

**Applications of a general comparison theorem  
for convolution integrals**

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**Abstract.** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $B$  a Banach algebra of tempered distributions on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . For  $f \in B$  put  $f_{(\lambda)}(x) = \lambda^d f(\lambda x)$ . The space of all  $\varphi$  such that  $\|f_{(\lambda)} * \varphi; \Omega\|_X = \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-s})$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$  is characterized when  $\Omega$  is all of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  or a bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . The proofs are based on an extension of a comparison theorem by H. S. Shapiro [7].

**0. Introduction.** The aim of this paper is to extend the results of H. S. Shapiro [7] in two directions. First we replace the  $L_p$ -spaces by more general Banach spaces  $X$  of tempered distributions (for instance a weighted  $L_p$ -spaces). Secondly we give a localized version of Shapiro's results. In Shapiro's work the main role is played by the algebra of bounded measures. Here we work with a more general convolution algebra  $B$  related to the space  $X$ .

Given a function  $f$  we put  $f_{(\lambda)}(x) = \lambda^d f(\lambda x)$  ( $d$  being the dimension). One of the subjects of the paper is to find the space  $A_\lambda^s$  of all  $\varphi \in X$  such that

$$\|f_{(\lambda)} * \varphi\|_X = \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-s}), \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty.$$

Another, closely connected subject is to find the space  $E^s$  of all  $\varphi \in X$  whose best approximation with entire functions of exponential type  $\lambda$  is of the order  $\lambda^{-s}$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ . Results of these types are found in Section 3, (Theorem 3 and Corollaries 1,2 in Sec. 3). They are deduced as more or less immediate corollaries of a general comparison theorem (Theorem 1, Sec. 1) which is very close to the corresponding theorem in Shapiro [6]. For other results of this kind we refer the reader to a series of works by J. Boman, see in particular [2] (and references given there), where this type of comparison theorem in  $X = L_\infty$  has been penetrated very deeply.

In order to describe the localized version of the theory we let  $U$  be an open set. Let  $\|\varphi; U\|_X$  be the infimum of  $\|\chi\varphi\|_X$ , where  $\chi$  is infinitely differentiable with compact support and  $\chi = 1$  on  $U$ ,  $0 \leq \chi \leq 1$  everywhere. For any open, bounded set  $\Omega$  we let  $A_\lambda^s(U)$  be the space of all  $\varphi \in X$  such that

$$\|f_{(\lambda)} * \varphi; U\|_X = \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-s}), \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

for all  $U$  which are compactly included in  $\Omega$ . A characterization of  $A_f^*(\Omega)$  (as well as the localized version  $E^s(\Omega)$  of  $E^s$ ) is given in Sec. 3 (Theorem 4 and Corollaries 3,4) as a consequence of general comparison theorem (Theorem 2, Sec. 2). For other results of this kind we refer the reader to Löfström [4] (and references given there).

The Banach algebra  $B$ , to which the kernel  $f$  above should always belong, must satisfy several conditions, as must the space  $X$ . These conditions are named (B1)–(B5) and (X1)–(X2), respectively. Conditions (B1), (B2), (B3) and (X1) are listed in Section 1, conditions (B4) and (X2) in Section 2 and condition (B5) in Section 3. The most important condition is the local division property (B3) which we discuss in Section 5. In Sections 6 and 7 we discuss some concrete choices for the algebra  $B$  and the space  $X$ . In a forthcoming note we intend to extend the theory to (some cases of) eigenfunction expansions.

**1. A general theorem.** Let  $B$  be a Banach space of tempered distributions on  $R^d$ , such that every test function is a member of  $B$ . We shall assume that  $B$  is a Banach algebra with convolution as multiplication (with or without unit). Moreover, we shall make a few additional assumptions on  $B$ .

If  $\varphi$  is a test function we write

$$\varphi_{(\lambda)}(x) = \lambda^a \varphi(\lambda x) \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi^{(\lambda)}(x) = \varphi(x/\lambda).$$

Writing  $\hat{\varphi}$  for the Fourier transform of  $\varphi$  we have

$$\widehat{\varphi_{(\lambda)}}(\xi) = \hat{\varphi}^{(\lambda)}(\xi).$$

If  $f$  is any tempered distribution we define  $f_{(\lambda)}$  and  $f^{(\lambda)}$  similarly by the formulas

$$f_{(\lambda)}(\varphi) = f(\varphi_{(\lambda)}), \quad f^{(\lambda)}(\varphi) = f(\varphi_{(\lambda)}).$$

Then

$$\widehat{f_{(\lambda)}} = \hat{f}^{(\lambda)}.$$

We now arrive at our first additional assumption on  $B$ , namely

(B1) If  $f \in B$  and  $\lambda > 0$  then  $f_{(\lambda)} \in B$ . Moreover, there are constants  $A > 0$  and  $a > 0$  such that

$$\|f_{(\lambda)}\|_B \leq A \max(1, \lambda^{-a}) \|f\|_B \quad (\lambda > 0).$$

We have already mentioned that the space  $\mathcal{S}$  of test functions is assumed to be contained in  $B$ . Our next assumption describes an additional inclusion:

(B2)  $\mathcal{S} \subset \hat{B}$  and  $\hat{B} \subset L_{\infty, \text{loc}}$ , i.e. every element of  $\hat{B}$  is locally an essentially bounded function.

Our third assumption is a kind of local division property:

(B3) Suppose that  $f, g_1, \dots, g_n \in B$  and that there is a compact set  $K$  such that  $\hat{g}_1, \dots, \hat{g}_n$  are continuous on  $K$  and

$$\sum_{j=1}^n |\hat{g}_j(\xi)| > 0 \quad \text{for all } \xi \in K,$$

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = 0 \quad \text{for all } \xi \notin K.$$

Then  $f$  belongs to the ideal generated by  $g_1, \dots, g_n$ , i.e. there are  $h_1, \dots, h_n \in B$  such that

$$f = \sum_{j=1}^n h_j * g_j.$$

We shall also work with a second Banach space  $X$  of tempered distributions. This space is related to  $B$  by our next assumption:

(X1) For every  $f \in B$  and every  $\varphi \in X$  we have  $f * \varphi \in X$ . Moreover, there is a constant  $C$  such that

$$\|f * \varphi\|_X \leq C \|f\|_B \|\varphi\|_X.$$

Following Shapiro [6] we shall say that a function  $F$  on  $R^d$  satisfies the *Tauberian condition* if, on each half-ray through the origin, there is a point where  $F$  does not vanish. Thus for each  $\xi \neq 0$ , there is a  $d > 0$  such that  $F(\xi/d) \neq 0$ . For continuous functions  $F$  the Tauberian condition is satisfied if and only if there are positive numbers  $d_1, \dots, d_r$  such that

$$(1) \quad \sum_{i=1}^r |F(\xi/d_i)| > 0 \quad \text{for all } |\xi| = 1.$$

(See Shapiro [6], Lemma 11.)

The following theorem is given by Shapiro [6] when  $B$  is the algebra of bounded measures and  $X = L_{\infty}$  (or  $L_2$ ).

**THEOREM 1.** Let  $B$  and  $X$  be spaces such that (B1)–(B3) and (X1) hold. Suppose that  $f, g_1, \dots, g_n \in B$ , that  $\hat{g}_1, \dots, \hat{g}_n$  are continuous and that  $\sum_j |\hat{g}_j|$  satisfies the Tauberian condition. Moreover, assume  $\hat{f}$  belongs locally at the origin to the ideal generated by  $\hat{g}_1, \dots, \hat{g}_n$ , that is, assume that there are  $h_1, \dots, h_n \in B$  such that

$$(2) \quad \hat{f}(\xi) = \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{h}_j(\xi) \hat{g}_j(\xi)$$

in a neighbourhood of the origin.

Then there are constants  $C, r$  and  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_r$ , depending on  $f, g_1, \dots, g_n$ , and a constant  $b > 1$ , depending on  $g_1, \dots, g_n$  only, such that

$$\|f_{\lambda} * \varphi\|_X \leq C \max(1, \lambda_0^{-a}) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^r \|(g_j)_{(c_i b^k \lambda)} * \varphi\|_X$$

for all  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0 > 0$ .

Proof. By (1) there are constants  $d_1, \dots, d_r > 0$  such that

$$G(\xi) = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^r |\hat{g}_j(\xi/d_i)| > 0 \quad \text{for} \quad |\xi| = 1.$$

Now  $G$  is continuous, so there is a constant  $b > 1$ , such that  $G(\xi) \neq 0$  on  $b^{-1} \leq |\xi| \leq b$ . Next we choose a test function  $\phi$  such that the support of  $\phi$  is contained in the annulus  $b^{-1} \leq |\xi| \leq b$  and

$$\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{\phi}(b^{-k}\xi) = 1 \quad \text{for} \quad \xi \neq 0.$$

(For the construction of  $\phi$  see [1], Ch. 6.) Assuming that (2) holds for  $|\xi| \leq \delta$  we choose a constant  $c > 0$  such that  $c\delta < \delta$ . Then put

$$\hat{\phi}_0(\xi) = 1 - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \hat{\phi}(c^{-1}b^{-k}\xi).$$

Note that  $\hat{\phi}_0(\xi) = 0$  for  $|\xi| > \delta$  and  $\phi_0 \in \mathcal{S}$ . Thus  $\phi_0 \in B$  and

$$(3) \quad f * \phi_0 = \sum_{j=1}^n h_j * g_j * \phi_0.$$

Now

$$(4) \quad f_{(\lambda)} * \varphi = (f * \phi_0)_{(\lambda)} * \varphi + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (f * \phi_{(c^k b^k \lambda)})_{(\lambda)} * \varphi.$$

Using the local division property (B3) we see that  $\phi$  belongs to the ideal generated by  $g_{i,j} = (g_j)_{(d_i)}$ . Thus  $\phi$  is a sum of elements of the form  $h_{i,j} * g_{i,j}$ , where  $i = 1, \dots, r, j = 1, \dots, n$ . Dropping the indices we conclude that each term in the infinite sum on the right-hand side of (4) can be written as a sum of elements of the form  $(f_{(\lambda)} * h_{(c^k b^k \lambda)}) * (g_{(c^k b^k \lambda)} * \varphi)$ . Using the properties (X1) and (B1) we can estimate the  $X$ -norm of every such term by a constant depending on  $b$ , times the  $X$ -norm of  $g_{(c^k b^k \lambda)} * \varphi$ . Here  $g = (g_j)_{(d_i)}$  for some  $j$  and  $i$ .

