

SOBOLEV'S INEQUALITIES FOR HERZ–MORREY–ORLICZ SPACES ON THE HALF SPACE

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Abstract. We introduce Herz-Morrey-Orlicz spaces on the half space, and study the boundedness of the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator. As an application, we establish Sobolev's inequality for Riesz potentials of functions in such spaces, which is one of mixed norm type inequalities.

1. Introduction

Let \mathbf{R}^n be the Euclidean space. In harmonic analysis, the maximal operator is a classical tool when studying Sobolev functions and partial differential equations. This also plays a central role in the study of differentiation, singular integrals, smoothness of functions and so on (see [4, 9, 18], etc.).

It is well known that the maximal operator is bounded on the Lebesgue space $L^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$ if $p > 1$ (see [18]). The boundedness of the maximal operator was studied on Morrey spaces in [7, 14], on Orlicz-Morrey spaces in [16], and also on non-homogeneous Herz spaces in [10]. For Morrey spaces, which were introduced to estimate solutions of partial differential equations, we refer to [13, 17].

Recently, the boundedness of the maximal operator was studied for non-homogeneous central Herz-Morrey-Orlicz spaces on the whole space \mathbf{R}^n (see [12]). Let \mathbf{H}_+ denote the half plane :

$$\mathbf{H}_+ = \{x = (x', x_n) \in \mathbf{R}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{R} : x_n > 0\}.$$

Our first aim in this paper is to study the boundedness of the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator on $\mathcal{H}^{\Phi, \omega, q}(\mathbf{H}_+)$ defined by a general function Φ and a weight ω satisfying certain conditions and $0 < q \leq \infty$ (see Theorems 3.4 and 3.5 below). The space $\mathcal{H}^{\Phi, \omega, q}(\mathbf{H}_+)$ is referred to as a Herz-Morrey-Orlicz space on the half space. See Section 2 for the definitions of Φ , ω and $\mathcal{H}^{\Phi, \omega, q}(\mathbf{H}_+)$. To prove Theorem 3.4, we need

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the boundedness of maximal operator on L^Φ (see Lemma 3.1), and treat only the case $1 < q < \infty$, because the remaining case is easily settled.

One of the important applications of the boundedness of the maximal operator is Sobolev’s inequality; in classical Lebesgue spaces, we know Sobolev’s inequality:

$$\|I_\alpha f\|_{L^{p^*}(\mathbf{R}^n)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbf{R}^n)}$$

for $f \in L^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$, $0 < \alpha < n$ and $1 < p < n/\alpha$, where I_α is the Riesz kernel of order α and $1/p^* = 1/p - \alpha/n$ (see, e.g. [2, Theorem 3.1.4]). Sobolev’s inequality for Morrey spaces was given by D. R. Adams [1] (also [7, 14]), and then the result was extended to Orlicz-Morrey spaces in [15]. For local Morrey-type spaces, we refer the reader to [5, 6], for example. See also [10] for non-homogeneous Herz spaces and [8] for non-homogeneous central Morrey spaces.

In [12], the boundedness of Riesz potential operators was studied for non-homogeneous central Herz-Morrey-Orlicz spaces on \mathbf{R}^n . Our second aim in this paper is to give a general version of Sobolev’s inequality for Riesz potentials of functions in $\mathcal{H}^{\Phi,\omega,q}(\mathbf{H}_+)$ as an application of the boundedness of the maximal operator on $\mathcal{H}^{\Phi,\omega,q}(\mathbf{H}_+)$ (see Theorem 4.7 below). This seems to be new even for the case $\Phi(r) = r^p$ and $\omega(r) = r^{-\nu}$ (see Corollary 4.8 and Remark 4.9 below). The key lemma for our main Theorem 4.7 is Lemma 4.5 below.

2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, let C denote various positive constants independent of the variables in question.

Let Φ be a convex function on $[0, \infty)$ such that

(Φ1) $\Phi(0) = 0$ and $\Phi(r) > 0$ for $r > 0$;

(Φ2) for some $p_2 > 1$, $r^{-p_2}\Phi(r)$ is almost decreasing, that is, there exists a constant $A_1 > 0$ such that

$$\Phi(rt) \leq A_1 r^{p_2} \Phi(t) \quad \text{when } r > 1 \text{ and } t > 0;$$

(Φ3) for some $1 < p_1 \leq p_2$, $r^{-p_1}\Phi(r)$ is almost increasing, that is, there exists a constant $A_2 > 0$ such that

$$\Phi(rt) \geq A_2 r^{p_1} \Phi(t) \quad \text{when } r > 1 \text{ and } t > 0.$$

Here note from (Φ2) that Φ is doubling, that is, there exists a constant $A > 0$ such that

$$\Phi(2r) \leq A\Phi(r) \quad \text{for } r > 0.$$

Further consider a weight ω such that

(ω1) $\omega(r) > 0$ for $r > 0$;

($\omega 2$) ω is almost decreasing in $(0, \infty)$;

($\omega 3$) ω is doubling.

We see that $\omega(r) = r^{-\nu}(\log(e+r))^\theta$ is almost decreasing when $\nu > 0$ and $\theta \in \mathbf{R}$.

Note here that ($\Phi 2$) holds if and only if

$$(\Phi 2') \quad \Phi(rt) \geq A_1^{-1} r^{p_2} \Phi(t) \quad \text{when } 0 < r < 1 \text{ and } t > 0;$$

and ($\Phi 3$) holds if and only if

$$(\Phi 3') \quad \Phi(rt) \leq A_2^{-1} r^{p_1} \Phi(t) \quad \text{when } 0 < r < 1 \text{ and } t > 0.$$

Moreover, if Φ is of the form $r^p(\log(e+r))^\theta$ for $p > 1$ and $\theta \in \mathbf{R}$, then ($\Phi 2$) and ($\Phi 3$) hold when $1 < p_1 < p < p_2$. In particular, $p_1 = p = p_2$ if and only if $\theta = 0$.

For $r > 0$, set

$$H(r) = \{x = (x', x_n) \in \mathbf{R}^{n-1} \times \mathbf{R} : 0 < x_n < r\}$$

and

$$A(r) = H(2r) \setminus H(r).$$

For $0 < q \leq \infty$, we denote by $\mathcal{H}^{\Phi, \omega, q}(\mathbf{H}_+)$ the class of measurable functions f on the half space \mathbf{H}_+ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}^{\Phi, \omega, q}(\mathbf{H}_+)} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \int_{H(2)} \Phi \left(\frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda} \right) dy \right. \\ \left. + \left(\int_1^\infty \left(\omega(r) \int_{A(r)} \Phi \left(\frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda} \right) dy \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} \right)^{1/q} \leq 1 \right\} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

when $0 < q < \infty$, $\mathcal{H}^{\Phi, \omega, \infty}(\mathbf{H}_+)$ is the space of all measurable functions f on \mathbf{H}_+ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}^{\Phi, \omega, \infty}(\mathbf{H}_+)} \\ = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \int_{H(2)} \Phi \left(\frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda} \right) dy + \sup_{r \geq 1} \left(\omega(r) \int_{A(r)} \Phi \left(\frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda} \right) dy \right) \leq 1 \right\} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

The space $\mathcal{H}^{\Phi, \omega, q}(\mathbf{H}_+)$ is referred to as a non-homogeneous central Herz-Morrey-Orlicz space on the half space \mathbf{H}_+ , which is one of spaces with mixed norm. In connection with $\mathcal{H}^{\Phi, \omega, q}(\mathbf{H}_+)$, we consider the space $\underline{\mathcal{H}}^{\Phi, \omega, q}(\mathbf{H}_+)$ of all measurable functions f on \mathbf{H}_+ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{\underline{\mathcal{H}}^{\Phi, \omega, q}(\mathbf{H}_+)} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \int_{H(2)} \Phi \left(\frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda} \right) dy \right. \\ \left. + \left(\int_1^\infty \left(\omega(r) \int_{H(r)} \Phi \left(\frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda} \right) dy \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} \right)^{1/q} \leq 1 \right\} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

when $0 < q < \infty$; if $q = \infty$, then we need necessary modifications. For these spaces, see e.g. [3, 5, 6, 13].

