

# HIGHER COMMUTATORS OF PSEUDO-DIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS

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## Abstract

In this paper the following result is established: For  $a_i, f \in \mathcal{S}(R^K)$ ,  $i=1, \dots, n$ , and

$$T(a, f)(x) = \omega(x, D) \left( \prod_{i=1}^n P_{m_i}(a_i, x, \cdot) f(\cdot) \right),$$

it holds that

$$\|T(a, f)\|_q \leq C \|f\|_{p_0} \prod_{i=1}^n \|\nabla^{m_i} a_i\|_{p_i},$$

where  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ ,  $q^{-1} = p_0^{-1} + \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^{-1} \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\forall i$ ,  $p_i \in (1, \infty)$  or  $\forall i$ ,  $p_i = \infty$ ,  $p_0 \in (1, \infty)$ , for an integer  $m_i \geq 0$ ,

$$P_{m_i}(a_i, x, y) = a_i(x) - \sum_{|\beta| < m_i} \frac{a_i^{(\beta)}(y)}{\beta!} \cdot (x-y)^\beta,$$

$\omega(x, \xi)$  is a classical symbol of order  $|m|$ ,  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$ ,  $|m| = m_1 + \dots + m_n$ ,  $m_i$  are nonnegative integers. Besides, a representation theorem is given.

The methods used here closely follow those developed by Coifman, R. and Meyer, Y. in [5] and by Cohen, J. in [3].

## § 1. A Representation Theorem

(1.1). Let  $g \in C^m(R^K)$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $\mathbb{Z}$  denote the set of nonnegative integers. We define the remainder operator of Taylor series [3]

$$R_{-\alpha}^m g(\xi) = g(\xi - \alpha) - \sum_{|\beta| < m} \frac{g^{(\beta)}(\xi)}{\beta!} (-\alpha)^\beta,$$

where  $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_K)$ ,  $\beta_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\beta! = \beta_1! \cdots \beta_K!$ ,  $|\beta| = \beta_1 + \dots + \beta_K$ ,  $g^{(\beta)} = \partial^\beta g$ ,  $\xi, \alpha \in R^K$ .

If  $m = (m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ ,  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in (R^K)^n$ ,  $|m| = m_1 + \dots + m_n$ ,  $g \in C^{|m|}(R^K)$ , then the  $n$ -fold composition of remainder operator of Taylor series can be introduced as

$$R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} g(\xi) = R_{\alpha_1}^{m_1} \circ \cdots \circ R_{\alpha_n}^{m_n} g(\xi).$$

Denote by  $S^l(R^K \times R^K)$  the class of the symbols of order  $l$ :

$$S^l(R^K \times R^K) = \{\omega \in C^\infty(R^K \times R^K) : |\partial_\xi^\beta \partial_x^\alpha \omega(x, \xi)| \leq O_{\alpha, \beta}(1 + |\xi|)^{l-|\beta|}\}, l \in \mathbb{R}^1.$$

The following theorem is established:

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\omega(x, \xi) \in S^{[m]}(R^K \times R^K)$  and for every fixed  $x \in R^K$ ,  $\omega(x, \cdot) \in C_0^\infty(R^K)$ . Denote

$$L(x, y) = \int_{R^K} e^{iy\xi} \omega(x, \xi) d\xi.$$

Then for  $f, a_i \in \mathcal{S}(R^K)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{R^K} \prod_{i=1}^n P_{m_i}(a_i, x, y) L(x, x-y) f(y) dy \\ &= C \int_{(R^K)^{n+1}} e^{ix\xi} R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \omega(x, \xi) \hat{a}(\alpha) \hat{f}(\xi - [\alpha]) d\alpha d\xi, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\hat{a}(\alpha) = \hat{a}_1(\alpha_1) \cdots \hat{a}_n(\alpha_n)$ ,  $[\alpha] = \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n$ ,  $d\alpha = d\alpha_1 \cdots d\alpha_n$ , and  $C$  is a constant.

*Proof* Using the following multiple index notation

$$\mathcal{G} = \{J \subset \{1, \dots, n\} : J = (j_1, \dots, j_t), 1 \leq j_1 < \cdots < j_t \leq n\},$$

$$J' = \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus J,$$

$$|J| = \text{number of elements in } J,$$

$$k_J = (k_{j_1}, \dots, k_{j_t}), k_{j_t} = (k_{j_t}^1, \dots, k_{j_t}^K) \in Z^K,$$

$$k_J! = k_{j_1}! \cdots k_{j_t}!, [k_J] = k_{j_1} + \cdots + k_{j_t}, |k_{j_t}| = k_{j_t}^1 + \cdots + k_{j_t}^K,$$

$$N_J = \{k_J : J \in \mathcal{G}, 0 \leq k_{j_t} \leq m_{j_t} - 1\},$$

$$(-\alpha_J)^{K_J} = (-\alpha_{j_1})^{k_{j_1}} \cdots (-\alpha_{j_t})^{k_{j_t}},$$

we have

$$R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} g(\xi) = \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{k_J \in N_J} \frac{(-1)^{|J|} g^{([k_J])}(\xi - \sum_{j \in J'} \alpha_j)}{k_J!} (-\alpha_J)^{K_J}. \quad (1.1.1)$$

