L^{∞} -BMO bounds for pseudo-multipliers associated with the harmonic oscillator

Continuidad L^{∞} -BMO para pseudomultiplicadores asociados con el oscilador armónico

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ABSTRACT. In this note we investigate some conditions of Hörmander-Mihlin type in order to assure the L^{∞} -BMO boundedness for pseudo-multipliers of the harmonic oscillator. The H^1 - L^1 continuity for Hermite multipliers also is investigated.

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Resumen. En esta nota se investigan condiciones de tipo Hörmander-Mihlin para garantizar la continuidad L^{∞} -BMO de pseudomultiplicadores asociados con el oscilador armónico. También se estudia la continuidad de tipo H^1 - L^1 para multiplicadores de Hermite.

Palabras y frases clave. Oscilador armónico, pseudomultiplicador, expansión de Hermite, teoría de Littlewood-Paley, BMO.

1. Introduction

The aim of this paper is to investigate the boundedness from $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ into $\mathrm{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for pseudo-multipliers associated with the harmonic oscillator (see e.g. S. Thangavelu [20, 21]). As it was observed by M. Ruzhansky in [16], from the point of view of the theory of pseudo-differential operators, pseudo-multipliers would be the special case of the symbolic calculus developed in M. Ruzhansky and N. Tokmagambetov [22, 17] (see also Remark 2.2). Let us consider the (Hermite operator) quantum harmonic oscillator $H := -\Delta_x + |x|^2$,

(where Δ_x is the standard Laplacian) which extends to an unbounded self-adjoint operator on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. It is a well known fact, that the Hermite functions ϕ_{ν} , $\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$, are the L^2 -eigenfunctions of H, with corresponding eigenvalues satisfying: $H\phi_{\nu} = (2|\nu| + n)\phi_{\nu}$. The system $\{\phi_{\nu}\}_{\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n}$, which is a subset of the Schwartz class $\mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, provides an orthonormal basis of $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. So, the spectral theorem for unbounded operators implies that

$$Hf(x) = \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n} (2|\nu| + n) \widehat{f}(\phi_{\nu}), \ f \in \text{Dom}(H), \tag{1}$$

where $\widehat{f}(\phi_{\nu})$ is the Fourier-Hermite transform of f at ϕ_{ν} , which is given by

$$\widehat{f}(\phi_{\nu}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x)\phi_{\nu}(x)dx. \tag{2}$$

If $G \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is the complement of a subset of zero Lebesgue measure in \mathbb{R}^n , the pseudo-multiplier associated with a function $m: G \times \mathbb{N}_0^n \to \mathbb{C}$ is defined by

$$Af(x) = \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n} m(x, \nu) \widehat{f}(\phi_{\nu}) \phi_{\nu}(x), \quad x \in G, f \in \text{Dom}(A).$$
 (3)

In this sense we say that A is the pseudo-multiplier associated to the function m, and that m is the symbol of A. In this paper the main goal is to give conditions on m in order that A can be extended to a bounded operator from L^{∞} to BMO. The problem of the boundedness of pseudo-multipliers is an interesting topic in harmonic analysis (see e.g. J. Epperson [9], S. Bagchi and S. Thangavelu [1], D. Cardona and M. Ruzhansky [16] and references therein). The problem was initially considered for multipliers of the harmonic oscillator

$$Af(x) = \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n} m(\nu) \widehat{f}(\phi_{\nu}) \phi_{\nu}(x), \ f \in \text{Dom}(A).^2$$
(4)

Indeed, an early result due to S. Thangavelu (see [19, 20]) states that if m satisfies the following discrete Marcienkiewicz condition

$$|\Delta_{\nu}^{\alpha} m(\nu)| \le C_{\alpha} (1 + |\nu|)^{-|\alpha|}, \ \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_{0}^{n}, \ |\alpha| \le \left[\frac{n}{2}\right] + 1,$$
 (5)

where Δ_{ν} is the usual difference operator, then the corresponding multiplier $T_m: L^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \to L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ extends to a bounded operator for all 1 .

Teach Hermite function ϕ_{ν} has the form $\phi_{\nu} := \Pi_{j=1}^{n} \phi_{\nu_{j}} \quad \phi_{\nu_{j}}(x_{j}) = (2^{\nu_{j}} \nu_{j}! \sqrt{\pi})^{-\frac{1}{2}} H_{\nu_{j}}(x_{j}) e^{-\frac{1}{2}x_{j}^{2}}$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}$, $\nu \in \mathbb{N}_{0}^{n}$, and $H_{\nu_{j}}(x_{j}) := (-1)^{\nu_{j}} e^{x_{j}^{2}} \frac{d^{k}}{dx_{j}^{k}} (e^{-x_{j}^{2}})$ denotes the Hermite polynomial of order ν_{j} .

