# Commutator of anisotropic maximal function with BMO functions on total anisotropic Morrey spaces

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we consider the total anisotropic Morrey spaces  $L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  introduced by Guliyev in [22] in the isotropic case  $d=(1,\ldots,1)$ . These spaces generalize the anisotropic Morrey spaces so that  $L^d_{p,\lambda,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n) \equiv L^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and the modified anisotropic Morrey spaces so that  $L^d_{p,\lambda,0}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \widetilde{L}^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . We give basic properties of the spaces  $L^d_{p,\lambda,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and study some embeddings into the Morrey space  $L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . We also give necessary and sufficient conditions for the boundedness of the anisotropic maximal commutator operator  $M^d_b$  and commutator of anisotropic maximal operator  $[b,M^d]$  on  $L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . We obtain some new characterizations for certain subclasses of  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

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## 1 Introduction

Let T be a Calderón-Zygmund singular integral operator and  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . A well known result due to Coifman, Rochberg and Weiss [9] states that [b,T] is bounded on  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $1 when <math>b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . They also gave a characterization of  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  in virtue of the  $L_p$ -boundedness of the above commutator. It is well-known that the commutator is an important integral operator and plays a key role in harmonic analysis. Maximal commutator plays an important role in the study of commutators of singular integral operators with BMO symbols (see, for example [9,16]). The commutator of Calderón-Zygmund operators plays an important role in studying the regularity of solutions of elliptic partial differential equations of second order (see, for example, [10,11,15,24,25]).

Let  $\mathbb{R}^n$  be the n-dimension Euclidean space with the norm |x| for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $S^{n-1}$  denotes the unit sphere on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and r > 0, let  $\mathcal{E}(x,r)$  denote the open ellipsoid centered at x of radius r and  $\mathcal{E}(x,r)$  denote the set  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \mathcal{E}(x,r)$ . Let  $d = (d_1, \ldots, d_n)$ ,

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 $d_i \geq 1, i=1,\ldots,n, |d|=\sum_{i=1}^n d_i$  and  $t^dx \equiv \left(t^{d_1}x_1,\ldots,t^{d_n}x_n\right)$ . By [6,14], the function  $F(x,\rho)=\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \rho^{-2d_i}$ , considered for any fixed  $x\in\mathbb{R}^n$ , is a decreasing one with respect to  $\rho>0$  and the equation  $F(x,\rho)=1$  is uniquely solvable. This unique solution will be denoted by  $\rho(x)$ . It is a simple matter to check 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  $\rho$ , defines a homogeneous metric space (see, for example, [6,7,14]). The balls with respect to  $\rho$ , centered at x of radius r, are just the ellipsoids

$$\mathcal{E}_d(x,r) = \left\{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{(y_1 - x_1)^2}{r^{2d_1}} + \dots + \frac{(y_n - x_n)^2}{r^{2d_n}} < 1 \right\},$$

with the Lebesgue measure  $|\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)| = v_n r^{|d|}$ , where  $v_n$  is the volume of the unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let also  $\Pi_d(x,r) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i - y_i|^{1/d_i} < r\}$  denote the parallelopiped,  ${}^{\complement}\mathcal{E}_d(x,r) = \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \mathcal{E}_d(x,r)$  be the complement of  $\mathcal{E}_d(0,r)$ . If  $d=1 \equiv (1,\ldots,1)$ , then clearly  $\rho(x) = |x|$  and  $\mathcal{E}_1(x,r) = \mathcal{E}(x,r)$ . Note that in the standard parabolic case  $d=(1,\ldots,1,2)$  we have

$$\rho(x) = \sqrt{\frac{|x'|^2 + \sqrt{|x'|^4 + x_n^2}}{2}}, \quad x = (x', x_n).$$

Let  $f \in L_1^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The anisotropic maximal operator  $M^d$  is given by

$$M^{d}f(x) = \sup_{t>0} |\mathcal{E}(x,t)|^{-1} \int_{\mathcal{E}(x,t)} |f(y)| dy$$

and the anisotropic maximal commutator of  $\mathcal{M}^d$  with a locally integrable function b is defined by

$$M_b^d f(x) = \sup_{t>0} |\mathcal{E}(x,t)|^{-1} \int_{\mathcal{E}(x,t)} |b(x) - b(y)| |f(y)| dy,$$

where  $|\mathcal{E}(x,t)|$  is the Lebesgue measure of the ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}(x,t)$ . If d=1, then  $M\equiv M^1$  and  $M_b\equiv M_b^1$  are the classical Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator and maximal commutator, respectively. The operators  $M^d$  and  $M_b^d$  play an important role in real and harmonic analysis (see, for example, [29]).

On the other hand, we can define the (nonlinear) commutator of the anisotropic maximal operator  $M^d$  with a locally integrable function b by

$$[b, M^d]f(x) = b(x)M^df(x) - M^d(bf)(x).$$

Obviously, operators  $M_b^d$  and  $[b, M^d]$  essentially differ from each other since  $M_b^d$  is positive and sublinear and  $[b, M^d]$  is neither positive nor sublinear.

