

# A KATZNELSON-TZAFRIRI TYPE THEOREM FOR CESÀRO BOUNDED OPERATORS

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ABSTRACT. We extend the well-known Katznelson-Tzafriri theorem, originally posed for power-bounded operators, to the case of Cesàro bounded operators of any order  $\alpha > 0$ . For this purpose, we use a functional calculus between a new class of fractional Wiener algebras and the algebra of bounded linear operators, defined for operators with the corresponding Cesàro boundedness. Finally, we apply the main theorem to get ergodicity results for the Cesàro means of bounded operators.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $A(\mathbb{T})$  be the convolution Wiener algebra formed by all continuous periodic functions  $\mathbf{f}(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a(n)e^{int}$ , for  $t \in [0, 2\pi)$ , with the norm  $\|\mathbf{f}\|_{A(\mathbb{T})} := \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |a(n)|$ . This algebra is regular. We denote by  $A_+(\mathbb{T})$  the convolution closed subalgebra of  $A(\mathbb{T})$  where the functions satisfy that  $a(n) = 0$  for  $n < 0$ . Note that  $A(\mathbb{T})$  and  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z})$  are isometrically isomorphic. The same holds for  $A_+(\mathbb{T})$  and  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_0)$ , where  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . In the above, the sequence  $(a(n))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  corresponds to the Fourier coefficients of  $\mathbf{f}$ , that is

$$a(n) := \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \mathbf{f}(t)e^{-int} dt.$$

Let  $E$  be a closed subset of  $\mathbb{T}$  and  $\mathbf{f} \in A(\mathbb{T})$ . We recall that  $\mathbf{f}$  is of spectral synthesis with respect to  $E$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\mathbf{f}_\varepsilon \in A(\mathbb{T})$  such that  $\|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_\varepsilon\|_{A(\mathbb{T})} < \varepsilon$  with  $\mathbf{f}_\varepsilon = 0$  in a neighborhood of  $E$ . The above definition is valid in any regular Banach algebra. For more details see [K, Chapter VIII, Section 7]. Since  $\sup_{t \in [0, 2\pi)} |\mathbf{f}(t)| \leq \|\mathbf{f}\|_{A(\mathbb{T})}$ , if  $\mathbf{f}$  is of spectral synthesis with respect to  $E$ , then  $\mathbf{f}$  vanishes on  $E$ .

Let  $X$  be a complex Banach space and  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  the Banach algebra formed by the bounded linear operators on  $X$ . An operator  $T \in \mathcal{B}(X)$  is power-bounded if  $\sup_{n \geq 0} \|T^n\| < \infty$ . In 1986, Y. Katznelson and L. Tzafriri proved that if  $T$  is a power-bounded operator on  $X$  and  $\mathbf{f} \in A_+(\mathbb{T})$  is of spectral synthesis in  $A(\mathbb{T})$  with respect to  $\sigma(T) \cap \mathbb{T}$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n \theta(\widehat{\mathbf{f}})\| = 0,$$

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where  $\sigma(T)$  denotes the spectrum of the operator  $T$  and  $\theta : \ell^1(\mathbb{N}_0) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(X)$  is the functional calculus given by

$$\theta(f) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f(j)T^j, \quad x \in X, f \in \ell^1(\mathbb{N}_0),$$

see [KT, Theorem 5]. Moreover, for  $T \in \mathcal{B}(X)$  power-bounded,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n - T^{n+1}\| = 0$  if and only if  $\sigma(T) \cap \mathbb{T} \subseteq \{1\}$ , see [KT, Theorem 1].

Léka ([L]) proved that for  $T$  power-bounded in a Hilbert space  $H$ , the result [KT, Theorem 5] holds if  $\mathfrak{f} \in A_+(\mathbb{T})$  just vanishes on the peripheral spectrum. For contractions on  $H$  this had been proved in [ESZ2]. When the Fourier coefficients of  $\mathfrak{f}$  satisfy  $\sum_{j \geq 0} j |\widehat{\mathfrak{f}}(j)| < \infty$ , the same holds in any Banach space ([AOR]). In the case that  $T$  is  $(C, 1)$ -bounded and  $\sigma(T) \cap \mathbb{T} = \{1\}$ , but  $T$  is not power-bounded,  $\|T^n - T^{n+1}\|$  does not need converge to zero. The first counter-examples are in [TZ]. There is a counter-example in a Hilbert space with  $\sigma(T) = \{1\}$  in [L2].

A similar result for  $C_0$ -semigroups was proved simultaneously in two papers, [ESZ] and [V2]. The result states that if  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0} \subset \mathcal{B}(X)$  is a bounded  $C_0$ -semigroup generated by  $A$  and  $\mathfrak{f} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  is of spectral synthesis in  $L^1(\mathbb{R})$  with respect to  $i\sigma(A) \cap \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|T(t)\Theta(\mathfrak{f})\| = 0,$$

where  $\Theta : L^1(\mathbb{R}_+) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(X)$  is the Hille functional calculus given by

$$\Theta(\mathfrak{f})x := \int_0^{\infty} \mathfrak{f}(t)T(t)x, \quad x \in X, \mathfrak{f} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}_+).$$

In the paper [CT, Theorem 5.5], there is a nice proof of this result, which has inspired the proof of the main theorem of this paper (Theorem 3.4).

In [GMM], the authors give a similar theorem for  $\alpha$ -times integrated semigroups: let  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $(T_\alpha(t))_{t \geq 0} \subset \mathcal{B}(X)$  be an  $\alpha$ -times integrated semigroup generated by  $A$  such that  $\sup_{t > 0} t^{-\alpha} \|T_\alpha(t)\| < \infty$ , and let  $\mathfrak{f} \in \mathcal{T}_+^{(\alpha)}(t^\alpha)$  be of spectral synthesis in  $\mathcal{T}^{(\alpha)}(|t|^\alpha)$  (both are Sobolev subalgebras of  $L^1(\mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $L^1(\mathbb{R})$  respectively which have been studied in detail in [GM]) with respect to  $i\sigma(A) \cap \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^{-\alpha} \|T_\alpha(t)\Theta_\alpha(\mathfrak{f})\| = 0,$$

where  $\Theta_\alpha : \mathcal{T}_+^{(\alpha)}(t^\alpha) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(X)$  is the bounded algebra homomorphism defined by

$$\Theta_\alpha(\mathfrak{f})x := \int_0^{\infty} \mathcal{W}_+^\alpha \mathfrak{f}(t)T_\alpha(t)x, \quad x \in X, \mathfrak{f} \in \mathcal{T}_+^{(\alpha)}(t^\alpha)$$

and  $\mathcal{W}_+^\alpha \mathfrak{f}$  is the Weyl fractional derivative of order  $\alpha$  of  $\mathfrak{f}$ .

Let  $\alpha > 0$  and  $T \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ . The *Cesàro sum* of order  $\alpha > 0$  of  $T$  is the family of operators  $(\Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \subset \mathcal{B}(X)$  defined by

$$\Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(n)x := \sum_{j=0}^n k^\alpha(n-j)T^j x, \quad x \in X, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

and the *Cesàro mean* of order  $\alpha > 0$  of  $T$  is the family of operators  $(M_T^\alpha(n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  given by

$$M_T^\alpha(n)x := \frac{1}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(n)x, \quad x \in X, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

where

$$k^\alpha(n) := \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + n)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(n + 1)} = \binom{n + \alpha - 1}{\alpha - 1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

is the *Cesàro kernel* of order  $\alpha$ . When the Cesàro mean of order  $\alpha$  of  $T$  is uniformly bounded, that is,

$$\sup_n \|M_T^\alpha(n)\| < \infty,$$

it is said that the operator  $T$  is *Cesàro bounded* of order  $\alpha$  or simply  $(C, \alpha)$ -bounded. We extend the Cesàro kernel for  $\alpha = 0$  using that  $k^0(n) := \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} k^\alpha(n) = \delta_{n,0}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , where  $\delta_{n,j}$  for  $n, j \in \mathbb{Z}$  is the known Kronecker delta, i.e.,  $\delta_{n,j} = 1$  if  $j = n$  and 0 otherwise. Then  $(C, 0)$ -boundedness is equivalent to power-boundedness, and for  $\alpha = 1$  the operator  $T$  is said to be Cesàro mean bounded (or simply Cesàro bounded). From formulas (1.10) and (1.17) in [Z, p. 77] it can be proved that for  $\beta > \alpha \geq 0$  we have  $\sup_n \|M_T^\beta(n)\| \leq \sup_n \|M_T^\alpha(n)\| \leq \sup_n \|T^n\|$ ; in particular if  $T$  is a power-bounded operator then  $T$  is a  $(C, \alpha)$  bounded operator for any  $\alpha > 0$ . The converse is not true in general, see [LSS, Propositions 4.3 and 4.4]. The Assani matrix

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is  $(C, 1)$ -bounded but it is not power bounded since

$$T^n = \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^n & (-1)^{n+1} 2n \\ 0 & (-1)^n \end{pmatrix}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

see [Em, Section 4.7] and [SZ, Remark 2.3].