 $^{^{2}\}mathrm{Dom}(A) = \{ f \in L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{n}) : \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{N}_{0}^{n}} |\widetilde{m}(\nu)\widehat{f}(\phi_{\nu})|^{2} < \infty \} \text{ is a dense subset of } L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{n}).$ Indeed, note that $\{\phi_{\nu}\}_{\nu} \subset \mathrm{Dom}(A)$, and consequently $L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{n}) = \overline{\mathrm{span}(\{\phi_{\nu}\}_{\nu})} \subset \overline{\mathrm{Dom}(A)}.$

In view of Theorem 1.1 of S. Blunck [2] (see also P. Chen, E. M. Ouhabaz, A. Sikora, and L. Yan, [7, p. 273]), if we restrict our attention to spectral multipliers A = m(H), the boundedness on $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, can be assured if m satisfies the Hörmander condition of order s,

$$||m||_{l.u.H^s} := \sup_{r>0} ||m(r\cdot)\eta(|\cdot|)||_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \sup_{r>0} r^{s-\frac{n}{2}} ||m(\cdot)\eta(r^{-1}|\cdot|)||_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)} < \infty,$$
(6)

where $\eta \in \mathcal{D}(0,\infty)$ and $s > \frac{n+1}{2}$, for all $p \in [p_0, \frac{p_0}{p_0-1}]$, for some $p_0 \in (1,2)$. If $|\nu| = \nu_1 + \cdots + \nu_n$, for spectral pseudo-multipliers

$$Ef(x) = \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n} m(x, 2|\nu| + n) \hat{f}(\phi_{\nu}) \phi_{\nu}(x), \ f \in \text{Dom}(E),$$
 (7)

under one of the following conditions

• J. Epperson [9]: n=1, E bounded on $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ and

$$|\Delta_{\nu}^{\gamma} m(x, 2\nu + 1)| \le C_{\gamma} (2\nu + 1)^{-\gamma}, \ \ 0 \le \gamma \le 5,$$
 (8)

• S. Bagchi and S. Thangavelu [1]: $n \geq 2$, E bounded on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and

$$|\Delta_{\nu}^{\gamma} m(x, 2|\nu| + 1)| \le C_{\gamma} (2|\nu| + 1)^{-\gamma}, \ \ 0 \le |\gamma| \le n + 1,$$
 (9)

the operator E extends to an operator of weak type (1,1). This means that $E: L^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \to L^{1,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ admits a bounded extension (we denote by $L^{1,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ the weak L^1 -space³). In view of the Marcinkiewicz interpolation Theorem it follows that E extends to a bounded linear operator on $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, for all 1 .

We can note that in the previous results the L^2 -boundedness of pseudomultipliers is assumed. The problem of finding reasonable conditions for the L^2 -boundedness of spectral pseudo-multipliers, was proposed by S. Bagchi and S. Thangavelu in [1]. To solve this problem, it was considered in [16], the following Hörmander conditions.

$$||m||_{l.u.,H^s} := \sup_{r>0, y \in \mathbb{R}^n} r^{(s-\frac{n}{2})} ||\langle x \rangle^s \mathscr{F}[m(y,\cdot)\psi(r^{-1}|\cdot|)](x)||_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n_x)} < \infty, (10)$$

$$||m||_{l.u.,\mathcal{H}^s} := \sup_{k>0} \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} 2^{k(s-\frac{n}{2})} ||\langle x \rangle^s \mathscr{F}_H^{-1}[m(y,\cdot)\psi(2^{-k}|\cdot|)](x)||_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n_x)} < \infty,$$
(11)

defined by the Fourier transform \mathscr{F} and the inverse Fourier-Hermite transform \mathscr{F}_H^{-1} . More precisely, the Hörmander condition (10) of order $s>\frac{3n}{2}$, uniformly in $y\in\mathbb{R}^n$, or the condition (11) for $s>\frac{3n}{2}-\frac{1}{12}$, uniformly in $y\in\mathbb{R}^n$, guarantee

³Which consists of those functions f such that $||f||_{L^{1,\infty}} = \sup_{\lambda>0} \lambda \cdot \max(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |f(x)| > \lambda\}) < \infty$.

the L^2 - boundedness of the pseudo-multiplier (21). As it was pointed out in [16], in (10) we consider functions m on $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$, but to these functions we associate a pseudo-multiplier with symbol $\{m(x,\nu)\}_{x\in\mathbb{R}^n,\nu\in\mathbb{N}_0^n}$. On the other hand (see Corollary 2.3 of [16]), if we assume the condition,

$$|\Delta_{\nu}^{\alpha} m(x,\nu)| \le C_{\alpha} (1+|\nu|)^{-|\alpha|}, \ \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_{0}^{n}, \ |\alpha| \le \rho, \tag{12}$$

for $\rho = [3n/2] + 1$, then the pseudo-multiplier in (21) extends to a bounded operator on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, and for $\rho = 2n + 1$ we have its $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ -boundedness for all 1 . Now, we record the main theorem of [16]:

Theorem 1.1. Let us assume that $2 \leq p < \infty$. If $A = T_m$ is a pseudo-multiplier with symbol m satisfying (10), then under one of the following conditions,

