



Boundedness of non regular pseudo-differential operators and their adjoints on variable exponent Besov-Morrey spaces

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Abstract. This paper deal with the boundedness property of non regular pseudo-differential operators $a(x, D)$ and their adjoints $a(x, D)^*$ on variable exponent BM spaces. For this purpose, given such an operator, we use the technique of decomposition of its symbol into elementary symbols already used in other spaces.

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1. Introduction

Besov-Morrey spaces denoted $\mathcal{N}_{p,u,q}^s$ were initially investigated by Kozono and Yamazaki in [8] to study the solutions of the Navier-Stokes equations with critical regularity. The theory of Besov-Morrey spaces and their applications to non-linear PDEs were further studied by Mazzucato [13]. They are modified Besov spaces where the base norm is of Morrey-type. A first generalisation of the Besov-Morrey spaces $\mathcal{N}_{p,u,q}^s$ into $\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q}^s$ where only the exponents p and u varied was introduced by Fu and Xu in [6] and a full generalisation to variable exponent Besov-Morrey spaces denoted $\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}$ with all exponents variable is due to Almeida and Caetano [1].

Now the boundedness of an operator is a fundamental property for it's use. One can find in several works the study of boundedness of pseudo-differential operators: on Lebesgue spaces, Besov spaces, Triebel-Lizorkin spaces and Sobolev spaces (see [2], [3], [11] and [12]). In particular, the boundedness of pseudo-differential operators on Besov-Morrey (BM) spaces with **constant exponents** denoted $\mathcal{N}_{p,u,q}^s$ was studied by Mazzucato in [13]. We are concerned in this paper with the boundedness of pseudo-differential operators on

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Besov-Morrey spaces with **variable exponents** denoted $\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}$ (see [1]). Since the symbol class $S_{1,\delta}^m$ is too restrictive for applications to non-linear equations, we use symbols in the class $C_*^\ell S_{1,\delta}^m$ where the x regularity is measured in Hölder-Zygmund spaces. The results of this paper generalize those of [13] and complement the studies done on Triebel-Lizorkin-Morrey spaces (see [4]). We further extended the study of the boundedness of such pseudo-differential operators to their adjoints.

Our approach is as follows: we consider pseudo-differential operators in $\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}$ whose symbols belong to the class $C_*^\ell S_{1,\delta}^m$. We use the decomposition of these symbols into elementary symbols following the method of [2], [11] and [13]. We then set up intermediary results useful to prove the main results in theorem [2] and theorem [3].

This paper is structured in **4** sections: the section **2** concerns preliminaries and set up notations as well as definitions and properties of Morrey spaces and Besov-Morrey spaces with variable smoothness and integrability. In section **3**, we recall tools that are necessary to establish lemmas and the main theorems of the next section. The section **4** contains the results and the proof of the main theorem of the boundedness of non regular pseudo-differential operators in the space $\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}$ as well as the adjoint estimate.

2. Preliminaries

2.1. General Notation

We denote by \mathbb{R}^n the n -dimensional real Euclidean space, \mathbb{N} the collection of all natural numbers and $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$. We write $B(x, r)$ for the open ball in \mathbb{R}^n centered at $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with radius $r > 0$. We use c as a generic positive constant, i.e. a constant whose value may change with each appearance. If ξ belongs to \mathbb{R}^n and r to \mathbb{R} , the expression $|\xi| \sim r$ means that there exists two constants $c_1, c_2 > 0$ such that $c_1 r \leq |\xi| \leq c_2 r$. The expression $f \lesssim g$ means that $f \leq cg$ for some independent constant c , and $f \approx g$ means $f \lesssim g \lesssim f$. Throughout the paper we denote by $\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ the family of all complex or extended real-valued measurable functions on \mathbb{R}^n .

By $\text{supp } f$ we denote the support of the function f , i.e. the closure of its non-zero set. If $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is a measurable set, then χ_E denotes its characteristic function. We denote by $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ the set of all Schwartz functions on \mathbb{R}^n . We denote by $\mathcal{S}' = \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ the dual space of all tempered distributions on \mathbb{R}^n . The Fourier transform denoted $\mathcal{F}f(\xi)$ or \hat{f} is defined on \mathcal{S} by

$$\hat{f}(\xi) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-ix \cdot \xi} f(x) dx$$

and extended to \mathcal{S}' by duality. The inverse Fourier transform denoted $\mathcal{F}^{-1}f(x)$ or \check{f} is defined by

$$\check{f}(x) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ix \cdot \xi} f(\xi) d\xi.$$

For two complex or extended real-valued measurable functions f, g on \mathbb{R}^n the convolution $f * g$ is given, in the usual way, by

$$(f * g)(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x - y)g(y)dy, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \text{and} \quad \text{supp}(f * g) \subset \text{supp}f + \text{supp}g.$$

2.2. Variable exponents

In this sub-section we recall the definition and some properties of variable exponents. For more details see [10] and [5].

- We denote by $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ the set of all measurable functions $p : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow (0, \infty]$ (called variable exponents) which are essentially bounded away from zero. We denote $p_{\mathbb{R}^n}^+ := \text{ess sup}_{\mathbb{R}^n} p(x)$ and $p_{\mathbb{R}^n}^- := \text{ess inf}_{\mathbb{R}^n} p(x)$; we abbreviate $p^+ = p_{\mathbb{R}^n}^+$ and $p^- = p_{\mathbb{R}^n}^-$.
- The function ϕ_p is defined as follows:

$$\phi_{p(x)}(t) = \begin{cases} t^{p(x)} & \text{if } p(x) \in (0, \infty), \\ 0 & \text{if } p(x) = \infty \text{ and } t \in [0, 1], \\ \infty & \text{if } p(x) = \infty \text{ and } t \in (1, \infty]. \end{cases}$$

The variable exponent modular associated to $p(\cdot)$ is defined by

$$\varrho_{p(\cdot)}(f) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi_{p(x)}(|f(x)|)dx.$$

The variable exponent Lebesgue space $L_{p(\cdot)} := L_{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is the family of (equivalence classes of) functions $f \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that $\varrho_{p(\cdot)}(f/\lambda)$ is finite for some $\lambda > 0$.

