

Fractional integral operators on Herz spaces

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This article is organized in the following way. In Section 1 we state a brief history of Herz space. In Section 2 we summarize our recent results in [7].

1 Introduction

We consider the boundedness of fractional integral operators on Herz space. First we state a brief history of Herz space. About the precise definition, see the next section.

Let $T = [0, 2\pi)$ and define

$$A(T) = \left\{ f \in L^1(T); \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(k)| < \infty \right\},$$

where $\hat{f}(k) = (2\pi)^{-1} \int_T f(t) e^{-ikt} dt$. $A(T)$ is called the Wiener algebra and it is difficult to characterize this algebra. About this problem we know the following theorem (see, for example, [6]).

Theorem (Bernstein). *If $f \in Lip_\varepsilon(T)$ for some $\varepsilon > 1/2$, then $f \in A(T)$.*

We also know a non-periodic version of this theorem. We define generalized Lipschitz spaces as follows (see, for example, [4] and [12]).

Definition . Let $0 < p < \infty$ and $0 < \alpha < 1$. We say $f \in \Lambda(\alpha; 2, p)(\mathbb{R}^1)$ if $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^1)$ and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^1} \frac{\|f(\cdot + h) - f(\cdot)\|_{L^2}^p dh}{|h|^\alpha |h|} < \infty.$$

Theorem (a non-periodic version of Bernstein's theorem). *Let \mathcal{F} be the Fourier transform. If $f \in \Lambda(1/2; 2, 1)(\mathbb{R}^1)$ then $\mathcal{F}f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^1)$.*

Beurling [1] introduced a new function space $A^2(\mathbb{R}^1)$, and proved the next result. Nowadays this function space is called the Beurling algebra, and we know that this is the special case of Herz spaces, that is, $A^2(\mathbb{R}^1) = K_2^{1/2,1}(\mathbb{R}^1)$.

Definition . We say $f \in A^2(\mathbb{R}^1)$ if

$$\|f\|_{A^2}^2 = \inf_{\omega \in \Omega} \int_{\mathbb{R}^1} \omega(x) dx \int_{\mathbb{R}^1} \frac{|f(x)|^2}{\omega(x)} dx < \infty,$$

where Ω consists of integrable positive ω which are nonincreasing functions of $|x|$.

Definition . We say $f \in \tilde{A}^2(\mathbb{R}^1)$ if there exists $g \in A^2(\mathbb{R}^1)$ such that $f = \mathcal{F}g$.

Theorem (Beurling). $f \in \tilde{A}^2(\mathbb{R}^1)$ if and only if f satisfies the following three conditions.

$$\begin{aligned} &f \text{ is continuous,} \\ &\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0, \\ &f \in \Lambda(1/2; 2, 1)(\mathbb{R}^1). \end{aligned}$$

Herz [5] obtained the following.

Theorem (Herz). Let $0 < \alpha < 1$ and $0 < p < \infty$. If $f \in \Lambda(\alpha; 2, p)(\mathbb{R}^1)$ then $\mathcal{F}f \in K_2^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^1)$.

Corollary . If $f \in \Lambda(1/p - 1/2; 2, 1)(\mathbb{R}^1)$ then $\mathcal{F}f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^1)$, where $1 \leq p < 2$.

If we take $p = 1$ in Corollary, then we can obtain the non-periodic version of Bernstein's theorem above.

2 Results

We define homogeneous Herz spaces and fractional integral. Let $0 < p < \infty, 1 \leq q < \infty$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^1$.

Definition .

$$\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{f \in L_{loc}^q(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}); \|f\|_{\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}} < \infty\},$$

where

$$\|f\|_{\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}} = \left\{ \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} 2^{k\alpha p} \left(\int_{2^{k-1} \leq |x| < 2^k} |f(x)|^q dx \right)^{p/q} \right\}^{1/p}.$$

Remark . $K_q^{0,q}(\mathbb{R}^n) = L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Definition .

$$I_\beta f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{|x-y|^{n-\beta}} f(y) dy \quad \text{for } 0 < \beta < n.$$

The next proposition is well-known (see, for example, [13]).

Proposition 1. I_β is bounded from $L^{q_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $L^{q_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ where $1/q_2 = 1/q_1 - \beta/n > 0$.

Li and Yang [8] proved the following.

Proposition 2. I_β is bounded from $\dot{K}_{q_1}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\dot{K}_{q_2}^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ where

$$1/q_2 = 1/q_1 - \beta/n > 0, \quad \beta - n/q_1 < \alpha < n(1 - 1/q_1) \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < p < \infty.$$

When $q_1 \geq n/\beta$, we know the following proposition (see [11] and [13]). We define Lipschitz spaces and modified fractional integral. Let $0 \leq \varepsilon < 1$.

