fourier transform  $\hat{\mu}$  is supported in the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

One can apply Lemma 3.12, the Hölder inequality for Lebesgue spaces and Plancherel's theorem for the discrete time Fourier transform to show that

$$\|T_\omega : S_p \rightarrow S_p\| \leq (2\pi)^{-1} \|\hat{\mu}\|_{L_1([0,1])} \leq (2\pi)^{-1} \|\hat{\mu}\|_{L_2([0,1])}$$

$$= (2\pi)^{-1} \|\mu\|_{\ell^2(\mathbb{Z})} = (2\pi)^{-1} \left( \sum_{|j| \leq R} 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (2\pi)^{-1} (2R+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

□

**Lemma 3.14**

Let  $p \in (1, \infty)$ . Let  $R \geq 32$ . Then  $\|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \frac{X|X|-|Y|>R}{x-y}} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\| \leq 2$ .

*Proof.* The first part of this proof is based on the proof of [MS21, Lemma 4.3.5]. The second part of this proof is based on [MS21, Lemma 4.3.4]. Denote by  $\{x\}$  and  $\{y\}$  the fractional parts of  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{x-y} = \frac{1}{\lfloor x \rfloor + \{x\} - \lfloor y \rfloor - \{y\}} = \frac{1}{\lfloor x \rfloor - \lfloor y \rfloor} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\{y\} - \{x\}}{\lfloor x \rfloor - \lfloor y \rfloor}}.$$

Due to  $R > 8$  it follows that  $|\frac{\{y\} - \{x\}}{\lfloor x \rfloor - \lfloor y \rfloor}| < 1$ . Applying the geometric series yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{X|X|-|Y|>R}{x-y} &= \frac{X|X|-|Y|>R}{\lfloor x \rfloor - \lfloor y \rfloor} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\{y\} - \{x\}}{\lfloor x \rfloor - \lfloor y \rfloor}} \\ &= \frac{X|X|-|Y|>R}{\lfloor x \rfloor - \lfloor y \rfloor} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\{y\} - \{x\}}{\lfloor x \rfloor - \lfloor y \rfloor} \right)^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{X|X|-|Y|>R}{(\lfloor x \rfloor - \lfloor y \rfloor)^{k+1}} (\{y\} - \{x\})^k. \end{aligned}$$

Further, apply the linearity and Lemma 2.4.3 to observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \frac{X|X|-|Y|>R}{x-y}} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\| &= \|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{X|X|-|Y|>R}{(\lfloor x \rfloor - \lfloor y \rfloor)^{k+1}} (\{y\} - \{x\})^k : S_p \rightarrow S_p\| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \frac{X|X|-|Y|>R}{(\lfloor x \rfloor - \lfloor y \rfloor)^{k+1}} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\| \|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow (\{y\} - \{x\})^k : S_p \rightarrow S_p\| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \frac{X|X|-|Y|>R}{\lfloor x \rfloor - \lfloor y \rfloor} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\|^{(k+1)} \|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \{y\} - \{x\} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\|^k. \end{aligned}$$

Due to  $\{x\}$  and  $\{y\}$  being bounded above by 1 it follows that

$$\|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \{y\} - \{x\} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\| < 2.$$

Inserting this into the previous inequality gives

$$\begin{aligned} &\|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \frac{X|X|-|Y|>R}{x-y}} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\| \tag{3.17} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^k \|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \frac{X|X|-|Y|>R}{\lfloor x \rfloor - \lfloor y \rfloor} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\|^{(k+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, apply [MS21, Lemma 4.3.3] to observe that,

$$\|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \frac{\chi_{\|x\|-\|y\|>R}}{\|x\|-\|y\|}} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\| = \|T_\omega : S_p \rightarrow S_p\|$$

where  $\omega : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  is defined as the mapping

$$\omega(n, m) = \frac{\chi_{|n-m|>R}}{n-m}.$$

Note that  $\omega$  has Toeplitz form  $\omega(n, m) := \mu(n-m)$ , where  $\mu(l) = \frac{\chi_{|l|>R}}{l}$ . When applying the discrete time Fourier transform to  $\mu$  observe that the Fourier transform  $\hat{\mu}$  is supported in the interval  $[0, 1]$ . Thus, one can apply Lemma 3.12, the Hölder inequality for Lebesgue spaces and Plancherel's theorem for the discrete time Fourier transform to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_\omega : S_p \rightarrow S_p\| &\leq (2\pi)^{-1} \|\hat{\mu}\|_{L_1([0,1])} \leq (2\pi)^{-1} \|\hat{\mu}\|_{L_2([0,1])} \\ &= (2\pi)^{-1} \|\mu\|_{\ell^2(\mathbb{Z})} = (2\pi)^{-1} \left( \sum_{|j|>R} \frac{1}{j^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \left( \frac{2}{R} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Inserting this back into (3.17) and using that  $R \geq 32$  and  $\frac{2}{R} < 1$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \frac{\chi_{\|x\|-\|y\|>R}}{\|x\|-\|y\|}} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\| &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^k \left( \frac{2}{R} \right)^{\frac{(k+1)}{2}} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^k \left( \frac{2}{R} \right)^{\frac{k}{2}} \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-k} = 2. \end{aligned}$$

□

The next step is to prove a result analogous to [MS21, Proposition 4.3.2] for multilinear operator integrals with second order divided difference functions as symbol in the range  $p \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ .

### Theorem 3.15

Let  $p \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ . Let  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$  such that  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{p}$ . Let  $\phi \in C_c^\beta(\mathbb{R})$ , where  $\beta \geq \frac{3}{p}$ . Then  $\|T_{\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}}^{[2]} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\| \lesssim \lambda^2 \|\alpha\|_{\ell_{p^\#}}$ .

