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# PSEUDODIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS ON MIXED-NORM $\alpha$ -MODULATION SPACES

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**ABSTRACT.** Mixed-norm  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces were introduced recently by Cleanthous and Georgiadis [Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. 373 (2020), no. 5, 3323-3356]. The mixed-norm spaces  $M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , form a family of smoothness spaces that contain the mixed-norm Besov spaces as special cases. In this paper we prove that a pseudodifferential operator  $\sigma(x, D)$  with symbol in the Hörmander class  $S_\rho^b$  extends to a bounded operator  $\sigma(x, D): M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow M_{\vec{p},q}^{s-b,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  provided  $0 < \alpha \leq \rho \leq 1$ ,  $\vec{p} \in (0, \infty)^n$ , and  $0 < q < \infty$ . The result extends the known result that pseudodifferential operators with symbol in the class  $S_1^b$  maps the mixed-norm Besov space  $B_{\vec{p},q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  into  $B_{\vec{p},q}^{s-b}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces is a family of smoothness spaces that contains the Besov spaces and the modulation spaces, introduced by Feichtinger [17], as special cases. In the non-mixed-norm setting, the  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces were introduced by Gröbner [21]. Gröbner used the general framework of decomposition type Banach spaces considered by Feichtinger and Gröbner in [16, 18] to build the  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces. The parameter  $\alpha$  determines a specific type of decomposition of the frequency space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  used to define the space  $M_{p,q}^{s,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces contain the Besov spaces and the modulation spaces, introduced by Feichtinger [17], as special cases. The choice  $\alpha = 0$  corresponds to the classical modulation spaces  $M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , and  $\alpha = 1$  corresponds to the Besov scale of spaces.

The applicability of  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces to the study of pseudo-differential operators comes rather natural, and in fact the family of coverings used to construct the  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces was considered independently by Päävärinta and Somersalo in [29]. Päävärinta and Somersalo used the partitions to extend the Calderón-Vaillancourt boundedness result for pseudodifferential operators to local Hardy spaces.

Recently, function spaces in anisotropic and mixed-norm settings have attached considerable interest, see for example [1, 4, 10–12, 19, 20, 25] and reference therein. This is in part driven by advances in the study of partial and pseudodifferential operators, where there is a natural desire to be able to better model and analyse anisotropic phenomena. In particular, pseudo-differential operators on mixed-norm Besov spaces have been studied in [14, 15].

In this paper we study pseudodifferential operators on the family of mixed-norm  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces introduced recently by Cleanthous and Georgiadis [13]. In particular, in Section 3.2 we will study pseudodifferential operators induced by symbols in the Hörmander class  $S_\rho^b(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$  on mixed-norm  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces. For such symbols we prove in Theorem 3.3 that

$$\sigma(x, D): M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow M_{\vec{p},q}^{s-b,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

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provided  $0 < \alpha \leq \rho \leq 1$ ,  $\vec{p} \in (0, \infty)^n$ , and  $0 < q < \infty$ . The case  $\rho = \alpha = 1$  recovers a known result that symbols in  $S_1^b$  acts boundedly on the Besov spaces, see [19], but it is interesting to note that it is known that we have a strict inclusion  $S_1^b \subset S_\rho^b$  for  $0 < \rho < 1$ , so a larger class of operators is covered by allowing values of  $\alpha < 1$ . This supports the claim that mixed-norm  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces are well adapted for symbols in  $S_\rho^b(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ .

In the non-mixed-norm case, pseudodifferential operators on  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces have been considered in [7, 9, 10, 28]. Pseudodifferential operators on modulation spaces were first studied by Tachizawa [31], and later by a number of authors, see e.g. [5, 6, 22, 23, 27, 32, 33]. In the mixed-norm setting, pseudodifferential operators on Besov and Triebel-Lizorkin spaces have been studied in [15, 19].

The structure of the paper is as follows. In Section 2 we introduce mixed-norm Lebesgues and  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces based on a so-called bounded admissible partition of unity (BAPU) adapted to the mixed-norm setting. Section 2 also introduces the maximal function estimates that will be needed to prove the main result. In Section 3 give a precise definition of the class  $S_\rho^b(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$  and the associated pseudo-differential operators. We provide some boundedness results for multiplier operators on  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces, and then proceed to prove the main result, Theorem 3.3.

## 2. MIXED-NORM SPACES

In this section we introduce the mixed-norm Lebesgue spaces along with some needed maximal function estimates. Then we introduce mixed-norm  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces based on so-called bounded admissible partition of unity adapted to the mixed-norm setting.

**2.1. Mixed-norm Lebesgue Spaces.** Let  $\vec{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n) \in (0, \infty)^n$  and  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . We say that  $f \in L_{\vec{p}} = L_{\vec{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  provided

$$(2.1) \quad \|f\|_{\vec{p}} := \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \cdots \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x_1, \dots, x_n)|^{p_1} dx_1 \right)^{\frac{p_2}{p_1}} dx_2 \right)^{\frac{p_3}{p_2}} \cdots dx_n \right)^{\frac{1}{p_n}} < \infty,$$

with the standard modification when  $p_j = \infty$  for some  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . The quasi-norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\vec{p}}$ , is a norm when  $\min(p_1, \dots, p_n) \geq 1$  and turns  $(L_{\vec{p}}, \|\cdot\|_{\vec{p}})$  into a Banach space. Note that when  $\vec{p} = (p, \dots, p)$ , then  $L_{\vec{p}}$  coincides with  $L_p$ . For additional properties of  $L_{\vec{p}}$ , see e.g. [1–3, 15].

