

**The boundedness of commutator of Riesz transform
associated with Schrödinger operators
on a Hardy space**

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Abstract. In this paper, we study the boundedness of commutator $[b, T]$ of Riesz transform associated with Schrödinger operator and b is BMO type function, note that the kernel of T has no smoothness, and the boundedness from $H_b^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is obtained.

1. Introduction

It is well known that the Calderón-Zygmund singular operator is an important operator in Harmonic Analysis. The properties of the C-Z singular operator and its commutator are studied by many scholars. Such as in [1] [2] [3]. Among this, C. Perez [3] states the $H_b^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ boundedness of the commutator $[b, T]$, where T is a C-Z singular operator and $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Schrödinger differential operator is another interesting topic in Harmonic Analysis. Let $A = -\Delta + V(x)$ be the Schrödinger differential operator

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on $R^n, n \geq 3$. Throughout the paper we will assume that $V(x)$ is a non-zero, nonnegative potential, and belongs to B_q for some $q > n/2$. Let $T = \nabla(-\Delta + V(x))$, $[b, T]f = bTf - Tb f$. The L^p boundedness of T and the commutator $[b, T]$ is widely studied in [4] [5] when $V(x)$ satisfies some conditions. The basic idea in [4] is to find a pointwise estimate of the kernel and the comparison to the kernel of classical Riesz transform. But in [6], Z. Guo, P. Li and L. Peng adopt a different idea to get the L^p boundedness of some commutators of Riesz transforms associated to Schrödinger operator since the kernel no longer satisfied the regular condition of Calderón-Zygmund kernel. Note that the kernels have some other kind of smoothness $H(m)$. Inspired by their work, we will consider $H_b^1(R^n) \rightarrow L^1(R^n)$ boundedness of commutator $[b, T]$ in this case, where $b \in BMO$.

2. Some preliminaries and notations

In this section, we first recall some definitions and lemmas we need in this paper.

Q will always denote a cube with sides parallel to the axes. $\lambda Q (\lambda > 0)$ denotes the cube has the same center as Q and dilated by λ . Also $B = B(x_B, r)$ will denote a ball centered at x_B with radius r and corresponding notation applies for λB . We adopt the idea of Strömberg. Recall that the sharp function of Fefferman-Stein is defined by

$$M^\# f(x) = \sup_{x \in B} \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |f(y) - f_B| dy,$$

simultaneity, recall that BMO is defined by

$$BMO(R^n) = \{f \in L^1_{loc}(R^n) : \|f\|_{BMO} = \|M^\# f\|_\infty < \infty\}.$$

where $f_B = \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B f(y) dy$, and the supremum is taken on all balls B with $x \in B$. Two basic facts about BMO will be used in this paper,

$$|f_{2^k B} - f_B| \leq C(k + 1) \|f\|_{BMO}, \quad k > 0$$

and the one due to John-Nirenberg

$$\|f\|_{BMO} \sim \sup_B \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |f(y) - f_B|^p dy \right)^{1/p}, \quad p > 1.$$

In this paper we will assume that V belongs to B_q for some $q > \frac{n}{2}$, that is,

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

for every ball $B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Define auxiliary function

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

Definition 2.1. ([3]) A function a is a b -atom if there is a cube Q for which

$$(1) \text{supp } a \subset Q, (2) \|a\|_{L^\infty} \leq \frac{1}{|Q|}, (3) \int_Q a(y) dy = 0, (4) \int_Q a(y)b(y) dy = 0.$$

The space $H_b^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ consists of the subspace of $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ functions f which can be written as $f = \sum_j \lambda_j a_j$ where a_j are b -atom and λ_j are complex numbers with $\sum_j |\lambda_j| < \infty$ and define its space norm as $\|f\|_{H_b^1} = \inf(\sum_j |\lambda_j|)$. Like the definition in [6], in our problem, we need the following smoothness of kernel.

Definition 2.2. $K(x, y)$ is said to satisfy $H(m)$ for some $m > 1$, if there exist a constant C such that, for any $l > 0, y, x_B \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $|y - x_B| \leq l$, then

$$\sum_{k=5}^\infty k(2^k l)^{n/m'} \left(\int_{2^k l \leq |x - x_B| < 2^{k+1} l} |K(x, y) - K(x, x_B)|^m dx \right)^{1/m} \leq C,$$

where $1/m' = 1 - 1/m$.

