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## TWO-DIMENSIONAL SUNOUCHI OPERATOR WITH RESPECT TO VILENKIN-LIKE SYSTEMS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper two-dimensional Vilenkin-like systems will be investigated. We prove the Sunouchi operator is bounded from  $H^q$  to  $L^q$  for  $(2/3 < q \le 1)$ . As a consequence, we prove the Sunouchi operator is  $L^s$  bounded for  $1 < s < \infty$  and of weak type  $(H^{\natural}, L^1)$ .

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#### 1. Introduction

The operator U (called the Sunouchi operator) was first introduced and investigated by Sunouchi [1], [2] in Walsh-Fourier analysis. He showed a characterization for the  $L^p$  spaces for p>1 by means of U, since this characterization fails to hold for p=1. It was of interest to investigate the boundedness of U on a Hardy space. In [3] Simon showed that U is a sublinear bounded map from the dyadic Hardy space  $H^1$  into  $L^1$ .

The Vilenkin analogue of the Sunouchi operator was given by Gát [4], [5]. He investigated the boundedness of U from (Vilenkin)  $H^1$  into  $L^1$  and proved that if a Vilenkin group has an unbounded structure and  $H^1$  is defined by means of the usual maximal function, then U is not bounded. Furthermore, when they considered a modified  $H^1$  space (introduced by Simon [6]), then a necessary and sufficient condition could be given for a Vilenkin group that  $U:H^1\to L^1$  be bounded. All Vilenkin groups with bounded structure and certain groups without this boundedness property satisfy the condition given by Gát. Thus, in the so-called bounded case, the  $(H^1,L^1)$ -boundedness of U remains true also for Vilenkin system. In [7] Simon extended

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this result, by showing the  $(H^q,L^q)$ -boundedness of U for all  $0 < q \le 1$ . Moreover, the equivalence

$$||f||_{H^q} \sim ||Uf||_q \quad \left(\frac{1}{2} < q \le 1\right)$$

was also obtained for f with mean value zero.

In this paper we consider a two-dimensional case with respect to generalized Vilenkin-like systems.

#### 2. PRELIMINARIES AND NOTATIONS

In this section, we introduce important definitions and notations. Furthermore, we formulate some known results with respect to Vilenkin-like systems, which play a basic role in further investigations. For details, see [8] by Vilenkin and [9] by Schipp, Wade, Simon and Pál.

Let  $m:=(m_k,k\in\mathbb{N})$   $(\mathbb{N}:=\{0,1,\ldots,\})$  be a sequence of integers, each of them not less than 2. Denote by  $Z_{m_k}$  the  $m_k$ -th cyclic group  $(k\in\mathbb{N})$ . That is,  $Z_{m_k}$  can be represented by the set  $\{0,1,\ldots,m_k-1\}$ , where the group operator is the mod  $m_k$  addition and every subset is open. The Harr measure on  $Z_{m_k}$  is given such that  $\mu(\{j\})=\frac{1}{m_k}$   $(j\in Z_{m_k},k\in\mathbb{N})$ .

Let  $G_m$  denote the complete direct product of  $Z_{m_k}$ 's equipped with product topology and product measure  $\mu$ , then  $G_m$  forms a compact Abelian group with Haar measure 1. The elements of  $G_m$  are sequences of the form  $(x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_k, \ldots)$ , where  $x_k \in Z_{m_k}$  for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and the topology of the group  $G_m$  is completely determined by the sets

$$I_n(0) := \{(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k, \dots) \in G_m : x_k = 0 \ (k = 0, \dots, n - 1)\}$$

