

SINGULAR INTEGRAL OPERATORS OF CALDERÓN TYPE AND RELATED OPERATORS ON THE ENERGY SPACES

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ABSTRACT. We show the boundedness of some singular integral operators on the energy spaces.

1. Introduction. For a complex-valued continuous function $h(x)$ on the real line $\mathbf{R}$ and a real-valued continuous function $A(x)$ on $\mathbf{R}$, we define a kernel by

$$C[h, A](x, y) = \frac{1}{x - y} h \left\{ \frac{A(x) - A(y)}{x - y} \right\}.$$

These kernels are important in harmonic analysis. Several authors have investigated the boundedness of these kernels as operators from L^p -spaces to L^p -spaces [3, 7, 11], and others have studied the boundedness on the Sobolev spaces only in the case $h(x) = x$ (generalizing $1/(x - y)$) [1, 2]. In this paper we study the boundedness of these kernels on the energy spaces for infinitely differentiable functions $h(x)$.

Let C_0^∞ be the totality of infinitely differentiable functions on $\mathbf{R}$ with compact support. For $0 < \alpha < 1$ we denote by E_α the Banach space of locally integrable functions on $\mathbf{R}$ obtained by the completion of C_0^∞ with respect to the norm

$$\|f\|_\alpha = \left\{ \int_{\mathbf{R}} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|^2}{|x - y|^{1+\alpha}} dx dy \right\}^{1/2}.$$

This is called the α -energy space [10, p. 77]. The α -capacity $\text{cap}_\alpha(\cdot)$ is the capacity defined by the kernel $\kappa_\alpha(x) = 1/|x|^{1-\alpha}$ [10, p. 131]. A function $a(x)$ on $\mathbf{R}$ is called a multiplier on E_α if the multiplication operator $\mathbf{M}_a: f \in E_\alpha \rightarrow af \in E_\alpha$ is bounded [10, p. 38]. The totality of multipliers on E_α is denoted by $M(E_\alpha)$. The norm of $\mathbf{M}_a$ is simply denoted by $\|a\|_{M(E_\alpha)}$. We say that $C[h, A]$ is α -bounded if, for any $f \in E_\alpha$,

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{|x-y|>\epsilon} C[h, A](x, y) f(y) dy \quad (= C[h, A]f(x))$$

exists α -q.e. (that is, the limit exists except for a set of α -capacity zero) and

$$\|C[h, A]\|_{\alpha, \alpha} = \sup \{ \|C[h, A]f\|_\alpha / \|f\|_\alpha; f \in E_\alpha \} < \infty.$$

We show

THEOREM 1. *Let $0 < \alpha < 1$. Then $C[h, A]$ is α -bounded as long as $A' \in M(E_\alpha)$ and $h(x)$ is infinitely differentiable.*

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We also study some operators closely related to $C[h, A]$. We define two families, $\mathfrak{P} = \{P_y(x)\}_{y>0}$, $\mathfrak{Q} = \{Q_y(x)\}_{y>0}$, of functions on $\mathbf{R}$ by

$$P_y(x) = (1/2y)e^{-|x|/y}, \quad Q_y(x) = (1/2y)\text{sign}(x/y)e^{-|x|/y}.$$

For a complex-valued function $a(x)$ on $\mathbf{R}$ with $\int_{\mathbf{R}} |a(x)|/(1+x^2) dx < \infty$, we define four operators on C_0^∞ by

$$T_a[\mathfrak{U}, \mathfrak{V}]f(x) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^{1/\epsilon} U_y * a(x) V_y * f(x) dy/y \quad (f \in C_0^\infty),$$

where $\mathfrak{U} = \mathfrak{P}$ or $\mathfrak{Q}$, $\mathfrak{V} = \mathfrak{P}$ or $\mathfrak{Q}$. Operators of this type were studied by Coifman-Meyer [6, Chapter VI]. These operators are considered weighted Hilbert transforms, and we see that, in the case where $h(x) = x$ and $A'(x) = a(x)$, $C[h, A] - T_a[\mathfrak{Q}, \mathfrak{P}]$ is a negligible operator in a sense [cf. Remark 21]. For $0 < \alpha < 1$ we say that $T_a[\mathfrak{U}, \mathfrak{V}]$ is E_α -bounded if it is extended as a bounded operator from E_α to itself. Let us remark that $T_a[\mathfrak{P}, \mathfrak{P}]$ is E_α -unbounded in the case where $a(x) \equiv 1$. We denote by L^∞ the Banach space of bounded functions on $\mathbf{R}$ and by BMO the Banach space of functions of bounded mean oscillation on $\mathbf{R}$, modulo constants [9, p. 141]. We show

THEOREM 2. *Let $0 < \alpha < 1$. Then:*

- (1) *If $a \in M(E_\alpha)$, then $T_a[\mathfrak{Q}, \mathfrak{P}]$ is E_α -bounded.*
- (2) *If $a \in L^\infty$, then $T_a[\mathfrak{P}, \mathfrak{Q}]$ is E_α -bounded.*
- (3) *If $a \in \text{BMO}$, then $T_a[\mathfrak{Q}, \mathfrak{Q}]$ is E_α -bounded.*

2. Preliminaries.

2.1. Throughout we fix $0 < \alpha < 1$ and use “Const.” for constants depending only on α . The value of “Const.” generally differs from one occasion to another. For a Banach space $\mathfrak{B}$, we denote by $\|\cdot\|_{\mathfrak{B}}$ its norm. Let L^2 denote the L^2 -space of functions on $\mathbf{R}$ with respect to the Lebesgue measure dx . The maximal function of a locally dx -integrable function $f(x)$ on $\mathbf{R}$ is defined by

$$\mathfrak{M}f(x) = \sup m_I|f|, \quad \text{where } m_I|f| = \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I |f(s)| ds \quad \left(|I| = \int_I ds \right)$$

and the supremum is taken over all finite intervals I containing x . We say that $f(x)$ is of bounded mean oscillation if $\|f\|_{\text{BMO}} = \sup m_I|f - m_I f| < \infty$, where the supremum is taken over all finite intervals I . The α -capacity of a compact set W in $\mathbf{R}$ is defined by

$$\text{cap}_\alpha(W) = \inf \left\{ \|g\|_{L^2}^2; \kappa_{\alpha/2} * g(x) \geq 1 \ (x \in W) \right\}$$

[10, p. 133, p. 138]. The α -capacities of Borel sets in $\mathbf{R}$ are usually defined [10, p. 143]. Let $f \in E_\alpha$. Then:

- (4) $\|f\|_\alpha = \text{Const.} \left\{ \int_{\mathbf{R}} |\xi|^\alpha |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \right\}^{1/2}$ ($\hat{f}(\xi)$: the Fourier transform of $f(x)$).
- (5) $f(x) = \kappa_{\alpha/2} * g(x)$ almost everywhere (a.e.) for some $g \in L^2$ with

$$\|g\|_{L^2} = \text{Const.} \|f\|_\alpha \quad [\mathbf{10}, \text{p. 80}].$$

- (6) $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} (1/\epsilon) \int_x^{x+\epsilon} f(s) ds = \kappa_{\alpha/2} * g(x)$ α -q.e.
- (7) $m_{(-\epsilon, \epsilon)}|f| \leq \text{Const.} \epsilon^{(\alpha-1)/2} \|f\|_\alpha$ ($\epsilon > 0$).
- (8) $\text{cap}_\alpha(x; \mathfrak{M}f(x) > \epsilon) \leq \text{Const.}/\epsilon^2 \cdot \|f\|_\alpha^2$ [4, p. 70].

