

## Atoms and Molecules on Riemannian Symmetric Spaces

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In this announcement we shall describe a relation between atoms and molecules on a non-compact Riemannian symmetric space  $G/K$ , and consider a multiplier operator on the atomic Hardy space. This is continuous a line of study in [7]. The details will appear elsewhere.

§1. Introduction. Before to state the aim, we shall recall some results on the theory of Hardy space  $H^p(\mathbf{R})$  ( $0 < p < \infty$ ) on one dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbf{R}$ . The classical Hardy space is the space of analytic functions  $f$  on the upper half plane  $\{(x,t); x \in \mathbf{R}, t > 0\}$  with finite  $H^p$ -norm:

$$\|f\|_{H^p} = \sup_{t>0} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x,t)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty. \quad (1.1)$$

Moreover, taking the limit as  $t \rightarrow +0$ , this space is identified with the subspace of  $S'(\mathbf{R})$  consisting of boundary distributions  $f(x,0)$ . In this definition the concept of "analytic functions" is necessary. However, new characterizations of  $H^p(\mathbf{R})$  are recently obtained without using the concept of analytic functions. That is,

D.L.Burkholder-R.F.Gundy-M.L.Silverstein and C.Fefferman-E.M.Stein showed that  $H^p(\mathbb{R})$  is characterized by the tangential maximal functions:

$$f^*(x) = \sup_{(y,t) \in \Gamma(x)} |f(y,t)|, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\Gamma(x) = \{(y,t); y \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0, |x-y| < t\}$ . They obtained the following

Theorem A ([1],[5]).  $c_p \|f\|_{H^p} \leq \|f^*\|_{L^p} \leq C_p \|f\|_{H^p}$ .

Moreover, R.Coifman showed that  $H^p(\mathbb{R})$  ( $0 < p < 1$ ) can be characterized in terms of "atoms". Let  $(p,q,s)$  be a triplet such that  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $1 < q < \infty$  and  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $s \geq [1/p-1]$ . Then a  $(p,q,s)$ -atom is a measurable function on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that the support is contained in an interval  $I$  and satisfies the following two conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad & \|f\|_q \leq |I|^{1/q-1/p} \\ \text{(ii)} \quad & \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t) t^k dt = 0 \quad (0 \leq k \leq s). \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

Then the atomic Hardy space  $H_{q,s}^p(\mathbb{R})$  is the space consisting of distributions of the form

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i f_i, \quad (1.4)$$

where  $f_i$ 's are  $(p,q,s)$ -atoms and  $\lambda_i > 0$ ,  $\sum \lambda_i^p < \infty$ . He obtained

Theorem B ([2]).  $H^p(\mathbb{R}) = H_{q,s}^p(\mathbb{R})$  and  $c_p \|f\|_{H^p}^p \leq \rho_{q,s}^p(f) \leq C_p \|f\|_{H^p}^p$ , where  $\rho_{q,s}^p(f)$  is defined by the infimum of  $\sum \lambda_i^p$  being taken over all decompositions (1.4).

Here let us define molecules corresponding to atoms. For a quartet  $(p,q,s,\epsilon)$  such that  $(p,q,s)$  is as above and  $\epsilon > \max(s, 1/p-1)$ , we put  $a = 1 - 1/p + \epsilon$  and  $b = 1 - 1/q + \epsilon$ . Then a  $(p,q,s,\epsilon)$ -

molecule centered at  $x_0$  is a function  $f$  on  $\mathbf{R}$  such that  $f, f|x|^b$  belong to  $L^q(\mathbf{R})$  and satisfies the following two conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad & \|f\|_q^{a/b} \|f|x-x_0|^b\|_q^{1-a/b} = M(f) < \infty, \\ \text{(ii)} \quad & \int_{\mathbf{R}} f(x)x^k dx = 0 \quad (0 \leq k \leq s). \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

Then M.H. Taibleson-G. Weiss showed the following

Theorem C ([10]).

