

# MAXIMAL OPERATORS ALONG FLAT CURVES WITH ONE VARIABLE VECTOR FIELD

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*Abstract* We study a maximal average along a family of curves  $\{(t, m(x_1)\gamma(t)) : t \in [-r, r]\}$ , where  $\gamma|_{[0, \infty)}$  is a convex function and  $m$  is a measurable function. Under the assumption of the doubling property of  $\gamma'$  and  $1 \leq m(x_1) \leq 2$ , we prove the  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)$  boundedness of the maximal average. As a corollary, we obtain the pointwise convergence of the average in  $r > 0$  without any size assumption for a measurable  $m$ .

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## 1. Introduction

In this study, we analyse a maximal operator defined by a convex function  $\gamma|_{[0, \infty)}$  and a measurable function  $m : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Specifically, our focus lies on the operator:

$$\mathcal{M}_\gamma^m f(x_1, x_2) := \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{2r} \int_{-r}^r |f(x_1 - t, x_2 - m(x_1)\gamma(t))| dt,$$

where  $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an extension of  $\gamma|_{[0, \infty)}$ , which is a even or odd function. Recently, Guo, Hickman, Lie and Roos [13] proved the  $L^p$  boundedness of maximal operators  $\mathcal{M}_\gamma^m$  for the homogeneous curve  $\gamma(t) = t^n$ , with  $n \geq 2$ , assuming that  $m$  is measurable. However, the  $L^p$  boundedness of  $\mathcal{M}_\gamma^m$  for the case  $n = 1$  remains an open problem. So, we focus on flat convex curves, including piecewise linear curves. Given a convex extension  $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we define the bounded doubling property for a derivative  $\gamma'$  as follows:

$$\text{there exists a constant } \omega > 1 \text{ such that } \gamma'(\omega|t|) \geq 2\gamma'(|t|) \text{ for all } t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (1.1)$$

Now, we state the main theorem:

**Main Theorem 1.** *Let  $m : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a measurable function such that  $1 \leq m(x) \leq 2$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose that an extension  $\gamma$  of a convex function  $\gamma|_{[0, \infty)}$  satisfies the*



bounded doubling property of  $\gamma'$  in (1.1), with  $\gamma(0) = 0$ . Then, there exists a constant  $C_\omega$  such that  $\|\mathcal{M}_\gamma^m\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)} \leq C_{\omega,p}$  holds for  $1 < p \leq \infty$ .

**Remark 1.1.**

- The theorem can be extended to certain types of piecewise linear curves. Refer to Section 7 in [7] or Remark 5 in [14] for more details. Additionally, the condition (1.1) admits flat convex curves, such as  $\gamma(t) = e^{-\frac{1}{|t|}}$  and  $e^{-e^{\frac{1}{|t|}}}$ , which are flat at the origin.
- By using the dilation technique, we can extend our results to  $\|\mathcal{M}_\gamma^m\|_{L^p \rightarrow L^p} \leq C \log_2(\frac{b}{a})$  under the assumption  $0 < a \leq m(x) \leq b$ .

In the view of pointwise convergence, we can drop the assumption  $1 \leq m(x_1) \leq 2$ .

**Corollary 1.1.** *For a measurable function  $m : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and a convex extension  $\gamma$  on  $\mathbb{R}^1$  passing through the origin with its derivative  $\gamma'$  satisfying property (1.1), we have*

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2r} \int_{-r}^r f(x_1 - t, x_2 - m(x_1)\gamma(t)) dt = f(x_1, x_2) \quad a.e.$$

for  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)$ .

The study of maximal operators along flat convex curves has a rich history in Harmonic analysis by itself. In the 1970s, Stein and Wainger [24] asked the general class of curves  $(t, \gamma(t))$  for which there are  $L^p$  results for  $\mathcal{M}_\gamma^1$ . In the 1980s, Carlsson *et al.* [11] proved that  $\mathcal{M}_\gamma^1$  is bounded on  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)$  under the bounded doubling condition (1.1). In the 1990s, the study of maximal operators was extended to the curves with a variable coefficient, as demonstrated in [4, 9, 10, 15, 23]. Carbery, Wainger and Wright [9] established the  $L^p$  boundedness of  $\mathcal{M}_\gamma^{x_1}$  along plane curves  $\gamma$  whose derivative satisfies the infinitesimal doubling property. Under the same assumption, Bennett [4] extended the  $L^2$  results for  $\mathcal{M}_\gamma^P$ , where  $P$  is a polynomial. As a corollary of our main theorem, we derive the  $L^p$  boundedness of  $\mathcal{M}_\gamma^P$  under much weaker assumptions on  $\gamma$ .

**Corollary 1.2.** *For a polynomial  $P : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with degree  $d$  and a convex extension  $\gamma$  on  $\mathbb{R}^1$  passing through the origin with its derivative  $\gamma'$  satisfying property (1.1), there exists a constant  $C_{\omega,d}$  independent of the coefficients of  $P$  such that  $\|\mathcal{M}_\gamma^P\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)} \leq C_{\omega,d,p}$  for  $1 < p \leq \infty$ .*

Note that the infinitesimal doubling property implies the bounded doubling property. For more details, refer to [4].