**2.2. Maximal operators.** The maximal operator will be central to most of the estimates considered in this paper. Let  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . We define

$$(2.2) \quad M_k f(x) = \sup_{I \in I_x^k} \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I |f(x_1, \dots, y_k, \dots, x_n)| dy_k, \quad f \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^n),$$

where  $I_x^k$  is the set of all intervals  $I$  in  $\mathbb{R}_{x_k}$  containing  $x_k$ .

We will use extensively the following iterated maximal function:

$$(2.3) \quad \mathcal{M}_\theta f(x) := \left( M_n(\cdots (M_1|f|^\theta) \cdots) \right)^{1/\theta}(x), \quad \theta > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

*Remark 2.1.* If  $Q$  is a rectangle  $Q = I_1 \times \cdots \times I_n$ , it follows easily that for every locally integrable  $f$

$$(2.4) \quad \int_Q |f(y)| dy \leq |Q| \mathcal{M}_1 f(x) = |Q| \mathcal{M}_\theta^\theta |f|^{1/\theta}(x), \quad \theta > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

We shall need the following mixed-norm version of the maximal inequality, see [2, 25]: If  $\vec{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n) \in (0, \infty)^n$  and  $0 < \theta < \min(p_1, \dots, p_n)$  then there exists a constant  $C$  such that

$$(2.5) \quad \|\mathcal{M}_\theta f\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \|f\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

An important related estimate is a Peetre maximal function estimate, which will be one of our main tools in the sequel. For  $\vec{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\vec{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_n) \in (0, \infty)^n$ , consider the corresponding rectangle  $R = [a_1 - b_1, a_1 + b_1] \times \dots \times [a_n - b_n, a_n + b_n]$ , which will be denote  $R[\vec{a}, \vec{b}]$ .

For every  $\theta > 0$ , there exists a constant  $c = c_\theta > 0$ , such that for every  $R > 0$  and  $f$  with  $\text{supp}(\hat{f}) \subset c_f + R[-2, 2]^n$ , see [19],

$$(2.6) \quad \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|f(y)|}{\langle R(x - y) \rangle^{n/\theta}} \leq c \mathcal{M}_\theta f(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

In particular, the constant  $c$  is independent of the point  $c_f \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**2.3. Mixed-norm Modulation spaces.** In this section we recall the definition of mixed-norm  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces as introduced by Cleanthous and Georgiadis [13]. The  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces form a family of smoothness spaces that contain modulation and Besov spaces as special “extremal” cases. The spaces are defined by a parameter  $\alpha$ , belonging to the interval  $[0, 1]$ . This parameter determines a segmentation of the frequency domain from which the spaces are built.

**Definition 2.2.** A countable collection  $\mathcal{Q}$  of subsets  $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is called an admissible covering of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if

- i.  $\mathbb{R}^n = \cup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} Q$
- ii. There exists  $n_0 < \infty$  such that  $\#\{Q' \in \mathcal{Q} : Q \cap Q' \neq \emptyset\} \leq n_0$  for all  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}$ .

An admissible covering is called an  $\alpha$ -covering,  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if

- iii.  $|Q| \asymp \langle x \rangle^{\alpha d}$  (uniformly) for all  $x \in Q$  and for all  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}$ ,
- iv. There exists a constant  $K < \infty$  such that

$$\sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \frac{R_Q}{r_Q} \leq K,$$

where  $r_Q := \sup\{r \in [0, \infty) : \exists c_r \in \mathbb{R}^n : B(c_r, r) \subseteq Q\}$  and  $R_Q := \inf\{r \in (0, \infty) : \exists c_r \in \mathbb{R}^n : B(c_r, r) \supseteq Q\}$ , where  $B(x, r)$  denotes the Euclidean ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  centered at  $x$  with radius  $r$ .

We will need a mixed-norm bounded admissible partition of unity adapted to  $\alpha$ -coverings. We let  $\mathcal{F}(f)(\xi) := (2\pi)^{-n/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) e^{-ix \cdot \xi} dx$ ,  $f \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , denote the Fourier transform, and let  $\hat{f}(\xi) = \mathcal{F}(f)(\xi)$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be an  $\alpha$ -covering of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . A corresponding mixed-norm bounded admissible partition of unity ( $\vec{p}$ -BAPU)  $\{\psi_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}}$  is a family of functions satisfying

- $\text{supp}(\psi_Q) \subset Q$
- $\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \psi_Q(\xi) = 1$
- $\sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} |Q|^{-1} \|\chi_Q\|_{L_{\vec{p}}} \|\mathcal{F}^{-1} \psi_Q\|_{L_{\vec{p}}} < \infty$ ,

where  $\tilde{p}_j := \min\{1, p_1, \dots, p_j\}$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\vec{p} := (\tilde{p}_1, \dots, \tilde{p}_n)$ .

The results in Sections 3 and 3.2 rely on the known fact that it is possible to construct a smooth  $\vec{p}$ -BAPU with certain “nice” properties. We summarise the needed properties in the following proposition proved in [13], see also [8]. Let  $\langle x \rangle := (1 + |x|^2)^{1/2}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Proposition 2.4.** For  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , there exists an  $\alpha$ -covering of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with a corresponding  $\vec{p}$ -BAPU  $\{\psi_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} \subset \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfying:

- i.  $\xi_k \in Q_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}$ , where  $\xi_k := k \langle k \rangle^{\alpha/(1-\alpha)}$ .
- ii. The following estimate holds,

$$|\partial^\beta \psi_k(\xi)| \leq C_\beta \langle \xi \rangle^{-|\beta|\alpha}, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

for every multi-index  $\beta$  with  $C_\beta$  independent of  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}$ .

