

Fractional maximal operator and its higher order commutators in generalized weighted Morrey spaces on Heisenberg group

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Abstract. In this paper we study Spanne-Guliyev type boundedness of the fractional maximal operator M_α , $0 \leq \alpha < Q$ on Heisenberg group \mathbb{H}_n in the generalized weighted Morrey spaces $M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{H}_n, w)$ including weak versions, where Q is the homogeneous dimension of \mathbb{H}_n . In the case $b \in BMO(\mathbb{H}_n)$ we obtain Spanne-Guliyev type boundedness of the k th-order fractional maximal commutator operator $M_{b,\alpha,k}$ on the generalized weighted Morrey spaces.

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1 Introduction

The classical Morrey spaces were introduced by Morrey [27] to study the local behavior of solutions to second-order elliptic partial differential equations. Moreover, various Morrey spaces are defined in the process of study. Guliyev, Mizuhara and Nakai [11, 26, 28] introduced generalized Morrey spaces $M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ (see, also [12, 13, 30]). Komori and Shirai [23] defined weighted Morrey spaces $L_{p,\kappa}(w)$. Guliyev [15] gave a concept of the generalized weighted Morrey spaces $M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n, w)$ which could be viewed as extension of both $M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $L_{p,\kappa}(w)$. In [15], the boundedness of the classical operators and their commutators in spaces $M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n, w)$ was also studied, see also [16–22].

The spaces $M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n, w)$ defined by the norm

$$\|f\|_{M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n, w)} \equiv \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \varphi(x, r)^{-1} w(B(x, r))^{-1/p} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x, r), w)},$$

where the function φ is a positive measurable function on $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty)$ and w is a non-negative measurable function on \mathbb{R}^n .

Heisenberg groups, in discrete and continuous versions, appear in many parts of mathematics, including Fourier analysis, several complex variables, geometry, and topology. We state some basic results about Heisenberg group. More detailed information can be found

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in [5–7] and the references therein. Let \mathbb{H}_n be the $2n + 1$ -dimensional Heisenberg group. That is, $\mathbb{H}_n = \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{R}$, with multiplication

$$(z, t) \cdot (w, s) = (z + w, t + s + 2Im(z \cdot \bar{w})),$$

where $z \cdot \bar{w} = \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \bar{w}_j$. The inverse element of $u = (z, t)$ is $u^{-1} = (-z, -t)$ and we write the identity of \mathbb{H}_n as $0 = (0, 0)$. The Heisenberg group is a connected, simply connected nilpotent Lie group. We define one-parameter dilations on \mathbb{H}_n , for $r > 0$, by $\delta_r(z, t) = (rz, r^2t)$. These dilations are group automorphisms and the Jacobian determinant is r^Q , where $Q = 2n + 2$ is the homogeneous dimension of \mathbb{H}_n . A homogeneous norm on \mathbb{H}_n is given by

$$|(z, t)| = (|z|^2 + |t|)^{1/2}.$$

With this norm, we define the Heisenberg ball centered at $u = (z, t)$ with radius r by $B(u, r) = \{v \in \mathbb{H}_n : |u^{-1}v| < r\}$, and we denote by $B(u, 2r) = \{y \in \mathbb{H}_n : |u^{-1}2v| < r\}$ the open ball centered at u , with radius $2r$. The volume of the ball $B(u, r)$ is $C_Q r^Q$, where C_Q is the volume of the unit ball $B(0, 1)$.

Using coordinates $u = (z, t) = (x + iy, t)$ for points in \mathbb{H}_n , the left-invariant vector fields X_j, Y_j and T on \mathbb{H}_n equal to $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ at the origin are given by

$$X_j = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + 2y_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad Y_j = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} - 2x_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad T = \frac{\partial}{\partial t},$$

respectively. These $2n + 1$ vector fields form a basis for the Lie algebra of \mathbb{H}_n with commutation relations

$$[Y_j, X_j] = 4T$$

for $j = 1, \dots, n$, and all other commutators equal to 0.

Let $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{H}_n)$. The fractional maximal operator M_α is defined by

$$M_\alpha f(u) = \sup_{r>0} |B(u, r)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(u, r)} |f(v)| dV(v), \quad 0 < \alpha < Q,$$

where Q is the homogeneous dimension of the Heisenberg group \mathbb{H}_n and $|B(u, r)|$ is the Haar measure of the \mathbb{H}_n -ball $B(u, r)$.

If $\alpha = 0$, then $M \equiv M_\alpha$ is the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator on \mathbb{H}_n . The operators M_α plays an important role in real and harmonic analysis and applications (see, for example [5] and [6]).