- $n \ge 2$, $2 \le p < \frac{2(n+3)}{n+1}$, and $s > s_{n,p} := \frac{3n}{2} + \frac{n-1}{2}(\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{p})$,
- $n \ge 2$, $p = \frac{2(n+3)}{n+1}$, and $s > s_{n,p} := \frac{3n}{2} + \frac{n-1}{2(n+3)}$,
- $n \ge 2$, $\frac{2(n+3)}{n+1} , and <math>s > s_{n,p} := \frac{3n}{2} \frac{1}{6} + \frac{2n}{3}(\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{p})$,
- $n \ge 2$, $\frac{2n}{n-2} \le p < \infty$, and $s > s_{n,p} := \frac{3n-1}{2} + n(\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{p})$,
- $n = 1, 2 \le p < 4, s > s_{1,p} := \frac{3}{2},$
- $n = 1, p = 4, s > s_{1,4} := 2,$
- $n = 1, 4 s_{1,p} := \frac{4}{3} + \frac{2}{3} (\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{p}),$

the operator T_m extends to a bounded operator on $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. For 1 , under one of the following conditions

- $n \ge 2$, $\frac{2(n+3)}{n+5} \le p \le 2$, and $s > s_{n,p} := \frac{3n}{2} + \frac{n-1}{2}(\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{p})$,
- $n \ge 2$, $\frac{2n}{n+2} \le p \le \frac{2(n+3)}{n+5}$, and $s > s_{n,p} := \frac{3n}{2} \frac{1}{6} + \frac{2n}{3} (\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{n})$,
- $n \ge 2$, $1 , and <math>s > s_{n,p} := \frac{3n-1}{2} + n(\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{p})$,
- $n=1, \frac{4}{3} \le p < 2, s > s_{1,p} := \frac{3}{2},$
- $n = 1, 1 s_{1,p} := \frac{4}{3} + \frac{2}{3} (\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{p}),$

the operator T_m extends to a bounded operator on $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. However, in general:

• for every $\frac{4}{3} and every n, the condition <math>s > \frac{3n}{2}$ implies the L^p -boundedness of T_m .

If the symbol m of the pseudo-multiplier T_m satisfies the Hörmander condition (11), in order to guarantee the L^p -boundedness of T_m , in every case above we can take $s > s_{n,p} - \frac{1}{12}$. Moreover, the condition $s > \frac{3n}{2} - \frac{1}{12}$ implies the L^p -boundedness of T_m for all $\frac{4}{3} .$

Now we present our main result. We will provide a version of Theorem 1.1 for the critical case $p = \infty$. Because in harmonic analysis the John-Nirenberg class BMO (see [15]) is a good substitute of L^{∞} , we will investigate the boundedness of pseudo-multipliers from $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to BMO(\mathbb{R}^n).

Theorem 1.2. Let $A: \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ be a continuous linear operator such that its symbol $m = \{m(x,\nu)\}_{x \in G, \nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n}$ (see (20)) satisfies one of the following conditions,

(CI): m satisfies the Hörmander-Mihlin condition

$$||m||_{l.u.,H^s} := \sup_{r>0, y \in \mathbb{R}^n} r^{(s-\frac{n}{2})} ||\langle x \rangle^s \mathscr{F}[m(y,\cdot)\psi(r^{-1}|\cdot|)](x)||_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n_x)} < \infty,$$
(13)

where $s > \max\{\frac{7n}{4} + \varkappa, \frac{n}{2}\}$, and \varkappa is defined as in (43),

(CII): m satisfies the Marcinkiewicz type condition,

$$|\Delta_{\nu}^{\alpha} m(x,\nu)| \le C_{\alpha} (1+|\nu|)^{-|\alpha|}, \ |\alpha| \le [7n/4 - 1/12] + 1.$$
 (14)

Then the operator $A = T_m$ extends to a bounded operator from $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ into $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Now, we will discuss some consequences of our main result.

Remark 1.3. In relation with the results of Epperson [9] and Bagchi and Thangavelu [1] mentioned above, Theorem 1.2 implies that under one of the following conditions,

- n = 1, $|\Delta_{\nu}^{\gamma} m(x, 2\nu + 1)| \le C_{\gamma} (2\nu + 1)^{-|\gamma|}$, $0 \le \gamma \le 2$,
- $\bullet \ n \geq 2, \ |\Delta_{\nu}^{\gamma} m(x,2|\nu|+n)| \leq C_{\gamma}(2|\nu|+n)^{-|\gamma|}, \ 0 \leq |\gamma| \leq [7n/4-1/12]+1,$

the spectral pseudo-multiplier

$$Ef(x) = \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n} m(x, 2|\nu| + n) \widehat{f}(\phi_{\nu}) \phi_{\nu}(x), \ f \in Dom(E)$$
 (15)

extends to a bounded operator from $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ into BMO(\mathbb{R}^n).

