

# 3-Commutators Revisited

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## Abstract

We present a class of pseudo-differential elliptic systems with anti-self-dual potentials on  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying compensation phenomena similar to the ones discovered in [9] for elliptic systems with anti-symmetric potentials. These compensation phenomena are based on new “multi-commutator” structures generalizing the 3-commutators introduced by the authors in [2].

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## I Introduction

In the paper [3] the authors discovered the following compensation phenomenon:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{if } \Omega \in L^2_{loc}(\mathbb{R}, so(m)), v \in L^2_{loc}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m) \text{ and } f \in L^p_{loc}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m) \text{ (} 1 \leq p < 2 \text{) satisfy} \\ \\ (-\Delta)^{1/4}v = \Omega v + f, \\ \\ \text{then } (-\Delta)^{1/4}v \in L^p_{loc}(\mathbb{R}). \end{array} \right. \quad (\text{I.1})$$

This result is central in the regularity theory of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -harmonic map. It came after a similar theorem for local elliptic Schrödinger type systems with an antisymmetric potential [9].

These phenomena are based on the existence of special linear operator satisfying “better” integrability properties due to compensation.

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Such an operator is for instance given by the so-called 3-commutator:

$$\mathcal{T}: (v, Q) \mapsto (-\Delta)^{1/4}(Qv) - Q(-\Delta)^{1/4}v + (-\Delta)^{1/4}(Q)v. \quad (\text{I.2})$$

It is proved in [2] that  $\mathcal{T}: L^2(\mathbb{R}) \times \dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow H^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R})$  and

$$\|\mathcal{T}(v, Q)\|_{H^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R})} \lesssim \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})} \|v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}. \quad (\text{I.3})$$

The operator  $\mathcal{T}$  appears as a natural replacement for 1/2-harmonic maps of the existing Jacobian structures for harmonic maps into manifolds (see developments on that topic in [5]).

The estimate (I.3) has been originally proved using Littlewood-Paley dyadic decomposition (see an alternative proof in [7]).

In the present work we are going to generalize the 3-commutators (I.2) to “multi-commutators” enjoying similar compensation phenomena. These commutators will be useful to deduce regularity results for integro-differential elliptic systems of the form

$$(-\Delta)^{1/4}v = \int_{\mathbb{R}} H(x, y)v(y)dy + f(x), \quad (\text{I.4})$$

where  $H$  satisfies suitable conditions that we are now specifying.

We introduce the following **Besov type spaces of Schwarz Kernels** : for  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $1 < p < +\infty$ ,  $1 \leq q < +\infty$ , we denote by  $A_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, M_m(\mathbb{R}))$  the following space

$$A_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, M_m(\mathbb{R})) = \left\{ K \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, M_m(\mathbb{R})) : \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |h|^{n-qs} \|K(\cdot, \cdot + h)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q dh \right)^{1/q} < +\infty \right\}. \quad (\text{I.5})$$

Our main result is the following

**Theorem I.1.** *Let  $K \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^2, M_m(\mathbb{R}))$  and  $0 < \sigma < 1/2$  such that  $(-\Delta)^{\sigma/2}K \in A_{2,2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2, M_m(\mathbb{R}))$ <sup>1</sup> that is to say*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |h|^{1+2\sigma} |(-\Delta_x)^{\sigma/2}K(x+h, x)|^2 dx dh < +\infty, \quad (\text{I.6})$$

and let  $\omega \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}, M_m(\mathbb{R}))$  such that

$$\omega(x) - \int_{\mathbb{R}} K^t(x, y) dy \in L^2(\mathbb{R}, so(m)) \quad (\text{I.7})$$

and

$$K(x, y) = -K^t(y, x) \quad \text{for a.e. } (x, y). \quad (\text{I.8})$$

Then for any  $v \in L_{loc}^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m)$  and any  $f \in L_{loc}^p(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m)$  where  $1 \leq p < 2$  satisfying

$$(-\Delta)^{1/4}v = \int_{\mathbb{R}} H(x, y) v(y)dy + f(x), \quad (\text{I.9})$$

where  $H(x, y) := K(x, y) + \omega(x) \delta_{x=y}$  we have

$$(-\Delta)^{1/4}v \in L_{loc}^p(\mathbb{R}). \quad (\text{I.10})$$

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<sup>1</sup>We recall that for  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ , ( $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  is the space of Schwarz functions)  $(-\Delta)^{\sigma/2}f(x) := pv \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{f(x)-f(y)}{|x-y|^{1+\sigma}} dy$ .

**Remark I.1.** Operators whose kernel satisfy the condition (I.8) are **anti-self-adjoint** operators. We believe that the above result should be generalised to more general anti-self adjoint operators with the ad-hoc mapping properties corresponding to the membership of  $(-\Delta)^{\sigma/2}K$  in  $A_{2,2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2, M_m(\mathbb{R}))$  for the operator

$$v \longrightarrow \int_{\mathbb{R}} K(x, y) v(y) dy .$$

Hence the **anti-symmetry** condition which was the key notion in the original work [9] should be somehow substituted by the more general notion of **anti-self-adjointness**  $\square$

**Remark I.2.** It would be interesting to study the possibility to extend or not the previous theorem to the limiting case  $\sigma = 0$  and the assumption

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x - y| |K(x, y)|^2 dx dy < +\infty$$

instead of (I.6).  $\square$

We need first to clarify the meaning to the integral  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} H(x, y)v(y)dy$  under the assumptions (I.6), (I.7) and (III.2) and  $v$  in  $L^2$ . This justification is based on the notion of **abstract multicommutator** that we are introducing now. It is not a-priori clear that under the above assumptions on  $K$  one has that  $H(x, y) \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  for a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Nevertheless we can give  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} H(x, y)v(y)dy$  a meaning in a distributional sense.

Precisely we introduce the following definition.

**Definition I.1. [Abstract multi-commutators]** Let  $K \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, M_m(\mathbb{R}))$  satisfying the anti-self-dual condition

$$K(x, y) = -K^t(y, x) \quad \text{for a. e. } (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}, \quad (\text{I.11})$$

then the operator given by

$$\mathcal{T}_K(v)(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} [K^t(x, y) v(x) + K(x, y) v(y)] dy \quad (\text{I.12})$$

is called an *abstract multi-commutator*.  $\square$

Such an operator enjoys the following integrability by compensation property<sup>2</sup> in  $\mathbb{R}$ :

**Lemma I.1. [Compensation for multi-commutators]** Under the above notations let  $K$  be a Schwartz Kernel satisfying the anti-self-dual condition (I.11). Then one has for any  $r > 1$ ,  $p > r'$ ,  $q \geq 2$  and  $\sigma > 0$

$$\|\mathcal{T}_K(v)\|_{\dot{B}_{r p/(p+r), q'}^{-(2/q-1+\sigma)}(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|K\|_{A_{p,q}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2)} \|v\|_{L^r(\mathbb{R})}, \quad (\text{I.13})$$

where  $\dot{B}_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R})$  denotes the usual homogeneous Besov spaces.<sup>3</sup>  $\square$

<sup>2</sup>A similar property hold in higher dimension obviously

<sup>3</sup>For  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $1 < p < +\infty$  and  $1 \leq q < +\infty$  we also denote by  $\dot{B}_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the homogeneous Besov spaces given by:

$$\dot{B}_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ f \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^n) : \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |h|^{-n-sq} \|f(x+h) - f(x)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q dh \right)^{1/q} < +\infty \right\} \quad (\text{I.14})$$

$$(\text{I.15})$$

In order now to justify the integral in the r.h.s. of (III.4) we can then write

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} H(x, y)v(y)dy = \mathcal{T}_K(v)(x) + \left( \omega(x) - \int_{\mathbb{R}} K^t(x, y)dy \right) v(x). \quad (\text{I.16})$$

Besides proving the main theorem I.1, the goal of the paper is to illustrate the relative easiness to produce multi-commutators.

For instance the 3-term commutator (I.2) is a particular example of operator  $\mathcal{T}_K$  where  $K := K_{d^{1/2}Q}$  is the Schwartz Kernel associated to the operator

$$d^{1/2}Q := Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ Q \quad .$$

It is given explicitly by

$$K_{d^{1/2}Q}(x, y) := \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{|x - y|^{3/2}}. \quad (\text{I.17})$$

One has obviously

$$K_{d^{1/2}Q}(x, y) = -K_{d^{1/2}Q}^t(y, x) \quad (\text{I.18})$$

and a direct computation gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_{K_{d^{1/2}Q}}(v) &= \left[ Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ Q - (-\Delta)^{1/4}Q \right] v = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{|x - y|^{3/2}} [v(y) + v(x)]dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[ K_{d^{1/2}Q}(x, y) v(y) - K_{d^{1/2}Q}(y, x)v(x) \right] dy \end{aligned} \quad (\text{I.19})$$

Observe that for any  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1/2$  one has

$$\begin{aligned} \|(-\Delta)^{\sigma/2}K_{d^{1/2}Q}\|_{A_{2,2}^{-\sigma}}^2 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |h|^{1+2\sigma} |(-\Delta_x)^{\sigma/2}K_{d^{1/2}Q}(x+h, x)|^2 dx dh \\ &\simeq \|(-\Delta)^{\sigma/2}Q\|_{\dot{B}_{2,2}^{1/2-\sigma}}^2 \simeq \|Q\|_{\dot{B}_{2,2}^{1/2}}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{I.20})$$

In particular Lemma I.1 implies the compensation phenomena observed in [2] for (I.2). Indeed, Sobolev embedding implies the continuity of the map

$$(-\Delta)^{-\sigma/2} : A_{2,2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow A_{2/(1-2\sigma),2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}). \quad (\text{I.21})$$

We can then apply lemma I.1  $p = 4$ ,  $q = 2$  and  $\sigma = 1/4$  and using the facts that

$$\dot{B}_{4/3,2}^{-1/4}(\mathbb{R}) = (\dot{B}_{4,2}^{1/4}(\mathbb{R}))' \hookrightarrow H^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R}) = \dot{B}_{2,2}^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R}) = (\dot{B}_{2,2}^{1/2}\mathbb{R})'.$$

(see e.g. [10]) we recover (I.3).

**Remark I.3.** In [8] and in [11] some compensation phenomena for general anti-symmetric kernels have been discovered. Even if those compensation phenomena are of similar nature to the one given in lemma I.1, they seem however not to be completely “isomorphic” to each other.  $\square$

Another elementary but useful observation is the stability of the property (III.2) with respect to the adjoint multiplication by  $P \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, M_m(\mathbb{R}))$ . Precisely we have

**Lemma I.2. [Stability of multi-commutators by adjoint multiplication.]** Let  $K \in A_{p,q}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  satisfy (I.11) and  $P \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, M_m(\mathbb{R}))$ . Then the new kernel

$$G(x, y) := P(x) K(x, y) P^t(y)$$

is in  $A_{p,q}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , satisfies (I.11) and defines a new multi-commutator. In particular

$$\mathcal{T}_G(v)(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} [G^t(x, y) v(x) + G(x, y) v(y)]$$

satisfies the compensation lemma I.1.  $\square$

As far as the stability with respect to the composition with a pseudo-differential operator of order zero is concerned in the present paper we focus our attention to the composition between the Riesz operator  $\mathfrak{R}$  and  $d^{1/2}Q$  for any  $Q \in \dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}, \text{Sym}_m(\mathbb{R}))$  where  $\text{Sym}_m(\mathbb{R})$  denotes the space of square  $m$  by  $m$  real matrices.

