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# Morrey Spaces for Nonhomogeneous Metric Measure Spaces

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## 1. Introduction

During the past fifteen years, many results from real and harmonic analysis on the classical Euclidean spaces have been extended to the spaces with nondoubling measures only satisfying the polynomial growth condition (see [1–9]). The Radon measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is said to only satisfy the polynomial growth condition, if there exists a positive constant  $c$  such that for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $r > 0$ ,  $\mu(B(x, r)) \leq cr^n$ , where  $n$  is some fixed number in  $(0, d]$  and  $B(x, r) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^d : |x - y| < r\}$ . The analysis associated with such nondoubling measures  $\mu$  is proved to play a striking role in solving the long-standing open Painlevé's problem by Tolsa [6]. Obviously, the nondoubling measure  $\mu$  with the polynomial growth condition may not satisfy the well-known doubling condition, which is a key assumption in harmonic analysis on spaces of homogeneous type. To unify both spaces of homogeneous type and due to the fact that the metric spaces endow with measures only satisfying the polynomial growth condition, Hytönen [10] introduced a new class of metric measure spaces satisfying both the so-called geometrically doubling and the upper doubling conditions (see Definition 3), which are called nonhomogeneous spaces. Recently, many classical results have been proved still valid if the underlying spaces are replaced by the nonhomogeneous spaces of Hytönen (see [11–17]).

In this paper, we give a natural definition of Morrey spaces associated with the nonhomogeneous spaces of Hytönen and investigate the boundedness of some classical operators including maximal operator, fractional integral operator and

Marcinkiewicz integrals operator. To state the main results of this paper, we first recall some necessary notion, and notations. The following notions of geometrically doubling and upper doubling metric measure spaces were originally introduced by Hytönen [10].

*Definition 1.* A metric space  $(\mathcal{X}, d)$  is said to be geometrically doubling if there exists some  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for any ball  $B(x, r) \subset \mathcal{X}$ , there exists a finite ball covering  $\{B(x_i, r/2)\}_i$  of  $B(x, r)$  such that the cardinality of this covering is at most  $N_0$ .

*Remark 2.* Let  $(\mathcal{X}, d)$  be a metric space. In [10], Hytönen showed that the following statements are mutually equivalent.

- (1)  $(\mathcal{X}, d)$  is geometrically doubling.
- (2) For any  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  and any ball  $B(x, r) \subset \mathcal{X}$ , there exists a finite ball covering  $\{B(x_i, \varepsilon r)\}_i$  of  $B(x, r)$  such that the cardinality of this covering is at most  $N_0 \varepsilon^{-n}$ , where  $n = \log_2 N_0$ .
- (3) For any  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  and any ball  $B(x, r) \subset \mathcal{X}$  contains at most  $N_0 \varepsilon^{-n}$  centers  $\{x_i\}_i$  of disjoint balls  $\{B(x_i, \varepsilon r)\}_i$ .
- (4) There exists  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  such that any ball  $B(x, r) \subset \mathcal{X}$  contains at most  $M$  centers  $\{x_i\}_i$  of disjoint balls  $\{B(x_i, r/4)\}_{i=1}^M$ .

*Definition 3.* A metric measure space  $(\mathcal{X}, d, \mu)$  is said to be upper doubling if  $\mu$  is a Borel measure on  $\mathcal{X}$  and there exist a dominating function  $\lambda : \mathcal{X} \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  and a

positive constant  $c_\lambda$  such that, for each  $x \in \mathcal{X}, r \rightarrow \lambda(x, r)$  is nondecreasing and

$$\mu(B(x, r)) \leq \lambda(x, r) \leq c_\lambda \lambda\left(x, \frac{r}{2}\right) \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}, r > 0. \quad (1)$$

It was proved in [14] that there exists a dominating function  $\tilde{\lambda}$  related to  $\lambda$  satisfying the property that there exists a positive constant  $c_{\tilde{\lambda}}$  such that  $\tilde{\lambda} \leq \lambda, c_{\tilde{\lambda}} \leq c_\lambda$ , and, for all  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}, r > 0$  with  $d(x, y) \leq r, \tilde{\lambda}(x, r) \leq c_{\tilde{\lambda}} \tilde{\lambda}(y, r)$ . Based on this, in this paper, we always assume that the dominating function  $\lambda$  also satisfies it.