**Lemma 1.1.** *Let  $\alpha > 0$ . If  $T$  is  $(C, \alpha)$ -bounded, then it has spectral radius  $r(T) \leq 1$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is a straightforward consequence of [SZ, Lemma 2.1] since  $T$  is  $(C, [\alpha] + 1)$ -bounded.  $\square$

The study of mean ergodic theorems for operators which are not power-bounded started with [H]. There are many results concerning ergodicity ([D, ED, Em, SZ, TZ, Y]) and about the growth ([LSS, S]) of the Cesàro sums and of the Cesàro mean of order  $\alpha$ .

In a recent paper [ALMV], it is proved that the algebraic structure of the Cesàro sum of order  $\alpha$  of a bounded operator is similar to the algebraic structure of an  $\alpha$ -times integrated semigroups ([ALMV, Theorem 3.3]). In [ALMV, Section 2], we construct certain weighted convolution algebras. For any  $\alpha > 0$ , if we consider the weight  $k^{\alpha+1}$ , we denote these algebras by  $\tau^\alpha(k^{\alpha+1})$ , which are contained in  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_0)$ . We have characterized the  $(C, \alpha)$ -boundedness by the existence of an algebra homomorphism from  $\tau^\alpha(k^{\alpha+1})$  into  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  ([ALMV, Corollary 3.7]).

The outline of this paper is as follows: In section 2 we use Weyl fractional differences to construct Banach algebras  $\tau^\alpha(|n|^\alpha)$  contained in  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z})$  (Theorem 2.11). The techniques used are similar to those in [ALMV, Section 2], and we follow the same steps as in the continuous case ([GM]), adapting the proofs. In section 3 we define fractional Wiener algebras of periodic continuous functions  $A_+^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$  and  $A^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$  which are isometrically isomorphic via the Fourier transform to  $\tau^\alpha(k^{\alpha+1})$  and  $\tau^\alpha(|n|^\alpha)$ , respectively. These algebras allow us to state the main theorem of this paper (see Theorem 3.4): let  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{B}(X)$  be a  $(C, \alpha)$ -bounded operator and  $\mathbf{f} \in A_+^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$  be of spectral synthesis in  $A^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$  with respect to  $\sigma(T) \cap \mathbb{T}$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|M_T^\alpha(n)\theta_\alpha(\widehat{\mathbf{f}})\| = 0,$$

where  $\theta_\alpha : \tau^\alpha(k^{\alpha+1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(X)$  is the bounded algebra homomorphism defined by

$$\theta_\alpha(f)x := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} W_+^\alpha f(n)\Delta^{-\alpha}\mathcal{T}(n)x, \quad x \in X, f \in \tau^\alpha(k^{\alpha+1}),$$

and  $W_+^\alpha f$  is the Weyl fractional difference of order  $\alpha$  of  $f$ , see [ALMV, Theorem 3.5]. Finally in section 4 we give two applications of ergodicity for  $(C, \alpha)$ -bounded operators (Theorem 4.1 and Theorem 4.3).

**Notation.** We denote by  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z})$  the set of complex sequences  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |f(n)| < \infty$ , and  $c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$  the set of complex sequences with finite support. It is well known that  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z})$  is a Banach algebra with the usual (commutative and associative) convolution product

$$(f * g)(n) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} f(n-j)g(j), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

The above is valid for sequences defined in  $\mathbb{N}_0$  instead  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and the corresponding convolution product is

$$(f * g)(n) = \sum_{j=0}^n f(n-j)g(j), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

Moreover, if  $f$  is a sequence defined in  $\mathbb{N}_0$ , we can see it as a sequence defined in  $\mathbb{Z}$  where  $f(n) = 0$  for  $n < 0$ .

Throughout the paper, we use the variable constant convention, in which  $C$  denotes a constant which may not be the same from line to line. The constant is frequently written with subindexes to emphasize that it depends on some parameters.

## 2. FRACTIONAL DIFFERENCES AND CONVOLUTION BANACH ALGEBRAS

For  $\alpha > 0$ , the Cesàro kernel of order  $\alpha$ ,  $(k^\alpha(n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ , plays a key role in the main results of this paper. Many properties can be found in [Z, Vol. I, p.77]. We quote some of them below: the semigroup property,  $k^\alpha * k^\beta = k^{\alpha+\beta}$

for  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ ; for  $\alpha > 0$ ,

$$(2.1) \quad k^\alpha(n) = \frac{n^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right), \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

([Z, Vol. I, (1.18)]);  $k^\alpha$  is increasing (as a function of  $n$ ) for  $\alpha > 1$ , decreasing for  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $k^1(n) = 1$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  ([Z, Chapter III, Theorem 1.17]);  $k^\alpha(n) \leq k^\beta(n)$  for  $\beta \geq \alpha > 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ; finally, for  $\alpha > 0$ , there exists  $C_\alpha > 0$  such that the following inequality holds,

$$(2.2) \quad k^\alpha(2n) \leq C_\alpha k^\alpha(n), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

([ALMV, Lemma 2.1]).

As we mentioned in the introduction, for each number  $\alpha > 0$  there exists a convolution Banach algebra  $\tau^\alpha(k^{\alpha+1})$ , which is contained in  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N}_0)$  and they are continuously included in each other, that is,

$$\tau^\beta(k^{\beta+1}) \hookrightarrow \tau^\alpha(k^{\alpha+1}) \hookrightarrow \ell^1(\mathbb{N}_0), \quad \beta > \alpha > 0,$$

and  $\tau^0(k^1) \equiv \ell^1(\mathbb{N}_0)$ , see [ALMV]. Now we are interested in obtaining some similar spaces contained in  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z})$ . For convenience, we denote  $\tau^\alpha(n^\alpha) := \tau^\alpha(k^{\alpha+1})$  for  $\alpha > 0$ .

In the following, let  $(f(n))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be a sequence of complex numbers. Some results in this section can be extended immediately to vector-valued sequences, that is,  $f$  takes values in a complex Banach space  $X$ . We consider the usual forward and backward difference operator,  $\Delta f(n) = f(n+1) - f(n)$  and  $\nabla f(n) = f(n) - f(n-1)$ , for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and the natural powers

$$\Delta^m f(n) = \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^{m-j} \binom{m}{j} f(n+j), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z},$$

and

$$\nabla^m f(n) = \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} f(n-j), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z},$$

for  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , see for example [E, (2.1.1)] for  $\Delta^m$  (for  $\nabla^m$  it is a simple check using  $\Delta^m$ ). Observe that  $\Delta^m, \nabla^m : c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$  for  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

For convenience and follow the same notation as in [ALMV], we write  $W_+ = -\Delta$  and  $W_- = \nabla$ ,  $W_+^m = (-1)^m \Delta^m$  and  $W_-^m = \nabla^m$  for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . The inverse operators of  $W_+$  and  $W_-$ , and their powers in  $c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$  are given by the following expressions,

$$W_+^{-m} f(n) = \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} k^m(j-n) f(j), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z},$$

and

$$W_-^{-m} f(n) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^n k^m(n-j) f(j), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , see for example [GW, p.307] in the case of  $W_+$  for sequences define in  $\mathbb{N}_0$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(f(n))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be a complex sequence and  $\alpha > 0$ . The *Weyl sums* of order  $\alpha$  of  $f$  are given by

$$W_+^{-\alpha} f(n) := \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} k^\alpha(j-n) f(j), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z},$$

and

$$W_-^{-\alpha} f(n) := \sum_{j=-\infty}^n k^\alpha(n-j) f(j), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z},$$

whenever the sums make sense, and the *Weyl differences* by

$$W_+^\alpha f(n) := W_+^m W_+^{-(m-\alpha)} f(n) = (-1)^m \Delta^m W_+^{-(m-\alpha)} f(n), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z},$$

and

$$W_-^\alpha f(n) := W_-^m W_-^{-(m-\alpha)} f(n) = \nabla^m W_-^{-(m-\alpha)} f(n), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z},$$

for  $m = [\alpha] + 1$ , whenever the right hand sides converge. In particular  $W_+^\alpha, W_-^\alpha : c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$  for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

The above definitions have been considered in more restrictive contexts in some papers ([ALMV, GW]). The natural properties that are satisfied in those contexts are generalized below, and the proof is similar to the proof of [ALMV, Proposition 2.4].

