

# $M^2$ -Type Sharp Estimates and Weighted Boundedness for Commutators Related to Singular Integral Operators Satisfying a Variant of Hörmander's Condition

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ABSTRACT: In this paper, we prove the  $M^k$ -type sharp maximal function estimates for the commutators related to some singular integral operators satisfying a variant of Hörmander's condition. As an application, we obtain the weighted boundedness of the commutators on Lebesgue and Morrey spaces.

Key Words: Singular integral operator; Commutator; Sharp maximal function; Morrey space; BMO.

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### 1. Introduction

As the development of singular integral operators (see [14,15]), their commutators have been well studied (see [4]). In [13], the authors prove that the commutators generated by the singular integral operators and BMO functions are bounded on  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for 1 . Chanillo (see [1]) proves a similar result when singular integral operators are replaced by the fractional integral operators. In [8],some singular integral operators satisfying a variant of Hörmander's condition areintroduced, and the boundedness for the operators are obtained (see [8,16]). Thepurpose of this paper is to prove the sharp maximal function inequalities for thethe commutators related to some singular integral operators satisfying a variant ofHörmander's condition. As an application, we obtain the weighted boundedness ofthe commutator on Lebesgue and Morrey space.

### 2. Preliminaries

First, let us introduce some notations. Throughout this paper, Q will denote a cube of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with sides parallel to the axes. For any locally integrable function f,

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the sharp maximal function of f is defined by

$$f^{\#}(x) = \sup_{Q \ni x} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} |f(y) - f_Q| dy,$$

where, and in what follows,  $f_Q = |Q|^{-1} \int_Q f(x) dx$ . We say that f belongs to  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if  $f^{\#}$  belongs to  $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and define  $||f||_{BMO} = ||f^{\#}||_{L^{\infty}}$ .

Let M be the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator defined by

$$M(f)(x) = \sup_{Q \ni x} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} |f(y)| dy.$$

For  $\eta > 0$ , let  $M_{\eta}(f) = M(|f|^{\eta})^{1/\eta}$ . For  $k \in N$ , we denote by  $M^k$  the operator M iterated k times, i.e.,  $M^1(f) = M(f)$  and

$$M^{k}(f) = M(M^{k-1}(f))$$
 when  $k \ge 2$ .

Let  $\Phi$  be a Young function and  $\tilde{\Phi}$  be the complementary associated to  $\Phi$ , we denote that the  $\Phi$ -average by, for a function f,

$$||f||_{\Phi,Q} = \inf\left\{\lambda > 0: \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \Phi\left(\frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda}\right) dy \le 1\right\}$$

and the maximal function associated to  $\Phi$  by

$$M_{\Phi}(f)(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} ||f||_{\Phi,Q}.$$

The Young functions to be using in this paper are  $\Phi(t) = t(1 + logt)$  and  $\tilde{\Phi}(t) = exp(t)$ , the corresponding average and maximal functions denoted by  $|| \cdot ||_{L(logL),Q}$ ,  $M_{L(logL)}$  and  $|| \cdot ||_{expL,Q}$ ,  $M_{expL}$ . Following [13], we know the generalized Hölder's inequality and the following inequalities hold:

$$\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} |f(y)g(y)| dy \le ||f||_{\Phi,Q} ||g||_{\tilde{\Phi},Q},$$
$$||f||_{L(logL),Q} \le M_{L(logL)}(f) \le CM^{2}(f),$$
$$||f - f_{Q}||_{expL,Q} \le C||f||_{BMO}$$

and

$$||f - f_Q||_{expL, 2^kQ} \le Ck||f||_{BMO}.$$

The  $A_p$  weight is defined by (see [7])

$$A_p = \left\{ w \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n) : \sup_Q \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q w(x) dx \right) \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q w(x)^{-1/(p-1)} dx \right)^{p-1} < \infty \right\},$$
  
$$1$$

$$A_{1} = \{ w \in L^{p}_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^{n}) : M(w)(x) \le Cw(x), a.e. \}$$