In the present work, we study Spanne-Guliyev type boundedness of the fractional maximal operator M_α , $0 \leq \alpha < Q$ on Heisenberg group \mathbb{H}_n in the generalized weighted Morrey spaces $M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{H}_n, w)$ including weak versions, where Q is the homogeneous dimension of \mathbb{H}_n . In the case $b \in BMO(\mathbb{H}_n)$ we obtain Spanne-Guliyev type boundedness of the k th-order fractional maximal commutator operator $M_{b,\alpha,k}$ on the generalized weighted Morrey spaces.

By $A \lesssim B$ we mean that $A \leq CB$ with some positive constant C independent of appropriate quantities. If $A \lesssim B$ and $B \lesssim A$, we write $A \approx B$ and say that A and B are equivalent.

2 Preliminaries and some lemmas

By a weight function, briefly weight, we mean a locally integrable function on \mathbb{H}_n which takes values in $(0, \infty)$ almost everywhere. For a weight w and a measurable set E , we define $w(E) = \int_E w(x)dx$, and denote the Lebesgue measure of E by $|E|$ and the characteristic function of E by χ_E .

If w is a weight function, we denote by $L_{p,w}(\mathbb{H}_n)$ the weighted Lebesgue space defined by finiteness of the norm

$$\|f\|_{L_{p,w}(\mathbb{H}_n)} = \left(\int_{\mathbb{H}_n} |f(u)|^p w(u) dV(u) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty, \quad \text{if } 1 \leq p < \infty$$

and

$$\|f\|_{L_{\infty,w}(\mathbb{H}_n)} = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{u \in \mathbb{H}_n} |f(u)|w(u), \quad \text{if } p = \infty.$$

We define the generalized weighed Morrey spaces as follows.

Definition 2.1 Let $1 \leq p < \infty$, φ be a positive measurable function on $\mathbb{H}_n \times (0, \infty)$ and w be non-negative measurable function on \mathbb{H}_n . We denote by $M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{H}_n, w) \equiv M_{p,\varphi}(w)$ the generalized weighted Morrey space, the space of all functions $f \in L_{p,w}^{loc}(\mathbb{H}_n)$ with finite norm

$$\|f\|_{M_{p,\varphi}(w)} = \sup_{u \in \mathbb{H}_n, r > 0} \varphi(u, r)^{-1} w(B(u, r))^{-\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{L_{p,w}(B(u, r))},$$

where $L_{p,w}(B(u, r))$ denotes the weighted L_p -space of measurable functions f for which

$$\|f\|_{L_{p,w}(B(u, r))} \equiv \|f\chi_{B(u, r)}\|_{L_{p,w}(\mathbb{H}_n)} = \left(\int_{B(u, r)} |f(v)|^p w(v) dV(v) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Furthermore, by $WM_{p,\varphi}(w)$ we denote the weak generalized weighted Morrey space of all functions $f \in WL_{p,w}^{loc}(\mathbb{H}_n)$ for which

$$\|f\|_{WM_{p,\varphi}(w)} = \sup_{u \in \mathbb{H}_n, r > 0} \varphi(u, r)^{-1} w(B(u, r))^{-\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{WL_{p,w}(B(u, r))} < \infty,$$

where $WL_{p,w}(B(u, r))$ denotes the weak $L_{p,w}$ -space of measurable functions f for which

$$\|f\|_{WL_{p,w}(B(u, r))} \equiv \|f\chi_{B(u, r)}\|_{WL_{p,w}(\mathbb{H}_n)} = \sup_{t > 0} t \left(\int_{\{v \in B(u, r) : |f(v)| > t\}} w(v) dV(v) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

We recall a weight function w is in the Muckenhoupt's class $A_p(\mathbb{H}_n)$ [24], $1 < p < \infty$, if

$$[w]_{A_p} := \sup_B [w]_{A_p(B)} = \sup_B \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B w(u) dV(u) \right) \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B w(u)^{1-p'} dV(u) \right)^{p-1} < \infty, \quad (2.1)$$

where the supremum is taken with respect to all the balls B and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$. Note that, for all balls B Hölder's inequality is

$$[w]_{A_p(B)}^{\frac{1}{p}} = |B|^{-1} \|w\|_{L_1(B)}^{\frac{1}{p}} \|w^{-\frac{1}{p}}\|_{L_{p'}(B)} \geq 1. \quad (2.2)$$

For $p = 1$, $w \in A_1(\mathbb{H}_n)$ is defined by the condition $Mw(u) \leq Cw(u)$ with $[w]_{A_1} = \sup_{u \in \mathbb{H}_n} \frac{Mw(u)}{w(u)}$, and for $p = \infty$ $A_\infty(\mathbb{H}_n) = \cup_{1 \leq p < \infty} A_p(\mathbb{H}_n)$ and $[w]_\infty = \inf_{1 \leq p < \infty} [w]_{A_p}$.