**Lemma I.3. [Generating a multicommutator from  $\mathfrak{R} \circ d^{1/2}Q$ ]** Let  $Q \in \dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}, \text{Sym}_m(\mathbb{R}))$  then the Schwartz Kernel  $R^Q(x, y)$  of the following operator

$$\mathcal{R}^Q := \mathfrak{R} \circ d^{1/2}Q - d^{1/2}Q \circ \mathfrak{R} - \mathfrak{R} \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4}Q - (-\Delta)^{1/4}Q \circ \mathfrak{R}$$

satisfies for any  $p \geq 2$

$$\|R^Q(x, y)\|_{A_{p,2}^{-1/2+1/p}(\mathbb{R}^2)} \leq C_p \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})}. \quad \square \quad (\text{I.22})$$

Hence we deduce the following corollary:

**Corollary I.1.** Let  $Q \in \dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}, \text{Sym}_m(\mathbb{R}))$  then the operator given by

$$\mathcal{T}_{R^Q} := \mathfrak{R} \circ d^{1/2}Q - d^{1/2}Q \circ \mathfrak{R} - \mathfrak{R} \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4}Q - (-\Delta)^{1/4}Q \circ \mathfrak{R} - 2\mathfrak{R} \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4}Q$$

is a multi-commutator to which the compensation lemma I.1 applies.  $\square$

We can go on in complexity and consider the composition of  $d^{1/2}Q$  on the right and on the left by  $\mathfrak{R}$ . Precisely we have

**Lemma I.4. [Generating a multicommutator from  $\mathfrak{R} \circ d^{1/2}Q \circ \mathfrak{R}$ .]** Let  $Q \in \dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}, \text{Sym}_m(\mathbb{R}))$  then the Schwartz Kernel  $S^Q(x, y)$  of the following operator

$$\mathcal{S}^Q := \mathfrak{R} \circ d^{1/2}Q \circ \mathfrak{R} + \mathfrak{R}[(-\Delta)^{1/4}Q] \circ \mathfrak{R} + \mathfrak{R} \circ \mathfrak{R}[(-\Delta)^{1/4}Q]$$

satisfies for any  $p > 2$

$$\|S^Q\|_{A_{p,2}^{-1/2+1/p}} \leq C_p \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})}. \quad \square \quad (\text{I.23})$$

Hence we deduce the following corollary

**Corollary I.2.** Let  $Q \in \dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}, \text{Sym}_m(\mathbb{R}))$  then the operator given by

$$\mathcal{T}_{S^Q} := \mathfrak{R} \circ d^{1/2}Q \circ \mathfrak{R} + \mathfrak{R}[(-\Delta)^{1/4}Q] \circ \mathfrak{R} + \mathfrak{R} \circ \mathfrak{R}[(-\Delta)^{1/4}Q] - (-\Delta)^{1/4}Q. \quad (\text{I.24})$$

is a multi-commutator to which the compensation lemma I.1 applies.  $\square$

It would be interesting to explore the general rule for producing multi-commutators starting from the composition of a general anti-self-dual kernel  $K$  with the Riesz potential in the same spirit as Lemma I.3 and Lemma I.4 where the “starting” kernel is  $K_{d^{1/2}Q}$ . We do believe that the somehow lengthy computations from part IV, whose expositions in this work are mostly meant to be illustrative, may contain some “genericity” and should be inspiring for such a later purpose.

Finally, it would be interesting to establish some relation between the membership for a Schwartz Kernel  $K$  in a Besov space of Kernels  $A_{p,q}^\sigma$  and mapping properties of  $\mathcal{T}_K$ .

## II Proof of Lemma I.1 and some other properties

In this section we will prove Lemma I.1 and some other properties of the operator  $\mathcal{T}_K$  defined in (I.12).

**Proof of lemma I.1.** We prove the Lemma in the case  $r = 2$ . We will prove it by duality. Let  $\varphi \in \dot{B}_{2p/(p-2),q'}^s(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m)$ , where  $s = \sigma + 2/q - 1$ . We have

$$\|\varphi\|_{\dot{B}_{2p/(p-2),q'}^s(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m)} \simeq \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dh}{h^{1+q's}} \|\varphi(\cdot + h) - \varphi(\cdot)\|_{L^{2p/(p-2)}(\mathbb{R})}^{q'} \right)^{1/q'}. \quad (\text{II.25})$$

We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \varphi, \mathcal{T}_K(v) \rangle_{\dot{B}_{2p/(p-2),q'}^s, \dot{B}_{2p/(p+2),q}^{-s}} &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(x) (K^t(x, y) v(x) + K(x, y) v(y)) dx dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(y) (K^t(y, x) v(y) + K(y, x) v(x)) dx dy \\ &= - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(y) (K(x, y) v(y) dx dy + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(x) K(x, y) v(y) dx dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)) K(x, y) v(y) dx dy. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{II.26})$$

Hence we deduce

$$\langle \varphi, \mathcal{T}_K(v) \rangle_{\dot{B}_{2p/(p-2),q'}^s, \dot{B}_{2p/(p+2),q}^{-s}} \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |K(x, y)| |\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)| |v(y)| dx dy. \quad (\text{II.27})$$

Hölder inequality gives

$$\langle \varphi, \mathcal{T}_K(v) \rangle_{\dot{B}_{2p/(p-2),q'}^s, \dot{B}_{2p/(p+2),q}^{-s}} \leq 2 \|v\|_{L^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \|K(\cdot, \cdot + h)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R})} \|\varphi(\cdot + h) - \varphi(\cdot)\|_{2p/(p-2)} dh \quad (\text{II.28})$$

Using Cauchy Schwartz this time one has

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \varphi, \mathcal{T}_K(v) \rangle_{\dot{B}_{2p/(p-2),q'}^s, \dot{B}_{2p/(p+2),q}^{-s}} &\leq 2 \|v\|_{L^2} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} |h|^{1+\sigma q} \|K(\cdot, \cdot + h)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R})}^q dh \right)^{1/q} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} |h|^{-q'/q - \sigma q'} \|\varphi(\cdot + h) - \varphi(\cdot)\|_{2p/(p-2)}^{q'} dh \right)^{1/q'} \\ &= \|v\|_{L^2} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} |h|^{1+\sigma q} \|K(\cdot, \cdot + h)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R})}^q dh \right)^{1/q} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} |h|^{-1-sq'} \|\varphi(\cdot + h) - \varphi(\cdot)\|_{2p/(p-2)}^{q'} dh \right)^{1/q'} \\ &= \|v\|_{L^2} \|K\|_{A_{p,q}^{-\sigma}} \|\varphi\|_{\dot{B}_{2p/(p-2),q'}^s}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{II.29})$$

The estimate (II.29) proves the lemma.  $\square$

Next we will show some stability property of the operator  $\mathcal{T}_K$  in the case  $n = 1$  with respect to the multiplication by  $P \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, M_m(\mathbb{R}))$ .

**Proof of Lemma I.2.**

We have

$$G^t(x, y) = P(y)K^t(x, y)P^t(x) = -G(y, x).$$

$G(x, y)$  is in  $A_{p,q}^\sigma(\mathbb{R}^2)$  since

$$\|G\|_{A_{p,q}^\sigma(\mathbb{R}^2)} := \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1-q\sigma} \|P(\cdot)K(\cdot, \cdot + h)P^t(\cdot + h)\|_{L^p}^q dh \right]^{1/q} \lesssim \|P\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R})}^2 \|K\|_{A_{p,q}^\sigma(\mathbb{R}^2)} < +\infty. \quad \square \quad (\text{II.30})$$

Next we show another property of a kernel  $K$  such that  $(-\Delta)^{\sigma/2}K \in A_{2,2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ .

To this purpose we extend naturally the Besov space of Schwartz Kernels (IV.24) to the **Lorentz-Besov Space of Schwartz Kernels**. For  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $1 < p < +\infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq +\infty$ , and  $1 \leq r \leq +\infty$  we denote by  $A_{(p,r),q}^s(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, M_m(\mathbb{R}))$  the following space

$$A_{(p,r),q}^s(\mathbb{R}^{2n}) = \left\{ K \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, M_m(\mathbb{R})) : \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |h|^{n-qs} \|K(\cdot, \cdot + h)\|_{L^{p,r}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q dh \right)^{1/q} < +\infty \right\} \quad (\text{II.31})$$

where  $L^{p,r}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  denote the usual Lorentz spaces (see [6]).

We now prove the following result.

**Lemma II.5.** *Let  $0 < \sigma < 1/2$  and  $K \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$  such that  $(-\Delta)^{\sigma/2}K \in A_{2,2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  and let  $P \in \dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . Then there exists a constant  $C_\sigma$  depending only on  $\sigma$  such that*

$$\left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} (P(x) - P(y))K^t(x, y) dy \right\|_{L^{2,1}(\mathbb{R})} \leq C_\sigma \|(-\Delta)^{\sigma/2}K\|_{A_{2,2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2)} \|P\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})}. \quad \square \quad (\text{II.32})$$

**Proof of Lemma II.5.** We first recall the improved Sobolev embedding for any  $\sigma > 0$  (see [12])

$$\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}) \hookrightarrow \dot{B}_{(\sigma-1,2),2}^\sigma(\mathbb{R}).$$

where

$$\dot{B}_{(p,r),q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ f \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^n) : \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |h|^{-n-sq} \|f(x+h) - f(x)\|_{L^{p,r}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q dh \right)^{1/q} < +\infty \right\}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} |h|^{-1-2\sigma} \|P(\cdot + h) - P(\cdot)\|_{L^{(\sigma-1,2)}(\mathbb{R})}^2 dh \right)^{1/2} &\leq C_\sigma \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} |h|^{-2} \|P(\cdot + h) - P(\cdot)\|_{L^{(2,2)}(\mathbb{R})}^2 dh \right)^{1/2} \\ &\simeq \|P\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})}. \end{aligned}$$

Observe moreover that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |h|^{1+2\sigma} \|K(\cdot + h, \cdot)\|_{L^{p,2}(\mathbb{R})}^2 dh \leq C_\sigma \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |h|^{1+2\sigma} |(-\Delta_x)^{\sigma/2}K(x+h, x)|^2 dx dh$$

where  $p^{-1} = 2^{-1} - \sigma$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{x \in \mathbb{R}} v(x) \left( \int_{h \in \mathbb{R}} (P(x+h) - P(x)) K^t(x, x+h) dh \right) dx \\
& \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}} \|v\|_{L^{2,\infty}(\mathbb{R})} \|(P(x) - P(x+h)) K^t(x, x+h)\|_{L^{2,1}(\mathbb{R})} dh \\
& \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}} \|v\|_{L^{2,\infty}(\mathbb{R})} h^{2^{-1}+\sigma} \|K(\cdot, \cdot+h)\|_{L^{p,2}(\mathbb{R})} h^{-2^{-1}-\sigma} \|P(\cdot+h) - P(\cdot)\|_{L^{\sigma^{-1},2}(\mathbb{R})} dh \\
& \lesssim \|v\|_{L^{2,\infty}(\mathbb{R})} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1+2\sigma} \|K(\cdot, \cdot+h)\|_{L^{p,2}(\mathbb{R})}^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2\sigma} \|P(\cdot+h) - P(\cdot)\|_{L^{\sigma^{-1},2}(\mathbb{R})}^2 \right)^{1/2} \\
& \lesssim \|v\|_{L^{2,\infty}(\mathbb{R})} \|(-\Delta)^{\sigma/2} K\|_{A_{2,2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2)} \|P\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})}. \tag{II.33}
\end{aligned}$$

We conclude the proof of Lemma II.5  $\square$

From Lemma II.5 we deduce the following result

**Proposition II.1.** *Let  $0 < \sigma < 1/2$  and  $K \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  such that  $(-\Delta)^{\sigma/2} K \in A_{2,2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  and let  $P \in \dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . Then*

$$P\mathcal{T}_K(v) = \mathcal{T}_G(Pv) + \mathcal{G}[v], \tag{II.34}$$

where

$$G(x, y) := P(x)K(x, y)P^t(y) \in A_{p,2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2)$$

for  $p^{-1} = 2^{-1} - \sigma$  and

$$\mathcal{G} : L^{2,\infty}(\mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow L^1(\mathbb{R})$$

continuously and

$$\|\mathcal{G}\|_{L^{2,\infty} \rightarrow L^1} \leq C_\sigma \|(-\Delta)^{\sigma/2} K\|_{A_{2,2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2)} \|P\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})}. \quad \square$$

**Proof of Proposition of II.1.**

We compute  $P\mathcal{T}_K(v)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
P(x)\mathcal{T}_K(v)(x) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} [P(x)K^t(x, y)v(x) + P(x)K(x, y)v(y)] dy \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{R}} [P(y)K^t(x, y)P^t(x)(P(x)v(x)) + P(x)K(x, y)P^t(y)(P(y)v(y))] dy \\
&\quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}} [P(x) - P(y)]K(x, y)^t v(x) dy \\
&= \mathcal{T}_G(Pv)(x) + \int_{\mathbb{R}} [P(x) - P(y)]K(x, y)^t v(x) dy. \tag{II.35}
\end{aligned}$$

We observe that from Lemma II.5 it follows that

$$\mathcal{G}[v](x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} [P(x) - P(y)]K^t(x, y)v(y) dy$$

maps  $L^{2,\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  into  $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ .  $\square$

Following the same argument as in the proof of lemma I.1 we establish



**Lemma II.6. [Lorentz-Besov Compensation for multi-commutators]** *Let  $K$  be a Schwartz Kernel satisfying the anti-self-dual condition (I.11). Under the above notations, for any  $r > 1$ ,  $p > r'$ ,  $q \geq 2$  and  $\sigma > 0$  and  $t \in [1, +\infty]$*

$$\|\mathcal{T}_K(v)\|_{B_{(rp/(p+r),t),q'}^{-(2/q-1+\sigma)}} \leq C \|K\|_{A_{(p,t),q}^{-\sigma}} \|v\|_{L^{r,\infty}}. \quad (\text{II.36})$$

where  $\dot{B}_{(p,t),q}^s(\mathbb{R})$  denotes the usual homogeneous Lorentz-Besov spaces. <sup>4</sup>  $\square$

We are now in position to prove the main theorem of the present work.

