

## Periodic solutions for second order integro-differential equations with infinite delay in Banach spaces

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**Abstract.** We study the maximal regularity on different function spaces of the second order integro-differential equations with infinite delay

$$(P) \quad u''(t) + \alpha u'(t) + \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{-\infty}^t b(t-s)u(s) ds \right) = Au(t) - \int_{-\infty}^t a(t-s)Au(s) ds + f(t)$$

( $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ ) with periodic boundary conditions  $u(0) = u(2\pi)$ ,  $u'(0) = u'(2\pi)$ , where  $A$  is a closed operator in a Banach space  $X$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . We use Fourier multipliers to characterize maximal regularity for  $(P)$ . Using known results on Fourier multipliers, we find suitable conditions on the kernels  $a$  and  $b$  under which necessary and sufficient conditions are given for the problem  $(P)$  to have maximal regularity on  $L^p(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , periodic Besov spaces  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  and periodic Triebel–Lizorkin spaces  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ .

**1. Introduction.** In a series of recent publications operator-valued Fourier multipliers on vector-valued function spaces have been studied (see e.g. [2, 3, 1, 6, 14, 15]). They are needed to study the existence and uniqueness of differential equations on Banach spaces. In [2, 3, 1, 6], the authors study the maximal regularity of the classical second order problem  $(P_1)$  on  $L^p$  spaces, Besov spaces and Triebel–Lizorkin spaces using operator-valued Fourier multipliers, where

$$(P_1) \quad \begin{cases} u''(t) + Au(t) = f(t) & (0 \leq t \leq 2\pi), \\ u(0) = u(2\pi), \quad u'(0) = u'(2\pi); \end{cases}$$

here  $A$  is a closed linear operator defined in a Banach space  $X$  and  $f$  is an  $X$ -valued function defined on  $[0, 2\pi]$ . If  $X$  is a UMD Banach space and

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$1 < p < \infty$ , then the problem  $(P_1)$  has maximal regularity on  $L^p(\mathbb{T}, X)$  if and only if  $k^2 \in \varrho(A)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and the sequence  $(k^2 R(k^2, A))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is Rademacher bounded [2]. In the setting of Besov spaces  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  and Triebel–Lizorkin spaces  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , the maximal regularity is equivalent to the condition that  $k^2 \in \varrho(A)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $(k^2 R(k^2, A))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded [3, 6].

In this paper, we consider a more general evolution equation, namely the second order integro-differential equation with infinite delay:

$$(P_2) \quad \begin{cases} u''(t) + Bu'(t) + \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{-\infty}^t b(t-s)u(s) ds \right) \\ = Au(t) - \int_{-\infty}^t a(t-s)Au(s) ds + f(t) \quad (0 \leq t \leq 2\pi), \\ u(0) = u(2\pi), \quad u'(0) = u'(2\pi), \end{cases}$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are closed linear operators in a Banach space  $X$  and  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Much literature has been devoted to a similar first order integro-differential equation  $(P_3)$ :

$$(P_3) \quad \begin{cases} \gamma_0 u'(t) + \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{-\infty}^t b(t-s)u(s) ds \right) + \gamma_\infty u(t) \\ = c_0 Au(t) - \int_{-\infty}^t a(t-s)Au(s) ds + f(t) \quad (0 \leq t \leq 2\pi), \\ u(0) = u(2\pi), \end{cases}$$

where  $\gamma_0, \gamma_\infty, c_0$  are constants,  $A$  is a closed linear operator in  $X$ , and  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . The class of equations of type  $(P_2)$  and  $(P_3)$  arises as models for nonlinear heat conduction in materials of fading memory type, and in population dynamics. In [11], Keyantuo and Lizama obtained the maximal regularity of  $(P_3)$  on  $L^p$  spaces and Besov spaces. They also studied this equation in the case  $\gamma_0 = c_0 = 1, b = \gamma_\infty = 0$  in a previous paper [10]. Clément and Da Prato [8] studied  $(P_3)$  on the real line in the case  $a = 0$  and obtained maximal regularity results in Sobolev spaces and Hölder spaces as well as in the space of bounded uniformly continuous functions. Da Prato and Lunardi [9] investigated periodic solutions of  $(P_3)$  in the case  $b = 0$ . Hölder continuous solutions of  $(P_3)$  have been studied on the real line by Lunardi [12] in the case of  $A$  being the Laplacian operator in a bounded domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  and  $X = C(\bar{\Omega})$ .

We notice that the problem  $(P_2)$  has been studied by several authors in a simpler form and for different boundary conditions. For instance, R. Chill

and S. Srivastava [7] have considered the  $L^p$ -maximal regularity on a finite interval  $[0, T)$  for the abstract second order problem

$$(P_4) \quad \begin{cases} u''(t) + Bu'(t) + Au(t) = f(t) & (0 \leq t < T), \\ u(0) = 0, \quad u'(0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

The semigroup theory and trace spaces played important roles in that discussion. Under a suitable condition on the operators  $A$  and  $B$ , they gave a necessary and sufficient condition for the problem  $(P_4)$  to have  $L^p$ -maximal regularity.

In this paper, we are interested in the second order integro-differential equation  $(P_2)$  with periodic boundary conditions. Since  $A$  and  $B$  are not necessarily generators of semigroups in our situation, semigroup theory is no longer applicable. So our main tool in the study of maximal regularity of  $(P_2)$  is operator-valued Fourier multipliers. The presence of two closed linear operators in the operator-valued multiplier functions makes the verification of the sufficient condition for Fourier multipliers particularly complicated. Therefore in this paper, we just consider the simpler case  $B = \alpha I$  for some fixed  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  (the general case will be studied elsewhere).

We want to obtain maximal regularity of  $(P_2)$  with  $B = \alpha I$  for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  on three function spaces:  $L^p(\mathbb{T}, X)$  for  $1 < p < \infty$ , periodic Besov spaces  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  for  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $s > 0$ , and periodic Triebel–Lizorkin spaces  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ ,  $s > 0$ , where  $\mathbb{T} = [0, 2\pi]$ . The main tools are the operator-valued Fourier multiplier theorems obtained in [2, Theorem 1.3], [3, Theorem 4.5] and [6, Theorem 3.2]. The differences between these multiplier theorems on different function spaces make us impose different conditions on the kernels  $a$  and  $b$  to obtain the maximal regularity on these spaces. These conditions are satisfied by a class of functions which correspond to the most common kernels encountered in applications. Furthermore, it is easy to see that in the case  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $a = b = 0$  our results are in accordance with the well known results for  $(P_1)$  [2, 3, 6].