With the notation

$$\hat{a}_J(\alpha) = \hat{a}_{j_1}(\alpha_{j_1}) \cdots \hat{a}_{j_t}(\alpha_{j_t}),$$

$$a_J^{(k_J)}(x) = a_{j_1}^{(k_{j_1})}(x) \cdots a_{j_t}^{(k_{j_t})}(x),$$

$$(a_J^{(k_J)})^\wedge(\alpha) = (a_{j_1}^{(k_{j_1})})^\wedge(\alpha_{j_1}) \cdots (a_{j_t}^{(k_{j_t})})^\wedge(\alpha_{j_t}), d\alpha_J = d\alpha_{j_1} \cdots d\alpha_{j_t},$$

and setting  $g(\xi) = \omega(x, \xi)$  in (1.1.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{(R^K)^{n+1}} e^{ix\xi} R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \omega(x, \xi) \hat{a}(\alpha) \hat{f}(\xi - [\alpha]) d\alpha d\xi \\ &= \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{k_J \in N_J} (-1)^{|J|} \int_{(R^K)^{n+1}} e^{ix\xi} \frac{\omega^{([k_J])}(x, \xi - \sum_{j \in J'} \alpha_j) (-\alpha)^{K_J}}{K_J!} \hat{a}(\alpha) \hat{f}(\xi - [\alpha]) d\alpha d\xi \\ &= \sum_{J \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{k_J \in N_J} (-1)^{|J|} \int_{(R^K)} e^{ix\xi} \int_{(R^K)} e^{i\xi' \alpha} \omega^{([k_J])}(x, \xi - \sum_{j \in J'} \alpha_j) \hat{a}_{J'}(\alpha) d\alpha_{J'} \\ & \quad \cdot \left( \int_{(R^K)^{|J|}} (-1)^{|[k_J]|} \left( \frac{1}{k_J!} \frac{(a_J^{(k_J)})^\wedge(\alpha) \hat{f}(\xi - \sum_{j \in J} \alpha_j - \sum_{j \in J'} \alpha_j)}{\hat{q}^{|[k_J]|}} \right) d\alpha_J \right) d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating in  $d\alpha_J$  the inner integral equals

$$C \left( \frac{a_J^{(k_J)} \cdot f}{k_J!} \right)^\wedge \left( \xi - \sum_{j \in J'} \alpha_j \right).$$

Integrating next in  $d\alpha_{J'}$ , and then using the following equation

$$\omega^{(k_J)}(x, \cdot) C(-\alpha)^{|[k_J]|} ((\cdot)^{[k_J]} L(x, \cdot))^\wedge,$$

we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{(R^k)^{n+1}} e^{i\omega\xi} R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \omega(x, \xi) \hat{a}(\alpha) \hat{f}(\xi - [\alpha]) d\alpha d\xi \\
 &= C \sum_{j \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{k_j \in N_j} \frac{(-1)^{|J|+|[k_j]|}}{i^{|[k_j]|}} \left( \frac{\omega^{([k_j])}(x, \cdot) (\alpha_j^{(k_j)} \cdot f)^\wedge(\cdot)}{k_j!} \right)^v(x) a_{j'}(x) \\
 &= C \sum_{j \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{k_j \in N_j} \frac{(-1)^{|J|+|[k_j]|}}{i^{|[k_j]|}} a_{j'}(x) (-i)^{|[k_j]|} \\
 &\quad \cdot \int_{R^k} \frac{(x-y)^{[k_j]} L(x, x-y)}{k_j!} (\alpha_j^{(k_j)}(y) f(y)) dy \\
 &= C \int_{R^k} \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{k_j \in N_j} \frac{(-1)^{|J|} \alpha_j^{(k_j)}(y) a_{j'}(x)}{k_j!} (x-y)^{[k_j]} L(x, x-y) f(y) dy \right) \\
 &= C \int_{R^k} \prod_{i=1}^n P_{m_i}(a_i, x, y) L(x, x-y) f(y) dy.
 \end{aligned}$$

The proof is thus finished.

**Remark.** If  $m_1 = \dots = m_n = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{(R^k)^{n+1}} e^{i\omega\xi} \Delta_{-\alpha_1} \circ \dots \circ \Delta_{-\alpha_n} \hat{a}(\alpha) \hat{f}(\xi - [\alpha]) d\alpha d\xi \\
 &= C \int_{R^k} \prod_{i=1}^n (a_i(x) - a_i(y)) L(x, x-y) f(y) dy \\
 &= C[a_n, \dots, [a_1, \omega(x, D)] \dots] f(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

which is the  $n$ th commutator of  $\omega(x, D)$ , where  $a_i(f)(x) = (a_i f)(x)$ . Therefore we can extend the notation of commutator and call the operator in the theorem a commutator of order  $|m|$  (see [3]).

## § 2. The Boundedness of Higher Commutators

### The First Case: $\forall i, p_i \in (1, \infty)$

(2.1). For a symbol  $\sigma(x, \alpha, \xi)$ , we denote

$$T_\sigma(a, f)(x) = \int_{(R^k)^{n+1}} e^{i\omega\xi} \sigma(x, \alpha, \xi) \hat{a}(\alpha) \hat{f}(\xi - [\alpha]) d\alpha d\xi.$$

The main result of this paper is as follows.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\omega \in S^{(m)}(R^k \times R^k)$ ,  $q^{-1} = p_0^{-1} + \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^{-1} \in (0, 1)$ ,  $p_0 \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $p_i$  satisfy one of the following two conditions: (i)  $\forall i, p_i \in (1, \infty)$ ; (ii)  $\forall i, p_i = \infty$ . Then for  $a_i, f \in \mathcal{S}(R^k)$ , we have

$$\|T_{R_{\omega}^{(m)}, \omega}(a, f)\|_q \leq C \|f\|_{p_0} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \|\nabla^{m_i} a_i\|_{p_i},$$

where  $C = C(K, n, m, C_{\alpha, \beta}, p_0, p_i)$  is a constant,  $\|\nabla^{m_i} a_i\|_{p_i} = \sum_{|\beta|=m_i} \|\partial^\beta a_i\|_{p_i}$ .

