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**ABSTRACT.** We introduce a Littlewood-Paley characterization of modulation spaces and use it to give an alternative proof of the algebra property, implicitly contained in [STW11], of the intersection  $M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap M_{\infty,1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  for  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p, q \in [1, \infty]$  and  $s \geq 0$ . We employ this algebra property to show the local well-posedness of the Cauchy problem for the cubic nonlinear Schrödinger equation in the above intersection. This improves [BO09, Theorem 1.1] by Bényi and Okoudjou, where only the case  $q = 1$  is considered, and closes a gap in the literature. If  $q > 1$  and  $s > d\left(1 - \frac{1}{q}\right)$  or if  $q = 1$  and  $s \geq 0$  then  $M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d) \hookrightarrow M_{\infty,1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and the above intersection is superfluous. For this case we also obtain a new Hölder-type inequality for modulation spaces.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we contribute to the general theory of modulation spaces. Modulation spaces  $M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$  were introduced by Feichtinger in [Fei83]. Here, we only briefly recall their definition and refer to Section 2 and the literature mentioned there for more information. Fix a so-called *window function*  $g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d) \setminus \{0\}$ . The *short-time Fourier transform*  $V_g f$  of a tempered distribution  $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with respect to the window  $g$  is defined by

$$(1) \quad (V_g f)(x, \xi) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \overline{\langle f, M_\xi S_x g \rangle} \quad \forall x, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

where  $S_x g(y) = g(y - x)$  denotes the *right-shift* by  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $(M_\xi g)(y) = e^{ik \cdot y} g(y)$  the *modulation* by  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \bar{f}(x) g(x) dx$  for  $f \in L_{\text{loc}}^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . We define

$$\begin{aligned} M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d) &= \left\{ f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d) \mid \|f\|_{M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)} < \infty \right\}, \text{ where} \\ \|f\|_{M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)} &= \left\| \xi \mapsto \langle \xi \rangle^s \|V_g f(\cdot, \xi)\|_p \right\|_q \end{aligned}$$

for  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ . As usual in the literature, we set  $M_{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d) := M_{p,q}^0(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and often shorten the notation for  $M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$  to  $M_{p,q}^s$ . It can be shown, that the  $M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$  are Banach spaces and that different choices of the window function  $g$  lead to equivalent norms.

To state our first result, let us recall the definition of the Littlewood-Paley decomposition. Consider a smooth radial function  $\phi_0 \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $\phi_0(\xi) = 1$  for

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all  $|\xi| \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\text{supp}(\phi_0) \subseteq B_1(0)$ . Set  $\phi_1 = \phi_0(\frac{\cdot}{2}) - \phi_0$  and  $\phi_l = \phi_1(\frac{\cdot}{2^{l-1}})$  for all  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ . The multiplier operators defined by

$$\Delta_l f := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \check{\phi}_l * f = \mathcal{F}^{(-1)} \phi_l \mathcal{F} f \quad \forall \in \mathbb{N}_0 \forall f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

are called *dyadic decomposition operators* and the sequence  $(\Delta_l f)_{l \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  is called the *Littlewood-Paley decomposition* of  $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Above,  $\mathcal{F}$  denotes the usual *Fourier transform* and  $\mathcal{F}^{(-1)}$  its inverse.

Our first result is

**Theorem 1** (Littlewood-Paley characterization). *Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p, q \in [1, \infty]$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then*

$$\|f\| := \left\| \left( 2^{ls} \|\Delta_l f\|_{M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)} \right)_{l \in \mathbb{N}_0} \right\|_q \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

defines an equivalent norm on  $M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . The constants of the norm equivalence depend only on  $d$  and  $s$ .

The above characterization of modulation spaces is new and we shall use it to prove that the intersections  $M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap M_{\infty,1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  are *Banach \*-algebras*<sup>1</sup>. To state this second result, let us denote by  $C_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$  the space of bounded complex-valued continuous functions on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , where  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ . We then have

**Theorem 2** (Algebra property). *Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p, q \in [1, \infty]$  and  $s \geq 0$ . Then  $M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap M_{\infty,1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is a Banach \*-algebra with respect to pointwise multiplication and complex conjugation. These operations are well-defined due to the embedding  $M_{\infty,1}(\mathbb{R}^d) \hookrightarrow C_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Furthermore, if  $q > 1$  and  $s > d\left(1 - \frac{1}{q}\right)$  or if  $q = 1$ , then  $M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d) \hookrightarrow M_{\infty,1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , so in particular  $M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is a Banach \*-algebra, in that case.*

The latter case of Theorem 2 had been observed already in 1983 by Feichtinger in his aforementioned pioneering work on modulation spaces (cf. [Fei83, Proposition 6.9]), where he proves it using a rather abstract approach via Banach convolution triples. The case  $q > 1$  and  $s \in \left[0, d\left(1 - \frac{1}{q}\right)\right]$  seems to be new, at least as a statement. A different proof of Theorem 2 can be given following the idea of proof of [STW11, Proposition 3.2], see [Cha18, Proposition 4.2].

Our third result is a Hölder-type inequality for modulation spaces, which is stated in

**Theorem 3** (Hölder-type inequality). *Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $p, p_1, p_2, q \in [1, \infty]$  be such that  $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2}$ . For  $q > 1$  let  $s > d\left(1 - \frac{1}{q}\right)$  and for  $q = 1$  let  $s \geq 0$ . Then there is a  $C > 0$  such that for any  $f \in M_{p_1,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and any  $g \in M_{p_2,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$  one has  $fg \in M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and*

$$(2) \quad \|fg\|_{M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C \|f\|_{M_{p_1,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)} \|g\|_{M_{p_2,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)}.$$

The above pointwise multiplication  $fg$  is well-defined due to the embedding formulated in Theorem 2. The constant  $C$  does *not* depend on  $p, p_1$  or  $p_2$ .

