

## A remark on the div-curl lemma

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**Abstract.** We prove the div-curl lemma for a general class of function spaces, stable under the action of Calderón–Zygmund operators. The proof is based on a variant of the renormalization of the product introduced by S. Dobyinsky, and on the use of divergence-free wavelet bases.

**1. Introduction.** In 1992, Coifman, Lions, Meyer and Semmes [COIL] gave a new interpretation of the compensated compactness introduced by Murat and Tartar [MUR]. They showed that the functions considered by Murat and Tartar had a greater regularity than expected: they belonged to the Hardy space  $\mathcal{H}^1$ .

Moreover, they gave a new version of the div-curl lemma of Murat and Tartar:

**THEOREM 1.1.** *If  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $q = p/(p - 1)$ ,  $\vec{f} \in (L^p(\mathbb{R}^d))^d$  and  $\vec{g} \in (L^q(\mathbb{R}^d))^d$ , then*

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{f} = 0 \text{ and } \operatorname{curl} \vec{g} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{f} \cdot \vec{g} \in \mathcal{H}^1.$$

There are many proofs of this result. We shall rely mainly on the proof by S. Dobyinsky, based on the renormalization of the product introduced in [DOB].

As pointed out to me by Grzegorz Karch, it is easy to see that this result can be extended to a large class of function spaces. For instance, we have the straightforward consequence of Theorem 1.1 for weak Lebesgue spaces  $L^{p,*}$  (better viewed as Lorentz spaces  $L^{p,\infty}$ ) and their preduals  $L^{q,1}$ :

**COROLLARY 1.2.** *If  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $q = p/(p - 1)$ ,  $\vec{f} \in (L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d))^d$  and  $\vec{g} \in (L^{q,1}(\mathbb{R}^d))^d$ , then*

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{f} = 0 \text{ and } \operatorname{curl} \vec{g} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{f} \cdot \vec{g} \in \mathcal{H}^1,$$

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and

$$\mathbf{div} \vec{g} = 0 \text{ and } \mathbf{curl} \vec{f} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{f} \cdot \vec{g} \in \mathcal{H}^1.$$

*Proof.* All we need is the projection operators that lead to the Helmholtz decomposition of a vector field:  $\text{Id} = \mathbb{P} + \mathbb{Q}$  where  $\mathbb{Q}$  is the projection onto irrotational vector fields,

$$\mathbb{Q} \vec{h} = \vec{\nabla} \frac{1}{\Delta} \mathbf{div} \vec{h},$$

and  $\mathbb{P}$  the projection operator onto solenoidal vector fields. Those projection operators are matrices of singular integral operators and thus are bounded on Lebesgue spaces  $L^r$ ,  $1 < r < \infty$ , and, by interpolation, on Lorentz spaces  $L^{r,t}$ ,  $1 < r < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq t \leq \infty$ .

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be such that  $\epsilon < \min(1/p, 1/q)$ . We write  $1/p_+ = 1/p + \epsilon$ ,  $1/p_- = 1/p - \epsilon$ ,  $1/q_+ = 1/q + \epsilon$  and  $1/q_- = 1/q - \epsilon$ . If  $\vec{f} \in (L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d))^d$ , we can write, for every  $A > 0$ ,  $\vec{f} = \vec{\alpha}_A + \vec{\beta}_A$  with  $\|\vec{\alpha}_A\|_{L^{p_-}} \leq CA \|\vec{f}\|_{L^{p,\infty}}$  and  $\|\vec{\beta}_A\|_{L^{p_+}} \leq CA^{-1} \|\vec{f}\|_{L^{p,\infty}}$ . If  $\mathbf{div} \vec{f} = 0$ , we have moreover  $\vec{f} = \mathbb{P} \vec{f} = \mathbb{P} \vec{\alpha}_A + \mathbb{P} \vec{\beta}_A$ . On the other hand, if  $\vec{g} \in (L^{q,1})^d$ , we can write  $\vec{g} = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_j \vec{g}_j$  with  $\|\vec{g}_j\|_{L^{q_-}} - \|\vec{g}\|_{L^{q_+}} \leq 1$  and  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_j| \leq C \|\vec{g}\|_{L^{q,1}}$ . If  $\mathbf{curl} \vec{g} = 0$ , we have moreover  $\vec{g} = \mathbb{Q} \vec{g} = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_j \mathbb{Q} \vec{g}_j$ . Let  $A_j = \|\vec{g}_j\|_{L^{q_-}}^{1/2} \|\vec{g}_j\|_{L^{q_+}}^{-1/2}$ . We then write

$$\vec{f} \cdot \vec{g} = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_j (\mathbb{P} \vec{\alpha}_{A_j} \cdot \mathbb{Q} \vec{g}_j + \mathbb{P} \vec{\beta}_{A_j} \cdot \mathbb{Q} \vec{g}_j)$$

and get (from the div-curl theorem of Coifman, Lions, Meyer and Semmes)

$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{f} \cdot \vec{g}\|_{\mathcal{H}^1} &\leq C \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_j| (\|\mathbb{P} \vec{\alpha}_{A_j}\|_{L^{p_-}} \|\mathbb{Q} \vec{g}_j\|_{L^{q_+}} + \|\mathbb{P} \vec{\beta}_{A_j}\|_{L^{p_+}} \|\mathbb{Q} \vec{g}_j\|_{L^{q_-}}) \\ &\leq C' \|\vec{f}\|_{L^{p,\infty}} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_j| (A_j \|\vec{g}_j\|_{L^{q_+}} + A_j^{-1} \|\vec{g}_j\|_{L^{q_-}}) \\ &= C' \|\vec{f}\|_{L^{p,\infty}} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_j| \leq C'' \|\vec{f}\|_{L^{p,\infty}} \|\vec{g}\|_{L^{q,1}}. \end{aligned}$$

The proof for the case  $\mathbf{div} \vec{g} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{curl} \vec{f} = \vec{0}$  is similar. ■

In this paper, we aim to find a general class of function spaces for which the div-curl lemma still holds. As we can see from the proof of Corollary 1.2, singular integral operators will play a key role in our result. In Section 2, we shall introduce Calderón–Zygmund pairs of function spaces which will allow us to prove such a general result. In Section 3, we recall the basics of divergence-free wavelet bases (as described in the book [LEMc]). In Section 4, we prove our main theorem. Then, in Section 4, we give examples of Calderón–Zygmund pairs of function spaces.

**2. Calderón–Zygmund pairs of Banach spaces.** We begin by recalling the definition of a Calderón–Zygmund operator:

DEFINITION 2.1. (A) A *singular integral operator* is a continuous linear mapping from  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  to  $\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  whose distribution kernel  $K(x, y) \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d)$  (defined formally by the formula  $Tf(x) = \int K(x, y)f(y) dy$ ) has its restriction outside the diagonal  $x = y$  defined by a locally Lipschitz function with the following size estimates:

- (i)  $\sup_{x \neq y} |K(x, y)| |x - y|^d < \infty$ ,
- (ii)  $\sup_{x \neq y} |\vec{\nabla}_x K(x, y)| |x - y|^{d+1} < \infty$ ,
- (iii)  $\sup_{x \neq y} |\vec{\nabla}_y K(x, y)| |x - y|^{d+1} < \infty$ .

