

## NORM CONVERGENCE OF FEJÉR MEANS OF TWO-DIMENSIONAL WALSH–FOURIER SERIES

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**Abstract.** The main aim of this paper is to prove that there exists a martingale  $f \in H_{1/2}$  such that the Fejér means of the two-dimensional Walsh–Fourier series of  $f$  is not uniformly bounded in the space weak- $L_{1/2}$ .

**1. Introduction.** The first result with respect to the a.e. convergence of the Walsh–Fejér means  $\sigma_n f$  is due to Fine [1]. Later, Schipp [5] showed that the maximal operator  $\sigma^* f := \sup_n |\sigma_n f|$  is of weak type  $(1, 1)$ , from which the a.e. convergence follows by a standard argument. Schipp’s result implies by interpolation also the boundedness of  $\sigma^* : L_p \rightarrow L_p$  ( $1 < p \leq \infty$ ). This fails to hold for  $p = 1$  but Fujii [2] proved that  $\sigma^*$  is bounded from the dyadic Hardy space  $H_1$  to the space  $L_1$ . Fujii’s theorem was extended by Weisz [8]. Namely, he proved that the maximal operator of the Fejér means of the one-dimensional Walsh–Fourier series is bounded from the martingale Hardy space  $H_p(G)$  to the space  $L_p(G)$  for  $p > 1/2$ . Simon [6] gave a counterexample, which shows that this boundedness does not hold for  $0 < p < 1/2$ . In the endpoint case  $p = 1/2$  Weisz [11] proved that  $\sigma^*$  is bounded from the Hardy space  $H_{1/2}(G)$  to the space weak- $L_{1/2}(G)$ . In [3] the author proved that the maximal operator  $\sigma^*$  is not bounded from the Hardy space  $H_{1/2}(G)$  to the space  $L_{1/2}(G)$ . By interpolation it follows that  $\sigma^*$  is not bounded from the Hardy space  $H_p$  to the space weak- $L_p$  for any  $0 < p < 1/2$ .

For the two-dimensional Walsh–Fourier series Weisz [9, 10] proved that the following is true.

**THEOREM W1.** *Let  $p > 1/2$ . Then the maximal operator  $\sigma^*$  is bounded from the Hardy space  $H_p$  to the space  $L_p$ .*

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The author [4] proved that in Theorem W1, for the maximal operator  $\sigma^*$ , the assumption  $p > 1/2$  is essential. Moreover, we prove that the following is true.

**THEOREM G.** *The maximal operator  $\sigma^*$  is not bounded from the Hardy space  $H_{1/2}$  to the space weak- $L_{1/2}$ .*

Weisz [9, 10] considered the norm convergence of Fejér means of the two-dimensional Walsh–Fourier series. In particular, the following is true.

**THEOREM W2.** *Let  $p > 1/2$ . Then*

$$\|\sigma_{n,m}f\|_{H_p} \leq c_p \|f\|_{H_p} \quad (f \in H_p).$$

In [9] Weisz conjectured that for the uniform boundedness of the operator  $\sigma_{n,m}$  from the Hardy space  $H_p(G \times G)$  to the space  $H_p(G \times G)$  the assumption  $p > 1/2$  is essential. We give an answer to the question, moreover, we prove that the operator  $\sigma_{n,n}$  is not uniformly bounded from the Hardy space  $H_{1/2}(G \times G)$  to the space weak- $L_{1/2}(G \times G)$ . In particular, the following is true.

**THEOREM 1.1.** *There exists a martingale  $f \in H_{1/2}(G \times G)$  such that*

$$\sup_n \|\sigma_{n,n}f\|_{\text{weak-}L_{1/2}} = +\infty.$$

**2. Dyadic Hardy spaces.** Let  $\mathbf{P}$  denote the set of positive integers,  $\mathbf{N} := \mathbf{P} \cup \{0\}$ . Denote by  $Z_2$  the discrete cyclic group of order 2, that is  $Z_2 = \{0, 1\}$ , where the group operation is the modulo 2 addition and every subset is open. The Haar measure on  $Z_2$  is given such that the measure of a singleton is  $1/2$ . Let  $G$  be the complete direct product of the countable infinite copies of the compact groups  $Z_2$ . The elements of  $G$  are of the form  $x = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k, \dots)$  with  $x_k \in \{0, 1\}$  ( $k \in \mathbf{N}$ ). The group operation on  $G$  is the coordinate-wise addition, the measure (denoted by  $\mu$ ) and the topology are the product measure and topology. The compact Abelian group  $G$  is called the Walsh group. A base for the neighborhoods of  $G$  can be given in the following way:

$$I_0(x) := G, \quad I_n(x) := I_n(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}) := \{y \in G : y = (x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}, y_n, y_{n+1}, \dots)\} \\ (x \in G, n \in \mathbf{N}).$$

These sets are called the dyadic intervals. Let  $0 = (0 : i \in \mathbf{N}) \in G$  denote the null element of  $G$ ,  $I_n := I_n(0)$  ( $n \in \mathbf{N}$ ). Set  $e_n := (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots) \in G$  the  $n$ -th coordinate of which is 1 and the rest are zeros ( $n \in \mathbf{N}$ ).

For  $k \in \mathbf{N}$  and  $x \in G$  denote by

$$r_k(x) := (-1)^{x_k}$$

the  $k$ -th Rademacher function.

The dyadic rectangles are of the form

$$I_{n,m}(x, y) := I_n(x) \times I_m(y).$$

The  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the dyadic rectangles  $\{I_{n,m}(x, y) : (x, y) \in G \times G\}$  is denoted by  $F_{n,m}$ .

The norm (or quasinorm) of the space  $L_p(G \times G)$  is defined by

$$\|f\|_p := \left( \int_{G \times G} |f(x, y)|^p d\mu(x, y) \right)^{1/p} \quad (0 < p < +\infty).$$

The space weak- $L_p(G \times G)$  consists of all measurable functions  $f$  for which

$$\|f\|_{\text{weak-}L_p(G \times G)} := \sup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda \mu(|f| > \lambda)^{1/p} < +\infty.$$

Let us denote by  $f = (f^{(n,m)}, n, m \in \mathbf{N})$  a two parameter martingale with respect to  $(F_{n,m}, n, m \in \mathbf{N})$  (for details see, e.g. [7, 10]). The maximal function of a martingale  $f$  is defined by

$$f^* = \sup_{n, m \in \mathbf{N}} |f^{(n,m)}|.$$

If  $f \in L_1(G \times G)$ , the maximal function can also be given by

$$f^*(x, y) = \sup_{n, m \in \mathbf{N}} \frac{1}{\mu(I_{n,m}(x, y))} \left| \int_{I_{n,m}(x, y)} f(u, v) d\mu(u, v) \right|, \quad (x, y) \in G \times G.$$

For  $0 < p < \infty$  the Hardy martingale space  $H_p(G \times G)$  consists of all martingales for which

$$\|f\|_{H_p} := \|f^*\|_p < \infty.$$

**3. Walsh system and Fejér means.** Let  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , then  $n = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} n_i 2^i$ ,  $n_i \in \{0, 1\}$  ( $i \in \mathbf{N}$ ), i.e.  $n$  is expressed in the number system of base 2. Let  $|n| := \max\{j \in \mathbf{N} : n_j \neq 0\}$ , that is,  $2^{|n|} \leq n < 2^{|n|+1}$ .

The Walsh–Paley system is defined as the sequence of Walsh–Paley functions:

$$w_n(x) := \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (r_k(x))^{n_k} = r_{|n|}(x) (-1)^{\sum_{k=0}^{|n|-1} n_k x_k} \quad (x \in G, n \in \mathbf{P}).$$

The Walsh–Dirichlet kernel is defined by

$$D_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} w_k(x).$$

Recall that

$$D_{2^n}(x) = \begin{cases} 2^n, & \text{if } x \in I_n, \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in G \setminus I_n. \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

The Fejér kernel of order  $n$  of the Walsh–Fourier series is defined by

$$K_n(x) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} D_k(x).$$

The rectangular partial sums of the double Walsh–Fourier series are defined as follows:

$$S_{M,N}f(x, y) := \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}(i, j) w_i(x) w_j(y),$$

where the number

$$\hat{f}(i, j) = \int_{G \times G} f(x, y) w_i(x) w_j(y) d\mu(x, y)$$

is said to be the  $(i, j)$ -th Walsh–Fourier coefficient of the function  $f$ .