Theorem 3 easily generalizes to  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  factors and  $p, p_1, \dots, p_m \in (0, \infty]$ . Hence, it extends the multilinear estimate from [BO09, Equation 2.4] to the case  $q_0 = \dots = q_m > 1$ .

<sup>1</sup>For us, a Banach \*-algebra  $X$  is a Banach algebra over  $\mathbb{C}$  on which a continuous *involution*  $*$  is defined, i.e.  $(x+y)^* = x^* + y^*$ ,  $(\lambda x)^* = \bar{\lambda}x^*$ ,  $(xy)^* = y^*x^*$  and  $(x^*)^* = x$  for any  $x, y \in X$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . We neither require  $X$  to have a unit nor  $C = 1$  in the estimates  $\|x \cdot y\| \leq C \|x\| \|y\|$ ,  $\|x^*\| \leq C \|x\|$ .

Here we present a direct proof of Theorem 3, close to the approach found in [WZG06, Corollary 4.2] and involving an application of Theorem 2. For a proof avoiding the Littewood-Paley characterization see the proof of [Cha18, Theorem 4.3]. A yet another and more abstract proof could be given by invoking [Fei80, Theorem 3] for a specific choice of Banach convolution triples.

Lastly, we employ Theorem 2 to study the Cauchy problem for the cubic nonlinear Schrödinger equation (*NLS*)

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} i \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, t) + \Delta u(x, t) \pm |u|^2 u(x, t) = 0 & (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) & x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \end{cases}$$

where the initial data  $u_0$  is in an intersection of modulation spaces  $M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap M_{\infty,1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . We are interested in *mild solutions*  $u$  of (3), i.e.

$$u \in C([0, T], M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap M_{\infty,1}(\mathbb{R}^d))$$

for some  $T > 0$  which satisfy the corresponding integral equation

$$(4) \quad u(\cdot, t) = e^{it\Delta} u_0 \pm i \int_0^t e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta} (|u|^2 u(\cdot, \tau)) d\tau \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

Our last result is stated in

**Theorem 4** (Local well-posedness). *Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p \in [1, \infty]$ ,  $q \in [1, \infty)$  and  $s \geq 0$ . Set  $X = M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap M_{\infty,1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $X(T) = C([0, T], X)$ ,  $X_*(T) = C([0, T], X)$  for any  $T > 0$ . Assume that  $u_0 \in X$ . Then, there exists a unique maximal mild solution  $u \in X_*(T_*)$  of (3) and the blow-up alternative*

$$T_* < \infty \quad \Rightarrow \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow T_*^-} \|u(\cdot, t)\|_X = \infty$$

*holds. Moreover, for any  $T' \in (0, T_*)$  there exists a neighborhood  $V$  of  $u_0$  in  $X$ , such that the initial-data-to-solution-map  $V \rightarrow X(T')$ ,  $v_0 \mapsto v$  is Lipschitz continuous.*

As already stated in Theorem 2 one has that, if  $q > 1$  and  $s > d \left(1 - \frac{1}{q}\right)$  or if  $q = 1$ , then  $M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d) \hookrightarrow M_{\infty,1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and so  $X = M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , in that case.

In the case  $q = \infty$  excluded in Theorem 4, the situation is more subtle. Following our proof, one obtains local well-posedness in the larger space

$$L^\infty([0, T], M_{p,\infty}^s(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap M_{\infty,1}(\mathbb{R}^d)).$$

The missing continuity in time is due to the properties of the free Schrödinger evolution and we refer to the remarks after Theorem 10.

The precursors of Theorem 4 are [WZG06, Theorem 1.1] by Wang, Zhao and Guo for the space  $M_{2,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and [BO09, Theorem 1.1] due to Bényi and Okoudjou for the space  $M_{p,1}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $p \in [1, \infty]$  and  $s \geq 0$ . In fact, Theorem 4 generalizes [BO09, Theorem 1.1] to  $q \geq 1$ : Although our theorem is stated for the cubic nonlinearity, this is for simplicity of the presentation only. The proof allows for an easy generalization to *algebraic nonlinearities* considered in [BO09], which are of the form

$$(5) \quad f(u) = g(|u|^2)u = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k |u|^{2k} u,$$

where  $g$  is an entire function. Also, [BO09, Theorems 1.2 and 1.3], which concern the nonlinear wave and the nonlinear Klein-Gordon equation respectively, can be generalized in the same spirit. The reason for this is that the proof of these results is based on the well-known Banach's contraction principle, on the fact that the free propagator is a  $C_0$ -group, and on the algebra property of the spaces under

consideration. Although the ingredients seem to be known in the community, the results to be found in the literature (e.g. [WHHG11, Theorem 6.2]) are not as general as Theorem 4. In this sense, it closes a gap in the literature.