### III Proof of theorem I.1.

In order to prove theorem I.1 it suffices to prove the so called ‘‘bootstrap test’’ in some space. From such a test using localization argument from e.g [1, 3] we can prove Morrey type estimates in the chosen space which make the PDE subcritical and the regularity will follow. Precisely we are choosing the space  $L^{2,\infty}$  and we are going to prove the following  $\epsilon$ -type regularity lemma from which the main theorem I.1 can be deduced using the arguments we just described.

**Theorem III.1.** *Let  $K \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^2, M_m(\mathbb{R}))$  and  $0 < \sigma < 1/2$  such that  $(-\Delta)^{\sigma/2}K \in A_{2,2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2, M_m(\mathbb{R}))$  and let  $\omega \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}, M_m(\mathbb{R}))$  such that*

$$\omega(x) - \int_{\mathbb{R}} K^t(x, y) dy \in L^2(\mathbb{R}, so(m)) \quad (\text{III.1})$$

and

$$K(x, y) = -K^t(y, x) \quad (\text{III.2})$$

There exists  $\varepsilon_\sigma > 0$  such that, if

$$\|(-\Delta)^{\sigma/2}K\|_{A_{2,2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2, M_m(\mathbb{R}))} + \left\| \omega(x) - \int_{\mathbb{R}} K^t(x, y) dy \right\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}, so(m))} < \varepsilon_\sigma. \quad (\text{III.3})$$

Then for any  $v \in L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m)$  solving

$$(-\Delta)^{1/4}v = \int_{\mathbb{R}} H(x, y) v(y) dy, \quad (\text{III.4})$$

where  $H(x, y) := K(x, y) + \omega(x) \delta_{x=y}$  we have  $v \equiv 0$ .  $\square$

**Proof of theorem III.1.** Let

$$\Omega := \omega(x) - \int_{\mathbb{R}} K^t(x, y) dy$$

Following [3] we produce  $P \in \dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}, SO(m))$  such that

$$\text{Asym}(P^{-1}(-\Delta)^{1/4}P) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ P^{-1}(-\Delta)^{1/4}P - (-\Delta)^{1/4}(P^{-1})P \right] = -\Omega \quad \text{and} \quad \|P\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|\Omega\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}.$$

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<sup>4</sup>For  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $1 < p < +\infty$ ,  $1 \leq q < +\infty$  and  $t \in [1, +\infty]$  we also denote by  $\dot{B}_{(p,t),q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the homogeneous Lorentz-Besov spaces given by:

$$\dot{B}_{(p,t),q}^s(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ f \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^n) : \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |h|^{-n-sq} \|f(x+h) - f(x)\|_{L^{p,t}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^q dh \right)^{1/q} < +\infty \right\} \quad (\text{II.37})$$

$$(\text{II.38})$$

Recall that we have

$$\|\text{Sym}(P^{-1}(-\Delta)^{1/4}P)\|_{L^{2,1}(\mathbb{R})} = \left\| \frac{1}{2} \left[ P^{-1}(-\Delta)^{1/4}P + (-\Delta)^{1/4}(P^{-1})P \right] \right\|_{L^{2,1}(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|P\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})}^2. \quad (\text{III.5})$$

Multiplying (III.4) by  $P$ , the system can be rewritten in the following form

$$(-\Delta)^{1/4}(Pv) = \mathcal{T}(v, P) + \mathcal{T}_G(v) + \mathcal{G}[v] + P \text{Sym}(P^{-1}(-\Delta)^{1/4}P)v, \quad (\text{III.6})$$

where  $\mathcal{T}$  is the 3-commutator given by (I.2) and where we used proposition II.1. Recall from [3] that

$$\|\mathcal{T}(v, P)\|_{H^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|P\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})} \|v\|_{L^{2,\infty}(\mathbb{R})}. \quad (\text{III.7})$$

Using the following precised version of (I.21) (see e.g. [12])

$$(-\Delta)^{-\sigma/2} : A_{2,2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow A_{2/(1-2\sigma),2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R})$$

lemma II.6 gives

$$\|\mathcal{T}_G(v)\|_{B_{((1-\sigma)^{-1},2),2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|(-\Delta)^{\sigma/2}K\|_{A_{2,2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2, M_m(\mathbb{R}))} \|v\|_{L^{2,\infty}(\mathbb{R})}$$

Observe that for  $\sigma < 1/2$  we have

$$B_{2,2}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}) \hookrightarrow B_{(\sigma,2),2}^{\sigma}(\mathbb{R}) = \left( B_{((1-\sigma)^{-1},2),2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}) \right)'$$

Hence we have

$$\|\mathcal{T}_G(v)\|_{H^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|(-\Delta)^{\sigma/2}K\|_{A_{2,2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2, M_m(\mathbb{R}))} \|v\|_{L^{2,\infty}(\mathbb{R})}. \quad (\text{III.8})$$

Combining (III.6), (III.5), (III.7) and (III.8) we obtain

$$\|v\|_{L^{2,\infty}} \leq \|(-\Delta)^{1/4}(Pv)\|_{H^{-1/2+L^1}} \leq \left[ \|\Omega\|_{L^2} + \|(-\Delta)^{\sigma/2}K\|_{A_{2,2}^{-\sigma}(\mathbb{R}^2, M_m(\mathbb{R}))} \right] \|v\|_{L^{2,\infty}(\mathbb{R})}.$$

For  $\varepsilon_\sigma$  small enough in (III.3) we have  $v \equiv 0$ . This concludes the proof of theorem III.1  $\square$

## IV Estimates of the Schwartz kernels of some commutators

In this last section we are going to generate respectively from  $\mathcal{R} \circ d^{1/2}Q$  and from  $\mathcal{R} \circ d^{1/2}Q \circ \mathcal{R}$  new multi-commutators whose Schwartz Kernels satisfy the assumptions of lemma I.1. Precisely we are proving lemma I.3 and lemma I.4.

### IV.1 Producing multi-commutators from $\mathfrak{R} \circ d^{1/2}Q$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{R}$  denote the Riesz transform on  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$\mathfrak{R}(v)(x) := \frac{1}{\pi} \text{PV} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{v(x) - v(y)}{(x-y)} dy := \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{|x-y| \geq \varepsilon} \frac{v(x) - v(y)}{(x-y)} dy$$

where PV denotes the principal value of the integral.

We are going to investigate what happens if we compose the operator  $d^{1/2}Q$  with the Riesz transform. We will show that we can generate from  $d^{1/2}Q$  new multi-commutators that continue to satisfy Lemma I.1.

To this purpose we compute and estimate the Schwartz Kernels of respectively

$$R^Q := \mathfrak{R} \circ d^{1/2}Q \quad \text{and} \quad L^Q := d^{1/2}Q \circ \mathfrak{R}.$$

We denote

$$T_R^Q := \mathfrak{R} \circ \mathcal{T}_{K_{d^{1/2}Q}} \quad \text{and} \quad T_L^Q := \mathcal{T}_{K_{d^{1/2}Q}} \circ \mathfrak{R}.$$

where we recall

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_{K_{d^{1/2}Q}}(v) &= \left[ Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ Q - (-\Delta)^{1/4}Q \right] v = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{|x - y|^{3/2}} [v(y) + v(x)] dy \\ &= \int_R [K_{d^{1/2}Q}(x, y) v(y) - K_{d^{1/2}Q}(y, x) v(x)] dy \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.1})$$

We denote the corresponding Schwartz Kernels respectively by  $K_{R^Q}$ ,  $K_{L^Q}$ ,  $K_{T_R^Q}$  and  $K_{T_L^Q}$ .

Let  $Q \in \dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}, \text{Sym}_m(\mathbb{R}))$ . Observe that for any  $v$  and  $w$  in  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m)$  we have<sup>5</sup>, using the fact that  $(-\Delta)^{1/4}$  as well as  $\mathfrak{R}$  send real functions into real functions

$$\langle v, (R^Q - L^Q)w \rangle = \left\langle v, \mathfrak{R} \circ (Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - (-\Delta)^{1/4}Q) w \right\rangle \quad (\text{IV.2})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &- \left\langle v, (Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ Q) \circ \mathfrak{R} w \right\rangle \\ &= - \left\langle \mathfrak{R} v, (Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ Q) w \right\rangle - \left\langle ((-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ Q - Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4}) v, \mathfrak{R} w \right\rangle \\ &= - \left\langle ((-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ Q - Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4}) \circ \mathfrak{R} v, w \right\rangle + \left\langle \mathfrak{R} \circ ((-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ Q - Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4}) v, w \right\rangle \\ &= - \left\langle w, \mathfrak{R} \circ (Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ Q) - (Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ Q) \circ \mathfrak{R} v \right\rangle \\ &= - \langle w, (R^Q - L^Q)v \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.3})$$

The estimate (IV.2) implies that  $(R^Q - L^Q)$  is formally anti-self-dual for the  $L^2$  scalar product i.e.

$$(R^Q - L^Q)^* = -(R^Q - L^Q). \quad (\text{IV.4})$$

Translating this identity at the level of Schwartz Kernels give

$$(K_{R^Q} - K_{L^Q})(x, y) = -(K_{R^Q} - K_{L^Q})^t(y, x). \quad (\text{IV.5})$$

We have

$$(R^Q v)(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{(d^{1/2}Q)v(x) - (d^{1/2}Q)v(y)}{x - y} dy, \quad (\text{IV.6})$$

(the integral (IV.6) is always meant in the sense of principal value) and the calculations give

$$K_{R^Q}(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dz}{x - z} \left[ \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{|y - x|^{3/2}} - \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|z - y|^{3/2}} \right]. \quad (\text{IV.7})$$

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<sup>5</sup> $\langle , \rangle$  denotes the  $L^2$  scalar product

On the other hand we have

$$K_{L^Q}(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dz}{y-z} \left[ \frac{Q(x) - Q(z)}{|x-z|^{3/2}} \right]. \quad (\text{IV.8})$$

Since  $Q$  is symmetric clearly we have

$$(K_{R^Q}(x, y))^t = K_{R^Q}(x, y) \quad \text{and similarly} \quad (K_{L^Q}(x, y))^t = K_{L^Q}(x, y). \quad (\text{IV.9})$$

Hence (IV.5) becomes

$$(K_{R^Q} - K_{L^Q})(x, y) = -(K_{R^Q} - K_{L^Q})(y, x). \quad (\text{IV.10})$$

We next prove Lemma I.3. For the simplicity of the presentation we shall restrict to the case  $q = 2$  and we will simply write  $A_p^s$  for  $A_{p,2}^s$ .

We set

$$S_Q(x, y) := K_{R^Q}(x, y) - K_{L^Q}(x, y).$$

A priori  $S_Q(x, y)$  does not belong to the space  $A_p^{-1/2+1/p}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . One has to add to the operator  $R^Q - L^Q$  a suitable quantity in order to have a new kernel satisfying the desired property.