$L_{p(\cdot)}$ is a quasi-Banach space equipped with the quasinorm

$$\|f\|_{p(\cdot)} := \inf \left\{ \mu > 0 : \varrho_{p(\cdot)} \left(\frac{1}{\mu} f \right) \leq 1 \right\}.$$

- We say that a continuous function $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *locally log-Hölder continuous*, abbreviated $g \in C_{loc}^{log}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, if there exists $c_{log}(g) \geq 0$ such that

$$|g(x) - g(y)| \leq \frac{c_{log}(g)}{\log(e + 1/|x - y|)} \quad \text{for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n. \tag{1}$$

The function $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be *globally log-Hölder continuous*, abbreviated $g \in C^{log}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, if it is locally log-Hölder continuous and there exists $g_\infty \in \mathbb{R}$ and $c_\infty(g) \geq 0$ such that

$$|g(x) - g_\infty| \leq \frac{c_\infty(g)}{\log(e + |x|)} \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

We define the following class of variable exponents

$$\mathcal{P}^{log}(\mathbb{R}^n) := \left\{ p \in \mathcal{P} : \frac{1}{p} \in C^{log}(\mathbb{R}^n) \right\}.$$

We define $\frac{1}{p_\infty} := \lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{p(x)}$ and we use the convention $\frac{1}{\infty} = 0$.

2.3. Variable exponent Besov-Morrey spaces

We recall the definition of variable exponent Besov-Morrey spaces. We refer to the papers [1], [18], [17] and [8], for further results on these spaces.

Definition 1. For $p, u \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $0 < p^- \leq p(x) \leq u(x) \leq \infty$, the variable exponent Morrey space $M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)} := M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ consists of all functions $f \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with finite quasinorm

$$\|f\|_{M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)}} := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} r^{\frac{n}{u(x)} - \frac{n}{p(x)}} \|f \chi_{B(x,r)}\|_{L_{p(\cdot)}}. \tag{2}$$

Definition 2. Let $p, q, u \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $p(x) \leq u(x)$. Given a sequence $(f_\nu)_\nu \subset \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, we set

$$\varrho_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}((f_\nu)_\nu) := \sum_{\nu \geq 0} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \varrho_{p(\cdot)} \left(r^{\frac{n}{u(x)} - \frac{n}{p(x)}} f_\nu \chi_{B(x,r)} / \lambda^{\frac{1}{q(\cdot)}} \right) \leq 1 \right\}. \tag{3}$$

Remark 1. When $q^+ < \infty$ or $q^+ = \infty$ and $p(x) \geq q(x)$ we can simplify (3) to obtain

$$\varrho_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}((f_\nu)_\nu) := \sum_{\nu \geq 0} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \left\| \phi_{q(\cdot)} \left(r^{\frac{n}{u(x)} - \frac{n}{p(x)}} |f_\nu| \chi_{B(x,r)} \right) \right\|_{L_{\frac{p(\cdot)}{q(\cdot)}}}$$

Definition 3. Let $p, q, u \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $p(x) \leq u(x)$. The mixed Morrey-sequence space $\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})$ consists of all sequences $(f_\nu)_\nu \subset \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that, $\varrho_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}(\mu(f_\nu)) < \infty$ for some $\mu > 0$. For $(f_\nu)_\nu \in \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})$ we define

$$\|(f_\nu)_\nu\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} := \inf \left\{ \mu > 0 : \varrho_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} \left(\frac{1}{\mu} (f_\nu) \right) \leq 1 \right\}. \tag{4}$$

Proposition 1. Let $p, q, u \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $p(x) \leq u(x)$. Let $(f_\nu)_\nu \in \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})$

(i) The functional $\|\cdot\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}$ is a quasinorm in $\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})$ and

$$\|(f_\nu)_\nu\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}^t = \|(|f_\nu|^t)_\nu\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)/t}(M_{p(\cdot)/t}, u(\cdot)/t)}, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

(ii) If $f_{\nu_0} = f$ for some $f \in M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $\nu_0 \in \mathbb{N}_0$, and $f_\nu = 0$ for all $\nu \neq \nu_0$, then

$$\|(f_\nu)_\nu\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} = \|f\|_{M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)}}.$$

Theorem 1. The functional (4) defines a quasinorm in the vector space $\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})$ for any $p, q, u \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $p(x) \leq u(x)$. Moreover, it induces a norm in the following cases (each one understood for almost every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$):

(i) $p(x) \geq 1$ and $q \in [1, \infty]$ is constant;

(ii) $1 \leq q(x) \leq p(x) \leq u(x) \leq \infty$;

$$(iii) \quad \frac{1}{p(x)} + \frac{1}{q(x)} \leq 1.$$

Besov-Morrey spaces: To define Besov spaces based on $M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)}$, let us first recall the definition of a *Littlewood-Paley partition of unity* $\{\varphi_\nu\}$, $\nu \geq 0$.

The functions φ_ν are defined as follows. Let $\varphi_0 \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ a real function such that $\varphi_0 \equiv 1$ on $B(0; 1)$ and $\text{supp}\varphi_0 \subset B(0; 2)$.

Set

$$\varphi_\nu(\xi) = \varphi_0(2^{-\nu}\xi) - \varphi_0(2^{-\nu+1}\xi) \quad \text{for all } \nu \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then φ_ν is supported on the dyadic shell

$$D_\nu = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : 2^{\nu-1} \leq |\xi| \leq 2^{\nu+1}\}$$

with $D_\nu \cap D_\mu = \emptyset$ if $|\nu - \mu| > 1$. One has

$$\sum_{\nu \geq 0} \varphi_\nu = 1.$$

Then for all $f \in \mathcal{S}'$,

$$f = \sum_{\nu \geq 0} \varphi_\nu f.$$

The Littlewood-Paley partition of unity is used to define the Fourier multiplier $\varphi_j(D)$ as followed

$$\varphi_\nu(D)f(x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\varphi_\nu \cdot \hat{f})(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi_\nu(\xi) \hat{f}(\xi) e^{ix \cdot \xi} d\xi.$$

Definition 4. Let $\{\varphi_\nu\}$ be the Littlewood-Paley partition of unity. Let $s \in C_{loc}^{log}$ and $p, q, u \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that $0 < p^- \leq p(x) \leq u(x) \leq \infty$. The Besov-Morrey spaces $\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}$ consists of all distributions $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} := \|\varphi_0(D)f\|_{M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)}} + \left\| \left(2^{\nu s(\cdot)} \varphi_\nu(D)f \right)_{\nu \geq 1} \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} < \infty. \quad (5)$$

Remark 2.

- (i) Let us notice that Besov-Morrey spaces $\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}$ are defined by the composite $\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})$ while Triebel-Lizorkin-Morrey spaces $\mathcal{E}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}$ are defined by $M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)}(\ell_{q(\cdot)})$.
- (ii) The case of the boundedness of non-regular PDOs on variable exponent Triebel-Lizorkin-Morrey spaces has been studied in [4].

