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## ON BOUNDEDNESS OF A CERTAIN CLASS OF HARDY–STEKLOV TYPE OPERATORS IN LEBESGUE SPACES

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ABSTRACT.  $L_p - L_q$ -boundedness of the map  $f \rightarrow w(x) \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} k(x, y) f(y) v(y) dy$  is described by different types of criteria expressed in terms of given parameters  $0 < p, q < \infty$ , strictly increasing boundaries  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$ , locally integrable weight functions  $v, w$  and a positive continuous kernel  $k(x, y)$  satisfying some growth conditions.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Let  $0 < p < \infty$ ,  $\|f\|_p := (\int_0^\infty |f(x)|^p dx)^{1/p}$  and  $L_p$  denote the Lebesgue space of all measurable functions on  $\mathbb{R}^+ := [0, \infty)$  such that  $\|f\|_p < \infty$ . Here and throughout the paper the mark  $:=$  is applied for introducing new notations and quantities. For the same purposes we make use of the mark  $=:$ .

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Assume  $w, v$  be locally integrable non-negative weight functions. We study  $L_p - L_q$  boundedness of Hardy-Steklov type operator

$$\mathcal{K}f(x) := w(x) \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} k(x, y) f(y) v(y) dy \quad (1.1)$$

with border functions  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  satisfying the conditions

- (i)  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  are differentiable and strictly increasing on  $(0, \infty)$ ;
- (ii)  $a(0) = b(0) = 0$ ,  $a(x) < b(x)$  for  $0 < x < \infty$ ,  $a(\infty) = b(\infty) = \infty$ ,

and a continuous kernel  $k(x, y) > 0$  on  $\mathcal{R} := \{(x, y) : x > 0, a(x) < y < b(x)\}$  satisfying at least one of two generalized Oinarov's conditions  $\mathcal{O}_b$  and  $\mathcal{O}_a$ .

**Definition 1.1.** A kernel  $k(x, y)$  is satisfying Oinarov's condition  $\mathcal{O}_b$  if there exists a constant  $D_1 \geq 1$  independent on  $x, y, z$  such that for  $z \leq x$  and  $a(x) \leq y \leq b(z)$  we have

$$D_1^{-1}k(x, y) \leq k(x, b(z)) + k(z, y) \leq D_1k(x, y). \quad (1.3)$$

**Definition 1.2.** We say  $k(x, y) \in \mathcal{O}_a$  if there exists an independent on  $x, y, z$  constant  $D_2 \geq 1$  such that for  $x \leq z$ ,  $a(z) \leq y \leq b(x)$  it holds that

$$D_2^{-1}k(x, y) \leq k(x, a(z)) + k(z, y) \leq D_2k(x, y). \quad (1.4)$$

Operators of the type (1.1) have been studied by many authors (see, for instance, [1] – [4], [5, 9, 11]). In the limiting cases  $a(x) = 0$  or  $b(x) = \infty$  the operator (1.1) is reduced to the Hardy type operators with only one variable boundary  $a(x)$  or  $b(x)$ . This fact stands behind a *block-diagonal method*, which we use in this work for investigation of  $\mathcal{K}$ . The method consists of decomposition (1.1) into a sum of operators with non-overlapping domains and regulated by the following key lemma.

**Lemma 1.1.** [10, Lemma 1] Let  $U = \bigsqcup_k U_k$  and  $V = \bigsqcup_k V_k$  be unions of non-overlapping measurable sets and  $T = \sum_k T_k$ , where  $T_k: L_p(U_k) \rightarrow L_q(V_k)$ . Then

$$\|T\|_{L_p(U) \rightarrow L_q(V)} = \sup_k \|T_k\|_{L_p(U_k) \rightarrow L_q(V_k)},$$

if  $0 < p \leq q < \infty$ . For  $0 < q < p < \infty$  with  $r := pq/(p - q)$  one has

$$\|T\|_{L_p(U) \rightarrow L_q(V)} \approx \left( \sum_k \|T_k\|_{L_p(U_k) \rightarrow L_q(V_k)}^r \right)^{1/r}. \quad (1.5)$$

In (1.5) and throughout the paper we write  $A \approx B$  instead of  $A \ll B \ll A$  or  $A = cB$ , where relations like  $A \ll B$  mean  $A \leq cB$  with some constant  $c$  depending only on parameters of summations and, possibly, on constants of equivalence in the inequalities of the type (1.3). We shall also make shortening  $w_k(x, t) := k(x, t)w(x)$  and  $v_k(t, y) := k(t, y)v(y)$ .

Note that operators  $T_k$  in Lemma 1.1 in our case have the forms

$$K_b f(x) = w(x) \int_{b(c)}^{b(x)} v_{k_b}(x, y) f(y) dy, \quad 0 \leq c \leq x \leq d \leq \infty, \quad (1.6)$$

or

$$K_a f(x) = w(x) \int_{a(x)}^{a(d)} v_{k_a}(x, y) f(y) dy, \quad 0 \leq c \leq x \leq d \leq \infty, \quad (1.7)$$

where  $k_b(x, y)$  and  $k_a(x, y)$  inherit properties of the original kernel function  $k(x, y)$ . In particular, if the kernel  $k(x, y)$  in (1.1) is from Oinarov's class  $\mathcal{O}_b$  then  $k_b(x, y)$  is also equipped by (1.3) for  $0 \leq c \leq z \leq x \leq d \leq \infty$  and  $0 \leq b(c) \leq y \leq b(z)$ . It is known (see [6, 7, 8]) that for  $1 < q < p < \infty$  the  $L_p - L_q$ -boundedness of  $K_b$  in this case is guaranteed by finiteness of the constants  $B_{b,0}$ ,  $B_{b,1}$ , where

$$B_{b,0} := \left( \int_{b(c)}^{b(d)} \left[ \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^d w_k^q(x, t) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{q}} \left[ \int_{b(c)}^t v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \quad (1.8)$$

$$B_{b,1} := \left( \int_c^d \left[ \int_t^d w^q(x) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{p}} \left[ \int_{b(c)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \quad (1.9)$$

$p' := p/(p-1)$ ,  $q' := q/(q-1)$  and  $\|K_b\|_{L_p(b(c), b(d)) \rightarrow L_q(c, d)} \approx B_{b,0} + B_{b,1}$ . Moreover, there are some known estimates for functionals (1.8) – (1.9) (see [8] or [12] for details):

$$\begin{aligned} B_{b,0} \approx \mathbb{B}_{b,0} := & \left( \int_{b(c)}^{b(d)} \left[ \int_t^{b(d)} \left\{ \int_{b^{-1}(y)}^d w_k^q(x, y) dx \right\}^{p'} v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{q'}} \right. \\ & \times \left. \left[ \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^d w_k^q(x, t) dx \right]^{p' - \frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \end{aligned} \quad (1.10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{b,1} \approx \mathbb{B}_{b,1} := & \left( \int_c^d \left[ \int_c^t \left\{ \int_{b(c)}^{b(x)} v_k^{p'}(x, y) dy \right\}^q w^q(x) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{p}} \right. \\ & \times \left. \left[ \int_{b(c)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right]^{q - \frac{r}{p}} w^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

Similar characterizations and estimates are true for  $K_a$  if  $k_a(x, y)$  is satisfying (1.4) as ever  $0 \leq c \leq x \leq z \leq d \leq \infty$  and  $0 \leq a(z) \leq y \leq a(d)$ . Namely, for  $1 < q < p < \infty$  the operator  $K_a$  is bounded from  $L_p$  to  $L_q$  if and only if  $B_{a,0}, B_{a,1} < \infty$ , where

$$B_{a,0} := \left( \int_{a(c)}^{a(d)} \left[ \int_c^{a^{-1}(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{q}} \left[ \int_t^{a(d)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \quad (1.12)$$

$$B_{a,1} := \left( \int_c^d \left[ \int_c^t w^q(x) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{p}} \left[ \int_{a(t)}^{a(d)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \quad (1.13)$$

and  $\|K_a\|_{L_p(a(c), a(d)) \rightarrow L_q(c, d)} \approx B_{a,0} + B_{a,1}$ . We have also

$$\begin{aligned} B_{a,0} \approx \mathbb{B}_{a,0} := & \left( \int_{a(c)}^{a(d)} \left[ \int_{a(c)}^t \left\{ \int_c^{a^{-1}(y)} w_k^q(x, y) dx \right\}^{p'} v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{q'}} \right. \\ & \times \left. \left[ \int_c^{a^{-1}(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right]^{p' - \frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \end{aligned} \quad (1.14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{a,1} \approx \mathbb{B}_{a,1} := & \left( \int_c^d \left[ \int_t^d \left\{ \int_{a(x)}^{a(d)} v_k^{p'}(x, y) dy \right\}^q w^q(x) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{p}} \right. \\ & \times \left. \left[ \int_{a(t)}^{a(d)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right]^{q - \frac{r}{p}} w^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.15)$$

If  $k(x, y) = 1$  in (1.1) then, obviously,  $A_{b,0} = A_{b,1}$  and  $B_{b,0} = B_{b,1}$ . Besides, properties of (1.6) and (1.7) are described by functionals similar to  $B_{b,0} = B_{b,1}$  and by alternative boundedness constants even in more general case when  $0 < q < p < \infty$  and

$$\bar{K}_b = w(x) \int_a^{b(x)} f(y) v(y) dy, \quad 0 \leq a \leq b(x) < \infty, \quad x \in [c, d] \quad (1.16)$$

or

$$\bar{K}_a = w(x) \int_{a(x)}^b f(y) v(y) dy, \quad 0 < a(x) \leq b \leq \infty, \quad x \in (c, d). \quad (1.17)$$

**Lemma 1.2.** [11, Lemma 1] Let  $0 < q < p < \infty$ ,  $p > 1$  and the operator  $\bar{K}_b$  be defined by (1.16). Then  $\bar{K}_b$  is bounded from  $L_p(a, b(d))$  to  $L_q(c, d)$  if and only if  $\bar{B}_b < \infty$  or  $\bar{\mathbb{B}}_b < \infty$ , where  $\|\bar{K}_b\|_{L_p(a, b(d)) \rightarrow L_q(c, d)} \approx \bar{B}_b \approx \bar{\mathbb{B}}_b$  and

$$\bar{B}_b := \left( \int_c^d \left[ \int_t^d w^q(x) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{p}} \left[ \int_a^{b(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \quad (1.18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbb{B}}_b := & \left( \int_c^d \left[ \int_c^{b(x)} \left\{ \int_a^{b(x)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right\}^q w^q(x) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{p}} \right. \\ & \times \left. \left[ \int_a^{b(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{q - \frac{r}{p}} w^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.19)$$

