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# 1 Introduction and notation

Two of the basic operators in Harmonic Analysis are the well-known "Hilbert transform" and "Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator". The Hardy-Littlewood maximal function is defined in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int |f(y)| dy$$

where Q is a cube in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and |Q| stands for the Lebesgue measure of the cube.

The Hilbert transform is defined in  $\mathbb R$  by several equivalent ways:

$$Hf(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{|y| > \varepsilon} \frac{f(x-y)}{y} dy,$$
$$Hf(x) = \lim_{t \to 0} Q_t * f(x),$$

where  $Q_t$  is the conjugate Poisson kernel,  $Q_t(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{x}{x^2 + t^2}$  or

$$(Hf)\hat{\xi} = -isgn(\xi)\hat{f}(\xi).$$

Their boundedness properties in the Lebesgue spaces are rather wellknown and its possible generalizations to higher dimension, other spaces or its vector-valued analogues have been a source of creativity for mathematicians over the decades.

These operators are known to be of weak-type (1, 1),

$$|\{x: |Hf(x)| > \lambda\}| \le C \frac{\|f\|_1}{\lambda} \tag{1}$$

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$$|\{x: |Mf(x)| > \lambda\}| \le C \frac{\|f\|_1}{\lambda} \tag{2}$$

and of strong-type (p, p)

$$||Hf||_p \le C ||f||_p, \quad 1 
(3)$$

$$||Mf||_p \le C ||f||_p, \quad 1 (4)$$

The endpoint results for p = 1 and  $p = \infty$  for the Hilbert transform lead to two very important spaces in Harmonic Analysis, namely  $BMO(\mathbb{R})$  and  $H^1(\mathbb{R})$ .

 $BMO(\mathbb{R})$  consists of locally integrable functions such that  $\sup_Q osc_p(f, Q) < \infty$  for some (or equivalently for all) 0 , where

$$osc_p(f,Q) = (\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(x) - f_Q|^p dx)^{1/p}$$

and  $f_Q = \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q f(x) dx$  for a cube Q in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The space can also be described by means of the sharp maximal function of f ([FS]),

$$f^{\#}(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} |f(x) - f_Q| dx.$$

Of course,  $f \in BMO(\mathbb{R})$  if and only if  $f^{\#} \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  and the "norm" in BMO is then given by  $||f^{\#}||_{\infty}$ .

Let us also recall that  $BMO(\mathbb{R})$  is the dual space of  $H^1(\mathbb{R})$  ([FS, C]) where  $H^1$  is the Hardy space defined in terms of atoms, i.e. that is the space of integrable functions  $f = \sum_k \lambda_k a_k, \ \lambda_k \in \mathbb{R}, \ \sum_k |\lambda_k| < \infty$  and where  $a_k$  belong to  $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}), \ supp(a_k) \subset Q_k$  for some cube  $Q_k, \ \int_{Q_k} a(x)dx = 0$  and  $|a(x)| \leq \frac{1}{|Q_k|}$ . The norm is now given by the infimum of  $\sum_k |\lambda_k|$  over all possible decompositions of f.

With these definitions out of the way, we can now mention that the Hilbert transform maps  $H^1(\mathbb{R})$  into  $L^1(\mathbb{R})$  and  $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  into  $BMO(\mathbb{R})$ , i.e.

$$||Hf||_{BMO} \le C ||f||_{\infty},\tag{5}$$

$$\|Hf\|_1 \le C \|f\|_{H^1}.$$
 (6)

There is another rather relevant connection between BMO and the commutator between multiplication operators and singular integrals. It was first shown by Coifman, Rochberg and Weiss ([CRW]) that, denoting  $H_b(f) = bH(f) - H(bf)$ , one has

$$b \in BMO(\mathbb{R})$$
 if and only if  $H_b : L^2(\mathbb{R}) \to L^2(\mathbb{R})$  is bounded. (7)

There have been several directions in which results from (1) to (7) have been extended and developed. One approach, which goes back to the early

fifties, was the consideration of convolution operators with kernels similar in higher dimensions. The big contribution to the general theory of operators that share similar properties with the Hilbert transform is due to the work of A. Calderón and A. Zygmund (see [CZ]).

I took some time for people to isolate the properties that were needed in the kernel in order to apply similar techniques to other classes of operators.

After some preliminary stages (see [S], [H]) in the case of convolution kernels, the theory was then extended to non-convolution operators (see [CM] or [J]).

Following Coifman and Meyer we shall say that T is a generalized Calderón-Zygmund operator if it has following properties:

(i) T is bounded on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

(ii) there exists a locally integrable function k from  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{(x, x) : x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$  into  $\mathbb{C}$  such that

$$Tf(x) = \int k(x,y)f(y)dy$$
(8)

for every bounded and compactly supported function f and  $x \notin supp f$ ,

(iii) there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that the kernel satisfies

$$|k(x,y)| \le \frac{C}{|x-y|},\tag{9}$$

$$|k(x,y) - k(x',y)| \le C \frac{|x - x'|^{\varepsilon}}{|x - y|^{n + \varepsilon}}, |x - y| \ge 2|x - x'|,$$
(10)

$$|k(x,y) - k(x,y')| \le C \frac{|y - y'|^{\varepsilon}}{|x - y|^{n + \varepsilon}}, |x - y| \ge 2|y - y'|.$$
(11)

In general, for generalized Calderón-Zygmund operators one does not have the identity

$$Tf(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{|x-y| > \varepsilon} k(x,y) f(y) dy, \qquad f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$
(12)

The operators where (12) happens to hold true were called Calderón-Zygmung type singular integrals.

For such operators one defines the corresponding maximal operator

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

Let us collect in the following theorem the boundedness properties of such operators.