- (i) If  $f$  is a  $(p,q,s)$ -atom, then  $f$  is a  $(p,q,s,\varepsilon)$ -molecule for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $M(f) \leq C$ , where  $C$  is independent of the atom.
- (ii) If  $f$  is a  $(p,q,s,\varepsilon)$ -molecule, then  $f \in H_{q,s}^p(\mathbf{R})$  and  $\rho_{q,s}^p(f) \leq C'M(f)$ , where  $C'$  is independent of the molecule.

By many people, these concepts: maximal functions, atoms and molecules on  $\mathbf{R}$  were extended to  $\mathbf{R}^n$  and moreover, to the general setting of spaces of homogeneous type (cf. [3],[6],[8]). But, our aim in this note is to extend these concepts to non-compact symmetric spaces  $G/K$ , which are not of homogeneous type. In §2, we shall give some notations about  $G$ , and in §3, define "radial maximal functions" and "atoms" on  $G/K$  and obtain a relation between them. In §4, we shall introduce "molecules" on  $G/K$  and obtain a theorem corresponding to Theorem C in  $\mathbf{R}$ . Next we shall construct an atomic Hardy space by using the  $K$ -biinvariant,  $(p,q,s)$ -atoms on  $G$  centered at the unit element of  $G$ , and in §5, give a slightly simple characterization of this space. In last §6, we shall consider convolution (or multiplier) operators on it.

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§2. Notations. Let  $G$  be a connected, real rank one semisimple Lie group with finite center,  $G=KAN$  an Iwasawa decomposition of  $G$  and  $\underline{g}=\underline{k}+\underline{a}+\underline{n}$  the corresponding decomposition of the Lie algebra  $\underline{g}$  of  $G$ . For any real vector space  $V$  let  $V_{\mathbb{C}}$  and  $V^*$  denote the complexification and the dual space of  $V$  respectively. Let  $\alpha$  be a reduced simple root of  $(\underline{g}_{\mathbb{C}}, \underline{a}_{\mathbb{C}})$  and  $H_0$  the element of  $\underline{a}$  such that  $\alpha(H_0)=1$ . In the following we identify  $A$  (resp.  $\underline{a}_{\mathbb{C}}^*$ ) with  $\mathbb{R}$  by  $a_t = \exp(tH_0) \leftrightarrow \alpha(\log(a_t))=t$  (resp.  $\lambda \leftrightarrow \lambda(H_0)$ ) and moreover, by using the Cartan decomposition  $G=KCL(A^+)K$  of  $G$ , we identify each  $K$ -biinvariant function  $f$  on  $G$  with the even function on  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by, which we denote by the same letter,  $f(t(x))=f(a_{t(x)})=f(x)$  for  $x=k_1 a_{t(x)} k_2 \in KCL(A^+)K$ . Let  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  denote the multiplicities of the root  $\alpha$  and  $2\alpha$  respectively and put  $\rho=(m_1+2m_2)/2$ . Then for any  $K$ -biinvariant functions  $f$  on  $G$  with compact support its integral on  $G$  is given by the integral on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  with weight  $\Delta(t)=(\text{sh}t)^{m_1}(\text{sh}2t)^{m_2}$ :

$$\int_G f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) \Delta(t) dt. \quad (2.1)$$

Let  $B(r, x)$  denote the open ball with radius  $r$  and centered at  $x$  and  $|B(r, x)|$  the volume of it, i.e.  $B(r, x) = \{y \in G; \sigma(x^{-1}y) < r\}$ , where  $\sigma(x)$  is the Riemannian distance between  $x$  and the unit element  $e$  of  $G$ , and  $|B(r, x)| = \int_{B(r, x)} 1 dg = \int_0^r \Delta(t) dt$ . For simplicity we put  $B(r) = B(r, e)$ . Then the order of  $|B(r)|$  with respect to  $r$  is given by

$$B(r) = \begin{cases} O(e^{2\rho r}) & (r \rightarrow \infty) \\ O(r^{m_1+m_2+1}) & (r \rightarrow 0). \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

This property means that  $G$  is not of homogeneous type in the sense of [3].

