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Multi-parameter singular integral operators and representation theorem

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Abstract. We formulate a class of singular integral operators in arbitrarily many parameters using mixed type characterizing conditions. The main result we prove for this class of operators is a multi-parameter representation theorem stating that a generic operator in our class can be represented as an average of sums of dyadic shifts, which implies a new multi-parameter T1 theorem as a byproduct. This extends the representation principles of Hytönen's and Martikainen's to the multi-parameter setting. Furthermore, equivalence between ours and Journé's class of multi-parameter T1 theorem.

1. Introduction

The study of singular integral operators on product spaces generalizing the classical Calderón–Zygmund theory has a history of more than thirty years, starting from [3] by Fefferman and Stein where bi-parameter operators of convolution type are carefully treated. Later, Journé in [7] established the first class of general multiparameter singular integral operators which are not necessarily of convolution type, using vector-valued Calderón–Zygmund theory and an inductive machinery. In the same paper, a multi-parameter T1 theorem is also proved. Very recently, Pott and Villarroya [12] formulated a new class of bi-parameter singular integral operators where the vector-valued formulations are replaced by mixed type conditions directly assumed on the operator. Their approach is then refined by Martikainen in [10], where he proved a bi-parameter representation of singular integrals by dyadic shifts, generalizing the famous one-parameter result of Hytönen [5].

The representation theorem has been proven to be an incredibly useful tool in the field of singular integrals, as it enables one to reduce the problems of a general operator to problems of some very simple dyadic shift operators. For example, in [6]

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it has been utilized by Hytönen, Pérez, Treil and Volberg to obtain a simplified proof of the A_2 conjecture, and in [1] it has been applied to derive an upper bound estimate for iterated commutators by Dalenc and the author. Moreover, the representation theorem also implies as a direct consequence a new T1 theorem.

The theory of multi-parameter singular integral operators generally involves an additional layer of difficulty beyond the bi-parameter theory. Usually for biparameter problems on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$, in the inductive step, by slicing away one dimension one will reduce to the one-parameter setting. This is not the case for *n*-parameter problems when $n \geq 3$. Furthermore, there are results that are true in the biparameter setting but fail to hold in the multi-parameter setting, for example the results regarding rectangle atoms discussed by Fefferman in [2]. (Also see Journé [8].) Naturally, it has been asked by several experts in the field [9] whether one can establish a representation theorem in multi-parameters, which becomes the main motivation and the central problem this article will be dealing with.

The first difficulty one encounters is how to generalize Martikainen's class of operators to more than two parameters, establishing a group of appropriate mixed type conditions that characterizes operators suitable to work with. Recall that in the classical T1 theorem, the hypotheses involve assumptions on the size and smoothness of the kernel, a weak boundedness property (WBP), and BMO conditions. It is then natural to formulate nine different so-called mixed type conditions (such as kernel/kernel, BMO/WBP and so on) for bi-parameter operators, which is, morally speaking, what Martikainen did in [10]. However, there is no obvious way to generalize to multi-parameters formulations of such mixed type conditions. In fact, although Martikainen has done a brilliant job in [10] to introduce the so-called full kernel and partial kernel assumptions on the operator, his assumptions are clear precisely because once a parameter is taken away, what is left becomes a one-parameter object.

The second difficulty, of course, is the proof of the representation theorem itself. Once the proper assumptions on the operators are formulated, the proof in the multi-parameter setting requires no new techniques. However, verifying that the theorem holds requires a delicate analysis of the symmetries of the operator and the particularly nice formulation of the conditions.

The main contributions of this article are the following. First, mixed type conditions for multi-parameter operators are formulated along the lines of [12] and [10], establishing the appropriate class of multi-parameter singular integral operators. Second, we prove a representation theorem in arbitrarily many parameters, which yields a new multi-parameter T1 theorem. Finally, as an application of our multi-parameter T1 theorem, we show that our class of multi-parameter singular integrals is equivalent to the class studied by Journé in [7]. This generalizes a recent result of Grau de la Herrán [4] to arbitrarily many parameters. This shows that Journé's class of operators, originally formulated in vector-valued language, can be characterized by conditions that are more intrinsic and easier to verify.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we define a class of multiparameter singular integral operators characterized by new mixed type conditions. The statement of the multi-parameter representation theorem and its proof are presented in Sections 3 and 4. We then discuss the equivalence between our class and Journé's class of operators in Section 5, followed by a discussion of the necessity of some of the mixed conditions at the end.

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2. A class of *n*-parameter singular integral operators

In $\mathbb{R}^{\vec{d}} := \mathbb{R}^{d_1} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{R}^{d_n}$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ denotes the number of parameters, let T be a linear operator continuously mapping $C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{d_1}) \times \cdots \times C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{d_n})$ to its dual. For all $S \subset \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$, define the partial adjoint T_S by exchanging the i^{th} variable, for all $i \in S$, i.e.,

$$\langle T(f_S \otimes f_{S^c}), g_S \otimes g_{S^c} \rangle = \langle T_S(g_S \otimes f_{S^c}), f_S \otimes g_{S^c} \rangle,$$

where f_S, g_S are functions of the i^{th} variables for $i \in S$, and f_{S^c}, g_{S^c} are functions of the i^{th} variables for $i \notin S$.

We say T is in our class of n-parameter singular integral operators if for any S, T_S satisfies the following full kernel and partial kernel assumptions.

2.1. Full kernel

For any

$$f = \bigotimes_{i=1}^{n} f_i, g = \bigotimes_{i=1}^{n} g_i \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{d_1}) \times \dots \times C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{d_n})$$

such that $\forall i \in \{1, 2, ..., n\}$, spt $f_i \cap$ spt $g_i = \emptyset$, there holds

$$\langle T_S f, g \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{\vec{d}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{\vec{d}}} K_S(x, y) f(y) g(x) \, dx \, dy,$$

where the kernel $K_S(x, y)$ satisfies the following mixed size-Hölder conditions: for any subset $W \subset \{1, 2, ..., n\}$, when $|x_i - x'_i| \leq |x_i - y_i|/2, \forall i \in W$, there holds

$$\sum_{\Lambda \subset W} (-1)^{|\Lambda|} K_S^{\Lambda}(x, x'; y) \Big| \lesssim \Big(\prod_{i \in W} \frac{|x_i - x_i'|^{\delta}}{|x_i - y_i|^{d_i + \delta}} \Big) \Big(\prod_{i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \setminus W} \frac{1}{|x_i - y_i|^{d_i}} \Big),$$

where $0 < \delta < 1$ is a fixed constant, and $K_S^{\Lambda}(x, x'; y)$ is defined as K_S evaluated at x_i for $i \notin \Lambda$ while at x'_i for $i \in \Lambda$. Note that when $W = \emptyset$, this is the pure size condition, while when $W = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$, this becomes the Hölder condition we are familiar with in the one-parameter and bi-parameter settings.

2.2. Partial kernel

Let V be any nonempty proper subset of $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$, and $f = f_V \otimes f_{V^c}, g = g_V \otimes g_{V^c} \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{d_1}) \times \cdots \times C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{d_n})$, where $f_V = \bigotimes_{i \in V} f_i$ and similarly for others. Suppose for any variable $i \in V$, spt $f_i \cap \text{spt } g_i = \emptyset$, there holds

$$\langle T_S f, g \rangle = \int_{\bigotimes_{i \in V} \mathbb{R}^{d_i}} \int_{\bigotimes_{i \in V} \mathbb{R}^{d_i}} K^V_{S, f_{V^c}, g_{V^c}}(x, y) f_V(y) g_V(x) \, dx \, dy,$$

where the kernel $K_{S,f_{V^c},g_{V^c}}^V$ satisfies the following mixed size-Hölder conditions: for any subset $W \subset V$, when $|x_i - x'_i| \leq |x_i - y_i|/2, \forall i \in W$, there holds

$$\begin{split} \sum_{\Lambda \subset W} (-1)^{|\Lambda|} K^{V,\Lambda}_{S,f_{V^c},g_{V^c}}(x,x';y) \Big| \\ &\leq C^V_S(f_{V^c},g_{V^c}) \Big(\prod_{i \in W} \frac{|x_i - x'_i|^{\delta}}{|x_i - y_i|^{d_i + \delta}} \Big) \Big(\prod_{i \in V \setminus W} \frac{1}{|x_i - y_i|^{d_i}} \Big), \end{split}$$

where $K_{S,f_{V^c},g_{V^c}}^{V,\Lambda}(x,x';y)$ is defined as $K_{S,f_{V^c},g_{V^c}}^V$ evaluated at x_i for $i \notin \Lambda$ while at x'_i for $i \in \Lambda$.

Moreover, we require that the constant $C_S^V(f_{V^c}, g_{V^c})$ satisfies the following WBP/BMO conditions: for any subset $W \subset V^c$, any cubes $I_i \subset \mathbb{R}^{d_i}$, $i \in W$, there holds

$$\left\|C_{S}^{V}((\otimes_{i\in W}\chi_{I_{i}})\otimes(\otimes_{i\in V^{c}\setminus W}1),(\otimes_{i\in W}\chi_{I_{i}})\otimes\cdot)\right\|_{\mathrm{BMO}_{\mathrm{prod}}(\bigotimes_{i\in V^{c}\setminus W}\mathbb{R}^{d_{i}})}\lesssim\prod_{i\in W}|I_{i}|.$$

There are several equivalent interpretations of the product BMO norm. One result proved by Pipher and Ward in [11], and reproved by Treil in [13], is that in the multi-parameter setting, a function is in product BMO if and only if it is in dyadic product BMO uniformly with respect to any dyadic grids. Since dyadic product BMO can be characterized via product Carleson measure, one can express the WBP/BMO condition above as the following: for any product dyadic grid $\mathcal{D} = \bigotimes_{i \in V^c \setminus W} \mathcal{D}_i$,

$$\sum_{\substack{R \subset \Omega, R \in \mathcal{D} \\ R = \bigotimes_{j \in V^c \setminus W} J_j}} |C_S^V((\otimes_{i \in W} \chi_{I_i}) \otimes (\otimes_{i \in V^c \setminus W} 1), (\otimes_{i \in W} \chi_{I_i}) \otimes (\otimes_{j \in V^c \setminus W} h_{J_j}))|^2$$
$$\lesssim |\Omega| \prod_{i \in W} |I_i|^2,$$

for any open set Ω in $\bigotimes_{i \in V^c \setminus W} \mathbb{R}^{d_i}$ with finite measure.

The expression above is always well defined as the functions involved are all tensor products. In the case when one can naturally extend the definition of the operator T to act on more general multivariate functions, one can also rephrase the WBP/BMO condition by duality as the following:

$$\left| C_{S}^{V}((\otimes_{i \in W} \chi_{I_{i}}) \otimes (\otimes_{i \in V^{c} \setminus W} 1), (\otimes_{i \in W} \chi_{I_{i}}) \otimes h) \right| \lesssim \left(\prod_{i \in V^{c} \setminus W} |I_{i}| \right) \|h\|_{H^{1}_{\text{prod}}}$$

for any function $h \in H^1_{\text{prod}}(\bigotimes_{i \in V^c \setminus W} \mathbb{R}^{d_i})$.