**Lemma 1.3.** [11, Lemma 2] Let  $0 < q < p < \infty$ ,  $p > 1$  and the operator  $\bar{B}_a$  be defined by (1.17). Then  $\bar{K}_a : L_p(a(c), b) \rightarrow L_q(c, d)$  iff  $\bar{B}_a < \infty$  or  $\bar{\mathbb{B}}_a < \infty$  with

$\|\bar{K}_a\|_{L_p(a(c),b) \rightarrow L_q(c,d)} \approx \bar{B}_a \approx \bar{\mathbb{B}}_a$ , where

$$\bar{B}_a := \left( \int_c^d \left[ \int_c^t w^q(x) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{p}} \left[ \int_{a(t)}^b v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \quad (1.20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbb{B}}_a := & \left( \int_c^d \left[ \int_t^d \left\{ \int_{a(x)}^b v^{p'}(y) dy \right\}^q w^q(x) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{p}} \right. \\ & \times \left. \left[ \int_{a(t)}^b v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{q-\frac{r}{p}} w^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.21)$$

In this work we adduce several results describing the boundedness of (1.1) with kernel  $k(x, y)$  satisfying Oinarov's type conditions  $\mathcal{O}_b$  and/or  $\mathcal{O}_a$ . The results are obtained with using enumerated characteristics (1.8) – (1.15), (1.18) – (1.21) and under conception of the *fairway function* introduced in [9]. We use the notion of the fairway in its original form (Definition 2.1) for the boundedness criteria in case  $k(x, y) = 1$  (Theorem 2.1) and modify it in a proper way for deriving new necessary and sufficient conditions for the boundedness of (1.1) when  $k(x, y)$  is from Oinarov's type classes (Theorem 2.5 or Theorem 2.6).

Throughout the paper we assume products of the form  $0 \cdot \infty$  be equal to 0. The notation  $\|T\|_{L_p(a,b) \rightarrow L_q(c,d)}$  means the norm of an operator  $T$  from  $L_p(a, b)$  to  $L_q(c, d)$ .  $\mathbb{Z}$  denotes the set of all integers and  $\chi_E$  stands for a characteristic function (indicator) of a subset  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^+$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULT

We start from the case  $k(x, y) = 1$ .

**Definition 2.1.** [9, Deinition 1] Given boundary functions  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$ , satisfying the conditions (1.2), a number  $p \in (1, \infty)$  and a weight function  $v(x)$  such that  $0 < v(x) < \infty$  a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $v^{p'}(x)$  is locally integrable on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ , we define the *fairway-function*  $\sigma(x)$  such that  $a(x) < \sigma(x) < b(x)$  and

$$\int_{a(x)}^{\sigma(x)} v^{p'}(y) dy = \int_{\sigma(x)}^{b(x)} v^{p'}(y) dy \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^+.$$

Under given conditions (1.2) on boundary functions  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  it is possible to prove that the fairway  $\sigma$  is differentiable and strictly increasing function.

Put

$$\Delta(t) := [a(t), b(t)], \quad \delta(t) := [b^{-1}(\sigma(t)), a^{-1}(\sigma(t))], \quad \theta(t) := (\sigma^{-1}(a(t)), \sigma^{-1}(b(t))).$$

The following statement contains two forms of criteria for the boundedness of the operator (1.1) with  $k(x, y) = 1$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let the operator  $\mathcal{K}$  of the form (1.1) be given with the boundary functions  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  satisfying the conditions (1.2).  $\mathcal{K}$  is bounded from  $L_p$  to*

$L_q$  for  $1 < p \leq q < \infty$  if and only if

$$\mathcal{A}_M := \sup_{t>0} \mathcal{A}_M(t) = \sup_{t>0} \left( \int_{\delta(t)} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\Delta(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} < \infty$$

or if and only if

$$\mathcal{A}_T := \sup_{t>0} \left( \int_{\theta(t)} \left[ \int_{\Delta(x)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^q w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\Delta(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{-\frac{1}{p}} < \infty.$$

Moreover,  $\mathcal{A}_M \approx \mathcal{A}_T \approx \|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q}$ .

If  $0 < q < p < \infty$ ,  $p > 1$  then  $\mathcal{K}$  is bounded if and only if  $\mathcal{B}_{MR} < \infty$  or if and only if  $\mathcal{B}_{PS} < \infty$ , where

$$\mathcal{B}_{MR} := \left( \int_0^\infty \left[ \int_{\delta(t)} w^q(x) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{p}} \left[ \int_{\Delta(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}},$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{PS} := \left( \int_0^\infty \left[ \int_{\theta(t)} \left\{ \int_{\Delta(x)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right\}^q w^q(x) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{p}} \left[ \int_{\Delta(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{q-\frac{r}{p}} w^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

and  $\mathcal{B}_{MR} \approx \mathcal{B}_{PS} \approx \|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q}$ .

Less general form of this statement can be found in [9] and [11]. The dual form of Theorem 2.1 reads

**Theorem 2.2.** Let the operator  $\mathcal{K}$  of the form (1.1) be given with  $k(x, y) = 1$  and  $a(x), b(x)$  satisfying the conditions (1.2). Then  $\mathcal{K} : L_p \rightarrow L_q$  for  $1 < p \leq q < \infty$  iff  $\mathcal{A}_M^* < \infty$  or iff  $\mathcal{A}_T^* < \infty$ , where

$$\mathcal{A}_M^* := \sup_{t>0} \left( \int_{a(\psi(t))}^{b(\psi(t))} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \left( \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{a^{-1}(t)} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

$$\mathcal{A}_T^* := \sup_{t>0} \left( \int_{\psi^{-1}(b^{-1}(t))}^{\psi^{-1}(a^{-1}(t))} \left[ \int_{b^{-1}(y)}^{a^{-1}(y)} w^q(x) dx \right]^{p'} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \left( \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{a^{-1}(t)} w^q(x) dx \right)^{-\frac{1}{q'}},$$

$$\int_{b^{-1}(y)}^{\psi(y)} w^q(x) dx = \int_{\psi(y)}^{a^{-1}(y)} w^q(x) dx \quad \text{for all } y \in \mathbb{R}^+ \quad (2.1)$$

and  $\mathcal{A}_M^* \approx \mathcal{A}_T^* \approx \|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q}$ .

If  $0 < q < p < \infty$ ,  $p > 1$  one has  $\mathcal{K} : L_p \rightarrow L_q$  iff  $\mathcal{B}_{MR}^* < \infty$  or  $\mathcal{B}_{PS}^* < \infty$ , where

$$\mathcal{B}_{MR}^* := \left( \int_0^\infty \left[ \int_{a(\psi(t))}^{b(\psi(t))} v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{q'}} \left[ \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{a^{-1}(t)} w^q(x) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{q}} v^{p'}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}},$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{PS}^* := \left( \int_0^\infty \left[ \int_{\psi^{-1}(b^{-1}(t))}^{\psi^{-1}(a^{-1}(t))} \left\{ \int_{b^{-1}(y)}^{a^{-1}(y)} w^q(x) dx \right\}^{p'} v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{q'}} \times \left[ \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{a^{-1}(t)} w^q(x) dx \right]^{p' - \frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

with fairway-function  $\psi(t)$  defined by (2.1) and  $\mathcal{B}_{MR}^* \approx \mathcal{B}_{PS}^* \approx \|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q}$ .

The next statement was obtained for  $\mathcal{K}$  with  $k(x, y)$  from Oinarov's class  $\mathcal{O}_a$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** [9, Theorem 2] Let the boundaries  $a(x), b(x)$  of the operator (1.1) be satisfying (1.2) and  $k(x, y) \in \mathcal{O}_a$ . If  $1 < p \leq q < \infty$ , then

$$\|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q} \approx \mathcal{A}_{a,0} + \mathcal{A}_{a,1}, \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}_{a,0} := \sup_{s>0} \sup_{s \leq t \leq a^{-1}(b(s))} \left( \int_s^t w_k^q(x, a(t)) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{a(t)}^{b(s)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}}, \quad (2.3)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{a,1} := \sup_{s>0} \sup_{s \leq t \leq a^{-1}(b(s))} \left( \int_s^t w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{a(t)}^{b(s)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}}. \quad (2.4)$$

If  $1 < q < p < \infty$ , then

$$\|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q} \approx \left( \sum_k [(\mathcal{B}_{k,1}^*)^r + (\mathcal{B}_{k,2}^*)^r + (\mathcal{B}_{k,3}^*)^r + (\mathcal{B}_{k,4}^*)^r] \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \quad (2.5)$$

where

$$\mathcal{B}_{k,1}^* := \left( \int_{a(\xi_k)}^{a(\xi_{k+1})} \left[ \int_{\xi_k}^{a^{-1}(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{q}} \left[ \int_t^{a(\xi_{k+1})} v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}},$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{k,2}^* := \left( \int_{\xi_k}^{\xi_{k+1}} \left[ \int_{\xi_k}^t w^q(x) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{p}} \left[ \int_{a(t)}^{a(\xi_{k+1})} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}},$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{k,3}^* := \left( \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(\xi_{k+1})} \left[ \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{\xi_{k+1}} w_k^q(x, a(\xi_{k+1})) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{q}} \left[ \int_{b(\xi_k)}^t v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}},$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{k,4}^* := \left( \int_{\xi_k}^{\xi_{k+1}} \left[ \int_t^{\xi_{k+1}} w^q(x) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{p}} \left[ \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(\xi_{k+1}, y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}$$

and  $\xi_0 = 1$ ,  $\xi_k = (a^{-1} \circ b)^k(\xi_0)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Similar result is true for  $\mathcal{K}$  with  $k(x, y) \in \mathcal{O}_b$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** [9, Theorem 3] Let the operator  $\mathcal{K}$  be defined by (1.1) with  $a(x)$ ,  $b(x)$  satisfying (1.2) and let  $k(x, y) \in \mathcal{O}_b$ . If  $1 < p \leq q < \infty$ , then

$$\|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q} \approx \mathcal{A}_{b,0} + \mathcal{A}_{b,1}, \quad (2.6)$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}_{b,0} := \sup_{t>0} \sup_{b^{-1}(a(t)) \leq s \leq t} \left( \int_s^t w_k^q(x, b(s)) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{a(t)}^{b(s)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}}, \quad (2.7)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{b,1} := \sup_{t>0} \sup_{b^{-1}(a(t)) \leq s \leq t} \left( \int_s^t w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{a(t)}^{b(s)} v_k^{p'}(s, y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}}. \quad (2.8)$$