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $f \in c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , then the following statements hold:*

- (i)  $W_+^{\alpha+\beta} f = W_+^\alpha W_+^\beta f$ .
- (ii)  $W_-^{\alpha+\beta} f = W_-^\alpha W_-^\beta f$ .
- (iii)  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} W_+^\alpha f = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} W_-^\alpha f = f$ .

Note that the Cesàro kernel can be considered in a more general setting. For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$k^\alpha(n) = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1) \cdots (\alpha+n-1)}{n!}, \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad k^\alpha(0) = 1.$$

Also in the particular case that  $\alpha < 0$  with  $\alpha \neq \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$  we can write  $k^\alpha(n) = (-1)^n \binom{-\alpha}{n}$  and (2.1) is valid too. It is known that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} k^\alpha(n) z^n = (1-z)^{-\alpha}, \quad |z| < 1.$$

Then we deduce that  $k^\alpha * k^\beta = k^{\beta+\alpha}$  for  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . This allows to represent the Weyl differences in the following way.

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $(f(n))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be a complex sequence and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then*

$$W_+^\alpha f(n) = \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} k^{-\alpha}(j-n) f(j), \quad W_-^\alpha f(n) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^n k^{-\alpha}(n-j) f(j), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z},$$

whenever the Weyl differences of order  $\alpha$  of  $f$  makes sense.

*Proof.* We only prove the result for  $W_+$ . The proof is analogous for  $W_-$ . If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$W_+^\alpha f(n) = \sum_{j=0}^{\alpha} (-1)^j \binom{\alpha}{j} f(n+j) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} k^{-\alpha}(j) f(n+j) = \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} k^{-\alpha}(n-j) f(j).$$

Now let  $m-1 < \alpha < m$  with  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} W_+^\alpha f(n) &= W_+^m W_+^{-(m-\alpha)} f(n) = \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} \sum_{l=n+j}^{\infty} k^{m-\alpha}(l-n-j) f(l) \\ &= \sum_{l=n}^{n+m} f(l) \sum_{j=0}^{l-n} (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} k^{m-\alpha}(l-n-j) \\ &\quad + \sum_{l=n+m+1}^{\infty} f(l) \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} k^{m-\alpha}(l-n-j) \\ &= \sum_{l=n}^{n+m} f(l) (k^{-m} * k^{m-\alpha})(l-n) \\ &\quad + \sum_{l=n+m+1}^{\infty} f(l) (k^{-m} * k^{m-\alpha})(l-n) \\ &= \sum_{l=n}^{\infty} k^{-\alpha}(l-n) f(l). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark 2.4.** The operators  $W_+^\alpha$  and  $W_+^{-\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  are tightly connected to the definition of  $(I - T)^\alpha$  for any contraction  $T$  in a Banach space given in [DL]. If we denote by  $S$  the shift operator on  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z})$ , that is,  $Sf(n) = f(n+1)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $W_+^\alpha = (I - S)^\alpha$  (compatible with  $I - S = -\Delta$ ), well-defined on the whole space  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z})$ , and  $W_+^{-\alpha} = [(I - S)^\alpha]^{-1}$ , defined on the range of  $(I - S)^\alpha$ . Also these identities are valid for  $\alpha > 0$ . The author is studying these fractional powers of the operator  $I - S$  as fractional powers of the generator of a uniformly bounded  $C_0$ -semigroup on a Banach space, which will appear in a forthcoming paper.

**Remark 2.5.** Note that  $W_+^m f(n) = \sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} f(n+j)$  and  $W_-^m f(n) =$

$$\sum_{j=0}^m (-1)^j \binom{m}{j} f(n-j)$$

for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , therefore in general  $W_+^\alpha f(n) \neq W_-^\alpha f(n)$  for  $\alpha > 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  (it suffices take  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and the sequence given by  $f(n) = 1$  for  $n = 0, 1$ , and  $f(n) = 0$  in otherwise). However we have the following link between  $W_+^\alpha$  and  $W_-^\alpha$ . The proof is left to the reader.

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $\alpha$  be a positive real number and  $f \in c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$  such that  $f(n) = f(-n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then the equality*

$$W_+^\alpha f(n) = W_-^\alpha f(-n), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z},$$

holds. In particular  $W_+^\alpha f(0) = W_-^\alpha f(0)$ .

Let  $(f(n))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be a complex sequence, we denote by  $(f_+(n))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $(f_-(n))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $(\tilde{f}(n))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  the sequences given by

$$f_+(n) := \begin{cases} f(n), & n \geq 0, \\ 0, & n < 0, \end{cases}$$

$$f_-(n) := \begin{cases} 0, & n \geq 0, \\ f(n), & n < 0, \end{cases}$$

and  $\tilde{f}(n) = f(-n)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . It is a simple check that  $(W_+^{-\alpha} f)(\tilde{n}) = W_-^{-\alpha} \tilde{f}(n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , for  $\alpha > 0$  and  $f \in c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$ . Then the following result is a straight consequence.

**Proposition 2.7.** *Let  $f \in c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$  and  $\alpha > 0$ , then the following assertions hold:*

- (i)  $W_+^\alpha f_+(n) = W_+^\alpha f(n)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ .
- (ii)  $W_-^\alpha f_-(n) = W_-^\alpha f(n)$ ,  $n < 0$ .
- (iii)  $(W_+^\alpha f)(\tilde{n}) = W_-^\alpha \tilde{f}(n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $\alpha > 0$ . We denote by  $W^\alpha : c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$  the operator given by

$$W^\alpha f(n) := \begin{cases} W_+^\alpha f(n), & n \geq 0, \\ W_-^\alpha f(n), & n < 0, \end{cases}$$

for  $f \in c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$ .

We are interested in the relation between the convolution product and the fractional Weyl differences. If  $f, g \in c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$  then it is known that  $f * g \in c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$ . In [ALMV, Lemma 2.7], the following equality is proved:

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} W_+^\alpha (f_+ * g_+)(n) &= \sum_{j=0}^n W_+^\alpha g(j) \sum_{p=n-j}^n k^\alpha(p-n+j) W_+^\alpha f(p) \\ &\quad - \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} W_+^\alpha g(j) \sum_{p=n+1}^{\infty} k^\alpha(p-n+j) W_+^\alpha f(p), \quad n \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

for  $f, g \in c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$  and  $\alpha \geq 0$ . The rest of this section is inspired by the continuous case, see [GM].

**Lemma 2.9.** *Let  $f, g \in c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$  and  $\alpha > 0$ , then*

- (i)  $W_+^\alpha (f_+ * g_-)(n) = (W_+^\alpha f_+ * g_-)(n)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ .
- (ii)  $W_-^\alpha (f_- * g_+)(n) = (W_-^\alpha f_- * g_+)(n)$ ,  $n < 0$ .