Proposition 2. Let $s \in C_{loc}^{log}$, $p \in \mathcal{P}^{log}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $q, u \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $p(x) \leq u(x)$ and $1/q$ locally log-Hölder continuous. Then it holds

$$\mathcal{S} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{S}'.$$

3. Basic tools

In the following, we present some results which will be useful in the last section. First of all, we recall the η -functions defined on \mathbb{R}^n by

$$\eta_{\nu,m}(x) = 2^{n\nu} (1 + 2^\nu |x|)^{-m}, \quad \nu \in \mathbb{N}_0, m > 0.$$

Note that $\eta_{\nu,m} \in L^1$ for $m > n$ and the corresponding L_1 -norm does not depend on ν .

The next lemmas can be found in [7](Lemma 19) and [9](Lemma 6.1.).

Lemma 1. *Let $\alpha \in C_{loc}^{log}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and let $m \geq 0, l \geq c_{log}(\alpha)$, where c_{log} is the constant from (1) for α . Then*

$$2^{\nu\alpha(x)} \eta_{\nu,m+l}(x - y) \leq c 2^{\nu\alpha(y)} \eta_{\nu,m}(x - y)$$

with $c > 0$ independent of $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

Lemma 2. *Let $t > 0, \nu \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and $m > n$. Then there exist $c = c(t, m, n)$ such that for all $g \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $supp \mathcal{F}g \subset \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\xi| \leq 2^{\nu+1}\}$,*

$$|g(x)| \leq c (\eta_{\nu,m} * |g|^t(x))^{1/t}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Lemma 3. *Let $p \in \mathcal{P}^{log}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u, q \in \mathcal{P}$ such that $\frac{1}{q} \in C_{loc}^{log}$ with*

$$1 \leq p^- \leq p(x) \leq u(x) \leq \infty. \text{ If } m > n + c_{log}(1/q) + n \max \left\{ 0, \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{u(x)} \right) - \frac{1}{p_\infty} \right\},$$

then there exist $c > 0$ such that

$$\|(\eta_{\nu,m} * f_\nu)_\nu\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} \leq c \|(f_\nu)_\nu\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})}$$

for all sequences $(f_\nu)_\nu \subset \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})$.

Lemma 4. *Let $p \in \mathcal{P}^{log}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u \in \mathcal{P}$ with $1 \leq p^- \leq p(x) \leq u(x) \leq \infty$.*

$$\text{If } m > n + n \max \left\{ 0, \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{u(x)} \right) - \frac{1}{p_\infty} \right\}.$$

Then there exists $c > 0$ such that

$$\|\eta_{\nu,m} * f\|_{M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)}} \leq \|f\|_{M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)}}.$$

Lemma 5. *Let $p, u, q \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $p(x) \leq u(x)$. Let $\delta > 0$. For any sequence $(g_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ of non-negative measurable functions on \mathbb{R}^n , let*

$$G_\nu(x) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{-|\nu-j|\delta} g_j(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \nu \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

Then it holds

$$\|(G_\nu)_\nu\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} \lesssim \|(g_j)_j\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})}.$$

4. Boundedness of pseudo-differential operators

We will use symbols for which x -regularity is measured in Hölder-Zygmund spaces.

Definition 5. *The function $a(x, \xi)$ on $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ belongs to the symbol class $C_*^\ell S_{1,\delta}^m$, $\delta \in [0, 1]$, $\ell > 0$ if it is smooth in ξ and satisfies the following estimates:*

$$\begin{cases} \left\| \partial_\xi^\alpha a(\cdot, \xi) \right\|_{C_*^\ell} \leq c_\alpha \langle \xi \rangle^{m-|\alpha|+\ell\delta} \\ \left| \partial_\xi^\alpha a(x, \xi) \right| \leq c'_\alpha \langle \xi \rangle^{m-|\alpha|} \end{cases} \tag{6}$$

where $\langle \xi \rangle$ stands for $(1 + |\xi|^2)^{1/2}$. A pseudo-differential operator on \mathcal{S} with symbol $a \in C_*^\ell S_{1,\delta}^m$ is defined by

$$a(x, D)f(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ix \cdot \xi} a(x, \xi) \mathcal{F}f(\xi) d\xi, \quad f \in \mathcal{S}.$$

We write $a(x, D) \in C_*^\ell OPS_{1,\delta}^m$ if $a(x, \xi)$ belongs to the class $C_*^\ell S_{1,\delta}^m$.

To study the boundedness of $a(x, D)$, we will resolve its symbol a into elementary symbols. Therefore, the operator $a(x, D)$ with symbol a can be resolved into "elementary operators" $a_k(x, D)$ with symbols a_k . This idea has been exploited to establish boundedness of pseudo-differential operators with non-regular symbols in Sobolev spaces $H^{s,p}$ and Hölder-Zygmund spaces C_*^ℓ (see [11], [2]). We will proceed in the same way with the adjoint operator.

Definition 6. [13] *We call elementary symbol in the class $C_*^\ell S_{1,\delta}^m$, $\delta \in [0, 1]$, $\ell > 0$ an expression of the form*

$$a(x, \xi) = \sum_{j \geq 0} \sigma_j(x) \varphi_j(\xi)$$

where φ_0 is smooth supported on the ball $B(0, 2)$, $\varphi_j(\xi) = \varphi(2^{-j}\xi)$ and $\varphi \in C_0^\infty$ is supported on the dyadic shell $D_0 = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid 1/2 \leq |\xi| \leq 2\}$, while σ_j is a uniformly bounded sequence such that

$$\|\sigma_j\|_{C_*^\ell S_{1,\delta}^m} \leq c 2^{j(m+\ell\delta)}.$$

Example 1. *Let $\{\varphi_j\}$ be a Littlewood-Paley partition of unity and $\{\sigma_j\}$ a sequence uniformly bounded in C_*^ℓ .*

Set

$$a(x, D)f(x) = \sum_{j \geq 0} \sigma_j(2^{j\delta}x) \varphi_j(D)f(x), \quad f \in \mathcal{S}$$

then $a(x, D) \in C_*^\ell OPS_{1,\delta}^0$.

Lemma 6. [13] *Let $f = \sum_{j \geq 0} f_j$ in \mathcal{S}' , with $\text{supp} f_j \subset B(0, A2^j)$ for some $A > 0$. Then, for $\ell > 0$,*

$$\|f\|_{C_*^\ell} \leq c(A) \sup_{j \geq 0} \left\{ 2^{j\ell} \|f_j\|_{L^\infty} \right\}. \tag{7}$$

Let us establish the two following lemmas which play a fundamental role in the proof of the boundedness of pseudo-differential operators on $\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}$.

