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## Multilinear analysis for discrete and periodic pseudo-differential operators in L<sup>p</sup>-spaces

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**Abstract.** In this note we announce our investigation on the  $L^p$  properties for periodic and discrete multilinear pseudo-differential operators. First, we review the periodic analysis of multilinear pseudo-differential operators by showing classical multilinear Fourier multipliers theorems (proved by Coifman and Meyer, Tomita, Miyachi, Fujita, Grafakos, Tao, etc.) in the context of periodic and discrete multilinear pseudo-differential operators. For this, we use the periodic analysis of pseudo-differential operators developed by Ruzhansky and Turunen. The *s*-nuclearity,  $0 < s \leq 1$ , for the discrete and periodic multilinear pseudo-differential operators developed by Ruzhansky and Turunen. The *s*-nuclearity,  $0 < s \leq 1$ , for the discrete and periodic multilinear pseudo-differential operators will be investigated. To do so, we classify those *s*-nuclear,  $0 < s \leq 1$ , multilinear integral operators on arbitrary Lebesgue spaces defined on  $\sigma$ -finite measures spaces. Finally, we present some applications of our analysis to deduce the periodic Kato-Ponce inequality and to examine the *s*-nuclearity of multilinear Bessel potentials as well as the *s*-nuclearity of periodic Fourier integral operators admitting suitable types of singularities.

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### Análisis multilineal para operadores pseudodiferenciales periódicos y discretos en espacios L<sup>p</sup>

**Resumen.** En esta nota anunciamos los resultados de nuestra investigación sobre las propiedades  $L^p$  de operadores pseudodiferenciales multilineales periódicos y/o discretos. Primero, revisaremos el análisis multilineal de tales operadores mostrando versiones análogas de los teoremas clásicos disponibles en el análisis multilineal euclidiano (debidos a Coifman y Meyer, Tomita,

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Miyachi, Fujita, Grafakos, Tao, etc.), pero, en el contexto de operadores periódicos y/o discretos. Se caracterizará la s-nuclearidad,  $0 < s \leq 1$ , para operadores multilineales pseudodiferenciales periódicos y/o discretos. Para cumplir este objetivo se clasificarán aquellos operadores lineales s-nucleares,  $0 < s \leq 1$ , multilineales con núcleo, sobre espacios de Lebesgue arbitrarios definidos en espacios de medida  $\sigma$ -finitos. Finalmente, como aplicación de los resultados presentados se obtiene la versión periódica de la desigualdad de Kato-Ponce, y se examina la s-nuclearidad de potenciales de Bessel lineales y multilineales, como también la s-nuclearidad de operadores integrales de Fourier periódicos admitiendo símbolos con tipos adecuados de singularidad. **Palabras clave**: Operador pseudo-diferencial, operador discreto, operador periódico, nuclearidad, continuidad, operador integral de Fourier, Análisis multilineal.

#### 1. Introduction

The goal of this note is to announce the main results about the  $L^p$ -multilinear analysis developed by the authors in [10] for periodic and discrete pseudo-differential operators. These operators can be defined by using the multilinear Fourier transform as follows. If  $m : \mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{Z}^{nr} \to \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{T}^n \cong [0,1)^n$  is a suitable function, then the periodic multilinearpseudo-differential operator associated to m is the operator defined as

$$T_m(f)(x) = \sum_{\xi \in \mathbb{Z}^{nr}} e^{i2\pi x \cdot (\xi_1 + \xi_2 + \dots + \xi_r)} m(x,\xi) (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n} f_1)(\xi_1) \cdots (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n} f_r)(\xi_r), \ x \in \mathbb{T}^n, \quad (1)$$

where  $f = (f_1, \cdots, f_r) \in \mathscr{D}(\mathbb{T}^n)^r$ , and

$$(\mathscr{F}f)(\xi) := \prod_{j=1}^{r} (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^{n}} f_{j})(\xi_{j}) = \prod_{j=1}^{r} \int_{\mathbb{T}^{n}} e^{-i2\pi x_{j}\xi_{j}} f_{j}(x_{j}) dx_{j}, \xi = (\xi_{1}, \cdots, \xi_{r}) \in \mathbb{Z}^{nr}$$

is the periodic multilinear Fourier transform of f. We have denoted by  $\mathscr{D}(\mathbb{T}^n)$  the space of smooth functions on the torus  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{T}^n)$  endowed with its usual Fréchet structure. On the other hand, if  $a: \mathbb{Z}^n \times \mathbb{T}^{nr} \to \mathbb{C}$  is a measurable function, then the discrete multilinearpseudo-differential operator associated to a is the multilinear operator defined by

