

**BOUNDEDNESS OF TOEPLITZ TYPE OPERATOR  
ASSOCIATED TO SINGULAR INTEGRAL OPERATOR  
WITH VARIABLE CALDERÓN-ZYGMUND KERNELS  
ON  $L^p$  SPACES WITH VARIABLE EXPONENT**

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**Abstract**

In this paper, the boundedness for some Toeplitz type operator related to some singular integral operator with variable Calderón-Zygmund kernels on  $L^p$  spaces with variable exponent is obtained by using a sharp estimate of the operator.

**1. Introduction**

As the development of the singular integral operators (see [6, 19]), their commutators have been well studied (see [2, 17, 18]). In [1], some singular integral operators with variable Calderón-Zygmund kernels are introduced, and the boundedness for the operators and their

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commutators are obtained (see [11, 12, 13, 15, 20]). In [8, 10, 14], some Toeplitz type operators related to the singular integral operators and strongly singular integral operators are introduced, and the boundedness for the operators are obtained. In the last years, a theory of  $L^p$  spaces with variable exponent has been developed because of its connections with some questions in fluid dynamics, calculus of variations, differential equations, and elasticity (see [3, 4, 5, 16] and their references). Karlovich and Lerner study the boundedness of the commutators of singular integral operators on  $L^p$  spaces with variable exponent (see [7]). Motivated by these papers, the main purpose of this paper is to introduce some Toeplitz type operator related to some singular integral operator with variable Calderón-Zygmund kernels and prove the boundedness for the operator on  $L^p$  spaces with variable exponent by using a sharp estimate of the operator.

## 2. Preliminaries and Results

First, let us introduce some notations. Throughout this paper,  $Q$  will denote a cube of  $R^n$  with sides parallel to the axes. For any locally integrable function  $f$  and  $\delta > 0$ , the sharp function of  $f$  is defined by

$$f_{\delta}^{\#}(x) = \sup_{Q \ni x} \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y) - f_Q|^{\delta} dy \right)^{1/\delta},$$

where, and in what follows,  $f_Q = |Q|^{-1} \int_Q f(x) dx$ . It is well-known that (see [6, 19])

$$f_{\delta}^{\#}(x) \approx \sup_{Q \ni x} \inf_{c \in \mathbb{C}} \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y) - c|^{\delta} dy \right)^{1/\delta}.$$

We write  $f^{\#} = f_{\delta}^{\#}$  if  $\delta = 1$ . We say that  $f$  belongs to  $BMO(R^n)$  if  $f^{\#}$  belongs to  $L^{\infty}(R^n)$  and define  $\|f\|_{BMO} = \|f^{\#}\|_{L^{\infty}}$ . Let  $M$  be the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator defined by

$$M(f)(x) = \sup_{Q \ni x} |Q|^{-1} \int_Q |f(y)| dy.$$

For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we denote by  $M^k$  the operator  $M$  iterated  $k$  times, i.e.,  $M^1(f)(x) = M(f)(x)$  and

$$M^k(f)(x) = M(M^{k-1}(f))(x) \text{ when } k \geq 2.$$

Let  $\Phi$  be a Young function and  $\tilde{\Phi}$  be the complementary associated to  $\Phi$ , we denote that the  $\Phi$ -average by, for a function  $f$ ,

$$\|f\|_{\Phi, Q} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \Phi \left( \frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda} \right) dy \leq 1 \right\},$$

and the maximal function associated to  $\Phi$  by

$$M_{\Phi}(f)(x) = \sup_{Q \ni x} \|f\|_{\Phi, Q}.$$

The Young functions to be using in this paper are  $\Phi(t) = t(1 + \log t)^r$  and  $\tilde{\Phi}(t) = \exp(t^{1/r})$ , the corresponding average and maximal functions denoted by  $\|\cdot\|_{L(\log L)^r, Q}$ ,  $M_{L(\log L)^r}$ , and  $\|\cdot\|_{\exp L^{1/r}, Q}$ ,  $M_{\exp L^{1/r}}$ .