**1.1. Historical background**

Zygmund conjecture is a long-standing open problem in harmonic analysis. This question inquires whether the Lipschitz regularity of  $u$  is sufficient to guarantee any non-trivial  $L^p$  bounds for the maximal operator:

$$\mathcal{M}_\gamma^u(f)(x_1, x_2) := \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{2r} \int_{-r}^r |f(x_1 - t, x_2 - u(x_1, x_2)\gamma(t))| dt,$$

where  $\gamma(t) = t$ . Since the discovery of the Besicovitch set in the 1920s, it has been shown that the conjecture is false when the function  $u$  is only Hölder continuous  $C^\alpha$  with  $\alpha < 1$ . However, the problem remains open under the Lipschitz assumption for  $u$ . In the 1970s, Stein and Wainger [24] proposed an analogous conjecture for the Hilbert transform. Regarding the Hilbert transforms along vector fields, Lacey and Li [18] made a significant progress regarding the regularity of  $u$  in 2006, using time–frequency analysis tools. Later, Bateman and Thiele [2] obtained the  $L^p$  estimates for the Hilbert transform along a one-variable vector field. Their proof relied on the commutation relation between the Hilbert transform and Littlewood–Paley projection operators, which cannot be directly applied to the maximal operator  $\mathcal{M}_\gamma^m$  due to its sub-linearity. Therefore, the problem for maximal operators remains open. For additional discussion on Stein’s conjecture, we recommend references [1, 2, 17]. In the study of maximal operators, Bourgain [5] demonstrated the  $L^2$  boundedness of  $\mathcal{M}_t^u$  for real analytic functions  $u$ . In 1999, Carbery, Seeger, Wainger and Wright [8] examined the maximal operators  $\mathcal{M}_t^m$  along one variable vector field. One of the authors in this paper further extended this result in [16].

Recently, in [13], Guo *et al.* investigated the  $L^p$  boundedness of  $\mathcal{M}_\gamma^u$  under the Lipschitz assumption for  $u$  and homogeneous curve  $\gamma(t) = t^n$  for  $n > 1$ . Later, Liu, Song and Yu [20] extended the results to more general curves with the condition  $\left| \frac{t\gamma''(t)}{\gamma'(t)} \right| \sim 1$ . A crucial tool used in the proofs of both papers was the local smoothing estimate, which was established in [3, 21]. For more history, we recommend the study [19] by Victor Lie, which presents a unified approach and includes a more general view of this topic as well as problems related to the concept of non-zero curvature.

### 1.2. Notation

Let  $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a non-negative  $C^\infty$  function supported on  $[-2, 2]$  such that  $\psi \equiv 1$  on  $[-1, 1]$ . Define  $\varphi(t) = \psi(t) - \psi(2t)$  and  $\varphi_l(t) = \frac{1}{2^l} \varphi(\frac{t}{2^l})$ . Also, define  $\psi^c(t) = 1 - \psi(t)$ . Note that  $\sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} \varphi(\frac{t}{2^l}) = 1$  for  $t \neq 0$  and  $\text{supp}(\varphi) \subset \{\frac{1}{2} \leq |x| \leq 2\}$ . We define the Littlewood–Paley projection  $\mathcal{L}_s f$  as  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}_s f}(\xi) := \widehat{f}(\xi) \varphi(\frac{\xi}{2^s})$ . We shall use the notation  $A \lesssim_d B$  when  $A \leq C_d B$  with a constant  $C_d > 0$  depending on the parameter  $d$ . Moreover, we write  $A \sim_d B$ , if  $A \lesssim_d B$  and  $B \lesssim_d A$ . Let  $M_{\text{HL}}$  be the Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator and  $M^{\text{str}}$  be the strong maximal operator. Let  $\chi_A$  be a characteristic function, which is equal to 1 on  $A$  and otherwise 0. Denote the dyadic pieces of intervals by

$$I_i = [2^{i-1}, 2^{i+1}] \cup [-2^{i+1}, -2^{i-1}],$$

$$\tilde{I}_i = [2^{i-2}, 2^{i+2}] \cup [-2^{i+2}, -2^{i-2}],$$

and the corresponding strips by  $S_i = I_i \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\tilde{S}_i = \tilde{I}_i \times \mathbb{R}$ .

**2. Reduction**

In this section, we present three propositions that have broad applicability. Let  $\Gamma : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a measurable function and define a general class of operators

$$T_j f(x_1, x_2) := \int f(x_1 - t, x_2 - \Gamma(x_1, t)) \varphi_j(t) dt.$$

**Proposition 2.1.** *Define  $T_j^{glo} f(x_1, x_2) := \psi_{j+4}^c(x_1) T_j f(x_1, x_2)$ . Under the measurability assumption of  $\Gamma$ , we have*

$$\| \sup_j |T_j - T_j^{glo}| \|_p \leq C_p,$$

for  $1 < p \leq \infty$ .

**Proof.** Denote that  $\tilde{\varphi}(\frac{x}{2^j}) = \sum_{k=-3}^4 \varphi(\frac{x}{2^{j+k}})$ , which has a localized support  $|x| \sim 2^j$ . Let  $T_j^{loc}$  and  $T_j^{mid}$  be operator, defined by

$$\begin{aligned} T_j^{loc} f(x_1, x_2) &:= \psi_{j-4}(x_1) T_j f(x_1, x_2), \\ T_j^{mid} f(x_1, x_2) &:= \tilde{\varphi}\left(\frac{x_1}{2^j}\right) T_j f(x_1, x_2). \end{aligned}$$