Lemma 7. *Let $c_1, c_2 > 0$, $p \in \mathcal{P}^{log}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $u, q \in \mathcal{P}$ such that $\frac{1}{q} \in C_{loc}^{log}$ with $1 \leq p^- \leq p(x) \leq u(x) \leq \infty$. Let $\{f_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ be a sequence of tempered distributions such that*

$$supp \mathcal{F} f_0 \subset B(0, 2c_2)$$

and

$$supp \mathcal{F} f_k \subset \left\{ \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : c_1 2^{k-1} \leq |\xi| \leq c_2 2^{k+1} \right\} \text{ for } k > 0.$$

Then

$$\left\| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k \right\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \lesssim \left\| \left(2^{ks(\cdot)} f_k \right)_k \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})}.$$

Proof. Using (5) we have

$$\left\| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k \right\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} = \left\| \varphi_0(D) \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k \right) \right\|_{M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)}} + \left\| \left\{ 2^{js(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D) \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k \right) \right\}_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})}.$$

Since φ_j is supported on the dyadic shell D_j , while φ_0 is supported on the ball $B(0; 2)$, there are $N_1, N_2 \in \mathbb{N}_0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k \right\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} &= \left\| \varphi_0(D) \left(\sum_{k=0}^{N_1} f_k \right) \right\|_{M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)}} + \left\| \left\{ 2^{js(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D) \left(\sum_{k=j-N_1}^{j+N_2} f_k \right) \right\}_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} \\ &= \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{N_1} \check{\varphi}_0 * f_k \right\|_{M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)}} + \left\| \left\{ 2^{js(\cdot)} \sum_{k=j-N_1}^{j+N_2} \check{\varphi}_j * f_k \right\}_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us now estimate these two terms.

- Estimation of the term $\left\| \sum_{k=0}^{N_1} \check{\varphi}_0 * f_k \right\|_{M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)}}$

One has

$$supp \mathcal{F} (\check{\varphi}_0 * f_k) \subset \{ \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\xi| \leq 2 \}.$$

Then by lemma 2, $|\check{\varphi}_0 * f_k| \lesssim |f_k|$. It follows that

$$\left\| \sum_{k=0}^{N_1} \check{\varphi}_0 * f_k \right\|_{M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)}} \lesssim \sum_{k=0}^{N_1} \|f_k\|_{M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{N_1} \|(0, \dots, f_k, 0, \dots)\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} \quad \text{by proposition 1} \\
 &\lesssim \left\| \left(2^{ks(\cdot)} f_k \right)_k \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}.
 \end{aligned}$$

• Estimation of the term $\left\| \left\{ 2^{js(\cdot)} \sum_{k=j-N}^{j+N} \check{\varphi}_j * f_k \right\}_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}$.

Since $\check{\varphi}_j * f_k \in \mathcal{S}'$ and $\text{supp} \mathcal{F}(\check{\varphi}_j * f_k) \subset \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\xi| \leq 2^{j+1}\}$, then by lemma 2,

$$|\check{\varphi}_j * f_k| \lesssim (\eta_{j,m} * |f_k|^t)^{1/t}$$

for any $m > n + c_{\log}(s) + c_{\log}(\frac{1}{q}) + n \max \left\{ 0, \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{u(x)} \right) - \frac{1}{p_\infty} \right\}$ and any $t > 0$.

Thus with $t = 1$,

$$\left\| \left\{ 2^{js(\cdot)} \sum_{k=j-N_1}^{j+N_2} \check{\varphi}_j * f_k \right\}_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} \lesssim \left\| \left\{ \sum_{k=j-N_1}^{j+N_2} 2^{js(\cdot)} (\eta_{j,m} * |f_k|) \right\}_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}.$$

By lemma 1, we can move $2^{js(\cdot)}$ inside the convolution and get

$$2^{js(\cdot)} (\eta_{j,m} * |f_k|) \lesssim \eta_{j,m-c_{\log}(s)} * 2^{js(\cdot)} |f_k|.$$

Let us notice that if $m > n + c_{\log}(s) + c_{\log}(\frac{1}{q}) + n \max \left\{ 0, \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{u(x)} \right) - \frac{1}{p_\infty} \right\}$ then $m - c_{\log}(s)$ verifies the hypothesis of the lemma 3. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\| \left\{ 2^{js(\cdot)} \sum_{k=j-N_1}^{j+N_2} \check{\varphi}_j * f_k \right\}_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} &\lesssim \left\| \left\{ \sum_{k=j-N_1}^{j+N_2} \left(\eta_{j,m-c_{\log}(s)} * 2^{js(\cdot)} |f_k| \right) \right\}_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=j-N_1}^{j+N_2} \left\| \left\{ \left(\eta_{j,m-c_{\log}(s)} * 2^{js(\cdot)} |f_k| \right) \right\}_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By lemma 3 ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\| \left\{ 2^{js(\cdot)} \sum_{k=j-N_1}^{j+N_2} \check{\varphi}_j * f_k \right\}_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} &\lesssim \sum_{k=0}^{N_1+N_2} \left\| \left(2^{js(\cdot)} f_{j+k-N_1} \right)_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} \\
 &\lesssim \left\| \left(2^{ks(\cdot)} f_k \right)_k \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The two estimations yield the desired estimate. □

Lemma 8. Let $c > 0, p \in \mathcal{P}^{log}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u, q \in \mathcal{P}$ such that $\frac{1}{q} \in C_{loc}^{log}$ with $1 \leq p^- \leq p(x) \leq u(x) \leq \infty$. Let $s \in C_{loc}^{log}$ such that $s^- > 0$. Let $\{f_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ be a sequence of tempered distributions such that

$$supp \mathcal{F} f_k \subset \left\{ \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\xi| \leq c2^{k+1} \right\}.$$

Then

$$\left\| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k \right\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \lesssim \left\| \left(2^{ks(\cdot)} f_k \right)_k \right\|_{\ell_q(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}.$$

Proof. Using the hypothesis on $Supp \varphi_j$, there is $N \in \mathbb{N}_0$ such that

$$\left\| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k \right\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} = \left\| \varphi_0(D) \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k \right) \right\|_{M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)}} + \left\| \left\{ 2^{js(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D) \left(\sum_{k=j-N}^{\infty} f_k \right) \right\}_{j \geq N} \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} \tag{8}$$

(i) Let us first estimate the term $\left\| \varphi_0(D) \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k \right) \right\|_{M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)}} = \left\| \sum_{k=0}^N \check{\varphi}_0 * f_k \right\|_{M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)}}$.

