

## MAXIMAL REGULARITY FOR INTEGRO-DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION ON PERIODIC TRIEBEL-LIZORKIN SPACES

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**Abstract.** We study maximal regularity on Triebel-Lizorkin spaces  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  for the integro-differential equation with infinite delay:  $(P_2)$ :  $u'(t) = Au(t) + \int_{-\infty}^t a(t-s)Au(s)ds + f(t)$ ,  $(0 \leq t \leq 2\pi)$  with the periodic condition  $u(0) = u(2\pi)$ , where  $X$  is a Banach space,  $a \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $f$  is an  $X$ -valued function. Under a suitable assumption (H3) on the Laplace transform of  $a$ , we give a necessary and sufficient condition for  $(P_2)$  to have the maximal regularity property on  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In a series of recent publications operator-valued Fourier multipliers on vector-valued function spaces are studied (see e.g. [1-4, 6-12, 14] and [15]). They are useful in the study of the existence and uniqueness of solutions of differential equations on Banach spaces. In [2-4], the authors study the maximal regularity property of the classical abstract non-homogeneous boundary problem  $(P_1)$  on  $L_p$  spaces, Besov spaces and Triebel-Lizorkin spaces.

$$(P_1) \quad \begin{cases} u'(t) = Au(t) + f(t), & 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi \\ u(0) = u(2\pi) \end{cases}$$

here  $X$  is a Banach space,  $A$  is a closed linear operator in  $X$  and  $f$  is an  $X$ -valued function defined on  $[0, 2\pi]$ . The problem  $(P_1)$  has the maximal regularity property on  $L_p$  spaces if and only if  $i\mathbb{Z} \subset \rho(A)$  and the set  $(ikR(ik, A))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is Rademacher bounded whenever  $X$  is a UMD space and  $1 < p < \infty$  [2], where

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$R(ik, A)$  is the resolvent  $(ik - A)^{-1}$  of  $A$ . In the Besov spaces and Triebel-Lizorkin spaces setting, maximal regularity is equivalent to the fact that  $i\mathbb{Z} \subset \rho(A)$  and  $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|kR(ik, A)\| < \infty$  (see [3,4]).

In this paper, we are interested in a more general evolution equation, namely the integro-differential equation with infinite delay:

$$(P_2) \quad \begin{cases} u'(t) = Au(t) + \int_{-\infty}^t a(t-s)Au(s)ds + f(t), & 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi \\ u(0) = u(2\pi) \end{cases}$$

where  $a \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  is fixed. In [11], Keyantuo and Lizama have considered maximal regularity on periodic Besov spaces  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  for  $(P_2)$ . They have shown that if  $c_k = \tilde{a}(ik)$  is the Laplace transform of  $a$  at  $ik$  and if  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is 2-regular and  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  satisfies a suitable assumption (H2), then the problem  $(P_2)$  has maximal regularity property on  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  if and only if  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \rho(A)$  and  $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|b_k R(b_k, A)\| < \infty$ , where  $b_k = \frac{ik}{1+c_k}$ . In this paper, we are interested in the maximal regularity property on Triebel-Lizorkin spaces  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  for the same problem  $(P_2)$ . We show that if the sequence  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  satisfies a similar assumption (H3), then  $(P_2)$  has the maximal regularity property on  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  if and only if  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \rho(A)$  and  $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|b_k R(b_k, A)\| < \infty$ . This recovers the known result obtained in [4] when  $a = 0$ . Here a similar assumption of 2-regularity or 3-regularity on  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is not needed. The main tool in the study of maximal regularity on  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  for the problem  $(P_2)$  is an operator-valued Fourier multiplier theorem on  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  obtained in [3]. The operator-valued Fourier multiplier theorem on  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  proved in [4] will be fundamental for us in this paper.