*Proof.* (i) Let  $n \geq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
(f_+ * g_-)(n) &= \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} W_+^{-\alpha} W_+^{\alpha} f_+(j) g_-(n-j) \\
&= \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} W_+^{\alpha} f_+(j) \sum_{i=n+1}^j k^{\alpha}(j-i) g_-(n-i) \\
&= \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} W_+^{\alpha} f_+(j) \sum_{u=n}^{j-1} k^{\alpha}(u-n) g_-(u-j) \\
&= \sum_{u=n}^{\infty} k^{\alpha}(u-n) \sum_{j=u+1}^{\infty} W_+^{\alpha} f_+(j) g_-(u-j) \\
&= W_+^{-\alpha} (W_+^{\alpha} f_+ * g_-)(n),
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used Fubini's Theorem and a change of variables, and then  $W_+^{\alpha}(f_+ * g_-)(n) = W_+^{\alpha} f_+ * g_-(n)$ . (ii) Using Proposition 2.7 and the part (i) we get for  $n < 0$  that

$$\begin{aligned}
W_-^{\alpha}(f_- * g_+)(n) &= W_+^{\alpha}(f_- * g_+)^{\sim}(-n) = W_+^{\alpha}((f_-)^{\sim} * (g_+)^{\sim})(-n) \\
&= W_+^{\alpha}(\tilde{f}_+ * \tilde{g}_-)(-n) = (W_+^{\alpha} \tilde{f}_+ * \tilde{g}_-)(-n) \\
&= ((W_+^{\alpha} \tilde{f}_+)^{\sim} * (\tilde{g}_-)^{\sim})(n) = (W_-^{\alpha} f_- * g_+)(n).
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 2.10.** *Let  $f, g \in c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$  and  $\alpha > 0$ , then*

$$W^{\alpha}(f * g)(n) = (W_+^{\alpha} f_+ * g_-)(n) + W_+^{\alpha}(f_+ * g_+)(n) + (f_- * W_+^{\alpha} g_+)(n),$$

for  $n \geq 0$ , and

$$W^{\alpha}(f * g)(n) = (W_-^{\alpha} f_- * g_+)(n) + W_-^{\alpha}(f_- * g_-)(n) + (f_+ * W_-^{\alpha} g_-)(n),$$

for  $n < 0$ .

*Proof.* It is a simple check that

$$(f * g)(n) = (f_+ * g_-)(n) + (f_+ * g_+)(n) + (f_- * g_+)(n), \quad n \geq 0$$

and

$$(f * g)(n) = (f_- * g_+)(n) + (f_- * g_-)(n) + (f_+ * g_-)(n), \quad n < 0.$$

Then by Lemma 2.9 we get the result. □

For  $\alpha \geq 0$  we define the application  $q_{\alpha} : c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  given by

$$q_{\alpha}(f) := \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} k^{\alpha+1}(|n|) |W^{\alpha} f(n)|, \quad f \in c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z}).$$

Observe that for  $\alpha = 0$  the above application is the usual norm in  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z})$ .

The following theorem is the main one of this section, and it extends [ALMV, Theorem 2.11] and [GW, Theorem 4.5].

**Theorem 2.11.** *Let  $\alpha > 0$ . The application  $q_\alpha$  defines a norm in  $c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$  and*

$$q_\alpha(f * g) \leq C_\alpha q_\alpha(f) q_\alpha(g), \quad f, g \in c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z}),$$

with  $C_\alpha > 0$  independent of  $f$  and  $g$ . We denote by  $\tau^\alpha(|n|^\alpha)$  the Banach algebra obtained as the space of complex sequences  $f$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) = 0$  and the norm  $q_\alpha(f)$  converges. Furthermore, these spaces are continuously embedding each in other in the following way

$$\tau^\beta(|n|^\beta) \hookrightarrow \tau^\alpha(|n|^\alpha) \hookrightarrow \ell^1(\mathbb{Z}),$$

for  $\beta > \alpha > 0$ , and  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} q_\alpha(f) = \|f\|_1$ , for  $f \in c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$ .

*Proof.* It is clear that  $q_\alpha$  is a norm in  $c_{0,0}(\mathbb{Z})$ . We write

$$\begin{aligned} q_\alpha(f) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} k^{\alpha+1}(-n) |W_-^\alpha f_-(n)| + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} k^{\alpha+1}(n) |W_+^\alpha f_+(n)| \\ &:= q_\alpha^-(f_-) + q_\alpha^+(f_+). \end{aligned}$$

We have to show that  $q_\alpha$  defines a Banach algebra. First we prove that

$$q_\alpha^+((f * g)_+) \leq C_\alpha q_\alpha(f) q_\alpha(g).$$

By Lemma 2.10,

$$W^\alpha(f * g)(n) = (W_+^\alpha f_+ * g_-)(n) + W_+^\alpha(f_+ * g_+)(n) + (f_- * W_+^\alpha g_+)(n),$$

for  $n \geq 0$ , then we work with each summand separately. The first,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} k^{\alpha+1}(n) |(W_+^\alpha f_+ * g_-)(n)| &\leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} k^{\alpha+1}(n) \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} |W_+^\alpha f_+(j)| |g_-(n-j)| \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |W_+^\alpha f_+(j)| \sum_{n=0}^{j-1} k^{\alpha+1}(n) |g_-(n-j)| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |W_+^\alpha f_+(j)| k^{\alpha+1}(j) \sum_{u=-j}^{-1} |g_-(u)| \\ &\leq q_\alpha^+(f_+) q_\alpha^-(g_-) \leq q_\alpha(f) q_\alpha(g), \end{aligned}$$

where we have used Fubini's Theorem, a change of variables and that  $k^{\alpha+1}$  is increasing (as function of  $n$ ) for  $\alpha > 0$ . The third is clear using the commutativity of the convolution and the bound of the first summand. The second is a consequence of Proposition 2.7 (i) and [ALMV, Theorem 2.11].

To finish we have to estimate  $q_\alpha^-((f * g)_-)$ . By Proposition 2.7 (ii) we have for  $n < 0$  that

$$W_-^\alpha(f * g)(n) = W_+^\alpha(f * g)(-n) = W_+^\alpha(\tilde{f} * \tilde{g})(-n) = W_+^\alpha((\tilde{f} * \tilde{g})_+)(-n),$$

then

$$q_\alpha^-((f * g)_-) \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} k^{\alpha+1}(n) |W_+^\alpha(\tilde{f} * \tilde{g})_+(n)| \leq C_\alpha q_\alpha(\tilde{f}) q_\alpha(\tilde{g}) = C_\alpha q_\alpha(f) q_\alpha(g).$$

Finally note that if  $f \in \tau^\beta(|n|^\beta)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
q_\alpha(f) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |W^\alpha f(n)| k^{\alpha+1}(n) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} k^{\alpha+1}(n) \left| \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} k^{\beta-\alpha}(j-n) W_+^\beta f(j) \right| \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} k^{\alpha+1}(-n) \left| \sum_{j=-\infty}^n k^{\beta-\alpha}(n-j) W_-^\beta f(j) \right| \\
&\leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |W_+^\beta f(j)| k^{\beta+1}(j) + \sum_{j=-\infty}^{-1} |W_-^\beta f(j)| k^{\beta+1}(-j) \\
&= \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} k^{\beta+1}(|j|) |W^\beta f(j)| = q_\beta(f),
\end{aligned}$$

where we have applied Proposition 2.2 and the semigroup property of  $k^\alpha$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.12.** Note that by (2.1) the norm  $q_\alpha$  is equivalent to the norm  $\overline{q}_\alpha$  where

$$\begin{aligned}
\overline{q}_\alpha(f) &:= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^\alpha |W_-^\alpha f(-n)| + |f(0)| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^\alpha |W_+^\alpha f(n)| \\
&= |f(0)| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^\alpha (|W_+^\alpha f(n)| + |W_+^\alpha \tilde{f}(n)|).
\end{aligned}$$

### 3. A KATZNELSON-TZAFRIRI TYPE THEOREM FOR $(C, \alpha)$ -BOUNDED OPERATORS

For  $\alpha > 0$ , we denote by  $A^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$  a new Wiener algebra formed by all continuous periodic functions  $\mathbf{f}(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(n) e^{int}$ , for  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$ , with the norm

$$\|\mathbf{f}\|_{A^\alpha(\mathbb{T})} := \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |W^\alpha \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(n)| k^{\alpha+1}(|n|) < \infty.$$

This algebra is regular since its character is equal to the character of  $\ell^1(\mathbb{Z})$ , which is  $\mathbb{T}$ . Similarly to the case  $\alpha = 0$ , we denote by  $A_+^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$  the convolution closed subalgebra of  $A^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$  where the coefficients  $\widehat{\mathbf{f}}(n) = 0$  for  $n < 0$ . Note that  $A^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$  and  $\tau^\alpha(|n|^\alpha)$  are isometrically isomorphic via Fourier coefficients. The same holds for  $A_+^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$  and  $\tau^\alpha(n^\alpha)$ .