**The search of the term that makes the machinery works is one the most challenging issue.** In this particular case we will see that one can add

$$\mathfrak{R} \circ ((-\Delta)^{1/4} Q) - (\mathfrak{R} \circ ((-\Delta)^{1/4} Q))^* = \mathfrak{R} \circ ((-\Delta)^{1/4} Q) + (-\Delta)^{1/4} Q \circ \mathfrak{R}.$$

We observe that

$$S_Q(x, y) + \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{x-y} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(x) - Q(z)}{|x-z|^{3/2}} \right]$$

is the Schwarz-Kernel of  $T_R^Q - (T_R^Q)^*$ . Actually we have we have also

$$\begin{aligned} T_R^Q v(x) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{(d^{1/2} Q)v(x) - (d^{1/2} Q)v(y)}{x-y} dy - \mathfrak{R} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(\cdot) - Q(z)}{|\cdot - z|^{3/2}} dz v(\cdot) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{(d^{1/2} Q)v(x) - (d^{1/2} Q)v(y)}{x-y} dy - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dy}{x-y} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(x) - Q(z)}{|x-z|^{3/2}} dz v(x) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{x-y} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} dz v(y) dy. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.11})$$

Hence

$$K_{T_R^Q}(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dz}{x-z} \left[ \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{|y-x|^{3/2}} - \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|z-y|^{3/2}} \right] + \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{x-y} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} dz. \quad (\text{IV.12})$$

In particular

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} K_{T_R^Q}(x, y) dy &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dy}{x-y} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(z) - Q(y)}{|z-y|^{3/2}} dz + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dy}{x-y} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} dz \\ &= -2 \mathfrak{R}((-\Delta)^{1/4} Q)(x), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.13})$$

and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} K_{T_R^Q}(x, y) dx = 0. \quad (\text{IV.14})$$

## IV.2 Preliminary estimates of the Kernel of $R^Q - L^Q$

In this section we estimate the kernel

$$S_Q(x, y) + \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{x-y} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(x) - Q(z)}{|x-z|^{3/2}} \right]$$

which is exactly the kernel  $K_{T_R^Q}(x, y) - K_{T_R^Q}(y, x)$  of the operator  $T_R^Q - (T_R^Q)^*$ , in particular we are going to show that it belongs to the functional space  $A_p^{-1/2+1/p}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  for every  $p \geq 2$ .

**Step 1. Estimate of  $K_{T_R^Q}(x, y)$ .**

To that aim we decompose

$$K_{T_R^Q}(x, y) = K_{T_R^Q}^-(x, y) + K_{T_R^Q}^1(x, y) + K_{T_R^Q}^+(x, y)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} K_{T_R^Q}^-(x, y) &:= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{2|x-z| < |x-y|} \frac{dz}{x-z} \left[ \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{|y-x|^{3/2}} - \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|z-y|^{3/2}} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{x-y} \int_{2|x-z| < |x-y|} \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} dz \\ K_{T_R^Q}^+(x, y) &:= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{2|x-y| < |x-z|} \frac{dz}{x-z} \left[ \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{|y-x|^{3/2}} - \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|z-y|^{3/2}} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{x-y} \int_{2|x-y| < |x-z|} \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} dz \end{aligned}$$

**Estimate of  $\pi K_{T_R^Q}^-(x, y)$**

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi K_{T_R^Q}^-(x, y) &= \int_{2|x-z| < |x-y|} \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{x-z} \left[ \frac{1}{|y-x|^{3/2}} - \frac{1}{|z-y|^{3/2}} \right] dz \\ &\quad + \int_{2|x-z| < |x-y|} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x-z} \frac{dz}{|z-y|^{3/2}} + \frac{1}{x-y} \int_{2|x-z| < |x-y|} \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} dz. \end{aligned} \tag{IV.15}$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \pi K_{T_R^Q}^-(x, y) - \int_{2|x-z| < |x-y|} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x-z} \frac{dz}{|x-y|^{3/2}} \right| \\ &\leq |Q(y) - Q(x)| \int_{2|x-z| < |x-y|} \frac{1}{|x-z|} \frac{1}{|y-x|^{3/2}} \frac{|x-z|}{|x-y|} dz \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{|x-y|^{3/2}} \int_{2|x-z| < |x-y|} \frac{|Q(z) - Q(x)|}{|x-z|} \left| 1 - \frac{1}{\left| 1 + \frac{z-x}{x-y} \right|^{3/2}} \right| dz \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{|x-y|^{5/2}} \int_{2|x-z| < |x-y|} |Q(y) - Q(z)| dz. \end{aligned} \tag{IV.16}$$

Using the inequality of  $\left|1 - \frac{1}{\left|1 + \frac{z-x}{x-y}\right|^{3/2}}\right| \leq C \left|\frac{z-x}{x-y}\right|$  in the range  $|x-y| > 2|x-z|$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \pi K_{T_R}^-(x, y) - \int_{2|x-z| < |x-y|} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x-z} \frac{dz}{|x-y|^{3/2}} \right| &\lesssim \left[ \frac{|Q(y) - Q(x)|}{|x-y|^{3/2}} \right. \\ &\left. + \frac{1}{|x-y|^{5/2}} \int_{2|x-z| < |x-y|} [ |Q(x) - Q(z)| + |Q(y) - Q(z)| ] dz \right] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.17})$$

**Estimate of  $\pi K_{T_R}^+(x, y)$ .** We use the fact that

$$\int_{2|x-y| < |x-z|} \frac{dz}{x-z} \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{|y-x|^{3/2}} = 0 \quad , \quad (\text{IV.18})$$

and

$$\{2|x-y| < |x-z|\} \subseteq \{|x-y| < |y-z|\}.$$

We write

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \pi K_{T_R}^+(x, y) \right| &= \left| \int_{2|x-y| < |x-z|} \frac{dz}{x-z} \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|z-y|^{3/2}} + \frac{1}{x-y} \int_{2|x-y| < |x-z|} \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|z-y|^{3/2}} dz \right| \\ &\lesssim \int_{|x-y| < |y-z|} \frac{dz}{|x-z|} \frac{|Q(y) - Q(z)|}{|z-y|^{3/2}} + \frac{1}{x-y} \int_{|x-y| < |y-z|} \frac{|Q(y) - Q(z)|}{|z-y|^{3/2}} dz \\ &\lesssim \int_{|v| > |x-y|} \frac{1}{|v| \left[1 + \frac{|x-y|}{|v|}\right]} \frac{|Q(y) - Q(y+v)|}{|v|^{3/2}} dv \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{|x-y|} \int_{|v| > |x-y|} \frac{|Q(y) - Q(y+v)|}{|v|^{3/2}} dv. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.19})$$

**Estimate of  $\pi K_{T_R}^1(x, y)$**

We have  $\pi K_{T_R}^1(x, y) = \pi K_{T_R}^{1,+}(x, y) + \pi K_{T_R}^{1,-}(x, y)$  where

$$\begin{aligned} \pi K_{T_R}^{1,-}(x, y) &= - \int_{\{2|y-z| < |x-z|\} \cap \{2^{-1}|x-y| < |x-z| < 2|x-y|\}} \frac{dz}{x-z} \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|z-y|^{3/2}} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{x-y} \int_{\{2|y-z| < |x-z|\} \cap \{2^{-1}|x-y| < |x-z| < 2|x-y|\}} \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|z-y|^{3/2}} dz \quad , \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \pi K_{T_R}^{1,+}(x, y) &= \int_{\{|x-z| < 2|y-z|\} \cap \{2^{-1}|x-y| < |x-z| < 2|x-y|\}} \frac{dz}{x-z} \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{|y-x|^{3/2}} \\ &\quad - \int_{\{|x-z| < 2|y-z|\} \cap \{2^{-1}|x-y| < |x-z| < 2|x-y|\}} \frac{dz}{x-z} \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|z-y|^{3/2}} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{x-y} \int_{\{|x-z| < 2|y-z|\} \cap \{2^{-1}|x-y| < |x-z| < 2|x-y|\}} \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|z-y|^{3/2}} dz. \end{aligned}$$

We have obviously

$$\left| \pi K_{T_R^Q}^{1,+}(x, y) \right| \leq C \frac{|Q(x) - Q(y)|}{|x - y|^{3/2}} + C |x - y|^{-5/2} \int_{2^{-1}|x-y| \leq |x-z| \leq 2|x-y|} |Q(y) - Q(z)| dz \quad , \quad (\text{IV.20})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |\pi K_{T_R^Q}^{1,-}(x, y)| &= \left| \int_{2|y-z| < |x-z|} \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|z - y|^{3/2}} \left[ -\frac{1}{x - z} + \frac{1}{x - y} \right] dz \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|x - y|^2} \int_{2|y-z| < |x-z|} \left| \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|z - y|^{1/2}} \right|. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.21})$$

**Step 2: Estimate of  $\pi(K_{T_R^Q}(x, y) - K_{T_R^Q}(y, x))$**

In (IV.17) we have subtracted  $\int_{2|x-z| < |x-y|} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}}$ . Since we are considering  $\pi(K_{T_R^Q}(x, y) - K_{T_R^Q}(y, x))$  this means that we have to estimate

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{2|x-z| < |x-y|} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} - \int_{2|y-z| < |x-y|} \frac{Q(z) - Q(y)}{y - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} \\ &= -\frac{\Re Q(x)}{|x - y|^{3/2}} + \frac{\Re Q(y)}{|x - y|^{3/2}} \\ &\quad - \int_{2|x-z| > |x-y|} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} + \int_{2|y-z| > |x-y|} \frac{Q(z) - Q(y)}{x - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.22})$$

Therefore we first estimate

$$\left| \underbrace{\int_{2|x-z| > |x-y|} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}}}_{(1)} - \underbrace{\int_{2|y-z| > |x-y|} \frac{Q(z) - Q(y)}{y - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}}}_{(2)} \right|$$

We define the following sets:

$$A_1 := \{2^{-1}|x - y| \leq |x - z| < 2|x - y|\}, \quad A_2 := \{2|x - y| < |x - z|, |x - y| < |y - z| < 2|x - y|\}$$

and

$$A_3 = B_3 := \{|z - x| > 2|x - y|, |z - y| > 2|x - y|\}$$

and in a similar way

$$B_1 := \{2^{-1}|x - y| \leq |y - z| < 2|x - y|\} \quad B_2 := \{2|x - y| < |y - z|, |x - y| < |x - z| < 2|x - y|\} \quad ,$$

We split (1) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{2|x-z| > |x-y|} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} = \int_{A_1} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} \\ &+ \int_{A_2} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} + \int_{A_3} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.23})$$

The following estimates hold:

$$\left| \int_{A_1} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} \right| \lesssim |x - y|^{-5/2} \int_{A_1} |Q(z) - Q(x)| dz. \quad (\text{IV.24})$$

$$\left| \int_{A_2} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} \right| \lesssim \left| \int_{A_2} \left[ \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x - z} - \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{x - z} \right] \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} \right| \quad (\text{IV.25})$$

$$\lesssim \frac{1}{|x - y|^{3/2}} \int_{2|x-y| > |y-z|} \frac{|Q(z) - Q(y)|}{|y - z|} dz.$$

In an analogous way we find for (2) the following:

$$\left| \int_{B_1} \frac{Q(z) - Q(y)}{y - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} \right| \lesssim |x - y|^{-5/2} \int_{B_1} |Q(z) - Q(y)| dz. \quad (\text{IV.26})$$

$$\left| \int_{B_2} \frac{Q(z) - Q(y)}{x - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} \right| \lesssim \left| \int_{B_2} \left[ \frac{Q(z) - Q(y)}{y - z} - \frac{Q(x) - Q(y)}{y - z} \right] \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} \right|$$

$$\lesssim \frac{1}{|x - y|^{3/2}} \int_{2|x-y| > |x-z|} \frac{|Q(z) - Q(x)|}{|x - z|} dz. \quad (\text{IV.27})$$

In order to estimate  $\int_{A_3} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}}$  we need to put it together with  $\int_{A_3} \frac{Q(z) - Q(y)}{y - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}}$ , which is a sort of **compensation effect**.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{A_3} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} - \int_{A_3} \frac{Q(z) - Q(y)}{y - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{A_3} Q(z) - Q(x) \left[ \frac{1}{x - z} - \frac{1}{y - z} \right] \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} \right| \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.28})$$

$$\lesssim \frac{1}{|x - y|^{5/2}} \int_{|x-z| > 2|x-y|, |y-z| > 2|x-y|} |Q(z) - Q(x)| dz.$$