LEMMA 2.1. *Suppose*

($\omega 4$) $r^{\delta_0} \omega(r)$ is almost decreasing on $[1, \infty)$ for some $\delta_0 > 0$.

Then $\mathcal{H}^{\Phi, \omega, q}(\mathbf{H}_+) = \underline{\mathcal{H}}^{\Phi, \omega, q}(\mathbf{H}_+)$.

Proof. Let $0 < \delta < \delta_0$. First, we show the case $0 < q < \infty$. Let f be a measurable function on \mathbf{H}_+ with

$$\int_{H(2)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy + \left(\int_1^\infty \left(\omega(r) \int_{A(r)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} \right)^{1/q} \leq 1.$$

In case $0 < q < \infty$, by Hölder’s inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{H(r) \setminus H(2)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \\ & \leq C \int_1^r \left(\int_{A(t)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right) \frac{dt}{t} \\ & \leq C \left(\int_1^r (t^{-\delta} \omega(t)^{-1})^{q'} \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/q'} \left(\int_1^r \left(t^\delta \omega(t) \int_{A(t)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right)^q \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/q} \\ & \leq Cr^{-\delta} \omega(r)^{-1} \left(\int_1^r \left(t^\delta \omega(t) \int_{A(t)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right)^q \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/q} \end{aligned}$$

for $r \geq 1$ since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^r (t^{-\delta} \omega(t)^{-1})^{q'} \frac{dt}{t} & \leq C (r^{-\delta_0} \omega(r)^{-1})^{q'} \int_1^r t^{(\delta_0 - \delta)q'} \frac{dt}{t} \\ & = C (r^{-\delta_0} \omega(r)^{-1})^{q'} r^{(\delta_0 - \delta)q'} = Cr^{-\delta q'} \omega(r)^{-q'} \end{aligned}$$

by ($\omega 4$). For the case $0 < q \leq 1$, we use the fact that $(a + b)^q \leq a^q + b^q$ for all $a, b \geq 0$ instead of Hölder’s inequality and use

$$t^{-\delta} \omega(t)^{-1} \leq Cr^{-\delta} \omega(r)^{-1}$$

for all $1 \leq t \leq r$ by ($\omega 4$). Hence we have by ($\omega 4$)

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_1^\infty \left(\omega(r) \int_{H(r)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} \\ & \leq C \left\{ \int_1^\infty \left(\omega(r) \int_{H(r) \setminus H(2)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} + \int_1^\infty \left(\omega(r) \int_{H(2)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} \right\} \\ & \leq C \left\{ \int_1^\infty \left(t^\delta \omega(t) \int_{A(t)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right)^q \left(\int_t^\infty r^{-\delta q} \frac{dr}{r} \right) \frac{dt}{t} + \left(\int_{H(2)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right)^q \right\} \\ & \leq C \left\{ \int_1^\infty \left(\omega(t) \int_{A(t)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} + \left(\int_{H(2)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right)^q \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\int_{H(2)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy + \left(\int_1^\infty \left(\omega(r) \int_{H(r)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} \right)^{1/q} \leq C.$$

Next, we deal with the case $q = \infty$. Let f be a measurable function on \mathbf{H}_+ with

$$\int_{H(2)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy + \sup_{r \geq 1} \left(\omega(r) \int_{A(r)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right) \leq 1.$$

By (ω4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{H(r) \setminus H(2)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy &\leq C \int_1^r \left(\int_{A(t)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right) \frac{dt}{t} \\ &\leq C \left(\int_1^r t^{-\delta} \omega(t)^{-1} \frac{dt}{t} \right) \sup_{1 \leq t \leq r} \left(t^\delta \omega(t) \int_{A(t)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right) \\ &\leq C r^{-\delta} \omega(r)^{-1} \sup_{1 \leq t \leq r} \left(t^\delta \omega(t) \int_{A(t)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right) \\ &\leq C \omega(r)^{-1} \sup_{1 \leq t \leq r} \left(\omega(t) \int_{A(t)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right) \end{aligned}$$

for $r \geq 1$. Hence we have by (ω2)

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{r \geq 1} \left(\omega(r) \int_{H(r)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right) \\ &\leq \sup_{r \geq 1} \left(\omega(r) \int_{H(r) \setminus H(2)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right) + \sup_{r \geq 1} \left(\omega(r) \int_{H(2)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right) \\ &\leq C \left\{ \sup_{r \geq 1} \left(\sup_{1 \leq t \leq r} \left(\omega(t) \int_{A(t)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right) \right) + \int_{H(2)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right\} \\ &\leq C \left\{ \sup_{t \geq 1} \left(\omega(t) \int_{A(t)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right) + \int_{H(2)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\int_{H(2)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy + \sup_{r \geq 1} \left(\omega(r) \int_{H(r)} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy \right) \leq C. \quad \square$$

3. The boundedness of the maximal operator

We define the maximal function of a locally integrable function f on \mathbf{H}_+ by

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{r > 0} \frac{1}{|B(x, r)|} \int_{B(x, r) \cap \mathbf{H}_+} |f(y)| dy,$$

where $B(x, r)$ denotes the open ball centered at $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ with radius $r > 0$.

In view of (Φ3), we have the boundedness of maximal operator in $L^\Phi(\mathbf{H}_+)$
 $= \{f \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbf{H}_+) : \int_{\mathbf{H}_+} \Phi(|f(y)|) dy < \infty\}$.

LEMMA 3.1. ([11, Corollary 4.4]) *There exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\int_{\mathbf{H}_+} \Phi(Mf(x)) \, dx \leq C \int_{\mathbf{H}_+} \Phi(|f(y)|) \, dy.$$

Let us start with the following lemma which will be useful in the sequel.

LEMMA 3.2. *Let $a < 1$. Then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} |x - y|^{a-n} \, dx' \leq C |x_n - y_n|^{a-1},$$

where $x = (x', x_n)$ and $y = (y', y_n)$.

Proof. For $x = (x', x_n)$ and $y = (y', y_n)$, set $r = |x' - y'|$ and $b = |x_n - y_n|$. Then

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} |x - y|^{a-n} \, dx' = C \int_0^\infty (r^2 + b^2)^{(a-n)/2} r^{n-2} \, dr \leq C b^{a-1}. \quad \square$$

For a real number κ , $x \in H(r)$ and $r > 1$, we define

$$J_{\kappa,r}(x) = \int_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus (H(2r) \cup B(x,r))} |x - y|^{\kappa-n} f(y) \, dy$$

and set

$$f_{1,r} = f_{1,r;x} = f \chi_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus (H(2r) \cup B(x,r))}.$$

Next result is instrumental for the boundedness of the maximal operator.