For such an operator  $T$ , we define

$$\|T\|_{\text{SIO}} = \|K(x, y)|x - y|^d\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} + \|\vec{\nabla}_x K(x, y)|x - y|^{d+1}\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} + \|\vec{\nabla}_y K(x, y)|x - y|^{d+1}\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}$$

where  $K$  is the distribution kernel of  $T$  and  $\Omega = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \mid x \neq y\}$

(B) A *Calderón–Zygmund operator* is a singular integral operator  $T$  which may be extended as a bounded operator on  $L^2$ :

$$\sup_{\varphi \in \mathcal{D}, \|\varphi\|_2 \leq 1} \|T\varphi\|_2 < \infty.$$

We define CZO to be the space of Calderón–Zygmund operators, endowed with the norm

$$\|T\|_{\text{CZO}} = \|T\|_{\mathcal{L}(L^2, L^2)} + \|T\|_{\text{SIO}}.$$

We can now define our main tool:

DEFINITION 2.2. A *Calderón–Zygmund pair* is a pair  $(X, Y)$  of Banach spaces such that:

- (i) We have the continuous embeddings  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d) \subset X \subset \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d) \subset Y \subset \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .
- (ii) Let  $X_0$  be the closure of  $\mathcal{D}$  in  $X$ ; then the dual  $X_0^*$  of  $X_0$  (i.e. the space of bounded linear forms on  $X_0$ ) coincides with  $Y$  with equivalence of norms: a distribution  $T$  belongs to  $Y$  if and only if there exists a constant  $C_T$  such that  $|\langle T | \varphi \rangle_{\mathcal{D}', \mathcal{D}}| \leq C_T \|\varphi\|_X$  for all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ .
- (iii) Let  $Y_0$  be the closure of  $\mathcal{D}$  in  $Y$ . Then the dual  $Y_0^*$  coincides with  $X$  with equivalence of norms.
- (iv) Every Calderón–Zygmund operator may be extended to a bounded operator on  $X_0$  and on  $Y_0$ : there exists a constant  $C_0$  such that, for every  $T \in \text{CZO}$  and every  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ , we have  $T(\varphi) \in X_0 \cap Y_0$  and

$$\|T\varphi\|_X \leq C_0 \|T\|_{\text{CZO}} \|\varphi\|_X \quad \text{and} \quad \|T\varphi\|_Y \leq C_0 \|T\|_{\text{CZO}} \|\varphi\|_Y.$$

By duality, we find that every Calderón–Zygmund operator extends to a bounded operator on  $X$  and  $Y$ : if  $T^*$  is defined by the formula

$$\langle T\varphi | \psi \rangle_{\mathcal{D}', \mathcal{D}} = \langle \varphi | T^*\psi \rangle_{\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}'},$$

then  $T \in \text{CZO}$  implies  $T^* \in \text{CZO}$  and we may define  $T(f)$  on  $X$  as the distribution  $\varphi \mapsto \langle f | T^*(\varphi) \rangle_{Y_0^*, Y_0}$ . The two definitions of  $T$  coincide on  $X_0$ .

For  $m \in L^\infty$ , the operator  $T_m : \varphi \mapsto m\varphi$  belongs to CZO (with kernel  $K(x, y) = m(x)\delta(x - y)$ ). The stability of  $X$  and  $Y$  under multiplication by bounded smooth functions (with the inequalities  $\|mf\|_X \leq C_0\|m\|_\infty\|f\|_X$  and  $\|mf\|_Y \leq C_0\|m\|_\infty\|f\|_Y$ ) shows that elements of  $X$  and  $Y$  are (complex) local measures and that  $X_0$  and  $Y_0$  are embedded into  $L^1_{\text{loc}}$ .

Our main result (to be proved in Section 4) is the following:

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $(X, Y)$  be a Calderón–Zygmund pair of Banach spaces. If  $\vec{f} \in X_0^d$  and  $\vec{g} \in Y^d$ , then*

$$\mathbf{div} \vec{f} = 0 \text{ and } \mathbf{curl} \vec{g} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{f} \cdot \vec{g} \in \mathcal{H}^1$$

and

$$\mathbf{div} \vec{g} = 0 \text{ and } \mathbf{curl} \vec{f} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{f} \cdot \vec{g} \in \mathcal{H}^1.$$

**REMARK.** The distribution  $\vec{f} \cdot \vec{g}$  is well-defined, since  $\vec{f} \in X_0^d$ : if  $\varphi \in \mathcal{D}$ , then  $\varphi\vec{f} \in X_0^d$  and  $\vec{g} \in (X_0^*)^d$ .

**3. Divergence-free wavelet bases.** In this section, we give a short review of properties of divergence-free wavelet bases. Wavelet theory was introduced in the 1980's as an efficient tool for signal analysis. Orthonormal wavelet bases were first constructed by Y. Meyer [LEMM], G. Battle [BAT] and P. G. Lemarié-Rieusset; a major advance was the construction of compactly supported orthonormal wavelets by I. Daubechies [DAU]. Then bi-orthogonal bases were introduced by A. Cohen, I. Daubechies and J.-C. Feauveau [COH]. Divergence-free wavelets were introduced by Battle and Federbush [BATF]. Compactly divergence-free wavelets were introduced by P. G. Lemarié-Rieusset [LEMa]; they are not orthogonal wavelets [LEMc], but have been explored for the numerical analysis of the Navier–Stokes equations [DER, URB].

Let  $H_{\mathbf{div}=0}$  and  $H_{\mathbf{curl}=0}$  be defined as

$$H_{\mathbf{div}=0} = \{\vec{f} \in (L^2)^d \mid \mathbf{div} \vec{f} = 0\} \text{ and } H_{\mathbf{curl}=0} = \{\vec{f} \in (L^2)^d \mid \mathbf{curl} \vec{f} = 0\}.$$

For  $\vec{f} \in (L^2)^d$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ , we define  $\vec{f}_{j,k}$  as  $\vec{f}_{j,k}(x) = 2^{jd/2}\vec{f}(2^jx - k)$ . Let us recall the main results of [LEMa] (described as well in the book [LEMc]). The idea is to begin with a Hilbertian basis of compactly supported wavelets, associated to a multi-resolution analysis  $(V_j)_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$  of  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Associated to this multi-resolution analysis (with orthogonal projection operator  $\Pi_j$  onto  $V_j$ ), there is a bi-orthogonal multi-resolution analysis  $(V_j^+)$ ,

$(V_j^-)$  with projection  $\Pi_{(j)}$  onto  $V_j^-$  orthogonally to  $V_j^+$  such that  $\frac{d}{dx} \circ \Pi_j = \Pi_{(j)} \circ \frac{d}{dx}$ .

