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# Estimates of singular integrals and multilinear commutators in weighted Morrey spaces

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# Abstract

Suppose *T* is a singular integral operator whose kernel is a variable kernel with mixed homogeneity; the purpose of this paper is to study the continuity of the operator in weighted Morrey spaces  $L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)$ ,  $1 \le p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \kappa < 1$ . A special attention is paid also to the multilinear commutator of this operator with *BMO* function. **MSC:** 42B20; 42B35

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# **1** Introduction

Let  $K(x,\xi) : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a variable kernel. The singular integral operator is defined by

$$Tf(x) = p.\nu. \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} K(x, x - y) f(y) \, dy \tag{1.1}$$

and its multilinear commutator with the BMO function

$$[\vec{b}, T]f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \prod_{i=1}^N (b_i(x) - b_i(y)) K(x, x - y) f(y) \, dy, \tag{1.2}$$

where  $\vec{b} = (b_1, ..., b_n)$ ,  $b_i \in BMO$ ,  $1 \le i \le N$ . The variable kernel  $K(x, \xi)$  depends on some parameter x and possesses 'good' properties with respect to the second variable  $\xi$ , which was firstly introduced by Fabes and Rieviève in [1]. They generalized the classical Calderón and Zygmund kernel and the parabolic kernel studied by Jones in [2]. By introducing a new metric  $\rho$ , Fabes and Rieviève studied (1.1) in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^n$  was endowed with the topology induced by  $\rho$  and defined by ellipsoids.

By using this metric  $\rho$ , Softova in [3] obtained that the integral operator (1.1) and commutator were continuous in generalized Morrey spaces  $L^{p,\omega}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $1 , <math>\omega$  satisfying suitable conditions.

The multilinear commutator was introduced by Pérez and González [4] who proved the weighted Lebesgue estimates. Xu in [5] also showed that the multilinear commutators (1.2) were continuous in  $L^{p,\omega}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , 1 .

The weighted Morrey spaces  $L^{p,\kappa}(w)$  were introduced by Komori and Shirai [6]. Moreover, they showed some classical integral operators and corresponding commutators were

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bounded in weighted Morrey spaces. Recently, Wang [7–9] obtained that some other kind of integral operators (*e.g.*, Bochner-Riesz operator, Marcinkiewicz operators *etc.*) and commutators were also bounded in weighted Morrey spaces. He Sha [10] showed that multilinear operators were bounded on weighted Morrey spaces with the symbol of  $b \in \text{Lip}(\beta)$ . The main purpose of this paper is to discuss the continuity of the singular integral operator whose kernel is a variable kernel with mixed homogeneity and its multilinear commutator in the weighted Morrey spaces  $L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)$ ,  $1 , <math>0 < \kappa < 1$ , where the weight function  $\omega$  is  $A_p$  weight. Furthermore, we shall give the weighted weak type estimate of theses operators in the weighted Morrey spaces  $L^{1,\kappa}(\omega)$ ,  $0 < \kappa < 1$ . Our main results are stated as follows.

**Theorem 1.1** Let  $1 , <math>0 < \kappa < 1$ . If  $w \in A_p$ , then there exists a constant C > 0 such that

$$||Tf||_{L^{p,\kappa}(w)} \leq C ||f||_{L^{p,\kappa}(w)}.$$

When p = 1, for any  $\lambda > 0$  and ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}$ , there exists a constant C > 0 such that

 $\lambda w(\{x \in \mathcal{E} : |Tf(x)| > \lambda\}) \leq C ||f||_{L^{1,\kappa}(w)}.$ 

If  $K(x,\xi)$  is a constant kernel and a metric  $\rho$  is Euclidean one, this result is just Theorem 3.3 in [6].

**Theorem 1.2** Let  $1 , <math>0 < \kappa < 1$ . If  $b_i \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $1 \le i \le N$ ,  $w \in A_p$ , then there exists a constant C > 0 such that

$$\|[\vec{b}, T]f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(w)} \le C \|\vec{b}\| \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(w)},$$

where  $\|\vec{b}\| = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \|b_i\|_*$ . When p = 1, for any  $\lambda > 0$  and ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}$ , then there exists a constant C > 0 such that

$$\lambda w \left( \left\{ x \in \mathcal{E} : \left| [\vec{b}, T] f(x) \right| > \lambda \right\} \right) \leq C \| \vec{b} \| \| f \|_{L^{\Phi, \kappa}(w)},$$

where  $\Phi(t) = t \log^{N}(e+t)$  and  $||f||_{L^{\Phi,\kappa}(w)} = ||\Phi(|f|)||_{L^{1,\kappa}(w)}$ .

In what follows, we denote by *C* positive constants which are independent of the main parameters but may vary from line to line.

### 2 Some notations and lemmas

In this section, we introduce some basic definitions and lemmas needed for the proof of the main results.