Writing  $c_i = cd_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, r$  we conclude that

$$\|(f * \phi_{(c^k b^k \lambda)})_{(\lambda)} * \varphi\|_X \leq C \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^r \|(g_j)_{(c_i b^k \lambda)} * \varphi\|_X.$$

Similarly, using (3),

$$\|(f * \phi_0)_{(\lambda)} * \varphi\|_X \leq C \sum_{j=1}^n \|(g_j)_{(\lambda)} * \varphi\|_X.$$

If we put  $c_0 = 1$  we therefore get the conclusion from (4).

**2. Localization of the main result.** We shall now give a localized version of Theorem 1, along the lines of Löfström [4]. We shall make two more assumptions on the spaces  $B$  and  $X$ , namely:

(X2) Suppose that  $\chi \in \mathcal{S}$ . Then  $\chi\varphi \in X$  for every  $\varphi \in X$  and

$$\|\chi\varphi\|_X \leq C \|\chi\|_{L^1} \|\varphi\|_X.$$

(Remark: In many cases a stronger condition is satisfied, namely

$$\|\chi\varphi\|_X \leq C \|\chi\|_{L^\infty} \|\varphi\|_X.)$$

(B4) The space  $B$  satisfies condition (X2).

Let  $\zeta$  be a fixed infinitely differentiable function such that  $0 \leq \zeta \leq 1$ ,  $\zeta(x) = 1$  for  $|x| \geq 2$ ,  $\zeta(x) = 0$  for  $|x| < 1$ . Then (B4) implies that

$$\|\zeta^{(a)} f_{(\lambda)}\|_B \leq C \|f\|_B \quad (\lambda \geq 1).$$

If  $U$  is any subset of  $R^d$  we shall define the local semi-norm of  $\varphi$  at  $U$  by the formula

$$(1) \quad \|\varphi; U\|_X = \inf \{ \|\chi\varphi\|_X : \chi \in \mathcal{S}, 0 \leq \chi \leq 1, \chi = 1 \text{ on } U \}.$$

Clearly we have here implicitly used (X2).

Next we shall define a new Banach algebra  $B(m)$  ( $m > 0$ ), to be the space of all  $f \in B$  such that

$$\|\zeta^{(a)} f_{(\lambda)}\|_B \leq C (\varepsilon\lambda)^{-m} \quad (\lambda \geq 1; \varepsilon \geq 1).$$

The norm on  $B(m)$  is

$$\|f\|_{B(m)} = \|f\|_B + \sup_{\varepsilon, \lambda \geq 1} (\varepsilon\lambda)^m \|\zeta^{(a)} f_{(\lambda)}\|_B.$$

In order to see that  $B(m)$  is a convolution algebra we take  $f, g \in B(m)$ . Then, with  $\delta = 8\varepsilon$ ,

$$\zeta^{(a)} \cdot (f * g)_{(\lambda)} = \zeta^{(a)} \cdot ((\zeta^{(a)} f_{(\lambda)}) * g_{(\lambda)}) + \zeta^{(a)} \cdot ((f_{(\lambda)} - \zeta^{(a)} f_{(\lambda)}) * \zeta^{(a)} g_{(\lambda)}).$$

Thus using (B4) and (B1)

$$\begin{aligned} \|\zeta^{(a)} (f * g)_{(\lambda)}\|_B &\leq C (\|\zeta^{(a)} f_{(\lambda)}\|_B \|g_{(\lambda)}\|_B + \|f_{(\lambda)}\|_B \|\zeta^{(a)} g_{(\lambda)}\|_B) \\ &\leq C (\delta\lambda)^{-m} (\|f\|_{B(m)} \|g\|_B + \|f\|_B \|g\|_{B(m)}). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $f * g \in B(m)$  and also that

$$\|f * g\|_{B(m)} \leq C \|f\|_{B(m)} \|g\|_{B(m)}.$$

The importance of the Banach algebra  $B(m)$  is connected with the following lemma.

LEMMA 1. Let  $U$  be a given set and  $U_\varepsilon$  the set of points of distance at most  $\varepsilon$  to  $U$ . Then if  $f \in B(m)$  and  $\varphi \in X$  we have for  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ ,  $\varepsilon \lambda \geq 4$

$$\|f_{(\lambda)} * \varphi; U\|_X \leq C \max(1, \lambda_0^{-\alpha}) (\|\varphi; U_\varepsilon\|_X + (\varepsilon \lambda)^{-m} \|\varphi\|_X).$$

Here  $C$  is independent of  $\varphi, f, \varepsilon, U$  and  $\lambda$ .

Proof. Choose infinitely differentiable functions  $\chi$  and  $\chi_\varepsilon$  such that  $\chi = 1$  on  $U$ ,  $\chi = 0$  outside  $U_{\varepsilon/2}$  and  $\chi_\varepsilon = 1$  on  $U_\varepsilon$ . Then

$$\chi \cdot (f_{(\lambda)} * \varphi) = \chi \cdot (f_{(\lambda)} * (\chi_\varepsilon \varphi)) + \chi \cdot ((\zeta^{(\varepsilon/\lambda)} \cdot f_{(\lambda)}) * ((1 - \chi_\varepsilon) \varphi)).$$

Now write  $\lambda = \lambda_0 \mu$ , where  $\mu \geq 1$ . Then

$$\|\zeta^{(\varepsilon/\lambda)} f_{(\lambda)}\|_B = \|(\zeta^{(\varepsilon \lambda_0/\lambda)} f_{(\lambda)})_{(\lambda_0)}\|_B \leq A \max(1, \lambda_0^{-\alpha}) (\varepsilon \lambda / 4)^{-m} \|f\|_{B(m)}.$$

The following theorem is a localized version of Theorem 1.

THEOREM 2. Let  $B$  and  $X$  be spaces such that (B1)–(B4) and (X1)–(X2) hold. Moreover, assume that  $m > 0$  and that  $B(m)$  has the local division property (B3). Let  $f \in B(m)$ ,  $g_1, \dots, g_n \in B(m)$  be given, so that  $\hat{f} = \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{h}_j \hat{g}_j$  in a neighbourhood of the origin, where  $h_1, \dots, h_n \in B(m)$ . Moreover, assume that  $\hat{g}_1, \dots, \hat{g}_n$  are continuous and  $\sum_j |\hat{g}_j|$  satisfies the Tauberian condition.

Then there are constants  $C, r, c_0, \dots, c_r$ , depending on  $f, g_1, \dots, g_n$ , and a constant  $b > 1$ , depending on  $g_1, \dots, g_n$  only, such that for  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ ,  $\varepsilon \lambda \geq 4$

$$\|f_{(\lambda)} * \varphi; U\|_X \leq C \max(1, \lambda_0^{-\alpha}) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^r \|(g_j)_{(c_i b^k \lambda)} * \varphi; U_\varepsilon\|_X + (\varepsilon \lambda)^{-m} \|\varphi\|_X \right).$$

Here  $U$  is any set and  $U_\varepsilon$  the set of points with distance at most  $\varepsilon$  to  $U$ . Here  $C \leq D \max_{j=1, \dots, n} (\|f\|_{B(m)}, \|h_j\|_{B(m)})$ , where  $D$  is independent of  $f$ .

Proof. Just as in the proof of Theorem 1 we can write

$$f * \phi_0 = \sum_{j=1}^n h_j * g_j * \phi_0, \quad \phi_0, h_j, g_j \in B(m)$$

and

$$f_{(\lambda)} * \varphi = (f * \phi_0)_{(\lambda)} * \varphi + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (f * \phi_{(b^k \lambda)})_{(\lambda)} * \varphi.$$

Now we observe that  $\mathcal{S} \subset B(m)$ . To show this write

$$\zeta_m(x) = |x|^{-m} \zeta(x), \quad f_m(x) = |x|^m \zeta(2x) f(x),$$

where  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ . Then  $f_m \in \mathcal{S}$  and hence  $f_m \in B$ . Since  $\zeta^{(\varepsilon)} f_{(\lambda)} = (\zeta^{(\varepsilon \lambda)} f)_{(\lambda)}$ , we get for  $\lambda \geq 1$  that

$$\|\zeta^{(\varepsilon)} f_{(\lambda)}\|_B \leq A \|\zeta^{(\varepsilon \lambda)} f\|_B \leq A (\varepsilon \lambda)^{-m} \|\zeta_m^{(\varepsilon \lambda)} f_m\|_B.$$

Now the Fourier transform of  $\zeta_m^{(\varepsilon \lambda)}$  is  $(\hat{\zeta}_m)_{(\varepsilon \lambda)}$ . Since  $m > 0$ , we have  $\hat{\zeta}_m \in L_1$ . (This follows for instance from Löfström [3], Lemma 1.4.) Thus (B4) implies that

$$\|\zeta_m^{(\varepsilon \lambda)} f_m\|_B \leq C \|f_m\|_B.$$

Thus

$$\|\zeta^{(\varepsilon)} f_{(\lambda)}\|_B \leq AC (\varepsilon \lambda)^{-m} \|f_m\|_B;$$

i.e.  $f \in B(m)$ .