The commutator estimates play an important role in studying the regularity of solutions of elliptic, parabolic and ultraparabolic partial differential equations of second order, and their boundedness can be used to characterize certain function spaces (see, for instance [9, 17, 27–29]).

The boundedness of the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator M on  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is one of the most fundamental results in harmonic analysis. It has been extended to a range of other function spaces, and to many variations of the standard maximal operator. In particular, one can study commutators of M with BMO functions b. These turn out to be  $L_p$  bounded for  $1 if and only if <math>b \in BMO$  and  $b^- \equiv -\min\{b,0\} \in L_\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  [5]. This is useful, for instance, when studying the product of an  $H^1$  function with a BMO function. Note

that, the boundedness of the operator  $M_b$  on  $L_p$  spaces was proved by Garcia-Cuerva et al. [16].

Morrey spaces, introduced by C. B. Morrey [26], play important roles in the regularity theory of PDE, including heat equations and Navier-Stokes equations. In [22] Guliyev introduce a variant of Morrey spaces called total Morrey spaces  $L_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $0 , <math>\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ . We consider the total anisotropic Morrey spaces  $L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , give basic properties of the spaces  $L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and study some embeddings into the Morrey space  $L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . We also give necessary and sufficient conditions for the boundedness of the anisotropic maximal commutator operator  $M_b^d$  and commutator of anisotropic maximal operator  $[b,M^d]$  on  $L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . We obtain some new characterizations for certain subclasses of  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

The structure of the paper is as follows. In Section 2 we give basic properties of the spaces  $L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and study some embeddings into the Morrey space  $L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . In Section 3 we find necessary and sufficient conditions for the boundedness of the anisotropic maximal commutator  $M^d_b$  on  $L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  spaces. In Section 4 we find necessary and sufficient conditions for the boundedness of the commutator of anisotropic maximal operator  $[b,M^d]$  on  $L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  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 Definition and basic properties of total anisotropic Morrey spaces

**Definition 2.1** Let  $d=(d_1,\ldots,d_n), d_i\geq 1, i=1,\ldots,n$ . Let also  $0< p<\infty, \lambda\in\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mu\in\mathbb{R}, [t]_1=\min\{1,t\}, t>0$ . We denote by  $L^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the anisotropic Morrey space, by  $\widetilde{L}^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the modified anisotropic Morrey space [21,23], and by  $L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the total Morrey space the set of all classes of locally integrable functions f with the finite norms

$$||f||_{L_{p,\lambda}^{d}} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, t > 0} t^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} ||f||_{L_{p}(\mathcal{E}(x,t))},$$

$$||f||_{\widetilde{L}_{p,\lambda}^{d}} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, t > 0} [t]_{1}^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} ||f||_{L_{p}(\mathcal{E}(x,t))},$$

$$||f||_{L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^{d}} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, t > 0} [t]_{1}^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} [1/t]_{1}^{\frac{\mu}{p}} ||f||_{L_{p}(\mathcal{E}(x,t))},$$

respectively.

**Definition 2.2** Let  $d=(d_1,\ldots,d_n), d_i \geq 1, i=1,\ldots,n$ . Let also  $0 and <math>\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ . We define the weak anisotropic Morrey space  $WL_{p,\lambda}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , the weak modified anisotropic Morrey space  $W\widetilde{L}_{p,\lambda}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$  [21,23] and the weak total anisotropic Morrey space  $WL_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$  as the set of all locally integrable functions f with finite norms

$$||f||_{WL_{p,\lambda}^{d}} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, t > 0} t^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} ||f||_{WL_{p}(\mathcal{E}(x,t))},$$

$$||f||_{W\widetilde{L}^{p,\lambda}} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, t > 0} [t]_{1}^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} ||f||_{WL_{p}(\mathcal{E}(x,t))},$$

$$||f||_{WL_{p,\lambda,\mu}^{d}} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, t > 0} [t]_{1}^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} [1/t]_{1}^{\frac{\mu}{p}} ||f||_{WL_{p}(\mathcal{E}(x,t))},$$

respectively.

Note that

$$\begin{split} L^d_{p,0,0}(\mathbb{R}^n) &= \widetilde{L}^d_{p,0}(\mathbb{R}^n) = L^d_{p,0}(\mathbb{R}^n) = L_p(\mathbb{R}^n), \\ WL^d_{p,0,0}(\mathbb{R}^n) &= W\widetilde{L}^d_{p,0}(\mathbb{R}^n) = WL^d_{p,0}(\mathbb{R}^n) = WL_p(\mathbb{R}^n), \\ L^d_{p,\lambda,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n) &= L^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n), \quad L^d_{p,\lambda,0}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \widetilde{L}^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n), \\ \|f\|_{WL^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}} &\leq \|f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}} \text{ and therefore } L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset WL^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n) \end{split}$$

and

$$L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset_{\succ} L^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ and } \|f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda}} \le \|f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}}, \tag{2.1}$$

