

21. On the Boundedness of a Class of Operator-valued Pseudo-differential Operators in L^p Space

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Introduction. In this paper we present a class of pseudo-differential operators which are continuous in $L^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$, $1 < p < \infty$. They will play an important role in studying the complex interpolation spaces of Sobolev spaces (see [3]).

Our main tools are the operator-valued version of Calderón-Vaillancourt's L^2 -boundedness theorem ([2]), the Marcinkiewicz interpolation theorem, and the real-variable technique of Calderón and Zygmund which gives the weak-type estimate.

Notations. $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ —the space of bounded linear operators from a Banach space X to a Banach space Y .

$L^p(E, d\mu; X)$ —the space of X -valued L^p functions on a measure space $(E, d\mu)$

$$L^p(\mathbf{R}^n; X) = L^p(\mathbf{R}^n, dx; X), \quad L^p(E, d\mu) = L^p(E, d\mu; C).$$

$$x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{R}^n, \quad \alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n), \alpha_j \text{ are integers,}$$

$$x^\alpha = x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots x_n^{\alpha_n}, \quad |\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n,$$

$$|x|^2 = x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2, \quad D^\alpha = D_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots D_n^{\alpha_n}, \quad D_j = \partial / \partial x_j.$$

$\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^n; X)$ —the space of X -valued rapidly decreasing C^∞ functions.

$m(S)$ —measure of the set $S \subset \mathbf{R}^n$. $a_n = m\{x \mid |x| \leq 1\}$.

Definition. Let X, Y be two Banach spaces. Then an $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ -valued infinitely differentiable function $p(x, \xi, y)$ of $(x, \xi, y) \in \mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^n$ belongs to $S_{\rho, \delta, \epsilon}^\mu(\mathbf{R}^{3n}, X; Y)$ if

$$(1) \quad \|D_x^\alpha D_\xi^\beta p(x, \xi, y)\|_{\mathcal{L}(X, Y)} \leq C(1 + |\xi|)^{\mu + \delta|\alpha| - \rho|\beta|},$$

$$(2) \quad \|D_y^\gamma D_\xi^\beta p(x, \xi, y)\|_{\mathcal{L}(X, Y)} \leq C(1 + |\xi|)^{\mu + \epsilon|\gamma| - \rho|\beta|},$$

for any multi-index α, β, γ , where $0 \leq \rho, \delta, \epsilon \leq 1$.

For any p of this kind with $\epsilon < 1$ and for any $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^n; X)$ the integral

$$\begin{aligned} Tf(x) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int e^{ix\xi} d\xi \int p(x, \xi, y) f(y) e^{-i\xi y} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int (1 + |\xi|^2)^{-m} (1 - \Delta_y)^m \{p(x, \xi, y) f(y)\} e^{i\xi(x-y)} d\xi dy \end{aligned}$$

is well defined and Tf belongs to $\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{R}^n; Y)$, where m is a positive integer such that $2m(1 - \epsilon) > \mu + n$, and Δ_y the Laplacian operator.

Theorem 1. Let X, Y be two Hilbert spaces,

$$p(x, \xi, y) \in S_{\rho, \delta, \epsilon}^{\mu}(\mathbf{R}^{3n}, X; Y), \quad 0 \leq \delta, \epsilon < 1, 0 \leq \rho \leq 1,$$

and let $-2\mu \geq n \{ \max(\delta, \rho) + \max(\epsilon, \rho) \} - 2n\rho$. Then

$$\|Tf\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n; Y)} \leq C \|p\| \cdot \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n; X)},$$

where C depends only on $\delta, \epsilon, \rho, n$. Here $\|p\|$ denotes the least value of C for which (1) and (2) hold for $|\alpha| \leq 2m_1, |\beta| \leq 2m, |\gamma| \leq 2m_2$, where m, m_1, m_2 are the least integers such that $2m \geq n + 2, m_1(1 - \delta') > 5n/4, m_2(1 - \epsilon') > 5n/4, \rho' = \min(\rho, \max(\delta, \epsilon)), \delta' = \max(\delta, \rho'), \epsilon' = \max(\epsilon, \rho')$.