Let us remark that local well-posedness results in the case of modulation spaces that are not Banach  $*$ -algebras are [Guo16, Theorem 1.4] for  $u_0 \in M_{2,q}(\mathbb{R})$  with  $q \in [2, \infty)$  and [CHKP19, Theorem 6] with  $u_0 \in M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R})$  with either  $p \in [2, 3]$ ,  $q \in [1, \frac{3}{2}]$  and  $s \geq 0$  or  $p \in [2, 3]$ ,  $q \in (\frac{3}{2}, \frac{18}{11}]$  and  $s > \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{q}$  or  $q \in (\frac{18}{11}, 2]$ ,  $p \in [2, \frac{10q}{7q-6})$  and  $s > \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{q}$  (see also [Pat18, Theorem 4]).

The remainder of our paper is structured as follows. We start with Section 2 providing an overview over modulation spaces and the free Schrödinger propagator on them. In Section 3 we apply methods from the Littlewood-Paley theory to prove Theorem 1. In the subsequent Section 4 we prove the algebra property from Theorem 2, notice the resulting similar property for weighted sequence spaces in Lemma 12 and deduce the Hölder-type inequality stated in Theorem 3. Finally, we prove Theorem 4 on the local well-posedness in Section 5.

**Notation.** We denote generic constants by  $C$ . To emphasize on which quantities a constant depends we write e.g.  $C = C(d)$  or  $C = C(d, s)$ . Sometimes we omit a positive constant from an inequality by writing “ $\lesssim$ ”, e.g.  $A \lesssim_d B$  instead of  $A \leq C(d)B$ . By  $A \approx B$  we mean  $A \lesssim B$  and  $B \lesssim A$ . Special constants are  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  for the *dimension*,  $p, q \in [1, \infty]$  for the *Lebesgue* exponents and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  for the *regularity* exponent. By  $p'$  we mean the *dual* exponent of  $p$ , that is the number satisfying  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$ .

We denote by  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  the set of *Schwartz functions* and by  $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  the space of *tempered distributions*. Furthermore, we denote the *Bessel potential spaces* or simply  $L^2$ -based *Sobolev spaces* by  $H^s = H^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . For the space of smooth functions with compact support we write  $C_c^\infty$ . The letters  $f, g, h$  denote either generic functions  $\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  or generic tempered distributions and  $(a_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} = (a_k)_k = (a_k)$ ,  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} = (b_k)_k = (b_k)$  denote generic complex-valued sequences. By  $\langle \cdot \rangle = \sqrt{1 + |\cdot|^2}$  we mean the *Japanese bracket*.

For a Banach space  $X$  we write  $X^*$  for its dual and  $\|\cdot\|_X$  for the norm it is canonically equipped with. By  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  we denote the space of all bounded linear maps from  $X$  to  $Y$ , where  $Y$  is another Banach space, and set  $\mathcal{L}(X) = \mathcal{L}(X, X)$ . By  $[X, Y]_\theta$  we mean complex interpolation between  $X$  and  $Y$ , if  $(X, Y)$  is an interpolation couple. For brevity we write  $\|\cdot\|_p$  for the  $p$ -norm on the *Lebesgue space*  $L^p = L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , the *sequence space*  $l^p = l^p(\mathbb{Z}^d)$  or  $l^p = l^p(\mathbb{N}_0)$  and  $\|(a_k)\|_{q,s} := \|(\langle k \rangle^s a_k)\|_q$  for the norm on  $\langle \cdot \rangle^s$ -weighted sequence spaces  $l_s^q = l_s^q(\mathbb{Z}^d)$ . If the norm is apparent from the context, we write  $B_r(x)$  for a ball of radius  $r$  around  $x \in X$ .

We use the symmetric choice of constants for the Fourier transform and also write

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}(\xi) &:= (\mathcal{F}f)(\xi) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-i\xi \cdot x} f(x) dx, \\ \check{g}(x) &:= (\mathcal{F}^{(-1)}g)(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{i\xi \cdot x} g(\xi) d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

As already mentioned in the introduction, modulation spaces were introduced by Feichtinger in [Fei83] in the setting of locally compact Abelian groups. A thorough introduction is given in the textbook [Grö01] by Gröchenig. A presentation

incorporating the characterization of modulation spaces via *isometric decomposition operators*, which we are going to use below, is contained in the paper [WH07, Section 2, 3] by Wang and Hudzik. A survey on modulation spaces and nonlinear evolution equations is given in [RSW12].

A convenient equivalent norm on modulation spaces which we are going to use is constructed as follows (cf. [WH07, Propostition 2.1]): Set  $Q_0 := [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]^d$  and  $Q_k := Q_0 + k$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ . Consider a smooth partition of unity  $(\sigma_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \in (C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d))^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$  satisfying

- $\exists c > 0 : \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^d : \forall \eta \in Q_k : |\sigma_k(\eta)| \geq c$ ,
- $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^d : \text{supp}(\sigma_k) \subseteq B_{\sqrt{d}}(k)$ ,
- $\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sigma_k = 1$ ,
- $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}_0 : \exists C_m > 0 : \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^d : \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d : |\alpha| \leq m \Rightarrow \|D^\alpha \sigma_k\|_\infty \leq C_m$

and define the *isometric decomposition operators*  $\square_k := \mathcal{F}^{(-1)} \sigma_k \mathcal{F}$ . We need the following often used (cf. [WH07, Proposition 1.9])

**Lemma 5** (Bernstein multiplier estimate). *Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $r, p_1, p_2 \in [1, \infty]$  such that  $1 + \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{p_1}$ . Consider the multiplier operator  $T_\sigma : \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with symbol  $\sigma$  defined by*

$$T_\sigma f = \mathcal{F}^{(-1)} \sigma \mathcal{F} f = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \check{\sigma} * f \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