**Remark 3.1.** Recall that in [AOR] a version of the original Katznelson-Tzafriri Theorem is proved for periodic functions  $\mathbf{f}$  such that their Fourier coefficients satisfy  $\sum_{j \geq 0} j |\widehat{\mathbf{f}}(j)| < \infty$ . Note that  $A_+^1(\mathbb{T})$  includes these functions. Also, if  $\mathbf{f} \in A_+(\mathbb{T})$  has monotonely decreasing Fourier coefficients then, by remark at the beginning of the proof of [K, Theorem 4.1, Chapter 1] for the sequence  $a_n = \sum_{j \geq n} \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(j)$ ,  $\mathbf{f} \in A_+^1(\mathbb{T})$ . This class of functions is studied in [Z].

More generally, the subalgebras  $A_+^m(\mathbb{T})$  for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  are larger than the Korenblyum subalgebras defined in [GW]. In fact,  $\mathbf{f}(t) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n^{m+1}} e^{int} \in A_+^m(\mathbb{T})$  and  $\mathbf{f}$  does not belong to the corresponding Korenblyum subalgebra.

**Remark 3.2.** The spaces  $A_+^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$  are decreasing as  $\alpha$  increases, and they are dense in  $A_+(\mathbb{T})$ , since by [GW] those with integer  $\alpha$  are. Furthermore we have the following:

- (i) Note that the proof of [ALMV, Theorem 2.10 (iii)] proves that  $\|\mathbf{f}\|_{A_+^\alpha(\mathbb{T})} \leq \|\mathbf{f}\|_{A_+^\beta(\mathbb{T})}$  for  $0 \leq \alpha < \beta$ , then these spaces are continuously embedding each in other with norm 1.
- (ii) For  $0 \leq \alpha < \beta$  we have  $A_+^\beta(\mathbb{T}) \subsetneq A_+^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$ . This is a consequence of the characterization of the  $(C, \alpha)$ -boundedness by means of homomorphisms defined on these spaces ([ALMV, Corollary 3.7]) and the existence of operators which are  $(C, \beta)$ -bounded but no  $(C, \alpha)$ -bounded ([LSS, Propositions 4.3 and 4.4]).
- (iii) For  $\alpha > 0$ , the functions  $\mathbf{f}$  such that  $\sum_{j \geq 0} j^\alpha |\widehat{\mathbf{f}}(j)| < \infty$  are included in  $A_+^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$ . In fact, note that there exists a sequence  $c \in \ell^\infty(\mathbb{N}_0)$ , such that  $|\widehat{\mathbf{f}}(n+j)| < c(n) |\widehat{\mathbf{f}}(n)|$  for all  $j \geq 0$ . By Proposition 2.3 and (2.1) for  $k^{-\alpha}$  we have

$$\overline{q_\alpha}(\widehat{\mathbf{f}}) \leq |\widehat{\mathbf{f}}(0)| + \|c\|_\infty \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |k^{-\alpha}(j)| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^\alpha |\widehat{\mathbf{f}}(n)| < \infty.$$

Let  $E$  be a closed subset of  $\mathbb{T}$  and  $\mathbf{f} \in A^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$ . We recall that  $\mathbf{f}$  is of spectral synthesis with respect to  $E$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\mathbf{f}_\varepsilon \in A^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$  such that  $\|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_\varepsilon\|_{A^\alpha(\mathbb{T})} < \varepsilon$  with  $\mathbf{f}_\varepsilon = 0$  in a neighborhood of  $E$ .

Let  $T \in \mathcal{B}(X)$  and  $\alpha > 0$ . We can write the  $(C, \alpha)$ -boundedness of  $T$  in the following way: there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\|\Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(n)\| \leq C k^{\alpha+1}(n), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

Furthermore, we have cited in the introduction that for  $\alpha > 0$  and  $T \in \mathcal{B}(X)$  a  $(C, \alpha)$ -bounded operator, there exists a bounded algebra homomorphism  $\theta_\alpha : \tau^\alpha(n^\alpha) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(X)$  given by

$$\theta_\alpha(f)x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} W_+^\alpha f(n) \Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(n)x, \quad x \in X, f \in \tau^\alpha(n^\alpha),$$

see [ALMV, Theorem 3.5].

**Remark 3.3.** Let  $T \in \mathcal{B}(X)$  and  $\alpha > 0$ . We can write  $T^j = (k^{-\alpha} * \Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T})(j)$ .

- (i) Let  $m$  be a positive integer and  $T$  a  $(C, m)$ -bounded operator. Since  $k^{-m} \in c_{0,0}(\mathbb{N}_0)$ , then  $\|T^j\| = O(j^m)$ . So, if  $\mathbf{f}$  belongs to the Korenblyum subalgebra ( $\sum_{j \geq 0} j^m |\widehat{\mathbf{f}}(j)| < \infty$ ) we have that  $\sum_{j \geq 0} \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(j) T^j$

converges in operator norm. Moreover, by induction method,

$$\begin{aligned}
\theta_m(\widehat{\mathbf{f}}) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^N W_+^m \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(n) \Delta^{-m} \mathcal{T}(n) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{j=0}^N \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(j) T^j \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (-1)^{m+1} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} W_+^j \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(N+1) \Delta^{-(j+1)} \mathcal{T}(N) \right) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{j=0}^N \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(j) T^j \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (-1)^{m+1} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \left( \sum_{l=0}^j (-1)^l \binom{j}{l} \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(N+1+l) \right) \Delta^{-(j+1)} \mathcal{T}(N) \right) \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(j) T^j.
\end{aligned}$$

- (ii) Let  $\alpha > 0$  be a non positive integer and  $T$  a  $(C, \alpha)$ -bounded operator. First observe that the sign of  $k^{-\alpha}(j)$  is  $(-1)^{[\alpha]+1}$  for all  $j \geq [\alpha] + 1$ . For  $j \geq [\alpha] + 1$ , note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|T^j\| &\leq C \sum_{n=0}^j |k^{-\alpha}(j-n)| k^{\alpha+1}(n) \\
&= C \left( (-1)^{[\alpha]+1} \sum_{n=0}^{j-[\alpha]-1} k^{-\alpha}(j-n) k^{\alpha+1}(n) + \sum_{n=j-[\alpha]}^j |k^{-\alpha}(j-n)| k^{\alpha+1}(n) \right) \\
&= C \left( (-1)^{[\alpha]+1} \sum_{n=0}^j k^{-\alpha}(j-n) k^{\alpha+1}(n) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{n=j-[\alpha]}^j (|k^{-\alpha}(j-n)| - (-1)^{[\alpha]+1} k^{-\alpha}(j-n)) k^{\alpha+1}(n) \right) \\
&\leq C_\alpha \left( (-1)^{[\alpha]+1} + k^{\alpha+1}(j) \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used that  $k^{\alpha+1}$  is increasing and  $k^{-\alpha} * k^{\alpha+1} = k^1$ . Then  $\|T^j\| = O(j^\alpha)$ . So, if  $\mathbf{f}$  belongs to the extended Korenblyum subalgebra  $(\sum_{j \geq 0} j^\alpha |\widehat{\mathbf{f}}(j)| < \infty)$  we have that  $\sum_{j \geq 0} \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(j) T^j$  converges

in operator norm. Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}
\theta_\alpha(\widehat{\mathbf{f}}) &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^N W_+^\alpha \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(n) \Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(n) \\
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^N T^j \sum_{n=j}^N k^\alpha(n-j) \sum_{l=n}^{\infty} k^{-\alpha}(l-n) \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(l) \\
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^N T^j \left( \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(j) + \sum_{l=N+1}^{\infty} \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(l) \sum_{n=j}^N k^{-\alpha}(l-n) k^\alpha(n-j) \right) \\
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{j=0}^N T^j \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(j) + \sum_{l=N+1}^{\infty} \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(l) \sum_{n=0}^N k^{-\alpha}(l-n) \Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(n) \right) \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(j) T^j,
\end{aligned}$$