Then, we can decompose  $T_j - T_j^{glo}$  into  $T_j^{mid} + T_j^{loc}$ . For the operator  $T_j^{mid}$ , replace the sup as  $\ell^p$  sum. Then, we have

$$\left\| \sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |T_j^{mid} f| \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)} \leq \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \|T_j^{mid} f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)}^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Denote  $F(x_1) = \|f(x_1, \cdot)\|_{L^p(dx_2)}$ . By applying Minkowski’s integral inequality and a change of variables, we get the pointwise inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_j^{mid} f(x_1, \cdot)\|_{L^p(dx_2)} &\leq \int \left( \int |f(x_1 - t, x_2 - \Gamma(x_1, t))|^p dx_2 \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \varphi_j(t) dt \\ &\leq \int F(x_1 - t) \varphi_j(t) dt \lesssim_\varphi M_{HL} F(x_1), \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where the second inequality follows from the fact that  $\Gamma(x_1, t)$  is independent of  $x_2$ . By (2.1) and the  $L^p$  boundedness of  $M_{HL}$ , we obtain

$$\left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \|T_j^{mid} f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)}^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \left( \sum_j \int \tilde{\varphi}\left(\frac{x_1}{2^j}\right) |M_{HL} F(x_1)|^p dx_1 \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \lesssim \|f\|_p.$$

which implies the  $L^p$  boundedness of  $f \mapsto \sup_j |T_j^{\text{mid}} f|$  for  $p > 1$ . For the operator  $T_j^{\text{loc}} f$ , we observe the localization principle:

$$T_j^{\text{loc}} f(x_1, x_2) = T_j^{\text{loc}}(\chi_{S_j} f)(x_1, x_2).$$

By combining this with  $\sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \|T_j\|_p \leq C$ , we get the following estimate:

$$\left\| \sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |T_j^{\text{loc}} f| \right\|_p^p = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \int |T_j^{\text{loc}} \chi_{S_j} f(x_1, x_2)|^p dx \leq C \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \int |\chi_{S_j} f(x_1, x_2)|^p dx \lesssim \|f\|_p^p.$$

Therefore, we prove  $\|\sup_j |T_j - T_j^{\text{glo}}|\|_p \leq C_p$  for  $1 < p \leq \infty$ . □

By Proposition 2.1, in order to prove Theorem 1, it suffices to consider the maximal operator defined as

$$f \mapsto \sup_j |T_j^{\text{glo}} f|, \text{ where } T_j^{\text{glo}} = \psi_{j+4}^c T_j.$$

**Proposition 2.2 (Space Reduction).** *Let  $T_j^\ell f(x_1, x_2) := \chi_{S_\ell}(x_1, x_2) T_j^{\text{glo}} f(x_1, x_2)$ . Then, the following inequality holds:*

$$\left\| \sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |T_j^{\text{glo}}| \right\|_{L^p \rightarrow L^p} \lesssim \sup_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} \left\| \sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |T_j^\ell| \right\|_{L^p \rightarrow L^p}. \tag{2.2}$$

**Proof.** One can obtain (2.2) from the localization  $T_j^\ell f(x_1, x_2) = T_j^\ell(\chi_{\tilde{S}_\ell} f)(x_1, x_2)$ . □

Combining Proposition 2.1 and Proposition 2.2, we may restrict our attention to the maximal operator defined by  $f \mapsto \sup_j |T_j^\ell|$ , supported on  $|x_1| \sim 2^\ell \gg 2^j$ .

**Proposition 2.3 (Frequency Reduction).** *Suppose  $\Gamma : \mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is measurable on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with  $\Gamma(x_1, 0) = 0$  satisfying the following conditions:*

- For every  $x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x_1 \mapsto \Gamma(x_1, x_2)$  is measurable function.*
- For every  $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x_2 \mapsto \Gamma(x_1, x_2)$  is convex increasing function.*

Let  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}_j^{\text{low}} f}(\xi_1, \xi_2) := \widehat{f}(\xi_1, \xi_2) \psi(2^j \xi_1)$  for  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . Then, there exists a constant  $C$  independent of  $\Gamma$  such that

$$\sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |T_j(\mathcal{L}_j^{\text{low}} f)(x_1, x_2)| \leq CM^2 M^1 f(x_1, x_2),$$

where  $M^i$  is the Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator taken in the  $i$ th variable.

**Proof.** For  $g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^1)$  and  $2^{j-1} \leq |t| \leq 2^{j+1}$ , we have

$$\int g(x_1 - t - s) \frac{1}{2^j} \psi\left(\frac{s}{2^j}\right) ds \lesssim_\psi M_{\text{HL}}g(x_1),$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \int_0^r g(x_2 - \Gamma(x_1, t)) dt \leq 2M_{\text{HL}}f(x_2 - \Gamma(x_1, 0)) = 2M_{\text{HL}}g(x_2),$$

where the second inequality follows from the convexity of  $t \mapsto \Gamma(x_1, t)$ . For more details, we refer to Lemma 2 in [12] and [6]. Since  $T_j(\mathcal{L}_j^{\text{low}} f)(x_1, x_2)$  is a composition of the above two functions, we obtain the desired pointwise inequality.  $\square$

Set  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f}(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \widehat{f}(\xi_1, \xi_2) \psi^c(2^j \xi_1)$ . Following Proposition 2.3, it is enough to show the estimate  $\|\sup_j |T_j^\ell(\mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f)|\|_p \lesssim \|f\|_p$ .

### 3. Proof of main theorem 1

Following the reduction section, we only consider  $\mathcal{T}_j^\ell(\mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f)$ , which is given by

$$\mathcal{T}_j^\ell(\mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f)(x_1, x_2) := \psi_{j+4}^c(x_1) \chi_{S_\ell}(x) \int \mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f(x_1 - t, x_2 - m(x_1)\gamma(t)) \varphi_j(t) dt,$$

supported on  $|x_1| \sim 2^\ell \gg 2^j$ .

