Simply Nondegenerate Multilinear Oscillatory Integral Operators with Smooth Phase

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1) Introduction

As in [CLTaTh], in this paper we consider operators of the form

$$T_{\lambda}(f_1, ..., f_n) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} e^{i\lambda S(x)} \prod_{j=1}^n f_j(\pi_j(x))\eta(x) \, dx \tag{1.1}$$

Here S(x) is a smooth real-valued phase function, λ is a parameter, and $\eta(x)$ is a C^1 cutoff function supported in the unit ball centered at the origin. π_j denotes projection from \mathbf{R}^m to some subspace V_j of dimension strictly less than m, and each f_j is an L^{∞} function. A natural question to ask is for which $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^n$ and which smooth phase functions S(x) do we get an estimate of the form

$$|T_{\lambda}(f_1, ..., f_n)| \le C(1+|\lambda|)^{-\epsilon} \prod_{j=1}^n ||f_j||_{\infty}$$
(1.2)

Here $\epsilon > 0$ is to be independent of $\eta(x)$. In [CLTaTh] this question was considered in considerable depth, and attention was focused on the case where S(x) is a polynomial. Here we will extend several of their results to the general smooth case. When the π_j are all projections onto 1 dimensional spaces and one considers L^2 norms instead of L^{∞} norms, much additional work has been done, such as [PS] [PSSt] [Se].

Note that if $S(x) = \sum_{j} p_j \circ \pi_j(x)$, then there can be no positive ϵ satisfying (1.2). For one can let $f_j = e^{-i\lambda p_j}$ and then (1.1) is equal to $\int \eta(x)$, a quantity independent of λ . In [CLTaTh], such a polynomial S(x) is referred to as *degenerate relative to* $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^n$, and a polynomial S(x) that has no realization of the form $S(x) = \sum_j p_j \circ \pi_j(x)$, p_j polynomials, is referred to as *nondegenerate relative to* $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^n$.

One way one can ensure that a polynomial is nondegenerate relative to $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^n$ is for there to exist a differential operator L of the form $L = \prod_{j=1}^n (w_j \circ \nabla)$, with each w_j a unit vector in V_j^{\perp} , such that L(S) is not the zero function. For if one applies L to a polynomial of the form $S(x) = \sum_j p_j \circ \pi_j(x)$, each factor knocks out one of the terms and one is left with zero. [CLTaTh] refers to a polynomial S for which there exists such an Las a simply nondegenerate polynomial. Hence simply nondegenerate polynomials are all

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nondegenerate. The converse does not hold in general, as explained in [CLTaTh]. However for several important classes of $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^n$, simple nondegeneracy is equivalent to nondegeneracy. In [CLTaTh], the existence of an ϵ satisfying (1.2) is shown for simply nondegenerate polynomials S(x) (among others), and therefore for all nondegenerate polynomials when simply nondegenerate and nondegenerate are equivalent. Their estimates are uniform in the sense that for a given family $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^n$, ϵ depends only on the degree of S(x) and $\max_{|x|<1} |L(S(x))|$, while C depends on these quantities as well as the C^1 norm of $\eta(x)$.

The purpose of this paper is to extend the simple nondegeneracy results of [CLTaTh] to the case of general C^{∞} phase. Since the ϵ in the proofs in [CLTaTh] depend on the degree of S(x), the results there do not carry over immediately.

Definition: Suppose S(x) is a smooth function defined in a neighborhood of a point a. S(x) is called degenerate at a if there are smooth functions $s_j : V_j \to \mathbf{R}$ for which $S(x) - \sum_{j=1}^n s_j(\pi_j(x))$ has a zero of infinite order at a. We say S(x) is nondegenerate at a if there do not exist such functions.

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As in the polynomial case, in the smooth case it is immediate that if S(x) is simply nondegenerate at a then it is nondegenerate at a.

Our main theorem gives uniform decay for simply nondegenerate S(x) in the smooth case:

Theorem 1.1: Suppose S(x) is simply nondegenerate at 0. Let L be as above and α be a multiindex such that $\partial^{\alpha}(L \circ S)(0) = c \neq 0$. Then there is an open U containing the origin, U depending on $c, m, n, |\alpha|$, and the $C^{|\alpha|+n+1}$ norm of S, such that if $\eta(x)$ is supported in U, for $\epsilon = \frac{2^{-n+1}}{|\alpha|+n}$ and any $\delta > 0$ we have

$$|T_{\lambda}(f_1, ..., f_n)| \le C(1+|\lambda|)^{-\epsilon+\delta} \prod_{j=1}^n ||f_j||_{\infty}$$
 (1.3)

Here C depends on c, m, n, $|\alpha|$, $||\eta||_{C^1}$, and the C^l norm of S(x) for some l depending on δ . For fixed values of the other parameters, C is $O(||\eta||_{C^1})$. In the case where S is a polynomial, we can take $\delta = 0$.