LEMMA 3.3. *Suppose*

($\omega 5$) $r^{\kappa p_2 - 1 + \beta_0} \omega(r)^{-1}$ *is almost decreasing on $[1, \infty)$ for some $\beta_0 > 0$.*

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\beta > 0$ such that

$$\kappa p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - 1 < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) + \beta < \beta_0.$$

Then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$r^{-\varepsilon p_2} \int_{H(r)} \Phi(r^\varepsilon J_{\kappa,r}(x)) \, dx \leq C r^{\kappa p_2 + \beta} \omega(r)^{-1} \left(\int_r^\infty \left(t^{-\beta} \omega(t) \int_{A(t)} \Phi(f(y)) \, dy \right)^q \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/q}$$

when $0 < q < \infty$ and

$$r^{-\varepsilon p_2} \int_{H(r)} \Phi(r^\varepsilon J_{\kappa,r}(x)) \, dx \leq C r^{\kappa p_2} \omega(r)^{-1} \sup_{t \geq r} \left(\omega(t) \int_{A(t)} \Phi(f(y)) \, dy \right)$$

when $q = \infty$, for all nonnegative measurable functions f on \mathbf{H}_+ .

Proof. We show only the case $1 < q < \infty$. Let ε be given as in the present lemma. For a nonnegative measurable function f on \mathbf{H}_+ and $x \in H(r)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_{\kappa,r}(x) &= \int_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus (H(2r) \cup B(x,r))} |x-y|^{\kappa-n} f(y) dy \\ &\leq C \int_r^\infty \left(\frac{1}{|B(x,t)|} \int_{B(x,t)} f_{1,r}(y) dy \right) t^{\kappa-1} dt. \end{aligned}$$

We obtain by Jensen's inequality and $(\Phi 2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(r^\varepsilon J_{\kappa,r}(x)) &\leq C \Phi \left(r^\varepsilon \int_r^\infty \left(\frac{1}{|B(x,t)|} \int_{B(x,t)} t^{\kappa+\varepsilon} f_{1,r}(y) dy \right) t^{-\varepsilon-1} dt \right) \\ &\leq Cr^\varepsilon \int_r^\infty \left(\frac{1}{|B(x,t)|} \int_{B(x,t)} \Phi(t^{\kappa+\varepsilon} f_{1,r}(y)) dy \right) t^{-\varepsilon-1} dt \\ &\leq Cr^\varepsilon \int_r^\infty t^{(\kappa+\varepsilon)p_2-n} \left(\int_{B(x,t)} \Phi(f_{1,r}(y)) dy \right) t^{-\varepsilon-1} dt \\ &\leq Cr^\varepsilon \int_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus (H(2r) \cup B(x,r))} |x-y|^{\kappa p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2-1) - n} \Phi(f(y)) dy \end{aligned}$$

since $r > 1$ and

$$\kappa p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - n < \kappa p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - 1 < 0.$$

If $x \in H(r)$ and $y \in \mathbf{H}_+ \setminus B(x,r)$, then for $\bar{x} = (x', -x_n)$

$$|\bar{x} - y| \leq 2x_n + |x - y| < 2r + |x - y| < 3|x - y|.$$

Therefore, Lemma 3.2 gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{H(r)} |x-y|^{\kappa p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2-1) - n} dx &\leq \int_{H(r)} (|\bar{x} - y|/3)^{\kappa p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2-1) - n} dx \\ &\leq C \int_0^r (x_n + y_n)^{\kappa p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2-1) - 1} dx_n \\ &\leq Cr y_n^{\kappa p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2-1) - 1} \end{aligned}$$

for $y \in \mathbf{H}_+ \setminus (H(2r) \cup B(x,r))$ since $\kappa p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) < 1$. Hence we obtain by Hölder's inequality and $(\omega 5)$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{H(r)} \Phi(r^\varepsilon J_{\kappa,r}(x)) dx &\leq Cr^\varepsilon \int_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus H(2r)} \left(\int_{H(r)} |x-y|^{\kappa p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2-1) - n} dx \right) \Phi(f(y)) dy \\ &\leq Cr^{\varepsilon+1} \int_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus H(2r)} y_n^{\kappa p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2-1) - 1} \Phi(f(y)) dy \\ &\leq Cr^{\varepsilon+1} \sum_{j=1}^\infty (2^j r)^{\kappa p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2-1) - 1} \int_{A(2^j r)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq Cr^{\varepsilon+1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left((2^j r)^{\kappa p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - 1 + \beta} \omega(2^j r)^{-1} \right)^{q'} \right)^{1/q} \\ &\quad \times \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left((2^j r)^{-\beta} \omega(2^j r) \int_{A(2^j r)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right)^q \right)^{1/q} \\ &\leq Cr^{(\kappa + \varepsilon)p_2 + \beta} \omega(r)^{-1} \\ &\quad \times \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left((2^j r)^{-\beta} \omega(2^j r) \int_{A(2^j r)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right)^q \right)^{1/q}, \end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{H(r)} \Phi(r^\varepsilon J_{\kappa,r}(x)) dx \\ &\leq Cr^{(\kappa + \varepsilon)p_2 + \beta} \omega(r)^{-1} \left(\int_r^\infty \left(t^{-\beta} \omega(t) \int_{A(t)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right)^q \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/q}, \end{aligned}$$

which proves the assertion. \square

Now we are ready to prove the boundedness of maximal operator on $\underline{\mathcal{L}}^{\Phi,\omega,q}(\mathbf{H}_+)$.

THEOREM 3.4. *Suppose*

$(\omega 5')$ $r^{-1 + \beta_0} \omega(r)^{-1}$ *is almost decreasing on* $[1, \infty)$ *for some* $\beta_0 > 0$.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given such that

$$\varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - 1 < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) < \beta_0.$$

Then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\int_{H(2)} \Phi(Mf(x)) dx + \left(\int_1^\infty \left(r^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(r) \int_{H(r)} \Phi(r^\varepsilon Mf(x)) dx \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} \right)^{1/q} \leq C$$

when $0 < q < \infty$ and

$$\int_{H(2)} \Phi(Mf(x)) dx + \sup_{r \geq 1} \left(r^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(r) \int_{H(r)} \Phi(r^\varepsilon Mf(x)) dx \right) \leq C$$

when $q = \infty$, for all $f \in \underline{\mathcal{L}}^{\Phi,\omega,q}(\mathbf{H}_+)$ with $\|f\|_{\underline{\mathcal{L}}^{\Phi,\omega,q}(\mathbf{H}_+)} \leq 1$.