$$L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset_{\succ} L_{p,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ and } ||f||_{L_{p,\mu}^d} \le ||f||_{L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d}$$
 (2.2)

$$\widetilde{L}_{p,\lambda}^{d}(\mathbb{R}^{n}) \subset_{\succ} L_{p}(\mathbb{R}^{n}) \text{ and } \|f\|_{L_{p}} \leq \|f\|_{\widetilde{L}_{p,\lambda}^{d}}$$
 (2.3)

and if  $\lambda < 0$  or  $\lambda > |d|$ , then  $L^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \widetilde{L}^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n) = WL^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n) = W\widetilde{L}^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \Theta$ , where  $\Theta \equiv \Theta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is the set of all functions equivalent to 0 on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Lemma 2.1** If  $0 , <math>0 \le \lambda \le n$  and  $0 \le \mu \le n$ , then

$$L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n) = L_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L_{p,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

and

$$||f||_{L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \max\left\{||f||_{L_{p,\lambda}^d}, ||f||_{L_{p,\mu}^d}\right\}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $f\in L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then from (2.1) and (2.2) we have that  $f\in L^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)\cap L^d_{p,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\max\left\{\|f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda}},\|f\|_{L^d_{p,\mu}}\right\}\leq \|f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}}.$  Now let  $f\in L^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)\cap L^d_{p,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then

$$\begin{split} & \|f\|_{L^{d}_{p,\lambda,\mu}} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, t > 0} \left( [t]_{1}^{-\lambda} [1/t]_{1}^{\mu} \int_{\mathcal{E}(x,t)} |f(y)|^{p} dy \right)^{1/p} \\ & = \max \left\{ \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, 0 < t \le 1} \left( t^{-\lambda} \int_{\mathcal{E}(x,t)} |f(y)|^{p} dy \right)^{1/p}, \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, t > 1} \left( t^{-\mu} \int_{\mathcal{E}(x,t)} |f(y)|^{p} dy \right)^{1/p} \right\} \\ & \le \max \left\{ \|f\|_{L^{d}_{p,\lambda}}, \|f\|_{L^{d}_{p,\mu}} \right\}. \end{split}$$

Therefore,  $f \in L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and the embedding  $L^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^d_{p,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset_{\succ} L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is valid.

Thus 
$$L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n) = L^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^d_{p,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$
 and  $\max\left\{\|f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda}}, \|f\|_{L^d_{p,\mu}}\right\} = \|f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}}.$ 

**Corollary 2.1** If  $0 , <math>0 \le \lambda \le |d|$ , then

$$\widetilde{L}_{p,\lambda}^d(\mathbb{R}^n) = L_{p,\lambda}^d(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

and

$$||f||_{\widetilde{L}_{p,\lambda}^d} = \max \left\{ ||f||_{L_{p,\lambda}^d}, ||f||_{L_p} \right\}.$$

**Lemma 2.2** If  $0 , <math>0 \le \lambda \le |d|$  and  $0 \le \mu \le |d|$ , then

$$WL_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n) = WL_{p,\lambda}^d(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap WL_{p,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

and

$$\|f\|_{WL^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \max \left\{ \|f\|_{WL^d_{p,\lambda}}, \|f\|_{WL^d_{p,\mu}} \right\}.$$

**Remark 2.1** If  $0 , and <math>\lambda < 0$  or  $\lambda > |d|$  or  $\mu < 0$  or  $\mu > |d|$ , then

$$L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n) = WL_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n) = \Theta(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

**Lemma 2.3** If  $0 , <math>0 \le \lambda_2 \le \lambda_1 \le n$  and  $0 \le \mu_1 \le \mu_2 \le |d|$ , then

$$L^d_{p,\lambda_1,\mu_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset_{\succ} L^d_{p,\lambda_2,\mu_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

and

$$||f||_{L^d_{p,\lambda_2,\mu_2}} \le ||f||_{L^d_{p,\lambda_1,\mu_1}}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $f \in L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}$ ,  $0 , <math>0 \le \lambda_2 \le \lambda_1 \le |d|$ ,  $0 \le \mu_1 \le \mu_2 \le |d|$ . Then

$$||f||_{L^{d}_{p,\lambda_{2},\mu_{2}}} = \max \left\{ \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, \ 0 < t \le 1} \left( t^{\lambda_{1} - \lambda_{2}} t^{-\lambda_{1}} \int_{\mathcal{E}(x,t)} |f(y)|^{p} dy \right)^{1/p}, \right.$$

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, \ t \ge 1} \left( t^{\mu_{1} - \mu_{2}} t^{-\mu_{1}} \int_{\mathcal{E}(x,t)} |f(y)|^{p} dy \right)^{1/p} \right\} \le ||f||_{L^{d}_{p,\lambda_{1},\mu_{1}}}.$$