*Proof.* Recall that

$$\phi_{\alpha,\lambda} := \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_k \phi(\lambda x - k). \quad (3.18)$$

Without loss of generality, it may be assumed that the functions  $\{\phi(\lambda \cdot - k)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are disjointly supported. Indeed, otherwise one may

select  $N > 1$  sufficiently large such that  $\{\phi(\lambda \cdot -Nk)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are disjointly supported, and write

$$\phi_{\alpha, \lambda} = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \phi_{\alpha^{(j)}, \lambda}$$

where  $\alpha^{(j)}$  is the sequence  $\{\alpha_{j+Nk}\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ . Then the assertion may be proven for each  $\phi_{\alpha^{(j)}, \lambda}$  separately. Furthermore, due to  $\{\phi(\lambda \cdot -k)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  being disjointly supported it is assumed that  $\phi$  is supported in  $(\xi, \xi + 1)$ , where  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ . Fix  $R \in [32, \infty)$ . Now, split  $\phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \\ &= \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor \leq R} \chi_{\lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda z - \xi \rfloor \leq R} \\ &+ \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor \leq R} \chi_{\lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda z - \xi \rfloor > R} \\ &+ \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor > R} \\ &:= A_R(x, y, z) + B_R(x, y, z) + C_R(x, y, z) \end{aligned}$$

First examine the  $A_R$  term and observe that

$$\begin{aligned} A_R(x, y, z) &= \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor \leq R} \chi_{\lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda z - \xi \rfloor \leq R} \\ &= \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor \leq R} \chi_{\lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda z - \xi \rfloor \leq R} \chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda z - \xi \rfloor \leq 2R} \\ &= \sum_{|a| \leq R} \sum_{|b| \leq R} \sum_{|c| \leq 2R} F_{a, b, c}(x, y, z). \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & F_{a, b, c}(x, y, z) \\ &= \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor = a} \chi_{\lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda z - \xi \rfloor = b} \chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda z - \xi \rfloor = c}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\chi_{\lfloor v \rfloor - \lfloor w \rfloor = i} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi_{[k, k+1)}(v) \chi_{[k+i, k+i+1)}(w).$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & F_{a, b, c}(x, y, z) \\ &= \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \\ &\cdot \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi_{[i, i+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \chi_{[i+a, i+a+1)}(\lambda y - \xi) \right) \\ &\cdot \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi_{[j, j+1)}(\lambda y - \xi) \chi_{[j+b, j+b+1)}(\lambda z - \xi) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \cdot \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi_{[k, k+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \chi_{[k+c, k+c+1)}(\lambda z - \xi) \right) \\
& = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} G_{a,b,c,i,j,k}(x, y, z).
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
& G_{a,b,c,i,j,k}(x, y, z) \\
& = \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \chi_{[i, i+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \chi_{[i+a, i+a+1)}(\lambda y - \xi) \chi_{[j, j+1)}(\lambda y - \xi) \\
& \quad \cdot \chi_{[j+b, j+b+1)}(\lambda z - \xi) \chi_{[k, k+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \chi_{[k+c, k+c+1)}(\lambda z - \xi) \\
& = \left( \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_{\ell} \lambda^2 \frac{\frac{\phi(\lambda x - \ell) - \phi(\lambda y - \ell)}{(\lambda x - \ell) - (\lambda y - \ell)} - \frac{\phi(\lambda y - \ell) - \phi(\lambda z - \ell)}{(\lambda y - \ell) - (\lambda z - \ell)}}{(\lambda x - \ell) - (\lambda z - \ell)} \right) \\
& \quad \cdot \chi_{[i, i+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \chi_{[i+a, i+a+1)}(\lambda y - \xi) \chi_{[j, j+1)}(\lambda y - \xi) \\
& \quad \cdot \chi_{[j+b, j+b+1)}(\lambda z - \xi) \chi_{[k, k+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \chi_{[k+c, k+c+1)}(\lambda z - \xi).
\end{aligned}$$

Observe that for  $G_{a,b,c,i,j,k}(x, y, z) \neq 0$  it is required that  $i = k$ ,  $i + a = j$ ,  $j + b = k + c$ . For  $a, b, c, i, j, k$  satisfying these constraints,

$$\begin{aligned}
& G_{a,b,c,i,j,k}(x, y, z) \\
& = \left( \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_{\ell} \lambda^2 \frac{\frac{\phi(\lambda x - \ell) - \phi(\lambda y - \ell)}{(\lambda x - \ell) - (\lambda y - \ell)} - \frac{\phi(\lambda y - \ell) - \phi(\lambda z - \ell)}{(\lambda y - \ell) - (\lambda z - \ell)}}{(\lambda x - \ell) - (\lambda z - \ell)} \right) \\
& \quad \cdot \chi_{[i, i+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \chi_{[i+a, i+a+1)}(\lambda y - \xi) \chi_{[i+c, i+c+1)}(\lambda z - \xi).
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$F_{a,b,c}(x, y, z) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}(x, y, z).$$

Additionally, it follows from [Lemma 3.6](#) that

$$\|T_{F_{a,b,c}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\| \leq \| \{ \|T_{G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\| \}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \|_{\ell_{p^{\#}}}.$$

Fix  $(x, y, z)$  such that  $G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}(x, y, z)$  is nonzero. Then one of the following conditions is satisfied

#1	$\phi(\lambda x - \ell) \neq 0$	$\phi(\lambda y - \ell) \neq 0$	$\phi(\lambda z - \ell) \neq 0$
#2	$\phi(\lambda x - \ell) \neq 0$	$\phi(\lambda y - \ell) \neq 0$	$\phi(\lambda z - \ell) = 0$
#3	$\phi(\lambda x - \ell) = 0$	$\phi(\lambda y - \ell) \neq 0$	$\phi(\lambda z - \ell) \neq 0$
#4	$\phi(\lambda x - \ell) \neq 0$	$\phi(\lambda y - \ell) = 0$	$\phi(\lambda z - \ell) \neq 0$
#5	$\phi(\lambda x - \ell) \neq 0$	$\phi(\lambda y - \ell) = 0$	$\phi(\lambda z - \ell) = 0$
#6	$\phi(\lambda x - \ell) = 0$	$\phi(\lambda y - \ell) \neq 0$	$\phi(\lambda z - \ell) = 0$
#7	$\phi(\lambda x - \ell) = 0$	$\phi(\lambda y - \ell) = 0$	$\phi(\lambda z - \ell) \neq 0$ .