Starting from this one-dimensional setting, we now consider a bi-orthogonal multi-resolution analysis of  $(L^2(\mathbb{R}^d))^d$ ,  $(V_{j,1}, \dots, V_{j,d})$  and  $(V_{j,1}^*, \dots, V_{j,d}^*)$ , where  $V_{j,k} = V_{j,k,1} \otimes \dots \otimes V_{j,k,d}$  with  $V_{j,k,l} = V_j$  for  $k \neq l$  and  $V_{j,k,k} = V_j^-$  and  $V_{j,k}^* = V_{j,k,1}^* \otimes \dots \otimes V_{j,k,d}^*$  with  $V_{j,k,l}^* = V_j$  for  $k \neq l$  and  $V_{j,k,k}^* = V_j^+$ . Let  $P_j$  be the projection operator onto  $(V_{j,1}, \dots, V_{j,d})$  orthogonally to  $(V_{j,1}^*, \dots, V_{j,d}^*)$ . Its adjoint  $P_j^*$  is the projection operator onto  $(V_{j,1}^*, \dots, V_{j,d}^*)$  orthogonally to  $(V_{j,1}, \dots, V_{j,d})$ . The point is that we have  $P_j(\vec{\nabla} f) = \vec{\nabla}(\Pi_j f)$  and  $\mathbf{div}(P_j^* \vec{f}) = \Pi_j^*(\mathbf{div} \vec{f})$ .

Those projection operators  $P_j$  and  $P_j^*$  yield an accurate description of  $H_{\mathbf{div}=0}$  and  $H_{\mathbf{curl}=0}$ :

PROPOSITION 3.1 (Multi-resolution analysis for divergence-free or irrotational vector fields). *Let  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then there exists a compact set  $K_N \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  such that:*

(A) Multi-resolution analysis: *There exist*

- functions  $\vec{\varphi}_\xi$  and  $\vec{\varphi}_\xi^*$  in  $(L^2)^d$ ,  $1 \leq \xi \leq d$ ,
- functions  $\vec{\psi}_\chi$  and  $\vec{\psi}_\chi^*$  in  $(L^2)^d$ ,  $1 \leq \chi \leq d(2^d - 1)$ ,

such that:

- (i)  $\vec{\varphi}_\xi$ ,  $\vec{\varphi}_\xi^*$ ,  $\vec{\psi}_\chi$  and  $\vec{\psi}_\chi^*$  are supported in  $K_N$ .
- (ii)  $\vec{\varphi}_\xi$ ,  $\vec{\varphi}_\xi^*$ ,  $\vec{\psi}_\chi$  and  $\vec{\psi}_\chi^*$  are of class  $\mathcal{C}^N$ .
- (iii) For  $l \in \mathbb{N}^d$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^d l_i \leq N$ , we have  $\int x^l \vec{\psi}_\chi dx = \int x^l \vec{\psi}_\chi^* dx = 0$ .
- (iv) For  $j, j'$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $k, k'$  in  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ ,  $\xi, \xi'$  in  $\{1, \dots, d\}$ , and  $\chi, \chi'$  in  $\{1, \dots, d(2^d - 1)\}$ ,

$$\int \vec{\varphi}_{\xi,j,k} \cdot \vec{\varphi}_{\xi',j',k'}^* dx = \delta_{k,k'} \delta_{\xi,\xi'} \quad \text{and} \quad \int \vec{\psi}_{\chi,j,k} \cdot \vec{\psi}_{\chi',j',k'}^* dx = \delta_{j,j'} \delta_{k,k'} \delta_{\chi,\chi'}.$$

- (v) The operators  $P_j$  defined on  $(L^2)^d$  by

$$P_j \vec{f} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \xi \leq d} \langle \vec{f} | \vec{\varphi}_{\xi,j,k}^* \rangle \vec{\varphi}_{\xi,j,k}$$

are bounded projections and satisfy

$$P_j \circ P_{j+1} = P_{j+1} \circ P_j = P_j, \quad \lim_{j \rightarrow -\infty} \|P_j \vec{f}\|_2 = 0 = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|\vec{f} - P_j \vec{f}\|_2 = 0.$$

- (vi) The operators  $Q_j$  defined on  $(L^2)^d$  by

$$Q_j \vec{f} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \chi \leq d(2^d - 1)} \langle \vec{f} | \vec{\psi}_{\chi,j,k}^* \rangle \vec{\psi}_{\chi,j,k}$$

are bounded and satisfy

$$Q_j = P_{j+1} - P_j$$

and

$$\|\vec{f}\|_2 \approx \sqrt{\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \|Q_j \vec{f}\|_2^2} \approx \sqrt{\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \chi \leq d(2^d-1)} |\langle \vec{f} | \vec{\psi}_{\chi,j,k}^* \rangle|^2}.$$

(B) Irrotational vector fields: The projection operators  $P_j$  satisfy

$$\vec{f} \in (L^2)^d \text{ and } \mathbf{curl} \vec{f} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{curl} P_j(\vec{f}) = 0.$$

Moreover, there exist

- $2^d - 1$  functions  $\vec{\gamma}_\eta \in (L^2)^d$ ,  $1 \leq \eta \leq 2^d - 1$ , with  $\mathbf{curl} \vec{\gamma}_\eta = 0$ ,
- $2^d - 1$  functions  $\vec{\gamma}_\eta^* \in (L^2)^d$ ,  $1 \leq \eta \leq 2^d - 1$ ,

such that:

- (i)  $\vec{\gamma}_\eta$  and  $\vec{\gamma}_\eta^*$  are supported in  $K_N$ .
- (ii)  $\vec{\gamma}_\eta$  and  $\vec{\gamma}_\eta^*$  are of class  $\mathcal{C}^N$ .
- (iii) For  $l \in \mathbb{N}^d$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^d l_i \leq N$ , we have  $\int x^l \vec{\gamma}_\eta dx = \int x^l \vec{\gamma}_\eta^* dx = 0$ .
- (iv) For  $j, j'$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $k, k'$  in  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ , and  $\eta, \eta'$  in  $\{1, \dots, 2^d - 1\}$ ,

$$\int \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,k} \cdot \vec{\gamma}_{\eta',j',k'}^* dx = \delta_{j,j'} \delta_{k,k'} \delta_{\eta,\eta'}.$$

- (v) The operators  $S_j$  defined on  $(L^2)^d$  by

$$S_j \vec{f} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \eta \leq 2^d - 1} \langle \vec{f} | \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,k}^* \rangle \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,k}$$

are bounded and satisfy

$$\forall \vec{f} \in H_{\mathbf{curl}=0} \quad S_j \vec{f} = Q_j \vec{f}$$

and

$$\forall \vec{f} \in H_{\mathbf{curl}=0} \quad \|\vec{f}\|_2 \approx \sqrt{\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \eta \leq 2^d - 1} |\langle \vec{f} | \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,k}^* \rangle|^2}.$$

(C) Divergence-free vector fields: The projection operators  $P_j$  satisfy

$$\vec{f} \in (L^2)^d \text{ and } \mathbf{div} \vec{f} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{div} P_j^* \vec{f} = 0.$$

Moreover, there exist

- $(d-1)(2^d-1)$  functions  $\vec{\alpha}_\epsilon \in (L^2)^d$ ,  $1 \leq \epsilon \leq (d-1)(2^d-1)$ , with  $\mathbf{div} \vec{\alpha}_\epsilon = 0$ ,
- $(d-1)(2^d-1)$  functions  $\vec{\alpha}_\epsilon^* \in (L^2)^d$ ,  $1 \leq \epsilon \leq (d-1)(2^d-1)$ ,

such that:

- (i)  $\vec{\alpha}_\epsilon$  and  $\vec{\alpha}_\epsilon^*$  are supported in  $K_N$ .
- (ii)  $\vec{\alpha}_\epsilon$  and  $\vec{\alpha}_\epsilon^*$  are of class  $\mathcal{C}^N$ .