§3. Maximal functions and atoms on G/K. First we shall define maximal functions on G/K (see [7, §3]). Let  $\phi$  be a K-biinvariant function on G with finite  $L^1$ -norm. Then for a positive number  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we put

$$\phi_\varepsilon(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{\Delta(t(x)/\varepsilon)}{\Delta(t(x))} \phi(t(x)/\varepsilon). \quad (3.1)$$

Now for any locally integrable functions  $f$  on G/K, we define the radial maximal function  $M_\phi f$  of  $f$  as follows.

$$M_\phi f(x) = \sup_{\varepsilon > 0} |f * \phi_\varepsilon(x)|, \quad (3.2)$$

where  $*$  is the convolution on G. Then the following theorem is valid (see [7, Theroem 3.3]).

Theorem 3.1. If there exist a constant C and a positive number  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|\phi(x)| \leq C e^{-2\rho\sigma(x)/\delta}$  ( $x \in G$ ), the operator  $M_\phi$  is of type  $(L^p, L^p)$  ( $1 < p < \infty$ ) and of weak type  $(L^1, L^1)$ .

Next we shall define atoms on G/K (see [7, §4]). Let  $(p, q, s)$  be a triplet such that  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $2(\alpha+1)/3 < q < \infty$  and  $s \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $s \geq [2(\alpha+1)/(1/p-1)]$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are defined by  $m_1 = 2(\alpha-\beta)$  and  $m_2 = 2\beta$ . Then we say that a function  $f$  on G/K is a  $(p, q, s)$ -atom centered at  $x$  if the support is contained in an open ball  $B(r, x)$  and satisfies the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad & \|f\|_q \leq |B(r)|^{1/q-1/p}, \\ \text{(ii)} \quad & \text{if } r < r_p = (\alpha+1)p/\rho(1-p), \text{ then} \\ & \int_0^\infty f_{x,K}(t) t^k \Delta(t) dt = 0 \quad (0 \leq k \leq s), \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

where  $f_{x,K}$  is the K-biinvariant function on G defined by  $f_{x,K}(g) =$

$\int_K f(xkg)dk$ . Of course, if we put  $\alpha=\beta=-1/2$ , i.e.,  $\Delta=1$  and  $\rho=0$ , this definition of atoms on  $G/K$  coincides with one on  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $f$  satisfies the condition (ii) of (3.3), we say that  $f$  has vanishing moments. Here we define the modified radial maximal function  $M'_\phi f$  for  $f \in L^q(G/K)$  ( $1 \leq q < \infty$ ) as follows.

$$M'_\phi f(x) = \sup_{0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_p} |f * \phi_\varepsilon(x)|, \quad (3.4)$$

where  $\varepsilon_p = (1-1/\delta)/(1-1/p)$  if  $|\phi(t)| \leq Ce^{-2\rho|t|/\delta}$ . Then the following theorem was obtained in [7, Theorem 4.1].

Theorem 3.2. Let  $G \neq SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  and  $(p, q, s)$  be as above. If there exist a constant  $C$ ,  $0 < \delta < 1$  and  $\lambda > 1/p$  ( $0 < p < 1$ ) such that

$|((\frac{d}{dt})^\ell \phi(t))(1+|t|)^\ell| \leq Ce^{-2\rho|t|/\delta} (1+|t|)^{-\lambda}$  for all  $0 \leq \ell \leq s+1$ , then there exists a constant  $c=c(C, p, q, s, \delta, \lambda)$  such that  $\|M'_\phi f_{x,K}\|_p \leq c$  for all  $(p, q, s)$ -atoms  $f$  on  $G/K$ .

