The Cauchy integral operator on Hardy space

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Abstract. We show that the Cauchy integral operator is bounded from $H^p(\mathbb{R}^1)$ to $h^p(\mathbb{R}^1)$ (local Hardy space). To prove our theorem we shall introduce generalized atom and consider a variant of "Tb theorem".

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1. Introduction

Consider the Cauchy integral operator

$$C_A f(x) = \text{p.v.} \int_{\mathbb{R}^1} \frac{1}{x - y + i(A(x) - A(y))} f(y) dy.$$

This operator is very important in real and complex analysis, and many studies have been carried out (see, for example, [11]). L^p boundedness of C_A is well-known, but H^p boundedness of C_A has not been studied yet.

In this paper we shall show that C_A is a bounded operator from $H^p(\mathbb{R}^1)$ to $h^p(\mathbb{R}^1)$ (local Hardy space). In [8] (see Theorem A in Section 2), the author proved the $H^p(\mathbb{R}^1) \to h^p(\mathbb{R}^1)$ boundedness of Calderon's commutator

$$T_A f(x) = \text{p.v.} \int_{\mathbb{R}^1} \frac{A(x) - A(y)}{(x - y)^2} f(y) dy.$$

The relation between C_A and T_A is written in [11]. Compared with Calderon's commutator, the Cauchy integral operator is difficult to study. Because we can calculate T_A1 and apply "T1 theorem" by David and Journé [5], but we can not calculate C_A1 directly. To prove our theorem we shall introduce generalized atom and consider a variant of "Tb theorem".

2. Definitions and notation

Throughout this paper we assume that, unless otherwise stated, all given functions are complex valued. Strictly speaking, only functions A

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and φ are real valued.

The following notation is used: For a set $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and a locally integrable function b, we denote the Lebesgue measure of E by |E| and $b(E) = \int_E b(x)dx$. We indicate the characteristic function of E by χ_E . We write a ball of radius r centered at x_0 by $B(x_0, r) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n; |x - x_0| < r\}$.

First we shall define two maximal functions and two Hardy spaces. Let φ be a fixed real valued Schwartz function in $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ such that $\operatorname{supp}(\varphi) \subset B(0, 1)$ and $\int \varphi(x) dx \neq 0$, then we define

$$M_{\varphi}f(x) = \sup_{t>0} \left| \int f(y)\varphi_t(x-y)dy \right|,$$

$$m_{\varphi}f(x) = \sup_{1>t>0} \left| \int f(y)\varphi_t(x-y)dy \right|,$$

where $\varphi_t(x) = t^{-n}\varphi(x/t)$.

Definition 1 (Fefferman–Stein's Hardy space [6])

$$H^p(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{ f \in \mathcal{S}'; \|f\|_{H^p} = \|M_{\omega}f\|_{L^p} < \infty \}, \text{ where } 0 < p < \infty.$$

Definition 2 (local Hardy space [7])

$$h^p(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{ f \in \mathcal{S}'; ||f||_{h^p} = ||m_{\omega}f||_{L^p} < \infty \}, \text{ where } 0 < p < \infty.$$

Remark $||f||_{h^p} \leq ||f||_{H^p}$.

Definition 3 (Lipschitz space)

$$\operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ f; \|f\|_{\operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}} = \sup_{x \neq y} \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{|x - y|^{\alpha}} < \infty \right\} \quad \text{for } 0 < \alpha < 1.$$

Remark $(H^p)^* = \operatorname{Lip}_{n(1/p-1)}$ where n/(n+1) (For the duality, see [6] or [10], p. 54).

Next we shall define Calderón–Zygmund operator.

Definition 4 Let $0 < \delta \le 1$. We say a function K(x, y) defined on $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n; x \ne y\}$ is a δ -Calderón-Zygmund kernel if K satisfies the following conditions.

$$|K(x, y)| \le \frac{C_1}{|x - y|^n},\tag{i}$$

$$|K(x, y) - K(x, z)| + |K(y, x) - K(z, x)| \le C_1 \frac{|y - z|^{\delta}}{|x - z|^{n + \delta}},$$
 (ii)

if
$$2|y - z| < |x - z|$$
.

