

ON THE COMPACTNESS OF OPERATORS OF HANKEL TYPE

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1. Introduction. Let P be the orthogonal projection from $L^2(T)$ onto $H^2(T)$, where $T = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\}$ and $H^2(T)$ is the Hardy space on T , that is, $\{f \in L^2(T) \mid \int_T f(e^{i\theta})e^{-ik\theta}d\theta = 0, k = -1, -2, \dots\}$. For a function $\varphi \in H^2(T)$ satisfying $\int_T \varphi d\theta = 0$ the Hankel operator L_φ is defined by $L_\varphi(\psi) = P(\varphi\bar{\psi})$, $\psi \in H^2(T) \cap L^\infty(T)$, where the bar denotes complex conjugation.

Nehari [5], Hartman [3], and Coifman, Rochberg and Weiss [1] considered some properties of the Hankel operators. In this paper we are concerned with the following theorems.

THEOREM A ([5], [2]). L_φ is a bounded operator from H^2 to H^2 if and only if $\varphi \in \text{BMO}$. Furthermore the operator norm $\|L_\varphi\|$ is equivalent to $\|\varphi\|_{\text{BMO}}$.

THEOREM B ([3], [7]). L_φ is a compact operator if and only if $\varphi \in \text{CMO}$.

The definitions of BMO, BMO-norm and CMO will be given at the end of Section 1. We note that more general situations are considered in [1].

In the following all the functions considered will be real valued functions defined on R^n . For a measurable function b we define $B(f) = bf$. As pointed out in [1] for the one dimensional case the study of $[H, B] = HB - BH$, where H is the Hilbert transform, is often essentially equivalent to that of L_φ .

Suppose that K is a Caldéron-Zygmund singular integral operator with smooth kernel. That is, there is an $\Omega(x)$ which is homogeneous of degree zero, which satisfies $\int_{|x|=1} \Omega = 0$, $\Omega \not\equiv 0$ and $|\Omega(x) - \Omega(y)| \leq |x - y|$ when $|x| = |y| = 1$, and that

$$(Kf)(x) = P.V. \int \frac{\Omega(x-y)}{|x-y|^n} f(y)dy.$$

THEOREM A' ([1]). If b is in BMO, then $[K, B]$ is a bounded map of $L^p(R^n)$ to itself, $1 < p < \infty$, with operator norm $\|[K, B]\|_{(p)} \leq C_{K,p} \|b\|_{\text{BMO}}$. Conversely, if $[B, R_i]$, where R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n are the Riesz transforms,

are bounded on $L^p(R^n)$ for some $p, 1 < p < \infty$ and $i = 1, \dots, n$ then b is in BMO and $\|b\|_{\text{BMO}} \leq A \sum_{i=1}^n \| [B, R_i] \|_{(p)}$.

We shall improve Theorem A' in Section 2 and extend Theorem B on R^n in Section 3. In the latter case we shall find some difficulties in the functions of CMO over R^n which do not occur in the unit circle case. To avoid it we shall use the characterization of CMO over R^n which is announced in Neri [6].

NOTATION. i, j, k and m mean always integers. A dyadic cube is a cube of the form $\{x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in R^n \mid k_i 2^j \leq x_i < (k_i + 1) 2^j \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n\}$. For a measurable set $E, |E|, m(f, E), \bar{E}$ and χ_E mean the Lebesgue measure of $E, |E|^{-1} \int_E f(y) dy$, the closure of E and the characteristic function of E respectively. For a cube Q in $R^n, M(f, Q)$ means $\inf \left\{ |Q|^{-1} \int_Q |f(y) - c| dy \mid c \in R \right\}$. R_p and $R(x, a, b)$ mean $\{x \in R^n \mid |x_i| < 2^p \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n\}$ and $\{y \in R^n \mid a < |x - y| < b\}$ respectively.

DEFINITION. For $f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(R^n), \|f\|_{\text{BMO}}$ will denote $\sup\{M(f, Q) \mid Q \text{ is a cube in } R^n\}$. Identifying functions which differ by a constant, the set of functions satisfying $\|f\|_{\text{BMO}} < \infty$ is a Banach space under the norm $\|\cdot\|_{\text{BMO}}$ and we call this space BMO. The BMO-closure of \mathcal{D} , where \mathcal{D} is the set of C^∞ -functions with compact support, is denoted by CMO. [See [6], p 186.]

