

# Boundedness of Fractional Integrals with a Rough Kernel on the Product Triebel-Lizorkin Spaces

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**Abstract:** By using the Littlewood-Paley decomposition and the interpolation theory, we prove the boundedness of fractional integral on the product Triebel-Lizorkin spaces with a rough kernel related to the product block spaces.

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## 1 Introduction and Main Results

Let  $\mathbf{S}^{N-1}$  be the unit sphere in  $\mathbf{R}^N$ ,  $N \geq 2$ , with the normalized Lebesgue measure  $d\sigma = d\sigma(x')$ . Define  $x' = \frac{x}{|x|}$  and  $y' = \frac{y}{|y|}$ . Suppose that a function  $\Omega(x', y')$  belongs to  $L^1(\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{m-1})$  with  $n, m \geq 2$  and satisfies the following two conditions:

$$\Omega(\lambda_1 x, \lambda_2 y) = \Omega(x, y), \quad \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbf{R}, \quad (1.1)$$

$$\int_{\mathbf{S}^{n-1}} \Omega(x', y') d\sigma(x') = \int_{\mathbf{S}^{m-1}} \Omega(x', y') d\sigma(y') = 0. \quad (1.2)$$

Then the singular integral operator  $T_{\Omega, I}$  on the product domain is defined by

$$T_{\Omega, I} f(x, y) = p.v. \int_{\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^m} \frac{\Omega(u', v')}{|x|^n |y|^m} f(x-u, y-v) du dv. \quad (1.3)$$

For the study of  $T_{\Omega, I}$ , one may see [1]–[2] for the boundedness of  $T_{\Omega, I}$  with  $\Omega(x', y') \in L^q(\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{m-1})$  or [3]–[5] with  $\Omega(x', y') \in L(\log^+ L)^2(\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{m-1})$ .

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In order to weaken the restriction of  $\Omega(x', y')$  on  $\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{m-1}$ , in 1995, Jiang and Lu<sup>[6]</sup> introduced the block function spaces  $B_q^{\mu,\nu}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{m-1})$ .

**Definition 1.1**<sup>[6]</sup> For  $1 < q \leq \infty$ , a  $q$ -block on  $\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{m-1}$  is an  $L^q(\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{m-1})$  function  $b(\cdot, \cdot)$  satisfying

(i)  $\text{supp}(b) \subset Q$ , where  $Q$  is an interval on  $\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{m-1}$ , i.e.,  $Q = Q_1(\xi', \delta_1) \times Q_2(\eta', \delta_2)$ , where

$$Q_1(\xi', \delta_1) = \{x' \in \mathbf{S}^{n-1} : |x' - \xi'| < \delta_1 \text{ for some } \xi' \in \mathbf{S}^{n-1} \text{ and } \delta_1 \in (0, 1]\},$$

$$Q_2(\eta', \delta_2) = \{y' \in \mathbf{S}^{m-1} : |y' - \eta'| < \delta_2 \text{ for some } \eta' \in \mathbf{S}^{m-1} \text{ and } \delta_2 \in (0, 1]\}.$$

(ii)  $\|b\|_{L^q(\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{m-1})} \leq |Q|^{\frac{1}{q}-1}$ , where  $|Q|$  is the volume of  $Q$ .

For  $\mu \geq 0$  and  $\nu \in \mathbf{R}$ , a non-negative function  $\Phi_{\mu,\nu}$  is defined by

$$\Phi_{\mu,\nu}(t) = \begin{cases} \int_t^1 u^{-1-\mu} \log^\nu \frac{1}{u} du, & 0 < t < 1; \\ 0, & t \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Then the definition of the block space  $B_q^{\mu,\nu}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{m-1})$  on the product domain is

$$B_q^{\mu,\nu}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{m-1}) = \left\{ \Omega \in L^1(\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{m-1}) : \Omega(x', y') = \sum_\ell C_\ell b_\ell(x', y'), M_q^{\mu,\nu}(\{C_\ell\}) < \infty \right\}, \tag{1.4}$$

where each  $b_\ell(x', y')$  is a  $q$ -block supported on  $Q_\ell$  and the definition of  $M_q^{\mu,\nu}(\{C_\ell\})$  is defined by

$$M_q^{\mu,\nu}(\{C_\ell\}) = \sum_\ell |C_\ell| \{1 + \Phi_{\mu,\nu}(|Q_\ell|)\}. \tag{1.5}$$

Moreover, the norm of  $\Omega \in B_q^{\mu,\nu}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{m-1})$  can be written by

$$N_q^{\mu,\nu}(\Omega) = \inf \left\{ \sum_\ell |C_\ell| \{1 + \Phi_{\mu,\nu}(|Q_\ell|)\} \right\}, \tag{1.6}$$

where the infimum is taken over all  $q$ -block decompositions of  $\Omega$ .

Jiang and Lu<sup>[6]</sup> proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.1**<sup>[6]</sup> Suppose that  $\Omega \in B_q^{0,\nu}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{m-1})$  with some  $q > 1$  and  $\nu \geq 1$ . Then the operator  $T_{\Omega,I}$  is bounded on  $L^2(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^m)$  for  $m \geq 2$  and  $n \geq 2$ .

However, the proof of Theorem 1.1 mainly based on the Plancherel Theorem. By using some basic ideas from [7], Fan *et al.*<sup>[8]</sup> improved Theorem 1.1 and they proved the following result.

**Theorem 1.2**<sup>[8]</sup> Suppose that  $\Omega \in B_q^{0,\nu}(\mathbf{S}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{S}^{m-1})$  with some  $q > 1$  and  $\nu \geq 1$ . Then the operator  $T_{\Omega,I}$  is bounded on  $L^p(\mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^m)$  for  $m \geq 2$  and  $n \geq 2$  and  $1 < p < \infty$ .

On the other hand, the theory of fractional integral operator also plays important roles in harmonic analysis and PDE. Denote  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  with  $0 < \alpha_1 < n$  and  $0 < \alpha_2 < m$ .