 $(I_0(0):=G_m).$  Let  $I_n(x):=I_n(0)+x$   $(n\in\mathbb{N});$   $M_0:=1$  and  $M_{k+1}:=m_kM_k$  for  $k\in\mathbb{N}$ , the so-called generalized powers. Then every  $n\in\mathbb{N}$  can be uniquely expressed as  $n=\sum_{k=0}^\infty n_kM_k,$   $0\le n_k< m_k,$   $n_k\in\mathbb{N}.$  The sequence  $(n_0,n_1,\dots)$  is called the expansion of n with respect to m. We often use the following notations:  $|n|:=\max\{k\in\mathbb{N}:n_k\neq 0\}$  (that is,  $M_{|n|}\le n< M_{|n|+1}$ ) and  $n^{(k)}=\sum_{j=k}^\infty n_jM_j.$ 

Let  $\hat{G}_m := \{ \psi_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \}$  denote the character group of  $G_m$ . We enumerate the elements of  $\hat{G}_m$  as follows. For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in G_m$  denote by  $r_k$  the k-th generalized Rademacher function:

$$r_k(x) := \exp\left(2\psi i \frac{x_k}{m_k}\right) \quad (x \in G_m, i : \sqrt{-1}, k \in \mathbb{N}).$$

It is known for  $x \in G_m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  that

(2.1) 
$$\sum_{i=0}^{m_n-1} r_n^i(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x_n \neq 0; \\ m_n, & \text{if } x_n = 0. \end{cases}$$

Now we define the  $\psi_n$  by

$$\psi_n := \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} r_k^{n_k} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

 $\hat{G}_m$  is a complete orthonormal system with respect to  $\mu$ .

G. Gát introduced the so-called Vilenkin-like (or  $\psi \alpha$ ) system. Let functions  $\alpha_n, \alpha_j^k : G_m \to \mathcal{C}(n, j, k \in \mathbb{N})$  satisfy:

- i)  $\alpha_i^k$  is measurable with respect to  $\Sigma_i$  (i.e.  $\alpha_i^k$  depends only on  $x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_{i-1}, j, k \in \mathbb{N}$ );
- ii)  $|\alpha_j^k| = \alpha_j^k(0) = \alpha_0^k = \alpha_j^0 = 1 \ (j, k \in \mathbb{N});$
- iii)  $\alpha_n := \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} \alpha_j^{n^{(j)}} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$

Let  $\chi_n := \psi_n \alpha_n \ (n \in \mathbb{N})$ . The system  $\chi := \{\chi_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is called a Vilenkin-like (or  $\psi \alpha$ ) system (see [10] and [13] for examples).

(1) If  $\alpha_j^k = 1$  for each  $k, j \in \mathbb{N}$ , then we have the "ordinary" Vilenkin systems.

(2) If 
$$m_j = 2$$
 for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\alpha_i^{n^{(j)}} = (\beta_i)^{n_j}$ , where

$$\beta_j(x) = \exp\left(2\pi\iota\left(\frac{x_{j-1}}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{x_0}{2^{j+1}}\right)\right) \quad (n, j \in \mathbb{N}, x \in G_m),$$

then we have the character system of the group of 2-adic integers.

(3) If

$$\chi_n(x) := \exp\left(2\pi\iota\left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{n_j}{M_{j+1}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} x_j M_j\right)\right) \quad (x \in G_m, n \in \mathbb{N}),$$

then we have a Vilenklin-like system which is useful in the approximation of limit periodic almost even arithmetical functions.

In [10] Gát proved that a Vilenkin-like system is orthonormal and complete in  $L^1(G_m)$ . Define the Fourier coefficients, the Dirichlet kernels, and Fejér kernels with respect to the Vilenkin-like system  $\chi$  as follows:

$$\hat{f}^{\chi}(n) = \hat{f}(n) := \int_{G_m} f \bar{\chi}_n, \quad \hat{f}^{\chi}(0) := \int_{G_m} f \qquad (f \in L^1(G_m));$$

$$D_n^{\chi}(y, x) = D_n(y, x) := \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \chi_n(y) \bar{\chi}_n(x);$$

$$K_n^{\chi}(y, x) = K_n(y, x) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} D_n^{\chi}(y, x);$$

$$K_{h,H}^{\chi}(y, x) = K_{h,H}(y, x) := \sum_{i=h}^{h+H-1} D_j^{\chi}(y, x),$$

where the bar means complex conjugation.