**Theorem 1.1** Let T be a Calderón-Zygmund type singular operator defined on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then

$$|\{x: |Tf(x)| > \lambda\}| \le C \frac{\|f\|_1}{\lambda},$$

$$\|Tf\|_{1} \leq C \|f\|_{H^{1}},$$
  
$$\|Tf\|_{p} \leq C \|f\|_{p}, \quad 1 
$$\|Tf\|_{BMO} \leq C \|f\|_{\infty},$$
  
$$|\{x : |T^{*}f(x)| > \lambda\}| \leq C \frac{\|f\|_{1}}{\lambda},$$
  
$$\|T^{*}f\|_{p} \leq C \|f\|_{p}, \quad 1$$$$

It is known (see [D] Theorem 5.12) that to get the boundedness and the weak-type (1, 1) for such operator conditions (9),(10) and (11) can be replaced by the Hörmander type ones

$$\int_{|x-y| \ge 2|x-x'|} |k(x,y) - k(x',y)| \le C,$$
(13)

$$\int_{|x-y| \ge 2|y-y'|} |k(x,y) - k(x,y')| \le C.$$
(14)

Another direction, which we shall consider throughout this paper, is the vector-valued consideration of the problem.

There are two different points of view. One is to consider sequences of functions  $(f_j)$ , rather than for a single one, and ask ourselves whether inequalities like

$$\|(\sum_{j} |Hf_{j}|^{r})^{1/r}\|_{p} \le C \|(\sum_{j} |f_{j}|^{r})^{1/r}\|_{p}$$
(15)

hold true for some values  $0 < p, r < \infty$ .

Another one is to analyze whether inequalities like

$$\|(\sum_{j} |T_{j}f|^{r})^{1/r}\|_{p} \le C \|f\|_{p}$$
(16)

hold true for some values  $0 < p, r < \infty$ , where  $T_j$  are Calderón-Zygmund operators with some assumptions.

These results, nowadays, fit in a theory of general vector-valued functions, when allowing either the function or the kernel to take values in Banach spaces.

A systematic study and its applications to Littlewood-Paley theory or maximal functions was first started in the work of Benedek, Calderón and Panzone ([BCP]) and then continued by Rubio de Francia, Ruiz and Torrea ([RRT].

The vector-valued theory also has some applications in a more abstract setting and interplays with the geometry of Banach spaces when analyzing the properties on the Banach space for several classical results to hold true in the Banach-valued setting.

One of the most important vector-valued extension is the following: Let X be a Banach space and consider  $f = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \phi_k x_k$  where  $\phi_k \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$  and  $x_k \in X$ . We can now define the vector-valued Hilbert transform

$$Hf(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_{|y| > \varepsilon} \frac{f(x-y)}{y} dy = \sum_{k=1}^m H(\phi_k) x_k \in X.$$

The main question is to know whether the operator, defined on  $L^p(\mathbb{R}) \otimes X$ , extends continuously to  $L^p_X(\mathbb{R})$ . A positive answer for  $X = \ell^r$  answers the question in (15). In this direction it is not difficult to see that for  $X = \ell^1(\mathbb{N})$ the operator  $H \otimes Id$  is not bounded on  $L^2_{\ell^1}(\mathbb{R})$ . However it follows from a general  $\ell^2$ -valued extension result due to Marcinkiewicz and Zygmund (see [GR],Theorem 2.7) that (15) holds for the case  $X = \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ . The description of the property on the space X for the boundedness of the vector-valued Hilbert transform goes back to the work of Burkholder and Bourgain (see [Bu1, Bo1] ) who proved to be equivalent to the boundedness of the unconditional martingale differences transform and, since then on called the UMD property.

From this point of view, and realizing that the boundedness on  $L^2$  is equivalent to the one in any  $L^p$  for 1 , one can say that (15) holds $for <math>1 < p, r < \infty$  because  $\ell_r$  has the UMD property in the case  $1 < r < \infty$ .

The UMD property became rather relevant, due to the interplay of the Hilbert transform with orther areas whenever functions were allowed to take values in Banach spaces.

Another example of the use of vector-valued analysis in connection with classical operators comes from the Banach-lattice-valued extension of the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function ([GMT]). A Banach function space L is said to have the Hardy-Littlewood property if

$$M_L(f)(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(x)| dx,$$

where the supremum is taken in the lattice structure. Several characterization and results concerning this property were achieved in [GMT, GMT2].

I would like to point out here that Carlos Segovia got interested in the interplay between the geometry of Banach spaces and the vector-valued analysis and we refer the reader to his work in [HMST] for a combination of techniques from  $A_p$  theory, Harmonic Analysis and the use of Hardy-Littlewood property in Banach lattices.

As for the Hilbert transform, given a Banach space X and a Calderón-Zygmund operator T with scalar-valued kernel k one defines the vector-valued extension

$$T_X f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^m T(\phi_k) x_k \in X$$

for  $f = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \phi_k x_k$  where  $\phi_k \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$  and  $x_k \in X$ .

Next generalization in the theory comes from the fact that the expression  $\int k(x,y)f(y)dy$  for vector valued functions f also makes sense for operator-valued kernels, with the obvious interpretation.

Let now A and B be Banach spaces and denote by  $\mathcal{L}(A, B)$  the space of bounded linear operators from A to B. Following Segovia and Torrea (see

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[ST1]) we shall say that T is a  $\mathcal{L}(A, B)$ -Calderón-Zygmund type operator if it has following properties:

(i)  $T: L^p(\mathbb{R}^n, A) \to L^p(\mathbb{R}^n, B)$  is bounded for some 1 and

(ii) there exists a locally integrable function k from  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{(x, x) : x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$  into  $\mathcal{L}(A, B)$  such that

$$Tf(x) = \int k(x,y)f(y)dy$$

for every A-valued bounded and compactly supported function f and  $x \notin supp f$ .