*Then, for any  $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , every derivative of  $T_\sigma f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  (including  $T_\sigma f$ ) has at most polynomial growth. Furthermore  $\|T_\sigma f\|_{p_2} \leq \frac{\|\check{\sigma}\|_r}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \|f\|_{p_1}$  for any  $f \in L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .*

Putting  $r = 1$  and  $p_1 = p_2 = p$  in Lemma 5, shows that  $\square_k f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  for  $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $\|\square_k\|_{\mathcal{L}(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))}$  is bounded independently of  $k$  and  $p$ . The aforementioned equivalent norm for the modulation space  $M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is given by (see [WH07, Proposition 2.1])

$$(6) \quad \|f\|_{M_{p,q}^s} \approx \left\| \left( \langle k \rangle^s \|\square_k f\|_p \right)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_q.$$

Choosing a different partition of unity  $(\sigma_k)$  yields yet another equivalent norm.

**Lemma 6** (Continuous embeddings). *Let  $s_1 \geq s_2$ ,  $1 \leq p_1 \leq p_2 \leq \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q_1 \leq q_2 \leq \infty$ ,  $q > 1$  and  $s > \frac{d}{q}$ . Then*

- (1)  $M_{p_1, q_1}^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}^d) \subseteq M_{p_2, q_2}^{s_2}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and the embedding is continuous,
- (2)  $M_{p_1, q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d) \subseteq M_{p_1, 1}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and the embedding is continuous,
- (3)  $M_{p_1, 1}^s(\mathbb{R}^d) \hookrightarrow C_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

Lemma 6 is well-known (cf. [WH07, Proposition 2.5, 2.7]), but for convenience we sketch a

*Proof.* (1) One can change indices one by one. The inclusion for “ $s$ ” is by monotonicity and the inclusion for “ $q$ ” is by the embeddings of the  $l^q$  spaces. For the “ $p$ ”-embedding consider  $\tau \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  such that  $\tau|_{B_{\sqrt{d}}} \equiv 1$  and  $\text{supp}(\tau) \subseteq B_d$ . For every  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ , consider the shifted symbol  $\tau_k = S_k \tau$ , define the corresponding multiplier operator  $\tilde{\square}_k = \mathcal{F}^{(-1)} \tau_k \mathcal{F}$  and observe, that  $\hat{\tau}_k = M_k \hat{\tau}$ . Hence, by Lemma 5, the family  $(\tilde{\square}_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{L}(L^{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^d), L^{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^d))$ . So,  $\|\square_k f\|_{p_2} = \|\tilde{\square}_k \square_k f\|_{p_2} \lesssim_d \|\square_k f\|_{p_1}$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ . Recalling (6) completes the argument.

(2) By Hölder's inequality we immediately have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{p_1,1} &\approx \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \|\square_k f\|_{p_1} \leq \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \langle k \rangle^{-sq'} \right)^{\frac{1}{q'}} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \langle k \rangle^{sq} \|\square_k f\|_p^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\approx \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \langle k \rangle^{-sq'} \right)^{\frac{1}{q'}} \|f\|_{M_{p_1,q}^s} \end{aligned}$$

and the first factor is finite for  $s > \frac{d}{q'}$  by comparison with the integral  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \langle x \rangle^{-sq'} dx$ .

(3) By part (1) it is enough to show that  $M_{\infty,1} \hookrightarrow C_b$ . For any  $f \in M_{\infty,1}$  we have  $\sum_{\substack{|k| \leq N \\ \in C^\infty}} \square_k f \rightarrow f$  in  $S'$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . But simultaneously, the series

$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \square_k f$  is absolutely convergent in  $L^\infty$  to, say,  $g \in C_b$ . As  $M_{\infty,1} \hookrightarrow S'$  (see [Fei83, Thm. 6.1 (B)]), we have  $f = g$ .  $\square$

For the proof of Theorem 2 we will need the following (cf. [BO09, eqn. (2.4)])

**Lemma 7** (Bilinear estimate). *Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . Assume  $f \in M_{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $g \in M_{\infty,1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Then*

$$\|fg\|_{M_{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d)} \lesssim \|f\|_{M_{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d)} \|g\|_{M_{\infty,1}(\mathbb{R}^d)},$$

where the implicit constant does not depend on  $p$  or  $q$ .

For convenience, and because we will generalize Lemma 7 to Theorem 3, we present a proof close to the one of [WZG06, Corollary 4.2].

*Proof.* We use (6) to estimate the modulation space norm of the left-hand side. Fix a  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ . By the definition of the operator  $\square_k$  we have

$$\square_k(fg) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \mathcal{F}^{(-1)} \left( \sigma_k(\hat{f} * \hat{g}) \right) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \sum_{l,m \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \mathcal{F}^{(-1)} \left( \sigma_k((\sigma_l \hat{f}) * (\sigma_m \hat{g})) \right).$$