In [10] Gát also proved the following expression of the Dirichlet kernel functions.

(2.2) 
$$D_{M_n}^{\chi}(y,x) = D_{M_n}^{\psi}(y-x) = \begin{cases} M_n, & \text{if } y-x \in I_n \\ 0, & \text{if } y-x \in G_m \setminus I_n. \end{cases}$$

Moreover,

$$D_n^{\chi}(y,x) = \alpha_n(y)\bar{\alpha}_n(x)D_n^{\psi}(y-x)$$

$$= \chi_n(y)\bar{\chi}_n(x)\left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} D_{M_j}(y-x)\sum_{k=m_j-n_j}^{m_j-1} r_j^k(y-x)\right)$$

$$(n \in \mathbb{P} := \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}, \ y, x \in G_m),$$

where the system  $\psi$  is the "ordinary" Vilenkin system.

If  $\tilde{m}=(\tilde{m}_n,n\in\mathbb{N})$  is also a generating sequence then we consider the Vilenkin group  $G_{\tilde{m}}$  as well. We write  $\tilde{M}_n$  instead of  $M_n$ . Let  $G:=G_m\times G_{\tilde{m}}$  and

$$\chi_{k, l}(x, y) = \chi_k(x)\chi_l(y)$$
  $(k, l \in \mathbb{N}, x \in G_m, y \in G_{\tilde{m}})$ 

be the two-parameter Vilenkin groups and Vilenkin systems, respectively.

The symbol  $L^p$  (0 will denote the usual Lebesgue space of complex-valued functions <math>f defined on G with the norm (or quasinorm)

$$||f||_p := \left( \int_G |f|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (0$$

If  $f \in L^1$ , then  $\hat{f}(k,l) := \int_G f\overline{\chi_{k,l}} \ (k,L \in \mathbb{N})$  is the usual Fourier coefficient of f. Let  $S_{n,l}f$   $(n,l \in \mathbb{N})$  be the (n,l)-th rectangular partial sum of f:

$$S_{n,l}f := \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} \hat{f}(k,j)\chi_{k,j}.$$

The so-called (martingale) maximal function of f is given by

$$f^*(x,y) = \sup_{n, l} M_n \tilde{M}_l \left| \int_{I_n(x)} \int_{I_l(y)} f \right| \qquad (x \in G_m, \ y \in G_{\tilde{m}}).$$

Furthermore, let  $f^{\natural}$  be the hybrid maximal function of f defined by

$$f^{\natural}(x,y) := \sup_{n} M_n \left| \int_{I_n(x)} f(t,y) dt \right| \quad (x \in G_m, \ y \in G_{\tilde{m}}).$$

Define the Hardy space  $H^p(G_m \times G_{\tilde{m}})$  for 0 as the space of functions <math>f for which  $\|f\|_{H^p} := \|f^*\|_p < \infty$ .

Then  $||f||_{H^p}$  is equivalent to  $||Qf||_p$ , where Qf is the quadratic variation of f:

$$Qf := \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} |\Delta_{n,l} f|^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$:= \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left| S_{M_{n},\tilde{M}_{l}} f - S_{M_{n},\tilde{M}_{l-1}} f - S_{M_{n-1},\tilde{M}_{l}} f + S_{M_{n-1},\tilde{M}_{l-1}} f \right|^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$S_{M_{n},\tilde{M}_{-1}} f := S_{M_{-1},\tilde{M}_{l}} f := S_{M_{-1},\tilde{M}_{-1}} f := 0 \qquad (n, l \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Let  $H^{\sharp}$  be the set of functions f such that