Let  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n$  be real numbers,  $\alpha_i \ge 1$  and  $|\alpha| = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i$ . Following Fabes and Riviève [1], there exists a function  $\rho$  such that  $\rho(x - y)$  defines a distance between any two points  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Thus  $\mathbb{R}^n$  endowed with the metric  $\rho$  results in a homogeneous metric space [1, 3]. The balls with respect to  $\rho(x)$  centered at the origin and of radius r are the ellipsoids

$$\mathcal{E}_r(0) = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{x_1^2}{r^{2\alpha_1}} + \dots + \frac{x_n^2}{r^{2\alpha_n}} < 1 \right\}$$

with Lebesgue measure  $|\mathcal{E}_r| = C(n)r^{|\alpha|}$ . It is easy to see that the unit sphere with respect to this metric coincides with the unit sphere  $\Sigma_n$  with respect to the Euclidean one.

**Definition 2.1** The function  $K(x,\xi): \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\} \to \mathbb{R}$  is called a variable kernel with mixed homogeneity if

- (i) for every fixed x, the function  $K(x, \cdot)$  is a constant kernel satisfying
  - (1)  $K(x, \cdot) \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\});$
  - (2) for any  $\mu > 0$ ,  $\alpha_i \ge 1$ ,  $|\alpha| = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i$

$$K(x,\mu^{\alpha_1}\xi_1,\ldots,\mu^{\alpha_n}\xi_n)=\mu^{-|\alpha|}K(x,\xi);$$

- (3) ∫<sub>Σn</sub> K(x, ξ) dσ<sub>ξ</sub> = 0 and ∫<sub>Σn</sub> |K(x, ξ)| dσ<sub>ξ</sub> < ∞;</li>
  (ii) for every multiindex β, sup<sub>ξ∈Σn</sub> |D<sup>β</sup><sub>ξ</sub>K(x, ξ)| ≤ C(β) independent of *x*.

In the case  $\alpha_i = 1, 1 \le i \le n$ , Definition 2.1 gives rise to the classical Calderón-Zygmund kernel. On the other hand, when  $\alpha_i = 1$ ,  $1 \le i \le n - 1$  and  $\alpha_n \ge 1$ , we obtain the kernel studied by Jones in [2] and discussed in [1].

**Definition 2.2** Let  $1 \le p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \kappa < 1$  and *w* be a weight function. Then a weighted Morrey space is defined by

$$L^{p,\kappa}(w) := \{ f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(w) : \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(w)} < \infty \},\$$

where

$$||f||_{L^{p,\kappa}(w)} = \sup_{\mathcal{E}} \left( \frac{1}{w(\mathcal{E})^{\kappa}} \int_{\mathcal{E}} |f(x)|^p w(x) \, dx \right)^{1/p},$$

the supremum is taken over all ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Definition 2.3** For the function  $b \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and any ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}$ , *b* is called a *BMO* function if

$$\|b\|_* = \sup_{\mathcal{E}} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{E}|} \int_{\mathcal{E}} |b(x) - b_{\mathcal{E}}| \, dx < \infty,$$

where  $b_{\mathcal{E}} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{E}|} \int_{\mathcal{E}} b(y) \, dy$ . The quantity  $||b||_*$  is a norm in the *BMO* modulo constant function under which BMO results in a Banach space (see [11]).

**Definition 2.4** Let 1 . For any locally integrable function*w* $and ellipsoid <math>\mathcal{E}$ , if

$$\left(\frac{1}{|\mathcal{E}|}\int_{\mathcal{E}}w(x)\,dx\right)\left(\frac{1}{|\mathcal{E}|}\int_{\mathcal{E}}w(x)^{\frac{1}{1-p}}\,dx\right)^{p-1}<\infty$$

holds, then *w* belongs to the Muckenhoupt class  $A_p$ . We denote  $A_{\infty} = \bigcup_{1 \le p \le \infty} A_p$ . When p = 1,  $w \in A_1$  if there exists C > 1 such that

$$Mw(x) \le Cw(x)$$

for almost every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Remark 2.5** Given a weight function  $w \in A_p$ ,  $1 \le p \le \infty$ , it also satisfies the doubling condition  $\Delta_2$ : for any ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}$ , there exists a constant C > 0 such that  $w(2\mathcal{E}) \le Cw(\mathcal{E})$ .

In fact,  $w \in \Delta_2$ , we have the following inequality.

**Lemma A** [6, 12] *Suppose*  $w \in \Delta_2$ , there exists a constant D > 1 such that

 $w(2\mathcal{E}) \ge Dw(\mathcal{E})$ 

for any ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}$ .

**Lemma B** [13] Suppose  $w \in A_{\infty}$ , then the norm of BMO(w) is equivalent to the norm of BMO( $\mathbb{R}^n$ ), where

$$BMO(w) = \left\{ b: \|b\|_{*,w} = \sup_{\mathcal{E}} \frac{1}{w(\mathcal{E})} \int_{\mathcal{E}} |b(x) - b_{\mathcal{E},w}| w(x) \, dx < \infty \right\},\$$

where  $b_{\mathcal{E},w} = \frac{1}{w(\mathcal{E})} \int_{\mathcal{E}} b(x)w(x) dx$ .

