

Regularity estimates in Hölder spaces for Schrödinger operators via a $T1$ theorem

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The Role of $T1$ Theorem in Harmonic Analysis

It is well-known the crucial role played by $T1$ theorem in the analysis of L^2 -boundedness of singular integrals.

The L^2 boundedness of convolution type singular integrals. \leftrightarrow Fourier Transforms

The L^2 boundedness of nonconvolution type singular integrals. \leftrightarrow $T1$ Theorem

The Role of $T1$ in Harmonic Analysis

Theorem

For a weakly defined operator $T : C_0^\infty \rightarrow (C_0^\infty)^*$ whose kernel is a standard kernel (satisfies the classical size and smoothness conditions) and T enjoys the weak boundedness property.

Then the following statements are equivalent:

- T is L^2 bounded;
- $T1 \in BMO$ and $T^*1 \in BMO$.

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- ▶ L. Grafakos, *Classical and modern Fourier analysis*, Pearson Education, Inc., Upper Saddle River, NJ, 2004.

Why are they important?

The L^2 -boundedness of singular integral operator
is
essentially reduced to test the behavior of $T1$ and T^*1 !!

The Fourier transform is not needed for the L^2 - boundedness of singular integrals.

Classical BMO Spaces

For $f \in L_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, set

$$\|f\|_{BMO} = \sup_B \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |f(x) - f_B| dx,$$

where the supremum is taken over all balls B in \mathbb{R}^n .

$$BMO(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{f \in L_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n) : \|f\|_{BMO} < \infty\}.$$

$$BMO \leftrightarrow L^\infty$$

Boundedness of classical singular integral

Interpolation theory

Carleson measure

The BMO boundedness related to $T1$ Theorem

Theorem (Not every CZO maps BMO_C into BMO)

A Calderón-Zygmund operator $T : BMO_C(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is bounded if and only if $T1$ is a constant.

Recently, J. J. Betancor, R. Crescimbeni, J. C. Fariña, P. R. Stinga and J. L. Torrea proved a $T1$ criterion for the BMO_H -boundedness of T .

► J. J. Betancor, R. Crescimbeni, J. C. Fariña, P. R. Stinga and J. L. Torrea, A $T1$ criterion for Hermite-Calderón-Zygmund operators on the $BMO_H(\mathbb{R}^n)$ space and applications, to appear in Ann. Sc. Norm. Sup. Pisa Cl. Sci.

BMO-spaces related to Hermite operator H

Hermite operator: $H = -\Delta + |x|^2$.

$f \in L_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is in $BMO_H(\mathbb{R}^n)$ if

- (i) $\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |f(x) - f_B| dx \leq C$, for every ball B in \mathbb{R}^n , and
- (ii) $\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |f(x)| dx \leq C$, for every $B = B(x_0, r_0)$, where $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $r_0 \geq \gamma(x_0)$,

where $f_B = \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B f(x) dx$ and $\gamma(x) = \frac{1}{1+|x|}$.

$\|f\|_{BMO_H(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \inf\{C \geq 0 : \text{(i) and (ii) hold}\}$.

$BMO_H(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{f \in L_{loc} : \|f\|_{BMO_H(\mathbb{R}^n)} < \infty\}$.

Definition

Let T be a bounded linear operator on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that

$$Tf(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} K(x, y)f(y) dy, \quad f \in L^2_c(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ and a.e. } x \notin \text{supp}(f).$$

T is a Hermite-Calderón-Zygmund operator if

- (i) $|K(x, y)| \leq \frac{C}{|x - y|^n} e^{-c[|x||x-y|+|x-y|^2]}$, for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $x \neq y$,
- (ii) $|K(x, y) - K(x, z)| + |K(y, x) - K(z, x)| \leq C \frac{|y - z|}{|x - y|^{n+1}}$, when $|x - y| > 2|y - z|$.

A $T1$ Theorem for the Boundedness in BMO_H

Betancor etc. proved a $T1$ criterion for the BMO_H -boundedness of T .

Theorem ($T1$ -type criterion for an Hermite-Calderón-Zygmund operator)

Let T be an Hermite-Calderón-Zygmund operator.

