

SHARP FUNCTION ESTIMATES FOR A CLASS OF PSEUDODIFFERENTIAL OPERATORS

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1. Introduction

We say that a symbol $a(x, \xi)$ in the class $S_{\rho, \delta}^m$, or that $a \in S_{\rho, \delta}^m$, if for x, ξ in \mathbb{R}^n and multiindices α, β

$$\left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^\alpha \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \right)^\beta a \right| \leq C_{\alpha, \beta} (1 + |\xi|)^{m - \rho|\beta| + \delta|\alpha|}$$

From the definition, it is obvious that $S_{\rho_1, \delta_1}^{m_1} \supset S_{\rho_2, \delta_2}^{m_2}$ if $\rho_1 \leq \rho_2$, $\delta_1 \geq \delta_2$ and $m_1 \geq m_2$.

If $a(x, \xi)$ is a symbol in $S_{\rho, \delta}^m$, then it defines a pseudodifferential operator A , by formula;

$$Af(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} a(x, \xi) \hat{f}(\xi) e^{2\pi i x \cdot \xi} d\xi$$

where f is a Schwartz function and \hat{f} denotes the Fourier transform of f .

For a locally integrable function f , we define the sharp function $f^\sharp(x)$ by formula

$$f^\sharp(x) = \sup_Q \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y) - f_Q| dy$$

the supremum is taken over all cubes Q containing x , and f_Q is the average value of f on the cube Q .

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For $1 \leq p < \infty$,

$$M_p f(x) = \sup_Q \left\{ \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y)|^p dy \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

the supremum being taken over all cubes Q containing x .

Now for a symbol $a(x, \xi) \in S_{1,0}^0$, it has shown in Miller [5] that for each $1 < p < \infty$,

$$(Af)^\sharp(x) \leq CM_p f(x), \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^n \quad \text{and} \quad f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n).$$

Also Chanillo and Torchinsky [2] showed that for a symbol $a(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho,\delta}^{-n(1-\rho)/2}$, $0 \leq \delta < \rho < 1$,

$$(Af)^\sharp(x) \leq CM_2 f(x), \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^n \quad \text{and} \quad f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n).$$

It is well-known that these sharp function estimates lead to various weighted L^p inequalities for Muckenhoupt's A_p weights.

We know that $\psi \in S_{1,0}^a$ and is real valued; it follows that $e^{i\psi} \in S_{1-a,a}^0$, $0 < a < 1$. Consequently we are interested in the case $0 < \rho < \delta \leq 1$. The well-known L^2 results for pseudodifferential operator with symbol $a(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho,\delta}^m$ with $0 < \rho \leq \delta \leq 1$ have been established by L. Rodino [6]. So the purpose of this paper is to prove the sharp function estimates for pseudodifferential operators with symbols $a(x, \xi)$ in $S_{\rho,\delta}^m$ with $0 < \rho \leq \delta \leq 1$.

Now we state our theorems.

THEOREM 1. Let A be a pseudodifferential operator with symbol $a(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho,\delta}^{\frac{n}{2}(2\rho-\delta-1)}$ with $0 < \rho \leq \delta < 1$. Then for $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$, $(Af)^\sharp(x) \leq CM_2 f(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$.

THEOREM 2. Let A be a pseudodifferential operator with symbol $a(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho,1}^{m-\epsilon}$, $m = (\frac{n}{2} + 1)(\rho - 1)$, $0 < \rho < 1$ and $\epsilon > 0$. Then for $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$, $(Af)^\sharp(x) \leq CM_2 f(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$.

2. Preliminary Lemmas

We begin by introducing a notation. By $|x| \sim t$ we denote the fact that the values of x in question lie in the annulus $\{x \in \mathbf{R}^n : t < |x| < 2t\}$.

LEMMA 2.1. [2]. Let $a(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta}^{\frac{n}{2}(\rho-1)}$, $0 < \delta \leq 1$, $0 < \rho < 1$. Let $K(x, \omega)$ denote the inverse Fourier transform, in the ξ -variable and in the distribution sense of $a(x, \xi)$, that is formally

$$K(x, \omega) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} e^{2\pi i \xi \cdot \omega} a(x, \xi) d\xi.$$

Then for $|x - x_0| \leq d < \frac{1}{2}$ and $N \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\int_{|y-x_0| \sim (2^N d)^\rho} |K(x, x-y) - K(x_0, x_0-y)|^2 dy \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \frac{C|x-x_0|^{\rho(l-\frac{n}{2})}}{(2^N d)^{l\rho}} \end{aligned}$$

where l is an integer such that $\frac{n}{2} < l < \frac{n}{2} + \frac{1}{\rho}$.