$$||f||_{H^{\natural}} := ||f^{\natural}||_1 < \infty.$$

In [11] Weisz defined the two-dimensional Sunouchi operator as follows:

$$Uf := \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |S_{2^{n},2^{m}}f - S_{2^{n}}\sigma_{2^{m}}f - \sigma_{2^{n}}S_{2^{m}}f + \sigma_{2^{n}}\sigma_{2^{m}}f|^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where  $\sigma f$  is the Cesàro means of the Walsh Fourier series of  $f \in L^1$ . Now we extend the definition to the two-dimensional Vilenkin-like systems as follows:

$$Uf := \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{M_{n+1}-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\tilde{M}_{s+1}-1} \frac{jk}{M_{n+1}\tilde{M}_{s+1}} \hat{f}(j,k) \chi_{j,k} \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (f \in L^1).$$

If  $\alpha = (\alpha_n, n \in \mathbb{N}), \beta = (\beta_n, n \in \mathbb{N})$  are bounded sequences of complex numbers, then let

$$T_{\alpha,\beta}f := \sup_{n,l} \sum_{i=0}^{M_n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\tilde{M}_l-1} \alpha_n \beta_k \hat{f}(n,k) \chi_{n,k}$$

be defined at least on  $L^2$ .

Moreover, let  $\alpha_j := jM_l^{-1}$   $(l \in \mathbb{N}, j = M_l, \dots, M_{l+1} - 1)$  and  $\beta_k := k\tilde{M}_t^{-1}$   $(t \in \mathbb{N}, k = \tilde{M}_t, \dots, \tilde{M}_{t+1} - 1)$  then

$$Uf = \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{l=0}^{n} \sum_{t=0}^{s} M_{l} \tilde{M}_{t} \Delta_{l+1,t+1}(T_{\alpha,\beta} f) \right|^{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

In this paper we assume the sequences m,  $\tilde{m}$  are bounded. In the investigations of some operators defined on Hardy spaces, the concept of a q-atom is very useful. The function a is called a q-atom if either a is identically equal to 1 or there exist intervals  $I_n(\tau) \subset G_m$ ,  $I_L(\gamma) \subset G_{\tilde{m}}$  (N,  $L \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\tau \in G_m$ ,  $\gamma \in G_{\tilde{m}}$ ) such that

i) 
$$a(x,y) = 0$$
 if  $(x,y) \in G \setminus (I_N(\tau) \times I_L(\gamma))$ ,

*ii*) 
$$||a||_2 \le \mu(I_N(\tau) \times I_L(\gamma))^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{q}},$$

$$iii) \quad \int_{G_m} a(t,y)dt = \int_{G_{\tilde{m}}} a(x,u)du = 0 \text{ if } x \in G_m, \ y \in G_{\tilde{m}}.$$

**Lemma 2.1** ([1]). Let T be an operator defined at least on  $L_2$  and assume that T is  $L_2$  bounded. If there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for all q-atoms a with support  $I_N(\tau) \times I_L(\gamma)$  and for all  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$\int_{G\setminus I_{N-r}(\tau)\times I_{L-r}(\gamma)} |Ta|^q \le C_q 2^{-\delta r},$$

then T is bounded from  $H_q$  to  $L_q$  for all  $0 < q \le 1$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $\frac{2}{3} < q \le 1$ . Then there exist  $\delta > 0$  and a constant  $C_q$  depending only on q such that for  $N, L, r \in \mathbb{N}$ 

$$M_N^{1-\frac{q}{2}} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \int_{G_m \setminus I_{N-r}} \left( \int_{I_N} \left| \sum_{k=M_n}^{M_{n+1}-1} \frac{k \chi_k(x) \overline{\chi}_k(t)}{M_n} \right|^2 dt \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx \le C_q 2^{-\delta r}.$$