In this section, we prove the theorem for the first kind of indexes:  $\forall i, p_i \in (1, \infty)$ . Introduce the following notation:

$$\|\nabla^m a\|_p = \prod_{i=1}^n \|\nabla^{m_i} a_i\|_{p_i}, \text{ where } p = (p_1, \dots, p_n);$$

$$M(m) = \{\sigma(x, \alpha, \xi) \in C^\infty(R^K \times (R^K)^n \times R^K) : \|T_\sigma(a, f)_q\| \leq C \|f\|_{p_0} \|\nabla^m a\|_p,$$

$$O = O(K, n, m, \sigma, p_0, p) \text{ is a constant}\}.$$

To prove  $R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \omega(x, \xi) \in M(m)$  we use the induction on  $|m|$ . The induction hypothesis is that: For  $\bar{m} = (\bar{m}_1, \dots, \bar{m}_n)$ ,  $0 \leq |\bar{m}| < |m|$ ,  $0 \leq \bar{n} \leq n$  and  $\bar{\omega} \in S^{|\bar{m}|}(R^K \times R^K)$  we have  $R_{(-\bar{\alpha})}^{(\bar{m})} \bar{\omega}(x, \xi) \in M(\bar{m})$ .

First we make the following observation.

Denote  $J = \{i: 1 \leq i \leq n, m_i = 0\}$  and  $J' = \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus J$ . There exists

$$R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \omega(x, \xi) = R_{(-\alpha_{J'})}^{(m_{J'})} \omega(x, \xi - \sum_{j \in J} \alpha_j),$$

and hence

$$T_{R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \omega(x, \xi)}(a, f)(x) = C a_J(x) T_{R_{(-\alpha_{J'})}^{(m_{J'})} \omega(x, \xi)}(a_{J'}, f)(x).$$

So we can restrict ourself to the case:  $\forall i, m_i \geq 1$ . And, from the above equation it follows that for  $|m| = 0$ ,  $R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \omega(x, \xi) \in M(m)$ .

(2.2). The plan of the proof: A partition of unity of space

$$(R^K)^{n+1} = \{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n, \xi) : \alpha_i \in R^K, \xi \in R^K\}$$

permits us to decompose  $R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \omega(x, \xi)$  into a finite sum. There are two possibilities for the terms:

(a) The terms supported in  $\{(\alpha, \xi) : |\xi| > O|\alpha|\}$  lead to a kind of symbol of order 0. The estimate is obtained then by using the Coifman-Meyer's theorem ([5], Theorem 1, see (2.7), (2.8) below);

(b) The terms supported in  $\{(\alpha, \xi) : |\xi| \leq O|\alpha|\}$  lead to a subtle analysis for which a special interpolation theorem due to Coifman and Meyer is needed ([5], proposition 3, see (2.9) Lemma 5).

For the technical reasons we proceed first with some primal partitions in order to choose the biggest coordinates of the vectors  $\alpha_i, \xi$  (see (2.3), (2.4)).

(2.3). Suppose  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(R^K)$  and  $\varphi(\xi) = 1$  for  $|\xi| \leq n+1$ . Writing

$$\omega(x, \xi) = \omega_1(x, \xi) + \omega_2(x, \xi),$$

where

$$\omega_1(x, \xi) = \varphi(\xi) \omega(x, \xi),$$

we can restrict ourself to the case  $R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \omega_2(x, \xi) \in M(m)$ . In fact, let

$$\omega_1(x, \xi) = \int_{R^K} L_1(x, y) e^{-iy\xi} dy$$

as a result of regularity of  $\omega_1$ ,  $\sup_{x \in R^K} |L_1(x, y)|$  is rapidly decreasing at infinity. From

Theorem 1 and the equation

$$P_{m_i}(a_i, x, x-y) = \sum_{|\alpha|=m_i} \frac{m_i}{\alpha!} (y')^\alpha \int_0^{|y|} r^{m_i-1} a_i^{(\alpha)}(x-ry') dr, \quad (2.3.1)$$

where  $y' = \frac{y}{|y|}$ , and using Minkowski's and Hölder's inequalities, we get

$$R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)}\omega_1(x, \xi) \in M(m).$$

(2.4) Choose  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_K \in C^\infty(R^K \setminus \{0\})$  such that  $\forall_j, \varphi_j$  is homogeneous of degree 0,  $1 = \varphi_1 + \dots + \varphi_K$  on  $R^K \setminus \{0\}$  and

$$\varphi_j(\xi) \neq 0 \Rightarrow |\xi_j| \geq \frac{1}{2} \sup(|\xi_1|, \dots, |\xi_K|).$$

Since  $|\xi| \leq n+1 \Rightarrow \omega(x, \xi) = 0$ , we can write

$$\omega(x, \xi) = \varphi_1(\xi)\omega(x, \xi) + \dots + \varphi_K(\xi)\omega(x, \xi)$$

and  $\varphi_j(\xi)\omega(x, \xi) = \xi_j \tau_j(x, \xi)$ , where  $\tau_j(x, \xi) \in S^{|m|-1}(R^K \times R^K)$ .

The following lemma is established.

**Lemma 1.** Under the induction hypothesis shown in (2.1), for  $\tau \in S^{|m|-1}(R^K \times R^K)$  we have

$$R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)}(\xi_j \tau(x, \xi)) - \xi_j R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \tau(x, \xi) \in M(m).$$

*Proof* Keeping in mind  $m_i \geq 1$ , and letting  $F(t) = G(t)H(t)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ,  $G(t) = \xi_j - t\alpha_{n,j}$ ,  $H(t) = \tau(x, \xi - t\alpha_n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_{-\alpha_n}^{m_n}(\xi_j \tau(x, \xi)) &= F(1) - F(0) - F'(0) - \dots - \frac{1}{(m_n-1)!} F^{(m_n-1)}(0) \\ &= G(0)(H(1) - H(0) - \dots - \frac{1}{(m_n-1)!} H^{(m_n-1)}(0)) \\ &\quad + G'(0)(H(1) - H(0) - \dots - \frac{1}{(m_n-2)!} H^{(m_n-2)}(0)) \\ &= \xi_j R_{-\alpha_n}^{m_n} \tau(x, \xi) - \alpha_{n,j} R_{-\alpha_n}^{m_n-1} \tau(x, \xi). \end{aligned}$$

