

## Maximal commutators in Orlicz spaces for the Dunkl operator on the real line

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**Abstract.** *On the real line, the Dunkl operators*

$$D_\nu(f)(x) := \frac{df(x)}{dx} + (2\nu + 1) \frac{f(x) - f(-x)}{2x}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \nu \geq -1/2$$

*are differential-difference operators associated with the reflection group  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ . In the paper, in the setting  $\mathbb{R}$  we study the maximal commutators  $M_{b,\nu}$  in the Orlicz spaces  $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ . We give necessary and sufficient conditions for the boundedness of the operators  $M_{b,\nu}$  on Orlicz spaces  $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  when  $b$  belongs to  $BMO(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  spaces.*

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### 1 Introduction

On the real line, the Dunkl operators  $A_\nu$  are differential-difference operators introduced in 1989 by Dunkl [8]. For a real parameter  $\nu \geq -1/2$ , we consider the *Dunkl operator*, associated with the reflection group  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$D_\nu(f)(x) := \frac{df(x)}{dx} + (2\nu + 1) \frac{f(x) - f(-x)}{2x}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Note that  $D_{-1/2} = d/dx$ .

Let  $\nu > -1/2$  be a fixed number and  $m_\nu$  be the *weighted Lebesgue measure* on  $\mathbb{R}$ , given by

$$dm_\nu(x) := (2^{\nu+1} \Gamma(\nu + 1))^{-1} |x|^{2\nu+1} dx, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $r > 0$ , let  $B(x, r) := \{y \in \mathbb{R} : |y| \in ]\max\{0, |x| - r\}, |x| + r[\}$ . Then  $B(0, r) = ]-r, r[$  and  $m_\nu B(0, r) = c_\nu r^{2\nu+2}$ , where  $c_\nu := [2^{\nu+1} (\nu + 1) \Gamma(\nu + 1)]^{-1}$ .

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The *maximal operator*  $M_\nu$  associated by Dunkl operator on the real line is given by

$$M_\nu f(x) := \sup_{r>0} (m_\nu(B(x, r)))^{-1} \int_{B(x, r)} |f(y)| dm_\nu(y), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The *maximal commutator*  $M_{b, \nu}$  associated with Dunkl operator on the real line and with a locally integrable function  $b \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  is defined by

$$M_{b, \nu} f(x) := \sup_{r>0} (m_\nu(B(x, r)))^{-1} \int_{B(x, r)} |b(x) - b(y)| |f(y)| dm_\nu(y), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

It is well known that maximal and fractional maximal operators play an important role in harmonic analysis (see [7, 24]). Also the fractional maximal function and the fractional integral, associated with  $D_\nu$  differential-difference Dunkl operators play an important role in Dunkl harmonic analysis, differentiation theory and PDE's. The harmonic analysis of the one-dimensional Dunkl operator and Dunkl transform was developed in [4, 5, 18]. The Dunkl operator and Dunkl transform considered here are the rank-one case of the general Dunkl theory, which is associated with a finite reflection group acting on a Euclidean space. The Dunkl theory provides a useful framework for the study of multivariable analytic structures and has gained considerable interest in various fields of mathematics and in physical applications (see, for example, [9]). The maximal function, the fractional integral and related topics associated with the Dunkl differential-difference operator have been research areas for many mathematicians such as C. Abdelkefi and M. Sifi [1], V.S. Gulyev and Y.Y. Mammadov [4–6], Y.Y. Mammadov [16], L. Kamoun [12], M.A. Mourou [19], F. Soltani [22, 23], K. Trimeche [25] and others. Moreover, the results on  $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ -boundedness of fractional maximal operator and its commutators associated with  $D_\nu$  were obtained in [6, 17].

Harmonic analysis associated to the Dunkl transform and the Dunkl differential-difference operator gives rise to convolutions with a relevant generalized translation. In this paper, in the framework of this analysis in the setting  $\mathbb{R}$ , we study the boundedness of the maximal commutator  $M_{b, \nu}$  on Orlicz spaces  $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ , when  $b$  belongs to the space  $BMO(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ , by which some new characterizations of the space  $BMO(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  are given.