*Proof.* For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq N$ , we have

$$M_n K_{M_n}(x,t) = \sum_{i=0}^{M_n - 2} \chi_i(x) \bar{\chi}_i(t) \sum_{k=i+1}^{M_n - 1} 1$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{M_n - 2} (M_n - i - 1) \chi_i(x) \bar{\chi}_i(t)$$

$$= (M_n - 1) D_{M_n - 1}(x,t) - \sum_{i=0}^{M_n - 1} i \chi_i(x) \bar{\chi}_i(t).$$

This follows

$$\sum_{i=M_n}^{M_{n+1}-1} \frac{i\chi_i(x)\bar{\chi}_i(t)}{M_n} = m_n(D_{M_{n+1}}(x,t) - K_{M_{n+1}}(x,t)) - (D_{M_n}(x,t) - K_{M_n}(x,t)) - \frac{D_{M_{n+1}}(x,t) - D_{M_n}(x,t)}{M_n}.$$

If  $x \in G_m \backslash I_{N-r}$ ,  $t \in I_N$ , then there exists u  $(0 \le u \le N-r-1)$  such that  $x \in I_u \backslash I_{u+1}$ . Since  $x-t \in I_u \backslash I_{u+1}$ , we have  $D_{M_k}(x,t) = 0$  for all  $(k \ge u+1)$ . Suppose that s > u. From the definitions of the function  $\alpha_n$  and the Fejér kernel, we have, if  $x \in I_u(t) \backslash I_{u+1}(t)$ ,

$$K_{n^{(s)}, M_{s}}(x, t) = \sum_{k=n^{(s)}}^{n^{(s)}+M_{s}-1} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{u-1} k_{j} M_{j}\right) \chi_{k}(x) \bar{\chi}_{k}(t)$$

$$+ \sum_{k=n^{(s)}}^{n^{(s)}+M_{s}-1} M_{u} \sum_{p=m_{u}-k_{u}}^{m_{u}-1} r_{t}^{p}(x-t) \chi_{k}(x) \bar{\chi}_{k}(t)$$

$$=: \sum_{k=n^{(s)}}^{1} \sum_{k=n^{(s)}}^{2} r_{k}^{p}(x-t) \chi_{k}(x) \bar{\chi}_{k}(t)$$

where

$$\sum_{k_{s-1}=0}^{1} = \sum_{k_{s-1}=0}^{m_{s-1}-1} \cdots \sum_{k_{u+1}=0}^{m_{u+1}-1} \sum_{k_{u-1}=0}^{m_{u-1}-1} \cdots \sum_{k_{0}=0}^{m_{0}-1} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{t-1} k_{j} M_{j}\right)$$

$$\cdot \prod_{l=u+1}^{\infty} r_{l}^{k_{l}}(x-t) \alpha_{l}^{k^{(l)}}(x) \bar{\alpha}_{l}^{k^{(l)}}(t) \sum_{k_{u}=0}^{m_{u}-1} r_{u}^{k_{u}}(x-t)$$

$$= \sum_{k_{u}=0}^{m_{u}-1} r_{u}^{k_{u}}(x-t) \phi(x,t),$$

and the function  $\phi$  does not depend on  $k_t$ . Consequently,  $\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} 1 = 0$  (see [12]). Since the sequence m is bounded, we have

$$\int_{I_N} \left| \sum^{2} \right|^2 dt \le C M_u^2 \sum_{p=0}^{m_u - 1} \int_{I_N} \sum_{k, \ l = 0; k_u = m_u = p}^{M_s - 1} \chi_{n^{(s)} + k}(t) \bar{\chi}_{n^{(s)} + l}(t) \bar{\chi}_{n^{(s)} + k}(x) \chi_{n^{(s)} + l}(x) dt \\
\le C M_u^2 \frac{1}{M_N} M_s M_u.$$