Repeating this programme up to a total of  $n$  times, we derive the formula

$$R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)}(\xi_j \tau(x, \xi)) = \xi_j R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \tau(x, \xi) - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_{i,j} R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m^i)} \tau(x, \xi),$$

where  $m^i = (m_1, \dots, m_i-1, \dots, m_n)$ . By denoting  $\alpha^i = (a_1, \dots, \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial x_j}, \dots, a_n)$ , there exists

$$T_{\alpha_{i,j} R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m^i)} \tau}(\alpha, f)(x) = (-i) T_{R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m^i)} \tau}(\alpha^i, f)(x),$$

and then the induction hypothesis can be used to  $m^i$ .

Now we have to prove that  $\tau \in S^{|m|-1}(R^K \times R^K) \Rightarrow \xi_j R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \tau(x, \xi) \in M(m)$ . By introducing the class  $\bar{M}(m) = \{\sigma(x, \alpha, \xi) : \sigma(x, \alpha, \xi - [\alpha]) \in M(m)\}$  and applying the following lemma, it is reduced to proving  $\xi_j R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \tau(x, \xi + [\alpha]) \in \bar{M}(m)$ .

**Lemma 2.** Under the induction hypothesis shown in (2.1), for  $\tau(x, \xi) \in S^{|m|-1}(R^K \times R^K)$ , we have

$$\alpha_{i,j} R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \tau(x, \xi + [\alpha]) \in \bar{M}(m).$$

*Proof* Without loss of generality we can suppose  $i=j=1$ . Since  $m_i \geq 1$ , we have

$$\alpha_{1,1} R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \tau(x, \xi + [\alpha]) = \alpha_{1,1} R_{-\alpha_1}^{m_1-1} \cdots R_{-\alpha_n}^{m_n} \tau(x, \xi + [\alpha])$$

$$- \frac{\alpha_{1,1}}{(m_1-1)!} \sum_{|\beta|=m_1-1} R_{-\alpha_2}^{m_2} \cdots R_{-\alpha_n}^{m_n} \tau^{(\beta)}(x, \xi + [\alpha]) (-\alpha_1)^\beta = I_1 - I_2,$$

and then the induction hypothesis can be used to  $I_1$  and to each term in  $I_2$ .

Make a further partition of unity

$$\xi_j R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \tau(x, \xi + [\alpha]) = \left( \sum_1^K \varphi_j(\xi) \right) \left( \sum_1^K \varphi_j(\alpha_1) \right) \cdots \left( \sum_1^K \varphi_j(\alpha_n) \right) \xi_j R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \tau(x, \xi + [\alpha])$$

$$= \sum \varphi_{j_0}(\xi) \varphi_{j_1}(\alpha_1) \cdots \varphi_{j_n}(\alpha_n) \xi_j R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \tau(x, \xi + [\alpha]).$$

By symmetry we can restrict ourself to the case  $j_0 = \cdots = j_n = 1$  and prove

$$\pi(x, \alpha, \xi) = \varphi_1(\xi) \varphi_1(\alpha_1) \cdots \varphi_1(\alpha_n) \xi_j R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \tau(x, \xi + [\alpha]) \in \overline{M}(m),$$

where  $\tau \in S^{|\alpha|-1}(R^K \times R^K)$  and  $|\xi| \leq n+1 \Rightarrow \tau(x, \xi) = 0$ .

(2.5) We need the following formula.

**Lemma 3.** Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $m \geq 1$ . Then for  $F \in C^{m-1}(R^K)$  and  $\alpha, \xi \in R^K$ ,

$$R_{-\alpha}^m F(\xi) = \sum_{0 \leq |k| < m} \frac{(-\alpha)^k}{k!} \sum_{r=j_k+1}^K R_{-\alpha_r}^{m-|k|} F^{(k)}(\xi - \bar{\alpha}(r+1)),$$

where  $k = (k_1, \dots, k_{K-1}, 0)$ ,  $k_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, K-1$ ,

$$j_k = \begin{cases} 0, & k = \bar{0} = (0, \dots, 0) \\ \sup\{j: k_j > 0\}, & k \neq \bar{0}, \end{cases}$$

$\bar{\alpha}_j = (0, \dots, \alpha_j, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq K$ ,  $\bar{\alpha}(s) = \bar{\alpha}_s + \cdots + \bar{\alpha}_K$ ,  $1 \leq s \leq K$ , and  $\bar{\alpha}(K+1) = 0$ .

*Proof* We use the induction on  $m$ . For  $m=1$ , the formula is clearly correct.

Now, suppose the formula is correct for  $m_1: 1 \leq m_1 \leq m$ . We have only to prove

$$- \sum_{|k|=m} \frac{F^{(k)}(\xi)}{k!} (-\alpha)^k = I_1 + I_2, \quad (2.5.1)$$

where

$$I_1 = - \sum_{0 \leq |l| < m} \sum_{r=j_l+1}^K \frac{1}{l! (m-|l|)!} F^{(l+(m-|l|)\delta_r)}(\xi - \bar{\alpha}(r+1)) (-\alpha)^{l+(m-|l|)\delta_r},$$

$$I_2 = \sum_{|k|=m} \frac{(-\alpha)^k}{k!} (F^{(k)}(\xi - \bar{\alpha}(j_k+1)) - F^{(k)}(\xi)),$$

and  $\delta_r = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ , 1 occupying the  $r$ th place.