If  $1 < q < p < \infty$ , then

$$\|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q} \approx \left( \sum_k [\mathcal{B}_{k,1}^r + \mathcal{B}_{k,2}^r + \mathcal{B}_{k,3}^r + \mathcal{B}_{k,4}^r] \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \quad (2.9)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_{k,1} &:= \left( \int_{a(\xi_k)}^{a(\xi_{k+1})} \left[ \int_{\xi_k}^{a^{-1}(t)} w_k^q(x, b(\xi_k)) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{q}} \left[ \int_t^{a(\xi_{k+1})} v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \\ \mathcal{B}_{k,2} &:= \left( \int_{\xi_k}^{\xi_{k+1}} \left[ \int_{\xi_k}^t w^q(x) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{p}} \left[ \int_{a(t)}^{a(\xi_{k+1})} v_k^{p'}(\xi_k, y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \\ \mathcal{B}_{k,3} &:= \left( \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(\xi_{k+1})} \left[ \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{\xi_{k+1}} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{q}} \left[ \int_{b(\xi_k)}^t v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \\ \mathcal{B}_{k,4} &:= \left( \int_{\xi_k}^{\xi_{k+1}} \left[ \int_t^{\xi_{k+1}} w^q(x) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{p}} \left[ \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \end{aligned}$$

and  $\xi_0 = 1$ ,  $\xi_k = (a^{-1} \circ b)^k(\xi_0)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Note that (2.6) was derived earlier in [3] and [4].

Double supremums in (2.3), (2.4), (2.7), (2.8) and a discrete form of (2.5), (2.9) gave a motivation for searching new necessary and sufficient boundedness conditions of  $\mathcal{K}$  with more convenient forms.

Let functions  $\phi(x)$  and  $\rho(y)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{+\infty\}$ , where  $a(x) \leq \phi(x) \leq b(x)$  and  $b^{-1}(y) \leq \rho(y) \leq a^{-1}(y)$ , be *fairway*-functions satisfying the following

**Definition 2.2.** Given boundary functions  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  satisfying the conditions (1.2), numbers  $p, q \in (1, \infty)$ , a continuous kernel  $0 < k(x, y) < \infty$  a.e on  $\mathcal{R}$  and weight functions  $0 < v, w < \infty$  a.e. on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  such that for any fixed  $x > 0$  the function  $v_k^{p'}(x, y)$  is locally integrable on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  with respect to the variable  $y$  as well as for any  $y > 0$  the function  $w_k^q(x, y)$  is locally integrable on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  with

respect to  $x$ , we define two *fairways* – the functions  $\phi(x)$  and  $\rho(y)$  such that  $a(x) < \phi(x) < b(x)$ ,  $b^{-1}(y) < \rho(y) < a^{-1}(y)$  and

$$\int_{a(x)}^{\phi(x)} v_k^{p'}(x, y) dy = \int_{\phi(x)}^{b(x)} v_k^{p'}(x, y) dy \quad \text{for all } x > 0, \quad (2.10)$$

$$\int_{b^{-1}(y)}^{\rho(y)} w_k^q(x, y) dx = \int_{\rho(y)}^{a^{-1}(y)} w_k^q(x, y) dx \quad \text{for all } y > 0. \quad (2.11)$$

By assumptions of the definition  $\phi(x)$  and  $\rho(y)$  are continuous functions. Put

$$\Theta(t) := \Theta^-(t) \cup \Theta^+(t), \quad \Theta^-(t) := [b^{-1}(t), \rho(t)], \quad \Theta^+(t) := [\rho(t), a^{-1}(t)],$$

$$\vartheta(t) := \vartheta^-(t) \cup \vartheta^+(t), \quad \vartheta^-(t) := [a(\rho(t)), t], \quad \vartheta^+(t) := [t, b(\rho(t))),$$

$$\delta(t) := \delta^-(t) \cup \delta^+(t), \quad \delta^-(t) := [b^{-1}(\phi(t)), t], \quad \delta^+(t) := [t, a^{-1}(\phi(t))),$$

$$\Delta(t) := \Delta^-(t) \cup \Delta^+(t), \quad \Delta^-(t) := [a(t), \phi(t)], \quad \Delta^+(t) := [\phi(t), b(t)]$$

and denote

$$\mathcal{A}_\rho^\pm := \sup_{t>0} \mathcal{A}_\rho^\pm(t) = \sup_{t>0} \left( \int_{\Theta(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\vartheta^\pm(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}},$$

$$\mathcal{A}_\phi^\pm := \sup_{t>0} \mathcal{A}_\phi^\pm(t) = \sup_{t>0} \left( \int_{\delta^\pm(t)} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\Delta(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}},$$

$$\mathcal{B}_\rho^\pm := \left( \int_0^\infty \mathcal{B}_\rho^\pm(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} = \left( \int_0^\infty \left[ \int_{\Theta(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{q}} \left[ \int_{\vartheta^\pm(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}},$$

$$\mathcal{B}_\phi^\pm := \left( \int_0^\infty \mathcal{B}_\phi^\pm(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} = \left( \int_0^\infty \left[ \int_{\delta^\pm(t)} w^q(x) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{p}} \left[ \int_{\Delta(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}},$$

$$\mathcal{A}_\rho := \sup_{t>0} \mathcal{A}_\rho(t) = \sup_{t>0} \left( \int_{\Theta(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\vartheta(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}},$$

$$\mathcal{A}_\phi := \sup_{t>0} \mathcal{A}_\phi(t) = \sup_{t>0} \left( \int_{\delta(t)} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\Delta(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}},$$

$$\mathcal{B}_\rho := \left( \int_0^\infty \mathcal{B}_\rho(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} = \left( \int_0^\infty \left[ \int_{\Theta(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{q}} \left[ \int_{\vartheta(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}},$$

$$\mathcal{B}_\phi := \left( \int_0^\infty \mathcal{B}_\phi(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} = \left( \int_0^\infty \left[ \int_{\delta(t)} w^q(x) dx \right]^{\frac{r}{p}} \left[ \int_{\Delta(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right]^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}.$$

New boundedness conditions for  $\mathcal{K}$  with  $k(x, y) \in \mathcal{O}_b$  are proved in Section 3 and read

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let the operator  $\mathcal{K}$  be defined by (1.1) with the border functions  $a(x)$ ,  $b(x)$  satisfying (1.2) and a continuous positive kernel  $k(x, y)$  on  $\mathcal{R}$  from the Oinarov's type class  $\mathcal{O}_b$ . Suppose that the functions  $\rho(y)$ ,  $\phi(x)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  are strictly increasing fairways from Definition 2.2. If  $1 < p \leq q < \infty$ , then*

$$\mathcal{A}_\rho^- + \mathcal{A}_\phi^+ \ll \|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q} \ll \mathcal{A}_\rho + \mathcal{A}_\phi. \quad (2.12)$$

If  $1 < q < p < \infty$ , then

$$\mathcal{B}_\rho^- + \mathcal{B}_\phi^+ \ll \|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q} \ll \mathcal{B}_\rho + \mathcal{B}_\phi. \quad (2.13)$$

Analogously we obtain a similar result for  $\mathcal{K}$  with  $k(x, y)$  satisfying the condition (1.4).

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let the operator  $\mathcal{K}$  be defined by (1.1) with  $a(x)$ ,  $b(x)$  satisfying (1.2) and a continuous kernel  $k(x, y) > 0$  on  $\mathcal{R}$  from the class  $\mathcal{O}_a$ . Suppose that  $\rho(y)$ ,  $\phi(x)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  are strictly increasing fairways satisfying Definition 2.2. If  $1 < p \leq q < \infty$ , then*

$$\mathcal{A}_\rho^+ + \mathcal{A}_\phi^- \ll \|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q} \ll \mathcal{A}_\rho + \mathcal{A}_\phi.$$

If  $1 < q < p < \infty$ , then

$$\mathcal{B}_\rho^+ + \mathcal{B}_\phi^- \ll \|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q} \ll \mathcal{B}_\rho + \mathcal{B}_\phi.$$

In conclusion of the section we provide several cases when the results of Theorems 2.5 and 2.6 became of a criterion form.

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let the operator  $\mathcal{K}$  be defined by (1.1) with  $a(x)$ ,  $b(x)$  satisfying (1.2) and a continuous kernel  $k(x, y) > 0$  on  $\mathcal{R}$ . Suppose that the functions  $\rho(x)$ ,  $\phi(x)$  on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  are strictly increasing fairways from Definition 2.2.*

(a) *If  $k(x, y) \in \mathcal{O}_b$  and*

$$\int_{\vartheta^-(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \approx \int_{\vartheta(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy, \quad t > 0,$$

$$\int_{\delta^+(t)} w^q(x) dx \approx \int_{\delta(t)} w^q(x) dx, \quad t > 0,$$

*then*

$$\|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q} \approx \begin{cases} \mathcal{A}_\rho + \mathcal{A}_\phi, & 1 < p \leq q < \infty, \\ \mathcal{B}_\rho + \mathcal{B}_\phi, & 1 < q < p < \infty, \end{cases} \quad (2.14)$$

(b) *If  $k(x, y) \in \mathcal{O}_a$  and*

$$\int_{\vartheta^+(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \approx \int_{\vartheta(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy, \quad t > 0,$$

$$\int_{\delta^-(t)} w^q(x) dx \approx \int_{\delta(t)} w^q(x) dx, \quad t > 0,$$

*then the estimate (2.14) holds.*

(c) *If  $k(x, y) \in \mathcal{O}_a \cap \mathcal{O}_b$ , then the equivalence (2.14) is true.*

Proof of Theorem 2.7 easy follows from Theorems 2.5 and 2.6.