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and

$$A_{\infty} = \bigcup_{p \ge 1} A_p.$$

Given a weight function w. For  $1 \le p < \infty$ , the weighted Lebesgue space  $L^p(w)$  is the space of functions f such that

$$||f||_{L^p(w)} = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p w(x) dx\right)^{1/p} < \infty.$$

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\Phi = \{\phi_1, ..., \phi_m\}$  be a finite family of bounded functions in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For any locally integrable function f, the  $\Phi$  sharp maximal function of f is defined by

$$M_{\Phi}^{\#}(f)(x) = \sup_{Q \ni x} \inf_{\{c_1, \dots, c_m\}} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y) - \sum_{j=1}^m c_j \phi_j(x_Q - y)| dy,$$

where the infimum is taken over all m-tuples  $\{c_1, ..., c_m\}$  of complex numbers and  $x_Q$  is the center of Q. For  $\eta > 0$ , let

$$M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)(x) = \sup_{Q \ni x} \inf_{\{c_1,\dots,c_m\}} \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y) - \sum_{j=1}^m c_j \phi_j (x_Q - y)|^\eta dy \right)^{1/\eta}$$

**Remark 2.2.** We note that  $M_{\Phi}^{\#} \approx f^{\#}$  if m = 1 and  $\phi_1 = 1$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Given a positive and locally integrable function f in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we say that f satisfies the reverse Hölder's condition (write this as  $f \in \mathbb{R}H_{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ), if for any cube Q centered at the origin we have

$$0 < \sup_{x \in Q} f(x) \le C \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q f(y) dy.$$

In this paper, we will study some singular integral operators as following(see [16]).

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $K \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and satisfy

$$||K||_{L^{\infty}} \le C,$$
$$K(x)| \le C|x|^{-n}$$

there exist functions  $B_1, ... B_m \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n - \{0\})$  and  $\Phi = \{\phi_1, ..., \phi_m\} \subset L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that  $|\det[\phi_j(y_i)]|^2 \in \mathbb{R}H_{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{nm})$ , and for a fixed  $\delta > 0$  and any |x| > 2|y| > 0,

$$|K(x-y) - \sum_{j=1}^{m} B_j(x)\phi_j(y)| \le C \frac{|y|^{\delta}}{|x-y|^{n+\delta}}.$$

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For  $f \in C_0^{\infty}$ , we define the singular integral operator related to the kernel K by

$$T(f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} K(x-y)f(y)dy.$$

Let b be a locally integrable function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The commutator related to T is defined by

$$T^{b}(f)(x) = \int_{R^{n}} (b(x) - b(y)) K(x - y) f(y) dy.$$

**Remark 2.5.** Note that the classical Calderón-Zygmund singular integral operator satisfies **Definition 2.4** (see [14, 15]).

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $\varphi$  be a positive, increasing function on  $R^+$  and there exists a constant D > 0 such that

$$\varphi(2t) \leq D\varphi(t) \text{ for } t \geq 0.$$

Let w be a weight function and f be a locally integrable function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Set, for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,

$$||f||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)} = \sup_{x \in R^n, \ d > 0} \left( \frac{1}{\varphi(d)} \int_{Q(x,d)} |f(y)|^p w(y) dy \right)^{1/p}$$

where  $Q(x,d) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x-y| < d\}$ . The generalized Morrey space is defined by

$$L^{p,\varphi}(R^n, w) = \{ f \in L^1_{loc}(R^n) : ||f||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)} < \infty \}.$$

If  $\varphi(d) = d^{\eta}$ ,  $\eta > 0$ , then  $L^{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n, w) = L^{p,\eta}(\mathbb{R}^n, w)$ , which is the classical weighted Morrey spaces (see [11,12]). If  $\varphi(d) = 1$ , then  $L^{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n, w) = L^p(\mathbb{R}^n, w)$ , which is the weighted Lebesgue spaces (see [7]).