Following [17, 18], we know the generalized Hölder's inequality:

$$\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y)g(y)| dy \leq \|f\|_{\Phi, Q} \|g\|_{\tilde{\Phi}, Q},$$

and the following inequality, for  $r, r_j \geq 1$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, l$  with  $1/r = 1/r_1 + \dots + 1/r_l$ , and any  $x \in R^n$ ,  $b \in BMO(R^n)$ ,

$$\|f\|_{L(\log L)^{1/r}, Q} \leq M_{L(\log L)^{1/r}}(f) \leq CM_{L(\log L)^l}(f) \leq CM^{l+1}(f),$$

$$\|f - f_Q\|_{\exp L^r, Q} \leq C\|f\|_{BMO},$$

$$|f_{2^{k+1}Q} - f_{2Q}| \leq Ck\|f\|_{BMO}.$$

The non-increasing rearrangement of a measurable function  $f$  on  $R^n$  is defined by

$$f^*(t) = \inf \{ \lambda > 0 : |\{x \in R^n : |f(x)| > \lambda\}| \leq t \} \quad (0 < t < \infty).$$

For  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  and a measurable function  $f$  on  $R^n$ , the local sharp maximal function of  $f$  is defined by

$$M_\lambda^\#(f)(x) = \sup_{Q \ni x} \inf_{c \in C} ((f - c)\chi_Q)^*(\lambda|Q|).$$

Let  $p : R^n \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  be a measurable function. Denote by  $L^{p(\cdot)}(R^n)$  the sets of all Lebesgue measurable functions  $f$  on  $R^n$  such that  $m(\lambda f, p) < \infty$  for some  $\lambda = \lambda(f) > 0$ , where

$$m(f, p) = \int_{R^n} |f(x)|^{p(x)} dx.$$

The sets become a Banach spaces with respect to the following norm:

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} = \inf \{ \lambda > 0 : m(f / \lambda, p) \leq 1 \}.$$

Denote by  $M(R^n)$  the sets of all measurable functions  $p : R^n \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  such that the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator  $M$  is bounded on  $L^{p(\cdot)}(R^n)$  and the following holds:

$$1 < p_- = \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in R^n} p(x), \quad \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in R^n} p(x) = p_+ < \infty. \quad (1)$$

In recent years, the boundedness of classical operators on spaces  $L^{p(\cdot)}(R^n)$  have attracted a great attention (see [3, 4, 5, 16] and their references).

In this paper, we will study some singular integral operator as following (see [1]):

**Definition 1.** Let  $K(x) = \Omega(x)/|x|^n : R^n \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow R$ .  $K$  is said to be a Calderón-Zygmund kernels, if

- (a)  $\Omega \in C^\infty(R^n \setminus \{0\})$ ;
- (b)  $\Omega$  is homogeneous of degree zero;
- (c)  $\int_{\Sigma} \Omega(x)x^\alpha d\sigma(x) = 0$  for all multi-indices  $\alpha \in (N \cup \{0\})^n$  with  $|\alpha| = N$ , where  $\Sigma = \{x \in R^n : |x| = 1\}$  is the unit sphere of  $R^n$ .

**Definition 2.** Let  $K(x, y) = \Omega(x, y)/|y|^n : R^n \times (R^n \setminus \{0\}) \rightarrow R$ .  $K$  is said to be a variable Calderón-Zygmund kernels, if

- (d)  $K(x, \cdot)$  is a Calderón-Zygmund kernels for a.e.  $x \in R^n$ ;
- (e)  $\max_{|\gamma| \leq 2n} \left\| \frac{\partial^{|\gamma|}}{\partial^\gamma y} \Omega(x, y) \right\|_{L^\infty(R^n \times \Sigma)} = L < \infty$ .

Moreover, let  $b$  be a locally integrable function on  $R^n$  and  $T$  be the singular integral operator with variable Calderón-Zygmund kernels as

$$T(f)(x) = \int_{R^n} K(x, x-y)f(y)dy,$$

where  $K(x, x-y) = \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-y|^n}$  and that  $\Omega(x, y)/|y|^n$  is a variable

Calderón-Zygmund kernels.

