

### END-POINT MAXIMAL $L^1$ REGULARITY FOR A CAUCHY PROBLEM TO PARABOLIC EQUATIONS

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

In this summary, we consider maximal  $L^1$ -regularity of the Cauchy problem for parabolic equations in the non-reflexive homogeneous Besov space.

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $A$  be a closed linear operator in  $X$  with a densely defined domain  $\mathcal{D}(A)$ . Given  $f \in L^\rho(0, T; X)$  ( $1 < \rho < \infty$ ), we consider the abstract Cauchy problem with  $0 < t < T \leq \infty$ :

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt}u + Au = f, & t > 0, \\ u(0) = 0, & t = 0 \end{cases} \tag{1.1}$$

Then it is called that  $A$  has maximal  $L^\rho$  regularity if there exists a unique solution  $u \in W^{1,\rho}(0, T; X) \cap L^\rho(0, T; \mathcal{D}(A))$  to the abstract parabolic equation (1.1) and satisfies the estimate

$$\left\| \frac{d}{dt}u \right\|_{L^\rho(0,T;X)} + \|Au\|_{L^\rho(0,T;X)} \leq C\|f\|_{L^\rho(0,T;X)}, \tag{1.2}$$

where  $C$  is a positive constant independent of  $f$ . In a general theory, maximal regularity is well established for any Banach space  $X$  that satisfies “Unconditional Martingale Difference” (called as UMD). See for the details [2], [4], [8], [13], [14], [15], [20], [21], [26]. On the other hand, maximal regularity on non-UMD Banach spaces, for instance non-reflexive Banach space such as  $L^1$  or  $L^\infty$ -like spaces, requires a different way to show it. When we consider the Cauchy problem for the linear parabolic equation the estimate for maximal regularity (1.2) reflects directly full regularity of the solution. Let  $u$  solve the Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u - \mathcal{L}_2 u = f, & t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \end{cases} \tag{1.3}$$

where the operator  $\mathcal{L}_2$  denotes the uniformly elliptic operator of second order,  $\partial_t$  denotes the partial derivative by  $t$  and  $u_0$  and  $f$  are given initial and external data. Then general theory is stated avoiding the end point spaces such as  $L^1$  or  $L^\infty$  in both space and time variables. In the case of  $\mathcal{L}_2 = \Delta$ , we explicitly proved maximal regularity on the homogeneous Banach spaces [22], [23]. To state the result precisely, we first recall the definition

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of the Besov space. Let  $\{\phi_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be the Littlewood-Paley dyadic decomposition of unity satisfying that

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{\phi}_j(\xi) = 1$$

for all  $\xi \neq 0$ , where  $\hat{\phi}$  is the Fourier transform of  $\phi$  and  $\text{supp } \hat{\phi}_j \subset \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid 2^{j-1} < |\xi| < 2^{j+1}\}$ . For  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $1 \leq p, \sigma \leq \infty$ , we define the homogeneous Besov space  $\dot{B}_{p,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  by

$$\dot{B}_{p,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{f \in \mathcal{S}^*/\mathcal{P}; \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p,\sigma}^s} < \infty\}$$

with the norm

$$\|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p,\sigma}^s} \equiv \begin{cases} \left( \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{js\sigma} \|\phi_j * f\|_p^\sigma \right)^{1/\sigma}, & 1 \leq \sigma < \infty, \\ \sup_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{js} \|\phi_j * f\|_p, & \sigma = \infty \end{cases}$$

and  $\mathcal{P}$  denotes all polynomials. We also introduce the inhomogeneous Besov spaces  $B_{p,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$  by

$$B_{p,\sigma}^s(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{f \in \mathcal{S}^*; \|f\|_{B_{p,\sigma}^s} < \infty\}$$

with the norm

$$\|f\|_{B_{p,\sigma}^s} \equiv \begin{cases} \left( \|\psi * f\|_p^\sigma + \sum_{j \geq 0} 2^{js\sigma} \|\phi_j * f\|_p^\sigma \right)^{1/\sigma}, & 1 \leq \sigma < \infty, \\ \|\psi * f\|_p + \sup_{j \geq 0} 2^{js} \|\phi_j * f\|_p, & \sigma = \infty \end{cases}$$

where  $\psi$  is a smooth cut off function with

$$\psi(\xi) + \sum_{j \geq 0} \hat{\phi}_j(\xi) \equiv 1$$

for all  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$  (cf. [5], [6], [25]).