Now  $\phi$  belongs to the ideal in  $B(m)$  generated by  $(g_j)_{(a_j)}$  (with the same notation as in the proof of Theorem 1). Using Lemma 1 we now get

$$\|(f * \phi_{(b^k \lambda)})_{(\lambda)} * \varphi; U\|_X \leq C \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^r \|(g_j)_{(c_i b^k \lambda)} * \varphi; U_\varepsilon\| + (c_i b^k \lambda \varepsilon)^{-m} \|\varphi\|_X \right),$$

and an analogous estimate for  $\|(f * \phi_0)_{(\lambda)} * \varphi; U\|_X$ . Since  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b^{-mk} < \infty$ , we get the result.

In some cases the conditions on  $f$  in Theorem 2 can be relaxed. If  $g_1, \dots, g_n$  have compact supports one needs only to assume that  $h_1, \dots, h_n$  belong to  $B$  (not to  $B(m)$ ).

THEOREM 2'. Let  $B$  and  $X$  satisfy (B1)–(B4) and (X1)–(X2) and assume that  $B(m)$  has the local division property. Suppose that  $g_1, \dots, g_n$  have compact supports and belong to  $B$ , that  $g_1, \dots, g_n$  are continuous and that  $\sum_j |\hat{g}_j|$  satisfies the Tauberian condition. Moreover, assume that  $f \in B(m)$  and that  $\hat{f} = \sum_j \hat{h}_j \hat{g}_j$  in a neighbourhood of the origin, where  $h_j \in B$ .

Then there are constants  $C, r, c_0, \dots, c_r, b > 1$  such that if  $\lambda$  is large enough

$$\|f_{(\lambda)} * \varphi; U\|_X \leq C \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^r \|(g_j)_{(c_i b^k \lambda)} * \varphi; U_\varepsilon\|_X + (\varepsilon \lambda)^{-m} \|\varphi\|_X \right).$$

Proof. Note first that if  $g_j$  has compact support then  $g_j \in B(m)$  since  $\zeta^{(\varepsilon)}(g_j)_{(\lambda)} = 0$  if  $\varepsilon \lambda$  is large enough. Now let  $\chi$  be an infinitely differentiable function with compact support such that  $\chi = 1$  on  $U_{\varepsilon/4}$  and  $\chi = 0$  outside  $U_{\varepsilon/2}$ . Put  $\psi = \chi \varphi$ . Then the proof of Lemma 1 implies that

$$\|f_{(\lambda)} * \varphi; U\|_X \leq C (\|f_{(\lambda)} * \psi\|_X + (\varepsilon \lambda)^{-m} \|\varphi\|_X).$$

Now Theorem 1 implies that

$$\|f_{(\lambda)} * \psi\|_X \leq C \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^r \|(g_j)_{(c_i b^k \lambda)} * \psi\|_X.$$

Writing  $g = g_j$ ,  $\mu = c_i b^k \lambda$  we now note that  $g_{(\mu)} * \psi = 0$  outside  $U_{3\epsilon/4}$  if  $\lambda$  (and hence  $\mu$ ) is large enough. Thus Lemma 1 implies

$$\|g_{(\mu)} * \psi\|_X = \|g_{(\mu)} * \psi; U_{3\epsilon/4}\|_X \leq C (\|g_{(\mu)} * \varphi; U_{\epsilon}\|_X + (\epsilon \mu)^{-m} \|\varphi\|_X).$$

Now the result follows.

**3. Applications to approximation theory.** Let  $e_j$  be the  $j$ th unit vector in  $R^d$  and put

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_j(\varphi) &= \varphi(e_j), & j &= 1, \dots, d, \\ \delta_0(\varphi) &= \varphi(0). \end{aligned}$$

Throughout this section we shall assume that

$$(B5) \quad \delta_j \in B \quad \text{for } j = 0, 1, \dots, d.$$

Note that  $(\delta_j)_{(\lambda)} * \varphi(x) = \varphi(x - e_j/\lambda)$ . Thus if (B1) and (X1) hold then the translation operators along the unit vectors are bounded on  $X$ . Consequently, the difference operator

$$\Delta_{j,h}\varphi(x) = \varphi(x + h e_j) - \varphi(x)$$

and its iterates  $\Delta_{j,h}^M$ ,  $M = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  are bounded on  $X$ . In this section we shall work with the space  $X^s$  of all  $\varphi \in X$  such that for some  $M > s$  ( $s > 0$ ) we have

$$\|\Delta_{j,h}^M \varphi\|_X = \mathcal{O}(h^s), \quad j = 1, \dots, d \quad (h \rightarrow 0).$$

Similarly, given  $f \in B$  we consider the approximation space  $A_f^s$ ,  $s > 0$ , consisting of all  $\varphi \in X$  such that

$$\|f_{\lambda} * \varphi\|_X = \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-s}) \quad (\lambda \rightarrow \infty).$$

Finally, we shall consider the space  $E^s$  of all  $\varphi \in X$  whose best approximation  $E(\lambda; \varphi)$  with entire functions of order  $\lambda$  is  $\mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-s})$ . Thus

$$E_{\lambda}(\varphi) = \inf \{ \|\psi - \varphi\|_X : \psi \in X, \hat{\psi}(\xi) = 0 \text{ for } |\xi| > \lambda \}$$

and

$$\varphi \in E^s \Leftrightarrow E_{\lambda}(\varphi) = \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-s}).$$

We shall prove that  $E^s = X^s$  and that  $A_f^s = X^s$  if  $f$  satisfies some additional conditions. Our presentation follows closely Shapiro [6] and [7].

**THEOREM 3.** Suppose that (B1)–(B3) and (X1) are satisfied. Assume that  $g_1, \dots, g_n \in B$ , that  $\hat{g}_1, \dots, \hat{g}_n$  are continuous and that  $\sum_j |\hat{g}_j|$  satisfies the Tauberian condition. Moreover, assume that  $f \in B$  and that  $\hat{f}(\xi) = H(\xi)\hat{v}(\xi)$  in a neighbourhood of the origin. Here  $v \in B$  and  $H$  is a positive homogeneous function of order  $t$  which locally at the origin belongs to  $B$ . Let  $a$  be the exponent defined in (B1) and assume that  $0 < s < t, t > a$ . Then

$$\bigcap_{j=1}^n A_{g_j}^s \subset A_f^s$$

Proof. Choose a test function  $\psi$  so that  $\hat{\psi}$  vanishes outside an appropriate neighbourhood of the origin and so that  $\hat{\psi}(\xi) = 1$  near  $\xi = 0$ . Put  $\hat{h} = \hat{f}\hat{\psi}$  and  $\hat{g} = (1 - \hat{\psi})\hat{f}$ . Then  $f = h + g$ . Since  $\hat{g}$  vanishes in a neighbourhood of the origin,  $\hat{g}$  belongs locally at the origin to the ideal generated by  $\hat{g}_1, \dots, \hat{g}_n$ . Thus Theorem 1 implies

$$\|g_{(\lambda)} * \varphi\|_X \leq C \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j,i} (c_i b^k \lambda)^{-s} \leq C \lambda^{-s}, \quad \lambda \geq 1.$$

Since

$$\|(g_j)_{(\lambda)} * \varphi\|_X = \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-s}), \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty,$$

thus

$$\|f_{(\lambda)} * \varphi\|_X \leq C (\|h_{(\lambda)} * \varphi\|_X + \lambda^{-s}), \quad \lambda \geq 1.$$

It is no restriction to assume that  $\hat{h}(\xi) = H(\xi)$  in a neighbourhood of the origin. For otherwise let  $\hat{h}_0(\xi) = H(\xi)$  near the origin. Then  $h = \psi * \hat{h}_0$  so that

$$\|h_{\lambda} * \varphi\|_X \leq \|\psi\|_B \|(\hat{h}_0)_{(\lambda)} * \varphi\|_X, \quad \lambda \geq 1.$$

Write  $\hat{k}(\xi) = \hat{h}(\xi) - 2^{-t} \hat{h}(2\xi)$ . Then

$$\|\hat{k}_{(2^{-l})}\|_B \leq A 2^{al} \|\hat{k}\|_B$$

and thus the series

$$\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} 2^{-tl} k_{(2^{-l})}$$

converges in  $B$  (since  $t > a$ ). But

$$\hat{h}(\xi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} 2^{-tl} \hat{k}(2^l \xi) \quad \text{in } L_{\infty}$$

so (B2) implies

$$h = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} 2^{-tl} k_{(2^{-l})}.$$

Now  $\hat{k}$  vanishes in a neighbourhood of the origin. Therefore

$$\|k_{(2^{-l})^* \varphi}\|_X \leq C \lambda^{-a} 2^{al} \quad \text{if } \lambda \leq 2^l,$$

$$\|k_{(2^{-l})^* \varphi}\|_X \leq C \lambda^{-s} 2^{sl} \quad \text{if } \lambda \geq 2^l,$$

the second estimate by a new application of Theorem 1. Consequently

$$\|h_s^* \varphi\|_X \leq C \left( \lambda^{-a} \sum_{2^l \geq \lambda} 2^{-(t-a)l} + \lambda^{-s} \sum_{2^l < \lambda} 2^{-(t-a-s)l} \right).$$

Since  $t > s$ , the conclusion follows.

**COROLLARY 1.** *Suppose that (B1)–(B3), (B5) and (X1) hold. Assume that  $f \in B$  and that  $\hat{f}$  is a continuous function satisfying the Tauberian condition. Moreover, let  $\hat{f}(\xi) = H(\xi)\hat{v}(\xi)$  in a neighbourhood of the origin, where  $v \in B$  and  $H$  is positive homogeneous of order  $t > a$  and belongs locally at the origin to  $\hat{B}$ . Then  $A_f^s = X^s$  for  $0 < s < t$ .*

*Proof.* We use Theorem 3 with

$$\hat{g}_j(\xi) = (\exp(i\xi_j) - 1)^M,$$

where  $M > s$ . Then (B5) implies that  $g_j \in B$ . Moreover,  $\sum_{j=1}^n |\hat{g}_j|$  is a continuous function satisfying the Tauberian condition. Thus Theorem 3 implies  $X^s \subset A_f^s$  if  $t > s$ ,  $t > a$ . In order to get the converse inclusion we note that  $(\exp(i\xi_j) - 1)^M = (i\xi_j)^M U_j(\xi)$  in a neighbourhood of the origin. Here  $U_j \in B$ . Now  $(i\xi_j)^M$  is positive homogeneous of order  $M$  and is locally in  $\hat{B}$  at the origin. Moreover,  $\hat{f}$  is continuous and satisfies the Tauberian condition. Taking  $M > s$ ,  $M > a$ , Theorem 3 implies  $A_f^s \subset X^s$ .

