

# CALDERÓN-ZYGMUND ESTIMATES

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ABSTRACT. In this note, we prove Calderón-Zygmund estimates in two ways.

## 1. MOTIVATION AND DEFINITIONS

In this note, we will prove the celebrated result of Calderón-Zygmund: for  $1 < p < \infty$ , there exists a constant  $C = C(n, p) > 0$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L_p} \leq C \|\Delta u\|_{L_p}$$

for all  $u \in C_c^\infty$ .

We first give a motivation for obtaining such estimate. Let us consider the Newtonian potential

$$u(x) = \mathcal{N}f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Gamma(y) f(x-y) dy$$

for  $f \in C_c^\infty$ . Here  $\Gamma$  is the fundamental solution of  $-\Delta$  defined by

$$\Gamma(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n(n-2)\omega_n} |x|^{\frac{1}{n-2}} & \text{if } n \geq 3, \\ -\frac{1}{2\pi} \ln |x| & \text{if } n = 2, \end{cases}$$

where  $\omega_n$  is the volume of the unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For simplicity, we assume that  $n \geq 3$ . Since  $f \in C_c^\infty$  and  $\nabla \Gamma$  is locally integrable, integration by part shows that

$$D_i u(x) = -\frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{y^i}{|y|^n} f(x-y) dy.$$

However, if we differentiate it again, we cannot pass the derivatives of  $f$  to the kernel since  $|\nabla^2 \Gamma(x)|$  is not locally integrable.

To get an appropriate representation, choose a radial function  $\zeta \in C_c^\infty$  satisfying  $\zeta(0) = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} D_{ij} u(x) &= \frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{y_i}{|y|^n} [f(x-y) - f(x)\zeta(y)]_{y_j} dy \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{y_i}{|y|^n} [f(x)\zeta(y)]_{y_j} dy. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that

$$\frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{y^i}{|y|^n} [\zeta(y)]_{y_j} dy = \frac{1}{n} \delta_{ij}.$$

Indeed, choose  $R > 0$  so that  $\text{supp } \zeta \subset B_R$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , integration by parts gives

$$\frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{B_R \setminus B_\varepsilon} \frac{y_i}{|y|^n} [\zeta(y)]_{y_j} dy = -\frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{B_R \setminus B_\varepsilon} \partial_{y_j} \left( \frac{y_i}{|y|^n} \right) \zeta(y) dy$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{\partial B_\varepsilon} \frac{y_i}{|y|^n} \zeta(y) \left( \frac{-y_j}{|y|} \right) d\sigma(y) \\
& = - \frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{B_R \setminus B_\varepsilon} \left( \frac{\delta_{ij}|y|^2 - ny_i y_j}{|y|^{n+2}} \right) \zeta(y) dy \\
& + \frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{\partial B_\varepsilon} \frac{y_i}{|y|^n} \zeta(y) \left( \frac{-y_j}{|y|} \right) d\sigma(y).
\end{aligned}$$

Observe that the integrals on the right-hand side are zero if  $i \neq j$  if we use the fact (1.3) and  $\zeta$  is radial. If  $i = j$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{B_R \setminus B_\varepsilon} \frac{y_i}{|y|^n} [\zeta(y)]_{y_i} dy & = - \frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{B_R \setminus B_\varepsilon} \left( \frac{|y|^2 - ny_i^2}{|y|^{n+2}} \right) \zeta(y) dy \\
& + \frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{\partial B_\varepsilon} \frac{y_i^2}{|y|^{n+1}} \zeta(y) d\sigma.
\end{aligned}$$

A change of variable shows that

$$\frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{B_R \setminus B_\varepsilon} \left( \frac{|y|^2 - ny_i^2}{|y|^{n+2}} \right) \zeta(y) dy = \frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{B_R \setminus B_\varepsilon} \left( \frac{|y|^2 - ny_1^2}{|y|^{n+2}} \right) \zeta(y) dy$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Similarly,

$$\frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{\partial B_\varepsilon} \frac{y_i^2}{|y|^{n+1}} \zeta(y) d\sigma = \frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{\partial B_\varepsilon} \frac{y_1^2}{|y|^{n+1}} \zeta(y) d\sigma$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Hence if we denote

$$A_\varepsilon = \frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{B_R \setminus B_\varepsilon} \frac{y_i}{|y|^n} [\zeta(y)]_{y_i} dy,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
nA_\varepsilon & = - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{B_R \setminus B_\varepsilon} \left( \frac{n|y|^2 - n|y|^2}{|y|^{n+2}} \right) \zeta(y) dy \\
& + \frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{\partial B_\varepsilon} \frac{1}{|y|^{n-1}} \zeta(y) d\sigma \\
& = \frac{1}{n\omega_n \varepsilon^{n-1}} \int_{\partial B_\varepsilon} \zeta(y) d\sigma(y).
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sigma(\partial B_\varepsilon) = n\omega_n \varepsilon^{n-1}$ , it follows from continuity of  $\zeta$  and  $\zeta(0) = 1$  that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} nA_\varepsilon = 1.$$

This implies that

$$\frac{1}{n\omega_n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{y_i}{|y|^n} [\zeta(y)]_{y_j} dy = \frac{1}{n} \delta_{ij}.$$

Since

$$|f(x-y) - f(x)\zeta(y)| \leq |f(x-y) - f(x) + f(x)(1 - \zeta(y))| \leq C|y|,$$

it follows that

$$D_{ij}u(x) = C_1(n) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} K_{ij}(y)(f(x-y) - f(x)\zeta(y)) dy - \frac{\delta_{ij}}{n} f(x)$$

converges, where

$$K_{ij}(y) = \frac{\delta_{ij}|y|^2 - ny_i y_j}{|y|^{n+2}}.$$

Since  $\zeta$  is radial, then one can show that

$$\int_{|y| \geq \varepsilon} K_{ij}(y) \zeta(y) dy = 0.$$

Hence we obtain the following representation

$$D_{ij}u(x) = C_1(n) \mathcal{K}_{ij}f(x) - \frac{\delta_{ij}}{n} f(x),$$

where

$$\mathcal{K}_{ij}f(x) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0+} \int_{|y| \geq r} K_{ij}(y) f(x-y) dy.$$

If we can prove that

$$\|\mathcal{K}_{ij}f\|_{L_p} \leq C \|f\|_{L_p},$$

then

$$\|D_{ij}u\|_{L_p} \leq C \|f\|_{L_p}.$$

This leads us to study the Calderón-Zygmund theory of singular integrals.