- iii. Define  $\tilde{\psi}_k(\xi) = \psi_k(|\xi_k|^\alpha \xi + \xi_k)$ . Then for every  $\beta \in \mathbb{N}^d$  there exists a constant  $C_\beta$  independent of  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}$  such that

$$|\partial_\xi^\beta \tilde{\psi}_k(\xi)| \leq C_\beta \chi_{B(0,r)}(\xi).$$

- iv. Define  $\mu_k(\xi) = \psi_k(a_k \xi)$ , where  $a_k := \langle \xi_k \rangle$ . Then for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists a constant  $C_m$  independent of  $k$  such that

$$|\hat{\mu}_k(y)| \leq C_m a_k^{(m-n)(1-\alpha)} \langle y \rangle^{-m}, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

*Remark 2.5.* A closer inspection of the construction presented in [13] reveals that the BAPU is in fact  $\vec{p}$ -independent and only depends on  $\alpha$  through the geometry of the  $\alpha$ -covering.

The case  $\alpha = 1$ , corresponding to a dyadic-covering, is not included in Proposition 2.4, but it is known that  $\vec{p}$ -BAPU can easily be constructed for dyadic coverings, see e.g. [14]. Using  $\vec{p}$ -BAPUs, it is now possible to introduce the family of mixed-norm  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces.

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\vec{p} \in (0, \infty)^n$ ,  $q \in (0, \infty]$ , and let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be an  $\alpha$ -covering with associated  $\vec{p}$ -BAPU  $\{\psi_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}}$  of the type considered in Proposition 2.4. Then we define the mixed-norm  $\alpha$ -modulation space,  $M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  as the set of tempered distributions  $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfying

$$(2.7) \quad \|f\|_{M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha}} := \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} \langle \xi_k \rangle^{qs} \|\mathcal{F}^{-1}(\psi_k \mathcal{F} f)\|_{L_{\vec{p}}^q(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q \right)^{1/q} < \infty,$$

with  $\{\xi_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}}$  defined as in Proposition 2.4. For  $q = \infty$ , we change of the sum to  $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}}$ .

It is proved in [13] that the definition of  $M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is independent of the  $\alpha$ -covering and of the BAPU, see also [18] for the case of general decomposition space.

### 3. PSEUDODIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS ON MIXED-NORM $\alpha$ -MODULATION SPACES

We now turn to the main focus of this article, the study of pseudodifferential operators on mixed-norm  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces. We will state and prove our main result later in this section, but let us first recall the Hörmander class  $S_\rho^b(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ , for  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $0 \leq \rho \leq 1$ , which is the family of functions  $\sigma \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfying

$$|\sigma|_{N,M}^{(b)} := \max_{|\alpha| \leq N, |\beta| \leq M} \sup_{x, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n} \langle \xi \rangle^{\rho|\alpha| - b} |\partial_\xi^\alpha \partial_x^\beta \sigma(\xi, x)| < \infty,$$

for all  $M, N \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The class  $S_\rho^b(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$  has been studied in details in e.g. [26]. For  $\rho < 1$ , we have a strict inclusion  $S_1^b(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n) \subset S_\rho^b(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ . An example of a symbol  $\sigma \in S_{1/2}^b(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}) \setminus S_1^b(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})$  is the symbol associated with the convolution kernel  $K(x) = e^{i/|x|} |x|^{-\gamma}$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ . It can be shown that  $\hat{K}(\xi) \in S_{1/2}^{\gamma/2 - 3/4}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , see [30, Chap. VII].

We define the pseudodifferential operator  $T_\sigma$  induced by  $\sigma \in S_\rho^b$  by

$$(3.1) \quad T_\sigma f(x) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sigma(x, \xi) \hat{f}(\xi) e^{ix \cdot \xi} d\xi, \quad \text{for every } x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n),$$

where  $\hat{f}$  is the Fourier transform of the test function  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . We let  $\text{Op}S_\rho^b$  denote the family of all operators induced by  $S_\rho^b$ . Whenever convenient, we will also use the notation  $\sigma(x, D) := T_\sigma$ .

An important property of  $S_\rho^b$ , which we will rely on in the sequel, is the following composition result, see e.g. [26, Chap. 5],

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  be symbols belonging to  $S_\rho^{b_1}(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $S_\rho^{b_2}(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ , respectively, for some  $b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then there is a symbol  $\sigma \in S_\rho^{b_1+b_2}(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$  so that  $T_\sigma = T_{\sigma_1}T_{\sigma_2}$ . Moreover,*

$$(3.2) \quad \sigma - \sum_{|\alpha| < N} \frac{1}{i^{|\alpha|} \alpha!} D_\xi^\alpha \sigma_1 \cdot D_x^\alpha \sigma_2 \in S_\rho^{b_1+b_2-N}(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n), \text{ for all } N \in \mathbb{N}.$$