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 in the Dunkl setting on $\mathbb{R}$

To introduce the notion of Orlicz spaces in the Dunkl setting on  $\mathbb{R}$ , we first recall the definition of Young functions.

**Definition 2.1** A function  $\Phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is called a Young function if  $\Phi$  is convex, left-continuous,  $\lim_{r \rightarrow +0} \Phi(r) = \Phi(0) = 0$  and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(r) = \infty$ .

From the convexity and  $\Phi(0) = 0$  it follows that any Young function is increasing. If there exists  $s \in (0, \infty)$  such that  $\Phi(s) = \infty$ , then  $\Phi(r) = \infty$  for  $r \geq s$ . The set of Young functions such that

$$0 < \Phi(r) < \infty \quad \text{for} \quad 0 < r < \infty$$

is denoted by  $\mathcal{Y}$ . If  $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$ , then  $\Phi$  is absolutely continuous on every closed interval in  $[0, \infty)$  and bijective from  $[0, \infty)$  to itself.

For a Young function  $\Phi$  and  $0 \leq s \leq \infty$ , let

$$\Phi^{-1}(s) := \inf\{r \geq 0 : \Phi(r) > s\}.$$

If  $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$ , then  $\Phi^{-1}$  is the usual inverse function of  $\Phi$ . It is well known that

$$r \leq \Phi^{-1}(r) \tilde{\Phi}^{-1}(r) \leq 2r \quad \text{for any } r \geq 0, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\tilde{\Phi}(r)$  is defined by

$$\tilde{\Phi}(r) := \begin{cases} \sup\{rs - \Phi(s) : s \in [0, \infty)\}, & r \in [0, \infty) \\ \infty, & r = \infty. \end{cases}$$

A Young function  $\Phi$  is said to satisfy the  $\Delta_2$ -condition, denoted also as  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$ , if

$$\Phi(2r) \leq C\Phi(r), \quad r > 0$$

for some  $C > 1$ . If  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$ , then  $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$ . A Young function  $\Phi$  is said to satisfy the  $\nabla_2$ -condition, denoted also by  $\Phi \in \nabla_2$ , if

$$\Phi(r) \leq \frac{1}{2C}\Phi(Cr), \quad r \geq 0$$

for some  $C > 1$ . In what follows, for any subset  $E$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ , we use  $\chi_E$  to denote its *characteristic function*.

**Definition 2.2** (Orlicz Space). For a Young function  $\Phi$ , the set

$$L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu) := \left\{ f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu) : \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi(k|f(x)|) dm_\nu(x) < \infty \text{ for some } k > 0 \right\}$$

is called the *Orlicz space*. If  $\Phi(r) := r^p$  for all  $r \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , then  $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu) = L_p(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ . If  $\Phi(r) := 0$  for all  $r \in [0, 1]$  and  $\Phi(r) := \infty$  for all  $r \in (1, \infty)$ , then  $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu) = L_\infty(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ . The space  $L_\Phi^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  is defined as the set of all functions  $f$  such that  $f\chi_B \in L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  for all balls  $B \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

$L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  is a Banach space with respect to the norm

$$\|f\|_{L_{\Phi,\nu}} := \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi\left(\frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda}\right) dm_\nu(x) \leq 1 \right\}.$$

For a measurable function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $t > 0$ , let

$$m(f, t)_\nu := m_\nu\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f(x)| > t\}.$$

**Definition 2.3** The *weak Orlicz space*

$$WL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu) := \{f \in L_{1,\nu}^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}) : \|f\|_{WL_{\Phi,\nu}} < \infty\}$$

is defined by the norm

$$\|f\|_{WL_{\Phi,\nu}} := \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \sup_{t>0} \Phi(t)m\left(\frac{f}{\lambda}, t\right)_\nu \leq 1 \right\}.$$

The following analogue of the Hölder inequality is well known (see, for example, [21]).