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we establish a general maximal regularity result for a problem  $(P_2)$  in the case  $B = \alpha I$  for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ , in terms of operator-valued Fourier multipliers. In Section 3, we apply the general result to three concrete function spaces:  $L^p(\mathbb{T}, X)$ ,  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  and  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , still in the case  $B = \alpha I$  for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**2. Maximal regularity via Fourier multipliers.** Let  $X$  be a Banach space. We will consider the problem  $(P_2)$  in a simpler form

$$(P_5) \quad \begin{cases} u''(t) + \alpha u'(t) + \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_{-\infty}^t b(t-s)u(s) ds \right) \\ = Au(t) - \int_{-\infty}^t a(t-s)Au(s) ds + f(t) \quad (0 \leq t \leq 2\pi), \\ u(0) = u(2\pi), \quad u'(0) = u'(2\pi), \end{cases}$$

where  $A$  is a closed linear operator in  $X$ ,  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $f$  is an  $X$ -valued function defined on  $\mathbb{T} := [0, 2\pi]$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  is a constant. The solution of  $(P_5)$  will be an  $X$ -valued function defined on  $\mathbb{T}$  (extended to  $\mathbb{R}$  by periodicity).

Fourier multipliers will be very useful in our study of maximal regularity of the problem  $(P_5)$  on different function spaces. These spaces include  $L^p(\mathbb{T}, X)$  for  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  for  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $s > 0$  and  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ ,  $s > 0$ . For detailed information about vector-valued periodic Besov and Triebel–Lizorkin spaces, we refer to [3, Section 2] and [6, Section 2].

If  $Y$  is another Banach space, we denote by  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  the space of all bounded linear operators from  $X$  to  $Y$ . If  $X = Y$ , we will simply denote it by  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ . For  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , we denote by

$$\widehat{f}(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e_{-k}(t)f(t) dt$$

the  $k$ th Fourier coefficient of  $f$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $e_k(t) = e^{ikt}$  for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . For  $x \in X$ , we let  $e_k \otimes x$  be the  $X$ -valued function given by  $t \mapsto e_k(t)x$ .

**DEFINITION 2.1.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and let  $\Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$  be one of the following  $X$ -valued function spaces:  $L^p(\mathbb{T}, X)$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ),  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  ( $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ) or  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ). We say that a sequence  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  is a  $\Gamma$ -multiplier if for each  $f \in \Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , there exists a unique  $g \in \Gamma(\mathbb{T}, Y)$  such that  $\widehat{g}(k) = M_k \widehat{f}(k)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  [2, 3, 6].

**REMARK 2.2.** 1. It follows from the closed graph theorem that if  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  is a  $\Gamma$ -multiplier, then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that for  $f \in \Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , we have  $\|\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} e_k \otimes M_k \widehat{f}(k)\|_{\Gamma} \leq C \|f\|_{\Gamma}$ . This implies that each  $\Gamma$ -multiplier is a bounded sequence.

2. It is clear from the definition that if  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  and  $(N_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{L}(Y, Z)$  are  $\Gamma$ -multipliers, then so is  $(N_k M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{L}(X, Z)$ .

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and let  $\Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$  be one of the following:  $L^p(\mathbb{T}, X)$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ),  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  ( $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $s > 0$ ) or  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ ,  $s > 0$ ). We denote the first order ‘‘Sobolev’’ space by  $\Gamma^{[1]}(\mathbb{T}, X)$  and the second order ‘‘Sobolev’’ spaces by  $\Gamma^{[2]}(\mathbb{T}, X)$ :

if  $\Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X) = L^p(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^{[1]}(\mathbb{T}, X) &= \{u \in L^p(\mathbb{T}, X) : \text{there exists } v \in L^p(\mathbb{T}, X) \\ &\quad \text{such that } \widehat{v}(k) = ik\widehat{u}(k) \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \\ &= \{u \in L^p(\mathbb{T}, X) : u \text{ is differentiable a.e., } u' \in L^p(\mathbb{T}, X), \\ &\quad \text{and } u(0) = u(2\pi)\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^{[2]}(\mathbb{T}, X) &= \{u \in L^p(\mathbb{T}, X) : \text{there exists } v \in L^p(\mathbb{T}, X) \\ &\quad \text{such that } \widehat{v}(k) = -k^2\widehat{u}(k) \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \\ &= \{u \in L^p(\mathbb{T}, X) : u \text{ is twice differentiable a.e., } u', u'' \in L^p(\mathbb{T}, X), \\ &\quad \text{and } u(0) = u(2\pi), u'(0) = u'(2\pi)\}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X) = B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  ( $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty, s > 0$ ), then

$$\Gamma^{[1]}(\mathbb{T}, X) = B_{p,q}^{s+1}(\mathbb{T}, X), \quad \Gamma^{[2]}(\mathbb{T}, X) = B_{p,q}^{s+2}(\mathbb{T}, X).$$

If  $\Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X) = F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty, s > 0$ ), then

$$\Gamma^{[1]}(\mathbb{T}, X) = F_{p,q}^{s+1}(\mathbb{T}, X), \quad \Gamma^{[2]}(\mathbb{T}, X) = F_{p,q}^{s+2}(\mathbb{T}, X).$$

We refer to [2, Section 2, 6], [3, Section 2] and [6, Section 2] for more information about these spaces. For  $g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $u \in L^1(\mathbb{T}, X)$  (extended to  $\mathbb{R}$  by periodicity), we define

$$(2.1) \quad F(t) = (g \dot{*} u)(t) := \int_{-\infty}^t g(t-s)u(s) ds.$$

In this notation,  $(P_5)$  has the following more compact form:

$$u'' + \alpha u' + \frac{d}{dt}(b \dot{*} u) = Au - a \dot{*} u + f$$

with periodic boundary conditions  $u(0) = u(2\pi), u'(0) = u'(2\pi)$ .