Proof. We show only the case $1 < q < \infty$. Let f be a nonnegative measurable function on \mathbf{H}_+ such that

$$\int_{H(2)} \Phi(f(y)) dy + \left(\int_1^\infty \left(\omega(r) \int_{H(r)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} \right)^{1/q} \leq 1.$$

For $r > 1$ write

$$f = f\chi_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus H(2r)} + f\chi_{H(2r)} = f_{2,r} + f_{3,r}.$$

First note by $(\Phi 2)$ and Lemma 3.1 that

$$\begin{aligned} r^{-\varepsilon p_2} \int_{H(r)} \Phi(r^\varepsilon Mf_{3,r}(x)) dx &\leq C \int_{H(r)} \Phi(Mf_{3,r}(y)) dy \\ &\leq C \int_{\mathbf{H}_+} \Phi(f_{3,r}(y)) dy \\ &= C \int_{H(2r)} \Phi(f(y)) dy, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\int_{H(2)} \Phi(Mf_{3,2}(x)) dx \leq C \int_{H(4)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \leq C$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^\infty \left(r^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(r) \int_{H(r)} \Phi(r^\varepsilon Mf_{3,r}(x)) dx \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} &\leq C \int_1^\infty \left(\omega(r) \int_{H(2r)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} \\ &\leq C \int_1^\infty \left(\omega(r) \int_{H(r)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} \\ &\leq C. \end{aligned}$$

For $x \in H(r)$, note that

$$Mf_{2,r}(x) \leq CJ_{0,r}(x).$$

Take $\beta > 0$ such that

$$\varepsilon(p_2 - 1) + \beta < \beta_0.$$

Then we obtain by Lemma 3.3 and $(\omega 5')$

$$r^{-\varepsilon p_2} \int_{H(2)} \Phi(r^\varepsilon Mf_{2,r}(x)) dx \leq Cr^\beta \omega(r)^{-1} \left(\int_r^\infty \left(t^{-\beta} \omega(t) \int_{A(t)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right)^q \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/q},$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{H(2)} \Phi(Mf_{2,2}(x)) dx &\leq C \left(\int_2^\infty \left(t^{-\beta} \omega(t) \int_{A(t)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right)^q \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/q} \\ &\leq C \left(\int_2^\infty \left(\omega(t) \int_{H(t)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right)^q \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/q} \\ &\leq C \end{aligned}$$

and again by Lemma 3.3

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_1^\infty \left(r^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(r) \int_{H(r)} \Phi(r^\varepsilon Mf_{2,r}(x)) dx \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} \\
 & \leq C \int_1^\infty r^{\beta q} \left(\int_r^\infty \left(t^{-\beta} \omega(t) \int_{A(t)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right)^q \frac{dt}{t} \right) \frac{dr}{r} \\
 & \leq C \int_1^\infty \left(t^{-\beta} \omega(t) \int_{A(t)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right)^q \left(\int_1^t r^{\beta q} \frac{dr}{r} \right) \frac{dt}{t} \\
 & \leq C \int_1^\infty \left(\omega(t) \int_{A(t)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right)^q \frac{dt}{t} \\
 & \leq C \left\{ \int_{H(2)} \Phi(f(y)) dy + \left(\int_1^\infty \left(\omega(t) \int_{H(t)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right)^q \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/q} \right\} \\
 & \leq C.
 \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\int_{H(2)} \Phi(Mf(x)) dx \leq C$$

and

$$\int_1^\infty \left(r^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(r) \int_{H(r)} \Phi(r^\varepsilon Mf(x)) dx \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} \leq C,$$

and the proof of the theorem is completed. \square

In view of Theorem 3.4 and Lemma 2.1, we present the boundedness of maximal operator on $\mathcal{H}^{\Phi, \omega, q}(\mathbf{H}_+)$.

THEOREM 3.5. *Suppose $(\omega 4)$ and $(\omega 5')$ hold. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given such that*

$$\varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - 1 < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) < \beta_0.$$

Then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\int_{H(2)} \Phi(Mf(x)) dx + \left(\int_1^\infty \left(r^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(r) \int_{A(r)} \Phi(r^\varepsilon Mf(x)) dx \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} \right)^{1/q} \leq C$$

when $0 < q < \infty$ and

$$\int_{H(2)} \Phi(Mf(x)) dx + \sup_{r \geq 1} \left(r^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(r) \int_{A(r)} \Phi(r^\varepsilon Mf(x)) dx \right) \leq C$$

when $q = \infty$, for all $f \in \mathcal{H}^{\Phi, \omega, q}(\mathbf{H}_+)$ with $\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}^{\Phi, \omega, q}(\mathbf{H}_+)} \leq 1$.

COROLLARY 3.6. *Let $0 < v < 1$. If $p > 1$, then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\left(\int_{\mathbf{H}_+} Mf(x)^p (1 + x_n)^{-v} dx \right)^{1/p} \leq C \left(\int_{\mathbf{H}_+} |f(y)|^p (1 + y_n)^{-v} dy \right)^{1/p}.$$

4. Sobolev inequality

The Riesz potential of order α ($0 < \alpha < n$) of f is defined by

$$I_\alpha f(x) = \int_{\mathbf{H}_+} |x - y|^{\alpha-n} f(y) dy$$

with $f \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbf{H}_+)$.

For $x = (x', x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+$ and $r > 0$, write

$$I_{1,r}f(x) = \int_{B(x,r)} |x - y|^{\alpha-n} f(y) dy,$$

$$I_{2,r}f(x) = \int_{B(x,1) \setminus B(x,r)} |x - y|^{\alpha-n} f(y) dy,$$

$$I_{3,r}f(x) = \int_{B(x,x_n/2) \setminus B(x,r)} |x - y|^{\alpha-n} f(y) dy,$$

$$I_{4,r}f(x) = \int_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus B(x,r)} |x - y|^{\alpha-n} f(y) dy.$$

In order to get our aims we shall need some lemmas.

LEMMA 4.1. *There exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$I_{1,r}f(x) \leq Cr^\alpha Mf(x)$$

for all nonnegative measurable function f on \mathbf{H}_+ .

As in the proof of Lemma 3.3, we show the following result.

LEMMA 4.2. *Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be a number such that $\alpha p_1 + \varepsilon(p_1 - 1) - n < 0$. Then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\Phi(r^\varepsilon I_{2,r}f(x)) \leq Cr^{\alpha p_1 + \varepsilon p_1 - n} \int_{B(x,1) \setminus B(x,r)} \Phi(f(y)) dy$$

for all nonnegative measurable functions f on \mathbf{H}_+ , $x \in \mathbf{H}_+$ and $0 < r < 1/2$.

Proof. Let f be a nonnegative measurable function on \mathbf{H}_+ and $x \in \mathbf{H}_+$. For $0 < r < 1/2$, we write

$$\tilde{f}_{2,r} = f \chi_{B(x,1) \setminus B(x,r)}.$$

Then we have by Jensen's inequality and $(\Phi 3')$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(r^\varepsilon I_{2,r}f(x)) &\leq C\Phi\left(r^\varepsilon \int_r^2 \left(\frac{1}{|B(x,t)|} \int_{B(x,t)} t^{\alpha+\varepsilon} \tilde{f}_{2,r}(y) dy\right) t^{-\varepsilon-1} dt\right) \\ &\leq Cr^\varepsilon \int_r^2 \left(\frac{1}{|B(x,t)|} \int_{B(x,t)} \Phi(t^{\alpha+\varepsilon} \tilde{f}_{2,r}(y)) dy\right) t^{-\varepsilon-1} dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq Cr^\varepsilon \int_r^2 t^{\alpha p_1 + \varepsilon p_1 - n} \left(\int_{B(x,t)} \Phi(\tilde{f}_{2,r}(y)) dy \right) t^{-\varepsilon - 1} dt \\ &\leq Cr^\varepsilon \int_{B(x,1) \setminus B(x,r)} |x - y|^{\alpha p_1 + \varepsilon(p_1 - 1) - n} \Phi(f(y)) dy \\ &\leq Cr^{\alpha p_1 + \varepsilon p_1 - n} \int_{B(x,1) \setminus B(x,r)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \end{aligned}$$

since $\alpha p_1 + \varepsilon(p_1 - 1) - n < 0$. \square

LEMMA 4.3. *If $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - n < 0$, then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\Phi(r^\varepsilon I_{3,r} f(x)) \leq Cr^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \int_{B(x, x_n/2)} \Phi(f(y)) dy$$

for all nonnegative measurable functions f on \mathbf{H}_+ , $x = (x', x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+$ and $r \geq 1/2$.