Definition 5 We say an operator T is a δ -Calderón-Zygmund operator (associated with δ -Calderón-Zygmund kernel K) if

$$Tf(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{|x-y| > \varepsilon} K(x, y) f(y) dy$$

exists for almost all x where $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and T is bounded on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$;

$$||Tf||_{L^2} \le C_2 ||f||_{L^2}.$$

Definition 6 The transpose of a operator T is denoted by

$${}^{t}Tf(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{|x-y| > \varepsilon} K(y, x) f(y) dy.$$

Definition 7 For a bounded function b, we define

$$\widetilde{{}^tT}b(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{|x-y| > \varepsilon} \Big\{ K(y, x) - K(y, 0) \chi_{\{|y| \ge 1\}}(y) \Big\} b(y) dy.$$

Note that if $b \in L^2 \cap L^{\infty}$ then $\widetilde{tT}b(x) = {}^tTb(x) + C_b$ a.e. where C_b is a constant.

Remark There are more elaborate definitions of Calderón-Zygmund operator and $\widetilde{^tTb}$ (see, for example, [3] and [4]). But we are interested in the Cauchy integral operator, so our definitions will do.

Following [3] and [4], we define accretivity condition on functions. We shall use this condition in Section 3.

Definition 8 Let $\beta > 0$. An bounded function b is said to be β -accretive if Re $b(x) \ge \beta$ for almost all x.

Next we define the Cauchy integral operator and Calderón's commutator.

Definition 9 (the Cauchy integral operator) Let A be a real valued function on \mathbb{R}^1 . We define

$$C_A f(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{|x-y| > \varepsilon} \frac{1}{x - y + i(A(x) - A(y))} f(y) dy.$$

Definition 10 (Calderón's commutator) Let A be a real valued function on \mathbb{R}^1 . We define

$$T_A f(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{|x-y| > \varepsilon} \frac{A(x) - A(y)}{(x-y)^2} f(y) dy.$$

The following propositions are most essential (see [3] and [4]).

Proposition 1 If $A' \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^1)$ then the Cauchy integral operator C_A is a 1-Calderón-Zygmund operator, that is, bounded on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^1)$.

Proposition 2 If $A' \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^1)$ then Calderón's commutator T_A is a 1-Calderón-Zygmund operator, that is, bounded on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^1)$.

The author [8] proved the next theorem.

Theorem A If $A' \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^1) \cap \operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^1)$, then T_A is a bounded operator from $H^p(\mathbb{R}^1)$ to $h^p(\mathbb{R}^1)$ where $1/(1+\alpha) \leq p \leq 1$.

Remark In [9], the author proved the $H^p \to h^p$ boundedness of higher order commutators.

3. Theorem

Our result is the following:

Theorem Let $n/(n+\delta) and <math>n/(n+\alpha) \le p$. We assume that T is a δ -Calderón-Zygmund operator. If there exists a β -accretive function b such that b, $\widehat{}^tTb \in \operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then T is a bounded operator from $H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $h^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and

$$||Tf||_{h^p} \leq C_{p,n,\delta,\beta,b} ||f||_{H^p},$$

where $C_{p,n,\delta,\beta,b}$ is a positive constant depending only on $p, n, C_1, C_2, \delta, \beta$, $||b||_{\infty}$, $||b||_{\text{Lip}_{\alpha}}$ and $||\widetilde{t}Tb||_{\text{Lip}_{\alpha}}$.

As a corollary of this theorem we obtain the boundedness of the Cauchy integral.

Corollary If $A' \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^1) \cap \operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^1)$, then C_A is a bounded operator from $H^p(\mathbb{R}^1)$ to $h^p(\mathbb{R}^1)$ where $1/(1+\alpha) \leq p \leq 1$.

Proof. Note that C_A is a 1-Calderón-Zygmund operator (Proposition 1). Let b(x) = 1 + iA'(x). Then b is 1-accretive and $b \in \text{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^1)$. By an

elementary calculus of complex analysis (refer the calculation in [12], p. 407),

$$\widetilde{C}_{A}b(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{|x-y| > \varepsilon} \left\{ \frac{1 + iA'(y)}{y - x + i(A(y) - A(x))} - \frac{1 + iA'(y)}{y + i(A(y) - A(0))} \chi_{\{|y| \ge 1\}}(y) \right\} dy$$

= constant.

