

# Perspectives on linear and bilinear pseudodifferential operators

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- Classes of symbols for linear and bilinear  $\Psi$ DOs.
- A sample of motivations for bilinear  $\Psi$ DOs.
- Comparison between linear and bilinear results.
- New results presented are joint work with A. Bényi, F. Bernicot, D. Maldonado and R.H. Torres.

$$T_\sigma f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sigma(x, \xi) \hat{f}(\xi) e^{2\pi i \xi \cdot x} d\xi, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

**Multipliers:**

$$\sigma(x, \xi) = m(\xi) \implies \widehat{T_\sigma(f)} = m \hat{f}$$

**Pointwise multiplication:**

$$\sigma(x, \xi) = b(x) \implies T_\sigma(f) = b f$$

**Linear partial differential operators:**

$$L = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x) \partial^\alpha, \quad \sigma(x, \xi) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} a_\alpha(x) (2\pi i \xi)^\alpha \implies L(f) = T_\sigma(f)$$

**Formally:**

$$T_\sigma f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} k(x, y) f(y) dy, \quad k(x, y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sigma(x, \xi) e^{2\pi i(x-y)\xi} d\xi$$

$$T_\sigma f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sigma(x, \xi) \hat{f}(\xi) e^{2\pi i \xi \cdot x} d\xi, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

**Hörmander's classes**  $S_{\rho, \delta}^m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $0 \leq \delta \leq \rho \leq 1$ :

$$|\partial_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta \sigma(x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} (1 + |\xi|)^{m + \delta|\alpha| - \rho|\beta|}, \quad x, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

“for all” multiindices  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ .

**Mihlin multipliers:**

$$|\partial_\xi^\beta \sigma(\xi)| \leq C_\alpha |\xi|^{-|\beta|}, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\},$$

“for all” multiindices  $\beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ .

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

**Pointwise multiplication:**

$$\sigma(x, \xi, \eta) = b(x) (2\pi i \xi)^\alpha (2\pi i \eta)^\beta \implies T_\sigma(f, g) = b D^\alpha f D^\beta g$$

**Formally:**

$$T_\sigma(f, g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} k(x, y, z) f(y) g(z) dy dz,$$

$$k(x, y, z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \sigma(x, \xi, \eta) e^{2\pi i(x-y) \cdot \xi} e^{2\pi i(x-z) \cdot \eta} d\xi d\eta.$$

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

**Bilinear Hörmander's classes**  $BS_{\rho, \delta}^m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $0 \leq \delta \leq \rho \leq 1$  :

$$|\partial_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta \partial_\eta^\gamma \sigma(x, \xi, \eta)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} (1 + |\xi| + |\eta|)^{m + \delta|\alpha| - \rho(|\beta| + |\gamma|)}, \quad x, \xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

“for all” multiindices  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ .

**Coifman-Meyer multipliers:**

$$|\partial_\xi^\alpha \partial_\eta^\beta \sigma(\xi, \eta)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} (|\xi| + |\eta|)^{-(|\alpha| + |\beta|)}, \quad \xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

“for all” multiindices  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ .

- Commutators
- Fractional Leibniz rule
- Paraproducts

- If  $\sigma \in S_{1,0}^1$  and  $A \in Lip_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  then  $[T_\sigma, A] := T_\sigma A - AT_\sigma$  is bounded on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

$[T_\sigma, A]$  relates to  $BS_{1,0}^0$ .

- If  $\sigma \in S_{\rho,\rho}^{\rho-1}$ ,  $0 < \rho < 1$ , and  $A \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  then  $\nabla[T_\sigma, A]$  is bounded on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

$\nabla[T_\sigma, A]$  relates to  $BS_{\rho,\rho}^0$ .



For  $m \geq 0$  define  $J^m := (1 - \Delta)^{m/2}$ , as

$$\widehat{J^m(f)}(\xi) := \langle \xi \rangle^m \widehat{f}(\xi), \quad \langle \xi \rangle = (1 + |\xi|^2)^{1/2}.$$

For  $p > 1$ , set

$$\|f\|_{W^{m,p}} := \|J^m f\|_{L^p}.$$

**Fractional Leibniz rule:**

$$\|fg\|_{W^{m,p}} \lesssim \|f\|_{W^{m,p_1}} \|g\|_{L^{p_2}} + \|f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|g\|_{W^{m,p_2}}$$

for  $1 < p_1, p_2, p < \infty$  and  $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2}$ .

Kato-Ponce, Christ-Weinstein.

# Fractional Leibniz rule by frequency decoupling

$\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  supported in  $[-2, 2]$  and  $\phi(t) + \phi(1/t) = 1$ ,  $t > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} J^m(fg)(x) &= \int \int \langle \xi + \eta \rangle^m \hat{f}(\xi) \hat{g}(\eta) e^{2\pi i x \cdot (\xi + \eta)} d\xi d\eta \\ &= \int \int \langle \xi + \eta \rangle^m \phi\left(\frac{\langle \eta \rangle}{\langle \xi \rangle}\right) \hat{f}(\xi) \hat{g}(\eta) e^{2\pi i x \cdot (\xi + \eta)} d\xi d\eta \\ &\quad + \int \int \langle \xi + \eta \rangle^m \phi\left(\frac{\langle \xi \rangle}{\langle \eta \rangle}\right) \hat{f}(\xi) \hat{g}(\eta) e^{2\pi i x \cdot (\xi + \eta)} d\xi d\eta \\ &= \int \int \frac{\langle \xi + \eta \rangle^m}{\langle \xi \rangle^m} \phi\left(\frac{\langle \eta \rangle}{\langle \xi \rangle}\right) \langle \xi \rangle^m \hat{f}(\xi) \hat{g}(\eta) e^{2\pi i x \cdot (\xi + \eta)} d\xi d\eta \\ &\quad + \int \int \frac{\langle \xi + \eta \rangle^m}{\langle \eta \rangle^m} \phi\left(\frac{\langle \xi \rangle}{\langle \eta \rangle}\right) \hat{f}(\xi) \langle \eta \rangle^m \hat{g}(\eta) e^{2\pi i x \cdot (\xi + \eta)} d\xi d\eta \\ &=: T_{\sigma_1}(J^m f, g)(x) + T_{\sigma_2}(f, J^m g)(x). \end{aligned}$$