The sufficient condition obtained in [3] for a sequence  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{L}(X)$  to be a  $B_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier is a Marcinkiewicz condition of order 2, while in the  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier case a stronger Marcinkiewicz condition of order 3 is needed [4]. This is the reason why our assumption (H3) is stronger than the assumption (H2) used in [11] in the Besov space case. It turns out that when  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $1 < q \leq \infty$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , then a Marcinkiewicz condition of order 2 is already sufficient for a sequence  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{L}(X)$  to be an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier [4], in this case under the weaker assumption (H2) on  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ , the problem  $(P_2)$  has the maximal regularity property on  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  if and only if  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \rho(A)$  and  $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|b_k R(b_k, A)\| < \infty$ .

This paper is organized as follows: Section 2 collects definitions and basic properties of vector-valued Triebel-Lizorkin spaces and Fourier multipliers. In section 3, we establish the periodic solution for the integro-differential equation  $(P_2)$  on Triebel-Lizorkin spaces  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ .

## 2. TRIEBEL-LIZORKIN SPACES AND THE PRELIMINARIES

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and let  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , we denote by

$$\hat{f}(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e_{-k}(t) f(t) dt$$

the  $k$ -th Fourier coefficient of  $f$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{T} = [0, 2\pi]$  (the points 0 and  $2\pi$  are identified), and  $e_k(t) = e^{ikt}$ . For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $x \in X$ , we denote by  $e_k \otimes x$  the  $X$ -valued function defined by  $(e_k \otimes x)(t) = e_k(t)x$ .

Firstly, we briefly recall the definition of periodic Triebel-Lizorkin spaces in the vector-valued case introduced in [4] (see the monograph [13] for the scalar-valued case). Let  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  be the Schwarz space of all rapidly decreasing smooth functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{T})$  be the space of all infinitely differentiable functions on  $\mathbb{T}$  equipped with the locally convex topology given by the seminorms  $\|f\|_\alpha = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{T}} |f^{(\alpha)}(x)|$ , where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{T}, X) := \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{T}), X)$  be the space of all bounded linear operators from  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{T})$  to  $X$ . In order to define the periodic Triebel-Lizorkin spaces, we consider the dyadic-like subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$I_0 = \{t \in \mathbb{R} : |t| \leq 2\}, I_k = \{t \in \mathbb{R} : 2^{k-1} < |t| \leq 2^{k+1}\}$$

for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\phi(\mathbb{R})$  be the set of all systems  $\phi = (\phi_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} \subset \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  satisfying  $\text{supp}(\phi_k) \subset \bar{I}_k$  for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} \phi_k(x) = 1 \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R},$$

and for each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0$

$$\sup_{\substack{x \in \mathbb{R} \\ k \in \mathbb{N}_0}} 2^{k\alpha} |\phi_k^{(\alpha)}(x)| < \infty.$$

Let  $\phi = (\phi_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} \in \phi(\mathbb{R})$  be fixed. For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , the  $X$ -valued periodic Triebel-Lizorkin space is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{F}_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X) &:= \{f \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{T}, X) : \|f\|_{\mathbb{F}_{p,q}^s} : \\ (2.1) \quad &= \left\| \left( \sum_{j \geq 0} 2^{sjq} \left\| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} e_k \otimes \phi_j(k) \hat{f}(k) \right\|^q \right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L_p} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

with the usual modification if  $q = \infty$ . The space  $\mathbb{F}_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  is independent from the choice of  $\phi$  and different choices of  $\phi$  lead to equivalent norms on  $\mathbb{F}_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ .  $\mathbb{F}_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  equipped with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{F}_{p,q}^s}$  is a Banach space. See [4, Section 2] for more information about the spaces  $\mathbb{F}_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ .

Next, we discuss the Fourier multipliers on Triebel-Lizorkin spaces. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces, We denote by  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  the space of all bounded linear operators from  $X$  to  $Y$ . If  $X = Y$ , we will simply denote it by  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ . Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ . We will say that  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $\mathbb{F}_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier, if for each  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , there exists  $g \in \mathbb{F}_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, Y)$ , such

that  $\hat{g}(k) = M_k \hat{f}(k)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . In this case it follows from the Closed Graph Theorem that there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that for  $f \in F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , we have  $\|\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} e_k \otimes M_k \hat{f}(k)\|_{F_{p,q}^s} \leq C \|f\|_{F_{p,q}^s}$ .