Equality (4) is deduced from Parseval's formula. Equality (6) is deduced from (5) and the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem. Inequality (7) is also deduced from (5). Let $a \in M(E_\alpha)$. Then by (7) we have, for any $\varepsilon > 0$ and $s \in \mathbf{R}$,

$$\begin{aligned} m_{(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)} |a \psi_{\varepsilon, s}| &\leq \text{Const.} \varepsilon^{(\alpha-1)/2} \|a \psi_{\varepsilon, s}\|_\alpha \\ &\leq \text{Const.} \varepsilon^{(\alpha-1)/2} \|a\|_{M(E_\alpha)} \|\psi_{\varepsilon, s}\|_\alpha = \text{Const.} / \varepsilon \cdot \|a\|_{M(E_\alpha)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\psi_{\varepsilon, s}(x) = (1/\sqrt{\pi}\varepsilon) \exp(-(x-s)^2/\varepsilon^2)$. Since $\varepsilon > 0$, $s \in \mathbf{R}$ are arbitrary, we have $\|a\|_{L^\infty} \leq \text{Const.} \|a\|_{M(E_\alpha)}$. Let $b \in L^\infty$ satisfy $|b(x) - b(y)| \leq \eta |a(x) - a(y)|$ ($x, y \in \mathbf{R}$) for some $\eta > 0$. Then we have, for any $f \in E_\alpha$,

$$\begin{aligned} |b(x)f(x) - b(y)f(y)| &\leq |b(x)| |f(x) - f(y)| + |b(x) - b(y)| |f(y)| \\ &\leq \|b\|_{L^\infty} |f(x) - f(y)| + \eta |a(x) - a(y)| |f(y)| \\ &\leq \{\|b\|_{L^\infty} + \eta \|a\|_{L^\infty}\} |f(x) - f(y)| + \eta |a(x)f(x) - a(y)f(y)|, \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$(9) \quad \|b\|_{M(E_\alpha)} \leq \text{Const.} \{\|b\|_{L^\infty} + \eta \|a\|_{M(E_\alpha)}\}.$$

In particular, if $a(x)$ is real-valued, then

$$\|1/(1+ia)\|_{M(E_\alpha)} \leq \text{Const.} \{1 + \|a\|_{M(E_\alpha)}\}.$$

2.2. Let L_* be the Banach space of integrable functions on $\mathbf{R}$ with respect to the measure $dx/(1+|x|)$. For a kernel $K(x, y)$ ($x, y \in \mathbf{R}$), we define $\Omega(K)$ by the minimum of C 's satisfying the following two inequalities: $|K(x, y)| \leq C/|x-y|$, $|\partial K(x, y)/\partial x| + |\partial K(x, y)/\partial y| \leq C/(x-y)^2$ ($x \neq y$). If such a C does not exist, we put $\Omega(K) = \infty$. For $f \in L_*$ and a kernel $K(x, y)$ with $\Omega(K) < \infty$, we put

$$K_\varepsilon f(x) = \int_{|x-y|>\varepsilon} K(x, y) f(y) dy \quad (\varepsilon > 0), \quad K^* f(x) = \sup_{\varepsilon>0} |K_\varepsilon f(x)|.$$

We say that $K(x, y)$ is a Calderón-Zygmund kernel (CZ-kernel) if $\Omega(K) < \infty$, $Kf(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} K_\varepsilon f(x)$ exists a.e. for any $f \in L_*$, and

$$\|K^*\|_{L^2, L^2} = \sup\{\|K^* f\|_{L^2}/\|f\|_{L^2}; f \in L^2\} < \infty.$$

We write simply $\|K^*\|_{CZ} = \Omega(K) + \|K^*\|_{L^2, L^2}$. Let $K(x, y)$ be a CZ-kernel, $f \in L_*$, and let $(f_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ be a sequence in L_* such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\|_{L_*} = 0$. Then the weak L^1 -inequality [6, p. 90] yields that $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} Kf_{n_j}(x) = Kf(x)$ a.e. for some subsequence $(f_{n_j})_{j=1}^\infty$. We also have $K^* f(x) \leq \text{Const.} \{\mathfrak{M}(Kf)(x) + \|K^*\|_{CZ} \mathfrak{M}f(x)\}$ everywhere [6, p. 95]. Let $h \in C_0^\infty$ and $A(x)$ be a real-valued function with $A' \in L^\infty$. Then [7] (cf. [11, 6, p. 98]):

$$\|C[h, A]^*\|_{CZ} \leq \text{Const.} \int_{\mathbf{R}} |\hat{h}(\xi)| (1+r|\xi|)^9 d\xi + \Omega(C[h, A]) \quad (r = \|A'\|_{L^\infty}).$$

We may replace $h(x)$ by $(h\gamma)(x)$ for any $\gamma \in C_0^\infty$ with $\gamma(x) = 1$ ($|x| \leq r$). Choosing $\gamma(x)$ suitably, we obtain

$$(10) \quad \|C[h, A]^*\|_{CZ} \leq \text{Const.} d_h(r) (1+r)^{10} \quad (r = \|A'\|_{L^\infty}),$$

where

$$d_h(r) = \sum_{j=0}^{11} \max\{|h^{(j)}(x)|; |x| \leq 2r+1\}.$$

Let $A_m(x) = \int_0^x A' * \phi_m(s) ds$ ($m \geq 1$, $\phi_m(x) = \sqrt{m/\pi} e^{-mx^2}$). Then the argument in [11, Lemma 11] yields that, for each $n \geq 0$,

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} C[t^n, A_{m_j}]f(x) = C[t^n, A]f(x) \quad \text{a.e.}$$

for some subsequence $(A_{m_j})_{j=1}^\infty$. Since

$$C[e^{it}, B](x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{i^n}{n!} \right) C[t^n, B](x, y)$$

and

$$C[h, B](x, y) = \text{Const.} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \hat{h}(\xi) C[e^{it}, \xi B](x, y) d\xi$$

($x \neq y$; $B(x) = A(x)$, $A_m(x)$ ($m \geq 1$)), we have, by (10),

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} C[h, A_{m_j}]f(x) = C[h, A]f(x) \quad \text{a.e.}$$

for some subsequence $(A_{m_j})_{j=1}^\infty$. Inequality (7) shows that, for any $g \in E_\alpha$,

$$\|g\|_{L_*} \leq \text{Const.} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} m_{(-2^k, 2^k)} |g| \leq \left\{ \text{Const.} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(\alpha-1)k/2} \right\} \|g\|_\alpha.$$

This shows that $E_\alpha \subset L_*$ and $\|\cdot\|_{L_*} \leq \text{Const.} \|\cdot\|_\alpha$. Let $f \in E_\alpha$. Then, consequently, we have:

(11) $C[h, A]f(x)$ exists a.e.

(12) If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\|_\alpha = 0$, then $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} C[h, A]f_{n_j}(x) = C[h, A]f(x)$ a.e. for some subsequence $(f_{n_j})_{j=1}^\infty$.

(13) $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} C[h, A_{m_j}]f(x) = C[h, A]f(x)$ a.e. for some subsequence $(A_{m_j})_{j=1}^\infty$.

(14) $C[h, A]^* f(x) \leq \text{Const.} \{ \mathfrak{M}(C[h, A]f)(x) + d_h(r)(1+r)^{10} \mathfrak{M}f(x) \}$ ($r = \|A'\|_{L^\infty}$) everywhere.

Let S be a dense set in E_α . Then (11) and (12) show that, for any $f \in E_\alpha$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\|_\alpha = 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C[h, A]f_n(x) = C[h, A]f(x)$ a.e. for some subsequence $(f_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ in S . We have, by Fatou's lemma,

$$\begin{aligned} \|C[h, A]f\|_\alpha &= \left\{ \int_{\mathbf{R}} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \frac{|C[h, A]f(x) - C[h, A]f(y)|^2}{|x - y|^{1+\alpha}} dx dy \right\}^{1/2} \\ &\leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \int_{\mathbf{R}} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \frac{|C[h, A]f_n(x) - C[h, A]f_n(y)|^2}{|x - y|^{1+\alpha}} dx dy \right\}^{1/2} \\ &= \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|C[h, A]f_n\|_\alpha \leq \sup \{ \|C[h, A]g\|_\alpha / \|g\|_\alpha; g \in S \} \|f\|_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$(15) \quad \|C[h, A]\|_{\alpha, \alpha} = \sup \{ \|C[h, A]f\|_\alpha / \|f\|_\alpha; f \in S \}.$$

2.3. Let $\mathfrak{X}$ be the totality of open squares in the complex plane $\mathbf{C}$ with sides parallel to the coordinate axes. For a nonnegative function $\omega(z)$ on $\mathbf{C}$, we denote by $L^2(\mathbf{C}, \omega)$ the L^2 -space on $\mathbf{C}$ with respect to the measure $\omega(z) d\sigma(z)$, where $d\sigma(z)$

denotes the area element. For $p > 1$ we say that $\omega(z)$ satisfies (A_p) with a constant Ξ if

$$\sup_{X \in \mathfrak{X}} (\tilde{m}_X \omega) (\tilde{m}_X \omega^{-1/(p-1)})^{p-1} \leq \Xi^p,$$

where

$$\tilde{m}_X \omega = \frac{1}{\sigma(X)} \int_X \omega(z) d\sigma(z) \quad \left(\sigma(X) = \int_X d\sigma(z) \right).$$

We say that $\omega(z)$ satisfies (A_∞) with two constants Ξ , $0 < \delta \leq 1$, if, for any $X \in \mathfrak{X}$ and any Borel set E in X ,

$$\omega(E)/\omega(X) \leq \Xi \{ \sigma(E)/\sigma(X) \}^\delta,$$

where $\omega(F) = \int_F \omega(z) d\sigma(z)$. The following two lemmas are well-known (cf. [5]).