Let  $b$  be a locally integrable function on  $R^n$  and  $T$  be the singular integral operator with variable Calderón-Zygmund kernels. The Toeplitz type operator associated to  $T$  are defined by

$$T_b = \sum_{k=1}^m T^{k,1} M_b T^{k,2},$$

where  $T^{k,1}$  are the singular integral operator  $T$  with variable Calderón-Zygmund kernels or  $\pm I$  (the identity operator),  $T^{k,2}$  are the linear operators for  $k = 1, \dots, m$  and  $M_b(f) = bf$ .

Note that the commutator  $[b, T](f) = bT(f) - T(bf)$  is a particular operator of the Toeplitz type operator  $T_b$ . The Toeplitz type operators are the non-trivial generalizations of the commutator. It is well known that commutators are of great interest in harmonic analysis and have been widely studied by many authors (see [18]). In [1, 15], the boundedness of the singular integral operator with variable Calderón-Zygmund kernels and their commutator are obtained. Our works are motivated by these papers. The main purpose of this paper has twofold, first, we establish a sharp estimate for the operator  $T_b$ , and second, we prove the boundedness for the operator on  $L^p$  spaces with variable exponent by using the sharp estimate.

We shall prove the following theorems:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $T$  be the singular integral operators with variable Calderón-Zygmund kernel as Definition 2,  $0 < \delta < 1$  and  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . If  $T_1(g) = 0$  for any  $g \in L^u(\mathbb{R}^n)$  ( $1 < u < \infty$ ), then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that for any  $f \in L_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\tilde{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,*

$$(T_b(f))_\delta^\#(\tilde{x}) \leq C \|b\|_{BMO} \sum_{k=1}^m M^2(T^{k,2}(f))(\tilde{x}).$$

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $T$  be the singular integral operators with variable Calderón-Zygmund kernels as Definition 2,  $p(\cdot) \in M(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . If  $T_1(g) = 0$  for any  $g \in L^u(\mathbb{R}^n)$  ( $1 < u < \infty$ ) and  $T^{k,2}$  are the bounded operators on  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $k = 1, \dots, m$ , then  $T_b$  is bounded on  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , that is,*

$$\|T_b(f)\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \leq C \|b\|_{BMO} \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}.$$

**Corollary.** Let  $[b, T](f) = bT(f) - T(bf)$  be the commutator generated by the singular integral operator  $T$  with variable Calderón-Zygmund kernels and  $b$ . Then Theorems 1 and 2 hold for  $[b, T]$ .

### 3. Proof of Theorems

To prove the theorems, we need the following lemmas:

**Lemma 1** ([6, p.485]). Let  $0 < p < q < \infty$ . We define that, for any function  $f \geq 0$  and  $1/r = 1/p - 1/q$ ,

$$\|f\|_{WL^q} = \sup_{\lambda > 0} \lambda |\{x \in R^n : f(x) > \lambda\}|^{1/q}, \quad N_{p,q}(f) = \sup_E \|f\chi_E\|_{L^p} / \|\chi_E\|_{L^r},$$

where the sup is taken for all measurable sets  $E$  with  $0 < |E| < \infty$ . Then

$$\|f\|_{WL^q} \leq N_{p,q}(f) \leq (q/(q-p))^{1/p} \|f\|_{WL^q}.$$

**Lemma 2** ([18]). Let  $r_j \geq 1$  for  $j = 1, \dots, l$ , we denote that  $1/r = 1/r_1 + \dots + 1/r_l$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f_1(x) \cdots f_l(x)g(x)| dx \leq \|f\|_{\exp L^1, Q} \cdots \|f\|_{\exp L^l, Q} \|g\|_{L(\log L)^{1/r}, Q}.$$

**Lemma 3** ([1]). Let  $T$  be the singular integral operators with variable Calderón-Zygmund kernels as Definition 2. Then  $T$  is bounded from  $L^1(R^n)$  to  $WL^1(R^n)$ .

**Lemma 4** ([16]). Let  $p : R^n \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  be a measurable function satisfying (1). Then  $L_0^\infty(R^n)$  is dense in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(R^n)$ .