The following  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier theorem is due to Bu and Kim [4, Theorem 3.2]:

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and let  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ .*

(i) *Assume that  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  satisfies a Marcinkiewicz estimate of order 3:*

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|M_k\| < \infty \\ & \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|k(M_{k+1} - M_k)\| < \infty \\ & \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|k^2(M_{k+1} - 2M_k + M_{k-1})\| < \infty \\ & \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|k^3(M_{k+1} - 3M_k + 3M_{k-1} - M_{k-2})\| < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

*Then  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier whenever  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

(ii) *If  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  satisfies the first three conditions of (2.2), then  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier whenever  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $1 < q \leq \infty$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

**Remark 2.2.** We notice that even the underlying Banach spaces  $X, Y$  are UMD spaces and  $1 < p < \infty$ , a stronger condition is needed to ensure a sequence  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  to be an  $L^p$ -multiplier: the sets  $\{M_k : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  and  $\{k(M_{k+1} - M_k) : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  are Rademacher bounded [2]. Here for Triebel-Lizorkin spaces, we impose conditions on the first three derivatives of  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ , but the result is true without any conditions on the geometry of the underlying Banach spaces and no assumption of Rademacher boundedness is needed.

Next we give some preliminaries. Given  $a \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $u : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow X$  (extended by periodicity to  $\mathbb{R}$ ), we define

$$(2.3) \quad F(t) = (a * u)(t) := \int_{-\infty}^t a(t-s)u(s)ds.$$

Let  $\tilde{a}(\lambda) = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-\lambda t} a(t) dt$  be the Laplace transform of  $a$ . An easy computation shows that:

$$(2.4) \quad \hat{F}(k) = \tilde{a}(ik)\hat{u}(k), \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z}).$$

The notion of 1-regular and 2-regular scalar sequences were introduced in [11] to study the maximal regularity property on periodic Besov spaces for the problem  $(P_2)$ . We will need the notion of 3-regular scalar sequences in the Triebel-Lizorkin space case: A sequence  $(a_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  is called 1-regular if the sequence  $(k(a_{k+1} - a_k)/a_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded; it is called 2-regular if it is 1-regular and the

sequence  $(k^2(a_{k+1} - 2a_k + a_{k-1})/a_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded; it is called 3-regular if it is 2-regular and the sequence  $(k^3(a_{k+1} - 3a_k + 3a_{k-1} - a_{k-2})/a_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded.

The following result is just a direct application of Theorem 2.1.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $A$  be a closed operator in a Banach space  $X$ . Let  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  be a 3-regular sequence such that  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \rho(A)$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $(b_k R(b_k, A))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (ii)  $(b_k R(b_k, A))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded.

*Proof.* Let  $M_k = b_k R(b_k, A)$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Assume that (i) is valid, it follows from the Closed Graph Theorem that there exists  $C > 0$  such that for  $f \in F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , we have  $\|\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} e_k \otimes M_k \hat{f}(k)\|_{F_{p,q}^s} \leq C \|f\|_{F_{p,q}^s}$ . Let  $x \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we let  $f = e_n \otimes x$ . The above inequality implies that  $\|e_n\|_{F_{p,q}^s} \|M_n x\| = \|e_n M_n x\| \leq C \|e_n\|_{F_{p,q}^s} \|x\|$ . Hence  $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \|M_n\| \leq C$ . This proves the implication (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). To prove the implication (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i), we assume that the sequence  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded. From the proof of [11, Proposition 3.4], we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|k(M_{k+1} - M_k)\| &< +\infty \\ \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|k^2(M_{k+1} - 2M_k + M_{k-1})\| &< +\infty \end{aligned}$$

as  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is 2-regular. In order to verify the fourth Marcinkiewicz condition of (2.2), we observe that for  $\lambda, \mu, \nu, \xi \in \rho(A)$ , we have the identity:

$$\begin{aligned} &3\lambda R(\lambda, A) - 3\mu R(\mu, A) + \nu R(\nu, A) - \xi R(\xi, A) \\ &= -(\nu - 3\mu + 3\lambda - \xi)AR(\mu, A)R(\lambda, A) \\ &\quad +(\nu - \xi)(\nu - 2\mu + \lambda)AR(\mu, A)R(\lambda, A)R(\nu, A) \\ &\quad +(\nu - \xi)(\mu - 2\lambda + \xi)AR(\mu, A)R(\nu, A)R(\xi, A) \\ &\quad +2(\mu - \lambda)(\xi - \lambda)(\nu - \xi)AR(\mu, A)R(\lambda, A)R(\nu, A)R(\xi, A). \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $\nu = b_{k+1}, \mu = b_k, \lambda = b_{k-1}, \xi = b_{k-2}$ , we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} &k^3(M_{k+1} - 3M_k + 3M_{k-1} - M_{k-2}) \\ &= -\frac{k^3(b_{k+1} - 3b_k + 3b_{k-1} - b_{k-2})}{b_k} M_k(M_{k-1} - I) \\ &\quad +\frac{k^2(b_{k+1} - 2b_k + b_{k-1})}{b_k} \frac{k(b_{k+1} - b_{k-2})}{b_{k+1}} M_k M_{k+1}(M_{k-1} - I) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ \frac{k^2(b_k - 2b_{k-1} + b_{k-2})}{b_k} \frac{k(b_{k+1} - b_{k-2})}{b_{k+1}} M_k M_{k+1} (M_{k-2} - I) \\
 &+ \frac{2k(b_{k-2} - b_{k-1})}{b_{k-1}} \frac{k(b_k - b_{k-1})}{b_k} \frac{k(b_{k+1} - b_{k-2})}{b_{k+1}} M_{k-1} M_k M_{k+1} (M_{k-2} - I).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is 1-regular,  $|k(b_{k+1} - b_k)/b_k| \leq D$  for some constant  $D > 0$  independent from  $k$ . From this, we deduce that  $|b_{k+1}/b_k - 1| \leq D/|k|$  and thus  $b_{k+1}/b_k \rightarrow 1$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{k(b_{k-2} - b_{k-1})}{b_{k-1}} &= \frac{-(k-2)(b_{k-1} - b_{k-2})}{b_{k-2}} \frac{b_{k-2}}{b_{k-1}} \frac{k}{k-2} \\
 \frac{k(b_k - b_{k-1})}{b_k} &= \frac{k(b_k - b_{k-1})}{b_{k-1}} \frac{b_{k-1}}{b_k} \\
 \frac{k(b_{k+1} - b_{k-2})}{b_{k+1}} &= \frac{k(b_{k+1} - b_k)}{b_k} \frac{b_k}{b_{k+1}} + \frac{k(b_k - b_{k-1})}{b_{k-1}} \frac{b_{k-1}}{b_k} \frac{b_k}{b_{k+1}} \\
 &\quad + \frac{k(b_{k-1} - b_{k-2})}{b_{k-2}} \frac{b_{k-2}}{b_{k-1}} \frac{b_{k-1}}{b_k} \frac{b_k}{b_{k+1}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $k(b_{k-2} - b_{k-1})/b_{k-1}, k(b_k - b_{k-1})/b_k, k(b_{k+1} - b_{k-2})/b_{k+1}$  are bounded. Since  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is 2-regular,  $k^2(b_{k+1} - 2b_k + b_{k-1})/b_k$  and  $k^2(b_k - 2b_{k-1} + b_{k-2})/b_k$  are bounded. Since  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is 3-regular,  $k^3(b_{k+1} - 3b_k + 3b_{k-1} - b_{k-2})/b_k$  is bounded. Hence,  $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|k^3(M_{k+1} - 3M_k + 3M_{k-1} - M_{k-2})\| < \infty$ , and the result follows from Theorem 2.1. ■

### 3. MAXIMAL REGULARITY ON TRIEBEL-LIZORKIN SPACE

We will consider the problem

$$(P_2) \quad \begin{cases} u'(t) = Au(t) + \int_{-\infty}^t a(t-s)Au(s)ds + f(t) & 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi \\ u(0) = u(2\pi) \end{cases}$$

where  $a \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $A$  is a closed operator in  $X$  and  $f$  is an  $X$ -valued function defined on  $[0, 2\pi]$ .