- (iii) For  $l \in \mathbb{N}^d$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^d l_i \leq N$ , we have  $\int x^l \bar{\alpha}_\epsilon dx = \int x^l \bar{\alpha}_\epsilon^* dx = 0$ .  
 (iv) For  $j, j'$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $k, k'$  in  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  and  $\epsilon, \epsilon'$  in  $\{1, \dots, (d-1)(2^d-1)\}$ ,

$$\int \bar{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,k} \cdot \bar{\alpha}_{\epsilon',j',k'}^* dx = \delta_{j,j'} \delta_{k,k'} \delta_{\epsilon,\epsilon'}.$$

- (v) The operators  $R_j$  defined on  $(L^2)^d$  by

$$R_j \vec{f} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \epsilon \leq (d-1)(2^d-1)} \langle \vec{f} | \bar{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,k}^* \rangle \bar{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,k}$$

are bounded and satisfy

$$\forall \vec{f} \in H_{\mathbf{div}=0} \quad R_j \vec{f} = Q_j^* \vec{f}$$

and

$$\forall \vec{f} \in H_{\mathbf{div}=0} \quad \|\vec{f}\|_2 \approx \sqrt{\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \epsilon \leq (d-1)(2^d-1)} |\langle \vec{f} | \bar{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,k}^* \rangle|^2}.$$

We would like now to use those special functions for our spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ . We begin with the following lemma:

LEMMA 3.2.

- (a) If  $\vec{f} \in X_0^d$ , then  $P_j \vec{f}$  and  $P_j^* \vec{f}$  converge strongly to 0 in  $X^d$  as  $j \rightarrow -\infty$  and converge strongly to  $\vec{f}$  in  $X^d$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ .  
 (b) If  $\vec{f} \in Y_0^d$ , then  $P_j \vec{f}$  and  $P_j^* \vec{f}$  converge strongly to 0 in  $Y^d$  as  $j \rightarrow -\infty$  and converge strongly to  $\vec{f}$  in  $Y^d$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ .  
 (c) If  $\vec{f} \in X^d$ , then  $P_j \vec{f}$  and  $P_j^* \vec{f}$  converge  $*$ -weakly to 0 in  $X^d$  as  $j \rightarrow -\infty$  and converge  $*$ -weakly to  $\vec{f}$  in  $X^d$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ .  
 (d) If  $\vec{f} \in Y^d$ , then  $P_j \vec{f}$  and  $P_j^* \vec{f}$  converge  $*$ -weakly to 0 in  $Y^d$  as  $j \rightarrow -\infty$  and converge  $*$ -weakly to  $\vec{f}$  in  $Y^d$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* First, we check that the operators are well defined. If  $f \in \mathcal{C}^N$  has a compact support, then we may write  $f = f\theta$  with  $\theta \in \mathcal{D}$  equal to 1 on a neighborhood of the support of  $f$ . Thus,  $f = T_f(\theta)$  and we find that  $f \in X_0 \cap Y_0$ . Hence,  $\langle f | g \rangle_{X_0, Y_0}$  is well defined for every  $g \in Y$ , and  $\langle f | h \rangle_{Y_0, X}$  is well defined for every  $h \in X$ . We may thus consider the following operators on  $X^d$ :

$$P_j \vec{f} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \xi \leq d} \langle \vec{f} | \bar{\varphi}_{\xi,j,k}^* \rangle_{X, Y_0} \bar{\varphi}_{\xi,j,k}$$

and

$$P_j^* \vec{f} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \xi \leq d} \langle \vec{f} | \bar{\varphi}_{\xi,j,k} \rangle_{X, Y_0} \bar{\varphi}_{\xi,j,k}^*.$$

We have  $\sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \|P_j\|_{\text{CZO}} = \sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \|P_j^*\|_{\text{CZO}} < \infty$ . Thus, those operators are equicontinuous on  $X^d$ .

To prove (a), we need to check the limits only on a dense subspace of  $X_0^d$ . The space  $X_0$  cannot be embedded into  $L^1$ : if  $f \in \mathcal{D}$  with  $\hat{f}(0) \neq 0$ , then the Riesz transforms  $R_j f$  are not in  $L^1$  but belong to  $X_0$ . This means that  $f \in \mathcal{D} \mapsto \|f\|_1$  is not continuous for the  $X_0$  norm. We may thus find a sequence of functions  $f_n$  such that  $\|f_n\|_X$  converges to 0 and  $\|f_n\|_1 = 1$ . Since  $|f_n|$  is Lipschitz and compactly supported, we can regularize  $f_n$  and find a sequence of smooth compactly supported functions  $f_{n,k}$  such that all the  $f_{n,k}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , are supported in a compact neighborhood of the support of  $f_n$  and converge, as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , uniformly to  $|f_n|$ ; then, we have convergence in  $X$  (since  $Y_0 \subset L_{\text{loc}}^1$ ) and in  $L^1$ . Thus, we can find a sequence of functions  $f_n$  which are in  $\mathcal{D}$ , with  $\int f_n dx = 1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n\|_X = 0$ . This shows that the set of functions  $f \in \mathcal{D}$  with  $\int f dx = 0$  is dense in  $X_0$ .

We now consider  $Q_j = P_{j+1} - P_j$  and  $Q_j^* = P_{j+1}^* - P_j^*$ :

$$Q_j \vec{f} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \chi \leq d(2^d-1)} \langle \vec{f} | \vec{\psi}_{\chi,j,k}^* \rangle_{X,Y_0} \vec{\psi}_{\chi,j,k}$$

and

$$Q_j^* \vec{f} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \chi \leq d(2^d-1)} \langle \vec{f} | \vec{\psi}_{\chi,j,k} \rangle_{X,Y_0} \vec{\psi}_{\chi,j,k}^*.$$

If  $\vec{f} \in \mathcal{D}^d$  and  $\int \vec{f} dx = 0$ , we have  $\vec{f} = \sum_{1 \leq l \leq d} \partial_l \vec{f}_l$  for some  $\vec{f}_l \in \mathcal{D}^d$ . Similarly, we have  $\psi_\chi^* = \sum_{1 \leq l \leq d} \partial_l \vec{\Psi}_{\chi,l}^*$  and  $\psi_\chi = \sum_{1 \leq l \leq d} \partial_l \vec{\Psi}_{\chi,l}$  for some compactly supported functions of class  $\mathcal{C}^N$ . Thus, we find that, for  $\vec{f} \in \mathcal{D}^d$  with  $\int \vec{f} dx = 0$ ,

$$\|P_{j+1} \vec{f} - P_j \vec{f}\|_X + \|P_{j+1}^* \vec{f} - P_j^* \vec{f}\|_X \leq C \min\left(\sum_{l=1}^d \|\partial_l \vec{f}\|_X 2^j, \sum_{i=1}^d \|\vec{f}_i\|_X 2^{-j}\right).$$

Thus,  $P_j \vec{f}$  and  $P_j^* \vec{f}$  have strong limits in  $X_0^d$  as  $j$  goes to  $-\infty$  or  $\infty$ . If  $\vec{g} \in \mathcal{D}^d$ , viewing  $\vec{f}$  and  $\vec{g}$  as elements of  $(L^2)^d$ , we see that