LEMMA 3. *Let $1 < p < 2$ and let $\omega(z)$ be a nonnegative function in $\mathbf{C}$ satisfying (A_p) with a constant Ξ and satisfying, for any $X \in \mathfrak{X}$, $\omega(X^*) \leq \text{Const. } \omega(X)$, where X^* is the square in $\mathfrak{X}$ with the same center as X and $\sigma(X^*) = 2\sigma(X)$. Then, for any $F \in L^2(\mathbf{C}, \omega)$,*

$$\|\mathfrak{M}F\|_{L^2(\mathbf{C}, \omega)} \leq C_p \Xi \|F\|_{L^2(\mathbf{C}, \omega)},$$

where $\mathfrak{M}F(z) = \sup_{z \in X, X \in \mathfrak{X}} \tilde{m}_X |F|$ and C_p is a constant depending only on p .

LEMMA 4. *Let $\omega(z)$ satisfy (A_∞) with two constants Ξ , $0 < \delta \leq 1$. Then, for any $F \in L^2(\mathbf{C}, \omega)$,*

$$\|\mathfrak{G}F\|_{L^2(\mathbf{C}, \omega)} \leq C_\delta \Xi \|F\|_{L^2(\mathbf{C}, \omega)},$$

where

$$\mathfrak{G}F(z) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{|z-\xi| > \epsilon} \frac{F(\xi)}{(z-\xi)^2} d\sigma(\xi)$$

and C_δ is a constant depending only on δ .

3. Proof of Theorem 1.

3.1. Let $h(x)$ be an infinitely differentiable function on $\mathbf{R}$, $A(x)$ a real-valued function on $\mathbf{R}$ with $A' \in M(E_\alpha)$, and $B(x)$ an infinitely differentiable real-valued function on $\mathbf{R}$ with $\|B'\|_{M(E_\alpha)} \leq \|A'\|_{M(E_\alpha)}$. We write simply $N = 1 + \|A'\|_{L^\infty} + \|A'\|_{M(E_\alpha)}$. Let $\Gamma = \{(x, B(x)); x \in \mathbf{R}\}$ and $V = \{x + iy \in \mathbf{C}; y > B(x)\}$. We define

$$\omega(x + iy) = |y - B(x)|^{1-\alpha} \quad (x + iy \in \mathbf{C}).$$

Then $\omega(X^*) \leq \text{Const. } \omega(X)$ ($X \in \mathfrak{X}$). We say that a function $g(z)$ on Γ is differentiable if $\lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0, z+\xi \in \Gamma} \{g(z+\xi) - g(z)\}/\xi$ exists everywhere on Γ . We denote by $E_{\alpha\Gamma}$ the Banach space obtained by the completion of differentiable functions on Γ with compact support with respect to the norm

$$\|g\|_{\alpha\Gamma} = \left\{ \int_\Gamma \int_\Gamma \frac{|g(z) - g(\xi)|^2}{|z - \xi|^{1+\alpha}} |dz| |d\xi| \right\}^{1/2},$$

where dz is the curvilinear integral element. This is the α -energy space on Γ . In this section we estimate $\|C[h, A]\|_{\alpha, \alpha}$.

LEMMA 5. *The function $\omega(z)$ satisfies $(A_{(4-\alpha)/2})$ with a constant $\text{Const. } N$.*

PROOF. We write simply $p = (4 - \alpha)/2$. For $X \in \mathfrak{X}$ we put $l = \sqrt{\sigma(X)}$. First we suppose that $l > \text{dis}(X, \Gamma) (= \eta)$, where $\text{dis}(\cdot, \cdot)$ denotes the distance. Since $\|B'\|_{L^\infty} \leq \text{Const. } N$, we have $\text{dis}(z, z_\Gamma) \leq \text{Const. } Nl$ ($z = x + iy \in X$, $z_\Gamma = x + iB(x)$). Hence,

$$\tilde{m}_X \omega \leq \left\{ \frac{\text{Const.}}{l} \right\} \int_0^{\text{Const. } Nl} s^{1-\alpha} ds = \text{Const. } N^{2-\alpha} l^{1-\alpha}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{m}_X \omega^{-1/(p-1)} &\leq \left\{ \frac{\text{Const.}}{l} \right\} \int_0^{\text{Const. } Nl} s^{(\alpha-1)/(p-1)} ds \\ &= \text{Const. } N^{1+(\alpha-1)/(p-1)} l^{(\alpha-1)/(p-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$(\tilde{m}_X \omega)(\tilde{m}_X \omega^{-1/(p-1)})^{p-1} \leq \text{Const. } N^p.$$

Next we suppose that $l \leq \eta$. Then $\eta \leq \text{dis}(z, z_\Gamma) \leq \text{Const. } N\eta$ ($z \in X$). Hence,

$$\tilde{m}_X \omega \leq \text{Const. } N^{1-\alpha} \eta^{1-\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{m}_X \omega^{-1/(p-1)} \leq \text{Const. } \eta^{(\alpha-1)/(p-1)}.$$

Thus

$$(\tilde{m}_X \omega)(\tilde{m}_X \omega^{-1/(p-1)})^{p-1} \leq \text{Const. } N^{1-\alpha} \leq \text{Const. } N^p. \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

LEMMA 6. *The function $\omega(z)$ satisfies (A_∞) with two constants $\text{Const. } N^{1-\alpha}, 1$.*

PROOF. Let $X \in \mathfrak{X}$ and $E \subset X$. We put $l = \sqrt{\sigma(X)}$ and $\eta = \text{dis}(X, \Gamma)$. If $l \geq \eta$, then $\omega(X) \geq \text{Const. } l^{3-\alpha}$, $\omega(E) \leq \text{Const. } N^{1-\alpha} l^{1-\alpha} \sigma(E)$, and hence, $\omega(E)/\omega(X) \leq \text{Const. } N^{1-\alpha} \sigma(E)/\sigma(X)$. If $l < \eta$, then $\omega(X) \geq \eta^{1-\alpha} l^2$, $\omega(E) \leq \text{Const. } N^{1-\alpha} \eta^{1-\alpha} \sigma(E)$, and hence, $\omega(E)/\omega(X) \leq \text{Const. } N^{1-\alpha} \sigma(E)/\sigma(X)$. Q.E.D.

LEMMA 7 (CARLESON [4, p. 55]). *Let $F(z)$ be a differentiable function in $U = \{x + iy \in \mathbb{C}; y > 0\}$ such that*

$$\|F\|_{\alpha U} = \left\{ \int_U |\nabla F(x + iy)|^2 y^{1-\alpha} d\sigma(x + iy) \right\}^{1/2} < \infty.$$

Then $F_+(x) = \lim_{y \downarrow 0} F(x + iy)$ exists a.e. on $\mathbf{R}$ and $\|F_+\|_\alpha \leq \text{Const. } \|F\|_{\alpha U}$.

LEMMA 8. *Let $\tilde{G}(z)$ be a differentiable function in V such that*

$$\|\tilde{G}\|_{\alpha V} = \left\{ \int_V |\nabla \tilde{G}(z)|^2 \omega(z) d\sigma(z) \right\}^{1/2} < \infty.$$

Then $\tilde{G}_+(z) = \lim_{y \downarrow 0} \tilde{G}(z + iy)$ exists a.e. on Γ and $\|\tilde{G}_+\|_{\alpha \Gamma} \leq \text{Const. } N^2 \|\tilde{G}\|_{\alpha V}$.

PROOF. Let $F(x + iy) = \tilde{G}(x + i(y + B(x)))$ ($x + iy \in U$). Then $\|F\|_{\alpha U} \leq \text{Const. } N \|\tilde{G}\|_{\alpha V}$. Lemma 7 shows that $F_+(x)$ exists a.e. on $\mathbf{R}$ and $\|F_+\|_\alpha \leq \text{Const. } \|F\|_{\alpha U}$. Since $A' \in L^\infty$, $\tilde{G}_+(z) = F_+(\text{Re } z)$ exists a.e. on Γ and

$$\|\tilde{G}_+\|_{\alpha \Gamma} \leq \text{Const. } N \|F_+\|_\alpha \leq \text{Const. } N \|F\|_{\alpha U} \leq \text{Const. } N^2 \|\tilde{G}\|_{\alpha V}. \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

LEMMA 9. For $g \in E_{\alpha\Gamma}$ we define

$$\mathfrak{G}g(z) = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{g(\xi)}{z - \xi} d\xi \quad (z \in V).$$

Then $\mathfrak{G}_+g(z) = \lim_{y \downarrow 0} \mathfrak{G}g(z + iy)$ exists a.e. on Γ and

$$\|\mathfrak{G}_+g\|_{\alpha\Gamma} \leq \text{Const. } N^{4-\alpha} \|g\|_{\alpha\Gamma}.$$