We will see in Lemma 1.4 below that if $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^n$ is such that simple nondegeneracy is equivalent to nondegeneracy for polynomial S(x), then simple nondegeneracy is also equivalent to nondegeneracy for smooth S(x) at any point. As a result, by Proposition 3.1 and Lemma 3.5 of [CLTaTh], Theorem 1.1 immediately implies the following smooth analogues of Theorem 2.2 and Theorem 2.4 of [CLTaTh]: **Theorem 1.2:** Suppose each V_j has codimension 1. Then (1.2) holds for some $\epsilon > 0$ for all η with sufficiently small support if and only if S(x) is nondegenerate at the origin.

Theorem 1.3: Suppose $\{V_j : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ are each of dimension k < n. Suppose the orthocomplements V_j^{\perp} together span a space of dimension at most (m - k)n, and $(m - k)n \leq m$. Then (1.2) holds for some $\epsilon > 0$ for all η with sufficiently small support if and only if S(x) is nondegenerate at the origin.

In view of Theorem 1.1, Theorems 1.2 and 1.3 are uniform in the sense that ϵ depends only on n and the order of vanishing of $L \circ S$ at the origin.

Lemma 1.4: Suppose $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^n$ are such that simple nondegeneracy is equivalent to nondegeneracy for any polynomial S(x). Then for smooth S(x), simple nondegeneracy is equivalent to nondegeneracy at any point.

Proof: Since simple nondegeneracy readily implies nondegeneracy, we assume that S(x) is not simply nondegenerate at a point a, and we will show that S(x) is degenerate at a. Clearly it suffices to assume that a = 0. Let $\sum_{\alpha} S_{\alpha} x^{\alpha}$ denote the (possibly divergent) Taylor expansion of S(x) about the origin. For each positive integer i, we define

$$R_i(x) = \sum_{|\alpha|=i} S_\alpha x^\alpha \tag{1.4}$$

Suppose $w_j \in V_j^{\perp}$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$. Analogous to (1.4) we can write

$$\prod_{j=1}^{n} (w_j \circ \nabla) S = \sum_{i} \prod_{j=1}^{n} (w_j \circ \nabla) R_i(x)$$
(1.5)

Note that $\prod_{j=1}^{n} (w_j \circ \nabla) R_i(x)$ is the sum of the terms of (1.5) of degree i - n. Since S(x) is not simply nondegenerate at the origin, for any such w_j the right hand side of (1.5) must have no nonvanishing terms. In other words, for all i and all choices of w_j we have

$$\prod_{j=1}^{n} (w_j \circ \nabla) R_i(x) = 0 \tag{1.6}$$

Since we are assuming simple nondegeneracy is equivalent to nondegeneracy for polynomials, this means we can write

$$R_{i}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{ij} \circ \pi_{j}(x)$$
(1.7)

Here p_{ij} are polynomials. Since the terms of $R_i(x)$ are all of degree *i*, the terms of the righthand sum of all other degrees must add to zero. Hence we may replace each p_{ij} by

the sum of its monomials of degree i if necessary, and assume each p_{ij} is homogeneous of degree i.

Next, for a given j we let r_j be a rotation such that the image of $r_j \circ \pi_j$ is $\{(y,z) \in \mathbf{R}^{k_j} \times \mathbf{R}^{m-k_j} : z = 0\}$. Since $p_{ij} \circ \pi_j = p_{ij} \circ r_j^{-1} \circ (r_j \circ \pi_j)$ and $p_{ij} \circ \pi_j$ is homogeneous of degree i, $p_{ij} \circ r_j^{-1}$ is a homogeneous polynomial in the y variables of degree i. Thus the monomials of $p_{ij} \circ r_j^{-1}(y)$ for different i's do not overlap. As a result, it makes sense to write $\sum_i p_{ij} \circ r_j^{-1}(y)$ as a (possibly nonconvergent) power series in the y variables.