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty, s > 0$ , and let  $f \in F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ . A function  $u \in F_{p,q}^{s+1}(\mathbb{T}, X)$  is called a strong  $F_{p,q}^s$ -solution of  $(P_2)$ , if  $u(t) \in D(A)$ ,  $(P_2)$  holds true for a.e.  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$  and  $Au \in F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ .

We remark that by [4, Proposition 2.3], if  $u \in F_{p,q}^{s+1}(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , then  $u$  is differentiable a.e. and  $u' \in F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ . This implies that if  $u$  is a strong  $F_{p,q}^s$ -solution of  $(P_2)$ , then every term in  $(P_2)$  is in  $F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ .

For convenience, we introduce the following notations

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_k &= \tilde{a}(ik) \\
 (3.1) \quad b_k &= \frac{ik}{1 + \tilde{a}(ik)} \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}, b_0 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

In order to give our result, the following hypotheses are fundamental.

- (H1)**  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $(k(c_{k+1} - c_k))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $(1/(1 + c_k))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are bounded sequences.
- (H2)**  $(kc_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $(k^2(c_{k+1} - 2c_k + c_{k-1}))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are bounded sequences.
- (H3)**  $(kc_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $(k^2(c_{k+1} - 2c_k + c_{k-1}))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $(k^3(c_{k+1} - 3c_k + 3c_{k-1} - c_{k-2}))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are bounded sequences.

Now we are ready to state the main result of this paper:

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $s > 0$ . Let  $A$  be a closed operator in a Banach space  $X$ . Let  $a \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  be such that the condition (H3) is satisfied. Then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \rho(A)$  and  $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|b_k R(b_k, A)\| < \infty$ .
- (ii) For every  $f \in F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , there exists a unique strong  $F_{p,q}^s$ -solution of  $(P_2)$ .

Before proving our main result, we first discuss the relations between the assumptions (H2), (H3) and the conditions of 2-regularity and 3-regularity of the sequence  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ .

**Lemma 3.2.**

- (i) If  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  satisfies the condition (H2), then  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is 2-regular.
- (ii) If  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  satisfies the condition (H3), then  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is 3-regular.

*Proof.* First we assume that  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  satisfies the condition (H2). From the assumption  $(kc_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded, we deduce that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} c_k = 0$  and thus  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{k(b_{k+1} - b_k)}{b_k} &= \frac{1 + c_k + kc_k - kc_{k+1}}{1 + c_{k+1}} \\ \frac{k^2(b_{k+1} - 2b_k + b_{k-1})}{b_k} &= \frac{k(c_{k-1} - c_{k+1})}{(1 + c_{k-1})(1 + c_{k+1})} - \frac{k^2(c_{k+1} - 2c_k + c_{k-1})}{(1 + c_{k-1})(1 + c_{k+1})} \\ &\quad + \frac{k(k + 1)c_{k-1}c_k + k(k - 1)c_k c_{k+1} - 2k^2 c_{k-1}c_{k+1}}{(1 + c_{k-1})(1 + c_{k+1})}. \end{aligned}$$