**Definition 1.1.** We say that a kernel  $K : \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is the *Calderón-Zygmund kernel* if

- (1) there exists a constant  $B > 0$  such that  $|K(x)| \leq B|x|^{-n}$  for all  $x \neq 0$ ;
- (2) (Hörmander condition) there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\int_{|x| > 2|y|} |K(x) - K(x-y)| dx \leq C$$

for all  $y \neq 0$ ;

- (3) (Cancellation property) For any  $0 < r < s < \infty$ , we have

$$\int_{r < |x| < s} K(x) dx = 0.$$

*Remark.* The Hörmander condition is related to the regularity condition on  $K$ . In fact, one can show that if  $|\nabla K(x)| \leq B/|x|^{n+1}$  for some  $B > 0$ , then  $K$  satisfies the Hörmander condition. Indeed, by the fundamental theorem of calculus, we have

$$K(x-y) - K(x) = - \int_0^1 \nabla K(x-ty) \cdot y dt$$

Since  $x-ty \in B_{|x|/2}(x)$ , it follows that  $|x-ty| \geq \frac{|x|}{2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{|x| \geq 2|y|} |K(x) - K(x-y)| dx &= \int_{|x| \geq 2|y|} \left| \int_0^1 \nabla K(x-ty) \cdot y dt \right| dx \\ &\leq C \int_{|x| \geq 2|y|} |y| \frac{1}{|x|^{n+1}} dx \\ &= C|y| \int_{2|y|}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\rho^2} d\rho = C. \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 1.2.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and let  $K$  be a Calderón-Zygmund kernel. Then the limit*

$$Tf(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0+} \int_{|x-y|>\varepsilon} K(x-y)f(y) dy$$

*exists.*

*Proof.* Note that for  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ , it follows from the cancellation condition that

$$\int_{|y|>\varepsilon} K(y)f(x-y) dy = \int_{\varepsilon<|y|<1} K(y)[f(x-y) - f(x)] dy + \int_{|y|>1} K(y)f(x-y) dy.$$

By the mean value theorem, we have

$$(1.2) \quad |f(x-y) - f(x)| \leq \|\nabla f\|_{L_\infty} |y|.$$

Since  $K(y)$  is bounded for  $|y| \geq 1$  and  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ , the second integral is well-defined. Also, by (1.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\varepsilon<|y|<1} |K(y)| |f(x-y) - f(x)| dy \right| &\leq \int_{\varepsilon<|y|<1} \frac{B}{|y|^n} \|\nabla f\|_{L_\infty} |y| dy \\ &\leq B \|f\|_{L_\infty} \int_{\varepsilon<|y|<1} \frac{1}{|y|^{n-1}} dy. \end{aligned}$$

A change of variable into polar coordinates shows that

$$\int_{\varepsilon<|y|<1} \frac{1}{|y|^{n-1}} dy = c_n \int_\varepsilon^1 \frac{\rho^{n-1}}{\rho^{n-1}} d\rho = c_n(1 - \varepsilon).$$

Hence for  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ ,

$$T_\varepsilon f(x) = \int_{|y|>\varepsilon} K(y)f(x-y) dy$$

is well-defined. Moreover, one can show that for  $0 < \eta < \varepsilon$ , we have

$$|T_\varepsilon f(x) - T_\eta f(x)| \leq C \|f\|_{L_\infty} (\varepsilon - \eta).$$

Hence  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0+} T_\varepsilon f(x)$  exists, which completes the proof.  $\square$

We call such an operator as the *Calderón-Zygmund operator* (of convolution type). Here is the main theorem of this note, which was due to Calderón-Zygmund [1], which extends the result of M. Riesz<sup>1</sup> (1927)

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $K$  be a Calderón-Zygmund kernel and  $T$  be a Calderón-Zygmund operator associated to the kernel  $K$ . If  $1 < p < \infty$  there exists a constant  $C = C(n, p) > 0$  such that*

$$\|Tf\|_{L_p} \leq C \|f\|_{L_p},$$

*for all  $f \in C_c^\infty$ . Hence the operator  $T$  extends uniquely to the linear operator from  $L_p$  to itself.*

Assuming Theorem 1.3, we prove (1.1). Let  $u \in C_c^\infty$  and set  $f = -\Delta u$ . Note that  $\mathcal{N}(-\Delta u) = \Delta u$ . Recall the definition of  $K_{ij}$ :

$$K_{ij}(x) = \frac{nx_i x_j - \delta_{ij} |x|^2}{|x|^{n+2}}.$$

We check that  $K_{ij}$  is a Calderón-Zygmund kernel.

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<sup>1</sup>There are Frigyes Riesz and Marcel Riesz. F. Riesz proved Riesz representation theorem and rising sun lemma. M. Riesz proved Riesz complex interpolation theorem.

- (Size condition): Clearly  $|K_{ij}(x)| \leq (n + \delta)|x|^{-n}$ ;
- (Regularity condition): Observe that  $|K_{ij}(x)| \leq C|x|^{-n-1}$ ;
- (Cancellation) Since  $K_{ij}$  is a homogeneous kernel of order  $n$ , it suffices to check that

$$(1.3) \quad \int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} K_{ij} d\sigma = 0.$$

If  $i \neq j$ , note that

$$K_{ij}(x_1, \dots, -x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n) = -K_{ij}(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

This implies that

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} K_{ij} d\sigma = 0.$$

If  $i = j$ , a change of variable gives

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} K_{ii} d\sigma = \int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} K_{11} d\sigma.$$

Hence

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} K_{ii} d\sigma = \int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} (|x|^2 - |x|^2) d\sigma(x) = 0$$

implies that  $K_{ij}$  has mean zero for all  $i, j$ .