By a famous theorem of Borel (see p.16 of [H]), we can let $q_j(y)$ be a C^{∞} function whose Taylor series about the origin is given by $\sum_i p_{ij} \circ r_j^{-1}(y)$. So for a fixed $i_0, q_j(y) - \sum_{i < i_0} p_{ij} \circ r_j^{-1}(y)$ has a zero of order i_0 at the origin. Similarly, $q_j \circ r_j \circ \pi_j(x) - \sum_{i < i_0} p_{ij} \circ \pi_j(x)$ has a zero of order i_0 at the origin. Adding this over all j, we get that $\sum_j q_j \circ r_j \circ \pi_j(x) - \sum_{i < i_0} R_i(x)$ has a zero of order i_0 at the origin. By (1.4), this means that $\sum_j q_j \circ r_j \circ \pi_j(x) - S(x)$ has a zero of infinite order at the origin. Since each $q_j \circ r_j$ is C^{∞} , this means that S(x) is degenerate to infinite order at the origin, and we are done.

2) Proof of Theorem 1.1

Case 1: n = 1, S(x) a polynomial:

Let g denote the degree of S(x) and let k_1 denote the dimension of V_1 . Rotate coordinates such that $V_1 = \{x = (y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^{k_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{m-k_1} : z = 0\}$, and such that the vector w_1 in the definition of simply nondegenerate is in the z_1 direction. Our arguments will resemble the proof of the Van der Corput lemma in the z_1 direction. Namely, for some a > 0 to be determined we divide the domain of (1.1) into 2 parts. The first part is where $|\partial_{z_1}S(x)| < |\lambda|^{-a}$, and the second where $|\partial_{z_1}S(x)| \ge |\lambda|^{-a}$. On the first part, we take absolute values and integrate, obtaining a term of absolute value at most

$$m\{x \in supp(\eta) : |\partial_{z_1} S(x)| < |\lambda|^{-a}\} ||f_1||_{\infty} ||\eta||_{\infty}$$

Here m denotes Lebesgue measure. This in turn is bounded by

$$m\{x \in supp(\eta) : |\partial_{z_1} S(x)| < |\lambda|^{-a}\} \ ||f_1||_{\infty} ||\eta||_{C^1}$$
(2.1)

On the second part we do an integration by parts in z_1 on the oscillatory factor. We get

$$\frac{1}{i\lambda} \int_{|S_{z_1}(y,z)| \ge |\lambda|^{-a}} e^{i\lambda S(y,z)} \left[\frac{S_{z_1z_1}(y,z)}{S_{z_1}(y,z)^2} \eta(y,z) - \eta_{z_1}(y,z)\right] f_1(y) \, dy \, dz \tag{2.2}$$

The expression (2.2) is of absolute value at most

$$\frac{1}{|\lambda|} ||f_1||_{\infty} ||\eta||_{\infty} \left(\int_{|(y,z)|<1, |S_{z_1}(y,z)| \ge |\lambda|^{-a}} |\frac{S_{z_1 z_1}(y,z)}{S_{z_1}(y,z)^2} |dy dz| + \frac{1}{|\lambda|} ||f_1||_{\infty} ||\eta||_{C^1}$$
(2.3)

For fixed y and $(z_2, ..., z_n)$, the domain of integration of (2.3) can be written as the union of at most g-1 intervals on which S_{z_1} is monotonic as a function of z_1 . Consequently, on each of these intervals, one may perform the integration of $\left|\frac{S_{z_1z_1}(y,z)}{S_{z_1}(y,z)^2}\right|$ as in the proof of the Van der Corput lemma, obtaining the difference of $\frac{1}{S_{z_1}(y,z)}$ at the endpoints, so that (2.3) is at most

$$(2g-2)|\lambda|^{a-1}||f_1||_{\infty}||\eta||_{\infty} + \frac{1}{|\lambda|}||f_1||_{\infty}||\eta||_{C^1}$$

$$\leq (2g-1)|\lambda|^{a-1}||f_1||_{\infty}||\eta||_{C^1}$$
(2.4)

Combining (2.1) and (2.4), in the current situation the oscillatory integral (1.1) is bounded in absolute value by:

$$[m\{x \in supp(\eta) : |\partial_{z_1} S(x)| < |\lambda|^{-a}\} + (2g-1)|\lambda|^{a-1}] ||f_1||_{\infty} ||\eta||_{C^1}$$
(2.5)

