

COMMUTATORS AND ANALYTIC DEPENDENCE OF FOURIER-BESSEL SERIES ON $(0, \infty)$

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we study the boundedness of the commutators $[b, S_n]$ where b is a BMO function and S_n denotes the n -th partial sum of the Fourier-Bessel series on $(0, \infty)$. Perturbing the measure by $\exp(2b)$ we obtain that certain operators related to S_n depend analytically on the functional parameter b .

0. INTRODUCTION.

Let J_α be the Bessel function of order $\alpha > -1$. The formula

$$\int_0^\infty J_{\alpha+2n+1}(x)J_{\alpha+2m+1}(x) \frac{dx}{x} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \neq m \\ 2^{-1}(\alpha + 2n + 1)^{-1}, & \text{if } n = m \end{cases}$$

(see [14, XIII.13.41 (7), p. 404] and [14, XIII.13.42 (1), p. 405]) provides an orthonormal system $(j_n^\alpha)_{n \geq 0}$ in $L^2((0, \infty), x^\alpha dx)$ [$L^2(x^\alpha)$, from now on], given by

$$j_n^\alpha(x) = \sqrt{\alpha + 2n + 1} J_{\alpha+2n+1}(\sqrt{x}) x^{-\alpha/2-1/2}.$$

In this paper we consider the Fourier expansion associated with this orthonormal system, which is usually referred to as the Fourier-Bessel series on $(0, \infty)$. For any suitable function f and any $n \geq 0$, the n -th partial sum of this expansion is given by

$$S_n f = \sum_{k=0}^n c_k(f) j_k^\alpha, \quad c_k(f) = \int_0^\infty f(t) j_k^\alpha(t) t^\alpha dt.$$

We also consider the commutator of the Fourier-Bessel series on $(0, \infty)$ and the multiplication operator associated to a BMO function; this is defined, for any given $b \in \text{BMO}$ and $n \geq 0$, as

$$[b, S_n]f = bS_n(f) - S_n(bf).$$

In the case $\alpha \geq -1/2$, one of the authors proved in [13] that the Fourier-Bessel series is bounded in $L^p(x^\alpha)$, i.e., there exists some constant $C > 0$ (depending on α and p) such that for every $n \geq 0$ and every $f \in L^p(x^\alpha)$,

$$\|S_n f\|_{L^p(x^\alpha)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p(x^\alpha)},$$

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if and only if $\max\{4/3, 4(\alpha + 1)/(2\alpha + 3)\} < p < \min\{4, 4(\alpha + 1)/(2\alpha + 1)\}$. In Theorem 1 we will extend this result to the case $\alpha > -1$ and prove the corresponding inequality for the commutator $[b, S_n]$, $b \in \text{BMO}$.

Regarding the commutator $[b, S_n]$, results of this type are of independent interest and have been widely studied for many classical operators; see [2, 10, 11, 12, 4], for instance.

In our case, the commutator $[b, S_n]$ is closely related to the problem of perturbing the orthonormal system. Given an orthonormal system $(\varphi_n)_{n \geq 0}$ in some $L^2(\nu)$ space and a suitable function b (in some sense close to 0), the classical Gram-Schmidt procedure can be applied to $(\varphi_n)_{n \geq 0}$ so as to obtain a new orthonormal system in $L^2(e^{2b}d\nu)$, which we will refer to as a perturbed system. In this natural way a mapping can be defined that associates a perturbed system (and a perturbed orthogonal expansion) to each (small) function b . For different compact perturbations of orthogonal polynomial systems and further references, see [7, 9, 1].

Let us take the system $(j_n^\alpha)_{n \geq 0}$ in $L^2(x^\alpha)$ as our starting point. Let $\mathbf{S}_n(b)$ stand for the n -th partial sum operator of the Fourier series associated to the perturbed measure $e^{2b}x^\alpha dx$ in the aforementioned way. Once the boundedness properties of $S_n = \mathbf{S}_n(0)$ have been established, it is interesting to study the mapping $b \mapsto \mathbf{S}_n(b)$. This is not, however, a convenient setting, since each perturbed series $\mathbf{S}_n(b)$ acts on a different space $L^2(e^{2b}x^\alpha)$. Instead, we can consider the operators

$$V_n(b) = e^b \mathbf{S}_n(b) e^{-b}.$$

Now, each $V_n(b)$ acts on $L^2(x^\alpha)$ and its norm coincides with the operator norm of $\mathbf{S}_n(b)$ acting on $L^2(e^{2b}x^\alpha)$. The problem is further simplified if we take the operators

$$T_n(b) = e^b \mathbf{S}_n(0) e^{-b},$$

i.e., $T_n(b)f = e^b S_n(e^{-b}f)$. Indeed, it has been proved in [3] that the family $(V_n(b))_{n \geq 0}$ depends analytically on b belonging to a neighbourhood of 0 in the complexification of BMO whenever the family $(T_n(b))_{n \geq 0}$ does too.