Each condition respectively implies one of the following options,

- |    |  |  |  |
|----|--|--|--|
| #1 | $(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$    | $(\lambda y - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$    | $(\lambda z - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$    |
| #2 | $(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$    | $(\lambda y - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$    | $(\lambda z - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$ |
| #3 | $(\lambda x - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$ | $(\lambda y - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$    | $(\lambda z - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$    |
| #4 | $(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$    | $(\lambda y - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$ | $(\lambda z - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$    |
| #5 | $(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$    | $(\lambda y - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$ | $(\lambda z - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$ |
| #6 | $(\lambda x - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$ | $(\lambda y - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$    | $(\lambda z - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$ |
| #7 | $(\lambda x - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$ | $(\lambda y - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$ | $(\lambda z - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$    |

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Firstly, when  $a \neq c$  and  $a \neq 0$  and  $c \neq 0$  observe that there exists no  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that option 1, 2, 3 or 4 is valid, due to the indicator functions present in  $G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}$ . This leaves options 5, 6 and 7. For option 5 note that the first indicator function implies that  $(\lambda x - \xi) \in [i, i + 1)$ . Combining this with the requirement that  $(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  implies that  $\ell \in [i, i + 1) \Rightarrow \ell = i$ . Repeating this argumentation yields that for option 6 to be valid it is required that  $\ell = i + a$ , and for option 7 to be valid it is required that  $\ell = i + c$ . Thus observe that when  $a \neq c$  and  $a \neq 0$  and  $c \neq 0$  that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}(x, y, z) \\
 &= \alpha_i \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i, \lambda y - i, \lambda z - i) \chi_{[i+a, i+a+1)}(\lambda y - \xi) \chi_{[i+c, i+c+1)}(\lambda z - \xi) \\
 &+ \alpha_{i+a} \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i - a, \lambda y - i - a, \lambda z - i - a) \chi_{[i, i+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \chi_{[i+c, i+c+1)}(\lambda z - \xi) \\
 &+ \alpha_{i+c} \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i - c, \lambda y - i - c, \lambda z - i - c) \chi_{[i, i+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \chi_{[i+a, i+a+1)}(\lambda y - \xi)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|T_{G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}}\|^p \leq |\alpha_i|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p + |\alpha_{i+a}|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p + |\alpha_{i+c}|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p.$$

Secondly, when  $a = 0$  and  $c \neq 0$  observe that there exists no  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that option 1, 3, 4, 5 or 6 is valid, due to the indicator functions present in  $G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}$ . This leaves options 2 and 7. For option 2 note that the first and second indicator function imply that  $(\lambda x - \xi) \in [i, i + 1)$  and  $(\lambda y - \xi) \in [i, i + 1)$ . Combining this with the requirement that  $(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  and  $(\lambda y - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  implies that  $\ell \in [i, i + 1) \Rightarrow \ell = i$ . For option 7 note that the third indicator function implies that  $(\lambda z - \xi) \in [i + c, i + c + 1)$ . Combining this with the requirement that  $(\lambda z - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  implies that  $\ell \in [i + c, i + c + 1) \Rightarrow \ell = i + c$ . Thus observe that when  $a = 0$  and  $c \neq 0$  that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}(x, y, z) \\
 &= \alpha_i \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i, \lambda y - i, \lambda z - i) \chi_{[i+c, i+c+1)}(\lambda z - \xi) \\
 &+ \alpha_{i+c} \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i - c, \lambda y - i - c, \lambda z - i - c) \chi_{[i, i+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \chi_{[i, i+1)}(\lambda y - \xi)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|T_{G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}}\|^p \leq |\alpha_i|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p + |\alpha_{i+c}|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p.$$

Thirdly, when  $a = c$  and  $c \neq 0$  and  $a \neq 0$  observe that there exists no  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that option 1, 2, 4, 6 or 7 is valid, due to the indicator functions present in  $G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}$ . This leaves options 3 and 5. For option 3 note that the second and third indicator function imply that  $(\lambda y - \xi) \in [i + a, i + a + 1)$  and  $(\lambda z - \xi) \in [i + a, i + a + 1)$ . Combining this with the requirement that  $(\lambda y - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  and  $(\lambda z - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  implies that  $\ell \in [i + a, i + a + 1) \Rightarrow \ell = i + a$ . For option 5 note that the third indicator function implies that  $(\lambda x - \xi) \in [i, i + 1)$ . Combining this with the requirement that  $(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  implies that  $\ell \in [i, i + 1) \Rightarrow \ell = i$ . Thus observe that when  $a = c$  and  $c \neq 0$  and  $a \neq 0$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}(x, y, z) \\ &= \alpha_{i+a} \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i - a, \lambda y - i - a, \lambda z - i - a) \chi_{[i,i+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \\ &+ \alpha_i \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i, \lambda y - i, \lambda z - i) \chi_{[i+a,i+a+1)}(\lambda y - \xi) \chi_{[i+a,i+a+1)}(\lambda z - \xi) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|T_{G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}}\|^p \leq |\alpha_i|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p + |\alpha_{i+a}|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p.$$

Fourthly, when  $0 = c$  and  $a \neq 0$  observe that there exists no  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that option 1, 2, 3, 5 or 7 is valid, due to the indicator functions present in  $G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}$ . This leaves options 4 and 6. For option 4 note that the first and third indicator function imply that  $(\lambda x - \xi) \in [i, i + 1)$  and  $(\lambda z - \xi) \in [i, i + 1)$ . Combining this with the requirement that  $(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  and  $(\lambda z - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  implies that  $\ell \in [i, i + 1) \Rightarrow \ell = i$ . For option 6 note that the second indicator function implies that  $(\lambda y - \xi) \in [i + a, i + a + 1)$ . Combining this with the requirement that  $(\lambda y - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  implies that  $\ell \in [i + a, i + a + 1) \Rightarrow \ell = i + a$ . Thus observe that when  $0 = c$  and  $a \neq 0$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}(x, y, z) \\ &= \alpha_i \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i, \lambda y - i, \lambda z - i) \chi_{[i+a,i+a+1)}(\lambda y - \xi) \\ &+ \alpha_{i+a} \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i - a, \lambda y - i - a, \lambda z - i - a) \chi_{[i,i+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \chi_{[i,i+1)}(\lambda z - \xi) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|T_{G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}}\|^p \leq |\alpha_i|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p + |\alpha_{i+a}|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p.$$

Finally, when  $0 = a = c$  observe that there exists no  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that option 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 is valid, due to the indicator functions present in  $G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}$ . This leaves option 1. For option 1 note that the first, second and third indicator function imply that  $(\lambda x - \xi) \in [i, i + 1)$  and  $(\lambda y - \xi) \in [i, i + 1)$  and  $(\lambda z - \xi) \in [i, i + 1)$ . Combining this with the requirement that  $(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  and  $(\lambda y - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  and