Let  $\tilde{g}(\lambda) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} g(t) dt$  be the Laplace transform of  $g$ . An easy computation shows that

$$(2.2) \quad \widehat{F}(k) = \tilde{g}(ik)\widehat{u}(k) \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z}).$$

Now we define the  $\Gamma$ -maximal regularity of the problem  $(P_5)$ .

**DEFINITION 2.3.** Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $A$  be a closed linear operator in  $X$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  and let  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Let  $\Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$  be one of the following:  $L^p(\mathbb{T}, X)$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ),  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  ( $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty, s > 0$ ) or  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty, s > 0$ ),

1. Let  $f \in \Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$ . A function  $u \in \Gamma^{[2]}(\mathbb{T}, X)$  is called a *strong  $\Gamma$ -solution* of  $(P_5)$  if  $u(t) \in D(A)$  and the equation of  $(P_5)$  holds for almost all  $t \in \mathbb{T}$ , and  $u'', u', Au, a \dot{*} u, \frac{d}{dt}(b \dot{*} u) \in \Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$ .

2. The problem  $(P_5)$  is said to have  $\Gamma$ -maximal regularity if for every  $f \in \Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , there exists a unique strong  $\Gamma$ -solution of  $(P_5)$ .

In what follows, we always set  $g_k = \tilde{g}(ik)$  for any  $g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $R(\lambda, A) = (\lambda - A)^{-1}$  for  $\lambda \in \varrho(A)$ , where  $\varrho(A)$  is the resolvent set of  $A$ . If  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ , we will simply denote the bounded linear operator  $aI$  by  $a$ , where  $I$  is the identity of  $X$ . We consider the following two hypotheses for a scalar function  $g$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ :

**(H0a)**  $g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $(g_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{L}(X)$  is a  $\Gamma$ -multiplier.

**(H0b)**  $g_k \neq 1$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $((1 - g_k)^{-1})_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{L}(X)$  is a  $\Gamma$ -multiplier.

We shall write **(H0)** when **(H0a)** and **(H0b)** are both satisfied. For convenience, for  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  we adopt the following notations: for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} a_k &:= \tilde{a}(ik), & b_k &:= \tilde{b}(ik), \\ d_k &:= \frac{ik(\alpha + b_k) - k^2}{1 - a_k}, \\ M_k &:= \frac{-k^2}{1 - a_k} R(d_k, A). \end{aligned}$$

Now, we are ready to state the main result of this section.

**THEOREM 2.4.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$  be a closed linear operator,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  and let  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Let  $\Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$  be one of the following:  $L^p(\mathbb{T}, X)$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ),  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  ( $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty, s > 0$ ) or  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty, s > 0$ ). Assume that  $a$  satisfies **(H0)** and  $b$  satisfies **(H0a)**. Then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (i) *The problem  $(P_5)$  has  $\Gamma$ -maximal regularity.*
- (ii)  *$(d_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \varrho(A)$  and  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a  $\Gamma$ -multiplier.*

*Proof.* We notice that if  $s > 0$ , then  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  and  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  embed continuously into  $L^p(\mathbb{T}, X)$  [3, 6], thus we will freely use results in  $L^p(\mathbb{T}, X)$  for functions in  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  or  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  when  $s > 0$ .

(i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $y \in X$  be fixed. We define  $f(t) = e^{ikt}y$ . Then  $\widehat{f}(k) = y$ . By assumption, there exists  $u \in \Gamma^{[2]}(\mathbb{T}, X)$  such that  $u(t) \in D(A)$  and

$$u''(t) + \alpha u'(t) + \frac{d}{dt}(b \ast u(t)) = Au(t) - a \ast Au(t) + f(t)$$

for almost all  $t \in \mathbb{T}$ ,  $u'', u', Au, a \ast Au, \frac{d}{dt}(b \ast u) \in \Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$  and  $u(0) = u(2\pi), u'(0) = u'(2\pi)$ . Taking Fourier transforms on both sides, using (2.2) and the closedness of  $A$ , we find that  $\widehat{u}(k) \in D(A)$  and

$$[-k^2 + ik\alpha + ikb_k - (1 - a_k)A]\widehat{u}(k) = y.$$

Thus  $-k^2 + ik\alpha + ikb_k - (1 - a_k)A$  is surjective. To show that it is also injective, let  $x \in D(A)$  be such that  $[-k^2 + ik\alpha + ikb_k - (1 - a_k)A]x = 0$ .

Then

$$Ax = \frac{-k^2 + ik(\alpha + b_k)}{1 - a_k} x = d_k x,$$

where we have used the assumption that the kernel  $a$  satisfies **(H0)** and therefore  $a_k - 1 \neq 0$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence  $u(t) = e^{ikt}x$  defines a solution of  $u''(t) + \alpha u'(t) + \frac{d}{dt}(b \dot{*} u(t)) = Au(t) - a \dot{*} Au(t)$ ,  $u(0) = u(2\pi)$ ,  $u'(0) = u'(2\pi)$ . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} Au(t) - \int_{-\infty}^t a(t-s)Au(s) ds &= Ae^{ikt}x - \int_{-\infty}^t a(t-s)Ae^{iks}x ds \\ &= e^{ikt}Ax - e^{ikt}a_k Ax = (1 - a_k)e^{ikt}Ax = [-k^2 + ik(\alpha + b_k)]e^{ikt}x \\ &= u''(t) + \alpha u'(t) + \frac{d}{dt}(b \dot{*} u(t)). \end{aligned}$$

By the uniqueness assumption, we have  $x = 0$ . We have shown that  $-k^2 + ik\alpha + ikb_k - (1 - a_k)A$  is bijective. Since  $A$  is closed, we conclude that

$$d_k = \frac{-k^2 + ik\alpha + ikb_k}{1 - a_k} \in \varrho(A) \quad \text{for each } k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Next, we show that  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a  $\Gamma$ -multiplier where  $M_k$  is defined by (2.3). If  $f \in \Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , there exists  $u \in \Gamma^{[2]}(\mathbb{T}, X)$  solving  $(P_5)$  by assumption. Taking Fourier transforms, we obtain

$$[-k^2 + ik\alpha + ikb_k - (1 - a_k)A]\widehat{u}(k) = \widehat{f}(k) \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z}).$$

Since  $-k^2 + ik\alpha + ikb_k - (1 - a_k)A$  is invertible, we have

$$\widehat{u}(k) = \frac{1}{1 - a_k} R(d_k, A)\widehat{f}(k) \quad \text{and} \quad -k^2\widehat{u}(k) = M_k\widehat{f}(k).$$

Since  $u \in \Gamma^{[2]}(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , it is twice differentiable a.e. on  $\mathbb{T}$ ,  $u', u'' \in \Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$  and

$$\widehat{u''}(k) = -k^2\widehat{u}(k) = M_k\widehat{f}(k) \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z}).$$

From this and the definition of  $\Gamma$ -multiplier, we conclude that  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a  $\Gamma$ -multiplier.