**3.1. Fourier multipliers.** Let us first briefly a special class of pseudodifferential operators, namely Fourier multipliers where the symbol  $\sigma$  is  $x$  independent. Fourier multipliers have been studied in [13] and we will just summarize the most crucial results for our study, where we will mainly rely on the Bessel potential operator. The Bessel potential  $J^b := (I - \Delta)^{b/2}$  is defined by  $\widehat{J^b f}(\xi) = \langle \xi \rangle^b \hat{f}(\xi)$ . It is well known that  $\langle \cdot \rangle^b \in S_1^b$ , so in particular  $\langle \cdot \rangle^b \in S_\rho^b$  for  $0 < \rho \leq 1$ . It is also known that for the Besov spaces we have the lifting property,  $J^b B_{\vec{p},q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n) = B_{\vec{p},q}^{s-b}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , see e.g. [19], and it was proven in [13] that  $J^b$  has exactly the same lifting property when considered on  $M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\vec{p} \in (0, \infty)^n$ ,  $q \in (0, \infty)$ . Suppose  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $J^b = (1 - \Delta)^{b/2}$ . Then we have  $J^b M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n) = M_{\vec{p},q}^{s-b,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , in the sense that*

$$\|f\|_{M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha}} \asymp \|J^b f\|_{M_{\vec{p},q}^{s-b,\alpha}} \quad \text{for all } f \in M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

**3.2. Boundedness of pseudodifferential operators.** We can now state and prove our main result, which we believe will provides a compelling case for the use of mixed-norm  $\alpha$ -modulation spaces with  $\alpha < 1$  as the symbol classes  $S_\rho^b$  are increasing in size with  $\rho$  decreasing.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Suppose  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ ,  $\sigma \in S_\rho^b(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\alpha \leq \rho \leq 1$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\vec{p} \in (0, \infty)^n$ , and  $q \in (0, \infty)$ . Then*

$$\sigma(x, D) : M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow M_{\vec{p},q}^{s-b,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

*Moreover, there exist  $L, N > 0$  (depending on  $s, \vec{p}, q$ , and  $\rho$ ) such that the operator norm is bounded by  $C|\sigma|_{L,N}^{(b)}$ , with  $C$  a constant.*

Let us consider an example before we turn to the proof the result.

**Example 3.4.** Consider the symbol associated with the convolution kernel  $K(x) = e^{i/|x|}|x|^{-\gamma}$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . As mentioned earlier,  $\hat{K}(\xi) \in S_{1/2}^{\gamma/2-3/4}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . Hence, by Theorem 3.3,

$$\hat{K}(x, D) : M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,1/2}(\mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow M_{\vec{p},q}^{s-\gamma/2+3/4,1/2}(\mathbb{R}^2),$$

for  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\vec{p} \in (0, \infty)^n$ , and  $q \in (0, \infty)$ .

Let us now turn to the proof of Theorem 3.3. In the Besov space case,  $\alpha = 1$  [i.e.,  $M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,1}(\mathbb{R}^n) = B_{\vec{p},q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ], the proof was given by Georgiadis and the author in [19]. We will therefore only consider the case  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  below.

*Proof of Theorem 3.3.* Calling on Propositions 3.1 and 3.2, we have  $J^{-a} M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha} = M_{\vec{p},q}^{s+a,\alpha}$ ,  $\sigma(x, D)J^a \in \text{Op}S_\rho^{b+a}$ , and  $J^a \sigma(x, D) \in \text{Op}S_\rho^{b+a}$  when  $\sigma \in S_\rho^b$ , from which it follows that it is no restriction to assume that  $s$  is large and  $b = 0$ . Moreover, it suffices to prove that  $\|\sigma(x, D)f\|_{M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha}} \leq C\|f\|_{M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha}}$  for  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  since  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is dense in  $M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , see [13].

Fix  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . First we estimate the  $L_{\vec{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ -norm of  $\psi_k(D)\sigma(x, D)f$ . Notice that for any  $g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$(3.3) \quad [\psi_k(D)g](x) = (2\pi)^{-d/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ix \cdot y} \psi_k(y) \hat{g}(y) dy = (2\pi)^{-d/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{\psi}_k(y) g(x+y) dy.$$

Letting  $\sigma_\eta^\gamma(x, \xi) := \partial_x^\gamma \partial_\xi^\eta \sigma(x, \xi)$  and  $\sigma^\gamma := \sigma_0^\gamma$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma(x+y, D)f(x+y) &= (2\pi)^{-n/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(x+y)\cdot\xi} \sigma(x+y, \xi) \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi \\
 &= (2\pi)^{-n/2} \sum_{|\gamma| \leq K-1} \frac{y^\gamma}{\gamma!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(x+y)\cdot\xi} \sigma^\gamma(x, \xi) \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi \\
 &\quad + (2\pi)^{-n/2} \sum_{|\gamma|=K} K \frac{y^\gamma}{\gamma!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(x+y)\cdot\xi} \int_0^1 (1-\tau)^{K-1} \sigma^\gamma(x+\tau y, \xi) \hat{f}(\xi) d\tau d\xi \\
 (3.4) \quad &:= T(x, y) + R(x, y),
 \end{aligned}$$

where we have expanded  $\sigma(\cdot + y, \xi)$  in a Taylor series centered at  $x$ . We choose the order  $K$  such that  $K\alpha > s + 2(1-\alpha)(1+n)/r$ , where  $r := \min\{1, q, p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ . Using (3.4) in (3.3), we obtain

$$(3.5) \quad \psi_k(D)\sigma(x, D)f(x) = (2\pi)^{-n/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{\psi}_k(y) T(x, y) dy + (2\pi)^{-n/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{\psi}_k(y) R(x, y) dy.$$