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 2.5

We start from *the lower estimate* in (2.12). Let  $1 < p \leq q < \infty$ . We have from (2.6)

$$\|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q} \approx \sup_{t>0} \sup_{b^{-1}(a(t)) \leq s \leq t} [\mathcal{A}_0(s, t) + \mathcal{A}_1(s, t)], \quad (3.1)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_0(s, t) &:= \left( \int_s^t w_k^q(x, b(s)) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{a(t)}^{b(s)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}}, \\ \mathcal{A}_1(s, t) &:= \left( \int_s^t w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{a(t)}^{b(s)} v_k^{p'}(s, y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.11) we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_\rho^-(t) &= 2^{1/q} \left( \int_{\Theta^-(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\vartheta^-(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \\ &= 2^{1/q} \left( \int_{b^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(s))}^s w_k^q(x, \rho^{-1}(s)) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{a(s)}^{\rho^{-1}(s)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \\ &= 2^{1/q} A_0(b^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(s)), s) \leq \sup_{t>0} \sup_{b^{-1}(a(t)) \leq s \leq t} \mathcal{A}_0(s, t). \end{aligned}$$

On the strength of (3.1) it implies  $\mathcal{A}_\rho^- \ll \|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q}$ . Analogously,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_\phi^+(t) &\stackrel{(2.10)}{=} 2^{1/p'} \left( \int_{\delta^+(t)} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\Delta^+(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \\ &= 2^{1/p'} A_1(t, a^{-1}(\phi(t))) \leq \sup_{t>0} \sup_{b^{-1}(a(t)) \leq s \leq t} \mathcal{A}_1(s, t) \end{aligned}$$

implies  $\mathcal{A}_\phi^+ \ll \|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q}$ , and the lower estimate in (2.12) is proved.

For *the upper estimate* in (2.12) we put  $\tau_0 := \rho(a(t))$  and write

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{b^{-1}(a(t)) \leq s \leq t} \mathcal{A}_0(s, t) &\leq \sup_{b^{-1}(a(t)) \leq s \leq \rho(a(t)) < t} \mathcal{A}_0(s, t) + \sup_{\rho(a(t)) \leq s \leq t} \mathcal{A}_0(s, t) \\ &\leq \sup_{b^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(\tau_0)) \leq s \leq \tau_0} \left( \int_s^{a^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(\tau_0))} w_k^q(x, b(s)) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\rho^{-1}(\tau_0)}^{b(s)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \\ &\quad + \sup_{\rho(a(t)) \leq s \leq t} \left( \int_s^{a^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(s))} w_k^q(x, b(s)) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{a(s)}^{b(s)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} =: H_1(\tau_0) + H_2(t). \end{aligned}$$

Indeed, if  $b^{-1}(a(t)) \leq s \leq \rho(a(t)) < t$ , that is  $b^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(\tau_0)) \leq s \leq \tau_0$ , then  $(s, t) = (s, a^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(\tau_0)))$  and  $(a(t), b(s)) = (\rho^{-1}(\tau_0), b(s))$ . If  $\rho(a(t)) \leq s \leq t$ , then  $(s, t) \subset (s, a^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(s)))$  and  $(a(t), b(s)) \subset (a(s), b(s))$ .

To estimate  $H_1(\tau_0)$  we use (1.3) with  $y = \rho^{-1}(\tau_0)$ ,  $z = s$  and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} H_1(\tau_0) &\ll \left( \int_{b^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(\tau_0))}^{a^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(\tau_0))} w_k^q(x, \rho^{-1}(\tau_0)) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\rho^{-1}(\tau_0)}^{b(\tau_0)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \\ &= \left( \int_{b^{-1}(z)}^{a^{-1}(z)} w_k^q(x, z) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_z^{b(\rho(z))} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} = \mathcal{A}_\rho^+(z) \leq \mathcal{A}_\rho^+. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $s \leq x$  and  $a(x) \leq \rho^{-1}(s) \leq b(s)$  in  $H_2(t)$  we obtain by using (1.3) with  $z = s$  and  $y = \rho^{-1}(s)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} H_2(t) &\ll \sup_{\rho(a(t)) \leq s \leq t} \left( \int_s^{a^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(s))} w_k^q(x, \rho^{-1}(s)) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{a(s)}^{b(s)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \\ &= \sup_{a(t) \leq z \leq \rho^{-1}(t)} \left( \int_{\rho(z)}^{a^{-1}(z)} w_k^q(x, z) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{a(\rho(z))}^{b(\rho(z))} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \leq \mathcal{A}_\rho. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\sup_{t>0} \sup_{b^{-1}(a(t)) \leq s \leq t} \mathcal{A}_0(s, t) \ll \mathcal{A}_\rho. \quad (3.2)$$

Analogously, we put  $\tau_1 := \phi^{-1}(a(t))$  and write

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{b^{-1}(a(t)) \leq s \leq t} \mathcal{A}_1(s, t) &\leq \sup_{b^{-1}(a(t)) \leq s \leq \phi^{-1}(a(t)) < t} \mathcal{A}_1(s, t) + \sup_{\phi^{-1}(a(t)) \leq s \leq t} \mathcal{A}_1(s, t) \\ &\leq \sup_{b^{-1}(\phi(\tau_1)) \leq s \leq \tau_1} \left( \int_s^{a^{-1}(\phi(\tau_1))} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\phi(\tau_1)}^{b(s)} v_k^{p'}(s, y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \\ &+ \sup_{\phi^{-1}(a(t)) \leq s \leq t} \left( \int_s^{a^{-1}(\phi(s))} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{a(s)}^{b(s)} v_k^{p'}(s, y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} =: H_3(\tau_1) + H_4(t). \end{aligned}$$

Obviously,  $H_4(t) \leq \sup_{\phi^{-1}(a(t)) \leq s \leq t} \mathcal{A}_\phi^+(s) \leq \mathcal{A}_\phi^+$ . For  $H_3(\tau_1)$  we apply (1.3) with  $z = s \leq \tau_1 = x$  and  $a(\tau_1) < \phi(\tau_1) \leq y \leq b(s)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} H_3(\tau_1) &\ll \sup_{b^{-1}(\phi(\tau_1)) \leq s \leq \tau_1} \left( \int_s^{a^{-1}(\phi(\tau_1))} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\phi(\tau_1)}^{b(s)} v_k^{p'}(\tau_1, y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \\ &\leq \mathcal{A}_\phi(\tau_1) \leq \mathcal{A}_\phi. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\sup_{t>0} \sup_{b^{-1}(a(t)) \leq s \leq t} \mathcal{A}_1(s, t) \ll \mathcal{A}_\phi. \quad (3.3)$$

By combining (3.1), (3.2) and (3.3) we obtain the upper estimate in (2.12).

Now we consider the case  $1 < q < p < \infty$ . Let us prove first *the upper estimate* in (2.13). To this end we take a point sequence  $\{\xi_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset (0, \infty)$  such that

$$\xi_0 = 1, \quad \xi_k = (a^{-1} \circ b)^k(1), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z},$$

and put

$$\eta_k = a(\xi_k) = b(\xi_{k-1}), \quad \Delta_k = [\xi_k, \xi_{k+1}), \quad \delta_k = [\eta_k, \eta_{k+1}), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Breaking the semiaxis  $(0, \infty)$  by points of the sequence  $\{\xi_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  we decompose the operator  $\mathcal{K}$  into the sum

$$\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{T} + \mathcal{S} \tag{3.4}$$

of block-diagonal operators  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  such that

$$\mathcal{T} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} T_k, \quad \mathcal{S} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} S_k, \tag{3.5}$$

where

$$T_k f(x) = w(x) \int_{a(x)}^{a(\xi_{k+1})} v_k(x, y) f(y) dy, \quad T_k : L_p(\delta_k) \rightarrow L_q(\Delta_k),$$

$$S_k f(x) = w(x) \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(x)} v_k(x, y) f(y) dy, \quad S_k : L_p(\delta_{k+1}) \rightarrow L_q(\Delta_k).$$

Kernels  $k(x, y)$  of the operators  $T_k$  and  $S_k$  satisfy the condition (1.3) for  $z \leq x$ ,  $x \in [\xi_k, \xi_{k+1}]$  and

$$a(x) \leq y \leq b(\xi_k), \quad b(\xi_k) \leq y \leq b(z), \tag{3.6}$$

respectively.

To estimate a norm of the operator  $S_k$  we take into account two key points  $s_\rho := b^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}))$ ,  $s_\phi := \phi^{-1}(b(\xi_k)) = \phi^{-1}(a(\xi_{k+1}))$  and consider three only possible variants:

$$(i) \quad s_\rho < s_\phi, \quad (ii) \quad s_\rho = s_\phi, \quad (iii) \quad s_\rho > s_\phi.$$

In the case (i) we have

$$S_k f = \sum_{i=1}^3 S_{k,i} f + \sum_{i=1}^3 H_{k,i} f, \tag{3.7}$$

where

$$S_{k,1} f = \chi_{[\xi_k, s_\rho]} S_k f, \quad L_p(b(\xi_k), b(s_\rho)) \rightarrow L_q(\xi_k, s_\rho),$$

$$H_{k,1} f = \chi_{[s_\rho, s_\phi]} S_k (f \chi_{[b(\xi_k), b(s_\rho)]}), \quad L_p(b(\xi_k), b(s_\rho)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\rho, s_\phi),$$

$$S_{k,2} f = \chi_{[s_\rho, s_\phi]} S_k (f \chi_{[b(s_\rho), b(s_\phi)]}), \quad L_p(b(s_\rho), b(s_\phi)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\rho, s_\phi),$$

$$H_{k,2} f = \chi_{[s_\phi, \xi_{k+1}]} S_k (f \chi_{[b(\xi_k), b(s_\rho)]}), \quad L_p(b(\xi_k), b(s_\rho)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\phi, \xi_{k+1}),$$

$$H_{k,3} f = \chi_{[s_\phi, \xi_{k+1}]} S_k (f \chi_{[b(s_\rho), b(s_\phi)]}), \quad L_p(b(s_\rho), b(s_\phi)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\phi, \xi_{k+1}),$$

$$S_{k,3} f = \chi_{[s_\phi, \xi_{k+1}]} S_k (f \chi_{[b(s_\phi), b(\xi_{k+1})]}), \quad L_p(b(s_\phi), b(\xi_{k+1})) \rightarrow L_q(s_\phi, \xi_{k+1}).$$