**Lemma C** [14] Let the ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}(x_0, r)$  centered at  $x_0$  with side length of r. For any positive integer i,  $2^i\mathcal{E}$  denotes the ellipsoid centered at  $x_0$  with side length of  $2^i r$ , we have the inequality

$$|b_{2^i\mathcal{E}} - b_{\mathcal{E}}| \le Ci \|b\|_*,$$

where  $b_{\mathcal{E},w} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{E}|} \int_{\mathcal{E}} b(x) w(x) dx$ .

**Lemma D** [6] Suppose  $1 , <math>0 < \kappa < 1$  and  $w \in A_p$ , if  $\overline{T}$  is the classical Calderón-Zygmund operator with a constant kernel, then the operator  $\overline{T}$  is bounded on  $L^{p,\kappa}(w)$ . If p = 1,  $0 < \kappa < 1$  and  $w \in A_1$ , then there exists a constant C > 0 such that

$$\lambda w \left( \left\{ x \in \mathcal{E} : \left| \bar{T} f(x) \right| > \lambda \right\} \right) \le C \| f \|_{L^{1,\kappa}(w)} w(\mathcal{E})^{\kappa}$$

for all  $\lambda > 0$  and any ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}$ .

**Definition 2.6** Let  $\Phi(t) = t \log^N(t + e)$ . The Orlicz maximal operator  $M_{\Phi}$  is given by

$$M_{\Phi}f(x) = \sup_{x\in\mathcal{E}} \|f\|_{\Phi,\mathcal{E}} = \sup_{x\in\mathcal{E}} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{E}|} \int_{\mathcal{E}} \Phi(|f|)(x) \, dx.$$

From the above definition, observe that  $Mf(x) \le M_{\Phi}f(x) \le M(\Phi(|f|))(x)$ . This inequality will be relevant in our work.

Aside from the properties of an  $A_p$  weight function and a *BMO* function, we need some estimates of multilinear commutators. The following results were proved by Pérez and González [4].

**Lemma E** Let  $1 and <math>w \in A_p$ . Suppose  $b_j \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $1 \le j \le N$ , then there exists a constant C > 0 such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| [\vec{b}, \vec{T}](f)(x) \right|^p w(x) \, dx \leq C \|\vec{b}\|^p \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| f(x) \right|^p w(x) \, dx.$$

Although the commutators with a *BMO* function are not of weak type (1, 1), we have the following inequality.

**Lemma F** Let  $w \in A_{\infty}$ . There exists a constant C > 0 such that

$$\sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{\Phi(\frac{1}{t})} w \left( x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \left| [\vec{b}, \vec{T}](f)(x) \right| > t \right)$$
$$\leq C \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{\Phi(\frac{1}{t})} w \left( x \in \mathbb{R}^n : M_{\Phi} \left( \|\vec{b}\| f \right)(x) > t \right),$$

where  $\Phi(t) = t \log^N(e + t)$ .

By the above inequality, we have the following result.

**Lemma G** Let  $w \in A_1$ . There exists a constant C > 0 such that, for all  $\lambda > 0$ ,

$$w(x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \left| [\vec{b}, \bar{T}](f)(x) \right| > \lambda) \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(|f|)(x)w(x) \, dx,$$

where  $\Phi(t) = t \log^N(e + t)$ .

Finally, we need the spherical harmonics and their properties (see more detail in [1, 15, 16]). Recall that any homogeneous polynomial  $P : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  of degree *m* that satisfies  $\Delta P = 0$  is called an *n*-dimensional solid harmonic of degree *m*. Its restriction to the unit sphere  $\Sigma_n$  will be called an *n*-dimensional spherical harmonic of degree *m*. Denote by  $H_m$  the space of all *n*-dimensional spherical harmonics of degree *m*. In general, it results in a finite-dimensional linear space with  $g_m = \dim H_m$  such that  $g_0 = 1$ ,  $g_1 = n$  and

$$g_m = C_{m+n-1}^{n-1} - C_{m+n-3}^{n-1} \le C(n)m^{n-2}, \quad m \ge 2.$$
(2.1)

Furthermore, let  $\{Y_{sm}\}_{s=1}^{g_m}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $H_m$ . Then  $\{Y_{sm}\}_{s=1m=0}^{g_m\infty}$  is a complete orthonormal system in  $L^2(\Sigma_n)$  and

$$\sup_{x \in \Sigma_n} \left| D_x^{\beta} Y_{sm}(x) \right| \le C(n) m^{|\beta| + (n-2)/2}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$
(2.2)

If, for instance,  $\phi \in C^{\infty}(\Sigma_n)$ , then  $\Sigma_{s,m}b_{sm}Y_{sm}(x)$  is the Fourier series expansion of  $\phi(x)$  with respect to  $\{Y_{sm}\}_{s,m}$  ( $\Sigma_{s,m}$  substitutes  $\Sigma_{m=0}^{\infty}\Sigma_{s=1}^{g_m}$ ) and

$$b_{sm} = \int_{\Sigma_n} \phi(x) Y_{sm}(x) \, d\sigma, \quad |b_{sm}| \le C(n, l) m^{-2l} \sup_{\substack{|\beta|=2l\\ y \in \Sigma_n}} \left| D_y^\beta \phi(y) \right|, \tag{2.3}$$

for any integer *l*. In particular, the expansion of  $\phi$  into spherical harmonics converges uniformly to  $\phi$ . For more detail, we can see [15].