The following coefficients  $\delta(B, S)$  for all ball  $B$  and  $S$  were introduced in [10] as analogues of Tolsa's number  $K_{Q,R}$  in [5].

*Definition 4.* For all balls  $B \subset S$ , let

$$\delta(B, S) = \int_{2S-B} \frac{d\mu(x)}{\lambda(c_B, d(x, c_B))}, \quad (2)$$

where, as in the above mentioned, and in what follows, for a ball  $B = B(c_B, r_B)$  and  $\rho > 0, \rho B = B(c_B, \rho r_B)$ .

*Definition 5.* Let  $\alpha, \beta \in (0, \infty)$ . A ball  $B \subset \mathcal{X}$  is called  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -doubling if  $\mu(\alpha B) \leq \beta \mu(B)$ .

It was proved in [10] that if a metric measure space  $(\mathcal{X}, d, \mu)$  is upper doubling and  $\alpha, \beta \in (0, \infty)$  satisfying  $\beta > c_\lambda^{\log_2 \alpha} = \alpha^\nu$ , then, for any ball  $B$ , there exists some  $j \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  such that  $\alpha^j B$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -doubling. Moreover, let  $(\mathcal{X}, d, \mu)$  be geometrically doubling,  $\beta > \alpha^n$  with  $n = \log_2 N_0$  and  $\mu$  a Borel measure on  $\mathcal{X}$  which is finite on bounded sets. Hytönen [10] also showed that, for  $\mu$ -almost every  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , there exist arbitrary small  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -doubling balls centered at  $x$ . Furthermore, the radii of these balls may be chosen to be from  $\alpha^{-j} B$  for  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  and any preassigned number  $r > 0$ . Throughout this paper, for any  $\alpha \in (1, \infty)$  and ball  $B$ , the smallest  $(\alpha, \beta_\alpha)$ -doubling ball of the form  $\alpha^j B$  with  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  is denoted by  $\tilde{B}^\alpha$ , where

$$\beta_\alpha = \max\{\alpha^{3n}, \alpha^{3\nu}\} + 30^n + 30^\nu. \quad (3)$$

In what follows, by a doubling ball we mean a  $(6, \beta_6)$ -doubling ball and  $\tilde{B}^6$  is simply denoted by  $\tilde{B}$ .

Let  $k > 1$  and  $1 \leq q \leq p < \infty$ . We define the Morrey space  $M_q^p(k, \mu)$  associated with the nonhomogeneous spaces of Hytönen. This is an analogy of [18–20].

*Definition 6.* Let  $k > 1$  and  $1 \leq q \leq p < \infty$ , as

$$M_q^p(k, \mu) = \left\{ f \in L_{loc}^q : \|f\|_{M_q^p(k, \mu)} < \infty \right\}, \quad (4)$$

where

$$\|f\|_{M_q^p(k, \mu)} = \sup_B \mu(kB)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_B |f|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q}. \quad (5)$$

Clearly we have  $L^p(\mu) = M_p^p(k, \mu)$  and  $M_{q_1}^p \subset M_{q_2}^p, 1 \leq q_2 \leq q_1 \leq p$ . If the underlying spaces are replaced by

the nonhomogeneous spaces of Tolsa or Euclidean spaces, the definition of Morrey spaces can be seen in [18]. We will prove in Section 2 that the Morrey space is independent of choice of  $k$ .

In [21], Chiarenza and Frasca showed that the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator is bounded on the Morrey space. By establishing a pointwise estimate of fractional integrals in terms of the maximal function, they also showed the boundedness of fractional integral operator on Morrey space. If the underlying spaces are replaced by the nonhomogeneous spaces of Tolsa, Sawano and Tanaka also obtained these results in [18]. When the underlying spaces are the nonhomogeneous spaces of Hytönen, these operators have been discussed in Lebesgue space and RBMO space (see [22, 23]).

Main theorems of this paper are stated in each section. The definition of Morrey space and its equivalent definition are shown in Section 2. Section 3 is devoted to the study of maximal operator and fractional maximal operator. Section 4 deals with the fractional integral operator for the nonhomogeneous spaces of Hytönen. In Section 5, we investigate the behavior of the Marcinkiewicz integrals operator. In what follows the letter  $c$  will be used to denote constants that may change from one occurrence to another.