We estimate each of the two terms separately. First we consider the term with  $T(x, y)$ . We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{\psi}_k(y) T(x, y) dy &= (2\pi)^{-n/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{\psi}_k(y) \sum_{|\gamma| \leq K-1} \frac{y^\gamma}{\gamma!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(x+y)\cdot\xi} \sigma^\gamma(x, \xi) \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi dy \\
 &= (2\pi)^{-n/2} \sum_{|\gamma| \leq K-1} \frac{1}{\gamma!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ix\cdot\xi} \sigma^\gamma(x, \xi) \hat{f}(\xi) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{iy\cdot\xi} \hat{\psi}_k(y) y^\gamma dy d\xi \\
 (3.6) \quad &= \sum_{|\gamma| \leq K-1} \frac{1}{\gamma!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ix\cdot\xi} \sigma^\gamma(x, \xi) \partial_\xi^\gamma \psi_k(\xi) \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi.
 \end{aligned}$$

Define  $\Psi_k := \sum_{k'} \psi_{k'}$ , where the sum is taken over all  $k' \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}$  with  $\text{supp}(\psi_{k'}) \cap \text{supp}(\psi_k) \neq \emptyset$ . Using the fact that  $\Psi_k(\xi) = 1$  on  $\text{supp}(\psi_k)$ , and the relation  $(\hat{f}\hat{g})^\vee = f * g$ , we obtain for  $\theta > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ix\cdot\xi} \sigma^\gamma(x, \xi) \partial_\xi^\gamma \psi_k(\xi) \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi \right| &= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ix\cdot\xi} (\sigma^\gamma(x, \xi) \partial_\xi^\gamma \psi_k(\xi)) (\Psi_k(\xi) \hat{f}(\xi)) d\xi \right| \\
 &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |(\sigma^\gamma(x, \cdot) \partial_\xi^\gamma \psi_k)^\vee(y)| |\Psi_k(D)f(x-y)| dy \\
 &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} |(\sigma^\gamma(z, \cdot) \partial_\xi^\gamma \psi_k)^\vee(y)| |\Psi_k(D)f(x-y)| dy \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} |(\sigma^\gamma(z, \cdot) \partial_\xi^\gamma \psi_k)^\vee(y)| \langle |\xi_k|^\alpha y \rangle^{n/\theta} \\
 &\quad \times \langle |\xi_k|^\alpha y \rangle^{-n/\theta} |\Psi_k(D)f(x-y)| dy,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\xi_k = k|k|^{\alpha/(1-\alpha)}$ . Using the estimate (b) from Lemma 3.5 below, and the Peetre maximal function estimate (2.6), we conclude that

$$(3.7) \quad \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ix\cdot\xi} \sigma^\gamma(x, \xi) \partial_\xi^\gamma \psi_k(\xi) \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi \right| \leq C |\sigma|_{L, K}^{(0)} \mathcal{M}_\theta(\Psi_k(D)f)(x),$$

with  $C < \infty$  independent of  $k$  and  $f$ , provided we choose  $L > n(1 + 1/\theta)$ . Hence, we may also conclude that

$$(3.8) \quad \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{\psi}_k(y) T(\cdot, y) dy \right\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C |\sigma|_{L, K}^{(0)} \|\Psi_k(D)f\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)},$$

provided  $0 < \theta < \min\{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ . In particular, we may choose  $L > n(1 + 1/r)$  to ensure that (3.8) holds.

We turn to the second term in (3.5). Let  $\mu_k(\xi) = \psi_k(a_k \xi)$ , where  $a_k := \langle k | k |^{\alpha/(1-\alpha)}$ . First notice that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{\psi}_k(y) R(x, y) dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{\mu}_k(y) R(x, a_k^{-1} y) dy.$$

We have,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{|\gamma|=K} \frac{a_k^{-K}}{\gamma!} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} y^\gamma \hat{\mu}_k(y) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(x+a_k^{-1}y) \cdot \xi} \int_0^1 (1-\tau)^{K-1} \sigma^\gamma(x + a_k^{-1} \tau y, \xi) \hat{f}(\xi) d\tau d\xi dy \right| \\ & \leq C a_k^{-K} \sum_{|\gamma|=K} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \langle y \rangle^K |\hat{\mu}_k(y)| \left| \int_0^1 (1-\tau)^{K-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(x+a_k^{-1}y) \cdot \xi} \sigma^\gamma(x + a_k^{-1} \tau y, \xi) \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi d\tau \right| dy. \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 3.5 with  $m = K + n + (1 + n)/r$ , we obtain the following estimate for the right-hand side for  $0 < \theta \leq r$ , using that  $0 < r \leq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & C' a_k^{-\tilde{K}} \sum_{|\gamma|=K} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\langle y \rangle^{-n-1}}{\langle y \rangle^{n/\theta}} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} |[\sigma^\gamma(z, D)f](x + a_k^{-1}y)| dy \\ & = C' a_k^{-\tilde{K}} \sum_{|\gamma|=K} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \langle y \rangle^{-n-1} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|[\sigma^\gamma(z, D)f](x + a_k^{-1}y)|}{\langle y \rangle^{n/\theta}} dy \\ & \leq C' a_k^{-\tilde{K}} \sum_{|\gamma|=K} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \langle y \rangle^{-n-1} \sup_{z, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|[\sigma^\gamma(z, D)f](x + \eta)|}{\langle a_k \eta \rangle^{n/\theta}} dy \\ & \leq C' a_k^{-\tilde{K}} \sum_{|\gamma|=K} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \langle y \rangle^{-n-1} \sup_{z, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|[\sigma^\gamma(z, D)f](x + \eta)|}{\langle \eta \rangle^{n/\theta}} dy, \quad \text{since } \alpha_k \geq 1, \\ & \leq C' a_k^{-\tilde{K}} \sum_{|\gamma|=K} \sup_{z, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|[\sigma^\gamma(z, D)f](x + \eta)|}{\langle \eta \rangle^{n/\theta}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{K} = K\alpha - (1 + n)(1 - \alpha)/r \geq s + \frac{n+1}{q}(1 - \alpha)$ , since  $q \geq r$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} a_k^{sq} \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{\psi}_k(y) R(x, y) dy \right\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(dx)}^q \right)^{1/q} \\ & \leq \left\{ C \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} a_k^{(s-\tilde{K})q} \left( \sum_{|\gamma|=K} \left\| \sup_{\eta, z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|[\sigma^\gamma(z, D)f](x + \eta)|}{\langle \eta \rangle^{n/\theta}} \right\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(dx)} \right)^q \right\}^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