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Let  $f \in \Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$ . We define

$$N_k = \frac{1}{1 - a_k} R(d_k, A).$$

By Remark 2.2,  $N_k = (-1/k^2)M_k$  and  $ikN_k = (1/ik)M_k$  are  $\Gamma$ -multipliers as the sequences  $(-1/k^2)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $(1/ik)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are  $\Gamma$ -multipliers by [2, Theorem 1.3], [3, Theorem 4.5] and [6, Theorem 3.2]. Since  $(N_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a  $\Gamma$ -multiplier, there exists  $u \in \Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$  such that  $\widehat{u}(k) = N_k\widehat{f}(k)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . This implies that  $\widehat{u}(k) \in D(A)$  and

$$(2.4) \quad [-k^2 + ik(\alpha + b_k) - (1 - a_k)A]\widehat{u}(k) = \widehat{f}(k)$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $(ikN_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is also a  $\Gamma$ -multiplier, there exists  $v \in \Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$  such that

$$\widehat{v}(k) = ikN_k \widehat{f}(k) = ik\widehat{u}(k).$$

By [2, Lemma 2.1],  $u$  is differentiable a.e. with  $v = u'$  and  $u(0) = u(2\pi)$ . Therefore  $u \in \Gamma^{[1]}(\mathbb{T}, X)$ . As  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a  $\Gamma$ -multiplier by assumption, there exists  $w \in \Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$  such that

$$\widehat{w}(k) = M_k \widehat{f}(k) = ik\widehat{v}(k) = -k^2 \widehat{u}(k).$$

By [2, Lemma 2.1],  $v = u'$  is differentiable a.e. with  $w = v' = u''$  and  $u'(0) = u'(2\pi)$ . This implies that  $u \in \Gamma^{[2]}(\mathbb{T}, X)$ .

Next, we show that  $u(t) \in D(A)$  for almost all  $t \in \mathbb{T}$ . We have remarked that for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have  $\widehat{u}(k) \in D(A)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} A\widehat{u}(k) &= \frac{-k^2 \widehat{u}(k)}{1 - a_k} + \frac{(\alpha + b_k) ik \widehat{u}(k)}{1 - a_k} - \frac{\widehat{f}(k)}{1 - a_k} \\ &= \frac{\widehat{w}(k)}{1 - a_k} + \frac{(\alpha + b_k) \widehat{v}(k)}{1 - a_k} - \frac{\widehat{f}(k)}{1 - a_k}. \end{aligned}$$

In view of assumptions **(H0)** on  $a$  and **(H0a)** on  $b$  and the facts that  $w, v, f \in \Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X) \subset L^1(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , there exists  $g \in \Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$  such that  $A\widehat{u}(k) = \widehat{g}(k)$ . Then by [2, Lemma 3.1],  $u(t) \in D(A)$  for almost all  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  and  $Au \in \Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$ . Clearly,

$$\left( \frac{d}{dt}(b \ast u) \right)^\wedge(k) = ikb_k \widehat{u}(k) = b_k (ikN_k) \widehat{f}(k)$$

and

$$(a \ast Au)^\wedge(k) = a_k A\widehat{u}(k) = a_k \widehat{g}(k).$$

Since  $(a_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}, (b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $(ikN_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are  $\Gamma$ -multipliers, we conclude that  $\frac{d}{dt}(b \ast u), a \ast Au \in \Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X)$ .

Now, from (2.4) and the uniqueness theorem of Fourier coefficients, we conclude that  $u(t)$  satisfies  $(P_5)$  for a.e.  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$ . This shows the existence.

To show the uniqueness, let  $u \in \Gamma^{[2]}(\mathbb{T}, X)$  be such that

$$u''(t) + \alpha u'(t) + \frac{d}{dt}(b \ast u(t)) - Au(t) + a \ast Au(t) = 0$$

for almost all  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  and  $u(0) = u(2\pi), u'(0) = u'(2\pi)$ . Then taking Fourier transforms we have  $\widehat{u}(k) \in D(A)$  and  $[-k^2 + ik(\alpha + b_k) - (1 - a_k)A]\widehat{u}(k) = 0$  by [2, Lemma 3.1]. Since  $d_k = (-k^2 + ik(\alpha + b_k))/(1 - a_k) \in \varrho(A)$ , we must have  $\widehat{u}(k) = 0$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus  $u = 0$  and the proof is finished. ■

We remark that on a Hilbert space  $X$ , each bounded sequence is an  $L^2$ -multiplier. By the Riemann–Lebesgue lemma, if  $a \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , then  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0$ . Thus on a Hilbert space  $X$  the above theorem takes a particularly simple form:

**COROLLARY 2.5.** *Let  $X$  be a Hilbert space,  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$  be a closed linear operator,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  and let  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Assume that  $a_k \neq 1$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (i) *The problem  $(P_5)$  has  $L^2$ -maximal regularity.*
- (ii)  *$(d_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \varrho(A)$  and  $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|M_k\| < \infty$ .*

**3. Maximal regularity on three function spaces.** In this section, we apply Theorem 2.4 in three concrete function spaces:  $L^p(\mathbb{T}, X)$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ),  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  ( $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty, s > 0$ ) and  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty, s > 0$ ) by imposing some conditions on the kernels  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . The three operator-valued multiplier theorems obtained in [2, 3, 6] on these function spaces are fundamental for our discussion. Versions of the multiplier theorems on the real line can be found in [14, 15].

For results about R-boundedness, we can refer to Bourgain [4], Weis [14, 15] and Arendt–Bu [2]. We merely recall the definition and some basic properties.

We let  $r_j$  be the  $j$ th Rademacher function on  $[0, 1]$  given by  $r_j(t) = \text{sgn}(\sin(2^{j-1}t))$ . For  $x \in X$ , we denote by  $r_j \otimes x$  the vector-valued function  $t \mapsto r_j(t)x$ .