**COROLLARY 2.** *Suppose that (B1)–(B3), (B5) and (X1) hold. Then*

$$E^s = X^s \quad \text{for all } s > 0.$$

*Proof.* A proper choice of  $f$  in Corollary 1 will give that  $X^s = A^s \subset E^s$ . Conversely, choose  $f \in B$  so that  $\hat{f}(\xi) = 0$  for  $|\xi| \leq 1$ . If  $\varphi \in E^s$  there is for every  $\lambda \geq 1$  a  $\psi_\lambda \in X$  so that  $\hat{\psi}_\lambda(\xi) = 0$  for  $|\xi| \geq \lambda$  and

$$\|\varphi - \psi_\lambda\|_X \leq C \lambda^{-s}.$$

Then  $f_\lambda^* \varphi = f_\lambda^* (\varphi - \psi_\lambda)$  so that

$$\|f_\lambda^* \varphi\|_X \leq C \lambda^{-s}, \quad \lambda \geq 1.$$

If we choose  $\hat{f}$  continuous and  $\hat{f}(\xi) \neq 0$  for  $|\xi| = 2$  we get from Corollary 1 that  $\varphi \in X^s$ . Thus  $E^s \subset X^s$ .

We shall now consider a localized version of the previous results.

Let  $\Omega$  be an open bounded set. We use the notation  $U \in V$  to indicate

that the closure of  $U$  has a positive distance to the complement of  $V$ . We let  $X^s(\Omega)$  denote the space of all  $\varphi \in X$  such that

$$\|A_{j,h}^M \varphi; U\|_X = \mathcal{O}(h^s) \quad \text{for all } U \in \Omega.$$

Similarly,  $A_f^s(\Omega)$  is the space of all  $\varphi \in X$  such that

$$\|f_{(t)}^* \varphi; U\|_X = \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-s}) \quad \text{for all } U \in \Omega.$$

Similarly, we shall let  $E^s(\Omega)$  denote the space of all  $\varphi \in X$  such that there is a family  $(\psi_\lambda)_{\lambda > 1}$ , with  $\sup_{\lambda > 1} \|\psi_\lambda\|_X < \infty$ ,  $\hat{\psi}_\lambda(\xi) = 0$  for  $|\xi| > \lambda$  and

$$\|\psi_\lambda - \varphi; U\|_X = \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-s}) \quad \text{for all } U \in \Omega.$$

**THEOREM 4.** *Suppose that (B1)–(B4), (X1)–(X2) hold and that  $B(m)$  (for a fixed  $m > 0$ ) has the local division property (B3). Let  $g_1, \dots, g_n \in B(m)$  and suppose that  $\hat{g}_1, \dots, \hat{g}_n$  are continuous and that  $\sum_j |\hat{g}_j|$  satisfies the Tauberian condition. Moreover, assume that  $f \in B(m)$  and that  $\hat{f}(\xi) = H(\xi)\hat{v}(\xi)$  in a neighbourhood of the origin. Here  $v \in B(m)$  and  $H$  is a continuous positive homogeneous function of order  $t > a$  which belongs locally at the origin to  $\hat{B}(m)$ . Let  $s \leq m$  and  $0 < s < t$ .*

*Then*

$$\bigcap_{j=1}^n A_{g_j}^s(\Omega) = A_f^s(\Omega)$$

for every open bounded set  $\Omega$ .

*Proof.* We write  $f = h + g$ , where  $\hat{g}(\xi) = 0$  in a neighbourhood of the origin and where  $\hat{h}(\xi) = H(\xi)\hat{v}(\xi)$  in a neighbourhood of the origin. It is no restriction to assume that  $\hat{h}$  is continuous and satisfies the Tauberian condition. Let  $U \in \Omega$  and choose  $\varepsilon > 0$  so that  $U_\varepsilon \in \Omega$ . Take  $\varphi \in \bigcap_{j=1}^n A_{g_j}^s(\Omega)$ .

Then

$$\|(g_j)_{(t)}^* \varphi; U_\varepsilon\|_X \leq C \max(1, \lambda^{-a}) \max(1, \lambda^{-s}).$$

By Theorem 2 we conclude that

$$\|g_{(t)}^* \varphi; U\|_X \leq C \left( \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i,j} (e_i b^h \lambda)^{-s} + (\varepsilon \lambda)^{-m} \|\varphi\|_X \right).$$

Since  $m \geq s$ , it follows that

$$\|g_{(t)}^* \varphi; U\|_X = \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-s}).$$

In order to estimate  $h_{(t)}^* \varphi$  on  $U$  we write

$$\hat{h}(\xi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} 2^{-l} \hat{h}(2^l \xi),$$



where

$$\hat{k}(\xi) = \hat{h}(\xi) - 2^{-t}\hat{h}(2\xi)$$

as in the proof of Theorem 3. Since  $v \in B(m)$ , it is no restriction to assume that  $\hat{h}(\xi) = H(\xi)$  in a neighbourhood of the origin.

$$h = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} 2^{-l} k_{(2^{-l})}$$

In order to show that this series converges in  $B(m)$  we note that

$$\|\xi^{(l)} k_{(2^{-l})}\|_B = \|(\xi^{(2^l)} k_{(2)})_{(2^{-l})}\|_B \leq A 2^{al} (\varepsilon \lambda 2^l)^{-m} \|k\|_{B(m)}$$

if  $\lambda \geq 1$  and  $\varepsilon \lambda \geq 1$ . Thus if  $l \geq 0$

$$\|k_{(2^{-l})}\|_{B(m)} \leq C \max(1, 2^{(a-m)l}).$$

Therefore the series converges if  $t > a$ . By Theorem 2 we now get (for  $\lambda \geq 1$ )

$$\|k_{(2^{-l})} * \varphi; U\|_X \leq C \lambda^{-s} 2^{sl} \max(1, 2^{(a-m)l}), \quad \lambda \geq 2^l.$$

Obviously,

$$\|k_{(2^{-l})} * \varphi; U\|_X \leq C \lambda^{-a} 2^{al}, \quad \lambda \leq 2^l.$$

Consequently,

$$\|h_{(2)} * \varphi; U_{s/2}\|_X \leq C_s \left( \lambda^{-a} \sum_{2^l \geq \lambda} 2^{-(t-a)l} + \lambda^{-s} \sum_{2^l < \lambda} 2^{-(t-s)l} \max(1, 2^{(a-m)l}) \right)$$

since  $t > s, t > a$ . If  $g_1, \dots, g_n$  have compact supports the conditions on  $v$  and  $H$  can be relaxed as a consequence of Theorem 2'.

**THEOREM 4'.** Suppose that (B1)–(B4) and (X1)–(X2) hold and that  $B(m)$  has the local division property. Let  $g_1, \dots, g_n \in B$  have compact supports and assume that  $g_1, \dots, g_n$  are continuous and that  $\sum |\hat{g}_j|$  satisfies the Tauberian condition. Suppose that  $f \in B(m)$ ,  $\hat{f}(\xi) = H(\xi)\hat{v}(\xi)$  in a neighbourhood of the origin, where  $H$  belongs locally at the origin to  $\hat{B}$  and where  $v \in B$ .

If  $H$  is continuous and homogeneous of order  $t > a$  and if  $0 < s \leq m, 0 < s < t$  then

$$\bigcap_i A_{g_i}^s(\Omega) \subset A_f^s(\Omega)$$

for every open bounded set  $\Omega$ .

**COROLLARY 3.** Suppose that (B1)–(B5), (X1)–(X2) hold. Let  $f \in B(m)$  and suppose that  $\hat{f}$  is continuous and satisfies the Tauberian condition. Moreover, suppose that  $\hat{f}(\xi) = H(\xi)\hat{v}(\xi)$  in a neighbourhood of the origin.

Here  $v \in B$  and  $H$  is continuous, positive homogeneous of order  $t$  and belongs locally at the origin to  $\hat{B}$ .

Then  $A_s^s(\Omega) = X^s(\Omega)$  provided that  $0 < s \leq m$  and  $t > s, t > a$ .

**COROLLARY 4.** Suppose that (B1)–(B5), (X1)–(X2) hold. Then

$$B^s(\Omega) = X^s(\Omega) \quad \text{for all } s > 0.$$

The proofs are almost word by word the same as the proofs of Corollaries 1, 2.

**4. How to choose the space  $X$ .** In the applications to approximation problems it is natural to choose the space  $X$  first and then try to find a suitable Banach algebra  $B$ . However it is also possible to go the other way round, that is, to start with the Banach algebra  $B$  and then try to find  $X$  so that (X1) and possibly (X2) hold. This is the situation we shall consider here.

Thus let  $B$  be a given Banach algebra. Then  $X = B$  is a possible choice since then (X1) holds. If (B4) is satisfied then so is clearly (X2). The dual  $B^*$  of  $B$  is another possible choice for  $X$ , provided that  $B^*$  is a space of tempered distributions. In fact, if  $\varphi \in X = B^*$  and  $f \in B$  we have

$$\|f * \varphi\|_X = \sup_{\|g\|_{B^*} \leq 1} |g * f * \varphi(0)| \leq \|f\|_B \|\varphi\|_X.$$

If (B4) is satisfied then (X2) holds for  $X = B^*$ . To see this take a  $\varphi \in X$  and let  $\chi$  be an infinitely differentiable function with compact support such that  $0 \leq \chi \leq 1$ . Then (B4) implies

$$\|\chi \varphi\|_X = \sup_{\|g\|_{B^*} \leq 1} |g * (\chi \varphi)(0)| = \sup_{\|\tilde{\chi} g\|_{B^*} \leq 1} |(\tilde{\chi} g) * \varphi(0)| \leq C \|\varphi\|_X.$$

(Here  $\tilde{\chi}(x) = \chi(-x)$ .)