To prove (2.5.1) we take a fixed  $\bar{k}: |\bar{k}| = m$  and examine that in the both sides of the equation the terms related to  $F^{(\bar{k})}$  are equal. There are two cases:

(i).  $(\bar{k})_K = 0$ . Then in  $I_2$  the terms related to  $F^{(\bar{k})}$  exist and are

$$\frac{(-\alpha)^{\bar{k}}}{\bar{k}!} (F^{(\bar{k})}(\xi - \bar{\alpha}(j_{\bar{k}}+1)) - F^{(\bar{k})}(\xi)). \quad (2.5.2)$$

To see  $I_1$  we decompose  $\bar{k}$  in  $\bar{k} = (\bar{k} - (\bar{k})_{j_{\bar{k}}}) + (\bar{k})_{j_{\bar{k}}} = \bar{l} + (m - |\bar{l}|) \delta_{j_{\bar{k}}}$  and the term is

$$\frac{(-1)(-\alpha)^{\bar{k}}}{\bar{l}! (m - |\bar{l}|)!} F^{(\bar{k})}(\xi - \bar{\alpha}(j_{\bar{k}}+1)). \quad (2.5.3)$$

Since  $\bar{k}! = \bar{l}! (m - |\bar{l}|)!$ , by adding (2.5.2) to (2.5.3) we see the term of  $F^{(\bar{k})}$  in the right hand of (2.5.1) is  $-\frac{(-\alpha)^{\bar{k}}}{\bar{k}!} F^{(\bar{k})}(\xi)$ , which equals the corresponding term in

the left hand of (2.5.1).

(ii).  $(\bar{k})_K > 0$ . Then there is no corresponding term in  $I_2$ . To see  $I_1$  we decompose  $\bar{k} = \bar{l} + (m - |\bar{l}|)\delta_K$  and the terms of  $F^{(\bar{k})}$  in the both sides equal  $-\frac{(-\alpha)^{\bar{k}}}{\bar{k}!} F^{(\bar{k})}(\xi)$ .

The formula permits us to write  $R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} F(\xi)$  as

$$R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} F(\xi) = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq |\bar{k}| < m, \\ 1 \leq i \leq n}} \frac{(-\alpha_1)^{k_1} \cdots (-\alpha_n)^{k_n}}{k_1! \cdots k_n!} \sum_{\substack{j_{k_i+1} \leq r_i \leq k_i \\ 1 \leq i \leq n}} R_{-\alpha_1, r_1}^{m_1 - |\bar{k}_1|} \cdots \\ \circ R_{-\alpha_n, r_n}^{m_n - |\bar{k}_n|} F^{(k_1 + \cdots + k_n)}(\xi - \bar{\alpha}_1(r_1 + 1) - \cdots - \bar{\alpha}_n(r_n + 1)). \quad (2.5.4)$$

With the notation

$$\begin{aligned} k &= (k_1, \dots, k_n) \in (Z^K)^n, k! = k_1! \cdots k_n!, \alpha^k = \alpha_1^{k_1} \cdots \alpha_n^{k_n}, \alpha_j \in R^K, \\ 0 \leq k < m &\Leftrightarrow \forall j, 0 \leq k_j < m_j, j_k = (j_{k_1}, \dots, j_{k_n}), \bar{r} = (r_1, \dots, r_n), \\ \bar{K} &= (K, \dots, K), j_k + 1 \leq \bar{r} \leq \bar{K} \Leftrightarrow \forall j, j_{k_j} + 1 \leq r_j \leq K, \\ (|\bar{k}|) &= (|\bar{k}|_1, \dots, |\bar{k}|_n), [\bar{k}] = k_1 + \cdots + k_n, \bar{\alpha}_{\bar{r}} = (\bar{\alpha}_{1, r_1}, \dots, \bar{\alpha}_{n, r_n}) \in (R^k)^n, \\ \bar{\alpha}_i(l) &= (0, \dots, 0, \alpha_{i, l}, \dots, \alpha_{i, K}) = \sum_{j=1}^K \bar{\alpha}_{i, j} \in R^K, 0 \leq l \leq K, \\ \bar{\alpha}(l) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\alpha}_i(l_i) \in R^K, 0 \leq l \leq \bar{K}, \end{aligned}$$

we can rewrite (2.5.4) as

$$R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} F(\xi) = \sum_{0 \leq k < m} \sum_{j_k + 1 \leq \bar{r} \leq \bar{K}} R_{(-\bar{\alpha}_{\bar{r}})}^{(m) - (|\bar{k}|)} F^{([\bar{k}]})}(\xi - \bar{\alpha}(\bar{r} + 1)). \quad (2.5.5)$$

Using (2.5.5) to  $F(\xi) = \tau(x, \xi + [\alpha])$ , there follows

$$\pi(x, \alpha, \xi) = \sum_{0 \leq k < m} \frac{(-\alpha)^k}{k!} \sum_{j_k + 1 \leq \bar{r} \leq \bar{K}} \xi_j \tau_{k, \bar{r}}(x, \alpha, \xi) \varphi_1(\xi) \varphi_1(\alpha_1) \cdots \varphi_1(\alpha_n),$$

where

$$\tau_{k, \bar{r}}(x, \alpha, \xi) = R_{(-\bar{\alpha}_{\bar{r}})}^{(m) - (|\bar{k}|)} \tau^{([\bar{k}]})}(x, \xi + [\alpha] - \bar{\alpha}(\bar{r} + 1)). \quad (2.5.6)$$

(2.6). Let  $\lambda \in C_0^\infty(R^1)$  and  $s \in [-10kn, 10kn] \Rightarrow \lambda(s) = 1$ . Denote

$$\Omega(x, \alpha, \xi) = \left(1 - \lambda\left(\frac{\xi_1}{\alpha_{1,1}}\right)\right) \cdots \left(1 - \lambda\left(\frac{\xi_n}{\alpha_{n,1}}\right)\right) \pi(x, \alpha, \xi),$$