$$T_{a}(g)(\ell) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^{nr}} e^{i2\pi\ell \cdot (\eta_{1} + \dots + \eta_{r})} a(\ell, \eta) (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{Z}^{n}} g_{1})(\eta_{1}) \cdots (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{Z}^{n}} g_{r})(\eta_{r}) d\eta, \ \ell \in \mathbb{Z}^{n},$$
(2)

where  $g = (g_1, \dots, g_r) \in \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{Z}^n)^r$ , and  $(\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{Z}^n}g_i)(\eta_i) = \sum_{\ell_i \in \mathbb{Z}^n} e^{-i2\pi\ell_i\eta_i}g_i(\ell_i), \eta_i \in \mathbb{T}^n$  is the discrete Fourier transform of  $g_i$ . For  $r \geq 2$ , these operators have been studied by V. Catană in [12]. If r = 1, these quantization formulae can be reduced to the known expressions

$$T_m(f)(x) = \sum_{\xi \in \mathbb{Z}^n} e^{i2\pi x \cdot \xi} m(x,\xi) (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n} f)(\xi), \ x \in \mathbb{T}^n$$
(3)

and

$$T_{a}(g)(\ell) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^{n}} e^{i2\pi\ell \cdot \eta} a(\ell, \eta)(\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{Z}^{n}}g)(\eta) d\eta, \ \ell \in \mathbb{Z}^{n}.$$
(4)

Periodic pseudo-differential operators (see (3)) were defined by Volevich and Agranovich [1]. The subsequent works of McLean [29], Turunen and Vainikko [47], and Ruzhansky and Turunen [44] developed a periodic analysis from Hörmander classes to applications to periodic equations, although the symbolic calculus was consistently developed by Ruzhansky and Turunen [44]. Nevertheless, the references Ruzhansky and Turunen [44], [45], Cardona [6], [7], [8], Delgado [15] and Molahajloo and Wong [34], [35], [36] provide some complementary results for the subject. Mapping properties for more general operators as periodic Fourier integral operators appear in Ruzhansky and Turunen [45] and Cardona, Messiouene and Senoussaoui [11].

In a more recent approach, pseudo-differential operators on  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  (discrete pseudodifferential operators) were introduced by Molahajloo in [36], and some of its properties were developed in the last years in the references [9], [17], [28], [38], [39], [40], [41], [43]. However, only the fundamental work L. Botchway, G. Kibiti, and M. Ruzhansky [5] includes properties about a discrete pseudo-differential calculus and applications to difference equations. The reference [9] discusses those relations of the theory of discrete pseudo-differential operators with important problems in number theory as the Waring problem and the hypothesis  $K^*$  by Hooley.

An overview to the mapping properties for pseudo-differential operators on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  provides the expected results in the discrete and periodic setting. On  $\mathbb{R}^n$  these operators have the form

$$Af(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i2\pi x \cdot \xi} a(x,\xi) \widehat{f}(\xi) d\xi, \quad f \in \mathscr{D}(\mathbb{R}^n),$$
(5)

with  $\hat{f}$  the euclidean Fourier transform of f (see Hörmander [25]). The nuclearity of pseudo-differential operators on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  has been treated in Aoki and Rempala [2], [42]. In a context closely related to our work, multilinear pseudo-differential operators have been treated in Bényi, Maldonado, Naibo, and Torres, [3], [4], Michalowski, Rule and Staubach, Miyachi and Tomita [30], [31], [32], [33] and references therein. The multilinear analysis for multilinear Fourier multipliers

$$T_a(f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{nr}} e^{i2\pi x \cdot (\eta_1 + \dots + \eta_r)} a(\eta) \widehat{f_1}(\eta_1) \cdots \widehat{f_r}(\eta_r) (\eta_r) d\eta, \ x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$
(6)

born with the works of Coifman and Meyer [13], [14], where the condition

$$\left|\partial_{\eta_1}^{\alpha_1}\partial_{\eta_2}^{\alpha_2}\cdots\partial_{\eta_r}^{\alpha_r}a(\eta_1,\eta_2,\cdots,\eta_r)\right| \le C_{\alpha}(|\eta_1|+|\eta_2|+\cdots+|\eta_r|)^{-|\alpha|},\tag{7}$$

for sufficiently many multi-indices  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \cdots, \alpha_r)$ , was proved to be sufficient for the boundedness of  $T_a$  from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  into  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  provided that  $1/p = 1/p_1 + 1/p_2 + \cdots + 1/p_r$ , and  $1 \leq p_i, p < \infty$ . A generalization for this result was obtained by Tomita in [46], where it was proved that the multilinear Hörmander condition