#### 3.1. Main difficulty

In a view of pseudo-differential operator, we write

$$\mathcal{T}_j^\ell(\mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f)(x_1, x_2) = \int e^{2\pi i(x_1 \xi_1 + x_2 \xi_2)} b_j(x_1, \xi_1, \xi_2) \widehat{f}(\xi_1, \xi_2) d\xi_1 d\xi_2,$$

with the symbol  $b_j(x_1, \xi_1, \xi_2)$  given by

$$b_j(x_1, \xi_1, \xi_2) = \chi_{I_\ell}(x_1) \psi^c(2^j \xi_1) \int e^{-2\pi i(2^j t \xi_1 + m(x_1)\gamma(2^j t)\xi_2)} \varphi(t) dt.$$

When analysing an oscillatory integral with a phase  $t\xi_1 + m(x_1)\gamma(t)\xi_2$ , it is usual to decompose each frequency variable  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$  with dyadic scale. Specifically, in the case of a homogeneous curve, we can even estimate the asymptotic behaviour of oscillatory integral. However, under the flat condition (1.1), this usual approach does not work, as there are no comparability condition  $\left| \frac{\gamma'(2t)}{\gamma'(t)} \right| \sim 1$  and a finite type assumption for the curve. To overcome this situation, we will perform an angular decomposition in [11] for a function  $f$  and utilize the method in one of the author’s paper [15].

**3.2. Angular decomposition**

Set

$$A_j(\xi_1, \xi_2) := \psi\left(\frac{\xi_1}{\xi_2 \gamma'(2^{j+1})}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{\xi_1}{\xi_2 \gamma'(2^{j-1})}\right)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathcal{A}_j f}(\xi_1, \xi_2) &:= \widehat{f}(\xi_1, \xi_2) A_j(\xi_1, \xi_2), \\ \mathcal{A}_j^c f(x_1, x_2) &:= f(x_1, x_2) - \mathcal{A}_j f(x_1, x_2). \end{aligned}$$

Note that we have the following Littlewood–Paley estimate in [11]:

$$\left\| \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mathcal{A}_j f|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)} \text{ for } 1 < p < \infty.$$

We have  $\mathcal{A}_j \mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f(x) = \mathcal{A}_j f(x) - \mathcal{L}_j^{\text{low}} \mathcal{A}_j f(x)$ . Then, it gives

$$|\mathcal{A}_j \mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f(x_1, x_2)| \lesssim |\mathcal{A}_j f(x_1, x_2)| + |M^1 \mathcal{A}_j f(x_1, x_2)|$$

from the pointwise estimate  $|\mathcal{L}_j^{\text{low}} f(x_1, x_2)| \lesssim M^1 f(x_1, x_2)$ . By the vector valued estimate for Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator, the following estimate holds:

$$\left\| \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mathcal{A}_j \mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)} \text{ for } 1 < p < \infty. \tag{3.1}$$

We split  $\mathcal{T}_j^\ell(\mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f)$  into two terms:

$$\mathcal{T}_j^\ell(\mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f) = \mathcal{T}_j^\ell(\mathcal{A}_j \mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f) + \mathcal{T}_j^\ell(\mathcal{A}_j^c \mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f).$$

Then, we shall prove the following:

$$\left\| \sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mathcal{T}_j^\ell(\mathcal{A}_j \mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f)| \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)}, \tag{3.2}$$

$$\left\| \sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mathcal{T}_j^\ell(\mathcal{A}_j^c \mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f)| \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)}. \tag{3.3}$$

We can obtain the estimate (3.2) for  $p = 2$  from the following process:

$$\left\| \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mathcal{T}_j^\ell(\mathcal{A}_j \mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)} \lesssim \left\| \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mathcal{A}_j \mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)} \lesssim \|f\|_p. \tag{3.4}$$

Furthermore, the range of  $p$  can be extended by a bootstrap argument detailed in Section 3.4. In the following proposition, we focus particularly on the term  $\mathcal{T}_j^\ell(\mathcal{A}_j^c \mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f)$  and prove the estimate (3.3). Furthermore, the range of  $p$  can be extended by a bootstrap argument detailed in Section 3.4. In the following proposition, we focus particularly on the term  $\mathcal{T}_j^\ell(\mathcal{A}_j^c \mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f)$  and prove the estimate (3.3).

**Proposition 3.1.** *Define the Littlewood–Paley projection  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_j f(\xi_1, \xi_2) := \widehat{f}(\xi_1, \xi_2) \varphi(\frac{\xi_1}{2^j})$  so that  $\mathcal{T}_j^\ell(\mathcal{A}_j^c \mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \mathcal{T}_j^\ell(\mathcal{A}_j^c \mathcal{L}_{n-j} f)$ . For  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , It holds that*

$$\left\| \sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mathcal{T}_j^\ell(\mathcal{A}_j^c \mathcal{L}_{n-j} f)| \right\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)} \leq C 2^{-\varepsilon p n} \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)}, \tag{3.5}$$

for  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $n \geq 0$ .

Note that we need the following:

**Lemma 3.1 (Reduction to one variable operator).** *Consider the two operators  $\mathcal{R}_1$  and  $\mathcal{R}_2^\lambda$ , given by*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_1 f(x_1, x_2) &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{2\pi i(x_1 \xi_1 + x_2 \xi_2)} a(x_1, \xi_1, \xi_2) \widehat{f}(\xi_1, \xi_2) d\xi_1 d\xi_2, \\ \mathcal{R}_2^\lambda g(x_1) &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{2\pi i x_1 \xi_1} a(x_1, \xi_1, \lambda) \widehat{g}(\xi_1) d\xi_1. \end{aligned}$$

for  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  and  $g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ . Then,  $\|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} \leq \sup_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}} \|\mathcal{R}_2^\lambda\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R})}$ .