A weight function w is in the Muckenhoupt-Wheeden class $A_{p,q}(\mathbb{H}_n)$, $1 < p < \infty$, if

$$\begin{aligned} [w]_{A_{p,q}} &:= \sup_B [w]_{A_{p,q}(B)} \\ &= \sup_B \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B w(u)^q dV(u) \right)^{1/q} \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B w(u)^{-p'} dV(u) \right)^{1/p'} < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

where the supremum is taken with respect to all the balls B and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$. Note that, for all balls B Hölder's inequality is

$$[w]_{A_{p,q}(B)} = |B|^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} - 1} \|w\|_{L_q(B)} \|w^{-1}\|_{L_{p'}(B)} \geq 1. \quad (2.3)$$

While $p = 1$, $w \in A_{1,q}$ with $1 < q < \infty$ if

$$\begin{aligned} [w]_{A_{1,q}} &:= \sup_B [w]_{A_{1,q}(B)} \\ &= \sup_B \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B w(u)^q dV(u) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left(\operatorname{ess\,sup}_{u \in B} \frac{1}{w(u)} \right) < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

We denote by $B(u, 2r) = \{y \in \mathbb{H}_n : |u^{-1}v| < 2r\}$.

In the sequel $\mathfrak{M}(\mathbb{R}_+)$, $\mathfrak{M}^+(\mathbb{R}_+)$ and $\mathfrak{M}^+(\mathbb{R}_+; \uparrow)$ stand for the set of Lebesgue-measurable functions on \mathbb{R}_+ , and its subspaces of nonnegative and nonnegative non-decreasing functions, respectively. We also denote

$$\mathbb{A} = \{\varphi \in \mathfrak{M}^+(\mathbb{R}_+; \uparrow) : \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \varphi = 0\}.$$

Let u be a continuous and non-negative function on \mathbb{R}_+ . We define the supremal operator \bar{S}_u by

$$(\bar{S}_u g)(t) := \|ug\|_{L_\infty(t, \infty)}, \quad t \in (0, \infty).$$

The following theorem was proved in [4].

Theorem 2.1 [4] *Suppose that v_1 and v_2 are nonnegative measurable functions such that $0 < \|v_1\|_{L_\infty(0, \cdot)} < \infty$ for every $t > 0$. Let u be a continuous nonnegative function on \mathbb{R} . Then the operator \bar{S}_u is bounded from $L_{\infty, v_1}(\mathbb{R}_+)$ to $L_{\infty, v_2}(\mathbb{R}_+)$ on the cone \mathbb{A} if and only if*

$$\left\| v_2 \bar{S}_u(\|v_1\|_{L_\infty(\cdot, \infty)}^{-1}) \right\|_{L_\infty(\mathbb{R}_+)} < \infty.$$

3 Fractional maximal operator in the spaces $M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{H}_n, w)$

In this section, we shall give the Spanne-Guliyev type boundedness of the operator M_α on the generalized weighted Morrey spaces $M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{H}_n, w)$, including weak versions. In the case of \mathbb{R}^n Spanne-Guliyev type result for the operator M_α in the space $M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n, w)$ was proved in [22], see also [1, 18, 21].

The following Guliyev weighted local estimates are valid (see [15]).

Theorem 3.1 *Let $1 \leq p < q < \infty$, $0 \leq \alpha < \frac{Q}{p}$, $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{Q}$, and $\omega \in A_{p,q}(\mathbb{H}_n)$. Then, for $p > 1$ the inequality*

$$\|M_\alpha f\|_{L_{q,w^q}(B(u,r))} \lesssim (w^q(B(u,r)))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t \geq r} \|f\|_{L_{p,w^p}(B(u,t))} (w^q(B(u,t)))^{-\frac{1}{q}} \quad (3.1)$$

holds for any ball $B(u, r)$ and for all $f \in L_{p,w}^{loc}(\mathbb{H}_n)$.

Moreover, for $p = 1$ the inequality

$$\|M_\alpha f\|_{WL_{q,w^q}(B(u,r))} \lesssim (w^q(B(u,r)))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t \geq r} \|f\|_{L_{1,w}(B(u,t))} (w^q(B(u,t)))^{-\frac{1}{q}} \quad (3.2)$$

holds for any ball $B(u, r)$ and for all $f \in L_{1,w}^{loc}(\mathbb{H}_n)$.

Proof. Let $1 < p < q < \infty$, $0 < \alpha < \frac{Q}{p}$, $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{Q}$, and $w \in A_{p,q}(\mathbb{H}_n)$. For arbitrary $u \in \mathbb{H}_n$ and $r > 0$, set $B = B(u, r)$, $2B = B(u, 2r)$.