As the supports of the partition of unity are compact, many summands vanish. Indeed, for any  $k, l, m \in \mathbb{Z}^d$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{supp} \left( \sigma_k \left( (\sigma_l \hat{f}) * (\sigma_m \hat{g}) \right) \right) &\subseteq \text{supp}(\sigma_k) \cap (\text{supp}(\sigma_l) + \text{supp}(\sigma_m)) \\ &\subseteq B_{\sqrt{d}}(k) \cap B_{2\sqrt{d}}(l+m) \end{aligned}$$

and so  $\sigma_k \left( (\sigma_l \hat{f}) * (\sigma_m \hat{g}) \right) \equiv 0$  if  $|(k-l) - m| > 3\sqrt{d}$ . Hence, the double series over  $l, m \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  boils down to a finite sum of discrete convolutions

$$\begin{aligned} \square_k(fg) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \mathcal{F}^{(-1)} \left( \sigma_k \sum_{m \in M} \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} (\sigma_l \hat{f}) * (\sigma_{k-l+m} \hat{g}) \right) \\ &= \square_k \sum_{m \in M} \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} (\square_l f) \cdot (\square_{k+m-l} g), \end{aligned}$$

where  $M = \{m \in \mathbb{Z}^d \mid |m| \leq 3\sqrt{d}\}$  and  $\#M \leq (6\sqrt{d} + 1)^d < \infty$ . That was the job of  $\square_k$  and we now get rid of it,

$$\|\square_k(fg)\|_p \lesssim \sum_{m \in M} \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \|(\square_l f) \cdot (\square_{k+m-l} g)\|_p,$$



using the Bernstein multiplier estimate from Lemma 5.

Invoking Hölder's inequality we further estimate

$$(7) \quad \|\square_k(fg)\|_p \lesssim \sum_{m \in M} \left( \left( \|\square_l(f)\|_p \right)_l * \left( \|\square_{n+m}(g)\|_\infty \right)_n \right) (k)$$

pointwise in  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ , where  $*$  denotes the convolution of sequences, and hence obtain

$$\|fg\|_{M_{p,q}} \lesssim \left\| \left( \|\square_l f\|_p \right)_l \right\|_q \left\| \left( \|\square_n g\|_\infty \right)_n \right\|_1$$

by Young's inequality.  $\square$

**Lemma 8** (Dual space). *For  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $p, q \in [1, \infty)$  we have*

$$(M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d))^* = M_{p',q'}^{-s}(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

(see [WH07, Theorem 3.1]).

**Theorem 9** (Complex interpolation). *For  $p_1, q_1 \in [1, \infty)$ ,  $p_2, q_2 \in [1, \infty]$ ,  $s_1, s_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  one has*

$$[M_{p_1,q_1}^{s_1}(\mathbb{R}^d), M_{p_2,q_2}^{s_2}(\mathbb{R}^d)]_\theta = M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d),$$

with

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1-\theta}{p_1} + \frac{\theta}{p_2}, \quad \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1-\theta}{q_1} + \frac{\theta}{q_2}, \quad s = (1-\theta)s_1 + \theta s_2$$

(see [Fei83, Theorem 6.1 (D)]).

We are now ready to state and prove the following

**Theorem 10** (Schrödinger propagator bound). *There is a constant  $C > 0$  such that for any  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p, q \in [1, \infty]$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  the inequality*

$$(8) \quad \|e^{it\Delta}\|_{\mathcal{L}(M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d))} \leq C^d (1+|t|)^{d|\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{p}|}$$

holds for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Furthermore, the exponent of the time dependence is sharp.

The boundedness has been obtained e.g. in [BGOR07, Theorem 1] whereas the sharpness was proven in [CN09, Proposition 4.1]. If  $q < \infty$ , then  $(e^{it\Delta})_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  is a  $C_0$ -group on  $M_{p,q}^s$ , i.e.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|e^{it\Delta} f - f\|_{M_{p,q}^s} = 0 \quad \forall f \in M_{p,q}^s$$

(see e.g. [Cha18, Proposition 3.5]). This is not true for  $q = \infty$  and we refer to [Kun19] for this more subtle case.

*Theorem 10.* By definition, we have

$$(V_g e^{it\Delta} f)(x, \xi) = e^{-it|\xi|^2} (V_{e^{it\Delta} g} f)(x + 2t\xi, \xi)$$

for any  $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , any  $(x, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$ , and any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , i.e. the Schrödinger time evolution of the initial data can be interpreted as the time evolution of the window function. The price for changing from window  $g_0$  to window  $g_1$  is  $\|V_{g_0} g_1\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d)}$  by [Grö01, Proposition 11.3.2 (c)]. For  $g(x) = e^{-|x|^2}$  one explicitly calculates

$$\|V_{e^{-it\Delta} g} g\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d)} = C^d (1+|t|)^{\frac{d}{2}},$$

which proves the claimed bound for  $p \in \{1, \infty\}$ . Conservation for  $p = 2$  is easily seen from (6). Complex interpolation between the cases  $p = 2$  and  $p = \infty$  yields (8) for  $p \in [2, \infty]$ . The remaining case  $p \in (1, 2)$  is covered by duality.

Optimality in the case  $p \in [1, 2]$  is proven by choosing the window  $g$  and the argument  $f$  to be a Gaussian and explicitly calculating  $\|e^{it\Delta} f\|_{M_{p,q}^s} \approx (1+|t|)^{d(\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{2})}$ . This implies the optimality for  $p \in (2, \infty]$  by duality.  $\square$

## 3. LITTLEWOOD-PALEY THEORY

In this section we extend some ideas of the Littlewood-Paley decomposition from Sobolev spaces  $H^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$  to modulation spaces  $M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . The inspiration for this was [AG07, Chapter II].