Several properties can be imposed on these kernels in order to obtain the corresponding boundedness properties in different spaces:

$$\int_{|x-y| \ge 2|x-x'|} \|k(x,y) - k(x',y)\| dy \le C, \qquad (H_y)$$
$$\int_{|x-y| \ge 2|y-y'|} \|k(x,y) - k(x,y')\| dx \le C, \qquad (H_x)$$

$$||k(x,y) - k(x',y)|| \le C \frac{|x-x'|^{\varepsilon}}{|x-y|^{n+\varepsilon}}, \quad |x-y| \ge 2|x-x'|, \qquad (CZ_y)$$

$$||k(x,y) - k(x,y')|| \le C \frac{|y - y'|^{\varepsilon}}{|x - y|^{n + \varepsilon}}, \quad |x - y| \ge 2|y - y'|.$$
 (CZ<sub>x</sub>)

Note that  $(CZ_y)$  (respect.  $(CZ_x)$ ) implies  $(H_y)$  (respect.  $(H_x)$ ).

Throughout the paper we shall work on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  endowed with the Lebesgue measure dx and use the notation  $|A| = \int_A dx$ . Given a Banach space  $(X, \| \cdot \|)$  and  $1 \leq p < \infty$  we shall denote by  $L_X^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the space of Bochner *p*-integrable functions endowed with the norm  $\|f\|_{L_X^p} = (\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \|f(x)\|^p dx)^{1/p}$  and by  $L_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, X)$  the closure of the compactly supported functions in  $L_X^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

We use the notation Mf and  $f^{\#}$  for the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function and the sharp maximal function of f, i.e.

$$\begin{split} M(f)(x) &= \sup_{x \in Q} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} \|f(x)\| dx, \\ f^{\#}(x) &= \sup_{x \in Q} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} \|f(x) - \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} f(y) dy\| dx) \end{split}$$

We shall denote  $M_q(f) = M(||f||^q)^{1/q}$  for  $1 < q < \infty$ . We shall use the following results shown by Fefferman and Stein (see [FS, GR]):

$$f^{\#}(x) \approx \sup_{x \in Q} \inf_{c_Q \in X} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q ||f(x) - c_Q|| dx.$$
 (17)

If  $M(f) \in L^{p_0}$  for some  $0 < p_0 < \infty$  then for 1

$$\|f\|_{L^{p}_{X}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} \leq C \|f^{\#}\|_{L^{p}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}.$$
(18)

We write  $H_X^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for the Hardy space defined by X-valued atoms, consisting of integrable functions  $f = \sum_k \lambda_k a_k$  where  $\lambda_k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sum_k |\lambda_k| < \infty$  and  $a_k$  belong to  $L_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, X)$ ,  $supp(a_k) \subset Q_k$  for some cube  $Q_k$ ,  $\int_{Q_k} a(x)dx = 0$  and  $||a(x)|| \leq \frac{1}{|Q_k|}$ .

Now  $BMO_X(\mathbb{R}^n)$  stands for the space of locally integrable functions such that  $\sup_Q osc_p(f, Q) < \infty$  for some (or equivalently for all)  $1 \le p < \infty$ , where

$$osc_p(f,Q) = (\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q ||f(x) - f_Q||^p dx)^{1/p}$$

and  $f_Q = \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q f(x) dx$  for a cube Q in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

The interested reader should be aware that the duality  $H^1(X)$  and  $BMO(X^*)$  and the formulations of the spaces of  $H^1_X$  or  $BMO_X$  by means of the Hilbert transform are not longer true for infinite dimensional Banach spaces X. One needs either the RNP on  $X^*$  or the UMD property in X (see [RRT, Bl1, Bl2]) for the corresponding results to hold true.

The following theorem exhibits the final achievements in the case  $\mathcal{L}(A, B)$ -valued kernels and goes back to the work of Benedek, Calderón and Panzone for convolution kernels and to the work of Rubio, Ruiz and Torrea for non-convolution ones.

**Theorem 1.2** ([BCP], [RRT]) Let A, B be Banach spaces and let T be  $\mathcal{L}(A, B)$ -Calderón-Zygmund type operator satisfying  $(H_x)$  and  $(H_y)$ . Then (i) T is weak-type (1,1), i.e.

$$|\{x: ||Tf(x)||_B > \lambda\}| \le C \frac{||f||_{L^1_A}}{\lambda}.$$

(ii) T is bounded from  $L^q_A(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^q_B(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Throughout the literature many results appeared in connection with the boundedness of commutators of Calderón-Zygmund type operators and multiplication by a function b given by  $T_b(f) = bT(f) - T(bf)$  on many different spaces, in the weighted and vector-valued settings. Let me now mention some result on operator-valued singular integrals which is one of the important contributions of Carlos Segovia to this theory.

**Theorem 1.3** ([ST1, Theorem 1]) Let A, B be Banach spaces and let T be an  $\mathcal{L}(A, B)$ -valued Calderón-Zygmund type operator such that the kernel satisfies  $(CZ_y)$ . Let  $\ell \to \overline{\ell}$  be a correspondence from  $\mathcal{L}(A)$  to  $\mathcal{L}(B)$  such that

$$\tilde{\ell}T(f)(x) = T(\ell f)(x) \tag{19}$$

and

$$k(x,y)\ell = \tilde{\ell}k(x,y). \tag{20}$$

If b is  $\mathcal{L}(A)$ -valued,  $b \in BMO_{\mathcal{L}(A)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\tilde{b} \in BMO_{\mathcal{L}(B)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  then

$$T_b(f) = bT(f) - T(bf)$$

is bounded from  $L^p_A(\mathbb{R}^n) \to L^p_B(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for all 1 .