**Proof of Lemma 3.1** Consider a function  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  with  $\|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} = 1$ . Denote  $\mathcal{F}_2 f(x_1, \xi_2) = g_{\xi_2}(x_1)$ . By Plancherel’s theorem with respect to  $x_2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{R}_1 f\|_2^2 &= \int \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{2\pi i(x_1 \xi_1 + x_2 \xi_2)} a(x_1, \xi_1, \xi_2) \widehat{f}(\xi_1, \xi_2) d\xi_1 d\xi_2 \right|^2 dx_1 dx_2 \\ &= \int \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{2\pi i x_2 \lambda} \mathcal{R}_2^\lambda g_\lambda(x_1) d\lambda \right|^2 dx_2 dx_1 \\ &= \int | \mathcal{R}_2^\lambda g_\lambda(x_1) |^2 dx_1 d\lambda \leq \sup_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}} \|\mathcal{R}_2^\lambda\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R})}^2 \int |g_\lambda|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^2 d\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

which yields the desired estimate. □



**3.3. Proof of Proposition 3.1**

We shall prove  $\|\mathcal{T}_j^\ell \mathcal{L}_{n-j} \mathcal{A}_j^c\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} \lesssim 2^{-\frac{n}{2}}$ , which implies

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sup_j |\mathcal{T}_j^\ell(\mathcal{L}_{n-j} \mathcal{A}_j^c f)| \right\|_2^2 &\lesssim \sum_j \|\mathcal{T}_j^\ell \mathcal{L}_{n-j} \mathcal{A}_j^c(\mathcal{L}_{n-j} f)\|_2^2 \\ &\lesssim 2^{-n} \left\| \sum_j \mathcal{L}_{n-j} f \right\|_2^2 = 2^{-n} \|f\|_2^2. \end{aligned}$$

We write  $\mathcal{T}_j^\ell \mathcal{L}_{n-j} \mathcal{A}_j^c f$  as

$$\mathcal{T}_j^\ell \mathcal{L}_{n-j} \mathcal{A}_j^c f(x_1, x_2) = \int e^{2\pi i(x_1 \xi_1 + x_2 \xi_2)} a_j(x_1, \xi_1, \xi_2) \hat{f}(\xi_1, \xi_2) d\xi_1 d\xi_2,$$

with symbol  $a_j(x_1, \xi_1, \xi_2)$  given by

$$\chi_{I_\ell}(x_1) \varphi\left(\frac{\xi_1}{2^{n-j}}\right) A_j^c(\xi_1, \xi_2) \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-2\pi i(2^j t \xi_1 + m(x_1) \gamma(2^j t) \xi_2)} \varphi(t) dt.$$

By Lemma 3.1, to prove (3.5), it suffices to show

$$\|\mathcal{R}_j^\lambda\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R})} \leq c_1 2^{-c_2 n},$$

where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are constants independent of  $j$  and  $\lambda$  and  $\mathcal{R}_j^\lambda g(x) := \int e^{2\pi i x \xi} a_j(x, \xi, \lambda) \hat{g}(\xi) d\xi$  for  $g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ . Note that  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ . Hereafter, we omit  $j$  and  $\lambda$  in operators for simplicity. Observe that we write  $\mathcal{R}$  with kernel  $K$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}g(x) &= \int e^{2\pi i x \xi} a_j(x, \xi, \lambda) \left( \int e^{-2\pi i y \xi} g(y) dy \right) d\xi \\ &= \int K(x, y) g(y) dy, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$K(x, y) := \chi_{I_\ell}(x) \int e^{-2\pi i \lambda m(x) \gamma(2^j t)} \left( \int e^{2\pi i(x - 2^j t - y) \xi} \varphi\left(\frac{\xi_1}{2^{n-j}}\right) \widehat{A}_j^c(\xi, \lambda) d\xi \right) \varphi(t) dt.$$

Recall that  $|x| \sim 2^\ell \gg 2^j$  and denote

$$\begin{aligned} Q_k &:= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 2^{\ell-1} + k \cdot 2^j \leq |x| < 2^{\ell-1} + (k+1) \cdot 2^j\}, \\ Q'_k &:= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 2^{\ell-1} + (k-4) \cdot 2^j \leq |x| < 2^{\ell-1} + (k+5) \cdot 2^j\}, \end{aligned}$$

for each integer  $k$ . We define the functions

$$G_k(x, y) := K(x, y)\chi_{Q_k}(x)\chi_{Q'_k}^c(y),$$

$$B_k(x, y) := K(x, y)\chi_{Q_k}(x)\chi_{Q'_k}(y)$$

and use them to split the operator  $\mathcal{R}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}g(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^{3 \cdot 2^{\ell-j-1}-1} \left( \int G_k(x, y)g(y)dy + \int B_k(x, y)g(y)dy \right) \\ &:= \sum_{k=0}^{3 \cdot 2^{\ell-j-1}-1} \left( \mathcal{G}_k g(x) + \mathcal{B}_k g(x) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then, we shall prove the following:

**Lemma 3.2.** *There exist constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  independent of  $j, \ell$  and  $\lambda$  such that*

$$\left\| \sum_{k=0}^{3 \cdot 2^{\ell-j-1}-1} \mathcal{G}_k \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_1 2^{-n}, \tag{3.6}$$

$$\left\| \sum_{k=0}^{3 \cdot 2^{\ell-j-1}-1} \mathcal{B}_k \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_2 2^{-\frac{n}{2}}. \tag{3.7}$$