We will prove in Theorem 2 that the family of operators $(T_n(b))_{n \geq 0}$ acting on $L^2(x^\alpha)$ is uniformly bounded for b belonging to some neighbourhood of 0 in the complexification of BMO. As a consequence (see [3, Propositions 2.1 and 2.3]), the operator-valued mappings $(T_n)_{n \geq 0}$ are uniformly analytic in a neighbourhood of 0 in the complexification of BMO and so are $(V_n)_{n \geq 0}$.

Now, the connection between $[b, S_n]$ and the perturbed Fourier series comes via the Gâteaux differential of T_n at 0 in the direction b :

$$\frac{d}{dz} T_n(zb) \Big|_{z=0} = [b, S_n].$$

In this way, the uniform analyticity of T_n in a neighbourhood of 0 gives the L^2 -boundedness of $[b, S_n]$.

1. MAIN RESULTS.

If b is a locally Lebesgue-integrable function on $(0, \infty)$, the mean of b on an interval $I \subseteq (0, \infty)$ is

$$b_I = \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I b(x) dx.$$

The function b is said to have bounded mean oscillation on $(0, \infty)$ if

$$\|b\|_{\text{BMO}} = \sup_I \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I |b(x) - b_I| dx$$

is finite, where the supremum is taken over all the intervals $I \subseteq (0, \infty)$. The space BMO of real-valued functions (modulo constants) having bounded mean oscillation on $(0, \infty)$ is a real Banach space with $\|\cdot\|_{\text{BMO}}$ as its norm.

Theorem 1. *Let $1 < p < \infty$, $-1 < \alpha$ such that*

$$\begin{cases} 4/3 < p < 4, & \text{if } -1 < \alpha < 0; \\ \frac{4(\alpha+1)}{2\alpha+3} < p < \frac{4(\alpha+1)}{2\alpha+1}, & \text{if } 0 \leq \alpha. \end{cases}$$

(a) *There exists some constant $C > 0$ such that, for every $f \in L^p(x^\alpha)$ and $n \geq 0$,*

$$\|S_n f\|_{L^p(x^\alpha)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p(x^\alpha)}.$$

(b) *If $b \in \text{BMO}$, then there exists some constant $C > 0$ such that, for every $f \in L^p(x^\alpha)$ and $n \geq 0$,*

$$\|[S_n, b]f\|_{L^p(x^\alpha)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p(x^\alpha)}.$$

Throughout this paper, we will denote by C a positive constant which is independent of n and f , but may be different in each occurrence, even within the same formula.

Theorem 2. *Let $1 < p < \infty$, $-1 < \alpha$ such that*

$$\begin{cases} 4/3 < p < 4, & \text{if } -1 < \alpha < 0; \\ \frac{4(\alpha+1)}{2\alpha+3} < p < \frac{4(\alpha+1)}{2\alpha+1}, & \text{if } 0 \leq \alpha. \end{cases}$$

Then there exist some $C, \delta > 0$ such that, for all $b \in \text{BMO}$ with $\|b\|_{\text{BMO}} < \delta$,

$$\sup_n \|T_n(b)\|_{L^p(x^\alpha) \rightarrow L^p(x^\alpha)} \leq C.$$

The next corollary is just a consequence of Theorem 2 and [3, Prop. 2.3].