Also endpoint estimates for the commutator was a topic that attracted several people on different directions (see [CP, HST, PP, P1, PT2]). The endpoint estimates of the previous operator-valued result were later studied by E. Harboure, C. Segovia and J.L. Torrea (see Theorem A and Theorem 3.1 in [HST]) when b was assumed to be scalar-valued. We will not enter in this direction, but from their results one concludes that non-constant scalar valued BMOfunctions do not define bounded commutators from  $L_c^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n, A)$  to  $BMO_B(\mathbb{R}^n)$ when kernel of the Calderón-Zygmund type operators are  $\mathcal{L}(A, B)$ -valued and also that, in general,  $T_b$  does not map  $H_A^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  into  $L_B^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

We shall present a proof of these last theorems in a bit more general situation and we recommend the interested reader to look for their applications to Maximal functions, Littlewood Paley theory and other topics in [RRT] and the work by Carlos in [ST1] (see also Chapter V in ([GR]) and ([ST2, ST3, ST4, ST5] for similar results in related operators and applications.)

As usual we denote  $\lambda Q$  for a cube centered at  $x_Q$  (center of Q) and with side length  $\lambda \ell(Q)$ , and C will denote a constant that may vary from line to line.

# 2 Theorems and proofs

Although the vector-valued theory has been developed for operator-valued kernels, we shall see in what follows that most of the techniques used there can also be applied in a bit more general situation.

**Definition 2.1** Let A, B be Banach spaces and 1 . We say that <math>T is a (p, A, B)-Calderón Zygmund type operator if it is of weak-type (p, p),

$$|\{x: \|Tf(x)\|_B > \lambda\}| \le C \frac{\|f\|_{L^p_A}^p}{\lambda^p},$$
(21)

and there exist a Banach space E, a bounded bilinear map  $u: E \times A \to B$  and a locally integrable function k from  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{(x, x) : x \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$  into E such that

$$Tf(x) = \int u(k(x,y), f(y))dy$$
(22)

for every A-valued simple function f and  $x \notin supp f$ .

We then say that T has kernel k with respect to u.

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We shall use the notation from the previous section  $(H_x)$ ,  $(H_y)$ ,  $(CZ_x)$ and  $(CZ_y)$  also when replacing the norm in  $\mathcal{L}(A, B)$  by the norm in E.

As in the scalar case the basic ingredients in our proofs will be the Calderón-Zygmund decomposition and Kolmogorov inequality.

**Lemma 2.2** ([GR], Theorem 1.2) Let  $\phi$  be a non-negative integrable function and  $\lambda > 0$ . There exists a sequence of disjoint dyadic cubes  $\{Q_j\}$  such that

$$\phi(x) \le \lambda, a.a.x \notin \bigcup_j Q_j,$$
$$|\bigcup_j Q_j| \le \frac{\|\phi\|_1}{\lambda},$$
$$\lambda < \frac{1}{|Q_j|} \int_{Q_j} \phi \le 2^n \lambda.$$

We shall need the following Lemma due to Kolmogorov.

**Lemma 2.3** Let  $1 \le q < p$  and Q a cube. If T is any operator of weak-type (p, p) then

$$(\frac{1}{|Q|}\int_{Q} \|Tf(x)\|_{B}^{q} dx)^{1/q} \leq C(\frac{1}{|Q|}\int_{Q} \|f(x)\|_{A}^{p} dx)^{1/p}.$$

*Proof.* Use the weak-type (p, p) condition to estimate

$$\begin{split} \int_{Q} \|Tf(x)\|^{q} dx &= q \int_{0}^{\infty} t^{q-1} |\{x \in Q : \|Tf(x)\| > t\}| dt \\ &\leq q \int_{0}^{\infty} t^{q-1} \min\{|Q|, C^{p} \frac{\|f\|_{p}^{p}}{t^{p}}\} dt \\ &= q \int_{0}^{C \frac{\|f\|_{p}}{|Q|^{1/p}}} t^{q-1} |Q| dt + q \int_{C \frac{\|f\|_{p}}{|Q|^{1/p}}}^{\infty} C^{p} \frac{\|f\|_{p}^{p}}{t^{p-q+1}} dt \\ &\leq C |Q|^{1-q/p} \|f\|_{L^{p}}^{q} \cdot \Box \end{split}$$

**Proposition 2.4** Let A, B be Banach spaces. Let T be a (p, A, B)-Calderón Zygmund type operator with kernel k with respect to u which satisfies  $(H_x)$ . Then

(i) T maps  $H^1_A(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^1_B(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . (ii) T is weak-type (1,1).

*Proof.* (i) It suffices to show that  $||T(a)||_{L^1_B} \leq C$  for any A-valued atom.

Let a be an integrable function supported on a cube Q and mean value zero with  $||a(x)|| \leq \frac{1}{|Q|}$ . Using Lemma 2.3 for q = 1,

$$\int_{2Q} \|Ta(x)\| dx \le C |Q|^{1-\frac{1}{p}} \|a\|_{L^p_A} \le C |Q| (\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \|a(x)\|^p dx)^{1/p} \le C.$$

To analyze the other part we shall use  $(H_x)$ . For each  $x \notin 2Q$  then

$$\begin{split} Ta(x) &= \int_{Q} u(k(x,y), a(y)) dy = \int_{Q} u(k(x,y) - k(x,x_Q), a(y)) dy. \\ &\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2Q} \|Ta(x)\|_B dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2Q} \int_{Q} \|u(k(x,y) - k(x,x_Q), a(y))\| dy dx \\ &\leq \int_{Q} (\int_{|x-y| > 2|y-x_Q|} \|u\| \|k(x,y) - k(x,x_Q)\| dx) \|a(y)\| dy \\ &\leq C \|a\|_{L^1_A} \leq C. \end{split}$$