Therefore, it follows from the Calderón-Zygmund theorem (Theorem 1.3) that the operator  $K_{ij}$  defined on  $C_c^\infty$  extends to a bounded linear operator  $L_p$  to itself. Hence there exists a constant  $C = C(n, p) > 0$  such that

$$\|D_{ij}u\|_{L_p} = \|D_{ij}\mathcal{N}(-\Delta u)\|_{L_p} \leq C\|\Delta u\|_{L_p}$$

for all  $u \in C_c^\infty$ , which proves (1.1).

The goal of this note is to show the proof of Theorem 1.3. The proof consists of five steps.

- (1) We first prove that  $T$  is bounded on  $L_2$  ( $L_2$  has a more fruitful structure than  $L_p$ , e.g. Fourier transform, Hilbert spaces, ...)
- (2) We prove that  $T$  is of weak type  $(1, 1)$ , that is, there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |Tf(x)| > \lambda\}| \leq \frac{C}{\lambda}$$

for all  $f \in C_c^\infty$ .

- (3) Using the Marcinkiewicz interpolation theorem,  $T$  is bounded on  $L_p$  for  $1 < p < 2$ .
- (4) By duality,  $T$  is bounded on  $L_p$  for  $2 < p < \infty$
- (5) By density, we may extend  $T$  from  $C_c^\infty$  to  $L_p$ .

Step 2 is the highly nontrivial part of the proof. It uses the celebrated Calderón-Zygmund decomposition of a function  $f \in L_1$ , which we will see in detail in Section 2. Roughly speaking, the Calderón-Zygmund decomposition splits the function  $f$  into two pieces, the *good part*  $g$  and *bad part*  $b$  with respect to a fixed level  $\alpha$ .

$$f = g + b.$$

More precisely, given  $f \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\alpha > 0$ , there exist a collection of cubes  $\{Q_j\}$  whose interiors are mutually disjoint,  $g$ , and  $b$  such that

$$f = g + b,$$

$$\left| \bigcup_j Q_j \right| \leq \frac{C}{\alpha} \|f\|_{L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

for some constant  $C > 0$ ,  $|g(x)| \leq c\alpha$ , and

$$b(x) = 0 \quad \left( \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} Q_j \right)^c \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{Q_j} b(x) dx = 0 \quad \text{for each } j.$$

Why do we call  $g$  a good part? Maybe there are two reasons. First,  $g \in L_1 \cap L_{\infty}$ . In particular, for  $1 < p < \infty$ , we have

$$\|g\|_{L_p} \leq \|g\|_{L_1}^{1/p} \|g\|_{L_{\infty}}^{1-1/p} \leq \|f\|_{L_1}^{1/p} (2^n \alpha)^{1-1/p},$$

see Theorem 2.1. Second, if we know that  $T$  is bounded on  $L_2$ , then we can easily control the level set of  $Tg$ . Indeed, by Chebyshev's inequality and boundedness of  $T$  on  $L_2$ , we have

$$|\{x : |Tg(x)| > \alpha\}| \leq \frac{\|Tg\|_{L_2}^2}{\alpha^2} \leq \frac{C}{\alpha} \|f\|_{L_1}.$$

However, it is a bit hard to control the level set of  $Tb$ . To accomplish this goal, we need to use a 'remaining good structure' on  $b$  and the regularity conditions on the kernel  $K$ . Then the  $L_p$ -boundness of the operator follows from the Marcinkiewicz interpolation theorem and a standard duality argument.

The rest of this note is organized as follows.

## 2. CALDERÓN-ZYGMUND DECOMPOSITION

We say that a cube of the form

$$[2^k m_1, 2^k(m_1 + 1)) \times \cdots \times [2^k m_n, 2^k(m_n + 1)),$$

where  $k, m_1, \dots, m_n \in \mathbb{Z}$  is *dyadic*.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $f \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\alpha > 0$ . There exist functions  $g, b$ , and collection of dyadic cubes  $\{Q_j\}$  which are mutually disjoint satisfying the following properties:*

- (a)  $f = g + b$ ;
- (b)  $\|g\|_{L_1} \leq \|f\|_{L_1}$  and  $\|g\|_{L_{\infty}} \leq 2^n \alpha$ ;
- (c)  $b = \sum_j b_j$ , where each  $b_j$  is supported in a dyadic cube  $Q_j$ . Furthermore, the cubes  $Q_k$  and  $Q_j$  are disjoint when  $j \neq k$ ;
- (d)  $\int_{Q_j} b_j(x) dx = 0$ ;
- (e)  $\|b_j\|_{L_1} \leq 2^{n+1} \alpha |Q_j|$ ;
- (f)  $\left| \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} Q_j \right| \leq \alpha^{-1} \|f\|_{L_1}$ .

*Proof.* We decompose  $\mathbb{R}^n$  into a mesh of disjoint dyadic cubes of the same size satisfying

$$|Q| \geq \frac{1}{\alpha} \|f\|_{L_1}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{S}_0$  be the collection of these dyadic cubes. For each cube in  $\mathcal{S}_0$ , dissect each side to get  $2^n$  congruent cubes. Let  $\mathcal{G}_1$  be the collection of such cubes. Choose a cube  $Q$  in  $\mathcal{G}_1$  satisfying

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f| dx > \alpha$$

and we collect these cubes, and we denote this collection by  $\mathcal{S}_1$ . Now we disect each element in  $\mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{S}_1$  into  $2^n$  congruent cubes. Let  $\mathcal{S}_2$  be the collection of such cubes and choose a cube  $Q$  in  $\mathcal{G}_2$  satisfying (2.1). Continue this process and write

$$\mathcal{G} = \bigcup_{j=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{G}_j \quad \mathcal{Q} = \bigcup_j \mathcal{S}_j.$$

By construction,  $\mathcal{Q}$  is countable. Of course, the collection could be empty. In this case,  $g = f$  and  $b = 0$ .

