

## HARDY-CESARO MAXIMAL OPERATOR IN LEBESGUE-*BMO* SPACES

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**Abstract.** *In this paper defining the Lebesgue-*BMO* spaces. We prove the boundedness of the Hardy-Cesaro maximal operators in such spaces. Also prove necessary and sufficient condition the boundedness of the Hardy-Cesaro maximal operators in Lebesgue spaces.*

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### 1. Introduction

We will use the following notation. For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is the space of all classes of measurable functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for which

$$\|f\|_{L_p} = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty,$$

and also  $WL_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , the weak  $L_p$  space defined as the set of all measurable functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\|f\|_{WL_p} = \sup_{r>0} r |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |f(x)| > r\}|^{1/p} < \infty.$$

For  $p = \infty$  the space  $L_\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is defined by means of the usual modification

$$\|f\|_{L_\infty} = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|.$$

Functions of bounded mean oscillation were introduced by John and Nirenberg in [12], and shown to satisfy the by-now celebrated John-Nirenberg inequality. Mean oscillation measures the average deviation of a locally integrable function from its mean on a certain

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set. Classically, on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the mean oscillation is measured on all cubes  $Q$  with sides parallel to the axes; sometimes the cubes are restricted to lie in a fixed cube. The space of functions of bounded mean oscillation,  $BMO$ , has proven useful in harmonic analysis and partial differential equations as a replacement for  $L_\infty$ , as well as as the dual of the Hardy space  $H_1$ , and has important connections with the theory of quasi-conformal mappings. With the observation that an equivalent characterization of  $BMO$  is obtained by replacing cubes with balls, its reach has extended beyond the Euclidean setting, to manifolds [2] and metric measure spaces [4].

This idea of replacing cubes as the sets over which mean oscillation is measured has lead various authors to consider more general  $BMO$  spaces, notable among which is the strong  $BMO$  space where cubes are replaced by rectangles [5], [14]. The different geometric properties of cubes versus rectangles manifest as different functional properties for the corresponding  $BMO$  spaces. In particular, the constants in various inequalities are affected by this change see [13], [17] for an overview of the cases of the boundedness of the decreasing rearrangement and the absolute value operator.

Replacing familiar geometries with more general bases is not a phenomenon limited to  $BMO$ . The theory of maximal functions with respect to a general basis is a well developed field, with ties to the theory of differentiation of the integral. The book of de Guzman [8] is a standard reference in the area. Muckenhoupt weights have also been considered with respect to a general basis - see, for instance, the work of Jawerth [11] and Perez [16], and more recent work [7], [10], [15], which also touches on the connection between  $A_p$  weights and  $BMO$  in this general context. Sometimes restrictive assumptions are imposed in order to obtain strong results, such as the John-Nirenberg inequality see for example [3], [9].

It is interesting to investigate what are the strongest results one could obtain about  $BMO$  under the weakest assumptions, thus isolating the features which are inherent to  $BMO$ . Motivated by this, in previous work [6], two of the authors developed a theory of  $BMO$  spaces on a domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with Lebesgue measure, where the mean oscillation was taken over sets of finite and positive measure belonging to an open cover of the domain. In this work, the completeness of  $BMO$  was demonstrated (without any connection to duality) and sharp constants were studied for various inequalities.

**Definition.** Let  $1 < \theta < \infty$  We define the  $LB_\theta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  space as the set of all locally integrable functions  $f$  such that

$$\|f\|_{LB_\theta} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left\| |B(x,r)|^{-1} \int_{B(x,r)} |f(y) - f_{B(x,r)}| dy \right\|_{L_\theta(0,\infty)} < \infty.$$

For  $\theta = \infty$  the space  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is define the  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  space as the set of all locally integrable functions  $f$  such that

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

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

It is easy to show:

If  $\|f\|_{LB_\theta} = 0 \Leftrightarrow f = \text{constant}$  (a.e.), so the space  $LB_\theta$  is a subspace of the quotient  $L_1^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)/\{\text{constant functions}\}$ .

