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Abstract

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BOUNDEDNESS OF SINGULAR INTEGRALS IN ORLICZ SPACES

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Let $\mathcal{L}_M^*(D)$ be the Orlicz space defined by a bounded measurable set D of m -dimensional space E_m and by the function

$$M(u) = \int_0^{|u|} p(t) dt,$$

where $p(t)$ is a nondecreasing function;

$$N(u) = \int_0^{|u|} q(t) dt,$$

where $q(t)$ is the right inverse of $p(t)$, and let $\mathcal{L}_N(D)$ be the set of functions V for which

$$\int_D N[v(P)] dP$$

exists.

As is known ((⁴, p. 83)), the space $\mathcal{L}_M^*(D)$ consists of functions u satisfying the condition

$$\int_D |u| |v| dP < \infty$$

for all $v \in \mathcal{L}_N(D)$; the norm in the space $\mathcal{L}_M^*(D)$ is introduced by the equality

$$\|u\|_M = \sup_v \int_D u(P)v(P) dP, \quad \int_D N[v(P)] dP \leq 1.$$

Consider the singular integral

$$Kf = \int_D \frac{\Omega(P; \theta)}{|P - Q|^m} f(Q) dQ, \quad (1)$$

where

$$\theta = \frac{P - Q}{|P - Q|}$$

is a point of the unit sphere.

$\Omega(P; \theta)$ satisfies the following conditions:

1.

$$\int_{S_1} \Omega(P; \theta) ds_\theta = 0,$$

where S_1 is the unit sphere.

2. $\Omega(P; \theta)$ is continuous in θ for fixed P .

3.

$$|\Omega(P; \theta_1) - \Omega(P; \theta_2)| \leq \omega(|\theta_1 - \theta_2|),$$

where ω does not depend on P and satisfies condition 4.

4.

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\omega(t)}{t} dt < \infty.$$

5.

$$|\Omega(P_1; \theta) - \Omega(P_2; \theta)| \leq B|P_1 - P_2|^\alpha; \quad \alpha > 0;$$

B is a constant.

We subject the function $M(u)$ to the additional condition: for sufficiently large u the inequality

$$1 < \beta \leq \frac{up(u)}{M(u)} \leq \alpha \quad (2)$$

holds.

It is easy to prove that there exists a function M_1 , equivalent to the function M ((⁴, p. 27)), satisfying inequality (2) for all u . At the same time ...

$\mathcal{L}_{M_1}^* = \mathcal{L}_M^*(D)$, and the norms $\| \cdot \|_{M_1}$ and $\| \cdot \|_M$ are equivalent ((⁴), p. 130). Therefore, without loss of generality, we may assume that inequality (2) holds for all u .

Theorems on the boundedness of singular integrals in the class \mathcal{L}_p ($p > 1$) were obtained by S. G. Mikhlin (^{1, 3}) and by A. Calderón and A. Zygmund (²). The

space \mathcal{L}_p is a special case of $\mathcal{L}_M^*(D)$, when $\alpha = \beta = p$. We have obtained a theorem generalizing the results of the authors mentioned.

Theorem. The singular operator (1) is defined and bounded in the space $\mathcal{L}_M^*(D)$, i.e.

$$\|Kf\|_M \leq C\|f\|_M, \quad (3)$$

where C depends only on $\alpha, \beta, \Omega, u_0, D^*$.

Proof. Introduce the notation:

$$K_\lambda(P; Q) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Omega(P; \theta)}{|P - Q|^m}, & \text{if } |P - Q| > \lambda, \\ 0, & \text{if } |P - Q| \leq \lambda; \end{cases}$$

$$|f(P)|_y = \begin{cases} f(P), & \text{if } f(P) \leq y, \\ y, & \text{if } f(P) > y; \end{cases}$$

$f^*(t)$ is the nonincreasing function equimeasurable ** with $f(Q)$, defined on the ray $0 \leq t < \infty$; $\beta_f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f^*(t) dt$; $\beta f(y)$ is the inverse function of $\beta_f(x)$; $\tilde{f}_\lambda = K_\lambda f =$

$$= \int_D K_\lambda(P; Q) f(Q) dQ; \quad E_y^\lambda \text{ is the set of points } P \in D, \text{ where } |\tilde{f}_\lambda(P)| \geq y.$$

Then for any $r > 1$ the following generalized inequality of A. Calderón and A. Zygmund (2) holds:

$$|E_y^\lambda| \leq \frac{C_1}{y^r} \int_D |f(P)|_y^r dP + C_1 \beta f(y), \quad (4)$$

where C_1 is a constant depending only on D, r , and Ω .

This inequality was obtained in (2) for the case $r = 2$ and for a characteristic Ω depending on θ . The stated inequality is proved similarly, using the result of S. G. Mikhlin ((1), p. 99, Theorem 3).

Since, for f satisfying the Hölder condition, $K_\lambda f$ tends uniformly to Kf as $\lambda \rightarrow 0$, the theorem will be proved if we verify that

$$\|\tilde{f}_\lambda\|_M \leq C\|f\|_M, \quad (5)$$

where C does not depend on λ . Obviously, it is sufficient to prove inequality (5) for $f \geq 0$, which we shall assume in what follows.

We give the necessary inequalities (see ⁽⁴⁾, pp. 39 and 251)

$$\frac{up(u)}{N[p(u)]} \geq \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - 1} \quad \text{for all } u; \quad (6)$$

$$\|u\|_M \leq 1 + \int_D M[u(P)] dP; \quad (7)$$

* When this note had been prepared for publication, we learned of the work ⁽⁶⁾, in which, under assumptions somewhat different from ours, boundedness is proved, but only in the case when $\Omega = \Omega(\theta)$.