Since  $B$  and  $B^*$  are possible choices for  $X$ , so are the interpolation spaces between  $B$  and  $B^*$ . We have proved the following result.

**PROPOSITION 1.** Let  $B$  be a Banach algebra of tempered distributions such that (B1) holds and let  $B^*$ , the dual of  $B$ , be a Banach space of tempered distributions. Then any interpolation space  $X$  between  $B$  and  $B^*$  will satisfy (X1). If (B4) holds then so does (X2).

Other choices for  $X$  are the closure of  $\mathcal{S}$  in  $B$  or the closure of  $\mathcal{S}$  in  $B^*$  (provided  $\mathcal{S} \subset B^*$ ). In specific situations there can of course be still other possible choices for  $X$ . More about this in Section 6.

**5. Discussion of the local division property.** The most important condition on the Banach algebra  $B$  is the local division property (B3). This condition is well known in some cases, for instance when  $B = L_1$ . (See Rudin [8], Lemma 7.2.2.) In that case the characters, i.e. the non-trivial continuous linear and multiplicative functionals are known to be

the point-evaluations of the Fourier transform. More generally we have the following lemma:

LEMMA 2. Suppose that  $B$  is a Banach algebra under convolution such that (B2) holds. Moreover, assume that the characters on  $B$  are just the point-evaluations of the Fourier transform. Then  $B$  has the local division property.

Proof. Let  $g_1, \dots, g_n$  be given elements of  $B$ . Moreover, let  $K$  be a compact set and assume that  $\hat{g}_1, \dots, \hat{g}_n$  are continuous functions on  $K$  such that  $|\hat{g}_1(\xi)| + \dots + |\hat{g}_n(\xi)| > 0$  for all  $\xi \in K$ . For every  $\xi_0 \in K$  there is a  $j$  such that  $g_j(\xi_0) \neq 0$ . Then there is a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $\xi_0$  such that  $\hat{g}_j(\xi) \neq 0$  on the closure  $V$  of  $U$ .

Now consider for a given  $t \in B$  the equivalence class of all  $T \in B$  such that  $\hat{T} = \hat{t}$  on  $V$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the Banach algebra of the equivalence classes,  $\hat{t}$ , with norm

$$\|\hat{t}\|_{\mathcal{B}} = \inf\{\|t\|_B : t \in \hat{t}\}$$

and multiplication defined by  $\hat{t} * \hat{s} = \widehat{(t * s)}$ . Then  $\mathcal{B}$  is a Banach algebra with unit. In fact there is a test function  $\sigma$  such that  $\hat{\sigma}(\xi) = 1$  on  $V$ . Then  $\bar{\sigma}$  is a unit on  $\mathcal{B}$  since  $(\sigma * t)^\wedge = \hat{t}$  on  $V$  and hence  $\bar{\sigma} * \hat{t} = \widehat{(\sigma * t)} = \hat{t}$ .

Now let  $H$  be a character on  $\mathcal{B}$ , and put  $G(t) = H(\hat{t})$ . Then it is easily seen that  $G$  is a character on  $B$  and thus of the form  $G(t) = \hat{t}(\eta)$  for some  $\eta$ . Now choose  $\sigma$  as above. Then

$$G(\sigma * t) = H(\hat{t}) = G(t),$$

i.e.

$$\hat{\sigma}(\eta)\hat{t}(\eta) = \hat{t}(\eta).$$

Since this is true for all test functions  $\sigma$  such that  $\hat{\sigma}(\xi) = 1$  on  $V$ , we conclude that  $\eta \in V$ .

Now we have  $\hat{g}_j(\xi) \neq 0$  on  $V$ . Hence  $H(\hat{g}_j) \neq 0$  for all characters  $H$  on  $\mathcal{B}$ . Thus  $\hat{g}_j$  has an inverse  $\bar{h}_j \in \mathcal{B}$  implying that  $\hat{g}_j * \bar{h}_j * \hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi}$  for all test functions  $\phi$  such that  $\hat{\phi}$  has its support in  $V$ . Thus

$$g_j * h_j * \phi = \phi.$$

For any  $\xi_0 \in K$  we have found a neighbourhood  $U$ , a number  $j$  and an  $h_j \in B$  such that  $g_j * h_j * \phi = \phi$  for all  $\phi \in \mathcal{S}$  such that  $\hat{\phi}$  has its support in  $U$ . Now cover  $K$  by finitely many such neighbourhoods  $U_1, \dots, U_k$  and assume that  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k$  are test functions such that  $\hat{\phi}_i$  has its support in  $U_i$  and  $\sum_i \hat{\phi}_i = 1$  on  $K$ . Then there are  $j_i$  and  $h_i \in B$  such that

$$f = \sum \phi_i * f = \sum g_{j_i} * h_i * \phi_i * f$$

if  $f \in B$  and  $\hat{f}(\xi) = 0$  outside  $K$ . Thus  $f$  is in the ideal generated by  $g_1, \dots, g_n$ . This completes the proof.

As an application of Lemma 2 consider a positive weight function  $w$  such that  $w(x+y) \leq cw(x)w(y)$  and put  $B = L_1(w)$  with norm

$$\|wf\|_1 = \int w(x)|f(x)|dx.$$

Then  $B$  is a Banach algebra. Assuming for instance that

$$w(x) \leq c(1+|x|)^N$$

for some  $N$ , we have a situation where Lemma 2 can be applied, since then the characters on  $B$  are just the point-evaluations of the Fourier transform.

Note that the local division property can be satisfied even if there are other characters than the point-evaluations. For instance put  $B = \hat{L}_\infty$ . If  $g_1, \dots, g_n \in B$  and  $\hat{g}_1, \dots, \hat{g}_n$  are continuous and  $\sum |\hat{g}_j| > 0$  on  $K$  then we can write

$$\hat{f} = \sum_j \hat{h}_j \hat{g}_j, \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{h}_j = \frac{(\text{sign } \hat{g}_j) \hat{f}}{\sum |\hat{g}_j|}$$

for any  $f \in B$  such that  $\hat{f} = 0$  outside  $K$ . Clearly  $\hat{h}_j \in L_\infty$  and thus  $f$  is in the ideal generated by  $g_1, \dots, g_n$ .

In many cases it is possible to extend the Banach algebra  $B$  slightly without losing the local division property. Define the extended algebra  $\tilde{B}$  as the space of all tempered distributions  $f$  such that  $\phi * f \in B$  for all test functions with compact spectrum and

$$\|f\|_{\tilde{B}} = \sup\{\|\phi * f\|_B : \|\phi\|_B \leq 1, \phi \in C_c^\infty\} < \infty.$$

LEMMA 3. If  $B$  has the local division property then so does  $\tilde{B}$  and any Banach algebra  $B_1$  such that  $B \subset B_1 \subset \tilde{B}$ .

Proof. Assume that  $g_1, \dots, g_n \in B_1$ ,  $\hat{g}_1, \dots, \hat{g}_n$  are continuous and  $\sum |\hat{g}_j| > 0$  on the compact  $K$ . Let  $f \in \tilde{B}$  and assume  $\hat{f} = 0$  outside  $K$ . Then choose a test function  $\phi$  with compact spectrum so that  $\hat{\phi} = 1$  on  $K$ . Then  $\phi * g_j \in B$  and  $\phi * f \in B$ . Clearly the local division property on  $B$  implies the existence of  $h_j \in B$  so that  $\phi * f = \sum_j h_j * (\phi * g_j)$ . Hence  $f = \sum_j h_j * g_j$ , where  $h_j \in B \subset B_1$ .

Lemma 3 can be used to extend the local division property from  $L_1(w)$  (as above) to  $\mathcal{M}(w)$ , the space of all  $f$  such that  $wf$  is a bounded measure. In fact,

$$L_1(\tilde{w}) = \mathcal{M}(w).$$

To see this let  $\phi$  be a test function with compact spectrum such that  $\|w\phi\|_1 \leq 1$ . Then

$$\|w(\phi * f)\|_1 \leq \|(w|\phi|) * (w|f|)\|_1 \leq \|wf\|_{\mathcal{M}}.$$



Thus  $L_1(w) \subset \mathcal{M}(w) \subset \widetilde{L}_1(w)$  and thus  $\mathcal{M}(w)$  has the local division property. (We have in fact  $\mathcal{M}(w) = \widetilde{L}_1(w)$ .)

As an additional illustration let  $B$  be the closure of  $\mathcal{S}$  in  $\hat{L}_\infty$ . Then  $B = \hat{C}_{(0)}$  ( $C_{(0)}$  being the space of continuous function tending to zero at infinity). Clearly  $B$  has the local division property (by Lemma 2 or rather by direct inspection). Moreover,  $\hat{B} = \hat{C}$  ( $C$  being the space of continuous bounded functions) which clearly has the local division property.

LEMMA 4. Put  $w(x) = (1 + |x|)^a$  for some  $a \geq 0$  and assume that

$$L_1(w) \subset B \subset \hat{L}_\infty.$$

Then  $B$  and  $B(m)$  has the local division property.