Recall that  $k^{(u+1)} \neq l^{(u+1)}$  implies

$$\int_{I_N} \chi_{n^s + k}(x) \bar{\chi}_{n^{(s)} + l}(x) dx = 0.$$

If  $s \leq u$ , then  $|K_{n^{(s)}, M_s}(x, t)| \leq CM_uM_s$ . Then

$$M_{N}^{1-q/2} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \int_{G_{m}\backslash I_{N-r}} \left( \int_{I_{N}} \left| \sum_{k=M_{n}}^{M_{n+1}-1} \frac{k\chi_{k}(x)\bar{\chi}_{i}(t)}{M_{n}} \right|^{2} dt \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx$$

$$\leq M_{N}^{1-q/2} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \int_{G_{m}\backslash I_{N-r}} \left( \int_{I_{N}} C(|D_{M_{n+1}}(x,t) - K_{M_{n+1}}(x,t)|^{2} + \left[ |D_{M_{n}}(x,t) - K_{M_{n}}(x,t)| + \left| \frac{D_{M_{n+1}}(x,t) - D_{M_{n}}(x,t)}{M_{n}} \right| \right]^{2} dt \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx$$

$$= M_{N}^{1-q/2} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \int_{G_{m}\backslash I_{N-r}} \left( \int_{I_{N}} C(|K_{M_{n+1}}(x,t)|^{2} + |K_{M_{n}}(x,t)|^{2}) dt \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx$$

$$\leq C_q M_N^{1-q/2} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{u=0}^{N-r-1} \frac{1}{M_{n+1}} \sum_{s=0}^{n+1} \sum_{j=0}^{n_s-1} \int_{I_u \backslash I_{u+1}} \left( \int_{I_N} |K_{n^{(s+1)}+jM_s, \ M_s}(x,t)|^2 dt \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx$$

$$+ C_q M_N^{1-q/2} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{u=0}^{N-r-1} \frac{1}{M_n} \sum_{s=0}^{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n_s-1} \int_{I_u \backslash I_{u+1}} \left( \int_{I_N} |K_{n^{(s+1)}+jM_s, \ M_s}(x,t)|^2 dt \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx$$

$$\leq C_q M_N^{1-q/2} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{u=0}^{N-r-1} \frac{1}{M_{n+1}} \sum_{s=0}^{n+1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \int_{I_u \backslash I_{u+1}} \left( \frac{M_u^3 M_s}{M_N} \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx$$

$$+ C_q M_N^{1-q/2} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{u=0}^{N-r-1} \frac{1}{M_n} \sum_{s=0}^{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n_s-1} \int_{I_u \backslash I_{u+1}} \left( \frac{M_u^3 M_s}{M_N} \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx$$

$$\leq C_q M_N^{1-q/2} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{u=0}^{N-r-1} M_u^{3q/2-1} M_n^{-q/2} M_N^{-q/2}$$

$$\leq C_q M_N^{1-q/2} M_{N-r-1}^{3q/2-1} M_N^{-q} = C_q (m_{N-r} \cdots m_{N-1})^{-(3q/2-1)} \leq C_q 2^{-\delta r} \quad (\delta = 3q/2 - 1 > 0).$$

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $\frac{2}{3} < q \le 1$ . Then there exists a constant  $C_q$  such that

$$||Uf||_q \le C_q ||f||_{H^q} \quad (\forall f \in H^q(G_m \times G_{\tilde{m}})).$$

*Proof.* Let a be a q-atom. It can be assumed that the support of a is  $I_N \times I_L$  for some  $N, L \in \mathbb{N}$ , that is

$$\|a\|_2 \leq (M_N P_L')^{\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{2}} \text{ and } \int_{I_L} a(x,t) dt = \int_{I_N} a(u,y) du = 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in G_m, y \in G_{\tilde{m}}.$$

This last property implies that

$$\hat{a}(i,j) = 0 \text{ if } i = 0, \dots, M_N - 1 \text{ or } j = 0, \dots, \tilde{M}_L - 1.$$