LEMMA 2.2. Let $a(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, 1}^{m-\epsilon}$, $m = (\frac{n}{2} + 1)(\rho - 1)$, $\epsilon > 0$ and $0 < \rho < 1$. Let $K(x, \omega)$ denote the inverse Fourier transform, in the ξ -variable and in the distribution sense of $a(x, \xi)$, that is formally

$$K(x, \omega) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} e^{2\pi i \xi \cdot \omega} a(x, \xi) d\xi.$$

Then for $|x - x_0| \leq d < \frac{1}{2}$ and $N \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\int_{|y-x_0| \sim 2^N d} |K(x, x-y) - K(x_0, x_0-y)|^2 dy \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \frac{C|x-x_0|^{-m+l\rho-\frac{n}{2}}}{(2^N d)^l} \end{aligned}$$

where l is an integer with $\frac{n}{2} < l \leq \frac{n}{2} + 1$.

Proof. Let $\sum_{j \geq 0} \theta_j(\xi) = 1$ be a partition of unity such that $\theta_j(\xi)$ is supported in $|\xi| \sim 2^j$, $j \geq 1$, and $\theta_0(\xi)$ is supported in $|\xi| \leq 2$. Let

$$a(x, \xi) = \sum_{j \geq 0} \theta_j(\xi) a(x, \xi) = \sum_{j \geq 0} a_j(x, \xi).$$

Moreover, put

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} e^{2\pi i x \cdot \xi} a_j(x, \xi) \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} K_j(x, x-y) f(y) dy, j \geq 0,$$

where

$$K_j(x, x-y) = \int e^{2\pi i \xi \cdot (x-y)} a_j(x, \xi) d\xi.$$

Thus $K(x, \omega) = \sum_{j \geq 0} K_j(x, \omega)$. We now get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\int_{|y-x_0| \sim 2^N d} |K(x, x-y) - K(x_0, x_0-y)|^2 dy \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \sum_{j \geq 0} \left[\int_{|y-x_0| \sim 2^N d} |K_j(x, x-y) - K_j(x_0, x_0-y)|^2 dy \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

We choose j_0 such that $2^{j_0} |x - x_0| \sim 1$, and break up the sum on the above as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j < j_0} \left(\int_{|y-x_0| \sim 2^N d} |K_j(x, x-y) - K_j(x_0, x_0-y)|^2 dy \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & + \sum_{j \geq j_0} \left(\int_{|y-x_0| \sim 2^N d} |K_j(x_0, x_0-y)|^2 dy \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & + \sum_{j \geq j_0} \left(\int_{|y-x_0| \sim 2^N d} |K_j(x, x-y)|^2 dy \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = I + II + III, \quad \text{say.} \end{aligned}$$

We now consider I .

(2.1)

$$\begin{aligned} |I| & \leq \sum_{j < j_0} \left[\int_{|y-x_0| \sim 2^N d} |K_j(x, x-y) - K_j(x_0, x_0-y)|^2 dy \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & + \sum_{j < j_0} \left[\int_{|y-x_0| \sim 2^N d} |K_j(x_0, x_0-y) - K_j(x_0, x_0-y)|^2 dy \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= I_1 + I_2, \quad \text{say.}$$

Now, by Hausdorff Young's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} |I_1| &\leq \sum_{j < j_0} \left[\int_{|y-x_0| \sim 2^N d} |K_j(x, x-y) - K_j(x_0, x-y)|^2 dy \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq C \sum_{j < j_0} (2^N d)^{-l} \\ &\quad \cdot \left[\int_{|y-x_0| \sim 2^N d} (|K_j(x, x-y) - K_j(x_0, x-y)| \cdot |y-x|^l)^2 dy \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq C \sum_{j < j_0} (2^N d)^{-l} \sum_{|\beta|=l} \left[\int \sup_{\eta} |(\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta})(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi})^\beta a_j(\eta, \xi)|^2 d\xi \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} |x-x_0| \\ &\leq C \sum_{j < j_0} (2^N d)^{-l} 2^{j[m-\epsilon-l\rho+1+\frac{n}{2}]} |x-x_0| \\ &\leq C(2^N d)^{-l} 2^{j_0[m-l\rho+1+\frac{n}{2}]} |x-x_0| \sum_{j < j_0} 2^{-j\epsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $l \leq \frac{n}{2} + 1$ and $2^{j_0}|x-x_0| \sim 1$, the above sum is dominated by

$$(2.2) \quad C(2^N d)^{-l} 2^{j_0(m-l\rho+\frac{n}{2})} \leq C(2^N d)^{-l} |x-x_0|^{-m+l\rho-\frac{n}{2}}$$