**Lemma 2.1** *Let the functions  $f$  and  $g$  be measurable on  $\mathbb{R}$ . For a Young function  $\Phi$  and its complementary function  $\tilde{\Phi}$ , the following inequality is valid*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)g(x)| dm_\nu(x) \leq 2\|f\|_{L_{\Phi,\nu}}\|g\|_{L_{\tilde{\Phi},\nu}}.$$

### 3 Maximal commutators $M_{b,\alpha,\nu}$ in Orlicz spaces $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$

In this section we investigate the boundedness of the maximal commutator  $M_{b,\nu}$  in Orlicz spaces  $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ .

The following result completely characterizes the boundedness of  $M_\nu$  on Orlicz spaces  $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ .

**Theorem 3.1** [3] *Let  $\Phi$  be a Young function.*

*(i) The operator  $M_\nu$  is bounded from  $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  to  $WL_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ , and the inequality*

$$\|M_\nu f\|_{WL_{\Phi,\nu}} \leq C_0 \|f\|_{L_{\Phi,\nu}} \quad (3.1)$$

*holds with constant  $C_0$  independent of  $f$ .*

*(ii) The operator  $M_\nu$  is bounded on  $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ , and the inequality*

$$\|M_\nu f\|_{L_{\Phi,\nu}} \leq C_0 \|f\|_{L_{\Phi,\nu}} \quad (3.2)$$

*holds with constant  $C_0$  independent of  $f$  if and only if  $\Phi \in \nabla_2$ .*

The following theorems were proved in [6].

**Theorem 3.2** [6] *Let  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  and  $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$ . Then the condition  $\Phi \in \nabla_2$  is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of  $M_{b,\nu}$  on  $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ .*

**Theorem 3.3** [6] *Let  $\Phi$  be a Young function with  $\Phi \in \nabla_2$ . Then the condition  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of  $M_{b,\nu}$  on  $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ .*

We recall the definition of the space  $BMO(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ .

**Definition 3.1** Suppose that  $b \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ , let

$$\|b\|_{BMO(\nu)} := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}, r > 0} \frac{1}{m_\nu(B(x, r))} \int_{B(x, r)} |b(y) - b_{B(x, r)}(x)| dm_\nu(y),$$

where

$$b_{B(x, r)} := \frac{1}{m_\nu(B(x, r))} \int_{B(x, r)} b(y) dm_\nu(y).$$

Define

$$BMO(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu) := \{b \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu) : \|b\|_{BMO(\nu)} < \infty\}.$$

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

We will need the following properties of  $BMO$ -functions (see [10]):

$$\|b\|_{BMO(\nu)} \approx \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}, r > 0} \left( \frac{1}{m_\nu(B(x, r))} \int_{B(x, r)} |b(y) - b_{B(x, r)}|^p dm_\nu(y) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad (3.3)$$

where  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and the positive equivalence constants are independent of  $b$ , and

$$|b_{B(x, r)} - b_{B(x, t)}| \leq C \|b\|_{BMO(\nu)} \ln \frac{t}{r} \quad \text{for any } 0 < 2r < t, \quad (3.4)$$

where the positive constant  $C$  does not depend on  $b, x, r$  and  $t$ .

For any measurable set  $E$  with  $m_\nu(E) < \infty$  and any suitable function  $f$ , the norm  $\|f\|_{L(\log L),E}$  is defined by

$$\|f\|_{L(\log L),E} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \frac{1}{m_\nu(E)} \int_E \frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda} \left( 2 + \frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda} \right) dm_\nu(x) \leq 1 \right\}.$$

The norm  $\|f\|_{\exp L,E}$  is defined by

$$\|f\|_{\exp L,E} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \frac{1}{m_\nu(E)} \int_E \exp \left( \frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda} \right) dm_\nu(x) \leq 2 \right\}.$$

Then for any suitable functions  $f$  and  $g$  the generalized Hölders inequality holds (see [21])

$$\frac{1}{m_\nu(E)} \int_E |f(x)| |g(x)| dm_\nu(x) \lesssim \|f\|_{\exp L,E} \|g\|_{L(\log L),E}. \quad (3.5)$$

The following John-Nirenberg inequalities on spaces of homogeneous type come from [13, Propositions 6, 7].