If  $f \in L_1(G \times G)$  then it is easy to show that the sequence  $(S_{2^n, 2^m}(f) : n, m \in \mathbf{N})$  is a martingale. If  $f$  is a martingale, that is  $f = (f^{(n, m)} : n, m \in \mathbf{N})$  then the Walsh–Fourier coefficients must be defined in a little bit different way:

$$\widehat{f}(i, j) = \lim_{\min(k, l) \rightarrow \infty} \int_{G \times G} f^{(k, l)}(x, y) w_i(x) w_j(y) d\mu(x, y). \tag{2}$$

The Walsh–Fourier coefficients of  $f \in L_1(G \times G)$  are the same as the ones of the martingale  $(S_{2^n, 2^m}(f) : n, m \in \mathbf{N})$  obtained from  $f$ .

For  $n, m \in \mathbf{P}$  and a martingale  $f$  the Fejér mean of order  $(n, m)$  of the double Walsh–Fourier series of the martingale  $f$  is given by

$$\sigma_{n, m} f(x, y) = \frac{1}{nm} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} S_{i, j} f(x, y).$$

For the martingale  $f$  the maximal operator is defined by

$$\sigma^* f(x, y) = \sup_{n, m} |\sigma_{n, m} f(x, y)|.$$

A function  $a \in L_2$  is called a rectangle  $p$ -atom if there exists a dyadic rectangle  $R$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \text{supp}(a) \subset R, \\ \|a\|_2 \leq |R|^{1/2-1/p} \\ \int_G a(x, y) d\mu(x) = \int_G a(x, y) d\mu(y) = 0 \quad \text{for all } x, y \in G. \end{cases}$$

The basic result of atomic decomposition is

**THEOREM W3.** *A martingale  $f = (f^{(n, m)} : n, m \in \mathbf{N})$  is in  $H_p$  ( $0 < p \leq 1$ ) if there exists a sequence  $(a_k, k \in \mathbf{N})$  of rectangle  $p$ -atoms and a sequence  $(\mu_k, k \in \mathbf{N})$  of real numbers such that for every  $n, m \in \mathbf{N}$ ,*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mu_k S_{2^n, 2^m} a_k = f^{(n, m)}, \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\mu_k|^p < \infty.$$

Moreover,

$$\|f\|_{H_p} \leq \inf \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\mu_k|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

In this paper the constant  $C$  are absolute constants and may denote different constants in different contexts.

**4. Auxiliary result.** In order to prove the theorem we need the following lemma.

**LEMMA 4.1** ([4]). *Let  $2 < A \in \mathbf{P}$  and  $q_A := 2^{2A} + 2^{2A-2} + \dots + 2^2 + 2^0$ . Then*

$$q_{A-1} |K_{q_{A-1}}(x)| \geq 2^{2m+2s-3}$$

for  $x \in I_{2^A}^{m, s} := I_{2^A}(0, \dots, 0, \frac{1}{2^m}, 0, \dots, 0, \frac{1}{2^s}, x_{2s+1}, \dots, x_{2A-1})$ ,  $m = 0, 1, \dots, A - 3$ ,  $s = m + 2, m + 3, \dots, A - 1$ .

**5. Proof of the main result.** *Proof of Theorem 1.1.* Since  $2^m/m \uparrow \infty$  it is easy to show that there exists an increasing sequence of positive integers  $\{m_k : k \in \mathbf{P}\}$  such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m_k^{1/2}} < \infty, \tag{3}$$

$$\sum_{l=0}^{k-1} \frac{2^{8m_l}}{m_l} < \frac{2^{8m_k}}{m_k}, \tag{4}$$

$$\frac{2^{8m_{k-1}}}{m_{k-1}} < \frac{2^{m_k}}{km_k}. \tag{5}$$

Let

$$f^{(A,B)}(x, y) := \sum_{\{l:2m_l < \min(A,B)\}} \lambda_l a_l(x, y),$$

where  $\lambda_l := \frac{1}{m_l}$  and

$$a_l(x, y) := 2^{4m_l} (D_{2^{2m_l+1}}(x) - D_{2^{2m_l}}(x))(D_{2^{2m_l+1}}(y) - D_{2^{2m_l}}(y)).$$