We have to prove

$$\Omega(x, \alpha, \xi) \in \bar{M}(m), \prod_{i \in J} \lambda\left(\frac{\xi_i}{\alpha_{i,1}}\right) \pi(x, \alpha, \xi) \in \bar{M}(m),$$

where  $\emptyset \neq J \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

For the first assertion we need to prove that

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{k, \bar{r}}(x, \alpha, \xi) &= (-\alpha)^k \left(1 - \lambda\left(\frac{\xi_1}{\alpha_{1,1}}\right)\right) \cdots \left(1 - \lambda\left(\frac{\xi_n}{\alpha_{n,1}}\right)\right) \xi_j \tau_{k, \bar{r}}(x, \alpha, \xi) \varphi_1(\xi) \varphi_1(\alpha_1) \\ &\quad \cdots \varphi_1(\alpha_n) \in \bar{M}(m). \end{aligned}$$

(2.7). Suppose  $\sigma \in C^\infty(R^K \times (R^K)^n)$ , and for  $\forall \beta \in R^K, \forall \alpha \in (R^K)^n, \exists C_{\alpha, \beta}$  such that for  $\forall (x, \xi) \in R^K \times (R^K)^n, \xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$ ,

$$|D_x^\beta \partial_\xi^\alpha \sigma(x, \xi)| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} (1 + |\xi|) l^{-|\alpha|}, l \in R^1.$$

Then we call  $\sigma$  a symbol of order  $l$  and type  $(1, n)$ , denoted by  $\sigma \in S^l(R^K \times (R^K)^n)$ .

The following theorem was proved in [5].

**Theorem A.** If  $\sigma \in S^0(R^K \times (R^K)^n)$  and  $\forall j, p_j \in (1, \infty)$ ,

$$q^{-1} = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^{-1} \in (0, 1),$$

then for  $f_i \in \mathcal{G}(R^K)$  and

$$T(f_1, \dots, f_n)(x) = \int_{(R^K)^n} e^{j\omega(\xi)} \sigma(x, \xi) \hat{f}_1(\xi_1) \cdots \hat{f}_n(\xi_n) d\xi,$$

it holds that

$$\|T(f_1, \dots, f_n)\|_q \leq C \prod_{i=1}^n \|f_i\|_{p_i},$$

where  $C = C(K, n, C_{\alpha, \beta}, p_j)$  is a constant.

(2.8). To deal with  $\Omega_{k, \bar{r}} \in \bar{M}(m)$ , we see that for a fixed  $x \in R^K$ ,

$$\text{supp } \Omega_{k, \bar{r}} \subset \Delta = \{(\alpha, \xi) : |\xi_1| > 10Kn \cdot |\alpha_{j,1}|,$$

$$|\alpha_{j,1}| \geq \frac{1}{2} |\alpha_{j,l}|, |\xi_1| \geq \frac{1}{2} |\xi_l|, 1 \leq l \leq K, 1 \leq j \leq n\}.$$

Let

$$\tilde{\Delta} = \{(\alpha, \xi) : |\xi_1| > \frac{1}{3n} |\xi|, |\xi_1| > 4n |\alpha_j|, 1 \leq j \leq n\}.$$

It is easy to see that  $\Delta \setminus \{0\} \subset \tilde{\Delta}$ . Choose  $\theta_1(\alpha, \xi) \in C^\infty((R^K)^{n+1} \setminus \{0\})$ , homogeneous of degree 0,  $\theta_1 = 1$  on  $\Delta \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\text{supp } \theta_1 \subset \tilde{\Delta} \cup \{0\}$ . To smooth  $\theta_1$  we choose again a

$\theta_2(\alpha, \xi) \in C^\infty((R^K)^{n+1})$  such that  $\theta_2 = 0$  if  $|(\alpha, \xi)| < \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\theta_2 = 1$  if  $|(\alpha, \xi)| > 1$ . Make

$\theta = \theta_1 \cdot \theta_2$ . It follows that  $\theta = 1$  on the support of  $\Omega_{k, \bar{r}}$ . Therefore

$$\Omega_{k, \bar{r}}(x, \alpha, \xi) = \theta^{n+1} \Omega_{k, \bar{r}}(x, \alpha, \xi)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \theta(\alpha, \xi) \left( 1 - \lambda \left( \frac{\xi_1}{\alpha_{i,1}} \right) \right) \right) \theta(\alpha, \xi) \xi_j (-\alpha)^k \tau_{k, \bar{r}}(x, \alpha, \xi) \cdot (\varphi_1(\xi) \varphi_1(\alpha_1) \cdots \varphi_1(\alpha_n)).$$

We make the following observation:

If  $m_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ , and  $m$  are  $L^p$  Fourier multipliers,  $1 < p < \infty$ , and  $\sigma(x, \alpha, \xi) \in \bar{M}(m)$ , then  $m(\xi) m_1(\alpha_1) \cdots m_n(\alpha_n) \sigma(x, \alpha, \xi) \in \bar{M}(m)$ .

Since  $\varphi_1$  is an  $L^p$  Fourier multiplier ([6], Ch. VI, 3.2), we need only to prove that

(i).  $\forall i, \theta(\alpha, \xi) \left( 1 - \lambda \left( \frac{\xi_1}{\alpha_{i,1}} \right) \right)$  is a symbol of order 0 and type  $(1, n+1)$ ;

(ii).  $\frac{\theta(\alpha, \xi) \xi_j \tau_{k, \bar{r}}(x, \alpha, \xi)}{\prod_{i=1}^n (-\alpha_{i,r_i})^{m_i - |k_i|}}$  is a symbol of order 0 and type  $(1, n+1)$ .

To see (i) we make the following observation:

If  $\sigma(\alpha, \xi) \in C^\infty((R^K)^{n+1})$  and it is homogeneous of degree 0 outside a neighborhood of the origin, then  $\sigma(\alpha, \xi) \in S^0(R^K \times (R^K)^{n+1})$ .