We check several properties of  $\{Q_j\}$ . By the selection process,  $\{Q_j\}$  is a collection of dyadic cubes which are disjoint. By (2.1), we have

$$|Q| < \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_Q |f| dx$$

for all  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}$ . Since  $\{Q_j\}$  is disjoint, it follows that

$$\left| \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} Q_j \right| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |Q_j| < \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum_j \int_{Q_j} |f| dx \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \|f\|_{L_1}.$$

Define

$$b_j = \left( f - \frac{1}{|Q_j|} \int_{Q_j} f dx \right) \chi_{Q_j}$$

and

$$b = \sum_j b_j, \quad g = f - b.$$

For each  $Q_j \in \mathcal{Q}$ , there exists a unique parent  $\hat{Q}_j$  in  $\mathcal{G} \setminus \mathcal{Q}$  such that  $Q_j \subset \hat{Q}_j$   $|\hat{Q}_j| = 2^n |Q_j|$ . Since  $\hat{Q}_j$  is not selected, we have

$$\frac{1}{|\hat{Q}_j|} \int_{\hat{Q}_j} |f| dx \leq \alpha, \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad \frac{1}{|Q_j|} \int_{Q_j} |f| dx \leq 2^n \alpha.$$

So

$$(2.2) \quad \frac{1}{|Q_j|} \int_{Q_j} |f| dx \leq \frac{1}{|Q_j|} \int_{\hat{Q}_j} |f| dx \leq 2^n \alpha.$$

By definition of  $b_j$ , we have

$$\int_{Q_j} |b_j| dx \leq \int_{Q_j} |f| dx + |Q_j| \left| \frac{1}{|Q_j|} \int_{Q_j} f dx \right| \leq 2 \int_{Q_j} |f| dx \leq 2^{n+1} \alpha |Q_j|.$$

To get an information on good function  $g$ , note that

$$g = \begin{cases} f & \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup_j Q_j, \\ \frac{1}{|Q_j|} \int_{Q_j} f dx & \text{on } Q_j. \end{cases}$$

By (2.2), we have

$$|g(x)| \leq 2^n \alpha \quad \text{on } Q_j.$$

For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup_j Q_j$ , there exists a sequence  $\{Q^{(k)}\}$  such that  $x \in Q^{(k)}$  and  $Q^{(k)} \in \mathcal{G}_k \setminus \mathcal{S}_k$  for all  $k$ . Then  $\{Q^{(k)}\}$  shrinks nicely to  $x$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence it follows from the Lebesgue differentiation theorem that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|Q^{(k)}|} \int_{Q^{(k)}} f dx = f(x)$$

a.e. on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup_j Q_j$ . Since

$$\left| \frac{1}{|Q^{(k)}|} \int_{Q^{(k)}} f \, dx \right| \leq \int_{Q^{(k)}} |f| \, dx \leq \alpha,$$

it follows that  $|f(x)| \leq \alpha$  a.e. on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup_j Q_j$ . This implies that  $|g(x)| \leq \alpha$  a.e. on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Finally, note that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |g(x)| \, dx &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup_j Q_j} |f(x)| \, dx + \int_{\bigcup_j Q_j} |g(x)| \, dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup_j Q_j} |f(x)| \, dx + \sum_j \int_{Q_j} |g(x)| \, dx \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup_j Q_j} |f(x)| \, dx + \sum_j \int_{Q_j} \left| \frac{1}{|Q_j|} \int_{Q_j} f \, dx \right| \, dx \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup_j Q_j} |f(x)| \, dx + \sum_j \int_{Q_j} |f| \, dx \\ &= \|f\|_{L_1}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

*Remark.* Calderón-Zygmund decomposition can be found in many places in PDEs paper. Good examples are ‘reverse Hölder estimate (Gehring lemma)’ and ‘a crawling ink spot lemma’. We will see these examples in the next week.

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.3

In this section, we prove Theorem 1.3. For simplicity, we first assume that  $T$  is bounded on  $L_2$  (see Proposition 3.2). This will be proved at the end of this section.

**Proposition 3.1.** *The operator  $T$  is of weak type  $(1, 1)$ .*

*Proof.* We will show that there exists  $C = C(n) > 0$  such that

$$|\{x : |Tf(x)| > \lambda\}| \leq \frac{C}{\lambda} \|f\|_{L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

for all  $\lambda > 0$ .

Apply Calderón-Zygmund decomposition to  $f$  with the level  $\lambda$ . Then there exist a collection of cubes  $\mathcal{Q} = \{Q_j\}$  and decomposition  $f = g + b$  given in Theorem 2.1. Note that

$$\{x : |Tf(x)| > \lambda\} \subset \{x : |Tg(x)| > \lambda/2\} \cup \{x : |Tb(x)| > \lambda/2\}.$$

For the estimate of the good part, it follows from the  $L_2$ -boundedness of  $T$  that

$$\begin{aligned} |\{x : |Tg(x)| > \lambda/2\}| &\leq \frac{4}{\lambda^2} \|Tg\|_{L_2}^2 \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\lambda^2} \|g\|_{L_2}^2 \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\lambda^2} \|g\|_{L_1} \|g\|_{L_\infty} \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\lambda} \|g\|_{L_1} \end{aligned}$$



since  $|g| \leq \lambda$  a.e. To estimate the bad part, we will crucially use mean-zero property of  $b_j$  on  $Q_j$  and the Hörmander condition of  $K$ . For each  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}$ , let  $Q^*$  be the dilate of  $Q$  by  $2\sqrt{n}$ .