By (1.8), (1.9) and (1.11) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \|S_{k,1}\|_{L_p(b(\xi_k), b(s_\rho)) \rightarrow L_q(\xi_k, s_\rho)}^r \approx B_{b,0}^r + B_{b,1}^r \approx B_{b,0}^r + \mathbb{B}_{b,1}^r \quad (3.8) \\ & = \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\rho)} \left( \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{s_\rho} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{b(\xi_k)}^t v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \\ & + \int_{\xi_k}^{s_\rho} \left( \int_{\xi_k}^t \left[ \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(x)} v_k^{p'}(x, y) dy \right]^q w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left[ \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right]^{q-\frac{r}{p}} w^q(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $t \geq b(\xi_k) > a(s_\rho)$  in  $B_{b,0}$  then  $[b^{-1}(t), s_\rho] \subset [b^{-1}(t), a^{-1}(t)]$ , and  $[b(\xi_k), t] \subseteq [a(\rho(t)), t]$  because of  $t \leq b(s_\rho) = \rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}) \implies \rho(t) \leq \xi_{k+1} \implies a(\rho(t)) \leq a(\xi_{k+1}) = b(\xi_k)$ . Therefore,

$$B_{b,0}^r \leq \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\rho)} \left( \int_{\Theta(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{\vartheta^-(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \leq \int_{\delta_{k+1}} \mathcal{B}_\rho^-(t) dt. \quad (3.9)$$

To estimate  $\mathbb{B}_{b,1}$  note that in view of (1.3) we have  $k(x, y) \ll k(t, y)$ , where  $x \leq t$ ,  $a(t) < b(\xi_k) \leq y \leq b(x)$  and, hence,

$$\mathbb{B}_{b,1}^r \ll \int_{\xi_k}^{s_\rho} \left( \int_{\xi_k}^t w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(t)} k^{p'}(t, y) v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt.$$

Here  $[\xi_k, t] \subset [b^{-1}(\phi(t)), t]$  since  $t \leq s_\rho < s_\phi = \phi^{-1}(b(\xi_k)) \implies \phi(t) < b(\xi_k) \implies b^{-1}(\phi(t)) < \xi_k$ . Obviously,  $[b(\xi_k), b(t)] \subset [a(t), b(t)]$ . Therefore,

$$\mathbb{B}_{b,1}^r \ll \int_{\xi_k}^{s_\rho} \left( \int_{\delta^-(t)} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{\Delta(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \leq \int_{\Delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\phi^-(t) dt. \quad (3.10)$$

To estimate  $\|H_{k,1}\|_{L_p(b(\xi_k), b(s_\rho)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\rho, s_\phi)}$  we decompose the operator  $H_{k,1}$  by using (1.3) into the following sum:

$$\begin{aligned} H_{k,1}f(x) &= w_k(x, b(s_\rho)) \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\rho)} f(y) v(y) dy + w(x) \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\rho)} v_k(s_\rho, y) f(y) dy \\ &=: H_{k,1}^w f(x) + H_{k,1}^v f(x). \end{aligned}$$

By Hölder's inequality and (1.3)

$$\begin{aligned} & \|H_{k,1}^w\|_{L_p(b(\xi_k), b(s_\rho)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\rho, s_\phi)}^r = \left( \int_{s_\rho}^{s_\phi} w_k^q(x, b(s_\rho)) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\rho)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} \\ & \stackrel{(1.3)}{\ll} \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\rho)} \left( \int_{b(\xi_k)}^t v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} \left( \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{s_\phi} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} v^{p'}(t) dt \\ & < \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\rho)} \left( \int_{\Theta(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{\vartheta^-(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \leq \int_{\delta_{k+1}} \mathcal{B}_\rho^-(t) dt, \quad (3.11) \end{aligned}$$

since  $a(s_\phi) < t$  and  $t \leq b(s_\rho) = \rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}) \implies \rho(t) \leq \xi_{k+1} \implies a(\rho(t)) \leq a(\xi_{k+1}) = b(\xi_k)$ . Analogously,

$$\begin{aligned} \|H_{k,1}^v\|_{L_p(b(\xi_k), b(s_\rho)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\rho, s_\phi)}^r &= \left( \int_{s_\rho}^{s_\phi} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\rho)} v_k^{p'}(s_\rho, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} \\ &\ll \int_{s_\rho}^{s_\phi} \left( \int_{s_\rho}^t w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \\ &< \int_{s_\rho}^{s_\phi} \left( \int_{\delta^-(t)}^t w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{\Delta(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \leq \int_{\Delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\phi^-(t) dt \quad (3.12) \end{aligned}$$

on the strength of  $a(t) < a(\xi_{k+1}) = b(\xi_k)$  and  $t \leq s_\phi \implies \phi(t) \leq b(\xi_k) \implies b^{-1}(\phi(t)) \leq \xi_k < s_\rho$ . For  $S_{k,2}$  we use (1.8), (1.9) and (1.10), (1.11):

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_{k,2}\|_{L_p(b(s_\rho), b(s_\phi)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\rho, s_\phi)}^r &\approx B_{b,0}^r + B_{b,1}^r \approx \mathbb{B}_{b,0}^r + \mathbb{B}_{b,1}^r \quad (3.13) \\ &= \int_{b(s_\rho)}^{b(s_\phi)} \left( \int_t^{b(s_\phi)} \left[ \int_{b^{-1}(y)}^{s_\phi} w_k^q(x, y) dx \right]^{p'} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} \left[ \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{s_\phi} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right]^{p' - \frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_{s_\rho}^{s_\phi} \left( \int_{s_\rho}^t \left[ \int_{b(s_\rho)}^{b(x)} v_k^{p'}(x, y) dy \right]^q w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left[ \int_{b(s_\rho)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right]^{q - \frac{r}{p}} w^q(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $a(x) < b(\xi_k) < b(s_\rho) \leq t \leq y = b(z)$  with  $z = b^{-1}(y) \leq x$  in  $\mathbb{B}_{b,0}$  then  $k(x, y) = k(x, b(z)) \ll k(x, t)$ . Therefore,

$$\mathbb{B}_{b,0}^r \ll \int_{b(s_\rho)}^{b(s_\phi)} \left( \int_t^{b(s_\phi)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} \left( \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{s_\phi} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} v^{p'}(t) dt.$$

Since  $s_\phi < \xi_{k+1}$  then  $a(s_\phi) < \rho^{-1}(s_\phi) < \rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}) = b(s_\rho) \leq t \implies s_\phi < a^{-1}(t)$  and  $s_\phi < \rho(t) \implies b(s_\phi) < b(\rho(t))$ . Thus,  $[t, b(s_\phi)] \subset [t, b(\rho(t))]$ ,  $[b^{-1}(t), s_\phi] \subset [b^{-1}(t), a^{-1}(t)]$ . Hence,

$$\mathbb{B}_{b,0}^r \ll \int_{b(s_\rho)}^{b(s_\phi)} \left( \int_{\Theta(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{\vartheta^+(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \leq \int_{\delta_{k+1}} \mathcal{B}_\rho^+(t) dt. \quad (3.14)$$

Since  $x \leq t$ ,  $a(t) < b(\xi_k) < b(s_\rho) \leq y \leq b(x)$  we have  $k(x, y) \ll k(t, y)$  in  $\mathbb{B}_{b,1}$ . Therefore, in view of  $\xi_k < s_\rho \leq t \leq s_\phi < \xi_{k+1} \implies \phi(t) \leq b(\xi_k) \implies b^{-1}(\phi(t)) \leq \xi_k < s_\rho$  and  $a(t) < b(\xi_k)$  it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{B}_{b,1}^r &\ll \int_{s_\rho}^{s_\phi} \left( \int_{s_\rho}^t w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{b(s_\rho)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \quad (3.15) \\ &< \int_{s_\rho}^{s_\phi} \left( \int_{\delta^-(t)}^t w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{\Delta(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \leq \int_{\Delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\phi^-(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

By using (1.3) we decompose  $H_{k,2}$  into the sum

$$\begin{aligned} H_{k,2}f(x) &= w_k(x, b(s_\rho)) \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\rho)} f(y)v(y)dy + w(x) \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\rho)} v_k(s_\rho, y)f(y)dy \\ &=: H_{k,2}^w f(x) + H_{k,2}^v f(x). \end{aligned}$$

By Hölder's inequality and (1.3)

$$\begin{aligned} \|H_{k,2}^w\|_{L_p(b(\xi_k), b(s_\rho)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\phi, \xi_{k+1})}^r &\leq \left( \int_{s_\rho}^{\xi_{k+1}} w_k^q(x, b(s_\rho)) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\rho)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} \\ &\ll \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\rho)} \left( \int_t^{\xi_{k+1}} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} \left( \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{\xi_{k+1}} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} v^{p'}(t) dt \\ &< \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\rho)} \left( \int_{\Theta(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{\vartheta^-(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \leq \int_{\delta_{k+1}} \mathcal{B}_\rho^-(t) dt, \quad (3.16) \end{aligned}$$

since  $t$  is still not greater than  $\rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}) = b(s_\rho)$ . By Hölder's inequality and (1.3)

$$\begin{aligned} \|H_{k,2}^v\|_{L_p(b(\xi_k), b(s_\rho)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\phi, \xi_{k+1})}^r &= \left( \int_{s_\phi}^{\xi_{k+1}} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\rho)} v_k^{p'}(s_\rho, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} \\ &\ll \int_{s_\phi}^{\xi_{k+1}} \left( \int_t^{\xi_{k+1}} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \\ &< \int_{s_\phi}^{\xi_{k+1}} \left( \int_{\delta^+(t)} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{\Delta(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \leq \int_{\Delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\phi^+(t) dt \quad (3.17) \end{aligned}$$

on the strength of  $a(t) \leq b(\xi_k)$  and  $s_\phi \leq t \implies a(\xi_{k+1}) \leq \phi(t) \implies \xi_{k+1} \leq a^{-1}(\phi(t))$ . To estimate  $S_{k,3}$  we use again (1.8), (1.9) and (1.10):

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_{k,3}\|_{L_p(b(s_\phi), b(\xi_{k+1})) \rightarrow L_q(s_\phi, \xi_{k+1})}^r &\approx B_{b,0}^r + B_{b,1}^r \approx \mathbb{B}_{b,0}^r + B_{b,1}^r \quad (3.18) \\ &= \int_{b(s_\phi)}^{b(\xi_{k+1})} \left( \int_t^{b(\xi_{k+1})} \left[ \int_{b^{-1}(y)}^{\xi_{k+1}} w_k^q(x, y) dx \right]^{p'} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} \left[ \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{\xi_{k+1}} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right]^{p' - \frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_{s_\phi}^{\xi_{k+1}} \left( \int_t^{\xi_{k+1}} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} \left( \int_{b(s_\phi)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} w^q(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