**Proof of (3.6).** Recall that

$$K(x, y) := \int e^{-2\pi i \lambda m(x) \gamma(2^j t)} \left( \int e^{2\pi i(x-2^j t-y)\xi} \varphi\left(\frac{\xi}{2^{n-j}}\right) A_j^c(\xi, \lambda) d\xi \right) \varphi(t) dt.$$

We build our proof upon the following observation:

$$|G_k(x, y)| \lesssim \frac{2^j}{2^n |x-y|^2} \chi_{Q_k}(x) \psi^c\left(\frac{|x-y|}{2^j}\right). \tag{3.8}$$

□

**Proof of (3.8).** Note that  $supp(\psi^c) \subset \{|x| > \frac{1}{2}\}$ . We utilize the integration by parts twice with respect to  $\xi$ . Then, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int e^{2\pi i(x-2^j t-y)\xi} \varphi_{n-j}(\xi) A_j^c(\xi, \lambda) d\xi \right| &\lesssim \frac{1}{(x-2^j t-y)^2} \int \left| \partial_\xi^2 \left[ \varphi\left(\frac{\xi}{2^{n-j}}\right) A_j^c(\xi, \lambda) \right] \right| d\xi \\ &\lesssim \frac{2^j}{2^n} \cdot \frac{1}{(x-2^j t-y)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|x - 2^j t - y| \gtrsim |x - y|$  on  $x \in Q_k, y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus Q'_k$  for  $\frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 2$ , we get the desired estimate. □

We shall deduce the following estimate:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{3 \cdot 2^{\ell-j-1}-1} \left( \int |G_k(x, y)| dx + \int |G_k(x, y)| dy \right) \lesssim 2^{-n}. \tag{3.9}$$

**Proof of (3.9).** By estimate (3.8) and the disjointness of  $Q_k$ s, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{3 \cdot 2^{\ell-j-1}-1} \int |G_k(x, y)| dx &\lesssim \frac{2^j}{2^n} \sum_k \int_{|x-y|>2^j} \frac{\chi_{Q_k}(x)}{|x-y|^2} dx \\ &\lesssim \frac{2^j}{2^n} \cdot \int_{|x|>2^j} \frac{1}{|x|^2} dx = 2^{-n}. \end{aligned}$$

and the second estimate also holds by the similar way. □

By Schur’s lemma with the estimate (3.9), we finish the proof of (3.6).

**Proof of (3.7).** For the operator  $\mathcal{B}_k$ , denote  $g_k(y) = \chi_{Q'_k}(y)g(y)$ . By the localization principle, we have

$$\left\| \sum_{k=0}^{3 \cdot 2^{\ell-j-1}-1} \mathcal{B}_k \right\|_{L^2 \rightarrow L^2} \lesssim \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \sup_{\|g_k\|_2=1} \|\mathcal{B}_k g_k\|_2 \right). \tag{3.10}$$

To estimate  $\|\mathcal{B}_k g_k\|_2$ , we write it with the symbol expression again, which is

$$\mathcal{B}_k g_k(x) = \int e^{2\pi i x \xi} \chi_{Q_k}(x) a_j(x, \xi, \lambda) \widehat{g}_k(\xi) d\xi,$$

where

$$a_j(x, \xi, \lambda) = \chi_{I_\ell}(x) \varphi\left(\frac{\xi}{2^{n-j}}\right) A_j^c(\xi, \lambda) \int e^{-2\pi i(2^j t \xi + m(x_1) \gamma(2^j t) \lambda)} \varphi(t) dt,$$

Observe that

$$|a_j(x, \xi, \lambda)| \lesssim \frac{1}{2^j |\xi|}. \tag{3.11}$$

□

**Proof of (3.11).** From the support of  $A_j^c(\xi, \lambda)$ , we have  $|\frac{\xi}{\lambda}| \approx |\gamma'(2^j t)|$  for  $|t| \sim 1$ . This enables us to apply the integration by parts with respect to variable  $t$ . Then, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int e^{-2\pi i(\xi 2^j t + \lambda m(x)\gamma(2^j t))} \varphi(t) dt \right| \\ & \lesssim \left| \int e^{-2\pi i(\xi 2^j t + \lambda m(x)\gamma(2^j t))} \partial_t \left( \frac{\varphi(t)}{2^j(\xi + \lambda m(x)\gamma'(2^j t))} \right) dt \right| \\ & \lesssim \int \frac{|2^j \lambda m(x) 2^j \gamma''(2^j t)|}{\{2^j(\xi + \lambda m(x)\gamma'(2^j t))\}^2} \cdot \varphi(t) dt + \int \frac{|\varphi'(t)|}{|2^j(\xi + \lambda m(x)\gamma'(2^j t))|} dt \\ & \lesssim \int \frac{|\varphi'(t)|}{|2^j(\xi + \lambda m(x)\gamma'(2^j t))|} dt \lesssim \frac{1}{2^j |\xi|}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, we get the desired estimate. □

From the observation (3.11), it is easy to check

$$\begin{aligned} \int |\chi_{Q_k}(x) a_j(x, \xi, \lambda)| dx & \lesssim 2^{-(n-j)}, \\ \int |a_j(x, \xi, \lambda)| d\xi & \lesssim 2^{-j}. \end{aligned}$$

By Schur’s lemma with the above estimate and (3.10), we obtain (3.7) in Lemma 3.2.