One of a general result in the Besov spaces can be seen in [23]:

**Proposition 1.1** (endpoint maximal regularity). *Let  $\mathcal{L}_2 = \Delta$ ,  $1 < \rho, \sigma \leq \infty$  and  $I = [0, T)$  be an interval with  $T \leq \infty$ . For  $f \in L^\rho(I; \dot{B}_{1,\rho}^0(\mathbb{R}^n))$  and  $u_0 \in \dot{B}_{1,\rho}^{2(1-1/\rho)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , let  $u$  be a solution of the Cauchy problem of the heat equation (1.3). Then there exists a constant  $C_M > 0$  such that*

$$\|\partial_t u\|_{L^\rho(I; \dot{B}_{1,\rho}^0)} + \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^\rho(I; \dot{B}_{1,\rho}^0)} \leq C_M \left( \|u_0\|_{\dot{B}_{1,\rho}^{2(1-1/\rho)}} + \|f\|_{L^\rho(I; \dot{B}_{1,\rho}^0)} \right).$$

Proposition 1.1 does not cover the end-point case  $\rho = 1$ , partially because the argument in the proof in [23] involves a duality structure and it is not clear if maximal  $L^1$ -regularity holds by applying the method utilized there. On the other hand, Danchin [10], [11] (see also Haspot [17]) obtained maximal regularity in the homogeneous Besov space for the case  $\rho = 1$ . In this paper, we reconsider maximal  $L^1$ -regularity in the Besov space and its optimality in the homogeneous Besov spaces.

## 2. RESULTS FOR A CONSTANT COEFFICIENT CASE

Our main statement for the Cauchy problem for the heat equation (1.3) is the following:

**Theorem 2.1** (optimal maximal  $L^1$  regularity). *Let  $\mathcal{L}_2 = \Delta$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . For  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^n))$  and  $u_0 \in \dot{B}_{p,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  there exists a unique solution  $u$  to (1.3) which satisfies the estimate: There exists a positive constant  $C_M > 0$  only depending on  $n, p$  such that*

$$\|\partial_t u\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)} + \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)} \leq C_M \left( \|u_0\|_{\dot{B}_{p,1}^0} + \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)} \right). \quad (2.1)$$

*Besides if  $f \equiv 0$ , then the regularity condition for the initial data is optimal. Namely there exists a constant  $C_m = C_m(n, p) > 0$  such that for all  $u_0 \in \dot{B}_{p,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$*

$$C_m \|u_0\|_{\dot{B}_{p,1}^0} \leq \|\partial_t u\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)} + \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)}. \quad (2.2)$$

The upper estimate of (2.1) was obtained by Danchin [9], [10], [11] and Haspot [17] with  $1 < p < \infty$  (see also Danchin-Mucha [12]). However our method to obtaining the estimates (2.1) seems very different from those existing arguments. In fact, our method admits the fractional order elliptic operator such as  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha = (-\Delta)^{\alpha/2}$  for  $\alpha > 0$  and an analogous estimate in Theorem 2.1 also holds. We state this version precisely in below (Theorem 2.9).