Since

$$supp \mathcal{F} (\check{\varphi}_0 * f_k) \subset \left\{ \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\xi| \leq 2^{k+1} \right\},$$

By lemma 2

$$\left\| \varphi_0(D) \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k \right) \right\|_{M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)}} \lesssim \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \eta_{k,m} * |f_k| \right\|_{M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)}},$$

for any $m > n + c_{log}(s) + c_{log}(\frac{1}{q}) + n \max \left\{ 0, \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{u(x)} \right) - \frac{1}{p_{\infty}} \right\}$.

Then

$$\left\| \varphi_0(D) \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k \right) \right\|_{M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)}} \lesssim \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-ks^-} \left(\eta_{k,m-c_{log}(s)} * 2^{ks(\cdot)} |f_k| \right) \right\|_{M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)}} \text{ by lemma 1.}$$

Using proposition 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-ks^-} \left(\eta_{k,m-c_{log}(s)} * 2^{ks(\cdot)} |f_k| \right) \right\|_{M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)}} &= \left\| \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-ks^-} \left(\eta_{k,m-c_{log}(s)} * 2^{ks(\cdot)} f_k \right) \right\}_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} \\ &\lesssim \left\| \left(\eta_{k,m-c_{log}(s)} * 2^{ks(\cdot)} f_k \right)_k \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} \text{ by lemma 5} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by lemma 2, it follows that

$$\left\| \varphi_0(D) \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k \right) \right\|_{M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)}} \lesssim \left\| \left(2^{ks(\cdot)} f_k \right)_k \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}.$$

(ii) Now let us estimate the term
$$\left\| \left\{ 2^{js(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D) \left(\sum_{k=j-N}^{\infty} f_k \right) \right\}_{j \geq N} \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} .$$

$$\left\| \left\{ 2^{js(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D) \left(\sum_{k=j-N}^{\infty} f_k \right) \right\}_{j \geq N} \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} = \left\| \left\{ \sum_{k=j-N}^{\infty} 2^{js(\cdot)} (\check{\varphi}_j * f_k) \right\}_{j \geq N} \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} .$$

Since

$$\begin{cases} \text{supp} \mathcal{F}(\check{\varphi}_j * f_k) \subset \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\xi| \leq 2^{j+1}\} \\ \text{supp} \mathcal{F}(\check{\varphi}_j * f_k) \subset \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\xi| \leq 2^{k+1}\}, \end{cases}$$

by lemma 2

$$\begin{cases} 2^{js(\cdot)} (\check{\varphi}_j * f_k) \lesssim 2^{js(\cdot)} (\eta_{j,m} * |f_k|) \\ 2^{js(\cdot)} (\check{\varphi}_j * f_k) \lesssim 2^{js(\cdot)} (\eta_{k,m} * |f_k|) \end{cases}$$

for $m > n + c_{\log}(1/q) + c_{\log}(s) + n \max \left\{ 0, \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{u(x)} \right) - \frac{1}{p_{\infty}} \right\}$.

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| 2^{js(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D) \left(\sum_{k=j-N}^{\infty} f_k \right) \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} &\lesssim \left\| \left\{ \sum_{k=j-N}^j 2^{js(\cdot)} (\eta_{j,m} * |f_k|) \right\}_{j \geq N} \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} \\ &+ \left\| \left\{ \sum_{k=j+1}^{\infty} 2^{-(k-j)s(\cdot)} 2^{ks(\cdot)} (\eta_{k,m} * |f_k|) \right\}_{j \geq N} \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} . \end{aligned}$$

We are left now to estimate each terms on the right-hand side.

Using lemma 1 we can move $2^{\nu s(\cdot)}$ inside the convolution $2^{\nu s(\cdot)} (\eta_{\nu,m} * |f_k|)$ and get

$$2^{\nu s(\cdot)} (\eta_{\nu,m} * |f_k|) \lesssim (\eta_{\nu,m_0} * 2^{\nu s(\cdot)} |f_k|) , \nu = j \text{ or } k \text{ where } m_0 = m - c_{\log}(s).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \left\| \left\{ \sum_{k=j-N}^j 2^{js(\cdot)} (\eta_{j,m} * |f_k|) \right\}_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} &\lesssim \sum_{\ell=-N}^0 \left\| \left\{ (\eta_{j,m_0} * 2^{j s(\cdot)} |f_{j+\ell}|) \right\}_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} \\ &\lesssim \left\| \left(2^{js(\cdot)} f_j \right)_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} \text{ by lemma 3.} \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\bullet \left\| \left\{ \sum_{k=j+1}^{\infty} 2^{-(k-j)s(\cdot)} 2^{ks(\cdot)} (\eta_{k,m} * |f_k|) \right\}_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\lesssim \left\| \left\{ \sum_{k=j+1}^{\infty} 2^{-|j-k|s(\cdot)} \left(\eta_{k,m_0} * 2^{ks(\cdot)} |f_k| \right) \right\}_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} \\
 &\lesssim \left\| \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-|j-k|s^-} \left(\eta_{k,m_0} * 2^{ks(\cdot)} |f_k| \right) \right\}_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} \\
 &\lesssim \left\| \left(\eta_{k,m_0} * 2^{ks(\cdot)} |f_k| \right)_k \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} \\
 &\lesssim \left\| \left(2^{ks(\cdot)} f_k \right)_k \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} \text{ by lemma 5 and 3.}
 \end{aligned}$$

□

4.1. The main estimate

In this subsection, we will establish the boundedness of pseudo-differential operators on $\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}$.

Theorem 2. *Let $a(x, \xi) \in C_{*\delta}^{\ell} S_{1,\delta}^m$ where $m \in \mathbb{R}$, $\delta \in [0, 1]$ and $\ell > 0$. Let $p \in \mathcal{P}^{log}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u, q \in \mathcal{P}$ such that $\frac{1}{q} \in C_{loc}^{log}$ with $1 \leq p^- \leq p(x) \leq u(x) \leq \infty$. Let $s \in C_{loc}^{log}$ such that $0 < s^- \leq s(x) < \ell$. Then*

$$a(x, D) : \mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)+m} \longrightarrow \mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}$$

is bounded.