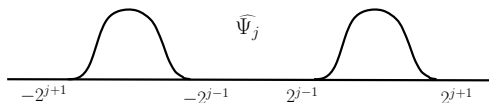
$$J^m(fg)(x) = T_{\sigma_1}(J^m f, g)(x) + T_{\sigma_2}(f, J^m g)(x)$$

- $\sigma_1(\xi, \eta) := \frac{\langle \xi + \eta \rangle^m}{\langle \xi \rangle^m} \phi\left(\frac{\langle \eta \rangle}{\langle \xi \rangle}\right)$  and  $\sigma_2(\xi, \eta) := \frac{\langle \xi + \eta \rangle^m}{\langle \eta \rangle^m} \phi\left(\frac{\langle \xi \rangle}{\langle \eta \rangle}\right)$ .
- $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  belong to  $BS_{1,0}^0$  for  $m$  large.
- If  $\sigma \in BS_{1,0}^0$  then  $T_\sigma : L^{p_1} \times L^{p_2} \rightarrow L^p$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2}$ .
- It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|fg\|_{W^{m,p}} &= \|J^m(fg)\|_{L^p} \leq \|T_{\sigma_1}(J^m f, g)\|_{L^p} + \|T_{\sigma_2}(f, J^m g)\|_{L^p} \\ &\lesssim \|J^m f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|g\|_{L^{p_2}} + \|f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|J^m g\|_{L^{p_2}} \\ &= \|f\|_{W^{m,p_1}} \|g\|_{L^{p_2}} + \|f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|g\|_{W^{m,p_2}}, \quad \text{for } m \text{ large.} \end{aligned}$$

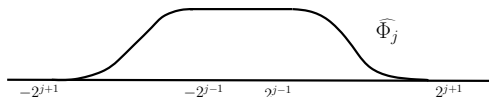
- Interpolate with the case  $m = 0$ .

$$fg = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \Delta_j(f) \Delta_k(g), \quad \Delta_j(f) = \Psi_j * f.$$



**Paraproduct of  $f$  and  $g$ :**

$$\Pi(f, g) := \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \leq j} \Delta_j(f) \Delta_k(g) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \Delta_j(f) S_j(g), \quad S_j(g) = \Phi_j * g.$$



# The bilinear symbol of $\Pi$

We have

$$\Pi(f, g) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} (\Psi_j * f)(\Phi_j * g).$$

Using the Fourier transform

$$\Pi(f, g)(x) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n}} \widehat{\Psi}_j(\xi) \widehat{\Phi}_j(\eta) \widehat{f}(\xi) \widehat{g}(\eta) e^{2\pi i x \cdot (\xi + \eta)} d\xi d\eta.$$

Thus,  $\Pi$  is a bilinear multiplier with symbol

$$\sigma_{\Pi}(\xi, \eta) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \widehat{\Psi}_j(\xi) \widehat{\Phi}_j(\eta).$$

$\sigma_{\Pi}$  is a Coifman-Meyer multiplier.

- Kernels
- Symbolic calculus
- Boundedness on Lebesgue spaces

# Linear in $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$ vs. bilinear in $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\sigma(x, \xi, \eta)$ ,  $x, \xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $X = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ ,  $\zeta = (\xi, \eta) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ ,

$$\Sigma(X, \zeta) = \sigma\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \xi, \eta\right).$$

$$\sigma \in BS_{\rho, \delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^n) \implies \Sigma \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$$

The distributional bilinear kernel  $k(x, y, z)$  of the bilinear operator  $T_\sigma$  is given by

$$k(x, y, z) = K((x, x), (y, z)), \quad x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

where  $K(X, Y)$  is the distributional linear kernel associated to the linear operator  $T_\Sigma$ .

- Linear case,  $\sigma \in S_{\rho,\delta}^m$ :

$$|\partial_x^\alpha \partial_y^\beta k(x, y)| \lesssim |x - y|^{-(m+|\alpha+\beta|+n)/\rho}, \quad m + |\alpha + \beta| + n > 0.$$

- Bilinear case,  $\sigma \in BS_{\rho,\delta}^m$ :

$$|\partial_x^\alpha \partial_y^\beta \partial_z^\gamma k(x, y, z)| \lesssim (|x - y| + |x - z| + |y - z|)^{-(m+|\alpha+\beta+\gamma|+2n)/\rho},$$

$$m + |\alpha + \beta + \gamma| + 2n > 0.$$



- Linear case,  $\sigma \in S_{1,\delta}^0$ :

$$|\partial_x^\alpha \partial_y^\beta k(x, y)| \lesssim |x - y|^{-(|\alpha + \beta| + n)}.$$