$$\|a\|_{l.u.,H^s_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^{nr})} := \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|a(2^k \eta_1, 2^k \eta_2, \cdots, 2^k \eta_r)\phi\|_{H^s} < \infty, \ \phi \in \mathscr{D}(0,\infty), \ s > \frac{nr}{2},$$
(8)

implies the boundedness of  $T_a$  from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  into  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ provided that  $1/p = 1/p_1 + 1/p_2 + \cdots + 1/p_r$ , and  $1 \leq p_i, p < \infty$ . The case r = 1 is known as the Hörmander-Mihlin theorem. These multilinear theorems have been generalized to Hardy spaces  $H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for suitable values of  $0 < p_i, p < \infty$ , in the works of Grafakos, Torres, Miyachi, Fujita, Tomita, Kenig, Stein, Muscalo, Thiele and Tao [19], [21], [22], [23], [24], [27], [37]. The main novelty of this work is that we provide discrete and periodic analogues for these works in the multilinear setting.

This note is organized as follows. In section 2 we provide those results on the boundedness of pseudo-differential operators on  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  and the torus. Later, in Section 3 we classify those *s*-nuclear multilinear integral operators on arbitrary  $\sigma$ -finite measure spaces and we apply this classification to periodic and discrete multilinear pseudo-differential operators.

#### 2. Boundedness of pseudo-differential operators on $\mathbb{T}^n$ and $\mathbb{Z}^n$

In this section we explain in detail the main results of our investigation on the boundedness of the multilinear operators considered. Our starting point is the following multilinear version of the Stein-Weiss multiplier theorem (see Theorem 3.8 of Stein and Weiss [48]). Sometimes we denote  $(x, \xi) := (x, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_r) = x \cdot (\xi_1 + \dots + \xi_r)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $1 and let <math>a : \mathbb{R}^{nr} \to \mathbb{C}$  be a continuous bounded function. If the multilinear Fourier multiplier operator

$$Tf(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{nr}} e^{i2\pi(x,\xi_1,\xi_2,\cdots,\xi_r)} a(\xi_1,\xi_2,\cdots,\xi_r) \widehat{f_1}(\xi_1)\cdots \widehat{f_r}(\xi_r) d\xi$$

extends to a bounded multilinear operator from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  into  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then the periodic multilinear Fourier multiplier

$$Af(x) := \sum_{\xi \in \mathbb{Z}^{nr}} e^{i2\pi(x,\xi_1,\xi_2,\cdots,\xi_r)} a(\xi_1,\xi_2,\cdots,\xi_r) (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n} f_1)(\xi_1) \cdots (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n} f_r)(\xi_r)$$

also extends to a bounded multilinear operator from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{T}^n)$ into  $L^p(\mathbb{T}^n)$ , provided that

$$\frac{1}{p_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{p_r} = \frac{1}{p}, \ 1 \le p_i < \infty.$$

Moreover, there exists a positive constant  $C_p$  such that the following inequality holds:

$$\|A\|_{\mathscr{B}(L^{p_1}(\mathbb{T}^n)\times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{T}^n)\times\cdots\times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{T}^n),L^p(\mathbb{T}^n))} \leq C_p \|T\|_{\mathscr{B}(L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)\times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)\times\cdots\times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{R}^n),L^p(\mathbb{R}^n))}.$$

**Remark 2.2.** Theorem 2.1 can be proved in the following way. By the density of the trigonometric polynomials, we can prove that under the conditions of this theorem, we have the estimate

$$\|A(P_1, P_2, \cdots, P_r)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{T}^n)} \le C \prod_{j=1}^r \|P_j\|_{L^{p_j}(\mathbb{T}^n)},$$
(9)

where the constant C does not dependent of every trigonometric polynomial  $P_i$ . For this, we will prove that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \varepsilon^{n/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (T(P_1 w_{\alpha_1 \varepsilon}, P_2 w_{\alpha_2 \varepsilon}, \cdots, P_r w_{\alpha_r \varepsilon}))(x) \overline{Q(x)} w_{\varepsilon \beta}(x) dx$$
$$= c_{n,r,p} \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} A(P_1, P_2, \cdots, P_r) \overline{Q(x)} dx, \qquad w_{\delta}(x) = e^{-\delta |x|^2}, \quad \delta > 0, \quad (10)$$

for some positive constant  $c_{n,r,p} > 0$ . We will assume that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{r} \alpha_j + \beta = 1, \ \alpha_i, \beta > 0.$$

Observe that by linearity, we only need to prove (10) when  $P_i(x_i) = e^{i2\pi m_i x_i}$  and  $Q(x) = e^{i2\pi kx}$  for k and  $m_i$  in  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq r$ . The main step in our proof (see Cardona and Kumar [10]) is to show (10) and how it implies (9).