Remark 3. *The operator $(1 - \Delta)^{\frac{m}{2}}$, $m \in \mathbb{R}$ is an isomorphism that composes well with pseudo-differential operators (see [13] and [15]). Thus, it is enough to treat the case $m = 0$. Therefore let us set $a(x, \xi) \in C_{*\delta}^{\ell} S_{1,\delta}^0$. The symbol reduction method due to Coifman and Meyer [3], makes it possible to be limited to symbols of the form (see [13], [11], [2] and [16])*

$$a(x, \xi) = \sum_{j \geq 0} \sigma_j(x) \varphi_j(\xi)$$

where σ_j satisfies

$$\|\sigma_j\|_{C_*^{\ell}} \leq c 2^{j\ell\delta} \tag{9}$$

$$\text{and } \|\sigma_j\|_{L^{\infty}} \leq c \tag{10}$$

with c depending on δ and ℓ but not on j and φ_j is exactly a Littlewood-Paley function.

Proof. Let

$$a(x, \xi) = \sum_{j \geq 0} \sigma_j(x) \varphi_j(\xi)$$

with the conditions given above. Let us decompose this symbol into three parts.

First of all we have $\sigma_j(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \varphi_k(D) \sigma_j(x)$.

By multiplying each member by $\varphi_j(\xi)$, we obtain $\sigma_j(x) \varphi_j(\xi) = \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \varphi_k(D) \sigma_j(x) \right) \varphi_j(\xi)$.

$$\text{and then } a(x, \xi) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \varphi_k(D) \sigma_j(x) \right) \varphi_j(\xi).$$

By setting $a_{kj} = \varphi_k(D) \sigma_j$ we have

$$a(x, \xi) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{kj} \right) \varphi_j(\xi). \tag{11}$$

Now we rewrite (11) as a sum of three parts

$$\begin{aligned} a(x, \xi) &= \sum_{j \geq 0} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{j-4} a_{kj}(x) + \sum_{k=j-3}^{j+3} a_{kj}(x) + \sum_{k=j+4}^{\infty} a_{kj}(x) \right) \varphi_j(\xi) \\ &= a_1(x, \xi) + a_2(x, \xi) + a_3(x, \xi) \end{aligned}$$

(i) Let $\varphi_j(D)f = f_j$. Then we define three "elementary" pseudo-differential operators:

$$\begin{aligned} a_1(x, D)f &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{j-4} a_{kj} f_j \right), \\ a_2(x, D)f &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=j-3}^{j+3} a_{kj} f_j \right), \\ a_3(x, D)f &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=j+4}^{\infty} a_{kj} f_j \right). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) It remains to estimate each of these three pseudo-differential operators.

For this purpose, it's necessary to estimate $\|a_{kj}\|_{L^\infty}$.

Let us recall the quasinorm of C_*^ℓ : $\|\varphi_k(D)\sigma_j\|_{C_*^\ell} = \sup_k 2^{k\ell} \|\varphi_k(D)\sigma_j\|_{L^\infty}$.

Since

$$\|\varphi_k(D)\sigma_j\|_{C_*^\ell} \leq c \|\sigma_j\|_{C_*^\ell}.$$

Then

$$\sup_k 2^{k\ell} \|\varphi_k(D)\sigma_j\|_{L^\infty} \leq c \|\sigma_j\|_{C_*^\ell}.$$

Using (9), we obtain

$$\|a_{kj}\|_{L^\infty} \leq c2^{j\ell\delta}2^{-k\ell}. \tag{12}$$

We are ready to estimate the pseudo-differential operators $a_1(x, D), a_2(x, D)$ and $a_3(x, D)$.

- The estimation of $a_1(x, D)$.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{j-4} a_{kj} f_j \right) &= \sum_{k=0}^{j-4} \mathcal{F} (\varphi_k(D)\sigma_j) * \mathcal{F} (\varphi_j(D)f) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{j-4} (\psi_k \mathcal{F}\sigma_j) * (\psi_j \mathcal{F}f). \end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that $\text{supp}(f * g) \subset \text{supp}f + \text{supp}g$ for all compactly supported distributions $f, g \in \mathcal{S}'$, we have

$$\text{supp}\mathcal{F} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{j-4} a_{kj} f_j \right) \subset \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\xi| \sim 2^{j+1}\}.$$

Then lemma 7 yields

$$\begin{aligned} \|a_1(x, D)f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} &= \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{j-4} a_{kj} f_j \right) \right\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \\ &\lesssim \left\| \left(2^{js(\cdot)} \sum_{k=0}^{j-4} a_{kj} f_j \right)_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} \\ &\lesssim \left(\sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0} \sum_{k=0}^{\max\{j-4,0\}} \|a_{kj}\|_{L^\infty} \right) \left\| \left(2^{js(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D)f \right)_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} \\ &\lesssim \left\| \left(2^{js(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D)f \right)_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\|a_1(x, D)f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}}.$$

- Estimation of $a_2(x, D)$

For the second part $\|a_2(x, D)f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} = \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=j-3}^{j+3} a_{kj} f_j \right) \right\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}}$,

Let us first observe that

$$\mathcal{F} \left(\sum_{k=j-3}^{j+3} a_{kj} f_j \right) = \sum_{k=j-3}^{j+3} \mathcal{F} (\varphi_k(D)\sigma_j) * \mathcal{F} (\varphi_j(D)f)$$

$$= \sum_{k=j-3}^{j+3} (\varphi_k \mathcal{F} \sigma_j) * (\varphi_j \mathcal{F} f).$$

Therefore $\mathcal{F} \left(\sum_{k=j-3}^{j+3} a_{kj} f_j \right)$ is supported on the ball $B(0, 2^{j+4})$. By lemma 8,

$$\begin{aligned} \|a_2(x, D)f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} &\lesssim \left\| \left(2^{js(\cdot)} \sum_{k=j-3}^{j+3} a_{kj} f_j \right) \right\|_{j, \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} \\ &\leq 2^{-m} \left\| \left(\sum_{k=j-3}^{j+3} \|a_{kj}\|_{L^\infty} 2^{js(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D)f \right) \right\|_{j, \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}. \end{aligned}$$

Now using (12) one has $\sum_{k=j-3}^{j+3} \|a_{kj}\|_{L^\infty} \lesssim \sum_{k=-3}^3 2^{-k\ell} < \infty$ (with $\delta = 1$)

and then

$$\begin{aligned} \|a_2(x, D)f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} &\lesssim \left\| \left(2^{js(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D)f \right) \right\|_{j, \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} \\ &\lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \end{aligned}$$

• Estimation of $a_3(x, D)$

Since $\mathcal{F} \left(\sum_{k=j+4}^{\infty} a_{kj} f_j \right)$ is not supported on any ball or shell, we cannot directly use neither lemma 7 nor lemma 8. However, in \mathcal{S}' we can write

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=j+4}^{\infty} a_{kj} f_j = \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{k-4} a_{kj} f_j.$$