Observe, that for any  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d$  one has

$$\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \phi_l(\xi) = \phi_0(\xi) + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{l=1}^N \left[ \phi_1\left(\frac{\xi}{2^l}\right) - \phi_1\left(\frac{\xi}{2^{l-1}}\right) \right] = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \phi_0\left(\frac{\xi}{2^N}\right) = 1,$$

i.e.  $\{\phi_0, \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots\}$  is a smooth partition of unity. Moreover,  $\text{supp}(\phi_l) \subseteq A_l$  for any  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , where

$$A_0 := \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid |\xi| \leq 1\} \quad \text{and} \quad A_l := \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid 2^{l-2} \leq |\xi| \leq 2^l\} \quad \forall l \in \mathbb{N}.$$

The symbols of the dyadic decomposition operators satisfy

$$\|\hat{\phi}_l\|_1 = \|\mathcal{F}\left[\phi_1\left(\frac{\cdot}{2^{l-1}}\right)\right]\|_1 = \|2^{l-1}\hat{\phi}_1(2^{l-1}\cdot)\|_1 = \|\hat{\phi}_1\|_1 \leq 2\|\hat{\phi}_0\|_1$$

for all  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ . Applying Lemma 5 shows that for any  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and any  $f \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  one has that  $\Delta_l f \in C^\infty$  and any of its derivatives has at most polynomial growth. Furthermore,  $\|\Delta_l\|_{\mathcal{L}(L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))}$  is bounded independently of  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $p \in [1, \infty]$ .

*Theorem 1.* We start by gathering some useful facts. Fix  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ . Recall, that  $\text{supp}(\phi_l) \subseteq A_l$  and  $\text{supp}(\sigma_k) \subseteq B_{\sqrt{d}}(k)$ . Hence,

$$(9) \quad \square_k \Delta_l \neq 0 \Rightarrow k \in A'_l := \left\{k' \in \mathbb{Z}^d \mid 2^{l-2} - \sqrt{d} \leq |k'| \leq 2^l + \sqrt{d}\right\}.$$

On  $A'_l$  the Japanese bracket can be controlled. In fact, for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  we have

$$(10) \quad \langle k \rangle^t \approx 2^{lt},$$

where the implicit constant does not depend on  $l$ .

Finally, observe that  $k \in A'_l$  is satisfied for only finitely many  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , whose number is independent of  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ , i.e.

$$(11) \quad \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_{A'_l}(k) \lesssim 1,$$

where the implicit constant depends on  $d$  only.

- $\gtrsim$ : Consider  $q < \infty$  first. By (6), (9), Bernstein multiplier estimate, (10) and (11) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \left( 2^{ls} \|\Delta_l f\|_{M_{p,q}} \right)_l \right\|_q \\ & \approx \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} 2^{lsq} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \|\square_k \Delta_l f\|_p^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \lesssim \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k \in A'_l} 2^{lsq} \|\square_k f\|_p^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \approx \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \mathbb{1}_{A'_l}(k) \langle k \rangle^{qs} \|\square_k f\|_p^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \lesssim \|f\|_{M_{p,q}^s}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for  $q = \infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \left( 2^{ls} \|\Delta_l f\|_{M_{p,\infty}} \right)_l \right\|_{\infty} &= \sup_{l \in \mathbb{N}_0} 2^{ls} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \|\square_k \Delta_l f\|_p \\ &\lesssim \sup_{l \in \mathbb{N}_0} \sup_{k \in A'_l} \langle k \rangle^s \|\square_k f\|_p \approx \|f\|_{M_{p,\infty}^s}. \end{aligned}$$

- $\lesssim$ : Again, consider  $q < \infty$  first. By (6),  $f = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \Delta_l f$  in  $\mathcal{S}'$  and (9) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{M_{p,q}^s} &\lesssim \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \langle k \rangle^{qs} \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \|\square_k \Delta_l f\|_p \right)^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\lesssim \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \langle k \rangle^{qs} \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_{A'_l}(k) \|\square_k \Delta_l f\|_p \right)^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

For each  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  the sum over  $l$  contains only finitely many non-vanishing summands and their number is independent of  $k$  by (11). Hölder's inequality estimates the last term against

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \langle k \rangle^{qs} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_{A'_l}(k) \|\square_k \Delta_l f\|_p^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} &\approx \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} 2^{lsq} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \mathbb{1}_{A'_l}(k) \|\Delta_l \square_k f\|_p^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq \left\| \left( 2^{ls} \|\Delta_l f\|_{M_{p,q}} \right)_l \right\|_q, \end{aligned}$$

where we additionally used (10). The proof for  $q = \infty$  is along the same lines. □

The individual parts of the Littlewood-Paley decomposition had their Fourier transform supported in almost disjoint dyadic annuli. Theorem 1 characterized elements of modulation spaces by the decay of these parts. The following lemma provides a sufficient condition for the case of non-disjoint balls.

**Lemma 11** (Sufficient condition). *Let  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $s > 0$ . For  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$  let  $f_m \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  be such that*

$$\text{supp}(\hat{f}_m) \subseteq B_m := \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid |\xi| \leq 2^m\} \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

Set  $f := \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} f_m$  in  $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Then

$$\|f\|_{M_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^d)} \lesssim \left\| \left( 2^{ms} \|f_m\|_{M_{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^d)} \right)_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0} \right\|_q,$$

where the implicit constant depends on  $d$  and  $s$  only.