With the help of the previous result we prove the following fact. We use the notation

$$\langle \xi \rangle := \max\{1, |\xi_1| + \dots + |\xi_r|\},\$$

for all  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^{nr}$ . Now, we provide the following discrete version of the known result of Coifman and Meyer mentioned in the introduction.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $T_m$  be a periodic multilinear Fourier multiplier. Under the condition

$$|\Delta_{\xi_1}^{\alpha_1}\cdots\Delta_{\xi_r}^{\alpha_r}m(\xi_1,\xi_2,\cdots,\xi_r)| \le C_\alpha \langle \xi \rangle^{-|\alpha_1|-\cdots-|\alpha_r|}, \ |\alpha| \le [\frac{nr}{2}]+1,$$

the operator  $T_m$  extends to a bounded multilinear operator from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{T}^n)$  into  $L^p(\mathbb{T}^n)$ , provided that

$$\frac{1}{p_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{p_r} = \frac{1}{p}, \ 1 \le p_i < \infty.$$

If we consider Fourier integral operators (FIOs) with periodic phases, we can recover the following multilinear version for FIOs of the multiplier theorem of Stein and Weiss.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $1 and let <math>\phi$  be a real valued continuous function defined on  $\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{nr}$ . If  $a : \mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{nr} \to \mathbb{C}$  is a continuous bounded function, and the multilinear Fourier integral operator

$$Tf(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{nr}} e^{i\phi(x,\xi_1,\xi_2,\cdots,\xi_r)} a(x,\xi_1,\xi_2,\cdots,\xi_r) \widehat{f_1}(\xi_1)\cdots \widehat{f_r}(\xi_r) d\xi$$

extends to a bounded multilinear operator from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  into  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then the periodic multilinear Fourier integral operator

$$Af(x) := \sum_{\xi \in \mathbb{Z}^{nr}} e^{i\phi(x,\xi_1,\xi_2,\cdots,\xi_r)} a(x,\xi_1,\xi_2,\cdots,\xi_r) (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n} f_1)(\xi_1) \cdots (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n} f_r)(\xi_r)$$

also extends to a bounded multilinear operator from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{T}^n)$ into  $L^p(\mathbb{T}^n)$ , provided that

$$\frac{1}{p_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{p_r} = \frac{1}{p}, \ 1 \le p_i < \infty.$$

Moreover, there exists a positive constant  $C_p$  such that

 $\|A\|_{\mathscr{B}(L^{p_1}(\mathbb{T}^n)\times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{T}^n)\times\cdots\times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{T}^n),L^p(\mathbb{T}^n))} \leq C_p \|T\|_{\mathscr{B}(L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)\times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)\times\cdots\times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{R}^n),L^p(\mathbb{R}^n))}.$ 

Now, we present some results about the boundedness of periodic multilinear pseudodifferential operators where explicit conditions on the multilinear symbols are considered.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let us assume that m satisfies the Hörmander condition of order s > 0,

$$\|m\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{T}^n,l.u.,H^s_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n))} := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x\in\mathbb{T}^n} \|m(x,\cdot)\|_{l.u.,H^s_{loc}} < \infty.$$
(11)

Then the multilinear periodic pseudo-differential operator  $T_m$  associated with m extends to a bounded operator from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{T}^n)$  into  $L^p(\mathbb{T}^n)$  provided that  $s > \frac{3nr}{2}$  and

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{p_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{p_r}, \ 1 \le p < \infty, \ 1 \le p_i \le \infty.$$

**Remark 2.6.** The proof of Theorem 2.5 is based on a suitable Littlewood-Paley decomposition of the symbol *m*. Indeed, we decompose *m* as

$$m = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} m_j, \ \operatorname{supp}(m_j) \subset [2^j, 2^{j+1}].$$
 (12)

We prove that by assuming (11), we can decompose the operator  $T_m$  as

$$T_m f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} T_{m_j} f, \ f = (f_1, \cdots, f_r) \in \mathscr{D}(\mathbb{T}^n)^r,$$
(13)

where every operator  $T_{m_j}$  is associated to the symbol  $m_j$ , and we prove that the operator norm of every  $T_{m_j}$  is less than  $\|m\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{T}^n, l.u., H^s_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n))}$  multiplied by a factor proportional to  $2^{-j(s-\frac{3n}{2})}$ . We conclude our proof in [10] by observing that  $\|T\|_{\mathscr{B}(L^{p_1} \times L^{p_2} \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}, L^p)} \leq \sum_j \|T_{m_j}\|_{\mathscr{B}(L^{p_1} \times L^{p_2} \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}, L^p)}$ .

The following theorem is an extension of the Coifman-Meyer result presented above in the multilinear pseudo-differential framework.