By the simple nondegeneracy of S, there is some multiindex α for which $\partial^{\alpha} \partial_{z_1} S(0) = c \neq 0$. As a result, by [C1] for example, if the support of η is sufficiently small, one has

$$m\{x \in supp(\eta) : |\partial_{z_1} S(x)| < |\lambda|^{-a}\} < C|\lambda|^{-\frac{a}{|\alpha|}}$$

$$(2.6)$$

Here C depends on c, $|\alpha|$, m, and the $C^{|\alpha|+2}$ norm of S. As a result, we can select $a = \frac{|\alpha|}{|\alpha|+1}$, and (2.5) is at most

$$(C+2g-1)|\lambda|^{-\frac{1}{1+|\alpha|}}||f_1||_{\infty}||\eta||_{C^1}$$
(2.7)

This gives us the estimate required by Theorem 1.1 and we are done when n = 1 and S(x) is a polynomial.

Case 2: n > 1, S(x) a polynomial.

To prove Theorem 1.1 in this case we will need the following procedure. Given a smooth function Q(x) defined in a neighborhood of the origin, we successively define functions $Q^1(y,z)$, $Q^2(y,z,\zeta^2)$,..., $Q^n(y,z,\zeta^2,...,\zeta^n)$. Let $Q^1(y,z)$ be Q(x) in rotated coordinates such that V_1 is $\{(y,z) \in \mathbb{R}^{k_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{m-k_1} : z = 0\}$ and such that w_1 is the z_1 direction. Once Q^{j-1} is defined, one defines Q^j as follows. Consider coordinates such that $V_j = \{(y,z) \in \mathbb{R}^{k_j} \times \mathbb{R}^{m-k_j} : z = 0\}$ with w_j being the z_1 direction. Letting $Q_{\zeta}(y,z) = Q(y,z+\zeta) - Q(y,z)$ in these coordinates, we define $Q^j(y,z,\zeta^2,...,\zeta^j)$ to be $(Q_{\zeta^j})^{j-1}(y,z,\zeta^2,...,\zeta^{j-1})$. I claim that inductively we have

$$\frac{\partial^{j-1}Q^j}{\partial_{\zeta_1^j}\dots\partial_{\zeta_1^2}}(y,z,0) = \prod_{i=2}^j (w_i \circ \nabla)Q(y,z)$$
(2.8)

For if we know the j - 1 case (the case j = 1 is a tautology) we have the following:

$$\frac{\partial^{j-2}Q^j}{\partial_{\zeta_1^{j-1}}\dots\partial_{\zeta_1^2}}(y,z,0,..,0,\zeta^j) = \frac{\partial^{j-2}(Q_{\zeta^j})^{j-1}}{\partial_{\zeta_1^{j-1}}\dots\partial_{\zeta_1^2}}(y,z,0) = \prod_{i=2}^{j-1}(w_i \circ \nabla)Q_{\zeta^j}(y,z)$$
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$$= \prod_{i=2}^{j-1} ((w_i \circ \nabla)Q)(y, z + \zeta^j) - \prod_{i=2}^{j-1} ((w_i \circ \nabla)Q)(y, z)$$

Then taking directional derivatives in the ζ_1^j direction gives (2.8). We will be most interested in (2.8) when $Q = (w_1 \circ \nabla)S$. In fact, Theorem 1.1 in the polynomial case will follow readily from the following lemma:

Lemma 2.1: Suppose T_{λ} is of the form (1.1) with S(x) a polynomial. Let δ be such that $|x| < \delta$ for all $x \in supp(\eta)$. Let s(x) denote $(w_1 \circ \nabla)S(x)$, and let $m\{s^n(y, z, \zeta^2, ... \zeta^n) < b\}$ denote $m\{(y, z, \zeta^2, ... \zeta^n) \in [-2\delta, 2\delta]^{m+\sum_{j>1}(m-k_j)} : s^n(y, z, \zeta^2, ... \zeta^n) < b\}$. For any a > 0 we have $|T_{\lambda}(f_1, ..., f_n)| <$

$$[m\{(s^{n}(y,z,\zeta^{2},...\zeta^{n})<|\lambda|^{-a}\}+(2g-1)|\lambda|^{a-1}]^{2^{1-n}}||\eta||_{C^{1}}\prod_{j=1}^{n}||f_{j}||_{\infty}$$
(2.9)