We present f as

$$f = f_1 + f_2, \quad f_1(v) = f(v) \chi_{2B}(v), \quad f_2(v) = f(v) \chi_{\mathbb{C}_{(2B)}}(v),$$

and have

$$\|M_\alpha f\|_{L_{q,w^q}(B)} \leq \|M_\alpha f_1\|_{L_{q,w^q}(B)} + \|M_\alpha f_2\|_{L_{q,w^q}(B)}.$$

Since $f_1 \in L_{p,w^p}(\mathbb{H}_n)$, $M_\alpha f_1 \in L_{q,w^q}(\mathbb{H}_n)$ and from the boundedness of M_α from $L_{p,w^p}(\mathbb{H}_n)$ to $L_{q,w^q}(\mathbb{H}_n)$ (see [3, 29]) it follows that

$$\|M_\alpha f_1\|_{L_{q,w^q}(B)} \leq \|M_\alpha f_1\|_{L_{q,w^q}} \lesssim \|f_1\|_{L_{p,w^p}} = \|f\|_{L_{p,w^p}(2B)}. \quad (3.3)$$

From (3.3) we obtain

$$\|M_\alpha f_1\|_{L_{q,w^q}(B)} \lesssim (w^q(B(u,r)))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t \geq r} \|f\|_{L_{p,w^p}(B(u,t))} (w^q(B(u,t)))^{-\frac{1}{q}}. \quad (3.4)$$

Let $\zeta = (h, \tau)$ be an arbitrary point in $B \equiv B(u, r)$. If $B(\zeta, t) \cap \mathring{B}(u, 2r) \neq \emptyset$, then $t > r$. Indeed, if $v \in B(\zeta, t) \cap \mathring{B}(u, 2r)$, then we get $t > |\zeta^{-1}v| \geq |v^{-1}u| - |\zeta^{-1}u| > 2r - r = r$.

On the other hand, $B(\zeta, t) \cap \mathring{B}(u, 2r) \subset B(u, 2t)$. Indeed, if $v \in B(\zeta, t) \cap \mathring{B}(u, 2r)$, then we get $|v^{-1}u| \leq |\zeta^{-1}v| + |\zeta^{-1}u| < t + r < 2t$. Hence, for all $\zeta \in B$

$$\begin{aligned} M_\alpha f_2(\zeta) &= \sup_{t > 0} |B(\zeta, t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(\zeta, t)} |f_2(v)| dV(v) \\ &\lesssim \sup_{t > r} |B(u, 2t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(\zeta, t) \cap \mathring{B}(u, 2r)} |f(v)| dV(v) \\ &\leq \sup_{t > r} |B(u, 2t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(u, 2t)} |f(v)| dV(v) \\ &= \sup_{t > 2r} |B(u, t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(u, t)} |f(v)| dV(v). \end{aligned}$$

By applying Hölder's inequality, for all $\zeta \in B$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} M_\alpha f_2(\zeta) &\lesssim \sup_{t>2r} |B(u, t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(u, t)} |f(v)| dV(v) \\ &\lesssim \sup_{t>r} |B(u, t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{Q}} \|f\|_{L_{p, w^p}(B(u, t))} \|w^{-1}\|_{L_{p'}(B(u, t))} \\ &\lesssim \sup_{t>r} \|f\|_{L_{p, w^p}(B(u, t))} (w^q(B(u, t)))^{-\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the function $M_\alpha f_2(\zeta)$, with fixed u and r , is dominated by the expression not depending on ζ . Then

$$\|M_\alpha f_2\|_{L_{q, w^q}(B(u, r))} \lesssim (w^q(B(u, r)))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t>r} \|f\|_{L_{p, w^p}(B(u, t))} (w^q(B(u, t)))^{-\frac{1}{q}}. \quad (3.5)$$

We then obtain (3.1) from (3.4) and (3.5).

Let $p = 1$, and $w \in A_{1, q}(\mathbb{H}_n)$.

Then,

$$\|M_\alpha f\|_{WL_{q, w^q}(B)} \leq \|M_\alpha f_1\|_{WL_{q, w^q}(B)} + \|M_\alpha f_2\|_{WL_{q, w^q}(B)}.$$

Since $f_1 \in L_{1, w}(\mathbb{H}_n)$, $M_\alpha f_1 \in WL_{q, w^q}(\mathbb{H}_n)$ and from the boundedness of M_α from $L_{1, w}(\mathbb{H}_n)$ to $WL_{q, w^q}(\mathbb{H}_n)$ (see [3, 29]) it follows that

$$\|M_\alpha f_1\|_{WL_{q, w^q}(B)} \leq \|M_\alpha f_1\|_{WL_{q, w^q}} \lesssim \|f_1\|_{L_{1, w}} = \|f\|_{L_{1, w}(2B)}. \quad (3.6)$$

From (3.6) we obtain

$$\|M_\alpha f_1\|_{WL_{q, w^q}(B)} \lesssim (w^q(B(u, r)))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t>r} \|f\|_{L_{1, w}(B(u, t))} (w^q(B(u, t)))^{-\frac{1}{q}}. \quad (3.7)$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_\alpha f_2\|_{WL_{q, w^q}(B(u, r))} &\leq \|M_\alpha f_2\|_{L_{q, w^q}(B(u, r))} \\ &\lesssim (w^q(B(u, r)))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t>r} \|f\|_{L_{1, w}(B(u, t))} (w^q(B(u, t)))^{-\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

We then obtain (3.2) from (3.7) and (3.8).