This completes our definition of the *n*-parameter singular integral operators. And one can similarly define an *n*-parameter CZO if there are some additional boundedness assumption on the operator.

Definition 2.1. T is called an n-parameter CZO if it is an n-parameter singular integral operator defined as above, and $T_S: L^2 \to L^2$ for any $S \subset \{1, 2, ..., n\}$.

In order to derive the multi-parameter representation theorem for such operators later in the article, as a preparation, we will need the definition of the so-called *mixed BMO/WBP assumptions*, which we describe below. Note that these are not characterizing conditions of our class of singular integrals.

2.3. BMO/WBP

We say that an operator T_S satisfies the mixed BMO/WBP conditions if for any subset $W \subset \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$, any cubes $I_i \subset \mathbb{R}^{d_i}$, $i \in W$, there holds

$$\|\langle T_S((\otimes_{i\in W}\chi_{I_i})\otimes(\otimes_{i\in W^c}1)),(\otimes_{i\in W}\chi_{I_i})\otimes\cdot\rangle\|_{\mathrm{BMO}_{\mathrm{prod}}(\bigotimes_{i\in W^c}\mathbb{R}^{d_i})}\lesssim\prod_{i\in W}|I_i|.$$

This is the pure BMO condition when $W = \emptyset$, and the pure dyadic weak boundedness property when $W = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$. Again, one can interpret the product BMO norm in several different ways, as described above.

To end this section, we would like to emphasize that the class of singular integral operators defined above is indeed a generalization of the most natural classes of one-parameter and bi-parameter singular integral operators studied in harmonic analysis. When n = 1, it coincides with the class of singular integral operators associated with standard kernels. When n = 2, it is the same as the class of bi-parameter operators defined by Martikainen in [10] (modulo that some of the conditions in partial kernel assumptions are formulated slightly differently), and is known to be equivalent to the classes of Journé [7] and Pott–Villarroya [12], a result recently proved by Grau de la Herrán [4].

Furthermore, it is not hard to examine that our class of *n*-parameter singular integrals includes operators of tensor product type as a special case. Take the case n = 3 as an example. Given CZOs T_i defined on \mathbb{R}^{d_i} , i = 1, 2, 3, it is easy to see that the operator $T_1 \otimes T_2 \otimes T_3$ satisfies the full kernel assumptions. To check one of the partial kernel assumptions, for any test functions with spt $f_1 \cap \text{spt } g_1 = \emptyset$, one can define a partial kernel

$$K_{f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3}^{\{1\}}(x_1, y_1) = K_1(x_1, y_1) \langle T_2 \otimes T_3(f_2 \otimes f_3), g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$$

where $K_1(x_1, y_1)$ is the kernel of T_1 . Observe that $T_2 \otimes T_3$ is a Journé type biparameter CZO studied in [7], hence is bounded on L^2 and maps $1 \otimes 1$ into product BMO, which thus implies the desired WBP/BMO conditions for constants $C^{\{1\}}(f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3)$. We will give a more thorough discussion of the Journé type multi-parameter singular integral operators in Section 5.

2.4. A remark on the well-definedness of the BMO assumptions

Among the various conditions satisfied by an *n*-parameter operator T, many of them are establishing certain bounds on bilinear forms involving T acting on function 1 in some of the variables. It is thus necessary to articulate how these objects are defined. For simplicity, let us illustrate it in the case n = 3.

Recall that in the partial kernel assumptions, if $f = f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3$, $g = g_1 \otimes g_2 \otimes g_3$, and spt $f_1 \cap$ spt $g_1 =$ spt $f_2 \cap$ spt $g_2 = \emptyset$ (i.e., $V = \{1, 2\}$), one wants to show that $C_S^V(1, \cdot) \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^{d_3})$, which according to [11] is the same as showing that for any dyadic system \mathcal{D} of \mathbb{R}^{d_3} , it is in dyadic $BMO_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbb{R}^{d_3})$.

Hence, it suffices to give a meaning to $C_S^{V}(1, h_{I_3})$ for any Haar function in the third variable, i.e., to define the form $\langle T_S(f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes 1), g_1 \otimes g_2 \otimes h_{I_3} \rangle$. This can be done by dividing $1 = \chi_{3I_3} + \chi_{(3I_3)^c}$, where the first term makes sense since T is continuous (more precisely, one needs kernel representation, WBP and dominated convergence to justify the well-definedness of the bilinear form of nonsmooth functions), while the second term can be defined using the full kernel representation whose convergence is guaranteed by Hölder conditions.

Second, still in the partial kernel assumptions, if one only has spt $f_3 \cap \text{spt } g_3 = \emptyset$ (i.e., $V = \{3\}$), the well-definedness of the constant $C_S^V(\chi_{I_1} \otimes 1, \chi_{I_1} \otimes \cdot)$ is similar as the case above, so we only look at the meaning of $C_S^V(1 \otimes 1, \cdot)$ as a function in $\text{BMO}_{\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^{d_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_2})}$. To define $\langle T_S(1 \otimes 1 \otimes f_3), h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes g_3 \rangle$, clearly, one can divide $1 \otimes 1 = \chi_{3I_1} \otimes \chi_{3I_2} + \chi_{3I_1} \otimes \chi_{(3I_2)^c} + \chi_{(3I_1)^c} \otimes \chi_{3I_2} + \chi_{(3I_1)^c} \otimes \chi_{(3I_2)^c}$, where the first and last term are easy to deal with. While for the mixed terms, say, the third one, if $\chi_{(3I_1)^c}$ is replaced by a C_0^{∞} function, then the pairing is apparently well defined through the partial kernel representation. Now even though $\chi_{(3I_1)^c}$ is only bounded, we can still define the pairing as

$$\int K_{S,\chi_{3I_2},h_{I_2}}^{\{1,3\}}(x_1,y_1,x_3,y_3)\,\chi_{(3I_1)^c}(y_1)\,f_3(y_3)\,h_{I_1}(x_1)\,g_3(x_3)\,dx_1\,dx_3\,dy_1\,dy_3,$$

where the integral converges since one can change the kernel to

$$K_{S,\chi_{3I_2},h_{I_2}}^{\{1,3\}}(x_1,y_1,x_3,y_3) - K_{S,\chi_{3I_2},h_{I_2}}^{\{1,3\}}(x_1,y_1,c_{I_3},y_3)$$

and use the mixed Hölder-size condition.

Finally, in the BMO/WBP assumptions, to give a meaning to

$$\langle T_S((\otimes_{i\in W}\chi_{I_i})\otimes(\otimes_{i\in W^c}1)),(\otimes_{i\in W}\chi_{I_i})\otimes\cdot\rangle,$$

it is then sufficient to define what it means for the function to be paired with tensors of Haar functions. This can be done by dividing $1 \otimes \cdots \otimes 1$ into several parts similarly as above, and use partial kernel representations and Hölder conditions to obtain the convergence of the corresponding integrals.

3. Multi-parameter representation theorem

In order to formulate the representation theorem in the multi-parameter setting, we recall now the notion of *shifted dyadic grids*, which are essential elements of the theorem.

Denote $\mathcal{D}_i^0 := \{2^{-k}([0,1]^{d_i}+m) : k \in \mathbb{Z}, m \in \mathbb{Z}^{d_i}\}$ as the standard dyadic grid in the *i*th variable, $1 \leq i \leq n$. Let $\omega = (\omega_i^j)_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \in (\{0,1\}^{d_i})^{\mathbb{Z}}$ and $I + \omega_i := I + \sum_{j:2^{-j} < \ell(I)} 2^{-j} \omega_i^j$. Then

$$\mathcal{D}_i^{\omega} := \{ I \dotplus \omega_i : I \in \mathcal{D}_i^0 \}$$

is a shifted dyadic grid associated with parameter ω_i . We usually write \mathcal{D}_i for short when the dependence on ω_i is not explicitly needed.

If we assume that each ω_i is an independent random variable having an equal probability 2^{-d_i} of taking any of the 2^{d_i} values in $\{0,1\}^{d_i}$, we obtain a random dyadic system $\mathcal{D}_1 \times \cdots \times \mathcal{D}_n$.

A dyadic shift with parameter $i_1, j_1, \ldots, i_n, j_n \in \mathbb{N}$ associated with dyadic grids $\mathcal{D}_1, \ldots, \mathcal{D}_n$ is an $L^2 \to L^2$ operator with norm ≤ 1 defined as

$$\begin{split} S_{\mathcal{D}_{1}...\mathcal{D}_{n}}^{i_{1}j_{1},...,i_{n}j_{n}}f \\ &:= \sum_{K_{1}\in\mathcal{D}_{1}} \cdots \sum_{K_{n}\in\mathcal{D}_{n}} \sum_{\substack{I_{1},J_{1}\in\mathcal{D}_{1} \\ I_{1},J_{1}\subset K_{1} \\ \ell(I_{1})=2^{-i_{1}}\ell(K_{1}) \\ \ell(J_{1})=2^{-j_{1}}\ell(K_{1}) \\ \ell(J_{1})=2^{-j_{1}}\ell(K_{1}) \\ \ell(J_{n})=2^{-j_{n}}\ell(K_{n}) \\ \end{pmatrix} a_{I_{1}J_{1}\subset K_{n}} (K_{n}) \\ &=: \sum_{K_{1}\in\mathcal{D}_{1}} \cdots \sum_{K_{n}\in\mathcal{D}_{n}} \sum_{\substack{I_{1},J_{1}\in\mathcal{D}_{1} \\ I_{1},J_{1}\subset K_{1}}} \sum_{\substack{I_{n},J_{n}\in\mathcal{D}_{n} \\ I_{n},J_{n}\in\mathcal{D}_{n}}} \cdots \sum_{\substack{I_{n},J_{n}\in\mathcal{D}_{n} \\ I_{1},J_{1}\subset K_{1}}} a_{I_{1}J_{1}K_{1}...I_{n}J_{n}K_{n}} \cdot \langle f, h_{I_{1}}\otimes\cdots\otimes h_{I_{n}} \rangle \\ & \cdot h_{J_{1}}\otimes\cdots\otimes h_{J_{n}}, \end{split}$$

where the coefficients satisfy

$$|a_{I_1J_1K_1...I_nJ_nK_n}| \le \frac{\sqrt{|I_1||J_1|\cdots|I_n||J_n|}}{|K_1|\cdots|K_n|}$$

and h_{I_i} is a Haar function on I_i , similarly for h_{J_i} . Recall that for any dyadic cube $I \subset \mathbb{R}^{d_i}$, there are 2^{d_i} associated Haar functions h_I , one of which being the noncancellative function $|I|^{-1/2}\chi_I$ and all the other ones being cancellative. We allow any choices of Haar functions, noncancellative or cancellative, in the definition of dyadic shifts. In addition, we will call the dyadic shift *cancellative* if all the Haar functions that appear in the sum are cancellative. It is not hard to show that when the shift is cancellative, the L^2 boundedness requirement in fact follows from the boundedness of the coefficients directly. Furthermore, it also worths observing that *n*-parameter dyadic paraproducts with product BMO symbol are particular examples of noncancellative dyadic shifts.

Now we are ready to state the representation theorem. Recall that T is said to be an *n*-parameter singular integral operator in our class if it satisfies both the full kernel and partial kernel assumptions defined in Sections 2.1, 2.2.