Then, the following two statements are equivalent:

- T is a bounded operator on $BMO_H(\mathbb{R}^n)$;
- there exists $C > 0$ for which the following two conditions are satisfied

(i)
$$\frac{1}{|B(x, \gamma(x))|} \int_{B(x, \gamma(x))} |T1(y)| dy \leq C, \text{ for every } x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \text{ and}$$

(ii)
$$\left(1 + \log\left(\frac{\gamma(x)}{s}\right)\right) \frac{1}{|B(x, s)|} \int_{B(x, s)} |T1(y) - (T1)_{B(x, s)}| dy \leq C, \text{ for every } x \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ and } s > 0 \text{ such that } 0 < s \leq \gamma(x).$$

The boundedness of the operators related with H

The maximal operators and Littlewood-Paley g -functions associated to the heat and Poisson semigroups for H and the Hermite-Riesz transforms all are Hermite-Calderón-Zygmund operators. Therefore the $T1$ theorem could be applied.

In fact, as application of the above $T1$ theorem, Betancor etc. proved

Theorem (Harmonic analysis operators related to Hermite operator H)

The maximal operators and the Littlewood-Paley g -functions associated with the heat $\{W_t^H\}_{t>0}$ and Poisson $\{P_t^H\}_{t>0}$ semigroups generated by H and the Hermite-Riesz transforms are bounded from $BMO_H(\mathbb{R}^n)$ into itself.

The aims of our talk:

- 1 To give a $T1$ -type criterion for the boundedness of operator T in BMO -spaces related with a Schrödinger operator ;
- 2 To give some applications of the $T1$ -type criterion with some operators in Harmonic analysis such as the maximal operators, Littlewood–Paley g -functions, Laplace transform type multipliers, Riesz transforms and negative powers related with a Schrödinger operator \mathcal{L} .

Schrödinger operator $\mathcal{L} = -\Delta + V$

The time independent Schrödinger operator in \mathbb{R}^n , $n \geq 3$,

$$\mathcal{L} := -\Delta + V.$$

The nonnegative potential V satisfies a reverse Hölder inequality for some $q \geq n/2$; that is, there exists a constant $C = C(q, V)$ such that

$$\left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B V(y)^q dy \right)^{1/q} \leq \frac{C}{|B|} \int_B V(y) dy,$$

for all balls $B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

Associated to this potential, Z. Shen defines the critical radii function as

$$\rho(x) := \sup \left\{ r > 0 : \frac{1}{r^{n-2}} \int_{B(x,r)} V(y) dy \leq 1 \right\}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

We have $0 < \rho(x) < \infty$.

► Z. Shen, L^p estimates for Schrödinger operators with certain potentials, Ann. Inst. Fourier (Grenoble) 45 (1995), 513–546.

BMO^α -spaces related to \mathcal{L}

$f \in L_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is in $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha$ ($0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$), if

- (i) $\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |f(x) - f_B| dx \leq C |B|^{\frac{\alpha}{n}}$, for every ball B in \mathbb{R}^n , and
- (ii) $\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |f(x)| dx \leq C |B|^{\frac{\alpha}{n}}$, for every $B = B(x_0, r_0)$, where $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $r_0 \geq \rho(x_0)$.

$\|f\|_{BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha} = \inf \{C > 0 : C \text{ in (i) and (ii)}\}$.

$BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ f \in L_{loc} : \|f\|_{BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)} < \infty \right\}$. $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^0 = BMO_{\mathcal{L}}$.

The restriction $\alpha \leq 1$ in the definition above is necessary because if $\alpha > 1$ then the space only contains constant functions.

► J. Dziubański, G. Garrigós, T. Martínez, J. L. Torrea and J. Zienkiewicz, *BMO spaces related to Schrödinger operators with potentials satisfying a reverse Hölder inequality*, Math. Z. 249 (2005), 329–356.

► B. Bongioanni, E. Harboure and O. Salinas, *Weighted inequalities for negative powers of Schrödinger operators*, J. Math. Anal. Appl. 348 (2008), 12–27.

Campanato-type description of $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\alpha}$ -spaces

Let

$$C^{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{f \in C(\mathbb{R}^n) : |f(x) - f(y)| \leq C|x - y|^{\alpha}\},$$

$$[f]_{C^{\alpha}} = \sup_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ x \neq y}} \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{|x - y|^{\alpha}}.$$

Recall that $BMO^{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n) = C^{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $\|f\|_{BMO^{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sim [f]_{C^{\alpha}}$ and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$.