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ . Then there exist constants  $C_1, C_2 > 0$  such that for every ball  $B \subset \mathbb{R}$  and every  $\alpha > 0$ , we have*

$$m_\nu(\{x \in B : |b(x) - b_B| > \alpha\}) \leq C_1 m_\nu(B) \exp \left\{ - \frac{C_2}{\|b\|_{BMO(\nu)}} \alpha \right\}.$$

By the generalized Hölder's inequality in Orlicz spaces (see [21, page 58]) and John-Nirenberg's inequality, we get (see also [14, (2.14)]).

$$\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |b(x) - b_B| |g(x)| dm_\nu(x) \lesssim \|b\|_{BMO(\nu)} \|g\|_{L(\log L),B}. \quad (3.6)$$

We refer for instance to [11] and [15] for details on this space and properties.

**Lemma 3.2** [17] *Let  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  and  $\Phi$  be a Young function with  $\Phi \in \Delta_2$ , then*

$$\|b\|_{BMO(\nu)} \approx \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}, r > 0} \Phi^{-1}(m_\nu(B(x, r)^{-1}) \|b(\cdot) - b_{B(x, r)}\|_{L_{\Phi, \nu}(B(x, r))}), \quad (3.7)$$

where the positive equivalence constants are independent of  $b$ .

**Lemma 3.3** *Let  $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ . Then*

$$M_\nu(M_\nu f)(x) \approx \sup_{B \ni x} \|f \chi_B\|_{L(1+\log^+ L), \nu}. \quad (3.8)$$

**Proof.** Let  $B$  be a ball in  $\mathbb{R}$ . We are going to use weak type estimates (see [24], for instance): there exist positive constants  $c > 1$  such that for every  $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  and for every  $t > (1/m_\nu(B)) \int_B |f(x)| dm_\nu(x)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{ct} \int_{\{x \in B : |f(x)| > t\}} |f(x)| dm_\nu(x) &\leq m_\nu(\{x \in B : M_\nu(f \chi_B)(x) > t\}) \\ &\leq \frac{c}{t} \int_{\{x \in B : |f(x)| > t/2\}} |f(x)| dm_\nu(x). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_B M_\nu(f \chi_B)(x) dm_\nu(x) &= \int_0^\infty m_\nu(\{x \in B : M_\nu(f \chi_B)(x) > \lambda\}) d\lambda \\
&= \int_0^{|f|_B} m_\nu(\{x \in B : M_\nu(f \chi_B)(x) > \lambda\}) d\lambda \\
&+ \int_{|f|_B}^\infty m_\nu(\{x \in B : M_\nu(f \chi_B)(x) > \lambda\}) d\lambda \\
&= m_\nu(B) |f|_B + \int_{|f|_B}^\infty m_\nu(\{x \in B : M_\nu(f \chi_B)(x) > \lambda\}) d\lambda \\
&\geq m_\nu(B) |f|_B + \frac{1}{c} \int_{|f|_B}^\infty \left( \int_{\{x \in B : |f(x)| > \lambda\}} |f(x)| dm_\nu(x) \right) \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} \\
&= m_\nu(B) |f|_B + \frac{1}{c} \int_{\{x \in B : |f(x)| > |f|_B\}} \left( \int_{|f|_B}^{|f(x)|} \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} \right) |f(x)| dm_\nu(x) \\
&= m_\nu(B) |f|_B + \frac{1}{c} \int_{\{x \in B : |f(x)| > |f|_B\}} |f(x)| \log \frac{|f(x)|}{|f|_B} dm_\nu(x) \\
&\geq \frac{1}{c} \int_B |f(x)| \left( 1 + \log^+ \frac{|f(x)|}{|f|_B} \right) dm_\nu(x).
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_B M_\nu(f \chi_B)(x) dm_\nu(x) &= \int_0^\infty m_\nu(\{x \in B : M(f \chi_B)(x) > \lambda\}) d\lambda \\
&\approx \int_0^\infty m_\nu(\{x \in B : M_\nu(f \chi_B)(x) > 2\lambda\}) d\lambda \\
&= \int_0^{|f|_B} m_\nu(\{x \in B : M_\nu(f \chi_B)(x) > 2\lambda\}) d\lambda \\
&+ \int_{|f|_B}^\infty m_\nu(\{x \in B : M_\nu(f \chi_B)(x) > 2\lambda\}) d\lambda \\
&\leq m_\nu(B) |f|_B + c \int_{|f|_B}^\infty \left( \int_{\{x \in B : |f(x)| > \lambda\}} |f(x)| dm_\nu(x) \right) \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} \\
&= m_\nu(B) |f|_B + c \int_{\{x \in B : |f(x)| > |f|_B\}} |f(x)| \log \frac{|f(x)|}{|f|_B} dm_\nu(x) \\
&\leq c \int_B |f(x)| \left( 1 + \log^+ \frac{|f(x)|}{|f|_B} \right) dm_\nu(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for all  $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  we get