Proof. Noting that p belongs to $S_{\rho', \delta', \epsilon'}^{\mu}$, the theorem can be proved in the same way as Calderón-Vaillancourt [2], in which we shall need the following lemma:

Lemma 1. Let X, Y be Hilbert spaces, and let $T(\sigma)$ be a strongly measurable, uniformly bounded $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ -valued function on a measure space $(E, d\sigma)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(\sigma_1)^* T(\sigma_2)\|_{\mathcal{L}(X, X)} &\leq h_1(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)^2 \\ \|T(\sigma_1) T(\sigma_2)^*\|_{\mathcal{L}(Y, Y)} &\leq h_2(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$h(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = \int h_1(\sigma_1, \sigma) h_2(\sigma, \sigma_2) d\sigma$$

is the kernel of a bounded operator on $L^2(E, d\sigma)$ with norm N^2 , then

$$\left\| \int_F T(\sigma) d\sigma \right\|_{\mathcal{L}(X, Y)} \leq N$$

where F is any subset of finite measure of E .

Proof. See Calderón-Vaillancourt [1].

Theorem 2 (Marcinkiewicz). Let X, Y be Banach spaces, $1 < q \leq \infty$, and let T be a sub-additive mapping from $L^1(\mathbf{R}^n; X) + L^q(\mathbf{R}^n; X)$ into the space of Y -valued strongly measurable functions on \mathbf{R}^n . Assume that for all $\lambda > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} m\{x \mid \|Tf(x)\|_Y > \lambda\} &\leq C_1 \lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbf{R}^n; X)}, \\ m\{x \mid \|Tf(x)\|_Y > \lambda\} &\leq \{C_2 \lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{L^q(\mathbf{R}^n; X)}\}^q \end{aligned}$$

(when $q = \infty$ we assume that $\|Tf\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n; Y)} \leq C_2 \|f\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n; X)}$). Then for all $1 < p < q$ we have

$$\|Tf\|_{L^p(\mathbf{R}^n; Y)} \leq C_p \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbf{R}^n; X)}$$

where C_p depends only on C_1, C_2, p and q .

For the proof of the theorem see, for example, E. M. Stein [5] p. 21.

Theorem 3. Let X, Y be Hilbert spaces, $1 < p < \infty$, and let $K(x, z, y)$ be an $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ -valued function which satisfies the following properties:

$$(I) \quad K \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n \times (\mathbf{R}^n - \{0\}) \times \mathbf{R}^n; \mathcal{L}(X, Y)),$$

(II) There exists $p(x, \xi, y)$ such that for $f \in S(\mathbf{R}^n; X), g \in S(\mathbf{R}^n; Y)$

$$\int K(x, x-y, y)f(y)dy = (2\pi)^{-n} \iint p(x, \xi, y)f(y)e^{i(x-y)\xi} dy d\xi, \int K(x, x-y, y)^* g(x) dx = (2\pi)^{-n} \iint p(x, \xi, y)^* g(x)e^{i(x-y)\xi} dx d\xi;$$

(III) Its Fourier transform $p(x, \xi, y)$ with respect to z belongs to $S_{\rho, \delta, \varepsilon}^{\mu}(\mathbf{R}^{3n}; \mathcal{L}(X, Y))$, $p(x, \xi, y)^*$ belongs to $S_{\rho^*, \delta^*, \varepsilon^*}^{\mu^*}(\mathbf{R}^{3n}; \mathcal{L}(Y, X))$, and $(\mu, \rho, \delta, \varepsilon), (\mu^*, \rho^*, \delta^*, \varepsilon^*)$ satisfy the conditions stated in Theorem 1;

(IV) For any $|\beta| + |\gamma| = 1, |\alpha| + |\gamma| = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \| |z|^{n+1} D_y^\beta D_x^\gamma K(x, z, y) \|_{\mathcal{L}(X, Y)} &\leq C_{\beta\gamma} < \infty, \\ \| |z|^{n+1} D_x^\alpha D_y^\beta K(x, z, y)^* \|_{\mathcal{L}(Y, X)} &\leq C_{\alpha\gamma} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Then for all $f \in L^p(\mathbf{R}^n; X)$

$$(3) \quad Tf(x) = \int K(x, x-y, y)f(y)dy$$

is convergent in $L^p(\mathbf{R}^n; Y)$ and

$$(4) \quad \|Tf\|_{L^p(\mathbf{R}^n; Y)} \leq C_p \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbf{R}^n; X)}.$$

Proof. (i) By Theorem 1 we obtain the conclusion for the case $p=2$.