It is easy to prove that if $K(x, y)$ is the usual Calderón-Zygmund kernel, it satisfies $H(m)$ for any $m \geq 1$.

Lemma A. ([4]) Suppose $V \in B_{q_0}, q_0 > 1$. Assume that $-\Delta u + (V(x) + i\tau)u = 0$ in $B(x_0, 2R)$ for some $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, R > 0$. Then

(a) for $x \in B(x_0, R)$,

$$|\nabla u(x)| \leq C \sup_{B(x_0, 2R)} |u| \cdot \int_{B(x_0, 2R)} \frac{V(y)}{|x - y|^{n-1}} dy + \frac{C}{R^{n+1}} \int_{B(x_0, 2R)} |u(y)| dy,$$

(b) if $(n/2) < q_0 < n, (1/t) = (1/q_0) - (1/n), k_0 > \log_2 C_0 + 1$, then

$$\left(\int_{B(x_0, R)} |\nabla u|^t dx \right)^{1/t} \leq CR^{(n/q_0)-2} \{1 + Rm(x_0, V)\}^{k_0} \sup_{B(x_0, 2R)} |u|.$$

Lemma B. ([6]) *Suppose $V \in B_q$ for some $q > n/2$. Let $N > \log_2 C_0 + 1$, where C_0 is the constant in doubling measure inequality $\int_{B(x, 2r)} V(y)dy \leq C_0 \int_{B(x, r)} V(y)dy$. Then for any $x_0 \in R^n, R > 0$,*

$$\frac{1}{\{1 + m(x_0, V)R\}^N} \int_{B(x_0, R)} V(\xi)d\xi \leq CR^{n-2}.$$

Let $\Gamma(x, y, \tau)$ denote the fundamental solution for the Schrödinger operator $-\Delta + (V(x) + i\tau)$. A pointwise estimate of $\Gamma(x, y, \tau)$ given in [4] is a key result to our calculus.

Theorem A. ([4]) *Suppose $V \in B_{n/2}$. Then, for any $x, y \in R^n, \tau \in R$, and integer $k > 0$,*

$$\Gamma(x, y, \tau) \leq \frac{C_k}{\{1 + |\tau|^{1/2}|x - y|\}^k \{1 + m(x, V)|x - y|\}^k} \cdot \frac{1}{|x - y|^{n-2}}.$$

3. Main results and proofs

Let $T = \nabla(-\Delta + V)^{-1/2}$, we'll study the boundedness of commutator of T in Hardy space.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $V \in B_q$ and $n/2 < q < n, b \in BMO$. Then $[b, T]$ is a bounded operator from $H_b^1(R^n)$ to $L^1(R^n)$.*

To prove Theorem 3.1, we need the following lemmas.

Lemma 3.1. *Let $T = \nabla(-\Delta + V)^{-1/2}, K(x, y)$ be kernel of T . Suppose $V \in B_q$ for some $n/2 < q < n$. Then there exist $\delta > 0$ and for any integer $k > 0, 0 < h < |x - y|/16$,*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \quad |K(x, y)| &\leq \frac{C_k}{\{1 + m(y, V)|x - y|\}^k} \cdot \frac{1}{|x - y|^{n-1}} \\
 &\quad \times \left(\int_{B(y, |x-y|)} \frac{V(\xi)}{|x - \xi|^{n-1}} d\xi + \frac{1}{|x - y|} \right) \\
 (2) \quad |K(x, y + h) - K(x, y)| &\leq \frac{C_k}{\{1 + m(y, V)|x - y|\}^k} \cdot \frac{|h|^\delta}{|x - y|^{n-1+\delta}} \\
 &\quad \times \left(\int_{B(y, |x-y|)} \frac{V(\xi)}{|x - \xi|^{n-1}} d\xi + \frac{1}{|x - y|} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By partial integral, we know that

$$K(x, y) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_R (-i\tau)^{-1/2} \nabla_x \Gamma(x, y, \tau) d\tau.$$