► S. Campanato, Proprietà di hölderianità di alcune classi di funzioni, Ann. Scuola Norm. Sup. Pisa (3) 17 (1963), 175–188.

In our case there is a similar identification.

Proposition (Campanato-type description of $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\alpha}$)

Let $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. A function f belongs to $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\alpha}$ if and only if $f \in C^{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $|f(x)| \leq C\rho(x)^{\alpha}$, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Moreover, $\|f\|_{BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\alpha}} \sim [f]_{C^{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \|f\rho^{-\alpha}\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$.

► B. Bongioanni, E. Harboure and O. Salinas, Weighted inequalities for negative powers of Schrödinger operators, J. Math. Anal. Appl. 348 (2008), 12–27.

Definition (γ -Schrödinger-Calderón-Zygmund operators)

Let $0 \leq \gamma < n$, $1 < p \leq q < \infty$, $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\gamma}{n}$. Let T be a bounded linear operator from $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ into $L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that

$$Tf(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} K(x, y)f(y) dy, \quad f \in L_c^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ and a.e. } x \notin \text{supp}(f).$$

T is a γ -Schrödinger-Calderón-Zygmund operator with smoothness exponent $\delta > 0$ if for some constant C

$$(1) |K(x, y)| \leq \frac{C}{|x - y|^{n-\gamma}} \left(1 + \frac{|x - y|}{\rho(x)}\right)^{-N}, \text{ for all } N > 0 \text{ and } x \neq y, \text{ (size)}$$

$$(2) |K(x, y) - K(x, z)| + |K(y, x) - K(z, x)| \leq C \frac{|y - z|^\delta}{|x - y|^{n-\gamma+\delta}}, \text{ when } |x - y| > 2|y - z|. \text{ (smoothness)}$$

Note that every Hermite-Calderón-Zygmund operator is a classical Calderón-Zygmund operator.

Definition of $T1$

Suppose that $f \in BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\alpha}$ and $R \geq \rho(x_0)$, $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$. We define

$$Tf(x) = T(f\chi_{B(x_0, R)})(x) + \int_{B(x_0, R)^c} K(x, y)f(y) dy, \quad \text{a.e. } x \in B(x_0, R).$$

The first term in the right hand side makes sense since $f\chi_{B(x_0, R)} \in L_c^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

The second term is absolutely convergent by the size condition of the kernel which is different from the case of classical Laplacian.

So, $T1$ is well defined.

Main results: two T_1 -type criteria

Theorem (T_1 -type criterion in $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha$, $0 < \alpha < 1$)

Let T be a γ -Schrödinger-Calderón-Zygmund operator, $\gamma \geq 0$, with smoothness exponent δ , such that $\alpha + \gamma < \min\{1, \delta\}$. Then, the following statements are equivalent:

- T is bounded from $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha$ into $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\alpha+\gamma}$;
- there exists a constant C such that

$$\left(\frac{\rho(x)}{s}\right)^\alpha \frac{1}{|B|^{1+\frac{\gamma}{n}}} \int_B |T1(y) - (T1)_B| dy \leq C,$$

for every ball $B = B(x, s)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $0 < s \leq \frac{1}{2}\rho(x)$.

T1 Theorem of Betancor etc.'s

Theorem (T1-type criterion for an Hermite-Calderón-Zygmund operator)

Let T be an Hermite-Calderón-Zygmund operator.
Then, the following two statements are equivalent:

- T is a bounded operator on $BMO_H(\mathbb{R}^n)$;
- there exists $C > 0$ for which the following two conditions are satisfied

- (i) $\frac{1}{|B(x, \gamma(x))|} \int_{B(x, \gamma(x))} |T1(y)| dy \leq C$, for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and
- (ii) $\left(1 + \log\left(\frac{\gamma(x)}{s}\right)\right) \frac{1}{|B(x, s)|} \int_{B(x, s)} |T1(y) - (T1)_{B(x, s)}| dy \leq C$, for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $s > 0$ such that $0 < s \leq \gamma(x)$.