As the Morrey space may be considered as an extension of the Lebesgue space, it is natural and important to study the boundedness of the operator on the Morrey spaces (see [2,5,6,9,10]).

#### 3. Theorems and Lemmas

We shall prove the following theorems.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let T be the singular integral operator as **Definition 2.4**, 0 < r < 1 and  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then there exists a constant C > 0 such that, for any  $f \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\tilde{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$M_{\Phi,r}^{\#}(T^{b}(f))(\tilde{x}) \leq C||b||_{BMO} \left(M^{2}(f)(\tilde{x}) + M^{2}(T(f))(\tilde{x})\right).$$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let T be the singular integral operator as **Definition 2.4**,  $1 , <math>w \in A_1$  and  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then  $T^b$  is bounded on  $L^p(w)$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let T be the singular integral operator as Definition 2.4,  $0 < D < 2^n$ ,  $1 , <math>w \in A_1$  and  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then  $T^b$  is bounded on  $L^{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n, w)$ .

To prove the theorems, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 3.4.** ([7], p.485) Let  $0 and for any function <math>f \ge 0$ . We define that, for 1/r = 1/p - 1/q

$$||f||_{WL^q} = \sup_{\lambda>0} \lambda |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : f(x) > \lambda\}|^{1/q}, N_{p,q}(f) = \sup_E ||f\chi_E||_{L^p} / ||\chi_E||_{L^r},$$

where the sup is taken for all measurable sets E with  $0 < |E| < \infty$ . Then

$$||f||_{WL^q} \le N_{p,q}(f) \le (q/(q-p))^{1/p} ||f||_{WL^q}.$$

Lemma 3.5. (see  $\lfloor 13 \rfloor$ ) We have

$$\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} |f(x)g(x)| dx \le ||f||_{expL,Q} ||g||_{L(logL),Q}.$$

**Lemma 3.6.** (see [16]) Let T be the singular integral operator as **Definition 2.3**. Then T is bounded on  $L^p(w)$  for  $1 , <math>w \in A_1$  and weak  $(L^1, L^1)$  bounded.

**Lemma 3.7.** (see [16]). Let  $1 , <math>0 < \eta < \infty$ ,  $w \in A_{\infty}$  and  $\Phi = \{\phi_1, ..., \phi_m\} \subset L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $|det[\phi_j(y_i)]|^2 \in \mathbb{R}H_{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{nm})$ . Then, for any smooth function f for which the left-hand side is finite,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} M_{\eta}(f)(x)^p w(x) dx \le C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)(x)^p w(x) dx$$

**Lemma 3.8.** (see [2,5]) Let  $1 , <math>w \in A_1$  and  $0 < D < 2^n$ . Then, for any smooth function f for which the left-hand side is finite,

$$||M(f)||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)} \le C||f||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)}.$$

**Lemma 3.9.** Let  $1 , <math>0 < \eta < \infty$ ,  $w \in A_1$ ,  $0 < D < 2^n$  and  $\Phi = \{\phi_1, ..., \phi_m\} \subset L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $|det[\phi_j(y_i)]|^2 \in \mathbb{R}H_{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{nm})$ . Then, for any smooth function f for which the left-hand side is finite,

$$||M_{\eta}(f)||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)} \le C||M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)}.$$

**Proof:** For any cube  $Q = Q(x_0, d)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we know  $M(w\chi_Q) \in A_1$  for any cube

Q = Q(x,d) by [3]. If  $x \in Q^c$ , by Lemma 3.7, we have, for  $f \in L^{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n, w)$ ,

