# Algebras of singular integral operators on nilpotent groups 

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However, several situations have been encountered in the past where non-automorphic dilations must be considered, at least locally.
The typical case is that of the isotropic dilations on the Heisenberg group:
Phong-Stein, 1982
Müller, R., Stein, 1995
Nagel, Stein, 2006
Müller, Peloso, R., 2015

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The limitations imposed by the compatibility with the group structure have produced a restricted form of product theory in which the two dilation parameters are subject to a one-sided limitation (flag kernels, Nagel, R., Stein, 2001, Nagel, R., Stein, Wainger, 2012).

## General dilations on $\mathbb{R}^{n}$

For $\mathbf{a}=\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}\right) \in \mathbb{R}_{+}^{n}$ define the $\mathbf{a}$-dilations

$$
x=\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right) \longmapsto\left(t^{1 / a_{1}} x_{1}, t^{1 / a_{2}} x_{2}, \ldots, t^{1 / a_{n}} x_{n}\right)=\delta_{\mathbf{a}}(t) x
$$

Homogenous norm:

$$
|x|_{\mathbf{a}}=\left|x_{1}\right|^{a_{1}}+\left|x_{2}\right|^{a_{2}}+\cdots+\left|x_{n}\right|^{a_{n}} .
$$

Homogeneous dimension:

$$
Q_{\mathbf{a}}=\frac{1}{a_{1}}+\frac{1}{a_{2}}+\cdot+\frac{1}{a_{n}}
$$

Let $\mathbf{k}=\left(k_{1}, k_{2}, \ldots, k_{n}\right) \in \mathbb{N}^{n}$ be a multiindex. We set

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\partial_{x}^{\mathbf{k}}=\partial_{x_{1}}^{k_{1}} \partial_{x_{2}}^{k_{2}} \cdots \partial_{x_{n}}^{k_{n}} .
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- cancellations:

$$
\left|\int K(x) \varphi\left(\delta_{\mathbf{a}}(t) x\right) d x\right| \leq C\|\varphi\|_{C^{1}},
$$

for all $\varphi \in C_{c}^{1}(B), B$ a fixed "unit ball", and every $t>0$.

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$$
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$$

where the $\varphi_{j}$ are $C^{\infty}$ functions supported on the unit ball $B$, bounded in any $C^{m}$-norm and with

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## Proper kernels

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On $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ we denote by $z=(x, y)$ the space variables and $\zeta=(\xi, \eta)$ the frequency variables.
$\mathbf{a}=(1,1)$ (isotropic dilations), with $|z| \mathbf{a}=|x|+|y|, Q_{\mathbf{a}}=2$,
$\mathbf{b}=(2,1)$ (parabolic dilations), with $|z|_{\mathbf{b}}=|x|^{2}+|y|, Q_{\mathbf{b}}=3 / 2$.

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& \cong\left(1+|\zeta|_{\mathbf{b}}^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{-k_{1}}(1+|\zeta| \mathbf{a})^{-k_{2}} .
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The rectangles in (II) do not intersect the axes.
Those in (I) and (III) intersect one of the two axes, but do not contain the origin.


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K^{(I I)}=\sum_{j \leq k \leq 2 j} 2^{j+k} \varphi_{j k}\left(2^{j} x, 2^{k} y\right) . \tag{1}
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As a further refinement, each $\varphi_{j k}$ can be replaced by a dyadic sum, with rapidly decreasing coefficients, of smooth functions with compact support and the same cancellations.
In this way the summands in (1) can be assumed to be supported in $B$ and uniformly bounded in each $C^{k}$-norm.

## Outside of CZ theory

The resulting kernel $K=K^{(1)}+K^{(1)}+K^{(I I I)}$ is not a CZ kernel. It satisfies the differential inequalities

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\partial_{x}^{p} \partial_{y}^{q} K(z)\right| \leq C_{p q N}|z|_{\mathrm{a}}^{-1-p}|z|_{\mathrm{b}}^{-1-q}(1+|z|)^{-N} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $p, q, N$, plus cancellations in each variable separately.

Condition (2) is weaker than any type of CZ condition. In fact it gives the estimate

$$
|\{z:|K(z)|>\alpha\}| \lesssim \frac{\log \alpha}{\alpha},
$$

and no better in general.