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow -\infty} \langle P_j \vec{f} | \vec{g} \rangle_{X,Y_0} = \lim_{j \rightarrow -\infty} \langle P_j^* \vec{f} | \vec{g} \rangle_{X,Y_0} = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \langle P_j \vec{f} | \vec{g} \rangle_{X,Y_0} = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \langle P_j^* \vec{f} | \vec{g} \rangle_{X,Y_0} = \langle \vec{f} | \vec{g} \rangle_{X,Y_0}.$$

Thus, we have, for  $\vec{f} \in \mathcal{D}^d$  with  $\int \vec{f} dx = 0$ ,

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow -\infty} \|P_j \vec{f}\|_X = \lim_{j \rightarrow -\infty} \|P_j^* \vec{f}\|_X = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|P_j \vec{f} - \vec{f}\|_X = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|P_j^* \vec{f} - \vec{f}\|_X = 0$$

Hence (a) is proved; and (b) is proved in a similar way. By duality, we get (c) and (d). ■

We may now consider the operators

$$R_j \vec{f} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \epsilon \leq (d-1)(2^d-1)} \langle \vec{f} | \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,k}^* \rangle_{X,Y_0} \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,k}$$

and

$$S_j \vec{f} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \eta \leq 2^d-1} \langle \vec{f} | \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,k}^* \rangle_{X,Y_0} \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,k}.$$

From the equalities  $\mathbb{P}^* R_j^* = \mathbb{P}^* Q_j$  and  $\mathbb{Q}^* S_j^* = \mathbb{Q}^* Q_j^*$  of maps from  $\mathcal{D}^d$  to  $Y_0^d$ , we find by duality that  $R_j \mathbb{P} = Q_j^* \mathbb{P}$  and  $S_j \mathbb{Q} = Q_j \mathbb{Q}$  on  $X^d$ . To be able to use those identities, we shall need the following lemma:

LEMMA 3.3. *Let  $\vec{f} \in X^d$ . Then:*

- (i)  $\mathbb{P} \vec{f} = \vec{f} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{div} \vec{f} = 0$ .
- (ii)  $\mathbb{Q} \vec{f} = \vec{f} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{curl} \vec{f} = 0$ .

*Proof.* First, we check that  $[f \in X \text{ and } \Delta f = 0] \Rightarrow f = 0$ . Take  $\theta \in \mathcal{D}$  such that  $\theta \geq 0$  and  $\theta \neq 0$ , and define

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^{(n+1)/2}} * \theta.$$

Convolution with the kernel  $(1+x^2)^{-(n+1)/2}$  is a Calderón–Zygmund operator, so  $\gamma \in Y_0$ . Moreover, if  $g$  is a function such that  $(1+x^2)^{(n+1)/2} g \in L^\infty$ , we find that  $g = \gamma^{-1} g \gamma = T_{\gamma^{-1}g}(\gamma)$ , where the pointwise multiplication operator  $T_{\gamma^{-1}g}$  is a Calderón–Zygmund operator, so  $g \in Y_0$ . This proves that  $X \subset \mathcal{S}'$ . Thus, if  $f \in X$  and  $\Delta f = 0$ , we find that  $f$  is a harmonic polynomial. Moreover  $\int |f| \gamma dx = \langle f | T_{f/|f|}(\gamma) \rangle_{X,Y_0}$ , hence the integral  $\int |f| \gamma dx$  must be finite, and  $f$  must be constant. As the smooth functions with vanishing integral are dense in  $Y_0$ , we find that the constant is equal to 0.

Now, for a distribution  $\vec{f}$  we have

$$\mathbf{div} \vec{f} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \forall \vec{\varphi} \in \mathcal{D}^d \text{ with } \mathbf{curl} \vec{\varphi} = 0, \langle \vec{f} | \vec{\varphi} \rangle = 0;$$

thus,  $\mathbf{div} \mathbb{P} \vec{f} = 0$  on  $X^d$ . Similarly, for a distribution  $\vec{f}$  we have

$$\mathbf{curl} \vec{f} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \forall \vec{\varphi} \in \mathcal{D}^d \text{ with } \mathbf{div} \vec{\varphi} = 0, \langle \vec{f} | \vec{\varphi} \rangle = 0;$$

thus,  $\mathbf{curl} \mathbb{Q} \vec{f} = 0$  on  $X^d$ .

Conversely, we start from the decomposition  $\text{Id} = \mathbb{P} + \mathbb{Q}$  valid on  $X^d$ . If  $\mathbf{div} \vec{f} = 0$ , then we find that  $\vec{h} = \vec{f} - \mathbb{P} \vec{f} = \mathbb{Q} \vec{f}$  satisfies  $\mathbf{div} \vec{h} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{curl} \vec{h} = 0$ . But this implies  $\Delta \vec{h} = 0$ , hence  $\vec{h} = 0$ . We prove similarly that  $\mathbf{curl} \vec{f} = 0$  implies  $f = \mathbb{Q} \vec{f}$ . ■

**4. The proof of the div-curl lemma.** As in [LEM<sub>c</sub>], we prove Theorem 2.3 by adapting the proof given by Dobyinsky [DOB]. This proof uses the renormalization of the product through wavelet bases.

If  $\vec{f} \in X^d$ ,  $\vec{g} \in Y^d$  and if moreover  $\vec{f} \in X_0^d$  or  $\vec{g} \in Y_0^d$ , we use Lemma 3.2 to find that, in the distribution sense, we have

$$\vec{f} \cdot \vec{g} = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} (P_j^* \vec{f} \cdot P_j \vec{g} - P_{-j}^* \vec{f} \cdot P_{-j} \vec{g})$$

and thus

$$\vec{f} \cdot \vec{g} = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} (P_j^* \vec{f} \cdot Q_j \vec{g} + Q_j^* \vec{f} \cdot P_j \vec{g} + Q_j \vec{f} \cdot Q_j^* \vec{g}).$$

If moreover  $\mathbf{div} \vec{f} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{curl} \vec{g} = 0$ , we use Lemma 3.3 to get

$$\vec{f} \cdot \vec{g} = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} (P_j^* \vec{f} \cdot S_j \vec{g} + R_j \vec{f} \cdot P_j \vec{g} + R_j \vec{f} \cdot S_j \vec{g}).$$

We shall prove that the three terms

$$A(\vec{f}, \vec{g}) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} P_j^* \vec{f} \cdot S_j \vec{g}, \quad B(\vec{f}, \vec{g}) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} R_j \vec{f} \cdot P_j \vec{g}, \quad C(\vec{f}, \vec{g}) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} R_j \vec{f} \cdot S_j \vec{g}$$

belong to  $\mathcal{H}^1$ .

We give the proof for  $\vec{f} \in X_0^d$  (the proof for  $\vec{g} \in Y_0^d$  is similar). We first check that  $A$  and  $B$  map  $(X_0)^d \times Y^d$  to  $\mathcal{H}^1$ : we use the duality of  $H^1$  and CMO (the closure of  $\mathcal{C}_0$  in BMO) (see Coifman and Weiss [COIW] and Bourdaud [BOU]) and try to prove that the operators

$$\mathcal{A}(\vec{f}, h) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} S_j^*(h P_j^* \vec{f}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{B}(\vec{f}, h) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} P_j^*(h R_j \vec{f})$$

map  $(X_0)^d \times \text{CMO}$  to  $(X_0)^d$ .