If  $f \in LB_\theta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $g \in LB_\theta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then  $\|f + g\|_{LB_\theta} \leq \|f\|_{LB_\theta} + \|g\|_{LB_\theta}$ .

Let  $f$  be a locally integrable function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The so-called of Hardy-Littlewood maximal function is defined by the formula

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{r>0} |B(x,r)|^{-1} \int_{B(x,r)} |f(y)| dy,$$

where  $|B(x,r)|$  is the Lebesgue measure of the ball  $B(x,r)$ .

The following theorem was proved in [1].

**Theorem 1.** *If  $M$  maximal operator is not identically infinite, then  $M$  maximal operator is bounded on  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .*

## 2. Hardy-Cesaro Maximal Operator in Lebesgue and $LB_\theta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ Spaces

Let  $f, \psi$  be a locally integrable functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The so-called of Hardy-Cesaro maximal operator is defined by the formula

$$M_\psi f(x) = \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,r)|} \int_{B(0,r)} |f(xy)| \psi(y) dy.$$

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $\psi$  be positive measurable function. Then  $M_\psi$  Hardy-Cesaro maximal operator is bounded on  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if and only if*

$$\sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} |y|^{-\frac{n}{p}} \psi(y) dy < \infty. \quad (1)$$

*Proof. Sufficiency.* Let  $f \in L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and the condition (1) holds. By the Minkowski inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (M_\psi f(z))^p dz \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} &= \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} |f(zy)| \psi(y) dy \right)^p dz \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(zy)|^p dz \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \psi(y) dy \\ &\leq \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(z)|^p dz \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} |y|^{-\frac{n}{p}} \psi(y) dy \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} |y|^{-\frac{n}{p}} \psi(y) dy. \end{aligned}$$

*Necessity.* Let  $M_\psi$  Hardy-Cesaro maximal operator is bounded on  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Now, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  take

$$f_\varepsilon(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & |x| \leq 1 \\ |x|^{-\frac{n}{p}-\varepsilon}, & |x| > 1 \end{cases}.$$

Then

$$\|f_\varepsilon\|_{L_p}^p = \frac{C}{p\varepsilon}$$

and

$$M_\psi f_\varepsilon(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & |x| \leq 1 \\ |x|^{-\frac{n}{p}-\varepsilon} \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t) \setminus B(0, \frac{1}{|x|})} |y|^{-\frac{n}{p}-\varepsilon} \psi(y) dy, & |x| > 1 \end{cases}$$

By the  $M_\psi$  Hardy-Cesaro maximal operator is bounded on  $L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} C^p \|f_\varepsilon\|_{L_p}^p &\geq \|M_\psi f_\varepsilon\|_{L_p}^p \\ &= \int_{C_{B(0,1)}} |x|^{-\frac{n}{p}-\varepsilon} \left( \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t) \setminus B(0, \frac{1}{|x|})} |y|^{-\frac{n}{p}-\varepsilon} \psi(y) dy \right)^p dx \\ &\geq \int_{C_{B(0, \frac{1}{\varepsilon})}} |x|^{-\frac{n}{p}-\varepsilon} \left( \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t) \setminus B(0,\varepsilon)} |y|^{-\frac{n}{p}-\varepsilon} \psi(y) dy \right)^p dx \\ &\geq \|f_\varepsilon\|_{L_p}^p \varepsilon^\varepsilon \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t) \setminus B(0,\varepsilon)} |y|^{-\frac{n}{p}} \psi(y) dy. \end{aligned}$$

In the last inequality we get the following inequality:

$$\sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t) \setminus B(0,\varepsilon)} |y|^{-\frac{n}{p}} \psi(y) dy \leq \frac{C}{\varepsilon^\varepsilon}.$$