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  as above. Then from the Cauchy inequality we have

$$T_{\alpha,\beta}a(x,y)$$

$$\leq \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=L+1}^{\infty} \int\limits_{I_{N}} \int\limits_{J_{L}} |a(t,u)| \sum_{k=M_{n}}^{M_{n+1}-1} \frac{k}{M_{n}} \chi_{k}(x) \bar{\chi}_{k}(t) \sum_{l=M_{j}}^{M_{j+1}-1} \frac{l}{M_{j}} \chi_{l}(y) \bar{\chi}_{l}(u) |dt du$$

$$(2.3) \leq \|a\|_2 \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=L+1}^{\infty} \left( \int_{I_N} \int_{I_N} \left| \sum_{k=M_n}^{M_{n+1}-1} \frac{k}{M_n} \chi_k(x) \bar{\chi}_i(t) \sum_{l=M_j}^{M_{j+1}-1} \frac{l}{M_j} \chi_l(y) \bar{\chi}_l(u) \right|^2 dt du \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

First we will show  $T_{\alpha,\beta}$  is q-quasi local. Let  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  and define the sets  $X_i$  (i=1,2,3,4) as follows:

$$X_1 := (G_m \backslash I_{N-r}) \times I_L, \quad X_2 := (G_m \backslash I_{N-r}) \times (G_{\tilde{m}} \backslash I_L),$$
  
$$X_3 := I_N \times (G_{\tilde{m}} \backslash I_{L-r}), \quad X_4 := (G_m \backslash I_N) \times (G_{\tilde{m}} \backslash I_{L-r}).$$

It is clear that

$$\int_{(G\setminus I_{N-r}\times I_{L-r})} (T_{\alpha,\beta}a)^q \le \sum_{i=1}^4 \int_{X_i} (T_{\alpha,\beta}a)^q.$$

To estimate the integral over  $X_1$ , we have

$$\int_{X_{1}} (T_{\alpha,\beta}a)^{q}(x,y)dxdy 
\leq |I_{L}|^{1-\frac{q}{2}} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \int_{G_{m}\backslash I_{N-r}} \left( \int_{I_{L}} \left( \int_{I_{n}} \left| \sum_{k=M_{n}}^{M_{n+1}-1} \frac{k}{M_{n}} \chi_{k}(x) \bar{\chi}_{k}(t) \right| \right) 
\times \sup_{I_{L}} \int_{I_{L}} a(t,u) \sum_{j=L+1}^{l} \sum_{l=M_{j}}^{M_{j+1}-1} \frac{l}{M_{j}} \chi_{l}(y) \bar{\chi}_{l}(u) |du| dt \right)^{2} dy dx 
\leq |I_{L}|^{1-q/2} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \int_{G_{m}\backslash I_{N-r}} \left( \int_{I_{N}} \left| \sum_{k=M_{n}}^{M_{n+1}-1} \frac{k}{M_{n}} \chi_{k}(x) \bar{\chi}_{k}(t) \right|^{2} dt \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx 
\times \left( \int_{I_{N}} \int_{J_{L}} |a(t,y)|^{2} dy dt \right)^{\frac{q}{2}}.$$

From the definition of q-atoms and Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\int_{X_{1}} (T_{\alpha,\beta}a)^{q}(x,y)dxdy$$

$$\leq ||a||_{2}^{q}|I_{L}|^{1-\frac{q}{2}} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \int_{G_{m}\setminus I_{N-r}} \left( \int_{I_{N}} \left| \sum_{k=M_{n}}^{M_{n+1}-1} \frac{k\chi_{k}(x)\bar{\chi}_{k}(t)}{M_{n}} \right|^{2} dt \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx$$

$$\leq C_{q} M_{N}^{1-\frac{q}{2}} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \int_{G_{m}\setminus I_{N-r}} \left( \int_{I_{N}} \left| \sum_{k=M_{n}}^{M_{n+1}-1} \frac{k\chi_{k}(x)\bar{\chi}_{k}(t)}{M_{n}} \right|^{2} dt \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx$$