If we replace  $u_0 \in \dot{B}_{p,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  into  $u_0 \in \dot{B}_{p,\sigma}^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  or  $\dot{F}_{p,\sigma}^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $1 < \sigma \leq \infty$ , then maximal regularity in  $L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,\sigma}^0(\mathbb{R}^n))$  or  $L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{F}_{p,\sigma}^0(\mathbb{R}^n))$  fails since the lower bound by the initial data and the strict inclusion result for the sub-suffix  $\sigma$  such as  $\dot{B}_{p,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^n) \subsetneq \dot{B}_{p,\sigma}^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . In particular the estimate in  $L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; L^p(\mathbb{R}^n))$ ;

$$\int_0^\infty \|\Delta e^{t\Delta} u_0\|_p dt \leq C \|u_0\|_p \quad (2.3)$$

generally fails. If  $1 < p \leq 2$ , then  $\dot{B}_{p,1}^0 \subsetneq L^p = \dot{F}_{p,2}^0 \subset \dot{B}_{p,2}^0$ , and if  $2 \leq p < \infty$  then  $\dot{B}_{p,1}^0 \subsetneq \dot{B}_{p,2}^0 \subset \dot{F}_{p,2}^0 = L^p$  so that the estimate (2.3) contradicts the result (2.2) for general data  $u_0$ . The equivalence between the homogeneous Besov norm and the expression of the heat kernel is also pointed out in Bahouri-Chemin-Danchin [3] by the following form:

$$\int_0^\infty \|e^{t\Delta} u_0\|_p dt \simeq \|u_0\|_{\dot{B}_{p,1}^{-2}}.$$

See for the application of this expression to the initial boundary value problem for the incompressible Navier-Stokes equation, Cannone-Planchon-Schonbek [7].

Giga-Saal [16], proved maximal  $L^1$ -regularity over the class of Fourier transformed finite Radon measures  $\mathcal{FM}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Let  $\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be a class of signed finite Radon measures and let

$$\mathcal{FM}(\mathbb{R}^n) \equiv \{f = \hat{\mu}, \mu \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n)\}$$

with the norm  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{FM}} \equiv \|\mu\|_{\mathcal{M}}$ , where  $\|\mu\|_{\mathcal{M}}$  denotes the total variation of  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Proposition 2.2** (Giga-Saal). *Let  $u$  be a solution to the Cauchy problem of the heat equation (1.3) with  $\mathcal{L}_2 = \Delta$ . Then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that Then for*

$u_0 \in \mathcal{FM}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \mathcal{FM}(\mathbb{R}^n))$  maximal  $L^1$ -regularity for the heat equation holds:

$$\|\partial_t u\|_{L^1(I; \mathcal{FM})} + \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^1(I; \mathcal{FM})} \leq C_M (\|u_0\|_{\mathcal{FM}} + \|f\|_{L^1(I; \mathcal{FM})}). \quad (2.4)$$

They applied this estimate for solving the Cauchy problem of the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations with the Coriolis force. Our result is a version of improvement of the Giga-Saal estimate (2.4) since the following embedding holds.

$$\mathcal{FM}(\mathbb{R}^n)/\{\text{constant}\} \hookrightarrow \dot{B}_{\infty,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

In particular the embedding is continuous. For the case initial data is constant, then maximal regularity is trivial. If  $f = 1$  and  $u_0 = 0$  then  $u(t, x) = t$  is a unique solution and again maximal regularity holds in  $\mathcal{FM}$ . The homogeneous Besov space can not include this case however the estimate itself is trivial.

As a corollary of Theorem 2.1, we obtain the lower estimate for  $f \neq 0$  case.

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{L}_2 = \Delta$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and the constants  $C_M$  and  $C_m$  represents the upper bound of (2.1) and the lower bound of (2.2), respectively. If  $u_0 \in \dot{B}_{p,1}^0$  and  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)$  satisfy*

$$C_M \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)} < C_m \|u_0\|_{\dot{B}_{p,1}^0}$$

or

$$C_M \|u_0\|_{\dot{B}_{p,1}^0} < \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)},$$

then there exists a constant  $C(n, p) > 0$  such that the solution to the heat equation (1.3) satisfies

$$C (\|u_0\|_{\dot{B}_{p,1}^0} + \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)}) \leq \|\partial_t u\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)} + \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)}.$$