Remark 1.4. For n = 1, Theorem 1.1 implies that the symbol inequalities

$$|\Delta_{\nu}^{\gamma} m(x,\nu)| \le C_{\gamma} (1+\nu)^{-\alpha}, \quad 0 \le \gamma \le 2, \tag{16}$$

are sufficient conditions for the $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ -boundedness of pseudo-multipliers with $\frac{4}{3} , and also under the estimates$

$$|\Delta_{\nu}^{\gamma} m(x,\nu)| \le C_{\gamma} (1+\nu)^{-\alpha}, \quad 0 \le \gamma \le 3, \tag{17}$$

we obtain the $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ -boundedness of T_m for all $p \in (1,4/3) \cup (4,\infty)$. However, we can improve the conditions on the number of derivatives imposed in (17) to discrete derivatives up to order 2 in order to assure the $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ -boundedness of T_m for all $4/3 \leq p < \infty$. Indeed, from Theorem 1.2, the hypothesis (16) implies the boundedness of T_m from $L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ to BMO(\mathbb{R}) and also its $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ -boundedness for $4/3 \leq p < \infty$, in view of the Stein-Fefferman interpolation theorem applied to the L^2 - L^2 and L^∞ -BMO boundedness results.

Remark 1.5. Let us consider a multiplier T_m of the harmonic oscillator. Theorem 1.2 assures that under one of the following conditions,

(CI)': m satisfies the Hörmander-Mihlin condition

$$||m||_{l.u.,H^s} := \sup_{r>0} r^{(s-\frac{n}{2})} ||\langle x \rangle^s \mathscr{F}[m(\cdot)\psi(r^{-1}|\cdot|)](x)||_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n_x)} < \infty, \quad (18)$$

where $s > \max\{\frac{7n}{4} + \varkappa, \frac{n}{2}\}$, and \varkappa is defined as in (43),

(CII)': m satisfies the Marcinkiewicz type condition,

$$|\Delta_{\nu}^{\alpha} m(\nu)| \le C_{\alpha} (1 + |\nu|)^{-|\alpha|}, \ |\alpha| \le [7n/4 - 1/12] + 1,$$
 (19)

the operator T_m extends to a bounded operator from $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ into BMO(\mathbb{R}^n). Moreover, the duality argument shows the boundedness of T_m from $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ into $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

For certain spectral aspects and applications to PDE of the theory of pseudo-multipliers we refer the reader to the works [6, 3, 4, 5] and [19]. This paper is organised as follows. Section 2 introduces the necessary background of harmonic analysis that we will use throughout this work. Finally, in Section 3 we prove our main theorem.

2. Preliminaries

2.1. Pseudo-multipliers of the harmonic oscillator

To motivate the definition of pseudo-multipliers we will prove that these operators arise, for example, as bounded linear operators on the Schwartz class $\mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

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Theorem 2.1. Let us consider the set $G := \{z \in \mathbb{R}^n : \phi_{\nu}(z) \neq 0, \text{ for all } \nu\}$, and let $A : \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ be a continuous linear operator. Then, the function $m : G \times \mathbb{N}_0^n \to \mathbb{C}$, defined by

$$m(x,\nu) := \phi_{\nu}(x)^{-1} A \phi_{\nu}(x), \ x \in G, \nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n,$$
 (20)

satisfies the property

$$Af(x) = \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n} m(x, \nu) \widehat{f}(\phi_{\nu}) \phi_{\nu}(x), \quad x \in G, \ f \in \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$
 (21)

Proof. Let us assume that A is a continuous linear operator $A: \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Because, for every $\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$, $\phi_{\nu} \in \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \mathrm{Dom}(A)$, define for every $x \in G$, and $\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$, the function

$$m(x,\nu) := \phi_{\nu}(x)^{-1} A \phi_{\nu}(x).$$
 (22)

Let $f \in \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and let us consider its Hermite series

$$f = \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n} \widehat{f}(\phi_{\nu}) \phi_{\nu}. \tag{23}$$

Because $||f||_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 = \sum_{\nu} |\widehat{f}(\phi_{\nu})||^2 < \infty$, by Simon Theorem (see Theorem 1 of B. Simon [18]), the series

$$f_N = \sum_{|\nu| \le N} \widehat{f}(\phi_\nu) \phi_\nu, \ N \in \mathbb{N}$$
 (24)

converges to f in the topology of the Schwartz class $\mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Because, $A: \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, is a continuous linear operator, we have that Af_n converges to Af in the topology of $\mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Consequently, we have proved that

$$Af = \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n} \widehat{f}(\phi_{\nu}) A \phi_{\nu}. \tag{25}$$

By observing that $m(x,\nu) := \phi_{\nu}(x)^{-1} A \phi_{\nu}(x)$, we obtain the identity,

$$Af(x) = \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n} m(x, \nu) \widehat{f}(\phi_{\nu}) \phi_{\nu}(x), \ x \in G, f \in \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

So, we end the proof. \checkmark

The symbol m is defined a.e. $(x,\nu) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{N}_0^n$. Indeed, note that $D = \{z : \phi_{\nu}(z) = 0 \text{ for some } \nu\}$ is a countable set, has zero measure and that m is defined on $G \times \mathbb{N}_0^n$, where $G = \mathbb{R}^n - D$.