PROOF. Let $f(x) = g(x + iB(x))$ and $F(x + iy) = R_y * f(x)$ ($y > 0$), where $R_y(x) = y/\{\pi(x^2 + y^2)\}$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (16) \quad \|F\|_{\alpha V}^2 &= \text{Const.} \int_0^\infty y^{1-\alpha} dy \int_{\mathbf{R}} |\hat{R}_y(\xi) \xi \hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \\ &= \text{Const.} \int_{\mathbf{R}} |\xi|^\alpha |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi = \text{Const.} \|f\|_\alpha^2 \leq \text{Const. } N^{1+\alpha} \|g\|_{\alpha\Gamma}^2. \end{aligned}$$

We put $G(x + iy) = F(x + i(y - B(x)))$ ($x + iy \in V$). Then

$$g(z) = \lim_{y \downarrow 0} G(z + iy) \quad \text{a.e. on } \Gamma.$$

By (16) we have

$$\|G\|_{\alpha V} \leq \text{Const. } N \|F\|_{\alpha V} \leq \text{Const. } N^{(3+\alpha)/2} \|g\|_{\alpha\Gamma}.$$

We fix $z \in V$, $\varepsilon > 0$, and apply Green's formula to $G(\xi)$ and $1/(z - \xi)$ in $V_\varepsilon = V - \{\xi; |z - \xi| \leq s\}$ ($0 < s \leq \varepsilon$). Then

$$(17) \quad \mathfrak{G}g(z) = \int_{|z-\xi|=s} \frac{G(\xi)}{z - \xi} d\xi - 2i \int_{V_\varepsilon} \frac{\partial G(\xi)/\partial \bar{\xi}}{z - \xi} d\sigma(\xi)$$

as long as $\text{dis}(z, \Gamma) > \varepsilon$. Integrating each quantity in (17) by $(2/\varepsilon) ds$ in $(\varepsilon/2, \varepsilon)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (18) \quad \mathfrak{G}g(z) &= -\frac{2i}{\varepsilon} \int_{\varepsilon/2}^\varepsilon ds \int_0^{2\pi} G(z + se^{it}) dt \\ &\quad - 2i \int_V \frac{\rho_\varepsilon(z - \xi)(\partial G(\xi)/\partial \bar{\xi})}{z - \xi} d\sigma(\xi), \end{aligned}$$

where $\rho_\varepsilon(w) = 0$ ($|w| \leq \varepsilon/2$), $\rho_\varepsilon(w) = (2/\varepsilon)(|w| - \varepsilon/2)$ ($\varepsilon/2 < |w| \leq \varepsilon$) and $\rho_\varepsilon(w) = 1$ ($|w| > \varepsilon$). We denote by $I^\varepsilon(z)$ and $J^\varepsilon(z)$ the first and second quantities, respectively, on the right side of (18). Note that $(\partial G/\partial \bar{\xi})\tilde{\chi}_V \in L^2(\mathbf{C}, \omega)$, where $\tilde{\chi}_V(z)$ denotes the characteristic function of V . Lemmas 3–6 show that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathfrak{G}(\partial G/\partial \bar{\xi} \cdot \tilde{\chi}_V)\|_{L^2(\mathbf{C}, \omega)} &\leq \text{Const. } N \|\tilde{m}(\partial G/\partial \bar{\xi} \cdot \tilde{\chi}_V)\|_{L^2(\mathbf{C}, \omega)} \\ &\leq \text{Const. } N^{2-\alpha} \|\partial G/\partial \bar{\xi} \cdot \tilde{\chi}_V\|_{L^2(\mathbf{C}, \omega)} \leq \text{Const. } N^{2-\alpha} \|G\|_{\alpha V}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (\partial I^\varepsilon/\partial \xi)(x + iy) = -2\pi i (\partial G/\partial \xi)(x + iy)$ a.e. in V ($\xi = x, y$) and $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (\partial J^\varepsilon/\partial \xi)(x + iy) = 2iq \mathfrak{G}(\partial G/\partial \bar{\xi} \cdot \tilde{\chi}_V)(x + iy)$ a.e. in V , where $q = 1$ if $\xi = x$ and $q = i$ if $\xi = y$. Hence, we have

$$(\partial \mathfrak{G}g/\partial \xi)(x + iy) = -2\pi i (\partial G/\partial \xi)(x + iy) + 2iq \mathfrak{G}(\partial G/\partial \bar{\xi} \cdot \tilde{\chi}_V)(x + iy)$$

a.e. in V ($\xi = x, y$). Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathfrak{G}g\|_{\alpha V} &= \|\nabla \mathfrak{G}g\|_{L^2(\mathbf{C}, \omega)} \leq \text{Const.} \|\nabla G\|_{L^2(\mathbf{C}, \omega)} \\ &\quad + \text{Const.} \|\mathfrak{G}(\partial G/\partial \bar{\xi} \cdot \tilde{\chi}_V)\|_{L^2(\mathbf{C}, \omega)} \leq \text{Const. } N^{2-\alpha} \|G\|_{\alpha V}. \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 8 with $\tilde{G}(z) = \mathfrak{G}g(z)$, we obtain the required assertion. Q.E.D.

LEMMA 10. *Let*

$$C[B](x, y) = 1/\{(x - y) + i(B(x) - B(y))\}.$$

Then $\|C[B]\|_{\alpha, \alpha} \leq \text{Const. } N^{(13-\alpha)/2}$.

PROOF. For $f \in C_0^\infty$ we put $\tilde{f}(x) = f(x)(1 + iB'(x))$. Then

$$C[B]\tilde{f}(x) = \mathfrak{G}_+g(x + iB(x)) - \pi if(x),$$

where $g(z) = f(\text{Re } z)$ ($z \in \Gamma$) (cf. [3]). Thus Lemma 9 shows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|C[B]\tilde{f}\|_\alpha &\leq \|\mathfrak{G}_+g(\cdot + iB(\cdot))\|_\alpha + \pi\|f\|_\alpha \\ &\leq N^{(1+\alpha)/2}\|\mathfrak{G}_+g\|_{\alpha\Gamma} + \pi N\|\tilde{f}\|_\alpha \leq \text{Const. } N^{(9-\alpha)/2}\|g\|_{\alpha\Gamma} + \pi N\|\tilde{f}\|_\alpha \\ &\leq \text{Const. } N^{(11-\alpha)/2}\|f\|_\alpha + N\|\tilde{f}\|_\alpha \leq \text{Const. } N^{(13-\alpha)/2}\|\tilde{f}\|_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\{f(1 + iB'); f \in C_0^\infty\}$ is dense in E_α , (15) shows the required inequality. Q.E.D.

LEMMA 11. $\|C[e^{i\cdot}, B]\|_{\alpha, \alpha} \leq \text{Const. } N^{(15-\alpha)/2}$.

PROOF. We consider the anticlockwise contour $\Lambda = \Lambda_1 \cup \Lambda_2 \cup \Lambda_3 \cup \Lambda_4$, where $\Lambda_1 = \{x + iy; |x| \leq 2N, y = -1\}$, $\Lambda_2 = \{x + iy; x = 2N, |y| \leq 1\}$, $\Lambda_3 = \{x + iy; |x| \leq 2N, y = 1\}$ and $\Lambda_4 = \{x + iy; x = -2N, |y| \leq 1\}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} C[e^{i\cdot}, B](x, y) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Lambda} \frac{e^{i\xi}}{\xi(x - y) - (B(x) - B(y))} d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{j=1}^4 \int_{\Lambda_j} \left(= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{j=1}^4 C[\Lambda_j](x, y), \text{ say} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Let $f \in C_0^\infty$. Then we have

$$C[\Lambda_1]f(x) = e^{\int_{-2N}^{2N} C[s \cdot -B(\cdot)] f(x) ds} \quad \text{a.e.,}$$

and hence, by Lemma 10,

$$\|C[\Lambda_1]f\|_\alpha \leq \text{Const.} \int_{-2N}^{2N} \|C[s \cdot -B(\cdot)]f\|_\alpha ds \leq \text{Const. } N^{(15-\alpha)/2}\|f\|_\alpha.$$