Proof. Let f be a nonnegative measurable function on \mathbf{H}_+ . It is sufficient to prove the result for $1/2 \leq r < x_n/2$. We write

$$\tilde{f}_{3,r} = f \chi_{B(x, x_n/2) \setminus B(x,r)}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} I_{3,r} f(x) &= \int_{B(x, x_n/2) \setminus B(x,r)} |x - y|^{\alpha - n} f(y) dy \\ &\leq C \int_r^{x_n} \left(\frac{1}{|B(x,t)|} \int_{B(x,t)} \tilde{f}_{3,r}(y) dy \right) t^{\alpha - 1} dt. \end{aligned}$$

We have by Jensen’s inequality and (Φ2)

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(r^\varepsilon I_{3,r} f(x)) &\leq C \Phi \left(r^\varepsilon \int_r^{x_n} \left(\frac{1}{|B(x,t)|} \int_{B(x,t)} t^{\alpha + \varepsilon} \tilde{f}_{3,r}(y) dy \right) t^{-\varepsilon - 1} dt \right) \\ &\leq Cr^\varepsilon \int_r^{x_n} \left(\frac{1}{|B(x,t)|} \int_{B(x,t)} \Phi(t^{\alpha + \varepsilon} \tilde{f}_{3,r}(y)) dy \right) t^{-\varepsilon - 1} dt \\ &\leq Cr^\varepsilon \int_r^\infty t^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \left(\int_{B(x,t)} \Phi(\tilde{f}_{3,r}(y)) dy \right) t^{-\varepsilon - 1} dt \\ &\leq Cr^\varepsilon \int_{B(x, x_n/2) \setminus B(x,r)} |x - y|^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - n} \Phi(f(y)) dy \\ &\leq Cr^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \int_{B(x, x_n/2)} \Phi(f(y)) dy, \end{aligned}$$

which gives the assertion. \square

LEMMA 4.4. *Suppose*

($\omega 6$) $r^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon_0(p_2 - 1) - n} \omega(r)^{-1}$ is almost decreasing on $[1, \infty)$ for some $\varepsilon_0 > 0$.

If $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$, then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$r^\varepsilon I_{4,r} f(x) \leq C \Phi^{-1} (r^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \omega(r)^{-1})$$

for all $r \geq 1/2$, $x = (x', x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+$ with $r \geq x_n/2$ and nonnegative measurable functions f on \mathbf{H}_+ with $\|f\|_{\underline{\mathcal{X}}^{\Phi, \omega, q}(\mathbf{H}_+)} \leq 1$.

Proof. We show only the case $1 < q < \infty$. Let f be a nonnegative measurable function on \mathbf{H}_+ such that

$$\int_{H(2)} \Phi(f(y)) dy + \left(\int_1^\infty \left(\omega(r) \int_{H(r)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} \right)^{1/q} \leq 1.$$

Let ε such that $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$. For $x = (x', x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+$ with $r \geq x_n/2$ and $r \geq 1/2$, we write

$$\tilde{f}_{4,r} = f \chi_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus B(x,r)}.$$

Then

$$I_{4,r} f(x) \leq C \int_r^\infty \left(\frac{1}{|B(x,t)|} \int_{B(x,t)} \tilde{f}_{4,r}(y) dy \right) t^{\alpha - 1} dt.$$

Note from ($\omega 6$) that

$$\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon_0(p_2 - 1) - n < 0$$

since $\omega(r)$ is almost decreasing on $[1, \infty)$, so that

$$\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - n = \alpha p_2 + \varepsilon_0(p_2 - 1) - n + (\varepsilon - \varepsilon_0)(p_2 - 1) < 0.$$

We have by Jensen's inequality and ($\Phi 2$)

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(r^\varepsilon I_{4,r} f(x)) &\leq C \Phi \left(r^\varepsilon \int_r^\infty \left(\frac{1}{|B(x,t)|} \int_{B(x,t)} t^{\alpha + \varepsilon} \tilde{f}_{4,r}(y) dy \right) t^{-\varepsilon - 1} dt \right) \\ &\leq C r^\varepsilon \int_r^\infty \left(\frac{1}{|B(x,t)|} \int_{B(x,t)} \Phi(t^{\alpha + \varepsilon} \tilde{f}_{4,r}(y)) dy \right) t^{-\varepsilon - 1} dt \\ &\leq C r^\varepsilon \int_r^\infty t^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \left(\int_{B(x,t)} \Phi(\tilde{f}_{4,r}(y)) dy \right) t^{-\varepsilon - 1} dt \\ &\leq C r^\varepsilon \int_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus B(x,r)} |x - y|^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - n} \Phi(f(y)) dy. \end{aligned}$$

Since $y_n \geq 4x_n/2 = 2x_n$ when $y \in \mathbf{H}_+ \setminus (H(r) \cup B(x,r))$ and $y_n \geq 4r$, $|x - y| \geq |x_n - y_n| \geq y_n/2$. When $y \in \mathbf{H}_+ \setminus (H(r) \cup B(x,r))$ and $r < y_n < 4r$, $|x - y| > r > y_n/4$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} &r^\varepsilon \int_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus (H(r) \cup B(x,r))} |x - y|^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - n} \Phi(f(y)) dy \\ &\leq C r^\varepsilon \int_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus H(r)} y_n^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - n} \Phi(f(y)) dy \end{aligned}$$

since $\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - n < 0$. Hence

$$\Phi(r^\varepsilon I_{4,r} f(x)) \leq C \left\{ r^\varepsilon \int_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus H(r)} y_n^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - n} \Phi(f(y)) dy + r^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \int_{H(r)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right\}.$$

Here we find by Hölder’s inequality and $(\omega 6)$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus H(r)} y_n^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - n} \Phi(f(y)) dy &\leq C \sum_{j=0}^\infty \int_{A(2^j r)} (2^j r)^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - n} \Phi(f(y)) dy \\ &\leq C \left(\sum_{j=0}^\infty \left((2^j r)^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - n} \omega(2^j r)^{-1} \right)^{q'} \right)^{1/q'} \left(\sum_{j=0}^\infty \left(\omega(2^j r) \int_{A(2^j r)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right)^q \right)^{1/q} \\ &\leq C r^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - n} \omega(r)^{-1} \left(\sum_{j=0}^\infty \left(\omega(2^j r) \int_{A(2^j r)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right)^q \right)^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

Further,

$$r^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \int_{H(r)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \leq C r^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \omega(r)^{-1}.$$

Hence

$$\Phi(r^\varepsilon I_{4,r} f(x)) \leq C r^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \omega(r)^{-1},$$

which gives the assertion. \square

LEMMA 4.5. *Suppose $(\omega 6)$ holds. Let $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$. Let f be a nonnegative measurable function on \mathbf{H}_+ such that $\|f\|_{\underline{\omega}, \Phi, \omega, q(\mathbf{H}_+)} \leq 1$.*

- (1) *Let $N_{1,\varepsilon} = n + (\alpha + \varepsilon)(p_2 - p_1)$. If $\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon_0 p_2 - n < 0$, then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$I_\alpha f(x) \leq C M f(x) (\omega(x_n) \Phi(M f(x)))^{-\alpha/N_{1,\varepsilon}}$$

for all $x = (x', x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+$ with $x_n \geq 1$ and $(\omega(x_n) \Phi(M f(x)))^{-1/N_{1,\varepsilon}} < 1$.