## 3 Proof of the theorems

In this section, we shall use the complete orthonormal system in  $L^2(\Sigma_n)$  and some lemmas as above to finish the theorems.

*Proof of Theorem* 1.1 In order to ensure the existence of the operator (1.1) in  $L^{p,\kappa}(w)$ ,  $1 \le p < \infty$ , we restrict our consideration to the function  $f \in L^{p,\kappa}(w)$ , for which the norm of  $L^p(w)$  is finite. For the sake of convenience, we still denote these spaces by  $L^{p,\kappa}(w)$ . Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\bar{y} = y/\rho(y) \in \Sigma_n$ . In view of the properties of the kernel *K* with respect to the second variable and the complete of  $\{Y_{sm}(x)\}$  in  $L^2(\Sigma_n)$ , we get

$$\begin{split} K(x,x-y) &= \rho(x-y)^{-|\alpha|} K(x,\overline{x-y}) \\ &= \rho(x-y)^{-|\alpha|} \sum_{s,m} b_{sm}(x) Y_{sm}(\overline{x-y}). \end{split}$$

Replacing the kernel with its series expansion, (1.1) can be written as

$$Tf(x) = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} T_{\epsilon}f(x)$$
  
= 
$$\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \int_{\rho(x-y)>\epsilon} \sum_{s,m} b_{sm}(x)\rho(x-y)^{-|\alpha|} Y_{sm}(\overline{x-y})f(y) \, dy.$$

From the properties of (2.1)-(2.3), the series expansion  $\sum_{s,m} |b_{sm}(x)Y_{sm}(\overline{x-y})| \leq C(n,\alpha)m^{3(n-2)/2-2l}$ , where the integer l is preliminarily chosen greater than (3n - 4)/4. Along with the  $\rho(x-y)^{-|\alpha|}f(y) \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for a.a.  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , by the Fubini dominated convergence theorem, we have

$$Tf(x) = \sum_{s,m} b_{sm}(x) \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \int_{\rho(x-y)>\epsilon} H_{sm}(x-y)f(y) \, dy = \sum_{s,m} b_{sm}(x)T_{sm}f(x),$$

where  $H_{sm}(x - y) = \rho(x - y)^{-|\alpha|} Y_{sm}(\overline{x - y})$ . Instead of the operators Tf(x), we shall study the existence and boundedness in  $L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)$  of the operators  $T_{sm}f(x)$  with a kernel  $H_{sm}(\cdot)$ . Observe that  $H_{sm}(\cdot)$  is a constant kernel and satisfies

$$\left|H_{sm}(x)\right| \leq C(n,\alpha)m^{\frac{n-2}{2}}\rho^{-|\alpha|}; \qquad \left|\nabla H_{sm}(x)\right| \leq C(n,\alpha)m^{\frac{n}{2}}\rho^{-|\alpha|-1}.$$

From Lemma D, it follows

$$\left\| T_{sm}f(x) \right\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)} \leq C(n,\alpha)m^{\frac{n}{2}} \left\| f(x) \right\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)}$$

for 1 . Consequently, by the above inequality and (2.1)-(2.3), we show

$$\begin{split} \left\| Tf(x) \right\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)} &\leq C \sum_{s,m} \left\| b_{sm}(x) \right\|_{L^{\infty}} \left\| T_{sm}f(x) \right\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)} \\ &\leq C \sum_{s,m} m^{-2l+\frac{n}{2}} \left\| f(x) \right\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)} \\ &\leq C \left\| f \right\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)}, \end{split}$$

where the integer *l* is preliminary chosen greater that  $l > \frac{3n}{4}$ . For p = 1, by Lemma D, we have

$$\lambda w(\{x \in \mathcal{E} : |T_{sm}f(x)| > \lambda\}) \leq C(n,\alpha)m^{\frac{n}{2}} ||f||_{L^{1,\kappa}(w)}$$

for any  $\lambda > 0$  and ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}$ . Therefore, one gets

$$\begin{split} \lambda w \big( \big\{ x \in \mathcal{E} : \big| Tf(x) \big| > \lambda \big\} \big) &\leq C \sum_{s,m} \big\| b_{sm}(x) \big\|_{L^{\infty}} \lambda w \big( \big\{ x \in \mathcal{E} : \big| T_{sm} f(x) \big| > \lambda \big\} \big) \\ &\leq C \sum_{s,m} m^{-2l+\frac{n}{2}} \| f \|_{L^{1,\kappa}(w)} \\ &\leq C \big\| f(x) \big\|_{L^{1,\kappa}(w)}, \end{split}$$

thus we complete the proof of Theorem 1.1.

Next we begin with the second theorem, for which further discussion is needed.