In the same manner $\|C[\Lambda_3]f\|_\alpha \leq \text{Const. } N^{(15-\alpha)/2}\|f\|_\alpha$. We have

$$C[\Lambda_2]f(x) = e^{2Ni} \int_{-1}^1 \tilde{C}^s f(x) e^{-s} ds \quad \text{a.e.,}$$

where

$$\tilde{C}^s(x, y) = 1/\{(2Nx - B(x)) - (2Ny - B(y)) + is(x - y)\}.$$

We now consider a mapping $x \rightarrow \bar{x} = 2Nx - B(x)$, its inverse mapping $\tau(\bar{x}) = x$, and put $h(\bar{x}) = f \circ \tau(\bar{x})/(2N - B' \circ \tau(\bar{x}))$. Then $\tilde{C}^s f(x) = C[s\tau]h(2Nx - B(x))$ a.e. Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (19) \quad \|C[\Lambda_2]f\|_\alpha &\leq \text{Const.} \int_{-1}^1 \|\tilde{C}^s f\|_\alpha ds = \text{Const.} \int_{-1}^1 \|C[s\tau]h(2N \cdot -B(\cdot))\|_\alpha ds \\ &\leq \text{Const. } N^{(\alpha-1)/2} \int_{-1}^1 \|C[s\tau]h\|_\alpha ds \\ &\leq \text{Const. } N^{(\alpha-1)/2} \int_{-1}^1 \|C[s\tau]\|_{\alpha, \alpha} ds \|h\|_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

By (9)

$$\begin{aligned}\|\tau'\|_{M(E_\alpha)} &= \|1/(2N - B' \circ \tau)\|_{M(E_\alpha)} \\ &\leq \text{Const.} \left\{ 1/N + \|B' \circ \tau\|_{M(E_\alpha)}/N^2 \right\} \leq \text{Const.}/N.\end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 10 with $B(x) = s\tau(x)$, we have

$$\int_{-1}^1 \|C[s\tau]\|_{\alpha, \alpha} ds \leq \int_{-1}^1 \left\{ 1 + \|s\tau\|_{L^\infty} + \|s\tau\|_{M(E_\alpha)} \right\}^{(13-\alpha)/2} ds \leq \text{Const.}$$

We also have

$$\|h\|_\alpha \leq \|\tau'\|_{M(E_\alpha)} \|f \circ \tau\|_\alpha \leq \text{Const. } N^{-(1+\alpha)/2} \|f\|_\alpha.$$

Thus the last quantity in (19) is dominated by $\text{Const.}/N \cdot \|f\|_\alpha$. In the same manner

$$\|C[\Lambda_4]f\|_\alpha \leq \text{Const.}/N \cdot \|f\|_\alpha.$$

Consequently,

$$\|C[e^{i\cdot}, B]f\|_\alpha \leq \text{Const. } N^{(15-\alpha)/2} \|f\|_\alpha.$$

Since C_0^∞ is dense in E_α , (15) yields the required inequality. Q.E.D.

LEMMA 12.

$$\|C[h, A]\|_{\alpha, \alpha} \leq \text{Const. } d_h^*(N) N^{(17-\alpha)/2},$$

where $d_h^*(N) = \sum_{j=0}^9 \max\{|h^{(j)}(x)|; |x| \leq 2N\}$.

PROOF. We choose a function $\gamma(x)$ in C_0^∞ so that $\gamma(x) = 1$ ($|x| \leq 1$), $\gamma(x) = 0$ ($|x| \geq 2$), and put $\gamma^*(x) = \gamma(x/N)$. Then

$$|(\widehat{h\gamma^*})(\xi)| \leq \frac{\text{Const.}}{(1 + |\xi|)^9} \int_{\mathbf{R}} |(h\gamma^*)^{(9)}(x)| dx \leq \frac{\text{Const. } d_h^*(N) N}{(1 + |\xi|)^9}.$$

Let $A_m(x) = \int_0^x A' * \phi_m(s) ds$ ($m \geq 1$, $\phi_m(x) = \sqrt{m/\pi} e^{-mx^2}$). Then we have, for any $m \geq 1$ and $f \in C_0^\infty$,

$$C[h, A_m]f(x) = C[h\gamma^*, A_m]f(x) = \text{Const.} \int_{\mathbf{R}} (\widehat{h\gamma^*})(\xi) C[e^{i\cdot}, \xi A_m]f(x) d\xi \quad \text{a.e.}$$

Since $\|A'(\cdot - y)\|_{M(E_\alpha)} = \|A'\|_{M(E_\alpha)}$ for any $y \in \mathbf{R}$, we have $\|A'_m\|_{M(E_\alpha)} \leq \|A'\|_{M(E_\alpha)}$, and hence,

$$\tilde{N}(\xi A_m) = 1 + \|\xi A'_m\|_{L^\infty} + \|\xi A'_m\|_{M(E_\alpha)} \leq (1 + |\xi|) N.$$

Using Lemma 11, with $B(x) = \xi A_m(x)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|C[h, A_m]f\|_\alpha &\leq \text{Const.} \int_{\mathbf{R}} |(\widehat{h\gamma^*})(\xi)| \|C[e^{i\cdot}, \xi A_m]f\|_\alpha d\xi \\ &\leq \text{Const. } d_h^*(N) N \int_{\mathbf{R}} \frac{\tilde{N}(\xi A_m)^{(15-\alpha)/2}}{(1 + |\xi|)^9} d\xi \|f\|_\alpha \\ &\leq \text{Const. } d_h^*(N) N^{(17-\alpha)/2} \|f\|_\alpha.\end{aligned}$$

Thus Fatou's lemma and (13) show that, for some subsequence $(A_{m_j})_{j=1}^\infty$,

$$\|C[h, A]f\|_\alpha \leq \liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|C[h, A_{m_j}]f\|_\alpha \leq \text{Const.} d_h^*(N) N^{(17-\alpha)/2} \|f\|_\alpha.$$

Since C_0^∞ is dense in E_α , we have the required inequality. Q.E.D.

3.2. In this section we discuss the pointwise existence of $C[h, A]f(x)$ for $f \in E_\alpha$.

LEMMA 13. $\text{cap}_\alpha(x; C[h, A]^*f(x) > \lambda) \leq (\text{Const.}/\lambda^2) d_h(N) N^{10} \|f\|_\alpha$ ($\lambda > 0, f \in E_\alpha$).

PROOF. We write simply $d^* = d_h(N) N^{10}$. Inequality (14) gives that, for any $x \in \mathbf{R}$,

$$\begin{aligned} C[h, A]^*f(x) &\leq \text{Const.} \{ \mathfrak{M}(C[h, A]f)(x) + d_h(\|A'\|_{L^\infty})(1 + \|A'\|_{L^\infty})^{10} \mathfrak{M}f(x) \} \\ &\leq \text{Const.} \{ \mathfrak{M}(C[h, A]f)(x) + d^* \mathfrak{M}f(x) \}. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 12 and (8) we have, with two absolute constants c_1, c_2 ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cap}_\alpha(x; C[h, A]^*f(x) > \lambda) &\leq \text{cap}_\alpha(x; \mathfrak{M}(C[h, A]f)(x) > c_1\lambda) + \text{cap}_\alpha(x; d^* \mathfrak{M}f(x) > c_2\lambda) \\ &\leq (\text{Const.}/\lambda^2) \{ \|C[h, A]f\|_\alpha^2 + d^* \|f\|_\alpha^2 \} \\ &\leq (\text{Const.}/\lambda^2) d^* \|f\|_\alpha^2. \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 14. Let $n \geq 0$. Then

$$(*)_n \quad C[t^n, A]f(x) \text{ exists } \alpha\text{-q.e. for any } f \in E_\alpha.$$

PROOF. We inductively prove $(*)_n$. We have, for any $f \in C_0^\infty$,

$$C[t^0, A]_\epsilon f(x) = - \int_{|x-y|>\epsilon} \frac{f(x) - f(y)}{x-y} dy \quad (\epsilon > 0).$$

Hence $C[t^0, A]f(x)$ exists everywhere. From this and Lemma 13, $(*)_0$ is deduced.

Let $f \in C_0^\infty$. Then we have by integration by parts,

$$\begin{aligned} (20) \quad C[t^n, A]_\epsilon f(x) &= C[t^{n-1}, A]_\epsilon (A'f)(x) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{n} \left\{ \left(\frac{A(x+\epsilon) - A(x)}{\epsilon} \right)^n f(x+\epsilon) - \left(\frac{A(x) - A(x-\epsilon)}{\epsilon} \right)^n f(x-\epsilon) \right\} \\ &\quad - \int_{|x-y|>\epsilon} \frac{(A(x) - A(y))^n}{(x-y)^n} f'(y) dy \quad (\epsilon > 0). \end{aligned}$$

By $(*)_{n-1}$, $C[t^{n-1}, A](A'f)(x)$ exists α -q.e. By (6) the second quantity on the right side of (20) tends to zero as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ except for a set of α -capacity zero. The third quantity tends to zero as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ everywhere. Thus $C[t^n, A]f(x)$ exists α -q.e. From this and Lemma 13, $(*)_n$ is deduced. Q.E.D.

LEMMA 15. Let $f \in E_\alpha$. Then $C[h, A]f(x)$ exists α -q.e.