§4. Molecules on  $G/K$ . In the following we shall restrict our attention to  $K$ -biinvariant functions on  $G$ . Then the natural extension to  $G/K$  of the definition of molecules centered at 0 in  $\mathbb{R}$  is given as follows. Let  $(p, q, s, \varepsilon)$  be a quartet such that  $(p, q, s)$  is as above,  $\varepsilon > 1/p - 1$  and put  $a = 1 - 1/p + \varepsilon$ ,  $b = 1 - 1/q + \varepsilon$ . Let  $B(x)$  denote the  $K$ -biinvariant function on  $G$  defined by  $B(x) = |B(\sigma(x))|$ . Then we say that a function  $f$  is a  $K$ -biinvariant,  $(p, q, s, \varepsilon)$ -molecule centered at  $e$  if it satisfies the following two conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad & \|f\|_q^{a/b} \|fB^b\|_q^{1-a/b} = M(f) < \infty, \\ (ii) \quad & \int_0^\infty f(t)t^k \Delta(t) dt = 0 \quad (0 \leq k \leq s) \\ & \text{or } \|f\|_q \leq |B(r_p)|^{a-b}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

Of course, if we put  $\alpha=\beta=-1/2$ , this definition coincides with one of  $(p,q,s,\varepsilon)$ -molecules centered at 0 in  $\mathbf{R}$ . Then we can obtain the following

Theorem 4.1.

(i) If  $f$  is a  $K$ -biinvariant,  $(p,q,s)$ -atom centered at  $e$ , then  $f$  is a  $K$ -biinvariant, molecule centered at  $e$  for all  $\varepsilon>0$  and  $M(f)<C$ , where  $C$  is independent of the atom.

(ii) If  $f$  is a  $K$ -biinvariant,  $(p,q,s,\varepsilon)$ -molecule centered at  $e$  with vanishing moments, then  $f$  has an atomic decomposition  $f=\sum \lambda_i f_i$  such that  $f_i$ 's are  $K$ -biinvariant,  $(p,q,s)$ -atoms centered at  $e$  with vanishing moments and  $\lambda_i \geq 0$ ,  $(\sum \lambda_i^p)^{1/p} \leq C' M(f) (1+N(f))^s$ , where  $C'$  is independent of the molecule and  $N(f)$  is defined by  $\|f\|_q = M(f) |B(N(f))|^{a-b}$ .

Sketch of the proof: As in  $\mathbf{R}$ , (i) is obvious from the definition. To prove (ii), without loss of generality, we may assume that  $M(f)=1$ . We define the number  $N=N(f)$  by  $\|f\|_q = |B(N)|^{a-b}$  and  $k_0$  by the smallest integer such that  $2^{k_0} N \geq 1$ . Then we put

$$(4.2) \quad G = \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} B_k, \quad B_k = \begin{cases} B(0, N) & (k=0) \\ B(2^{k-1}N, 2^k N) & (0 < k \leq k_0) \\ B(N_0+k-k_0-1, N_0+k-k_0) & (k_0 < k), \end{cases}$$

where  $B(r, r') = B(r)_c \cap B(r')$  and  $N_0 = 2^{k_0} N$ . Let  $f_k$  denote the restriction of  $f$  to  $B_k$ . Obviously,  $f = \sum f_k$  and  $f_k$ 's are  $K$ -biinvariant functions on  $G$ . To obtain the desired decomposition, we modify this to the desired one as in  $\mathbf{R}$  (see [10, Theorem 2.9]). In this step we use the following lemma.