Proof: The case n = 1 follows from (2.5), so we can assume the lemma for n - 1 and prove it for n. We work in the general setup used in the inductive step in Theorem 2.3 of [CLTaTh], originating in [CaCW]. Like above and in [CLTaTh], we rotate to coordinates such that $V_n = \{(y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^{k_n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m-k_n} : z = 0\}$. As above, we assume the direction w_n in the definition of simply nondegenerate is the z_1 direction. We now have

$$T_{\lambda}(f_1, ..., f_n) = \int f_n(y) (\int e^{i\lambda S(y,z)} \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} f_j(\pi_j(y,z)) \eta(y,z) \, dz) \, dy$$
(2.10)

This equals $\langle U_{\lambda}(f_1, ..., f_{n-1}), \bar{f}_n \rangle$ for an appropriate operator U_{λ} . Hence we have

$$|T_{\lambda}(f_1, ..., f_n)| \le ||f_n||_2 ||U_{\lambda}(f_1, ..., f_{n-1})||_2 \le ||f_n||_{\infty} ||U_{\lambda}(f_1, ..., f_{n-1})||_2$$
(2.11)

As in [CLTaTh], we write $||U_{\lambda}(f_1, ..., f_{n-1})||_2^2$ as

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^{m-k_n}} \left[\int_{\mathbf{R}^m} e^{i\lambda(S(y,z)-S(y,z+\zeta))} \prod_{j< n} f_j(\pi_j(y,z)) \bar{f}_j(\pi_j(y,z+\zeta)) \eta(y,z) \bar{\eta}(y,z+\zeta) dz \, dy \right] d\zeta$$
(2.12)

For fixed ζ , the integral inside the brackets is of the form (1.1), with phase $S(y, z) - S(y, z + \zeta)$ and acting on the n-1 functions $f_j(\pi_j(y, z))\overline{f_j}(\pi_j(y, z + \zeta))$ for j < n. Thus one can apply the inductive hypothesis to the bracketed integral and say it is bounded in absolute value by

$$\left[m\{(s_{\zeta})^{n-1}(y,z,\zeta^{2},...,\zeta^{n-1}) < |\lambda|^{-a}\} + (2g-1)|\lambda|^{a-1}\right]^{2^{2-n}} ||\eta||_{C^{1}}^{2} \prod_{j< n} ||f_{j}||_{\infty}^{2}$$
(2.13)

Here $s_{\zeta}(y,z) = s(y,z+\zeta) - s(y,z) = (w_1 \circ \nabla)(S(y,z+\zeta) - S(y,z))$. We integrate (2.13) in ζ , using Jensen's inequality to push the exponent 2^{2-n} to the outside. Given that $(s_{\zeta})^{n-1}(y,z,\zeta^2,...\zeta^{j-1}) = s^n(y,z,\zeta^2,...\zeta^{j-1},\zeta)$, we get that (2.12) is bounded by

$$[m\{s^{n}(y,z,\zeta^{2},...,\zeta^{n}) < |\lambda|^{-a}\} + (2g-1)|\lambda|^{a-1}]^{2^{2-n}} ||\eta||_{C^{1}}^{2} \prod_{j < n} ||f_{j}||_{\infty}^{2}$$
(2.14)

Putting this upper bound for $||U_{\lambda}(f_1, ..., f_{n-1})||_2^2$ into (2.11) gives the lemma and we are done.

We now may prove Theorem 1.1 in the polynomial case. Applying (2.8) to s(x) for j = n, the simple nondenegeracy hypothesis implies that for some α we have

$$\partial^{\alpha}(\frac{\partial^{n-1}s^n}{\partial_{\zeta_1^n}....\partial_{\zeta_1^2}})(0,0,0) = c \neq 0$$

Thus s^n has a zero of order $|\alpha| + n - 1$ at the origin. Using [C] again for example, assuming the support of η is sufficiently small, depending on $c, m, n, |\alpha|$ and the $C^{|\alpha|+n+1}$ norm of S, we have that

$$m\{s^{n}(y, z, \zeta^{1}, ..., \zeta^{n}) < |\lambda|^{-a}\} < C|\lambda|^{-\frac{a}{|\alpha|+n-1}}$$
(2.15)

Here C is a function of m, $|\alpha|$, n, and c. We choose $a = \frac{|\alpha|+n-1}{|\alpha|+n}$ in (2.15). Then (2.9) gives

$$|T_{\lambda}(f_1, ..., f_n)| < C'|\lambda|^{-\frac{2^{1-n}}{|\alpha|+n}} ||\eta||_{C^1} \prod_{j=1}^n ||f_j||_{\infty}$$
(2.16)

Here C' is a function m, $|\alpha|$, n, c, and g. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.1 in the polynomial case.