The two sequences are bounded as  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  satisfies the assumption (H2). Hence  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is 2-regular. Next we assume that  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  satisfies the condition (H3), then  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is 2-regular by (i). We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{k^3(b_{k+1} - 3b_k + 3b_{k-1} - b_{k-2})}{b_k} &= -\frac{k^3(c_{k+1} - 3c_k + 3c_{k-1} - c_{k-2})}{(1 + c_{k-2})(1 + c_{k-1})(1 + c_{k+1})} \\ &\quad - \frac{2kc_{k-2}k^2(c_{k+1} - 2c_k + c_{k-1})}{(1 + c_{k-2})(1 + c_{k-1})(1 + c_{k+1})} + \frac{2kc_{k+1}k^2(c_k - 2c_{k-1} + c_{k-2})}{(1 + c_{k-2})(1 + c_{k-1})(1 + c_{k+1})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{k^2(c_{k+1} - 2c_k + c_{k-1})}{(1+c_{k-2})(1+c_{k-1})(1+c_{k+1})} - \frac{2k^2(c_k - 2c_{k-1} + c_{k-2})}{(1+c_{k-2})(1+c_{k-1})(1+c_{k+1})} \\
& + \frac{k^2(c_{k-2}c_{k-1} - 2c_{k-2}c_k - 3c_{k-2}c_{k+1} + 3c_{k-1}c_k + 2c_{k-1}c_{k+1} - c_k c_{k+1})}{(1+c_{k-2})(1+c_{k-1})(1+c_{k+1})} \\
& + \frac{k^2(k+1)c_{k-2}c_{k-1}c_k - 3k^3c_{k-2}c_{k-1}c_{k+1} + (3k-3)k^2c_k c_{k-2}c_{k+1} - (k-2)k^2c_{k-1}c_k c_{k+1}}{(1+c_{k-2})(1+c_{k-1})(1+c_{k+1})}
\end{aligned}$$

which is bounded by the assumption (H3). This finishes the proof.  $\blacksquare$

We notice that the assumption (H2) and the notion of 2-regular sequences were introduced in [11] to study the maximal regularity property on Besov spaces  $B_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  for the problem  $(P_2)$ . In the proof of our main result, we will use the following result.

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Under the assumption (H3), the sequences  $((1+c_k)I)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $((1+c_k)I/(ik))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $(I/(1+c_k))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  are  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multipliers for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $(kc_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded, we have  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} c_k = 0$  and thus  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded. To show that  $((1+c_k)I)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier, it will suffice to show that the sequence  $(c_k I)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier, this follows directly from the assumption (H3) and Theorem 2.1. Since the product of two  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multipliers is still an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier, to show that  $((1+c_k)I/ik)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier, it will suffice to show that  $(I/ik)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier. This is a direct consequence of Theorem 2.1.

Finally, we show that  $u_k = I/(c_k + 1)$  is an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
k(u_{k+1} - u_k) &= \frac{k(c_k - c_{k+1})}{(1+c_k)(1+c_{k+1})} \\
k^2(u_{k+1} - 2u_k + u_{k-1}) &= \frac{-k^2(c_{k+1} - 2c_k + c_{k-1})}{(1+c_{k+1})(1+c_k)(1+c_{k-1})} \\
&\quad - \frac{kc_{k-1}k(c_{k+1} - c_k)}{(1+c_{k+1})(1+c_k)(1+c_{k-1})} \\
&= + \frac{kc_{k+1}k(c_k - c_{k-1})}{(1+c_{k+1})(1+c_k)(1+c_{k-1})} \\
k^3(u_{k+1} - 3u_k + 3u_{k-1} - u_{k-2}) &= \frac{-k^3(c_{k+1} - 3c_k + 3c_{k-1} - c_{k-2})}{(1+c_{k+1})(1+c_k)(1+c_{k-1})(1+c_{k-2})} \\
&= + \frac{2kc_{k+1}k^2(c_k - 2c_{k-1} + c_{k-2})}{(1+c_{k+1})(1+c_k)(1+c_{k-1})(1+c_{k-2})} \\
&\quad - \frac{2kc_{k-2}k^2(c_{k-1} - 2c_k + c_{k+1})}{(1+c_{k+1})(1+c_k)(1+c_{k-1})(1+c_{k-2})}
\end{aligned}$$

$$= + \frac{k^3 c_k c_{k-1} c_{k-2} - 3k^3 c_{k+1} c_{k-1} c_{k-2} + 3k^3 c_k c_{k+1} c_{k-2} - k^3 c_{k+1} c_k c_{k-1}}{(1 + c_{k+1})(1 + c_k)(1 + c_{k-1})(1 + c_{k-2})}$$

are bounded sequences. Hence  $(u_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is also an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier by Theorem 2.1. ■