- Bilinear case,  $\sigma \in BS_{1,\delta}^0$ :

$$|\partial_x^\alpha \partial_y^\beta \partial_z^\gamma k(x, y, z)| \lesssim (|x - y| + |x - z| + |y - z|)^{-(|\alpha + \beta + \gamma| + 2n)}.$$

These are Calderón-Zygmund kernels.

$$m = 0, \rho = 1, 0 \leq \delta < 1$$

- $\sigma \in S_{1,\delta}^0, 0 \leq \delta < 1 \implies T_\sigma$  is a Calderón-Zygmund operator.

$$T_\sigma : L^p \rightarrow L^p, \quad 1 < p < \infty.$$

- $\sigma \in BS_{1,\delta}^0, 0 \leq \delta < 1 \implies T_\sigma$  is a bilinear Calderón-Zygmund operator.

$$T_\sigma : L^{p_1} \times L^{p_2} \rightarrow L^p, \quad \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2}, \quad 1 < p_1, p_2 < \infty.$$

Bilinear Calderón-Zygmund theory: Christ-Journé,  
Coifman-Meyer, Grafakos-Torres, Kenig-Stein.

$$m = 0, \rho = \delta = 1$$

- $\sigma \in S_{1,1}^0 \implies T_\sigma$  has a C-Z kernel.

Not every  $T_\sigma$  is bounded on Lebesgue spaces.

- $\sigma \in BS_{1,1}^0 \implies T_\sigma$  has a bilinear C-Z kernel.

Not every  $T_\sigma$  is bounded on Lebesgue spaces. Bényi-Torres '03.

- Linear:

$$\delta < 1, \sigma \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m \Rightarrow T_{\sigma}^* = T_{\sigma^*} \text{ with } \sigma^* \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m$$

(Hörmander '65/'67)

- Bilinear: For  $0 \leq \delta \leq \rho \leq 1, \delta < 1,$

$$\sigma \in BS_{\rho, \delta}^m \Rightarrow T_{\sigma}^{*j} = T_{\sigma^{*j}} \text{ with } \sigma^{*j} \in BS_{\rho, \delta}^m, j = 1, 2$$

where

$$\langle T_{\sigma}(f, g), h \rangle = \langle T_{\sigma}^{*1}(h, g), f \rangle = \langle T_{\sigma}^{*2}(f, h), g \rangle, \quad f, g \in C_c^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

Bényi-Maldonado-N.-Torres '10 (general case)

Bényi-Torres '03 ( $m = \delta = 0, \rho = 1$ )

- Hörmander '65, Calderón-Vaillancourt '71,  $\delta < 1$ ,

$$T_\sigma : L^2 \rightarrow L^2, \quad \sigma \in S_{\rho,\delta}^0.$$

- Fefferman-Stein '72, Fefferman '73,  $0 \leq \delta \leq \rho < 1$ ,

$$T_\sigma : H^1 \rightarrow L^1 \quad \text{and} \quad T_\sigma : L^\infty \rightarrow BMO, \quad \sigma \in S_{\rho,\delta}^{n(\rho-1)/2}.$$

- Stein,  $0 < \delta = \rho < 1$ ,

$$T_\sigma : L^1 \rightarrow L^{1,\infty}, \quad \sigma \in S_{\rho,\delta}^{n(\rho-1)/2}.$$

- Calderón-Zygmund theory applies for  $S_{1,\delta}^0$ ,  $0 \leq \delta < \rho = 1$ .

Full result for  $1 < p < \infty$ :

$$T_\sigma : L^p \rightarrow L^p, \quad \sigma \in S_{\rho,\delta}^m, \quad m \leq n(\rho - 1)|\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2}|, \quad \delta < 1.$$

This result is sharp:

If  $m > n(\rho - 1)|\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2}|$  there exists  $\sigma \in S_{\rho,\delta}^m$  such that  $T_\sigma$  is unbounded on  $L^p$ . Hardy-Littlewood-Hirschman-Wainger.

# Bilinear Hörmander classes: symbols of order zero

- Given  $1 \leq p_1, p_2, p < \infty$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2}$ , there exist symbols  $\sigma \in BS_{0,0}^0$ , even multipliers, such that their associated bilinear pseudo-differential operators do not have the mapping property

$$T_\sigma : L^{p_1} \times L^{p_2} \rightarrow L^p.$$

(Bényi-Torres '04)

- Unboundedness carries on to the classes  $BS_{\rho,\delta}^0$  for all  $0 < \delta, \rho < 1$  (Bényi-Bernicot-Maldonado-N.-Torres '11)
- $BS_{1,\delta}^0$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1$ , give rise to bilinear Calderón-Zygmund operators.
- $BS_{1,1}^0$  gives rise to operators with bilinear Calderón-Zygmund kernels.

Fix  $\delta, \rho, p_1, p_2, p$  as above. Suppose, on the contrary, that  $T_\sigma$  is bounded from  $L^{p_1} \times L^{p_2}$  into  $L^p$  for all  $\sigma \in BS_{\rho,\delta}^0$ .

**Step 1:** Show that if  $\sigma \in BS_{\rho,\delta}^0$  is  $x$ -independent then  $T_\sigma$  satisfies

$$\|T_\sigma(f, g)\|_{L^p} \lesssim \|\sigma\|_{L^\infty} \|f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|g\|_{L^{p_2}}, \quad f, g \in \mathcal{S}. \quad (1)$$

**Step 2:** Use step 1 and the fact that there are  $x$ -independent symbols in  $BS_{0,0}^0$  that are not bounded from  $L^{p_1} \times L^{p_2}$  into  $L^p$  to get a contradiction.