We notice that  $L^q := C \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} a_k^{(s-\tilde{K})q} \leq C \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} |k|^{-n-1}$  is finite. Based on this observation, recalling that  $r = \min\{1, q, p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ , we use the equivalence of  $\ell^\tau$ -norms on finite dimensional spaces to estimate the right-hand side by,

$$\begin{aligned} & L \left( \sum_{|\gamma|=K} \left\| \sup_{\eta, z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|[\sigma^\gamma(z, D)f](x + \eta)|}{\langle \eta \rangle^{n/\theta}} \right\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(dx)}^r \right)^{1/r} \\ & = L \left( \sum_{|\gamma|=K} \left\| \sup_{\eta, z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|[\sigma^\gamma(z, D) \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} \psi_k(D)f](x + \eta)|}{\langle \eta \rangle^{n/\theta}} \right\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(dx)}^r \right)^{1/r} \\ & \leq L \left( \sum_{|\gamma|=K} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} \left\| \sup_{\eta, z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|[\sigma^\gamma(z, D)\psi_k(D)f](x + \eta)|}{\langle \eta \rangle^{n/\theta}} \right\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(dx)}^r \right)^{1/r}. \end{aligned}$$



We now focus on the individual term  $A_k := |[\sigma^\gamma(z, D)\psi_k(D)f](x + \eta)|$ . Put  $f_k(x) := [\Psi_k(D)f](x)$ , with  $\Psi_k$  defined as above. We have

$$\begin{aligned} A_k &= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\sigma^\gamma(z, \xi)\psi_k(\xi))^\vee(x + \eta - y)f_k(y) dy \right| \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |(\sigma^\gamma(z, \xi)\psi_k(\xi))^\vee(x + \eta - y)| |f_k(y)| dy \\ &\leq \sup_{u \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|f_k(u)|}{\langle x - u \rangle^{n/\theta}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |(\sigma^\gamma(z, \xi)\psi_k(\xi))^\vee(x + \eta - y)| \langle x - y \rangle^{n/\theta} dy. \end{aligned}$$

Now,  $\langle x - y \rangle^{n/\theta} \leq c \langle x - y + \eta \rangle^{n/\theta} \langle \eta \rangle^{n/\theta}$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{z, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{A_k}{\langle \eta \rangle^{n/\theta}} &\leq C \sup_{\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|f_k(x - \eta)|}{\langle \eta \rangle^{n/\theta}} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |(\sigma^\gamma(z, \xi)\psi_k(\xi))^\vee(u)| \langle u \rangle^{n/\theta} du \\ &\leq C' \sup_{\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|f_k(x - \eta)|}{\langle \eta \rangle^{n/\theta}} |\sigma|_{L, K}^{(0)}, \end{aligned}$$

provided  $L > n + n/\theta$ , where we have used Lemma 3.5. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{|\gamma|=K} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} \left\| \sup_{\eta, z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|[\sigma^\gamma(z, D)\psi_k(D)f](x + \eta)|}{\langle \eta \rangle^{n/\theta}} \right\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(dx)}^r \\ = \sum_{|\gamma|=K} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} a_k^{nr/\theta} \left\| \sup_{\eta, z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|[\sigma^\gamma(z, D)\psi_k(D)f](x + \eta)|}{a_k^{n/\theta} \langle \eta \rangle^{n/\theta}} \right\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(dx)}^r \\ \leq C' (|\sigma|_{L, K}^{(0)})^r \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} a_k^{nr/\theta} \left\| \sup_{\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|f_k(x - \eta)|}{\langle a_k \eta \rangle^{n/\theta}} \right\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(dx)}^r. \end{aligned}$$

We now use the Peetre maximal estimate,

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|f_k(x - z)|}{\langle a_k z \rangle^{n/\theta}} \leq C \mathcal{M}_\theta(f_k)(x),$$

and we may apply the  $L_{\vec{p}}$ -norms, using the maximal inequality, to obtain

$$\left\| \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|f_k(x - z)|}{\langle a_k z \rangle^{n/\theta}} \right\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^r \leq C' \|f_k\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^r,$$

provided  $0 < \theta < \min\{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ . Putting these estimates together yields,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{|\gamma|=K} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} \left\| \sup_{\eta, z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|[\sigma^\gamma(z, D)\psi_k(D)f](x + \eta)|}{\langle \eta \rangle^{n/\theta}} \right\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(dx)}^r \\ \leq C'' (|\sigma|_{L, K}^{(0)})^r \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} a_k^{nr/\theta} \|\Psi_k(D)f\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^r, \end{aligned}$$