(ii) Let  $f \in L^1_A(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^\infty_c(\mathbb{R}^n, A)$  and  $\lambda > 0$ . Now apply Lemma 2.2 to ||f|| and denote  $\Omega = \cup_j Q_j$ . This allows us to decompose f = g + b where

$$g = \sum_{j} \left(\frac{1}{|Q_j|} \int_{Q_j} f\right) \chi_{Q_j} + f \chi_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega}$$
(23)

and

$$b = \sum_{j} (f - \frac{1}{|Q_j|} \int_{Q_j} f) \chi_{Q_j}$$
(24)

Observe that  $\|g(x)\| \leq C\lambda$  a.e. and  $\|g\|_{L^1_A} \leq \|f\|_{L^1_A}$ . Therefore

$$\begin{split} |\{x: \|Tf(x)\|_{B} > \lambda\}| &\leq |\{x: \|Tg(x)\|_{B} > \lambda/2\}| + |\{x: \|Tb(x)\|_{B} > \lambda/2\}| \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\lambda^{p}} \|Tg\|_{L_{B}^{p}}^{p} + |\{x: \|Tb(x)\|_{B} > \lambda/2\}| \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\lambda^{p}} \|g\|_{L_{A}^{p}}^{p} + |\{x: \|Tb(x)\|_{B} > \lambda/2\}| \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\lambda} \int \|g(x)\|_{A} dx + |\{x: \|Tb(x)\|_{B} > \lambda/2\}| \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\lambda} \int \|f(x)\|_{A} dx + |\{x: \|Tb(x)\|_{B} > \lambda/2\}|. \end{split}$$

As above, if a is an integrable function supported on a cube Q and mean value zero then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2Q} \|Ta(x)\|_B dx \le C \|a\|_{L^1_A}.$$

In particular, denoting  $b_j = (f - \frac{1}{|Q_j|} \int_{Q_j} f) \chi_{Q_j}$  one has

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2Q_j} \|Tb_j(x)\| dx \le C \int_{Q_j} \|b_j(y)\| dy \le 2C \int_{Q_j} \|f(y)\| dy.$$

Using that  $f\chi_{\Omega} \in L^p_A(\mathbb{R}^n)$  one easily gets that  $\sum_j b_j$  converges in  $L^p_A(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . This implies that

$$\{x: ||Tb(x) - \sum_{j=1}^{N} Tb_j(x)|| > \varepsilon\}| \le C \frac{||b - \sum_{j=1}^{N} b_j||_{L^p_A}^p}{\varepsilon^p}$$

for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , which shows that  $||Tb(x)||_B \le \sum_j ||Tb_j(x)||_B$  a.e. This allows us to conclude that, for  $\tilde{\Omega} = \bigcup_j 2Q_j$ ,

$$\begin{split} |\{x: \|Tb(x)\|_B > \lambda/2\}| &\leq |\tilde{\Omega}| + \frac{2}{\lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \tilde{\Omega}} \|Tb(x)\| dx \\ &\leq C|\Omega| + \frac{2}{\lambda} \sum_j \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2Q_j} \|Tb_j(x)\| dx \\ &\leq C|\Omega| + \frac{2}{\lambda} \sum_j \int_{Q_j} \|f(x)\|_A dx \\ &\leq C \frac{\|f\|_{L^1_A}}{\lambda}. \Box \end{split}$$

**Proposition 2.5** Let A, B be Banach spaces. Let T be a (p, A, B)-Calderón Zygmund type operator with kernel k with respect to u which satisfies  $(H_y)$ . Then T maps  $L_c^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n, A)$  to  $BMO_B(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

*Proof.* Let f be A-valued simple function and let Q be a cube in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , decompose  $f = f_1 + f_2$  where  $f_1 = f\chi_{2Q}$ . Now write  $c_Q = (T(f_1))_Q - T(f_2)(x_Q)$  where  $x_Q$  is the center of Q,

$$Tf(x) - c_Q = T(f_1)(x) - (T(f_1))_Q + T(f_2)(x) - T(f_2)(x_Q).$$

Clearly, from Lemma 2.3,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} \|T(f_1)(x) - (T(f_1))_Q\| dx &\leq \frac{2}{|Q|} \int_{Q} \|T(f_1)(x)\| dx \\ &\leq C(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} \|f(x)\|^p dx)^{1/p} \leq C \|f\|_{\infty} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, for  $x \in Q$  and  $y \notin 2Q$  one has  $|x - y| \ge 2|x - x_Q|$ , which implies

$$T(f_2)(x) - T(f_2)(x_Q) = \int_{(2Q)^c} u(k(x,y) - k(x_Q,y), f_2(y)) dy.$$

Now the assumption  $(H_y)$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(f_2)(x) - T(f_2)(x_Q)\| &\leq \|u\| \int_{(2Q)^c} \|k(x,y) - k(x_Q,y)\| \|f(y)\| dy \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{\infty} \int_{|x-y| \geq 2|x-x_Q|} \|k(x,y) - k(x_Q,y)\| dy \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{\infty} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q ||T(f)(x) - c_Q|| dx \leq C ||f||_{\infty}$ . Which implies that  $||Tf||_{BMO} \leq C ||f||_{\infty}$  for any  $f \in L_c^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n, A)$ .  $\Box$ 

Using Propositions 2.4 and 2.5 together with interpolation one obtains the following result.

**Theorem 2.6** Let A, B be Banach spaces and let T be a (p, A, B)-Calderón-Zygmund type operator and the kernel satisfies  $(H_x)$  and  $(H_y)$ .

Then T extends to a bounded operator from  $L^q_A(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^q_B(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for all  $1 < q < \infty$ .

*Proof.* We can use the interpolation results (see [Bl3, BX])

$$[H^1_A(\mathbb{R}^n), L^\infty_c(\mathbb{R}^n, A)]_\theta = L^p_A(\mathbb{R}^n), \frac{1}{p} = 1 - \theta,$$

and

$$[L^1_B(\mathbb{R}^n), BMO_B(\mathbb{R}^n)]_{\theta} = L^p_B(\mathbb{R}^n), \frac{1}{p} = 1 - \theta.\Box$$

We shall now see that a condition slightly weaker than  $(CZ_y)$  allows to get certain pointwise majoration which also gives the strong type in all  $1 < q < \infty$ for (p, A, B)-Calderón-Zygmund type operators.