To see (ii), first, we have the following equation

$$R_{(-\bar{\alpha})}^{(m)-(|k|)} F(\xi) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n (-\alpha_{j,r_i})^{m_i-|k_i|}}{\prod_{i=1}^n (m_i - |k_i| - 1)!} \int \dots \int \prod_{\substack{0 \leq t_i \leq 1 \\ 1 \leq i \leq n}} t_i^{m_i-|k_i|-1} \cdot F^{(\Sigma(m_i-|k_i|)\delta_{r_i})} \left( \xi - \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\alpha}_{i,r_i} + \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \bar{\alpha}_{i,r_i} \right) dt_1 \dots dt_n, \quad (2.8.1)$$

which can be proved from (2.3.1). Let  $F(\xi) = \tau_{k,\bar{r}}(x, \alpha, \xi)$  in (2.8.1). We need to prove that

$$\theta(\alpha, \xi) \xi_j \tau^{(k|1+\Sigma(m_i-|k_i|)\delta_{r_i})} \left( x, \xi + [\alpha] - \bar{\alpha}(\bar{r}+1) - \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\alpha}_{i,r_i} + \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \bar{\alpha}_{i,r_i} \right) \in S^0(R^K \times (R^K)^{n+1}), \quad (2.8.2)$$

and the corresponding constants  $C_{\alpha,\beta}$  are independent of  $t \in [0, 1]^n$ .

To see this we have, firstly

$$\tau \in S^{|m|-1}(R^K \times R^K) \Rightarrow \tau^{(k|1+\Sigma(m_i-|k_i|)\delta_{r_i})} \in S^{-1}(R^K \times R^K).$$

Since

$$\left| \bar{\alpha}(\bar{r}+1) - [\alpha] + \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\alpha}_{i,r_i} - \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \bar{\alpha}_{i,r_i} \right| \leq 3(|\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_n|),$$

in the support of  $\theta$  there exists

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \xi + [\alpha] - \bar{\alpha}(\bar{r}+1) - \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{\alpha}_{i,r_i} + \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \bar{\alpha}_{i,r_i} \right| &\geq |\xi| - 3(|\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_n|) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{24n} |(\alpha, \xi)|. \end{aligned}$$

Now it is easy to see that (2.8.2) holds.

(2.9) To deal with

$$\left( \prod_{i \in J} \lambda \left( \frac{\xi_1}{\alpha_{i,1}} \right) \right) \tau(x, \alpha, \xi) \in \bar{M}(m),$$

keeping in mind that  $\frac{\xi_j}{|\xi_1|} \varphi_1(\xi)$ ,  $\varphi_1(\alpha_i)$  are  $L^p$  Fourier multipliers, from the observation made in (2.8) we need to prove that

$$|\xi_1| \cdot \left( \prod_{i \in J} \lambda \left( \frac{\xi_1}{\alpha_{i,1}} \right) \right) R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \tau(x, \xi + [\alpha]) \in \bar{M}(m).$$

**Lemma 4.** If  $\lambda \in C_0^\infty(R^1)$  and  $\lambda$  is even, then for  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , there is  $\eta \in \mathcal{G}(R^1)$  such that for  $\forall t \neq 0$ ,

$$|t|^\varepsilon \lambda(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |t|^{iu} \eta(u) du.$$

*Proof* In fact, denoting  $\varphi(x) = e^{ix} \lambda(e^x)$  we put  $\eta = \varphi^\vee$ .

Using the lemma

$$\begin{aligned} &|\xi_1| \left( \prod_{i \in J} \lambda \left( \frac{\xi_1}{\alpha_{i,1}} \right) \right) R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \tau(x, \xi + [\alpha]) \\ &= \left( \prod_{i \in J} |\alpha_{i,1}|^{\frac{1}{|J|}} \right) R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \tau(x, \xi + [\alpha]) \cdot \int_{R^J} \prod_{i \in J} \left( \frac{|\xi_1|}{|\alpha_{i,1}|} \right)^{iu_i} \eta(u_i) du_J, \end{aligned}$$

since  $|\xi_1|^{iu_i}$  and  $|\alpha_{i,1}|^{-iu_i}$  are  $L^p$  Fourier multipliers and  $\eta \in \mathcal{G}(R)$ , it is sufficient to show that

$$\left(\prod_{i \in J} |\alpha_{i,1}|^{\frac{1}{|J|}}\right) R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \tau(x, \xi + [\alpha]) \in \overline{M}(m).$$

The last assertion comes from Lemma 2 and the following lemma.

**Lemma 5.** Under the induction hypothesis shown in (2.1), for

$$\tau \in S^{|m|-1}(R^K \times R^K), \quad 0 \leq t_i \leq 1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^n t_i = 1,$$

and all the choices of  $\{j_1, \dots, j_n\} \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$ , we have

$$|\alpha_{1,j_1}|^{t_1} \dots |\alpha_{n,j_n}|^{t_n} \cdot R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \tau(x, \xi + [\alpha]) \in \overline{M}(m).$$

The proof is similar to the one in [5], Proposition 3 except that the definition of  $\omega_z(x, \alpha, \xi)$  is substituted here by

$$\omega_z(x, \alpha, \xi) = |\alpha_{1,j_1}|^{s_{j_1} + (1-s) t_1} \dots |\alpha_{n,j_n}|^{s_{j_n} + (1-s) t_n} \cdot R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \tau(x, \xi + [\alpha]).$$

### § 3. The Boundedness of Higher Commutators

#### The Second case $\forall i, p_i = \infty$

(3.1). We are going to show that in this case

$$T_{R_{(-\alpha)}^{(m)} \omega}(a, f) = T(f)$$

is a Calderón-Zygmund operator ([4], Ch. IV, Definition 1), and hence it is bounded on  $L^p$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , and maps  $L^1$  into weak  $L^1$  ([4], Ch. IV)..