Theorem 3.1. For an n-parameter singular integral operator T, which satisfies in addition the BMO/WBP assumptions (see Section 2.3), there holds for some *n*-parameter shifts $S^{i_1j_1...i_nj_n}_{\mathcal{D}_1...\mathcal{D}_n}$ that

$$\langle Tf,g\rangle = C_T \mathbb{E}_{\omega_1} \mathbb{E}_{\omega_2} \cdots \mathbb{E}_{\omega_n} \sum_{(i_1,j_1) \in \mathbb{N}^2} \cdots \sum_{(i_n,j_n) \in \mathbb{N}^2} \left(\prod_{s=1}^n 2^{-\max(i_s,j_s)\delta/2} \right) \langle S_{\mathcal{D}_1 \dots \mathcal{D}_n}^{i_1 j_1 \dots i_n j_n} f,g\rangle,$$

where noncancellative shifts may only appear when there is some s such that $(i_s, j_s) = (0, 0)$.

The f and g above are arbitrary functions taken from some particularly nice dense subset of $L^2(\mathbb{R}^{\vec{d}})$, for example, the finite linear combinations of tensor products of univariate functions in $C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{d_i})$. Hence, according to the uniform boundedness of dyadic shifts, an immediate result implied by the representation theorem is the following.

Corollary 3.2. An *n*-parameter singular integral operator T which satisfies the BMO/WBP assumptions is bounded on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^{\vec{d}})$.

Remark 3.3. In the one-parameter and bi-parameter versions of the representation theorem, see [5], [10], one needs the additional a priori assumption that T is bounded on L^2 in order to justify the convergence of some infinite series in the proof. This makes the T1 type corollary only a quantitative result. However, very recently, it is suggested by T. Hytönen that one can prove the representation theorem without assuming any a priori bound on T, by first proving a "weak representation" depending on functions f and g, which then implies that T is bounded on L^2 . Hence, the corollary obtained above is indeed a T1 theorem of full strength, which is certainly of its own interest. Previously, the only known T1 type theorem in more than two parameters is proved by Journé in [7] by induction, using a vector-valued argument. The advantage of our T1 theorem is that the mixed type conditions are expressed in a more transparent way and much easier to verify. In fact, we will see an application of our T1 theorem later in the paper, when we establish the relationship between Journé's and our class of multi-parameter singular integral operators.

Another useful observation is that due to the symmetry of the assumptions on the *n*-parameter singular integral operators, one can conclude that if T is an *n*-parameter SIO satisfying the BMO/WBP assumptions, then any of its partial adjoints T_S is bounded on L^2 . Hence T is an *n*-parameter CZO defined in Section 2. In fact, the other direction also holds true, i.e., T being an *n*-parameter CZO implies the BMO/WBP assumptions. We leave the discussion of this point to the end of the paper.

4. Proof of Theorem 3.1

Let us prove Theorem 3.1 in the case n = 3 as an example, which is sufficient in showing the new difficulties that arise in the multi-parameter setting and in explaining our strategy.

4.1. Outline of the proof

Roughly speaking, the proof of representation theorems usually starts with developing some averaging formula, which represents the bilinear form $\langle Tf, g \rangle$ as an expectation of randomized Haar expansion where only "good" dyadic cubes are involved. We will establish a tri-parameter version of this formula in Section 4.2, where the notions of good and bad cubes will also be recalled.

Next, one targets to decompose the averaging formula that represents $\langle Tf, g \rangle$ into finitely many parts, each of which will be shown to be a convergent sum of bilinear forms

$$\langle S^{i_1j_1i_2j_2i_3j_3}f,g\rangle$$

for some dvadic shift $S^{i_1j_1i_2j_2i_3j_3}$. The proof will thus be complete. This step is the key part of the argument. Since we have three free parameters to deal with, there will be a large number of different cases to analyze. More precisely, for each parameter, at some point one splits the summation into four parts: "separated", "inside", "near" and "equal", which yields at least 4^3 mixed parts for us to study. Fortunately, many of them can be estimated via kernel assumptions and weak boundedness properties, similarly as the one-parameter and bi-parameter cases treated in [5] and [10], except for the cases where more complicated tri-parameter paraproducts have to be involved. One typical example of such cases will be referred to as "Inside/Inside, which we will study in Section 4.3 with full details. An intrinsic difference between the bi-parameter case and our arbitrarily many parameter case is that, one needs to deal with some *multi-parameter* paraproduct mixed with dyadic shift in our case, which does not exist in the bi-parameter setting. This is also one of the reasons why we have to formulate our BMO assumptions on the operators in a global way, in contrast to the local type assumptions in Martikainen's bi-parameter formulation.

4.2. Randomizing process and averaging formula

To start with, through a similar process of randomization independently in each variable, as described in [5] and [10], it is not hard to obtain the following triparameter version of the key averaging formula:

$$\begin{split} \langle Tf,g \rangle \\ &= C \mathbb{E} \sum_{I_1,J_1 \in \mathcal{D}_1} \sum_{I_2,J_2 \in \mathcal{D}_2} \sum_{I_3,J_3 \in \mathcal{D}_3} \chi_{\text{good}}(sm(I_1,J_1)) \chi_{\text{good}}(sm(I_2,J_2)) \chi_{\text{good}}(sm(I_3,J_3)) \\ &\cdot \langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes h_{I_3}), h_{J_1} \otimes h_{J_2} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle \langle f, h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes h_{I_3} \rangle \langle g, h_{J_1} \otimes h_{J_2} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle, \end{split}$$

where $\mathbb{E} = \mathbb{E}_{\omega_1} \mathbb{E}_{\omega_2} \mathbb{E}_{\omega_3}$ and $C = 1/(\pi_{\text{good}}^1 \pi_{\text{good}}^2 \pi_{\text{good}}^3)$.

We remind the reader that a cube $I_i \in \mathcal{D}_i$ is called *bad* if there is another $\tilde{I}_i \in \mathcal{D}_i$ such that $\ell(\tilde{I}_i) \geq 2^r \ell(I_i)$ and $d(I_i, \partial \tilde{I}_i) \leq 2\ell(I_i)^{\gamma_i} \ell(\tilde{I}_i)^{1-\gamma_i}$, where *r* is a fixed large number, $\gamma_i := \delta/(2d_i + 2\delta)$, and δ is the constant that appears in the kernel assumptions of the operator. Naturally, a cube is called *good* if it is not bad. And $\pi^i_{\text{good}} := \mathbb{P}_{\omega_i}(I_i + \omega_i \text{ is good})$ is a parameter depending only on δ , d_i and *r*. One always fixes an *r* large enough so that $\pi^i_{\text{good}} > 0$ for any $1 \leq i \leq n$.

In order to demonstrate the desired representation, we will then split the sums on the right hand side of the averaging formula into several pieces depending on the relative sizes of $I_i, J_i, i = 1, 2, 3$, and whether the smaller cubes are far away, strictly inside, exactly equal, or close to the larger cubes (i.e., separated, inside, equal or near). Specifically, for each variable i, we split the sum

$$\sum_{I_i} \sum_{J_i} = \sum_{\ell(I_i) \le \ell(J_i)} + \sum_{\ell(I_i) > \ell(J_i)} =: I + II.$$

Then decompose

$$\mathbf{I} = \sum_{\substack{\ell(I_i) \leq \ell(J_i) \\ d(I_i,J_i) > \ell(I_i)^{\gamma_i} \ell(J_i)^{1-\gamma_i}}} + \sum_{I_i \subsetneq J_i} + \sum_{\substack{I_i = J_i \\ I_i = J_i}} + \sum_{\substack{\ell(I_i) \leq \ell(J_i) \\ d(I_i,J_i) \leq \ell(I_i)^{\gamma_i} \ell(J_i)^{1-\gamma_i} \\ I_i \cap J_i = \emptyset}}$$

=: Separated + Inside + Equal + Near,

and similarly for II. The strategy is to prove that each of the terms above can be represented as convergent sums of bilinear forms of the type $\langle S^{i_1j_1i_2j_2i_3j_3}f,g\rangle$.

Many of these cases can be discussed following the same techniques as in [10], while for some mixed cases, new multi-parameter phenomena may appear and require extreme care. The good news is that the new mixed cases will not do us much harm since we have already formulated the proper assumptions on the operators at the beginning to handle them.

As one has already encountered in the bi-parameter setting in [10], different types of mixed paraproducts will appear depending on the relative sizes of I_i, J_i . Since the worst situations one would expect are the mixed cases, we will look at the part of the sum corresponding to $|I_1| \leq |J_1|, |I_2| \leq |J_2|, |I_3| > |J_3|$, observing that other cases are symmetric or even simpler. According to the averaging formula, it thus suffices to assume that I_1, I_2, J_3 are all good cubes.

Moreover, recall that in [5] and [10], the separated, near, and equal parts of the sum can basically be estimated using full kernel assumptions and WBP, while the Inside part, being the most difficult one, involves in addition all the BMO type estimates. Hence, we will study the inside/inside/inside part next, where all the new multi-parameter phenomena will appear. Note that although this is only one of the many cases one needs to discuss in order to obtain a full proof of Theorem 3.1, all the main difficulties in other cases are in fact already embedded in Inside/Inside, a fact that will become more and more clear throughout the proof. We want to emphasize that the reason why we assumed from the beginning that all the assumptions hold true for any partial adjoint T_S of T is exactly because of the much desired symmetry of the mixed cases.

4.3. Inside/inside/inside

In this section, we study the case inside/inside/inside, i.e., the summation over $I_1 \subsetneq J_1, I_2 \subsetneq J_2, J_3 \subsetneq I_3$. Recall that I_1, I_2, J_3 are all good cubes. One first decomposes

$$\langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes h_{I_3}), h_{J_1} \otimes h_{J_2} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle = I + II + III + IV + V + VI + VII + VIII,$$

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where

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{I} &:= \langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes s_{J_3 I_3}), s_{I_1 J_1} \otimes s_{I_2 J_2} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle, \\ \mathbf{II} &:= \langle h_{I_3} \rangle_{J_3} \langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes 1), s_{I_1 J_1} \otimes s_{I_2 J_2} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle, \\ \mathbf{III} &:= \langle h_{J_2} \rangle_{I_2} \langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes s_{J_3 I_3}), s_{I_1 J_1} \otimes 1 \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle, \\ \mathbf{IV} &:= \langle h_{J_2} \rangle_{I_2} \langle h_{I_3} \rangle_{J_3} \langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes 1), s_{I_1 J_1} \otimes 1 \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle, \\ \mathbf{V} &:= \langle h_{J_1} \rangle_{I_1} \langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes s_{J_3 I_3}), 1 \otimes s_{I_2 J_2} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle, \\ \mathbf{VI} &:= \langle h_{J_1} \rangle_{I_1} \langle h_{I_3} \rangle_{J_3} \langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes 1), 1 \otimes s_{I_2 J_2} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle, \\ \mathbf{VII} &:= \langle h_{J_1} \rangle_{I_1} \langle h_{J_2} \rangle_{I_2} \langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes s_{J_3 I_3}), 1 \otimes 1 \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle, \\ \mathbf{VIII} &:= \langle h_{J_1} \rangle_{I_1} \langle h_{J_2} \rangle_{I_2} \langle h_{I_3} \rangle_{J_3} \langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes 1), 1 \otimes 1 \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle, \\ \end{array}$$