**Proof of step 1:**

Consider an  $x$ -independent symbol  $\sigma \in BS_{\rho,\delta}^0$  and, for multi-indices  $\beta, \gamma$ , set

$$C_{\beta,\gamma}(\sigma) := \sup_{\xi,\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n} |\partial_\xi^\beta \partial_\eta^\gamma \sigma(\xi, \eta)| (1 + |\xi| + |\eta|)^{\rho(|\beta|+|\gamma|)}.$$

(Note that  $C_{0,0}(\sigma) = \|\sigma\|_{L^\infty}$ )

For  $\lambda > 0$  define  $\sigma_\lambda(\xi, \eta) := \sigma(\lambda\xi, \lambda\eta)$ ,  $\xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then, for all multi-indices  $\beta, \gamma$  and  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , we have

$$C_{\beta,\gamma}(\sigma_\lambda) \leq \lambda^{(1-\rho)(|\beta|+|\gamma|)} C_{\beta,\gamma}(\sigma).$$

# Unboundedness $BS_{0,0}^0 \implies$ unboundedness $BS_{\rho,\delta}^0$ (cont.)

Let  $f, g \in \mathcal{S}$  and define  $f_\lambda(x) := f\left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)$  and  $g_\lambda(x) := g\left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right)$ , then

$$T_\sigma(f, g)(x) = T_{\sigma_\lambda}(f_\lambda, g_\lambda)(\lambda x).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_\sigma(f, g)\|_{L^p} &= \|T_{\sigma_\lambda}(f_\lambda, g_\lambda)(\lambda \cdot)\|_{L^p} = \lambda^{-\frac{n}{p}} \|T_{\sigma_\lambda}(f_\lambda, g_\lambda)\|_{L^p} \\ &\lesssim \lambda^{-\frac{n}{p}} \left( \sup_{|\beta|, |\gamma| \leq N} C_{\beta, \gamma}(\sigma_\lambda) \right) \|f_\lambda\|_{L^{p_1}} \|g_\lambda\|_{L^{p_2}} \quad (\text{for some } N) \\ &= \lambda^{-\frac{n}{p} + \frac{n}{p_1} + \frac{n}{p_2}} \left( \sup_{|\beta|, |\gamma| \leq N} C_{\beta, \gamma}(\sigma_\lambda) \right) \|f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|g\|_{L^{p_2}} \\ &\lesssim \left( \sup_{|\beta|, |\gamma| \leq N} \lambda^{(1-\rho)(|\beta|+|\gamma|)} C_{\beta, \gamma}(\sigma) \right) \|f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|g\|_{L^{p_2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$\|T_\sigma(f, g)\|_{L^p} \lesssim C_{0,0}(\sigma) \|f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|g\|_{L^{p_2}} \quad f \in L^{p_1}, g \in L^{p_2},$$

which is (1).

**Proof of Step 2:**

- $\tau \in BS_{0,0}^0$   $x$ -independent such that  $T_\tau$  is not bounded from  $L^{p_1} \times L^{p_2}$  into  $L^p$ .
- $\varphi \in C_0^\infty$  supported in  $\{(\xi, \eta) : |(\xi, \eta)| \leq 2\}$ ,  $\varphi(0, 0) = 1$ .
- $\tau_\varepsilon(\xi, \eta) := \varphi(\varepsilon\xi, \varepsilon\eta)\tau(\xi, \eta)$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ .
- $\tau_\varepsilon \in BS_{\rho,\delta}^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\|\tau_\varepsilon\|_{L^\infty} \lesssim \|\tau\|_{L^\infty}$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

By (1),

$$\|T_{\tau_\varepsilon}(f, g)\|_{L^p} \lesssim \|\tau\|_{L^\infty} \|f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|g\|_{L^{p_2}} \quad f, g \in \mathcal{S}, \quad \text{for all } \varepsilon > 0.$$

As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,  $T_{\tau_\varepsilon}(f, g) \rightarrow T_\tau(f, g)$  pointwise; Fatou Lemma yields

$$\|T_\tau(f, g)\|_{L^p} \lesssim \|\tau\|_{L^\infty} \|f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|g\|_{L^{p_2}} \quad f, g \in \mathcal{S},$$

a contradiction.

## Theorem 1 (BBMNT'11)

Let  $0 \leq \delta \leq \rho \leq 1$ ,  $\delta < 1$ ,  $1 \leq p_1, p_2 \leq \infty$ ,  $p$  given by  $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2}$ ,

$$m(p_1, p_2) := n(\rho - 1) \left( \max\left\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{p_1}, \frac{1}{p_2}, 1 - \frac{1}{p}\right\} + \max\left\{\frac{1}{p} - 1, 0\right\} \right),$$

and  $\sigma \in BS_{\rho, \delta}^m$  with  $m < m(p_1, p_2)$ .