**Theorem 2.7.** Let us assume that m satisfies the discrete symbol inequalities

$$\sup_{x\in\mathbb{T}^n} |\Delta_{\xi_1}^{\alpha_1} \Delta_{\xi_2}^{\alpha_2} \cdots \Delta_{\xi_r}^{\alpha_r} m(x,\xi_1,\cdots,\xi_r)| \le C_\alpha \langle \xi \rangle^{-|\alpha|},\tag{14}$$

for all  $|\alpha| := |\alpha_1| + \cdots + |\alpha_r| \leq [3nr/2] + 1$ . Then the periodic multilinear pseudodifferential operator  $T_m$  extends to a bounded operator from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{T}^n)$  into  $L^p(\mathbb{T}^n)$ , provided that

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{p_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{p_r}, \ 1 \le p < \infty, \ 1 \le p_i \le \infty.$$

**Remark 2.8.** We prove Theorem 2.7 by observing that (14) implies (11). We develop this delicate argument in [10] where we use, among other things, the periodic analysis developed by Ruzhansky and Turunen.

The condition on the number of discrete derivatives in the preceding result can be relaxed if we assume regularity in x. We show it in the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $T_m$  be a periodic multilinear pseudo-differential operator. If m satisfies toroidal conditions of the type

$$|\partial_x^\beta \Delta_{\xi_1}^{\alpha_1} \cdots \Delta_{\xi_r}^{\alpha_r} m(x, \xi_1, \xi_2, \cdots, \xi_r)| \le C_\alpha \langle \xi \rangle^{-|\alpha_1| - \dots - |\alpha_r|}$$

where  $|\alpha| \leq [\frac{nr}{2}] + 1$ , and  $|\beta| \leq [\frac{n}{p}] + 1$ , then  $T_m$  extends to a bounded multilinear operator from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{T}^n)$  into  $L^p(\mathbb{T}^n)$ , provided that

$$\frac{1}{p_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{p_r} = \frac{1}{p}, \ 1 \le p_i < \infty.$$

Example 2.10. Theorem 2.7 applied to the bilinear operator

$$B_s(f,g) := J^s(f \cdot g), \tag{15}$$

where  $J^s$  is the periodic fractional derivative operator  $(\mathcal{L})^{s/2}$ , or the periodic Bessel potential of order s > 0,  $(1+\mathcal{L})^{s/2}$ , implies the (well known) periodic Kato-Ponce inequality:

$$\|J^{s}(f \cdot g)\|_{L^{r}(\mathbb{T}^{n})} \lesssim \|J^{s}f\|_{L^{p_{1}}(\mathbb{T}^{n})} \|g\|_{L^{q_{1}}(\mathbb{T}^{n})} + \|f\|_{L^{p_{2}}(\mathbb{T}^{n})} \|J^{s}g\|_{L^{q_{2}}(\mathbb{T}^{n})}, \qquad (16)$$

where  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{q_1} = \frac{1}{p_2} + \frac{1}{q_2} = \frac{1}{r}$ ,  $1 < r < \infty$ ,  $1 \le p_i, q_i \le \infty$ , and  $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} (\sum_{j=1}^n \partial_{\theta_j}^2)$  is the Laplacian on the torus.

**Boundedness of discrete multilinear pseudo-differential operators.** Our main results about the boundedness of discrete multilinear pseudo-differential operators are stated as follows.

**Theorem 2.11.** Let  $\sigma \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{Z}^n, C^{2\varkappa}(\mathbb{T}^{nr}))$ . If  $\sigma$  satisfies the discrete inequality

$$|\partial_{\xi}^{\beta}\sigma(\ell,\xi)| \le C_{\beta}, \ \ell \in \mathbb{Z}^{n}, \ \xi \in \mathbb{T}^{nr}, \ \sigma(\ell,\xi) = \sigma(\ell)(\xi),$$

for all  $\beta$  with  $|\beta| = 2\varkappa$ , then  $T_{\sigma}$  extends to a bounded operator from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{Z}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{Z}^n) \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{Z}^n)$  into  $L^s(\mathbb{Z}^n)$ , provided that  $1 \leq p_j \leq p \leq \infty$ , and

$$\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{p} < \frac{2\varkappa}{nr} - 1$$

The following result can be derived of the previous result with r = 1 and s = p.

**Corollary 2.12.** Let  $\sigma \in C^{2\varkappa}(\mathbb{Z}^n \times \mathbb{T}^n)$ . If  $\sigma$  satisfies the discrete inequality

$$|\partial_{\xi}^{\beta}\sigma(\ell,\xi)| \leq C_{\beta}, \ \ell \in \mathbb{Z}^n, \ \xi \in \mathbb{T}^n,$$

for all  $\beta$  with  $|\beta| = 2\varkappa$ , then  $T_{\sigma}$  extends to a bounded operator from  $L^p(\mathbb{Z}^n)$  into  $L^p(\mathbb{Z}^n)$ , provided that  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , and  $\varkappa > n/2$ .