## 2. Morrey Space and Its Equivalent Definition

We firstly prove that the definition of Morrey space is independent of the choice of the parameter  $k$  (see [18, Proposition 1.1]).

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $k, s > 1$ ; then  $M_q^p(k, \mu) \approx M_q^p(s, \mu)$ .*

*Proof.* This result is a special case of the results in [24, Theorem 1.2]. For the sake of convenience, we provide the details. Let  $k \leq s$ . By the definition of Morrey space, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{M_q^p(s, \mu)} &= \sup_B \mu(sB)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_B |f| d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ &\leq \sup_B \mu(kB)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_B |f| d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ &= \|f\|_{M_q^p(k, \mu)}, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where  $1/p - 1/q < 0$ . So the inclusion  $M_q^p(k, \mu) \subset M_q^p(s, \mu)$  is obvious.

Let  $f \in M_q^p(s, \mu)$  and ball  $B \subset \mathcal{X}$ . Exploiting Remark 2(2), where  $\varepsilon = (k - 1)/s$ , we have that there exists ball  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_N$  with the same radius  $r = \varepsilon r_B$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} B &\subset \bigcup_{i=1}^N B_i, & sB_i &\subset kB \\ (i = 1, 2, \dots, N), & & N &\leq N_0 \left( \frac{s}{k-1} \right)^n. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Using this covering, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu(kB)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_B |f|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \mu(kB)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_{B_i} |f|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^N \mu(sB_i)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_{B_i} |f|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \leq N_0 \left( \frac{s}{k-1} \right)^n \|f\|_{M_q^p(s,\mu)}. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

That is,  $\|f\|_{M_q^p(k,\mu)} \leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(s,\mu)}$ . We complete the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

With this theorem in mind, we sometimes omit parameter  $k$  in  $M_q^p(k,\mu)$ .

Let  $Q = \{B \subset \mathcal{X} : B \text{ is } (6, \beta_6)\text{-doubling ball}\}$ . Now we give an equivalent definition of Morrey space.

*Definition 8.* Let  $1 \leq q \leq p < \infty$ ; as

$$M_q^p(d) = \left\{ f \in L_{loc}^q : \|f\|_{M_q^p(d)} < \infty \right\}, \tag{9}$$

where

$$\|f\|_{M_q^p(d)} = \sup_{B \in Q} \mu(B)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_B |f|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q}. \tag{10}$$

This definition and Theorem 9 are analogy of [20].

**Theorem 9.** Let  $1 \leq q < p < \infty$  and  $\beta_6 > (6^n)^{qp/(p-q)}$ ; then  $M_q^p(d) \approx M_q^p(\mu)$ .

*Proof.* We only need to prove that  $\|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)} \leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(d)}$ .

For every ball  $B_0 = B(c_B, r_0)$  and  $x \in B_0$ , let  $B(x, 6^{-i}r_0)$  be the largest doubling ball centered at  $x$ , having radius  $6^{-i}r_0$ ,  $i_x \in \mathbb{N}$ . So  $B(c_B, r_0) \subset \cup_{x \in B_0} B(x, 6^{-i}r_0)$ . By Besicovitch covering lemma, there is a subcollection  $A = \{B(x_i, 6^{-j_i}r_0)\}_{i=1}^\infty$  that covers  $B(c_B, r_0)$  so that no point belongs to more than  $c_{\mathcal{X}}$  of  $\{B(x_i, 6^{-j_i}r_0)\}_{i=1}^\infty$ , where  $c_{\mathcal{X}}$  only depends on space  $\mathcal{X}$ . We write  $A_i = \{B \in A : r_B = 6^{-i}r_0\}$ . Using Remark 2(2), we know, cardinal number of set  $A_i \leq N_0 6^{in}$ . For all  $B(x, 6^{-i}r_0) \in A_i$ , we have

$$\mu(6B_0) \geq \mu(B(x, r_0)) \geq \beta_6^i \mu(B(x, 6^{-i}r_0)). \tag{11}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu(6B_0)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_{B_0} |f|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^\infty \sum_{B \in A_i} \mu(6B_0)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_B |f|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \leq \sum_{i=1}^\infty \sum_{B \in A_i} (\beta_6^i)^{1/p-1/q} (\mu(B(x, 6^{-i}r_0)))^{1/p-1/q} \\ & \quad \times \left( \int_{B(x, 6^{-i}r_0)} |f|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(d)} \sum_{i=1}^\infty N_0 6^{in} (\beta_6^i)^{1/p-1/q} \\ & \leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(d)}. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

### 3. Maximal Inequalities

In this section we will investigate some maximal inequalities. Now we give the definitions of some maximal operators.

