# HÖRMANDER MULTIPLIER THEOREM ON SU(2)

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#### Abstract

A boundedness criterion is set up for some convolution operators on a compact Lie group. By this criterion a Hörmander multiplier theorem is proved in the Hardy spaces on SU(2).

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#### §1. Notation

Let G be a connected, simply connected, compact semisimple Lie group of dimension n, and  $\mathbf{g}$  be the Lie algebra of G. Then  $\mathbf{g}$  can be identified with  $T_e(G)$ , the tangent space of G at the identity element e of G. Let d be the bi-invariant metric on G and denote d(x,e) by |x| for  $x \in G$ . Let exp be the exponential map from  $\mathbf{g}$  into G. Then exp is an analytic diffeomorphism on an open neighborhood of the origin of  $\mathbf{g}$ . Choose e and e to be the maximal positive numbers so that  $\exp^{-1} \cdot L_{x^{-1}}$  is such a diffeomorphism from B(x,e) onto  $B(0,\delta)$ . For a positive integer e we define

 $\mathbf{P}_k = \{P : P(x) = q(\exp^{-1}(x_0^{-1}x)), q \text{ is a polynomial on } T_e(G) \text{ with degree } \leq k\}$  as the set of polynomials on  $B(x_0, \epsilon)$  with degree less than or equal to k.

Let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  be an orthonormal basis of g and define the differential operators on space  $C^{|J|}(G)$  by

$$Y^{J}f(y) = (Y_1^{j_1}Y_2^{j_2}\cdots Y_n^{j_n})f(x), \quad f \in C^{|J|},$$

where  $J = (j_1, \dots, j_n)$  is a multi-index and  $|J| = j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_n$ .

We now introduce the atomic Hardy spaces  $H^p$  on compact Lie groups. An exceptional atom is an  $L^{\infty}$  function bounded by 1. A regular (p, 2, N) atom for 0 is a function <math>a(x) supported in some ball  $B(y, \rho)$  satisfying

$$||a||_2 \le \rho^{n/2 - n/p}$$
 and  $\int_G a(x)P(x)dx = 0$ ,

where  $\rho < \epsilon$  and P is any polynomial on  $B(y,\epsilon)$  of degree less than or equal to N = [n(1/p-1)].

The atomic  $H^p$  space  $H_a^p(G)$ ,  $0 , now is the space of all <math>f \in \mathcal{S}'(G)$  ( $\mathcal{S}'(G)$  is the Schwartz distribution space on  $\mathcal{S}(G)$ ) of the form

$$f = \sum c_k a_k$$
 with  $\sum |c_k|^p < \infty$ ,

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where each a(x) is either a regular atom or an exceptional atom. The "norm"  $||f||_{H^p_a}$  is the infimum of all expressions  $(\sum |c_k|)^{1/p}$  for which we have such a representation of f. Various characterizations of Hardy spaces on compact Lie groups were studied in [2,3,4].

Finally, throughout this paper, the letter "C" will denote (possibly different) constants that are independent of the essential variables in the argument; this independence will be clear from the context.

### §2. A Boundedness Criterion

Let L be a positive number. A function K(x) on G is said to be in class  $\widetilde{M}(2,L)$  if K satisfies the following conditions:

$$\int_{R<|x|<2R} |Y^J K(y)|^2 dy \le C R^{-(n+2|J|)},\tag{2.1}$$

where R > 0, and  $\mid J \mid < L$ , and for  $L = \widetilde{L} + \nu$ ,  $0 < \nu \le 1$ 

$$\left\{ \int_{R<|y|<2R} |Y^{J}K(y) - Y^{J}K(yx^{-1})|^{2} dy \right\}^{1/2} \\
\leq \left\{ C(|x|R^{-1})^{\nu} R^{-(n/2+L)}, \quad 0 < \nu < 1, \\
C\frac{|x|}{R} \ln(\frac{|x|}{R}) R^{-(n/2+L)}, \quad \nu = 1, 
\end{cases}$$
(2.2)

for all |x| < R/2, where  $|J| = \widetilde{L}$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Suppose that 0 n/p - n. If  $K \in \widetilde{M}(2, L)$  and the convolution operator Tf = K \* f is bounded in  $L^2(G)$ , then T can be extended to a bounded operator in  $H^p$  spaces:

$$\parallel Tf \parallel_{H^p_a(G)} \leq C \parallel f \parallel_{H^p_a(G)}.$$

To prove this theorem, we need the following lemma.

**Lmma 2.1.** Suppose that T is an operator as in Theorem 2.1. Then  $|| Ta ||_p \le C$  for any atom a(x). Here the constant C is independent of atoms.