In the above,

$$s_{I_1J_1} := \chi_{Q_1^c}(h_{J_1} - \langle h_{J_1} \rangle_{Q_1}), \quad s_{I_2J_2} := \chi_{Q_2^c}(h_{J_2} - \langle h_{J_2} \rangle_{Q_2}),$$

where Q_1, Q_2 are the children of J_1, J_2 containing I_1, I_2 , respectively, and

$$s_{J_3I_3} := \chi_{Q_3^c}(h_{I_3} - \langle h_{I_3} \rangle_{Q_3}),$$

where Q_3 is the child of I_3 containing J_3 . The relevant properties are

$$\operatorname{spt} s_{I_1J_1} \subset Q_1^c, \quad \operatorname{spt} s_{I_2J_2} \subset Q_2^c, \quad \operatorname{spt} s_{J_3I_3} \subset Q_3^c$$

and

$$|s_{I_1J_1}| \le 2|J_1|^{-1/2}, \quad |s_{I_2J_2}| \le 2|J_2|^{-1/2}, \quad |s_{J_3I_3}| \le 2|I_3|^{-1/2}.$$

Next, we show that the sum corresponding to each of the eight terms above can be realized as a sum of bilinear forms associated with dyadic shifts. The estimate of term I does not require any BMO conditions, while all the other terms require delicate BMO norm estimates and boundedness results of paraproducts. Specifically, we will use one-parameter paraproduct to analyze terms III, V and II, bi-parameter paraproduct for terms IV, VI and VII, and tri-parameter paraproduct for the last term VIII. The reader will easily see that when the number of parameters is more than three, analogous argument can be established.

4.3.1. Term I. As the functions in the form are all disjointly supported, following from the full kernel assumptions, one can argue similarly as in Lemma 7.1 of [10] that there holds

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes s_{J_3 I_3}), s_{I_1 J_1} \otimes s_{I_2 J_2} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle| \\ &\lesssim \frac{|I_1|^{1/2}}{|J_1|^{1/2}} \Big(\frac{\ell(I_1)}{\ell(J_1)}\Big)^{\delta/2} \frac{|I_2|^{1/2}}{|J_2|^{1/2}} \Big(\frac{\ell(I_2)}{\ell(J_2)}\Big)^{\delta/2} \frac{|J_3|^{1/2}}{|I_3|^{1/2}} \Big(\frac{\ell(J_3)}{\ell(I_3)}\Big)^{\delta/2}. \end{aligned}$$

We omit the details. Hence, term I can be realized in the form

$$C \sum_{i_1=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i_2=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j_3=1}^{\infty} 2^{-i_1\delta/2} 2^{-i_2\delta/2} 2^{-j_3\delta/2} \langle S^{i_10i_200j_3}f,g \rangle.$$

4.3.2. Terms III, V, and II. Next we deal with term III (symmetric with term V), which can be written in the form

$$\begin{split} \sum_{I_1 \subsetneq J_1} \sum_{J_3 \subsetneq I_3} \sum_{I_2 \subsetneq J_2} \langle h_{J_2} \rangle_{I_2} \langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes s_{J_3I_3}), s_{I_1J_1} \otimes 1 \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle \\ & \cdot \langle f, h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes h_{I_3} \rangle \langle g, h_{J_1} \otimes h_{J_2} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle \\ & = \sum_{I_1 \subsetneq J_1} \sum_{J_3 \subsetneq I_3} \sum_{V} \langle \langle g, h_{J_1} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle_{I,3} \rangle_V \langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_V \otimes s_{J_3I_3}), s_{I_1J_1} \otimes 1 \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle \\ & \cdot \langle f, h_{I_1} \otimes h_V \otimes h_{I_3} \rangle. \end{split}$$

It is not hard to check the correct normalization of the coefficient

$$\begin{split} |\langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_V \otimes s_{J_3I_3}), s_{I_1J_1} \otimes 1 \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle| \\ \lesssim \frac{|I_1|^{1/2}}{|J_1|^{1/2}} \left(\frac{\ell(I_1)}{\ell(J_1)}\right)^{\delta/2} \frac{|J_3|^{1/2}}{|I_3|^{1/2}} \left(\frac{\ell(J_3)}{\ell(I_3)}\right)^{\delta/2} |V|^{1/2}, \end{split}$$

which means that term III can be realized in the form

$$C\sum_{i_1=1}^{\infty}\sum_{j_3=1}^{\infty} 2^{-i_1\delta/2} 2^{-j_3\delta/2} \langle S^{i_10000j_3}f,g \rangle.$$

As $S^{i_1 0000 j_3}$ is a noncancellative shift, we need to show its boundedness separately, which requires a one-parameter BMO type estimate. Rewrite

$$\begin{split} \sum_{V} &\langle \langle g, h_{J_1} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle_{1,3} \rangle_V \langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_V \otimes s_{J_3I_3}), s_{I_1J_1} \otimes 1 \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle \langle f, h_{I_1} \otimes h_V \otimes h_{I_3} \rangle \\ &= \sum_{V} \langle \langle g, h_{J_1} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle_{1,3} \rangle_V \langle \langle T^*(s_{I_1J_1} \otimes 1 \otimes h_{J_3}), h_{I_1} \otimes s_{J_3I_3} \rangle_{1,3}, h_V \rangle_2 \\ &\quad \cdot \langle \langle f, h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_3} \rangle_{1,3}, h_V \rangle_2 \\ &=: C \, 2^{-i_1\delta/2} \, 2^{-j_3\delta/2} \, \langle \langle f, h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_3} \rangle_{1,3}, \Pi_{b_{I_1J_1J_3I_3}}(\langle g, h_{J_1} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle_{1,3}) \rangle_2 \\ &= C \, 2^{-i_1\delta/2} \, 2^{-j_3\delta/2} \, \langle h_{J_1} \otimes \Pi^*_{b_{I_1J_1J_3I_3}}(\langle f, h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_3} \rangle_{1,3}) \otimes h_{J_3}, g \rangle, \end{split}$$

where $b_{I_1J_1J_3I_3} := \langle T^*(s_{I_1J_1} \otimes 1 \otimes h_{J_3}), h_{I_1} \otimes s_{J_3I_3} \rangle_{1,3} / (C \, 2^{-i_1 \delta/2} 2^{-j_3 \delta/2})$, and Π_a denotes a one-parameter paraproduct in the second variable defined as

$$\Pi_b(f)(x_2) := \sum_V \langle b, h_V \rangle_2 \langle f, |V|^{-1/2} \chi_V \rangle_2 h_V(x_2) |V|^{-1/2}.$$

Hence, one has

$$S^{i_10000j_3}f = \sum_{J_1} \sum_{\substack{I_1 \subset J_1 \\ \ell(I_1) = 2^{-i_1}\ell(J_1)}} \sum_{I_3} \sum_{\substack{I_3 \subset I_3 \\ \ell(J_3) = 2^{-j_3}\ell(I_3)}} h_{J_1} \otimes \Pi^*_{b_{I_1J_1J_3I_3}}(\langle f, h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_3} \rangle_{1,3}) \otimes h_{J_3}$$
$$=: \sum_{J_1} \sum_{I_1 \subset J_1}^{(i_1)} \sum_{I_3} \sum_{J_3 \subset I_3}^{(j_3)} h_{J_1} \otimes \Pi^*_{b_{I_1J_1J_3I_3}}(\langle f, h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_3} \rangle_{1,3}) \otimes h_{J_3}.$$

One first observes that there holds the following estimate.

Lemma 4.1.

$$\|b_{I_1J_1J_3I_3}\|_{BMO(\mathbb{R}^{d_2})} \lesssim \frac{|I_1|^{1/2}}{|J_1|^{1/2}} \frac{|J_3|^{1/2}}{|I_3|^{1/2}}.$$

Proof. For any cube V in \mathbb{R}^{d_2} , let a be a function on \mathbb{R}^{d_2} with spt $a \subset V$, $|a| \leq 1$ and $\int a = 0$. It suffices to show that

$$|\langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes a \otimes s_{J_3I_3}), s_{I_1J_1} \otimes 1 \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle| \lesssim \frac{|I_1|^{1/2}}{|J_1|^{1/2}} \frac{|J_3|^{1/2}}{|I_3|^{1/2}} \Big(\frac{\ell(I_1)}{\ell(J_1)}\Big)^{\delta/2} \Big(\frac{\ell(J_3)}{\ell(I_3)}\Big)^{\delta/2} |V|.$$

Since in the form, functions of the first and third variables are disjointly supported, one can use the partial kernel representation, the standard kernel estimate of $K_{a,1}^{\{1,3\}}$ and the boundedness of the constant $C^{\{1,3\}}(a,1)$ to derive the desired estimate. We omit the details.

This then implies that $\Pi^*_{b_{I_1}J_1J_3}$ is bounded on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^{d_2})$, with norm bounded by $(|I_1|/|J_1|)^{1/2}(|J_3|/|I_3|)^{1/2}$. We now claim that $||S^{i_10000j_3}f||_2 \leq ||f||_2$. The idea behind is similar to Proposition 4.5 in [10], but what we face here is more complicated as the relative sizes of cubes in different variables are of mixed type.

Proposition 4.2. For arbitrary i_1, j_3 , there holds

$$\left\|\sum_{J_1}\sum_{I_1\subset J_1}^{(i_1)}\sum_{I_3}\sum_{J_3\subset I_3}^{(j_3)}h_{J_1}\otimes \Pi^*_{b_{I_1J_1J_3I_3}}(\langle f, h_{I_1}\otimes h_{I_3}\rangle_{1,3})\otimes h_{J_3}\right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{\vec{d}})}^2 \lesssim \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{\vec{d}})}^2.$$