*Definition 10.* Let  $\rho > 0, r > 1, \alpha \in (0, 1)$ , as

$$M_\rho f(x) = \sup_{x \in B} \frac{1}{\mu(\rho B)} \int_B |f| d\mu,$$

$$M_\rho^\alpha f(x) = \sup_{x \in B} \frac{1}{\mu(\rho B)^{1-\alpha}} \int_B |f| d\mu,$$

$$M_{r,\rho} f(x) = \sup_{x \in B} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu(\rho B)} \int_B |f|^r d\mu \right]^{1/r}, \tag{13}$$

$$M_{r,\rho}^\alpha f(x) = \sup_{x \in B} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu(\rho B)^{1-\alpha r}} \int_B |f|^r d\mu \right]^{1/r}.$$

In [11, 22, 25–27], the boundedness of these maximal operators has been proven in Lebesgue spaces.

**Lemma 11.** Let  $p > 1, \rho > 0$ . Then the maximal operators  $M_\rho$  and  $M_{r,\rho}$  are bounded on  $L^p(\mu)$  space.

**Lemma 12.** Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1), 1 < r < p < 1/\alpha, \rho \geq 5$ , and  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha$ . Then the maximal operator  $M_{r,\rho}^\alpha$  is bounded from  $L^p(\mu)$  space to  $L^q(\mu)$  space.

*Remark 13.* When  $r = 1$ , Lemma 11 also is right.

Now we extend these results to the Morrey spaces.

**Theorem 14.** If  $\rho > 1$  and  $1 < r < q \leq p < \infty$ , then the maximal operators  $M_\rho$  and  $M_{r,\rho}$  are bounded on  $M_q^p(\mu)$  space.

*Proof.* The proof of the boundedness of  $M_\rho$  has been obtained in [24, 28]. We only prove the boundedness of  $M_{r,\rho}$ . For simplicity, we take  $\rho = 2$ . Let  $B_0 = B(x_0, r_0)$  and  $f = f_1 + f_2$ , where  $f_1(x) = f(x)\chi_{9B_0}(x)$ . Then for every  $y \in B_0$  we have

$$M_{r,\rho} f(y) \leq M_{r,\rho} f_1(y) + M_{r,\rho} f_2(y). \tag{14}$$

From the definitions of  $M_{r,\rho}$  and  $f_2$  it follows that

$$M_{r,\rho} f_2(y) \leq \sup_{y \in B, r_B \geq 8r_0} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu(2B)} \int_B |f|^r d\mu \right]^{1/r}. \tag{15}$$

For  $y \in B_0 \cap B$ ,  $r_B \geq 8r_0$ , the simple calculus yields  $B_0 \subset (3/2)B$ . Thus we have