Corollary. *The sequences of operators $(T_n(b))_{n \geq 0}$ and $(V_n(b))_{n \geq 0}$, acting on the space $L^2(x^\alpha)$, are uniformly analytic in a neighbourhood of 0 in the complexification of BMO.*

Some notation and previous results will be necessary. For $1 < p < \infty$, we write $p' = p/(p-1)$, i.e., $1/p + 1/p' = 1$. A weight is a nonnegative Lebesgue-measurable function on $(0, \infty)$. The class $A_p(0, \infty)$ [A_p , for short] consists of those pairs of weights (u, v) such that, for every subinterval $I \subseteq (0, \infty)$,

$$\frac{1}{|I|} \int_I u \left(\frac{1}{|I|} \int_I v^{-p'/p} \right)^{p/p'} \leq C,$$

where C is a positive constant independent of I , and $|I|$ denotes the length of I . The A_p constant of (u, v) is the least constant C verifying this inequality and will be denoted by $A_p(u, v)$. A single weight w is said to belong to A_p if $(w, w) \in A_p$; in this case we denote the constant by $A_p(w)$. We refer the reader to [6] for further details on A_p classes.

The Hilbert transform on $(0, \infty)$ will be denoted by H . Fix $1 < p < \infty$; then H is a bounded linear operator on $L^p(w)$, for any weight $w \in A_p$. The norm of $H: L^p(w) \rightarrow L^p(w)$ and the A_p constant of w depend only one on another, in the sense that given some constant C which verifies the A_p condition for w , another constant C_1 depending only on C can be chosen so that $\|H\| \leq C_1$, and viceversa. Therefore, for a sequence $(w_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ uniformly in A_p , i.e., with some constant C verifying the A_p condition for every w_n , the Hilbert transform is uniformly bounded on $L^p(w_n)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. We refer the reader again to [6] for further details.

Also, if (u, v) is a pair of weights such that $C_1 u \leq w \leq C_2 v$ for some $w \in A_p$, we deduce that H is a bounded operator from $L^p(v)$ into $L^p(u)$. The existence of such a weight w is equivalent to $(u^\delta, v^\delta) \in A_p$ for some $\delta > 1$ (see [8]). For short, this is written as $(u, v) \in A_p^\delta$.

Analogous results hold also with the commutator $[b, H]$, for any $b \in \text{BMO}$ (see [2], for instance). Namely, given $b \in \text{BMO}$ and $w \in A_p$, $[b, H]$ is a bounded operator on $L^p(w)$ with a norm that depends only on the BMO-norm of b and the A_p constant of w , in the sense above.

2. PROOFS.

Let us start with some auxiliary results:

Lemma 1. *Let u, v, w be weights on $(0, +\infty)$, $\lambda > 0$.*

- (a) $w(x) \in A_p$ if and only if $w(\lambda x) \in A_p$; both weights have the same A_p constant.
- (b) $w \in A_p$ if and only if $\lambda w \in A_p$; both weights have also the same A_p constant.
- (c) If $u, v \in A_p$, then $u + v \in A_p$ and $A_p(u + v) \leq A_p(u) + A_p(v)$.
- (d) If $u, v \in A_p$ and $1/w = 1/u + 1/v$, then $w \in A_p$ and $A_p(w) \leq C[A_p(u) + A_p(v)]$.

Proof. Parts (a) and (b) are trivial. Part (c) follows easily from the inequality

$$\left(\frac{1}{|I|} \int_I (u + v)^{-p'/p} \right)^{p/p'} \leq \min \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{|I|} \int_I u^{-p'/p} \right)^{p/p'}, \left(\frac{1}{|I|} \int_I v^{-p'/p} \right)^{p/p'} \right\}.$$

Part (d) is a consequence of (c) and the fact that $u \in A_p \iff u^{-p'/p} \in A_{p'}$, with $A_{p'}(u^{-p'/p}) = [A_p(u)]^{p'/p}$. \square

The proof of the next lemma is not difficult, but cumbersome, so we omit it. For the weight in (c), observe that $x^r |x^{1/2} - 1|^s \sim x^r$ near 0, $x^r |x^{1/2} - 1|^s \sim |x - 1|^s$ near 1 and $x^r |x^{1/2} - 1|^s \sim x^{r+s/2}$ near ∞ , whence the three conditions follow.

Lemma 2. *Let $r, s \in \mathbb{R}$.*

- (a) $x^r \in A_p \iff -1 < r < p - 1$.
- (b) Set $\Phi(x) = x^r$ if $x \in (0, 1)$ and $\Phi(x) = x^s$ if $x \in (1, \infty)$. Then, $\Phi \in A_p$ if and only if $-1 < r < p - 1$ and $-1 < s < p - 1$.
- (c) $x^r |x^{1/2} - 1|^s \in A_p \iff -1 < r < p - 1, -1 < s < p - 1$ and $-1 < r + s/2 < p - 1$.