Therefore we can apply theorem.

4. Lemmas

In this section we shall define atoms and molecules on $H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $h^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and show some properties of Hardy spaces. Let $n/(n+1) . First we define atoms on <math>H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Definition 11 A function a(x) is a H^p -atom centered at x_0 if there exists a ball $B(x_0, r)$ such that the following conditions are satisfied

$$supp(a) \subset B(x_0, r), \tag{1}$$

$$||a||_{L^{\infty}} \le r^{-n/p},\tag{2}$$

$$\int a(x)dx = 0. (3)$$

Proposition 3 (atomic decomposition of H^p) If $f \in H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then f can be written as $f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j a_j$ where a_j 's are H^p -atoms and $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_j|^p \approx ||f||_{H^p}^p$.

For the proof of this proposition, see [10], p. 20. The following Lemma 1 is trivial.

Lemma 1 If a function a(x) is a H^p -atom supported in $B(x_0, r)$, then $||a||_{H^q} \leq C_{n,q} r^{n(1/q-1/p)}$ where $n/(n+1) < q \leq 1$.

Next we define atoms on $h^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Definition 12 A function a(x) is a large h^p -atom centered at x_0 if there exists a ball $B(x_0, r)$ of radius r > 1 which satisfies the conditions (1) and

$$||a||_{L^1} \le r^{n(1-1/p)}. (2')$$

Lemma 2 ([7]) If a function a(x) is a large h^p -atom then $||a||_{h^p} \leq C_{p,n}$.

Remark The condition p < 1 is essential.

Definition 13 A function a(x) is a small h^p -atom centered at x_0 if there exists a ball $B(x_0, r)$ of radius $r \leq 1$ which satisfies the conditions (1), (2') and

$$\left| \int a(x)dx \right| \le 1. \tag{3'}$$

Lemma 3 ([8]) If a function a(x) is a small h^p -atom then $||a||_{h^p} \leq C_{p,n}$.

In [8], the author introduced small h^p -atom. In this paper we need to consider generalization of this atom.

Definition 14 Let b be β -accretive. We say a function a(x) is a small (h^p, b) -atom centered at x_0 if there exists a ball $B(x_0, r)$ of radius $r \leq 1$ which satisfies the conditions (1), (2') and

$$\left| \int a(x)b(x)dx \right| \le 1. \tag{3"}$$

Lemma 4 We assume that b is β -accretive and $b \in \operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. If a function a is a small (h^p, b) -atom centered at x_0 then

$$||a||_{h^p} \leq C_{p,n,\beta,b},$$

where $\alpha \geq n(1/p-1)$.

Proof. We assume that $supp(a) \subset B(x_0, r)$, then

$$\begin{split} \left| \int a(x) dx \right| &\leq \left| \frac{1}{b(x_0)} \int_{B(x_0,r)} a(x) (b(x) - b(x_0)) dx \right| \\ &+ \left| \frac{1}{b(x_0)} \int a(x) b(x) dx \right| \\ &\leq \frac{C_n}{\beta} \|b\|_{\operatorname{Lip}_\alpha} r^\alpha \cdot r^{n(1-1/p)} + \frac{1}{\beta} \leq \frac{C_n \|b\|_{\operatorname{Lip}_\alpha} + 1}{\beta}. \end{split}$$

Therefore by Lemma 3 we obtain the desired result.

Next we define molecules on $h^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Definition 15 Let $\delta > n(1/p-1)$. A function M(x) is a large (h^p, δ) -molecule centered at x_0 if there exists r > 1 such that the following condi-

tions are satisfied

$$\int_{|x-x_0|<2r} |M(x)| dx \le r^{n(1-1/p)},\tag{M_1}$$

$$\int_{|x-x_0| \ge 2r} |M(x)| |x-x_0|^{\delta} dx \le r^{\delta + n(1-1/p)}.$$
(M₂)

Definition 16 We assume that b is β -accretive and $\delta > n(1/p-1)$. We say a function M(x) is a small (h^p, δ, b) -molecule centered at x_0 if there exists $r \leq 1$ which satisfies (M_1) , (M_2) and

$$\left| \int M(x)b(x)dx \right| \le 1. \tag{M_3}$$

The following two lemmas are most essential to prove our theorem.