*Proof of Theorem* 1.2 As above, we use the series expansion of a kernel K(x, y), the operator  $[\vec{b}, T]f(x)$  is divided into

$$[\vec{b},T]f(x) = \sum_{s,m} b_{sm}(x)[\vec{b},T_{sm}]f(x).$$

Instead of the operator  $[\vec{b}, T]f(x)$ , we only consider the existence and boundedness in  $L^{p,\kappa}(w)$  of the operators  $[\vec{b}, T_{sm}]f(x)$ .

Let  $1 . For any ellipsoid <math>\mathcal{E}$ , we only need to obtain the inequality

$$\int_{\mathcal{E}} \left| [\vec{b}, T_{sm}] f(x) \right|^p w(x) \, dx \leq Cm^{\frac{mp}{2}} \|b\|^p w(\mathcal{E})^k \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(w)}^p.$$

In fact, by the series expansion of a kernel K(x, y), we have

$$\begin{split} \|[\vec{b}, T]f(x)\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)} &\leq C \sum_{s,m} \|b_{sm}(x)\|_{L^{\infty}} \|[\vec{b}, T_{sm}]f(x)\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)} \\ &\leq C \sum_{s,m} m^{-2l+\frac{n}{2}} \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)}, \end{split}$$

where the integer *l* is chosen greater than  $l > \frac{3n}{4}$ . Next, fix the above ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}(x_0, r)$  and decompose  $f = f_1 + f_2$ , where  $f_1 = f \chi_{2\mathcal{E}}, \chi_{2\mathcal{E}}$  denotes the characteristic function of  $2\mathcal{E}$ , then we have

$$\int_{\mathcal{E}} \left| [\vec{b}, T_{sm}](f)(x) \right|^{p} w(x) \, dx \le C \int_{\mathcal{E}} \left\{ \left| [\vec{b}, T_{sm}](f_{1})(x) \right|^{p} + \left| [\vec{b}, T_{sm}](f_{2})(x) \right|^{p} \right\} w(x) \, dx$$
  
=  $C\{I + II\}.$  (3.1)

By using Lemma E, we get

$$I \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \left| [\vec{b}, T_{sm}](f_{1})(x) \right|^{p} w(x) dx$$
  
$$\leq Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} \|\vec{b}\|^{p} w(\mathcal{E})^{\kappa} \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(w)}^{p}.$$
(3.2)

For the term *II*, without loss of generality, we can assume N = 2. Thus, the operator  $[\vec{b}, T_{sm}]$  can be divided into four parts,

$$[\vec{b}, T_{sm}]f_{2}(x) = (b_{1}(x) - \lambda_{1})(b_{2}(x) - \lambda_{2})\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} H_{sm}(x - y)f_{2}(y) dy$$
  
+  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} H_{sm}(x - y)(b_{1}(y) - \lambda_{1})(b_{2}(y) - \lambda_{2})f_{2}(y) dy$   
-  $(b_{1}(x) - \lambda_{1})\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} H_{sm}(x - y)(b_{2}(y) - \lambda_{2})f_{2}(y) dy$   
-  $(b_{2}(x) - \lambda_{2})\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} H_{sm}(x - y)(b_{1}(y) - \lambda_{1})f_{2}(y) dy$   
=  $H_{1}(x) + H_{2}(x) + H_{3}(x) + H_{4}(x),$  (3.3)

where  $\lambda_i = (b_i)_{\mathcal{E},w} = \frac{1}{w(\mathcal{E})} \int_{\mathcal{E}} b_i(x)w(x) dx$ , i = 1, 2. For the term  $II_1(x)$ , observing that  $x \in \mathcal{E}$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2\mathcal{E}$ , we have  $\rho(x_0 - y) \leq C\rho(x - y)$ . Thus, it yields

$$\begin{split} \int_{\mathcal{E}} \left| H_1(x) \right|^p w(x) \, dx &\leq Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} \int_{\mathcal{E}} \left| \left( b_1(x) - (b_1)_{\mathcal{E},w} \right) \left( b_2(x) - (b_2)_{\mathcal{E},w} \right) \right|^p w(x) \, dx \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2\mathcal{E}} \frac{|f(y)|}{\rho(x_0 - y)^{|\alpha|}} \, dy \right)^p \\ &\leq Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} w(\mathcal{E}) \left( \frac{1}{w(\mathcal{E})} \int_{\mathcal{E}} \left| b_1(x) - (b_1)_{\mathcal{E},w} \right|^{2p} w(x) \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad \times \left( \frac{1}{w(\mathcal{E})} \int_{\mathcal{E}} \left| b_2(x) - (b_2)_{\mathcal{E},w} \right|^{2p} w(x) \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad \times \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{2^{j+1}\mathcal{E}\setminus 2^{j}\mathcal{E}} \frac{|f(y)|}{\rho(x_0 - y)^{|\alpha|}} \, dy \right)^p \\ &\leq Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} \| b_1 \|_*^p \| b_2 \|_*^p w(\mathcal{E}) \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|2^{j}\mathcal{E}|} \left( \int_{2^{j+1}\mathcal{E}} \left| f(y) \right|^p w(y) \, dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{2^{j+1}\mathcal{E}} w(y)^{-\frac{p'}{p}} \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \right)^p, \end{split}$$