$(\lambda z - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  implies that  $\ell \in [i, i + 1) \Rightarrow \ell = i$ . Thus observe that when  $0 = a = c$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}(x, y, z) \\ &= \alpha_i \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i, \lambda y - i, \lambda z - i) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|T_{G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}}\|^p \leq |\alpha_i|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p.$$

Combining all the previously found inequalities yields

$$\|T_{G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}}\| \lesssim (|\alpha_i|^p + |\alpha_{i+a}|^p + |\alpha_{i+c}|^p)^{1/p} \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|$$

and it follows from [Lemma 3.6](#) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{F_{a,b,c}}\| &\leq \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\| \|\{(|\alpha_i|^p + |\alpha_{i+a}|^p + |\alpha_{i+c}|^p)^{1/p}\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_{p^\#}} \\ &= \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\| \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (|\alpha_i|^p + |\alpha_{i+a}|^p + |\alpha_{i+c}|^p)^{p^\# / p} \right)^{1/p^\#} \\ &= \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\| \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (|\alpha_i|^p + |\alpha_{i+a}|^p + |\alpha_{i+c}|^p)^{\frac{1}{1-p}} \right)^{\frac{1-p}{p}} \\ &= \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\| \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (|\alpha_i|^p + |\alpha_{i+a}|^p + |\alpha_{i+c}|^p)^{\frac{1}{1-p}} \right)^{1-p} \right)^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

Now apply Minkowski's inequality for sequence spaces to observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{F_{a,b,c}}\| &\leq \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\| \\ &\cdot \left( \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (|\alpha_i|^p)^{\frac{1}{1-p}} \right)^{1-p} + \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (|\alpha_{i+a}|^p)^{\frac{1}{1-p}} \right)^{1-p} + \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (|\alpha_{i+c}|^p)^{\frac{1}{1-p}} \right)^{1-p} \right)^{1/p} \\ &= \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\| \left( \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} |\alpha_i|^{p^\#} \right)^{1-p} + \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} |\alpha_{i+a}|^{p^\#} \right)^{1-p} + \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} |\alpha_{i+c}|^{p^\#} \right)^{1-p} \right)^{1/p} \\ &\approx \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\| \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} |\alpha_i|^{p^\#} \right)^{1/p^\#} = \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\| \|\{\alpha_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_{p^\#}}. \end{aligned}$$

From which it follows that

$$\|T_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow A_R(x,y,z) : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p}\| \lesssim \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\| \|\alpha\|_{\ell_{p^\#}}. \quad (3.19)$$

Note that  $\|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|$  is bounded due to [Theorem 3.3](#).

Now, examine the  $B_R$  term

$$B_R(x, y, z) = \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor \leq R} \chi_{\lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda z - \xi \rfloor > R}.$$

Use that  $\phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}$  is invariant under permutation of its input variables to observe that

$$\begin{aligned} B_R(x, y, z) &= \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(y, x, z) \chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor \leq R} \chi_{\lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda z - \xi \rfloor > R} \\ &= \lambda \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(y, x) \chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor \leq R} \frac{\chi_{\lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda z - \xi \rfloor > R}}{(\lambda y - \xi) - (\lambda z - \xi)} \\ &\quad - \lambda \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(x, z) \chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor \leq R} \frac{\chi_{\lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda z - \xi \rfloor > R}}{(\lambda y - \xi) - (\lambda z - \xi)}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that due to [Lemma 2.4.3](#), [[MS21](#), Theorem 4.3.2], [Lemma 3.13](#) and [Lemma 3.14](#) that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|T_{(x, y, z) \mapsto B(x, y, z)} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\|^p \quad (3.20) \\ &\leq \lambda^p \|T_{(y, x) \mapsto \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(x, y)} : S_{p_1} \rightarrow S_{p_1}\|^p \\ &\|T_{(x, y) \mapsto \chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor \leq R}} : S_{p_1} \rightarrow S_{p_1}\|^p \|T_{(y, z) \mapsto \frac{\chi_{\lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda z - \xi \rfloor > R}}{(\lambda y - \xi) - (\lambda z - \xi)}} : S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_{p_2}\|^p \\ &\quad + \lambda^p \|T_{(x, z) \mapsto \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(x, z)} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\|^p \\ &\|T_{(x, y) \mapsto \chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor \leq R}} : S_{p_1} \rightarrow S_{p_1}\|^p \|T_{(y, z) \mapsto \frac{\chi_{\lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda z - \xi \rfloor > R}}{(\lambda y - \xi) - (\lambda z - \xi)}} : S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_{p_2}\|^p \\ &\lesssim \lambda^{2p} \|\alpha\|_{\ell_{p^\#}}^p. \end{aligned}$$

Now, examine the  $C_R$  term

$$C_R(x, y, z) = \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor > R}.$$

Use that  $\phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}$  is invariant under permutation of its input variables to observe that

$$\begin{aligned} C_R(x, y, z) &= \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, z, y) \chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor > R} \\ &= \lambda \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(x, z) \frac{\chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor > R}}{(\lambda x - \xi) - (\lambda y - \xi)} \\ &\quad - \lambda \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[1]}(z, y) \frac{\chi_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor - \lfloor \lambda y - \xi \rfloor > R}}{(\lambda x - \xi) - (\lambda y - \xi)}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that due to [Lemma 2.4.3](#), [[MS21](#), Theorem 4.3.2], [Lemma 3.13](#) and [Lemma 3.14](#) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|T_{(x,y,z) \rightarrow C(x,y,z)} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\|^p \quad (3.21) \\
 & \leq \lambda^p \|T_{(x,z) \rightarrow \phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[1]}(x,z)} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\|^p \|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \frac{\chi \|\lambda x - \xi\| - \|\lambda y - \xi\| > R}{(\lambda x - \xi) - (\lambda y - \xi)}} : S_{p_1} \rightarrow S_{p_1}\|^p \\
 & + \lambda^p \|T_{(y,z) \rightarrow \phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[1]}(x,z)} : S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_{p_2}\|^p \|T_{(x,y) \rightarrow \frac{\chi \|\lambda x - \xi\| - \|\lambda y - \xi\| > R}{(\lambda x - \xi) - (\lambda y - \xi)}} : S_{p_1} \rightarrow S_{p_1}\|^p \\
 & \lesssim \lambda^{2p} \|\alpha\|_{\ell_{p^\#}}^p.
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining the previously found upper bounds (3.19-3.21) yields

$$\|T_{\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\| \lesssim \lambda^2 \|\alpha\|_{\ell_{p^\#}}.$$

□

### Lemma 3.16

Let  $p \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ . Let  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$  be such that  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{p}$ . Let  $f$  be a locally integrable function on  $\mathbb{R}$ , and let  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  be such that  $f_j$  is bounded where  $f_j$  is computed with respect to a compactly supported  $C^\beta$  wavelet  $\phi$ , where  $\beta \geq \frac{3}{p}$ . Then  $\|T_{f_j^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\| \lesssim 2^{j(\frac{1}{p}+1)} \|f_j\|_{p^\#}$ .