$$\begin{split} & \int_{Q} |M_{\eta}(f)(y)|^{p} w(y) dy \\ &= \int_{R^{n}} |M_{\eta}(f)(y)|^{p} w(y) \chi_{Q}(y) dy \\ &\leq \int_{R^{n}} |M_{\eta}(f)(y)|^{p} M(w \chi_{Q})(y) dy \\ &\leq C \int_{R^{n}} |M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)(y)|^{p} M(w \chi_{Q})(y) dy + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{2^{k+1}Q \setminus 2^{k}Q} |M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)(y)|^{p} M(w \chi_{Q})(y) dy \\ &\leq C \left( \int_{Q} |M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)(y)|^{p} w(y) dy + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{2^{k+1}Q \setminus 2^{k}Q} |M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)(y)|^{p} \frac{w(Q)}{|2^{k+1}Q|} dy \right) \\ &\leq C \left( \int_{Q} |M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)(y)|^{p} w(y) dy + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{2^{k+1}Q} |M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)(y)|^{p} \frac{M(w)(y)}{2^{n(k+1)}} dy \right) \\ &\leq C \left( \int_{Q} |M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)(y)|^{p} w(y) dy + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{2^{k+1}Q} |M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)(y)|^{p} \frac{w(y)}{2^{n(k+1)}} dy \right) \\ &\leq C \left( \int_{Q} |M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)(y)|^{p} w(y) dy + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{2^{k+1}Q} |M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)(y)|^{p} \frac{w(y)}{2^{n(k+1)}} dy \right) \\ &\leq C \left( ||M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)}^{p} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-nk} \varphi(2^{k+1}d) \\ &\leq C ||M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)}^{p} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (2^{-n}D)^{k} \varphi(d) \\ &\leq C ||M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)}^{p} \varphi(d), \end{split}$$

thus

$$\left(\frac{1}{\varphi(d)}\int_{Q}M_{\eta}(f)(x)^{p}w(x)dx\right)^{1/p} \leq C\left(\frac{1}{\varphi(d)}\int_{Q}M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)(x)^{p}w(x)dx\right)^{1/p}$$

and

 $||M_{\eta}(f)||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)} \le C||M_{\Phi,\eta}^{\#}(f)||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)}.$ 

This finishes the proof.

**Lemma 3.10.** Let T be the singular integral operator as Definition 2.4,  $1 , <math>w \in A_1$  and  $0 < D < 2^n$ . Then

$$||T(f)||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)} \le C||f||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)}.$$

The proof of the Lemma is similar to that of Lemma 3.9 by Lemma 3.6, we omit the details.

### 4. Proofs of Theorems

**Proof of Theorem 3.1.** It suffices to prove for  $f \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and some constant  $C_0$ , the following inequality holds:

$$\left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} |T^{b}(f)(x) - C_{0}|^{r} dx\right)^{1/r} \leq C||b||_{BMO} \left(M^{2}(f)(\tilde{x}) + M^{2}(T(f))(\tilde{x})\right),$$

where Q is any a cube centered at  $x_0$ ,  $C_0 = \sum_{j=1}^m g_j \phi_j(x_0 - x)$  and  $g_j = \int_{R^n} B_j(x_0 - y)(b(y) - b_{2Q})f_2(y)dy$ . Let  $\tilde{x} \in Q$ . Write, for  $f_1 = f\chi_{2Q}$  and  $f_2 = f\chi_{(2Q)^c}$ ,

$$T^{b}(f)(x) = (b(x) - b_{2Q})T(f)(x) - T((b - b_{2Q})f_{1})(x) - T((b - b_{2Q})f_{2})(x).$$

Then

$$\left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} |T^{b}(f)(x) - C_{0}|^{r} dx\right)^{1/r}$$

$$\leq C \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} |(b(x) - b_{2Q})T(f)(x)|^{r} dx\right)^{1/r} + C \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} |T((b - b_{2Q})f_{1})(x)|^{r} dx\right)^{1/r}$$

$$+ C \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} |T((b - b_{2Q})f_{2})(x) - C_{0}|^{r} dx\right)^{1/r}$$

$$= I_{1} + I_{2} + I_{3}.$$

For  $I_1$ , by Hölder's inequality and Lemma 3.6, we obtain

$$I_{1} \leq \frac{C}{|Q|} \int_{2Q} |b(x) - b_{2Q}| |T(f)(x)| dx$$
  
$$\leq C||b - b_{2Q}||_{expL,2Q} ||T(f)||_{L(logL),2Q}$$
  
$$\leq C||b||_{BMO} M^{2}(T(f))(\tilde{x}),$$

For  $I_2$ , by Lemma 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6, we obtain