**Lemma 2.4** If  $0 , <math>0 \le \lambda \le |d|$  and  $0 \le \mu \le |d|$ , then

$$L_{p,|d|,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset_{\succ} L_{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset_{\succ} L_{p,\lambda,|d|}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

and

$$||f||_{L^d_{p,\lambda,|d|}} \le v_n^{1/p} ||f||_{L_\infty} \le ||f||_{L^d_{p,|d|,\mu}}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $f \in L_{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $0 < t \le 1$ 

$$\left(t^{-\lambda} \int_{\mathcal{E}(x,t)} |f(y)|^p dy\right)^{1/p} \le v_n^{1/p} \|f\|_{L_{\infty}}, \quad 0 \le \lambda \le |d|$$

and for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $t \ge 1$ 

$$\left(t^{-|d|} \int_{\mathcal{E}(x,t)} |f(y)|^p dy\right)^{1/p} \le v_n^{1/p} \|f\|_{L_{\infty}}.$$

Therefore  $f \in L^d_{p,\lambda,|d|}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and

$$||f||_{L_{p,\lambda,|d|}^d} \le v_n^{1/p} ||f||_{L_{\infty}}.$$

Let  $f \in L^d_{p,|d|,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . By the Lebesgue's differentiation theorem we have (see [29])

$$\lim_{t \to 0} |\mathcal{E}(x,t)|^{-1} \int_{\mathcal{E}(x,t)} |f(y)|^p dy = |f(x)|^p \quad \text{for} \quad a.e. \ x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Then for a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ 

$$|f(x)| = \left(\lim_{t \to 0} |\mathcal{E}(x,t)|^{-1} \int_{\mathcal{E}(x,t)} |f(y)|^p dy\right)^{1/p}$$

$$\leq v_n^{-1/p} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \ 0 < t \le 1} \left(t^{-|d|} \int_{\mathcal{E}(x,t)} |f(y)|^p dy\right)^{1/p} \leq v_n^{-1/p} ||f||_{L_{p,|d|,\mu}^d}.$$

Therefore  $f \in L_{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and

$$||f||_{L_{\infty}} \le v_n^{-1/p} ||f||_{L_{p,|d|,\mu}^d}$$

Corollary 2.2 If 0 , then

$$L_{p,|d|}^{d}(\mathbb{R}^{n}) = \widetilde{L}_{p,|d|}^{d}(\mathbb{R}^{n}) = L_{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$$

and

$$||f||_{L_{p,|d|}^d} = ||f||_{\widetilde{L}_{p,|d|}^d} = v_n^{1/p} ||f||_{L_{\infty}}.$$

**Lemma 2.5** If  $0 \le \lambda < |d|$ ,  $0 \le \mu < |d|$ ,  $0 \le \alpha < |d| - \lambda$  and  $0 \le \beta < |d| - \mu$ , then for  $\frac{|d| - \lambda}{\alpha} \le p \le \frac{|d| - \mu}{\beta}$ 

$$L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset_{\succ} L_{1,|d|-\alpha,|d|-\beta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

and for  $f \in L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the following inequality

$$||f||_{L^d_{1,|d|-\alpha,|d|-\beta}} \le v_n^{1/p'} ||f||_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}}$$

is valid.

**Proof.** Let  $0<\alpha<|d|,\,0\leq\lambda<|d|,\,f\in L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\frac{|d|-\lambda}{\alpha}\leq p\leq\frac{|d|-\mu}{\beta}$ . By the Hölder's inequality we have

$$\begin{split} &\|f\|_{L^{d}_{1,|d|-\alpha,|d|-\beta}} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n},\, t > 0} [t]_{1}^{\alpha-|d|} \, [1/t]_{1}^{|d|-\beta} \int_{\mathcal{E}(x,t)} |f(y)| dy \\ & \leq v_{n}^{1/p'} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n},\, t > 0} \left( [t]_{1} \, t^{-1} \right)^{-|d|/p'} \, [t]_{1}^{\alpha-\frac{|d|-\lambda}{p}} \, [1/t]_{1}^{|d|-\beta-\frac{\mu}{p}} \left( [t]_{1}^{-\lambda} \, [1/t]_{1}^{\mu} \int_{\mathcal{E}(x,t)} |f(y)|^{p} dy \right)^{1/p} \\ & \leq v_{n}^{1/p'} \|f\|_{L^{d}_{p,\lambda,\mu}} \sup_{t > 0} \left( [t]_{1} \, t^{-1} \right)^{\frac{|d|-\mu}{p}-\beta} \, [t]_{1}^{\alpha-\frac{|d|-\lambda}{p}}. \end{split}$$

Note that

$$\sup_{t>0} \left( [t]_1 t^{-1} \right)^{\frac{|d|-\mu}{p} - \beta} [t]_1^{\alpha - \frac{|d|-\lambda}{p}} = \max \left\{ \sup_{0 < t \le 1} t^{\alpha - \frac{|d|-\lambda}{p}}, \sup_{t>1} t^{\beta - \frac{|d|-\mu}{p}} \right\} < \infty$$

$$\iff \frac{|d| - \lambda}{\alpha} \le p \le \frac{|d| - \mu}{\beta}.$$

Therefore  $f \in L^d_{1,|d|-\alpha,|d|-\beta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and

$$\|f\|_{L_{1,|d|-\alpha,|d|-\beta}} \le v_n^{1/p'} \|f\|_{L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d}.$$