Definition .

$$Lip_\varepsilon(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ f; \|f\|_{Lip_\varepsilon} = \sup_Q \inf_c \frac{1}{|Q|^{1+\varepsilon/n}} \int_Q |f(x) - c| dx < \infty \right\},$$

where the supremum is taken over all balls $Q \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

We denote $Lip_0(\mathbb{R}^n) = BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proposition 3. When $0 < \varepsilon < 1$,

$$\|f\|_{Lip_\varepsilon} \approx \sup_{x \neq y} \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{|x - y|^\varepsilon}.$$

Definition .

$$\tilde{I}_\beta f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ \frac{1}{|x-y|^{n-\beta}} - \frac{1}{|y|^{n-\beta}} \chi_{\{|y| \geq 1\}} \right\} f(y) dy \quad \text{for } 0 < \beta < n.$$

Proposition 4. \tilde{I}_β is bounded from $L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $Lip_{\beta-n/q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ where

$$0 \leq \beta - n/q < 1.$$

Especially \tilde{I}_β is bounded from $L^{n/\beta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

We consider the boundedness of I_β on $\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}$ where $q \geq n/\beta$.

For our purpose we consider a variant of Lipschitz space. Our definition is the following. Let $0 \leq \varepsilon < 1$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^1$.

Definition .

$$Lip_\varepsilon^\lambda(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ f; \|f\|_{Lip_\varepsilon^\lambda} = \sup_{\substack{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ R > 0}} \inf_c \frac{1}{(|x| + R)^\lambda} \frac{1}{|B(x, R)|^{1+\varepsilon/n}} \int_{B(x, R)} |f(y) - c| dy < \infty \right\},$$

where $B(x, R) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n; |x - y| < R\}$.

Remarks . $Lip_\varepsilon^0(\mathbb{R}^n) = Lip_\varepsilon(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $Lip_0^0(\mathbb{R}^n) = BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

$$\begin{aligned} Lip_{\beta-n/q}^{-\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n) &\subset Lip_{\beta-n/q-\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n) && \text{if } \alpha > 0, \\ Lip_{\beta-n/q-\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n) &\subset Lip_{\beta-n/q}^{-\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n) && \text{if } \alpha < 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\|f\|_{Lip_\varepsilon^\lambda} \approx \sup_{\substack{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ R > 0}} \frac{1}{(|x| + R)^\lambda} \frac{1}{|B(x, R)|^{1+\varepsilon/n}} \int_{B(x, R)} |f(y) - f_{B(x, R)}| dy < \infty,$$

where $f_{B(x, R)} = \frac{1}{|B(x, R)|} \int_{B(x, R)} f(y) dy$.

We give some examples.

$$\begin{aligned} |x|^{1+\varepsilon} &\in Lip_\varepsilon^1(\mathbb{R}^n), \quad |x|^{-\varepsilon} \in Lip_0^{-\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \text{where } 0 \leq \varepsilon < 1. \\ (\log |x|)^2 \chi_{\{|x| \geq 1\}} &\in Lip_0^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus BMO(\mathbb{R}^n), \\ (\log |x|)^2 \chi_{\{|x| \leq 1\}} &\in Lip_0^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus BMO(\mathbb{R}^n). \end{aligned}$$

Such function spaces are introduced by Nakai et al. [9], [10], [2]. They consider more general function spaces, that is, generalized Campanato spaces:

$$Lip_\varepsilon^\varphi(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ f; \|f\|_{Lip_\varepsilon^\varphi} = \sup_{\substack{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ R > 0}} \inf_c \frac{1}{\varphi(x, R)} \frac{1}{|B(x, R)|^{1+\varepsilon/n}} \int_{B(x, R)} |f(y) - c| dy < \infty \right\}.$$

Our result is the following.

Theorem ([7]). Let $q \geq n/\beta$, $0 < p < \infty$ and $\beta - n/q - 1 < \alpha < n - n/q$. If $0 \leq \beta - n/q < 1 + \min(0, \alpha)$, then \tilde{I}_β is bounded from $\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $Lip_{\beta-n/q}^{-\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Corollary .

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{I}_\beta : \dot{K}_q^{0,p}(\mathbb{R}^n) &\rightarrow Lip_{\beta-n/q}(\mathbb{R}^n) & \text{if } & 0 < \beta - n/q < 1, \\ \tilde{I}_\beta : \dot{K}_{n/\beta}^{0,p}(\mathbb{R}^n) &\rightarrow BMO(\mathbb{R}^n). \end{aligned}$$

Since $L^q \subset K_q^{0,p}$ when $q \leq p$, Corollary is an extension of Proposition 4.