We have

$$\mathcal{F} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-4} a_{kj} f_j \right) = \sum_{j=0}^{k-4} (\psi_k \mathcal{F} a_j) * (\psi_j \mathcal{F} f)$$

then

$$\text{supp} \mathcal{F} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-4} a_{kj} f_j \right) \subset \left\{ \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\xi| \sim 2^{k+1} \right\}.$$

Then lemma 7 yields

$$\begin{aligned} \|a_3(x, D)f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} &= \left\| \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-4} a_{kj} f_j \right) \right\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \\ &\lesssim \left\| \left(2^{ks(\cdot)} \sum_{j=0}^{k-4} a_{kj} f_j \right) \right\|_{k, \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} \\ &\lesssim \left\| \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-4} \|a_{kj}\|_{L^\infty} 2^{ks(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D) f \right) \right\|_{k, \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} . \end{aligned}$$

If we use (12) with $\delta = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|a_3(x, D)f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} &\lesssim \left\| \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-4} 2^{j\ell} 2^{-k\ell} 2^{ks(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D) f \right) \right\|_{k, \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} \\ &= \left\| \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-4} 2^{(k-j)(s(\cdot)-\ell)} 2^{js(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D) f \right) \right\|_{k, \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} \\ &\leq \left\| \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-4} 2^{-|k-j||s^- - \ell|} 2^{js(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D) f \right) \right\|_{k, \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} \\ &\leq \left\| \left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{-|k-j||s^- - \ell|} 2^{js(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D) f \right) \right\|_{k, \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} . \end{aligned}$$

By hypothesis we have $|s^- - \ell| > 0$. Therefore, by lemma 5

$$\left\| \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-4} 2^{-|k-j||s^- - \ell|} 2^{js(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D) f \right) \right\|_{j, \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} \lesssim \left\| \left(2^{js(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D) f \right) \right\|_{k, \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot)})} .$$

Then

$$\|a_3(x, D)f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot),u(\cdot),q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} .$$

The proof is completed. □

4.2. The adjoint operator estimate

In this subsection, let us go further by studying the boundedness of the adjoint operator. Let the adjoint operator A^* of the operator A defined by

$$\int (Af)\bar{g}dx = \int f\overline{A^*g}dx \quad f, g \in \mathcal{S}. \tag{13}$$

Since an operator $a(x, D)$ with symbol $a(x, \xi) \in C_*^\ell S_{1,\delta}^0$ can be decomposed in the form

$$a(x, D) = a_1(x, D) + a_2(x, D) + a_3(x, D),$$

then its adjoint $a(x, D)^*$ can be written as follow

$$a(x, D)^* = a_1(x, D)^* + a_2(x, D)^* + a_3(x, D)^*.$$

This method has already been used by Marschall in [11] and [12].

Let's calculate $a_\lambda(x, D)^*$ for $\lambda = 1, 2, 3$. For that, let $a_\lambda(x, D)f = \sum_{j \in I_\lambda} \sum_{k \in I'_\lambda} a_{kj} f_j$ where

$$I_\lambda \subset \mathbb{N}_0, I'_\lambda \subset \mathbb{N}_0.$$

Using (13),

$$\begin{aligned} \int (a_\lambda(x, D)f(x)) \bar{g}(x) dx &= \int \sum_{j \in I_\lambda} \sum_{k \in I'_\lambda} a_{kj} \varphi_j(D) f(x) \bar{g}(x) dx \\ &= \int \left(\sum_{j \in I_\lambda} \sum_{k \in I'_\lambda} \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\varphi_j \mathcal{F} f) \overline{a_{kj} g} \right) (x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Plancherel's theorem yields

$$\int (a_\lambda(x, D)f(x)) \bar{g}(x) dx = \int f(x) \overline{\left(\sum_{j \in I_\lambda} \sum_{k \in I'_\lambda} \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\varphi_j \mathcal{F}(\overline{a_{kj} g})) \right)} (x) dx.$$

Then, the adjoint of $a_\lambda(x, D)$ is

$$a_\lambda(x, D)^* f = \sum_{j \in I_\lambda} \sum_{k \in I'_\lambda} \varphi_j(D) (\overline{a_{kj} f}) = \sum_{j \in I_\lambda} \sum_{k \in I'_\lambda} \varphi_j(D) \left(\overline{a_{kj}} \sum_{k'=0}^{\infty} \varphi_{k'}(D) f \right).$$

Thus

$$a_\lambda(x, D)^* f = \sum_{j \in I_\lambda} \sum_{k \in I'_\lambda} \varphi_j(D) \left(\overline{a_{kj}} \sum_{k'=0}^{\infty} f_{k'} \right) = \sum_{j \in I_\lambda} \sum_{k \in I'_\lambda} \sum_{k'=0}^{\infty} \varphi_j(D) (\overline{a_{kj}} f_{k'}) \quad \text{for } \lambda = 1, 2, 3 \tag{14}$$

One has

$$\mathcal{F} \{ \varphi_j(D) (\overline{a_{kj}} f_{k'}) \} = \varphi_j \mathcal{F} \{ \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\varphi_k \mathcal{F} \sigma_j) \cdot \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\varphi_{k'} \mathcal{F} f) \}.$$

The intersection of the supports of φ_j and $\mathcal{F} \{ \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\varphi_k \mathcal{F} \sigma_j) \cdot \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\varphi_{k'} \mathcal{F} f) \}$ is empty if the non-negative integer k' does not verify the following cases (See [14] and [11]):

$$\begin{cases} j - 3 \leq k' \leq j + 3 & \text{and } k = 0, \dots, j + 3 \\ j - 3 \leq k \leq j + 3 & \text{and } k' = 0, \dots, j + 3 \\ k \geq j + 4, k' \geq j + 4 & \text{and } |k' - k| \leq 3. \end{cases} .$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1(x, D)^* f &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{j-4} \varphi_j(D) \left(\overline{a_{kj}} \sum_{k'=j-3}^{j+3} f_{k'} \right), \\
 a_2(x, D)^* f &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=j-3}^{j+3} \varphi_j(D) \left(\overline{a_{kj}} \sum_{k'=0}^{j+6} f_{k'} \right), \\
 a_3(x, D)^* f &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=j+4}^{\infty} \varphi_j(D) \left(\overline{a_{kj}} \sum_{k'=k-3}^{k+3} f_{k'} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3. Let $a(x, \xi) \in C_*^\ell S_{1,\delta}^m$ where $m \in \mathbb{R}$, $\delta \in [0, 1]$ and $\ell > 0$. Let $p \in \mathcal{P}^{log}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $u, q \in \mathcal{P}$ such that $\frac{1}{q} \in C_{loc}^{log}$ with $1 \leq p^- \leq p(x) \leq u(x) \leq \infty$. Let $s \in C_{loc}^{log}$ such that $0 < s^- \leq s(x) < \ell$. Then

$$a(x, D)^* : \mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)} \longrightarrow \mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)-m}$$

is bounded.