Proof. The orthogonality of Haar systems implies that

$$\begin{split} \Big\| \sum_{J_1} \sum_{I_1 \subset J_1}^{(i_1)} \sum_{I_3} \sum_{J_3 \subset I_3}^{(j_3)} h_{J_1} \otimes \Pi_{b_{I_1 J_1 J_3 I_3}}^* (\langle f, h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_3} \rangle_{1,3}) \otimes h_{J_3} \Big\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{\vec{d}})}^2 \\ &= \sum_{J_1} \sum_{J_3} \Big\| \sum_{I_1 \subset J_1}^{(i_1)} \Pi_{b_{I_1 J_1 J_3 J_3^{(j_3)}}}^* (\langle f, h_{I_1} \otimes h_{J_3^{(j_3)}} \rangle_{1,3}) \Big\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{d_2})}^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{J_1} \sum_{J_3} \Big(\sum_{I_1 \subset J_1}^{(i_1)} \Big\| \Pi_{b_{I_1 J_1 J_3 J_3^{(j_3)}}}^* (\langle f, h_{I_1} \otimes h_{J_3^{(j_3)}} \rangle_{1,3}) \Big\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{d_2})}^2, \end{split}$$

where $J_3^{(j_3)}$ denotes the j_3^{th} dyadic ancestor of J_3 . Now let $P_{J_1}^{i_1}$ denote the orthogonal projection from $L^2(\mathbb{R}^{d_1})$ onto the span of $\{h_{I_1} \colon I_1 \subset J_1, \ell(I_1) = 2^{-i_1}\ell(J_1)\}$. Then,

$$\begin{split} \left\| \Pi_{b_{I_{1}J_{1}J_{3}J_{3}^{(j_{3})}}^{*}}(\langle f, h_{I_{1}} \otimes h_{J_{3}^{(j_{3})}} \rangle_{1,3}) \right\|_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{d_{2}})} \\ \lesssim & \frac{|I_{1}|^{1/2}}{|J_{1}|^{1/2}} \frac{|J_{3}|^{1/2}}{|J_{3}^{(j_{3})}|^{1/2}} \, \|\langle f, h_{I_{1}} \otimes h_{J_{3}^{(j_{3})}} \rangle_{1,3} \|_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{d_{2}})} \\ & \leq & \frac{|I_{1}|^{1/2}}{|J_{1}|^{1/2}} \frac{|J_{3}|^{1/2}}{|J_{3}^{(j_{3})}|^{1/2}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{d_{2}}} \int_{I_{1}} |P_{J_{1}}^{i_{1}}(\langle f, h_{J_{3}^{(j_{3})}} \rangle_{3})|^{2} \, dx_{1} dx_{2} \right)^{1/2} \end{split}$$

Therefore, one has

$$\begin{split} & \Big\| \sum_{J_1} \sum_{I_1 \subset J_1}^{(i_1)} \sum_{I_3} \sum_{J_3 \subset I_3}^{(j_3)} h_{J_1} \otimes \Pi_{b_{I_1 J_1 J_3 I_3}}^* (\langle f, h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_3} \rangle_{1,3}) \otimes h_{J_3} \Big\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{\vec{d}})}^2 \\ & \lesssim \sum_{J_1} \sum_{J_3} \Big(\sum_{I_1 \subset J_1}^{(i_1)} \frac{|I_1|^{1/2}}{|J_1|^{1/2}} \frac{|J_3|^{1/2}}{|J_3^{(j_3)}|^{1/2}} \Big(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2}} \int_{I_1} |P_{J_1}^{i_1}(\langle f, h_{J_3^{(j_3)}} \rangle_3)|^2 \, dx_1 dx_2 \Big)^{1/2} \Big)^2, \end{split}$$

which by Hölder's inequality is bounded by

$$\begin{split} &\lesssim \sum_{J_1} \sum_{J_3} \Big(\sum_{I_1 \subset J_1}^{(i_1)} \frac{|I_1|}{|J_1|} \frac{|J_3|}{|J_3^{(j_3)}|} \Big) \Big(\sum_{I_1 \subset J_1}^{(i_1)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2}} \int_{I_1} |P_{J_1}^{i_1}(\langle f, h_{J_3^{(j_3)}} \rangle_3)|^2 \, dx_1 dx_2 \Big) \\ &= \sum_{J_3} \frac{|J_3|}{|J_3^{(j_3)}|} \sum_{J_1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d_2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d_1}} |P_{J_1}^{i_1}(\langle f, h_{J_3^{(j_3)}} \rangle_3)|^2 \, dx_1 dx_2 \\ &= \sum_{J_3} \frac{|J_3|}{|J_3^{(j_3)}|} \|\langle f, h_{J_3^{(j_3)}} \rangle_3 \|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{d_1+d_2})}^2, \end{split}$$

where the last step above follows from the orthogonality of $\{P_{J_1}^{i_1}\}_{J_1}$. Note that by reindexing $J_3^{(j_3)}$ to I_3 , the above can be rewritten as

$$\sum_{I_3} \sum_{J_3 \subset I_3}^{(j_3)} \frac{|J_3|}{|I_3|} \|\langle f, h_{I_3} \rangle_3 \|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{d_1+d_2})}^2 = \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{\vec{d}})}^2,$$

which completes the proof.

This finishes the discussion of term III. Though term II is not completely symmetric to III or V, it can be handled similarly by realized in a form of sums of terms involving one-parameter paraproducts and by using the following BMO lemma. The boundedness of the arising dyadic shifts then follows from a similar argument as Proposition 4.2.

Lemma 4.3. Define

$$b_{I_1J_1I_2J_2} = \frac{\langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes 1), s_{I_1J_1} \otimes s_{I_2J_2} \rangle_{1,2}}{C \, 2^{-i_1\delta/2} \, 2^{-i_2\delta/2}}.$$

Then,

$$\|b_{I_1J_1I_2J_2}\|_{BMO(\mathbb{R}^{d_3})} \lesssim \frac{|I_1|^{1/2}}{|J_1|^{1/2}} \frac{|I_2|^{1/2}}{|J_2|^{1/2}}.$$

The proof of the lemma above is completely the same as Lemma 4.1, which is left to the reader.

4.3.3. Terms IV, VI, and VII. Now we turn to term IV (symmetric with term VI), which can be realized in a form involving bi-parameter paraproduct. Write

$$\begin{split} \sum_{I_1 \subsetneq J_1} \sum_{I_2 \subsetneq J_2} \sum_{J_3 \subsetneq I_3} \langle h_{J_2} \rangle_{I_2} \langle h_{I_3} \rangle_{J_3} \langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes 1), s_{I_1 J_1} \otimes 1 \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle \\ & \cdot \langle f, h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes h_{I_3} \rangle \langle g, h_{J_1} \otimes h_{J_2} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle \\ & = \sum_{I_1 \subsetneq J_1} \sum_{V} \sum_{W} \langle \langle g, h_{J_1} \otimes h_W \rangle_{1,3} \rangle_V \langle \langle f, h_{I_1} \otimes h_V \rangle_{1,2} \rangle_W \\ & \cdot \langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_V \otimes 1), s_{I_1 J_1} \otimes 1 \otimes h_W \rangle, \end{split}$$

which is of the form

$$C\sum_{i_1=1}^{\infty} 2^{-i_1\delta/2} \langle S^{i_100000}f,g\rangle,$$

if one can prove that the following correct normalization holds true:

$$|\langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_V \otimes 1), s_{I_1 J_1} \otimes 1 \otimes h_W \rangle| \lesssim \frac{|I_1|^{1/2}}{|J_1|^{1/2}} \left(\frac{\ell(I_1)}{\ell(J_1)}\right)^{\delta/2} |V|^{1/2} |W|^{1/2}.$$

To see this, recall that by the partial kernel representation,

$$\langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_V \otimes 1), s_{I_1 J_1} \otimes 1 \otimes h_W \rangle = \langle T_2(h_{I_1} \otimes 1 \otimes 1), s_{I_1 J_1} \otimes h_V \otimes h_W \rangle$$

= $\int_{\mathbb{R}^{d_1}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d_1}} K_{2,1 \otimes 1, h_V \otimes h_W}^{\{1\}}(x_1, y_1) h_{I_1}(y_1) s_{I_1 J_1}(x_1) dx_1 dy_1,$

where the partial kernel $K_{2,1\otimes 1,h_V\otimes h_W}^{\{1\}}$ satisfies standard kernel estimates bounded by constant $C^{\{1\}}(1\otimes 1, h_V\otimes h_W)$, where additionally we have the assumption that $C^{\{1\}}(1\otimes 1, \cdot)$ is a function in BMO_{prod} ($\mathbb{R}^{d_2} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_3}$) with norm ≤ 1 . Hence, there holds $C^{\{1\}}(1\otimes 1, h_V \otimes h_W) \leq |V|^{1/2} |W|^{1/2}$, and the correct normalization of the coefficient then follows from a completely same argument as Lemma 3.10 in [5].

It is then left to demonstrate the uniform boundedness of the shift S^{i_100000} . Rewrite

$$\sum_{V} \sum_{W} \langle \langle g, h_{J_1} \otimes h_W \rangle_{1,3} \rangle_V \langle \langle f, h_{I_1} \otimes h_V \rangle_{1,2} \rangle_W \langle T(h_{I_1} \otimes h_V \otimes 1), s_{I_1 J_1} \otimes 1 \otimes h_W \rangle$$

= $C \, 2^{-i_1 \delta/2} \langle h_{J_1} \otimes \Pi_{b_{I_1 J_1}} (\langle f, h_{I_1} \rangle_1), g \rangle,$

where $b_{I_1J_1} := \langle T_2(h_{I_1} \otimes 1 \otimes 1), s_{I_1J_1} \rangle_1 / (C \, 2^{-i_1\delta/2})$. The bi-parameter paraproduct appearing above is

$$\Pi_b(f) := \sum_{V,W} \langle b, h_V \otimes h_W \rangle_{2,3} \langle f, h_V \otimes h_W^1 \rangle_{2,3} h_V^1 \otimes h_W |V|^{-1/2} |W|^{-1/2},$$

where h_V^1 is a noncancellative Haar function defined as $|V|^{-1/2}\chi_V$, and h_W^1 is defined similarly. Since the boundedness of $\Pi_{b_{I_1J_1}}$ implies the uniform boundedness of S^{i_100000} similarly as in Proposition 4.2, it thus suffices to prove the following.

Lemma 4.4. $\|b_{I_1J_1}\|_{\text{BMO}_{\text{prod}}(\mathbb{R}^{d_2}\times\mathbb{R}^{d_3})} \lesssim |I_1|^{1/2}/|J_1|^{1/2}.$

Proof. We make use of the partial kernel assumption and the WBP/BMO conditions of the constant. Specifically, we will prove that for any dyadic grids $\mathcal{D}_2, \mathcal{D}_3$, and any open set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{d_2} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_3}$ with finite measure, there holds

$$\frac{1}{|\Omega|} \sum_{\substack{R \subset \Omega, R \in \mathcal{D}_2 \times \mathcal{D}_3 \\ R = J_2 \times J_3}} |\langle T_2(h_{I_1} \otimes 1 \otimes 1), s_{I_1 J_1} \otimes h_{J_2} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle|^2 / (C^2 2^{-i_1 \delta}) \lesssim \frac{|I_1|}{|J_1|}.$$

Due to the disjoint supports of h_{I_1} and $s_{I_1J_1}$, one has

(4.1)
$$\langle T_2(h_{I_1} \otimes 1 \otimes 1), s_{I_1J_1} \otimes h_{J_2} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle$$
$$= \int_{I_1} \int_{Q_1^c} K_{2,1 \otimes 1, h_{J_2} \otimes h_{J_3}}^{\{1\}} (x_1, y_1) h_{I_1}(y_1) s_{I_1J_1}(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1.$$