$$\leq C_{q} 2^{-\delta r}.$$

$$(2.4) \qquad \leq C_{q} 2^{-\delta r}.$$

In a similar way, we have

(2.5) 
$$\int_{X_3} (T_{\alpha,\beta}a)^q(x,y) dx dy \le C_q 2^{-\delta r}.$$

On the set  $X_2$ , by inequality (2.3) we have

$$\int_{X_{3}} (T_{\alpha,\beta}a)^{q}(x,y)dxdy 
\leq ||a||_{2}^{q} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=L+1}^{\infty} \int_{G_{m}\backslash I_{N-r}} \int_{G_{m}\backslash I_{l}} 
\left(\int_{I_{N}} \int_{J_{L}} \left| \sum_{k=M_{n}}^{M_{n+1-1}} \frac{k\chi_{k}(x)\bar{\chi}_{k}(t)}{M_{n}} \sum_{l=M_{j}-1}^{M_{j}-1} \frac{l}{M_{j}} \chi_{l}(y)\bar{\chi}_{l}(u) \right|^{2} dtdu \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dxdy$$

$$\leq (M_N P_L)^{1-\frac{q}{2}} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=L+1}^{\infty} \int_{G_m \backslash I_{N-r}} \int_{G_m \backslash I_l} \left( \int_{I_N} \int_{J_L} \left| \sum_{k=M_n}^{M_{n+1}-1} \frac{k \chi_k(x) \bar{\chi}_k(t)}{M_n} \sum_{l=M_j}^{M_{j+1}-1} \frac{l}{M_j} \chi_l(y) \bar{\chi}_l(u) \right|^2 dt du \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx dy$$

$$\leq M_N^{1-\frac{q}{2}} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \int_{G_m \backslash I_{N-r}} \left( \int_{I_N} \left| \sum_{k=M_n}^{M_{n+1}-1} \frac{k \chi_k(x) \bar{\chi}_k(t)}{M_n} \right|^2 dt \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dx$$

$$\leq C_q 2^{-\delta r} (\tilde{M}_L)^{1-\frac{q}{2}} \sum_{j=L+1}^{\infty} \int_{G_m \backslash J_L} \left( \int_{I_L} \sum_{l=M_j}^{M_{j+1}-1} \frac{l}{M_j} \chi_l(y) \bar{\chi}_l(u) |^2 du \right)^{\frac{q}{2}} dy$$

$$\leq C_q 2^{-\delta r}.$$

An analogous estimate with  $X_4$  instead of  $X_2$  can be obtained using a similar argument and these prove that the operator  $T_{\alpha,\beta}$  is q-quasi local. By Parseval's equality, it is clear that the operator  $T_{\alpha,\beta}$  is  $L^2$  bounded. Since

$$Uf = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{M_{n+1}-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\tilde{M}_{s+1}-1} \frac{jk}{M_{n+1}\tilde{M}_{s+1}} \hat{f}(j,k) \chi_{j,k} \right|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \le CQ(T_{\alpha,\beta}f),$$

where the operator Q is a two-dimensional quadratic variation of f. By Lemma 2.1, we have

$$||Uf||_q \le C_q ||Q(T_{\alpha,\beta}f)||_q \le C_q ||T_{\alpha,\beta}f||_{H_q} \le C_q ||f||_{H_q}.$$

Applying known theorems on the interpolation of operators and a duality argument gives the following:

**Theorem 2.4.** The operator U is  $L^s \to L^s$  bounded and of weak type  $(H^{\natural}, L^1)$ , i.e., there exists a constant C such that for all  $\delta > 0$  and  $f \in H^{\natural}$  we have

$$\mu\{(x,y)\in G: |Uf(x,y)|>\delta\} \le C\frac{\|f\|_{H^{\natural}}}{\delta}.$$

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