**Lemma 5** ([7, 9]). Let  $\delta > 0$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , and  $f \in L_{\text{loc}}^\delta(R^n)$ . Then

$$M_\lambda^\#(f)(x) \leq (1/\lambda)^{1/\delta} f_\delta^\#(x).$$

**Lemma 6** ([16]). *Let  $f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $g$  be a measurable function satisfying*

$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |g(x)| > \alpha\}| < \infty \text{ for all } \alpha > 0.$$

*Then*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)g(x)| dx \leq C_n \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} M_{\lambda_n}^{\#}(f)(x)M(g)(x) dx.$$

**Lemma 7** ([9]). *Let  $p : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  be a measurable function satisfying (1). If  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $g \in L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $p'(x) = p(x)/(p(x) - 1)$ . Then  $fg$  is integrable on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)g(x)| dx \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \|g\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}}.$$

**Lemma 8** ([9]). *Let  $p : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  be a measurable function satisfying (1). Set*

$$\|f\|'_{L^{p(\cdot)}} = \sup \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)g(x)| dx : f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n), g \in L^{p'(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \right\}.$$

*Then  $\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \leq \|f\|'_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}$ .*

**Proof of Theorem 1.** It suffices to prove for  $f \in L^\infty_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and some constant  $C_0$ , the following inequality holds:

$$\left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |T_b(f)(x) - C_0|^\delta dx \right)^{1/\delta} \leq C \|b\|_{BMO} \sum_{k=1}^m M^2(T^{k,2}(f))(\tilde{x}).$$

Without loss of generality, we may assume  $T^{k,1}$  are  $T(k = 1, \dots, m)$ . Fix a cube  $Q = Q(x_0, d)$  and  $\tilde{x} \in Q$ . We write, by  $T_1(g) = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T_b(f)(x) &= T_{b-b_{2Q}}(f)(x) \\ &= T_{(b-b_{2Q})\chi_{2Q}}(f)(x) + T_{(b-b_{2Q})\chi_{(2Q)^c}}(f)(x) \\ &= f_1(x) + f_2(x). \end{aligned}$$



Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |T_b(f)(x) - f_2(x_0)|^\delta dx \right)^{1/\delta} \\ & \leq C \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f_1(x)|^\delta dx \right)^{1/\delta} + C \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f_2(x) - f_2(x_0)|^\delta dx \right)^{1/\delta} = I + II. \end{aligned}$$

For  $I$ , by Lemmas 1, 2, and 3, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |T^{k,1} M_{(b-b_{2Q})\chi_{2Q}} T^{k,2}(f)(x)|^\delta dx \right)^{1/\delta} \\ & \leq |Q|^{-1} \frac{\|T^{k,1} M_{(b-b_{2Q})\chi_{2Q}} T^{k,2}(f)\chi_Q\|_{L^\delta}}{|Q|^{1/\delta-1}} \\ & \leq C|Q|^{-1} \|T^{k,1} M_{(b-b_{2Q})\chi_{2Q}} T^{k,2}(f)\|_{WL^1} \\ & \leq C|Q|^{-1} \|M_{(b-b_{2Q})\chi_{2Q}} T^{k,2}(f)\|_{L^1} \\ & \leq C|Q|^{-1} \int_{2Q} |b(x) - b_{2Q}| |T^{k,2}(f)(x)| dx \\ & \leq C\|b - b_{2Q}\|_{\exp L, 2Q} \|T^{k,2}(f)\|_{L(\log L), 2Q} \\ & \leq C\|b\|_{BMO} M^2(T^{k,2}(f))(\tilde{x}), \end{aligned}$$

thus,

$$\begin{aligned} I & \leq \sum_{k=1}^m \left( \frac{C}{|Q|} \int_Q |T^{k,1} M_{(b-b_Q)\chi_{2Q}} T^{k,2}(f)(x)|^\delta dx \right)^{1/\delta} \\ & \leq C\|b\|_{BMO} \sum_{k=1}^m M^2(T^{k,2}(f))(\tilde{x}). \end{aligned}$$