As before  $k(x, y) \ll k(x, t)$  for  $a(x) \leq b(\xi_k) < b(s_\phi) \leq t \leq y = b(z)$  with  $z = b^{-1}(y) \leq x$  in  $\mathbb{B}_{b,0}$ , and also  $b(\xi_{k+1}) < b(\rho(t))$  since  $\rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}) < t$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{B}_{b,0}^r &\ll \int_{b(s_\phi)}^{b(\xi_{k+1})} \left( \int_t^{b(\xi_{k+1})} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} \left( \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{\xi_{k+1}} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} v^{p'}(t) dt \\ &< \int_{b(s_\phi)}^{b(\xi_{k+1})} \left( \int_{\Theta(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{\vartheta^+(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \leq \int_{\delta_{k+1}} \mathcal{B}_\rho^+(t) dt. \quad (3.19) \end{aligned}$$

The estimate

$$B_{b,1}^r \ll \int_{s_\phi}^{\xi_{k+1}} \left( \int_{\delta^+(t)} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{\Delta(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \leq \int_{\Delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\phi^+(t) dt \quad (3.20)$$

follows by  $a(t) \leq a(\xi_{k+1}) = b(\xi_k) < b(s_\phi)$  and  $s_\phi \leq t \implies a(\xi_{k+1}) \leq \phi(t) \implies \xi_{k+1} \leq a^{-1}(\phi(t))$ . For the last norm  $\|H_{k,3}\|_{L_p(b(s_\rho), b(s_\phi)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\phi, \xi_{k+1})}$  we make a decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} H_{k,3}f(x) &= w_k(x, b(s_\phi)) \int_{b(s_\rho)}^{b(s_\phi)} f(y) v(y) dy + w(x) \int_{b(s_\rho)}^{b(s_\phi)} v_k(s_\phi, y) f(y) dy \\ &=: H_{k,3}^w f(x) + H_{k,3}^v f(x), \end{aligned}$$

since  $k(x, y) \approx k(x, b(s_\phi)) + k(s_\phi, y)$  for  $s_\phi \leq x$  and  $a(x) \leq y \leq b(s_\phi)$ . By Hölder's inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \|H_{k,3}^w\|_{L_p(b(s_\rho), b(s_\phi)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\phi, \xi_{k+1})}^r &= \left( \int_{s_\phi}^{\xi_{k+1}} w_k^q(x, b(s_\phi)) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{b(s_\rho)}^{b(s_\phi)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} \\ &\ll \int_{b(s_\rho)}^{b(s_\phi)} \left( \int_t^{b(s_\phi)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} \left( \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{\xi_{k+1}} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} v^{p'}(t) dt \\ &< \int_{b(s_\rho)}^{b(s_\phi)} \left( \int_{\Theta(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{\vartheta^+(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \leq \int_{\delta_{k+1}} \mathcal{B}_\rho^+(t) dt, \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

since  $\rho^{-1}(s_\phi) < \rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}) = b(s_\rho) < b(s_\phi) \leq t \implies s_\phi < \rho(t) \implies b(s_\phi) < b(\rho(t))$ . We have also

$$\begin{aligned} \|H_{k,3}^v\|_{L_p(b(s_\rho), b(s_\phi)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\phi, \xi_{k+1})}^r &= \left( \int_{s_\phi}^{\xi_{k+1}} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{b(s_\rho)}^{b(s_\phi)} v_k^{p'}(s_\phi, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} \\ &\ll \int_{s_\phi}^{\xi_{k+1}} \left( \int_t^{\xi_{k+1}} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{b(s_\rho)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \\ &< \int_{s_\phi}^{\xi_{k+1}} \left( \int_{\delta^+(t)} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{\Delta(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \leq \int_{\Delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\phi^+(t) dt, \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

since  $s_\phi \leq t \implies a(\xi_{k+1}) \leq \phi(t) \implies \xi_{k+1} \leq a^{-1}(\phi(t))$  and  $a(t) \leq b(\xi_k) < b(s_\phi)$ . Thus, by (3.7) – (3.22) it holds for the case (i) that

$$\|S_k\|_{L_p(\delta_{k+1}) \rightarrow L_q(\Delta_k)}^r \ll \int_{\delta_{k+1}} \mathcal{B}_\rho(t) dt + \int_{\Delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\phi(t) dt. \quad (3.23)$$

In the case (iii) we have

$$S_k f = \sum_{i=1}^3 S_{k,i} f + \sum_{i=1}^2 H_{k,i} f, \quad (3.24)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} S_{k,1} f &= \chi_{[\xi_k, s_\phi]} S_k f, \quad L_p(b(\xi_k), b(s_\phi)) \rightarrow L_q(\xi_k, s_\phi), \\ H_{k,1} f &= \chi_{[s_\phi, s_\rho]} S_k (f \chi_{[b(\xi_k), b(s_\phi)]}), \quad L_p(b(\xi_k), b(s_\phi)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\phi, s_\rho), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{k,2}f &= \chi_{[s_\phi, s_\rho]} S_k(f \chi_{[b(s_\phi), b(s_\rho)]}), \quad L_p(b(s_\phi), b(s_\rho)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\phi, s_\rho), \\ H_{k,2}f &= \chi_{[s_\rho, \xi_{k+1}]} S_k(f \chi_{[b(\xi_k), b(s_\rho)]}), \quad L_p(b(\xi_k), b(s_\rho)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\rho, \xi_{k+1}), \\ S_{k,3}f &= \chi_{[s_\rho, \xi_{k+1}]} S_k(f \chi_{[b(s_\rho), b(\xi_{k+1})]}), \quad L_p(b(s_\rho), b(\xi_{k+1})) \rightarrow L_q(s_\rho, \xi_{k+1}). \end{aligned}$$

The estimate

$$\|S_{k,1}\|_{L_p(b(\xi_k), b(s_\phi)) \rightarrow L_q(\xi_k, s_\phi)}^r \ll \int_{\delta_{k+1}} \mathcal{B}_\rho^-(t) dt + \int_{\Delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\phi^-(t) dt \quad (3.25)$$

can be obtained analogously to  $\|S_{k,1}\|_{L_p(b(\xi_k), b(s_\rho)) \rightarrow L_q(\xi_k, s_\rho)}$  in the case (i). The next operator  $H_{k,1}$  should be decomposed by (1.3) into the sum

$$\begin{aligned} H_{k,1}f(x) &= w_k(x, b(s_\phi)) \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\phi)} f(y) v(y) dy + w(x) \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\phi)} v_k(s_\phi, y) f(y) dy \\ &=: H_{k,1}^w f(x) + H_{k,1}^v f(x). \end{aligned}$$

Applying Hölder's inequality and (1.3) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|H_{k,1}^w\|_{L_p(b(\xi_k), b(s_\phi)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\phi, s_\rho)}^r &= \left( \int_{s_\phi}^{s_\rho} w_k^q(x, b(s_\phi)) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\phi)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} \\ &\ll \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\phi)} \left( \int_{b(\xi_k)}^t v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} \left( \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{s_\rho} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} v^{p'}(t) dt \\ &< \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\phi)} \left( \int_{\Theta(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{\vartheta^-(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \leq \int_{\delta_{k+1}} \mathcal{B}_\rho^-(t) dt, \end{aligned} \quad (3.26)$$

since  $a(s_\rho) < t$  and  $t < b(s_\rho) = \rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}) \implies \rho(t) < \xi_{k+1} \implies a(\rho(t)) < a(\xi_{k+1}) = b(\xi_k)$ . Further,

$$\begin{aligned} \|H_{k,1}^v\|_{L_p(b(\xi_k), b(s_\phi)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\phi, s_\rho)}^r &= \left( \int_{s_\phi}^{s_\rho} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(s_\phi)} v_k^{p'}(s_\phi, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} \\ &\ll \int_{s_\phi}^{s_\rho} \left( \int_t^{s_\rho} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{b(\xi_k)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \\ &< \int_{s_\phi}^{s_\rho} \left( \int_{\delta^+(t)} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{\Delta(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \leq \int_{\Delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\phi^+(t) dt \end{aligned} \quad (3.27)$$

on the strength of  $a(t) < a(\xi_{k+1}) = b(\xi_k)$  and  $a(s_\rho) < b(\xi_k) = \phi(s_\phi) \leq \phi(t) \implies s_\rho < a^{-1}(\phi(t))$ . For  $S_{k,2}$  we use (1.8), (1.9) with  $c = s_\phi$  and  $d = s_\rho$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_{k,2}\|_{L_p(b(s_\phi), b(s_\rho)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\phi, s_\rho)}^r &\approx B_{b,0}^r + B_{b,1}^r \quad (3.28) \\ &= \int_{b(s_\phi)}^{b(s_\rho)} \left( \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{s_\rho} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{b(s_\phi)}^t v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_{s_\phi}^{s_\rho} \left( \int_t^{s_\rho} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{b(s_\phi)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $a(s_\rho) < b(s_\phi) \leq t \leq b(s_\rho) = \rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1})$  we have in  $B_{b,0}$  that  $s_\rho < a^{-1}(t)$  and  $\rho(t) \leq \xi_{k+1} \implies a(\rho(t)) \leq a(\xi_{k+1}) < b(s_\phi)$ . Therefore,

$$B_{b,0}^r \ll \int_{b(s_\phi)}^{b(s_\rho)} \left( \int_{\Theta(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{\vartheta^-(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \leq \int_{\delta_{k+1}} \mathcal{B}_\rho^-(t) dt. \quad (3.29)$$

In  $B_{b,1}$  in view of  $a(s_\rho) < b(\xi_k) = \phi(s_\phi) < \phi(t) \implies s_\rho < a^{-1}(\phi(t))$  and  $a(t) < b(s_\phi)$  we have

$$B_{b,1}^r \ll \int_{s_\phi}^{s_\rho} \left( \int_{\delta^+(t)} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{\Delta(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \leq \int_{\Delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\phi^+(t) dt. \quad (3.30)$$

Analogously to the case (i) it holds that

$$\|H_{k,2}\|_{L_p(b(\xi_k), b(s_\rho)) \rightarrow L_q(s_\rho, \xi_{k+1})} \ll \int_{\delta_{k+1}} \mathcal{B}_\rho^-(t) dt + \int_{\Delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\phi^+(t) dt \quad (3.31)$$

and

$$\|S_{k,3}\|_{L_p(b(s_\rho), b(\xi_{k+1})) \rightarrow L_q(s_\rho, \xi_{k+1})}^r \ll \int_{\delta_{k+1}} \mathcal{B}_\rho^+(t) dt + \int_{\Delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\phi^+(t) dt. \quad (3.32)$$