An outline of the proof of Theorem. Let $\varepsilon = \beta - n/q$. Fix a ball $Q = B(x_0, R)$ and we estimate

$$\inf_c \frac{(|x_0| + R)^\alpha}{|Q|^{1+\varepsilon/n}} \int_Q |\tilde{I}_\beta f(x) - c| dx.$$

Let k be the least integer such that $Q \subset B(0, 2^k)$. Note that

$$|x_0| + R \approx 2^k.$$

We consider three cases:

- (i) $Q \cap B(0, 2^{k-2}) \neq \emptyset$,
- (ii) $Q \cap B(0, 2^{k-2}) = \emptyset$ and $R \geq 2^{k-4}$,
- (iii) $Q \cap B(0, 2^{k-2}) = \emptyset$ and $R < 2^{k-4}$.

The case (i) or (ii). Note that $|Q| \geq C2^{kn}$ in both cases. We write

$$f(x) = f(x)\chi_{B(0, 2^{k+1})} + f(x)\chi_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B(0, 2^{k+1})} =: f_1(x) + f_2(x).$$

First we estimate $\tilde{I}_\beta f_1$. Let $c_1 = -\int_{|y| \geq 1} f_1(y)/|y|^{n-\beta} dy$. Then $\tilde{I}_\beta f_1(x) - c_1 = I_\beta f_1(x)$, and we have

$$\int_Q |I_\beta f_1(x)| dx \leq C2^{k(n(1-1/q)-\alpha)} |Q|^{\beta/n} \|f\|_{\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}},$$

and obtain

$$\frac{1}{|Q|^{1+\varepsilon/n}} \int_Q |\tilde{I}_\beta f_1 - c_1| dx \leq C(|x_0| + R)^{-\alpha} \|f\|_{\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}}.$$

Next we estimate $\tilde{I}_\beta f_2$. Let $c_2 = \tilde{I}_\beta f(x_0)$. For any $x \in Q$,

$$|\tilde{I}_\beta f_2(x) - c_2| \leq CR 2^{k(\beta-n/q-\alpha-1)} \|f\|_{\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}},$$

and we have

$$\frac{1}{|Q|^{1+\varepsilon/n}} \int_Q |\tilde{I}_\beta f_2 - c_2| dx \leq C(|x_0| + R)^{-\alpha} \|f\|_{\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}}.$$

The case (iii). We write

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(x)\chi_{B(x_0, 2R)} + f(x)\chi_{\mathbb{C}\{2^{k-3} < |x| \leq 2^{k+1}\}} + f(x)\chi_{\{2^{k-3} < |x| \leq 2^{k+1}\} \setminus B(x_0, 2R)} \\ &=: f_1(x) + f_2(x) + f_3(x). \end{aligned}$$

First we estimate $\tilde{I}_\beta f_1$. Let $c_1 = -\int_{|y| \geq 1} f_1(y)/|y|^{n-\beta} dy$. Then we have

$$\int_Q |\tilde{I}_\beta f_1(x) - c_1| dx \leq C 2^{-k\alpha} |Q|^{1-1/q+\beta/n} \|f\|_{\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}},$$

because $B(x_0, 2R) \subset \{x; 2^{k-3} < |x| \leq 2^{k+1}\}$. Therefore we obtain

$$\frac{1}{|Q|^{1+\varepsilon/n}} \int_Q |I_\beta f_1(x) - c_1| dx \leq C(|x_0| + R)^{-\alpha} \|f\|_{\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}}.$$

Next we estimate $\tilde{I}_\beta f_2$. Let $c_2 = \tilde{I}_\beta f_2(x_0)$. It follows that for any $x \in Q$,

$$\begin{aligned} |\tilde{I}_\beta f_2(x) - c_2| &\leq CR \left(\int_{|y| \geq 2^{k+1}} \frac{|f(y)|}{|x_0 - y|^{n+1-\beta}} dy + \int_{|y| \leq 2^{k-3}} \frac{|f(y)|}{|x_0 - y|^{n+1-\beta}} dy \right) \\ &\leq CR 2^{k(\beta-n/q-\alpha-1)} \|f\|_{\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\beta - n/q - 1 < 0$, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{|Q|^{1+\varepsilon/n}} \int_Q |I_\beta f_2(x) - c_2| dx \leq C(|x_0| + R)^{-\alpha} \|f\|_{\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}}.$$

Finally we estimate $\tilde{I}_\beta f_3$. Let $c_3 = \tilde{I}_\beta f_3(x_0)$. It follows that for any $x \in Q$,

$$|\tilde{I}_\beta f_3(x) - c_3| \leq CR^{\beta-n/q} 2^{-k\alpha} \|f\|_{\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}},$$

and we obtain

$$\frac{1}{|Q|^{1+\varepsilon/n}} \int_Q |I_\beta f_3(x) - c_3| dx \leq C(|x_0| + R)^{-\alpha} \|f\|_{\dot{K}_q^{\alpha,p}}. \quad \square$$

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