Remark 2.2. It is a well known fact that several classes of pseudo-differential operators

$$T_{\sigma}f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i2\pi x\xi} \sigma(x,\xi) \widehat{f}(\xi) d\xi, \quad f \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n), \tag{26}$$

are continuous linear operators on the Schwartz class $\mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. For example, if σ is a tempered and smooth function (i.e. that $\sigma \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$ satisfies $\int |\sigma(x,\xi)| (1+|x|+|\xi|)^{-\kappa} dx d\xi < \infty$ for some $\kappa > 0$) then $T_{\sigma} : \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, extends to a continuous linear operator. More interesting cases arise with pseudo-differential operators with symbols σ in the Hörmander classes, or with more generality, in the Weyl-Hörmander classes (see L. Hörmander [13, 14]). From Theorem 2.1 we have that continuous pseudo-differential operators on $\mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ also can be understood as pseudo-multipliers of the harmonic oscillator.

2.2. Functions of bounded mean oscillation BMO.

We will consider in the following two subsections the necessary notions for introducing the BMO and H^1 spaces. For this, we will follow Fefferman and Stein [11]. Let f be a locally integrable function on \mathbb{R}^n . Then f is of bounded mean oscillation (abreviated as $f \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$), if

$$\sup_{Q} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} |f(x) - f_{Q}| dx := ||f||_{*} < \infty, \tag{27}$$

where the supremum ranges over all finite cubes Q in \mathbb{R}^n , |Q| is the Lebesgue measure of Q, and f_Q denote the mean value of f over Q, $f_Q = \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q f(x) dx$. It is a well known fact that $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset \operatorname{BMO}$. Moreover $\ln(|x|) \in \operatorname{BMO}$. The class of functions of bounded mean oscillation, modulo constants, is a Banach space with the norm $\|\cdot\|_*$, defined above. According to the John-Nirenberg inequality, $f \in \operatorname{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ if and only if the inequality

$$|\{x \in Q : |f(x) - f_Q| > \alpha\}| \le e^{-\frac{C_\alpha}{\|f\|_*}} |Q|,$$
 (28)

holds true for every $\alpha > 0$. For understanding the behaviour of a function $f \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$, it can be checked that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|f(x)|}{1+|x|^{n+1}} dx < \infty. \tag{29}$$

Moreover, a function $f \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$, if and only if (29) holds and

$$\iint_{|x-x_0|<\delta; 0< t<\delta} t |\nabla u(x,t)|^2 dx dt \lesssim \delta^n, \tag{30}$$

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for all $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\delta > 0$. Here, u(x,t) is the Poisson integral of f defined on $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0,\infty)$ by (see Fefferman [10]),

$$u(x,t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} P_t(x-y)f(y)dy, \ P_t(x) := \frac{c_n t}{(t^2 + |x|^2)^{(n+1)/2}}.$$
 (31)

2.3. The space H^1

The Hardy spaces $H^p(\mathbb{D})$, 0 , were first studied as part of complex analysis by G. H. Hardy [12]. An analytic function <math>F on the disk \mathbb{D} is in $H^p(\mathbb{D})$, if

$$\sup_{0 < r < 1} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |F(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta < \infty. \tag{32}$$

For $1 , we can identify <math>H^p(\mathbb{D})$, with $L^p(\mathbb{T})$, where \mathbb{T} is the circle. This identification does not hold, however, for $p \leq 1$. Unfortunately, these results cannot be extended to higher dimensions using the theory of functions of several complex variables. So, let us introduce the Hardy space $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Let R_1, \dots, R_n , be the Riesz transform on \mathbb{R}^n ,

$$R_{j}f(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{|\xi| > \varepsilon} e^{i2\pi x \cdot \xi} \xi_{j}/|\xi| \widehat{f}(\xi), \quad f \in \text{Dom}(R_{j}), \tag{33}$$

where $\widehat{f}(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-i2\pi x \cdot \xi} f(x) dx$, is the Fourier transform of f at ξ . Then, $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ consists of those functions f on \mathbb{R}^n , satisfying,

$$||f||_{\mathcal{H}^{1}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} := ||f||_{L^{1}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} + \sum_{j=1}^{n} ||R_{j}f||_{L^{1}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}.$$
 (34)

The main remark in this subsection is that the dual of $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ (see Fefferman and Stein [11]). This can be understood in the following sense:

- (a) If $\phi \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then $\Phi : f \mapsto \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x)\phi(x)dx$, admits a bounded extension on $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$.
- (b) Conversely, every continuous linear functional Φ on $\mathrm{H}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ arises as in (a) with a unique element $\phi \in \mathrm{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

The norm of ϕ as a linear functional on $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is equivalent to the BMO norm. Important properties of the BMO and the H^1 norm are the following,

$$||f||_{*} = \sup_{\|g\|_{\mathbf{H}^{1}} = 1} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} f(x)g(x)dx \right|, \quad ||g||_{\mathbf{H}^{1}} = \sup_{\|f\|_{\mathbf{BMO}} = 1} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} f(x)g(x)dx \right|. \quad (35)$$

For our further analysis we will use the following fact (see Fefferman and Stein [11, pag. 183]): if $f \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$, and $\phi \in \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ satisfies $\int \phi(x)dx = 1$, let us define

$$u^{+,f}(x) := \sup_{t>0} |\phi_t * f(x)| = \sup_{t>0} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi_t(x-y) f(y) dy \right|, \quad \phi_t(x) = t^{-n} \phi(\frac{x}{t}). \quad (36)$$

Then, $u^{+,f} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $f(x) = \lim_{t\to 0} \phi_t * f(x)$, a.e.x, and there exist positive constants A and B satisfying

$$A||f||_{\mathbf{H}^1} \le ||u^{+,f}||_{L^1} \le B||f||_{\mathbf{H}^1}. \tag{37}$$

The duals of the $H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ spaces, $0 , are Lipschitz spaces. This is due to P. Duren, B. Romberg and A. Shields [8] on the unit circle, and to T. Walsh [23] in <math>\mathbb{R}^n$.