*Proof.* Observe, that  $A_l \cap B_m = \emptyset$  if  $l > m + 2$ . Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{M_{p,q}^s} &\approx \left\| \left( 2^{ls} \|\Delta_l f\|_{M_{p,q}} \right)_l \right\|_q \lesssim \left\| \left( 2^{ls} \sum_{m=l}^{\infty} \|\Delta_l f_m\|_{M_{p,q}} \right)_l \right\|_q \\ &\lesssim \left\| \left( 2^{ls} \sum_{m=l}^{\infty} \|f_m\|_{M_{p,q}} \right)_l \right\|_q, \end{aligned}$$

where we additionally used Theorem 1 and Bernstein multiplier estimate. From now on, we assume  $q \in (1, \infty)$ , as the proof for the other cases is easier and follows the same lines. Hölder's inequality and geometric sum formula estimates the last

term against

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{m=l}^{\infty} 2^{ls} \|f_m\|_{M_{p,q}} \right)^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
&= \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{m=l}^{\infty} 2^{\frac{(l-m)s}{q'}} \times 2^{\frac{(l-m)s}{q}} 2^{ms} \|f_m\|_{M_{p,q}} \right)^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
&\leq \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{m=l}^{\infty} 2^{(l-m)s} \right)^{\frac{q}{q'}} \left( \sum_{m=l}^{\infty} 2^{(l-m)s} 2^{msq} \|f_m\|_{M_{p,q}}^q \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
&\approx \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^m 2^{(l-m)s} 2^{msq} \|f_m\|_{M_{p,q}}^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
&\approx \left\| \left( 2^{ms} \|f_m\|_{M_{p,q}} \right)_m \right\|_q,
\end{aligned}$$

finishing the proof.  $\square$

#### 4. ALGEBRA PROPERTY AND HÖLDER-TYPE INEQUALITY

Main goal of this section is to prove Theorem 2, which was inspired by the fact that  $H^s(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is a Banach \*-algebra with respect to pointwise multiplication for  $s \geq 0$ .

*Theorem 2.* Parts 2 and 3 of Lemma 6 prove the claimed embedding. Continuity of complex conjugation is obvious from (6). Continuity of multiplication follows by the paraproduct argument

$$fg = \left( \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \Delta_l f \right) \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \Delta_m g \right) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{\left( \Delta_l f \sum_{m=0}^l \Delta_m g \right)}_{=: u_l} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\left( \Delta_m g \sum_{l=0}^{m-1} \Delta_l f \right)}_{=: v_m}.$$

Observe, that for any  $l, m \in \mathbb{N}_0$  we have  $\text{supp}(\hat{u}_l) \subseteq B_{l+1}$  and  $\text{supp}(\hat{v}_m) \subseteq B_m$  by the properties of convolution. Hence, Lemma 11 could be applied. Bilinear estimate from Lemma 7 and Theorem 1 show

$$\left\| \left( 2^{ls} \|u_l\|_{M_{p,q}} \right)_l \right\|_q \leq \left\| \left( 2^{ls} \|\Delta_l f\|_{M_{p,q}} \right)_l \right\|_q \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \|\Delta_m g\|_{M_{\infty,1}} \approx \|f\|_{M_{p,q}^s} \|g\|_{M_{\infty,1}}.$$

The same argument yields  $\|\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} v_m\|_{M_{p,q}^s} \lesssim \|f\|_{M_{\infty,1}} \|g\|_{M_{p,q}^s}$  and finishes the proof.  $\square$

The analogon of Theorem 2 for sequence spaces is stated in

**Lemma 12** (Algebra property). *Let  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $s \geq 0$ . Then  $l_s^q(\mathbb{Z}^d) \cap l^1(\mathbb{Z}^d)$  is a Banach algebra with respect to convolution*

$$(12) \quad (a_l) * (b_m) = \left( \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^d} a_{k-m} b_m \right)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d},$$

which is well-defined, as the series above always converge absolutely.

Furthermore, if  $q > 1$  and  $s > d \left(1 - \frac{1}{q}\right)$  or  $q = 1$ , then  $l_s^q(\mathbb{Z}^d) \hookrightarrow l^1(\mathbb{Z}^d)$ , so in particular  $l_s^q(\mathbb{Z}^d)$  is a Banach algebra, in that case.

Although this result is certainly not new, we could not find a suitable reference. A proof can be given using the same techniques as for the proof of Theorem 2, i.e. by proving analoga of Theorem 1 and Lemma 11 for the weighted sequence spaces. Another approach is to notice that by definition

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} a_k e^{ikx} \right\|_{M_{\infty,q}^s} \approx \|(a_k)\|_{l_s^q}$$

and hence, by Theorem 2, one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(a_k) * (b_k)\|_{l_s^q} \\ & \approx \left\| \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} a_k e^{ikx} \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} b_k e^{ikx} \right) \right\|_{M_{\infty,q}^s} \\ & \lesssim \left\| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} a_k e^{ikx} \right\|_{M_{\infty,q}^s} \left\| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} b_k e^{ikx} \right\|_{M_{\infty,1}} + \left\| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} a_k e^{ikx} \right\|_{M_{\infty,1}} \left\| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} b_k e^{ikx} \right\|_{M_{\infty,q}^s} \\ & \approx \|(a_k)\|_{l_s^q} \|(b_k)\|_{l^1} + \|(a_k)\|_{l^1} \|(b_k)\|_{l_s^q}. \end{aligned}$$

We are now ready to give a

*Theorem 3.* We arrive, as for equation (7) in the proof of Lemma 7, at

$$\|\square_k(fg)\|_p \lesssim \sum_{m \in M} \left( \left( \|\square_l(f)\|_{p_1} \right)_l * \left( \|\square_{n+m}(g)\|_{p_2} \right)_n \right) (k)$$

pointwise in  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ . By the algebra property from Lemma 12, it follows that

$$\|fg\|_{M_{p,q}^s} \lesssim \left\| \left( \|\square_l f\|_{p_1} \right)_l \right\|_{q,s} \left( \sum_{m \in M} \left\| \left( \|\square_{n+m} g\|_{p_2} \right)_n \right\|_{q,s} \right)$$

and the first factor is already  $\|f\|_{M_{p,q}^s}$ . Finally, we remove the sum over  $m$  in the second factor

$$\sum_{m \in M} \left\| \left( \|\square_{n+m} g\|_{p_2} \right)_n \right\|_{q,s} \lesssim \|g\|_{M_{p_2,q}^s}$$

applying Peetre's inequality  $\langle k+l \rangle^s \leq 2^{|s|} \langle k \rangle^s \langle l \rangle^{|s|}$  (see e.g. [RT10, Proposition 3.3.31]).