(ii) We shall prove that for $f \in L^1(\mathbf{R}^n; X)$

$$(5) \quad m\{x \mid \|Tf(x)\|_Y > \lambda\} \leq C_1 \lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbf{R}^n; X)},$$

where C_1 depends only on $n, C_2, C_{\beta\gamma}, (|\beta| + |\gamma| = 1)$.

From Calderón-Zygmund's theorem it follows that (cf. E. M. Stein [5]) for $f \in L^1(\mathbf{R}^n; X), \lambda > 0$, there exists a decomposition of \mathbf{R}^n so that $\mathbf{R}^n = F \cup \Omega, F \cap \Omega = \emptyset, \|f(x)\|_X \leq \lambda$ almost everywhere on F, Ω is the union of cubes $\Omega = \bigcup_k Q_k$, whose interiors are disjoint, and so that for each Q_k

$$\lambda m(Q_k) \leq \|f\|_{L^1(Q_k; X)} \leq 2^n \lambda m(Q_k).$$

Let

$$f_0(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{for } x \in F, \\ \frac{1}{m(Q_j)} \int_{Q_j} f(y) dy & \text{for } x \in Q_j^0, \end{cases}$$

(Q_j^0 = the interior of Q_j), and let $g(x) = f(x) - f_0(x)$.

Then from the inequality

$$\|f_0(x)\|_{L^2(\mathbf{R}^n; X)}^2 \leq \lambda(1 + 2^{2n}) \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbf{R}^n; X)},$$

we obtain

$$(6) \quad m\{x \mid \|Tf_0(x)\|_Y > \lambda\} \leq C_2(1 + 2^{2n})\lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbf{R}^n; X)}.$$

Let x^k be the center of $Q_k, 2b_k$ the length of the side of $Q_k, r_k = \sqrt{n}b_k$, and let us write $B_k = \{x \mid |x - x^k| \leq 2r_k\}, D' = \bigcup_k B_k, D = \mathbf{R}^n \setminus D',$

$$g_k(x) = \begin{cases} g(x) & \text{for } x \in Q_k^0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Since the integral of g_k is equal to zero, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} Tg_k(x) &= \int K(x, x-y, y)g_k(y)dy \\ &= \int \{K(x, x-y, y) - K(x, x-x^k, x^k)\}g_k(y)dy. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$K(x, x-y, y) - K(x, x-x^k, x^k) = \int_0^1 \{ \text{grad}_z K(x, x-y(t), y(t)) - \text{grad}_y K(x, x-y(t), y(t)) \} (x^k - y) dt,$$

where $y(t) = y + t(x^k - y)$, so that

$$\|K(x, x-y, y) - K(x, x-x^k, x^k)\|_{\mathcal{L}(X, Y)} \leq C' r_k |x - x^k|^{-n-1},$$

for $x \in B_k, y \in Q_k$, since $|x^k - y|, |x^k - y(t)| \leq r_k$ and

$$|x - y(t)| \geq |x - x^k| - |x^k - y(t)| \geq |x - x^k| - r_k \geq \frac{1}{2} (x - x^k).$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_D \|Tg_k(x)\|_Y dx &\leq C' \sqrt{n} b_k \int_D |x - x^k|^{-n-1} dx \|g_k\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n; X)}, \\ &\leq C' n a_n \|g_k\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n; X)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_D \|Tg(x)\|_Y dx &\leq C'' \int \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \|g_j(x)\|_X dx = C'' \int \|g(x)\|_X dx, \\ &\leq C'' \{ \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n; X)} + 2^n \lambda m(\Omega) \} \leq C'' (1 + 2^n) \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n; X)}, \end{aligned}$$

and from this it follows that

$$m(D \cap \{x \mid \|Tg(x)\|_Y > \lambda\}) \leq C'' \lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n; X)}.$$

Since $m(D') \leq a_n n^{n/2} m(\Omega)$, it follows that $m\{x \mid \|Tg(x)\|_Y > \lambda\} \leq C_1 \lambda^{-1} \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n; X)}$, which, combining with the inequality (6), gives the estimate (5), since

$$m\{x \mid \|Tf(x)\|_Y > 2\lambda\} \leq m\{x \mid \|Tf_0(x)\|_Y > \lambda\} + m\{x \mid \|Tg(x)\|_Y > \lambda\}.$$

(iii) Case $1 < p < 2$. T is well defined for $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n; X) + L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; X)$ and also linear. By the result (i), (ii) and Theorem 2 we obtain the conclusion for the case.