To this end, we shall prove that  $\mathcal{A}(\cdot, h)$  and that  $\mathcal{B}(\cdot, h)$  are matrices of singular integral operators when  $h \in \mathcal{D}$  and that we have the estimates  $\|\mathcal{A}(\cdot, h)\|_{\text{CZO}} \leq C \|h\|_{\text{BMO}}$  and  $\|\mathcal{B}(\cdot, h)\|_{\text{CZO}} \leq C \|h\|_{\text{BMO}}$ . For  $\mathcal{B}$ , we may as well study the adjoint operator

$$\mathcal{B}^*(\vec{f}, h) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} R_j^*(h P_j \vec{f}).$$

First, we estimate the size of the kernels and of their gradients. The kernels  $A_h(x, y)$  of  $\mathcal{A}(\cdot, h)$  and  $B_h^*(x, y)$  of  $\mathcal{B}(\cdot, h)^*$  are given by

$$A_h(x, y) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \xi \leq d} \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \eta \leq 2^d - 1} \vec{\gamma}_{\eta, j, l}^*(x) \langle h \vec{\varphi}_{\xi, j, k}^* | \vec{\gamma}_{\eta, j, l} \rangle \vec{\varphi}_{\xi, j, k}(y)$$

and

$$B_h^*(x, y) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \xi \leq d} \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \epsilon \leq (d-1)(2^d-1)} \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon, j, l}^*(x) \langle h \vec{\varphi}_{\xi, j, l} | \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon, j, k} \rangle \vec{\varphi}_{\xi, j, k}^*(y).$$

There are only a few terms that interact, because of the localization of the supports: if  $K_N \subset B(0, M)$ , then  $\langle h\vec{\varphi}_{\xi,j,k}^* \mid \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,l} \rangle = \langle h\vec{\varphi}_{\xi,j,l} \mid \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,k} \rangle = 0$  if  $|l - k| > 2M$ . Let

$$C(h) = \sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^d, 1 \leq \xi \leq d, l \in \mathbb{Z}^d, 1 \leq \eta \leq 2^{d-1}} |\langle h\vec{\varphi}_{\xi,j,k}^* \mid \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,l} \rangle|,$$

$$D(h) = \sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^d, 1 \leq \xi \leq d, l \in \mathbb{Z}^d, 1 \leq \epsilon \leq (d-1)(2^{d-1})} |\langle h\vec{\varphi}_{\xi,j,l} \mid \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,k} \rangle|.$$

Then

$$|A_h(x, y)| \leq \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} CC(h) 2^{jd} \mathbf{1}_{B(0,M)}(2^j x - k) \mathbf{1}_{B(0,3M)}(2^j y - k)$$

and thus

$$|A_h(x, y)| \leq CC(h) \sum_{2^j |y-x| \leq 4M} 2^{jd} \leq C' C(h) |x - y|^{-d}$$

and similarly

$$|B_h(x, y)| \leq CD(h) |x - y|^{-d}.$$

In the same way, we have

$$|\vec{\nabla}_x A_h(x, y)| + |\vec{\nabla}_y A_h(x, y)|$$

$$\leq \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} CC(h) 2^{j(d+1)} \mathbf{1}_{B(0,M)}(2^j x - k) \mathbf{1}_{B(0,3M)}(2^j y - k)$$

and thus

$$|\vec{\nabla}_x A_h(x, y)| + |\vec{\nabla}_y A_h(x, y)| \leq CC(h) |x - y|^{-d-1}$$

and similarly

$$|\vec{\nabla}_x B_h(x, y)| + |\vec{\nabla}_y B_h(x, y)| \leq CD(h) |x - y|^{-d-1}.$$

Moreover,  $\vec{\varphi}_{\xi,j,k}^* \cdot \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,l}$  is supported in  $B(2^{-j}k, M2^{-j})$ ,  $\|\vec{\varphi}_{\xi,j,k}^* \cdot \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,l}\|_{\infty} \leq C2^{jd}$  and  $\int \vec{\varphi}_{\xi,j,k}^* \cdot \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,l} dx = 0$  (since  $P_j^* \vec{\varphi}_{\xi,j,k}^* = \vec{\varphi}_{\xi,j,k}^*$  and  $Q_j \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,l} = \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,l}$ ). Thus, we find that  $\|\vec{\varphi}_{\xi,j,k}^* \cdot \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,l}\|_{\mathcal{H}^1} \leq C$ , so

$$C(h) \leq C \|h\|_{BMO}.$$

We have similar estimates for  $\|\vec{\varphi}_{\xi,j,l} \cdot \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,k}\|_{\mathcal{H}^1}$  (since  $P_j \vec{\varphi}_{\xi,j,l} = \vec{\varphi}_{\xi,j,l}$  and  $Q_j^* \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,k} = \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,k}$ , and thus  $\int \vec{\varphi}_{\xi,j,l} \cdot \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,k} dx = 0$ ), so

$$D(h) \leq C \|h\|_{BMO}.$$

Thus far, we have proved that  $\mathcal{A}(\cdot, h)$  and  $\mathcal{B}(\cdot, h)$  are singular integral operators. To prove  $L^2$  boundedness, we use the  $T(1)$  theorem of David and Journé [DAV]. We have to check that the operators are weakly bounded (in the sense of the WBP property), and to compute the images of the function  $f = 1$  under the operators and their adjoints.

Let  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $r_0 > 0$  and let  $\vec{f}$  and  $\vec{g}$  be supported in  $B(x_0, r_0)$ . We want to estimate  $\langle \mathcal{A}(\vec{f}, h) | \vec{g} \rangle_{\mathcal{D}', \mathcal{D}}$  and  $\langle \mathcal{B}(\vec{f}, h) | \vec{g} \rangle_{\mathcal{D}', \mathcal{D}}$ . We have  $\langle \mathcal{A}(\vec{f}, h) | \vec{g} \rangle_{\mathcal{D}', \mathcal{D}} \leq \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} A_j$  where

$$A_j = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \xi \leq d} \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \eta \leq 2^d - 1} |\langle \vec{g} | \vec{\gamma}_{\eta, j, l}^* \rangle \langle h \vec{\varphi}_{\xi, j, k}^* | \vec{\gamma}_{\eta, j, l} \rangle \langle \vec{f} | \vec{\varphi}_{\xi, j, k} \rangle|$$

and similarly  $|\langle \mathcal{B}(\vec{f}, h) | \vec{g} \rangle_{\mathcal{D}', \mathcal{D}}| \leq \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} B_j$  where

$$B_j = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \xi \leq d} \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \epsilon \leq (d-1)(2^d - 1)} |\langle \vec{g} | \vec{\varphi}_{\xi, j, l} \rangle \langle h \vec{\varphi}_{\xi, j, l} | \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon, j, k} \rangle \langle \vec{f} | \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon, j, k}^* \rangle|.$$