We consider the second term I_2 in (2.1). In this case, we first dominate this term by

$$(2.3) \quad \sum_{j < j_0} (2^N d)^{-l} \cdot \left[\int_{|y-x_0| \sim 2^N d} (|y-x_0|^l |K_j(x_0, x-y) - K_j(x_0, x_0-y)|)^2 dy \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Now we consider the integrand, for $|\alpha| = l$,

$$\begin{aligned} & |y - x_0|^l \cdot |K_j(x_0, x - y) - K_j(x_0, x_0 - y)| \\ &= |y - x_0|^l \left| \int e^{2\pi i(x_0 - y) \cdot \xi} a_j(x_0, \xi) (e^{2\pi i(x - x_0) \cdot \xi} - 1) d\xi \right| \\ &= C \left| \int e^{2\pi i(x_0 - y) \cdot \xi} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \right)^\alpha [a_j(x_0, \xi) (e^{2\pi i(x - x_0) \cdot \xi} - 1)] d\xi \right|. \end{aligned}$$

So by Hausdorff Young inequality and Leibniz's formular, we can majorize (2.3) by

$$\begin{aligned} & C \sum_{j < j_0} (2^N d)^{-l} \\ & \cdot \left(\int \sum_{|\beta| + |\gamma| = l} \left| \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \right)^\beta a_j(x_0, \xi) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \right)^\gamma (e^{2\pi i(x - x_0) \cdot \xi} - 1) \right|^2 d\xi \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq C \sum_{j < j_0} (2^N d)^{-l} \sum_{\substack{|\beta| + |\gamma| = l \\ |\gamma| \neq 0}} |x - x_0|^{|\gamma|} 2^{j(m - \epsilon - \rho|\beta| + \frac{n}{2})} \\ & \quad + C \sum_{j < j_0} (2^N d)^{-l} |x - x_0|^{2^{j(m - \epsilon - \rho l + \frac{n}{2} + 1)}}. \end{aligned}$$

But $|x - x_0| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ and since $l \leq \frac{n}{2} + 1$, the second sum above dominates the first one. Since $2^{j_0} |x - x_0| \sim 1$, this second term is bounded by $C(2^N d)^{-l} |x - x_0|^{-m + l\rho - \frac{n}{2}}$. Similarly, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |II| &\leq C(2^N d)^{-l} |x - x_0|^{-m + l\rho - \frac{n}{2}} \quad \text{and,} \\ |III| &\leq C(2^N d)^{-l} |x - x_0|^{-m + l\rho - \frac{n}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

LEMMA 2.3. *If $a \in S_{\rho, \delta}^{m_1}$ and $b \in S_{\rho, \delta}^{m_2}$, $0 \leq \rho, \delta \leq 1$, then $ab \in S_{\rho, \delta}^{m_1 + m_2}$.*

Proof. See Proposition 3.4 [1].

3. The Proofs of the Main Theorems

The proof of Theorem 1: Let $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$. Given $x_0 \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and a cube Q centered at x_0 of side length d . The non-trivial case is when $d \leq 1$, which we consider.

Let $f(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x)$ with $f_1(x) = f(x)\chi_B(x)$, where B is a cube concentric with Q of side length d^ρ . Let $a(x, \xi) = a(x, \xi) |\xi|^{n(1-\rho)/2} |\xi|^{n(\rho-1)/2} = q(x, \xi) |\xi|^{n(\rho-1)/2}$, say. We note that, by Lemma 2.3, $q(x, \xi) \in S_{\rho, \delta}^{\frac{n}{2}(\rho-\delta)}$. So the pseudodifferential operator with symbol $q(x, \xi)$ is bounded on $L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)$ [6]. We denote this operator by G .