Proof. As for the proof of theorem 2, we will proceed by estimating the three above operators. Let $m = 0$.

- The estimation of $a_1(x, D)^*$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|a_1(x, D)^* f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} &= \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{j-4} \varphi_j(D) \left(\overline{a_{kj}} \sum_{k'=j-3}^{j+3} f_{k'} \right) \right\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \\
 &= \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{j-4} \varphi_j(D) (\overline{a_{kj}} f_j) \right\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Here $f_j := \varphi'_j f$ where φ'_j is a suitably chosen smooth function supported in the annulus $|\xi| \sim 2^j$.

Moreover we have

$$\text{supp} \mathcal{F} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{j-4} \varphi_j(D) (\overline{a_{kj}} f_j) \right\} \subset \{ \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\xi| \sim 2^j \}.$$

By applying lemma 7 and lemma 1 we obtain,

$$\|a_1(x, D)^* f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \lesssim \left\| \left(2^{js(\cdot)} \check{\varphi}_j * \sum_{k=0}^{j-4} \overline{a_{kj}} f_j \right) \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}$$

$$\lesssim \left\| \left(2^{js(\cdot)} \eta_{j,m} * \left| \sum_{k=0}^{j-4} \overline{a_{kj}} f_j \right| \right) \right\|_{j, \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}$$

for any $m > n + c_{log}(s) + c_{log}(\frac{1}{q}) + n \max \left\{ 0, \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{u(x)} \right) - \frac{1}{p_\infty} \right\}$

Thus, by lemmas 2,

$$\|a_1(x, D)^* f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \lesssim \left\| \left(\eta_{j, m - C_{log}(s)} * \sum_{k=0}^{j-4} |\overline{a_{kj}} 2^{js(\cdot)} f_j| \right) \right\|_{j, \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}$$

Then by lemma 3 ,

$$\|a_1(x, D)^* f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \lesssim \left\| \left(\sum_{k=0}^{j-4} \|\overline{a_{kj}}\|_{L^\infty} 2^{js(\cdot)} \varphi'_j(D) f \right) \right\|_{j, \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}$$

Therefore

$$\|a_1(x, D)^* f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \tag{15}$$

- The estimation of $a_2(x, D)^*$

$$\begin{aligned} \|a_2(x, D)^* f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} &= \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=j-3}^{j+3} \varphi_j(D) \left(\overline{a_{kj}} \sum_{k'=0}^{j+6} f_{k'} \right) \right\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \\ &= \left\| \sum_{k=-3}^3 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varphi_j(D) \left(\overline{a_{(k+j)j}} \sum_{k'=0}^{j+6} f_{k'} \right) \right\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \\ &\lesssim \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \varphi_j(D) \left(\overline{a_{(k+j)j}} \sum_{k'=0}^{j+6} f_{k'} \right) \right\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \end{aligned}$$

One has

$$\text{supp } \mathcal{F} \left\{ \varphi_j(D) \left(\overline{a_{(k+j)j}} \sum_{k'=0}^{j+6} f_{k'} \right) \right\} \subset B(0, c2^{j+1}).$$

By lemma 8 ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|a_2(x, D)^* f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} &\lesssim \left\| \left(2^{js(\cdot)} \varphi_j(D) \left(\overline{a_{(k+j)j}} \sum_{k'=0}^{j+6} f_{k'} \right) \right) \right\|_{j, \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} \\ &\lesssim \left\| \left(\|\overline{a_{(k+j)j}}\|_{L^\infty} 2^{js(\cdot)} \eta_{j, m - C_{log}(s)} * \left| \sum_{k'=0}^{j+6} f_{k'} \right| \right) \right\|_{j, \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} \end{aligned}$$

for any $m > n + c_{\log}(s) + c_{\log}(\frac{1}{q}) + n \max \left\{ 0, \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{u(x)} \right) - \frac{1}{p_\infty} \right\}$.
 Then by lemma 3

$$\|a_2(x, D)^* f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \lesssim \left\| \left(2^{js(\cdot)} \sum_{k'=0}^{j+6} \varphi_{k'}(D) f \right)_j \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}$$

Then

$$\|a_2(x, D)^* f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \tag{16}$$

- The estimation of $a_3(x, D)^*$

$$\begin{aligned} \|a_3(x, D)^* f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} &= \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=j+4}^{\infty} \varphi_j(D) \left(\overline{a_{kj}} \sum_{k'=k-3}^{k+3} f_{k'} \right) \right\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \\ &= \left\| \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{k-4} \varphi_j(D) (\overline{a_{kj}} f_j) \right\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \end{aligned}$$

Here $f_j := \varphi'_j f$ where φ'_j is a suitably chosen smooth function supported in the annulus $|\xi| \sim 2^j$.

Moreover we have

$$\text{supp} \mathcal{F} \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{k-4} \varphi_j(D) (\overline{a_{kj}} f_j) \right\} \subset \left\{ \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\xi| \sim 2^k \right\}.$$

Then by lemma 7 ,

$$\|a_3(x, D)^* f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} = \left\| \left(2^{ks(\cdot)} \sum_{j=0}^{k-4} \varphi_j(D) (\overline{a_{kj}} f_j) \right)_k \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}$$

For any $m > n + c_{\log}(s) + c_{\log}(\frac{1}{q}) + n \max \left\{ 0, \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{u(x)} \right) - \frac{1}{p_\infty} \right\}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|a_3(x, D)^* f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} &\lesssim \left\| \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-4} \eta_{j, m - C_{\log}(s)} * \left| \overline{a_{kj}} 2^{ks(\cdot)} \varphi'_j(D) f \right| \right)_k \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} \\ &\lesssim \left\| \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-4} \left| \overline{a_{kj}} 2^{ks(\cdot)} \varphi'_j(D) f \right| \right)_k \right\|_{\ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lesssim \left\| \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-4} \|\bar{a}_{kj}\|_{L^\infty} \left| 2^{ks(\cdot)} \varphi'_j(D)f \right| \right) \right\|_{k, \ell_{q(\cdot)}(M_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot)})}.$$

The rest is the same as that of $a_3(x, D)$ in the proof of theorem 2.

We obtain

$$\|a_3(x, D)^* f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{N}_{p(\cdot), u(\cdot), q(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}} \quad (17)$$

The three estimates (15) , (16) and (17) yield the desired estimate. \square

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