Main results: two $T1$ -type criterions

Theorem ($T1$ -type criterion in $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}$, ($\alpha = 0$))

Let T be a γ -Schrödinger-Calderón-Zygmund operator, $0 \leq \gamma < \min\{1, \delta\}$, with smoothness exponent δ . Then, the following statements are equivalent:

- T is a bounded operator from $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}$ into $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\gamma}$;
- there exists a constant C such that

$$\log \left(\frac{\rho(x)}{s} \right) \frac{1}{|B|^{1+\frac{\gamma}{n}}} \int_B |T1(y) - (T1)_B| dy \leq C,$$

for every ball $B = B(x, s)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $0 < s \leq \frac{1}{2}\rho(x)$.

For any $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, if $0 < s \leq \frac{1}{2}\rho(x)$ then

$$1 + \log \frac{\rho(x)}{s} \sim \log \frac{\rho(x)}{s} \quad \text{and} \quad 1 + \frac{2^{\alpha} \left(\left(\frac{\rho(x)}{s} \right)^{\alpha} - 1 \right) \log 2}{2^{\alpha} - 1} \sim \left(\frac{\rho(x)}{s} \right)^{\alpha}.$$

$$\text{And} \quad \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} 1 + \frac{2^{\alpha} \left(\left(\frac{\rho(x)}{s} \right)^{\alpha} - 1 \right) \log 2}{2^{\alpha} - 1} = 1 + \log \frac{\rho(x)}{s}.$$

Therefore, the criterion of the case ($\alpha = 0$) is indeed the limit case of the criterion of the case ($0 < \alpha < 1$).

Main results: two $T1$ -type criteria

We should note that our results are more general than the results of Betancor, Crescimbeni, Farina, Stinga and Torrea.

- 1 Assumption: $T : L^p \rightarrow L^q (1 < p \leq q < \infty)$ instead of $T : L^2 \rightarrow L^2$;
- 2 Result: $T : BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha \rightarrow BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\alpha+\gamma}$ instead of $T : BMO_H \rightarrow BMO_H$.

Application:

Pointwise multipliers in $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\alpha}, 0 \leq \alpha < 1$

Proposition (Pointwise Multipliers)

Let ψ be a measurable function on \mathbb{R}^n . We denote by T_{ψ} the multiplier operator defined by $T_{\psi}(f) = f\psi$. Then

- (A) T_{ψ} is a bounded operator in $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}$ if and only if $\psi \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and there exists $C > 0$ such that, for all balls $B = B(x_0, s)$ with $0 < s < \frac{1}{2}\rho(x_0)$,

$$\log\left(\frac{\rho(x_0)}{s}\right) \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |\psi(y) - \psi_B| dy \leq C.$$

- (B) T_{ψ} is a bounded operator in $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\alpha}, 0 < \alpha < 1$, if and only if $\psi \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and there exists $C > 0$ such that, for all balls $B = B(x_0, s)$ with $0 < s < \frac{1}{2}\rho(x_0)$,

$$\left(\frac{\rho(x_0)}{s}\right)^{\alpha} \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |\psi(y) - \psi_B| dy \leq C.$$

Applications: Semigroups related with \mathcal{L}

Semigroups related with \mathcal{L}

- The heat-diffusion semigroup $\mathcal{W}_t \equiv e^{-t\mathcal{L}}$: \mathcal{W}_t is the solution of heat equation:

$$\partial_t u + \mathcal{L}u = 0.$$

$$\mathcal{W}_t f(x) \equiv e^{-t\mathcal{L}} f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \mathcal{W}_t(x, y) f(y) dy, \quad f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad t > 0.$$

- The generalized Poisson semigroups \mathcal{P}_t^σ :

$$\mathcal{P}_t^\sigma f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\sigma)} \int_0^\infty e^{-r} \mathcal{W}_{\frac{t^2}{4r}} f(x) \frac{dr}{r^{1-\sigma}}.$$

When $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$, \mathcal{P}_t^σ is the classical Poisson operator \mathcal{P}_t which is a solution of the equation:

$$\partial_{tt} u = \mathcal{L}u.$$

And \mathcal{P}_t^σ is a solution of the equation:

$$-\mathcal{L}_x u + \frac{1-2\sigma}{t} \partial_t u + \partial_{tt} u = 0.$$

It is related with the extension problem for the fractional Laplacian.