2. THEOREM 1. Let $1 < p < \infty$ and $b \in \bigcup_{q>1} L^q_{\text{loc}}(R^n)$. Then $\|b\|_{\text{BMO}} \leq A(p, K) \| [K, B] \|_{(p)}$.

PROOF. In this proof for $i = 1, \dots, 10$ A_i is a positive constant depending only on K, p and $A_j (1 \leq j < i)$. We may assume $\| [K, B] \|_{(p)} = 1$. We want to prove

$$(*) \quad \sup_Q M(b, Q) \leq A(p, K).$$

Since $\| [K, B] \|_{(p)} = \| [K, B_{r, x_0}] \|_{(p)}$ for every $x_0 \in R^n$ and $r \in R_+$, where $B_{r, x_0}(f)(x) = b(r^{-1}x + x_0)f(x)$, it suffices to prove the inequality (*) for $Q = Q_1 = \{x \in R^n \mid |x_j| < (2\sqrt{n})^{-1} \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n\}$. Let $M = M(b, Q_1) = |Q_1|^{-1} \int_{Q_1} |b(y) - \alpha_0| dy$. Since $[K, B - \alpha_0] = [K, B]$, we may assume $\alpha_0 = 0$. Let ψ be such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi\|_{L^\infty} &= 1, \\ \text{supp } \psi &\subset Q_1, \\ \int \psi dx &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\psi(x)b(x) \geq 0$$

and

$$|Q_1|^{-1} \int \psi(x)b(x)dx = M.$$

Let \sum_K , a closed subset of $\sum = \{x \in R^n \mid |x| = 1\}$, and A_1 , a positive number, be such that $m(\sum_K) > 0$, where m is the measure on \sum which is induced from the Lebesgue measure on R^n , and $|\Omega(x) - \Omega(y)| < 2^{-1}\Omega(x)$ for every $x \in \sum_K$ and every $y \in \sum$ satisfying $|x - y| < A_1$. Then for $x \in G = \{x \in R^n \mid |x| > A_2 = 2A_1^{-1} + 1 \text{ and } |x|^{-1}x \in \sum_K\}$

$$\begin{aligned} |[K, B]\psi(x)| &\geq |K(b\psi)(x)| - |b(x)K(\psi)(x)| \\ &\geq A_3M|x|^{-n} - A_4|b(x)||x|^{-n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $F = \{x \in G \mid |b(x)| > (MA_3/2A_4)|x| \text{ and } |x| < M^{p'/n}\}$,

where $p^{-1} + p'^{-1} = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\geq \int_{R^n} |[K, B]\psi(x)|^p dx \\ &\geq \int_{(G \setminus F) \cap \{|x| < M^{p'/n}\}} (2^{-1}A_3M|x|^{-n})^p dx \\ &\geq \int_{\{A_5(|F|+A_2^n)^{1/n} < |x| < M^{p'/n}\} \cap G} (2^{-1}A_3M|x|^{-n})^p dx. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$|F| \geq A_6M^{p'} - A_2^n \geq A_6M^{p'}/2 \text{ if } M > (2A_2^n A_6^{-1})^{1/p'}.$$

Let $g(x) = (\text{sgn}(b(x)K(x)))\chi_F(x)$, then for $x \in Q_1$

$$\begin{aligned} |[K^*, B]g(x)| &\geq A_7 \int_F |y|^{-n}(A_3M/2A_4)|y| dy - |b(x)||K^*(g)(x)| \\ &\geq A_8M^{1+p'/n} - A_9|b(x)| \log M, \end{aligned}$$

where $K^*f(x) = P.V. \int \Omega(y-x)|y-x|^{-n}f(y)dy$. Since $[K^*, B]$ is the adjoint operator of $[K, B]$, $\|[K^*, B]\|_{(p')}$ = 1. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} A_{10}M &\geq \|g\|_{p'} \geq \|[K^*, B]g\|_{p'} \\ &\geq \int_{Q_1} |[K^*, B]g(x)| dx \\ &\geq \int_{Q_1 \cap \{|b(x)| < 2M\}} |[K^*, B]g(x)| dx \\ &\geq 2^{-1}(A_8M^{1+p'/n} - 2A_9M \log M). \end{aligned}$$

Then, $M \leq A(K, p)$.