(iv) Case $2 < p < \infty$. Let p' denote the conjugate exponent of p . From Fubini's theorem it follows that for $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n; X), g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n; Y)$

$$\begin{aligned} \int (Tf(x), g(x))_Y dx &= \int dy \left(f(y), \int K(x, x-y, y)^* g(x) dx \right)_x, \\ &= \int (f(y), T^*g(y))_X dy, \end{aligned}$$

where T^* is the operator with the kernel $K(y, -z, x)^*$.

But the theorem is valid for $1 < p' < 2$. Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int (Tf(x), g(x))_Y dx \right| &\leq \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; X)} \|T^*g\|_{L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^n; X)}, \\ &\leq C_{p'}^* \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; X)} \|g\|_{L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^n; Y)}. \end{aligned}$$

This gives (4) in view of the duality between $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; X)$ and $L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^n; X)$, (see Phillips [4]). Since $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n; X)$ is dense in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; X)$, this completes the proof of the theorem.

Corollary. *Let X be a Hilbert space and let $K(t, x, z, y)$ be a $\mathcal{B}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ -valued continuous function of $t \in I = \{t \mid 0 \leq t \leq a\}$. Assume that K has compact support $\{z \mid |z| \leq b\}$ in z , and that*

$$(7) \quad \int K(t, x, z, y) dz = 0.$$

Then for any $1 < p < \infty$ and

(I) for $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; X)$ the integral

$$\int_0^a t^{-n-1} dt \int K(t, x, (x-y)/t, y) f(y) dy$$

is convergent in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; X)$ and defines a bounded linear operator from $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; X)$ into $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; X)$.

(II) For $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; X)$ the integral

$$t^{-n} \int K(t, x, (x-y)/t, y) f(y) dy$$

defines a bounded linear operator from

$$L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; X) \text{ into } L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; L^2(I, t^{-1} dt; X)).$$

(III) For $u(t, x) \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; L^2(I, t^{-1} dt; X))$ the integral

$$\int_0^a t^{-n-1} dt \int K(t, x, (x-y)/t, y) u(t, y) dy$$

is convergent in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; X)$ and defines a bounded linear operator from $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; L^2(I, t^{-1} dt; X))$ into $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n; X)$.

Proof. Setting

$$p(t, x, \xi, y) = \int K(t, x, z, y) e^{-iz\xi} dz,$$

we first observe that for any $f \in S(\mathbb{R}^n; X)$,

$$t^{-n} \int K(t, x, (x-y)/t, y) f(y) dy = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \iint p(t, x, t\xi, y) f(y) e^{i\xi(x-y)} dy d\xi.$$

Next we observe that

$$(8) \quad \|D_x^\alpha D_\xi^\beta p(t, x, t\xi, y)\|_{L^q(I, t^{-1} dt)} \leq C_{\alpha\beta q} (1 + |\xi|)^{-|\beta|},$$

for any $1 \leq q \leq \infty, \alpha, \beta$. In fact, from the inequality

$$|D_x^\alpha D_\xi^\beta p(t, x, \xi, y)| \leq C_{\alpha\beta} = \sup_{t, x, y, z} |K_\beta^{(\alpha)}(t, x, z, y)| a_n b^n,$$

where $K_\beta^{(\alpha)}(t, x, z, y) = (-iz)^\beta D_x^\alpha K(t, x, z, y)$, and the inequality

$$(9) \quad |D_x^\alpha D_\xi^\beta p(t, x, \xi, y)| = 2^{-k} \left| \int \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j \binom{k}{j} K_\beta^{(\alpha)} \left(t, x, z + \frac{j\xi\pi}{|\xi|^2}, y \right) e^{-iz\xi} dz \right| \leq C_{\alpha\beta k} |\xi|^{-k},$$