For the operator M_α the following Spanne-Guliyev type result on the space $M_{p, \varphi}(w)$ is valid.

Theorem 3.2 *Let $1 \leq p < q < \infty$, $0 < \alpha < \frac{Q}{p}$, $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{Q}$, $w \in A_{p, q}(\mathbb{H}_n)$, and (φ_1, φ_2) satisfy the condition*

$$\sup_{t>r} \frac{\operatorname{ess\,inf}_{t<s<\infty} \varphi_1(u, s) (w^p B((u, s)))^{1/p}}{(w^q(B(u, t)))^{1/q}} \leq C \varphi_2(u, r), \quad (3.9)$$

where C does not depend on u and r . Then the operator M_α is bounded from $M_{p, \varphi_1}(w^p)$ to $M_{q, \varphi_2}(w^q)$ for $p > 1$ and from $M_{1, \varphi_1}(w)$ to $WM_{q, \varphi_2}(w^q)$ for $p = 1$. Moreover, for $p > 1$

$$\|M_\alpha f\|_{M_{q, \varphi_2}(w^q)} \lesssim \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi_1}(w^p)},$$

and for $p = 1$

$$\|M_\alpha f\|_{WM_{q, \varphi_2}(w^q)} \lesssim \|f\|_{M_{1, \varphi_1}(w)}.$$

Proof. For $p > 1$ from Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 3.1 we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_\alpha f\|_{M_{q,\varphi_2}(w^q)} &\lesssim \sup_{u \in \mathbb{H}_n, r > 0} \varphi_2(u, r)^{-1} \sup_{t > r} \|f\|_{L_p, w^p w(B(u, t))}^{-\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\lesssim \sup_{u \in \mathbb{H}_n, r > 0} \varphi_1(u, r)^{-1} \|w\|_{L_q(B(u, r))}^{-1} \|f\|_{L_p, w^p} \\ &\lesssim \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi_1}(w^p)}, \end{aligned}$$

and for $p = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_\alpha f\|_{WM_{q,\varphi_2}(w^q)} &\lesssim \sup_{u \in \mathbb{H}_n, r > 0} \varphi_2(u, r)^{-1} \sup_{t > r} \|f\|_{L_1, w w(B(u, t))}^{-\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\lesssim \sup_{u \in \mathbb{H}_n, r > 0} \varphi_1(u, r)^{-1} \|w\|_{L_q(B(u, r))}^{-1} \|f\|_{L_1, w} \\ &\lesssim \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi_1}(w^p)}. \end{aligned}$$

Remark 3.1 Note that, in the case $w \equiv 1$, Theorems 3.1 and 3.2 were proved in [14], see also [2, 8–10].

4 Higher order fractional maximal commutator operators in the spaces $M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{H}_n, w)$

In this section, we shall give the Spanne-Guliyev type boundedness of the higher order fractional maximal commutator operator $M_{b,\alpha,k}$ on the generalized weighted Morrey spaces $M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{H}_n, w)$. In the case of \mathbb{R}^n Spanne-Guliyev type result for the operator M_α in the space $M_{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n, w)$ was proved in [22], see also [1, 18, 21].

We recall the definition of the space of $BMO(\mathbb{H}_n)$.

Definition 4.1 Suppose that $b \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{H}_n)$, and let

$$\|b\|_* = \sup_{u \in \mathbb{H}_n, r > 0} \frac{1}{|B(u, r)|} \int_{B(u, r)} |b(v) - b_{B(u, r)}| dV(v) < \infty,$$

where

$$b_{B(u, r)} = \frac{1}{|B(u, r)|} \int_{B(u, r)} b(v) dV(v).$$

Define

$$BMO(\mathbb{H}_n) = \{b \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{H}_n) : \|b\|_* < \infty\}.$$

Modulo constants, the space $BMO(\mathbb{H}_n)$ is a Banach space with respect to the norm $\|\cdot\|_*$.

Lemma 4.1 [25] Let $w \in A_\infty$. Then the norm $\|\cdot\|_*$ is equivalent to the norm

$$\|b\|_{*,w} = \sup_{u \in \mathbb{H}_n, r > 0} \frac{1}{w(B(u, r))} \int_{B(u, r)} |b(v) - b_{B(u, r), w}| w(y) dV(v),$$

where

$$b_{B(u, r), w} = \frac{1}{w(B(u, r))} \int_{B(u, r)} b(v) w(v) dV(v).$$

The following lemma is proved in [15].