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $A$  be a closed operator in a Banach space  $X$ . Let  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  be a sequence satisfying the assumption (H3), such that  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \rho(A)$ . If  $(b_k R(b_k, A))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded, then  $(R(b_k, A))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

This is a direct consequence of the following observations: when  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  satisfies the assumption (H3),  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is 3-regular by Lemma 3.2. By the boundedness of  $(b_k R(b_k, A))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and Theorem 2.3,  $(b_k R(b_k, A))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then the result follows from Proposition 3.3 and the fact that the product of two  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multipliers is still an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier.

Now we are ready to give the proof of our main result.

*Proof of Theorem 3.1.* (ii)⇒(i): Let  $y \in X$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  be fixed. We let  $f = e_k \otimes y$ . Note that  $f \in F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ . Hence there exists  $u \in F_{p,q}^{s+1}(\mathbb{T}, X)$  such that  $u(t) \in D(A)$ ,  $u'(t) = Au(t) + a^*Au(t) + f(t)$  holds for a.e.  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$  and  $Au \in F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  (see (2.3) for the definition of  $a^*Au$ ). Taking Fourier series on both sides, we obtain  $\hat{u}(k) \in D(A)$  by [2, Lemma 3.1] and

$$ik\hat{u}(k) = A\hat{u}(k) + \tilde{a}(ik)A\hat{u}(k) + \hat{f}(k) = A\hat{u}(k) + \tilde{a}(ik)A\hat{u}(k) + y$$

by (2.4). Thus  $[ik - (1 + \tilde{a}(ik))A]\hat{u}(k) = y$ . We have shown that  $ik - (1 + \tilde{a}(ik))A$  is surjective. To show that the operator  $ik - (1 + \tilde{a}(ik))A$  is also injective, we take  $x \in D(A)$  be such that  $[ik - (1 + \tilde{a}(ik))A]x = 0$ , then  $Ax = b_k x$ . This implies that  $u = e_k \otimes x$  defines a periodic solution of  $u'(t) = Au(t) + \int_{-\infty}^t a(t-s)Au(s)ds$ . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} Au(t) + \int_{-\infty}^t a(t-s)Au(s)ds &= e^{ikt}Ax + \int_{-\infty}^t a(t-s)e^{iks}Ax ds \\ &= e^{ikt}Ax + e^{ikt}\tilde{a}(ik)Ax = e^{ikt}(1 + \tilde{a}(ik))Ax = ik e^{ikt}x = u'(t) \end{aligned}$$

By the assumption of uniqueness, we must have  $x = 0$ . We have shown that  $ik - (1 + \tilde{a}(ik))A$  is bijective. Since  $A$  is closed, we conclude that  $b_k \in \rho(A)$ .

Next, we show that  $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|b_k R(b_k, A)\| < \infty$ . We consider  $f = e_k \otimes x$  for some fixed  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $x \in X$ , we let  $u$  be the unique solution in  $F_{p,q}^{1+s}(\mathbb{T}, X)$  of  $(P_2)$ . Taking Fourier series, we have  $[ik - (1 + \tilde{a}(ik))A]\hat{u}(k) = x$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} ik \hat{u}(k) &= b_k R(b_k, A)x \\ in \hat{u}(n) &= 0, \quad (n \neq k). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that the solution  $u$  satisfies  $u' = b_k R(b_k, A) e_k \otimes x$ . By hypothesis and using the Closed Graph Theorem, we can find  $C > 0$  independent from  $k$  and  $x$  such that

$$\|u'\|_{F_{p,q}^s} + \|Au\|_{F_{p,q}^s} + \|a^* Au\|_{F_{p,q}^s} \leq C \|f\|_{F_{p,q}^s}.$$

This implies that  $\|b_k R(b_k, A)x\| \leq C \|x\|$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence  $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|b_k R(b_k, A)\| < \infty$ . We have proved (i).