From Lemma 2.5 we get the following:

**Corollary 2.3** If  $0 \le \mu \le \lambda < |d|$ ,  $0 \le \alpha < |d| - \lambda$ , then for  $\frac{|d| - \lambda}{\alpha} \le p \le \frac{|d| - \mu}{\alpha}$ 

$$L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset_{\succ} L^d_{1,|d|-\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

and for  $f \in L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  the following inequality

$$||f||_{L_{1,|d|-\alpha}^d} \le v_n^{1/p'} ||f||_{L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d}$$

is valid.

**Corollary 2.4** If  $0 \le \lambda < |d|$  and  $0 \le \alpha < |d| - \lambda$ , then for  $p = \frac{|d| - \lambda}{\alpha}$ 

$$L_{p,\lambda}^d(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset L_{1,|d|-\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad and \quad \|f\|_{L_{1,|d|-\alpha}^d} \leq v_n^{1/p'} \|f\|_{L_{p,\lambda}^d}.$$

**Corollary 2.5** If  $0 \le \lambda < |d|$  and  $0 \le \alpha < |d| - \lambda$ , then for  $\frac{|d| - \lambda}{\alpha} \le p \le \frac{|d|}{\alpha}$ 

$$\widetilde{L}^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)\subset L^d_{1,|d|-\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)\quad \text{and}\quad \|f\|_{L^d_{1,|d|-\alpha}}\leq v_n^{1/p'}\|f\|_{\widetilde{L}^d_{n,\lambda}}.$$

**Remark 2.2** Note that, in the isotropic case d = (1, ..., 1) Lemmas 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 was proved [22, Lemmas 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6].

## 3 $L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}$ -boundedness of the anisotropic maximal commutator operator $M^d_b$

In this section, we find necessary and sufficient conditions for the anisotropic maximal commutator  $M_b^d$  to be bounded on the spaces  $L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The following Guliyev type local estimates are valid (see also [18–20]).

**Lemma 3.1** [1] Let  $1 \le p < \infty$  and  $\mathcal{E}(x,r)$  be any ellipsoid in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . If p > 1, then the inequality

$$||M^{d}f||_{L_{p}(\mathcal{E}(x,r))} \lesssim r^{\frac{|d|}{p}} \sup_{t > 2r} t^{-\frac{|d|}{p}} ||f||_{L_{p}(\mathcal{E}(x,t))}$$
(3.1)

holds for all  $f \in L^{\mathrm{loc}}_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Moreover if p=1, then the inequality

$$||M^d f||_{WL_1(\mathcal{E}(x,r))} \lesssim r^{|d|} \sup_{t>2r} t^{-|d|} ||f||_{L_1(\mathcal{E}(x,t))}$$
 (3.2)

holds for all  $f \in L_1^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Theorem 3.1** 1. If  $f\in L^d_{1,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $0\leq \lambda<|d|$  and  $0\leq \mu<|d|$ , then  $M^df\in$  $WL_{1,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and

$$||M^{d}f||_{WL_{1\lambda\mu}^{d}} \le C_{1,\lambda,\mu} ||f||_{L_{1\lambda\mu}^{d}}, \tag{3.3}$$

where  $C_{1,\lambda,\mu}$  is independent of f.

 $\text{2. If } \overrightarrow{f} \in L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n), \ 1$  $L_{n,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and

$$||M^d f||_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}} \le C_{p,\lambda,\mu} ||f||_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}},$$
 (3.4)

where  $C_{p,\lambda,\mu}$  depends only on  $p,\lambda,\mu$  and n.

**Proof.** Let p = 1. From the inequality (3.2) we get

$$\begin{split} \|M^{d}f\|_{WL_{1,\lambda,\mu}^{d}} &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n},\, t>0} [t]_{1}^{-\lambda} \left[1/t\right]_{1}^{\mu} \|M^{d}f\|_{WL_{1}(\mathcal{E}(x,t))} \\ &\lesssim \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n},\, t>0} [t]_{1}^{-\lambda} \left[1/t\right]_{1}^{\mu} t^{|d|} \sup_{\tau>2t} \tau^{-|d|} \|f\|_{L_{1}(\mathcal{E}(x,\tau))} \\ &\lesssim \|f\|_{L_{1,\lambda,\mu}^{d}} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n},\, t>0} [t]_{1}^{-\lambda} \left[1/t\right]_{1}^{\mu} t^{|d|} \sup_{\tau>t} \tau^{-|d|} \left[\tau\right]_{1}^{\lambda} \left[1/\tau\right]_{1}^{-\mu} \\ &= \|f\|_{L_{1,\lambda,\mu}^{d}} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n},\, t>0} [t]_{1}^{|d|-\lambda} \left[1/t\right]_{1}^{\mu-|d|} \sup_{\tau>t} \left[\tau\right]_{1}^{\lambda-|d|} \left[1/\tau\right]_{1}^{|d|-\mu} \\ &= \|f\|_{L_{1,\lambda,\mu}^{d}} \end{split}$$