COROLLARY. For f in $H^1(R^n)$

$$A(K) \|f\|_{H^1} \leq \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|g_i\|_{L^2} \|h_i\|_{L^2} \mid f = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (g_i K(h_i) - K^*(g_i)h_i) \right\} \leq A(K)' \|f\|_{H^1}.$$

For the definition of $H^1(R^n)$ we refer to [2]. The corollary will be proved in the same way as in Theorem II of [1] using Theorem A' and Theorem 1.

3. LEMMA. *Let $f \in \text{BMO}$. Then $f \in \text{CMO}$ if and only if f satisfies the following three conditions.*

- (i) $\limsup_{\substack{a \downarrow 0 \\ |Q|=a}} M(f, Q) = 0.$
- (ii) $\limsup_{\substack{a \uparrow \infty \\ |Q|=a}} M(f, Q) = 0.$
- (iii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} M(f, Q + x) = 0$ for each $Q.$

This lemma, which seems to be due to Herz, Strichartz and Sarason, is announced in Neri [6] without proof.

PROOF. In this proof A is a positive constant depending only on n . From the definition of CMO, it is trivial that CMO satisfies (i) (ii) and (iii). In the following we prove that if f satisfies (i) (ii) and (iii), then for any $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $g_\epsilon \in \text{BMO}$ such that

(1)
$$\inf_{h \in \mathcal{L}} \|g_\epsilon - h\|_{\text{BMO}} < A\epsilon.$$

and

(2)
$$\|g_\epsilon - f\|_{\text{BMO}} < A\epsilon.$$

From (i) and (ii) there exist i_ϵ and k_ϵ such that

$$\sup \{M(f, Q) \mid |Q| \leq 2^{n i_\epsilon}\} < \epsilon$$

and

$$\sup \{M(f, Q) \mid |Q| \geq 2^{n k_\epsilon}\} < \epsilon.$$

From (i), (ii) and (iii) there exists j_ϵ such that $j_\epsilon > i_\epsilon, k_\epsilon$ and

$$\sup \{M(f, Q) \mid Q \cap R_{j_\epsilon} = \emptyset\} < \epsilon.$$

We define Q_x as follows. If $x \in R_{j_\epsilon}$, Q_x means the dyadic cube of side length 2^{i_ϵ} that contains x . If $x \in R_m \setminus R_{m-1}$ where $j_\epsilon < m$, Q_x means the dyadic cube of side length $2^{i_\epsilon + m - j_\epsilon}$. We set $g'_\epsilon(x) = m(f, Q_x)$. From (ii) there exists $m_\epsilon > j_\epsilon$ such that

$$\sup \{|g'_\epsilon(x) - g'_\epsilon(y)| \mid x, y \in R_{m_\epsilon} \setminus R_{m_\epsilon - 1}\} < \epsilon.$$

If $x \in R_{m_\epsilon}$, we define $g_\epsilon(x) = g'_\epsilon(x)$ and if $x \in R_{m_\epsilon}^c$, we define $g_\epsilon(x) =$

$m(f, R_{m_\varepsilon} \setminus R_{m_\varepsilon-1})$. Note the fact that

$$(3) \quad \text{if } \bar{Q}_x \cap \bar{Q}_y \neq \emptyset, \quad \text{diam } Q_x \leq 2 \text{ diam } Q_y.$$