By Chebyshev's inequality and the property of the collection  $\mathcal{Q}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\{x : |Tb(x)| > \lambda/2\}| &\leq \left| \bigcup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} Q^* \right| + \left| \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} Q^* : |Tb(x)| > \lambda/2 \right\} \right| \\ &\leq C \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} |Q| + \frac{2}{\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup Q^*} |(Tb)(x)| dx \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\lambda} \|f\|_{L_1} + \frac{2}{\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup Q^*} |(Tb)(x)| dx. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $b = \sum_j b_j$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup_j Q_j^* \subset \mathbb{R}^n \setminus Q_k^*$  for all  $k$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup_j Q_j^*} |(Tb)(x)| dx &\leq \frac{2}{\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \bigcup_j Q_j^*} \sum_j |(Tb_j)(x)| dx \\ &\leq \frac{2}{\lambda} \sum_j \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus Q_j^*} |(Tb_j)(x)| dx. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $y_j$  be the center of the cube  $Q_j$ . Since  $\int_{Q_j} b_j dx = 0$ , it follows that for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus Q_j^*$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (Tb_j)(x) &= \int_{Q_j} K(x-y) b_j(y) dy \\ &= \int_{Q_j} (K(x-y) - K(x-y_j)) b_j(y) dy. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by Fubini's theorem and the Hörmander condition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus Q_j^*} |(Tb_j)(x)| dx &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus Q_j^*} \int_{Q_j} |K(x-y) - K(x-y_j)| |b_j(y)| dy dx \\ &= \int_{Q_j} |b_j(y)| \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus Q_j^*} |K(x-y) - K(x-y_j)| dx \right) dy \\ &= \int_{Q_j} |b_j(y)| \left( \int_{-y_j + \mathbb{R}^n \setminus Q_j^*} |K(x - (y - y_j)) - K(x)| dx \right) dy \\ &\leq C \sum_j \|b_j\|_{L_1} \leq C \|f\|_{L_1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we conclude that

$$|\{x : |Tb(x)| > \lambda/2\}| \leq \frac{C}{\lambda} \|f\|_{L_1}.$$

So

$$|\{x : Tf(x) > \lambda\}| \leq \frac{C}{\lambda} \|f\|_{L_1},$$

which proves that  $T$  is of weak type  $(1, 1)$ .  $\square$

Since

$$\|Tf\|_{L_2} \leq C\|f\|_{L_2}$$

and

$$|\{x : |Tf(x)| > \lambda\}| \leq \frac{C}{\lambda} \|f\|_{L_1}$$

for all  $f \in C_c^\infty$ , it follows from the Marcinkiewicz interpolation theorem that for  $1 < p < 2$ , there exists a constant  $C = C(n, p) > 0$  such that

$$\|Tf\|_{L_p} \leq C\|f\|_{L_p}$$

for all  $f \in C_c^\infty$ .

Next, suppose that  $2 < p < \infty$ . For  $g \in C_c^\infty$ , define

$$T^*g(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{|x-y|>\varepsilon} K^*(x-y)g(y) dy,$$

where  $K^*(x) = \overline{K(-x)}$ . Note that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (Tf)g dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(T^*g) dx$$

for all  $f, g \in C_c^\infty$ . Since  $K^*$  satisfy Calderón-Zygmund condition, it follows that  $\|T^*g\|_{L_{p'}} \leq C\|g\|_{L_{p'}}$  for some  $C = C(n, p) > 0$ . Hence

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (Tf)g dx \right| \leq \|f\|_{L_p} \|T^*g\|_{L_{p'}} \leq C\|f\|_{L_p} \|g\|_{L_{p'}}$$

for all  $f, g \in C_c^\infty$ . Hence by duality in  $L_p$ , we conclude that

$$\|Tf\|_{L_p} \leq C\|f\|_{L_p} \quad \text{for all } f \in C_c^\infty$$

for some constant  $C = C(n, p) > 0$ .

It remains to show

**Proposition 3.2.** *There exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$\|Tf\|_{L_2} \leq C\|f\|_{L_2}$$

for all  $f \in C_c^\infty$ .

*Proof.* Fix  $0 < \varepsilon < N < \infty$  and introduce the following truncated operator

$$(T_{\varepsilon, N}f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} K(y)\chi_{\varepsilon < |y| < N}(y)f(x-y) dy,$$

which is well-defined for  $f \in C_c^\infty$ . For  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , define

$$m_{\varepsilon, N}(\xi) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-ix \cdot \xi} \chi_{\varepsilon < |x| < N} K(x) dx.$$

We will show that there exists  $C > 0$  independent of  $\varepsilon$  and  $N$  such that

$$(3.1) \quad \sup_{\varepsilon, N} \|m_{\varepsilon, N}\|_{L_\infty} \leq C.$$

If we prove this, then it follows from the Plancherel theorem that

$$\|T_{\varepsilon, N}f\|_{L_2} = \|m_{\varepsilon, N}\hat{f}\|_{L_2} \leq C\|\hat{f}\|_{L_2} = \|f\|_{L_2}$$

for all  $f \in C_c^\infty$ . Here the constant  $C$  is independent of  $\varepsilon$  and  $N$ . Moreover, it follows from Proposition 1.2 that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0, N \rightarrow \infty} T_{\varepsilon, N}f(x) = f(x)$$

for all  $f \in C_c^\infty$ . Hence by Fatou's lemma, we conclude that

$$\|Tf\|_{L_2} \leq C\|f\|_{L_2}$$

for all  $f \in C_c^\infty$ .