which implies that the operator  $M^d$  is bounded from  $L^d_{1,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $WL^d_{1,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Let 1 . From the inequality (3.1) we get

$$\begin{split} \|M^d f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}} &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n,\, t > 0} [t]_1^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} \, [1/t]_1^{\frac{\mu}{p}} \, \|M^d f\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}(x,t))} \\ &\lesssim \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n,\, t > 0} [t]_1^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} \, [1/t]_1^{\frac{\mu}{p}} \, t^{\frac{|d|}{den}} \, \sup_{\tau > 2t} \tau^{-\frac{|d|}{p}} \, \|f\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}(x,\tau))} \\ &\lesssim \|f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}} \, \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n,\, t > 0} [t]_1^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} \, [1/t]_1^{\frac{\mu}{p}} \, t^{\frac{|d|}{p}} \, \sup_{\tau > t} \tau^{-\frac{|d|}{p}} \, [\tau]_1^{\frac{\lambda}{p}} \, [1/\tau]_1^{-\frac{\mu}{p}} \\ &= \|f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}} \, \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n,\, t > 0} [t]_1^{\frac{|d|-\lambda}{p}} \, [1/t]_1^{\frac{\mu-|d|}{p}} \, \sup_{\tau > t} \, [\tau]_1^{\frac{\lambda-|d|}{p}} \, [1/\tau]_1^{\frac{n-\mu}{p}} \\ &= \|f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}} \end{split}$$

which implies that the operator  $M^d$  is bounded in  $L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

From Theorem 3.1 in the case  $\lambda = \mu$  or  $\mu = 0$  we get the following corollaries.

**Corollary 3.1** [12] 1. If  $f \in L^d_{1,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $0 \le \lambda < |d|$ , then  $M^d f \in WL^d_{1,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and

$$||M^d f||_{WL_{1,\lambda}^d} \le C_{1,\lambda} ||f||_{L_{1,\lambda}^d},$$

where  $C_{1,\lambda}$  is independent of f.

2. If 
$$f \in L^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$
,  $1 and  $0 \le \lambda < |d|$ , then  $M^d f \in L^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and$ 

$$||M^d f||_{L^d_{p,\lambda}} \le C_{p,\lambda} ||f||_{L^d_{p,\lambda}},$$

where  $C_{p,\lambda}$  depends only on p,  $\lambda$  and n.

**Corollary 3.2** [13] 1. If  $f \in \widetilde{L}^d_{1,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $0 \le \lambda < |d|$ , then  $M^d f \in W\widetilde{L}^d_{1,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and

$$||M^d f||_{W\widetilde{L}_{1,\lambda}^d} \le C_{1,\lambda} ||f||_{\widetilde{L}_{1,\lambda}^d},$$

where  $C_{1,\lambda}$  is independent of f.

2. If 
$$f \in \widetilde{L}^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$
,  $1 and  $0 \le \lambda < |d|$ , then  $M^d f \in \widetilde{L}^d_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and$ 

$$||M^d f||_{\widetilde{L}_{p,\lambda}^d} \le C_{p,\lambda} ||f||_{\widetilde{L}_{p,\lambda}^d},$$

where  $C_{p,\lambda}$  depends only on p,  $\lambda$  and n.

**Definition 3.1** We define the space  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  as the set of all locally integrable functions f with finite norm

$$||f||_* = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0} |\mathcal{E}(x, t)|^{-1} \int_{\mathcal{E}(x, t)} |f(y) - f_{\mathcal{E}(x, t)}| dy < \infty,$$

where  $f_{\mathcal{E}(x,t)} = |\mathcal{E}(x,t)|^{-1} \int_{\mathcal{E}(x,t)} f(y) dy$ .

**Theorem 3.2** [2, Corollary 1.11] If  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then there exists a positive constant C such that

$$M_b^d f(x) \le C \|b\|_* (M^d)^2 f(x)$$
 (3.5)

for almost every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and for all  $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $1 , <math>0 \le \lambda \le |d|$  and  $0 \le \mu \le |d|$ . The following assertions are equivalent:

- (i)  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .
- (ii) The operator  $M_b^d$  is bounded on  $L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Proof.**  $(i) \Rightarrow (ii)$ . Suppose that  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Combining Theorems 3.1 and 3.2, we get

$$\|M_b^d f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}} \lesssim \|b\|_* \|\left(M^d\right)^2 f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}} \lesssim \|b\|_* \|M^d f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}} \lesssim \|b\|_* \|f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}}.$$