*Proof.* Observe that

$$f_j(t) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{j/2} \phi(2^j t - k) < f, \phi_{j,k} >.$$

Which has the correct form to be able to apply [Theorem 3.15](#) and [Lemma 2.5.1](#) to conclude that

$$\|T_{f_j^{[2]}}\| \leq 2^{\frac{5j}{2}} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (|< f, \phi_{j,k} >|)^{p^\#} \right)^{\frac{1}{p^\#}} \approx_\phi 2^{\frac{5j}{2}} 2^{j(\frac{1}{p^\#}-\frac{1}{2})} \|f_j\|_{p^\#} = 2^{j(\frac{1}{p}+1)} \|f_j\|_{p^\#}$$

□

### Collorary 3.17

Let  $p \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ . Let  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$  be such that  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{p}$ . Let  $f \in \dot{B}_{p^\#, p}^{1/p}(\mathbb{R}) \cap \dot{B}_{p^\#, p}^{1/p+1}(\mathbb{R})$  be Lipschitz. Then  $\|T_{f^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\| \lesssim \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p^\#, p}^{1/p+1}}$ .

*Proof.* Apply [Lemma 3.9](#), [Lemma 3.16](#) and [Lemma 2.6.2](#) to conclude that

$$\|T_{f^{[2]}}\| \leq \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \|T_{f_j^{[2]}}\|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \lesssim \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{j(\frac{1}{p}+1)p} \|f_j\|_{p^\#}^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \approx_\phi \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p^\#, p}^{1/p+1}}.$$

□

This completes the proof of [Theorem 1.2](#).

### 3.6. RESULTS AND OUTLOOK ON $p \in (0, 1)$

The next two results indicates what types of bounds may be found in the entire range  $p \in (0, 1)$ . Observe that these results appear mostly similar to previous results but with  $p^\#$  replaced by  $p^\flat$ .

#### Lemma 3.18

Let  $\{\phi_k : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be a sequence of disjointly supported functions in all variables. That is, if  $\phi_k(x, y, z) \neq 0$ , then for all  $k' \neq k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $s, t, u \in \mathbb{R}$  it holds that  $\phi_{k'}(x, t, u) = \phi_{k'}(s, y, u) = \phi_{k'}(s, t, z) = 0$ . Choose  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\phi(x, y, z) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \phi_k(x, y, z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $p \in (0, 1]$ . Let  $p_1, p_2 \in (0, \infty)$  be such that  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{p}$ . Then  $\|T_\phi : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\| \leq \|\{\|T_{\phi_k} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\|\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_{p^\flat}}$ .

*Proof.* Without loss of generality it may be assumed that

$$\phi_k(x, y, z) = \phi_k(x, y, z) \chi_{s_k}(x) \chi_{t_k}(y) \chi_{u_k}(z).$$

where  $\{s_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}, \{t_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}, \{u_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are pairwise disjoint partitions of  $\mathbb{R}$  and for all  $k' \neq k$  it holds that  $s_{k'} \cap s_k = t_{k'} \cap t_k = u_{k'} \cap u_k = \emptyset$ . Let  $H_1, H_2, H_3$  be arbitrary self-adjoint operators. Let  $V \in S_{p_1}$  and  $W \in S_{p_2}$  be arbitrary. Further, define  $V_k := \chi_{s_k}(H_1) V \chi_{t_k}(H_2)$  and  $W_k := \chi_{t_k}(H_2) W \chi_{u_k}(H_3)$ . Applying (2.3) and Hölder's inequality for sequence spaces yields

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_\phi^{H_1, H_2, H_3}(V, W)\|_{S_p} &\leq \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|T_{\phi_k}^{H_1, H_2, H_3}(V, W)\|_{S_p}^p \right)^{1/p} \\ &= \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|T_{\phi_k}^{H_1, H_2, H_3}(V_k, W_k)\|_{S_p}^p \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|T_{\phi_k}^{H_1, H_2, H_3}\|^p \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}}^p \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}}^p \right)^{1/p} \\ &= \|\{ \|T_{\phi_k}^{H_1, H_2, H_3}\| \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_p} \\ &\leq \|\{ \|T_{\phi_k}^{H_1, H_2, H_3}\| \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_{p^\flat}} \|\{ \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_2} \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

By using the property that when  $q \in (0, 2)$  it holds that  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|P_m A\|_{S_q}^q \leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|P_m\|^q \|A\|_{S_q}^q = \|A\|_{S_q}^q$  instead of [FK14, Lemma 2.1(ii)] in the proof of [FK14, Theorem 2.4(i)], it follows by careful observation of the proof of [FK14, Theorem 4.2(i)] that for all  $A \in S_q$

$$\left( \sum_{k, l \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\chi_{s_k}(H_1) A \chi_{t_l}(H_2)\|_{S_2}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \|A\|_{S_2}. \quad (3.23)$$

Let  $r \in [2, \infty)$ . Then apply [FK14, Theorem 4.2(ii)] to note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\{ \|V_k\|_{S_r} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_r} &= \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\chi_{s_k}(H_1) V \chi_{t_k}(H_2)\|_{S_r}^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{k, l \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\chi_{s_k}(H_1) V \chi_{t_l}(H_2)\|_{S_r}^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \leq \|V\|_{S_r} \end{aligned} \quad (3.24)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|\{ \|W_k\|_{S_r} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_r} &= \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\chi_{t_k}(H_2) W \chi_{u_k}(H_3)\|_{S_r}^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{k, l \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\chi_{t_k}(H_2) W \chi_{u_l}(H_3)\|_{S_r}^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \leq \|W\|_{S_r}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.25)$$