since  $w \in A_p$ , and by the definition of a weighted Morrey space, we get

$$\begin{split} \int_{\mathcal{E}} \left| H_{1}(x) \right|^{p} w(x) \, dx &\leq Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} \, \|\vec{b}\|^{p} w(\mathcal{E}) \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} w \left( 2^{j+1} \mathcal{E} \right)^{\frac{-1}{p}} \left( \int_{2^{j+1} \mathcal{E}} \left| f(y) \right|^{p} w(y) \, dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right)^{p} \\ &\leq Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} \, \|\vec{b}\|^{p} w(\mathcal{E}) \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} w \left( 2^{j+1} \mathcal{E} \right)^{\frac{\kappa-1}{p}} \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(w)} \right)^{p} \\ &\leq Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} \, \|\vec{b}\|^{p} w(\mathcal{E}) \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} D^{j\frac{\kappa-1}{p}} w(\mathcal{E})^{\frac{\kappa-1}{p}} \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(w)} \right)^{p} \\ &\leq Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} \, \|\vec{b}\|^{p} w(\mathcal{E})^{\kappa} \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(w)}^{p}. \end{split}$$
(3.4)

The third inequality is obtained by Lemma A.

For  $II_2(x)$ , note that  $\lambda_i = (b_i)_{\mathcal{E},w} = \frac{1}{w(\mathcal{E})} \int_{\mathcal{E}} b_i(x)w(x) dx$ , i = 1, 2. By Hölder's inequality and  $\rho(x_0 - y) \leq C\rho(x - y)$ , we get

$$\begin{split} \int_{\mathcal{E}} \left| H_{2}(x) \right|^{p} w(x) \, dx &\leq Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} \, w(\mathcal{E}) \Big( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n} \setminus 2\mathcal{E}} \frac{|(b_{1}(y) - (b_{1})_{\mathcal{E},w})(b_{2}(y) - (b_{2})_{\mathcal{E},w})|}{\rho(x_{0} - y)^{|\alpha|}} \left| f(y) \right| \, dy \Big)^{p} \\ &\leq Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} \, w(\mathcal{E}) \Big( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|2^{j}\mathcal{E}|} \int_{2^{j+1}\mathcal{E} \setminus 2^{j}\mathcal{E}} \left| (b_{1}(y) - (b_{1})_{\mathcal{E},w}) \right. \\ &\times \left( b_{2}(y) - (b_{2})_{\mathcal{E},w} \right) \left| \left| f(y) \right| \, dy \Big)^{p} \\ &\leq Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} \, w(\mathcal{E}) \Big( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|2^{j}\mathcal{E}|} \left( \int_{2^{j+1}\mathcal{E}} \left| f(y) \right|^{p} w(y) \, dy \Big)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\times \left( \int_{2^{j+1}\mathcal{E}} \left| (b_{1}(y) - (b_{1})_{\mathcal{E},w}) \right|^{2p'} w(y)^{-\frac{p'}{p}} \, dy \Big)^{\frac{1}{2p'}} \\ &\times \left( \int_{2^{j+1}\mathcal{E}} \left| (b_{2}(y) - (b_{2})_{\mathcal{E},w}) \right|^{2p'} w(y)^{-\frac{p'}{p}} \, dy \Big)^{\frac{1}{2p'}} \right)^{p}. \end{split}$$

Indeed, by Lemma B we know  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is equivalent to BMO(w),  $w \in A_\infty$ . Let  $W = w^{-\frac{p'}{p}} \in A_{p'} \subset A_\infty$ ,  $b_i \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , i = 1, 2. For any ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}$ , by using Lemma B and Lemma C, we show

$$\left(\frac{1}{W(2^{j+1}\mathcal{E})}\int_{2^{j+1}\mathcal{E}} |b_i(y) - (b_i)_{\mathcal{E},w}|^{2p'} W(y) \, dy\right)^{\frac{1}{2p'}} \leq Cj \|b_i\|_*.$$

Thus, since  $w \in A_p$ , it yields

$$\begin{split} \int_{\mathcal{E}} \left| II_{2}(x) \right|^{p} w(x) \, dx &\leq Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} w(\mathcal{E}) \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j^{2}}{|2^{j}\mathcal{E}|} \|b_{1}\|_{*} \|b_{2}\|_{*} W(2^{j+1}\mathcal{E})^{\frac{1}{p'}} \\ & \times \left( \int_{2^{j+1}\mathcal{E}} \left| f(y) \right|^{p} w(y) \, dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right)^{p} \\ &\leq Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} w(\mathcal{E}) \|\vec{b}\|^{p} \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(w)}^{p} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j^{2}}{w(2^{j+1}\mathcal{E})^{\frac{1-\kappa}{p}}} \right)^{p} \\ &\leq Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} w(\mathcal{E})^{\kappa} \|\vec{b}\|^{p} \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(w)}^{p}. \end{split}$$
(3.5)

The last inequality is obtained by Lemma A and the D'Alembert judge method of positive series.