 $(ii)\Rightarrow (i)$ . Assume that  $M_b$  is bounded on  $L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Let  $\mathcal{E}=\mathcal{E}(x,r)$  be a fixed ellipsoid. We consider  $f=\chi_{\mathcal{E}}$ . It is easy to compute that

$$\|\chi_{\mathcal{E}}\|_{L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^{d}} \approx \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, t > 0} \left( [t]_{1}^{-\lambda} [1/t]_{1}^{\mu} \int_{\mathcal{E}(y,t)} \chi_{\mathcal{E}}(z) dz \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$= \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, t > 0} \left( |\mathcal{E}(y,t) \cap \mathcal{E}| [t]_{1}^{-\lambda} [1/t]_{1}^{\mu} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$= \sup_{\mathcal{E}(y,t) \subseteq \mathcal{E}} \left( |\mathcal{E}(y,t)| [t]_{1}^{-\lambda} [1/t]_{1}^{\mu} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = r^{\frac{|d|}{p}} [r]_{1}^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} [1/r]_{1}^{\frac{\mu}{p}}. \tag{3.6}$$

On the other hand, since

$$M_b^d(\chi_{\mathcal{E}})(x) \gtrsim \frac{1}{|\mathcal{E}|} \int_{\mathcal{E}} |b(z) - b_{\mathcal{E}}| dz \quad \text{for all} \quad x \in \mathcal{E},$$

we have

$$||M_b^d(\chi_{\mathcal{E}})||_{L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d} \approx \sup_{\mathcal{E}(y,t)} \left( [t]_1^{-\lambda} [1/t]_1^{\mu} \int_{\mathcal{E}(y,t)} |M_b^d(\chi_{\mathcal{E}})(z)|^p dz \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$\gtrsim r^{\frac{|d|}{p}} [r]_1^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} [1/r]_1^{\frac{\mu}{p}} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{E}|} \int_{\mathcal{E}} |b(z) - b_{\mathcal{E}}| dz. \tag{3.7}$$

Since by assumption

$$\|M_b^d(\chi_{\mathcal{E}})\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}} \lesssim \|\chi_{\mathcal{E}}\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}},$$

by (3.6) and (3.7), we get that

$$\frac{1}{|\mathcal{E}|} \int_{\mathcal{E}} |b(z) - b_{\mathcal{E}}| dz \lesssim 1.$$

From Theorem 3.3 in the case  $\lambda = \mu$  or  $\mu = 0$  we get the following corollaries, see [3, 4].

**Corollary 3.3** [3] Let  $1 and <math>0 \le \lambda \le |d|$ . The following assertions are equivalent:

- (i)  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .
- (ii) The operator  $M_b^d$  is bounded on  $L_{p,\lambda}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Corollary 3.4** Let  $1 and <math>0 \le \lambda \le |d|$ . The following assertions are equivalent:

- (i)  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n).$
- (ii) The operator  $M_b^d$  is bounded on  $\widetilde{L}_{p,\lambda}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Remark 3.1** Note that, in the isotropic case d = (1, ..., 1) Theorems 3.1, 3.3 was proved [22, Theorems 1, 3].

## 4 $\,L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}$ -boundedness of the commutator of anisotropic maximal operator $[b,M^d]$

In this section we find necessary and sufficient conditions for the commutator of the anisotropic maximal operator  $[b, M^d]$  to be bounded on the spaces  $L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

For a function b defined on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we denote

$$b^{-}(x) := \begin{cases} 0 \ , & \text{if } b(x) \ge 0 \\ |b(x)|, & \text{if } b(x) < 0 \end{cases}$$

and  $b^+(x) := |b(x)| - b^-(x)$ . Obviously,  $b^+(x) - b^-(x) = b(x)$ .

The following relations between  $[b, M^d]$  and  $M_b^d$  are valid:

Let b be any non-negative locally integrable function. Then for all  $f \in L_1^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  the following inequality is valid

$$\begin{aligned} & \big| [b, M^d] f(x) \big| = \big| b(x) M^d f(x) - M^d (bf)(x) \big| \\ & = \big| M^d (b(x)f)(x) - M^d (bf)(x) \big| \le M^d (|b(x) - b|f)(x) = M_b^d f(x). \end{aligned}$$

If b is any locally integrable function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$|[b, M^d]f(x)| \le M_b^d f(x) + 2b^-(x) M^d f(x), \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$
 (4.1)

holds for all  $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (see, for example [22,30]).

Obviously, the  $M_b^d$  and  $[b, M^d]$  operators are essentially different from each other because  $M_b^d$  is positive and sublinear and  $[b, M^d]$  is neither positive nor sublinear.