(i) If  $p \geq 1 \geq \rho > 0$ , there exist  $N$  such that

$$\|T_\sigma(f, g)\|_{L^p} \lesssim \|\sigma\|_N \|f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|g\|_{L^{p_2}}, \quad f \in L^{p_1}, g \in L^{p_2}.$$

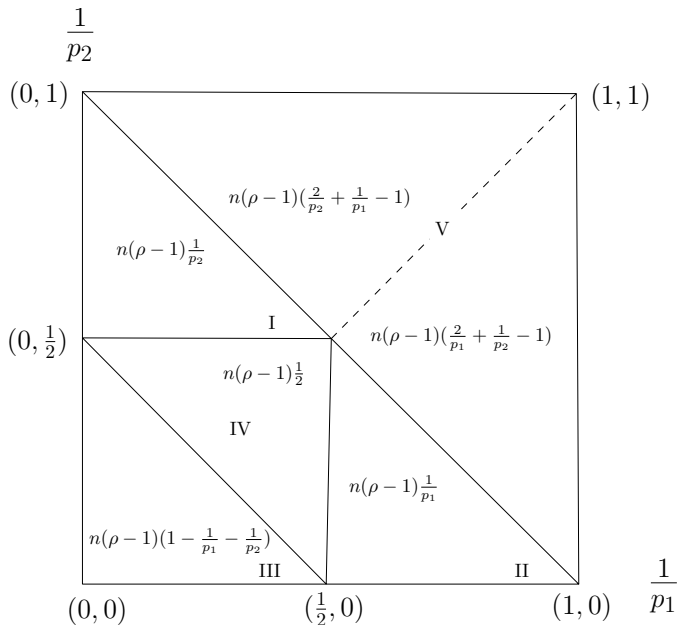
(ii) If  $0 < \rho$ ,  $p < 1$ ,  $p_1 \neq 1$  and  $p_2 \neq 1$ , there exist  $N$  such that

$$\|T_\sigma(f, g)\|_{L^p} \lesssim \|\sigma\|_N \|f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|g\|_{L^{p_2}}, \quad f \in L^{p_1}, g \in L^{p_2}.$$

(iii) If  $0 < \rho$ ,  $p < 1$  and  $p_1 = 1$  or  $p_2 = 1$ , there exist  $N$  such that

$$\|T_\sigma(f, g)\|_{L^{p, \infty}} \lesssim \|\sigma\|_N \|f\|_{L^{p_1}} \|g\|_{L^{p_2}}, \quad f \in L^{p_1}, g \in L^{p_2}.$$

# Visualizing the values of $m(p_1, p_2)$



$$\|\sigma\|_N = \sup_{\substack{|\alpha| \leq N \\ |\beta|, |\gamma| \leq N}} \sup_{x, \xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\partial_x^\alpha \partial_\xi^\beta \partial_\eta^\gamma \sigma(x, \xi, \eta)|}{(1 + |\xi| + |\eta|)^{m + \delta|\alpha| - \rho(|\beta| + |\gamma|)}}.$$

**Lemma.** Let  $0 < p \leq \infty$ ,  $1 \leq p_1, p_2 < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq \delta, \rho \leq 1$  and suppose  $T_\sigma$  is bounded from  $L^{p_1} \times L^{p_2}$  into  $L^p$  for all  $\sigma \in BS_{\rho, \delta}^m$ . Then there exist  $N \in \mathbb{N}_0$  such that

$$\|T_\sigma\| \lesssim \|\sigma\|_N \quad \text{for all } \sigma \in BS_{\rho, \delta}^m.$$

$(BS_{\rho, \delta}^m, \|\cdot\|_N)$  is a Banach space

# Theorem 1: Remarks and a sketch of the proof

- Improves previous result (Michalowski-Rule-Staubach '11):

$$m < \tilde{m}(p_1, p_2) := n(\rho-1) \max\left\{\frac{1}{2}, \left(\frac{2}{p_1} - \frac{1}{2}\right), \left(\frac{2}{p_2} - \frac{1}{2}\right), \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{2}{\rho}\right)\right\}, \quad \rho \geq 1.$$

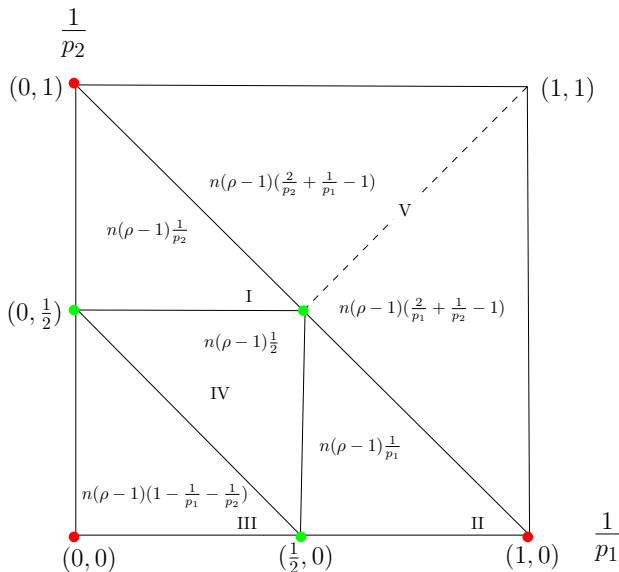
$$m(p_1, p_2) - \tilde{m}(p_1, p_2) = \begin{cases} n(\rho-1)\left(\frac{1}{p_2} - \frac{1}{2}\right) & \text{region I} \\ n(\rho-1)\left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{2}\right) & \text{region II} \\ n(\rho-1)\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\rho}\right) & \text{region III} \\ 0 & \text{region IV} \end{cases}$$