If $\ell(I_1) < 2^{-r}\ell(J_1)$, the goodness of I_1 implies $d(I_1, Q_1^c) \ge \ell(J_1)(\ell(I_1)/\ell(J_1))^{\gamma_1}$. Hence, according to the mean zero property of h_{I_1} and the Hölder condition of the partial kernel, one has

$$\begin{aligned} |(4.1)| &= \left| \int_{I_1} \int_{Q_1^c} \left[K_{2,1\otimes 1,h_{J_2}\otimes h_{J_3}}^{\{1\}}(x_1,y_1) - K_{2,1\otimes 1,h_{J_2}\otimes h_{J_3}}^{\{1\}}(x_1,c(I_1)) \right] \\ &\quad \cdot h_{I_1}(y_1)s_{I_1J_1}(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \right| \\ &\lesssim C_2^{\{1\}}(1\otimes 1,h_{J_2}\otimes h_{J_3}) \, \|h_{I_1}\|_1 \, \|s_{I_1J_1}\|_{\infty} \, \Big| \int_{Q_1^c} \frac{\ell(I_1)^{\delta}}{d(x_1,I_1)^{d_1+\delta}} \, dx_1 \Big| \\ &\lesssim C_2^{\{1\}}(1\otimes 1,h_{J_2}\otimes h_{J_3}) \, \frac{|I_1|^{1/2}}{|J_1|^{1/2}} \left(\frac{\ell(I_1)}{\ell(J_1)}\right)^{\delta/2}. \end{aligned}$$

If $\ell(I_1) \geq 2^{-r}\ell(J_1)$ instead, we further split (4.1) into two parts. Write

Combining the two cases, we obtain

$$|(4.1)| \lesssim C_2^{\{1\}} (1 \otimes 1, h_{J_2} \otimes h_{J_3}) \frac{|I_1|^{1/2}}{|J_1|^{1/2}} 2^{-i_1 \delta/2},$$

which then implies that

$$\frac{1}{|\Omega|} \sum_{\substack{R \subset \Omega, R \in \mathcal{D}_2 \times \mathcal{D}_3 \\ R = J_2 \times J_3}} |\langle T_2(h_{I_1} \otimes 1 \otimes 1), s_{I_1 J_1} \otimes h_{J_2} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle|^2 / (C^2 2^{-i_1 \delta}) \\ \lesssim \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \sum_{\substack{R \subset \Omega, R \in \mathcal{D}_2 \times \mathcal{D}_3 \\ R = J_2 \times J_3}} |C_2^{\{1\}} (1 \otimes 1, h_{J_2} \otimes h_{J_3})|^2 \frac{|I_1|}{|J_1|} \lesssim \frac{|I_1|}{|J_1|},$$

where the last step follows from the WBP/BMO assumption that $C_2^{\{1\}}(1 \otimes 1, \cdot)$ is a product BMO function with norm ≤ 1 .

This finishes the discussion of the term IV. Similarly, term VII can also be expressed as a sum of terms involving bi-parameter paraproducts, where the BMO function and the correct boundedness are given in the following lemma, whose proof is left to the reader.

Lemma 4.5. Define
$$b_{J_3I_3} = \langle T^*(1 \otimes 1 \otimes h_{J_3}), s_{J_3I_3} \rangle_3 / (C \, 2^{-j_3 \delta/2})$$
. Then
 $\|b_{J_3I_3}\|_{\text{BMO}_{\text{prod}}(\mathbb{R}^{d_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_2})} \lesssim \frac{|J_3|^{1/2}}{|I_3|^{1/2}}.$

4.3.4. Term VIII. In order to deal with the last term, one needs to realize it into the desired form using tri-parameter paraproducts and apply the assumed mixed BMO/WBP conditions. Specifically, write

$$\begin{split} \sum_{I_1 \subsetneq J_1} \sum_{I_2 \subsetneq J_2} \sum_{J_3 \subsetneq I_3} \langle h_{J_1} \rangle_{I_1} \langle h_{J_2} \rangle_{I_2} \langle h_{I_3} \rangle_{J_3} \langle T_3^*(1), h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle \\ & \quad \cdot \langle f, h_{I_1} \otimes h_{I_2} \otimes h_{I_3} \rangle \langle g, h_{J_1} \otimes h_{J_2} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle \\ & = \sum_{K,V,W} \langle \langle g, h_W \rangle_3 \rangle_{K \times V} \langle \langle f, h_K \otimes h_V \rangle_{1,2} \rangle_W \langle T_3^*(1), h_K \otimes h_V \otimes h_W \rangle \\ & = \sum_{K,V,W} \langle T_3^*(1), h_K \otimes h_V \otimes h_W \rangle \langle f, h_K \otimes h_V \otimes h_W^1 \rangle \\ & \quad \cdot \langle g, h_K^1 \otimes h_V^1 \otimes h_W \rangle |K|^{-1/2} |V|^{-1/2} |W|^{-1/2} \\ & =: \langle \Pi_{T_3^*(1)} f, g \rangle, \end{split}$$

where the tri-parameter paraproduct above is defined as

$$\Pi_b(f) := \sum_{K,V,W} \langle b, h_K \otimes h_V \otimes h_W \rangle \langle f, h_K \otimes h_V \otimes h_W^1 \rangle \\ \cdot h_K^1 \otimes h_V^1 \otimes h_W |K|^{-1/2} |V|^{-1/2} |W|^{-1/2}.$$

A hybrid square/maximal function argument shows that in the setting of arbitrarily many parameters, the analogue of paraproduct Π_b defined above is always bounded on L^2 for product BMO symbol function b. Since it is one of our mixed BMO/WBP assumptions that $T_3^*(1) \in \text{BMO}_{\text{prod}}$, term VIII can thus be realized of the form $C\langle S^{000000}f,g\rangle$, which concludes the proof of the case inside/inside.

Now one can see that for estimates of other cases where not all the pairs of cubes are nested, less multi-parameter paraproduct type estimates are involved. One just needs to carefully apply the suitable standard kernel assumptions to derive the correct normalization, which should not involve any other new elements once we have seen what is happening in this more difficult case. It is also not hard to observe that our argument can be easily adapted to handle all the different mixed cases due to the symmetry of our conditions formulated at the beginning of the paper, hence the proof of Theorem 3.1 is complete.

Before ending the section, we emphasize that unlike [10], in the setting of more than two parameters, one has to deal with "partial type" multi-parameter paraproducts (for example for term IV, VI, VII above) in addition to the classical one-parameter ones in the discussion of the above and other cases. This explains why one needs to formulate the full kernel, partial kernel, BMO/WBP assumptions for the operator T in such a particular way as we did.

5. Comparison to Journé's class

The first general class of bi-parameter singular integral operators containing nonconvolution type operators was established by Journé in [7], where he proved a bi-parameter T1 theorem as well. It is also pointed out in [7] that, by induction, his approach can be generalized to arbitrarily many parameters.

Definition 5.1. Let $T: C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{d_1}) \otimes C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{d_2}) \to [C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{d_1}) \otimes C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{d_2})]'$ be a continuous linear mapping. It is a *Journé type bi-parameter* δ -SIO if there exists a pair (K_1, K_2) of δ CZ- δ -standard kernels so that, for all $f_1, g_1 \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{d_1})$ and $f_2, g_2 \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{d_2})$,

(5.1)
$$\langle T(f_1 \otimes f_2), g_1 \otimes g_2 \rangle = \int f_1(y_1) \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2, g_2 \rangle g_1(x_1) dx_1 dy_1$$

when spt $f_1 \cap \operatorname{spt} g_1 = \emptyset$;

(5.2)
$$\langle T(f_1 \otimes f_2), g_1 \otimes g_2 \rangle = \int f_2(y_2) \langle K_2(x_2, y_2) f_1, g_1 \rangle g_2(x_2) dx_2 dy_2$$

when spt $f_2 \cap$ spt $g_2 = \emptyset$.

Recall that a δ CZ- δ -standard kernel is a standard kernel with parameter δ whose value is in the Banach space δ CZ, the space of Calderón–Zygmund operators equipped with the norm $||T||_{L^2 \to L^2} + ||K||$.

Let T_1 denote the partial adjoint T_S where $S = \{1\}$, then it is easy to see that T_1 is also a Journé type δ -SIO if T is. A Journé type δ -SIO T is called a *Journé type bi-parameter* δ -*CZO* if both T, T_1 are bounded on L^2 , associated with the norm $||T||_{L^2 \to L^2} + ||T_1||_{L^2 \to L^2} + ||K_1||_{\delta CZ} + ||K_2||_{\delta CZ}$. By induction, one can also define *Journé type n-parameter SIO* accordingly.

It is recently proved by Grau de la Herrán in [4] that in the bi-parameter setting, under the additional assumption that T is bounded on L^2 , T is a Journé type δ -SIO satisfying certain WBP if and only if it satisfies Martikainen's mixed type conditions in [10]. In the following, we reformulate this theorem without any assumption of the L^2 boundedness and prove it in the multi-parameter setting. In [4], the L^2 boundedness is used only to compare the two different formulations of WBP. However, in both Journé's and our class of singular integrals, the WBP enter only in the context of the boundedness of the operator.

In the proof of the following Theorem 5.2, one of the intrinsic new difficulties is that some type of multi-parameter T1 theorem is needed, namely Corollary 3.2.

Theorem 5.2. T is an n-parameter singular integral operator satisfying both the full kernel and partial kernel assumptions (see Sections 2.1 and 2.2) if and only if it is a Journé type n-parameter SIO (see Definition 5.1).

Proof. We will prove this theorem in the case n = 3 as an example, which is enough to demonstrate the new multi-parameter phenomena in the problem. And for simplicity of notations, let us assume that the dimensions $d_1 = d_2 = d_3 = 1$. To remind ourselves, T is a Journé type tri-parameter SIO if there exists a triple (K_1, K_2, K_3) of $\delta CZ(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})$ - δ -standard kernels such that (5.3)

$$\langle T(f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3), g_1 \otimes g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle = \int f_1(y_1) \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1 \rangle \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) \, dx_1 \, dx_2 \, dx_$$

when spt $f_1 \cap$ spt $g_1 = \emptyset$, and similarly for K_2, K_3 .

It is important to keep in mind that for any fixed $x_1, y_1, K_1(x_1, y_1)$ is a Journé type bi-parameter SIO on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$.

To show that any Journé type tri-parameter SIO T satisfies our full and partial kernel assumptions, one can basically follow the strategy in [4], and note that no L^2 boundedness is needed. Due to the symmetries of the conditions, it suffices to check the kernel assumptions for T while the results for other T_S follow similarly. The full kernel assumptions are straightforward to verify, which we omit. For the partial kernel assumptions, let us look at the most difficult case $V = \{1\}$ as an example, while all the other cases follow similarly and symmetrically.

For any spt $f_1 \cap \text{spt } g_1 = \emptyset$, since T is a Journé type operator, we have

$$\langle T(f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3), g_1 \otimes g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle = \int f_1(y_1) \langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle g_1(x_1) \, dx_1 dy_1.$$

Define partial kernel $K_{f_2\otimes f_3,g_2\otimes g_3}^{\{1\}}(x_1,y_1) := \langle K_1(x_1,y_1)f_2 \otimes f_3,g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle$. Then the mixed size-Hölder conditions are implied by the fact that $K_1(x_1,y_1)$ is a $\delta CZ(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})$ - δ -standard kernel. Let us first look at the standard kernel estimates and the boundedness of constant $C^{\{1\}}(1 \otimes 1, \cdot)$. Since $K_1(x_1, y_1)$ maps $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})$ boundedly into $BMO_{prod}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})$ with operator norm bounded by $\|K_1(x_1, y_1)\|_{\delta CZ(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})}$, a result proved by Journé in [7], $K_{1\otimes 1,g_{23}}^{\{1\}}$ is thus well defined for any function $g_{23} \in H^1_{prod}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})$, which is not necessarily a tensor product.