Lemma 4.2. For each  $k$ , there exist  $K$ -biinvariant functions  $h_k^i$

( $0 < i < s$ ) satisfying the following conditions:

$$(i) \quad \text{supp}(h_k^i) \subset B_k \quad (0 < i < s),$$

$$(ii) \quad \int_0^\infty h_k^i(t) t^j \Delta(t) dt = \delta_{ij} \quad (0 < i, j < s),$$

(iii)

$$\|h_k^i\|_\infty \leq C \begin{cases} N^{-(i+2\alpha+2)} & (k=0, N < 1) \\ N^{s-i} |B(N)|^{-1} & (k=0, N > 1) \\ (2^{k-1} N)^{-(i+2\alpha+2)} & (0 < k < k_0) \\ N_0^{s-i} (k-k_0)^{s-i} |B(N_0+k-k_0+1)|^{-1} & (k_0 < k). \end{cases}$$

Remark 1. If we use the decomposition of  $G$  such that  $G = \bigcup_{k=0}^\infty B_k'$ ,  $B_k' = B(2^{k-1} N, 2^k N)$  instead of (4.2) (this corresponds to the case of  $R$ ), we have an atomic decomposition  $f = \sum \lambda_i f_i$  such that  $(\sum \lambda_i^p)^{1/p} \leq C M(f) e^{2\rho N(f)}$ .

Remark 2. When  $f$  is a  $K$ -biinvariant  $(p, q, s, \varepsilon)$ -molecule ( $0 < p < 1$ ) which satisfies the latter condition of (ii) in (4.1), the similar result is valid. In this case  $f$  has an atomic decomposition consisting of atoms which satisfy (i) in (3.3) only.

§5. Atomic Hardy space on  $G/K$ . Let  $(p, q, s)$  be as above. Now let  $L_+^p = L_+^p(G/K)$  denote the space of all  $K$ -biinvariant functions  $f$  on  $G$  having a non-increasing,  $K$ -biinvariant function  $f^+ \in L^p(G)$  such that  $|f| \leq f^+$ . We call such a  $f^+$  the  $L^p$  non-increasing dominator ( $L^p$  n.i.d.). In this section we shall consider the following three spaces:

$${}^\circ L_+^p = \{f \in L_+^p; f \text{ has a } L^p \text{ n.i.d. } f^+ \text{ such that} \\ |B(r)|^{-1} \int_{B(r)_c} f(x) dx \leq f^+(r)\}. \quad (5.1)$$



$H^p = \{f \in L^1_{loc}(G//K); M'_\phi f \in L^p_+ \text{ for all } \phi \text{ satisfying the condition in Theorem 3.2}\}.$

$H^p_{q,s} = \{f = \sum \lambda_i f_i; \text{ all } f_i \text{'s are } K\text{-biinvariant, } (p,q,s)\text{-atoms centered at } e, \lambda_i > 0 \text{ and } \sum \lambda_i^p < \infty\}.$

Then we put  $\rho^p_+(f) = \inf_{f^+} \|f^+\|_p^p$  for  $f \in {}^\circ L^p_+$ , where the infimum being taken over all  $L^p$  n.i.d.  $f^+$  of  $f$  satisfying (5.1),  $\rho^p(f) = \sup_{\phi} \inf \| (M'_\phi f)^+ \|_p^p$  for  $f \in H^p$ , where the supremum (resp. the infimum) being taken over all  $\phi$  satisfying the condition in Theorem 3.2. with  $C=1$  (resp. all  $L^p$  n.i.d. of  $M'_\phi f$ ) and  $\rho^p_{q,s}(f) = \inf \sum \lambda_i^p$  for  $f \in H^p_{q,s}$ , where the infimum being taken over all  $K$ -biinvariant  $(p,q,s)$ -atomic decompositions of  $f$ . Obviously,  $H^p_{q,s} \subset H^p_{q',s}$  ( $q \geq q'$ ). The following proposition was obtained in [7, Proposition 5.1].