**Proof.** It is enough to prove this lemma for any regular atom. For any regular atom a(x) having support  $B(x_0, \rho)$ ,  $A(x) = a(x_0, x)$  is an atom with support  $B(e, \rho)$ . Thus, without loss of generality, we can assume that a(x) is supported in  $B(e, \rho)$ . Let  $\phi$  be a non-negative  $C^{\infty}$  radial function which satisfies

$$\operatorname{supp}(\phi) \subseteq \{1/2 \le |x| \le 2\} \text{ and } \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(2^j|y|) = 1 \text{ for } y \ne 0.$$

Let 
$$\eta(x) = 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \phi(2^{-j-2}\rho^{-1} | x |)$$
. Then

$$K(x) = \eta(x)K(x) + \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} K(x)\phi(2^{-j-2}\rho^{-1}|x|)$$
  
=  $K_0(x) + \Sigma K_j(x)$ .

Thus

$$K*a(x) = K_0*a(x) + \Sigma K_j*a(x).$$

Clearly,

$$\operatorname{supp}(K_0 * a) \subseteq B(e, 8\rho), \quad \operatorname{supp}(K_j * a) \subseteq B(e, 2^{j+4}\rho), \ j = 1, 2, \cdots.$$

Therefore using the condition  $K \in \widetilde{M}(2,L)$  and mimicking the proofs on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (see [6], p.359, also see [3] for some special techniques on G), we can easily obtain

$$||K_0 * a||_2 \le C\rho^{n/2-n/p}$$
, and  $||K_i * a||_2 \le C(2^j\rho)^{n/2-n/p}2^j$ .

Now the lemma easily follows by using Hölder's inequality.

We are now ready to prove Theorem 2.1. It is enough to prove that

$$||Ta||_{H^p} \le C \tag{*}$$

uniformly for all regular (p, 2, N) atom a(x).

In order to prove (\*) we will introduce the generalized Riesz transforms on compact Lie groups which were studied in [1]. For an integer  $L \geq 0$  and a multi-index  $J = (j_1, \dots, j_L) \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}^L$  let  $R_J(f)$  denote the generalized Riesz transform  $R_J(f) = R_{j_1} \dots R_{j_L} f$ , where  $R_j(f)$  is the j-th Riesz transform of G if  $j \neq 0$  and  $R_0f = f$ . It is proved in [1] that for p > (n-1)/(n-1+L) and all  $f \in L^2 \cap H^p$ 

$$\sum_{J} \| R_{J}(f) \|_{p} \cong \| f \|_{H^{p}}, \quad \| R_{J}(f) \|_{H^{p}} \leq C \| f \|_{H^{p}}.$$

The proof of Theorem 2.1 is now easily obtained from the inequalities above and Lemma 2.1. For any  $p \in (0,1]$  take L > n/p - n so that p > (n-1)/(n-1+L). For any (p,2,N) atom a(x) we have the atomic decomposition of  $R_J(a)$ 

$$R_J(a) = \sum \lambda_i b_i,$$

where  $b_i'$ s are atoms and  $\sum |\lambda_j|^p \sim ||R_J(a)||_{H^p}^p \leq C$ . Now notice that both T and  $R_J$  are convolution operators. Hence

$$||Ta||_{H^p}^p \le C \sum_{I} ||T(R_J(a))||_p^p \le C \sum_{i} |\lambda_i|^p ||Tb_i||_p^p \le C$$

and Theorem 2.1 is proved.

## §3. A Hörmander Multiplier Theorem on $H_a^p(SU(2))$

Consider the special unitary group G = SU(2). Any  $f \in H_a^p(SU(2))$  has a Fourier series in the distribution sense:

$$f(y) \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f * n\chi_n(y)$$

where  $\chi_n(y) = \sin(n\theta)/\sin(\theta)$  and y is conjugate to a diagonal matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} e^{i\theta} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\theta} \end{pmatrix}$  (see [5]).

Let  $\{\lambda(n)\}\$  be a bounded sequence and define a Fourier multiplier associated with  $\{\lambda(n)\}\$  by

$$T_{\lambda}: f \to T_{\lambda}f \sim \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda(n)n\chi_n * f(y).$$

Clearly,  $T_{\lambda}$  is a convolution operator and  $T_{\lambda}f = K * f$ . Here

$$K(y) \sim \sum n\lambda(n)\chi_n(y)$$

is a distribution function.