Proof. Since the characters on  $L_1(w)$  are the point-evaluations of the Fourier transform, the same is true for  $B$ . Thus  $B$  has the local division property. Now put  $w_m(x) = (1 + |x|)^{a+m}$ . Then it is easily seen that  $L_1(w_m) \subset B(m)$ . In fact, if  $f \in L_1(w)$  then, for  $\lambda \geq 1$ ,

$$\|\xi^{(a)} f_{(\lambda)}\|_B \leq A \|\xi^{(a)} f\|_B \leq A \int_{|x| \geq \varepsilon \lambda} (1 + |x|)^a |f(x)| dx.$$

But if  $f \in L_1(w_m)$  we can estimate the right-hand side by a constant times

$$(\varepsilon \lambda)^{-m} \int_{|x| \geq \varepsilon \lambda} |x|^m (1 + |x|)^a |f(x)| dx \leq (\varepsilon \lambda)^{-m} \|f\|_{L_1(w_m)}.$$

Thus  $L_1(w_m) \subset B(m) \subset B \subset \hat{L}_\infty$ , so  $B(m)$ , too, has the local division property.

**6. Some special choices for the algebra  $B$ .** In Shapiro [7] the role of  $B$  is played by the algebra  $\mathcal{M}$  of bounded measures. As we have seen  $\mathcal{M}$  has the local division property. Moreover,  $\|f_{(\lambda)}\|_{\mathcal{M}} = \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}}$  so that (B1) holds with  $a = 0$ . Clearly (B2) and (B4), (B5) are satisfied. Here we can take  $X = L_p$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  as Shapiro does or more generally any interpolation space between  $L_1$  and  $L_\infty$ , for instance the Lorentz spaces  $L_{p,\alpha}$ . We also get localized versions of Shapiro's results.

THEOREM 5. Let  $X$  be any interpolation space between  $L_1$  and  $L_\infty$ . Then  $E^s = X^s$  and  $E^s(\Omega) = X^s(\Omega)$  for all  $s > 0$  and all open bounded sets  $\Omega$ . Moreover, let  $f$  be a bounded measure such that  $f$  satisfies the Tauberian condition. Assume that  $\hat{f}(\xi) = H(\xi) \hat{v}(\xi)$  in a neighbourhood of the origin, where  $v$  is a bounded measure and  $H(\xi)$  is homogeneous of order  $t$ , infinitely differentiable and positive outside the origin.

Then  $A_j^s = X^s$  if  $0 < s < t$ . If, in addition, for some  $m$  such that  $m \geq s$

$$(1) \quad \int_{|x| \geq \mu} |df(x)| = \mathcal{O}(\mu^{-m})$$

then we also have  $A_j^s(\Omega) = X^s(\Omega)$ ,  $0 < s < t$ .

Proof. Note that (1) is equivalent to the condition  $f \in \mathcal{M}(m)$ . The theorem is clearly a consequence of Corollaries 1-4. The only point to check is that  $H$  belongs locally at the origin to  $\mathcal{M}$ . In order to prove this put  $\hat{h} = H\hat{v}$ , where  $\hat{v}$  is a test function with compact support. Assume that  $\hat{\phi}$  is a test function with support on  $2^{-1} \leq |\xi| \leq 2$  and with the property  $\sum_k \hat{\phi}(2^{-k}\xi) = 1$  for  $\xi \neq 0$ . Put

$$\hat{h}_t(\xi) = \hat{\phi}(2^t \xi) \hat{h}(\xi).$$

Assume that  $\hat{v}(\xi) = 0$  for  $|\xi| > 1$ . Then

$$\sum_{t \geq 0} \hat{h}_t(\xi) = \hat{h}(\xi) \quad \text{for all } \xi.$$

Since

$$|D^a \hat{h}_t(\xi)| \leq \mathcal{O}2^{t(a-t)},$$

we have

$$\|D^a \hat{h}_t\|_{L_2} \leq \mathcal{O}2^{t(a-t-d/2)}.$$

Now we have that

$$\|h_t\|_{L_1} \leq C \|\hat{h}_t\|_{L_2}^{1-\theta} \max_{|\alpha|=L} \|D^\alpha \hat{h}_t\|_{L_2}^\theta,$$

where  $L > d/2$  and  $\theta = d/2L$ . Hence

$$\|h_t\|_{L_1} \leq \mathcal{O}2^{-ut}$$

and thus

$$\|h\|_{L_1} \leq \sum_{t \geq 0} \|h_t\|_{L_1} \leq C \sum_{t \geq 0} 2^{-ut},$$

i.e.  $h \in L_1$ . Thus if  $t > 0$  we have  $h \in \mathcal{M}$ . The proof is complete.

Next we shall consider weighted spaces. Let  $w$  be a positive continuous function such that there is a second positive continuous function  $w^* \geq 1$  such that

$$(2) \quad w(x+y) \leq Cw^*(x)w(y),$$

and

$$(3) \quad w^*(x/\lambda) \leq C \max(1, \lambda^{-a})w^*(x) \quad (a > 0).$$

An example of this situation is

$$w(x) = (1 + |x|)^\sigma, \quad \sigma \text{ real}$$

in which case  $w^*(x) = (1 + |x|)^a$ ,  $a = |\sigma|$ . Another example is

$$w(x) = \prod_{j=1}^k (1 + |\langle a_j, x \rangle|)^{\sigma_j},$$

where  $\alpha_j$  are unit vectors and  $\sigma_j$  are real. Then

$$w^*(x) = \prod_{j=1}^k (1 + |\langle \alpha_j, x \rangle|)^{|\sigma_j|}$$

and

$$a = \sum_{j=1}^k |\sigma_j|.$$

Let  $B = \mathcal{M}(w^*)$  denote the space of all  $f$  such that  $w^*f \in \mathcal{M}$  with norm

$$\|f\|_B = \|w^*f\|.$$

Then (3) implies (B1). Since  $1 \leq w^*$ , we have  $B \subset \mathcal{M}$  and thus  $\hat{B} \subset L_\infty$ . Moreover, (3) implies

$$w^*(x) \leq C(1 + |x|)^a$$

since  $w^*(e|x|) \leq C \max(a, |x|^a) w^*(e) \leq C(1 + |x|)^a$  if  $e = x/|x|$ . Consequently  $\mathcal{S} \subset B$  and thus (B2) holds. In order to prove the local division property we note that there is an integer  $N$  such that  $w^*(x) \leq C(1 + |x|^2)^N$ . Thus the argument of the preceding section shows that  $\mathcal{M}(w^*)$  has the local division property. Note also that (B4) and (B5) hold. As space  $X$  we choose for instance  $L_p(w)$  defined by the norm  $\|w\varphi\|_p$ . More generally, we can take as  $X$  any interpolation space between  $L_1(w)$  and  $L_\infty(w)$ . Clearly (X1) holds since  $|w(f*\varphi)| \leq (w^*|f|)*(w|\varphi|)$  by (2). Condition (X2) is satisfied, too. We now get the following consequence of Corollaries 1-4.

**THEOREM 6.** *Let  $w$  be a positive continuous weight function such that (2) and (3) holds and let  $X$  be any interpolation space between  $L_1(w)$  and  $L_\infty(w)$ . Then  $E^s = X^s$  and  $E^s(\Omega) = X^s(\Omega)$ . Moreover, assume that  $w^*f$  is a bounded measure and that  $f$  satisfies the Tauberian condition. Suppose that  $f(\xi) = H(\xi)\hat{v}(\xi)$  in a neighbourhood of the origin. Here  $w^*v$  is a bounded measure and  $H$  is homogeneous of order  $t > a$ , infinitely differentiable and positive outside the origin.*

Then  $A_t^s = X^s$  if  $0 < s < t$ . If in addition

$$(4) \quad \int_{|x| \geq \mu} |w^*(x)df(x)| = O(\mu^{-m}), \quad \mu \rightarrow \infty$$

for some  $m$  such that  $m \geq s$ , then  $A_t^s(\Omega) = X^s(\Omega)$ .

**Proof.** Writing  $\hat{h} = \hat{v}H$ , where  $\hat{v}$  is a test function with compact support, we need just to prove that

$$(5) \quad \|w^*\zeta^{(a)}\hat{h}\| \leq C\mu^{-t} \quad \text{if} \quad \mu \geq 1.$$

But  $w^*(x) \leq C(1 + |x|^2)^{a/2}$ . Let  $J^a$  be the operator  $(1 + |D|^2)^{a/2}$ . Then

$$\|J^a\zeta^{(a)}\|_{L_1} \leq C \max(1, \mu^{-a})$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \|w^*\zeta^{(a)}\hat{h}\| &\leq C \sum_{2^k \geq \mu} \|(J^a\zeta^{(a)}) * \hat{h} * \phi_{(2^k)}\|_{L_1} \\ &\leq C \max(1, \mu^{-a}) \sum_{2^k \geq \mu} \|\hat{h} * \phi_{(2^k)}\|_{L_1}. \end{aligned}$$

By the proof of Theorem 5 we get (5).

As an application of Theorem 6 we introduce the space  $\mathcal{L}_p$  of all measurable functions  $\varphi$  such that there is a number  $a \geq 0$  for which

$$\left( \int \left| \frac{\varphi(x)}{(1 + |x|)^a} \right|^p dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty.$$

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the space of all families  $(\psi_\lambda)_{\lambda \geq 1}$  such that  $\psi_\lambda$  is an entire function of exponential type  $\lambda$  and such that there are positive constants  $C$  and  $c$  so that

$$|\psi_\lambda(x)| \leq C(1 + |x|)^c, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \lambda \geq 1.$$

Then Theorem 6 implies

**COROLLARY 5.** *Assume that  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_p$  and let  $\Omega$  be open and bounded. Then*

$$(6) \quad \left( \int_U |\Delta_{j,h}^M \varphi(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} = O(h^s) \quad \text{for all } U \subset \Omega$$

if and only if there is a family  $(\psi_\lambda)_{\lambda > 0}$  in  $\mathcal{E}$  such that

$$(7) \quad \left( \int_U |\psi_\lambda(x) - \varphi(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} = O(\lambda^{-s}) \quad \text{for all } U \subset \Omega.$$

**Proof.** If  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_p$  then  $\varphi \in L_p(w)$  if  $w(x) = (1 + |x|)^{-a}$  for some  $a \geq 0$ . Then Theorem 6 implies that (6) is equivalent to the existence of a family  $(\psi_\lambda)_{\lambda > 1}$  of entire functions of exponential type  $\lambda$  such that (7) holds and

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \frac{\psi_\lambda(x)}{(1 + |x|)^a} \right)^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq C.$$

But then clearly  $(\psi_\lambda)_{\lambda > 1} \in \mathcal{E}$ .