Lemma 4.2

1 Let $w \in A_\infty$ and $b \in BMO(\mathbb{H}_n)$. Let also $1 \leq p < \infty$, $u \in \mathbb{H}_n$, $k > 0$ and $r_1, r_2 > 0$. Then,

$$\left(\frac{1}{w(B(u, r_1))} \int_{B(u, r_1)} |b(v) - b_{B(u, r_2), w}|^{kp} w(v) dV(v) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C \left(1 + \left| \ln \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right| \right)^k \|b\|_*^k,$$

where $C > 0$ is independent of f , w , u , r_1 and r_2 .

2 Let $w \in A_p$ and $b \in BMO(\mathbb{H}_n)$. Let also $1 < p < \infty$, $u \in \mathbb{H}_n$, $k > 0$ and $r_1, r_2 > 0$. Then,

$$\left(\frac{1}{w^{-p'}(B(u, r_1))} \int_{B(u, r_1)} |b(v) - b_{B(u, r_2), w}|^{kp'} w(v)^{-p'} dV(v) \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \leq C \left(1 + \left| \ln \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right| \right)^k \|b\|_*^k,$$

where $C > 0$ is independent of b , w , u , r_1 and r_2 .

The following lemma is valid.

Remark 4.1 [6,31] (1) Let $b \in BMO(\mathbb{H}_n)$. Then

$$\|b\|_* \approx \sup_{u \in \mathbb{H}_n, r > 0} \left(\frac{1}{|B(u, r)|} \int_{B(u, r)} |b(v) - b_{B(u, r)}|^p dV(v) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (4.1)$$

for $1 < p < \infty$.

(2) Let $b \in BMO(\mathbb{H}_n)$. Then there is a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$|b_{B(u, r)} - b_{B(u, \tau)}| \leq C \|b\|_* \log \frac{\tau}{r} \quad \text{for } 0 < 2r < \tau, \quad (4.2)$$

where C is independent of f , u , r and τ .

The commutator generated by $b \in L_1^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and the operator M_α is defined by

$$M_{b, \alpha}(f)(u) = \sup_{r > 0} |B(u, r)|^{-1 + \frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(u, r)} |b(u) - b(v)| |f(v)| dV(v). \quad (4.3)$$

For a positive integer k and a function b , the k th-order fractional maximal commutator $M_{b, \alpha, k}$ (see [14]) is defined by

$$M_{b, \alpha, k}(f)(u) = \sup_{r > 0} |B(u, r)|^{-1 + \frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(u, r)} |b(u) - b(v)|^k |f(v)| dV(v).$$

The following Guliyev weighted local estimates are valid (see [15]).

Theorem 4.1 Let $1 < p < q < \infty$, $0 < \alpha < \frac{Q}{p}$, $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{Q}$, $b \in BMO(\mathbb{H}_n)$, and $w \in A_{p, q}(\mathbb{H}_n)$. Then the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \|M_{b, \alpha, k} f\|_{L_{q, w^q}(B(u, r))} \\ & \lesssim \|b\|_*^k w^q(B(u, r))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t > 2r} \ln^k \left(e + \frac{t}{r} \right) w^q(B(u, t))^{-\frac{1}{q}} \|f\|_{L_{p, w^p}(B(u, t))} \end{aligned}$$

holds for any ball $B(u, r)$ and for all $f \in L_{p, w^p}^{loc}(\mathbb{H}_n)$.

Proof. Let $1 < p < q < \infty$, $0 < \alpha < \frac{Q}{p}$, $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{Q}$. We write f as

$$f = f_1 + f_2, \quad f_1(v) = f(v) \chi_{2B}(v), \quad f_2(v) = f(v) \chi_{\mathring{c}_{(2B)}}(v).$$

Hence,

$$\|M_{b,\alpha,k}f\|_{L_{q,w^q}(B)} \leq \|M_{b,\alpha,k}f_1\|_{L_{q,w^q}(B)} + \|M_{b,\alpha,k}f_2\|_{L_{q,w^q}(B)}.$$

From the boundedness of $M_{b,\alpha,k}$ from $L_{p,w^p}(\mathbb{H}_n)$ to $L_{q,w^q}(\mathbb{H}_n)$ (see [3,29]) it follows that

$$\|M_{b,\alpha,k}f_1\|_{L_{q,w^q}(B)} \leq \|M_{b,\alpha,k}f_1\|_{L_{q,w^q}} \lesssim \|b\|_*^k \|f_1\|_{L_{p,w^p}} = \|b\|_*^k \|f\|_{L_{p,w^p}(2B)}. \quad (4.4)$$

Let $\zeta = (h, \tau)$ be an arbitrary point in $B \equiv B(u, r)$. If $B(\zeta, t) \cap \mathring{c}B(u, 2r) \neq \emptyset$, then $t > r$. Indeed, if $v \in B(\zeta, t) \cap \mathring{c}B(u, 2r)$, then we get $t > |\zeta^{-1}v| \geq |v^{-1}u| - |\zeta^{-1}u| > 2r - r = r$.