Applications: Operators related with semigroups

Maximal operators for the heat–diffusion semigroup $\mathcal{W}_t \equiv e^{-t\mathcal{L}}$:

$$\mathcal{W}^* f(x) = \sup_{t>0} |\mathcal{W}_t f(x)| = \|\mathcal{W}_t f\|_{L^\infty((0,\infty),dt)}.$$

Maximal operators for the generalized Poisson operators \mathcal{P}_t^σ :

$$\mathcal{P}_t^{\sigma,*} f(x) = \sup_{t>0} |\mathcal{P}_t^\sigma f(x)| = \|\mathcal{P}_t^\sigma f(x)\|_{L^\infty((0,\infty),dt)}.$$

Littlewood–Paley g -function for the heat–diffusion semigroup:

$$g_{\mathcal{W}}(f)(x) = \left(\int_0^\infty |t\partial_t \mathcal{W}_t f(x)|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/2} = \|t\partial_t \mathcal{W}_t f(x)\|_{L^2((0,\infty),\frac{dt}{t})}.$$

Littlewood–Paley g -function for the Poisson semigroup:

$$g_{\mathcal{P}}(f)(x) = \left(\int_0^\infty |t\partial_t \mathcal{P}_t f(x)|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/2} = \|t\partial_t \mathcal{P}_t f(x)\|_{L^2((0,\infty),\frac{dt}{t})}.$$

Laplace transform type multipliers:

$$m(\mathcal{L})f(x) = \int_0^\infty a(t)\mathcal{L}e^{-t\mathcal{L}}f(x) dt = \int_0^\infty a(t)\partial_t \mathcal{W}_t f(x) dt,$$

where a is a bounded function on $[0, \infty)$ and $m(\lambda) = \lambda \int_0^\infty a(t)e^{-t\lambda} dt$.

Applications:

The regularity estimates of some operators

We can get the regularity estimates of the above operators by proving that they are γ -Schrödinger-Calderón-Zygmund operators and satisfy the conditions of the $T1$ -type criterions.

Theorem (Regularity Estimates)

Let $0 \leq \alpha < \min\{1, 2 - \frac{n}{q}\}$. The maximal operators associated with the heat semigroup $\{\mathcal{W}_t\}_{t>0}$ and with the generalized Poisson operators $\{\mathcal{P}_t^\sigma\}_{t>0}$, the Littlewood-Paley g -functions given in terms of the heat and the Poisson semigroups, and the Laplace transform type multipliers $m(\mathcal{L})$, are bounded from $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha$ into itself.

The $T1$ Theorem can also be applied to Riesz Transforms related to \mathcal{L} and Negative Powers $\mathcal{L}^{-\gamma}$, $\gamma > 0$.

Sketch proof of $T1$ -type criterion for $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha$, $0 < \alpha < 1$

Proof:

First we shall see that the condition on $T1$ implies that T is bounded from $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha$ into $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\alpha+\gamma}$. In order to do this, we will show that there exists $C > 0$ such that the properties (A_k) and (B_k) stated in the lemma of Boundedness criterion hold for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $f \in BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha$.

Lemma (Boundedness criterion)

Let S be a linear operator defined on $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha$, $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$. Then S is bounded from $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha$ into $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\alpha+\gamma}$, $\alpha + \gamma \leq 1$, $\gamma \geq 0$, if there exists $C > 0$ such that, for every $f \in BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$(A_k) \quad \frac{1}{|Q_k|^{1+\frac{\alpha+\gamma}{n}}} \int_{Q_k} |Sf(x)| \, dx \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha}, \text{ and}$$

$$(B_k) \quad \|Sf\|_{BMO^{\alpha+\gamma}(Q_k^*)} \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha}, \text{ where } BMO^\alpha(Q_k^*) \text{ denotes the usual } BMO^\alpha \text{ space on the ball } Q_k^*.$$

Sketch proof of $T1$ -type criterion for $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha$, $0 < \alpha < 1$

We begin with (A_k) . We can divide Tf as

$$Tf(x) = T((f - f_{Q_k})\chi_{Q_k^{***}})(x) + \int_{(Q_k^{***})^c} K(x, y)(f(y) - f_{Q_k}) dy + f_{Q_k} T1(x),$$

a.e. $x \in Q_k$.