### 3.4. A bootstrap argument for the proof of Theorem 1

In the spirit of Nagel, Stein and Wainger [22], we claim that

**Lemma 3.3.** *If  $\|\sup_j |\mathcal{T}_j^\ell f|\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)} \leq C_1 \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2)}$  and  $\|\mathcal{T}_j^\ell f\|_{L^r(\mathbb{R}^2)} \leq C_2 \|f\|_{L^r(\mathbb{R}^2)}$  for  $1 < r < \infty$ ,*

$$\left\| \left( \sum_j |\mathcal{T}_j^\ell f_j|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^2)} \leq (C_1 C_2)^{\varepsilon q} \left\| \left( \sum_j |f_j|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^2)} \tag{3.12}$$

holds for all  $q$  with  $\frac{1}{q} < \frac{1}{2}(1 + \frac{1}{p})$ .

**Proof.** Consider vector valued functions  $\mathfrak{f} = \{f_j\}$  and  $\mathfrak{T}\mathfrak{f} = \{\mathcal{T}_j^\ell f_j\}$ . Since the operator  $\mathcal{A}_j$  is a positive, it follows that  $\|\mathfrak{T}\mathfrak{f}\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2, l^\infty)} \lesssim \|\mathfrak{f}\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^2, l^\infty)}$  and  $\|\mathfrak{T}\mathfrak{f}\|_{L^r(\mathbb{R}^2, l^r)} \lesssim \|\mathfrak{f}\|_{L^r(\mathbb{R}^2, l^r)}$  for  $r$  near 1. Applying the Riesz–Thorin interpolation for vector-valued function, we get the conclusion. □

Combining (3.4), Proposition 2.3 and Proposition 3.1, we obtain the estimate

$$\left\| \sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mathcal{T}_j^\ell f| \right\|_p \leq C_p \|f\|_p \tag{3.13}$$

for  $p = 2$ . Moreover, we have

$$\|\mathcal{T}_j^\ell f\|_r \leq \|f\|_r \tag{3.14}$$

for  $r > 1$ . By using Lemma 3.3 with (3.13) and (3.14), we obtain (3.12) for  $\frac{4}{3} < p \leq 2$ . Then, by setting  $\{f_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} = \{\mathcal{A}_j^c \mathcal{L}_{n-j} f\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$  in (3.12) and applying interpolation with the decay estimate (3.5), we obtain Proposition 3.1 for  $\frac{4}{3} < p \leq 2$ . To treat the bad part in (3.4), set  $\{f_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} = \{\mathcal{A}_j \mathcal{L}_j^{\text{high}} f\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$ . Then, we apply Lemma 3.3 again to get the first inequality of (3.4), which implies (3.13) for  $\frac{4}{3} < p \leq 2$ . We can iteratively apply Lemma 3.3 with a wider range of  $p$  until we get (3.13) for all  $p > 1$ . With this, we complete the proof of Main Theorem 1.

### 4. Application

In this section, we shall prove Corollary 1.1 and Corollary 1.2.

#### 4.1. Proof of Corollary 1.1

For a measurable function  $m : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , denote that

$$S_r^m f(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2r} \int_{-r}^r f(x_1 - t, x_2 - m(x_1)\gamma(t)) dt,$$

$$\tilde{E}^k = \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 2^k \leq m(x_1) \leq 2^{k+1}\}.$$

By Main Theorem 1 and the second part of Remark 1.1, one can easily check that

$$\left\| \sup_{r > 0} |\chi_{\tilde{E}^k}(\cdot) S_r^m f| \right\|_p \lesssim \|f\|_p. \tag{4.1}$$

To prove Corollary 1.1, it suffices to show that for each  $\alpha > 0$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the set

$$E_\alpha^k = \left\{ (x_1, x_2) \in \tilde{E}^k : \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} |S_r^m f(x_1, x_2) - f(x_1, x_2)| > 2\alpha \right\}$$

has measure zero. Consider a continuous function  $g_\varepsilon$  of compact support with  $\|f - g_\varepsilon\|_p < \varepsilon$ . One can see that  $\limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} |S_r^m f(x_1, x_2) - f(x_1, x_2)| \leq \mathcal{M}_\gamma^m(f - g_\varepsilon)(x) + |g_\varepsilon(x) - f(x)|$ . For  $F_\alpha^k$  and  $G_\alpha^k$ , defined by

$$F_\alpha^k = \{x \in E_\alpha^k : \mathcal{M}_\gamma^m(f - g_\varepsilon)(x) > \alpha\},$$

$$G_\alpha^k = \{x \in E_\alpha^k : |f(x) - g_\varepsilon(x)| > \alpha\},$$

we have  $m(E_\alpha^k) \leq m(F_\alpha^k) + m(G_\alpha^k)$ . Applying estimate (4.1), we get

$$m(F_\alpha^k) + m(G_\alpha^k) \leq \frac{2\varepsilon^p}{\alpha^p}.$$

As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we get the conclusion.