First, we prove that the martingale  $f := (f^{(A,B)} : A, B \in \mathbf{N})$  belongs to the Hardy space  $H_{1/2}(G \times G)$ . Indeed, since  $\|a_l\|_2 \leq c2^{6m_l}$  and

$$S_{2^A, 2^B} a_k(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \min(A, B) \leq 2m_k, \\ a_k(x, y), & \text{if } \min(A, B) > 2m_k, \end{cases}$$

we can write

$$f^{(A,B)}(x, y) := \sum_{\{l:2m_l < \min(A,B)\}} \lambda_l a_l(x, y) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lambda_k S_{2^A, 2^B} a_k(x, y).$$

From (3) and Theorem W3 we conclude that  $f \in H_{1/2}(G \times G)$ .

Now, we investigate the Fourier coefficients. Since

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{G \times G} f^{(A,B)}(x, y) w_i(x) w_j(y) d\mu(x, y) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0, & (i, j) \notin \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} \{2^{2m_k}, \dots, 2^{2m_k+1} - 1\} \times \{2^{2m_k}, \dots, 2^{2m_k+1} - 1\}, \\ 0, & (i, j) \in \{2^{2m_k}, \dots, 2^{2m_k+1} - 1\} \times \{2^{2m_k}, \dots, 2^{2m_k+1} - 1\}, \min(A, B) \leq 2m_k, \\ \frac{2^{4m_k}}{m_k}, & (i, j) \in \{2^{2m_k}, \dots, 2^{2m_k+1} - 1\} \times \{2^{2m_k}, \dots, 2^{2m_k+1} - 1\}, \min(A, B) > 2m_k, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

we can write (see (2))

$$\widehat{f}(i, j) = \begin{cases} \frac{2^{4m_k}}{m_k}, & (i, j) \in \{2^{2m_k}, \dots, 2^{2m_k+1} - 1\} \times \{2^{2m_k}, \dots, 2^{2m_k+1} - 1\}, k \in \mathbf{P}, \\ 0, & (i, j) \notin \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \{2^{2m_k}, \dots, 2^{2m_k+1} - 1\} \times \{2^{2m_k}, \dots, 2^{2m_k+1} - 1\}. \end{cases} \tag{6}$$

Let  $q_{m_k} := 2^{2m_k} + 2^{2m_k-2} + \dots + 2^2 + 2^0$ . Then we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{q_{m_k}, q_{m_k}} f(x, y) &= \frac{1}{q_{m_k}^2} \sum_{i=0}^{q_{m_k}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{q_{m_k}-1} S_{i,j} f(x, y) \\ &= \frac{1}{q_{m_k}^2} \sum_{i=0}^{2^{2m_k}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{2^{2m_k}-1} S_{i,j} f(x, y) + \frac{1}{q_{m_k}^2} \sum_{i=2^{2m_k}}^{q_{m_k}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{2^{2m_k}-1} S_{i,j} f(x, y) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{q_{m_k}^2} \sum_{i=0}^{2^{2m_k}-1} \sum_{j=2^{2m_k}}^{q_{m_k}-1} S_{i,j} f(x, y) + \frac{1}{q_{m_k}^2} \sum_{i=2^{2m_k}}^{q_{m_k}-1} \sum_{j=2^{2m_k}}^{q_{m_k}-1} S_{i,j} f(x, y) \\ &= I + II + III + IV. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Let  $(i, j) \in \{2^{2m_k}, \dots, q_{m_k} - 1\} \times \{2^{2m_k}, \dots, q_{m_k} - 1\}$ . Then from (6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_{i,j} f(x, y) &= \sum_{\nu=0}^{i-1} \sum_{\mu=0}^{j-1} \widehat{f}(\nu, \mu) w_\nu(x) w_\mu(y) \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} \sum_{\nu=2^{2m_l}}^{2^{2m_{l+1}}-1} \sum_{\mu=2^{2m_l}}^{2^{2m_{l+1}}-1} \widehat{f}(\nu, \mu) w_\nu(x) w_\mu(y) + \sum_{\nu=2^{2m_k}}^{i-1} \sum_{\mu=2^{2m_k}}^{j-1} \widehat{f}(\nu, \mu) w_\nu(x) w_\mu(y) \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} \frac{2^{4m_l}}{m_l} (D_{2^{2m_{l+1}}}(x) - D_{2^{2m_l}}(x)) (D_{2^{2m_{l+1}}}(y) - D_{2^{2m_l}}(y)) \\ &\quad + \frac{2^{4m_k}}{m_k} (D_i(x) - D_{2^{2m_k}}(x)) (D_j(y) - D_{2^{2m_k}}(y)). \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Substituting (8) in IV, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} IV &= \frac{1}{q_{m_k}^2} (q_{m_k} - 2^{2m_k})^2 \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} \frac{2^{4m_l}}{m_l} (D_{2^{2m_{l+1}}}(x) - D_{2^{2m_l}}(x)) (D_{2^{2m_{l+1}}}(y) - D_{2^{2m_l}}(y)) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{q_{m_k}^2} \frac{2^{4m_k}}{m_k} \sum_{i=2^{2m_k}}^{q_{m_k}-1} \sum_{j=2^{2m_k}}^{q_{m_k}-1} (D_i(x) - D_{2^{2m_k}}(x)) (D_j(y) - D_{2^{2m_k}}(y)) \\ &= IV_1 + IV_2. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Since