Fix $x, y \in R^n$, $R = \frac{|x - y|}{8}$, $1/t = 1/q - 1/n$, $\delta = 2 - n/q > 0$, $0 < h < R/2$, we have

$$|K(x, y + h) - K(x, y)| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_R |\tau|^{-1/2} |\nabla_x \Gamma(x, y + h, \tau) - \nabla_x \Gamma(x, y, \tau)| d\tau.$$

It follows from the imbedding theorem of Morrey and Lemma A(b) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &|\nabla_x \Gamma(x, y + h, \tau) - \nabla_x \Gamma(x, y, \tau)| \\
 &\leq C|h|^{1-n/t} \left(\int_{B(x, R)} |\nabla_y \nabla_x \Gamma(x, z, \tau)|^t dz \right)^{1/t} \\
 &\leq C|h|^{1-n/t} R^{n/q-2} \{1 + Rm(y, V)\}^{R_0} \sup_{z \in B(y, 2R)} |\nabla_x \Gamma(x, z, \tau)|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\Gamma(x, z, \tau) = \Gamma(z, x, -\tau)$, we have $\nabla_x \Gamma(x, z, \tau) = \nabla_y \Gamma(z, x - \tau)$. It follows from Lemma A(a) that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sup_{z \in B(y, 2R)} |\nabla_x \Gamma(x, z, \tau)| &\leq \sup_{z \in B(y, 2R)} |\nabla_y \Gamma(z, x, -\tau)| \\
 &\leq \sup_{z \in B(y, 2R)} \left\{ \sup_{\eta \in B(z, |z-x|/4)} |\Gamma(\eta, y, -\tau)| \int_{B(z, |z-x|/2)} \frac{V(\xi)}{|z - \xi|^{n-1}} d\xi \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{C}{|z - x|^{n+1}} \int_{B(z, |z-x|/2)} \Gamma(\xi, x, -\tau) d\xi \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Also from Theorem A, [4, Lemma 1.4(b)], using the fact that $|\eta - x| \sim |z - x|$, $|\xi - x| \sim |z - x|$, $|z - x| \sim |x - y|$, $|z - \xi| \sim |x - \xi|$ and choosing k_1 sufficiently large, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{z \in B(y, 2R)} |\nabla_x \Gamma(x, z, \tau)| \\ \leq & \sup_{z \in B(y, 2R)} \frac{C_{k_1}}{\{1 + |\tau|^{1/2}|\eta - x|\}^{k_1} \{1 + m(\eta, V)|\eta - x|\}^{k_1}} \\ & \times \frac{1}{|\eta - x|^{n-2}} \int_{B(z, |z-x|/2)} \frac{V(\xi)}{|z - \xi|^{n-1}} d\xi \\ & + \frac{C_{k_1}}{|z - x|^{n+1}} \int_{B(z, |z-x|/2)} \frac{C_{k_1}}{\{1 + |\tau|^{1/2}|\xi - x|\}^{k_1} \{1 + m(\xi, V)|\xi - x|\}^{k_1}} \\ & \times \frac{1}{|\xi - x|^{n-2}} \\ \leq & \sup_{z \in B(y, 2R)} \frac{C_{k_1}}{\{1 + |\tau|^{1/2}|x - y|\}^{k_1} \{1 + m(y, V)|x - y|\}^{k_1}} \\ & \times \frac{1}{|x - y|^{n-2}} \int_{B(y, |x-y|)} \frac{V(\xi)}{|x - \xi|^{n-1}} d\xi \\ & + \frac{C_{k_1}}{|x - y|^{n-1}} \cdot \frac{C_{k_1}}{\{1 + |\tau|^{1/2}|x - y|\}^{k_1} \{1 + m(y, V)|x - y|\}^{k_1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Computing as in the proof of Lemma 4 in [6], the assertion is proved. \square

Lemma 3.2. Let $T = \nabla(-\Delta + V)^{-1/2}$, $V \in B_q$ for some $n/2 < q < n$. $K(x, y)$ be a kernel of T . Then $K(x, y)$ satisfies $H(m)$, where $1/m = 1/q - 1/n$.