# 3. s-Nuclearity, $0 < s \le 1$ , of pseudo-differential operators on $\mathbb{T}^n$ and $\mathbb{Z}^n$

In this section we study the s-nuclearity,  $0 < s \leq 1$  of multilinear discrete and periodic pseudo-differential operators. We prove Theorem 3.1 regarding the characterization of s-nuclear multilinear operators on abstract  $\sigma$ -finite measure spaces, and Theorem 3.2 and Theorem 3.3 regarding the characterization of s-nuclearity of periodic and discrete pseudo-differential operators. Although these theorems are multilinear extensions of the results due to Delgado [16], Delgado and Wong [17], JamalpourBirgani [26] and Ghaemi, JamalpourBirgani and Wong [20], we can recover their results from our results by considering r = 1. In order to study these multilinear operators admitting s-nuclear extensions, we prove the following multilinear version of a result by Delgado, on the nuclearity of integral operators on Lebesgue spaces (see [16], [18]). So, in the following multilinear theorem we characterize those s-nuclear (multilinear) integral operators on arbitrary ( $\sigma$ -finite) measure spaces ( $X, \mu$ ).

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X_i, \mu_i), 1 \leq i \leq r$  and  $(Y, \nu)$  be  $\sigma$ -finite measure spaces. Let  $1 \leq p_i, p < \infty, 1 \leq i \leq r$  and let  $p'_i, q$  be such that  $\frac{1}{p_i} + \frac{1}{p'_i} = 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq r$ . Let  $T : L^{p_1}(\mu) \times L^{p_2}(\mu_2) \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}(\mu_r) \to L^p(\nu)$  be a multilinear operator. Then T is a s-nuclear,  $0 < s \leq 1$ , operator if, and only if, there exist sequences  $\{g_n\}_n$  with  $g_n = (g_{n1}, g_{n2}, \ldots, g_{nr})$  and  $\{h_n\}_n$  in  $L^{p'_1}(\mu_1) \times L^{p'_2}(\mu_2) \times \cdots \times L^{p'_r}(\mu_r)$  and  $L^p(\nu)$ , respectively, such that  $\sum_n \|g_n\|_{L^{p'_1}(\mu_1) \times L^{p'_2}(\mu_2) \times \cdots \times L^{p'_r}(\mu_r)}^s \|h_n\|_{L^p(\nu)}^s < \infty$ , and for all  $f = (f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_r) \in L^{p_1}(\mu) \times L^{p_2}(\mu_2) \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}(\mu_r)$  we have

$$(Tf)(y) = \int_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_r} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_n(x) h_n(y) \right) f(x) d(\mu_1 \otimes \mu_2 \otimes \dots \otimes \mu_r)(x) \\ = \int_{X_1} \int_{X_2} \dots \int_{X_r} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_{n1}(x_1) g_{n2}(x_2) \dots g_{nr}(x_r) h_n(y) \right) \\ \times f_1(x_1) f_2(x_2) \dots f_r(x_r) d\mu_1(x_1) d\mu_2(x_2) \dots d\mu_r(x_r)$$

for almost every  $y \in Y$ .

**Remark 3.2.** The proof of Theorem 3.1 is based on an important lemma proved in [10, Lemma 4.1]. The proof of the if part of Theorem 3.1 follows using the definition of nuclear operators, Lemma 4.1 (iv) of [10] and the fact that  $L^p$ -convergence of a sequence implies the convergence of a sequence almost everywhere.

The only if part of Theorem 3.1 is a straightforward using the part (iv) of [10, Lemma 4.1] and applications of monotone convergence theorem of B. Levi and Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem.

This criterion applied to discrete and periodic operators gives the following characterizations (for the proof we refer the reader to [10]).

**Theorem 3.3.** Let a be a measurable function defined on  $\mathbb{Z}^n \times \mathbb{T}^{nr}$ . The multilinear pseudo-differential operator  $T_a: L^{p_1}(\mathbb{Z}^n) \times L^{p_2}(\mathbb{Z}^n) \times \cdots L^{p_r}(\mathbb{Z}^n) \to L^p(\mathbb{Z}^n), 1 \leq p_i < \infty$ ,

for all  $1 \leq i \leq r$ , is a s-nuclear,  $0 < s \leq 1$ , operator if, and only if, the following decomposition holds:

$$a(x,\xi) = e^{-i2\pi\tilde{x}\cdot\xi} \sum_{k} h_k(x)\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{Z}^{nr}}(g_k)(-\xi), \xi \in \mathbb{T}^{nr}, x \in \mathbb{Z}^n,$$