$$M_{r,\rho} f_2(y) \leq \sup_{y \in B_0 \subset B} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu((4/3)B)} \int_B |f|^r d\mu \right]^{1/r}. \tag{16}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu(12B_0)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_{B_0} |Mr, \rho f|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \leq \mu(12B_0)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_{B_0} |M_{r,\rho} f_1|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \quad + \mu(12B_0)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_{B_0} |M_{r,\rho} f_2|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \leq \mu(12B_0)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_{\mathcal{X}} |M_{r,\rho} f_1|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \quad + \mu(B_0)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_{B_0} |M_{r,\rho} f_2|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \leq c\mu(12B_0)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_{\mathcal{X}} |f_1|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \quad + \mu(B_0)^{1/p} \sup_{y \in B_0 \subset B} \left( \frac{1}{\mu((4/3)B)} \int_B |f|^r d\mu \right)^{1/r} \\ & \leq c\mu(12B_0)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_{9B_0} |f|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \quad + \mu(B_0)^{1/p} \sup_{y \in B_0 \subset B} \mu\left(\frac{4}{3}B\right)^{-1/r} \mu(B)^{1/r-1/q} \left( \int_B |f|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \leq c\mu\left(\frac{4}{3}9B_0\right)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_{9B_0} |f|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \quad + \mu(B_0)^{1/p} \sup_{y \in B_0 \subset B} \mu\left(\frac{4}{3}B\right)^{-1/r} \mu(B)^{1/r-1/q} \left( \int_B |f|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \leq c\|f\|_{M_q^p(4/3,\mu)} \\ & \quad + \|f\|_{M_q^p(4/3,\mu)} \sup_{y \in B_0 \subset B} \mu(B)^{1/p+1/r-1/q} \mu\left(\frac{4}{3}B\right)^{1/q-1/p-1/r} \\ & \leq c\|f\|_{M_q^p(4/3,\mu)}. \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

We obtain the conclusion of the theorem.

**Lemma 15.** *If  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $1 \leq r < v \leq u < \infty$ ,  $r < 1/\alpha$ , and  $1 < u < 1/\alpha$ , then*

$$|M_{r,\rho}^\alpha f(x)| \leq c\|f\|_{M_v^u(\mu)}^\alpha |M_{r,\rho} f(x)|^{1-u\alpha}. \tag{18}$$

*Proof.* This Proof is an analogy of [18, 29]. For every  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , we write  $l_x^{1/u} = \|f\|_{M_v^u(\mu)}/M_{r,\rho} f(x)$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} |M_{r,\rho}^\alpha f(x)| & \leq \sup_{x \in B, \mu(\rho B) \leq l_x} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu(\rho B)^{1-\alpha r}} \int_B |f|^r d\mu \right]^{1/r} \\ & \quad + \sup_{x \in B, \mu(\rho B) > l_x} \left[ \frac{1}{\mu(\rho B)^{1-\alpha r}} \int_B |f|^r d\mu \right]^{1/r} \tag{19} \\ & = I + II. \end{aligned}$$

For I, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I & \leq \sup_{x \in B, \mu(\rho B) \leq l_x} \mu(\rho B)^\alpha \mu(\rho B)^{-1/r} \left[ \int_B |f|^r d\mu \right]^{1/r} \\ & \leq l_x^\alpha M_{r,\rho} f(x) \tag{20} \\ & = \|f\|_{M_v^u(\mu)}^{u\alpha} |M_{r,\rho} f(x)|^{1-u\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\mu(\rho B) > l_x$ , there exists a  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $2^{i-1}l_x \leq \mu(\rho B) \leq 2^i l_x$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} II & \leq \sup_{x \in B, \mu(\rho B) \geq l_x} (2^{i-1}l_x)^{\alpha-1/r} \left( \int_B |f|^r d\mu \right)^{1/r} \\ & \leq \sup_{x \in B, \mu(\rho B) \geq l_x} (2^{i-1}l_x)^{\alpha-1/r} \mu(B)^{1/r-1/v} \left( \int_B |f|^v d\mu \right)^{1/v} \\ & \leq c\|f\|_{M_v^u(\mu)} \sup_{x \in B, \mu(\rho B) \geq l_x} (2^{i-1}l_x)^{\alpha-1/r} \mu(\rho B)^{1/r-1/u} \tag{21} \\ & \leq c\|f\|_{M_v^u(\mu)} \sup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} (2^{i-1}l_x)^{\alpha-1/r} (2^i l_x)^{1/r-1/u} \\ & \leq c\|f\|_{M_v^u(\mu)} \sup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} (2^i)^{\alpha-1/u} l_x^{\alpha-1/u} \\ & \leq c\|f\|_{M_v^u(\mu)}^{u\alpha} |M_{r,\rho} f(x)|^{1-u\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

We complete the proof of Lemma 15. □

Using Lemma 15 and Theorem 14, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 16.** *If  $1 < s \leq t < \infty$ ,  $1 < r < u \leq v < 1/\alpha < \infty$ ,  $\alpha = 1/u - 1/s$ , and  $s/t = u/v$ , then operator  $M_{r,\rho}^\alpha$  is bounded from  $M_v^u(\mu)$  to  $M_t^s(\mu)$ .*

### 4. Fractional Integral Operator

In this section, we prove the boundedness of fractional integral operator on Morrey space. The definition of fractional integral operator can be seen in [22]. The investigation of fractional integrals on quasimetric measure spaces with non-doubling measure (nonhomogeneous spaces) in Lebesgue spaces was researched in [30, chapter 6].