Hence it remains to show that (3.1) holds. We split the integral in the definition of  $m_{\varepsilon,N}$  into two regions  $|x| < 3\pi|\xi|^{-1}$  and  $|x| \geq 3\pi|\xi|^{-1}$ . The region  $\{\varepsilon < |x| < 3\pi|\xi|^{-1}\}$  is relatively easy. Indeed, by using the cancellation condition and

$$|e^{-ix \cdot \xi} - 1| = \sqrt{2(1 - \cos x)} = |2 \sin(x/2)| \leq |x|,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\varepsilon < |x| < 3\pi|\xi|^{-1}} e^{-ix \cdot \xi} K(x) dx \right| &= \left| \int_{\varepsilon < |x| < 3\pi|\xi|^{-1}} (e^{-ix \cdot \xi} - 1) K(x) dx \right| \\ &\leq C \int_{|x| < 3\pi|\xi|^{-1}} \sin((x \cdot \xi)/2) |K(x)| dx \\ &\leq C|\xi| \int_{|x| < 3\pi|\xi|^{-1}} \frac{1}{|x|^{n-1}} dx = C. \end{aligned}$$

To estimate the second part, we first observe that

$$-1 = e^{-\pi i} = e^{-\pi i \frac{\xi}{|\xi|^2} \cdot \xi}.$$

A change of variable shows that

$$\begin{aligned} I(\xi) &= \int_{3\pi|\xi|^{-1} < |x| < N} K(x) e^{-ix \cdot \xi} dx = - \int_{3\pi|\xi|^{-1} < |x| < N} K(x) e^{-i(x + \pi(\xi/|\xi|^2)) \cdot \xi} dx \\ &= - \int_{3\pi|\xi|^{-1} < |x - \pi\xi/|\xi|^2| < N} K\left(x - \frac{\pi\xi}{|\xi|^2}\right) e^{-ix \cdot \xi} dx. \end{aligned}$$

Write  $z = \frac{\pi\xi}{|\xi|^2}$  for convenience. Then

$$I(\xi) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{3\pi|\xi|^{-1} < |x| < N} K(x) e^{-ix \cdot \xi} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{3\pi|\xi|^{-1} < |x - z| < N} K(x - z) e^{-ix \cdot \xi} dx.$$

We carefully estimate this quantity into five terms.

$$I(\xi) = J_1(\xi) + J_2(\xi) + J_3(\xi) + J_4(\xi) + J_5(\xi),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} J_1(\xi) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{3\pi|\xi|^{-1} < |x - z| < N} (K(x) - K(x - z)) e^{-ix \cdot \xi} dx \\ J_2(\xi) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\substack{3\pi|\xi|^{-1} < |x| < N \\ |x - z| \leq 3\pi|\xi|^{-1}}} K(x) e^{-ix \cdot \xi} dx \\ J_3(\xi) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\substack{3\pi|\xi|^{-1} < |x| < N \\ |x - z| \geq N}} K(x) e^{-ix \cdot \xi} dx \\ J_4(\xi) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\substack{3\pi|\xi|^{-1} < |x - z| < N \\ |x| \leq 3\pi|\xi|^{-1}}} K(x) e^{-ix \cdot \xi} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$J_5(\xi) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\substack{3\pi|\xi|^{-1} < |x-z| < N \\ |x| \geq N}} K(x) e^{-ix \cdot \xi} dx.$$

To estimate  $J_1(\xi)$ , note that  $|z| = \pi|\xi|^{-1}$ . Since  $3|z| \leq |x-z|$ , it follows that  $|x| \geq 2|z|$ . Hence

$$|J_1(\xi)| \lesssim 1$$

by the Hörmander condition. To estimate  $J_2(\xi)$ , note that  $3|z| \leq |x|$  and  $|x-z| \leq 3|z|$  imply  $3|z| \leq |x| \leq 4|z|$ . Hence

$$|J_2(\xi)| \lesssim \int_{3|z|}^{4|z|} \frac{1}{r} dr \approx 1.$$

Similarly, we get

$$|J_4(\xi)| \lesssim 1.$$

To estimate  $J_3$ , we note that

$$3|z| \leq |x| \leq N \quad \text{and} \quad |x-z| \geq N$$

implies

$$\frac{2}{3}N \leq N - |z| \leq |x| \leq N.$$

Then

$$|J_3(\xi)| \lesssim \int_{\frac{2}{3}N}^N \frac{1}{r} dr \approx 1.$$

Similarly,

$$|J_5(\xi)| \lesssim \int_N^{\frac{4}{3}N} \frac{1}{r} dr \approx 1.$$

These estimates imply that

$$|I(\xi)| \lesssim 1$$

uniformly in  $\xi$ . This completes the proof of Proposition 3.2.  $\square$

#### 4. KERNEL FREE APPROACH

In this section, we give another approach to obtain (1.1) without using singular integral theory. This approach was proposed by Krylov [6]. For convenience, we introduce some notation. If  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $0 < |A| < \infty$ , we define

$$\oint_A f dx = \frac{1}{|A|} \int_A f dx$$

and

$$(f)_A = \oint_A f dx.$$

Suppose that  $n \geq 3$  and set  $f = -\Delta u$ , where  $u \in C_c^\infty$ . Recall that

$$D_{ij}u(x) = C_1(n)\mathcal{K}_{ij}f(x) - \frac{\delta_{ij}}{n}f(x),$$

where

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0+} \mathcal{K}_{ij}f(x) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0+} \int_{|y| \geq r} K_{ij}(y) f(x+y) dy$$

and

$$K_{ij}(x) = \frac{nx_i x_j - \delta_{ij}|x|^2}{|x|^{n+2}}.$$

Let  $r > 0$  and choose a cut-off function  $\zeta \in C_c^\infty$  such that  $\zeta = 1$  in  $B_{3r}$  and  $\zeta = 0$  outside  $B_{4r}$ . Decompose  $u$  and  $f$  into

$$g = \zeta f \quad \text{and} \quad h = (1 - \zeta)f$$

and

$$v = \mathcal{N}g \quad \text{and} \quad w = \mathcal{N}h.$$

It is easy to see that  $v$  and  $w$  are infinitely differentiable,

$$-\Delta v = g \quad \text{and} \quad -\Delta w = h.$$

Note that  $g$  is localized and  $h$  removes a singularity near 0 in the integral representation of  $w$ . We first estimate the mean oscillation of  $D_{ij}v$ . Integration by part shows that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |D_{ij}v|^2 dx \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |g|^2 dx \leq C \int_{B_{4r}} |f|^2 dx.$$