## New classes of kernels

We consider $n$ different homogeneities on $\mathbb{R}^{n}$, with homogeneous norms

$$
\begin{gathered}
|x| e_{1}=\left|x_{1}\right|^{e(1,1)}+\left|x_{2}\right|^{e(1,2)}+\cdots+\left|x_{n}\right|^{e(1, n)} \\
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$$

It will be necessary to also consider the situation where each $x_{j}$ is itself a multivariate component in $\mathbb{R}^{d_{j}}$, in a higher dimensional space $\mathbb{R}^{d}=\mathbb{R}^{d_{1}+d_{2}+\cdots+d_{n}}$. In this case $\left|x_{j}\right|$ denotes a homogeneous norm adapted to given dilations on $\mathbb{R}^{d_{j}}$.

## Multi-norm inequalities

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$$
e(j, j)=1, \quad e(j, k) \leq e(j, l) e(I, k)
$$

for all $j, k, l$.
Under the basic assumptions, the inequalities (*) hold, e.g., for proper CZ kernels of type $\mathbf{a}=\mathbf{e}_{1}, \mathbf{e}_{2}, \ldots, \mathbf{e}_{n}$.

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We will give two characterizations of the kernels in $\mathcal{P}_{0}(\mathbf{E})$, one in terms of their Fourier transforms, the other in terms of dyadic decompositions.

## Characterization via multipliers

In the frequency space we introduce a new family of norms:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& |\xi|{\widehat{\hat{e}_{1}}}=\left|\xi_{1}\right|^{1 / e(1,1)}+\left|\xi_{2}\right|^{1 / e(2,1)}+\cdots+\left|\xi_{n}\right|^{1 / e(n, 1)} \\
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$$

Lemma
A distribution $K$ is in $\mathcal{P}_{0}(\mathbf{E})$ if and only if $m=\widehat{K}$ is a smooth function satisfying the inequalities

$$
\left|\partial_{\xi}^{\mathbf{k}} m(\xi)\right| \leq C_{\mathbf{k} N}\left(1+\left.|\xi|\right|_{\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{1}}\right)^{-k_{1}} \cdots\left(1+|\xi|_{\hat{e}_{n}}\right)^{-k_{n}} .
$$

## The cone $\Gamma(\mathbf{E})$

Denote by $\Gamma(\mathbf{E})$ the cone in the positive orthant $\mathbb{R}_{+}^{n}$ defined by the inequalities

$$
\frac{1}{e(I, k)} t_{l} \leq t_{k} \leq e(k, I) t_{l} \quad \forall k, I
$$

Let

$$
m(\xi)=\sum_{J \in \Gamma(\mathrm{E}) \cap \mathbb{N}^{n}} m_{J}\left(2^{-j_{1}} \xi_{1}, \ldots, 2^{-j_{n}} \xi_{n}\right),
$$

where the functions $m_{J}^{\text {pr }}$ are supported in $B$, vanish on a neighborhood of the coordinate hyperplanes and are uniformly bounded in every $C^{k}$-norm.
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$$
\frac{1}{e(l, k)} t_{l} \leq t_{k} \leq e(k, l) t_{l} \quad \forall k, l
$$

Let

$$
m(\xi)=\sum_{J \in \Gamma(\mathbb{E}) \cap \mathbb{N}^{n}} m_{J}\left(2^{-j_{1}} \xi_{1}, \ldots, 2^{-j_{n}} \xi_{n}\right),
$$

where the functions $m_{J}^{\mathrm{pr}}$ are supported in $B$, vanish on a neighborhood of the coordinate hyperplanes and are uniformly bounded in every $C^{k}$-norm. Then $m$ satisfies the above inequalities, hence $\mathcal{F}^{-1} m \in \mathcal{P}_{0}(\mathbf{E})$.

Up to "boundary terms", it is also true that every $m \in \mathcal{F} \mathcal{P}_{0}(\mathbf{E})$ can be decomposed as a dyadic sum of this kind. We will explain where the "boundary terms" come from.

## Dominant variables

We decompose the complement of $B$ in the $\xi$-space into regions, considering, for each $j$, which variable is dominant in the norm $|\xi| \widehat{e}_{k}$. We say that $\xi_{j}$ is dominant in $|\xi|_{\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{k}}$ at a point $\xi$ if

$$
\left|\xi_{j}\right|^{1 / e(j, k)}>\left|\xi_{\mid}\right|^{1 / e(I, k)} \quad \forall I \neq j
$$

After removing a finite union of hypersurfaces, at each point there is a unique dominant variable in each norm (regular points).

## Lemma

If $\xi_{k}$ is dominant in $|\xi|_{\hat{e}_{j}}$ at a regular point $\xi$, with $j \neq k$, then $\xi_{k}$ is also dominant in $|\xi|_{\widehat{\mathbf{e}}_{k}}$ at $\xi$.