Now, analyse all possible combinations of  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ . Firstly, examine the case where  $p_1 \in (0, 2)$  and  $p_2 \in (0, 2)$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\{ \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_2} &\leq \|\{ \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_1} \\ &\leq \|\{ \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_2} \|\{ \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, one can apply (3.23) to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\{ \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_2} &= \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\chi_{s_k}(H_1) V \chi_{t_k}(H_2)\|_{S_{p_1}}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{k, l \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\chi_{s_k}(H_1) V \chi_{t_l}(H_2)\|_{S_{p_1}}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \|V\|_{S_{p_1}} \end{aligned} \quad (3.26)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|\{ \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_2} &= \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\chi_{t_k}(H_2) W \chi_{u_k}(H_3)\|_{S_{p_2}}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{k, l \in \mathbb{Z}} \|\chi_{t_k}(H_2) W \chi_{u_l}(H_3)\|_{S_{p_2}}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \|W\|_{S_{p_2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.27)$$

Secondly, examine the case where  $p_1 \in (0, 2)$  and  $p_2 \in [2, \infty)$ . Note that  $\frac{2p_2}{p_2+2} < 2$  and  $(\frac{2p_2}{p_2+2})^{-1} = 2^{-1} + p_2^{-1}$ . Thus, one can apply (3.26) and (3.25) to observe that

$$\|\{ \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_2} \leq \|\{ \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_{\frac{2p_2}{p_2+2}}}$$

$$\leq \| \{ \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|_{\ell_2} \| \{ \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|_{\ell_{p_2}} \leq \|V\|_{S_{p_1}} \|W\|_{S_{p_2}}$$

Finally, examine the case where  $p_1 \in [2, \infty)$  and  $p_2 \in (0, 2)$ . Note that  $\frac{2p_1}{p_1+2} < 2$  and  $(\frac{2p_1}{p_1+2})^{-1} = 2^{-1} + p_1^{-1}$ . Thus, one can apply (3.27) and (3.24) to observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \| \{ \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|_{\ell_2} &\leq \| \{ \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|_{\ell_{\frac{2p_1}{p_1+2}}} \\ &\leq \| \{ \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|_{\ell_{p_1}} \| \{ \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|_{\ell_2} \leq \|V\|_{S_{p_1}} \|W\|_{S_{p_2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $p_1, p_2 \in (2, \infty)$  implies that  $p > 1$ , which is excluded. Thus, it can be concluded that when  $p_1, p_2 \in (0, \infty)$ , such that  $p_1^{-1} + p_2^{-1} = p^{-1}$ , it holds that

$$\| \{ \|V_k\|_{S_{p_1}} \|W_k\|_{S_{p_2}} \}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|_{\ell_2} \leq \|V\|_{S_{p_1}} \|W\|_{S_{p_2}}. \quad (3.28)$$

Inserting (3.28) into (3.22) finishes the proof.  $\square$

### Theorem 3.19

Let  $p \in (0, 1)$ . Let  $p_1, p_2 \in (0, \infty)$  such that  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{p}$ . Let  $\phi \in C_c^\beta(\mathbb{R})$ , where  $\beta \geq \frac{3}{p}$ , with  $\text{supp}(\phi) \subseteq (\xi, \xi + 1)$ . Let  $R \in (1, \infty)$ . Then

$$\|T_{\phi_{\alpha, \lambda}}^{[2]} \chi_{[\lambda x - \xi] - [\lambda y - \xi] \leq R} \chi_{[\lambda y - \xi] - [\lambda z - \xi] \leq R} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p \| \lesssim \lambda^2 \|\alpha\|_{\ell_{p^b}}.$$

*Proof.* Recall that

$$\phi_{\alpha, \lambda} := \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_k \phi(\lambda x - k). \quad (3.29)$$

Without loss of generality, it may be assumed that the functions  $\{\phi(\lambda \cdot -k)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are disjointly supported. Indeed, otherwise one may select  $N > 1$  sufficiently large such that  $\{\phi(\lambda \cdot -Nk)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are disjointly supported, and write

$$\phi_{\alpha, \lambda} = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \phi_{\alpha^{(j)}, \lambda}$$

where  $\alpha^{(j)}$  is the sequence  $\{\alpha_{j+Nk}\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ . Then the assertion may be proven for each  $\phi_{\alpha^{(j)}, \lambda}$  separately. Furthermore, due to  $\{\phi(\lambda \cdot -k)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  being disjointly supported it is assumed that  $\phi$  is supported in  $(\xi, \xi + 1)$ , where  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ . Now, observe that

$$\begin{aligned} &\phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \chi_{[\lambda x - \xi] - [\lambda y - \xi] \leq R} \chi_{[\lambda y - \xi] - [\lambda z - \xi] \leq R} \\ &= \phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \chi_{[\lambda x - \xi] - [\lambda y - \xi] \leq R} \chi_{[\lambda y - \xi] - [\lambda z - \xi] \leq R} \chi_{[\lambda x - \xi] - [\lambda z - \xi] \leq 2R} \\ &= \sum_{|a| \leq R} \sum_{|b| \leq R} \sum_{|c| \leq 2R} F_{a, b, c}(x, y, z). \end{aligned}$$



where

$$F_{a,b,c}(x, y, z) = \phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[2]}(x, y, z) \chi_{[\lambda x - \xi] - [\lambda y - \xi] = a} \chi_{[\lambda y - \xi] - [\lambda z - \xi] = b} \chi_{[\lambda x - \xi] - [\lambda z - \xi] = c}.$$

Note that

$$\chi_{[v] - [w] = i} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \chi_{[k, k+1)}(v) \chi_{[k+i, k+i+1)}(w).$$

Thus, Observe that for  $G_{a,b,c,i,j,k}(x, y, z) \neq 0$  it is required that  $i = k$ ,  $i + a = j$ ,  $j + b = k + c$ . For  $a, b, c, i, j, k$  satisfying these constraints,

$$G_{a,b,c,i,j,k}(x, y, z) = \left( \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_{\ell} \lambda^2 \frac{\frac{\phi(\lambda x - \ell) - \phi(\lambda y - \ell)}{(\lambda x - \ell) - (\lambda y - \ell)} - \frac{\phi(\lambda y - \ell) - \phi(\lambda z - \ell)}{(\lambda y - \ell) - (\lambda z - \ell)}}{(\lambda x - \ell) - (\lambda z - \ell)} \right) \cdot \chi_{[i, i+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \chi_{[i+a, i+a+1)}(\lambda y - \xi) \chi_{[i+c, i+c+1)}(\lambda z - \xi).$$

and

$$F_{a,b,c}(x, y, z) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}(x, y, z).$$