**Definition 17.** Let  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , for all  $f \in L^\infty(\mu)$  with bounded support, as

$$I_\alpha f(x) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \frac{f(y)}{\lambda(y, d(x, y))^{1-\alpha}} d\mu(y). \quad (22)$$

In what follows, we assume that the dominating function  $\lambda$  satisfies

$$\lambda(x, ar) = a^m \lambda(x, r) \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}, a, r \in (0, \infty), \quad (23)$$

where  $\lambda$  is the dominating function of the measure of  $\mu$  in Definition 3. The condition about  $\lambda$  was first introduced by Bui and Duong in [11] to study the boundedness of commutators of Calderón-Zygmund operators. In [22], the authors obtain the boundedness of  $I_\alpha$ . The boundedness of fractional integral operators of other type can be seen in [31, 32].

**Lemma 18.** Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $1 < p < 1/\alpha$ , and  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha$ . Then  $I_\alpha$  is bounded from  $L^p(\mu)$  space to  $L^q(\mu)$  space.

**Lemma 19.** Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $1 < q \leq p < 1/\alpha$ , and  $1/t = 1/p - \alpha$ . Then

$$|I_\alpha f(x)| \leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)}^{1-p/t} (M_6 f(x))^{p/t}. \quad (24)$$

*Proof.* Let  $s \in (0, \infty)$ . We write

$$\begin{aligned} |I_\alpha f(x)| &\leq \int_{B(x,s)} \frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda(y, d(x, y))^{1-\alpha}} d\mu(y) \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathcal{X}-B(x,s)} \frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda(y, d(x, y))^{1-\alpha}} d\mu(y) \quad (25) \\ &= I + II. \end{aligned}$$

For  $I$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I &\leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \int_{B(x,6^{-j}s)-B(x,6^{-j-1}s)} \frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda(y, d(x, y))^{1-\alpha}} d\mu(y) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda(x, 6^{-j-1}s)^{1-\alpha}} \int_{B(x,6^{-j}s)} |f(y)| d\mu(y) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(B(x, 6^{-j+1}s))}{\lambda(x, 6^{-j-1}s)^{1-\alpha}} \frac{1}{\mu(B(x, 6^{-j+1}s))} \\ &\quad \times \int_{B(x,6^{-j}s)} |f(y)| d\mu(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq M_6 f(x) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda(x, 6^{-j+1}s)}{\lambda(x, 6^{-j-1}s)^{1-\alpha}} \\ &\leq M_6 f(x) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(6^{-j+1}s)^m \lambda(x, 1)}{(6^{-j-1}s)^{m(1-\alpha)} \lambda(x, 1)^{1-\alpha}} \\ &\leq c M_6 f(x) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (6^{m\alpha})^{-j} \lambda(x, 1)^\alpha s^{m\alpha} \\ &\leq c M_6 f(x) \lambda(x, 1)^\alpha s^{m\alpha}. \quad (26) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} II &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{B(x,6^j s)-B(x,6^{j-1}s)} \frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda(y, d(x, y))^{1-\alpha}} d\mu(y) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda(x, 6^{j-1}s)^{1-\alpha}} \int_{B(x,6^j s)} |f(y)| d\mu(y) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(B(x, 6^j s))^{1-1/q}}{\lambda(x, 6^{j-1}s)^{1-\alpha}} \frac{\mu(B(x, 6^{j+1}s))^{1/p-1/q}}{\mu(B(x, 6^{j+1}s))^{1/p-1/q}} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{B(x,6^j s)} |f(y)|^q d\mu(y) \right)^{1/q} \quad (27) \\ &\leq \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda(x, 6^{j+1}s)^{1-1/p}}{\lambda(x, 6^{j-1}s)^{1-\alpha}} \\ &\leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)} \lambda(x, 1)^{\alpha-1/p} (s^m)^{\alpha-1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