- Main idea of the proof: Based on previous lemma look at  $T_\sigma(f, g)$  as a trilinear operator  $T(\sigma, f, g)$  defined on  $BS_{\rho, \delta}^m \times L^{p_1} \times L^{p_2}$  and use complex interpolation:
  - If  $m_0, m_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $0 \leq \rho < 1$  and  $m = (1 - \theta)m_0 + \theta m_1$  for some  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  then

$$(BS_{\rho, \rho}^{m_0}, BS_{\rho, \rho}^{m_1})_{[\theta]} = BS_{\rho, \rho}^m.$$

# A sketch of the proof: $\rho \geq 1$

Prove first the boundedness corresponding to red and green dots:





## A sketch of the proof: $\rho \geq 1$ (cont.)

For **red dots**  $m(p_1, p_2) = n(\rho - 1)$  and if  $m < n(\rho - 1)$ ,

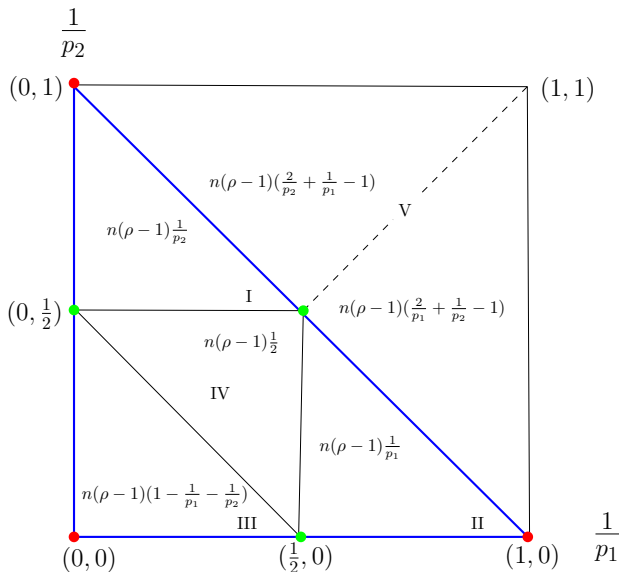
- $T : BS_{\rho, \rho}^m \times L^\infty \times L^\infty \rightarrow L^\infty$
- $T : BS_{\rho, \rho}^m \times L^1 \times L^\infty \rightarrow L^1$  (duality and symbolic calculus)
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For **green dots**  $m(p_1, p_2) = \frac{n}{2}(\rho - 1)$  and if  $m < \frac{n}{2}(\rho - 1)$ ,

- $T : BS_{\rho, \rho}^m \times L^2 \times L^2 \rightarrow L^1$  (Michalowski-Rule-Staubach '11)
- $T : BS_{\rho, \rho}^m \times L^2 \times L^\infty \rightarrow L^2$  (duality and symbolic calculus)
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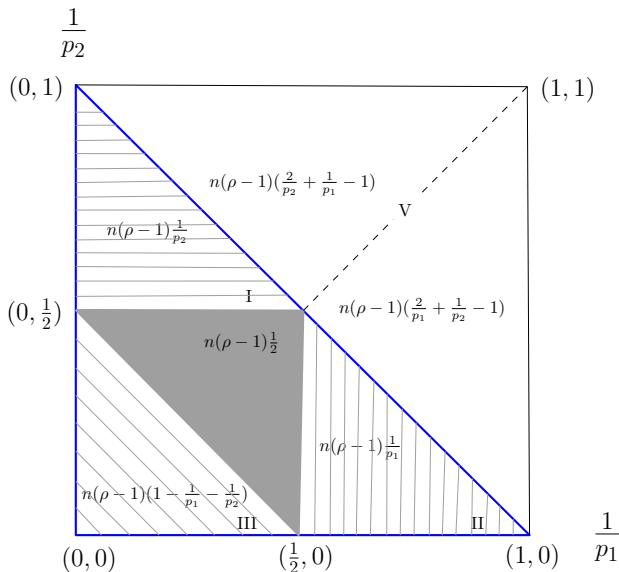
# A sketch of the proof: $\rho \geq 1$ (cont.)

Use trilinear interpolation:



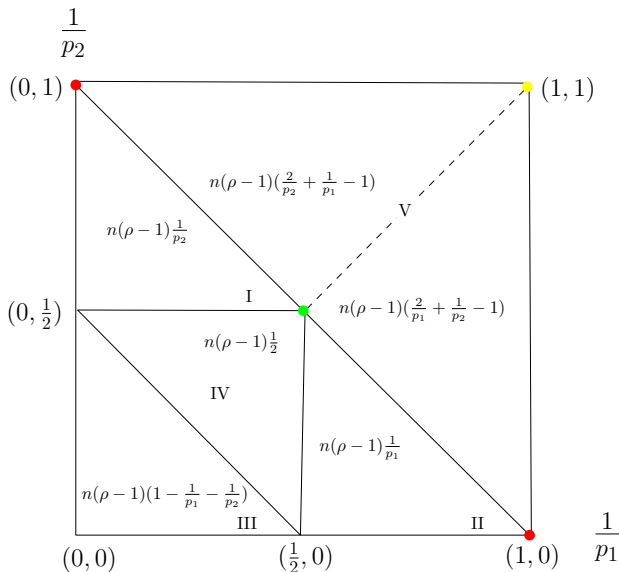
# A sketch of the proof: $\rho \geq 1$ (cont.)