As T maps $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ into $L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\gamma}{n}$, by Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\frac{1}{|Q_k|^{1 + \frac{\alpha + \gamma}{n}}} \int_{Q_k} |T((f - f_{Q_k})\chi_{Q_k^{***}})(x)| dx \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha}.$$

Sketch proof of $T1$ -type criterion for $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\alpha}$, $0 < \alpha < 1$

On the other hand, given $x \in Q_k$, we have $\rho(x) \sim \rho(x_k)$ and if $|x_k - y| > 2^j \rho(x_k)$, $j \in \mathbb{N}$, then $|x - y| \geq 2^{j-1} \rho(x_k)$. By the size condition of the kernel K , for any $N > \alpha$ we also have

$$\frac{1}{|Q_k|^{\frac{\alpha+\gamma}{n}}} \left| \int_{(Q_k^{***})^c} K(x, y)(f(y) - f_{Q_k}) dy \right| \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\alpha}}.$$

Finally,

$$\frac{1}{|Q_k|^{1+\frac{\alpha+\gamma}{n}}} \int_{Q_k} |f_{Q_k} T1(x)| dx = \frac{|f_{Q_k}|}{|Q_k|^{\frac{\alpha}{n}}} \frac{1}{|Q_k|^{1+\frac{\gamma}{n}}} \int_{Q_k} |T1(x)| dx \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\alpha}}.$$

Hence, we conclude that (A_k) holds for T with a constant C that does not depend on k .

For (B_k) , we can deal with it similarly but by using the $T1$ -condition in the third part.

Sketch proof of $T1$ -type criterion for $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha$, $0 < \alpha < 1$

Let us now prove the converse statement. We need a lemma which provides examples of functions that are uniformly bounded in $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha$.

Lemma (Some examples)

There exists constants $C, C_\alpha > 0$ such that for every $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $0 < s \leq \rho(x_0)$,

(a) the function

$$g_{x_0,s}(x) := \chi_{[0,s]}(|x - x_0|) \log \left(\frac{\rho(x_0)}{s} \right) + \chi_{(s,\rho(x_0)]}(|x - x_0|) \log \left(\frac{\rho(x_0)}{|x - x_0|} \right),$$

$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, belongs to $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}$ and $\|g_{x_0,s}\|_{BMO_{\mathcal{L}}} \leq C$;

(b) the function

$$f_{x_0,s}(x) = \chi_{[0,s]}(|x - x_0|) (\rho(x_0)^\alpha - s^\alpha) + \chi_{(s,\rho(x_0)]}(|x - x_0|) (\rho(x_0)^\alpha - |x - x_0|^\alpha),$$

$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, belongs to $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha$, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, and $\|f_{x_0,s}\|_{BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^\alpha} \leq C_\alpha$.

Sketch proof of $T1$ -type criterion for $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\alpha}$, $0 < \alpha < 1$

Suppose that T is bounded from $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\alpha}$ into $BMO_{\mathcal{L}}^{\alpha+\gamma}$. Let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $0 < s \leq \frac{1}{2}\rho(x_0)$ and $B = B(x_0, s)$. For such x_0 and s consider the nonnegative function $f_0(x) \equiv f_{x_0, s}(x)$ defined in the lemma above. Using the decomposition

$$f_0 = (f_0 - (f_0)_B)\chi_{B^{***}} + (f_0 - (f_0)_B)\chi_{(B^{***})^c} + (f_0)_B =: f_1 + f_2 + (f_0)_B$$

we can write $(f_0)_B T1(y) = Tf_0(y) - Tf_1(y) - Tf_2(y)$. So, we can get the estimation of

$$(f_0)_B \frac{1}{|B|^{1+\frac{\alpha+\gamma}{n}}} \int_B |T1(y) - (T1)_B| dy \leq \sum_{i=0}^2 \frac{1}{|B|^{1+\frac{\alpha+\gamma}{n}}} \int_B |Tf_i(y) - (Tf_i)_B| dy$$

as in (A_k) . We complete the proof.

The proof of the case $\alpha = 0$ is almost the same as the proof of the theorem of $0 < \alpha < 1$ by using the example function $g_{x_0, s}(x)$.

Thanks for your attention!