### 4.2. Proof of Corollary 1.2

In order to achieve our goal of removing the dependence of the coefficients of polynomial  $P$  on factors other than its degree, we consider the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.1.** *Given a polynomial  $P$  with degree  $d$ , we can find a partition  $\{s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{n(d)}\}$  such that for each interval  $[s_i, s_{i+1}]$ , there exists a pair  $(m_i, s_{j_i})$  with  $1 \leq m_i \leq d$ , satisfying*

$$\sup_{x \in [s_i, s_{i+1}]} \frac{|P(x)|}{|x - s_{j_i}|^{m_i}} \sim_d \inf_{x \in [s_i, s_{i+1}]} \frac{|P(x)|}{|x - s_{j_i}|^{m_i}}. \tag{4.2}$$

**Proof of Lemma 4.1.** We seek to construct a partition  $\mathcal{P} = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{n(d)}\}$  of  $(-\infty, \infty)$  such that, for each subinterval  $[s_i, s_{i+1}]$ , there exist non-negative integers  $m_i$  and  $j_i$  satisfying (4.2). Consider a polynomial  $P(x)$  represented by the following expression:

$$P(x) = \prod_{i=1}^{d_1} (x - \alpha_i)^{q_i},$$

where  $\alpha_i$  are distinct real numbers. Let  $U_i = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |x - \alpha_i| < |x - \alpha_k| \text{ for all } k = 1, \dots, d_1\}$ . For each  $i$  and  $k$ , let  $\mathcal{U}_i^k(1) = \{x \in U_i : 2|x - \alpha_i| \geq |x - \alpha_k|\}$  and  $\mathcal{U}_i^k(0) = \{x \in U_i : 2|x - \alpha_i| < |x - \alpha_k|\}$ . Then, for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists an index  $i$  such that  $x \in U_i$ . We define the set-valued function  $F_i$  on  $\{0, 1\}^{d_1}$  by  $F_i(a) = \bigcap_{k=1}^{d_1} \mathcal{U}_i^k(a_k)$  for  $a = (a_k) \in \{0, 1\}^{d_1}$ . By using the set-valued function  $F$ , we can decompose each set  $U_i$  into a finite number of disjoint open intervals, that is,

$$U_i = \bigcup_{k=1}^{d_1} \left( \mathcal{U}_i^k(0) \cup \mathcal{U}_i^k(1) \right) = \bigcup_{a \in \{0,1\}^{d_1}} F_i(a).$$

For each interval  $F_i(a) = [s_i, s_{i+1}]$ , we take  $m = \sum_{\{k:a_k=1\}} q_k$  and  $s_{j_i} = \alpha_i$ . Observe that we have the following inequalities for each fixed  $i$ :

$$|x - \alpha_k| \sim |x - \alpha_i| \text{ for all } k \text{ such that } a_k = 1,$$

$$|x - \alpha_k| \sim |\alpha_i - \alpha_k| \text{ for all } k \text{ such that } a_k = 0.$$

By using these observation, we have (4.2) on  $[s_i, s_{i+1}]$ .

To handle a general polynomial, we can employ a similar approach. First, we can express the polynomial as

$$P(x) = \prod_{i=1}^{d_1} (x - \alpha_i)^{q_i} \prod_{i=1}^{d_2} \{(x - \beta_i)^2 + \delta_i^2\}^{r_i}.$$

To treat this, we give one more criterion comparing between  $2|x - \alpha_i|$  and  $\max\{|x - \beta_k|, |\delta_k|\}$  instead of  $|x - \alpha_k|$ . Then. the last part can be proved similarly. □

**Proof of the Corollary 1.2.** Given a polynomial  $P(x)$ , we obtain a partition  $\mathcal{P} = \{s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{n(d)}\}$  from Lemma 4.1. We then decompose  $\mathcal{M}_\gamma^P f(x)$  as

$$\mathcal{M}_\gamma^P f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n(d)} \chi_{[s_i, s_{i+1}]}(x) \mathcal{M}_i f(x),$$

where  $\mathcal{M}_i f(x) := \chi_{[s_i, s_{i+1}]}(x) \mathcal{M}_\gamma^P f(x)$ . To complete the proof, it suffices to demonstrate that

$$\|\mathcal{M}_i f\|_p \leq C_d \|f\|_p.$$

By Lemma 4.1, there exists a pair  $(m_i, s)$  such that the following holds for  $[s_i, s_{i+1}]$ :

$$\sup_{x_1 \in [s_i, s_{i+1}]} \frac{|P(x_1)|}{|x_1 - s|^{m_i}} \sim_d \inf_{x_1 \in [s_i, s_{i+1}]} \frac{|P(x_1)|}{|x_1 - s|^{m_i}}.$$

Denote that  $g_s(x_1, x_2) := f(x_1 + s, x_2)$  and consider the estimate

$$\|\mathcal{M}_i f\|_p^p = \int_{s_i-s}^{s_{i+1}-s} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left( \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{r} \int_0^r |g_s(x_1 - t, x_2 - P(x_1 + s)\gamma(t))| dt \right)^p dx_2 dx_1.$$

By applying Proposition 2.2, we can reduce matters to  $|x_1| \sim 2^\ell$ :

$$\left\| \sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mathcal{P}_j^\ell g_s| \right\|_p \leq C_d \|f\|_p, \tag{4.3}$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_j^\ell g_s(x)$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{P}_j^\ell g_s(x) := \chi_{I_\ell}(x_1) \psi_{j+4}^c(x_1) \int g_s(x_1 - t, x_2 - P(x_1 + s)\gamma(t)) \varphi_j(t) dt,$$

for  $\ell$  such that  $[2^{\ell-1}, 2^{\ell+1}] \cap [s_i - s, s_{i+1} - s] \neq \emptyset$ . To prove (4.3), it is enough to check the hypothesis of Remark 1.1:

$$\frac{\sup_x |P(x + s)|}{\inf_x |P(x + s)|} \lesssim_d \frac{2^{(\ell+1)m_i}}{2^{(\ell-1)m_i}} \lesssim_d 1 \text{ for } |x| \in [2^{\ell-1}, 2^{\ell+1}],$$

where  $1 \leq m_i \leq d$ . This implies the conclusion.  $\square$

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