2.4. The Hörmander-Mihlin condition for pseudo-multipliers

As we mentioned in the introduction, if m is a function on \mathbb{R}^n , we say that m satisfies the Hörmander condition of order s > 0, if

$$||m||_{l.u.H^s} := \sup_{r>0} ||m(r\cdot)\eta(|\cdot|)||_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \sup_{r>0} r^{s-\frac{n}{2}} ||m(\cdot)\eta(r^{-1}|\cdot|)||_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)} < \infty,$$
(38)

where $H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is the usual Sobolev space of order s. Indeed, we also can use the following formulation for the Hörmander-Mihlin condition,

$$||m||_{l.u.H^s} := \sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} ||m(2^j|\cdot|)\eta(\cdot)||_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{j(s-\frac{n}{2})} ||m(\cdot)\eta(2^{-j}|\cdot|)||_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)} < \infty.$$
(39)

In particular, if we choose $\eta \in \mathcal{D}(0,\infty)$ with compact support in [1/2,2], and we assume that m has support in $\{\xi : |\xi| > 2\}$, we have that $m(\cdot)\eta(2^{-j}|\cdot|) = 0$ for $j \leq 0$. So, for a such symbol m, we have

$$||m||_{l.u.H^s} := \sup_{j \ge 1} ||m(2^j|\cdot|)\eta(\cdot)||_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \sup_{j \ge 1} 2^{j(s-\frac{n}{2})} ||m(\cdot)\eta(2^{-j}|\cdot|)||_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)} < \infty.$$
(40)

Because we define multipliers by associating to T_m the restriction of m to \mathbb{N}_0^n , we always can split $T_m = T_0 + S_m$, where T_0 has symbol supported in $\{\nu : |\nu| \leq 2\}$ and the pseudo-multiplier S_m has symbol supported in $\{\nu : |\nu| > 2\}$. We will apply the Hörmander condition to S_m in order to assure its L^{∞} -BMO boundedness, and later we will conclude that T_m is L^{∞} -BMO bounded, by observing that the L^{∞} -BMO boundedness of T_0 is trivial. This analysis will be developed in detail in the next section, in the context of pseudo-multipliers by employing the Hörmander type condition

$$||m||_{l.u.H^s} := \sup_{j \ge 1, x \in \mathbb{R}^n} 2^{j(s-\frac{n}{2})} ||m(x, \cdot)\eta(2^{-j}| \cdot |)||_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)} < \infty, \tag{41}$$

for s large enough which follows from (13).

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3. L^{∞} -BMO continuity for pseudo-multipliers

In this section we present the proof of our main result. The main strategy in the proof of Theorem 1.2 will be a suitable Littlewood-Paley decomposition of the symbol together with some suitable estimates for the operator norm of pseudo-multipliers associated to each part of this decomposition. Our starting point is the following lemma. We use the symbol $X \lesssim Y$ to denote that there exists a universal constant C such that $X \leq CY$.

Lemma 3.1. Let ϕ_{ν} , $\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ be a Hermite function. Then, there exists $\varkappa \leq -1/12$, such that

$$\|\phi_{\nu}\|_{\text{BMO}} \leq |\nu|^{\varkappa}. \tag{42}$$

Proof. By using that $L^{\infty} \subset \text{BMO}$, we have $\|\phi_{\nu}\|_{\text{BMO}} \lesssim \|\phi_{\nu}\|_{L^{\infty}}$. Now, from Remark 2.5 of [16] we can estimate $\|\phi_{\nu}\|_{L^{\infty}} \lesssim |\nu|^{-1/12}$ which implies the desired estimate. Indeed, if

$$\varkappa := \inf \{ \omega \in \mathbb{R} : \|\phi_{\nu}\|_{\text{BMO}} \lesssim |\nu|^{\omega} \}, \tag{43}$$

we have that $\varkappa \leq -1/12$.

Proof of Theorem 1.2. We will prove that if m satisfies the condition (CI), then $A = T_m$ can be extended to a bounded operator from $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathrm{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Let us consider the operator

$$\mathcal{R} := \frac{1}{2}(H - n),\tag{44}$$

where H is the harmonic oscillator on \mathbb{R}^n , and let us fix a dyadic decomposition of its spectrum: we choose a function $\psi_0 \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$, $\psi_0(\lambda) = 1$, if $|\lambda| \leq 1$, and $\psi(\lambda) = 0$, for $|\lambda| \geq 2$. For every $j \geq 1$, let us define $\psi_j(\lambda) = \psi_0(2^{-j}\lambda) - \psi_0(2^{-j+1}\lambda)$. Then we have