**DEFINITION 3.1.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces. A family  $\mathbf{T} \subset \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  is called *R-bounded* if there exists  $C \geq 0$  such that

$$(3.1) \quad \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n r_j \otimes T_j x_j \right\|_{L^1(0,1;Y)} \leq C \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n r_j \otimes x_j \right\|_{L^1(0,1;X)}$$

for all  $T_1, \dots, T_n \in \mathbf{T}, x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**REMARK 3.2.**

- (a) Let  $\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{T} \subset \mathcal{L}(X)$  be R-bounded sets. Then it is clear from the definition that  $\mathbf{ST} := \{ST : S \in \mathbf{S}, T \in \mathbf{T}\}$  is R-bounded.
- (b) Each subset  $\mathbf{M} \subset \mathcal{L}(X)$  of the form  $\mathbf{M} = \{\lambda I : \lambda \in \Omega\}$  is R-bounded whenever  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$  is bounded. This follows from Kahane’s contraction principle [13, §3.5.4].

In order to state our main results, we will use the following hypotheses for a scalar function  $a \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  (we recall that the sequence  $(a_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is defined by (2.3)):

- (H1a)**  $(k(a_{k+1} - a_k))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded.
- (H1b)**  $a_k \neq 1$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (H2)**  $(ka_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $(k^2(a_{k+1} - 2a_k + a_{k-1}))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are bounded.
- (H3)**  $(ka_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}, (k^2(a_{k+1} - 2a_k + a_{k-1}))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $(k^3(a_{k+1} - 3a_k + 3a_{k-1} - a_{k-2}))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are bounded.

REMARK 3.3. From [11, Remarks 3.4 and 3.5], we know that these conditions are satisfied by a large class of functions, which correspond to the most common kernels encountered in applications. When we refer simply to **(H1)**, we mean **(H1a)** and **(H1b)**.

LEMMA 3.4.

- (1) Let  $X$  be a UMD space. Assume that  $a \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  satisfies **(H1)** and  $b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  satisfies **(H1a)**. Then  $(a_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $((1 - a_k)^{-1})_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are  $L^p$ -multipliers whenever  $1 < p < \infty$ .
- (2) Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Assume that  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  satisfy **(H2)** and  $a$  satisfies **(H1b)**. Then  $(a_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $((1 - a_k)^{-1})_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are  $B_{p,q}^s$ -multipliers whenever  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (3) Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Assume that  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  satisfy **(H3)** and  $a$  satisfies **(H1b)**. Then  $(a_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $((1 - a_k)^{-1})_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multipliers whenever  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ .

These assertions follow from [10, Lemmas 2.9 and 3.8] and [5, Proposition 3.4]. We omit the details. The following is one of the main results of this paper.

THEOREM 3.5. Let  $X$  be a UMD space and let  $A$  be a closed linear operator in  $X$ . Assume that  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  satisfy **(H1)** and **(H1a)**, respectively. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) The problem  $(P_5)$  has  $L^p$ -maximal regularity for some (equivalently, all)  $1 < p < \infty$ .
- (ii)  $(d_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \varrho(A)$  and  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is  $R$ -bounded.

*Proof.* Since  $a \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  satisfies **(H1)** and  $b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  satisfies **(H1a)**, it follows that  $a$  satisfies **(H0)** and  $b$  satisfies **(H0a)** by Lemma 3.4. Thus Theorem 2.4 is applicable in the case  $\Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X) = L^p(\mathbb{T}, X)$  when  $1 < p < \infty$ .

(i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Assume that  $(P_5)$  has  $L^p$ -maximal regularity for some  $1 < p < \infty$ . By Theorem 2.4,  $(d_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \varrho(A)$  and  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $L^p$ -multiplier. The  $R$ -boundedness of  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  follows from [2, Proposition 1.11].

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Fix  $1 < p < \infty$ , and assume that  $(d_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \varrho(A)$  and  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is  $R$ -bounded. In view of Theorem 2.4, it suffices to show that  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $L^p$ -multiplier. We define

$$\mu_k = k^2 R(d_k, A) = -(1 - a_k)M_k.$$

Then  $\mu_k$  is  $R$ -bounded by Remark 3.2. We claim that  $(k(\mu_{k+1} - \mu_k))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is also  $R$ -bounded. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} k(\mu_{k+1} - \mu_k) &= k[(k+1)^2 R(d_{k+1}, A) - k^2 R(d_k, A)] \\ &= k[(k+1)^2 (R(d_{k+1}, A) - R(d_k, A)) + (2k+1)R(d_k, A)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= k(k+1)^2(d_k - d_{k+1})R(d_{k+1}, A)R(d_k, A) + (2k+1)kR(d_k, A) \\ &= \frac{d_k - d_{k+1}}{k} \mu_k \mu_{k+1} + \frac{2k+1}{k} \mu_k. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d_k - d_{k+1}}{k} &= \frac{i(\alpha + b_k)}{1 - a_k} - \frac{k+1}{k} \frac{i(\alpha + b_{k+1})}{1 - a_{k+1}} \\ &\quad + \frac{2k+1}{k} \frac{1}{1 - a_{k+1}} + \frac{k(a_{k+1} - a_k)}{(1 - a_k)(1 - a_{k+1})}, \end{aligned}$$

which is clearly bounded. From the assumption on  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and Lemma 3.4, we know that  $((d_k - d_{k+1})/k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is R-bounded. It follows that  $(k(\mu_{k+1} - \mu_k))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is R-bounded. From [2, Theorem 1.3], we deduce that  $(\mu_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $L^p$ -multiplier. Then  $M_k = \frac{-1}{1-a_k} \mu_k$  is also an  $L^p$ -multiplier by Lemma 3.4 and Remark 2.2. The proof is complete. ■

Now, we consider the maximal regularity for the problem  $(P_5)$  on periodic Besov spaces  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , where  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty, s > 0$ . By [3], if  $X$  is an arbitrary Banach space, then the *Marcinkiewicz condition of order 2*, that is,

$$\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (\|M_k\| + \|k(M_{k+1} - M_k)\| + \|k^2(M_{k+1} - 2M_k + M_{k-1})\|) < \infty,$$

is sufficient for the sequence  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  to be a  $B_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier whenever  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . So for the maximal regularity of the problem  $(P_5)$  in  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , we must impose the stronger assumption **(H2)** on  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ .

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space and let  $A$  be a closed linear operator in  $X$ . Assume that  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  satisfy **(H2)** and  $a$  satisfies **(H1b)**. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) *The problem  $(P_5)$  has  $B_{p,q}^s$ -maximal regularity for some (equivalently, all)  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  and  $s > 0$ .*
- (ii)  *$(d_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \varrho(A)$  and  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded.*

*Proof.* Since  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  satisfy **(H2)** and  $a$  satisfies **(H1b)**, we see that  $a$  satisfies **(H0)** and  $b$  satisfies **(H0a)** by Lemma 3.4. Thus Theorem 2.4 is applicable in the case  $\Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X) = B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  when  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  and  $s > 0$ .

(i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Assume that  $(P_5)$  has  $B_{p,q}^s$ -maximal regularity for some  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  and  $s > 0$ . Then in view of Theorem 2.4,  $(d_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \varrho(A)$  and  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a  $B_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier. Hence  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  must be bounded [3, Theorem 5.1].

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Let  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  and  $s > 0$  be fixed. To show that  $(P_5)$  has  $B_{p,q}^s$ -maximal regularity, it suffices to prove that  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a  $B_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier by Theorem 2.4. We let  $\mu_k = k^2 R(d_k, A)$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and we first show that

$(\mu_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a  $B_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier. It is clear that **(H2)** implies **(H1a)**. From the proof of Theorem 3.5, we know that  $(\mu_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $(k(\mu_{k+1} - \mu_k))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are bounded. To show that  $(\mu_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a  $B_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier, we need only show that  $(k^2(\mu_{k+1} - 2\mu_k + \mu_{k-1}))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded, by the Fourier multiplier theorem on periodic Besov spaces [3, Theorem 4.5]. For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} k^2(\mu_{k+1} - 2\mu_k + \mu_{k-1}) &= k^4[R(d_{k+1}, A) - 2R(d_k, A) + R(d_{k-1}, A)] \\ &\quad + 2k^3[R(d_{k+1}, A) - R(d_{k-1}, A)] \\ &\quad + k^2[R(d_{k+1}, A) + R(d_{k-1}, A)] =: I_1 + I_2 + I_3. \end{aligned}$$

For  $I_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= k^4 R(d_k, A)[(d_k - d_{k+1})R(d_{k+1}, A) - (d_{k-1} - d_k)R(d_{k-1}, A)] \\ &= \mu_k k^2 [(d_k - d_{k+1})(R(d_{k+1}, A) - R(d_{k-1}, A)) \\ &\quad - (d_{k+1} - 2d_k + d_{k-1})R(d_{k-1}, A)] \\ &= \frac{d_k - d_{k+1}}{k} \frac{d_{k-1} - d_{k+1}}{k} \mu_k (k^2 R(d_{k+1}, A))(k^2 R(d_{k-1}, A)) \\ &\quad - \mu_k (d_{k+1} - 2d_k + d_{k-1})(k^2 R(d_{k-1}, A)). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(d_k - d_{k+1})/k$  is bounded, so is

$$\frac{d_{k-1} - d_{k+1}}{k} = \frac{d_{k-1} - d_k}{k} + \frac{d_k - d_{k+1}}{k}.$$

The sequences  $k^2 R(d_{k-1}, A) = \frac{k^2}{(k-1)^2} \mu_{k-1}$  and  $k^2 R(d_{k+1}, A) = \frac{k^2}{(k+1)^2} \mu_{k+1}$  are bounded. To show that  $I_1$  is bounded, it remains to consider  $d_{k+1} - 2d_k + d_{k-1}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} &d_{k+1} - 2d_k + d_{k-1} \\ &= ik\alpha \left( \frac{1}{1 - a_{k+1}} - \frac{2}{1 - a_k} + \frac{1}{1 - a_{k-1}} \right) + i\alpha \left( \frac{1}{1 - a_{k+1}} - \frac{1}{1 - a_{k-1}} \right) \\ &\quad + i \left( \frac{(k+1)b_{k+1}}{1 - a_{k+1}} - \frac{2kb_k}{1 - a_k} + \frac{(k-1)b_{k-1}}{1 - a_{k-1}} \right) \\ &\quad - k^2 \left( \frac{1}{1 - a_{k+1}} - \frac{2}{1 - a_k} + \frac{1}{1 - a_{k-1}} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{2 + 2k(a_{k+1} - a_{k-1}) - a_{k+1} - a_{k-1}}{(1 - a_{k+1})(1 - a_{k-1})}. \end{aligned}$$

Each term in the above expression is bounded by the assumption on  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . We have shown that  $I_1$  is bounded.

To estimate  $I_2$  and  $I_3$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \frac{2(d_{k-1} - d_{k+1})}{k} (k^2 R(d_{k+1}, A))(k^2 R(d_{k-1}, A)), \\ I_3 &= k^2 R(d_{k+1}, A) + k^2 R(d_{k-1}, A). \end{aligned}$$

Thus the boundedness of  $I_2$  and  $I_3$  follows easily from the boundedness of  $(d_{k-1} - d_{k+1})/k$ ,  $k^2R(d_{k+1}, A)$  and  $k^2R(d_{k-1}, A)$ . We have shown that  $(\mu_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  satisfies the Marcinkiewicz condition of order 2. Therefore it is a  $B_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier [3, Theorem 4.5]. By the assumption on  $a$  and Lemma 3.4,  $((1 - a_k)^{-1})_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is also a  $B_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier. Therefore  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is a  $B_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier by Remark 2.2. The proof is complete. ■

If the underlying Banach space  $X$  has a non-trivial Fourier type and  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty, s \in \mathbb{R}$ , then the *Marcinkiewicz condition of order 1*, that is,

$$\sup_k (\|M_k\| + \|k(M_{k+1} - M_k)\|) < \infty,$$

is already sufficient for  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  to be a  $B_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier [3, Theorem 4.5]. From this fact and the proof of Theorem 3.5, we easily deduce the following result on the  $B_{p,q}^s$ -maximal regularity of  $(P_5)$  under a weaker condition on  $a, b$  when  $X$  has a non-trivial Fourier type.