Lemma 5 If a function M(x) is a large (h^p, δ) -molecule centered at x_0 then $||M||_{h^p} \leq C_{p,n,\delta}$.

Lemma 6 Let $\delta > n(1/p-1)$ and $\alpha \ge n(1/p-1)$. We assume that b is β -accretive and $b \in \text{Lip}_{\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. If a function M(x) is a small (h^p, δ, b) -molecule centered at x_0 then $||M||_{h^p} \le C_{p,n,\alpha,\beta,\delta,b}$.

Remark For the definition of H^p -molecule, see [10]. The author [8] introduced h^p -molecule when $b \equiv 1$.

The proofs of Lemmas 5 and 6 are similar, so we shall prove Lemma 6 only. The proof of Lemma 5 is easier.

Proof of Lemma 6. We use the same argument as in [8]. Let $E_0 = \{x; | x - x_0| < 2r\}$ and $E_i = \{x; 2^i r \le | x - x_0| < 2^{i+1} r\}, i = 1, 2, 3, ...,$ and let $\chi_i(x) = \chi_{E_i}(x), \ \tilde{\chi}_i(x) = (1/b(E_i))\chi_{E_i}(x), \ m_i = (1/b(E_i))\int_{E_i} M(y)b(y)dy,$ $\tilde{m}_i = \int_{E_i} M(y)b(y)dy$ and $M_i(x) = (M(x) - m_i)\chi_i(x)$. Note that $b(E_i) \ne 0$.

We write

$$M(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} M_i(x) + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} m_i \chi_i(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} M_i(x) + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \tilde{m}_i \tilde{\chi}_i(x).$$

Let $N_j = \sum_{k=j}^{\infty} \tilde{m}_k$ and we write

$$M(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} M_i(x) + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} N_i(\tilde{\chi}_i(x) - \tilde{\chi}_{i-1}(x)) + N_0\tilde{\chi}_0(x)$$

= $I + II + III$.

First we estimate I.

It is clear that $\operatorname{supp}(M_i) \subset B(x_0, 2^{i+1}r)$ and $\int M_i(x)b(x)dx = 0$. By the condition (M_1) and the accretivity condition of b, we have

$$\int |M_0(x)| dx \le \left(1 + \frac{\|b\|_{\infty}}{\beta}\right) r^{n(1-1/p)}.$$

So by Lemma 2 or 4 we have $||M_0||_{h^p} \leq C_{p,n,\beta,b}$.

When $i \geq 1$, by using the condition (M_2) , we have

$$\int |M_i(x)| dx \le C_{n,\beta,b} (2^i r)^{-\delta} \int_{E_i} |M(x)| |x - x_0|^{\delta} dx$$

$$\le C_{n,\beta,b} (2^i r)^{-\delta} r^{\delta + n(1 - 1/p)} \le C_{n,\beta,b} 2^{-\delta i} r^{n(1 - 1/p)}.$$

By Lemma 2 or 4 we have

$$||M_i||_{h^p} \le C_{p,n,\beta,b} 2^{-\delta i} r^{n(1-1/p)} (2^{i+1} r)^{n(1/p-1)}$$

= $C_{p,n,\beta,b} 2^{(-\delta+n(1/p-1))i}$.

Since $\delta > n(1/p - 1)$, we obtain $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|M_i\|_{H^p}^p \leq C_{p,n,\delta,\beta,b}$ and $\|I\|_{H^p} \leq C_{p,n,\delta,\beta,b}$.

Next we estimate II.