Use bilinear interpolation:



# A sketch of the proof: $\rho < 1$

Needs the following endpoints:



## A sketch of the proof: $\rho < 1$ (cont.)

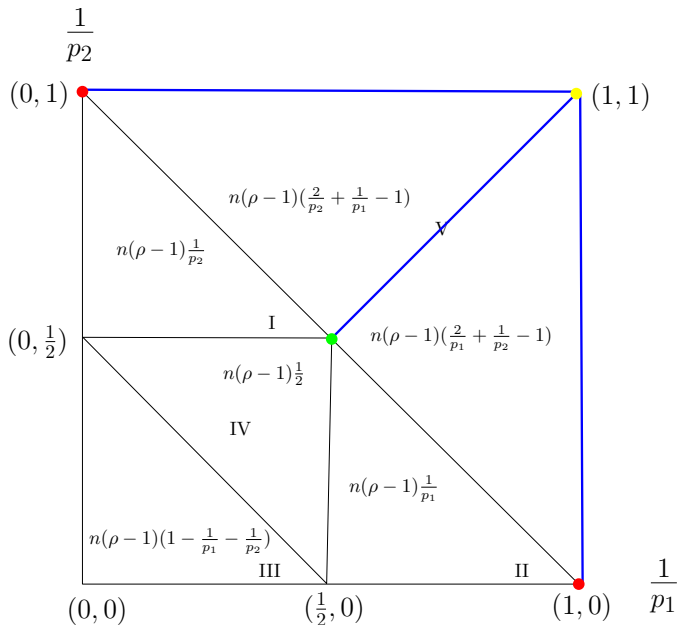
- $T : BS_{\rho,\rho}^m \times L^1 \times L^1 \rightarrow L^{\frac{1}{2},\infty}$  for  $m < 2n(\rho - 1)$  (CZ theory)
- $T : BS_{\rho,\rho}^m \times L^1 \times L^\infty \rightarrow L^1$  for  $m < n(\rho - 1)$
- $T : BS_{\rho,\rho}^m \times L^\infty \times L^1 \rightarrow L^1$  for  $m < n(\rho - 1)$
- $T : BS_{\rho,\rho}^m \times L^2 \times L^2 \rightarrow L^1$  for  $m < \frac{n}{2}(\rho - 1)$

By trilinear complex interpolation,

$$T : BS_{\rho,\rho}^m \times L^{p_1} \times L^{p_2} \rightarrow L^{p,\infty}, \quad m < m(p_1, p_2),$$

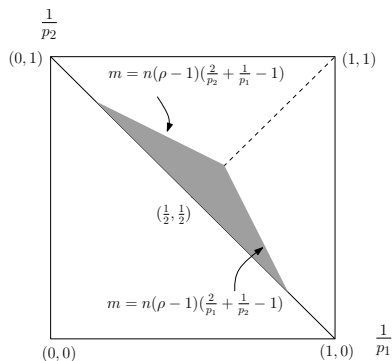
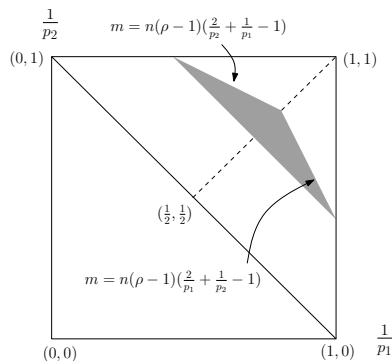
for  $(\frac{1}{p_1}, \frac{1}{p_2})$  on the segments joining the yellow dot to the other three dots.

# A sketch of the proof: $\rho < 1$ (cont.)



# A sketch of the proof: $\rho < 1$ (cont.)

For  $p_1 \neq 1$  and  $p_2 \neq 1$ , use bilinear real interpolation:



When  $p_1 = p_2 = \infty$  the previous stated result gives in particular:

if  $m < n(\rho - 1)$  and  $\sigma \in BS_{\rho,\delta}^m$ ,  $0 \leq \delta \leq \rho \leq 1$ , then

$$\|T_\sigma(f, g)\|_{L^\infty} \lesssim \|\sigma\|_N \|f\|_{L^\infty} \|g\|_{L^\infty}, \quad f, g \in \mathcal{S}.$$

## Theorem 2 (BBMNT '11)

If  $\sigma \in BS_{\rho,0}^{n(\rho-1)}$ ,  $0 \leq \rho < \frac{1}{2}$ , then

$$\|T_\sigma(f, g)\|_{BMO} \lesssim \|\sigma\|_N \|f\|_{L^\infty} \|g\|_{L^\infty}, \quad f, g \in \mathcal{S}.$$



## Some comments on the proof of Theorem 2

We have to estimate  $\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |T_\sigma(f, g)(x) - T_\sigma(f, g)_Q| dx$ ,  $Q$  cube.  
Let  $Q$  be a cube of diameter  $d$ .

$$T_\sigma(f, g)(x) = T_{\sigma_1}(f, g)(x) + T_{\sigma_2}(\phi f, \phi g)(x) + R(f, g)(x), \quad x \in Q,$$

where

$$\text{supp}(\sigma_1) \subset \{(x, \xi, \eta) : |\xi| + |\eta| \leq 2/d\}$$

$$\text{supp}(\sigma_2) \subset \{(x, \xi, \eta) : |\xi| + |\eta| \geq 1/d\}$$

$$R(f, g)(x) = \phi^2(x) T_{\sigma_2}(f, g)(x) - T_{\sigma_2}(\phi f, \phi g)(x)$$

$$\phi \in \mathcal{S}, \quad \phi \geq 0, \quad \text{supp}(\hat{\phi}) \subset \{z \in \mathbb{R}^n : |z| \leq d^{-\rho}/8\}.$$

$$\phi \equiv 1 \text{ on } Q, \quad \|\phi\|_{L^2} \lesssim d^{\frac{n\rho}{2}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |T_\sigma(f, g)(x) - T_\sigma(f, g)_Q| dx \\
& \leq \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |T_{\sigma_1}(f, g)(x) - T_{\sigma_1}(f, g)_Q| dx \\
& \quad + \frac{2}{|Q|} \|T_{\sigma_2}(\phi f, \phi g)\|_{L^1(Q)} + 2\|R(f, g)\|_{L^\infty} \\
& \lesssim (\|\sigma_1\|_N + \|\sigma_2\|_N + \|\sigma_2\|_N) \|f\|_{L^\infty} \|g\|_{L^\infty}, \quad (\text{for some } N)
\end{aligned}$$