On the other hand, $B(\zeta, t) \cap \mathring{c}B(u, 2r) \subset B(u, 2t)$. Indeed, if $v \in B(\zeta, t) \cap \mathring{c}B(u, 2r)$, then we get $|v^{-1}u| \leq |\zeta^{-1}v| + |\zeta^{-1}u| < t + r < 2t$. Hence, for all $\zeta \in B$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{b,\alpha,k}f_2(\zeta) &= \sup_{t>0} |B(\zeta, t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(\zeta,t)} |b(v) - b(\zeta)|^k |f_2(v)| dV(v) \\ &= \sup_{t>0} |B(\zeta, t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(\zeta,t) \cap \mathring{c}B(u,2r)} |b(v) - b(\zeta)|^k |f(v)| dV(v) \\ &\lesssim \sup_{t>r} |B(u, 2t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(u,2t)} |b(v) - b(\zeta)|^k |f(v)| dV(v) \\ &= \sup_{t>2r} |B(u, 2t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(u,t)} |b(v) - b(\zeta)|^k |f(v)| dV(v). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for all $\zeta \in B$ we have

$$M_{b,\alpha,k}f_2(\zeta) \lesssim \sup_{t>2r} |B(u, 2t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(u,t)} |b(v) - b(\zeta)|^k |f(v)| dV(v).$$

Thus, the function $M_{\alpha}f_2(\zeta)$, with fixed u and r , is dominated by the expression not depending on ζ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\|M_{b,\alpha,k}f_2\|_{L_{q,w^q}(B)} \\ &\lesssim \left(\int_B \left(\sup_{t>2r} |B(u, t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(u,t)} |b(v) - b(\zeta)|^k |f(v)| dV(v) \right)^q w^q(\zeta) dV(\zeta) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\lesssim \left(\int_B \left(\sup_{t>2r} |B(u, t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(u,t)} |b(v) - b_{B(u,r),w}|^k |f(v)| dV(v) \right)^q w^q(\zeta) dV(\zeta) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &+ \left(\int_B \left(\sup_{t>2r} |B(u, t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(u,t)} |b(\zeta) - b_{B(u,r),w}|^k |f(v)| dV(v) \right)^q w^q(\zeta) dV(\zeta) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= J_1 + J_2. \end{aligned}$$

Let us estimate J_1 . Applying Hölder's inequality and by Lemma 4.2 we get

$$\begin{aligned}
J_1 &= w^q(B(u, r))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t>2r} |B(u, t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(u, t)} |b(v) - b_{B(u, r), w}|^k |f(v)| dV(v) \\
&\approx w^q(B(u, r))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t>2r} t^{\alpha-Q} \int_{B(u, t)} |b(v) - b_{B(u, r), w}|^k |f(v)| dV(v) \\
&\leq (w^q(B(u, r)))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t>2r} t^{\alpha-Q} \left(\int_{B(u, t)} |b(v) - b_{B(u, r), w}|^{kp'} w(v)^{-p'} dV(v) \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \|f\|_{L_{p, w^p}(B(u, t))} \\
&\lesssim \|b\|_*^k w^q(B(u, r))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t>2r} t^{\alpha-Q} \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r} \right)^k \|w^{-1}\|_{L_{p'}(B(u, t))} \|f\|_{L_{p, w^p}(B(u, t))} \\
&\lesssim \|b\|_*^k w^q(B(u, r))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t>2r} t^{\alpha-Q} \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r} \right)^k (w^q(B(u, t)))^{-\frac{1}{q}} t^{\frac{Q}{q} + \frac{Q}{p'}} \|f\|_{L_{p, w^p}(B(u, t))} \\
&= \|b\|_*^k w^q(B(u, r))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t>2r} \ln^k \left(e + \frac{t}{r} \right) w^q(B(u, t))^{-\frac{1}{q}} \|f\|_{L_{p, w^p}(B(u, t))}.
\end{aligned}$$

In order to estimate I_2 we get

$$\begin{aligned}
J_2 &= \left(\int_B \left(\sup_{t>2r} |B(u, t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{Q}} \int_{B(u, t)} |b(\zeta) - b_{B(u, r), w}|^k |f(v)| dV(v) \right)^q w^q(\zeta) dV(\zeta) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
&\approx \left(\int_B |b(\zeta) - b_{B(u, r), w}|^{kq} w^q(\zeta) dV(\zeta) \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t>2r} t^{\alpha-Q} \int_{B(u, t)} |f(v)| dV(v).
\end{aligned}$$