provided  $L > n + n/\theta$ , and consequently

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} a_k^{sq} \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{\psi}_k(y) R(x, y) dy \right\|_{L_p}^q \right)^{1/q} &\leq C'' |\sigma|_{L, K}^{(0)} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} a_k^{rn\theta} \|\Psi_k(D)f\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^r \right)^{1/r} \\ &= C'' |\sigma|_{L, K}^{(0)} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} a_k^{rn\theta - sr} \cdot a_k^{sr} \|\Psi_k(D)f\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^r \right)^{1/r} \\ &\leq C''' |\sigma|_{L, K}^{(0)} \left\| a_k^s \|\Psi_k(D)f\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right\|_{\ell_q}, \end{aligned}$$

where for the last estimate, we used Hölder's inequality with parameters  $q/r$  and  $q/(q-r)$  and the fact that  $s > n(1+\theta)/r$ , where we also notice that  $n(1+\theta)/r < 3n/r$  since  $0 < \theta < 2$ . Finally, we can put all the estimates together to close the case  $b = 0$  and  $s > 3n/r$ . We have, with  $L > n + n/r$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\sigma(x, D)f\|_{M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha}} \\ & \asymp \|a_k^s \|\psi_k(D)\sigma(x, D)f\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)}\|_{\ell_q} \\ & \leq C \left\{ \left\| a_k^s \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{\psi}_k(y) T(x, y) dy \right\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(dx)} \right\|_{\ell_q} + \left\| a_k^s \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{\psi}_k(y) R(x, y) dy \right\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(dx)} \right\|_{\ell_q} \right\} \\ & \leq C' \left( |\sigma|_{L,K}^{(0)} \|a_k^s \|\Psi_k(D)f\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)}\|_{\ell_q} + |\sigma|_{L,K}^{(0)} \|a_k^s \|\Psi_k(D)f\|_{L_{\vec{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)}\|_{\ell_q} \right) \\ & \leq C'' |\sigma|_{L,K}^{(0)} \|f\|_{M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha}}. \end{aligned}$$

This concludes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

The following technical lemma has been used in the proof of Theorem 3.3.

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$  and let  $\{\psi_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}}$  be the  $\vec{p}$ -BAPU from Proposition 2.4, depending only on  $\alpha$ . Suppose  $\sigma \in S_{\rho,0}^0$ ,  $\alpha \leq \rho \leq 1$ . Then for  $|\gamma| \leq K$  and  $m \geq 0$ , we have*

(a) *For  $|\gamma|, |\nu| \leq K$  and  $J \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists a constant  $C := C(K, J)$  such that*

$$M(x) := \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} |(\partial_x^\gamma \sigma(z, \cdot) \partial_\xi^\nu \psi_k)^\vee(x)| \leq C |\sigma|_{J,K}^{(0)} |k|^{\alpha n/(1-\alpha)} \langle |k|^{\alpha/(1-\alpha)} x \rangle^{-J},$$

*for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

(b) *For  $|\gamma|, |\nu| \leq K$  and  $m \geq 0$  there exists a constant  $C' := C'(K, m)$ , such that*

$$I := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} |(\partial_x^\gamma \sigma(z, \cdot) \partial_\xi^\nu \psi_k)^\vee(x)| \langle |k|^{\alpha/(1-\alpha)} x \rangle^m dx \leq C' |\sigma|_{M,K}^{(0)}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N},$$

*for any  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  satisfying  $M > m + n$ .*

*Proof.* First we prove (a). Let  $\sigma_\eta^\gamma(x, \xi) := \partial_x^\gamma \partial_\xi^\eta \sigma(x, \xi)$  and  $\sigma^\gamma := \sigma_0^\gamma$ . We have the equality

$$M(x) = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ix \cdot \xi} \sigma^\gamma(z, \xi) \partial_\xi^\nu \psi_k(\xi) d\xi \right|.$$

Let  $T_k = |\xi_k|^\alpha + \xi_k$ , where  $\xi_k = k|k|^{\alpha/(1-\alpha)}$ . Then a substitution yields

$$(3.9) \quad M(x) = |\xi_k|^{n\alpha} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i|\xi_k|^\alpha x \cdot \xi} \sigma^\gamma(z, T_k \xi) \partial_\xi^\nu \psi_k(T_k \xi) d\xi \right|.$$

Fix  $J > 1$ . We use the well-known estimate  $\langle x \rangle^J |\hat{g}(x)| \leq C_J \sum_{|\beta| \leq J} \|\partial^\beta g\|_{L_1}$ , for some finite constant  $C_J$ . We apply the estimate to (3.9) to obtain

$$M(|\xi_k|^{-\alpha} x) \leq C_J |\xi_k|^{n\alpha} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{|\beta| \leq J} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \partial_\xi^\beta \left[ \sigma^\gamma(z, T_k \xi) \partial_\xi^\nu \psi_k(T_k \xi) \right] d\xi \right| \langle x \rangle^{-J},$$

which by Leibniz's rule provides the bound

$$(3.10) \quad M(|\xi_k|^{-\alpha} x) \leq C' |\xi_k|^{n\alpha} \sum_{|\beta| \leq J} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi_k|^{\alpha|\eta|} |\partial_\xi^\eta (\sigma^\gamma(z, T_k \xi))| |\partial_\xi^{\beta-\eta} (\partial_\xi^\nu \psi_k(T_k \xi))| d\xi \langle x \rangle^{-J}.$$

From Proposition 2.4, we have

$$(3.11) \quad |\partial_\xi^{\beta-\eta} (\partial_\xi^\nu \psi_k(T_k \xi))| \leq C \chi_Q(\xi),$$

with  $C := C(\nu, \beta, \eta)$ . We also notice that for  $\xi \in Q$ ,

$$(3.12) \quad |\partial_\xi^\eta(\sigma^\gamma(z, T_k \xi))| \leq |\sigma|_{[\eta], K}^{(0)} \langle |\xi_k|^\alpha \xi + \xi_k \rangle^{-\rho|\eta|} \leq C |\sigma|_{[\eta], K}^{(0)} \langle \xi_k \rangle^{-\rho|\eta|}.$$