**EXAMPLE 1.** Consider a function  $\varphi$  such that

$$\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} |x| & \text{for } |x| < 1, \\ (1 + |x|^2)^{\alpha/2} & \text{for } |x| > 2 \text{ } (\alpha \text{ real}), \end{cases}$$

and assume that  $\varphi$  is infinitely differentiable for  $|x| > 1/2$ . Put  $w(x) = (1 + |x|)^{-a}$ . Then  $\varphi \in L_\infty(w)$ . Moreover,  $\varphi \in X^1$ , i.e.

$$|\Delta_{j,h}^M \varphi(x)| \leq C|h|(1 + |x|)^a \quad \text{for all } x.$$

Thus Theorem 6 implies that there exists a family  $\psi_\lambda$  of entire functions of exponential type  $\lambda$  such that

$$|\psi_\lambda(x)| \leq C(1+|x|)^a \quad \text{for all } x \text{ and } \lambda \geq 1,$$

and

$$|\psi_\lambda(x) - \varphi(x)| \leq C\lambda^{-1}(1+|x|)^a.$$

Theorem 6 also implies that  $\lambda^{-1}$  cannot be replaced by  $\lambda^{-s}$  for any  $s > 1$ .

EXAMPLE 2. Consider a function  $\varphi$  such that

$$\varphi(x) = |x| \quad \text{for } |x| < 1,$$

$$|\varphi(x)| \leq C(1+|x|)^a \quad \text{for all } x \text{ (} a \text{ real)}.$$

Then Theorem 6 (or Corollary 5) implies that although  $\varphi$  may not belong to any space  $X^s$  (for  $s > 0$ ) because of the lack of regularity outside the ball  $|x| < 1$ , we still have that there is a family  $\psi_\lambda$  of entire functions of exponential type  $\lambda$  such that

$$|\psi_\lambda(x)| \leq C(1+|x|)^a \quad \text{for all } x \text{ and } \lambda \geq 1$$

and

$$|\psi_\lambda(x) - \varphi(x)| \leq C_\varepsilon \lambda^{-1} \quad \text{for } |x| < 1 - \varepsilon,$$

for every  $\varepsilon$  such that  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ .

EXAMPLE 3. Put  $d = 1$  and

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+x^2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

Clearly  $f \in B = L_1(w^*)$  if  $w^*(x) = (1+|x|)^a$  and  $0 \leq a < 1$ . Moreover,  $f \in B(m)$  if  $a = 1 - m$ ,  $0 < m < 1$ . Since  $\hat{f}(\xi) = \exp(-|\xi|)$ , we can write

$$\hat{f}(\xi) - 1 = |\xi| \hat{v}(\xi),$$

where

$$\hat{v}(\xi) = \int_0^1 \exp(-\tau|\xi|) d\tau.$$

Thus

$$v = \int_0^1 f_{(1/\tau)} d\tau.$$

Therefore  $v \in B$  since

$$\|w^*v\|_{L_1} \leq \int_0^1 \|v_{(1/\tau)}\|_{L_1} d\tau \leq C \int_0^1 \tau^{-a} d\tau \|f\|_{L_1} < \infty.$$

Thus the assumptions of Theorem 6 are satisfied with  $\alpha = 1$  and  $0 \leq a < 1$ . Thus suppose that for some real  $a$  with  $|a| < 1$  we have

$$(8) \quad \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\varphi(x)|^p (1+|x|)^{ap} dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty.$$

Then

$$\left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f_{(\lambda)} * \varphi(x) - \varphi(x)|^p (1+|x|)^{ap} dx \right)^{1/p} = O(\lambda^{-s}), \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

if and only if

$$\left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\Delta_h \varphi(x)|^p (1+|x|)^{ap} dx \right)^{1/p} = \mathcal{O}(h^s), \quad h \rightarrow 0,$$

provided that  $0 < s < 1$ , ( $\Delta_h \varphi(x) = \varphi(x+h) - \varphi(x)$ ).

There is also a localized version of the last equivalence, stating that if (8) holds for some  $a$  such that  $-1 < a < 1$  then for  $0 < s \leq m = 1 - a$

$$\left( \int_{a+\varepsilon}^{b-\varepsilon} |f_{(\lambda)} * \varphi(x) - \varphi(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} = \mathcal{O}(\lambda^s), \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

for all  $\varepsilon$  such that  $0 < \varepsilon < b - a$  if and only if

$$\left( \int_{a+\varepsilon}^{b-\varepsilon} |\Delta_h \varphi(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} = \mathcal{O}(h^s), \quad h \rightarrow 0$$

for all such  $\varepsilon$ . Note that we can drop the weight function when integrating on finite intervals. Also note that the last result does not follow from Theorem 5 since an application of the theorem would require the global estimate

$$\left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\varphi(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty,$$

instead of (8), which is weaker if  $-1 < a < 0$ .

EXAMPLE 4. Consider the Gauss kernel

$$f(x) = c \exp(-|x|^2/2), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Then  $f \in B = L_1(w^*)$  if  $w^*(x) = (1+|x|)^a$ ,  $a \geq 0$ , and  $f \in B(m)$  for every  $m > 0$ . Moreover,  $\hat{f}(\xi) - 1 = |\xi|^2 v(\xi)$ , where  $v \in B$  if  $0 \leq a < 2$ . This is easily seen by writing

$$v = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 f_{(1/\tau)} d\tau.$$

Thus Theorem 6 implies that

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f_{(\lambda)} * \varphi(x) - \varphi(x)|^p (1 + |x|)^{\alpha p} dx \right)^{1/p} = \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-s}), \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

if and only if

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\Delta_{j,h}^s \varphi(x)|^p (1 + |x|)^{\alpha p} dx \right)^{1/p} = \mathcal{O}(h^s), \quad h \rightarrow \infty,$$

provided that  $0 < s < 2$  and  $-2 < \alpha < 2$  and that

$$(9) \quad \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\varphi(x)|^p (1 + |x|)^{\alpha p} dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty.$$

As an illustration of the localized version of Theorem 6, let us now take

$$\Omega = \{x = (x_1, \dots, x_{d-1}, x_d) : |x_d| < 1\}.$$

Then suppose that  $0 < s < 2$ ,  $-2 < \alpha < 2$  and that (9) holds. Put

$$w_0(x) = (1 + (x_1^2 + \dots + x_{d-1}^2)^{1/2})^\alpha,$$

and

$$U_\varepsilon = \{x : |x_d| < 1 - \varepsilon\}, \quad 0 < \varepsilon < 1.$$

Then Theorem 6 implies that

$$\left( \int_{U_\varepsilon} |f_{(\lambda)} * \varphi(x) - \varphi(x)|^p w_0(x)^p dx \right)^{1/p} = \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-s}), \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

for every  $\varepsilon$  if and only if

$$\left( \int_{U_\varepsilon} |\Delta_{j,h}^s \varphi(x)|^p w_0(x)^p dx \right)^{1/p} = \mathcal{O}(h^s), \quad h \rightarrow 0$$

(for every  $\varepsilon$ ).

It is also possible to apply Theorem 6 to other weight-functions than  $(1 + |x|)^\alpha$ . Let us take

$$w(x) = (1 + |x_1|)^{\alpha_1} \dots (1 + |x_d|)^{\alpha_d}.$$

Then (2) holds with  $w^*(x) = (1 + |x|)^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha = |\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_d|$ . Thus Theorem 6 implies that if  $|\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_d| < 2$  then

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f_{(\lambda)} * \varphi(x) - \varphi(x)|^p w(x)^p dx \right)^{1/p} = \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-s}), \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

if and only if

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\Delta_{j,h}^s \varphi(x)|^p w(x)^p dx \right)^{1/p} = \mathcal{O}(h^s), \quad h \rightarrow 0,$$

and

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\varphi(x)|^p w(x)^p dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty.$$

**7. Some other choices for the space  $B$ .** Let  $w$  be a positive continuous weight function such that

$$w(x+y) \leq C w^*(x) w(y)$$

for some positive continuous function  $w^*$ . Then we consider the space  $T_p(w)$  of all translation invariant operators on  $L_p(w)$ . In [5] we have proved that the operators  $T_p(w)$  has the form  $\varphi \rightarrow k * \varphi$ , where  $k$  is a distribution. If  $w$  is symmetric, i.e.  $w(-x) = w(x)$  then  $T_p(w) \subset \hat{L}_\infty$  so in particular  $T_p(w)$  is a space of tempered distributions. Clearly  $T_p(w)$  is a convolution algebra, normed by the operator norm.

If we take  $w = 1$  then  $T_p(w) = T_p$  is the familiar space of bounded translation invariant operators on  $L_p$ . The space  $\hat{T}_p = M_p$  is the space of Fourier multipliers on  $L_p$ . It is well known that

$$\|f_{(\lambda)}\|_{T_p} = \|\hat{f}^{(\lambda)}\|_{M_p} = \|\hat{f}\|_{M_p}$$

so that (B1) holds for  $B = T_p$ . Clearly (B2) and (B5) are satisfied. If  $\chi$  is a test function such that  $0 \leq \chi \leq 1$  then

$$\|\chi f\|_{T_p} = \|\hat{\chi} * \hat{f}\|_{M_p} \leq \|\hat{\chi}\|_{L_1} \|\hat{f}\|_{M_p},$$

which implies that (B4) is true.