Recall the difference operators defined on  $\{\lambda(n)\}$  by

$$\delta^0(\lambda(n)) = \lambda(n), \delta^1(\lambda(n)) = \lambda(n+1) - \lambda(n), \cdots, \delta^{j+1}(\lambda(n)) = \delta^1(\delta^j(\lambda(n))).$$

If the sequence  $\{\lambda(n)\}$  satisfies

$$\sum_{R \le |n| < 2R} \left| \delta^j(\lambda(n)) \right|^2 \le CR^{1-2j}$$

for any R > 0 and integer j between 0 and L, then the  $\{\lambda(n)\}$  is said to be in Hörmander multiplier class M(2, L).

**Theorem 3.1.** Suppose that  $\{\lambda(n)\}\in M(2,L)$  and L>3/p-3. Then  $T_{\lambda}$  can be extended to a bounded operator in the space  $H^p(SU(2))$ .

**Proof.** By Theorem 2.1, we should prove that  $K_{\lambda} \in \widetilde{M}(2,L)$  for some L > 3/p - 3. For the sake of simplicity, we will prove only the case 2/3 . The proof for the case of general <math>p will be clear after proving this special case together with an explaination.

For 2/3 , we need to prove that for small <math>R > 0,

- (i)  $\int_{R<|y|<2R} |Y_j K(y)|^2 dy \le CR^{-5}$ ,
- (ii)  $\int_{R<|y|<2R} |K(y)|^2 dy \le CR^{-3}$ ,
- (iii)  $\int_{R<|y|<2R} |Y_jK(y) Y_jK(yx^{-1})|^2 dy \le C|x|R^{-6}$ .

For simplicity, we denote  $|y| \sim R$  if  $C_1R < |y| < C_2R$  for some constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

Notice that  $|\theta| \sim |y|$ , and  $dy = \sin^2(\theta)d\theta d\Sigma$ , where  $d\Sigma$  is the Harr measure of (SU(2)/T). Clearly,

$$\left(\int_{|y|\sim R} |K(y)|^2 dy\right)^{1/2} = O\left(\int_{|\theta|\sim R} \left| \frac{d}{d\theta} \sum_{|n|\leq 1/R} \lambda(|n|) e^{in\theta} \right|^2 d\theta\right)^{1/2}$$

$$+ O\left(\int_{|\theta|\sim R} \left| \frac{d}{d\theta} \sum_{|n|>1/R} \lambda(|n|) e^{in\theta} \right|^2 d\theta\right)^{1/2}$$

$$= E_1 + E_2.$$

We observe

$$\begin{split} E_2 &= O(R^{-2}) \Big\{ \int_{|\theta| \sim R} \Big| \frac{d}{d\theta} \Big\{ \sum_{|n| \geq 1/R} \lambda(|n|) e^{in\theta} (e^{i\theta} - 1)^2 \Big\} \Big|^2 d\theta \Big\}^{1/2} \\ &+ O(R^{-2}) \Big\{ \int_{|\theta| \sim R} \Big| \sum_{|n| \geq 1/R} \lambda(|n|) e^{in\theta} (e^{i\theta} - 1) \Big|^2 d\theta \Big\}^{1/2} \\ &= U + V \end{split}$$

and

$$\begin{split} U &= O(R^{-3/2}) + O(R^{-2}) \Big\{ \int_{|\theta| \sim R} \Big| \sum_{|n| \geq 1/R} \delta^2(\lambda(|n|)) n e^{in\theta} \Big|^2 d\theta \Big\}^{1/2} \\ &= O(R^{-3/2}) + O(R^{-2}) \Big\{ \sum_{k=-lnR}^{\infty} \sum_{2^k \leq |n| \leq 2^{k+1}} n^2 |\delta^2(\lambda(|n|))|^2 \Big\}^{1/2} \\ &= O(R^{-3/2}) + O(R^{-2}) \Big\{ \sum_{k=-lnR}^{\infty} 2^{-k} \Big\}^{1/2} = O(R^{-3/2}). \end{split}$$

Similarly,

$$V = O(R^{-2}) \Big\{ \sum_{k=-\ln R} \sum_{2^k < |n| < 2^{k+1}} |\delta(\lambda(|n|))|^2 \Big\}^{1/2} + O(R^{-3/2}) = O(R^{-3/2}).$$

This shows that  $E_2 = O(R^{-3/2})$ .

Using the same argument, we have

$$E_{1} = O(R^{-1}) \left\{ \int_{|\theta| \sim R} \left| \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \sum_{|n| \le 1/R} \lambda(|n|) e^{in\theta} (e^{i\theta} - 1) \right) \right|^{2} d\theta \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$+ O(R^{-1}) \left\{ \int_{|\theta| \sim R} \left| \sum_{|n| \le 1/R} \lambda(|n|) e^{in\theta} \right|^{2} d\theta \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$= O(R^{-3/2}) + O(R^{-1}) \left( \sum_{0 \le k \le -\ln R} 2^{k} \right) = O(R^{-3/2}).$$

This proves (ii).