**THEOREM 3.7.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space with non-trivial Fourier type. Assume that  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  satisfy **(H1)** and **(H1a)**, respectively. Then for  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  and  $s > 0$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) *The problem  $(P_5)$  has  $B_{p,q}^s$ -maximal regularity for some (equivalently, all)  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty, s > 0$ .*
- (ii)  *$(d_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \varrho(A)$  and  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded.*

Periodic Hölder continuous function spaces are a particular case of  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ . From [3, Theorem 3.1], we have

$$B_{\infty,\infty}^\alpha(\mathbb{T}, X) = C_{\text{per}}^\alpha(\mathbb{T}, X) \quad \text{whenever } 0 < \alpha < 1,$$

where  $C_{\text{per}}^\alpha(\mathbb{T}, X)$  is the space of all  $X$ -valued functions  $f$  defined on  $\mathbb{T}$  and such that  $f(0) = f(2\pi)$  and  $\sup_{x \neq y} \|f(x) - f(y)\|/|x - y|^\alpha$  is finite. Moreover, the norm

$$\|u\|_{C_{\text{per}}^\alpha} := \max_{t \in \mathbb{T}} \|u(t)\| + \sup_{x \neq y} \frac{\|f(x) - f(y)\|}{|x - y|^\alpha}$$

on  $C_{\text{per}}^\alpha(\mathbb{T}, X)$  is an equivalent norm of  $B_{\infty,\infty}^\alpha(\mathbb{T}, X)$ . Thus Theorems 3.6 and 3.7 have the following corollary, where for  $0 < \alpha < 1$  we say that  $(P_5)$  has  $C_{\text{per}}^\alpha$ -maximal regularity if for every  $f \in C_{\text{per}}^\alpha(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , there exists a unique  $u \in C_{\text{per}}^{\alpha+2}(\mathbb{T}, X)$  such that  $u(t) \in D(A)$  and the equation of  $(P_5)$  holds for all  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$ , and  $u'', u', Au, a \ast Au, \frac{d}{dt}(b \ast u) \in C_{\text{per}}^\alpha(\mathbb{T}, X)$ .

**COROLLARY 3.8.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space and let  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Then:*

- 1. *If  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  satisfy **(H2)** and  $a$  satisfies **(H1b)**, then the problem  $(P_5)$  has  $C_{\text{per}}^\alpha$ -maximal regularity for some (equivalently, all)  $0 < \alpha < 1$  if and only if  $(d_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \varrho(A)$  and  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded.*

2. If  $X$  has a non-trivial Fourier type and if  $a$  satisfies **(H1)** and  $b$  satisfies **(H1a)**, then the problem  $(P_5)$  has  $C_{\text{per}}^\alpha$ -maximal regularity for some (equivalently, all)  $0 < \alpha < 1$  if and only if  $(d_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \varrho(A)$  and  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded.

Let  $M = (M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ . We say that  $M$  satisfies the Marcinkiewicz condition of order 3 if  $M$  satisfies the Marcinkiewicz condition of order 2 and

$$\sup_k \|k^3(M_{k+1} - 3M_k + 3M_{k-1} - M_{k-2})\| < \infty$$

(see [6]). Next, we prove maximal regularity of  $(P_5)$  on periodic Triebel spaces  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  when  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ ,  $s > 0$ . We need the stronger condition **(H3)** on  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  because the Marcinkiewicz condition of order 3 is needed in the  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier case [6, Theorem 3.2].

**THEOREM 3.9.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Assume that  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  satisfy **(H3)** and  $a$  satisfies **(H1b)**. Then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (i) *The problem  $(P_5)$  has  $F_{p,q}^s$ -maximal regularity for some (equivalently, all)  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $s > 0$ .*
- (ii)  *$(d_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \varrho(A)$  and  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded.*

*Proof.* Since  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  satisfy **(H3)** and  $a$  satisfies **(H1b)**, we infer that  $a$  satisfies **(H0)** and  $b$  satisfies **(H0a)** by Lemma 3.4. Thus Theorem 2.4 is applicable in the case  $\Gamma(\mathbb{T}, X) = F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  when  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $s > 0$ .

(i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Assume that  $(P_5)$  has  $F_{p,q}^s$ -maximal regularity for some  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $s > 0$ . Then  $(d_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \varrho(A)$  and  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier by Theorem 2.4. Hence  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  must be bounded [6, Theorem 4.1].

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $s > 0$  be fixed. To show that  $(P_5)$  has  $F_{p,q}^s$ -maximal regularity, it suffices to prove that  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier by Theorem 2.4. We let  $\mu_k = k^2 R(d_k, A)$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and we first show that  $(\mu_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier. It is clear that **(H3)** implies **(H2)**. Thus the boundedness of  $\mu_k$ ,  $k(\mu_{k+1} - \mu_k)$  and  $k^2(\mu_{k+1} - 2\mu_k + \mu_{k-1})$  follows from the proofs of Theorems 3.5 and 3.6. It remains to show that  $k^3(\mu_{k+1} - 3\mu_k + 3\mu_{k-1} - \mu_{k-2})$  is bounded. We have