For  $q \in [1, \infty)$ ,  $f \in L_{loc}^q(R^K)$  and a cube  $Q$ , we define

$$M_q(f; Q) = \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(x)|^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

The following proposition was established ([5]).

**Propositioe A.** Suppose  $K(x, y)$  defined on  $\{(x, y) \in R^K \times R^K : x \neq y\}$  satisfies the following conditions:

$$(i) \quad |K(x, y)| \leq C |x - y|^{-K}, \quad (3.1.1)$$

$$(ii) \quad |\nabla_x K(x, y)| \leq C |x - y|^{-K-1}, \quad (3.1.2)$$

$$|\nabla_y K(x, y)| \leq C |x - y|^{-K-1}, \quad (3.1.3)$$

$$(iii) \quad \forall f \in C_0^\infty(R^K),$$

$$T(f)(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{|y-x|>\varepsilon} K(x, y) f(y) dy \quad \text{exists a. e.} \quad (3.1.4)$$

Then  $T$  can be extended to a bounded operator on  $L^2(R^K)$  if and only if there is a pair of real numbers:  $q, r$ ,  $1 < q \leq r < \infty$ , such that for every cube  $Q$  and  $f \in C_0^\infty(R^K)$ ,  $\text{supp } f \subset Q$ , we have

$$M_q(T(f); Q) \leq C M_r(f; Q). \quad (3.1.5)$$

Furthermore

$$\|T\|_{2,2} \leq C(K, q, r) \cdot C, \quad (3.1.6)$$

where  $\|T\|_{2,2}$  denotes the norm of  $T: L^2 \rightarrow L^2$ ,  $C$  is the largest constant in (3.1.1) — (3.1.3) and (3.1.5).

(3.2). Take  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(R^K)$ ,  $\varphi_v(\xi) = \varphi\left(\frac{\xi}{v}\right)$ ,  $v \geq 1$ . Let

$$\omega_v(x, \xi) = \varphi_v(\xi) \omega(x, \xi) \quad \omega_v(x, \xi) = \int_{R^K} e^{-iy\xi} L_v(x, y) dy$$

and

$$K_v(x, y) = \prod_{i=1}^n P_{m_i}(a_i, x, y) L_v(x, x-y).$$

It holds that

$$T(f)(x) = \lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} T_v(f)(x) = \lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} \int K_v(x, y) f(y) dy.$$

It is sufficient to examine (i)–(iii) and (3.1.5) for  $K_v$  and  $T_v$  with some constants independent of  $v$ . For the assertion that  $T$  is a Calderón-Zygmund operator, refer to [4], the proofs of Theorem 19 and Theorem 18.

(3.3). Suppose  $\forall i$ ,  $\|\nabla^{m_i} a_i\|_\infty = 1$ . By using (2.3.1), Leibnitz formula, the following formulas

$$\nabla_x P_{m_i}(a_i, x, y) = P_{m_i-1}(\nabla_x a_i, x, y), \quad (3.3.1)$$

$$\nabla_y P_{m_i}(a_i, x, y) = \frac{-1}{(m_i-1)!} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - y_j) D_j \right)^{m_i-1} \nabla a_i(y) \quad (3.3.2)$$

and by a standard argument on the kernel corresponding to a symbol of order  $|m|$  ([4], Ch. IV), we get (3.1.1)–(3.1.3) for  $K_v$  with some constants independent of  $v$ .

Now we are going to show (3.1.5). Take a cube  $Q$  and denote by  $\bar{Q}$  the double of  $Q$ . Take  $\chi \in C_0^\infty(R^K)$ , which equals 1 on  $Q$ ,  $\text{supp } \chi \subset \bar{Q}$  and

$$\|\nabla^l \chi\|_\infty \leq C_l (\text{diam}(Q))^{-l}, \quad l \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad (3.3.3)$$

For the existence of such a  $\chi$ , refer to [6], Ch. VI, 1.3. Now let

$$A_j(x) = P_{m_j}(a_j, x, x_0) \chi(x),$$

where  $x_0$  is the center of  $Q$ . It is easy to see that for  $x, y \in Q$ , we have

$$P_{m_j}(A_j, x, y) = P_{m_j}(a_j, x, y).$$

Therefore, for  $x \in Q$  and  $f \in C_0^\infty(R^K)$ ,  $\text{supp } f \subset Q$ , it follows that

$$T_v(f)(x) = T_{v,Q}(f)(x),$$

where

$$T_{v,Q}(f)(x) \triangleq \int_{R^K} \left( \prod_{i=1}^n P_{m_i}(A_i, x, y) \right) L_v(x, x-y) f(y) dy.$$

According to the result obtained in § 2, for a choice of  $p, q, r$  such that  $p, q, r \in (1, \infty)$  and  $q^{-1} = np^{-1} + r^{-1}$ , we have

$$\left( \int_Q |T_v(f)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} = \left( \int_Q |T_{v,Q}(f)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq C \|f\|_r \prod_{i=1}^n \|\nabla^{m_i} A_i\|_p,$$

where the constant  $C$  is independent of  $v$ .

By using Leibnitz formula, (3.3.3), (3.3.1), (2.3.1) and keeping in mind that  $\text{supp } A_i \subset \bar{Q}$ ,  $x \in \bar{Q} \Rightarrow |x - x_0| \leq \sqrt{K} \cdot \text{diam}(Q)$ , we have

$$\|\nabla^{m_i} A_i\|_{\infty} \leq C,$$

and therefore

$$\|\nabla^{m_i} A_i\|_p \leq C|Q|^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

So we finally obtain

$$\left( \int_Q |T_v(f)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq C|Q|^{\frac{n}{p}} \|f\|_r \leq C|Q|^{\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{r}} \|f\|_r,$$

i. e., (3.1.5), and the constant  $C$  is independent of  $v$ .

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