For the case  $u_0 = 0$ , the lower estimate holds for the sum of the norm for  $\partial_t u$  and  $\nabla^2 u$  as

$$\|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)} \leq \|\partial_t u\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)} + \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)}.$$

On the other hand, for the case that  $f = 0$ , the lower estimate (2.2) holds for the each term of the right-hand side as

$$\begin{aligned} C^{-1} \|u_0\|_{\dot{B}_{p,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^n)} &\leq \|\partial_t u\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^n))}, \\ C^{-1} \|u_0\|_{\dot{B}_{p,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^n)} &\leq \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^n))}, \end{aligned}$$

which are derived from the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.4.** *For  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , let  $u_0 \in \dot{B}_{p,1}^0$ .*

(1) *Then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  it holds*

$$C^{-1} \sum_{\ell \leq k} \|\phi_\ell * u_0\|_p \leq \sum_{\ell \leq k} \int_{2^{-2\ell}}^{2^{-2\ell+2}} \|\Delta e^{s\Delta} u_0\|_p ds \leq C \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \min(1, e^{-2^{j-k}}) \|\phi_j * u_0\|_p. \quad (2.5)$$

(2) For  $I = [0, T]$ , there exists an integer  $\tilde{\ell} = \left\lceil -\frac{\log T}{2 \log 2} \right\rceil$  and a constant  $C \geq \tilde{C} > 0$  only depending on  $n, p$  and  $\|\phi\|_1$  such that

$$\tilde{C} \sum_{j \geq \tilde{\ell}} \|\phi_j * u_0\|_p \leq \int_0^T \|\Delta e^{s\Delta} u_0\|_p ds \leq C \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \min(2^{2(j-\tilde{\ell})}, 1) \|\phi_j * u_0\|_p. \quad (2.6)$$

When we consider a time local problem to (1.3), then the initial data can be chosen in the inhomogeneous Besov space  $B_{p,1}^0$ . Indeed, we have the following:

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and for  $T < \infty$  let  $I = [0, T]$ . For  $u_0 \in B_{p,1}^0$ , there exists  $C_0 > 0$  and  $C_T > 0$*

$$C_0 \|u_0\|_{B_{p,1}^0} \leq \int_0^T \|\Delta e^{s\Delta} u_0\|_p ds \leq C_T \|u_0\|_{B_{p,1}^0},$$

where  $C_0 \simeq C_T = O(\log T)$ . In particular maximal  $L^1$  regularity in the local interval holds for  $I = [0, T]$ . For the solution of the heat equation (1.3), there exists a constant  $C_T > 0$  such that

$$\|\partial_t u\|_{L^1(I; B_{p,1}^0)} + \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^1(I; B_{p,1}^0)} \leq C_T \left( \|u_0\|_{B_{p,1}^0} + \|f\|_{L^1(I; B_{p,1}^0)} \right), \quad (2.7)$$

where  $C_T = O(\log T)$  as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . The estimate can be uniform in  $T$  if we exchange into the homogeneous Besov space  $\dot{B}_{p,1}^0$ .

Now we shall show the results for the Cauchy problem of the heat equation with constant coefficients in a slightly general setting. We consider the Cauchy problem of the parabolic equation with the fractional Laplacian  $\mathcal{L}_\alpha = -(-\Delta)^{\alpha/2}$  with  $\alpha > 0$ :

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u - \mathcal{L}_\alpha u = f, & t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^n. \end{cases} \quad (2.8)$$

**Theorem 2.6** (optimal maximal  $L^1$  regularity). *Let  $\alpha > 0$  and  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . For  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^n))$  and  $u_0 \in \dot{B}_{p,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  there exists a unique solution  $u$  to (2.8) which satisfies the estimate: There exists a positive constant  $C_M > 0$  only depending on  $\alpha, n, p$  such that*

$$\|\partial_t u\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)} + \|\mathcal{L}_\alpha u\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)} \leq C_M \left( \|u_0\|_{\dot{B}_{p,1}^0} + \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)} \right). \quad (2.9)$$