Lemma 3. *Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\alpha > -1$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n 2(\alpha + 2k + 1)J_{\alpha+2k+1}(x)J_{\alpha+2k+1}(t) \\ &= \frac{xt}{x^2 - t^2} [xJ_{\alpha+1}(x)J_{\alpha}(t) - tJ_{\alpha}(x)J_{\alpha+1}(t) \\ & \quad + xJ'_{\alpha+2n+2}(x)J_{\alpha+2n+2}(t) - tJ_{\alpha+2n+2}(x)J'_{\alpha+2n+2}(t)]. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Using the equality $J_{\nu-1}(z) + J_{\nu+1}(z) = \frac{2\nu}{z}J_{\nu}(z)$ (see [14, III.3.2, p. 45]) to express $J_{\mu-1}$ and $J_{\mu+2}$ in terms of J_{μ} and $J_{\mu+1}$ proves the formula

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{xt}{x^2 - t^2} [xJ_{\mu}(x)J_{\mu-1}(t) - tJ_{\mu-1}(x)J_{\mu}(t) - xJ_{\mu+2}(x)J_{\mu+1}(t) + tJ_{\mu+1}(x)J_{\mu+2}(t)] \\ &= 2\mu J_{\mu}(x)J_{\mu}(t). \end{aligned}$$

This gives now

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^n 2(\alpha + 2k + 1)J_{\alpha+2k+1}(x)J_{\alpha+2k+1}(t) \\ &= \frac{xt}{x^2 - t^2} [xJ_{\alpha+1}(x)J_{\alpha}(t) - tJ_{\alpha}(x)J_{\alpha+1}(t) \\ & \quad - xJ_{\alpha+2n+3}(x)J_{\alpha+2n+2}(t) + tJ_{\alpha+2n+2}(x)J_{\alpha+2n+3}(t)]. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, use the formula $zJ_{\nu+1}(z) = \nu J_{\nu}(z) - zJ'_{\nu}(z)$ (see [14, III.3.2, p. 45]) to take out $J_{\alpha+2n+3}$. \square

Proof of Theorem 1. From the definition,

$$S_n f(x) = x^{-\frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{\infty} \left[\sum_{k=0}^n (\alpha + 2k + 1)J_{\alpha+2k+1}(x^{\frac{1}{2}})J_{\alpha+2k+1}(t^{\frac{1}{2}}) \right] t^{\frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{1}{2}} f(t) dt$$

so that Lemma 3 leads to

$$S_n f = W_1 f - W_2 f + W_{3,n} f - W_{4,n} f,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} W_1 f(x) &= 2^{-1} x^{-\alpha/2+1/2} J_{\alpha+1}(x^{1/2}) H(t^{\alpha/2} J_{\alpha}(t^{1/2}) f(t))(x), \\ W_2 f(x) &= 2^{-1} x^{-\alpha/2} J_{\alpha}(x^{1/2}) H(t^{\alpha/2+1/2} J_{\alpha+1}(t^{1/2}) f(t))(x), \\ W_{3,n} f(x) &= 2^{-1} x^{-\alpha/2+1/2} J'_{\nu}(x^{1/2}) H(t^{\alpha/2} J_{\nu}(t^{1/2}) f(t))(x), \\ W_{4,n} f(x) &= 2^{-1} x^{-\alpha/2} J_{\nu}(x^{1/2}) H(t^{\alpha/2+1/2} J'_{\nu}(t^{1/2}) f(t))(x) \end{aligned}$$

and $\nu = \alpha + 2n + 2$. Thus, we will show that the operators W_1, W_2 are bounded and the operators $W_{3,n}, W_{4,n}$ are uniformly bounded for $n \geq 0$. The proof for the commutator $[b, S_n]$ is the same: just put $[b, H]$ instead of H .