where  $\tilde{x} = (x, x, \dots, x) \in (\mathbb{Z}^n)^r$ ;  $\{h_k\}_k$  and  $\{g_k\}_k$  with  $g_k = (g_{k1}, g_{k2}, \dots, g_{kr})$  are two sequences in  $L^p(\mathbb{Z}^n)$  and  $L^{p'_1}(\mathbb{Z}^n) \times L^{p'_2}(\mathbb{Z}^n) \times \dots \times L^{p'_r}(\mathbb{Z}^n)$ , respectively, such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|h_n\|_{L^p(\mathbb{Z}^n)}^s \|g_n\|_{L^{p'_1}(\mathbb{Z}^n) \times L^{p'_2}(\mathbb{Z}^n) \times \dots \times L^{p'_r}(\mathbb{Z}^n)}^s < \infty$ .

Similarly, we can classify the s-nuclearity of periodic multilinear operators.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let m be a measurable function on  $\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{Z}^{nr}$ . Then the multilinear pseudodifferential operator  $T_m : L^{p_1}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{T}^n) \to L^p(\mathbb{T}^n), 1 \leq p_i, p < \infty$  for  $1 \leq i \leq r$ , is a s-nuclear,  $0 < s \leq 1$ , operator if, and only if, there exist two sequences  $\{g_k\}_k$  with  $g_k = (g_{k1}, g_{k2}, \ldots, g_{kr})$  and  $\{h_k\}_k$  in  $L^{p'_1}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times \cdots \times L^{p'_r}(\mathbb{T}^n), \frac{1}{p_i} + \frac{1}{p'_i} = 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq r$ and  $L^p(\mathbb{T}^n)$ , respectively, such that  $\sum_k \|g_k\|_{L^{p'_1}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times \cdots \times L^{p'_r}(\mathbb{T}^n)}^s \|h_k\|_{L^p(\mathbb{T})}^s < \infty$  and

$$m(x,\eta) = e^{-i2\pi\tilde{x}\cdot\eta} \sum_{k} h_k(x) \left(\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^{nr}} g_k\right)(-\eta), \ \eta \in \mathbb{Z}^{nr}$$

where  $\tilde{x} = (x, x, \dots, x) \in \mathbb{T}^{nr}$ .

Now, we present the following sharp result on the *s*-nuclearity of periodic Fourier integral operators.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let us consider the real-valued function  $\phi : \mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{Z}^{nr} \to \mathbb{R}$ . Let us consider the Fourier integral operator

$$Af(x) := \sum_{\xi \in \mathbb{Z}^{nr}} e^{i\phi(x,\xi_1,\xi_2,\cdots,\xi_r)} a(x,\xi_1,\xi_2,\cdots,\xi_r) (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n} f_1)(\xi_1) \cdots (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n} f_r)(\xi_r) dx_r$$

with symbol satisfying the summability condition

$$\sum_{\xi\in\mathbb{Z}^{nr}}\|a(\cdot,\xi_1,\xi_2,\cdots,\xi_r)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{T}^n)}^s<\infty.$$

Then A extends to a s-nuclear,  $0 < s \leq 1$ , operator from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{T}^n)$  into  $L^p(\mathbb{T}^n)$ , provided that  $1 \leq p_j < \infty$ , and  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ .

**Remark 3.6.** The proof of Theorem 3.5 follows using Theorem 3.1 by considering the function

$$h_{\xi}(x) := e^{i\phi(x,\xi_1,\xi_2,\cdots,\xi_r)} a(x,\xi_1,\xi_2,\cdots,\xi_r),$$

the functional

$$\langle e'_{\xi}, f \rangle := (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n} f_1)(\xi_1) \cdots (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n} f_r)(\xi_r)$$

and their estimates

 $||h_k||_{L^p(\mathbb{T}^n)} = ||a(x,\xi_1,\xi_2,\cdots,\xi_r)||_{L^p(\mathbb{T}^n_x)}$ 

and  $|\langle e'_{\xi}, f \rangle| \leq \prod_{j=1}^{r} ||f_j||_{L^{p'_j}}.$ 

**Example 3.7.** In order to illustrate the previous conditions, we consider the multilinear Bessel potential. This can be introduced as follows. Consider the periodic multilinear Laplacian denoted by

$$\mathscr{L} := (\mathcal{L}, \cdots, \mathcal{L}),$$

acting on  $f = (f_1, \cdots, f_r) \in \mathscr{D}(\mathbb{T}^n)^r$  by

$$\mathscr{L}f(x) := (\mathcal{L}f_1(x)) \cdots (\mathcal{L}f_r(x)) \tag{17}$$

$$= \sum_{(\xi_1, \cdots, \xi_r)} e^{i2\pi x (\xi_1 + \cdots + \xi_r)} |\xi_1|^2 \cdots |\xi_r|^2 (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n} f_1)(\xi_1) \cdots (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n} f_r)(\xi_r).$$
(18)