Combining (IV.15)-(IV.28) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \pi(K_{T_R^Q}(x, y) - K_{T_R^Q}(y, x)) \right| \lesssim \frac{|Q(x) - Q(y)|}{|x - y|^{3/2}} + \frac{|\Re Q(x) - \Re Q(y)|}{|x - y|^{3/2}} \\
& + \left| \int_{2|x-z| > |x-y|} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} - \int_{2|x-z| > |x-y|} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x - z} \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} \right| \\
& + |x - y|^{-5/2} \int_{2^{-1}|x-y| \leq |x-z| \leq 2|x-y|} |Q(y) - Q(z)| dz \\
& + |x - y|^{-5/2} \int_{2^{-1}|x-y| \leq |y-z| \leq 2|x-y|} |Q(x) - Q(z)| dz \\
& + \frac{1}{|x - y|^{5/2}} \int_{2|x-z| < |x-y|} |Q(x) - Q(z)| dz + \frac{1}{|x - y|^{5/2}} \int_{2|y-z| < |x-y|} |Q(y) - Q(z)| dz \quad (\text{IV.29}) \\
& + \frac{1}{|x - y|^2} \left[ \int_{2|y-z| < |x-z|} \left| \frac{Q(y) - Q(z)}{|z - y|^{1/2}} \right| dz + \int_{2|x-z| < |y-z|} \left| \frac{Q(x) - Q(z)}{|z - x|^{1/2}} \right| dz \right] \\
& + \int_{|x-z| \geq 2|x-y|} \left| \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x - z} - \frac{Q(z) - Q(y)}{y - z} \right| \frac{dz}{|x - y|^{3/2}} \\
& + \int_{|v| > |x-y|} \frac{1}{|v| \left[ 1 + \frac{|x-y|}{|v|} \right]} \left[ \frac{|Q(y) - Q(y+v)|}{|v|^{3/2}} + \frac{|Q(x) - Q(x+v)|}{|v|^{3/2}} \right] dv \\
& + \frac{1}{|x - y|} \int_{|v| > |x-y|} \left[ \frac{|Q(y) - Q(y+v)|}{|v|^{3/2}} + \frac{|Q(x) - Q(x+v)|}{|v|^{3/2}} \right] dv.
\end{aligned}$$

Using (IV.29) we shall now prove lemma I.3 which is the goal of the present subsection. We aim at proving that

$$\mathfrak{S}^Q(x, y) := K_{T_R^Q}(x, y) - K_{T_R^Q}(y, x) \quad (\text{IV.30})$$

satisfies for any  $p > 2$  the following bound

$$\|\mathfrak{S}^Q(x, y)\|_{A_{p,2}^{-1/2+1/p}} = \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \|\mathfrak{S}^Q(\cdot, \cdot + h)\|_p^2 dh \right]^{1/2} \leq C_p \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})}. \quad (\text{IV.31})$$

The estimates (IV.31) will imply that  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathfrak{S}^Q}$  defines an **abstract multi-commutator** satisfying the compensation property of lemma I.1. It is explicitly given by<sup>6</sup>

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{T}_{\mathfrak{S}^Q} &= \Re \circ (Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ Q - (-\Delta)^{1/4} Q) \\
&\quad - (Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ Q - (-\Delta)^{1/4} Q) \circ \Re \\
&\quad - 2(-\Delta)^{1/4} Q \circ \Re - 2\Re \circ ((-\Delta)^{1/4} Q).
\end{aligned}$$

<sup>6</sup>We are using (IV.13) and (IV.14). In particular we have that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathfrak{S}^Q(y, x) dy = \langle T_R^Q - (T_R^Q)^*(x), 1 \rangle = -2\Re \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} Q.$$

**Proof of Lemma I.3.** We bound the  $A_{p,2}^{-1/2+1/p}$  norm of each terms in the r.h.s. of (IV.29). We first have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{|Q(x) - Q(x+h)|^p}{|h|^{3p/2}} dx \right]^{2/p} dh &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dh}{h^{1+2/p}} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot+h)\|_{L^p}^2 \\ &= \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}(\mathbb{R})}^2 \leq C_p \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.32})$$

We have also

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{|\Re Q(x) - \Re Q(x+h)|^p}{|h|^{3p/2}} \right]^{2/p} dh &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dh}{h^{1+2/p}} \|\Re Q(\cdot) - \Re Q(\cdot+h)\|_{L^p}^2 \\ &= \|\Re Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}(\mathbb{R})}^2 \leq C_p \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}(\mathbb{R})}^2 \leq C_p \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.33})$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-5p/2} \left| \int_{2^{-1}|h| \leq |x-z| \leq 2|h|} |Q(x) - Q(z)| dz \right|^p dx \right]^{2/p} dh \\ \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-3-2/p} \left\| \int_{1/2}^2 |Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot+th)| |h| dt \right\|_{L^p}^2 dh \\ \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left[ \int_{1/2}^2 \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot+th)\|_{L^p} dt \right]^2 dh \\ \leq 2 \int_{1/2}^2 dt \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot+th)\|_{L^p}^2 dh \\ \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot+h)\|_{L^p}^2 dh \leq C_p \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}(\mathbb{R})}^2 \leq C_p \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.34})$$

where we have used successively *Minkowski integral inequality* and *Cauchy Schwartz inequality*.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} |h|^{-2p} \left| \int_{2|x+h-z| < |x-z|} \frac{|Q(x+h) - Q(z)|}{|x+h-z|^{1/2}} dz \right|^p dx \right]^{2/p} dh \\ \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} |h|^{-2p} \left| \int_{|th| < |h|} \frac{|Q(x+h) - Q(x+h+th)|}{|th|^{1/2}} d(th) \right|^p dx \right]^{2/p} dh \\ \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t}} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot+th)\|_{L^p} \right]^2 dh \\ \leq \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{t^{1/2-2/p}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (th)^{-1-2/p} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot+th)\|_{L^p}^2 d(th) \leq C_p \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}(\mathbb{R})}^2 \leq C_p \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.35})$$

We have also

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left\| h^{-5/2} \int_{2|x-z| < |h|} |Q(x) - Q(z)| dz \right\|_{L^p}^2 dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-3-2/p} \left\| \int_0^{1/2} |Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot + th)| |h| dt \right\|_{L^p}^2 dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left[ \int_0^{1/2} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot + th)\|_{L^p} dt \right]^2 dh \\
& \leq \int_0^{1/2} dt \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot + th)\|_{L^p}^2 dh \\
& \leq \int_0^{1/2} t^{2/p} dt \int_{\mathbb{R}} (th)^{-1-2/p} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot + th)\|_{L^p}^2 d(th) \\
& \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot + h)\|_{L^p}^2 dh \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}(\mathbb{R})}^2 \leq C \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{IV.36}$$

Using the fact that

$$\int_{2|y-z| \geq |h|} \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{y - z} dz = 0 \tag{IV.37}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left\| h^{-3/2} \int_{|x-z| \geq 2|h|} \left| \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x-z} - \frac{Q(z) - Q(x+h)}{x+h-z} \right| dz \right\|_{L^p}^2 dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left\| \int_{|x-z| \geq 2|h|} |Q(z) - Q(x)| \left[ \frac{1}{x-z} - \frac{1}{x+h-z} \right] dz \right\|_{L^p}^2 dh \\
& \quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-5p/2} \left| \int_{2^{-1}|h| \leq |x-z| \leq 2|h|} |Q(x) - Q(z)| dz \right|^p dx \right]^{2/p} dh
\end{aligned} \tag{IV.38}$$

The second term of the right-hand side of (IV.38) has already be controlled in (IV.34). Hence we bound

now

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left\| \int_{|x-z| \geq 2|h|} \left| Q(z) - Q(x) \left[ \frac{1}{x-z} - \frac{1}{x+h-z} \right] \right| dz \right\|_{L^p}^2 dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left\| \int_{|x-z| \geq 2|h|} |Q(z) - Q(x)| \frac{|h|}{|x-z|^2} dz \right\|_{L^p}^2 dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left\| \int_{|t| \geq 2|h|} |Q(x+th) - Q(x)| \frac{|h|}{|th|^2} d(th) \right\|_{L^p}^2 dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left[ \int_2^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2} \|Q(x+th) - Q(x)\|_{L^p} \right]^2 dh \tag{IV.39} \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \int_2^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{5/2}} \|Q(x+th) - Q(x)\|_{L^p}^2 dh \int_2^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{3/2}} \\
& \leq C \int_2^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{5/2-2/p}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (th)^{-1-2/p} \|Q(x+th) - Q(x)\|_{L^p}^2 d(th) \\
& \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}(\mathbb{R})}^2 \leq C \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Combining (IV.38), (IV.34) and (IV.39) we finally obtain

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left\| h^{-3/2} \int_{|x-z| \geq 2|h|} \left| \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{x-z} - \frac{Q(z) - Q(x+h)}{x+h-z} \right| dz \right\|_{L^p}^2 dh \leq C \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})}^2. \tag{IV.40}$$

To conclude the proof of lemma I.3 we have to bound

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|v| > |h|} \frac{1}{|v| \left[ 1 + \frac{|h|}{|v|} \right]} \frac{|Q(y) - Q(y+v)|}{|v|^{3/2}} dv \right|^p dx \right)^{2/p} dh \\
& + \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|v| > |h|} \frac{1}{|v| \left[ 1 + \frac{|h|}{|v|} \right]} \frac{|Q(x) - Q(x+v)|}{|v|^{3/2}} dv \right|^p dx \right)^{2/p} dh. \tag{IV.41}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|v| > |h|} \frac{1}{|h|} \frac{|Q(y) - Q(y+v)|}{|v|^{3/2}} dv \right|^p dx \right)^{2/p} dh \\
& + \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|v| > |h|} \frac{1}{|h|} \frac{|Q(x) - Q(x+v)|}{|v|^{3/2}} dv \right|^p dx \right)^{2/p} dh. \tag{IV.42}
\end{aligned}$$

We are going to estimate only the first term in (IV.41) (the other terms can be estimated in a similar

way). Let fix  $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2 - 1/p$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|v|>|h|} \frac{1}{|v| \left[1 + \frac{|h|}{|v|}\right]} \frac{|Q(y) - Q(y+v)|}{|v|^{3/2}} dv \right|^p dx \right)^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{t>1} \frac{1}{|th| \left[1 + \frac{|h|}{|th|}\right]} \frac{|Q(x+h) - Q(x+(t+1)h)|}{|th|^{3/2}} |h| dt \right|^p dx \right)^{2/p} dh \\
& = \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{t>1} \frac{1}{|t| \left[1 + \frac{1}{|t|}\right]} \frac{|Q(x') - Q(x'+th)|}{|t|^{3/2}} dt \right|^p dx' \right)^{2/p} dh \\
& \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left( \int_{t>1} t^{-3/2} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot + th)\|_{L^p} \right)^2 dh \tag{IV.43} \\
& \lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left( \int_{t>1} t^{-1-2\varepsilon} dt \right) \int_{t>1} t^{-2+2\varepsilon} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot + th)\|_{L^p}^2 dt \\
& \lesssim \left( \int_{t>1} t^{-2+2\varepsilon} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} (th)^{-1-2/p} t^{1+2/p} t^{-1} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot + th)\|_{L^p}^2 d(ht) \right) dt \right) \\
& = \left( \int_{t>1} t^{-2+2\varepsilon+2/p} dt \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} (th)^{-1-2/p} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot + th)\|_{L^p}^2 d(ht) \right) \right) \\
& \lesssim C_p \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}(\mathbb{R})}^2 \leq C_p \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})}^2 .
\end{aligned}$$

We observe that the integral  $\int_{t>1} t^{-2+2\varepsilon-2/p} dt$  in (IV.43) converges since  $\varepsilon < 1/2 - 1/p$ .