where

$$C_{\alpha\beta k} = a_n (b + k\pi)^n 2^{-k} \sup_{|r|=k} \sup_{t, x, z, y} |D_r^\alpha K_\beta^{(\alpha)}(t, x, z, y)|,$$

it follows

$$\|D_x^\alpha D_\xi^\beta p(t, x, t\xi, y)\|_{L^q(I, t^{-1} dt)} \leq C_{\alpha\beta} \left(\int_0^a t^{q|\beta|-1} dt \right)^{1/q} = C_{\alpha\beta q} a^{|\beta|},$$

for $|\xi| \leq 1, |\beta| \geq 1$. And for $|\xi| \geq 1, |\beta| \geq 1$ we have, taking $k > |\beta|$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|D_x^\alpha D_\xi^\beta p(t, x, t\xi, y)\|_{L^q(I, t^{-1} dt)}^q \\ & \leq C_{\alpha\beta}^q \int_0^{1/|\xi|} t^{q|\beta|-1} dt + C_{\alpha\beta k}^q |\xi|^{-kq} \int_{1/|\xi|}^a t^{q|\beta|-kq-1} dt = C_{\alpha\beta}^q |\xi|^{-|\beta|q}. \end{aligned}$$

Also from (9) and the inequality

$$|D_x^\alpha p(t, x, \xi, y)| \leq \left| \int D_x^\alpha K(t, x, z, y) (e^{-iz\xi} - 1) dz \right| \leq C_\alpha |\xi|,$$

where $C_\alpha = a_n b^{n+1} \sup_{t,x,y,z} |D_x^\alpha K(t, x, z, y)|$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|D_x^\alpha p(t, x, t\xi, y)\|_{L^q(I, t^{-1}dt)}^q \\ & \leq C_\alpha^q \int_0^{1/|\xi|} |\xi|^q t^{q-1} dt + C_{\alpha 01}^q \int_{1/|\xi|}^\infty |\xi|^{-q} t^{-q-1} dt = C_{\alpha q}^q. \end{aligned}$$

And hence (8) is proved. Similarly, we obtain

$$(10) \quad \|D_y^\alpha D_\xi^\beta p(t, x, t\xi, y)\|_{L^q(I, t^{-1}dt)} \leq C_{\alpha\beta q} (1 + |\xi|)^{-1\beta}.$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|t^{-n} |z|^{n+1} D_x^\alpha D_y^\beta K(t, x, z/t, y)\|_{L^q(I, t^{-1}dt)} \\ & \leq C'_{\alpha\beta} \left\{ \int_{|z|/b}^\infty t^{-nq-1} dt \right\}^{1/q} |z|^{n+1} = C'_{\alpha\beta q} |z| b^n \leq C'_{\alpha\beta q} b^{n+1} s, \end{aligned}$$

for $|z| \leq bs$, and for $|\alpha|=1$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|t^{-n} |z|^{n+1} D_z^\alpha K(t, x, z/t, y)\|_{L^q(I, t^{-1}dt)} \\ & \leq C_\alpha \left\{ \int_{|z|/b}^\infty t^{-nq-q-1} dt \right\}^{1/q} |z|^{n+1} = C_{\alpha q} b^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Now in order to apply the theorem to the operators in the corollary there only remains to observe that for the operators given by

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 \zeta &= \int_0^a \varphi(t) \zeta t^{-1} dt && \text{for } \zeta \in X, \\ T_2 \zeta &= \varphi(t) \zeta && \text{for } \zeta \in X, \\ T_3 f &= \int_0^a \varphi(t) f(t) t^{-1} dt && \text{for } f \in L^2(I, t^{-1}dt; X), \end{aligned}$$

where φ is a measurable function, their norms are majorized as

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_1\|_{\mathcal{L}(X, X)} &\leq \|\varphi\|_{L^1(I, t^{-1}dt)}, \\ \|T_2\|_{\mathcal{L}(X; L^2(I, t^{-1}dt; X))} &= \|T_3\|_{\mathcal{L}(L^2(I, t^{-1}dt; X), X)} = \|\varphi\|_{L^2(I, t^{-1}dt)}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the corollary.

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