where we have applied that  $k^{\alpha+1}$  is increasing,  $\sum_{n=0}^N |k^{-\alpha}(l-n)| \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |k^{-\alpha}(n)| \leq C_\alpha$ , and

$$\sum_{l=N+1}^{\infty} |\widehat{\mathbf{f}}(l)| k^{\alpha+1}(N) \leq \sum_{l=N+1}^{\infty} |\widehat{\mathbf{f}}(l)| k^{\alpha+1}(l) \rightarrow 0$$

as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{B}(X)$  be a  $(C, \alpha)$ -bounded operator and  $\mathbf{f} \in A_+^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$  be of spectral synthesis in  $A^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$  with respect to  $\sigma(T) \cap \mathbb{T}$ . Then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|M_T^\alpha(n) \theta_\alpha(\widehat{\mathbf{f}})\| = 0.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{f}$  be in  $A_+^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$  of spectral synthesis in  $A^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$  with respect to  $\sigma(T) \cap \mathbb{T}$ , that is, for  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\mathbf{f}_\varepsilon \in A^\alpha(\mathbb{T})$  such that  $\|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_\varepsilon\|_{A^\alpha(\mathbb{T})} < \varepsilon$  with  $\mathbf{f}_\varepsilon = 0$  in a neighborhood  $F$  of  $\sigma(T) \cap \mathbb{T}$ .

Let  $(h_n^\alpha(j))_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  given by

$$h_n^\alpha(j) := \begin{cases} k^\alpha(n-j), & 0 \leq j \leq n \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

the natural extension to  $\mathbb{Z}$  of the sequences in  $\mathbb{N}_0$  defined in [ALMV, Example 2.5(ii)]. Then note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(n) \theta_\alpha(\widehat{\mathbf{f}}) &= \theta_\alpha(h_n^\alpha) \theta_\alpha(\widehat{\mathbf{f}}) = \theta_\alpha(h_n^\alpha * \widehat{\mathbf{f}}) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} W_+^\alpha(h_n^\alpha * \widehat{\mathbf{f}})(j) \Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(j) \\
(3.1) \quad &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} W_+^\alpha(h_n^\alpha * \widehat{\mathbf{g}}_\varepsilon)(j) \Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(j) + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} W_+^\alpha(h_n^\alpha * \widehat{\mathbf{f}}_\varepsilon)(j) \Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(j),
\end{aligned}$$

where we have applied [ALMV, Theorem 3.5] and  $\mathbf{g}_\varepsilon := \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_\varepsilon$ . For convenience we write  $f(n) = \widehat{\mathbf{f}}(n)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $f_\varepsilon(n) = \widehat{\mathbf{f}}_\varepsilon(n)$  and  $g_\varepsilon(n) = \widehat{\mathbf{g}}_\varepsilon(n) = f(n) - f_\varepsilon(n)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  (note that we suppose that  $f(n) = 0$  for  $n < 0$  as it is mentioned in the introduction).

On the one hand, we take the first summand. Then using Lemma 2.10,  $W_+^\alpha(h_n^\alpha) = e_n$  ([ALMV, Example 2.5 (ii)]), (2.3) and Fubini's Theorem we get that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} W_+^\alpha(h_n^\alpha * g_\varepsilon)(j) \Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(j) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} g_\varepsilon(j-n) \Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(j) \\ & + \left( \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \sum_{p=j-n}^j - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{p=j+1}^{\infty} \right) k^\alpha(p-j+n) W_+^\alpha g_\varepsilon(p) \Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(j) \\ & = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} g_\varepsilon(j-n) \Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(j) \\ & + \left( \sum_{p=0}^n \sum_{j=n}^{p+n} + \sum_{p=n+1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=p}^{p+n} - \sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} - \sum_{p=n+1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \right) k^\alpha(p-j+n) W_+^\alpha g_\varepsilon(p) \Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(j). \end{aligned}$$

We now obtain that each term above, when divided by  $k^{\alpha+1}(n)$ , tends to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , using that  $\|\Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(j)\| \leq C k^{\alpha+1}(j)$  for  $j \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $k^{\alpha+1}(j)$  is increasing as function of  $j$  for  $\alpha > 0$ , the semigroup property of the kernel  $k^\alpha$  and (2.2). By Theorem 2.11, the first term

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} |g_\varepsilon(j-n)| \|\Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(j)\| \\ & \leq C \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} |g_\varepsilon(j-n)| \leq C \|\mathbf{g}_\varepsilon\|_{A(\mathbb{T})} \leq C \|\mathbf{g}_\varepsilon\|_{A^\alpha(\mathbb{T})} < C\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

The second,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \sum_{p=0}^n |W_+^\alpha g_\varepsilon(p)| \sum_{j=n}^{p+n} k^\alpha(p-j+n) \|\Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(j)\| \\ & \leq C \sum_{p=0}^n |W_+^\alpha g_\varepsilon(p)| \frac{k^{\alpha+1}(p+n)}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \sum_{j=n}^{p+n} k^\alpha(p-j+n) \\ & = C \sum_{p=0}^n |W_+^\alpha g_\varepsilon(p)| \frac{k^{\alpha+1}(p+n)}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} k^{\alpha+1}(p) \leq C \sum_{p=0}^n |W_+^\alpha g_\varepsilon(p)| \frac{k^{\alpha+1}(2n)}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} k^{\alpha+1}(p) \\ & \leq C_\alpha \sum_{p=0}^n |W_+^\alpha g_\varepsilon(p)| k^{\alpha+1}(p) \leq C_\alpha \|\mathbf{g}_\varepsilon\|_{A^\alpha(\mathbb{T})} < C_\alpha \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

The third term,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \sum_{p=n+1}^{\infty} |W_+^\alpha g_\varepsilon(p)| \sum_{j=p}^{p+n} k^\alpha(p-j+n) \|\Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(j)\| \\ & \leq C \sum_{p=n+1}^{\infty} |W_+^\alpha g_\varepsilon(p)| \frac{k^{\alpha+1}(p+n)}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \sum_{j=p}^{p+n} k^\alpha(p-j+n) \\ & = C \sum_{p=n+1}^{\infty} |W_+^\alpha g_\varepsilon(p)| k^{\alpha+1}(p+n) \leq C_\alpha \sum_{p=n+1}^{\infty} |W_+^\alpha g_\varepsilon(p)| k^{\alpha+1}(p) < C_\alpha \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

the fourth

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \sum_{p=1}^n |W_{+g_\varepsilon}^\alpha(p)| \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} k^\alpha(p-j+n) \|\Delta^{-\alpha}\mathcal{T}(j)\| \\
& \leq C \sum_{p=1}^n |W_{+g_\varepsilon}^\alpha(p)| \frac{k^{\alpha+1}(p)}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} k^\alpha(p-j+n) \\
& \leq C \sum_{p=1}^n |W_{+g_\varepsilon}^\alpha(p)| \frac{k^{\alpha+1}(p)}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \sum_{j=0}^{p+n} k^\alpha(p-j+n) \\
& = C \sum_{p=1}^n |W_{+g_\varepsilon}^\alpha(p)| \frac{k^{\alpha+1}(p)}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} k^{\alpha+1}(p+n) \\
& \leq C_\alpha \sum_{p=1}^n |W_{+g_\varepsilon}^\alpha(p)| k^{\alpha+1}(p) < C_\alpha \varepsilon,
\end{aligned}$$

and the fifth

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \sum_{p=n+1}^{\infty} |W_{+g_\varepsilon}^\alpha(p)| \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} k^\alpha(p-j+n) \|\Delta^{-\alpha}\mathcal{T}(j)\| \\
& \leq C \sum_{p=n+1}^{\infty} |W_{+g_\varepsilon}^\alpha(p)| \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} k^\alpha(p-j+n) \\
& \leq C \sum_{p=n+1}^{\infty} |W_{+g_\varepsilon}^\alpha(p)| \sum_{j=0}^{p+n} k^\alpha(p-j+n) = C \sum_{p=n+1}^{\infty} |W_{+g_\varepsilon}^\alpha(p)| k^{\alpha+1}(p+n) \\
& \leq C_\alpha \sum_{p=n+1}^{\infty} |W_{+g_\varepsilon}^\alpha(p)| k^{\alpha+1}(p) < C_\alpha \varepsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, for the second term in (3.1), we have to prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} W_{+}^\alpha(h_n^\alpha * f_\varepsilon)(j) \Delta^{-\alpha}\mathcal{T}(j) = 0.$$