Let $A_i(x) = N_i(\tilde{\chi}_i(x) - \tilde{\chi}_{i-1}(x))$. It is clear that supp $(A_i) \subset B(x_0, 2^{i+1}r)$ and $\int A_i(x)b(x)dx = 0$. Using the condition (M_2) , we have

$$||A_i||_{L^{\infty}} \le C_{n,\beta,b} (2^i r)^{-n} \int_{|x-x_0| \ge 2^i r} |M(x)| dx$$

$$\le C_{n,\beta,b} (2^i r)^{-n} (2^i r)^{-\delta} \int_{|x-x_0| \ge 2^i r} |M(x)| |x-x_0|^{\delta} dx$$

$$\le C_{n,\beta,b} 2^{i(-n-\delta)} r^{-n-\delta} r^{\delta+n(1-1/p)} = C_{n,\beta,b} 2^{i(-n-\delta)} r^{-n/p}.$$

By Lemma 2 or 4 we have

$$||A_i||_{H^p} \le C_{p,n,\beta,b} 2^{i(-n-\delta)} r^{-n/p} (2^{i+1}r)^{n/p} \le C_{p,n,\beta,b} 2^{i(-\delta+n(1/p-1))}.$$

Since $\delta > n(1/p - 1)$, we obtain $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} ||A_i||_{H^p}^p \leq C_{p,n,\delta,\beta,b}$ and $||II||_{H^p} \leq C_{p,n,\delta,\beta,b}$.

Finally we estimate III.

It is clear that supp $(N_0\tilde{\chi}_0)\subset B(x_0,\,2r)$. Using the conditions (M_1) and

 (M_2) , we have

$$||N_0 \tilde{\chi}_0||_{L^1} \leq C_{\beta,b} \int |M(x)| dx$$

$$\leq C_{\beta,b} \Big(\int_{|x-x_0| < 2r} |M(x)| dx + (2r)^{-\delta} \int_{|x-x_0| \ge 2r} |M(x)| |x-x_0|^{\delta} dx \Big)$$

$$\leq C_{\beta,b} \Big(r^{n(1-1/p)} + (2r)^{-\delta} r^{\delta+n(1-1/p)} \Big) \leq C_{\beta,b} r^{n(1-1/p)}.$$

Using the condition (M_3) , we have

$$\left| \int N_0 \tilde{\chi}_0(x) b(x) dx \right| = \left| \int M(x) b(x) dx \right| \le 1.$$

By Lemma 2 or 4 we have $||N_0\tilde{\chi}_0||_{h^p} \leq C_{p,n,\beta,b}$.

5. Proof of Theorem

Applying the interpolation theorem between L^2 and H^p or h^p , we may assume p < 1. By the atomic decomposition of H^p , it suffices to show that $||Ta||_{h^p} \leq C$ for every H^p -atom a, where C is a positive constant depending only on p, n, C_1 , C_2 , δ , β , $||b||_{\infty}$, $||b||_{\text{Lip}_{\alpha}}$ and $||\widehat{tT}b||_{\text{Lip}_{\alpha}}$.

We assume H^p -atom a is supported in $B(x_0, r)$. We shall show that if $r \geq 1$ then Ta(x) is a constant multiple of a large (h^p, δ) -molecule, and if r < 1 then Ta(x) is a constant multiple of a small (h^p, δ, b) -molecule.

We have to check that if $r \ge 1$ then Ta satisfies (M_1) and (M_2) , and if r < 1 then Ta satisfies three conditions of Definition 16.

Since T is bounded on L^2 , we have

$$\int_{|x-x_0|<2r} |Ta(x)| dx \le C ||Ta||_{L^2} r^{n/2} \le C r^{n(1-1/p)}. \tag{4}$$

If $|x - x_0| \ge 2r$, we have

$$|Ta(x)| = \left| \int (K(x, y) - K(x - x_0))a(y)dy \right| \le C \frac{r^{n(1 - 1/p) + \delta}}{|x - x_0|^{n + \delta}}.$$
 (5)

If $r \geq 1$, by (4), (5) and Lemma 5, we have $||Ta||_{h^p} \leq C$. If r < 1, by the duality of $H^{n/(n+\alpha)}$ and Lip_{α} and Lemma 1, we have

$$\left| \int Ta(x)b(x)dx \right| = |(a, \widetilde{tT}b)| \le C||a||_{H^{n/(n+\alpha)}}||\widetilde{tT}b||_{\operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}}$$

$$\le C||\widetilde{tT}b||_{\operatorname{Lip}_{\alpha}}r^{\alpha+n(1-1/p)} \le C, \tag{6}$$

because $\alpha \geq n(1/p-1)$. By (4), (5), (6) and Lemma 6, we obtain $||Ta||_{h^p} \leq C$.

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