Case 3: General smooth S(x)

Because the ϵ obtained in the polynomial case of Theorem 1.1 did not depend on the degree of S(x), we will be able to extend to general smooth S(x) by dividing the domain into cubes of radius $|\lambda|^{-e}$ for small e, and then approximating S(x) by polynomials of sufficiently high degree on each of these cubes. To be precise, let l be some positive integer, and write the cutoff function $\eta(x)$ as $\sum_{i=1}^{I} \eta_i(x)$, where each $\eta_i(x)$ is supported on a set of diameter $< |\lambda|^{-\frac{1}{l}}$ and where $I < C_0 |\lambda|^{\frac{m}{l}}$. We may also assume $||\eta_i||_{C^1} < C_0 |\lambda|^{\frac{1}{l}} ||\eta||_{C^1}$. Here C_0 is a uniform constant. We correspondingly write $T_{\lambda} = \sum_{i=1}^{I} T_{\lambda}^i$, where

$$T_{\lambda}^{i}(f_{1},...,f_{n}) = \int_{R^{m}} e^{i\lambda S(x)} \prod_{j=1}^{n} f_{j}(\pi_{j}(x))\eta_{i}(x) \, dx$$
(2.17)

We break each term (2.17) into two parts. For some fixed *i*, let x_0 be a point in the support of η_i . Let $\bar{S}(x)$ be the sum of the first 2*l* terms of the Taylor expansion of S(x) taken about $x = x_0$. We write $T^i_{\lambda} = T^{i,1}_{\lambda} + T^{i,2}_{\lambda}$, where

$$T_{\lambda}^{i,1}(f_1, ..., f_n) = \int_{R^m} e^{i\lambda\bar{S}(x)} \prod_{j=1}^n f_j(\pi_j(x))\eta_i(x) \, dx \tag{2.18a}$$

$$T_{\lambda}^{i,2}(f_1,...,f_n) = \int_{R^m} [e^{i\lambda S(x)} - e^{i\lambda\bar{S}(x)}] \prod_{j=1}^n f_j(\pi_j(x))\eta_i(x) \, dx \tag{2.18b}$$

We can apply the polynomial case treated above to (2.18a), and get that

$$|T_{\lambda}^{i,1}(f_1,...,f_n)| \le C|\lambda|^{\frac{1}{l}}|\lambda|^{-\epsilon}||\eta||_{C^1} \prod_{j=1}^n ||f_j||_{\infty}$$
(2.19)

Here $\epsilon = \frac{2^{1-n}}{|\alpha|+n}$, and *C* is a constant depending on *c*, *l*, *m*, *n*, and $|\alpha|$. For (2.18*b*), we use Taylor's theorem on the difference of exponentials, obtaining

$$|e^{i\lambda S(x)} - e^{i\lambda \bar{S}(x)}| \le C'(|\lambda|^{-\frac{1}{l}})^{2l} = C'|\lambda|^{-2}$$

Here C' depends on the C^{2l+1} norm of S. Hence we have

$$|T_{\lambda}^{i,2}(f_1,...,f_n)| \le C'|\lambda|^{-2+\frac{1}{l}} ||\eta||_{C^1} \prod_{j=1}^n ||f_j||_{\infty}$$
(2.20)

Adding up (2.19) and (2.20) over all i, we obtain

$$|T_{\lambda}(f_1, ..., f_n)| \le C''(|\lambda|^{\frac{m+1}{l}} |\lambda|^{-\epsilon} + |\lambda|^{-2 + \frac{m+1}{l}})||\eta||_{C^1} \prod_{j=1}^n ||f_j||_{\infty}$$
(2.21)

Here C'' depends on $c, l, m, n, |\alpha|$, and the C^{2l+1} norm of S. Given $\delta > 0$, by picking l large enough, one can make (2.21) bounded by $2C''|\lambda|^{-\epsilon+\delta}||\eta||_{C^1}\prod_{j=1}^n ||f_j||_{\infty}$ This completes the proof of Theorem 1.1.

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