$$M_\nu(M_\nu f)(x) \approx \sup_{B \ni x} m_\nu(B)^{-1} \int_B |f(x)| \left( 1 + \log^+ \frac{|f(x)|}{|f|_B} \right) dm_\nu(x). \quad (3.9)$$

Since

$$1 \leq \frac{1}{m_\nu(B)} \int_B |f(x)| \left( 1 + \log^+ \frac{|f(x)|}{|f|_B} \right) dm_\nu(x),$$

then

$$|f|_B \leq \|f\chi_B\|_{L(1+\log^+ L),\nu}.$$

Using the inequality  $\log^+(ab) \leq \log^+ a + \log^+ b$  with  $a, b > 0$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{m_\nu(B)} \int_B |f(x)| \left( 1 + \log^+ \frac{|f(x)|}{|f|_B} \right) dm_\nu(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{m_\nu(B)} \int_B |f(x)| \left( 1 + \log^+ \left( \frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\chi_B\|_{L(1+\log^+ L),\nu}} \frac{\|f\chi_B\|_{L(1+\log^+ L),\nu}}{|f|_B} \right) \right) dm_\nu(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{m_\nu(B)} \int_B |f(x)| \left( 1 + \log^+ \frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\chi_B\|_{L(1+\log^+ L),\nu}} \right) dm_\nu(x) \\ &+ \frac{1}{m_\nu(B)} \int_B |f(x)| \log^+ \frac{\|f\chi_B\|_{L(1+\log^+ L),\nu}}{|f|_B} dm_\nu(x) \\ &\leq \|f\chi_B\|_{L(1+\log^+ L),\nu} + |f|_B \log^+ \frac{\|f\chi_B\|_{L(1+\log^+ L),\nu}}{|f|_B}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\frac{\|f\chi_B\|_{L(1+\log^+ L),\nu}}{|f|_B} \geq 1$  and  $\log t \leq t$  when  $t \geq 1$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{m_\nu(B)} \int_B |f(x)| \left( 1 + \log^+ \frac{|f(x)|}{|f|_B} \right) dm_\nu(x) \leq 2\|f\chi_B\|_{L(1+\log^+ L),\nu}. \quad (3.10)$$

On the other hand, since

$$\|f\chi_B\|_{L(1+\log^+ L),\nu} = \frac{1}{m_\nu(B)} \int_B |f(x)| \left( 1 + \log^+ \frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\chi_B\|_{L(1+\log^+ L),\nu}} \right) dm_\nu(x),$$

on using

$$|f|_B \leq \|f\chi_B\|_{L(1+\log^+ L),\nu},$$

we get that

$$\|f\chi_B\|_{L(1+\log^+ L),\nu} \lesssim \frac{1}{m_\nu(B)} \int_B |f(x)| \left( 1 + \log^+ \frac{|f(x)|}{|f|_B} \right) dm_\nu(x). \quad (3.11)$$

Therefore, from (3.9), (3.10) and (3.11) we have (3.8).

For proving our main results, we need the following estimate.