**Proposition 2.7** Let A, B be Banach spaces and let T be a (p, A, B)-Calderón-Zygmund type operator with kernel k with respect to u. Assume the kernel satisfies that there exist q > 1 and a sequence  $(A_j)$  such that  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j < \infty$  where

$$\sup_{|x-x'| \le R} (2^j R)^{n/q} (\int_{2^j R \le |x-y| < 2^{j+1}R} \|k(x,y) - k(x',y)\|^{q'} dy)^{1/q'} \le A_j.$$
(25)

Then, for  $s = \max\{p, q\}$ ,

$$T^{\#}f(x) \le CM_s(f)(x)) \tag{26}$$

for any A-valued bounded and compactly supported function f.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and let Q be a cube centered at x and radius R. Given a compactly supported and bounded function f, we write  $f_1 = f\chi_{2Q}$  and  $f_2 = f - f_1$ .

Note that (22) gives for any  $z \in Q$ 

$$Tf_2(z) = \int_{|y-x|>2R} u(k(z,y), f_2(y))dy$$

Denote  $c_Q = T(f_2)(x)$  Therefore for  $x' \in Q$ 

$$\begin{split} \|Tf_{2}(x') - c_{Q}\| &= \|\int_{|y-x|>2R} u(k(x',y) - k(x,y), f_{2}(y))dy\| \\ &= \|\int_{|y-x|>2R} u(k(x',y) - k(x,y), f_{2}(y))dy\| \\ &\leq \|u\| \int_{|y-x|>2R} \|k(x',y) - k(x,y)\| \|f_{2}(y)\| dy \\ &\leq \|u\| \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{2^{j}R \leq |y-x|<2^{j+1}R} \|k(x',y) - k(x,y)\| \|f_{2}(y)\| dy \\ &\leq \|u\| \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (2^{j}R)^{-n/q} A_{j} (\int_{2^{j}R \leq |y-x|<2^{j+1}R} \|f_{2}(y)\|^{q} dy)^{1/q} \\ &\leq C\|u\| \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} A_{j} (\frac{1}{2^{(j+1)n}R^{n}} \int_{|y-x|<2^{j+1}R} \|f(y)\|^{q} dy)^{1/q} \\ &\leq C\|u\| (\sum_{j} A_{j}) M_{q} f(x) \end{split}$$

Hence

$$\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} \|Tf(x') - c_Q\| dx' \le \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} \|Tf_1(x')\| dx' + C\|u\| M_q f(x).$$

Using Lemma 2.3 one gets

$$\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} \|Tf_1(x')\| dx' \le C(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{2Q} \|f(y)\|^p dy)^{1/p} \le CM_p(f)(x).$$
  
Therefore  $(Tf)^{\#}(x) \le C\Big(M_p(f)(x) + M_q(f)(x)\Big) \le CM_s(f)(x).$ 

# **3** Commutators

Let us define a notion which is needed for our purposes.

**Definition 3.1** Let T be a bounded operator from  $L^p_A(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^p_B(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , and let  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  be  $\mathcal{L}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{L}(B)$ -valued functions respectively. Define

$$T_{b_1,b_2}(f) = b_2 T(f) - T(b_1 f)$$

for any A-valued simple function f.

We shall be using the following basic assumptions for our general version of the commutator theorem.

**Definition 3.2** Let T be a (p, A, B)-Calderón-Zygmund type operator with kernel k with respect to u and let  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  be  $\mathcal{L}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{L}(B)$ - valued functions respectively. We shall say that  $(b_1, b_2)$  has the commuting properties  $(CP)_1$ and  $(CP)_2$  if

 $\begin{array}{ll} (CP)_1 & b_2(z)u(k(x,y),a) = u(k(x,y),b_1(z)a), & x,y,z \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \neq y. \\ (CP)_2 & (b_2)_Q T(a\chi_A)(x') = T((b_1)_Q a\chi_A)(x') \ for \ any \ Q \ cube, \ A \subset Q, \\ a \in A \ and \ x' \in Q. \end{array}$ 

We would like to point out that  $(CP)_1$  produces the following cancelation property.

**Lemma 3.3** Let  $(b_1, b_2)$  satisfy  $(CP)_1$ , let Q, Q' be cubes in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  be simple A-valued with  $supp f_1 \subset Q'$  and  $supp f_2 \subset (Q')^c$ . Then

$$(b_2)_Q T(f_1)(x) = T((b_1)_Q f_1)(x), \quad x \in (Q')^c$$
(27)

$$(b_2)_Q T(f_2)(x) = T((b_1)_Q f_2)(x), \quad x \in Q'.$$
 (28)

*Proof.* We prove only (28), the other case follows in a similar way.

Recall that if  $F \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n, X)$  and  $\Phi \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  for a given Banach space then  $\Phi(\int F(x)dx) = \int \Phi F(x)dx$ . Hence

$$\begin{split} (b_2)_Q T(f_2)(x) &= (b_2)_Q (\int_{(Q')^c} u(k(x,y), f_2(y)) dy \\ &= \int_{(Q')^c} (b_2)_Q u(k(x,y), f_2(y)) dy \\ &= \int_{(Q')^c} (\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q b_2(z) dz) u(k(x,y), f_2(y)) dy \\ &= \int_{(Q')^c} (\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q b_2(z) u(k(x,y), f_2(y) dz) dy \\ &= \int_{(Q')^c} (\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q u(k(x,y), b_1(z) f_2(y)) dz) dy \\ &= \int_{(Q')^c} u(k(x,y), (\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q b_1(z) dz) f_2(y)) dy \\ &= T((b_1)_Q f_2)(x). \Box \end{split}$$

**Example 3.4** Let  $S_1 : A \to B$ ,  $S_2 : B \to B$  and  $S : A \to B$  be bounded operators such that  $S_2S = SS_1$ . Let  $u : \mathbb{C} \times A \to B$  be given by  $(\lambda, a) \to \lambda Sa$ and k be a scalar-valued kernel. Define  $T_S(\sum_{j=1}^N \phi_k a_k) = \sum_{j=1}^N T(\phi_k)S(a_k)$ where T is the scalar-valued Calderón-Zygmund operator with kernel k.