Additionally, it follows from [Lemma 3.6](#) that

$$\|T_{F_{a,b,c}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\| \leq \| \{ \|T_{G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\| \}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \|_{\ell_p}.$$

Fix  $(x, y, z)$  such that  $G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}(x, y, z)$  is nonzero. Then one of the following conditions is satisfied

#1	$\phi(\lambda x - \ell) \neq 0$	$\phi(\lambda y - \ell) \neq 0$	$\phi(\lambda z - \ell) \neq 0$
#2	$\phi(\lambda x - \ell) \neq 0$	$\phi(\lambda y - \ell) \neq 0$	$\phi(\lambda z - \ell) = 0$
#3	$\phi(\lambda x - \ell) = 0$	$\phi(\lambda y - \ell) \neq 0$	$\phi(\lambda z - \ell) \neq 0$
#4	$\phi(\lambda x - \ell) \neq 0$	$\phi(\lambda y - \ell) = 0$	$\phi(\lambda z - \ell) \neq 0$
#5	$\phi(\lambda x - \ell) \neq 0$	$\phi(\lambda y - \ell) = 0$	$\phi(\lambda z - \ell) = 0$
#6	$\phi(\lambda x - \ell) = 0$	$\phi(\lambda y - \ell) \neq 0$	$\phi(\lambda z - \ell) = 0$
#7	$\phi(\lambda x - \ell) = 0$	$\phi(\lambda y - \ell) = 0$	$\phi(\lambda z - \ell) \neq 0$ .

Each condition respectively implies one of the following options,

#1	$(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$	$(\lambda y - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$	$(\lambda z - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$
#2	$(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$	$(\lambda y - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$	$(\lambda z - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$
#3	$(\lambda x - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$	$(\lambda y - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$	$(\lambda z - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$
#4	$(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$	$(\lambda y - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$	$(\lambda z - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$
#5	$(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$	$(\lambda y - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$	$(\lambda z - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$
#6	$(\lambda x - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$	$(\lambda y - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$	$(\lambda z - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$
#7	$(\lambda x - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$	$(\lambda y - \ell) \notin (\xi, \xi + 1)$	$(\lambda z - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$ .

Firstly, when  $a \neq c$  and  $a \neq 0$  and  $c \neq 0$  observe that there exists no  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that option 1, 2, 3 or 4 is valid, due to the indicator functions present in  $G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}$ . This leaves options 5, 6 and 7. For option 5 note that the first indicator function implies that  $(\lambda x - \xi) \in [i, i+1)$ . Combining this with the requirement that  $(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi+1)$  implies that  $\ell \in [i, i+1) \Rightarrow \ell = i$ . Repeating this argumentation yields that for option 6 to be valid it is required that  $\ell = i+a$ , and for option 7 to be valid it is required that  $\ell = i+c$ . Thus observe that when  $a \neq c$  and  $a \neq 0$  and  $c \neq 0$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}(x, y, z) \\ &= \alpha_i \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i, \lambda y - i, \lambda z - i) \chi_{[i+a, i+a+1)}(\lambda y - \xi) \chi_{[i+c, i+c+1)}(\lambda z - \xi) \\ &+ \alpha_{i+a} \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i - a, \lambda y - i - a, \lambda z - i - a) \chi_{[i, i+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \chi_{[i+c, i+c+1)}(\lambda z - \xi) \\ &+ \alpha_{i+c} \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i - c, \lambda y - i - c, \lambda z - i - c) \chi_{[i, i+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \chi_{[i+a, i+a+1)}(\lambda y - \xi) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|T_{G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}}\|^p \leq |\alpha_i|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p + |\alpha_{i+a}|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p + |\alpha_{i+c}|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p.$$

Secondly, when  $a = 0$  and  $c \neq 0$  observe that there exists no  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that option 1, 3, 4, 5 or 6 is valid, due to the indicator functions present in  $G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}$ . This leaves options 2 and 7. For option 2 note that the first and second indicator function imply that  $(\lambda x - \xi) \in [i, i+1)$  and  $(\lambda y - \xi) \in [i, i+1)$ . Combining this with the requirement that  $(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi+1)$  and  $(\lambda y - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi+1)$  implies that  $\ell \in [i, i+1) \Rightarrow \ell = i$ . For option 7 note that the third indicator function implies that  $(\lambda z - \xi) \in [i+c, i+c+1)$ . Combining this with the requirement that  $(\lambda z - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi+1)$  implies that  $\ell \in [i+c, i+c+1) \Rightarrow \ell = i+c$ . Thus observe that when  $a = 0$  and  $c \neq 0$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}(x, y, z) \\ &= \alpha_i \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i, \lambda y - i, \lambda z - i) \chi_{[i+c, i+c+1)}(\lambda z - \xi) \\ &+ \alpha_{i+c} \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i - c, \lambda y - i - c, \lambda z - i - c) \chi_{[i, i+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \chi_{[i, i+1)}(\lambda y - \xi) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|T_{G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}}\|^p \leq |\alpha_i|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p + |\alpha_{i+c}|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p.$$

Thirdly, when  $a = c$  and  $c \neq 0$  and  $a \neq 0$  observe that there exists no  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that option 1, 2, 4, 6 or 7 is valid, due to the indicator functions present in  $G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}$ . This leaves options 3 and 5. For option 3 note that the second and third indicator function imply that  $(\lambda y - \xi) \in [i+a, i+a+1)$  and  $(\lambda z - \xi) \in [i+a, i+a+1)$ . Combining this with the requirement that  $(\lambda y - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi+1)$  and  $(\lambda z - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi+1)$  implies that  $\ell \in [i+a, i+a+1) \Rightarrow \ell = i+a$ . For option 5 note that the third indicator function implies that  $(\lambda x - \xi) \in [i, i+1)$ . Combining this with

the requirement that  $(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  implies that  $\ell \in [i, i + 1) \Rightarrow \ell = i$ . Thus observe that when  $a = c$  and  $c \neq 0$  and  $a \neq 0$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}(x, y, z) \\ &= \alpha_{i+a} \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i - a, \lambda y - i - a, \lambda z - i - a) \chi_{[i,i+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \\ &+ \alpha_i \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i, \lambda y - i, \lambda z - i) \chi_{[i+a,i+a+1)}(\lambda y - \xi) \chi_{[i+a,i+a+1)}(\lambda z - \xi) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|T_{G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}}\|^p \leq |\alpha_i|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p + |\alpha_{i+a}|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p.$$