Proof. For any $l > 0, y, x_B \in R^n$ with $|y - x_B| \leq l$, choosing N sufficiently large, by Lemma B, (3.1) and $V \in B_q$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\int_{2^k l \leq |x - x_B| < 2^{k+1} l} |K(x, y) - K(x, x_B)|^m dx \right)^{1/m} \\ \leq & \left(\int_{2^k l \leq |x - x_B| < 2^{k+1} l} \left| \frac{C_N}{\{1 + m(x_B, V)|x - x_B|\}^N} \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. \times \frac{|y - x_B|^\delta}{|x - x_B|^{n-1+\delta}} \left(\int_{B(x, |x-y|)} \frac{V(\xi)}{|x - \xi|^{n-1}} d\xi + \frac{1}{|x - x_B|} \right) \right|^m dx \right)^{1/m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq C_N \frac{l^\delta}{(2^k l)^{n-1+\delta}} \cdot \frac{1}{\{1+m(x_B, V)2^k l\}^N} \left\| \int \frac{V(\xi)\chi_{B(x_B, 2^{k+3}l)} d\xi}{|x-\xi|^{n-1}} \right\|_{L_x^m} \\
 &\quad + \frac{l^\delta}{(2^k l)^{n/m'+\delta}} \\
 &\leq C_N \frac{l^\delta}{(2^k l)^{n-1+\delta}} \cdot \frac{1}{\{1+m(x_B, V)2^k l\}^N} \left(\int_{B(x_B, 2^{k+3}l)} V(\xi)^q d\xi \right)^{1/q} \\
 &\quad + \frac{l^\delta}{(2^k l)^{n/m'+\delta}} \\
 &\leq C_N \frac{l^\delta}{(2^k l)^{n-1+\delta}} \cdot \frac{1}{\{1+m(x_B, V)2^k l\}^N} \left(\int_{B(x_B, 2^{k+3}l)} V(\xi) d\xi \right) \cdot (2^k l)^{-n/q'} \\
 &\quad + \frac{l^\delta}{(2^k l)^{n/m'+\delta}} \\
 &\leq C_N \frac{l^\delta}{(2^k l)^{n-1+\delta}} (2^k l)^{n/q-2} + \frac{l^\delta}{(2^k l)^{n/m'+\delta}} \\
 &\leq C \frac{l^\delta}{(2^k l)^{n/m'+\delta}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Here we have used the fact that $B(x, |x-y|) \subset B(x_B, 2^{k+3}l)$. In fact, for all $\xi \in B(x, |x-y|)$, $|\xi-x_B| \leq |\xi-x| + |x-x_B| \leq |x-y| + |x-x_B| \leq |x-x_B| + |y-x_B| + |x-x_B| \leq 2^{k+3}l$. Therefore,

$$\sum_{k=5}^\infty k(2^k l)^{n/m'} \left(\int_{2^k l \leq |x-x_B| < 2^{k+1}l} |K(x, y) - K(x, x_B)|^m dx \right)^{1/m} \leq \sum_{k=5}^\infty \frac{Ck}{(2^k)^\delta} \leq C$$

and we are done. □

Proof of Theorem 3.1. Let $b \in BMO$. By the atomic decomposition of Hardy space, we only need to prove that there exists a constant C such that for each b -atom a

$$\int_{R^n} |[b, T]a(y)| dy \leq C \|b\|_{BMO} \|a\|_{H_b^1(R^n)}.$$

Suppose $\text{supp } a \subset B(x_B, l)$ for some ball B . Then

$$\int_{R^n} |[b, T]a(y)| dy = \int_{2B} |[b, T]a(y)| dy + \int_{R^n \setminus 2B} |[b, T]a(y)| dy = \text{I} + \text{II}.$$

The estimate of I follows by the boundedness of $[b, T]$ on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ (see [5]) and the size condition of atom a , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{I} &\leq C|B|\left(\frac{1}{|2B|}\int_{2B} |[b, T]a(y)|^2 dy\right)^{1/2} \leq C\|b\|_{BMO}|B| \cdot \left(\frac{1}{|B|}\int_B |a(y)|^2 dy\right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C\|b\|_{BMO}|B| \cdot \|a\|_\infty \leq C\|b\|_{BMO}. \end{aligned}$$