For  $II_3(x)$ , by the inequality  $\rho(x_0 - y) \le C\rho(x - y)$  since  $w \in A_p \subset A_\infty$ , by Lemma B, we have

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\mathcal{E}} \left| H_3(x) \right|^p w(x) \, dx \\ &\leq Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} \int_{\mathcal{E}} \left| \left( b_1(x) - \lambda_1 \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2\mathcal{E}} \frac{|b_2(y) - \lambda_2|}{\rho(x-y)^{|\alpha|}} |f(y)| \, dy \right|^p w(x) \, dx \end{split}$$

$$\leq Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} \int_{\mathcal{E}} \left| \left( b_1(x) - \lambda_1 \right) \right|^p w(x) \, dx \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2\mathcal{E}} \frac{|b_2(y) - \lambda_2|}{\rho(x_0 - y)^{|\alpha|}} |f(y)| \, dy \right)^p$$
  
$$\leq Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} w(\mathcal{E}) \|b_1\|_*^p \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2\mathcal{E}} \frac{|b_2(y) - \lambda_2|}{\rho(x_0 - y)^{|\alpha|}} |f(y)| \, dy \right)^p.$$

By Hölder's inequality, Lemma B and Lemma C, we get

$$\begin{split} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2\mathcal{E}} \frac{|b_2(y) - \lambda_2|}{\rho(x_0 - y)^{|\alpha|}} |f(y)| \, dy &\leq C \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|2^j \mathcal{E}|} \int_{2^{j+1} \mathcal{E}} |b_2(y) - \lambda_2| |f(y)| \, dy \\ &\leq C \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|2^j \mathcal{E}|} \left( \int_{2^{j+1} \mathcal{E}} |f(y)|^p w(y) \, dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\times \left( \int_{2^{j+1} \mathcal{E}} |b_2(y) - \lambda_2|^{p'} w(y)^{-\frac{p'}{p}} \, dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \\ &\leq C \|b_2\|_* \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(w)} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j \frac{w(2^{j+1} \mathcal{E})^{\frac{\kappa}{p}}}{|2^j \mathcal{E}|} \left( \int_{2^{j+1} \mathcal{E}} w(y)^{-\frac{p'}{p}} \, dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \\ &\leq C \|b_2\|_* \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(w)} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j \frac{w(2^{j+1} \mathcal{E})^{\frac{\kappa}{p}}}{|2^j \mathcal{E}|}, \end{split}$$

indeed for  $0 < \kappa < 1$ , by using Lemma A, we have that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j}{w(2^{j+1}\mathcal{E})^{\frac{1-\kappa}{p}}} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{j}{D^{(j+1)\frac{1-\kappa}{p}}} w(\mathcal{E})^{\frac{\kappa-1}{p}} \leq Cw(\mathcal{E})^{\frac{\kappa-1}{p}}.$$

Thus, we conclude

$$\int_{\mathcal{E}} \left| II_3(x) \right|^p w(x) \, dx \le Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} w(\mathcal{E})^{\kappa} \, \|\vec{b}\|^p \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(w)}^p. \tag{3.6}$$

In the same way, we shall get the result of  $II_4(x)$ 

$$\int_{\mathcal{E}} \left| II_4(x) \right|^p w(x) \, dx \le Cm^{\frac{np}{2}} \, w(\mathcal{E})^{\kappa} \, \|\vec{b}\|^p \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(w)}^p. \tag{3.7}$$

Which together with (3.1)-(3.7), for 1 , the proof of Theorem 1.2 is finished.

Now, we are in a position to consider the case p = 1. In general, the singularity of the commutator is stronger than the singular integral, and the endpoint case p = 1 of the commutator is not even obtained. Thus, the result for the case p = 1 of the multilinear commutator is interesting. We split f as above by  $f = f_1 + f_2$ , which yields

$$\lambda w \left( \left\{ x \in \mathcal{E} : \left| [\vec{b}, T] f(x) \right| > \lambda \right\} \right) \leq C \sum_{s,m} \|b_{sm}\|_{L^{\infty}} \lambda w \left( \left\{ x \in \mathcal{E} : \left| [\vec{b}, T_{sm}] f(x) \right| > \lambda \right\} \right) \right.$$
$$\leq C \sum_{s,m} m^{-2l} \left[ \lambda w \left( \left\{ x \in \mathcal{E} : \left| [\vec{b}, T_{sm}] f_1(x) \right| > \lambda/2 \right\} \right) \right.$$
$$\left. + \lambda w \left( \left\{ x \in \mathcal{E} : \left| [\vec{b}, T_{sm}] f_2(x) \right| > \lambda/2 \right\} \right) \right] \right]$$
$$= C \sum_{s,m} m^{-2l} [III + IV]$$
(3.8)

for any ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  and integer l > 0. For the term *III*, we use Lemma G. It follows that

$$III \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \Phi(|f_{1}|)(x)w(x) dx$$
  
$$\leq Cw(\mathcal{E})^{\kappa} ||f||_{L^{\Phi,\kappa}(w)}.$$
(3.9)