The last inequality requires some technical work. What follows is a rough idea for the estimation of the term corresponding to  $T_{\sigma_2}$ .

The inequality for  $T_{\sigma_2}$  is implied by

$$\|T_{\sigma_2}(\phi f, \phi g)\|_{L^2} \lesssim \|\sigma_2\|_N d^{\frac{n}{2}} \|f\|_{L^\infty} \|g\|_{L^\infty}, \quad f, g \in \mathcal{S}, \quad (2)$$

since

$$\frac{1}{|Q|} \|T_{\sigma_2}(\phi f, \phi g)\|_{L^1(Q)} \leq \frac{1}{|Q|^{1/2}} \|T_{\sigma_2}(\phi f, \phi g)\|_{L^2(Q)}$$

Moreover, because  $\phi$  satisfies  $\|\phi\|_{L^2} \lesssim d^{\frac{\rho n}{2}}$ , (2) can be reduced to proving that

$$\|T_{\sigma_2}\|_{L^2 \times L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \lesssim \|\sigma_2\|_N d^{\frac{n}{2} - \rho n}. \quad (3)$$

## Theorem 3 (BBMNT '11)

If  $\sigma(x, \xi, \eta)$ ,  $x, \xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , is a bilinear symbol such that

$$C(\sigma) := \sup_{\substack{|\beta| \leq [\frac{n}{2}] + 1 \\ |\alpha| \leq 2(2n+1)}} \sup_{\xi, y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\partial_\xi^\alpha \partial_y^\beta \sigma(y, \xi - \cdot, \cdot)\|_{L^2} < \infty,$$

then  $T_\sigma$  maps continuously  $L^2 \times L^2$  into  $L^2$  with

$$\|T_\sigma\|_{L^2 \times L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \lesssim C(\sigma).$$

# Some comments on the proof of Theorem 2 (cont.)

By Theorem 3, the support of  $\sigma_2$ , and the fact that  $\sigma_2 \in BS_{\rho,0}^m$  with  $m = n(\rho - 1)$  and  $0 < \rho < \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{\sigma_2}\|_{L^2 \times L^2 \rightarrow L^2} &\lesssim \sup_{\substack{|\beta| \leq [\frac{n}{2}] + 1 \\ |\alpha| \leq 2(2n+1)}} \sup_{y, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\partial_\xi^\alpha \partial_y^\beta \sigma_2(y, \xi - \cdot, \cdot)\|_{L^2} \\ &\lesssim \|\sigma_2\|_{K,M} \sup_{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|\chi_{\{|\xi - \eta| + |\eta| \geq d^{-1}\}}(\xi, \eta) (1 + |\xi - \eta| + |\eta|)^m\|_{L^2(d\eta)} \\ &\lesssim \|\sigma_2\|_{K,M} \left[ \left( \int_{|\eta| \geq d^{-1}} |\eta|^{2m} d\eta \right)^{1/2} + \left( \int_{|\eta| \leq d^{-1}} d^{-2m} d\eta \right)^{1/2} \right] \\ &\lesssim \|\sigma_2\|_{K,M} d^{-m - \frac{n}{2}} = \|\sigma_2\|_{K,M} d^{\frac{n}{2} - \rho n}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have taken  $K = [\frac{n}{2}] + 1$  and  $M = 2(2n + 1)$ .

# An account of linear and bilinear results

	$L^2$ - theory $m = 0, 0 \leq \delta \leq \rho \leq 1$	Symbolic Calculus $m \in \mathbb{R}, 0 \leq \delta \leq \rho \leq 1$	$L^p$ - theory $m \in \mathbb{R}, 0 \leq \delta \leq \rho \leq 1$	$L^p$ - theory Multipliers
Linear	$\delta < \rho$ , Hörmander '67 $\delta = \rho$ , Calderón-Vaillancourt '71 $\delta < 1$	Kohn-Nirenberg '65 Hörmander '65 '67	Wainger '65 Fefferman-Stein '72 Fefferman '73	Mihlin '56
Bilinear	$\delta = \rho = 0$ fails Bényi-Torres '04 ----- $0 \leq \delta < \rho = 1$ C-Z theory* ----- $0 < \rho < 1$ fails BBMNT '11	$m = \delta = 0, \rho = 1$ Bényi-Torres '03 ----- $m \in \mathbb{R}, 0 \leq \delta \leq \rho \leq 1$ BMNT '10	$m < m(p_1, p_2)$ $0 < \rho < 1$ BBMNT '11	Coifman-Meyer Grafakos-Torres '02 C-Z theory*

\*Bilinear C-Z theory: Christ-Journé, Coifman-Meyer, Grafakos-Torres, Kenig-Stein

BMNT=Bényi-Maldonado-N.-Torres

BBMNT=Bernicot + BMNT

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