- (2) *Let $N_{2,\varepsilon} = n - (\alpha + \varepsilon)(p_2 - p_1)$. If $\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon_0 p_2 - n < 0$, then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$I_\alpha f(x) \leq C M f(x) (\omega(x_n) \Phi(M f(x)))^{-\alpha/N_{2,\varepsilon}}$$

for all $x = (x', x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+$ with $x_n \geq 2$ and $1 \leq (\omega(x_n) \Phi(M f(x)))^{-1/N_{2,\varepsilon}} \leq x_n/2$.

- (3) *Suppose*

$(\omega 7)$ there exist a real number $N_{3,\varepsilon}$ and a constant $A > 0$ such that $0 < N_{3,\varepsilon} \leq N_{2,\varepsilon}$ and

$$t^{N_{3,\varepsilon}} \leq A t^{N_{2,\varepsilon}} \omega(t)$$

for all $t \geq 1$.

Then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$I_\alpha f(x) \leq CMf(x)\Phi(Mf(x))^{-\alpha/N_{3,\varepsilon}}$$

for all $x = (x', x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+$ with $x_n \geq 1$ and $(\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{2,\varepsilon}} \geq x_n/2$.

Proof. First we show the case (1). By Lemmas 4.1–4.4, we have for $0 < t < 1$ and $x = (x', x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+$ with $x_n \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} I_\alpha f(x) &= \int_{B(x,t)} |x-y|^{\alpha-n} f(y) dy + \int_{B(x,1) \setminus B(x,t)} |x-y|^{\alpha-n} f(y) dy \\ &\quad + \int_{B(x,x_n/2) \setminus B(x,1)} |x-y|^{\alpha-n} f(y) dy + \int_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus B(x,x_n/2)} |x-y|^{\alpha-n} f(y) dy \\ &\leq C \left\{ t^\alpha Mf(x) + t^{-\varepsilon} \Phi^{-1} \left(t^{\alpha p_1 + \varepsilon p_1 - n} \int_{H(2x_n)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \Phi^{-1} \left(\int_{H(3x_n/2)} \Phi(f(y)) dy \right) + x_n^{-\varepsilon} \Phi^{-1} (x_n^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \omega(x_n)^{-1}) \right\} \\ &\leq C \left\{ t^\alpha Mf(x) + t^{-\varepsilon} \Phi^{-1} (t^{\alpha p_1 + \varepsilon p_1 - n} \omega(x_n)^{-1}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \Phi^{-1} (\omega(x_n)^{-1}) + x_n^{-\varepsilon} \Phi^{-1} (x_n^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \omega(x_n)^{-1}) \right\} \\ &\leq C \left\{ t^\alpha Mf(x) + t^{-\varepsilon} \Phi^{-1} (t^{\alpha p_1 + \varepsilon p_1 - n} \omega(x_n)^{-1}) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

since

$$\alpha p_1 + \varepsilon p_1 - n \leq \alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n < \alpha p_2 + \varepsilon_0 p_2 - n < 0$$

and

$$\alpha p_1 + \varepsilon(p_1 - 1) - n \leq \alpha p_2 + \varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - n < 0.$$

If $t = (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{1,\varepsilon}} < 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(t^{-\alpha-\varepsilon} \Phi^{-1}(t^{\alpha p_1 + \varepsilon p_1 - n} \omega(x_n)^{-1})) &\leq A_1 t^{(-\alpha-\varepsilon)p_2} t^{\alpha p_1 + \varepsilon p_1 - n} \omega(x_n)^{-1} \\ &= A_1 t^{-N_{1,\varepsilon}} \omega(x_n)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

by $(\Phi 2)$, so that

$$\begin{aligned} I_\alpha f(x) &\leq C \left\{ t^\alpha Mf(x) + t^\alpha \Phi^{-1} (A_1 t^{-N_{1,\varepsilon}} \omega(x_n)^{-1}) \right\} \\ &\leq C t^\alpha Mf(x) \\ &= CMf(x) (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-\alpha/N_{1,\varepsilon}}, \end{aligned}$$

which gives Assertion (1).

Next we show the case (2). We have for $x = (x', x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+$ and $1 \leq t < x_n/2$

$$\begin{aligned} I_\alpha f(x) &= \int_{B(x,t)} |x-y|^{\alpha-n} f(y) dy + \int_{B(x,x_n/2) \setminus B(x,t)} |x-y|^{\alpha-n} f(y) dy \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus B(x,x_n/2)} |x-y|^{\alpha-n} f(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C \{t^\alpha Mf(x) + t^{-\varepsilon} \Phi^{-1}(t^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \omega(x_n)^{-1}) + x_n^{-\varepsilon} \Phi^{-1}(x_n^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \omega(x_n)^{-1})\} \\ &\leq C \{t^\alpha Mf(x) + t^{-\varepsilon} \Phi^{-1}(t^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \omega(x_n)^{-1})\} \end{aligned}$$

by Lemmas 4.1, 4.3 and 4.4. If $1 < t = (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{2,\varepsilon}} < x_n/2$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(t^{-\alpha-\varepsilon} \Phi^{-1}(t^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \omega(x_n)^{-1})) &\leq A_2^{-1} t^{(-\alpha-\varepsilon)p_1} t^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \omega(x_n)^{-1} \\ &= A_2^{-1} t^{-N_{2,\varepsilon}} \omega(x_n)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

by $(\Phi 3')$, so that

$$\begin{aligned} I_\alpha f(x) &\leq C \{t^\alpha Mf(x) + t^\alpha \Phi^{-1}(A_2^{-1} t^{-N_{2,\varepsilon}} \omega(x_n)^{-1})\} \\ &\leq C t^\alpha Mf(x) \\ &= C Mf(x) (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-\alpha/N_{2,\varepsilon}}, \end{aligned}$$

which gives Assertion (2).

Finally we show the case (3). Let $x = (x', x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+$ with $x_n \geq 1$.