PROOF. We put

$$\begin{aligned} D_m(x, y) &= \int_{m-1 < |\xi| \leq m} \hat{h}(\xi) C[e^{i\cdot}, \xi A](x, y) d\xi = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n^{(m)} C[t^n, A](x, y) \\ &\quad \left(x \neq y, m \geq 1; u_n^{(m)} = \frac{i^n}{n!} \int_{m-1 < |\xi| \leq m} \hat{h}(\xi) \xi^n d\xi \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then we have, for any $f \in C_0^\infty$ and $m \geq 1$,

$$D_m^* f(x) \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} v_n^{(m)} C[t^n, A]^* f(x)$$

everywhere ($v_n^{(m)} = |u_n^{(m)}|$). Since $d_{t^n}(N) \leq \text{Const.}(n+1)^{11}N^n$, we have, by (5) and (14),

$$\begin{aligned} C[t^n, A]^* f(x) &\leq \text{Const.} \{ \mathfrak{M}(C[t^n, A]f)(x) + d_{t^n}(N)N^{10}\mathfrak{M}f(x) \} \\ &\leq \text{Const.} \kappa_{\alpha/2} * \{ \mathfrak{M}g_n + (n+1)^{11}N^{n+10}\mathfrak{M}g \}(x) \quad \text{everywhere } (n \geq 0), \end{aligned}$$

where $g_n(x)$ and $g(x)$ are defined by $C[t^n, A]f(x) = \kappa_{\alpha/2} * g_n(x)$ and $f(x) = \kappa_{\alpha/2} * g(x)$ a.e. We have, for any $x \in \mathbf{R}$ and $m \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} D_m^* f(x) &\leq \text{Const.} \left\{ \kappa_{\alpha/2} * \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} v_n^{(m)} [\mathfrak{M}g_n + (n+1)^{11}N^{n+10}\mathfrak{M}g] \right\}(x) \\ &\quad (= \text{Const.} \kappa_{\alpha/2} * h_m(x), \text{ say}). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \|\kappa_{\alpha/2} * h_m\|_\alpha &= \text{Const.} \|h_m\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq \text{Const.} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} v_n^{(m)} \{ \|\mathfrak{M}g_n\|_{L^2} + (n+1)^{11}N^{n+10}\|\mathfrak{M}g\|_{L^2} \} \\ &\leq \text{Const.} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} v_n^{(m)} \{ \|g_n\|_{L^2} + (n+1)^{11}N^{n+10}\|g\|_{L^2} \} \\ &= \text{Const.} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} v_n^{(m)} \{ \|C[t^n, A]f\|_\alpha + (n+1)^{11}N^{n+10}\|f\|_\alpha \} \\ &\leq \text{Const.} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} v_n^{(m)} \{ d_{t^n}^*(N)N^{(17-\alpha)/2} + (n+1)^{11}N^{n+10} \} \|f\|_\alpha \\ &\leq \text{Const.} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} v_n^{(m)} (n+1)^{11}N^{n+10} \right\} \|f\|_\alpha < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 13 shows that $D_m^* f(x) < \infty$ α -q.e. ($m \geq 1$). Since the α -capacity of a set where $C[t^n, A]f(x)$ does not exist for some $n \geq 0$ is equal to zero according to Lemma 14, the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem gives that $D_m f(x)$ exists α -q.e. ($m \geq 1$). We also have

$$\begin{aligned} C[h, A]^* f(x) &\leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} D_m^* f(x) \\ &\leq \text{Const.} \int_{\mathbf{R}} |\hat{h}(\xi)| C[e^{i\cdot}, \xi A]^* f(x) d\xi \quad \text{everywhere.} \end{aligned}$$

In the same manner as above, we have $\int_{\mathbf{R}} |\hat{h}(\xi)| C[e^{i\cdot}, \xi A]^* f(x) d\xi < \infty$ α -q.e. Since the α -capacity of a set where $D_m f(x)$ does not exist for some $m \geq 1$ is equal to zero, $C[h, A]f(x)$ exists α -q.e. Q.E.D.

Lemmas 12 and 15 show that $C[h, A]$ is α -bounded. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

4. Proof of Theorem 2.

4.1. We begin by showing some lemmas. Let $E_{-\alpha}$ be the Banach space of distributions on $\mathbf{R}$ obtained by the completion of C_0^∞ with respect to the norm

$$\|f\|_{-\alpha} = \left\{ \int_{\mathbf{R}} |\xi|^{-\alpha} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \right\}^{1/2}.$$

This is the dual space of E_α [10, p. 354]. We denote by $(\cdot, \cdot)$ the inner product of functions on $\mathbf{R}$ with respect to the measure dx . Let $\mathbf{P}_y, \mathbf{Q}_y$ be the operators defined by $\mathbf{P}_y f = P_y * f$, $\mathbf{Q}_y f = Q_y * f$ ($y > 0$, $f \in C_0^\infty$). Let $\mathbf{M}_a$ denote the multiplication operator associated with a function $a(x)$ on $\mathbf{R}$. For $h_0(x) = x$ and a complex-valued continuous function $A(x)$ on $\mathbf{R}$, we denote by $C[h_0, A]$ the operator associated with a kernel $(A(x) - A(y))/(x - y)^2$. We denote the identity operator by $\mathbf{I}$.

LEMMA 16 (COIFMAN - MCINTOSH - MEYER [8]). *Let $a \in L^\infty$. Then*

$$C[h_0, A] = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_\varepsilon^{1/\varepsilon} \{ \mathbf{P}_y \mathbf{M}_a \mathbf{Q}_y + \mathbf{Q}_y \mathbf{M}_a \mathbf{P}_y \} \frac{dy}{y} \quad \text{on } C_0^\infty,$$

where $A(x) = \int_0^x a(s) ds$.

LEMMA 17. *Let $a \in \text{BMO}$. Then, as operators on C_0^∞ :*

$$(21) \quad \mathbf{M}_{(Q_y * a)} \mathbf{P}_y = \mathbf{Q}_y \mathbf{M}_a \mathbf{P}_y - \mathbf{P}_y \mathbf{M}_{(P_y * a)} \mathbf{Q}_y - \mathbf{Q}_y \mathbf{M}_{(Q_y * a)} \mathbf{Q}_y.$$

$$(22) \quad \mathbf{M}_{(P_y * a)} \mathbf{Q}_y = \mathbf{P}_y \mathbf{M}_{(P_y * a)} \mathbf{Q}_y - \mathbf{Q}_y \mathbf{M}_{(Q_y * a)} \mathbf{Q}_y + \mathbf{Q}_y \mathbf{M}_{(P_y * a)} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_y).$$

$$(23) \quad \mathbf{M}_{(Q_y * a)} \mathbf{Q}_y = \mathbf{P}_y \mathbf{M}_{(Q_y * a)} \mathbf{Q}_y + \mathbf{Q}_y \mathbf{M}_{(a - P_y * a)} \mathbf{Q}_y + \mathbf{Q}_y \mathbf{M}_{(Q_y * a)} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_y).$$

PROOF. Equality (21) is already known [8, p. 371]. Since the proofs of other equalities are analogous, we give only the sketch of the proof of (22). We may assume that $a(x) = e^{isx}$ ($s \in \mathbf{R}$). Note that

$$\hat{P}_y(\xi) = 1/(1 + \xi^2 y^2), \quad \hat{Q}_y(\xi) = -i\xi y/(1 + \xi^2 y^2).$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1 + s^2 y^2} \frac{-i\xi y}{1 + \xi^2 y^2} &= \frac{1}{1 + (s + \xi)^2 y^2} \frac{1}{1 + s^2 y^2} \frac{-i\xi y}{1 + \xi^2 y^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{-i(s + \xi)y}{1 + (s + \xi)^2 y^2} \frac{-isy}{1 + s^2 y^2} \frac{-i\xi y}{1 + \xi^2 y^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{-i(s + \xi)y}{1 + (s + \xi)^2 y^2} \frac{1}{1 + s^2 y^2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \xi^2 y^2} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

which gives (22). Q.E.D.

We write $\beta = \alpha/2$. We say that a nonnegative measure $d\mu(z)$ on $U = \{x + iy \in \mathbf{C}; y > 0\}$ is a $(\beta, 1/y)$ -measure with a constant Ξ if, for any $\lambda \geq 1$ and any finite interval I in $\mathbf{R}$,

$$\int_{S(\lambda, I)} d\mu(z) \leq \Xi \lambda^\beta |I|,$$

where

$$S(\lambda, I) = \{x + iy \in \mathbf{C}; x \in I, \lambda|I| < y \leq 2\lambda|I|\}.$$

LEMMA 18. Let $a \in \text{BMO}$. Then $|a(x) - P_y * a(x)|^2 d\sigma(x + iy)/y$ and $|Q_y * a(x)|^2 d\sigma(x + iy)/y$ are $(\beta, 1/y)$ -measures with a constant $\text{Const.} \|a\|_{\text{BMO}}^2$.