Besides if  $f \equiv 0$ , then the regularity condition for the initial data is optimal. Namely there exists a constant  $C_m = C_m(n, p) > 0$  such that for all  $u_0 \in \dot{B}_{p,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$

$$C_m \|u_0\|_{\dot{B}_{p,1}^0} \leq \|\partial_t u\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)} + \|\mathcal{L}_\alpha u\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}_+; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)}. \quad (2.10)$$

Theorem 2.1 is a direct consequence from Theorem 2.6 with  $\alpha = 2$  and the boundedness of the singular integral operator from  $\dot{B}_{p,1}^0$  to itself. This general form has some applications. See for instance Iwabuchi [18].

## 3. RESULTS FOR A VARIABLE COEFFICIENT CASE

We consider the case where a coefficient is variable.

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u - a(t, x)\Delta u = f, & t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^n. \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

We assume that  $a(t, x)$  satisfies the following:

- (1)  $a(t, x) = 1 + b(t, x)$ ,
- (2) there exists  $\underline{b} > -1$  s.t.  $b(t, x) \geq \underline{b}$  a.e  $x$ ,
- (3)  $b \in L^\infty(I; \dot{B}_{q,1}^{n/q}(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C(I; \dot{B}_{q,1}^{n/q}(\mathbb{R}^n))$  for  $1 \leq q < \infty$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q < \infty$  and a variable coefficients  $a(t, x)$  satisfies the assumption (1), (2), (3). For  $T > 0$  we set  $I = [0, T)$  and  $\underline{\nu} := \inf_{t \in I, x \in \mathbb{R}^n} (1 + b(t, x))$ . For  $b \in L^\infty(I; \dot{B}_{q,1}^{n/q}(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C(I; \dot{B}_{q,1}^{n/q}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ ,  $u_0 \in \dot{B}_{p,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $f \in L^1(0, T; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^n))$ , there exists  $C_M > 0$  the solution  $u$  to (3.1) satisfies the estimate:*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\partial_t u\|_{L^1(0, T; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)} + \underline{\nu} \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^1(0, T; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)} \\ & \leq C_M \left\{ 1 + \|b\|_{L^\infty(I; \dot{B}_{q,1}^{n/q})} \exp\left(\mu T (1 + \|b\|_{L^\infty(I; \dot{B}_{q,1}^{n/q})})^2\right) \right\} \|u_0\|_{\dot{B}_{p,1}^0} \\ & \quad + C_M \int_0^T \exp\left(\mu \int_s^T (1 + \|b(r)\|_{\dot{B}_{q,1}^{n/q}})^2 dr\right) \|f(s)\|_{\dot{B}_{p,1}^0} ds, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu = (CC_1 \underline{\nu})^2 \log(1 + C_M)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q < \infty$  and a variable coefficients  $a(t, x)$  satisfies the assumption (1), (2), (3). For  $I = [0, T)$ , we set  $k = \lfloor -\frac{\log T}{2 \log 2} \rfloor$ . For  $b \in L^\infty(I; \dot{B}_{q,1}^{n/q}(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C(I; \dot{B}_{q,1}^{n/q}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ ,  $u_0 \in \dot{B}_{p,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , (3.1) with  $f \equiv 0$  admits a unique solution  $u$  which satisfies*

$$\frac{C}{(1 + \|b\|_{L^\infty(I; \dot{B}_{q,1}^{n/q})})} \sum_{\ell \geq k} \|\phi_\ell * u_0\|_p \leq \left( \|\partial_t u\|_{L^1(I; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)} + \|\nabla^2 u\|_{L^1(I; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0)} \right).$$

Theorem 3.2 shows that for  $b \in L^\infty(I; \dot{B}_{q,1}^{n/q}(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C(I; \dot{B}_{q,1}^{n/q}(\mathbb{R}^n))$ , the class  $\dot{B}_{p,1}^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  of  $u_0$  could not be replaced by  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\dot{B}_{p,\sigma}^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\dot{F}_{p,\sigma}^0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  ( $1 < \sigma \leq \infty$ ) for maximal  $L^1$ -regularity.