If $(\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{2,\varepsilon}} \geq x_n/2 \geq 1/2$, then we take $t = \Phi(Mf(x))^{-1/N_{3,\varepsilon}}$. Since $x_n \geq 1$, we see that

$$x_n^{N_{3,\varepsilon}} \leq A x_n^{N_{2,\varepsilon}} \omega(x_n) \leq A 2^{N_{2,\varepsilon}} \Phi(Mf(x))^{-1} = A 2^{N_{2,\varepsilon}} t^{N_{3,\varepsilon}},$$

so that $t \geq A^{-1/N_{3,\varepsilon}} 2^{-N_{2,\varepsilon}/N_{3,\varepsilon}} x_n \geq C$. We find

$$\begin{aligned} I_\alpha f(x) &= \int_{B(x,t) \cap \mathbf{H}_+} |x-y|^{\alpha-n} f(y) dy + \int_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus B(x,t)} |x-y|^{\alpha-n} f(y) dy \\ &\leq C \{t^\alpha Mf(x) + t^{-\varepsilon} \Phi^{-1}(t^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \omega(t)^{-1})\} \end{aligned}$$

by Lemmas 4.1 and 4.4. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(t^{-\alpha-\varepsilon} \Phi^{-1}(t^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \omega(t)^{-1})) &\leq C t^{(-\alpha-\varepsilon)p_1} t^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \omega(t)^{-1} \\ &= C t^{-N_{2,\varepsilon}} \omega(t)^{-1} \leq C t^{-N_{3,\varepsilon}} \end{aligned}$$

by $(\Phi 3')$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_\alpha f(x) &\leq C \{t^\alpha Mf(x) + t^{-\varepsilon} \Phi^{-1}(t^{\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon p_2 - n} \omega(t)^{-1})\} \\ &\leq C \{t^\alpha Mf(x) + t^\alpha \Phi^{-1}(t^{-N_{3,\varepsilon}})\} \\ &\leq C t^\alpha Mf(x) \\ &= C Mf(x) \Phi(Mf(x))^{-\alpha/N_{3,\varepsilon}}, \end{aligned}$$

which gives Assertion (3). \square

Suppose there exist convex functions $\Psi_{i,\varepsilon}$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$) on $[0, \infty)$ such that $(\Psi_{i,\varepsilon})$ there exists a constant $A_3 > 0$ such that

$$\Psi_{i,\varepsilon} \left(t \Phi(t)^{-\alpha/N_{i,\varepsilon}} \right) \leq A_3 \Phi(t)$$

for $t > 0$.

In view of previous results we have the following.

LEMMA 4.6. *Suppose (ω6) and (ω7) hold for $\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon_0 p_2 - n < 0$. Let $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$. Then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{A(r)} \left(\Psi_{1,\varepsilon} \left((x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(x_n))^{\alpha/N_{1,\varepsilon}} x_n^\varepsilon I_\alpha f(x) \right) \chi_{\{x=(x',x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+ : (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{1,\varepsilon}} < 1\}} \right. \\ & \quad + \Psi_{2,\varepsilon} \left((x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(x_n))^{\alpha/N_{2,\varepsilon}} x_n^\varepsilon I_\alpha f(x) \right) \chi_{\{x=(x',x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+ : 1 \leq (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{2,\varepsilon}} \leq x_n/2\}} \\ & \quad \left. + \Psi_{3,\varepsilon} \left((x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(x_n))^{\alpha/N_{3,\varepsilon}} x_n^\varepsilon I_\alpha f(x) \right) \chi_{\{x=(x',x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+ : (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{2,\varepsilon}} \geq x_n/2\}} \right) dx \\ & \leq C \int_{A(r)} \Phi(r^\varepsilon Mf(x)) dx \end{aligned}$$

for all $r \geq 1$ and nonnegative measurable functions f on \mathbf{H}_+ such that $\|f\|_{\underline{\mathcal{X}}^{\Phi,\omega,q}(\mathbf{H}_+)} \leq 1$.

Proof. Let $x = (x', x_n) \in A(r)$ with $r \geq 1$.

If $(\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{1,\varepsilon}} < 1$ with $N_{1,\varepsilon} = n + (\alpha + \varepsilon)(p_2 - p_1)$, then we have by Lemma 4.5 (1) and (Φ2)

$$\begin{aligned} I_\alpha f(x) & \leq CMf(x) (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-\alpha/N_{1,\varepsilon}} \\ & \leq CMf(x) (\omega(x_n)x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2}\Phi(x_n^\varepsilon Mf(x)))^{-\alpha/N_{1,\varepsilon}}, \end{aligned}$$

so that in view of $(\Psi_{1,\varepsilon})$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{1,\varepsilon} \left((x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(x_n))^{\alpha/N_{1,\varepsilon}} x_n^\varepsilon I_\alpha f(x) \right) & \leq C\Psi_{1,\varepsilon} \left(x_n^\varepsilon Mf(x) \Phi(x_n^\varepsilon Mf(x))^{-\alpha/N_{1,\varepsilon}} \right) \\ & \leq C\Phi(x_n^\varepsilon Mf(x)). \end{aligned}$$

If $1 \leq (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{2,\varepsilon}} \leq x_n/2$ with $N_{2,\varepsilon} = n - (\alpha + \varepsilon)(p_2 - p_1)$, then we have by Lemma 4.5 (2) and (Φ2)

$$\begin{aligned} I_\alpha f(x) & \leq CMf(x) (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-\alpha/N_{2,\varepsilon}} \\ & \leq CMf(x) (\omega(x_n)x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2}\Phi(x_n^\varepsilon Mf(x)))^{-\alpha/N_{2,\varepsilon}} \end{aligned}$$

and hence, in view of $(\Psi_{2,\varepsilon})$,

$$\Psi_{2,\varepsilon} \left((x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(x_n))^{\alpha/N_{2,\varepsilon}} x_n^\varepsilon I_\alpha f(x) \right) \leq C\Phi(x_n^\varepsilon Mf(x)).$$

Finally, if $(\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{2,\varepsilon}} \geq x_n/2$, then we obtain by Lemma 4.5 (3) and (Φ2)

$$I_\alpha f(x) \leq CMf(x)\Phi(Mf(x))^{-\alpha/N_{3,\varepsilon}} \leq CMf(x) (x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2}\Phi(x_n^\varepsilon Mf(x)))^{-\alpha/N_{3,\varepsilon}},$$

so that in view of $(\Psi_{3,\varepsilon})$

$$\Psi_{3,\varepsilon} \left((x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2})^{\alpha/N_{3,\varepsilon}} x_n^\varepsilon I_{\alpha} f(x) \right) \leq C \Phi(x_n^\varepsilon Mf(x)),$$

as required. \square

Now we establish our main result.

THEOREM 4.7. *Suppose $(\omega 4)$, $(\omega 5')$, $(\omega 6)$ and $(\omega 7)$ hold for $\alpha p_2 + \varepsilon_0 p_2 - n < 0$. If $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$, $\varepsilon(p_2 - 1) - 1 < 0$ and $\varepsilon(p_2 - 1) < \beta_0$, then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_1^\infty \left(r^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(r) \right. \\ & \times \int_{A(r)} \left(\Psi_{1,\varepsilon} \left((x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(x_n))^{\alpha/N_{1,\varepsilon}} x_n^\varepsilon |I_{\alpha} f(x)| \right) \chi_{\{x=(x',x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+ : (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{1,\varepsilon}} < 1\}} \right. \\ & + \Psi_{2,\varepsilon} \left((x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(x_n))^{\alpha/N_{2,\varepsilon}} x_n^\varepsilon |I_{\alpha} f(x)| \right) \chi_{\{x=(x',x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+ : 1 \leq (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{2,\varepsilon}} \leq x_n/2\}} \\ & \left. \left. + \Psi_{3,\varepsilon} \left((x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2})^{\alpha/N_{3,\varepsilon}} x_n^\varepsilon |I_{\alpha} f(x)| \right) \chi_{\{x=(x',x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+ : (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{2,\varepsilon}} \geq x_n/2\}} \right) dx \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} \\ & \leq C \end{aligned}$$