PROOF. We have, for any $x + iy \in S(\lambda, I)$,

$$a(x) - P_y * a(x) = \{a(x) - m_J a\} - P_y * (a - m_J a)(x),$$

where J is an interval with the same midpoint as I and of length $2|I|$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{S(\lambda, I)} |a(x) - m_J a|^2 \frac{d\sigma(x + iy)}{y} &= \log 2 \int_I |a(x) - m_J a|^2 dx \\ &\leq \text{Const.} \|a\|_{\text{BMO}}^2 |I| \end{aligned}$$

(cf. [9, p. 141]). Since

$$\int_{|x-s|>|J|} \frac{|a(s) - m_J a|}{|x-s|^{1+\beta/2}} ds \leq \text{Const.} \|a\|_{\text{BMO}} |J|^{-\beta/2} \quad (x \in I)$$

(cf. [9, p. 142]), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{S(\lambda, I)} |P_y * (a - m_J a)(x)|^2 \frac{d\sigma(x + iy)}{y} \\ &\leq \int_{S(1, I)} P_{\lambda y} * |a - m_J a|(x)^2 \frac{d\sigma(x + iy)}{y} \\ &\leq \text{Const.} \int_{S(1, I)} \frac{d\sigma(x + iy)}{y} \left\{ \int_{\mathbf{R}} \frac{\lambda y}{(x-s)^2 + (\lambda y)^2} |a(s) - m_J a| ds \right\}^2 \\ &\leq \text{Const.} \int_{S(1, I)} \frac{d\sigma(x + iy)}{y} \\ &\quad \cdot \left\{ \frac{1}{|J|} \int_{|x-s| \leq |J|} |a(s) - m_J a| ds + (\lambda y)^{\beta/2} \int_{|x-s| > |J|} \frac{|a(s) - m_J a|}{|x-s|^{1+\beta/2}} ds \right\}^2 \\ &\leq \text{Const.} \|a\|_{\text{BMO}}^2 \int_{S(1, I)} \left\{ 1 + (\lambda y)^\beta |J|^{-\beta} \right\} \frac{d\sigma(x + iy)}{y} \\ &\leq \text{Const.} \|a\|_{\text{BMO}}^2 \lambda^\beta |I|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $|a(x) - P_y * a(x)|^2 d\sigma(x + iy)/y$ is a $(\beta, 1/y)$ -measure with a constant $\text{Const.} \|a\|_{\text{BMO}}^2$.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{S(\lambda, I)} |Q_y * a(x)|^2 \frac{d\sigma(x + iy)}{y} \\ &= \int_{S(1, I)} |Q_{\lambda y} * (a - m_J a)(x)|^2 \frac{d\sigma(x + iy)}{y} \\ &\leq \int_{S(1, I)} P_{\lambda y} * |a - m_J a|(x)^2 \frac{d\sigma(x + iy)}{y} \leq \text{Const.} \|a\|_{\text{BMO}}^2 \lambda^\beta |I|, \end{aligned}$$

and hence, $|Q_y * a(x)|^2 d\sigma(x + iy)/y$ is also a $(\beta, 1/y)$ -measure with a constant $\text{Const.} \|a\|_{\text{BMO}}^2$. Q.E.D.

LEMMA 19. For $f \in C_0^\infty$, we put

$$(24) \quad u(x, y) = \int_{\mathbf{R}} R_y(x-s) |f(s) - f(x)| ds \quad (x + iy \in U),$$

$$(25) \quad v(x, y) = \int_{\mathbf{R}} R_y(x-s) |f(s) - R_{y/2} * f(x)| ds \quad (x + iy \in U),$$

where $R_y(x) = y/\{\pi(x^2 + y^2)\}$. Then, for any $n \geq 0$ and any finite interval I ,

$$\sup_{x+iy \in S_n(I)} v(x, 2^{-n}y) \leq \text{Const.} \inf_{x+iy \in S_n(I)} u(x, 2^{-n}y) \quad (S_n(I) = S(2^n, I)).$$

PROOF. Let $x + iy, \bar{x} + i\bar{y} \in S_n(I)$. Then $R_{2^{-n}y}(x-s) \leq \text{Const.} R_{2^{-n}\bar{y}}(\bar{x}-s)$ ($s \in \mathbf{R}$). We have

$$\begin{aligned} v(x, 2^{-n}y) &\leq \text{Const.} \int_{\mathbf{R}} R_{2^{-n}\bar{y}}(\bar{x}-s) |f(s) - R_{2^{-n-1}y} * f(x)| ds \\ &\leq \text{Const.} u(\bar{x}, 2^{-n}\bar{y}) + \text{Const.} \int_{\mathbf{R}} R_{2^{-n}\bar{y}}(\bar{x}-s) |R_{2^{-n-1}y} * f(x) - f(\bar{x})| ds \\ &\leq \text{Const.} u(\bar{x}, 2^{-n}\bar{y}) + \text{Const.} \int_{\mathbf{R}} R_{2^{-n-1}y}(x-s) |f(s) - f(\bar{x})| ds \\ &\leq \text{Const.} u(\bar{x}, 2^{-n}\bar{y}), \end{aligned}$$

and hence, the required inequality holds. Q.E.D.

LEMMA 20. Let $d\mu(z)$ be a $(\beta, 1/y)$ -measure with a constant Ξ . Then for any $f \in C_0^\infty$:

$$(26) \quad \int_U |f(x) - P_y * f(x)|^2 \frac{d\mu(x + iy)}{y^\alpha} \leq \text{Const.} \Xi \|f\|_\alpha^2.$$

$$(27) \quad \int_U |Q_y * f(x)|^2 \frac{d\mu(x + iy)}{y^\alpha} \leq \text{Const.} \Xi \|f\|_\alpha^2.$$

PROOF. We have

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_U |f(x) - P_y * f(x)|^2 \frac{d\mu(x + iy)}{y^\alpha} \\ &\leq \text{Const.} \int_U u(x, y)^2 \frac{d\mu(x + iy)}{y^\alpha} \\ &\leq \text{Const.} \int_U \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} v(x, 2^{-n}y) \right\}^2 \frac{d\mu(x + iy)}{y^\alpha} \\ &\leq \text{Const.} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)^2 \int_U v(x, 2^{-n}y)^2 \frac{d\mu(x + iy)}{y^\alpha} \\ &\quad \left(= \text{Const.} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)^2 l_n, \text{ say} \right). \end{aligned}$$

We fix $n \geq 0$ and divide U into countable rectangles $\{\tilde{S}_{j,k}\}_{j,k=-\infty}^{\infty}$, where $\tilde{S}_{j,k} = S_n(I_{j,k})$, $I_{j,k} = (j2^{k-n}, (j+1)2^{k-n}]$ ($j, k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$). Since $d\mu(z)$ is a $(\beta, 1/\gamma)$ -measure with a constant Ξ , we have, by Lemma 19,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (28) \quad l_n &= \sum_{j,k=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{\tilde{S}_{j,k}} v(x, 2^{-n}y)^2 \frac{d\mu(x+iy)}{y^\alpha} \\
 &\leq \text{Const.} \sum_{j,k=-\infty}^{\infty} (2^n |I_{j,k}|)^{-\alpha} \int_{\tilde{S}_{j,k}} d\mu(z) \sup_{x+iy \in \tilde{S}_{j,k}} v(x, 2^{-n}y)^2 \\
 &\leq \text{Const.} \Xi 2^{n\beta} \sum_{j,k=-\infty}^{\infty} (2^n |I_{j,k}|)^{-\alpha} |I_{j,k}| \inf_{x+iy \in \tilde{S}_{j,k}} u(x, 2^{-n}y)^2 \\
 &\leq \text{Const.} \Xi 2^{n\beta} \sum_{j,k=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{\tilde{S}_{j,k}} u(x, 2^{-n}y)^2 \frac{d\sigma(x+iy)}{y^{1+\alpha}} \\
 &= \text{Const.} \Xi 2^{n\beta} \int_U u(x, 2^{-n}y)^2 \frac{d\sigma(x+iy)}{y^{1+\alpha}} \\
 &= \text{Const.} \Xi 2^{(\beta-\alpha)n} \int_U u(x, y)^2 \frac{d\sigma(x+iy)}{y^{1+\alpha}} \\
 &\leq \text{Const.} \Xi 2^{(\beta-\alpha)n} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{y^{1+\alpha}} dy \int_{\mathbf{R}} \int_{\mathbf{R}} R_y(x-s) |f(s) - f(x)|^2 ds dx \\
 &= \text{Const.} \Xi 2^{(\beta-\alpha)n} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \frac{|f(s) - f(x)|^2}{|x-s|^{1+\alpha}} ds dx \\
 &= \text{Const.} \Xi 2^{(\beta-\alpha)n} \|f\|_\alpha^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$l \leq \text{Const.} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)^2 2^{(\beta-\alpha)n} \right\} \Xi \|f\|_\alpha^2.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_U |Q_y * f(x)|^2 \frac{d\mu(x+iy)}{y^\alpha} \\
 &= \int_U \left| \int_{\mathbf{R}} Q_y(x-s) \{f(s) - R_{y/2} * f(x)\} ds \right|^2 \frac{d\mu(x+iy)}{y^\alpha} \\
 &\leq \text{Const.} \int_U v(x, y)^2 \frac{d\mu(x+iy)}{y^\alpha} = \text{Const.} l_0,
 \end{aligned}$$

and hence, we obtain (27) by (28). Q.E.D.