Combining (IV.29), (IV.32), (IV.33), (IV.34), (IV.35), (IV.36), (IV.40) and (IV.41)-(IV.43) we obtain (IV.31) and lemma I.3 is proved  $\square$

**Remark IV.1.** We already knew that  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathfrak{S}^Q}$  is a multi-commutator since it is given by

$$\mathfrak{R} \circ \mathcal{T}_{K_{d^{1/2}Q}} - \mathcal{T}_{K_{d^{1/2}Q}} \circ \mathfrak{R} - \underbrace{2(-\Delta)^{1/4}Q \circ \mathfrak{R} - 2\mathfrak{R} \circ ((-\Delta)^{1/4}Q)}_{(1)}$$

and (1) maps  $L^2$  into the Hardy space  $\mathcal{H}^1(\mathbb{R})$  since for  $f, g \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  one has the Coifman-Rochberg-Weiss commutator

$$\|f \mathfrak{R}(g) + \mathfrak{R}(f)g\|_{\mathcal{H}^1(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|f\|_{L^2} \|g\|_{L^2}.$$

Nevertheless, the information provided by (IV.31) and the  $A_{p,2}^s$  bound is new and in particular, thanks to lemma I.2, it permits to generate new multi-commutators. Indeed, for any function  $P(x) \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \text{Sym}_m)$  we still have obviously

$$\|P(x) \mathfrak{S}^Q(x, y)\|_{A_p^{-1/2+1/p}} \leq C_p \|P\|_\infty \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})}.$$

If then one considers

$$W(x, y) := P(x) \mathfrak{S}^Q(x, y) - (P(y) \mathfrak{S}^Q(y, x))^t = P(x) \mathfrak{S}^Q(x, y) + \mathfrak{S}^Q(x, y) P(y)$$

this generates obviously a new multi-commutator  $\square$

As a matter of illustration of the previous remark, starting from

$$P(x) K_{d^{1/2}Q}(x, y) = P(x) \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{|x - y|^{3/2}},$$

one considers

$$P(x) \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{|x - y|^{3/2}} + \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{|x - y|^{3/2}} P(y)$$

which is the Schwarz kernel of

$$P \circ d^{1/2} Q + d^{1/2} Q \circ P$$

We compute  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} P(x) \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{|x - y|^{3/2}} + \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{|x - y|^{3/2}} P(y)$  which is given by

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} P(x) \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{|x - y|^{3/2}} dy + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(y) - Q(x)}{|x - y|^{3/2}} P(y) dy \\ &= -P(x) (-\Delta)^{1/4} Q + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(y) P(y) - Q(x) P(x) + Q(x) P(x) - Q(x) P(y)}{|x - y|^{3/2}} dy \\ &= -P (-\Delta)^{1/4} Q - (-\Delta)^{1/4} (QP) + Q (-\Delta)^{1/4} P \end{aligned}$$

Then we deduce the following lemma

**Lemma IV.1.** *Let  $Q \in \dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}, \text{Sym}_m)$  and  $P(x) \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, \text{Sym}_m)$  then the following operator*

$$\begin{aligned} V_{P,Q} &:= (PQ) \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - P \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ Q \\ &+ Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ P - (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ (QP) - P (-\Delta)^{1/4} Q - (-\Delta)^{1/4} (QP) + Q (-\Delta)^{1/4} P. \end{aligned}$$

is mapping continuously  $L^2$  into  $B_{2p/(p+2),2}^{-1/2+1/p}$  for any  $2 < p$ . Since  $B_{2p/(p+2),2}^{-1/2+1/p} \hookrightarrow H^{-1/2}$  we have in particular for any  $v \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$

$$\|V_{P,Q}(v)\|_{H^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|P\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R})} \|Q\|_{\dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})} \|v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}. \quad (\text{IV.44})$$

### IV.3 Generating multi-commutators from $\mathfrak{R} \circ d^{1/2} Q \circ \mathfrak{R}$ .

In this section we are going to generate a multi-commutator starting from  $\mathfrak{R} \circ d^{1/2} Q \circ \mathfrak{R}$ .

Let  $Q \in \dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R})$  we consider

$$\mathfrak{R}_Q := \mathfrak{R} \circ Q \circ \mathfrak{R}$$

We have

$$\mathfrak{R}_Q(v)(x) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(z)}{(x - z)(z - y)} dz v(y) dy \quad (\text{IV.45})$$

We shall denote for  $x \neq y$

$$\mathcal{R}_Q(x, y) := \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(z)}{(x - z)(z - y)} dz, \quad (\text{IV.46})$$

where we observe first that

$$\mathcal{R}_Q(x, y) = \mathcal{R}_Q(y, x), \quad (\text{IV.47})$$

and, for  $x < y$ ,

$$0 = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R} \setminus B_\varepsilon(x) \cup B_\varepsilon(y)} \frac{dz}{(x - z)(z - y)} = 2 \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{(-\infty, (x+y)/2) \setminus B_\varepsilon(x)} \frac{dz}{(x - z)(z - y)}. \quad (\text{IV.48})$$

We have indeed

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{(-\varepsilon^{-1}, (x+y)/2) \setminus B_\varepsilon(x)} \frac{dz}{(x - z)(z - y)} = \frac{1}{x - y} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{(-\varepsilon^{-1}, (x+y)/2) \setminus B_\varepsilon(x)} \left[ \frac{1}{x - z} + \frac{1}{z - y} \right] dz = 0, \quad (\text{IV.49})$$

and hence, the singular integral (IV.46) has to be understood in the following sense for  $x < y$  (analogous considerations hold for  $x > y$ ):

$$\mathcal{R}_Q(x, y) := \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{z < (x+y)/2} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{(x-z)(z-y)} dz + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{z > (x+y)/2} \frac{Q(z) - Q(y)}{(x-z)(z-y)} dz. \quad (\text{IV.50})$$

We shall now compute and estimate the Schwartz Kernel associated to

$$\mathfrak{R}_{d^{1/2}Q} := d^{1/2}\mathfrak{R}_Q = \mathfrak{R}_Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ \mathfrak{R}_Q.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} d^{1/2}\mathfrak{R}_Q(v)(x) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{R}_Q(x, y) \frac{v(y) - v(z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} dy dz \\ &\quad - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dz}{|z-x|^{3/2}} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{R}_Q(x, y) v(y) dy - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{R}_Q(z, y) v(y) dy \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.51})$$

Hence the corresponding Schwartz Kernel is equal to

$$\mathcal{R}_{d^{1/2}Q}(x, y) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(x, y) - \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} dz + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(y, z) - \mathcal{R}_Q(y, x)}{|x-z|^{3/2}} dz. \quad (\text{IV.52})$$

We set  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h}$  and we decompose

$$\mathcal{R}_{d^{1/2}Q}(x, x+h) = \mathcal{R}_{d^{1/2}Q}^+(x, x+h) + \mathcal{R}_{d^{1/2}Q}^{1,+}(x, x+h) + \mathcal{R}_{d^{1/2}Q}^{1,-}(x, x+h) + \mathcal{R}_{d^{1/2}Q}^-(x, x+h) \quad ,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_{d^{1/2}Q}^+(x, y) &:= \mathcal{R}_Q(x, y) \int_{2|h| < |x-z|} \left[ \frac{1}{|y-z|^{3/2}} - \frac{1}{|x-z|^{3/2}} \right] dz \\ &\quad - \int_{2|h| < |x-z|} \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(x, z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} dz + \int_{2|h| < |x-z|} \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(y, z)}{|x-z|^{3/2}} dz \quad , \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\mathcal{R}_{d^{1/2}Q}^-(x, y) := \int_{2|x-z| < |h|} \left[ \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(x, y) - \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} \right] dz + \int_{2|x-z| < |h|} \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(y, z) - \mathcal{R}_Q(y, x)}{|x-z|^{3/2}} dz \quad ,$$

and

$$\mathcal{R}_{d^{1/2}Q}^{1,+}(x, y) := \int_{2|y-z| < |h| \simeq |x-z|} \left[ \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(x, y) - \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} \right] dz + \int_{2|y-z| < |h| \simeq |x-z|} \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(y, z) - \mathcal{R}_Q(y, x)}{|x-z|^{3/2}} dz \quad ,$$

and

$$\mathcal{R}_{d^{1/2}Q}^{1,-}(x, y) := \int_{|y-z| \simeq |h| \simeq |x-z|} \left[ \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(x, y) - \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} \right] dz + \int_{|y-z| \simeq |h| \simeq |x-z|} \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(y, z) - \mathcal{R}_Q(y, x)}{|x-z|^{3/2}} dz.$$

### 1. We first bound $\|\mathcal{R}_{d^{1/2}Q}^+\|_{\mathbf{A}_p^{-1/2+1/p}}$

**Lemma IV.2.** *Under the above notations one has*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \|\mathcal{R}_{d^{1/2}Q}^+(\cdot, \cdot + h)\|_p^2 dh \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2. \quad (\text{IV.53})$$

□

**Proof of lemma IV.2.** To that aim we estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\mathcal{R}_Q(x, x+h)|^p \left| \int_{2|h| < |x-z|} \left[ \frac{1}{|x+h-z|^{3/2}} - \frac{1}{|x-z|^{3/2}} \right] dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\mathcal{R}_Q(x, x+h)|^p \left| \int_{2|h| < |x-z|} \frac{|h|}{|x-z|^{5/2}} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\mathcal{R}_Q(x, x+h)|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh.
\end{aligned} \tag{IV.54}$$

We shall now prove the following intermediate lemma

**Lemma IV.3.** *Under the previous notations one has*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\mathcal{R}_Q(x, x+h)|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2. \tag{IV.55}$$

□

**Proof of lemma IV.3.**

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\mathcal{R}_Q(x, x+h)|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{z < x+h/2} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{(x-z)(z-x-h)} dz + \int_{z > x+h/2} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x+h)}{(x-z)(z-x-h)} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{\frac{2}{p}} dh \\
& \leq \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{x-h/2 < z < x+h/2} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{(x-z)(z-x-h)} dz \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + \int_{x+h-h/2 < z < x+3h/2} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x+h)}{(x-z)(z-x-h)} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{\frac{2}{p}} dh \\
& + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{z < x-h/2} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{(x-z)(z-x-h)} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{\frac{2}{p}} dh \\
& + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{x+3h/2 < z} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x+h)}{(x-z)(z-x-h)} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{\frac{2}{p}} dh.
\end{aligned} \tag{IV.56}$$



We have on one hand, denoting  $y := x + h$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{x-h/2 < z < x+h/2} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{(x-z)(z-y)} dz + \int_{y-h/2 < z < y+h/2} \frac{Q(z) - Q(y)}{(x-z)(z-y)} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{\frac{2}{p}} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-\frac{2}{p}} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{x-h/2 < z < x+h/2} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{(z-x)} dz - \int_{y-h/2 < z < y+h/2} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x+h)}{(z-y)} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{\frac{2}{p}} dh \\
& + \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-\frac{2}{p}} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{x-h/2 < z < x+h/2} \frac{|Q(z) - Q(x)|}{|h|} dz + \int_{y-h/2 < z < y+h/2} \frac{|Q(z) - Q(y)|}{|h|} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{\frac{2}{p}} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\Re(Q)(x) - \Re(Q)(x+h)|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& + \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{\{z < x-h/2\} \cup \{x+3h/2 < z\}} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{(z-x)} - \frac{Q(z) - Q(x+h)}{(z-x-h)} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& + \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|t| < 1/2} |Q(x+th) - Q(x)| dt + \int_{|t| < 1/2} |Q(y+th) - Q(y)| dt \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \pi^2 \|\Re(Q)\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left| \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \|Q(x+th) - Q(x)\|_{L^p} + \|Q(x+h+th) - Q(x+h)\|_{L^p} dt \right|^2 dh \\
& + \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{\{z < x-h/2\} \cup \{y+h/2 < z\}} h \frac{Q(x) - Q(z)}{(z-x)(z-y)} - \frac{Q(x) - Q(y)}{(z-y)} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh.
\end{aligned} \tag{IV.57}$$

Using the fact that

$$\int_{\{z < x-h/2\} \cup \{x+3h/2 < z\}} \frac{dz}{z-x-h} = \int_{h/2 < u < 3h/2} \frac{du}{u} = \log 3, \tag{IV.58}$$

we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{x-h/2 < z < x+h/2} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{(x-z)(z-y)} dz + \int_{y-h/2 < z < y+h/2} \frac{Q(z) - Q(y)}{(x-z)(z-y)} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{\frac{2}{p}} dh \\
& \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{\{t < -1/2\} \cup \{3/2 < t\}} |Q(x) - Q(x+th)| \frac{dt}{|t||t-1|} \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{IV.59}$$

Now we treat the two last terms of the r.h.s. of (IV.56). First we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{z < x-h/2} \frac{Q(z) - Q(x)}{(x-z)(z-x-h)} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} dx \left| \int_{t > 1/2} \frac{Q(x) - Q(x+th)}{t(1+t)} dt \right|^p \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \left| \int_{t > 1/2} \frac{dt}{t(1+t)} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot + th)\|_p \right|^2 dh \\
& \leq C \int_{t > 1/2} \frac{dt}{t(1+t)} \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{-1-2/p} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot + th)\|_p^2 dh \\
& \leq C \int_{t > 1/2} \frac{t^{2/p}}{t(1+t)} dt \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2 = C' \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{IV.60}$$

We treat the last term of the r.h.s. of (IV.56) in a similar way and we establish the lemma IV.3  $\square$

### Continuation of the proof of Lemma IV.2.

Combining (IV.54) and (IV.60) we have then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\mathcal{R}_Q(x, x+h)|^p \left| \int_{2|h| < |x-z|} \left[ \frac{1}{|x+h-z|^{3/2}} - \frac{1}{|x-z|^{3/2}} \right] dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{IV.61}$$

We have now

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{2|h| < |x-z|} \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(x, z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} - \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(y, z)}{|x-z|^{3/2}} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{2|h| < |x-z|} \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z) \left[ \frac{1}{|y-z|^{3/2}} - \frac{1}{|x-z|^{3/2}} \right] dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& + 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{2|h| < |x-z|} \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(y, z) - \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z)}{|x-z|^{3/2}} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh.
\end{aligned} \tag{IV.62}$$