To prove (i) and (iii), we need the following formula proved by Mayer in [5]:

$$Y_j \chi_n(y) = \{ (n+1)\chi_{n-1}(y) - (n-1)\chi_{n+1} \} E(y),$$

where

$$E(y) = Y_j \chi_2(y) (3 - \chi_3(y))^{-1} \simeq |\theta|^{-1}, \quad Y^J E(y) \simeq |\theta|^{-1 - |J|}.$$

By this Mayer's formula and a simple calculation.

$$Y_{j}K(y) = \left\{ \sum_{n\geq 0} \lambda(n+1)(n^{2}+3n+2)\chi_{n}(y) - \sum_{n\geq 2} \lambda(n-1)(n^{2}-3n+2)\chi_{n}(y) \right\} E(y)$$

$$= \left\{ \sum_{n\geq 2} \delta^{1}(\lambda(n))(n^{2}+2)\chi_{n}(y) \right\} E(y) + \left\{ \sum_{n\geq 0} \delta^{1}(\lambda(n-1))(n^{2}+2)\chi_{n}(y) \right\} E(y)$$

$$+ \left\{ \sum_{n\geq 2} 3n(\lambda(n+1)+\lambda(n-1))\chi_{n}(y) \right\} E(y) + O(|\theta|^{-1}).$$

Using the same argument that we used in proving (ii), we easily obtain (i).

Now we turn to the proof of (iii). We first observe

$$\begin{split} & \left\{ \int_{R < |y| < 2R} |Y_j K(y) - Y_j K(yx^{-1})|^2 dy \right\}^{1/2} \\ &= \sup_{\substack{f \in C^{\infty} \\ \sup (f) \subseteq B(0, 2R) \backslash B(0, R) \\ ||f||_2 \le 1}} \left| \int_G (Y_j K(y) - Y_j K(yx^{-1}) f(y) dy \right| \\ &= O(|x|) \sup_{\|f\|_2 \le 1} \sup_{|z| \le R/2} \left| \int_G Y_j K(y) \sum_{i=1}^3 Y_i f(yz) dy \right| \\ &= O(|x|) \left\{ \int_{|y| \sim R} \sum_{i=1}^3 |Y_i Y_j K(y)|^2 dy \right\}^{1/2}. \end{split}$$

By Mayer's formula again, after a careful calculation, we have

$$Y_iY_jK(y)$$

$$= Y_{j}K(y)Y_{i}E(y) / E(y) + \left(\sum_{n} (n^{3} + 7n)\{\delta^{2}(\lambda(n)) - \delta^{2}(\lambda(n-1))\}\chi_{n}(y)\right)E^{2}(y)$$

$$+ \left(\sum_{n} (7n^{2} + 6)\{\delta^{1}(\lambda(n+1)) + \delta^{1}(\lambda(n)) + \delta^{1}(\lambda(n-1)) + \delta^{1}(\lambda(n-2))\}\chi_{n}(y)\right)E^{2}(y)$$

$$+ \left(\sum_{n} 9n\{\lambda(n+2) + 2\lambda(n) + \lambda(n-2)\}\right)E^{2}(y) + O(|\theta|^{-2}).$$

Thus we easily obtain (iii) by mimicking the proof of (i). This completes the case of  $2/3 . From the above estimate of <math>Y_i Y_i K(y)$ , it is not difficult to see that

$$Y^{J}K(y) = \sum_{n} \sum_{i=0}^{|J|} \sum_{k=-i}^{i} P_{i+1}^{K}(n) \delta^{i}(\lambda(n+k)) \chi_{n}(y) O(|\theta|^{-|J|}) + O(|\theta|^{-|J|}),$$

where  $P_{i+1}^k(x)$  is a polynomial dependent of k with degree  $\leq i$ . For the reason of simplicity, many  $P_{i+1}^k(n)$  may be zero in the above formula. Thus the case 0 is easily proved by mimicking the proofs of (i), (ii) and (iii). Therefore the proof of Theorem 3.1 is complete.

Note. The Hörmander multiplier theorem on compact Lie group G was first set up in  $L^p(G)$  by N. Weiss<sup>[7]</sup>. Recently, in a way very different to this paper, we proved this Hörmander multiplier theorem on  $H^p(G)$  (see [4]). But both Weiss' result and ours need a restriction  $\{\lambda_n\} \in M(2,L)$  with L > n/p - n/2 (L > n/2 for the case p > 1) and L being an even integer. In this paper, we have no this restriction of even integer on SU(2).

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