If  $b_1(x) = b(x)S_1$  and  $b_2(x) = b(x)S_2$  for some scalar valued functions b(x) then  $(b_1, b_2)$  has the commuting properties  $(CP)_1$  and  $(CP)_2$ . In this case one has

$$T_{b_1,b_2}(f)(x) = b(x)S_2(T_Sf(x)) - T_S(bS_1f)(x).$$

**Example 3.5** Let A be a Banach space and let  $u : A^* \times A \to \mathbb{C}$  be given by  $u(a^*, a) = \langle a^*, a \rangle$ . Let k be  $A^*$ -valued function and let T be a Calderón-Zygmund operator from  $L^p_A(\mathbb{R})$  into  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  with kernel k with respect to u.

If  $b_1(x) = b(x)Id_A$  and  $b_2(x) = b(x)$  for a scalar valued b then  $(b_1, b_2)$  has the commuting properties  $(CP)_1$  and  $(CP)_2$ . In this case one has

$$T_{b_1,b_2}(f)(x) = b(x)Tf(x) - T(bf)(x)$$

**Example 3.6** Let  $b(x) \in A^*$  and let  $u : \mathbb{C} \times A \to A$  given by  $(\lambda, a) \to \lambda a$ . Let k(x, y) be a scalar valued function and T a Calderón-Zygmund operator with kernel k and denote by  $T_A = T \otimes Id_A$ . If  $b_1(x)(a) = b_2(x)(a) = \langle b(x), a \rangle a_0$  for a fixed  $a_0 \in A$  then  $(b_1, b_2)$  has the commuting properties  $(CP)_1$  and  $(CP)_2$ . In this case one has

$$T_{b_1,b_2}(f) = (\langle b, T_A(f) \rangle - T(\langle b, f \rangle)a_0.$$

Let us start with the basic facts which follow from  $(CP)_1$  and  $(CP)_2$ .

**Lemma 3.7** Let  $(b_1, b_2)$  satisfy  $(CP)_1$  and  $(CP)_2$ , let Q be cube in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and f be simple A-valued. Then

$$(b_2)_Q T(f)(x) = T((b_1)_Q f)(x) \, x \in Q.$$
(29)

*Proof.* Take  $f_1 = f\chi_Q$  and  $f_2 = f - f_1$ . and invoke Lemma 3.3 to obtain  $(b_2)_Q T(f_2)\chi_Q = T((b_1)_Q f_2)\chi_Q$ . Now  $(CP)_2$  gives that  $(b_2)_Q T(f_1)\chi_Q = T((b_1)_Q f_1)\chi_Q$ .  $\Box$ 

Another useful lemma which is essentially included in [HST] is the following

**Lemma 3.8** Let T be (p, A, B)-Calderón-Zygmund type operator with kernel k with respect to u and which satisfies the assumption  $(CZ_y)$ . If f is compactly supported A-valued with  $supp f \subset (2Q)^c$  then

$$\|T(f)(x) - T(f)(x')\| \le C \|u\| \frac{|x - x'|^{\varepsilon}}{\ell(Q)^{\varepsilon}} \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{2^{-j\varepsilon}}{|Q_j|} \int_{Q_j} \|f(y)\| dy, \qquad x, x' \in Q$$
(30)

where we are denoting  $Q_j = 2^j Q$ 

*Proof.* Note that if  $x, x' \in Q$  then

$$T(f)(x) - T(f)(x') = \int_{(2Q)^c} u(k(x,y) - k(x',y), f(y)) dy.$$

$$\begin{split} |T(f)(x) - T(f)(x')| &\leq \|u\| \int_{(2Q)^c} \|k(x,y) - k(x',y)\| \|f(y)\| dy \\ &\leq C \|u\| |x - x'|^{\varepsilon} \int_{(2Q)^c} \frac{\|f(y)\|}{|x - y|^{n + \varepsilon}} dy \\ &\leq C \|u\| |x - x'|^{\varepsilon} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{Q_{j+1} - Q_j} \frac{\|f(y)\|}{|x - y|^{n + \varepsilon}} dy \\ &\leq C \|u\| |x - x'|^{\varepsilon} \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\ell(Q_j)^{n + \varepsilon}} \int_{Q_j} \|f(y)\| dy \\ &\leq C \|u\| \frac{|x - x'|^{\varepsilon}}{\ell(Q)^{\varepsilon}} \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} 2^{-j\varepsilon} \frac{1}{|Q_j|} \int_{Q_j} \|f(y)\| dy. \Box \end{split}$$

We shall present now our result on commutators. It is just an adaptation of the proof in [ST1] under slightly weaker assumptions.

**Proposition 3.9** Let  $b_1 \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{L}(A))$ ,  $b_2 \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{L}(B))$  and 1 . Let T be a <math>(p, A, B)- Calderón-Zygmund type operator with kernel k with respect to u which satisfies  $(CZ_y)$ . Let  $(b_1, b_2)$  satisfy  $(CP)_1$ and  $(CP)_2$ . Then, for any  $1 < q < p < s < \infty$ , there exists  $C_{q,s} > 0$  such that

$$T_{b_1,b_2}(f)^{\#}(x) \le C_{q,s}(\|b_2\|_{BMO}M_q(Tf)(x) + \|b_1\|_{BMO}M_s(f)(x)).$$

*Proof.* Let f be a simple E-valued function. Let Q be a cube and denote  $f_1 = f\chi_{2Q}$  and  $f_2 = f - f_1$ . Put  $c_Q = T([(b_1)_Q - b_1]f_2)(x_Q)$ .