We have first

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{2|h|<|x-z|} \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z) \left[ \frac{1}{|y-z|^{3/2}} - \frac{1}{|x-z|^{3/2}} \right] dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{2|h|<|x-z|} |\mathcal{R}_Q(x, z)| \frac{|h|}{|x-z|^{5/2}} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1-2/p} \left\| \int_2^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{5/2}} |\mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, \cdot + th)| \right\|_p^2 dh \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1-2/p} \left[ \int_2^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{5/2}} \|\mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, \cdot + th)\|_p \right]^2 dh \quad (\text{IV.63}) \\
& \leq C \int_2^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{5/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1-2/p} \|\mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, \cdot + th)\|_p^2 dh \\
& \leq C \int_2^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{5/2+2-2/p}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (th)^{1-2/p} \|\mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, \cdot + th)\|_p^2 d(th) \\
& \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}} |h|^{1-2/p} \|\mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, \cdot + h)\|_p^2 dh.
\end{aligned}$$

Combining (IV.54)...(IV.63) we obtain that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{2|h|<|x-z|} \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z) \left[ \frac{1}{|y-z|^{3/2}} - \frac{1}{|x-z|^{3/2}} \right] dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2. \quad (\text{IV.64})$$

We have also

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{2|h|<|x-z|} \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z) \frac{1}{|x-z|^{3/2}} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1-2/p} \left\| \int_2^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{3/2}} |\mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, \cdot + th)| \right\|_p^2 dh \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1-2/p} \left[ \int_2^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{3/2}} \|\mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, \cdot + th)\|_p \right]^2 dh \\
& \leq C \int_2^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{3/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{1-2/p} \|\mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, \cdot + th)\|_p^2 dh \quad (\text{IV.65}) \\
& \leq C \int_2^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{3/2+2-2/p}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (th)^{1-2/p} \|\mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, \cdot + th)\|_p^2 d(th) \\
& \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}} |h|^{1-2/p} \|\mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, \cdot + h)\|_p^2 dh.
\end{aligned}$$

In a similar way as in (IV.65) one can estimate

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{2|h|<|x-z|} \mathcal{R}_Q(y, z) \frac{1}{|x-z|^{3/2}} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh.$$

**2. We are now bounding  $\mathcal{R}_{d^{1/2}Q}^-$ .**

**Lemma IV.4.** *Under the above notations one has*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left\| \mathcal{R}_{d^{1/2}Q}^-(\cdot, \cdot + h) - h^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, z) \frac{(\cdot - z)}{|\cdot - z|^{3/2}} dz \right\|_p^2 dh \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2. \quad (\text{IV.66})$$

□

**Proof of lemma IV.4.**

We have for  $z < y$  and  $x < z$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_Q(y, z) - \mathcal{R}_Q(y, x) &= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \left\langle \text{PV} \left( \frac{x - z}{(\cdot - y)(x - \cdot)(z - \cdot)} \right), Q(\cdot) \right\rangle \\ &= (x - z) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(\xi)}{(\xi - y)(x - \xi)(z - \xi)} d\xi. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.67})$$

An elementary study of function gives the existence of  $a \in (x, z)$  and  $b \in (z, y)$  such that

$$\int_{-\infty}^a \frac{1}{(\xi - y)(x - \xi)(z - \xi)} d\xi = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_a^b \frac{1}{(\xi - y)(x - \xi)(z - \xi)} d\xi = 0, \quad (\text{IV.68})$$

moreover, since  $2|x - z| < |z - y|$  we have in particular

$$\min \left\{ \frac{|a - x|}{|x - z|}, \frac{|a - z|}{|x - z|} \right\} \geq \eta > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \min \left\{ \frac{|b - y|}{|y - z|}, \frac{|b - z|}{|y - z|} \right\} \geq \eta > 0, \quad (\text{IV.69})$$

where  $\eta$  is a universal constant strictly less than  $1/2$ . We prove now that  $b$  is uniformly bounded from above and from below away from 0. Without loss of generality we can take  $z = 0$ ,  $y = 1$  and  $x \in (-1/2, 0)$ . We have

$$\frac{1}{(\xi - 1)(\xi - x)\xi} = \frac{1}{(\xi - 1)x} \left[ \frac{1}{(\xi - x)} - \frac{1}{\xi} \right] = \frac{1}{x(x - 1)} \left[ \frac{1}{(\xi - x)} - \frac{1}{(\xi - 1)} \right] - \frac{1}{x} \left[ \frac{1}{(\xi - 1)} - \frac{1}{\xi} \right].$$

Hence

$$\text{PV} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^t \frac{d\xi}{(\xi - 1)(\xi - x)\xi} \right] = \frac{1}{x(x - 1)} \log \left| \frac{t - x}{t - 1} \right| - \frac{1}{x} \log \left| \frac{t - 1}{t} \right|.$$

We have in particular

$$\frac{1}{(1 - x)} \log \left| \frac{b(x) - x}{1 - b(x)} \right| = \log \left| \frac{1 - b(x)}{b(x)} \right|.$$

This first give  $b(x) < 1/2$ . Assume  $b(x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$  we would get

$$0 > \log(b(x) - x) \simeq \log b(x)^{-1} > 0,$$

which is a contradiction. We have then

$$\begin{aligned} &\pi^2 \left( \mathcal{R}_Q(y, z) - \mathcal{R}_Q(y, x) - \frac{(x - z)}{(x - y)} \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z) \right) = \\ &= (x - z) \int_{-\infty}^b \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(z)}{(\xi - y)(x - \xi)(z - \xi)} - \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(z)}{(x - y)(x - \xi)(z - \xi)} d\xi \\ &+ (x - z) \int_b^{+\infty} \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(y)}{(\xi - y)(x - \xi)(z - \xi)} - \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(z)}{(x - y)(x - \xi)(z - \xi)} d\xi \\ &= (x - z) \int_{-\infty}^b \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(z)}{(\xi - y)(x - y)(z - \xi)} + (x - z) \int_b^{+\infty} \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(y)}{(\xi - y)(x - \xi)(z - \xi)} \\ &- (x - z) \int_b^{+\infty} \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(z)}{(x - y)(x - \xi)(z - \xi)} d\xi. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.70})$$

We decompose further the second to last terms in (IV.70) and we write

$$\begin{aligned}
& (x-z) \int_{-\infty}^b \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(z)}{(\xi-y)(x-y)(z-\xi)} + (x-z) \int_b^{+\infty} \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(y)}{(\xi-y)(x-\xi)(z-\xi)} \\
&= (x-z) \int_{|\xi-z| \leq \eta|h|} \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(z)}{(\xi-y)(x-y)(z-\xi)} + (x-z) \int_{|\xi-y| \leq \eta|h|} \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(y)}{(\xi-y)(x-\xi)(z-\xi)} \\
&+ (x-z) \int_{z+\eta|h|}^b \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(z)}{(\xi-y)(x-y)(z-\xi)} + (x-z) \int_b^{y-\eta|h|} \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(y)}{(\xi-y)(x-\xi)(z-\xi)} \\
&+ (x-z) \int_{-\infty}^{z-\eta|h|} \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(z)}{(\xi-y)(x-y)(z-\xi)} + (x-z) \int_{y+\eta|h|}^{+\infty} \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(y)}{(\xi-y)(x-\xi)(z-\xi)}.
\end{aligned} \tag{IV.71}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& (x-z) \int_{|\xi-z| \leq \eta|h|} \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(z)}{(\xi-y)(x-y)(z-\xi)} + (x-z) \int_{|\xi-y| \leq \eta|h|} \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(y)}{(\xi-y)(x-\xi)(z-\xi)} \\
&+ (x-z) \frac{\Re(Q)(z) - \Re(Q)(y)}{(x-y)(z-y)} \\
&= \frac{(x-z)}{(x-y)} \int_{|\xi-z| \leq \eta|h|} \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(z)}{(z-\xi)} \left[ \frac{1}{(\xi-y)} - \frac{1}{(z-y)} \right] d\xi \\
&+ (x-z) \int_{|\xi-y| \leq \eta|h|} \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(y)}{(\xi-y)} \left[ \frac{1}{(x-\xi)(z-\xi)} - \frac{1}{(x-y)(z-y)} \right] d\xi \\
&+ \frac{(x-z)}{(x-y)(z-y)} \int_{\{|\xi-z| > \eta|h|\} \cap \{|\xi-y| > \eta|h|\}} [Q(\xi) - Q(z)] \left[ \frac{1}{(\xi-z)} - \frac{1}{(\xi-y)} \right] d\xi \\
&+ \frac{(x-z)}{(x-y)(z-y)} \int_{|\xi-y| < \eta|h|} \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(z)}{(\xi-z)} d\xi - \frac{(x-z)}{(x-y)(z-y)} \int_{|\xi-z| < \eta|h|} \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(z)}{(\xi-y)} d\xi.
\end{aligned} \tag{IV.72}$$

Then, we have first (recall that we are considering  $|y-z| \geq |x-z|/2$  and  $|y-z| \geq h/2$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{0 < 2(z-x) < h} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|x-z|h}} \left| \int_{|\xi-z| \leq \eta|h} \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(z)}{(z-\xi)} \left[ \frac{1}{(\xi-y)} - \frac{1}{(z-y)} \right] d\xi \right|^p \right|^p dz \right|^{2/p} dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{0 < 2(z-x) < h} |x-z|^{-1/2} \int_{|\xi-z| \leq \eta|h} \frac{|Q(\xi) - Q(x)|}{(z-y)^2} d\xi dz \right|^p \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& + \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{0 < 2(z-x) < h} |x-z|^{-1/2} \int_{|\xi-z| \leq \eta|h} \frac{|Q(z) - Q(x)|}{(z-y)^2} d\xi dz \right|^p \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-4-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{0 < 2(z-x) < h} |x-z|^{-1/2} dz \int_{|\xi-x| \leq 2|h} |Q(\xi) - Q(x)| d\xi \right|^p \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& + \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{0 < 2(z-x) < h} |x-z|^{-1/2} |Q(z) - Q(x)| dz \right|^p \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_0^2 |Q(x+th) - Q(x)| dt \right|^p \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& + \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_0^2 t^{-1/2} |Q(x+th) - Q(x)| dt \right|^p \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-1-2/p} \left| \int_0^2 t^{-1/2} \|Q(\cdot + th) - Q(\cdot)\|_p dt \right|^2 dh \\
& \leq \int_0^2 t^{-1/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-1-2/p} \|Q(\cdot + th) - Q(\cdot)\|_p^2 dh \\
& \leq \int_0^2 t^{-1/2+2/p} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-1-2/p} \|Q(\cdot + h) - Q(\cdot)\|_p^2 dh \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{IV.73}$$

Similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{0 < 2(z-x) < h} \frac{dz}{\sqrt{|x-z|}} \left| \int_{|\xi-y| \leq \eta|h} \frac{Q(\xi) - Q(y)}{(\xi-y)} \left[ \frac{1}{(x-\xi)(z-\xi)} - \frac{1}{(x-y)(z-y)} \right] d\xi \right|^p \right|^p dz \right|^{2/p} dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{IV.74}$$

Regarding the third term in the r.h.s. of (IV.72), we have, denoting  $\omega := \{|\xi - z| > \eta|h|\} \cap \{|\xi - y| > \eta|h|\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{2-\frac{2}{p}} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|x-z|<h/2} \frac{|x-z|^{-1/2}}{|x-y||z-y|} \int_{\omega} |Q(\xi) - Q(z)| \left| \frac{1}{(\xi-z)} - \frac{1}{(\xi-y)} \right| d\xi dz \right|^p dx \right|^{\frac{2}{p}} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|x-z|<h/2} |x-z|^{-1/2} \int_{|\xi-z|>\eta|h|} \frac{|Q(\xi) - Q(z)|}{|\xi-z|^2} d\xi dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|x-z|<h/2} |x-z|^{-1/2} \int_{|\xi-z|>\eta|h|} \frac{|Q(x) - Q(z)|}{|\xi-z|^2} d\xi dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& + C \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|x-z|<h/2} |x-z|^{-1/2} \int_{|\xi-x|>\eta|h|} \frac{|Q(\xi) - Q(x)|}{|\xi-x|^2} d\xi dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|x-z|<h/2} |x-z|^{-1/2} |Q(x) - Q(z)| dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& + C \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|\xi-x|>\eta|h|} \frac{|Q(\xi) - Q(x)|}{|\xi-x|^2} d\xi \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_0^{1/2} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t}} |Q(x) - Q(x+th)| \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& + C \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|t|>\eta} \frac{|Q(x+th) - Q(x)|}{t^2} dt \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-1-\frac{2}{p}} \left| \int_0^{1/2} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t}} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot+th)\|_p \right|^2 dh \\
& \quad + C \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-1-\frac{2}{p}} \left| \int_{\eta}^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot+th)\|_p \right|^2 dh \\
& \leq C \int_0^{1/2} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{t}} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-1-2/p} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot+th)\|_p^2 dh \\
& \quad + C \int_{\eta}^{+\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-1-2/p} \|Q(\cdot) - Q(\cdot+th)\|_p^2 dh \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