Then by the definition of $i_\varepsilon, j_\varepsilon$ and m_ε , if $\bar{Q}_x \cap \bar{Q}_y \neq \emptyset$ or $x, y \in R_{m_\varepsilon-1}$, then

$$(4) \quad |g_\varepsilon(x) - g_\varepsilon(y)| < A\varepsilon.$$

Thus (1) is obvious. From the definition of i_ε and j_ε

$$(5) \quad \int_{Q_x} |f(y) - g_\varepsilon(y)| dy \leq A\varepsilon |Q_x|$$

for every $x \in R_{m_\varepsilon}$. Let Q be an arbitrary cube in R^n . First we consider the case such that $Q \subset R_{m_\varepsilon}$ and $\max \{\text{diam } Q_x \mid Q_x \cap Q \neq \emptyset\} > 4 \text{ diam } Q$. Then by (3) the number of Q_x such that $Q_x \cap Q \neq \emptyset$ is bounded by A , and if $Q \cap R_{j_\varepsilon} \neq \emptyset$, $|Q|$ is less than $2^{n i_\varepsilon}$. Thus from (4) and the definition of i_ε and j_ε , $M(f - g_\varepsilon, Q) < A\varepsilon$. Second if $Q \subset R_{m_\varepsilon}$ and $\max \{\text{diam } Q_x \mid Q_x \cap Q \neq \emptyset\} \leq 4 \text{ diam } Q$,

$$M(f - g_\varepsilon, Q) \leq |Q|^{-1} \sum_{Q_x \cap Q \neq \emptyset} \int_{Q_x} |f(y) - g_\varepsilon(y)| dy \leq A\varepsilon$$

by (5). Third if $Q \subset R_{m_\varepsilon-1}^c$, by the definition of m_ε

$$M(f - g_\varepsilon, Q) \leq M(f, Q) + A\varepsilon \leq (1 + A)\varepsilon.$$

Lastly we consider the case $Q \cap R_{m_\varepsilon}^c \neq \emptyset$ and $Q \cap R_{m_\varepsilon-1} \neq \emptyset$. Let p_q be the smallest integer satisfying $Q \subset R_{p_q}$, then

$$M(f - g_\varepsilon, Q) \leq AM(f - g_\varepsilon, R_{p_q}).$$

Since $m_\varepsilon > k_\varepsilon$, $|m(f, R_q) - m(f, R_{q-1})| < A\varepsilon$ for every integer q such that $m_\varepsilon \leq q$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} M(f - g_\varepsilon, R_{p_q}) |R_{p_q}| &\leq \int_{R_{p_q} \setminus R_{m_\varepsilon}} |f(y) - m(f, R_{p_q})| dy \\ &+ |m(f, R_{p_q}) - m(f, R_{m_\varepsilon} \setminus R_{m_\varepsilon-1})| |R_{m_\varepsilon}| + \sum_{Q_x \subset R_{m_\varepsilon}} \int_{Q_x} |f(y) - g_\varepsilon(y)| dy \\ &\leq \varepsilon |R_{p_q}| + A\varepsilon(p_q - m_\varepsilon) |R_{m_\varepsilon}| + A\varepsilon |R_{m_\varepsilon}| \\ &\leq (1 + 2A)\varepsilon |R_{p_q}|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus (2) is proved.

THEOREM 2. *Let $b \in \bigcup_{q>1} L_{loc}^q(R^n)$. Then $[K, B]$ is a compact operator from L^p to itself, $1 < p < \infty$, if and only if $b \in \text{CMO}$.*

PROOF. If $[K, B]$ is a compact operator, then from Theorem 1 $b \in \text{BMO}$. Thus we may assume $\|b\|_{\text{BMO}} = 1$. First suppose that b does

not satisfy (i) of the previous lemma. Then there exist $\delta > 0$ and a sequence of cubes $\{Q_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$ such that

$$(11) \quad M(b, Q_j) > \delta$$

for every j and $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} q_j = 0$ where q_j is the diameter of Q_j . In the following for $i = 20, \dots, 36$ A_i is a positive constant depending only on K, p, δ and $A_j (20 \leq j < i)$. Let b_j be a real number such that $M(b, Q_j) = |Q_j|^{-1} \int_{Q_j} |b(y) - b_j| dy$ and x_j the center of Q_j . We define f_j as follows

$$(12) \quad f_j(b - b_j) \geq 0,$$

$$(13) \quad \text{supp } f_j \subset Q_j$$

$$(14) \quad \int f_j dy = 0$$

and

$$(15) \quad |f_j(y)| = |Q_j|^{-1/p}$$

for every $y \in Q_j$. Note that $[K, B]f = K((b - b_j)f) - (b - b_j)K(f)$. From (13) and (15)