Let $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{(1-\rho)}{2}$. Then by the usual Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev fractional integration theorem and the L^2 -boundedness of G we get, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q |Af_1(x)| dx &\leq Cd^{n/p'} \left(\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |Af_1(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq Cd^{\frac{n}{p'}} \left(\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |Gf_1(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq Cd^{\frac{n}{p'}} \left(\int_B |f_1(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq Cd^n M_2 f_1(x_0). \end{aligned}$$

We now estimate the term involving $Af_2(x)$. Let

$$Af_2(x) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} K(x, x-y)f_2(y)dy,$$

and let

$$C_I = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} K(x_0, x_0-y)f(y)dy$$

where $K(x, \omega) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} e^{2\pi i \xi \cdot \omega} a(x, \xi) d\xi$.

Then we get, for $x \in Q$,

$$\begin{aligned} |Af_2(x) - C_I| &\leq \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |K(x, x-y) - K(x_0, x_0-y)| |f_2(y)| dy \\ &\sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \left(\int_{|y-x_0| \sim (2^N d)^\rho} |K(x, x-y) - K(x_0, x_0-y)|^2 dy \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad \times \left(\int_{|y-x_0| \sim (2^N d)^\rho} |f_2(y)|^2 dy \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $S_{\rho, \delta}^{\frac{n}{2}}(2\rho - \delta - 1) \subseteq S_{\rho, \delta}^{\frac{n}{2}(\rho-1)}$, for $\rho \leq \delta$, applying Lemma 1 to the first term in the summands on the right above. Hence we get, for $|x - x_0| \leq d$,

$$\begin{aligned} |Af_2(x) - C_I| &\leq C \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} |x - x_0|^{\rho(l - \frac{n}{2})} (2^N d)^{-l\rho + \frac{n}{2}\rho} M_2 f(x_0) \\ &\leq C \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} (2^N)^{\rho(\frac{n}{2}-l)} M_2 f(x_0) \leq C M_2 f(x_0) \end{aligned}$$

because $l > \frac{n}{2}$. This concludes the case $d \leq 1$.

In the case $d > 1$, we easily get desired result following closely a proof of Chanillo and Torchinski [2].

The proof of Theorem 2: Let $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$. Given $x_0 \in \mathbf{R}^n$ and a cube Q centered at x_0 with diameter d . The nontrivial case is when $d \leq 1$, which we consider. Let $f(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x)$ with $f_1(x) = f(x)\chi_I(x)$, where $I = \{y \in \mathbf{R}^n : |y - x_0| \leq 3d\}$. Then, for $x \in Q$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |Af_1(x)| dx &\leq \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |Af_1(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |Af_1(x)|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Since A is bounded on $L^2(\mathbf{R}^n)$, the above term dominated by

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C \frac{1}{|Q|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left(\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f_1(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= C \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_I |f_1(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq CM_2 f_1(x_0). \end{aligned}$$

We now estimates the term involving $Af_2(x)$. Since

$$Af_2(x) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} K(x, x - y)f_2(y)dy,$$

letting $C_I = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} K(x_0, x_0 - y)f_2(y)dy$.

We get, for $x \in Q$, by Hölder inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} &|Af_2(x) - C_I| \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |K(x, x - y) - K(x_0, x_0 - y)| \cdot |f_2(y)|dy \\ &\leq \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \left[\int_{|y-x_0| \sim 2^N d} |K(x, x - y) - K(x_0, x_0 - y)|^2 dy \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad \cdot \left[\int_{|y-x_0| \sim 2^N d} |f_2(x)|^2 dy \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.2., the above term is dominated by

$$C \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} (2^N d)^{-l} |x - x_0|^{-m+l\rho-\frac{n}{2}} (2^N d)^{\frac{n}{2}} M f_2(x_0),$$

where $\frac{n}{2} < l \leq \frac{n}{2} + 1$. Since $-m + l\rho - \frac{n}{2} > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} (2^N)^{-l} d^{-m+l\rho-\frac{n}{2}} (2^N d)^{\frac{n}{2}} M_2 f_2(x_0) \\ &\leq C \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} d^{-m+l\rho-l} (2^N)^{\frac{n}{2}-l} M_2 f_2(x_0). \end{aligned}$$

The choice of l assures us that $-m + l\rho - l \geq 0$ and $\frac{n}{2} - l < 0$. Thus

$$|Af_2(x) - C_I| \leq CM_2 f_2(x_0).$$

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