Fourthly, when  $0 = c$  and  $a \neq 0$  observe that there exists no  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that option 1, 2, 3, 5 or 7 is valid, due to the indicator functions present in  $G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}$ . This leaves options 4 and 6. For option 4 note that the first and third indicator function imply that  $(\lambda x - \xi) \in [i, i + 1)$  and  $(\lambda z - \xi) \in [i, i + 1)$ . Combining this with the requirement that  $(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  and  $(\lambda z - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  implies that  $\ell \in [i, i + 1) \Rightarrow \ell = i$ . For option 6 note that the second indicator function implies that  $(\lambda y - \xi) \in [i + a, i + a + 1)$ . Combining this with the requirement that  $(\lambda y - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  implies that  $\ell \in [i + a, i + a + 1) \Rightarrow \ell = i + a$ . Thus observe that when  $0 = c$  and  $a \neq 0$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}(x, y, z) \\ &= \alpha_i \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i, \lambda y - i, \lambda z - i) \chi_{[i+a,i+a+1)}(\lambda y - \xi) \\ &+ \alpha_{i+a} \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i - a, \lambda y - i - a, \lambda z - i - a) \chi_{[i,i+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \chi_{[i,i+1)}(\lambda z - \xi) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|T_{G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}}\|^p \leq |\alpha_i|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p + |\alpha_{i+a}|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p.$$

Finally, when  $0 = a = c$  observe that there exists no  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that option 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 is valid, due to the indicator functions present in  $G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}$ . This leaves option 1. For option 1 note that the first, second and third indicator function imply that  $(\lambda x - \xi) \in [i, i + 1)$  and  $(\lambda y - \xi) \in [i, i + 1)$  and  $(\lambda z - \xi) \in [i, i + 1)$ . Combining this with the requirement that  $(\lambda x - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  and  $(\lambda y - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  and  $(\lambda z - \ell) \in (\xi, \xi + 1)$  implies that  $\ell \in [i, i + 1) \Rightarrow \ell = i$ . Thus observe that when  $0 = a = c$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}(x, y, z) \\ &= \alpha_i \lambda^2 \phi^{[2]}(\lambda x - i, \lambda y - i, \lambda z - i) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|T_{G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}}\|^p \leq |\alpha_i|^p \lambda^{2p} \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|^p.$$

Combining all the previously found inequalities yields

$$\|T_{G_{a,b,c,i,i+a,i}}\| \lesssim (|\alpha_i|^p + |\alpha_{i+a}|^p + |\alpha_{i+c}|^p)^{1/p} \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\|$$

and it follows from [Lemma 3.18](#) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|T_{F_{a,b,c}}\| &\leq \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\| \|\{(|\alpha_i|^p + |\alpha_{i+a}|^p + |\alpha_{i+c}|^p)^{1/p}\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_{p^b}} \\
 &= \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\| \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (|\alpha_i|^p + |\alpha_{i+a}|^p + |\alpha_{i+c}|^p)^{p^b/p} \right)^{1/p^b} \\
 &= \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\| \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (|\alpha_i|^p + |\alpha_{i+a}|^p + |\alpha_{i+c}|^p)^{\frac{2}{2-p}} \right)^{\frac{2-p}{2p}} \\
 &= \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\| \left( \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (|\alpha_i|^p + |\alpha_{i+a}|^p + |\alpha_{i+c}|^p)^{\frac{2}{2-p}} \right)^{\frac{2-p}{2}} \right)^{1/p}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now apply Minkowski's inequality for sequence spaces to observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|T_{F_{a,b,c}}\| &\leq \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\| \\
 &\cdot \left( \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (|\alpha_i|^p)^{\frac{2}{2-p}} \right)^{\frac{2-p}{2}} + \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (|\alpha_{i+a}|^p)^{\frac{2}{2-p}} \right)^{\frac{2-p}{2}} + \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} (|\alpha_{i+c}|^p)^{\frac{2}{2-p}} \right)^{\frac{2-p}{2}} \right)^{1/p} \\
 &= \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\| \left( \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} |\alpha_i|^{p^b} \right)^{\frac{2-p}{2}} + \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} |\alpha_i|^{p^b} \right)^{\frac{2-p}{2}} + \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} |\alpha_i|^{p^b} \right)^{\frac{2-p}{2}} \right)^{1/p} \\
 &\approx \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\| \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} |\alpha_i|^{p^b} \right)^{1/p^b} = \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}}\| \|\{\alpha_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}\|_{\ell_{p^b}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Further, note that  $\|T_{\phi^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\|$  is bounded due to [Theorem 3.3](#). From which it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\|T_{\phi_{\alpha, \lambda}^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\| \\
 &\lesssim \lambda^2 \|T_{\phi^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\| \|\alpha\|_{\ell_{p^b}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

*Remark.* A possible direction for future research would be to attempt repurpose the proof of [Theorem 3.15](#) for the entire range  $p \in (0, 1)$ . The main question is whether there exists a bound for  $\|T_{B_R} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\|$  and  $\|T_{C_R} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\|$  when  $p \in (0, 1)$ . A similar question, corresponding to first divided difference functions, was answered by introducing a bound of the form [[MS21](#), Equation 4.8]

$$\|T_{\alpha_{[x]} \phi(x, y)} : S_p \rightarrow S_p\| \leq \|\alpha\|_{\ell_{p^\#}} \|T_{\phi(x, y)} : S_1 \rightarrow S_1\|. \quad (3.30)$$

McDonald E. and Sukochev F. express  $\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}(x)$  as  $\alpha_{\lfloor \lambda x - \xi \rfloor} \phi_{1,\lambda}(x)$  and apply (3.30) and Lemma 3.12, among other steps, to be able to bound  $\|T_{f^{[1]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\|$  for the full range  $p \in (0, 1)$ . If one aims to reuse this strategy to bound  $\|T_{f^{[2]}} : S_{p_1} \times S_{p_2} \rightarrow S_p\|$  it could be beneficial to attempt to express  $\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[1]}(x, y)$  in a form such that a bound of type (3.30) can be applied. A potentially fruitful expression of  $\phi_{\alpha,\lambda}^{[1]}(x, y)$  for this purpose is  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha_j f_j^{[1]}(x, y)$  where  $f_j(x) := \chi_{[j, j+1)}(\lambda x - \xi) \phi_{1,\lambda}(x)$ .



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