We have

$$A_j \leq C(h) \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \xi \leq d} \sum_{|l-k| \leq 2M} \sum_{1 \leq \eta \leq 2^d - 1} |\langle \vec{g} | \vec{\gamma}_{\eta, j, l}^* \rangle \langle \vec{f} | \vec{\varphi}_{\xi, j, k} \rangle|,$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned} A_j &\leq C(h) \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \xi \leq d} |\langle \vec{f} | \vec{\varphi}_{\xi, j, k} \rangle| \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \eta \leq 2^d - 1} |\langle \vec{g} | \vec{\gamma}_{\eta, j, l}^* \rangle| \\ &\leq CC(h) 2^{jd} \|\vec{f}\|_1 \|\vec{g}\|_1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$A_j \leq CC(h) \sqrt{\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \xi \leq d} |\langle \vec{f} | \vec{\varphi}_{\xi, j, k} \rangle|^2} \sqrt{\sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \eta \leq 2^d - 1} |\langle \vec{g} | \vec{\gamma}_{\eta, j, l}^* \rangle|^2},$$

and thus

$$A_j \leq C' C(h) \|S_j \vec{g}\|_2 \|P_j^* \vec{f}\|_2 \leq C'' C(h) 2^{-j} \|\vec{\nabla} \vec{g}\|_2 \|\vec{f}\|_2.$$

Finally, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle \mathcal{A}(\vec{f}, h) | \vec{g} \rangle_{\mathcal{D}', \mathcal{D}}| &\leq CC(h) \left( \sum_{2^j r_0 \leq 1} 2^{jd} r_0^d \|\vec{f}\|_2 \|\vec{g}\|_2 + \sum_{2^j r_0 > 1} 2^{-j} \|\vec{\nabla} \vec{g}\|_2 \|\vec{f}\|_2 \right) \\ &\leq C' C(h) (\|\vec{f}\|_2 + r_0 \|\vec{\nabla} \vec{f}\|_2) (\|\vec{g}\|_2 + r_0 \|\vec{\nabla} \vec{g}\|_2). \end{aligned}$$

Similar computations (based on the inequality  $\|R_j \vec{f}\|_2 \leq C 2^{-j} \|\vec{\nabla} \vec{f}\|_2$ ) give as well

$$|\langle \mathcal{B}(\vec{f}, h) | \vec{g} \rangle_{\mathcal{D}', \mathcal{D}}| \leq CD(h) (\|\vec{f}\|_2 + r_0 \|\vec{\nabla} \vec{f}\|_2) (\|\vec{g}\|_2 + r_0 \|\vec{\nabla} \vec{g}\|_2).$$

Thus, our operators satisfy the weak boundedness property.

We must now compute the distributions  $T(1)$  and  $T^*(1)$  when  $T$  is one component of the matrix of operators  $\mathcal{A}(\cdot, h)$  or  $\mathcal{B}(\cdot, h)$ . We must prove that if  $\theta \in \mathcal{D}$  is equal to 1 on a neighborhood of 0, if  $\vec{\theta}_{l,R} = (\theta_{1,l,R}, \dots, \theta_{d,l,R})$  with  $\theta_{k,l,R} = \delta_{k,l} \theta(x/R)$  and if  $\vec{\psi} \in \mathcal{D}^d$  with  $\int \vec{\psi} dx = 0$ , then

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} S_j^* (h P_j^* \vec{\theta}_{l,R}) \in (\text{BMO})^d$$

(the limit is taken in  $(\mathcal{D}'/\mathbb{R})^d$ ) and similarly

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} P_j(hS_j \vec{\theta}_{l,R}) &\in (\text{BMO})^d, \\ \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} P_j^*(hR_j \vec{\theta}_{l,R}) &\in (\text{BMO})^d, \\ \lim_{R \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} R_j^*(hP_j \vec{\theta}_{l,R}) &\in (\text{BMO})^d. \end{aligned}$$

To check that, we write  $\vec{h}_l = (h_{1,l}, \dots, h_{d,l})$  with  $h_{k,l} = \delta_{k,l}h$  and we consider  $\vec{\psi} \in \mathcal{D}^d$  with  $\int \vec{\psi} dx = 0$ . We have  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \|S_j(\vec{\psi})\|_1 < \infty$  and  $\|hP_j^* \vec{\theta}_{l,R}\|_\infty \leq \|h\|_\infty \|\theta\|_\infty$  and thus, by dominated convergence,

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int \vec{\psi} \cdot \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} S_j^*(hP_j^* \vec{\theta}_{l,R}) dx = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \int S_j \vec{\psi} \cdot \vec{h}_l dx.$$

$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} S_j$  is a matrix of Calderón–Zygmund operators  $T$  which satisfy  $T^*(1) = 0$ , hence map  $\mathcal{H}^1$  to  $\mathcal{H}^1$ , so

$$\left| \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \int S_j \vec{\psi} \cdot \vec{h}_l dx \right| \leq C \|h\|_{\text{BMO}} \|\vec{\psi}\|_{\mathcal{H}^1}$$

and thus  $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} S_j^*(hP_j^* \vec{\theta}_{l,R}) \in (\text{BMO})^d$ . Similar estimates prove that

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int \vec{\psi} \cdot \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} R_j^*(hP_j \vec{\theta}_{l,R}) dx = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \int R_j \vec{\psi} \cdot \vec{h}_l dx$$

and

$$\left| \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \int R_j \vec{\psi} \cdot \vec{h}_l dx \right| \leq C \|h\|_{\text{BMO}} \|\vec{\psi}\|_{\mathcal{H}^1},$$

so that  $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} R_j^*(hP_j \vec{\theta}_{l,R}) \in (\text{BMO})^d$ .

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int \vec{\psi} \cdot P_j(hS_j \vec{\theta}_{l,R}) dx \right| &\leq C \|h\|_\infty \|P_j \vec{\psi}\|_1 \|S_j \vec{\theta}_{l,R}\|_\infty \\ &\leq C_{\vec{\psi}} \|h\|_\infty \min(1, 2^j) \min(\|\theta\|_\infty, 2^{-j} R^{-1} \|\vec{\nabla} \theta\|_\infty) = O(R^{-1/2}), \end{aligned}$$

so  $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} P_j(hS_j \vec{\theta}_{l,R}) = 0$ . Similarly,  $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} P_j^*(hR_j \vec{\theta}_{l,R}) = 0$ .

Thus, we have proved that  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  map  $X_0^d \times \text{CMO}$  to  $X_0^d$ , and thus  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  map  $X_0^d \times Y^d$  to  $\mathcal{H}^1$ . We still have to deal with the term  $C(\vec{f}, \vec{g}) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} R_j \vec{f} \cdot S_j \vec{g}$ . We write

$$C(\vec{f}, \vec{g}) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \eta \leq 2^d - 1} \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \epsilon \leq (d-1)(2^d - 1)} \langle \vec{g} | \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,k}^* \rangle \langle \vec{f} | \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,l}^* \rangle \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,l} \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,k}.$$

We have  $\vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,l} \cdot \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,k} = 0$  for  $|k - l| > 2M$  and  $\|\vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,l} \cdot \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,k}\|_{\mathcal{H}^1} \leq C$  for  $|k - l| \leq 2M$ . Thus, we are led to prove that

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{1 \leq \eta \leq 2^d - 1} \sum_{|l-k| \leq 2M} \sum_{1 \leq \epsilon \leq (d-1)(2^d-1)} |\langle \vec{g} | \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,k}^* \rangle| |\langle \vec{f} | \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,l}^* \rangle| \leq C \|\vec{f}\|_{X_0^d} \|\vec{g}\|_{Y^d}.$$