(I) *Boundedness of the operator W_1* . From the definition, it follows that

$$\|W_1 f\|_{L^p(x^\alpha)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p(x^\alpha)}$$

if and only if

$$\|Hg\|_{L^p(x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/2}|J_{\alpha+1}(x^{1/2})|^p)} \leq C \|g\|_{L^p(x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2}|J_\alpha(x^{1/2})|^{-p})}.$$

Proving that there is a weight $\Phi \in A_p$ with

$$(1) \quad Cx^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/2}|J_{\alpha+1}(x^{1/2})|^p \leq \Phi(x) \leq Cx^{\alpha-\alpha p/2}|J_\alpha(x^{1/2})|^{-p}$$

will be enough. According to the bounds

$$\begin{aligned} |J_\alpha(x)| &\leq C_\alpha x^\alpha, & x \in (0, 1), \\ |J_\alpha(x)| &\leq C_\alpha x^{-1/2}, & x \in (1, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

(see, e.g., [14, III.3.1 (8), p. 40] and [14, VII.7.21 (1), p. 199]), we have

$$\begin{aligned} x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/2}|J_{\alpha+1}(x^{1/2})|^p &\leq \begin{cases} Cx^{\alpha+p}, & \text{if } x \in (0, 1), \\ Cx^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/4}, & \text{if } x \in (1, \infty), \end{cases} \\ x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2}|J_\alpha(x^{1/2})|^{-p} &\geq \begin{cases} Cx^{\alpha-\alpha p}, & \text{if } x \in (0, 1), \\ Cx^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/4}, & \text{if } x \in (1, \infty). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Let us try

$$\Phi(x) = \begin{cases} x^r, & \text{if } x \in (0, 1), \\ x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/4}, & \text{if } x \in (1, \infty). \end{cases}$$

By (b) in Lemma 2, conditions (1) and $\Phi \in A_p$ will hold if

$$\begin{cases} \alpha - \alpha p \leq r \leq \alpha + p, \\ -1 < r < p - 1, \\ -1 < \alpha - \alpha p/2 + p/4 < p - 1. \end{cases}$$

The third line is equivalent to

$$\frac{2\alpha - 1}{4} p < \alpha + 1, \quad \alpha + 1 < \frac{2\alpha + 3}{4} p,$$

and these hold, by the hypothesis. For the inequalities involving r it suffices

$$\max\{-1, \alpha - \alpha p\} < \min\{p - 1, \alpha + p\}.$$

It is easy to check that this also holds, whenever $\alpha > -1$ and $p > 1$.

(II) *Boundedness of the operator W_2* . The proof is entirely similar: we have

$$\|W_2 f\|_{L^p(x^\alpha)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p(x^\alpha)}$$

if and only if

$$\|Hg\|_{L^p(x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2}|J_\alpha(x^{1/2})|^p)} \leq C \|g\|_{L^p(x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/2}|J_{\alpha+1}(x^{1/2})|^{-p})}$$

so that we can prove that there is a weight $\Psi \in A_p$ with

$$(2) \quad Cx^{\alpha-\alpha p/2}|J_\alpha(x^{1/2})|^p \leq \Psi(x) \leq Cx^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/2}|J_{\alpha+1}(x^{1/2})|^{-p}.$$

Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2}|J_\alpha(x^{1/2})|^p &\leq \begin{cases} Cx^\alpha, & \text{if } x \in (0, 1), \\ Cx^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/4}, & \text{if } x \in (1, \infty), \end{cases} \\ x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/2}|J_{\alpha+1}(x^{1/2})|^{-p} &\geq \begin{cases} Cx^{\alpha-\alpha p-p}, & \text{if } x \in (0, 1), \\ Cx^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/4}, & \text{if } x \in (1, \infty). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Setting

$$\Psi(x) = \begin{cases} x^r, & \text{if } x \in (0, 1), \\ x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/4}, & \text{if } x \in (1, \infty), \end{cases}$$

conditions (2) and $\Psi \in A_p$ will hold if

$$\begin{cases} \alpha - \alpha p - p \leq r \leq \alpha, \\ -1 < r < p - 1, \\ -1 < \alpha - \alpha p/2 - p/4 < p - 1. \end{cases}$$

The third line is equivalent to

$$\frac{2\alpha + 1}{4}p < \alpha + 1, \quad \alpha + 1 < \frac{2\alpha + 5}{4}p,$$

and these hold, by the hypothesis. For the inequalities involving r we only need

$$\max\{-1, \alpha - \alpha p - p\} < \min\{p - 1, \alpha\}.$$

It is easy to check that this also holds, whenever $\alpha > -1$ and $p > 1$.