Letting  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  in the last inequality, we obtain (1). ◀

**Theorem 3.**

1) If  $1 < \theta < \infty$ ,  $\psi$  be positive measurable function satisfying the condition

$$\sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} |y|^{-\frac{1}{\theta}} \psi(y) dy < \infty. \tag{2}$$

Then  $M_\psi$  Hardy-Cesaro maximal operator is bounded on  $LB_\theta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

2) If  $\theta = \infty$ ,  $\psi$  be positive measurable function satisfying the condition

$$\sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} \psi(y) dy < \infty. \tag{3}$$

Then  $M_\psi$  Hardy-Cesaro maximal operator is bounded on  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

*Proof.* At first estimate  $(M_\psi f)_{B(a,r)}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
(M_\psi f)_{B(a,r)} &= \frac{1}{|B(a,r)|} \int_{B(a,r)} M_\psi f(z) dz \\
&= \frac{1}{|B(a,r)|} \int_{B(a,r)} \left( \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} |f(zy)| |\psi(y)| dy \right) dz \\
&= \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} \left( \frac{1}{|B(a,r)|} \int_{B(a,r)} |f(zy)| dz \right) \psi(y) dy \\
&= \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} \left( \frac{1}{|B(ay,r|y)|} \int_{B(ay,r|y)} |f(z)| dz \right) \psi(y) dy \\
&= \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} f_{B(ay,r|y)} \psi(y) dy. \tag{4}
\end{aligned}$$

If  $1 < \theta < \infty$  and the condition (2) holds. Let  $f \in LB_\theta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then by the Minkowski inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left\| \frac{1}{|B(a,r)|} \int_{B(a,r)} |M_\psi f(z) - (M_\psi f)_{B(a,r)}| dz \right\|_{L_\theta(0,\infty)} \\
&\leq \left\| \frac{1}{|B(a,r)|} \int_{B(a,r)} \left( \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} |f(zy) - f_{B(ay,r|y)}| \psi(y) dy \right) dz \right\|_{L_\theta(0,\infty)} \\
&\leq \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} \left\| \frac{1}{|B(a,r)|} \int_{B(a,r)} |f(zy) - f_{B(ay,r|y)}| dz \right\|_{L_\theta(0,\infty)} \psi(y) dy \\
&= \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} \left\| \frac{1}{|B(ay,r|y)|} \int_{B(ay,r|y)} |f(z) - f_{B(ay,r|y)}| dz \right\|_{L_\theta(0,\infty)} \psi(y) dy \\
&= \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} \left\| \frac{1}{|B(ay,r)|} \int_{B(ay,r)} |f(z) - f_{B(ay,r)}| dz \right\|_{L_\theta(0,\infty)} |y|^{-\frac{1}{\theta}} \psi(y) dy \\
&\leq C \|f\|_{LB_\theta} \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} |y|^{-\frac{1}{\theta}} \psi(y) dy.
\end{aligned}$$

If  $\theta = \infty$  and the condition (3) holds. Let  $f \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , by the (4) and by the Minkowski inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{|B(a,r)|} \int_{B(a,r)} |M_\psi f(z) - (M_\psi f)_{B(a,r)}| dz \\
&\leq \frac{1}{|B(a,r)|} \int_{B(a,r)} \left( \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} |f(zy) - f_{B(ay,r|y)}| \psi(y) dy \right) dz
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} \left( \frac{1}{|B(a,r)|} \int_{B(a,r)} |f(z) - f_{B(a,r)}| dz \right) \psi(y) dy \\
&= \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} \left( \frac{1}{|B(ay,r|y)|} \int_{B(ay,r|y)} |f(z) - f_{B(ay,r|y)}| dz \right) \psi(y) dy \\
&\leq C \|f\|_{BMO} \sup_{t>0} \frac{1}{|B(0,t)|} \int_{B(0,t)} \psi(y) dy.
\end{aligned}$$

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