## Marked partitions

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Then

$$
m=m^{0}+\sum_{s} m^{s}
$$

where $m^{0}$ is supported on $B$ and each $m^{S}$ near $E_{S}$.


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Undoing the Fourier transform,

$$
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$$
\int \varphi_{J}^{S}\left(x_{l_{1}}, \ldots, x_{l_{r}}, \ldots, x_{l_{s}}\right) d x_{l_{r}}=0 \quad \forall x_{l_{1}}, \ldots, x_{l_{r-1}}, x_{l_{r+1}}, \ldots, x_{l_{s}}
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- Given finitely many proper CZ kernels $K_{i}$ of type $\mathbf{a}^{i}$, their convolution belongs to $\mathcal{P}_{0}(\mathbf{E})$, where

$$
e(j, k)=\max _{i} \frac{a_{k}^{i}}{a_{j}^{i}} .
$$

## Homogeneous nilpotent groups

Let $\mathfrak{g}$ be a homogeneous Lie algebra with (automorphic) dilations $\delta(t), t>0$. Let

$$
\mathfrak{g}=\mathfrak{h}_{1} \oplus \mathfrak{h}_{2} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{h}_{m}
$$

be a decomposition into homogeneous subspaces, with the property that $\left[\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}_{j}\right] \subset \mathfrak{h}_{j+1} \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{h}_{m}$ for every $j$.

Call $G$ the associated homogenous group, parametrized by $\mathfrak{g}$ with the Campbell-Hausdorff product. Denote by || a homogeneous norm on $G$.

## Other homogeneities

Besides the standard CZ kernels adapted to the given dilations, we consider CZ kernels adapted to other (non-automorphic) dilation

$$
\delta_{\mathbf{a}}(t) x=\left(\delta\left(t^{1 / a_{1}}\right) x_{1}, \ldots, \delta\left(t^{1 / a_{m}}\right) x_{m}\right)
$$

It is known (R.-Stein) that such kernels give bounded operators on $L^{p}$ for $1<p<\infty$, but in general they form a class which is not closed under convolution.

## Theorem

Suppose that $a_{1} \leq a_{2} \leq \cdots \leq a_{m}$. Then the class of proper CZ kernels adapted to the dilations $\delta_{\mathbf{a}}$ is closed under convolution.

## Remarks

1. Let

$$
K=\eta+\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \varphi_{j}^{(j)}, \quad K^{\prime}=\eta^{\prime}+\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \psi_{j}^{(j)}
$$

be the dyadic decompositions of two proper CZ kernels adapted to the $\delta_{\mathbf{a}}$-dilations. Here $\varphi_{j}^{(j)}$ denotes the bump function $\varphi_{j}$ scaled by a factor $2^{-j}$, i.e. supported where

$$
\left|x_{1}\right|<2^{-j / a_{1}}, \quad\left|x_{2}\right|<2^{-j / a_{2}}, \quad \ldots \quad\left|x_{m}\right|<2^{-j / a_{m}}
$$

The monotonicity condition on the $a_{j}$ guarantees that the convolution of two terms $\varphi_{j}^{(j)}$ and $\psi_{j^{\prime}}^{\left(j^{\prime}\right)}$ is scaled by a factor $\max \left\{2^{-j}, 2^{-j^{\prime}}\right\}$, like in $\mathbb{R}^{N}$.
2. For a specific homogeneous group, weaker assumptions may suffice. E.g., on $H_{1}$ with the standard parabolic dilations and $\mathfrak{h}_{1}=\mathbb{R}_{x}, \mathfrak{h}_{2}=\mathbb{R}_{y}, \mathfrak{h}_{3}=\mathbb{R}_{t}$, the condition $2 / a_{3} \leq 1 / a_{1}+1 / a_{2}$ is enough.

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## Convolution of dyadic terms

Double monotonicity of $\mathbf{E}$ guarantees that the group convolution of two dyadic terms at scales $2^{-J}, 2^{-J^{\prime}}$ with $J, J^{\prime} \in \Gamma(E)$ is at scale $2^{-J} \vee 2^{-J^{\prime}}$.

But the major problem in the proof is that the product cancellations are not preserved under convolution.
The hypothesis of double monotonicity gives however a form of "weak cancellation" of the convolution of two dyadic terms, which is sufficient to prove that the whole resulting dyadic sum converges to a kernel in $\mathcal{P}_{0}(\mathbf{E})$.