Let us finish the proof remarking that the only estimate involving “ $p$ ”s we used was Hölder's inequality and thus the implicit constant indeed does not depend on  $p, p_1$  or  $p_2$ .  $\square$

## 5. PROOF OF THE LOCAL WELL-POSEDNESS, THEOREM 4.

Theorem 2 immediately implies that  $X(T)$  is a Banach \*-algebra, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \|uv\|_{X(T)} &= \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|uv(\cdot, t)\|_X \lesssim \left( \sup_{0 \leq s \leq T} \|u(\cdot, s)\|_X \right) \left( \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|v(\cdot, t)\|_X \right) \\ &= \|u\|_{X(T)} \|v\|_{X(T)}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $R > 0$  we denote by  $M(R, T) = \left\{ u \in X(T) \mid \|u\|_{X(T)} \leq R \right\}$  the closed ball of radius  $R$  in  $X(T)$  centered at the origin. We show that for some  $R, T > 0$  the right-hand side of (4),

$$(13) \quad (\mathcal{T}u)(\cdot, t) := e^{it\Delta} u_0 \pm i \int_0^t e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta} \left( |u|^2 u(\cdot, \tau) \right) d\tau \quad (\forall t \in [0, T]),$$

defines a contractive self-mapping  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}(u_0) : M_{R,T} \rightarrow M_{R,T}$ .

To that end, let us observe that Theorem 10 implies the *homogeneous estimate*

$$\|t \mapsto e^{it\Delta} v\|_X \leq C_0(1+T)^{\frac{d}{2}} \|v\|_X \quad (\forall v \in X),$$

which, together with the algebra property of  $X(T)$ , proves the *inhomogeneous estimate*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \int_0^t e^{i(t-\tau)\Delta} (|u|^2 u(\cdot, \tau)) \, d\tau \right\|_X \\ & \leq C_0(1+T)^{\frac{d}{2}} \int_0^t \left\| |u|^2 u(\cdot, \tau) \right\|_X \, d\tau \leq C_0 C_1 T (1+T)^{\frac{d}{2}} \|u\|_X^3, \end{aligned}$$

holding for  $0 \leq t \leq T$  and  $u \in X(T)$ .

Applying the triangle inequality in (13) yields

$$\|\mathcal{T}u\|_X \leq C_0(1+T)^{\frac{d}{2}} (\|u_0\|_X + C_1 T R^3)$$

for any  $u \in M(R, T)$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{T}$  maps  $M(R, T)$  into itself for  $R = 2C_0 C_1 \|u_0\|_X$  and  $T$  small enough. Furthermore,

$$|u|^2 u - |v|^2 v = (u-v)|u|^2 + (\bar{u}u - \bar{v}v)v = (u-v)(|u|^2 + \bar{u}v) + (\bar{u} - \bar{v})v^2$$

and hence

$$\|\mathcal{T}u - \mathcal{T}v\|_{X(T)} \lesssim T(1+T)^{\frac{d}{2}} R^2 \|u-v\|_{X(T)}$$

for  $u, v \in M(R, T)$ , where we additionally used the algebra property of  $X(T)$  and the homogeneous estimate. Taking  $T$  sufficiently small makes  $\mathcal{T}$  a contraction.

Banach's fixed-point theorem implies the existence and uniqueness of a mild solution up to the *guaranteed time of existence*  $T_0 = T_0(\|u_0\|_X) \approx \|u_0\|_X^{-2} > 0$ . Uniqueness of the maximal solution and the blow-up alternative now follow easily by the usual contradiction argument.

For the proof of the Lipschitz continuity, let us notice that for any  $r > \|u_0\|_X$ ,  $v_0 \in B_r(0)$  and  $0 < T \leq T_0(r)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u-v\|_{X(T)} &= \|\mathcal{T}(u_0)u - \mathcal{T}(v_0)v\|_{X(T)} \\ &\lesssim (1+T)^{\frac{d}{2}} \|u_0 - v_0\|_X + T(1+T)^{\frac{d}{2}} R^2 \|u-v\|_{X(T)}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $v$  is the mild solution corresponding to the initial data  $v_0$  and  $R = 2Cr$ , similar to the above. Collecting terms containing  $\|u-v\|_{X(T)}$  shows Lipschitz continuity with constant  $L = L(r)$  for sufficiently small  $T$ , say  $T_l = T_l(r)$ . For arbitrary  $0 < T' < T_*$  put  $r = 2\|u\|_{X(T')}$  and divide  $[0, T']$  into  $n$  subintervals of length  $\leq T_l$ . The claim follows for  $V = B_\delta(u_0)$  where  $\delta = \frac{\|u_0\|_X}{L^n}$  by iteration. This concludes the proof.  $\square$

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