when $0 < q < \infty$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{r \geq 1} \left(r^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(r) \right. \\ & \times \int_{A(r)} \left(\Psi_{1,\varepsilon} \left((x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(x_n))^{\alpha/N_{1,\varepsilon}} x_n^\varepsilon |I_{\alpha} f(x)| \right) \chi_{\{x=(x',x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+ : (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{1,\varepsilon}} < 1\}} \right. \\ & + \Psi_{2,\varepsilon} \left((x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(x_n))^{\alpha/N_{2,\varepsilon}} x_n^\varepsilon |I_{\alpha} f(x)| \right) \chi_{\{x=(x',x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+ : 1 \leq (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{2,\varepsilon}} \leq x_n/2\}} \\ & \left. \left. + \Psi_{3,\varepsilon} \left((x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2})^{\alpha/N_{3,\varepsilon}} x_n^\varepsilon |I_{\alpha} f(x)| \right) \chi_{\{x=(x',x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+ : (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{2,\varepsilon}} \geq x_n/2\}} \right) dx \right) \\ & \leq C \end{aligned}$$

when $q = \infty$, for all measurable functions f on \mathbf{H}_+ such that $\|f\|_{\not\in \Phi, \omega, q(\mathbf{H}_+)} \leq 1$.

Proof. We show only the case $1 < q < \infty$. In view of Lemma 4.6 and Theorem 3.5, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_1^\infty \left(r^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(r) \right. \\ & \times \int_{A(r)} \left(\Psi_{1,\varepsilon} \left((x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(x_n))^{\alpha/N_{1,\varepsilon}} x_n^\varepsilon |I_{\alpha} f(x)| \right) \chi_{\{x=(x',x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+ : (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{1,\varepsilon}} < 1\}} \right. \\ & \left. + \Psi_{2,\varepsilon} \left((x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(x_n))^{\alpha/N_{2,\varepsilon}} x_n^\varepsilon |I_{\alpha} f(x)| \right) \chi_{\{x=(x',x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+ : 1 \leq (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{2,\varepsilon}} \leq x_n/2\}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \Psi_{3,\varepsilon} \left(\left(x_n^{-\varepsilon p_2} \right)^{\alpha/N_{3,\varepsilon}} x_n^\varepsilon |I_\alpha f(x)| \right) \chi_{\{x=(x',x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+ : (\omega(x_n)\Phi(Mf(x)))^{-1/N_{2,\varepsilon}} \geq x_n/2\}} dx \Big)^q \frac{dr}{r} \\
 & \leq C \int_1^\infty \left(r^{-\varepsilon p_2} \omega(r) \int_{A(r)} \Phi(r^\varepsilon Mf(x)) dx \right)^q \frac{dr}{r} \\
 & \leq C,
 \end{aligned}$$

as required. \square

When $\Phi(r) = r^p$ and $\omega(r) = r^{-\nu}$, we obtain the following corollary.

COROLLARY 4.8. *Let*

$$E_1 = \{x = (x', x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+ : Mf(x) \geq (2^n x_n^{\nu-n})^{1/p}\}$$

and

$$E_2 = \{x = (x', x_n) \in \mathbf{H}_+ : Mf(x) < (2^n x_n^{\nu-n})^{1/p}\}.$$

Let $1/p^* = 1/p - \alpha/n > 0$ and $1/p_\nu = 1/p - \alpha/(n - \nu) > 0$. If $p > 1$ and $0 < \nu < 1$, then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\int_{E_1 \setminus H(1)} \left(|I_\alpha f(x)| (1 + x_n)^{-\nu/p} \right)^{p^*} dx + \int_{E_2 \setminus H(1)} |I_\alpha f(x)|^{p_\nu} x_n^{-\nu} dx \leq C$$

for all measurable functions f on \mathbf{H}_+ such that

$$\int_{\mathbf{H}_+} |f(y)|^p (1 + y_n)^{-\nu} dy \leq 1.$$

In order to prove Corollary 4.8, it is enough to notice that for $\Phi(r) = r^p$ and $\omega(r) = r^{-\nu}$ we have $N_{1,\varepsilon} = N_{2,\varepsilon} = n$ and $N_{3,\varepsilon} = n - \nu$ and then we may take $\Psi_{1,\varepsilon}(r) = \Psi_{2,\varepsilon}(r) = r^{p^*}$ and $\Psi_{3,\varepsilon}(r) = r^{p_\nu}$ in view of $(\Psi_{i,\varepsilon})$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$).

REMARK 4.9. We shall show that the exponent p_ν in Corollary 4.8 is needed. To show this, consider the function

$$f(y) = |y|^{-(n-\nu)/p-\varepsilon} \chi_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus H(1)}(y)$$

for $0 < \nu < 1$ and $0 < \varepsilon < n - (n - \nu)/p$. Then, in view of Lemma 3.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\mathbf{H}_+} f(y)^p (1 + y_n)^{-\nu} dy & \leq \int_1^\infty y_n^{-\nu} \left(\int_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} |y|^{v-\varepsilon p-n} dy' \right) dy_n \\
 & \leq C \int_1^\infty y_n^{-\varepsilon p-1} dy_n < \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

We find

$$Mf(x) \leq C|x|^{-(n-\nu)/p-\varepsilon} \leq Cx_n^{-(n-\nu)/p-\varepsilon} < (2^n x_n^{\nu-n})^{1/p}$$

for $x \in \mathbf{H}_+ \setminus H(c)$ with some $c \geq 1$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} I_\alpha f(x) &\geq \int_{\mathbf{H}_+ \cap B(x, |x|/2)} |x-y|^{\alpha-n} f(y) dy \\ &\geq C|x|^{-(n-\nu)/p-\varepsilon} \int_{\mathbf{H}_+ \cap B(x, |x|/2)} |x-y|^{\alpha-n} dy \\ &\geq C|x|^{-(n-\nu)/p-\varepsilon+\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

for $x \in \mathbf{H}_+ \setminus H(1)$. Let $s > 0$ such that

$$1/s < ((n-\nu)/p - \alpha + \varepsilon)/(n-1) = (1/p_\nu + \varepsilon/(n-\nu))(n-\nu)/(n-1).$$

Hence it follows from Lemma 3.2 that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{E_2 \setminus H(1)} I_\alpha f(x)^s (1+x_n)^{-\nu} dx &\geq \int_{\mathbf{H}_+ \setminus H(c)} I_\alpha f(x)^s (1+x_n)^{-\nu} dx \\ &\geq C \int_c^\infty x_n^{-\nu} \left(\int_{\mathbf{R}^{n-1}} |x|^{(-(n-\nu)/p-\varepsilon+\alpha)s} dx' \right) dx_n \\ &\geq C \int_c^\infty x_n^{-\nu+(-(n-\nu)/p-\varepsilon+\alpha)s+n-1} dx_n \end{aligned}$$

since $-(n-\nu)/p - \varepsilon + \alpha)s + n < 1$.

If

$$1/s \geq 1/p_\nu + \varepsilon/(n-\nu),$$

then

$$\int_{E_2 \setminus H(1)} I_\alpha f(x)^s (1+x_n)^{-\nu} dx = \infty.$$

This implies that $s \geq p_\nu$ by letting $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.

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