For each  $x \in Q$  one has, applying Lemma 3.7,

$$T_{b_1,b_2}f(x) = b_2Tf(x) - T(b_1f)(x) =$$
  
=  $[b_2 - (b_2)_Q]Tf(x) + T([(b_1)_Q - b_1]f)(x) =$   
=  $[b_2 - (b_2)_Q]Tf(x) + T([(b_1)_Q - b_1]f_1)(x) + T([(b_1)_Q - b_1]f_2)(x).$ 

Hence

$$T_{b_1,b_2}f(x) - c_Q = \sum_{i=1}^3 \sigma_i(x)$$

where

$$\sigma_1(x) = [b_2 - (b_2)_Q]Tf(x),$$
  
$$\sigma_2(x) = T([(b_1)_Q - b_1]f_1)(x)$$

and

$$\sigma_3(x) = T([(b_1)_Q - b_1]f_2)(x) - T([(b_1)_Q - b_1]f_2)(x_Q).$$

Observe that for any q > 1 and 1/q + 1/q' = 1 we can write

$$\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} \|\sigma_1(x)\| dx \le osc_{q'}(b_2, Q) (\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} \|Tf(x)\|^q dx)^{1/q}.$$

For any  $s > p > q_1 > 1$  one can write, for 1/s + 1/r = 1/p, from Lemma 2.3,

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} \|\sigma_{2}(x)\| dx &\leq \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} \|T([(b_{1})_{Q} - b_{1}]f_{1})(x)\|^{q_{1}} dx\right)^{1/q_{1}} \\ &\leq C\left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} \|(b_{1} - (b_{1})_{Q})f_{1}(x)\|^{p} dx\right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq Cosc_{r}(b_{1}, Q)\left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q} \|f(x)\|^{s} dx\right)^{1/s}. \end{split}$$

Using Lemma 3.8, and taking into account that  $||(b_1)_Q - (b_1)_{2Q}|| \leq Cosc_{q_1}(b_1, 2Q)$ , we also can estimate, for a given s > 1,

$$\begin{split} \|\sigma_{3}(x)\| &\leq C \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} 2^{-j\varepsilon} \frac{1}{|Q_{j}|} \int_{Q_{j}} \|(b_{1}(y) - (b_{1})_{Q})f(y)\| dy \\ &\leq C \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} 2^{-j\varepsilon} (\frac{1}{|Q_{j}|} \int_{Q_{j}} \|b_{1}(y) - (b_{1})_{Q}\|^{s'} dy)^{1/s'} (\frac{1}{|Q_{j}|} \int_{Q_{j}} \|f(y)\|^{s} dy)^{1/s} \\ &\leq C \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} 2^{-j\varepsilon} (\sum_{k=2}^{j} osc_{s'}(b_{1}, Q_{k})) (\frac{1}{|Q_{j}|} \int_{Q_{j}} \|f(y)\|^{s} dy)^{1/s} \\ &\leq C \sup_{j\geq 2} (\frac{1}{|Q_{j}|} \int_{Q_{j}} \|f(y)\|^{s} dy)^{1/s} \Big(\sum_{j=2}^{\infty} 2^{-j\varepsilon} (\sum_{k=2}^{j} osc_{q'}(b_{1}, Q_{k}))\Big) \\ &\leq C \|b_{1}\|_{BMO} \sup_{j\geq 2} (\frac{1}{|Q_{j}|} \int_{Q_{j}} \|f(y)\|^{s} dy)^{1/s} \sum_{j} j2^{-j\varepsilon} \\ &\leq C \|b_{1}\|_{BMO} M_{s}(f)(x). \end{split}$$

Hence, combining the previous estimates, one obtains

$$T_{b_1,b_2}(f)^{\#}(x) \le C \|b_2\|_{BMO} M_q(Tf)(x) + C \|b_1\|_{BMO} M_s(f)(x)).\Box$$

**Theorem 3.10** Let  $b_1 \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{L}(A))$  and  $b_2 \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{L}(B))$ . Let *T* be a (p, A, B)- Calderón-Zygmund type operator with kernel k with respect to *u* which satisfy  $(H_x)$  and  $(CZ_y)$  and let  $(b_1, b_2)$  satisfy  $(CP)_1$  and  $(CP)_2$ . Then  $T_{b_1, b_2}$  is bounded from  $L^q_A(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^q_B(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for any  $1 < q < \infty$ .

*Proof.* First use Theorem 2.6 to obtain that T is a (s, A, B)- Calderón-Zygmund type operator for all 1 < s < p. In fact T is bounded from  $L_A^r(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L_A^r(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for all  $1 < r < \infty$ . Use, for a given  $1 < q < \infty$ , Proposition 3.9 for  $1 < q_1, s_1 < q$ , which, combining the boundedness of  $M_{q_1}$  and  $M_{s_1}$  in  $L_B^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and the boundedness of T from  $L_A^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L_B^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{b_1,b_2}f\|_{L^q_B(\mathbb{R}^n)} &\leq C\|T_{b_1,b_2}(f)^{\#}\|_{L^q_B(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq C(\|b_2\|_{BMO}\|M_{q_1}(Tf)\|_{L^q} + C\|b_1\|_{BMO}\|M_{s_1}(f)\|_{L^q}) \\ &\leq C(\|b_2\|_{BMO}\|T\|\|f\|_{L^q} + C\|b_1\|_{BMO}\|f\|_{L^q}). \Box \end{aligned}$$

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