To estimate II, we split $[b, T]$ as $[b, T]a = (b - b_B)Ta - T((b - b_B)a)$. Then

$$\text{II} \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2B} |(b(x) - b_B)Ta(x)| dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2B} |T((b - b_B)a)(x)| dx = \text{III} + \text{IV}.$$

By Lemma 3.2 and cancelation condition, $\int_B a(y)dy = 0$, so that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{III} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2B} |(b(x) - b_B)Ta(x)| dx \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2B} \left| (b(x) - b_B) \int_B a(y)(K(x, y) - K(x, x_B)) dy \right| dx \\ &\leq \int_B \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2B} |(b(x) - b_B)a(y)(K(x, y) - K(x, x_B))| dx dy \\ &\leq \int_B \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{2^k l \leq |x - x_B| < 2^{k+1} l} |(b(x) - b_B)a(y)(K(x, y) - K(x, x_B))| dx dy \\ &\leq \int_B \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2^k l)^{n/p} k \left(\int_{2^k l \leq |x - x_B| < 2^{k+1} l} |K(x, y) - K(x, x_B)|^q dx \right)^{1/q} \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{(2^k l)^{n/p} k} \left(\int_{2^k l \leq |x - x_B| < 2^{k+1} l} |b(x) - b_B|^p dx \right)^{1/p} |a(y)| dy \\ &\leq C \sup_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k} \int_B |a(y)| dy \cdot \frac{1}{(2^k l)^{n/p}} \left(\int_{2^k l \leq |x - x_B| < 2^{k+1} l} |b(x) - b_B|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq C \sup_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k} \int_B |a(y)| dy \\ &\quad \times \left(\frac{1}{(2^{k+1} l)^n} \int_{B(x_B, 2^{k+1} l)} |b(x) - b_{2^{k+1} B} + b_{2^{k+1} B} - b_B|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq C \sup_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k} \int_B |a(y)| dy \\
&\quad \times \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{(2^{k+1}l)^n} \int_{B(x_B, 2^{k+1}l)} |b(x) - b_{2^{k+1}B}|^p dx \right)^{1/p} + |b_{2^{k+1}B} - b_B| \right\} \\
&\leq C \sup_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k} \int_B |a(y)| dy \cdot (k+2) \|b\|_{BMO} \\
&\leq C \|b\|_{BMO},
\end{aligned}$$

where $1/p + 1/q = 1$.

By the definition of a , we have

$$\int_B (b(y) - b_B) a(y) dy = \int_B a(y) b(y) dy - b_B \int_B a(y) dy = 0,$$

For IV, by Lemma 3.2 and Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{IV} &= \int_{R^n \setminus 2B} |T((b - b_B)a)(x)| dx \\
&= \int_{R^n \setminus 2B} \left| \int_B K(x, y) (b(y) - b_B) a(y) dy \right| dx \\
&\leq \int_{R^n \setminus 2B} \left| \int_B (K(x, y) - K(x, x_B)) (b(y) - b_B) a(y) dy \right| dx \\
&\leq \int_B |b(y) - b_B| |a(y)| \int_{R^n \setminus 2B} |K(x, y) - K(x, x_B)| dx dy \\
&\leq \int_B |b(y) - b_B| |a(y)| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{2^k l \leq |x - x_B| < 2^{k+1} l} |K(x, y) - K(x, x_B)| dx dy \\
&\leq \int_B |b(y) - b_B| |a(y)| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\int_{2^k l \leq |x - x_B| < 2^{k+1} l} |K(x, y) - K(x, x_B)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \\
&\quad \times \left(\int_{2^k l \leq |x - x_B| < 2^{k+1} l} dx \right)^{1/q} dy
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \int_B |b(y) - b_B| |a(y)| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(2^k l)^{n/q} \\
&\quad \times \left(\int_{2^k l \leq |x-x_B| < 2^{k+1} l} |K(x, y) - K(x, x_B)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \cdot \frac{1}{k} dy \\
&\leq C \sup_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k} \cdot \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |b(y) - b_B| dy \leq C \|b\|_{BMO}.
\end{aligned}$$

This is the proof of Theorem 3.3. \square

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