$$\begin{split} I_{2} &\leq C \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{R^{n}} |T((b-b_{2Q})f_{1})(x)|^{r} \chi_{Q}(x) dx \right)^{1/r} \\ &\leq C |Q|^{-1} \frac{||T((b-b_{2Q})f_{1})\chi_{Q}||_{L^{r}}}{|Q|^{1/r-1}} \\ &\leq C |Q|^{-1} ||T((b-b_{2Q})f_{1})||_{WL^{1}} \\ &\leq C |Q|^{-1} ||(b-b_{2Q})f_{1}||_{L^{1}} \\ &\leq \frac{C}{|2Q|} \int_{2Q} |b(x) - b_{2Q}||f(x)| dx \\ &\leq C ||b-b_{2Q}||_{expL,2Q} ||f||_{L(logL),2Q} \\ &\leq C ||b| - \log M^{2}(f)(\tilde{x}) \end{split}$$

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For  $I_3$ , we have

$$\begin{split} I_{3} &\leq \frac{C}{|Q|} \int_{Q} |T((b-b_{2Q})f_{2})(x) - C_{0}| dx \\ &\leq \frac{C}{|Q|} \int_{Q} \int_{R^{n}} \left| (K(x-y) - \sum_{j=1}^{m} B_{j}(x_{0}-y)\phi_{j}(x_{0}-x))(b(y) - b_{2Q})f_{2}(y) \right| dy dx \\ &\leq \frac{C}{|Q|} \int_{Q} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \int_{2^{k}d \leq |y-x_{0}| < 2^{k+1}d} \frac{|x-x_{0}|^{\delta}}{|y-x_{0}|^{n+\delta}} |b(y) - b_{2Q}| |f(y)| dy \right) dx \\ &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{d^{\delta}}{(2^{k}d)^{n+\delta}} \int_{2^{k+1}Q} |b(y) - b_{2Q}| |f(y)| dy \\ &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{d^{\delta}}{(2^{k}d)^{n+\delta}} (2^{k}d)^{n} ||b - b_{2Q}||_{expL,2^{k+1}Q} ||f||_{L(logL),2^{k+1}Q} \\ &\leq C ||b||_{BMO} M^{2}(f)(\tilde{x}) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k 2^{-k\delta} \\ &\leq C ||b||_{BMO} M^{2}(f)(\tilde{x}). \end{split}$$

These complete the proof of Theorem 3.1. **Proof of Theorem 3.2.** By Theorem 3.1 and Lemma 3.6-3.7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} ||T^{b}(f)||_{L^{p}(w)} &\leq ||M_{r}(T^{b}(f))||_{L^{p}(w)} \leq C ||M^{\#}_{\Phi,r}(T^{b}(f))||_{L^{p}(w)} \\ &\leq C ||b||_{BMO} \left( ||M^{2}(T(f))||_{L^{p}(w)} + ||M^{2}(f)||_{L^{p}(w)} \right) \\ &\leq C ||b||_{BMO} (||T(f)||_{L^{p}(w)} + ||f||_{L^{p}(w)}) \\ &\leq C ||b||_{BMO} ||f||_{L^{p}(w)}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the theorem. **Proof of Theorem 3.3.** By Theorem 3.1 and Lemma 3.8-3.10, we have

$$||T^{b}(f)||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)} \le ||M_{r}(T^{b}(f))||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)} \le C ||M^{\#}_{\Phi,r}(T^{b}(f))||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)}$$

- $\leq C||b||_{BMO} \left( \|M^2(T(f))\|_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)} + \|M^2(f)\|_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)} \right)$
- $\leq C ||b||_{BMO}(||T(f)||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)} + ||f||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)})$
- $\leq C||b||_{BMO}||f||_{L^{p,\varphi}(w)}.$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

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