4.2. In this section we prove Theorem 2. Let $a \in M(E_\alpha)$, $f, g \in C_0^\infty$. Then we have, with $A(x) = \int_0^x a(s) ds$,

(29)

$$\begin{aligned}
(T_a[\mathfrak{D}, \mathfrak{B}]f, g) &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^{1/\epsilon} (\mathbf{M}_{(Q_y * a)} \mathbf{P}_y f, g) \frac{dy}{y} \\
&= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^{1/\epsilon} \left\{ (\mathbf{M}_a \mathbf{P}_y f, \mathbf{Q}_y g) - (\mathbf{M}_{(P_y * a)} \mathbf{Q}_y f, \mathbf{P}_y g) - (\mathbf{M}_{(Q_y * a)} \mathbf{Q}_y f, \mathbf{Q}_y g) \right\} \frac{dy}{y} \\
&= (C[h_0, A]f, g) - \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^{1/\epsilon} (\mathbf{M}_a \mathbf{Q}_y f, \mathbf{P}_y g) \frac{dy}{y} \\
&\quad - \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^{1/\epsilon} (\mathbf{M}_{(P_y * a)} \mathbf{Q}_y f, \mathbf{P}_y g) \frac{dy}{y} \\
&\quad - \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^{1/\epsilon} (\mathbf{M}_{(Q_y * a)} \mathbf{Q}_y f, \mathbf{Q}_y g) \frac{dy}{y} \\
&= L_1 - L_2 - L_3 - L_4,
\end{aligned}$$

according to Lemma 16 and (21). Theorem 1 shows that

$$|L_1| \leq \|C[h_0, A]f\|_{\alpha} \|g\|_{-\alpha} \leq \|C[h_0, A]\|_{\alpha, \alpha} \|f\|_{\alpha} \|g\|_{-\alpha}.$$

Since $a \in L^{\infty}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|L_2|^2 &\leq \int_U |a(x) Q_y * f(x)|^2 \frac{d\sigma(x + iy)}{y^{1+\alpha}} \int_U |P_y * g(x)|^2 \frac{d\sigma(x + iy)}{y^{1-\alpha}} \\
&\leq \|a\|_{L^{\infty}}^2 \int_U |Q_y * f(x)|^2 \frac{d\sigma(x + iy)}{y^{1+\alpha}} \int_U |P_y * g(x)|^2 \frac{d\sigma(x + iy)}{y^{1-\alpha}} \\
&= \text{Const.} \|a\|_{L^{\infty}}^2 \|f\|_{\alpha}^2 \|g\|_{-\alpha}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

In the same manner we have

$$|L_3|^2 + |L_4|^2 \leq \text{Const.} \|a\|_{L^{\infty}}^2 \|f\|_{\alpha}^2 \|g\|_{-\alpha}^2.$$

Since $g \in C_0^{\infty}$ is arbitrary, we have

$$\|T_a[\mathfrak{D}, \mathfrak{B}]f\|_{\alpha} \leq \text{Const.} \{ \|C[h_0, A]\|_{\alpha, \alpha} + \|a\|_{L^{\infty}} \} \|f\|_{\alpha}$$

for any $f \in C_0^{\infty}$. Hence (1) holds.

In the same manner as in the estimate of L_2 , we have (2) by (22) and

$$\int_U |f(x) - P_y * f(x)|^2 \frac{d\sigma(x + iy)}{y^{1+\alpha}} = \text{Const.} \|f\|_{\alpha}^2.$$

At last we prove (3). Let $a \in \text{BMO}$. Equality (23) shows that, for any $f, g \in C_0^{\infty}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
(T_a[\mathfrak{D}, \mathfrak{D}]f, g) &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^{1/\epsilon} (\mathbf{M}_{(Q_y * a)} \mathbf{Q}_y f, g) \frac{dy}{y} \\
&= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^{1/\epsilon} (\mathbf{M}_{(Q_y * a)} \mathbf{Q}_y f, \mathbf{P}_y g) \frac{dy}{y} \\
&\quad + \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^{1/\epsilon} (\mathbf{M}_{(a - P_y * a)} \mathbf{Q}_y f, \mathbf{Q}_y g) \frac{dy}{y} \\
&\quad + \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^{1/\epsilon} (\mathbf{M}_{(Q_y * a)} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_y) f, \mathbf{Q}_y g) \frac{dy}{y} \quad (= L'_1 + L'_2 + L'_3, \text{ say}).
\end{aligned}$$

Since $|Q_y * a(x)|^2 d\sigma(x + iy)/y$ is a $(\beta, 1/y)$ -measure with a constant $\text{Const.} \|a\|_{\text{BMO}}^2$, we have, by (27),

$$|L'_1|^2 \leq \int_U |Q_y * f(x)|^2 |Q_y * a(x)|^2 \frac{d\sigma(x + iy)}{y^{1+\alpha}} \int_U |P_y * g(x)|^2 \frac{d\sigma(x + iy)}{y^{1-\alpha}} \\ \leq \text{Const.} \|a\|_{\text{BMO}}^2 \|f\|_{\alpha}^2 \|g\|_{-\alpha}^2.$$

Since $|a(x) - P_y * a(x)|^2 d\sigma(x + iy)/y$ is a $(\beta, 1/y)$ -measure with a constant $\text{Const.} \|a\|_{\text{BMO}}^2$, we have, by (27), $|L'_2|^2 \leq \text{Const.} \|a\|_{\text{BMO}}^2 \|f\|_{\alpha}^2 \|g\|_{-\alpha}^2$. We have, by (26), $|L'_3|^2 \leq \text{Const.} \|a\|_{\text{BMO}}^2 \|f\|_{\alpha}^2 \|g\|_{-\alpha}^2$. Thus (3) holds. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

5. Remarks.

REMARK 21. We denote by F_{α} the totality of functions $a(x)$ in L^{∞} such that $af \in E_{\alpha}$ for any $f \in C_0^{\infty}$. We easily see that $F_{\alpha} \subsetneq L^{\infty}$. Let us show that if, for $a \in L^{\infty}$ with compact support, $T_a[\mathfrak{Q}, \mathfrak{P}]$ is E_{α} -bounded, then $a \in F_{\alpha}$.

Without loss of generality, we may assume that $\int_{\mathbf{R}} a(x) dx = 0$. Since $a \in L^{\infty}$, (29) and the estimates of L_2, L_3, L_4 show that $T_a[\mathfrak{Q}, \mathfrak{P}] - C[h_0, A]$ is E_{α} -bounded, where $A(x) = \int_0^x a(s) ds$. Hence, $C[h_0, A]$ is E_{α} -bounded according to our assumption. Let $f \in C_0^{\infty}$. Then we have, by (20),

$$C[h_0, A]f(x) = H(af)(x) - A(Hf')(x) + H(Af')(x) \quad \text{a.e.,}$$

where $Hg(x) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{|x-y|>\epsilon} g(y)/(x-y) dy$. Note that $Hg \in E_{\alpha}$ if and only if $g \in E_{\alpha}$. Since $A \in M(E_{\alpha})$, we have $A(Hf'), H(Af') \in E_{\alpha}$. Hence, $H(af) \in E_{\alpha}$, which shows $af \in E_{\alpha}$. Since $f \in C_0^{\infty}$ is arbitrary, we have $a \in F_{\alpha}$.

REMARK 22. The 1-energy space E_1 is analogously defined. Let $f(x) = 0$ ($x \leq 0$), $= x/e$ ($0 < x \leq e$) and $= 1/\log x$ ($x > e$). Then $f \in E_1$. Since

$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow \infty} \int_{1 < |x-y| < \eta} \frac{f(y)}{x-y} dy = -\infty \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbf{R},$$

$1/(x-y)$ is 1-unbounded according to our definition. On the other hand, we easily see that $1/(x-y)$ is E_1 -bounded.

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