**Lemma 3.4** *Let  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ . Then there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that*

$$M_{b,\nu} f(x) \leq C \|b\|_{BMO(\nu)} M_\nu(M_\nu f)(x) \quad (3.12)$$

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

**Proof.** Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $r > 0$ ,  $B = B(x, r)$  and  $\lambda B = B(x, \lambda r)$ . We write  $f$  as  $f = f_1 + f_2$ , where  $f_1(y) = f(y)\chi_{3B}(y)$ ,  $f_2(y) = f(y)\chi_{\mathbb{C}_{(3B)}}(y)$ , and  $\chi_{3B}$  denotes the characteristic function of  $3B$ . Then for any  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} M_{b,\nu}f(y) &= M_{\nu}((b - b(y))f)(y) = M_{\nu}((b - b_{3B} + b_{3B} - b(y))f)(y) \\ &\leq M_{\nu}((b - b_{3B})f)(y) + M_{\nu}((b_{3B} - b(y))f)(y) \\ &\leq M_{\nu}((b - b_{3B})f_1)(y) + M_{\nu}((b - b_{3B})f_2)(y) + |b_{3B} - b(y)|M_{\nu}f(y). \end{aligned}$$

For  $0 < \delta < 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\frac{1}{m_{\nu}(B)} \int_B (M_{b,\nu}f(y))^{\delta} dm_{\nu}(y)\right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \leq \left(\frac{1}{m_{\nu}(B)} \int_B (M_{\nu}((b - b_{3B})f_1)(y))^{\delta} dm_{\nu}(y)\right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \\ &+ \left(\frac{1}{m_{\nu}(B)} \int_B (M_{\nu}((b - b_{3B})f_2)(y))^{\delta} dm_{\nu}(y)\right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \\ &+ \left(\frac{1}{m_{\nu}(B)} \int_B |b(y) - b_{3B}|(M_{\nu}f)(y))^{\delta} dm_{\nu}(y)\right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \\ &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3. \end{aligned}$$

We first estimate  $I_1$ . Recall that  $M_{\nu}$  is weak-type  $(1, 1)$ , (cf. [5]). We have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1^{\delta} &\leq \frac{1}{m_{\nu}(B)} \int_B |M_{\nu}((b - b_{3B})f_1)(y)|^{\delta} dm_{\nu}(y) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m_{\nu}(B)} \int_0^{m_{\nu}(B)} [(M_{\nu}((b - b_{3B})f_1))^*(t)]^{\delta} dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m_{\nu}(B)} \left[ \sup_{0 < t < m_{\nu}(B)} t (M_{\nu}((b - b_{3B})f_1))^*(t) \right]^{\delta} \int_0^{m_{\nu}(B)} t^{-\delta} dt \\ &\lesssim \frac{1}{m_{\nu}(B)} \|(b - b_{3B})f_1\|_{L_{1,\nu}}^{\delta} m_{\nu}(B)^{-\delta+1} \\ &\lesssim \|(b - b_{3B})f\chi_{3B}\|_{L_{1,\nu}}^{\delta} m_{\nu}(B)^{-\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$I_1 \leq m_{\nu}(B)^{-1} \int_{3B} |b(y) - b_{3B}| |f(y)| dm_{\nu}(y).$$

Then, by (3.5) and Lemmas 3.1 and 3.4, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq \|b - b_{3B}\|_{\exp L, 3B} \|f\|_{L(\log L), 3B} \\ &\lesssim \|b\|_{BMO(\nu)} \|f\|_{L(\log L), 3B} \\ &\leq \|b\|_{BMO(\nu)} M_{\nu}(M_{\nu}f)(x). \end{aligned}$$

Let us estimate  $I_2$ . Since for any two points  $x, y \in B$ , we have

$$M_{\nu}((b - b_{3B})f)(y) \leq CM_{\nu}((b - b_{3B})f)(x)$$

with  $C$  an absolute constant (see, for example, [2, p. 160]).