For every  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , we take  $s$  that satisfies  $\lambda(x, 1)s^m = (\|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)}/M_6 f(x))^p$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} I &\leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)}^{p\alpha} M_6 f(x)^{1-p\alpha} \\ &\leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)}^{1-p/t} M_6 f(x)^{p/t}, \quad (28) \\ II &\leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)}^{1-p/t} M_6 f(x)^{p/t}. \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$|I_\alpha f(x)| \leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)}^{1-p/t} (M_6 f(x))^{p/t}. \quad (29) \quad \square$$

Using this lemma and the boundedness of maximal operator, we obtain the following result.

The following proof of Theorem 20 is similar to that of [33].

**Theorem 20.** Let  $1 < q \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 < t \leq s < \infty$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , and  $1/s = 1/p - \alpha$ ,  $s/t = p/q$ . Then  $I_\alpha$  is bounded from  $M_q^p(\mu)$  space to  $M_t^s(\mu)$  space.

*Proof.* For all ball  $B(x, r)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu(2B)^{t/s-1} \int_B |I_\alpha f|^t d\mu \\ & \leq c\mu(2B)^{t/s-1} \int_B \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)}^{t-tp/s} (M_6 f(x))^{tp/s} d\mu \\ & \leq c\mu(2B)^{t/s-1} \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)}^{t-q} \int_B (M_6 f(x))^q d\mu \\ & \leq c\|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)}^t. \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

Thus we have proved the theorem.  $\square$

### 5. Marcinkiewicz Integral Operator

Firstly, we introduce the definition of Marcinkiewicz integral operator (see [23]).

*Definition 21.* Let  $K$  be a locally integrable function on  $(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} - \{(x, x) : x \in \mathcal{X}\})$ . Assume that there exists a positive constant  $c$  such that, for all  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{X}$  with  $x \neq y$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & |K(x, y)| \leq c \frac{d(x, y)}{\lambda(x, d(x, y))}, \\ & \int_{d(x, y) \geq 2d(x, z)} [|K(x, y) - K(x, z)| + |K(y, x) - K(z, x)|] \\ & \quad \times \frac{1}{d(x, y)} d\mu(x) \leq c. \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

The Marcinkiewicz integral  $\mathcal{M}(f)$  associated with the above kernel  $K$  is defined by setting

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{M}(f)(x) \\ & = \left[ \int_0^\infty \left| \int_{d(x, y) < t} K(x, y) f(y) d\mu(y) \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right]^{1/2} \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}. \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

The boundedness on  $L^p(\mu)$  has been proved in [23].

**Lemma 22.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{M}$  is bounded on  $L^{p_0}(\mu)$  space for some  $p_0 \in (1, \infty)$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is bounded on  $L^p(\mu)$  spaces for all  $p \in (1, \infty)$ .

Now we extend this result to the Morrey spaces  $M_q^p(\mu)$ .

**Theorem 23.** Let  $1 < p \leq q < \infty$ . If  $\mathcal{M}$  is bounded on  $L^{p_0}(\mu)$  space for some  $p_0 \in (1, \infty)$ , then  $\mathcal{M}$  is bounded on  $M_q^p(\mu)$  space.

*Proof.* For every ball  $B = B(x_0, r)$ ,  $f \in M_q^p(\mu)$ , let  $f(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x)$ , where  $f_1(x) = f(x)\chi_{2B}(x)$ .

We can estimate

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu(4B)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_B |\mathcal{M}(f)|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \leq \mu(4B)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_B |\mathcal{M}(f_1)|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \quad + \mu(4B)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_B |\mathcal{M}(f_2)|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \leq I + II. \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

For the first term  $I$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I & \leq \mu(4B)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_{\mathcal{X}} |f_1|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ & \leq \mu(4B)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_{2B} |f|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \leq \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)}. \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