$$\begin{aligned} & k^3(\mu_{k+1} - 3\mu_k + 3\mu_{k-1} - \mu_{k-2}) \\ &= k^5[R(d_{k+1}, A) - 3R(d_k, A) + 3R(d_{k-1}, A) - R(d_{k-2}, A)] \\ &\quad + 2k^4[R(d_{k+1}, A) - 3R(d_{k-1}, A) + 2R(d_{k-2}, A)] \\ &\quad + k^3[R(d_{k+1}, A) + 3R(d_{k-1}, A) - 4R(d_{k-2}, A)] =: J_1 + J_2 + J_3. \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_1 &= -k(d_{k+1} - 3d_k + 3d_{k-1} - d_{k-2}) \frac{k^2 \mu_k \mu_{k-1}}{(k-1)^2} \\
 &\quad + \frac{d_{k+1} - d_{k-2}}{k} (d_{k+1} - 2d_k + d_{k-1}) \frac{k^4 \mu_{k-1} \mu_k \mu_{k+1}}{(k^2 - 1)^2} \\
 &\quad + \frac{d_{k+1} - d_{k-2}}{k} (d_k - 2d_{k-1} + d_{k-2}) \frac{k^4 \mu_{k-2} \mu_k \mu_{k+1}}{(k^2 - k - 2)^2} \\
 &\quad + 2 \frac{d_{k+1} - d_{k-2}}{k} \frac{d_k - d_{k-1}}{k} \frac{d_{k-2} - d_{k-1}}{k} \frac{k^6 \mu_{k-2} \mu_{k-1} \mu_k \mu_{k+1}}{(k^3 - 2k^2 - k + 2)^2}, \\
 J_2 &= -2(d_{k+1} - 2d_k + d_{k-1}) \frac{k^2 \mu_{k-1} \mu_k}{(k-1)^2} \\
 &\quad + 2 \frac{d_k - d_{k+1}}{k} \frac{d_{k-1} - d_{k+1}}{k} \frac{k^4 \mu_{k-1} \mu_k \mu_{k+1}}{(k^2 - 1)^2} \\
 &\quad + 4 \frac{d_{k-1} - d_k}{k} \frac{d_{k-2} - d_k}{k} \frac{k^4 \mu_{k-2} \mu_{k-1} \mu_k}{(k^2 - 3k + 2)^2} \\
 &\quad - 4(d_k - 2d_{k-1} + d_{k-2}) \frac{k^4 \mu_{k-2} \mu_{k-1}}{(k^2 - 3k + 2)^2}, \\
 J_3 &= \frac{d_{k-2} - d_{k+1}}{k} \frac{k^4 \mu_{k-2} \mu_{k+1}}{(k^2 - k - 2)^2} \\
 &\quad + \frac{3(d_{k-2} - d_{k-1})}{k} \frac{k^4 \mu_{k-2} \mu_{k-1}}{(k^2 - 3k + 2)^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The boundedness of  $\mu_k$ ,  $(d_k - d_{k+1})/k$  and  $d_{k+1} - 2d_k + d_{k-1}$  follows from the proof of Theorem 3.6. To show that  $J_1$ ,  $J_2$  and  $J_3$  are bounded, it suffices to show that  $k(d_{k+1} - 3d_k + 3d_{k-1} - d_{k-2})$  is bounded. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &k(d_{k+1} - 3d_k + 3d_{k-1} - d_{k-2}) \\
 &= ik^2 \alpha \left( \frac{1}{1 - a_{k+1}} - \frac{3}{1 - a_k} + \frac{3}{1 - a_{k-1}} - \frac{1}{1 - a_{k-2}} \right) \\
 &\quad + ik \alpha \left( \frac{1}{1 - a_{k+1}} - \frac{3}{1 - a_{k-1}} + \frac{2}{1 - a_{k-2}} \right) \\
 &\quad + ik \left( \frac{b_{k+1}}{1 - a_{k+1}} - \frac{3b_{k-1}}{1 - a_{k-1}} + \frac{2b_{k-2}}{1 - a_{k-2}} \right) \\
 &\quad + ik^2 \left[ \left( \frac{b_{k+1}}{1 - a_{k+1}} - \frac{2b_k}{1 - a_k} + \frac{b_{k-1}}{1 - a_{k-1}} \right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \left( \frac{b_k}{1 - a_k} - \frac{2b_{k-1}}{1 - a_{k-1}} + \frac{b_{k-2}}{1 - a_{k-2}} \right) \Big] \\
 & - k^3 \left[ \frac{1}{1 - a_{k+1}} - \frac{3}{1 - a_k} + \frac{3}{1 - a_{k-1}} - \frac{1}{1 - a_{k-2}} \right] \\
 & - k \left[ \frac{2k + 1}{1 - a_{k+1}} + \frac{3(-2k + 1)}{1 - a_{k-1}} - \frac{-4k + 4}{1 - a_{k-2}} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

The boundedness of the first and fifth brackets follows from the proof of [5, Proposition 3.4]. The fourth bracket is bounded by the proof of [11, Theorem 3.12]. We also have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & ik\alpha \left( \frac{1}{1 - a_{k+1}} - \frac{3}{1 - a_{k-1}} + \frac{2}{1 - a_{k-2}} \right) \\
 & = i\alpha \frac{k(a_{k+1} + 2a_{k-2} - 3a_{k-1}) + ka_{k-1}a_{k-2} - 3ka_{k+1}a_{k-2} + 2ka_{k+1}a_{k-1}}{(1 - a_{k+1})(1 - a_{k-1})(1 - a_{k-2})}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & k \left[ \frac{2k + 1}{1 - a_{k+1}} + \frac{3(-2k + 1)}{1 - a_{k-1}} - \frac{-4k + 4}{1 - a_{k-2}} \right] \\
 & = \frac{J}{(1 - a_{k+1})(1 - a_{k-1})(1 - a_{k-2})}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 J & = 2k^2(a_{k+1} - 2a_k + a_{k-1}) + 4k^2(a_k - 2a_{k-1} + a_{k-2}) \\
 & \quad + (3ka_{k-1} - 4ka_{k-2} + ka_{k+1}) + (2k + 1)ka_{k-1}a_{k-2} \\
 & \quad + (-6k + 3)ka_{k+1}a_{k-2} + (4k - 4)ka_{k+1}a_{k-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We have shown that  $k(d_{k+1} - 3d_k + 3d_{k-1} - d_{k-2})$  is bounded by the assumption on  $a \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . We deduce that  $(\mu_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier by [6, Theorem 3.2]. From the assumptions on  $a \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and Lemma 3.4,  $((1 - a_k)^{-1})_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is also an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier. From Remark 2.2, we deduce that  $M_k = \frac{-1}{1 - a_k} \mu_k$  is an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier. The proof is finished. ■

**REMARK 3.10.** When  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $1 < q \leq \infty$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , the Marcinkiewicz condition of order 2 is already sufficient for a sequence  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{L}(X)$  to be an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier [6, Theorem 3.2]. This fact together with the proof of Theorem 3.6 implies that if  $a, b \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  satisfy **(H2)**, and  $a$  satisfies **(H1b)**, then the problem  $(P_5)$  has  $F_{p,q}^s$ -maximal regularity for some (equivalently, all)  $1 < p < \infty, 1 < q \leq \infty$  and  $s > 0$  if and only if  $(d_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \varrho(A)$  and  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded.

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