Therefore, by (3.5) and Lemma 3.4 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
I_2 &= \left( \frac{1}{m_\nu(B)} \int_B (M_\nu((b - b_{3B})f_2)(y))^\delta dm_\nu(y) \right)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} \\
&\lesssim M_\nu((b - b_{3B})f)(x) \\
&= \sup_{B \ni x} m_\nu(B)^{-1} \int_B |b(y) - b_{3B}| |f(y)| dm_\nu(y) \\
&\leq \sup_{B \ni x} \|b - b_{3B}\|_{\exp L, 3B} \|f\|_{L(\log L), 3B} \\
&\lesssim \|b\|_{BMO(\nu)} \sup_{B \ni x} \|f\|_{L(\log L), 3B} \\
&\leq \|b\|_{BMO(\nu)} M_\nu(M_\nu f)(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we get

$$I_2 \lesssim \|b\|_{BMO(\nu)} M_\nu(M_\nu f)(x).$$

Finally, for estimate  $I_3$ , applying Hölders inequality with exponent  $a = 1/\delta$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1$ , by Lemmas 3.2 for  $\Phi(t) = t^a$ ,  $1 < a < \infty$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
I_3 &\leq \left( \frac{1}{m_\nu(B)} \int_B |b(y) - b_{3B}|^a dm_\nu(y) \right)^{\frac{1}{a}} \frac{1}{m_\nu(B)} \int_B M_\nu f(y) dm_\nu(y) \\
&\lesssim \|b\|_{BMO(\nu)} M_\nu(M_\nu f)(x).
\end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3.4 is proved by the estimate of  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$ ,  $I_3$  and the Lebesgue differentiation theorem.

The following theorem gives necessary and sufficient conditions for the boundedness of the operator  $M_{b,\nu}$  on  $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ , when  $b$  belongs to the  $BMO(\nu)$  space.

**Theorem 3.4** *Let  $b \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  and  $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$  be a Young function.*

1. *If  $\Phi \in \nabla_2$ , then the condition  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  is sufficient for the boundedness of  $M_{b,\nu}$  on  $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ .*
2. *The condition  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  is necessary for the boundedness of  $M_{b,\nu}$  on  $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ .*
3. *If  $\Phi \in \nabla_2$ , then the condition  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of  $M_{b,\nu}$  on  $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ .*

**Proof.** 1. Let  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ . Then from Lemma 3.12 we have

$$M_{b,\nu} f(x) \lesssim \|b\|_{BMO(\nu)} M_\nu(M_\nu f)(x) \quad (3.13)$$

for almost every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and for all functions from  $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ .

Combining Theorem 3.1, Lemma 3.4 and from (3.13), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\|M_{b,\nu} f\|_{L_{\Phi,\nu}} &\lesssim \|b\|_{BMO(\nu)} \|M_\nu(M_\nu f)\|_{L_{\Phi,\nu}} \\
&\lesssim \|b\|_{BMO(\nu)} \|M_\nu f\|_{L_{\Phi,\nu}} \\
&\lesssim \|b\|_{BMO(\nu)} \|f\|_{L_{\Phi,\nu}}.
\end{aligned}$$

2. We shall now prove the second part. Suppose that  $M_{b,\nu}$  is bounded from  $L_\Phi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  to  $L_\Psi(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ . Choose any ball  $B = B(x, r)$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , by Lemma 2.1 and (2.1)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{m_\nu(B)} \int_B |b(y) - b_B| dm_\nu(y) &= \frac{1}{m_\nu(B)} \int_B \left| \frac{1}{m_\nu(B)} \int_B (b(y) - b(z)) dm_\nu(z) \right| dm_\nu(y) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m_\nu(B)^2} \int_B \int_B |b(y) - b(z)| dm_\nu(z) dm_\nu(y) \\ &= \frac{1}{m_\nu(B)^1} \int_B \frac{1}{m_\nu(B)} \int_B |b(y) - b(z)| \chi_B(z) dm_\nu(z) dm_\nu(y) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m_\nu(B)} \int_B M_{b,\nu}(\chi_B)(y) dm_\nu(y) \\ &\leq \frac{2}{m_\nu(B)} \|M_{b,\nu}(\chi_B)\|_{L_\Phi(B)} \|1\|_{L_{\widetilde{\Phi}}(B)} \leq C. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ .

3. The third statement of the theorem follows from the first and second parts of the theorem.

If we take  $\Phi(t) = t^p$  in Theorem 3.4 we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.1** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $b \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ . Then  $M_{b,\nu}$  is bounded on  $L_p(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$  if and only if  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}, dm_\nu)$ .*

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