(45)
$$\sum_{l \in \mathbb{N}_0} \psi_l(\lambda) = 1, \text{ for every } \lambda > 0.$$

Let us consider $f \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. We will decompose the symbol m as

$$m(x,\nu) = m(x,\nu)(\psi_0(|\nu|) + \psi_1(|\nu|)) + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} m_k(x,\nu), \quad m_k(x,\nu) := m(x,\nu) \cdot \psi_k(|\nu|).$$
(46)

Let us define the sequence of pseudo-multipliers $T_{m(j)}$, $j \in \mathbb{N}$, associated to every symbol m_j , for $j \geq 2$, and by T_0 the operator with symbol $\sigma \equiv m(x,\nu)(\psi_0 + \psi_1)$. Then we want to show that the operator series

$$T_0 + S_m, \ S_m := \sum_k T_{m(k)},$$
 (47)

satisfies

$$||T_m||_{\mathscr{B}(L^{\infty}, BMO)} \le ||T_0||_{\mathscr{B}(L^{\infty}, BMO)} + \sum_{k} ||T_{m(k)}||_{\mathscr{B}(L^{\infty}, BMO)}, \quad (48)$$

where the series in the right hand side converges. Because, $f \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and for every j, $T_{m(j)}$ has symbol with compact support, $T_{m(j)}: L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is bounded, and consequently $T_{m(j)}f \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset \mathrm{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Now, because $T_{m(j)}f \in \mathrm{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, we will estimate its BMO norm $||T_{m(j)}f||_*$. By using that every symbol m_k has variable ν supported in $\{\nu: 2^{k-1} \le |\nu| \le 2^{k+1}\}$, we have

$$T_{m(k)}f(x) = \sum_{2^{k-1} \le |\nu| \le 2^{k+1}} m_k(x,\nu)\phi_{\nu}(x)\widehat{f}(\phi_{\nu}), \ x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Consequently,

$$||T_{m(k)}f||_* \le \sum_{2^{k-1} < |\nu| < 2^{k+1}} ||m_k(\cdot, \nu)\phi_\nu(\cdot)||_* |\widehat{f}(\phi_\nu)|.$$
(49)

From (35) and by using the Fourier inversion formula we have,

$$\begin{split} \|m_k(\cdot,\nu)\phi_{\nu}(\cdot)\|_* &= \sup_{\|\Omega\|_{\mathcal{H}^1} = 1} \left| \int\limits_{\mathbb{R}^n} m_k(x,\nu)\phi_{\nu}(x)\Omega(x)dx \right| \\ &= \sup_{\|\Omega\|_{\mathcal{H}^1} = 1} \left| \int\limits_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int\limits_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i2\pi\nu\cdot\xi} \widehat{m}_k(x,\xi)d\xi \,\phi_{\nu}(x)\Omega(x)dx \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{\|\Omega\|_{\mathcal{H}^1} = 1} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \int\limits_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\widehat{m}_k(x,\xi)|d\xi \, \times \int\limits_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\phi_{\nu}(x)| |\Omega(x)|dx. \end{split}$$

By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, and the condition s > n/2, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\widehat{m}_k(x,\xi)| d\xi \le \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \langle \xi \rangle^{2s} |\widehat{m}_k(x,\xi)|^2 d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \langle \xi \rangle^{-2s} d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$
 (50)

Consequently, we claim that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\widehat{m}_k(x,\xi)| d\xi \le C \|m\|_{l.u.H^s} \times 2^{-k(s-\frac{n}{2})}.$$
 (51)

Indeed, if $\tilde{\psi}(\lambda) := \psi_0(\lambda) - \psi_0(2\lambda)$, then $\tilde{\psi} \in \mathscr{D}(\mathbb{R})$ and,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} |\widehat{m}_{k}(x,\xi)| d\xi \lesssim \|m_{k}(x,\cdot)\|_{H^{s}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} = \|m(x,\cdot)\widetilde{\psi}(2^{-k}|\cdot|)\|_{H^{s}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}
\lesssim \|m(x,\cdot)\|_{l.u.H^{s}} \times 2^{-k(s-\frac{n}{2})} \leq \|m\|_{l.u.H^{s}} \times 2^{-k(s-\frac{n}{2})}.$$

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So, we obtain

$$||m_{k}(\cdot,\nu)\phi_{\nu}(\cdot)||_{*} \leq ||m||_{l.u.,H^{s}} \times 2^{-k(s-\frac{n}{2})} \times \sup_{\|\Omega\|_{\mathbf{H}^{1}}=1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} |\phi_{\nu}(x)| |\Omega(x)| dx$$

$$= ||m||_{l.u.,H^{s}} \times 2^{-k(s-\frac{n}{2})} \times \sup_{\|\Omega\|_{\mathbf{H}^{1}}=1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \operatorname{sig}(\Omega(x)) |\phi_{\nu}(x)| \Omega(x) dx,$$

where $sig(\Omega(x)) = -1$, if $\Omega(x) < 0$, and $sig(\Omega(x)) = 1$, if $\Omega(x) \ge 0$. By the duality relation (35) and by using that

$$\|\operatorname{sig}(\Omega(x))|\phi_{\nu}(x)|\|_{\operatorname{BMO}} \le 2\|\operatorname{sig}(\Omega(x))|\phi_{\nu}(x)|\|_{\operatorname{BMO}} = 2\||\phi_{\nu}(x)|\|_{\operatorname{BMO}},$$
(52)

we conclude that

$$||m_k(\cdot,\nu)\phi_{\nu}(\cdot)||_* \lesssim ||m||_{l.u.,H^s} 2^{-k(s-\frac{n}{2})} \sup_{||\Omega||_{\mathrm{H}^1}=1} ||\phi_{\nu}||_{\mathrm{BMO}} ||\Omega||_{\mathrm{H}^1}.$$