For r = 1, we recover the usual periodic Laplacian

$$\mathcal{L}f(x) = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \partial_{\theta_j}^2\right) f(x) = \sum_{\xi \in \mathbb{Z}^n} e^{i2\pi x \cdot \xi} |\xi|^2 (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n} f)(\xi).$$

The multilinear Bessel potential of order  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_r) \in \mathbb{N}_0^r$ 

$$(I+\mathscr{L})^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}} := ((I+\mathcal{L})^{-\frac{\alpha_1}{2}}, \cdots, (1+\mathcal{L})^{-\frac{\alpha_r}{2}}),$$

can be defined by the Fourier analysis associated to the torus as

$$(I + \mathscr{L})^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}} f(x) = (I + \mathcal{L})^{-\frac{\alpha_1}{2}} f_1(x) \cdots (1 + \mathcal{L})^{-\frac{\alpha_r}{2}} f_r(x)$$
(19)

$$=\sum_{(\xi_1,\dots,\xi_r)} e^{i2\pi x(\xi_1+\dots+\xi_r)} (\prod_{j=1}^r (1+|\xi_j|^2)^{-\frac{\alpha_j}{2}}) (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n} f_1)(\xi_1)\cdots (\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n} f_r)(\xi_r).$$
(20)

From the estimate

$$a(x,\xi) = \prod_{j=1}^{r} (1+|\xi_j|^2)^{-\frac{\alpha_j}{2}} \le \prod_{j=1}^{r} (1+|\xi_j|^2)^{-\min_{1\le j\le r} \{\frac{\alpha_j}{2}\}} \lesssim \langle\xi\rangle^{-\min_{1\le j\le r} \{\alpha_j\}}$$

Theorem 3.5 applied to  $a(x,\xi) = \prod_{j=1}^{r} (1+|\xi_j|^2)^{-\frac{\alpha_j}{2}}$  implies that the multilinear Bessel potential  $(I+\mathscr{L})^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}}$  extends to a s-nuclear operator from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{T}^n)$  into  $L^p(\mathbb{T}^n)$  for all  $1 \leq p_j < \infty$  and  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , provided that

$$\varkappa := \min_{1 \le j \le r} \{\alpha_j\} > nr/s.$$

This conclusion is sharp, in the sense that if we restrict our analysis to r = 1 and  $p_1 = p = 2$ , the operator  $(I + \mathcal{L})^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}}$  extends to a s-nuclear operator on  $L^2(\mathbb{T}^n)$  if, and only if,  $\varkappa := \alpha > nr/s = n/s$ .

**Example 3.8.** Now, we consider FIOs with symbols admitting some type of singularity at the origin. In this general context, let us choose a sequence  $\kappa \in L^s(\mathbb{Z}^{nr})$ . Let us consider the symbol

$$a(x,\xi) := \frac{1}{|x|^{\rho}} \kappa(\xi), \ x \in \mathbb{T}^n, \ x \neq 0, \ \xi \in \mathbb{Z}^{nr}, \ \rho > 0.$$

If we consider the Fourier integral operator associate to  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ ,

$$Af(x) := \sum_{\xi \in \mathbb{Z}^{nr}} e^{i\phi(x,\xi_1,\xi_2,\cdots,\xi_r)} \frac{1}{|x|^{\rho}} \kappa(\xi_1,\cdots,\xi_r)(\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n}f_1)(\xi_1)\cdots(\mathscr{F}_{\mathbb{T}^n}f_r)(\xi_r),$$

the condition

$$0 < \rho < n/p$$

implies that the periodic Fourier integral operator A extends to a s-nuclear multilinear operator from  $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{T}^n) \times \cdots \times L^{p_r}(\mathbb{T}^n)$  into  $L^p(\mathbb{T}^n)$ , for all  $1 \leq p_j < \infty$  and  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . In fact, by Theorem 3.5, we only need to verify that

$$\sum_{\xi \in \mathbb{Z}^{nr}} \|a(\cdot,\xi_1,\xi_2,\cdots,\xi_r)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{T}^n)}^s = \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}^n} \frac{dx}{|x|^{p \cdot \rho}}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \sum_{\xi \in \mathbb{Z}^{nr}} |\kappa(\xi)|^s < \infty.$$

But, for every  $\rho > 0$ , this happens if, and only if,  $0 < \rho < n/p$ .

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