Then in order to prove the size condition, one writes

$$|K_{1\otimes 1,g_{23}}^{\{1\}}(x_1,y_1)| = |\langle K_1(x_1,y_1)1\otimes 1,g_{23}\rangle| \lesssim ||K_1(x_1,y_1)||_{\delta CZ(\mathbb{R}\times\mathbb{R})},$$

where $||g_{23}||_{H^1_{\text{prod}}(\mathbb{R}\times\mathbb{R})} \leq 1.$

Hence, by the vector-valued standard kernel assumption of $K_1(x_1, y_1)$,

$$|K_{1\otimes 1,g_{23}}^{\{1\}}(x_1,y_1)| \le C^{\{1\}}(1\otimes 1,g_{23}) \frac{1}{|x_1-y_1|},$$

where $C^{\{1\}}(1 \otimes 1, g_{23})$ is some constant that is universally bounded.

For Hölder conditions, one can similarly write

$$|K_{1\otimes 1,g_{23}}^{\{1\}}(x_1,y_1) - K_{1\otimes 1,g_{23}}^{\{1\}}(x_1',y_1)| = |\langle (K_1(x_1,y_1) - K_1(x_1',y_1))1 \otimes 1,g_{23} \rangle|$$

$$\lesssim ||K_1(x_1,y_1) - K_1(x_1',y_1)||_{\delta CZ(\mathbb{R}\times\mathbb{R})} \lesssim C^{\{1\}}(1\otimes 1,g_{23}) \frac{|x_1 - x_1'|^{\delta}}{|x_1 - y_1|^{1+\delta}},$$

where the constant $C^{\{1\}}(1 \otimes 1, g_{23})$ is the same as before. This completes the proof of the standard kernel estimates and the BMO condition of $C^{\{1\}}(1 \otimes 1, \cdot)$ as well.

To prove the bounds for $C^{\{1\}}(\chi_{I_2} \otimes 1, \chi_{I_2} \otimes h)$ (*h* being an atom of $H^1(\mathbb{R})$ adapted to cube *V*), for simplicity we only verify the size condition as the Hölder conditions are similar. Split

$$\begin{split} K^{\{1\}}_{\chi_{I_2}\otimes 1,\chi_{I_2}\otimes h}(x_1,y_1) &= \langle K_1(x_1,y_1)\chi_{I_2}\otimes 1,\chi_{I_2}\otimes h \rangle \\ &= \langle K_1(x_1,y_1)\chi_{I_2}\otimes \chi_{3V},\chi_{I_2}\otimes h \rangle + \langle K_1(x_1,y_1)\chi_{I_2}\otimes \chi_{(3V)^c},\chi_{I_2}\otimes h \rangle =: \mathrm{I} + \mathrm{II}. \end{split}$$

The first term can be estimated using L^2 bounds:

$$|\mathbf{I}| \le \|K_1(x_1, y_1)\|_{\delta CZ(\mathbb{R}\times\mathbb{R})} \|\chi_{I_2} \otimes \chi_{3V}\|_2 \|\chi_{I_2} \otimes h\|_2 \lesssim \|K_1(x_1, y_1)\|_{\delta CZ(\mathbb{R}\times\mathbb{R})} |I_2|.$$

For the second term, noticing that $\chi_{(3V)^c}$ and h are disjointly supported, by the definition of bi-parameter Journé type CZO, there exists Calderón–Zygmund operator $K_1^3(x_1, y_1, x_3, y_3)$ such that

$$II = \int \chi_{(3V)^c}(y_3) \left\langle K_1^3(x_1, y_1, x_3, y_3) \chi_{I_2}, \chi_{I_2} \right\rangle h(x_3) \, dx_3 \, dy_3$$

which by the vector-valued standard kernel estimate equals

$$\begin{split} &= \int \chi_{(3V)^c}(y_3) \langle [K_1^3(x_1, y_1, x_3, y_3) - K_1^3(x_1, y_1, x_3, c(V))] \chi_{I_2}, \chi_{I_2} \rangle h(x_3) \, dx_3 \, dy_3 \\ &\leq |I_2| \int |\chi_{(3V)^c}(y_3) h(x_3)| \|K_1^3(x_1, y_1, x_3, y_3) - K_1^3(x_1, y_1, x_3, c(V))\|_{\delta CZ(\mathbb{R})} \, dx_3 \, dy_3 \\ &\leq |I_2| \|K_1(x_1, y_1)\|_{\delta CZ(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})} \int |\chi_{(3V)^c}(y_3) \, h(x_3)| \, \frac{\ell(V)^{\delta}}{d(y_3, V)^{1+\delta}} \, dx_3 \, dy_3 \\ &\lesssim |I_2| \|K_1(x_1, y_1)\|_{\delta CZ(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})}. \end{split}$$

One thus has the size condition

$$|K_{\chi_{I_2}\otimes 1,\chi_{I_2}\otimes h}^{\{1\}}(x_1,y_1)| \lesssim C^{\{1\}}(\chi_{I_2}\otimes 1,\chi_{I_2}\otimes h) \frac{1}{|x_1-y_1|}$$

where the constant is taken so that $C^{\{1\}}(\chi_{I_2} \otimes 1, \chi_{I_2} \otimes h) \leq |I_2|$, hence satisfies the desired BMO estimate.

Lastly, the estimate of $C^{\{1\}}(\chi_{I_2} \otimes \chi_{I_3}, \chi_{I_2} \otimes \chi_{I_3})$ can be proved similarly based solely on the L^2 boundedness of $K_1(x_1, y_1)$, which completes the easy direction of the proof of Theorem 5.2.

To justify the other direction, for any given tri-parameter operator T, together with all of its partial adjoints satisfying the full and partial kernel assumptions, we will prove that it is a Journé type SIO, i.e., there exist $\delta CZ(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})$ - δ -standard kernels K_1, K_2 and K_3 . By symmetry, it suffices to show the existence of K_1 .

For any $\operatorname{spt} f_1 \cap \operatorname{spt} g_1 = \emptyset$, there holds for some partial kernel $K_{f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3}^{\{1\}}$ that

This suggests us to define a bi-parameter operator $K_1(x_1, y_1)$ associated with the following bilinear form:

$$\langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle := K_{f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3}^{\{1\}}(x_1, y_1).$$

It is left to prove that $K_1(x_1, y_1)$ is a Journé type δ -CZO on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ and satisfies the standard kernel estimates. For the sake of brevity, we will focus only on the size condition, i.e., to show that $||K_1(x_1, y_1)||_{\delta CZ(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})} \lesssim |x_1 - y_1|^{-1}$.

For any fixed x_1, y_1 , the fact that $K_1(x_1, y_1)$ defined above is indeed a linear continuous mapping follows from the linearity and continuity of T itself, with the aid of Lebesgue differentiation theorem.

To see that $K_1(x_1, y_1)$ is a Journé type bi-parameter δ -SIO, according to the definition, we need to show the existence of a pair of δCZ - δ -standard kernels $(K_1^2(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2), K_1^3(x_1, y_1, x_3, y_3))$ such that

when spt $f_2 \cap \text{spt} g_2 = \emptyset$;

$$\langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle = K_{f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3}^{\{1\}}(x_1, y_1)$$

$$(5.5) \qquad \qquad \qquad = \int f_3(y_3) \left\langle K_1^3(x_1, y_1, x_3, y_3) f_2, g_2 \right\rangle g_3(x_3) \, dx_3 \, dy_3$$

when spt $f_3 \cap$ spt $g_3 = \emptyset$, and the δCZ -valued standard kernel estimates for the operators $K_1^i(x_1, y_1, x_i, y_i)$, i = 2, 3.

The existence of K_1^2 and K_1^3 follows from another partial kernel assumption. Take K_1^2 as an example, when $\operatorname{spt} f_i \cap \operatorname{spt} g_i = \emptyset$ for i = 1, 2:

$$\langle T(f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3), g_1 \otimes g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle$$

$$= \int K_{f_3,g_3}^{\{1,2\}}(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2) f_1(y_1) f_2(y_2) g_1(x_1) g_2(x_2) dx_1 dx_2 dy_1 dy_2$$

$$= \int K_{f_2 \otimes f_3,g_2 \otimes g_3}^{\{1\}}(x_1, y_1) f_1(y_1) g_1(x_1) dx_1 dy_1.$$

By Lebesgue differentiation, this implies

$$\langle K_1(x_1, y_1) f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle = K_{f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3}^{\{1\}}(x_1, y_1)$$

= $\int K_{f_3, g_3}^{\{1,2\}}(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2) f_2(y_2) g_2(x_2) dx_2 dy_2.$

It is thus natural to define $\langle K_1^2(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2) f_3, g_3 \rangle := K_{f_3, g_3}^{\{1,2\}}(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2)$. We next show that $\|K_1^2(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2)\|_{\delta CZ} \lesssim |x_1 - y_1|^{-1}|x_2 - y_2|^{-1}$, which is

the size estimate, and the Hölder estimates follow similarly.

First, one can easily check that the operator $K_1^2(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2)$ is associated with the kernel $K(x_1, y_2, x_2, y_2, \cdot, \cdot)$, which is standard with the correct norm because of the mixed size-Hölder conditions in the full kernel assumption. It thus suffices to prove that $||K_1^2(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2)||_{L^2 \to L^2} \leq |x_1 - y_1|^{-1} |x_2 - y_2|^{-1}$, which will follow from Corollary 3.2 in the case n = 1 provided that $K_1^2(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2)$ satisfies the BMO/WBP properties. (This is exactly the classical T1 theorem, rephrased in our language.)

To see this last piece of fact, note that for any normalized H^1 function h, any cube I_3 in the third variable,

$$\begin{split} |\langle K_1^2(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2) 1, h \rangle| &= |K_{1,h}^{\{1,2\}}(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2)| \lesssim C^{\{1,2\}}(1,h) \frac{1}{|x_1 - y_1|} \frac{1}{|x_2 - y_2|} \\ &\lesssim \frac{1}{|x_1 - y_1|} \frac{1}{|x_2 - y_2|}, \\ |\langle K_1^2(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2) \chi_{I_3}, \chi_{I_3} \rangle| &= |K_{\chi_{I_3}, \chi_{I_3}}^{\{1,2\}}(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2)| \\ &\lesssim C^{\{1,2\}}(\chi_{I_3}, \chi_{I_3}) \frac{1}{|x_1 - y_1|} \frac{1}{|x_2 - y_2|} \lesssim |I_3| \frac{1}{|x_1 - y_1|} \frac{1}{|x_2 - y_2|}, \end{split}$$

which are the BMO/WBP assumptions when n = 1. This demonstrates that $K_1(x_1, y_1)$ is a Journé type bi-parameter δ -SIO on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$.

Now the only gap left in the proof of Theorem 5.2 is to show that as a biparameter operator,

(5.6)
$$||K_1(x_1, y_1)||_{L^2 \to L^2} \lesssim \frac{1}{|x_1 - y_1|}$$

together with the same bound for its partial adjoint. We omit the proof of the partial adjoint part as it follows from the same argument by changing T to its corresponding partial adjoint from the beginning.