Returning to the estimate (49), we can write

$$||T_{m(k)}f||_{*} \leq \sum_{2^{k-1} \leq |\nu| \leq 2^{k+1}} ||m||_{l.u.,H^{s}} 2^{-k(s-\frac{n}{2})} ||\phi_{\nu}||_{\text{BMO}} |\widehat{f}(\phi_{\nu})|$$

$$\leq \sum_{2^{k-1} \leq |\nu| \leq 2^{k+1}} ||m||_{l.u.,H^{s}} 2^{-k(s-\frac{n}{2})} ||\phi_{\nu}||_{\text{BMO}} ||\phi_{\nu}||_{L^{1}} ||f||_{L^{\infty}}.$$

Thus, the analysis above implies the following estimate for the operator norm of $T_{m(k)}$, for all $k \geq 2$,

$$||T_{m(k)}||_{\mathscr{B}(L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n),\mathrm{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n))} \lesssim \sum_{2^{k-1} \leq |\nu| \leq 2^{k+1}} ||m||_{l.u.,H^s} 2^{-k(s-\frac{n}{2})} ||\phi_{\nu}||_{\mathrm{BMO}} ||\phi_{\nu}||_{L^1}.$$

By using Lemma 2.2 of [16] we have $\|\phi_{\nu}\|_{L^{1}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} \lesssim |\nu|^{\frac{n}{4}}$. Additionally, the inequality (42)

$$\|\phi_{\nu}\|_{\text{BMO}} \lesssim |\nu|^{\varkappa}$$

implies that

$$||T_{m(k)}||_{\mathscr{B}(L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{n}),\mathrm{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^{n}))} \lesssim \sum_{2^{k-1} \leq |\nu| \leq 2^{k+1}} 2^{k(\frac{n}{4}+\varkappa)} \times ||m||_{l.u.H^{s}} \times 2^{-k(s-\frac{n}{2})}$$

$$\approx 2^{kn} \times 2^{k(\frac{n}{4}+\varkappa)} \times ||m||_{l.u.H^{s}} \times 2^{-k(s-\frac{n}{2})}.$$

Now, by using that T_0 is a pseudo-multiplier whose symbol has compact support in the ν -variables, we conclude that T_0 is bounded from $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathrm{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and

$$||T_0||_{\mathscr{B}(L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)),\mathrm{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C||m||_{L^{\infty}}.$$

This analysis allows us to estimate the operator norm of T_m as follows,

 $||T_m||_{\mathscr{B}(L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n),\mathrm{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n))} \leq ||T_0||_{\mathscr{B}(L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)),\mathrm{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \sum_k ||T_{m(k)}||_{\mathscr{B}(L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)),\mathrm{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$

$$\lesssim ||m||_{L^{\infty}} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k(s - \frac{7n}{4} - \varkappa)} ||m||_{l.u.H^{s}}$$

$$\leq C(||m||_{L^{\infty}} + ||m||_{l.u.H^{s}}) < \infty,$$

provided that $s > \frac{7n}{4} + \varkappa$, for some $\varkappa \le -1/12$. So, we have proved the L^{∞} -BMO boundedness of T_m . In order to end the proof we only need to prove that, under the condition (CII), the operator T_m is bounded from $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to BMO(\mathbb{R}^n). But, if m satisfies (CII), then it also does to satisfy (CI), in view of the inequality,

$$||m||_{l.u.H^s} \lesssim \sup_{|\alpha| \le [7n/4 - 1/12] + 1} (1 + |\nu|)^{|\alpha|} \sup_{x,\nu} |\Delta^{\alpha} m(x,\nu)|,$$
 (53)

for s > 0 satisfying, $\frac{7n}{4} - \frac{1}{12} < s < [7n/4 - 1/12] + 1$, (see Eq. (2.29) of [16]).

Remark 3.2. According to the proof of Theorem 1.2, if T_m satisfies the condition (CI), then we have

$$||T_m||_{\mathscr{B}(L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n), BMO(\mathbb{R}^n))} \le C(||m||_{L^{\infty}} + ||m||_{l.u.H^s}).$$
 (54)

On the other hand, if we assume (CII), the operator norm of T_m satisfies

$$||T_m||_{\mathscr{B}(L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n), BMO(\mathbb{R}^n))} \le C \sup_{|\alpha| \le [7n/4 - 1/12] + 1} (1 + |\nu|)^{|\alpha|} \sup_{x, \nu} |\Delta^{\alpha} m(x, \nu)|.$$
 (55)

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