It is known that  $(\lambda - T)^{-1} = \left(\frac{\lambda - 1}{\lambda}\right)^\alpha \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{-n-1} \Delta^{-\alpha}\mathcal{T}(n)$ , for  $|\lambda| > 1$ , see [ALMV, Theorem 4.11 (iii)]. Note that  $h_n^\alpha * f_\varepsilon \in \tau^\alpha(|n|^\alpha)$ , then, if  $m = [\alpha] + 1$ ,



we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} W_+^\alpha(h_n^\alpha * f_\varepsilon)(-j)e^{ijt} = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} W_+^\alpha(h_n^\alpha * f_\varepsilon)(j)e^{-ijt} \\
&= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 1^+} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} W_+^m W_+^{-(m-\alpha)}(h_n^\alpha * f_\varepsilon)(j)(\lambda^{-1}e^{-it})^j \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{j=-\infty}^{-1} W_+^m W_+^{-(m-\alpha)}(h_n^\alpha * f_\varepsilon)(j)(\lambda e^{-it})^j \right) \\
&= \sum_{l=0}^m (-1)^l \binom{m}{l} e^{itl} \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 1^+} \left( \sum_{v=l}^{\infty} W_+^{-(m-\alpha)}(h_n^\alpha * f_\varepsilon)(v)(\lambda^{-1}e^{-it})^v \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{v=-\infty}^{l-1} W_+^{-(m-\alpha)}(h_n^\alpha * f_\varepsilon)(v)(\lambda e^{-it})^v \right) \\
&= (1 - e^{it})^m \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 1^+} \left( \sum_{u=l}^{\infty} \sum_{v=l}^u k^{m-\alpha}(u-v)(\lambda^{-1}e^{-it})^v (h_n^\alpha * f_\varepsilon)(u) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{u=-\infty}^{l-1} \sum_{v=-\infty}^u k^{m-\alpha}(u-v)(\lambda e^{-it})^v (h_n^\alpha * f_\varepsilon)(u) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{u=l}^{\infty} \sum_{v=-\infty}^{l-1} k^{m-\alpha}(u-v)(\lambda e^{-it})^v (h_n^\alpha * f_\varepsilon)(u) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Now, using that

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 1^+} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} k^{m-\alpha}(j)(\lambda e^{-it})^{-j} = \frac{1}{(1 - e^{it})^{m-\alpha}}, \quad t \neq 2\pi\mathbb{Z}, \quad 0 < m - \alpha < 1,$$

see [ALMV, Section 4], we have for  $t \neq 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$  that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} W_+^\alpha(h_n^\alpha * f_\varepsilon)(-j)e^{ijt} \\
&= (1 - e^{it})^m \left( \sum_{u=l}^{\infty} (h_n^\alpha * f_\varepsilon)(u) \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 1^+} \left( \sum_{v=l}^u + \sum_{v=-\infty}^{l-1} \right) k^{m-\alpha}(u-v)(\lambda e^{-it})^v \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{u=-\infty}^{l-1} (h_n^\alpha * f_\varepsilon)(u) \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 1^+} \sum_{v=-\infty}^u k^{m-\alpha}(u-v)(\lambda e^{-it})^v \right) \\
&= (1 - e^{it})^\alpha \sum_{u=-\infty}^{\infty} (h_n^\alpha * f_\varepsilon)(u)e^{-itu} = (1 - e^{it})^\alpha \mathfrak{f}_\varepsilon(-t) \sum_{j=0}^n k^\alpha(n-j)e^{-ijt},
\end{aligned}$$

If we define  $\Delta^{-\alpha}\mathcal{T}(n) = 0$  for  $n < 0$ , note that the operator-valued sequence  $(\lambda^{-(j+1)}\Delta^{-\alpha}\mathcal{T}(j))_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$  for  $|\lambda| > 1$  is summable. Then Parseval's

identity implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} W_+^\alpha(h_n^\alpha * f_\varepsilon)(j) \Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(j) &= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 1^+} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} W_+^\alpha(h_n^\alpha * f_\varepsilon)(j) \lambda^{-(j+1)} \Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(j) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \mathbf{f}_\varepsilon(-t) \left( \sum_{j=0}^n k^\alpha(n-j) e^{-ijt} \right) e^{-it} (e^{-it} - T)^{-1} dt \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^n k^\alpha(n-j) \widehat{G}(j),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $G(t) = e^{-it} \mathbf{f}_\varepsilon(-t) (e^{-it} - T)^{-1}$ . Applying the Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma we get that for all  $\delta > 0$  there exists a  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\|\widehat{G}(j)\| < \delta$  for all  $|j| \geq n_0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \left\| \sum_{j=0}^n k^\alpha(n-j) \widehat{G}(j) \right\| &\leq \frac{1}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-n_0} + \sum_{j=n-n_0+1}^n \right) k^\alpha(j) \|\widehat{G}(n-j)\| \\
&\leq \delta + \sum_{j=n-n_0+1}^n \frac{\alpha}{(\alpha+j)} \|\widehat{G}(n-j)\| \leq \delta + \frac{\|\widehat{G}\|_\infty (n_0 - 1)}{\alpha + n - n_0 + 1},
\end{aligned}$$

where we have applied that  $k^{\alpha+1}(j)$  is increasing as function of  $j$ , and  $\|\widehat{G}\|_\infty = \sup_{j \geq 0} \|\widehat{G}(j)\|$ . Taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get the result.  $\square$

**Remark 3.5.** Parseval's identity for the product of a scalar-valued function and a vector-valued function, and the Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma for a vector-valued function can be proved by applying linear functionals, and using the scalar-valued results and the Hahn-Banach Theorem. The first reference of these results is [B]. The analogous results for the continuous case are in [ABHN, Theorem 1.8.1].

**Remark 3.6.** When  $T$  is a power-bounded operator, the proof of Theorem 3.4 gives a short and alternative proof of the Katznelson-Tzafriri theorem ([KT, Theorem 5]), as we show in the following lines:

Let  $\mathbf{f}$  be in  $A_+(\mathbb{T})$  of spectral synthesis in  $A(\mathbb{T})$  with respect to  $\sigma(T) \cap \mathbb{T}$ , that is, for  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\mathbf{f}_\varepsilon \in A(\mathbb{T})$  such that  $\|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{f}_\varepsilon\|_{A(\mathbb{T})} < \varepsilon$  with  $\mathbf{f}_\varepsilon = 0$  in a neighborhood  $F$  of  $\sigma(T) \cap \mathbb{T}$ . We denote by  $(\mathcal{T}(n))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  the family of operators given by  $\mathcal{T}(n) = T^n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $\mathcal{T}(n) = 0$  for  $n < 0$ . Then it is clear that

$$\left\| \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{\mathbf{f}}_\varepsilon(j) \mathcal{T}(n+j) - T^n \theta(\widehat{\mathbf{f}}) \right\| < C\varepsilon,$$

since  $\|T^n\| \leq C$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Now, using Parseval's identity, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{f}_\varepsilon(j) \mathcal{T}(n+j) &= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 1^+} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{f}_\varepsilon(j) \lambda^{-(n+j+1)} \mathcal{T}(n+j) \\ &= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-it(n+1)} \widehat{f}_\varepsilon(-t) (\lambda e^{-it} - T)^{-1} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-it(n+1)} \widehat{f}_\varepsilon(-t) (e^{-it} - T)^{-1} dt, \end{aligned}$$

which converges to 0 by Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma, and we conclude the proof.