Danchin [9] and Haspot [17] obtained an analogous estimate for the variable coefficient case by an elegant usage of  $L^p$  type energy estimate and the Chemin-Laners spaces. In this case, the Chemin-Laners space coincides with the Bochner space as

$$L^1(I; \widetilde{\dot{B}_{p,1}^0}) \equiv \ell^1(\{L^1(I; L_j^p)\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}) = L^1(I; \dot{B}_{p,1}^0),$$

thanks to the fact that the time  $L^1$  norm and Littlewood-Paley sequence  $\ell^1$  norm can be interchanged, where  $L_j^p$  denotes the Littlewood-Paley decomposed  $L^p$  space given by  $\|f\|_{L_j^p} \equiv \|\phi_j * f\|_p$ . As in the constant coefficient case, our method is very much different from theirs. We use the estimate for the constant coefficient case (Theorem 2.1) and employ a freezing arugment in space-time variables and then time variable to obtain the above result for variable coefficient. Our theorems Theorem 3.1 and 3.2 can be generalized

for more general parabolic type equation with a second order uniformly elliptic operator  $\mathcal{L}$ :

(1) a parabolic system

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u - \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(t,x) \partial_i \partial_j u = f, & t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ u(0,x) = u_0(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \end{cases}$$

where  $a_{ij}(t,x)$  satisfies

(a)  $a_{ij}(t,x) \in L^\infty(0,T; \dot{B}_{q,1}^{n/q}(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap C(I; \dot{B}_{q,1}^{n/q}(\mathbb{R}^n)), \quad 1 \leq p, q \leq \infty,$

(b)  $a_{ij}(t,x) = \delta_{ij} + b_{ij}(t,x), \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq \infty,$

(c)  $b_{ij}(t,x) = b_{ji}(t,x), \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq \infty,$

(d) there exists  $\lambda \geq 0$  such that  $\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \xi_i \xi_j \geq \lambda |\xi|^2$  for all  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

(2) the vector valued system such as the Stokes equation or the Lamé equation:

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u - \Delta u + \nabla \pi = f, & t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ u(0,x) = u_0(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^n. \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u - (\mu + \lambda) \Delta u + \lambda \nabla(\operatorname{div} u) = f, & t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ u(0,x) = u_0(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^n. \end{cases}$$

To treat the variable coefficients, we remark that the estimate in the Besov space such as

$$\|af\|_{\dot{B}_{p,1}^0} \leq C \|a\|_\infty \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{p,1}^0}$$

fails in general. This is the reason why we adapt the space  $\dot{B}_{q,1}^{n/q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for the variable coefficient which plays a role instead of  $L^\infty$  space.

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and  $1 \leq q < \infty$ . For  $f \in \dot{B}_{q,1}^{\frac{n}{q}}$  and  $g \in \dot{B}_{p,1}^0$  there exists  $C > 0$  such that*

$$\|fg\|_{\dot{B}_{p,1}^0} \leq C \|f\|_{\dot{B}_{q,1}^{\frac{n}{q}}} \|g\|_{\dot{B}_{p,1}^0}. \quad (3.2)$$

For the proof, we refer to Abidi-Paicu [1].

The space  $\dot{B}_{q,1}^{n/q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  has nice embedding property. Let

$$C_v(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{f \in C(\mathbb{R}^n) \mid |f(x)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty\}.$$

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $1 \leq q < \infty$  and  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be the rapidly decreasing smooth functions. Then*

$$\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow \dot{B}_{q,1}^{n/q}(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow C_v(\mathbb{R}^n). \quad (3.3)$$

*In particular, the embedding of the left-hand side is dense.*

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