For  $II$ , we firstly estimate  $\mathcal{M}(f_2)(x)$ , as

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{M}(f_2)(x) \\ & = \left[ \int_0^\infty \left| \int_{d(x, y) < t} K(x, y) f_2(y) d\mu(y) \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right]^{1/2} \\ & \leq \left[ \int_0^{d(x_0, y)+2r} \left| \int_{d(x, y) < t} K(x, y) f_2(y) d\mu(y) \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right]^{1/2} \\ & \quad + \left[ \int_{d(x_0, y)+2r}^\infty \left| \int_{d(x, y) < t} K(x, y) f_2(y) d\mu(y) \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right]^{1/2} \\ & \leq II_1 + II_2. \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

For any ball  $B(x_0, r)$ ,  $y \in (kB)^c$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , and  $x \in B$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda(x_0, d(y, x_0)) \sim \lambda(y, d(y, x_0)) \sim \lambda(x, d(x, y)), \\ II_1 & \leq \int_{\mathcal{X}} K(x, y) |f_2(y)| \left[ \int_{d(x, y)}^{d(x_0, y)+2r} \frac{1}{t^3} dt \right]^{1/2} d\mu(y) \\ & \leq \int_{\mathcal{X}} K(x, y) |f_2(y)| \left[ \frac{1}{(d(x_0, y) + 2r)^2} - \frac{1}{d(x, y)^2} \right]^{1/2} d\mu(y) \\ & \leq c \int_{\mathcal{X}} K(x, y) |f_2(y)| \left[ \frac{r}{(d(x_0, y))^3} \right]^{1/2} d\mu(y) \\ & \leq c \int_{\mathcal{X}} \frac{d(x, y)}{\lambda(x, d(x, y))} |f_2(y)| \left[ \frac{r}{(d(x_0, y))^3} \right]^{1/2} d\mu(y) \\ & \leq c \int_{\mathcal{X}-2B} \frac{r^{1/2}}{d(x_0, y)^{1/2} \lambda(x_0, d(x_0, y))} |f_2(y)| d\mu(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq cr^{1/2} \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \int_{B(x_0, 2^i r) - B(x_0, 2^{i-1} r)} \frac{|f(y)|}{d(x_0, y)^{1/2} \lambda(x_0, d(x_0, y))} d\mu(y) \\
 &\leq cr^{1/2} \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda(x_0, 2^{i-1} r) (2^{i-1} r)^{1/2}} \int_{B(x_0, 2^i r)} |f(y)| d\mu(y) \\
 &\leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)} \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(B(x_0, 2^{i+1} r))^{1-1/p}}{\lambda(x_0, 2^{i-1} r)} \\
 &\leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)} \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2^{i+1} r)^{m-m/p} \lambda(x_0, 1)^{1-1/p}}{(2^{i-1} r)^m \lambda(x_0, 1)} \\
 &\leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)} r^{m(-1/p)} \lambda(x_0, 1)^{-1/p} \leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)} \lambda(x_0, r)^{-1/p}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

Similarly, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 II_2 &\leq c \int_{x-2B} \frac{1}{\lambda(x_0, d(x_0, y))} |f(y)| d\mu(y) \\
 &\leq c \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \int_{B(x_0, 2^i r) - B(x_0, 2^{i-1} r)} \frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda(x_0, d(x_0, y))} d\mu(y) \\
 &\leq c \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda(x_0, 2^{i-1} r)} \int_{B(x_0, 2^i r)} |f(y)| d\mu(y) \\
 &\leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)} \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(B(x_0, 2^{i+1} r))^{1-1/p}}{\lambda(x_0, 2^{i-1} r)} \\
 &\leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)} \lambda(x_0, r)^{-1/p}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

That is to say,  $\mathcal{M}(f_2)(x) \leq c \lambda(x_0, r)^{-1/p} \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)}$  for all ball  $B(x_0, r)$  and  $x \in B(x_0, r)$ .

Using it we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 II &\leq \mu(4B)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_B |\mathcal{M}(f_2)|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\
 &\leq c \mu(4B)^{1/p-1/q} \left( \int_B |\lambda(x_0, r)^{-1/p} \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)}|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\
 &\leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)} \mu(4B)^{1/p-1/q} \lambda(x_0, r)^{-1/p} \mu(B)^{1/q} \\
 &\leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)} \mu(B)^{1/p} \lambda(x_0, r)^{-1/p} \leq c \|f\|_{M_q^p(\mu)}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

The proof of Theorem 23 is completed. □

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