** $f_1(t)$ ($0 \leq t < \infty$) and $f(P)$ ($P \in D$) are called equimeasurable if $mE(a \leq f_1 < b) = mE(a \leq f < b)$.

$$\int_D u(P)v(P) dP \leq \|u\|_M \|v\|_M; \quad (8)$$

if $\|u\|_M \leq 1$, then

$$\int_D M[u(P)] dP \leq \|u\|_M. \quad (9)$$

Let us proceed to estimate $\|\tilde{f}_\lambda\|_M$:

$$\|\tilde{f}_\lambda\|_M \leq 1 + \int_D M[\tilde{f}_\lambda(P)] dP = 1 + \int_0^\infty |E^\lambda| P(y) dy. \quad (10)$$

We estimate the last integral using inequality (4):

$$\int_0^\infty E_y^\lambda p(y) dy \leq C_1 \int_0^\infty \frac{p(y)}{y^r} dy \int_D |f(P)|_y^r dP + C_1 \int_0^\infty \beta_f(y) p(y) dy, \quad (11)$$

We consider the integrals on the right-hand side of (11) separately:

$$I_1 = \int_0^\infty \frac{p(y)}{y^r} dy \int_D |f(P)|_y^r dP = \int_D M[|f(P)|] dP + \int_D |f(P)|^r dP \int_{f(P)}^\infty \frac{p(y)}{y^r} dy.$$

Choosing $r > \alpha$ so that $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M(y)}{y^r} = 0$ ((4), p. 38), and integrating by parts, we obtain

$$\int_D |f(P)|^r dP \int_{f(P)}^{\infty} \frac{p(y)}{y^r} dy = - \int_D M[|f(P)|] dP + r \int_D |f(P)|^r dP \int_{f(P)}^{\infty} \frac{M(y)}{y^{r+1}} dy.$$

From the last equality and inequality (2) it follows that

$$\int_D |f(P)|^r dP \int_{f(P)}^{\infty} \frac{p(y)}{y^r} dy \leq \frac{\alpha}{r - \alpha} \int_D M[|f(P)|] dP.$$

Finally, for the integral I_1 we obtain the estimate

$$I_1 \leq \frac{r}{r - \alpha} \int_D M[|f(P)|] dP. \quad (12)$$

Let us turn to the second integral. Making the substitution $y = \beta_f(x)$, integrating by parts, and taking into account that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} xM[\beta_f(x)] \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \int_0^x M[|f^*(t)|] dt = 0,$$

we obtain a chain of inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int_0^{\infty} \beta_f(y)p(y) dy = - \int_0^{\infty} x dM[|\beta_f(x)|] \\ &= -xM[|\beta_f(x)|]_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} M[|\beta_f(x)|] dx \leq \int_0^{\infty} M[|\beta_f(x)|] dx \\ &= xM[|\beta_f(x)|]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} p[|\beta_f(x)|]f^*(x) dx + \int_0^{\infty} \beta_f(x)p[|\beta_f(x)|] dx. \end{aligned}$$

From the last equality and inequalities (2), (6), (7), (8) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (\beta - 1) \int_0^{\infty} M[\beta_f(x)] dx &\leq \int_0^{\infty} p[\beta_f(x)]f^*(x) dx \leq \|f^*\|_M \|p[\beta_f(x)]\|_N \leq \\ &\leq \left[1 + \int_0^{\infty} N\{p[\beta_f(x)]\} dx \right] \|f^*\|_M \leq \left[1 + \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha} \int_0^{\infty} \beta_f(x)p[\beta_f(x)] dx \right] \|f^*\|_M \leq \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq 2 \left[1 + (\alpha - 1) \int_0^\infty M[\beta_f(x)] dx \right] \|f\|_M^*.$$

Now it is easy to verify that on the sphere $\|f\|_M = k = \frac{\beta - 1}{4(\alpha - 1)} < 1$ the inequality

$$I_2 \leq \frac{4}{\beta - 1} k \tag{13}$$

holds.

Substituting (13), (12) into (11), and then into (10), and using (9), we obtain on the sphere $\|f\|_M = k$ the estimate

$$\|\tilde{f}_\lambda\|_M \leq 1 + C_1 k \left(\frac{r}{r - \alpha} + \frac{4}{\beta - 1} \right).$$

Finally, we shall have

$$\|K_\lambda\| \leq \frac{1}{k} + C_1 \left(\frac{r}{r - \alpha} + \frac{4}{\beta - 1} \right).$$

The theorem is proved.

Incidentally, from inequality (13) we have obtained the boundedness of the operator

$$\beta_f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f(t) dt$$

in Orlicz spaces satisfying condition (2) for all u ; its norm is

$$\|\beta\| \leq \frac{4\alpha}{\beta - 1}.$$

For \mathcal{L}_p ($p > 1$) this result was obtained by Hardy with a more precise estimate of the norm:

$$\|\beta\| \leq \frac{p}{p - 1}$$

([5], p. 77).

The theorem proved admits a generalization to an unbounded domain D under the following additional conditions: 1) inequality (2) holds for all u ; 2) Ω depends

only on θ , or the conditions of S. G. Mikhlin's theorem [3] are satisfied for some $p > \alpha$.

The theorem is applicable in estimating higher derivatives of elliptic equations, in the theory of one-dimensional singular equations, and in boundary-value problems for analytic functions.

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$$* \|f^*\|_M \leq 2\|f\|_M, \quad \text{since} \quad \left\| \frac{f^*}{\|f\|_M} \right\| = \left\| \left(\frac{f}{\|f\|_M} \right)^* \right\| \leq 1 + \int_D M \left(\frac{f}{\|f\|_M} \right) dP \leq 2.$$

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