(IV.75)

We estimate similarly the last term (IV.72). Now we estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|x-z|<h/2} \frac{1}{|x-z|^{1/2} h^2} |\Re(Q)(z) - \Re(Q)(z+h)| dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|x-z|<h/2} \frac{1}{|x-z|^{1/2}} |\Re(Q)(x) - \Re(Q)(z+h)| dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& + \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|x-z|<h/2} \frac{1}{|x-z|^{1/2}} |\Re(Q)(z) - \Re(Q)(x)| dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{s<1/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} |\Re(Q)(x) - \Re(Q)(x+(s+1)h)| ds \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& + \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{-1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{s<1/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} |\Re(Q)(x+sh) - \Re(Q)(x)| ds \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq C \|\Re(Q)\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2 \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{IV.76}$$

The 4 last terms in (IV.71) as well as the last integral in (IV.70) can be estimated using the same way as above in order to get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} |x-y|^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|x-z|<|x-y|/2} \frac{1}{|x-z|^{3/2}} \left| \mathcal{R}_Q(y,z) - \mathcal{R}_Q(y,x) - \frac{(x-z)}{(x-y)} \mathcal{R}_Q(x,z) \right| dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dy \\
& \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{IV.77}$$

Now we estimate

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|x-z|<h/2} \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(x,x+h) - \mathcal{R}_Q(x,z)}{|x+h-z|^{3/2}} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh. \tag{IV.78}$$

We have first

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|x-z|<h/2} \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(x,z)}{|x+h-z|^{3/2}} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_0^{1/2} |\mathcal{R}_Q(x,x+th)| dt \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\
& \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{1-2/p} \left| \int_0^{1/2} \|\mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, \cdot + th)\|_p dt \right|^2 dh \\
& \leq C_\alpha \int_0^{1/2} t^\alpha dt \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{1-2/p} \|\mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, \cdot + th)\|_p^2 dh \\
& \leq C_\alpha \int_0^{1/2} t^{\alpha-2+2/p} dt \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{1-2/p} \|\mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, \cdot + h)\|_p^2 dh \\
& \leq C_p \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2,
\end{aligned} \tag{IV.79}$$



where we have chosen  $1 - 2/p < \alpha < 1$  and where we have used lemma IV.3. Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|x-z| < h/2} \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(x, x+h)}{|x+h-z|^{3/2}} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\ & \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} h^{1-2/p} \|\mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, \cdot + h)\|_p^2 dh. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.80})$$

Finally observe that (for  $p > 2$ )

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} |x-y|^{2-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|x-z| > |x-y|/2} \frac{1}{|x-z|^{3/2}} \left| \frac{(x-z)}{(x-y)} \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z) \right| dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dy \\ & \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} |h|^{-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{|x-z| > |h|/2} \frac{|\mathcal{R}_Q(x, z)|}{|x-z|^{1/2}} dz \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\ & \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} |h|^{1-2/p} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \int_{1/2}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} |\mathcal{R}_Q(x, x+th)| dt \right|^p dx \right|^{2/p} dh \\ & \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} |h|^{1-2/p} \left| \int_{1/2}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \|\mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, \cdot + th)\|_p dt \right|^2 dh \\ & \leq C_\alpha \int_{1/2}^{+\infty} t^\alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} |h|^{1-2/p} \|\mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, \cdot + th)\|_p^2 dh \\ & \leq C_\alpha \int_{1/2}^{+\infty} t^{\alpha-2+2/p} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} |h|^{1-2/p} \|\mathcal{R}_Q(\cdot, \cdot + h)\|_p^2 dh \leq C_p \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.81})$$

where we have chosen  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $1 - 2/p < \alpha < 1$  and where we have used lemma IV.3.

We conclude the proof of Lemma (IV.4).  $\square$

**Estimates of  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{d}^{1/2}\mathbf{Q}}^{1,+}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{d}^{1/2}\mathbf{Q}}^{1,-}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ .**

The only delicate term<sup>7</sup> is given by

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{2|y-z| < |h| \simeq |x-z|} \left[ \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(x, y) - \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} \right] dz.$$

Without too much efforts one proves

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{2|y-z| < |h| \simeq |x-z|} \left[ \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(x, y) - \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} \right] dz \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{2|y-z| < |h| \simeq |x-y|} \left[ \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(x, y) - \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} \right] dz \right\|_p^2 dh \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.82})$$

Now observe that the term

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{2|y-z| < |h| \simeq |x-y|} \left[ \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(x, y) - \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} \right] dz$$

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<sup>7</sup>The 3 other terms can be treated in a similar way as we did previously.

has already be estimated where the roles of  $x$  and  $y$  were exchanged and we proved while establishing lemma IV.4 that  $\|T_Q\|_{A_p^{-1/2+1/p}} \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}$  where

$$T_Q(x, y) = \int_{2|x-z| < |h| \simeq |x-y|} \left[ \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(y, x) - \mathcal{R}_Q(y, z)}{|x-z|^{3/2}} \right] dz + \frac{1}{(x-y)} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z) \frac{(x-z)}{|x-z|^{3/2}} dz.$$

Observe the following obvious fact

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \|T_Q(\cdot, \cdot + h)\|_p^2 dh = \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \|T_Q(\cdot - h, \cdot)\|_p^2 dh = \int_{\mathbb{R}} h^{2-2/p} \|T_Q(\cdot + h, \cdot)\|_p^2 dh. \quad (\text{IV.83})$$

The previous considerations gives that

$$\left\| \int_{2|y-z| < |h| \simeq |x-y|} \left[ \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(x, y) - \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} \right] dz + \frac{1}{(y-x)} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{R}_Q(y, z) \frac{(y-z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} dz \right\|_{A_p^{-1/2+1/p}} \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}. \quad (\text{IV.84})$$

Combining all the previous estimates we obtain the following lemma:

**Lemma IV.5.** *Under the previous notations we have*

$$\left\| \mathcal{R}_{d^{1/2}Q}(x, y) - \frac{1}{(x-y)} [F_Q(x) + F_Q(y)] \right\|_{A_p^{-1/2+1/p}} \leq C \|Q\|_{B_{p,2}^{1/p}}, \quad (\text{IV.85})$$

where

$$F_Q(x) := \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z) \frac{(x-z)}{|x-z|^{3/2}} dz. \quad \square$$

We observe that  $F_Q(x) = -\mathfrak{R}[(-\Delta)^{1/4}Q]$ . Indeed:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_Q(x) &:= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(y)}{(x-y)(y-z)} \frac{(x-z)}{|x-z|^{3/2}} dz dy = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(z)}{(x-z)(z-y)} \frac{(x-y)}{|x-y|^{3/2}} dz dy \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(z)}{(x-z)(z-y)} \frac{(x-y)}{|x-y|^{3/2}} dz dy - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(x)}{(x-z)(z-y)} \frac{(x-y)}{|x-y|^{3/2}} dz dy}_{=0} \\
&+ \underbrace{\frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(x) - Q(y)}{(z-y)} \frac{1}{|x-y|^{3/2}} dz dy}_{=0} = \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} Q(z) - Q(x) \left[ \frac{1}{(x-z)} + \frac{1}{z-y} \right] \frac{1}{|x-y|^{3/2}} dz dy \\
&+ \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[ \frac{(Q(x) - Q(z))}{z-y} + \frac{(Q(z) - Q(y))}{(z-y)} \right] \frac{1}{|x-y|^{3/2}} \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} Q(z) - Q(x) \frac{1}{(x-z)} \frac{1}{|x-y|^{3/2}} + \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{Q(z) - Q(y)}{(z-y)} \frac{1}{|x-y|^{3/2}} \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{|x-y|^{3/2}} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} Q(z) - Q(y) \frac{1}{(z-y)} dz - \int_{\mathbb{R}} Q(z) - Q(x) \frac{1}{(z-x)} dz \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{|x-y|^{3/2}} [\mathfrak{R}Q(y) - \mathfrak{R}Q(x)] dy = -\Delta^{1/4} \mathfrak{R}(Q)(x) = -\mathfrak{R}[\Delta^{1/4}Q](x) \quad \square \quad (\text{IV.86})
\end{aligned}$$

The operator associated to  $\mathcal{L}_Q(x, y) := \mathcal{R}_{d^{1/2}Q}(x, y) - \frac{1}{(x-y)} [F_Q(x) + F_Q(y)]$  is given by

$$\mathfrak{L}_Q := \mathfrak{R}_Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ \mathfrak{R}_Q - F_Q \circ \mathfrak{R} - \mathfrak{R} \circ F_Q \quad ,$$

where by some abuse of notation we keep denoting  $F_Q$  the operator corresponding to the multiplication by  $F_Q$ . Observe that this operator is anti-self-dual if  $Q$  is taking values into symmetric matrices. Hence  $\mathcal{L}_Q(x, y)$  generates a multi-commutator. We compute

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{L}_Q(x, y) dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(x, y) - \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} dz dy + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(y, z) - \mathcal{R}_Q(y, x)}{|x-z|^{3/2}} dz dy - \mathfrak{R}(F_Q)(x). \quad (\text{IV.87})$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(x, y) - \mathcal{R}_Q(x, z)}{|y-z|^{3/2}} dz dy + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\mathcal{R}_Q(y, z) - \mathcal{R}_Q(y, x)}{|x-z|^{3/2}} dz dy \\
&= \left[ \mathfrak{R}_Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ \mathfrak{R}_Q \right] (1) = 0.
\end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.88})$$

Hence we deduce the following Corollary

**Corollary IV.1.** *Let  $Q \in \dot{H}^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}, \text{Sym}_m(\mathbb{R}))$  then the operator given by*

$$\mathfrak{R} \circ Q \circ \mathfrak{R} \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ \mathfrak{R} \circ Q \circ \mathfrak{R} - F_Q \circ \mathfrak{R} - \mathfrak{R} \circ F_Q - \mathfrak{R}(F_Q) \quad (\text{IV.89})$$

*is a multi-commutator in the sense that it sends  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  into  $B_{2p/(p+2),2}^{-1/2+1/p}(\mathbb{R}) \hookrightarrow H^{-1/2}(\mathbb{R})$ .  $\square$*

**Remark IV.2.** *It was already known that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathfrak{R} \circ Q \circ \mathfrak{R} \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ \mathfrak{R} \circ Q \circ \mathfrak{R} - \mathfrak{R} \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} Q \circ \mathfrak{R} \\ &= \mathfrak{R} \circ \left[ Q \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ Q - (-\Delta)^{1/4}(Q) \right] \circ \mathfrak{R} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{IV.90})$$

*and*

$$\mathfrak{R} \circ \left[ (-\Delta)^{1/4} Q \circ \mathfrak{R} + \mathfrak{R} \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} Q \right] \quad (\text{IV.91})$$

*are enjoying compensation property (the first one (IV.90) is the adjoint action of the Riesz transform on a 3-commutator, the second one (IV.91) is the composition between Riesz and a Coifman-Rochberg-Weiss commutator). If we sum (IV.90) and (IV.91) we deduce that*

$$\mathfrak{R} \circ Q \circ \mathfrak{R} \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} - (-\Delta)^{1/4} \circ \mathfrak{R} \circ Q \circ \mathfrak{R} - \mathfrak{R} \circ F_Q$$

*has compensation properties. Since  $F_Q = -\mathfrak{R} \circ (-\Delta)^{1/4} Q \in L^2$  we also have*

$$-F_Q \circ \mathfrak{R} - \mathfrak{R}(F_Q)$$

*is a Coifman-Rochberg-Weiss commutator. Hence it was known that  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{L}_Q}$  enjoyed compensation properties. The novelty in corollary IV.1 is the estimate of the kernel  $\mathcal{L}_Q$  in  $A_p^{-1/2+1/p}$  which makes it a multi-commutator enjoying stability by the adjoint actions of elements in  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, M_m(\mathbb{R}))$  for instance.  $\square$*

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