Now from (3.24) – (3.32) we have the estimate (3.23) for the case (iii) too. The case (ii) is clear from (i) either (iii). Now we obtain from (3.5) by Lemma 1.1 that

$$\|\mathcal{S}\| \approx \left( \sum_k \|S_k\|_{L_p(\delta_{k+1}) \rightarrow L_q(\Delta_k)}^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \ll \mathcal{B}_\rho + \mathcal{B}_\phi. \quad (3.33)$$

To estimate the norm of the operator  $T_k$  we decompose it by (1.3), (3.6) into the sum

$$\begin{aligned} T_k f(x) &\approx w_k(x, b(\xi_k)) \int_{a(x)}^{b(\xi_k)} f(y) v(y) dy \\ &\quad + w(x) \int_{a(x)}^{b(\xi_k)} v_k(\xi_k, y) f(y) dy =: T_k^w f(x) + T_k^v f(x). \end{aligned} \quad (3.34)$$

Then, we find points  $t_\rho := a^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(\xi_k))$ ,  $t_\phi := \phi^{-1}(b(\xi_k))$  and make two more decompositions:

$$T_k^w f = T_k^w (f \chi_{[a(\xi_k), \rho^{-1}(\xi_k)]}) + T_k^w (f \chi_{[\rho^{-1}(\xi_k), b(\xi_k)]}) =: T_{k,1}^w f + T_{k,2}^w f, \quad (3.35)$$

$$T_k^v f = T_k^v f \chi_{[\xi_k, t_\phi]} + T_k^v f \chi_{[t_\phi, \xi_{k+1}]} =: T_{k,1}^v f + T_{k,2}^v f. \quad (3.36)$$

Denote

$$\|T_{k,1}^w\| := \|T_{k,1}^w\|_{L_p(a(\xi_k), \rho^{-1}(\xi_k)) \rightarrow L_q(\xi_k, t_\rho)}, \quad \|T_{k,2}^w\| := \|T_{k,2}^w\|_{L_p(\rho^{-1}(\xi_k), b(\xi_k)) \rightarrow L_q(\xi_k, \xi_{k+1})},$$

$$\|T_{k,1}^v\| := \|T_{k,1}^v\|_{L_p(a(\xi_k), b(\xi_k)) \rightarrow L_q(\xi_k, t_\phi)}, \quad \|T_{k,2}^v\| := \|T_{k,2}^v\|_{L_p(a(t_\phi), b(\xi_k)) \rightarrow L_q(t_\phi, \xi_{k+1})}.$$

By duality and (1.19) it follows from Lemma 1.2 with  $c = a(\xi_k)$ ,  $d = \rho^{-1}(\xi_k)$ ,  $a = \xi_k$ ,  $b(x) \rightarrow a^{-1}(y)$ ,  $v(y) \rightarrow w(x)k(x, b(\xi_k))$ ,  $w(x) \rightarrow v(y)$  and  $q = p'$ ,  $p = q'$  that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{k,1}^w\|^r &\approx \int_{a(\xi_k)}^{\rho^{-1}(\xi_k)} \left( \int_{a(\xi_k)}^t \left[ \int_{\xi_k}^{a^{-1}(y)} w_k^q(x, b(\xi_k)) dx \right]^{p'} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{\xi_k}^{a^{-1}(t)} w_k^q(x, b(\xi_k)) dx \right)^{p' - \frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\xi_k \leq x$  and  $a(x) \leq y \leq t \leq \rho^{-1}(\xi_k) < b(\xi_k)$  then  $k(x, b(\xi_k)) \ll k(x, t)$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{k,1}^w\|^r &\ll \int_{a(\xi_k)}^{\rho^{-1}(\xi_k)} \left( \int_{a(\xi_k)}^t v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} \left( \int_{\xi_k}^{a^{-1}(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} v^{p'}(t) dt \\ &< \int_{a(\xi_k)}^{\rho^{-1}(\xi_k)} \left( \int_{\Theta(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{\vartheta^-(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \leq \int_{\delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\rho^-(t) dt \quad (3.37) \end{aligned}$$

on the strength of  $t < b(\xi_k) \implies b^{-1}(t) < \xi_k$  and  $t \leq \rho^{-1}(\xi_k) \implies a(\rho(t)) \leq a(\xi_k)$ . Further, again by duality and (1.18) we obtain from Lemma 1.2 with  $c = \rho^{-1}(\xi_k)$ ,  $d = b(\xi_k)$ ,  $a = \xi_k$ ,  $b(x) \rightarrow a^{-1}(y)$ ,  $v(y) \rightarrow w(x)k(x, b(\xi_k))$ ,  $w(x) \rightarrow v(y)$  and  $q = p'$ ,  $p = q'$  in view of  $a^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(\xi_k)) = t_\rho$  that

$$\|T_{k,2}^w\|^r \approx \int_{\rho^{-1}(\xi_k)}^{b(\xi_k)} \left( \int_{\xi_k}^{a^{-1}(t)} w_k^q(x, b(\xi_k)) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_t^{b(\xi_k)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt.$$

Since  $\xi_k \leq x$  and  $a(x) \leq t \leq b(\xi_k)$  then  $k(x, b(\xi_k)) \ll k(x, t)$  and, therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{k,2}^w\|^r &\ll \int_{\rho^{-1}(\xi_k)}^{b(\xi_k)} \left( \int_{\xi_k}^{a^{-1}(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_t^{b(\xi_k)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \\ &< \int_{\rho^{-1}(\xi_k)}^{b(\xi_k)} \left( \int_{\Theta(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{q}} \left( \int_{\vartheta^+(t)} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{q'}} v^{p'}(t) dt \leq \int_{\delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\rho^+(t) dt \quad (3.38) \end{aligned}$$

on the strength of  $t \leq b(\xi_k) \implies b^{-1}(t) \leq \xi_k$  and  $t \geq \rho^{-1}(\xi_k) \implies b(\xi_k) \leq b(\rho(t))$ . Now we have by (1.20) from Lemma 1.3 and (1.3)

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{k,1}^v\|^r &\approx \int_{\xi_k}^{t_\phi} \left( \int_{\xi_k}^t w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{a(t)}^{b(\xi_k)} v_k^{p'}(\xi_k, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \\ &\stackrel{(1.3)}{\ll} \int_{\xi_k}^{t_\phi} \left( \int_{\xi_k}^t w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{a(t)}^{b(\xi_k)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \\ &< \int_{\xi_k}^{t_\phi} \left( \int_{\delta^-(t)} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{\Delta(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \leq \int_{\Delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\phi^-(t) dt, \quad (3.39) \end{aligned}$$

since  $\phi(t) \leq b(\xi_k) \implies b^{-1}(\phi(t)) \leq \xi_k$  and  $b(\xi_k) \leq b(t)$ . Finally, by (1.21) from Lemma 1.3 and (1.3) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_{k,2}^v\|^r &\approx \int_{t_\phi}^{\xi_{k+1}} \left( \int_t^{\xi_{k+1}} \left[ \int_{a(x)}^{b(\xi_k)} v_k^{p'}(\xi_k, y) dy \right]^q w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{a(t)}^{b(\xi_k)} v_k^{p'}(\xi_k, y) dy \right)^{q-\frac{r}{p}} w^q(t) dt \\ &\ll \int_{t_\phi}^{\xi_{k+1}} \left( \int_t^{\xi_{k+1}} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{a(t)}^{b(\xi_k)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \\ &< \int_{t_\phi}^{\xi_{k+1}} \left( \int_{\delta^+(t)}^{\xi_{k+1}} w^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left( \int_{\Delta(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy \right)^{\frac{r}{p'}} w^q(t) dt \leq \int_{\Delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\phi^+(t) dt, \end{aligned} \quad (3.40)$$

since  $a(\xi_{k+1}) = b(\xi_k) \leq \phi(t) \implies \xi_{k+1} \leq a^{-1}(\phi(t))$  and  $b(\xi_k) < b(t)$ . Now from (3.34) – (3.40) we obtain

$$\|T_k\|_{L_p(\delta_k) \rightarrow L_q(\Delta_k)}^r \ll \int_{\delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\rho(t) dt + \int_{\Delta_k} \mathcal{B}_\phi(t) dt.$$

Therefore, from (3.5) by Lemma 1.1

$$\|\mathcal{T}\| \approx \left( \sum_k \|T_k\|_{L_p(\delta_k) \rightarrow L_q(\Delta_k)}^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \ll \mathcal{B}_\rho + \mathcal{B}_\phi.$$

Thus and from (3.33) the upper estimate in (2.13) follows in view of (3.4).

*The lower estimate.* Suppose that the inequality

$$\|\mathcal{K}f\|_q \leq \|\mathcal{K}\| \|f\|_p \quad (3.41)$$

holds. To prove

$$\|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q} \gg \mathcal{B}_\rho^- \quad (3.42)$$

we take a point sequence  $\{\xi_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset (0, \infty)$  such that

$$\xi_0 = 1, \quad \xi_k = (a^{-1} \circ b)^k(1), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad (3.43)$$

and denote

$$W_\rho(t) := \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{a^{-1}(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx, \quad V_\rho^-(t) := \int_{a(\rho(t))}^t v^{p'}(y) dy.$$

Note that  $[W_\rho(t)]^{r/pq} [V_\rho^-(t)]^{r/pq'} [v(t)]^{p'-1} = \mathcal{B}_\rho^-(t)^{1/p}$ . If we put

$$f_\rho(t) := [W_\rho(t)]^{r/pq} [V_\rho^-(t)]^{r/pq'} [v(t)]^{p'-1}$$

then  $\|f_\rho\|_p = (\mathcal{B}_\rho^-)^{r/p}$ . Thus, on the strength of  $\sqcup_k [\xi_k, \xi_{k+1}] = (0, \infty)$  and (3.41) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{K}\| (\mathcal{B}_\rho^-)^{r/p} &\stackrel{(3.41)}{\geq} \|\mathcal{K}f_\rho\|_q = \left( \sum_k \int_{\xi_k}^{\xi_{k+1}} (\mathcal{K}f_\rho)^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\geq 2^{-1/q} \left( \sum_k \int_{b^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(\xi_k))}^{\xi_{k+1}} (\mathcal{K}f_\rho)^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.44)$$