For II, by [1], we know that

$$T(f)(x) = \sum_{u=1}^{\infty} \sum_{v=1}^{g_u} a_{uv}(x) \int_{R^n} \frac{Y_{uv}(x-y)}{|x-y|^{n+m}} f(y) dy,$$

where  $g_u \leq Cu^{n-2}$ ,  $\|a_{uv}\|_{L^\infty} \leq Cu^{-2n}$ ,  $|Y_{uv}(x-y)| \leq Cu^{n/2-1}$ , and

$$\left| \frac{Y_{uv}(x-y)}{|x-y|^n} - \frac{Y_{uv}(x_0-y)}{|x_0-y|^n} \right| \leq Cu^{n/2} |x-x_0| / |x_0-y|^{n+1},$$

for  $|x-y| > 2|x_0-x| > 0$ . Then, we get, for  $x \in Q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & |T^{k,1} M_{(b-b_{2Q})\chi_{(2Q)^c}}(f)(x) - T^{k,1} M_{(b-b_{2Q})\chi_{(2Q)^c}} T^{k,2}(f)(x_0)| \\ & \leq \int_{(2Q)^c} |b(y) - b_{2Q}| |K(x, x-y) - K(x_0, x_0-y)| |T^{k,2}(f)(y)| dy \\ & = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{2^j d \leq |y-x_0| < 2^{j+1} d} |b(y) - b_{2Q}| |K(x, x-y) - K(x_0, x_0-y)| |T^{k,2}(f)(y)| dy \\ & \leq C \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{2^j d \leq |y-x_0| < 2^{j+1} d} |b(y) - b_{2Q}| \left| \sum_{u=1}^{\infty} \sum_{v=1}^{g_u} a_{uv}(x) \right. \\ & \quad \times \left. \left| \frac{Y_{uv}(x-y)}{|x-y|^n} - \frac{Y_{uv}(x_0-y)}{|x_0-y|^n} \right| \right| |T^{k,2}(f)(y)| dy \\ & \leq C \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{2^j d \leq |y-x_0| < 2^{j+1} d} |b(y) - b_{2Q}| \frac{|x-x_0|}{|x_0-y|^{n+1}} |T^{k,2}(f)(y)| dy \\ & \leq C \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{d}{(2^{j+1}d)^{n+1}} \int_{2^{j+1}Q} |b(y) - b_{2Q}| |T^{k,2}(f)(y)| dy \\ & \leq C \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-j} \frac{1}{|2^{j+1}Q|} \int_{2^{j+1}Q} |b(y) - b_{2Q}| |T^{k,2}(f)(y)| dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq C \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-j} \|b - b_{2^j Q}\|_{\exp L, 2^{j+1} Q} \|T^{k,2}(f)\|_{L(\log L), 2^{j+1} Q} \\
&\leq C \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j 2^{-j} \|b\|_{BMO} M^2(T^{k,2}(f))(\tilde{x}) \\
&\leq C \|b\|_{BMO} M^2(T^{k,2}(f))(\tilde{x}),
\end{aligned}$$

thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
II &\leq \frac{C}{|Q|} \int_Q \sum_{k=1}^m |T^{k,1} M_{(b-b_{2^j Q})\chi_{(2^j Q)^c}} T^{k,2}(f)(x) - T^{k,1} M_{(b-b_{2^j Q})\chi_{(2^j Q)^c}} T^{k,2}(f)(x_0)| dx \\
&\leq C \|b\|_{BMO} \sum_{k=1}^m M^2(T^{k,2}(f))(\tilde{x}).
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

**Proof of Theorem 2.** By Lemmas 4-7, we get, for  $f \in L_0^\infty(R^n)$  and  $g \in L^{p(\cdot)}(R^n)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{R^n} |T_b(f)(x)g(x)| dx &\leq C \int_{R^n} M_{\lambda_n}^\#(T_b(f))(x)M(g)(x) dx \\
&\leq C \int_{R^n} (T_b(f))_\delta^\#(x)M(g)(x) dx \\
&\leq C \|b\|_{BMO} \sum_{k=1}^m \int_{R^n} M^2(T^{k,2}(f))(x)M(g)(x) dx \\
&\leq C \|b\|_{BMO} \sum_{k=1}^m \|M^2(T^{k,2}(f))\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \|M(g)\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}} \\
&\leq C \|b\|_{BMO} \sum_{k=1}^m \|T^{k,2}(f)\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \|M(g)\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}} \\
&\leq C \|b\|_{BMO} \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \|g\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}},
\end{aligned}$$

thus, by Lemma 8,

$$\|T_b(f)\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \leq \|b\|_{BMO} \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

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