According to the first part of Lemma 4.2, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
J_2 &\lesssim \|b\|_*^k \left(1 + \ln \frac{r}{r} \right)^k w^q(B(u, r))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t>2r} t^{\alpha-Q} \int_{B(u, t)} |f(v)| dV(v) \\
&\leq \|b\|_*^k w^q(B(u, r))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t>2r} t^{\alpha-Q} \|f\|_{L_{p, w^p}(B(u, t))} \|w^{-1}\|_{L_{p'}(B(u, t))} \\
&= \|b\|_*^k w^q(B(u, r))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t>2r} \ln^k \left(e + \frac{t}{r} \right) w^q(B(u, t))^{-\frac{1}{q}} \|f\|_{L_{p, w^p}(B(u, t))}.
\end{aligned}$$

Summing up J_1 and J_2 , for all $p \in (1, \infty)$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\|M_{b, \alpha, k} f_2\|_{L_{q, w^q}(B)} &\lesssim \\
\|b\|_*^k w^q(B(u, r))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t>2r} \ln^k \left(e + \frac{t}{r} \right) w^q(B(u, t))^{-\frac{1}{q}} \|f\|_{L_{p, w^p}(B(u, t))}. &\quad (4.5)
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, from (4.4) and (4.5) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\|M_{b, \alpha, k} f\|_{L_{q, w^q}(B)} &\lesssim \|b\|_*^k (w^q(B(u, r)))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t \geq r} \|f\|_{L_{p, w^p}(B(u, t))} (w^q(B(u, t)))^{-\frac{1}{q}} \\
&\quad + \|b\|_*^k w^q(B(u, r))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t>2r} \ln^k \left(e + \frac{t}{r} \right) w^q(B(u, t))^{-\frac{1}{q}} \|f\|_{L_{p, w^p}(B(u, t))} \\
&\lesssim \|b\|_*^k w^q(B(u, r))^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t>2r} \ln^k \left(e + \frac{t}{r} \right) w^q(B(u, t))^{-\frac{1}{q}} \|f\|_{L_{p, w^p}(B(u, t))}.
\end{aligned}$$

For the operator $M_{b, \alpha, k}$ the following Spanne-Guliyev type result on the space $M_{p, \varphi}(w)$ is valid.

Theorem 4.2 Let $1 < p < q < \infty$, $0 < \alpha < \frac{Q}{p}$, $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{Q}$, $w \in A_{p,q}(\mathbb{H}_n)$, $b \in BMO(\mathbb{H}_n)$ and (φ_1, φ_2) satisfy the condition

$$\sup_{t>r} \ln^k \left(e + \frac{t}{r} \right) \frac{\operatorname{ess\,inf}_{t<s<\infty} \varphi_1(u, s) (w^p B((u, s)))^{1/p}}{(w^q(B(u, t)))^{1/q}} \leq C \varphi_2(u, r), \quad (4.6)$$

where C does not depend on u and r . Then the operator $M_{b,\alpha,k}$ is bounded from $M_{p,\varphi_1}(w^p)$ to $M_{q,\varphi_2}(w^q)$. Moreover,

$$\|M_{b,\alpha,k} f\|_{M_{q,\varphi_2}(w^q)} \lesssim \|b\|_*^k \|f\|_{M_{p,\varphi_1}(w^p)}.$$

Proof. Using the Theorem 2.1 and the Theorem 4.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_{b,\alpha,k} f\|_{M_{q,\varphi_2}(w^q)} &= \sup_{u \in \mathbb{H}_n, r > 0} \varphi_2(u, r)^{-1} w^q(B(u, r))^{\frac{1}{q}} \|M_{b,\alpha,k} f\|_{L_{q,w^q} B(u,r)} \\ &\lesssim \|b\|_*^k \sup_{u \in \mathbb{H}_n, r > 0} \varphi_2(u, r)^{-1} \sup_{t > 2r} \ln^k \left(e + \frac{t}{r} \right) w^q(B(u, t))^{-\frac{1}{q}} \|f\|_{L_{p,w^p}(B(u,t))} \\ &\lesssim \|b\|_*^k \sup_{u \in \mathbb{H}_n, r > 0} \varphi_1(u, r)^{-1} (w^p(B(u, r)))^{-\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{L_{p,w^p}(B(u,r))} \\ &= \|b\|_*^k \|f\|_{M_{p,\varphi_1}(w^p)}. \end{aligned}$$

Remark 4.2 Note that, in the case $w \equiv 1$, Theorems 4.1 and 4.2 were proved in [14], see also [2, 8–10].

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