(i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Let  $f \in F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ . Since  $(I/(1+c_k))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier by Proposition 3.3, there exists  $g \in F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , such that  $\hat{g}(k) = \hat{f}(k)/(1+c_k)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $(b_k R(b_k, A))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is bounded by assumption and  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is 3-regular as the condition (H3) is satisfied by Lemma 3.2, the sequence  $(b_k R(b_k, A))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  defines an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier by Theorem 2.3. By Proposition 3.3,  $(1+c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is also an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier. We deduce that  $(ikR(b_k, A))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  defines an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier. There exists  $v \in F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$ , such that  $\hat{v}(k) = ikR(b_k, A)\hat{g}(k)$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By Corollary 3.4,  $(R(b_k, A))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is also an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier, there exists  $u \in F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  such that  $\hat{u}(k) = R(b_k, A)\hat{g}(k)$ . Hence we have  $\hat{v}(k) = ik\hat{u}(k)$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By [2, Lemma 2.1],  $u$  is differentiable a.e. and  $u' = v, u(0) = u(2\pi)$ . By [4, Proposition 2.3], this implies that  $u \in F_{p,q}^{s+1}(\mathbb{T}, X)$ . By  $\hat{u}(k) = R(b_k, A)\hat{g}(k)$  and [2, Lemma 3.1],  $u(t) \in D(A)$  for a.e.  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$ . On the other hand  $A\hat{u}(k) = AR(b_k, A)\hat{g}(k)$ , we deduce that  $Au \in F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, X)$  as  $(AR(b_k, A))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier by (i).

From  $(b_k I - A)\hat{u}(k) = \hat{g}(k)$ , we have

$$ik\hat{u}(k) = (1 + \tilde{a}(ik))A\hat{u}(k) + (1 + \tilde{a}(ik))\hat{g}(k) = A\hat{u}(k) + \tilde{a}(ik)A\hat{u}(k) + \hat{f}(k)$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . From the uniqueness theorem of Fourier coefficient, we deduce that  $(P_2)$  holds true for almost  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$ . This shows existence.

To show the uniqueness, let  $u \in F_{p,q}^{s+1}(\mathbb{T}, X) \cap F_{p,q}^s(\mathbb{T}, D(A))$  be such that  $u'(t) - Au(t) - \int_{-\infty}^t a(t-s)Au(s)ds = 0$ . Then  $\hat{u}(k) \in D(A)$  by [2, Lemma 3.1] and  $[ikI - (1 + \tilde{a}(ik))A]\hat{u}(k) = 0$  by taking the Fourier series. Since  $(ik/(1 + \tilde{a}(ik))) \subset \rho(A)$ , this implies that  $\hat{u}(k) = 0$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus  $u = 0$  and the proof is finished.

### Remark 3.5.

- (i) When  $1 < p < \infty, 1 < q \leq \infty, s \in \mathbb{R}$ , the first three conditions in (2.2) are already sufficient for a sequence  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{L}(X)$  to be an  $F_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier [4, Theorem 3.2]. This fact together with the argument used in [11] shows that under the weaker assumption (H2) on  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ , the problem  $(P_2)$  has the  $F_{p,q}^s$ -maximal regularity if and only if  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \rho(A)$  and  $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|b_k R(b_k, A)\| < \infty$  whenever  $1 < p < \infty, 1 < q \leq \infty$  and  $s > 0$ .
- (ii) When the underlying Banach space  $X$  has a non trivial Fourier type and  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty, s \in \mathbb{R}$ , the first two conditions in (2.2) are already sufficient

for a sequence  $(M_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{L}(X)$  to be a  $B_{p,q}^s$ -multiplier [3, Theorem 4.5]. This fact together with the argument used in [11] shows that under the weaker assumption (H1) on  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ , the problem  $(P_2)$  has the  $B_{p,q}^s$ -maximal regularity if and only if  $(b_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \rho(A)$  and  $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|b_k R(b_k, A)\| < \infty$  whenever  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  and  $s > 0$ .

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