$$(16) \quad |K((b - b_j)f_j)(y)| \leq A_{20} |Q_j|^{1-1/p} |x_j - y|^{-n}$$

for $y \notin A_{21}Q_j$. By (11), (12) and the continuity of the kernel

$$(17) \quad |K((b - b_j)f_j)(y)| \geq A_{22}\delta |Q_j|^{1-1/p} |x_j - y|^{-n}$$

for $y \in (A_{21}Q_j)^c \cap \{y \mid |x_j - y|^{-1}(x_j - y) \in \Sigma_K\}$, where Σ_K is as in the proof of Theorem 1. On the other hand, by (14) and the smoothness of the kernel

$$(18) \quad |(b(y) - b_j)K(f_j)(y)| \leq A_{23} |b(y) - b_j| |x_j - y|^{-n-1} q_j |Q_j|^{1-1/p}$$

for $y \notin A_{21}Q_j$. Since $\|b\|_{\text{BMO}} = 1$,

$$\int_{R(x_j, 2^k q_j, 2^{k+1} q_j)} |b(y) - b_j|^p dy \leq A_{24} 2^{kn} |Q_j| k^p.$$

[See for example [2][4].] Thus if $\alpha > A_{21}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{|x_j - y| > \alpha q_j} |(b(y) - b_j)K(f_j)(y)|^p dy \\ & \leq A_{23}^p A_{24} q_j^p |Q_j|^{p-1} \sum_{k=\log \alpha}^\infty (2^k q_j)^{-p(n+1)} 2^{kn} |Q_j| k^p \\ & \leq A_{25} \sum_{k=\log \alpha}^\infty k^p 2^{-k(pn+p-n)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq A_{26} \sum_{k=\log \alpha}^{\infty} 2^{-k(pn+p-n-p/2)} \\ &\leq A_{27} \alpha^{-((p-1)n+p/2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Then from (17), for $\beta > \alpha > A_{21}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\int_{R(x_j, \alpha q_j, \beta q_j)} |[K, B]f_j|^p dy \right)^{1/p} \\ &\geq A_{28} \delta(\alpha^{-pn+n} - \beta^{-pn+n})^{1/p} - A_{27}^{1/p} \alpha^{-(1/2+n(p-1)/p)}. \end{aligned}$$

So from (16) there exist A_{29} , A_{30} and A_{31} satisfying

$$(19) \quad 2 < A_{29} < A_{30},$$

$$\int_{R(x_j, A_{29}q_j, A_{30}q_j)} |[K, B]f_j|^p dy \geq A_{31}$$

and

$$(20) \quad \int_{|x_j-y| > A_{30}q_j} |[K, B]f_j|^p dy \leq A_{31}/4.$$

By the result of [2] and [4],

$$(21) \quad |\{y \mid |b(y) - b_j| > u + A_{32}\} \cap R(x_j, A_{29}q_j, A_{30}q_j)| \leq A_{33} |Q_j| e^{-A_{34}u}.$$

Let $E \subset R(x_j, A_{29}q_j, A_{30}q_j)$ be an arbitrary measurable set. Then by (16), (18), (21) and $\|b\|_{\text{BMO}} = 1$

$$\int_E |[K, B]f_j|^p dy \leq A_{35} \frac{|E|}{|Q_j|} \left(1 + \log^+ \frac{|Q_j|}{|E|} \right)^p.$$