Note that

$$\oint_B |u - u_B|^2 dx = \oint_B |u|^2 dx - (u_B)^2 \leq \oint_B |u|^2 dx$$

for any set  $B$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $0 < |B| < \infty$ . Moreover, for any  $x_0 \in B_r$ , Jensen's inequality and the above estimate show that

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{B_r} |D_{ij}v - (D_{ij}v)_{B_r}| dx &\leq \left( \oint_{B_r} |D_{ij}v - (D_{ij}v)_{B_r}|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \left( \oint_{B_r} |D_{ij}v|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C \left( \oint_{B_{4r}} |f|^2 dx \right) \leq CM^{1/2}(|f|^2)(x_0), \end{aligned}$$

where  $M$  is the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function. To estimate the mean oscillation of  $D_{ij}w$ , note first that since  $h = 0$  in  $B_{3r}$ , it follows that for  $x \in B_r$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} w_{x_i x_j}(x) &= \int_{|y| \geq 2r} K_{ij}(y) h(x+y) dy, \\ w_{x_i x_j x_k}(x) &= \int_{|y| \geq 2r} K_{ij}(z) h_{x_k}(x+y) dy = - \int_{|y| \geq 2r} K_{ijx^k}(y) h(x+y) dy. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $|x| < r$  and  $|y| \geq 2r$  imply  $2|y| \geq |x+y| \geq r$ . Since  $|\nabla K_{ij}(y)| \leq C|y|^{-n-1}$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |w_{x_i x_j x_k}(x)| &\leq C \int_{|y| \geq 2r} |x+y|^{-n-1} |h(x+y)| dy \\ &\leq C \int_{|x+y| \geq r} |x+y|^{-n-1} |h(x+y)| dy \\ &= C \int_{|z| \geq r} |z|^{-n-1} |h(z)| dz. \end{aligned}$$

Set

$$\psi(\rho) = \int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} |h(\rho\omega)| d\sigma(\omega).$$

Observe that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \int_{B_\rho} |h(y)| dy = \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \int_0^\rho r^{n-1} \psi(r) dr = \rho^{n-1} \psi(\rho).$$

Then a change of variable into polar coordinate and integration by part give

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{|z| \geq r} |z|^{-n-1} |h(z)| dz &= C \int_r^\infty \rho^{-n-1} \rho^{n-1} \left( \int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} |h(\rho\omega)| d\sigma(\omega) \right) d\rho \\ &= C \int_r^\infty \rho^{-n-1} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \int_{B_\rho} |h(y)| dy \right) d\rho \\ &= C \int_r^\infty \rho^{-n-2} \int_{B_\rho} |h(y)| dy d\rho - Cr^{-n-1} \int_{B_r} |h(y)| dy \\ &\leq C \int_r^\infty \rho^{-2} \int_{B_\rho} |h(y)| dy d\rho \\ &\leq CMh(x_0) \int_r^\infty \rho^{-2} \\ &\leq Cr^{-1} Mf(x_0) \leq Cr^{-1} M^{1/2}(|f|^2)(x_0). \end{aligned}$$

Hence by the mean value theorem, we get

$$\int_{B_r} |D_{ij}w - (D_{ij}w)_{B_r}| dx \leq Nr \sup_{B_r} |\nabla(D_{ij}w)| \leq CM^{1/2}(|f|^2)(x_0).$$

Therefore, we get the following estimate

$$\int_{B_r} |D_{ij}u - (D_{ij}u)_{B_r}| dx \leq CM^{1/2}(|f|^2)(x_0),$$

where the constant  $C$  depends only on  $n$ . Hence for any  $x_0$  and  $B$  containing  $x_0$ , we have

$$(4.1) \quad \int_B |D_{ij}u - (D_{ij}u)_{B_r}| dx \leq CM^{1/2}(|f|^2)(x_0).$$

Now we introduce the definition to handle the left-hand side.

**Definition 4.1.** For a locally integrable function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , we define

$$f^\#(x) = \sup_{B; x \in B} \int_B |f - (f)_B| dy,$$

where the supremum is taken over all ball  $B$  containing  $x$ .

The following theorem was shown by Fefferman-Stein [2] (see [10, Theorem 2, Chapter IV]). The proof also involves a delicate Calderón-Zygmund decomposition.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . Then there exists a constant  $C = C(n, p) > 0$  such that*

$$\|f\|_{L_p} \leq C \|f^\#\|_{L_p}$$

for all  $f \in L_p$ .

Now using the Fefferman-Stein theorem, we prove estimate (1.1). By (4.1), we have

$$(D_{ij}u)^\#(x) \leq CM^{1/2}(|f|^2)(x).$$

Hence by the Fefferman-Stein theorem and Hardy-Littlewood maximal function theorem, for  $2 < p < \infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_{ij}u\|_{L_p} &\leq C\|(D_{ij}u)^\#\|_{L_p} \\ &\leq C\|M^{1/2}(|f|^2)\|_{L_p} \\ &= C\| |f|^2 \|_{L_{p/2}}^{1/2} \\ &\leq C\| |f|^2 \|_{L_{p/2}}^{1/2} = C\|f\|_{L_p} \end{aligned}$$

for some constant  $C = C(n, p) > 0$ . This proves the estimate (1.1) when  $2 < p < \infty$ . To prove that the estimate holds for  $1 < p < 2$ , we use a duality argument. Let  $u, v \in C_c^\infty$ . Then by Hölder's inequality and the previous estimate, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u_{x_i x_j} \Delta v \, dx &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\Delta u) v_{x_i x_j} \, dx \\ &\leq \|\Delta u\|_{L_p} \|D_{ij}v\|_{L_{p'}} \\ &\leq C\|\Delta u\|_{L_p} \|\Delta v\|_{L_{p'}}. \end{aligned}$$

Then the desired result follows from the following density result and the duality of  $L_p$ .