#### 4. ERGODIC APPLICATIONS

Several authors have investigated the connections between the stability of the Cesàro mean differences of size  $n$  and  $n+1$ , that is,

$$(4.1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|M_T^\alpha(n+1) - M_T^\alpha(n)\| = 0,$$

and spectral conditions for  $(C, \alpha)$ -bounded operators  $T \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ , see [SZ] and references therein. We can not get (4.1) using directly Theorem 3.4 because this problem is equivalent to find a sequence  $f \in \tau^\alpha(n^\alpha)$  such that the identity

$$\frac{1}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} (h_n^\alpha * f) = \frac{1}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} h_n^\alpha - \frac{1}{k^{\alpha+1}(n+1)} h_{n+1}^\alpha$$

holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , which has not solution. However the following theorem shows how using Theorem 3.4 and other techniques we get the desired result, which is a consequence of [SZ, Theorem 2.2(ii) and Theorem 3.1(i)] for the case  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $\alpha > 0$  and  $T \in \mathcal{B}(X)$  be a  $(C, \alpha)$ -bounded operator such that  $\sigma(T) \cap \mathbb{T} \subseteq \{1\}$ . Then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|M_T^\alpha(n+1) - M_T^\alpha(n)\| = 0.$$

*Proof.* Observe that if  $\sigma(T) \cap \mathbb{T} = \emptyset$ , then  $r(T) < 1$  by Lemma 1.1, and therefore  $\|T^n\| \rightarrow 0$  exponentially; in particular  $T$  is power-bounded. So, we shall prove the result when  $\sigma(T) \cap \mathbb{T} = \{1\}$ .

First we suppose that  $\alpha \geq 1$ . Then using the relation

$$\frac{n + \alpha + 1}{n + 1} M_T^\alpha(n+1) - M_T^\alpha(n) = \frac{\alpha}{n + 1} M_T^{\alpha-1}(n+1), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

which is easy to get from the definition of Cesàro mean of order  $\alpha$ , we can write

$$M_T^\alpha(n+1) - M_T^\alpha(n) = \frac{\alpha}{n+1} (M_T^{\alpha-1}(n+1) - I) + \frac{\alpha}{n+1} (I - M_T^\alpha(n+1)).$$

Using the identity

$$M_T^\alpha(n)(T - I) = \frac{\alpha}{n+1} (M_T^{\alpha-1}(n+1) - I), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

which can easily be obtained from the definition of Cesàro mean of order  $\alpha$ , and applying Theorem 3.4 to the function  $f(t) = e^{it} - 1$  we get that the first summand goes to zero when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . On the other hand, the second summand goes to zero when  $n \rightarrow \infty$  since  $T$  is a  $(C, \alpha)$ -bounded operator.

Now let  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Using that  $k^\alpha = k^{-(1-\alpha)} * k^1$ , we write

$$M_T^\alpha(n) = \frac{1}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \Delta^{-\alpha} \mathcal{T}(n) = \frac{1}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} (k^{-(1-\alpha)} * \Delta^{-1} \mathcal{T})(n).$$

So we can write

$$\begin{aligned} M_T^\alpha(n+1) - M_T^\alpha(n) &= \frac{k^{-(1-\alpha)}(n+1)}{k^{\alpha+1}(n+1)} I \\ &+ \sum_{j=0}^n k^{-(1-\alpha)}(n-j) \left( \frac{\Delta^{-1} \mathcal{T}(j+1)}{k^{\alpha+1}(n+1)} - \frac{\Delta^{-1} \mathcal{T}(j)}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \right) \\ &= \frac{k^{-(1-\alpha)}(n+1)}{k^{\alpha+1}(n+1)} I + \frac{n+1}{(n+\alpha+1)k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \sum_{j=0}^n k^{-(1-\alpha)}(n-j) T^{j+1} \\ &- \frac{\alpha}{(n+\alpha+1)k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \sum_{j=0}^n k^{-(1-\alpha)}(n-j) \Delta^{-1} \mathcal{T}(j), \end{aligned}$$

where we have used that

$$\frac{\Delta^{-1} \mathcal{T}(j+1)}{k^{\alpha+1}(n+1)} - \frac{\Delta^{-1} \mathcal{T}(j)}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} = \frac{1}{(n+\alpha+1)k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \left( (n+1)T^{j+1} - \alpha \Delta^{-1} \mathcal{T}(j) \right).$$

If we add and subtract the term

$$\frac{n+1}{(n+\alpha+1)k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \sum_{j=0}^n k^{-(1-\alpha)}(n-j) I = \frac{(k^{-(1-\alpha)} * k^1)(n)}{k^{\alpha+1}(n+1)} I = \frac{k^\alpha(n)}{k^{\alpha+1}(n+1)} I$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} M_T^\alpha(n+1) - M_T^\alpha(n) &= \frac{k^\alpha(n+1)}{k^{\alpha+1}(n+1)} I \\ &+ \frac{n+1}{(n+\alpha+1)k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \sum_{j=0}^n k^{-(1-\alpha)}(n-j) (T^{j+1} - I) - \frac{\alpha}{(n+\alpha+1)} M_T^\alpha(n). \end{aligned}$$

The first term of the above identity goes to zero when  $n \rightarrow \infty$  using (2.1).

If we apply Theorem 3.4 we get that the second term goes to zero since

$$\begin{aligned} M_T^\alpha(n)(T - I) &= \frac{1}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \sum_{j=0}^n k^{-(1-\alpha)}(n-j) \Delta^{-1} \mathcal{T}(j) (T - I) \\ &= \frac{1}{k^{\alpha+1}(n)} \sum_{j=0}^n k^{-(1-\alpha)}(n-j) (T^{j+1} - I). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, the third term goes to zero when  $n \rightarrow \infty$  because  $T$  is a  $(C, \alpha)$ -bounded operator.  $\square$

Observe that under the assumption of Theorem 4.1, we have that  $T$  is also  $(C, [\alpha] + 1)$ -bounded, so by [SZ, Theorem 2.2(ii) and Theorem 3.1(i)] we

have that  $\frac{1}{n}\|M_T^{[\alpha]}(n)\| \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $\|T^n\| = o(n^{[\alpha]+1})$ . The following result extends [SZ, Theorem 2.2(ii)] for  $\alpha \geq 1$ .

**Remark 4.2.** Before stating the theorem, note that [SZ, Theorem 3.1(i)] is valid for any  $\alpha \geq 1$ . In fact, it is enough to follow the same steps in the proof.

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $\alpha \geq 1$  and  $T \in \mathcal{B}(X)$  be a  $(C, \alpha)$ -bounded operator such that  $\sigma(T) \cap \mathbb{T} \subseteq \{1\}$ . Then*

$$\|M_T^{\alpha-1}(n)\| = o(n) \text{ and } \|T^n\| = o(n^\alpha), \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

*Proof.* By Theorem 4.1 and Remark 4.2 we have that  $\|M_T^{\alpha-1}(n)\| = o(n)$ . Now, we suppose that  $\alpha > 1$  for convenience (for  $\alpha = 1$  the result is proved). We can write  $T^n = (k^{-(\alpha-1)} * \Delta^{-(\alpha-1)}\mathcal{T})(n)$ , and we have mentioned in the previous section that the sign of  $k^{-(\alpha-1)}(n)$  is  $(-1)^{[\alpha]}$  for all  $n \geq [\alpha]$ . For  $n \geq [\alpha]$ , note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^n\| &\leq \sum_{j=0}^n |k^{-(\alpha-1)}(n-j)| \|\Delta^{-(\alpha-1)}\mathcal{T}(j)\| \\ &= (-1)^{[\alpha]} \sum_{j=0}^n k^{-(\alpha-1)}(n-j) \|\Delta^{-(\alpha-1)}\mathcal{T}(j)\| \\ &+ \sum_{j=n-[\alpha]+1}^n (|k^{-(\alpha-1)}(n-j)| - (-1)^{[\alpha]}k^{-(\alpha-1)}(n-j)) \|\Delta^{-(\alpha-1)}\mathcal{T}(j)\| = I + II. \end{aligned}$$

By  $\|M_T^{\alpha-1}(n)\| = o(n)$  we have that  $\|\Delta^{-(\alpha-1)}\mathcal{T}(n)\| \leq Ck^{\alpha+1}(n)$ , then

$$\frac{|I|}{n^\alpha} \leq \frac{Ck^2(n)}{n^\alpha} \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Secondly,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|II|}{n^\alpha} &\leq \frac{C_\alpha}{n^\alpha} \sum_{j=n-[\alpha]+1}^n \|\Delta^{-(\alpha-1)}\mathcal{T}(j)\| \\ &= \frac{C_\alpha}{n^\alpha} \sum_{u=0}^{[\alpha]-1} k^\alpha(u+n-[\alpha]+1) \|M_T^{\alpha-1}(u+n-[\alpha]+1)\| \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

□

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