Proposition 5.1.  $H^p_{q,s} \subset H^p.$

Moreover we can prove

Theorem 5.2.  $H^p_{\infty,0} = {}^\circ L^p_+$  and  $\rho^p_{\infty,0} \sim \rho^p_+.$

Sketch of the proof: Let  $f$  be in  $H^p_{\infty,0}$ . Then  $f$  has an atomic decomposition  $f = \sum \lambda_i f_i$  such that all  $f_i$ 's are  $K$ -biinvariant,  $(p, \infty, 0)$ -atoms centered at  $e$ . That is,  $\text{supp}(f_i) \subset B(r_i)$  and  $\|f_i\|_{\infty} \leq |B(r_i)|^{-1/p}$ . Therefore,  $|f| \leq \sum \lambda_i |f_i| \leq \sum_{\sigma(x) \leq r_i} \lambda_i |B(r_i)|^{-1/p}$ . Here we define  $f^+$  by the right hand side. Then we can show that  $f^+$  is a  $L^p$  n.i.d. of  $f$  satisfying the condition (5.1). To prove the converse, we use Theorem 4.1 (ii) and the similar argument in the proof of the theorem.

Corollary 5.3.  $H^p_{\infty,0}$  is complete.

Conjecture.  $H_{\infty, s}^p = {}^\circ L_+^p = H^p.$

Remark. As in  $\mathbf{R}$ , if the integral:  $|B(r)|^{-1} \int_{B(r)} f(x) dx$  can be expressed suitably in terms of the convolutions on  $G$  and be bounded by the maximal functions of  $f$ , this conjecture is valid.

§6. Multiplier operators on  $H_{q, s}^p$ . In this section we shall consider convolution (or multiplier) operators on  $H_{q, s}^p$ . First, as in  $\mathbf{R}$ , we see that

Proposition 6.1. If a linear operator  $T$  maps each  $K$ -biinvariant,  $(p, q, s)$ -atoms centered at  $e$  into a  $K$ -biinvariant,  $(p, q, s)$ -molecule  $T(f)$  centered at  $e$  and  $M(T(f)) < C$ , where  $C$  is independent of the atom  $f$ , then  $T$  is a bounded operator on  $H_{q, s}^p$ .

By using this proposition we can obtain the following results.

For a  $K$ -biinvariant function  $f$  on  $G$  (resp. an even function  $\mu$  on  $\underline{a}^*$ ) with a suitable condition, the Spherical Fourier transform  $\hat{f}$  of  $f$  (resp. the inverse Fourier transform  $\check{\mu}$  of  $\mu$ ) is defined as follows (cf. [11, Chap.9.2]).

$$\hat{f}(v) = \int_G f(x) \phi_v(x) dx$$

$$\text{(resp. } \check{\mu}(x) = \int_{\underline{a}} \ast \mu(v) \phi_v(x) |C(v)|^{-2} dv \text{)}.$$

Now we put  $F(\xi) = \{v \in \underline{a}^*; |\text{Im}(\xi)| < \xi_\rho\}$ . Then we have the following

Theorem 6.1. Suppose that  $\mu$  is an even function on  $\underline{a}^*$  such that  $\mu$  is bounded and holomorphic on  $F(\xi)$  ( $\xi > 2/p-1$ ) and  $\mu(v) (1+|v|)^{1-[p]}$   $C(-v)^{-1} \in L^1(\mathbf{R} + \sqrt{-1}\xi_\rho)$ . Then if the multiplier operator  $T_\mu$ , i.e.,  $T_\mu(f) = (\mu \hat{f})^\vee$ , is of type  $(L^\infty, L^\infty)$ ,  $T_\mu$  is also of type  $(H_{\infty, 0}^p, H_{\infty, 0}^p)$  for  $2\alpha + 2/2\alpha + 3 < p < 1$ .

Moreover, using this theorem and Corollary 5.3, we can obtain

Corollary 6.3. Suppose that  $m$  is a  $K$ -biinvariant function on  $G$  with finite  $L^1$ -norm and  
 $\hat{m}(\nu) \in C(-\nu)^{-1} L^1(\mathbb{R} + \sqrt{-1}\rho).$  Then  
the convolution operator  $T_m$ , i.e.,  $T_m(f) = m * f$ , is of type  $(H_{\infty,0}^1,$   
 $H_{\infty,0}^1)$ .

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