$$D_{j+2^{2m_k}}(x) = D_{2^{2m_k}}(x) + w_{2^{2m_k}}(x) D_j(x), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, 2^{2m_k} - 1,$$

we can write

$$\begin{aligned} IV_2 &= \frac{1}{q_{m_k}^2} \frac{2^{4m_k}}{m_k} w_{2^{2m_k}}(x) w_{2^{2m_k}}(y) \sum_{i=0}^{q_{m_k}-1} D_i(x) \sum_{j=0}^{q_{m_k}-1} D_j(y) \\ &= \frac{1}{q_{m_k}^2} \frac{2^{4m_k}}{m_k} w_{2^{2m_k}}(x) w_{2^{2m_k}}(y) q_{m_k-1}^2 K_{q_{m_k}-1}(x) K_{q_{m_k}-1}(y). \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Since

$$|D_{2^n}(x)| \leq 2^n, \quad n \in N, \quad x \in G,$$

by (4) and (5) we obtain

$$|IV_1| \leq C \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} \frac{2^{8m_l}}{m_l} \leq C \frac{2^{m_k}}{km_k}. \tag{11}$$

Combining (9)–(11) we have

$$IV \geq \frac{Cq_{m_k}^2}{m_k} |K_{q_{m_k-1}}(x)| |K_{q_{m_k-1}}(y)| - \frac{C2^{m_k}}{km_k}. \tag{12}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} (i, j) \in & \{2^{2m_k}, \dots, q_{m_k} - 1\} \times \{0, 1, \dots, 2^{2m_k} - 1\} \\ & \cup (\{0, 1, \dots, 2^{2m_k} - 1\} \times \{2^{2m_k}, \dots, q_{m_k} - 1\}) \\ & \cup (\{0, 1, \dots, 2^{2m_k} - 1\} \times \{0, 1, \dots, 2^{2m_k} - 1\}). \end{aligned}$$

Then from (6), (4) and (5) it is easy to show that

$$|S_{i,j}f(x, y)| \leq \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} \sum_{\nu=2^{2m_l}}^{2^{2m_l+1}-1} \sum_{\mu=2^{2m_l}}^{2^{2m_l+1}-1} |\widehat{f}(\nu, \mu)| \leq \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} \frac{2^{8m_l}}{m_l} \leq \frac{C2^{m_k}}{km_k}.$$