For  $1 \leq \eta \leq 2^d - 1$ ,  $1 \leq \epsilon \leq (d - 1)(2^d - 1)$  and  $r \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  with  $|r| \leq 2M$ , we consider a finite subset  $J$  of  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^d$  and for  $\epsilon_J = (\epsilon_{j,k})_{(j,k) \in J} \in \{-1, 1\}^J$  and  $T_{\epsilon_J}$  the operator

$$T_{\epsilon_J}(\vec{f}) = \sum_{(j,k) \in J} \epsilon_{j,k} \langle \vec{f} | \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,k+r}^* \rangle \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,k}^*.$$

Using again the  $T(1)$  theorem, we see that  $\|T_{\epsilon_J}\|_{CZO} \leq C$ , so that  $T_{\epsilon_J}(\vec{f}) \in X_0^d$  and

$$\int T_{\epsilon_J}(\vec{f}) \cdot \vec{g} \, dx = \sum_{(j,k) \in J} \epsilon_{j,k} \langle \vec{f} | \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,k+r}^* \rangle \langle \vec{g} | \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,k}^* \rangle \leq C \|\vec{f}\|_{X_0^d} \|\vec{g}\|_{Y^d}.$$

Now, it is enough to choose  $\epsilon_{j,k}$  as the sign of  $\langle \vec{f} | \vec{\alpha}_{\epsilon,j,k+r}^* \rangle \langle \vec{g} | \vec{\gamma}_{\eta,j,k}^* \rangle$  and we can conclude.

Thus, Theorem 2.3 has been proved.

**5. Examples.** We now give some examples of Calderón–Zygmund pairs of Banach spaces (according to Definition 2.2):

(a) *Lebesgue spaces:*  $X = X_0 = L^p$  and  $Y = Y_0 = L^q$  with  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ .

(b) *Lorentz spaces:*  $X = X_0 = L^{p,r}$  and  $Y = L^{q,\rho}$  with  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq r < \infty$ ,  $1/p + 1/q = 1$  and  $1/r + 1/\rho = 1$ .

(c) *Weighted Lebesgue spaces:*  $X = X_0 = L^p(w \, dx)$  and  $Y = Y_0 = L^q(w^{-1/(p-1)} \, dx)$  with  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ , when the weight  $w$  belongs to the Muckenhoupt class  $\mathcal{A}_p$ .

(d) *Morrey spaces:* We consider the *Morrey space*  $\mathcal{L}^{\alpha,p}$  defined by

$$f \in \mathcal{L}^{\alpha,p} \Leftrightarrow \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} R_Q^\alpha \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(x)|^p \, dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty.$$

We are interested in the set of parameters  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq d/p$ .

The *Zorko space*  $\mathcal{L}_0^{\alpha,p}$  is the closure of  $\mathcal{D}$  in  $\mathcal{L}^{\alpha,p}$ . Adams and Xiao [ADA] have proved that  $\mathcal{L}^{\alpha,p}$  is the bidual of  $\mathcal{L}_0^{\alpha,p}$ :  $\mathcal{H}^{\alpha,q} = (\mathcal{L}_0^{\alpha,p})^*$  and  $\mathcal{L}^{\alpha,p} = (\mathcal{H}^{\alpha,q})^*$  with  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ . One characterization of  $\mathcal{H}^{\alpha,p}$  is the following:  $f \in \mathcal{H}^{\alpha,q}$  if and only if there is a sequence  $(\lambda_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in l^1$  and a

sequence of functions  $f_n$  and of cubes  $Q_n$  such that  $f_n \in L^q$ ,  $f_n$  is supported in  $Q_n$  and  $\|f_n\|_q \leq R_{Q_n}^{\alpha+d/q-d}$ . The norm  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}^{\alpha,q}}$  is then equivalent to  $\inf_{(\lambda_n),(f_n),f=\sum \lambda_n f_n} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_n|$ .

Our Calderón–Zygmund pair is then  $X = \mathcal{L}^{\alpha,p}$  and  $Y = Y_0 = \mathcal{H}^{\alpha,q}$  with  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq d/p$  and  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ .

(e) *Multiplier spaces:* We can build new examples from the former ones. Indeed, let  $X$  be a Banach space such that:

- (i) We have continuous embeddings  $X_1 \subset X \subset X_2$  for some Calderón–Zygmund pairs of Banach spaces  $(X_1, Y_1)$  and  $(X_2, Y_2)$ .
- (ii) There is a Banach space  $A$  such that  $\mathcal{D}$  is dense in  $A$  and the dual space  $A^*$  coincides with  $X$  with equivalence of norms.
- (iii) Every Calderón–Zygmund operator may be extended as a bounded operator on  $X$ :  $\|T(f)\|_X \leq C\|T\|_{CZO}\|f\|_X$ .

Then, if  $X_0$  is the closure of  $\mathcal{D}$  in  $X$  and  $Y = X_0^*$ ,  $(X, Y)$  is a Calderón–Zygmund pair of Banach spaces (and  $A = Y_0$ ).

This is easy to prove. First, notice that every Calderón–Zygmund operator can be extended on  $X_2$ , hence be defined on  $X$ ; the extra information is that it is bounded from  $X$  to  $X$ . Moreover, we have  $\mathcal{D} \subset X_{1,0} \subset X_0$  with continuous embeddings, so that every Calderón–Zygmund operator maps  $X_0$  to  $X_0$ , hence  $Y$  to  $Y$  by duality. Moreover, from  $X_{1,0} \subset X_0 \subset X_{2,0}$ , we get  $Y_2 \subset Y \subset Y_1$ . We will conclude if we prove  $A = Y_0$ ; but we see easily (since truncation and convolution operators are Calderón–Zygmund operators) that  $X_0$  is  $*$ -weakly dense in  $X$  and that  $A$  is embedded into  $Y$  with equivalence of norms (due to the Hahn–Banach theorem). Thus,  $A = Y_0$ .

We may apply this to the space  $X = X^{s,p}$  of pointwise multipliers from the potential space  $\dot{H}_p^s$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < s < d/p$ ):

- (i) We have the continuous embeddings for  $p_1 > p$ :  $\mathcal{L}^{s,p_1} \subset X^{s,p} \subset \mathcal{L}^{s,p}$  (Fefferman–Phong inequality) [FEF].
- (ii)  $X^{s,p}$  is the dual space of  $Y^{s,q}$  defined by:  $f \in Y^{s,q}$  if and only if there is a sequence  $(\lambda_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in l^1$  and a sequence of functions  $f_n$  and  $g_n$  with  $f_n \in \dot{H}_p^s$ ,  $g_n \in L^q$ ,  $\|f_n\|_{\dot{H}_p^s} \leq 1$  and  $\|g_n\|_q \leq 1$ . The norm  $\|f\|_{Y^{s,q}}$  is then equivalent to  $\inf_{(\lambda_n),(f_n),(g_n),f=\sum \lambda_n f_n g_n} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_n|$ .
- (iii) Every Calderón–Zygmund operator may be extended as a bounded operator on  $X$ :  $\|T(f)\|_X \leq C\|T\|_{CZO}\|f\|_X$ . This is due to a theorem of Verbitsky [MAZ].

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