**Lemma 4.3.** *If  $1 < p < \infty$ , then  $\Delta C_c^\infty$  is dense in  $L_p$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and let  $f \in L_p$ . There exists  $\phi \in C_c^\infty$  such that  $\|f - \phi\|_{L_p} < \varepsilon$ . Let  $K = \frac{1}{\omega_n} \chi_{B_1}$ . For  $\delta > 0$ , define  $K_\delta(x) = \delta^n K(\delta x)$ . Note that

$$\|K_\delta * \phi\|_{L_p} \leq (\|K\|_{L_1} \|\phi\|_{L_1})^{1/p} (\delta^n \|\phi\|_{L_\infty})^{1-1/p}.$$

Letting  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ , we see that  $K_\delta * \phi \rightarrow 0$  in  $L_p$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be the fundamental solution of  $-\Delta$ . If we define  $\psi_\delta = \Gamma * (\phi * K_\delta - \phi)$ , then note that  $K_\delta * \Gamma(x) = \Gamma(x)$  if  $|x| > 1/\delta$ . So  $\psi_\delta \in C_c^\infty$ . Since  $-\Delta \psi_\delta = \phi * K_\delta - \phi$ , it follows that

$$\|\Delta \psi_\delta - f\|_{L_p} \leq \|\phi * K_\delta\|_{L_p} + \|\phi - f\|_{L_p} < 2\varepsilon$$

by choosing sufficiently small  $\delta > 0$  so that  $\|\phi * K_\delta\|_{L_p} < \varepsilon$ . This completes the proof of Lemma 4.3.  $\square$

Note that we proved the Calderón-Zygmund estimate when  $n \geq 3$ . One can easily show that the Calderón-Zygmund estimate also holds when  $n = 2$  by considering  $u_k(x_1, x_2, x_3) = u(x_1, x_2) \zeta(x_3/k)$ , where  $\zeta \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $\zeta(0) = 1$ .

*Remark.* There is another approach to show the Calderón-Zygmund estimate (1.1) due to Wang [11]. This approach uses a refined Vitali covering lemma and Hardy-Littlewood maximal function without using Calderón-Zygmund decomposition.

## 5. FURTHER RESULTS

There are different formulations of Calderón-Zygmund operators. A good reference on this topic is Stein [10]. Here we introduce a formulation due to Krylov [5].

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $(\mathbb{Q}_m; m \in \mathbb{Z})$  be a sequence of partitions of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , whose elements are bounded Borel subsets. We call  $(\mathbb{Q}_m, m \in \mathbb{Z})$  a *filtration of partitions* if

(i) the partitions become finer as  $m$  increases:

$$\inf_{Q \in \mathbb{Q}_m} |Q| \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow -\infty$$

and

$$\sup_{Q \in \mathbb{Q}_m} \text{diam } |Q| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow \infty;$$

- (ii) the partitions are nested: for each  $m$  and  $Q \in \mathbb{Q}_m$ , there is a (unique) set  $Q' \in \mathbb{Q}_{m-1}$  such that  $Q \subset Q'$ ;
- (iii) the following regularity property holds: for  $Q$  and  $Q'$  as in (ii), we have  $|Q'| \leq C_0 |Q|$ , where  $C_0$  is a constant independent of  $m$ ,  $Q$ , and  $Q'$ .

**Example 5.2.** Let

$$\mathbb{Q}_m = \{[i_0 4^{-m}, (i_0 + 1) 4^{-m}] \times Q_m(i_1, \dots, i_n) : i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n \in \mathbb{Z}\},$$

where

$$Q_m(i_1, \dots, i_n) = [i_1 2^{-m}, (i_1 + 1) 2^{-m}] \times \dots \times [i_n 2^{-m}, (i_n + 1) 2^{-m}].$$

Then  $(\mathbb{Q}_m)_{m \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a filtration of partitions on  $\mathbb{R}^{1+n}$ .

This filtration of partitions is adapted to second-order parabolic equations.

**Definition 5.3.** Let  $(Q_m, m \in \mathbb{Z})$  be a filtration of partitions, and for each  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x \neq y$ , let  $K(x, y)$  be a bounded operator from  $F$  into  $G$ . We say that  $K$  is a *Calderón-Zygmund kernel* relative to  $(Q_m, m \in \mathbb{Z})$  if

- (1) there is a number  $1 < p_0 < \infty$  such that for any  $x$  and any  $r > 0$ ,  $K(x, \cdot) \in L_{p_0, \text{loc}}(B_r^c(x), L(F, G))$ ;
- (2) for every  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the function  $|K(x, y) - K(x, z)|$  is measurable as a function of  $(x, z)$  on the set  $\mathbb{R}^{2n} \cap \{(x, z) : x \neq z, x \neq y\}$ ;
- (3) there is a constant  $C_0 \geq 1$  and for each  $Q \in \bigcup_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q}_m$ , there is a closed set  $Q^*$  with the properties  $Q' \subset Q^*$ ,  $|Q^*| \leq C_0 |Q|$ , and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus Q^*} |K(x, y) - K(x, z)| dx \leq C_0,$$

whenever  $y, z \in Q$ .

Now we present the main theorem of Krylov [5]. Using this theorem, he obtained mixed norm estimates of second-order parabolic equations whose leading coefficient is merely measurable in  $t$ .

**Theorem 5.4.** Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $A : L_p(\mathbb{R}^n; F) \rightarrow L_p(\mathbb{R}^n; G)$  be a bounded linear operator. Assume that if  $f \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n; F)$ , then for almost any  $x$  outside the support of  $f$ , we have

$$Af(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} K(x, y) f(y) dy,$$

where  $K(x, y)$  is a Calderón-Zygmund kernel relative to a filtration of partitions. Then the operator  $A$  is uniquely extendable to a bounded operator from  $L_q(\mathbb{R}^n; F)$  to  $L_q(\mathbb{R}^n; G)$  for any  $1 < q \leq p$ , and  $A$  is of weak type  $(1, 1)$  on smooth functions with compact support.



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