Consequently,

$$|I| \leq \frac{1}{q_{m_k}^2} \sum_{i=0}^{2^{2m_k}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{2^{2m_k}-1} |S_{i,j}f(x, y)| \leq C \frac{2^{4m_k}}{q_{m_k}^2} \frac{2^{m_k}}{km_k} \leq \frac{C2^{m_k}}{km_k} \tag{13}$$

$$|II| \leq \frac{2^{2m_k}(q_{m_k} - 2^{2m_k})}{q_{m_k}^2} \frac{2^{m_k}}{km_k} \leq C \frac{2^{m_k}}{km_k} \tag{14}$$

$$|III| \leq \frac{C2^{m_k}}{km_k}. \tag{15}$$

Combining (7), (9)–(15) we obtain

$$|\sigma_{q_{m_k}, q_{m_k}}f(x, y)| \geq \frac{Cq_{m_k}^2}{m_k} |K_{q_{m_k-1}}(x)| |K_{q_{m_k-1}}(y)| - \frac{C2^{m_k}}{km_k}. \tag{16}$$

Let  $(x, y) \in I_{2m_k}^{l_1, l_1+2} \times I_{2m_k}^{l_2, l_2+2}$ ,  $(l_1, l_2) \in \{0, 1, \dots, m_k - 3\} \times \{0, 1, \dots, m_k - 3\}$ . Then from Lemma 4.1 we can write

$$q_{m_k-1} |K_{q_{m_k-1}}(x)| \geq C2^{4l_1} \quad \text{and} \quad q_{m_k-1} |K_{q_{m_k-1}}(y)| \geq C2^{4l_2},$$

consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} q_{m_k-1}^2 |K_{q_{m_k-1}}(x)| |K_{q_{m_k-1}}(y)| & \geq C2^{4l_1+4l_2}, \\ |\sigma_{q_{m_k}, q_{m_k}}f(x, y)| & \geq \frac{C}{m_k} 2^{4l_1+4l_2} - \frac{C2^{m_k}}{km_k}. \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Let

$$A(m_k) := \left\{ (l_1, l_2) : 0 \leq l_2 \leq m_k - 3, 0 \leq l_1 \leq \frac{m_k}{4}, l_1 + l_2 \geq \frac{m_k}{4} \right\}$$

and

$$\alpha_k := \frac{C2^{m_k}}{m_k}.$$

Since (see (17) and  $(l_1, l_2) \in A(m_k)$ )

$$|\sigma_{q_{m_k}, q_{m_k}}f(x, y)| \geq \frac{C}{m_k} 2^{m_k} - \frac{C2^{m_k}}{km_k} \geq \frac{C2^{m_k}}{m_k} = \alpha_k \quad \text{for sufficiently large } k,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu\{(x, y) \in G \times G : |\sigma_{q_{m_k}, q_{m_k}} f(x, y)| \geq \alpha_k\} \\ & \geq \sum_{(l_1, l_2) \in A(m_k)} \mu\{(x, y) \in I_{2^{m_k}}^{l_1, l_1+2} \times I_{2^{m_k}}^{l_2, l_2+2} : |\sigma_{q_{m_k}, q_{m_k}} f(x, y)| \geq \alpha_k\} \\ & \geq C \sum_{l_1=0}^{[m_k/4]} \sum_{l_2=[m_k/4]-l_1}^{m_k-3} \sum_{x_{2l_1+5}=0}^1 \cdots \sum_{x_{2m_k-1}=0}^1 \sum_{x_{2l_2+5}=0}^1 \cdots \sum_{x_{2m_k-1}=0}^1 \mu(I_{2^{m_k}}^{l_1, l_1+2} \times I_{2^{m_k}}^{l_2, l_2+2}) \\ & \geq C \sum_{l_1=0}^{[m_k/4]} \sum_{l_2=[m_k/4]-l_1}^{m_k-3} \frac{1}{2^{2l_1+2l_2}} \geq \frac{Cm_k}{2^{m_k/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\alpha_k \left( \mu\{(x, y) : |\sigma_{q_{m_k}, q_{m_k}} f(x, y)| \geq C\alpha_k\} \right)^2 \geq C \frac{2^{m_k} m_k^2}{m_k 2^{m_k}} = Cm_k \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty,$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_k \|\sigma_{q_{m_k}, q_{m_k}} f\|_{\text{weak-}L_{1/2}} \\ & := \sup_k \sup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda \left( \mu\{(x, y) \in G \times G : \sigma_{q_{m_k}, q_{m_k}} f(x, y) > \lambda\} \right)^2 = +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1.1 is proved. ■

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