Now, by assumption  $\alpha \leq \rho$ , so using the estimates (3.11) and (3.12) in (3.10), we obtain

$$M(|\xi_k|^{-\alpha} x) \leq C''' |\xi_k|^{n\alpha} \sum_{\substack{|\beta| \leq J \\ 0 \leq \eta \leq \beta}} |\sigma|_{J, K}^{(0)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \chi_Q(\xi) d\xi \langle x \rangle^{-J} \leq C''' |\xi_k|^{\alpha n} \cdot |\sigma|_{J, K}^{(0)} \langle x \rangle^{-J},$$

which proves (a), since  $|\xi_k| = |k|^{1/(1-\alpha)}$ .

Let us turn to (b). Pick  $J > m + n$  in (a). We have

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} M(x) \langle |k|^{\alpha/(1-\alpha)} x \rangle^m dx \\ &\leq C' |\sigma|_{J, K}^{(0)} |k|^{\alpha n/(1-\alpha)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \langle |k|^{\alpha/(1-\alpha)} x \rangle^{-J} \langle |k|^{\alpha/(1-\alpha)} x \rangle^m dx \\ &= C' |\sigma|_{J, K}^{(0)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \langle x \rangle^{-J} \langle x \rangle^m dx \\ &\leq \tilde{C} |\sigma|_{J, K}^{(0)}, \end{aligned}$$

where we made a change of variable in the integral and used  $J > n + m$ , which of course implies that  $m - J < -n$ . This concludes the proof.  $\square$

#### 4. HYPOELLIPTIC PSEUDODIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS

In this final section we consider an application of the result in the previous section to hypoelliptic pseudodifferential operators based on standard machinery, see e.g. [24]. Let us introduce some notation. Let

$$S_\rho^\infty := \bigcup_{b \in \mathbb{R}} S_\rho^b, \quad \text{and} \quad S_\rho^{-\infty} := \bigcap_{b \in \mathbb{R}} S_\rho^b.$$

Assume that  $b_0, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $b_0 \leq b$ . An element  $\sigma \in S_\rho^b(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$  is called *hypoelliptic* with parameters  $b_0$  and  $b$  if there are positive constants  $c$  and  $a$  such that

$$a \langle \xi \rangle^{b_0} \leq |\sigma(x, \xi)|, \quad \langle \xi \rangle \geq c,$$

and

$$|\partial_\xi^\alpha \partial_x^\beta \sigma(x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} |\sigma(x, \xi)| \langle \xi \rangle^{-\rho|\alpha|}, \quad \langle \xi \rangle \geq c.$$

Let  $HS_\rho^{b, b_0}(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$  the family of all such symbols. The following result is well-know, see [24, Theorem 22.1.3].

**Theorem 4.1.** *Suppose  $\sigma \in HS_\rho^{b, b_0}$ , with  $0 < \rho \leq 1$ . Then there exists  $\tau \in HS_\rho^{-b_0, -b}$  such that  $I - \sigma(x, D)\tau(x, D)$  and  $I - \tau(x, D)\sigma(x, D)$  are both in  $Op(S_\rho^{-\infty})$ .*

Let  $M_{\vec{p}, q}^{-\infty, \alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \cup_{s \in \mathbb{R}} M_{\vec{p}, q}^{s, \alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Using Theorem 4.1 and the result from the previous section we have

**Theorem 4.2.** *Suppose  $\sigma \in HS_\rho^{b, b_0}$ , with  $\rho \geq \alpha > 0$ , and  $f \in M_{p, q}^{-\infty, \alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . If  $\sigma(\cdot, D)f \in M_{\vec{p}, q}^{s, \alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for some  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $f \in M_{\vec{p}, q}^{s+b_0, \alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S = \sigma(\cdot, D)$ , and let  $T = \tau(\cdot, D)$  be as in Theorem 4.1. Notice that  $f = T(Sf) + (I - TS)f$ . By Theorem 3.3,  $T$  maps  $M_{\vec{p}, q}^{s, \alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $M_{\vec{p}, q}^{s+b, \alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $(I - TS)$  maps  $M_{\vec{p}, q}^{-\infty, \alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $M_{\vec{p}, q}^{s+b, \alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .  $\square$

The following example will conclude the paper.

**Example 4.3.** Consider the heat operator  $L$  given by

$$L(u) := \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_j^2}.$$

The symbol of  $L$  is given by

$$l(\tau, \xi) = (i\tau + |\xi|^2), \quad (\tau, \xi) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n,$$

and one can easily verify that  $l \in HS_1^{2,1}$ . We consider an approximate inverse  $P$  to  $L$  with symbol

$$a(\tau, \xi) = (i\tau + |\xi|^2)^{-1} \eta(\tau, \xi), \quad (\tau, \xi) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n,$$

where  $\eta$  is a smooth cut-off function that vanishes near the origin and equals 1 for large  $(\tau, \xi)$ . It is easy to check that  $a(\tau, \xi) \in HS_1^{-1,-2}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ . Hence, if  $u \in M_{\vec{p},q}^{-\infty,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ ,  $\vec{p} \in (0, \infty)^n$ ,  $0 < q < \infty$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ , and  $P(u) \in M_{\vec{p},q}^{s,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ , then  $u \in M_{\vec{p},q}^{s-1,\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ .

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