Next consider the closure  $B$  of  $\mathcal{S}$  in  $T_p$ . Since  $L_1 \subset T_p \subset \hat{L}_\infty$ , we have  $L_1 \subset B \subset \hat{C}_{(0)}$ . Thus the characters on  $B$  are the point-evaluations of the Fourier transform. Consequently Lemmas 2, 3 imply that the space  $B$  has the local division property (B3). We shall write  $\mathcal{T}_p$  for the space  $B$ . Thus

$\mathcal{T}_p$  is the space of all tempered distributions  $f$  such that, for all test functions  $\phi$  with compact spectrum,  $\phi * f$  is a limit in  $T_p$  of test functions and  $\|\phi * f\|_{T_p} \leq C$  if  $\|\phi\|_{\mathcal{T}_p} \leq 1$ .

Note that  $\hat{f}$  is continuous if  $f \in \mathcal{T}_p$ . Clearly  $\mathcal{T}_p$  satisfies (B1)–(B5). Taking  $X = L_p$  we can therefore use our general theorems. Since we have already proved that  $B^s = X^s$  if  $X = L_p$ , the interesting applications concern the spaces  $A_j^s$  and  $A_j^s(\Omega)$ . Using Corollaries 1 and 3 we get following result.

**THEOREM 7.** Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{T}_p$  and that  $\hat{f}$  satisfies the Tauberian condition. Moreover, assume that  $\hat{f}(\xi) = H(\xi)\hat{v}(\xi)$ , where  $v \in \mathcal{T}_p$  and  $H$  is homo-

homogeneous of order  $t > 0$ , infinitely differentiable and positive outside the origin. Then  $A_f^s = (L_p)^s$  for  $0 < s < t$ . If in addition for some  $m$ , such that  $m \geq s$ ,

$$(1) \quad \|(\zeta^{(a)}f)^\wedge\|_{M_p} = \mathcal{O}(\mu^{-m}), \quad \mu \rightarrow \infty$$

then we also have that  $A_f^s(\Omega) = (L_p)^s(\Omega)$ .

This result is very similar to Theorem 5 but the conditions on  $f$  are weaker if  $1 < p < \infty$ . For instance, if  $p = 2$  then the conditions of the theorem reads:

- $\hat{f}$  is bounded, continuous and satisfies the Tauberian condition,
- $\hat{v}$  is bounded, continuous.

(Use the fact that  $T_2 = \hat{T}_\infty$  and the remarks of sections.)

It is amusing to look at condition (1) in the light of our theory. Note that  $(\zeta^{(a)}f)^\wedge = \hat{\zeta}_{(a)} * \hat{f}$ . Now take  $B = \mathcal{M}$  and  $X = M_p$ . Then we get the following result from Corollary 1.

PROPOSITION 2. Condition (1) above is satisfied if and only if there is an integer  $M > m$  such that

$$\|A_{j,h}^M \hat{f}\|_{M_p} = \mathcal{O}(h^m), \quad h \rightarrow 0$$

for  $j = 1, \dots, d$ .

In the rest of this section we shall consider the weight function  $w(x) = (1 + |x|)^\sigma$ ,  $\sigma$  real. This is merely for convenience. The results we shall give are valid for more general weight functions, namely those weight functions which are symmetric ( $w(-x) = w(x)$ ) and polynomially regular in the sense defined in [5]. A general example of a weight function of this type is

$$w(x) = \prod_{j=1}^k (1 + |A_j x|)^{\sigma_j},$$

where  $A_j$  are bounded linear mappings on  $R^d$  and  $\sigma_j$  are real numbers. Put  $w_\sigma(x) = (1 + |x|)^\sigma$  and assume that  $a$  is an integer such that  $|\sigma| \leq a$ . Let  $B$  be the algebra of all  $f$  such that  $f_a(x) = x^a f(x) \in \mathcal{T}_p$  for  $|a| \leq a$ , with norm

$$\|f\|_B = \sum_{|a| \leq a} \|f_a\|_{\mathcal{T}_p}.$$

Then (B1)–(B5) hold ((B3) follows as usual from Lemma 2). In [5] we have proved that  $T_p(w_\sigma) = T_{p'}(w_{-\sigma})$ . Thus it is sufficient to consider the case  $\sigma > 0$ . First let  $\sigma$  be an integer. Then

$$w_\sigma(x) = \sum_{|\nu| \leq \sigma} a_\nu(x-y)^\nu,$$

where  $a_\nu$  are polynomials such that  $|a_\nu(x)| \leq A_\nu w_\sigma(x)$ . Thus

$$w_\sigma(f * \varphi) = \sum_{|\nu| \leq \sigma} f_\nu * (a_\nu \varphi), \quad f_\nu(y) = y^\nu f(y),$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|w_\sigma(f * \varphi)\|_{L_p} &\leq \sum_{|\nu| \leq \sigma} \|D^\nu \hat{f}\|_{M_p} \|a_\nu \varphi\|_{L_p} \\ &\leq C \sum_{|\nu| \leq \sigma} \|D^\nu \hat{f}\|_{M_p} \|w_\sigma \varphi\|_{L_p}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\sigma$  is not an integer we use the Stein–Weiss interpolation theorem. In fact, assume that  $\sigma = \sigma_0 + \theta$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$ , where  $\sigma_0$  is a non-negative integer. Then

$$\|w_{\sigma_0}(f * \varphi)\|_{L_p} \leq C \sum_{|\nu| \leq \sigma_0} \|D^\nu \hat{f}\|_{M_p} \|w_{\sigma_0} \varphi\|_{L_p},$$

$$\|w_{\sigma_0+1}(f * \varphi)\|_{L_p} \leq C \sum_{|\nu| \leq \sigma_0+1} \|D^\nu \hat{f}\|_{M_p} \|w_{\sigma_0+1} \varphi\|_{L_p}.$$

Therefore

$$\|w_\sigma(f * \varphi)\|_{L_p} \leq C \sum_{|\nu| \leq \sigma_0+1} \|D^\nu \hat{f}\|_{M_p} \|w_\sigma \varphi\|_{L_p}.$$

This proves that

$$\|w_\sigma(f * \varphi)\|_{L_p} \leq C \|f\|_B \|w_\sigma \varphi\|_{L_p}.$$

Thus (X1) (and clearly (X2)) holds true if  $X = L_p(w_\sigma)$ .

THEOREM 8. Suppose that  $w_\sigma(x) = (1 + |x|)^\sigma$  and let  $a$  be an integer such that  $a \geq |\sigma|$ . Put  $f_a(x) = x^a f(x)$  and assume that  $f_a \in \mathcal{T}_p$  for  $|a| \leq a$  and that  $\hat{f}$  satisfies the Tauberian condition. Moreover, let  $\hat{f}(\xi) = H(\xi) \hat{v}(\xi)$  in a neighbourhood of the origin. Here  $D^\alpha \hat{v} \in M_p$  for  $|\alpha| \leq a$  and  $H$  is homogeneous of order  $t > a$ , infinitely differentiable and positive outside the origin.

Then  $A_f^s = (L_p(w_\sigma))^s$  for  $0 < s < t$ . If, in addition, there is an integer  $M$  so that  $M > s$ , and

$$\|A_{j,h}^M D^\alpha \hat{f}\|_{M_p} = \mathcal{O}(h^s), \quad h \rightarrow 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, d,$$

for all  $|a| \leq a$ , then we also have  $A_f^s(\Omega) = (L_p(w_\sigma))^s(\Omega)$ .

EXAMPLE 5. Let  $J_\nu$  denote the Bessel function of order  $\nu$ . Put

$$g(x) = c J_{\beta+d/2}(x)$$

and choose  $c$  so that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g(x) dx = 1.$$

Then

$$\hat{g}(\xi) = (1 - |\xi|^2)_+^a.$$

It is well known that  $D^a \hat{g}$  belongs to the closure of  $\mathcal{S}$  in the space  $M_p$  of Fourier multipliers on  $L_p$ , provided that  $\beta > |\alpha| + (d-1)|p^{-1} - 2^{-1}|$ . Moreover,

$$\| \Delta_{j,h}^M D^a \hat{g} \|_{M_p} = \mathcal{O}(h^m), \quad h \rightarrow 0$$

if  $M > m > 0$ , provided that  $\beta > |\alpha| + m + (d-1)|p^{-1} - 2^{-1}|$ . (For a proof see Löfström [4].)

Let  $a$  be 0, 1 or 2, and assume that  $\beta > a + m + (d-1)|p^{-1} - 2^{-1}|$ . Put  $f = g - \delta_0$ . Then  $f \in J_p$  and if  $a \neq 0$ ,  $f_a = g_a$  belongs to the closure of  $\mathcal{S}$  in  $T_p$ , hence

$$f_a \in J_p \quad \text{if} \quad |\alpha| \geq a.$$

Moreover,

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = |\xi|^2 \hat{v}(\xi),$$

where  $D^a \hat{v} \in M_p$  for  $|\alpha| \leq a$  (see [4]). Thus we get the following conclusion from Theorem 8. Take

$$\beta > a + m + (d-1)|p^{-1} - 2^{-1}|$$

and choose  $s$  so that  $0 < s \leq m$ ,  $0 < s < 2$ . Assume that

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\varphi(x)|^p (1 + |x|)^{\sigma p} dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty \quad \text{for some } |\sigma| \leq a.$$

Then

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |g_{(\lambda)} * \varphi(x) - \varphi(x)|^p (1 + |x|)^{\sigma p} dx \right)^{1/p} = \mathcal{O}(\lambda^{-s}), \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

if and only if

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\Delta_{j,h}^M \varphi(x)|^p (1 + |x|)^{\sigma p} dx \right)^{1/p} = \mathcal{O}(h^s), \quad h \rightarrow 0$$

for some  $M > s$ , ( $0 < s \leq m$ ,  $0 < s < 2$ ).

We leave to the reader to write down localized versions of this result. (Cf. Löfström [4].)

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