Thus there exists A_{36} such that

$$\int_E |[K, B]f_j|^p dy < A_{31}/4$$

for every measurable set E satisfying

$$E \subset R(x_j, A_{29}q_j, A_{30}q_j) \text{ and } |E| < A_{36}^n q_j^n.$$

If we select a subsequence $\{Q_{j(k)}\}$ satisfying

$$(22) \quad q_{j(k+1)}/q_{j(k)} < A_{36}/A_{30},$$

then for $m > 0$ using (19), (20) and (22) we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\| [K, B]f_{j(k)} - [K, B]f_{j(k+m)} \|_p^p \\ &\geq \int_{R(x_{j(k)}, A_{29}q_{j(k)}, A_{30}q_{j(k)}) \setminus R(x_{j(k+m)}, 0, A_{30}q_{j(k+m)})} |[K, B]f_{j(k)} - [K, B]f_{j(k+m)}|^p dy \\ &\geq ((A_{31}/2)^{1/p} - (A_{31}/4)^{1/p})^p \\ &\geq ((1/2)^{1/p} - (1/4)^{1/p})^p A_{31}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\{[K, B]f_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$ is not relatively compact in L^p , i.e., $[K, B]$ is not compact. Quite similarly we can prove that if b does not satisfy (ii) or (iii) of the previous lemma, $[K, B]$ is not a compact operator.

Conversely, suppose that $b \in \text{CMO}$. Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $b_\varepsilon \in \mathcal{D}$ such that $\|b - b_\varepsilon\|_{\text{BMO}} < \varepsilon$. By Theorem A'

$$\|[K, B] - [K, B_\varepsilon]\|_{(p)} < \varepsilon .$$

Thus for the proof of the converse part it suffices to prove that $[K, B]$ is a compact operator for $b \in \mathcal{D}$. In the following for $i = 40, \dots, 48$ A_i is a positive constant depending only on b, p, K and A_j ($40 \leq j < i$). It is clear that

$$(31) \quad |[K, B]f(x)| \leq A_{40} \|f\|_p |x|^{-n}$$

for $|x| > A_{41}$ and from Theorem A'

$$(32) \quad \|[K, B]f\|_p \leq A_{42} \|f\|_p .$$

Take an arbitrary $2^{-1} > \varepsilon > 0$ and $z \in R^n$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & [K, B]f(x) - [K, B]f(x + z) \\ &= P.V. \int K(x - y)(b(y) - b(x))f(y)dy \\ & - P.V. \int K(x + z - y)(b(y) - b(x + z))f(y)dy \\ (33) \quad &= \int_{|x-y|>\varepsilon^{-1}|z|} K(x - y)(b(x + z) - b(x))f(y)dy \\ & + \int_{|x-y|>\varepsilon^{-1}|z|} (K(x - y) - K(x + z - y))(b(y) - b(x + z))f(y)dy \\ & + P.V. \int_{|x-y|<\varepsilon^{-1}|z|} K(x - y)(b(y) - b(x))f(y)dy \\ & - P.V. \int_{|x-y|<\varepsilon^{-1}|z|} K(x + z - y)(b(y) - b(x + z))f(y)dy . \end{aligned}$$

The first term of (33) is dominated by

$$|b(x + z) - b(x)| K_*(f)(x)$$

where $K_*(f)(x) = \sup_{\eta>0} \left| \int_{|x-y|>\eta} K(x - y)f(y)dy \right|$. The second term is dominated by

$$A_{43} \int_{|x-y|>\varepsilon^{-1}|z|} |z| |x - y|^{-n-1} |f(y)| dy .$$

The last two terms are dominated by

$$A_{44} \left(\int_{|x-y| < \varepsilon^{-1}|z|} |x-y|^{-n+1} |f(y)| dy \right. \\ \left. + \int_{|x-y| < \varepsilon^{-1}|z|} |x+z-y|^{-n+1} |f(y)| dy \right)$$

Note that $\int_{|y| > \varepsilon^{-1}|z|} |z| |y|^{-n-1} dy = A_{45} \varepsilon$,

$$\int_{|y| < \varepsilon^{-1}|z|} |y|^{-n+1} dy = A_{46} \varepsilon^{-1} |z|,$$

$$\|K_*(f)\|_p \leq A_{47} \|f\|_p$$

[see [8], p42] and that b is uniformly continuous. Then by taking $|z|$ sufficiently small depending on ε , we can get

$$(34) \quad \left(\int \| [K, B]f(x) - [K, B]f(x+z) \|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \leq \varepsilon A_{48} \|f\|_p.$$

Thus from (31), (32), (34) and the theorem of Frechet-Kolmogorov ([9], p275), $[K, B]$ is a compact operator.

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