The proof of (5.6) is exactly where the multi-parameter version of Corollary 3.2 comes into play, as we are in need of a multi-parameter T1 type theorem of its full strength. It thus suffices to demonstrate that $K_1(x_1, y_1)$ is a bi-parameter singular integral satisfying our full and partial kernel assumptions, as well as the additional BMO/WBP assumptions with the required norm. Note that without loss of generality, we are free to discuss $K_1(x_1, y_1)$ itself only, as the similar results for its partial adjoints will follow from the symmetry of the assumptions on T.

To demonstrate the full kernel assumption, noticing that $K_1(x_1, y_1)$ is associated with kernel $K(x_1, y_1, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$, it is not hard to check all the mixed size-Hölder conditions of the kernel.

For the partial kernel assumption, when spt $f_2 \cap \text{spt } g_2 = \emptyset$, observe that

Then, the partial kernel $K_{f_3,g_3}^{\{1,2\}}$ satisfies the collection of mixed size-Hölder conditions with a constant bounded by $C^{\{1,2\}}(f_3,g_3)|x_1-y_1|^{-1}$. And for any normalized H^1 function h and any cube I_3 ,

$$C^{\{1,2\}}(1,h) \lesssim 1, \quad C^{\{1,2\}}(\chi_{I_3},\chi_{I_3}) \lesssim |I_3|.$$

The Hölder estimates for the partial kernel follow similarly.

It is thus left to check the BMO/WBP assumptions, which will also follow from the partial kernel assumptions of T. First, for any dyadic grids $\mathcal{D}_2, \mathcal{D}_3$ and open set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ with finite measure, since

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle K_1(x_1, y_1) 1 \otimes 1, h_{J_2} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle| &= |K_{1 \otimes 1, h_{J_2} \otimes h_{J_3}}^{\{1\}}(x_1, y_1)| \\ &\lesssim C^{\{1\}}(1 \otimes 1, h_{J_2} \otimes h_{J_3}) \frac{1}{|x_1 - y_1|}, \end{aligned}$$

there holds

$$\frac{1}{|\Omega|} \sum_{\substack{R \subset \Omega, R \in \mathcal{D}_2 \times \mathcal{D}_3 \\ R = J_2 \times J_3}} |\langle K_1(x_1, y_1) 1 \otimes 1, h_{J_2} \otimes h_{J_3} \rangle|^2 \\ \lesssim \frac{1}{|x_1 - y_1|} \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \sum_{\substack{R \subset \Omega, R \in \mathcal{D}_2 \times \mathcal{D}_3 \\ R = J_2 \times J_3}} |C^{\{1\}} (1 \otimes 1, h_{J_2} \otimes h_{J_3})|^2 \lesssim \frac{1}{|x_1 - y_1|}.$$

The last inequality above follows from the fact that $C^{\{1\}}(1 \otimes 1)$ is a product BMO function with norm ≤ 1 . To verify other BMO/WBP assumptions, for any normalized $H^1(\mathbb{R})$ function h_3 and cubes I_2, I_3 , in the second and third variable respectively, observe that

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle K_1(x_1, y_1)\chi_{I_2} \otimes \chi_{I_3}, \chi_{I_2} \otimes \chi_{I_3} \rangle| &\lesssim C^{\{1\}}(\chi_{I_2} \otimes \chi_{I_3}, \chi_{I_2} \otimes \chi_{I_3}) \frac{1}{|x_1 - y_1|} \\ &\lesssim |I_2| |I_3| \frac{1}{|x_1 - y_1|}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$|\langle K_1(x_1, y_1)\chi_{I_2} \otimes 1, \chi_{I_2} \otimes h_3 \rangle| \lesssim C^{\{1\}}(\chi_{I_2} \otimes 1, \chi_{I_2} \otimes h_3) \frac{1}{|x_1 - y_1|} \lesssim |I_2| \frac{1}{|x_1 - y_1|}.$$

Hence, applying Corollary 3.2 in the case $n = 2$ completes the proof.

Hence, applying Corollary 3.2 in the case n = 2 completes the proof.

Remark 5.3. When the number of parameters increases, in order to prove Theorem 5.2, one needs to use Corollary 3.2 in the setting of arbitrarily many parameters, where Journé's T(1) theorem fails to be easily applicable due to its many layers of vector-valued formulations. This demonstrates an important aspect of the power of our *n*-parameter representation theorem for $n \geq 3$.

Once we have proved Theorem 5.2, the following characterization of Journé type *n*-parameter δ -CZO follows immediately.

Corollary 5.4. *T* is a Journé type *n*-parameter δ -CZO if and only if it is an *n*-parameter CZO defined in Section 2.

Proof. We have shown in Theorem 5.2 that Journé's and our class of *n*-parameter SIO are equivalent. It is thus left to verify the equivalence between the boundedness of all the partial adjoints of T. This can be shown directly from the inductive definition of Journé type *n*-parameter CZO, observing that in (n-1)-parameter, the partial kernels are always CZOs themselves, satisfying the corresponding L^2 boundedness in (n-1)-parameter.

Up to this point, we have successfully established a set of characterizing conditions for an operator to be a Journé type *n*-parameter CZO. This is very useful in the study of multi-parameter operators since the full kernel, partial kernel, BMO/WBP conditions are usually much easier to verify and use compared with Journé's original vector-valued formulation.

6. Some discussion of the necessity of the BMO/WBP conditions

Given an *n*-parameter singular integral operator T satisfying both full and partial kernel assumptions, one might ask if the mixed BMO/WBP conditions are necessary for T to be bounded on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^{\vec{d}})$. The answer is yes when n = 1, which is a classical result of Calderón–Zygmund operators, but is no for $n \ge 2$. In fact, a counterexample has been constructed in [7] showing that in the bi-parameter setting, T_11 and $T_1^*1 \in \text{BMO}_{\text{prod}}$ are not necessary conditions for T to be L^2 bounded.

However, one can indeed prove the necessity of some of the mixed BMO/WBP conditions, more precisely, those that are formulated on T and T^* directly. It is straightforward to verify that pure WBP, i.e.,

$$|\langle T(\chi_{I_1}\otimes\cdots\otimes\chi_{I_n}),\chi_{I_1}\otimes\cdots\otimes\chi_{I_n}\rangle|\lesssim\prod_{i=1}^n|I_i|$$

is directly implied by the L^2 boundedness of T. For the pure BMO conditions: $T1, T^*1 \in \text{BMO}_{\text{prod}}$, the necessity is first pointed out in [4] for bi-parameters, and is not hard to extend to arbitrarily many parameters using Theorem 5.2. To see this, suppose that there is a L^2 bounded *n*-parameter SIO satisfying full and partial kernel assumptions. By Theorem 5.2, T is also a Journé type *n*-parameter SIO who is bounded on L^2 . Hence, Theorem 3 in [7] implies that $T1 \in \text{BMO}_{\text{prod}}$, as well as $T^*1 \in \text{BMO}_{\text{prod}}$ observing that T^* is also L^2 bounded.

To prove that for operator T given above, there also hold the mixed BMO/WBP conditions for T, T^* , we take a look at the tri-parameter, $d_1 = d_2 = d_3 = 1$ case as

an example. In other words, one wants to show that

(6.1)
$$\|\langle T(\chi_{I_1} \otimes 1 \otimes 1), \chi_{I_1} \otimes \cdot \rangle\|_{\mathrm{BMO}_{\mathrm{prod}}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})} \lesssim |I_1|,$$

(6.2)
$$\|\langle T(\chi_{I_1} \otimes \chi_{I_2} \otimes 1), \chi_{I_1} \otimes \chi_{I_2} \otimes \cdot \rangle \|_{\mathrm{BMO}(\mathbb{R})} \lesssim |I_1| |I_2|,$$

and all the other mixed BMO/WBP conditions formulated on T will follow symmetrically, so are the ones for T^* .

In order to prove (6.1), for any cube I_1 , one can define an operator $\langle T^1\chi_{I_1},\chi_{I_1}\rangle$ mapping $C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ to its dual:

$$\langle \langle T^1 \chi_{I_1}, \chi_{I_1} \rangle f_2 \otimes f_3, g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle := \langle T(\chi_{I_1} \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3), \chi_{I_1} \otimes g_2 \otimes g_3 \rangle.$$

By taking one parameter away, it is easy to see that $\langle T^1\chi_{I_1}, \chi_{I_1}\rangle$ is a bi-parameter SIO, whose full kernel is $K_{\chi_{I_1},\chi_{I_1}}^{\{2,3\}}(x_2, x_3, y_2, y_3)$ with norm bounded by

$$C^{\{2,3\}}(\chi_{I_1},\chi_{I_1}) \lesssim |I_1|,$$

while the partial kernel assumptions can be verified similarly. Moreover, following from the definition of $\langle T^1\chi_{I_1}, \chi_{I_1} \rangle$ and the L^2 boundedness of T, one can conclude that $\langle T^1\chi_{I_1}, \chi_{I_1} \rangle$ is a L^2 bounded bi-parameter Journé type SIO with norm $\leq |I_1|$, thus maps $1 \otimes 1$ boundedly into BMO_{prod}($\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$), which proves (6.1).

Using the same strategy, it is not hard to demonstrate (6.2) by slicing two parameters away and apply the $L^{\infty} \to BMO$ estimate for Calderón–Zygmund operators. We omit the details.

This, together with the discussion at the end of Section 3, leads us to the following characterization of the class of n-parameter CZO.

Corollary 6.1. Given an n-parameter singular integral operator T satisfying both full and partial kernel assumptions, it is then an n-parameter CZO if and only if the mixed BMO/WBP assumptions hold true.

To end the paper, we state the following result and sketch the proof, which indicates the generality of our operator class and its inductive intrincity. Moreover, it also shows that although our class of operators has been proven to be equivalent to Journé's, its mixed type characterizing conditions still provide us with a very helpful tool to study n-parameter operators, especially when n is very large.

Proposition 6.2. Let $T := T_1 \otimes T_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes T_s$ be an operator on $\mathbb{R}^{\vec{d}} := \mathbb{R}^{\vec{d_1}} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{R}^{\vec{d_s}}$, where for any $1 \leq i \leq s$, T_i is a t_i -parameter CZO on $\mathbb{R}^{\vec{d_i}} := \mathbb{R}^{d_i^1} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{R}^{d_i^{t_i}}$. Then T is an n-parameter CZO, where $n := t_1 + \cdots + t_s$.

Proof. Observing that the partial adjoints of T can be expressed as tensor products of some partial adjoints of T_i , it suffices to prove that T itself verifies the full and partial kernel assumptions, as the L^2 boundedness is straightforward.

The full kernel assumption is easy to verify, since the tensor product of kernels of T_i is the full kernel and satisfies all the mixed size-Hölder conditions.

To show the partial kernel assumptions, note that in any case, one can always write the partial kernel as a tensor product of some of the full or partial kernels of T_i . And the BMO conditions for the constants follow from the fact that the tensor product of partial kernels are always CZO with less parameters, hence maps $L^{\infty} \to BMO$. To prove the mixed WBP/BMO conditions for the constants, one just needs to take away more parameters and mimic what we did in the proof of (6.1) earlier this section. We leave the details of the proof to the reader. \Box

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