(III) *Uniform boundedness of the operators $W_{3,n}$.* Here,

$$\|W_{3,n}f\|_{L^p(x^\alpha)} \leq C\|f\|_{L^p(x^\alpha)}$$

if and only if

$$\|Hg\|_{L^p(x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/2}|J'_\nu(x^{1/2})|^p)} \leq C\|g\|_{L^p(x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2}|J_\nu(x^{1/2})|^{-p})}.$$

We make now use of the bounds

$$\begin{aligned} |J_\nu(x)| &\leq Cx^{-1/4} \left[|x - \nu| + \nu^{1/3}\right]^{-1/4}, \quad \nu = \alpha + 2n + 2, \quad x \in (0, \infty), \\ |J'_\nu(x)| &\leq Cx^{-3/4} \left[|x - \nu| + \nu^{1/3}\right]^{1/4}, \quad \nu = \alpha + 2n + 2, \quad x \in (0, \infty), \end{aligned}$$

with some universal constant C . They follow from those of [5], for instance. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/2}|J'_\nu(x^{1/2})|^p &\leq Cx^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/8} \left[|x^{1/2} - \nu| + \nu^{1/3}\right]^{p/4}, \\ x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2}|J_\nu(x^{1/2})|^{-p} &\geq Cx^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/8} \left[|x^{1/2} - \nu| + \nu^{1/3}\right]^{p/4}. \end{aligned}$$

It will suffice to prove that $\varphi_\nu \in A_p$ uniformly in n , with

$$(3) \quad \varphi_\nu(x) = x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/8} \left[|x^{1/2} - \nu| + \nu^{1/3} \right]^{p/4}.$$

From Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_\nu(x) \in A_p \text{ unif.} &\iff \varphi_\nu(\nu^2 x) \in A_p \text{ unif.} \\ &\iff x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/8} \left[|x^{1/2} - 1| + \nu^{-2/3} \right]^{p/4} \in A_p \text{ unif.} \\ &\iff x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/8} |x^{1/2} - 1|^{p/4} + \nu^{-p/6} x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/8} \in A_p \text{ unif.,} \end{aligned}$$

where the last equivalence follows from

$$\left[|x^{1/2} - 1| + \nu^{-2/3} \right]^{p/4} \sim |x^{1/2} - 1|^{p/4} + \nu^{-p/6},$$

i.e., the ratio of both terms is bounded below and above by two positive constants not depending on n or x . Now, again by Lemma 1, proving that $x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/8} \in A_p$ and $x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/8} |x^{1/2} - 1|^{p/4} \in A_p$ will suffice. According to Lemma 2,

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{cases} x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/8} \in A_p \\ x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/8} |x^{1/2} - 1|^{p/4} \in A_p \end{cases} &\iff \begin{cases} -1 < \alpha - \alpha p/2 + p/8 < p - 1 \\ -1 < p/4 < p - 1 \\ -1 < \alpha - \alpha p/2 + p/4 < p - 1 \end{cases} \\ &\iff \begin{cases} -1 < \alpha - \alpha p/2 + p/8 \\ 4/3 < p \\ \alpha - \alpha p/2 + p/4 < p - 1 \end{cases} \\ &\iff \begin{cases} \frac{2\alpha-1/2}{4} p < \alpha + 1 < \frac{2\alpha+3}{4} p \\ 4/3 < p \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and these inequalities follow from the initial conditions.

(IV) *Uniform boundedness of the operators $W_{4,n}$.* Finally,

$$\|W_{4,n} f\|_{L^p(x^\alpha)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p(x^\alpha)}$$

if and only if

$$\|Hg\|_{L^p(x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2} |J_\nu(x^{1/2})|^p)} \leq C \|g\|_{L^p(x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/2} |J'_\nu(x^{1/2})|^{-p})}.$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2} |J_\nu(x^{1/2})|^p &\leq C x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/8} \left[|x^{1/2} - \nu| + \nu^{1/3} \right]^{-p/4}, \\ x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/2} |J'_\nu(x^{1/2})|^{-p} &\geq C x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/8} \left[|x^{1/2} - \nu| + \nu^{1/3} \right]^{-p/4} \end{aligned}$$

so let us put

$$(4) \quad \psi_\nu(x) = x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/8} \left[|x^{1/2} - \nu| + \nu^{1/3} \right]^{-p/4}$$