For the last term *IV*, without loss of generality, we still suppose N = 2. By homogeneity, it is enough to assume  $\lambda/2 = ||b_1||_* = ||b_2||_* = 1$ , and hence we only need to prove

$$w(\left\{x \in \mathcal{E}: \left| [\vec{b}, T_{sm}] f_2(x) \right| > 1 \right\}) \le Cw(\mathcal{E})^{\kappa} \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \kappa}(w)}.$$

In fact, by Lemma F, we get

$$w(\lbrace x \in \mathcal{E} : \left| [\vec{b}, T_{sm}] f_2(x) \right| > 1 \rbrace) \leq \sup_{t > 0} \frac{1}{\Phi(\frac{1}{t})} w(\lbrace x \in \mathcal{E} : \left| [\vec{b}, T_{sm}] f_2(x) \right| > t \rbrace)$$
$$\leq C \sup_{t > 0} \frac{1}{\Phi(\frac{1}{t})} w(\lbrace x \in \mathcal{E} : M_{\Phi} f_2(x) > t \rbrace)$$
$$= C \sup_{t > 0} \frac{1}{\Phi(\frac{1}{t})} w(\lbrace x \in \mathcal{E} : M(\Phi|f_2|)(x) > t \rbrace), \qquad (3.10)$$

where  $\Phi(t) = t \log^{N}(e + t)$ . We use the Fefferman-Stein maximal inequality

$$\int_{x:Mf(x)>t}\phi(t)\,dx\leq \frac{C}{t}\int_{\mathbb{R}^n}|f(x)|M\phi(x)\,dx,$$

for any functions *f* and  $\phi \ge 0$ . This yields

$$w(\{x \in \mathcal{E} : M(\Phi|f_{2}|)(x) > t\}) \leq \frac{1}{t} \int_{\{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n} : M(\Phi|f_{2}|)(x) > t\}} \chi_{\mathcal{E}}(x)w(x) dx$$
$$\leq \frac{C}{t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \Phi(|f_{2}|)(x)M(w\chi_{\mathcal{E}})(x) dx$$
$$= \frac{C}{t} \left(\int_{3\mathcal{E}} + \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n} \setminus 3\mathcal{E}}\right) \Phi(|f_{2}|)(x)M(w\chi_{\mathcal{E}})(x) dx$$
$$= \frac{C}{t} (IV_{1} + IV_{2}).$$
(3.11)

For  $IV_1$ , since  $w \in A_1$ , it follows that

$$IV_{1} \leq C \int_{3\mathcal{E}} \Phi(|f|)(x)w(x) dx$$
  
$$\leq Cw(3\mathcal{E})^{\kappa} \left\| \Phi(|f|) \right\|_{L^{1,\kappa}(w)}$$
  
$$\leq Cw(\mathcal{E})^{\kappa} \|f\|_{L^{\Phi,\kappa}}.$$
(3.12)

To estimate the term  $IV_2$ , we first consider the form

$$\frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \int_{\mathcal{E}\cap\mathcal{F}} w(y) \, dy$$

for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus 3\mathcal{E}$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{E} \neq \emptyset$ . By simple geometric observation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{F}|} \int_{\mathcal{E}\cap\mathcal{F}} w(y) \, dy &\leq C \frac{1}{\rho(x-x_0)^{|\alpha|}} \int_{\mathcal{E}} w(y) \, dy \\ &= \frac{C}{\rho(x-x_0)^{|\alpha|}} w(\mathcal{E}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$M(w\chi_{\mathcal{E}})(x) \leq \frac{C}{\rho(x-x_0)^{|\alpha|}}w(\mathcal{E}).$$

Since  $w \in A_1$  satisfies the doubling condition and Lemma A, we estimate the term  $IV_2$  as follows:

$$IV_{2} \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n} \setminus 3\mathcal{E}} \frac{\Phi(|f|)(x)}{\rho(x-x_{0})^{|\alpha|}} w(\mathcal{E}) dx$$
  
$$\leq Cw(\mathcal{E}) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|3^{j}\mathcal{E}|} \int_{3^{j+1}\mathcal{E}} \Phi(|f|)(x) dx$$
  
$$\leq Cw(\mathcal{E}) \left\| \Phi(|f|) \right\|_{L^{1,\kappa}(w)} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{w(3^{j}\mathcal{E})^{1-\kappa}}$$
  
$$\leq Cw(\mathcal{E})^{\kappa} \left\| f \right\|_{L^{\Phi,\kappa}}.$$
(3.13)

The last inequality is similar to (3.4). Noting that  $t\Phi(\frac{1}{t}) > 1$ , from (3.8)-(3.11), we conclude

$$w(\left\{x \in \mathcal{E}: \left| [\vec{b}, T_{sm}] f_2(x) \right| > 1 \right\}) \leq Cw(\mathcal{E})^{\kappa} \|f\|_{L^{\Phi,\kappa}(w)}.$$

Thus, the proof of Theorem 1.2 is completed.

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