Applying Theorem 3.3, we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 4.1** Let  $1 , <math>0 \le \lambda \le |d|$  and  $0 \le \mu \le |d|$ . Suppose that b is a real valued locally integrable function in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- (i)  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $b^- \in L_{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .
- (ii) The operator  $[b, M^d]$  is bounded on  $L_{n,\lambda,\mu}^{d}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Proof.**  $(i) \Rightarrow (ii)$ . Suppose that  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Combining Theorems 3.1 and 3.3, and inequality (4.1), we get

$$\begin{split} \|[b,M^d]f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}} &\leq \|M^d_b f + 2b^- \, M^d f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}} \\ &\leq \|M^d_b f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}} + \|b^-\|_{L_\infty} \, \|M^d f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}} \\ &\lesssim \left(\|b\|_* + \|b^-\|_{L_\infty}\right) \|f\|_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}}. \end{split}$$

 $(ii)\Rightarrow (i)$ . Assume that  $[b,M^d]$  is bounded on  $L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Let  $\mathcal{E}=\mathcal{E}(x,r)$  be a fixed ellipsoid . Denote by  $M^d_bf$  the local maximal function of f:

$$M_b^d f(x) := \sup_{\mathcal{E}' \ni x: \, \mathcal{E}' \subset \mathcal{E}} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{E}'|} \int_{\mathcal{E}'} |f(y)| \, dy, \, x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Since

$$M^d(b\chi_{\mathcal{E}})\chi_{\mathcal{E}} = M^d_b(b) \quad \text{and} \quad M^d(\chi_{\mathcal{E}})\chi_{\mathcal{E}} = \chi_{\mathcal{E}},$$

we have

$$|M_b^d(b) - b\chi_{\mathcal{E}}| = |M^d(b\chi_{\mathcal{E}})\chi_{\mathcal{E}} - bM^d(\chi_{\mathcal{E}})\chi_{\mathcal{E}}|$$
  
$$\leq |M^d(b\chi_{\mathcal{E}}) - bM^d(\chi_{\mathcal{E}})| = |[b, M^d]\chi_{\mathcal{E}}|.$$

Hence

$$||M_b^d(b) - b\chi_{\mathcal{E}}||_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \le ||[b,M^d]\chi_{\mathcal{E}}||_{L^d_{p,\lambda,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Thus from (3.6) we get

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{E}|} \int_{\mathcal{E}} |b - M_b^d(b)| &\leq \left(\frac{1}{|\mathcal{E}|} \int_{\mathcal{E}} |b - M_b^d(b)|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq |\mathcal{E}|^{-\frac{1}{p}} \left[r\right]_1^{\frac{\lambda}{p}} \left[1/r\right]_1^{-\frac{\mu}{p}} \|b\chi_{\mathcal{E}} - M_b^d(b)\|_{L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\lesssim r^{-\frac{|d|}{p}} \left[r\right]_1^{\frac{\lambda}{p}} \left[1/r\right]_1^{-\frac{\mu}{p}} \|[b, M^d]\chi_{\mathcal{E}}\|_{L_{p,\lambda,\mu}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\lesssim r^{-\frac{|d|}{p}} \left[r\right]_1^{\frac{\lambda}{p}} \left[1/r\right]_1^{-\frac{\mu}{p}} \|\chi_{\mathcal{E}}\|_{L_{p,\lambda}^d} \approx 1. \end{split}$$

Denote by

$$E := \{ x \in \mathcal{E} : b(x) \le b_{\mathcal{E}} \}, \quad F := \{ x \in \mathcal{E} : b(x) > b_{\mathcal{E}} \}.$$

Since

$$\int_{E} |b(t) - b_{\mathcal{E}}| dt = \int_{E} |b(t) - b_{\mathcal{E}}| dt,$$

in view of the inequality  $b(x) \leq b_{\mathcal{E}} \leq M_b^d(b), x \in E$ , we get

$$\begin{split} &\frac{1}{|\mathcal{E}|} \int_{\mathcal{E}} |b - b_{\mathcal{E}}| = \frac{2}{|\mathcal{E}|} \int_{E} |b - b_{\mathcal{E}}| \\ &\leq \frac{2}{|\mathcal{E}|} \int_{E} |b - M_b^d(b)| \leq \frac{2}{|\mathcal{E}|} \int_{\mathcal{E}} |b - M_b^d(b)| \lesssim 1. \end{split}$$

Consequently,  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

In order to show that  $b^- \in L_{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , note that  $M_b^d(b) \geq |b|$ . Hence

$$0 \le b^- = |b| - b^+ \le M_b^d(b) - b^+ + b^- = M_b^d(b) - b.$$

Thus

$$(b^-)_{\mathcal{E}} \le c,$$

and by the Lebesgue differentiation theorem we get that

$$b^-(x) \le c$$
 for a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

From Theorem 4.1 in the case  $\lambda = \mu$  or  $\mu = 0$  we get the following corollaries.

**Corollary 4.1** [3] Let  $1 and <math>0 \le \lambda \le |d|$ . Suppose that b is a real valued locally integrable function in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- (i)  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $b^- \in L_\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . (ii) The operator  $[b, M^d]$  is bounded on  $L_{p,\lambda}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Corollary 4.2** Let  $1 and <math>0 \le \lambda \le |d|$ . Suppose that b is a real valued locally integrable function in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- (i)  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that  $b^- \in L_{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .
- (ii) The operator  $[b, M^d]$  is bounded on  $\widetilde{L}_{n,\lambda}^d(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

**Remark 4.1** Note that, in the isotropic case d = (1, ..., 1) Theorem 4.1 was proved [22, Theorem 4].

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