and show that $\psi_\nu \in A_p$ uniformly in n . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_\nu(x) \in A_p \text{ unif.} &\iff \psi_\nu(\nu^2 x) \in A_p \text{ unif.} \\ &\iff x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/8} \left[|x^{1/2} - 1| + \nu^{-2/3} \right]^{-p/4} \in A_p \text{ unif.} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/8} \left[|x^{1/2} - 1| + \nu^{-2/3} \right]^{-p/4} \right)^{-1} \\ &\sim x^{-\alpha+\alpha p/2+p/8} \left[|x^{1/2} - 1|^{p/4} + \nu^{-p/6} \right] \\ &= \left[x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/8} |x^{1/2} - 1|^{-p/4} \right]^{-1} + \left[\nu^{p/6} x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/8} \right]^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

so that proving that $x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/8} |x^{1/2} - 1|^{-p/4} \in A_p$ and $x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/8} \in A_p$ will suffice. But

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{cases} x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/8} \in A_p \\ x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/8} |x^{1/2} - 1|^{-p/4} \in A_p \end{cases} &\iff \begin{cases} -1 < \alpha - \alpha p/2 - p/8 < p - 1 \\ -1 < -p/4 < p - 1 \\ -1 < \alpha - \alpha p/2 - p/4 < p - 1 \end{cases} \\ &\iff \begin{cases} \alpha - \alpha p/2 - p/8 < p - 1 \\ p < 4 \\ -1 < \alpha - \alpha p/2 - p/4 \end{cases} \\ &\iff \begin{cases} \frac{2\alpha+1}{4} p < \alpha + 1 < \frac{2\alpha+9/2}{4} p \\ p < 4 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and these inequalities hold by the hypothesis. The proof of Theorem 1 is now complete. \square

Proof of Theorem 2. For each $n \geq 0$ and $b \in \text{BMO}$, $T_n(b): L^p(x^\alpha) \rightarrow L^p(x^\alpha)$ is bounded if and only if $S_n: L^p(e^{pb}x^\alpha) \rightarrow L^p(e^{pb}x^\alpha)$ is bounded, and both operators have the same norm. Thus, we can follow the proof of Theorem 1 and conclude that conditions (1), (2), (3) and (4), i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} Cx^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/2} |J_{\alpha+1}(x^{1/2})|^p &\leq \Phi(x) \leq Cx^{\alpha-\alpha p/2} |J_\alpha(x^{1/2})|^{-p}, \\ Cx^{\alpha-\alpha p/2} |J_\alpha(x^{1/2})|^p &\leq \Psi(x) \leq Cx^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/2} |J_{\alpha+1}(x^{1/2})|^{-p}, \\ \varphi_\nu(x) &= x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2+p/8} \left[|x^{1/2} - \nu| + \nu^{1/3} \right]^{p/4}, \\ \psi_\nu(x) &= x^{\alpha-\alpha p/2-p/8} \left[|x^{1/2} - \nu| + \nu^{1/3} \right]^{-p/4}, \end{aligned}$$

are still sufficient, if we require now $e^{pb}\Phi, e^{pb}\Psi, e^{pb}\varphi_\nu, e^{pb}\psi_\nu \in A_p$ uniformly in ν . The proof of Theorem 1, together with next lemma, finish the proof of Theorem 2. \square

Lemma 4. *Let $1 < p < \infty$. For each $\phi \in A_p$, there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that $e^{pb}\phi \in A_p$ whenever $b \in \text{BMO}$ with $\|b\|_{\text{BMO}} < \delta$. Moreover, δ and the A_p constant of $e^{pb}\phi$ depend only on the A_p constant of ϕ .*

Remark. Again, statements like “ δ depends only on the A_p constant of ϕ ” should be understood as: given a constant $C > 0$ which verifies the A_p condition for ϕ , some δ can be chosen depending only on C .

Proof. If $\phi \in A_p$, there exists some $\varepsilon > 1$ such that $\phi^\varepsilon \in A_p$; moreover, ε and the A_p constant of ϕ^ε depend only on the A_p constant of ϕ [6, Theorem IV.2.7, p. 399]. Take now $1/\varepsilon + 1/\varepsilon' = 1$. There exists some $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\|b\|_{\text{BMO}} < \delta \implies e^{p\varepsilon'b} \in A_p;$$

here, δ and the A_p constant of $e^{p\varepsilon'b}$ depend only on ε' [6, p. 409]. This, together with $\phi^\varepsilon \in A_p$ and Hölder’s inequality, imply $e^{pb}\phi \in A_p$ with an A_p constant depending only on the A_p constant of ϕ . \square

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