Using the explicit form of the operator  $\mathcal{K}$  we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{b^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(\xi_k))}^{\xi_{k+1}} (\mathcal{K}f_\rho)^q(x) dx &= \int_{b^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(\xi_k))}^{\xi_{k+1}} w^q(x) \left( \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} v_k(x, y) f_\rho(y) dy \right)^q dx \\ &= \int_{b^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(\xi_k))}^{\xi_{k+1}} w^q(x) \left( \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} v_k(x, t) f_\rho(t) dt \right) \left( \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} v_k(x, y) f_\rho(y) dy \right)^{q-1} dx \\ &\geq \int_{\rho^{-1}(\xi_k)}^{\rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1})} f_\rho(t) v(t) \left( \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{\min\{a^{-1}(t), \xi_{k+1}\}} k(x, t) w^q(x) \left[ \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} v_k(x, y) f_\rho(y) dy \right]^{q-1} dx \right) dt \\ &\geq \int_{\rho^{-1}(\xi_k)}^{\rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1})} f_\rho(t) v(t) \left( \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{\rho(t)} k(x, t) w^q(x) \left[ \int_{a(x)}^t v_k(x, y) f_\rho(y) dy \right]^{q-1} dx \right) dt \end{aligned}$$

[applying (1.3) with  $z = b^{-1}(t)$ ]

$$\begin{aligned} &\gg \int_{\rho^{-1}(\xi_k)}^{\rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1})} f_\rho(t) v(t) \left( \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{\rho(t)} w_k^q(x, t) \left[ \int_{a(x)}^t f_\rho(y) v(y) dy \right]^{q-1} dx \right) dt \\ &\geq \int_{\rho^{-1}(\xi_k)}^{\rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1})} f_\rho(t) v(t) \left( \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{\rho(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right) \left( \int_{a(\rho(t))}^t f_\rho(y) v(y) dy \right)^{q-1} dt \\ &= \int_{\rho^{-1}(\xi_k)}^{\rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1})} [W_\rho(t)]^{r/pq} [V_\rho^-(t)]^{r/pq'} \left( \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{\rho(t)} w_k^q(x, t) dx \right) \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{a(\rho(t))}^t [W_\rho(y)]^{r/pq} [V_\rho^-(y)]^{r/pq'} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{q-1} v^{p'}(t) dt \\ &\stackrel{(2.10)}{\gg} \int_{\rho^{-1}(\xi_k)}^{\rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1})} [V_\rho^-(t)]^{r/pq'} [W_\rho(t)]^{r/pq+1} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{a(\rho(t))}^t \left[ \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{\rho(t)} w_k^q(z, y) dz \right]^{\frac{r}{pq}} [V_\rho^-(y)]^{r/pq'} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{q-1} v^{p'}(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (1.3) that  $k(z, y) \gg k(z, t)$ , since  $a(z) \leq a(\rho(t)) \leq y \leq t = b(\tau)$ ,  $\tau = b^{-1}(t) \leq z$ . Therefore, in view of (2.10)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{b^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(\xi_k))}^{\xi_{k+1}} (\mathcal{K}f_\rho)^q(x) dx &\gg \int_{\rho^{-1}(\xi_k)}^{\rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1})} [V_\rho^-(t)]^{r/pq'} [W_\rho(t)]^{r/q} \\ &\times \left( \int_{a(\rho(t))}^t \left[ \int_{a(\rho(t))}^y v^{p'}(z) dz \right]^{r/pq'} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{q-1} v^{p'}(t) dt \approx \int_{\rho^{-1}(\xi_k)}^{\rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1})} \mathcal{B}_\rho^-(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sqcup_k [\rho^{-1}(\xi_k), \rho^{-1}(\xi_{k+1})] = (0, \infty)$ , it yields

$$\left( \sum_k \int_{b^{-1}(\rho^{-1}(\xi_k))}^{\xi_{k+1}} (\mathcal{K}f_\rho)^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \gg (\mathcal{B}_\rho^-)^{r/q}.$$

Thus, by (3.44) we obtain (3.42).

To prove

$$\|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q} \gg \mathcal{B}_\phi^+$$

we use the dual to (3.41) inequality

$$\left( \int_0^\infty \left[ \int_{b^{-1}(y)}^{a^{-1}(y)} w_k(x, y) g(x) dx \right]^{p'} v^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \leq \|\bar{\mathcal{K}}\| \left( \int_0^\infty g^{q'}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q'}}. \quad (3.45)$$

Note that here the kernel  $k(x, y)$  is satisfying the following from (1.3) condition of the form: if  $y \leq z$  and  $b^{-1}(z) \leq x \leq a^{-1}(y)$  then

$$D^{-1}k(x, y) \leq k(x, z) + k(b^{-1}(z), y) \leq Dk(x, y). \quad (3.46)$$

Break the semiaxis  $(0, \infty)$  by the point sequence (3.43) and put

$$W_\phi^+(t) := \int_t^{a^{-1}(\phi(t))} w^q(x) dx, \quad V_\phi(t) := \int_{a(t)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) dy.$$

Note that  $[W_\phi^+(t)]^{r/pq'} [V_\phi(t)]^{r/p'q'} [w(t)]^{q-1} = \mathcal{B}_\phi^+(t)^{1/q'}$ . If we take

$$g_\phi(t) = [W_\phi^+(t)]^{r/pq'} [V_\phi(t)]^{r/p'q'} [w(t)]^{q-1}$$

then

$$\left( \int_0^\infty g_\phi^{q'}(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q'}} = (\mathcal{B}_\phi^+)^{r/q'}.$$

Thus, by  $\sqcup_k [\phi(\xi_k), \phi(\xi_{k+1})] = (0, \infty)$  and (3.45) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\bar{\mathcal{K}}\| (\mathcal{B}_\phi^+)^{r/q'} &\geq \|\bar{\mathcal{K}}g_\phi\|_{p'} = \left( \sum_k \int_{\phi(\xi_k)}^{\phi(\xi_{k+1})} (\bar{\mathcal{K}}g_\phi)^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}} \\ &\geq 2^{-1/p'} \left( \sum_k \int_{\phi(\xi_k)}^{b(\xi_{k+1})} (\bar{\mathcal{K}}g_\phi)^{p'}(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p'}}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.47)$$

where  $\bar{\mathcal{K}}g(y) := v(y) \int_{b^{-1}(y)}^{a^{-1}(y)} k(x, y)g(x)w(x)dx$ . We find that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\phi(\xi_k)}^{b(\xi_{k+1})} (\bar{\mathcal{K}}g_\phi)^{p'}(y)dy = \int_{\phi(\xi_k)}^{b(\xi_{k+1})} v^{p'}(y) \left( \int_{b^{-1}(y)}^{a^{-1}(y)} w_k(x, y)g_\phi(x)dx \right)^{p'} dy \\ &= \int_{\phi(\xi_k)}^{b(\xi_{k+1})} v^{p'}(y) \left( \int_{b^{-1}(y)}^{a^{-1}(y)} w_k(t, y)g_\phi(t)dt \right) \left( \int_{b^{-1}(y)}^{a^{-1}(y)} w_k(x, y)g_\phi(x)dx \right)^{p'-1} dx \\ &\geq \int_{\xi_k}^{\xi_{k+1}} g_\phi(t)w(t) \left( \int_{\max\{a(t), \phi(\xi_k)\}}^{b(t)} k(t, y)v^{p'}(y) \left[ \int_{b^{-1}(y)}^{a^{-1}(y)} w_k(x, y)g_\phi(x)dx \right]^{p'-1} dy \right) dt \\ &\geq \int_{\xi_k}^{\xi_{k+1}} g_\phi(t)w(t) \left( \int_{\phi(t)}^{b(t)} k(t, y)v^{p'}(y) \left[ \int_t^{a^{-1}(y)} w_k(x, y)g_\phi(x)dx \right]^{p'-1} dy \right) dt \end{aligned}$$

[applying (3.46) with  $z = b(t)$ ]

$$\begin{aligned} &\gg \int_{\xi_k}^{\xi_{k+1}} g_\phi(t)w(t) \left( \int_{\phi(t)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y) \left[ \int_t^{a^{-1}(y)} g_\phi(x)w(x)dx \right]^{p'-1} dy \right) dt \\ &\geq \int_{\xi_k}^{\xi_{k+1}} g_\phi(t)w(t) \left( \int_{\phi(t)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y)dy \right) \left( \int_t^{a^{-1}(\phi(t))} g_\phi(x)w(x)dx \right)^{p'-1} dt \\ &= \int_{\xi_k}^{\xi_{k+1}} [W_\phi^+(t)]^{r/pq'} [V_\phi(t)]^{r/p'q'} \left( \int_{\phi(t)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(t, y)dy \right) \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_t^{a^{-1}(\phi(t))} [W_\phi^+(x)]^{r/pq'} [V_\phi(x)]^{r/p'q'} w^q(x)dx \right)^{p'-1} w^q(t)dt \\ &\stackrel{(2.11)}{\gg} \int_{\xi_k}^{\xi_{k+1}} [W_\phi^+(t)]^{r/pq'} [V_\phi(t)]^{r/p'q'+1} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_t^{a^{-1}(\phi(t))} \left[ \int_{\phi(t)}^{b(t)} v_k^{p'}(x, z)dz \right]^{\frac{r}{p'q'}} [W_\phi^+(x)]^{r/pq'} w^q(x)dx \right)^{p'-1} w^q(t)dt. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (3.46) that  $k(x, z) \gg k(t, z)$  because  $b^{-1}(\tau) = t \leq x \leq a^{-1}(\phi(t)) \leq a^{-1}(z)$  and  $z \leq \tau = b(t)$ . Therefore, in view of (2.11)

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\phi(\xi_k)}^{b(\xi_{k+1})} (\bar{\mathcal{K}}g_\phi)^{p'}(y)dy \gg \int_{\xi_k}^{\xi_{k+1}} [W_\phi^+(t)]^{r/pq'} [V_\phi(t)]^{r/p'} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_t^{a^{-1}(\phi(t))} \left[ \int_x^{a^{-1}(\phi(t))} w^q(z)dz \right]^{r/pq'} w^q(x)dx \right)^{p'-1} w^q(t)dt \approx \int_{\xi_k}^{\xi_{k+1}} \mathcal{B}_\phi^+(t)dt. \end{aligned}$$

Thus and from (3.47)

$$\|\mathcal{K}\|_{L_p \rightarrow L_q} = \|\bar{\mathcal{K}}\|_{L_{q'} \rightarrow L_{p'}} \gg \mathcal{B}_\phi^+. \quad (3.48)$$

By combining (3.42) and (3.48) we obtain the lower estimate in (2.13).

The assertions of Theorem 2.6 can be proved analogously by using (2.2), (1.12), (1.13), (1.14), (1.15) and lemmas 1.2, 1.3.

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