

## Two weight norm inequalities for fractional one-sided maximal and integral operators

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*Abstract.* In this paper, we give a generalization of Fefferman-Stein inequality for the fractional one-sided maximal operator:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} M_{\alpha}^{+}(f)(x)^p w(x) dx \leq A_p \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x)|^p M_{\alpha p}^{-}(w)(x) dx,$$

where  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $1 < p < 1/\alpha$ . We also obtain a substitute of dual theorem and weighted norm inequalities for the one-sided fractional integral  $I_{\alpha}^{+}$ .

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### 1. Introduction

For each  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $f$  locally integrable on the real line  $\mathbb{R}$  the fractional one-sided maximal operators are defined by

$$M_{\alpha}^{+}(f)(x) = \sup_{h>0} \frac{1}{h^{1-\alpha}} \int_x^{x+h} |f(y)| dy \text{ and } M_{\alpha}^{-}(f)(x) = \sup_{h>0} \frac{1}{h^{1-\alpha}} \int_{x-h}^x |f(y)| dy.$$

In the case  $\alpha = 0$  we have  $M_0^{+} = M^{+}$  and  $M_0^{-} = M^{-}$  the one-sided maximal Hardy-Littlewood operators.

The fractional one-sided integral operators are defined by

$$I_{\alpha}^{+}(f)(x) = \int_x^{+\infty} \frac{f(y)}{(y-x)^{1-\alpha}} dy \text{ and } I_{\alpha}^{-}(f)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{f(y)}{(x-y)^{1-\alpha}} dy.$$

For each  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  we consider the family of intervals  $A_x = \{I = [a, b) : I \text{ is dyadic and } 0 < a - x \leq b - a\}$ . For each locally integrable function  $f$  and  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , its one-sided dyadic fractional maximal operator is given by

$$M_{\alpha,D}^{+}(f)(x) = \sup \left\{ \frac{1}{|I|^{1-\alpha}} \int_I |f| : I \in A_x \right\}.$$

Similarly,  $M_{\alpha,D}^-(f)$  was introduced.

By Proposition 2.5 in [7] for each  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , there exist two constants  $P_\alpha$  and  $Q_\alpha$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad Q_\alpha M_{\alpha,D}^+(f)(x) \leq M_\alpha^+(f)(x) \leq P_\alpha M_{\alpha,D}^+(f)(x).$$

Let  $X$  be a Banach function space on  $\mathbb{R}$ . We recall that generalized Hölder inequality

$$(1.2) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(y)g(y)| d\mu(y) \leq \|f\|_X \|g\|_{X'}$$

holds, where  $X'$  is the associated space.

The  $X$ -average of a measurable function  $f$  over a bounded interval  $I$  is given by

$$\|f\|_{X,I} = \|\delta|_I(f\chi_I)\|_X,$$

where  $\delta_s$  is the dilation operator  $\delta_s f(x) = f(sx)$ ,  $s > 0$ .

As a consequence of (1.2) we have that for every interval  $I$  the inequality

$$(1.3) \quad \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I |f(y)g(y)| d\mu(y) \leq \|f\|_{X,I} \|g\|_{X',I}$$

holds. The one-sided maximal Hardy-Littlewood operators associated to  $X$  were defined by

$$M_X^+ f(x) = \sup_{b>x} \|f\|_{X,(x,b)} \quad \text{and} \quad M_X^- f(x) = \sup_{a<x} \|f\|_{X,(a,x)}.$$

We refer the reader to [1] for a complete study of Banach function spaces.

Given an interval  $I = [a, b)$  we will denote by  $I^-$  the interval  $[a - (b - a), a)$ . If  $p > 1$  its conjugate exponent will be denoted by  $p'$ .

A weight  $w$  is a non negative and locally integrable function defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The following theorem gives us a weak type boundedness for the one-sided dyadic fractional maximal operator  $M_{\alpha,D}^+$  with respect to a pair of weights. It will be proved in Section 2.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Let  $X$  be a Banach function space satisfying the following property: there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that for every dyadic interval  $J = [b, c)$  and each  $y \in J^-$  the inequality*

$$(1.4) \quad \|f\|_{X,J} \leq C \|f\|_{X,(y,c)}$$

holds, and the operator  $M_X^+ : L^p(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^p(\mathbb{R})$  is bounded, that is, there exists a constant  $C_p$  such that for every  $f$

$$\|M_X^+(f)\|_p \leq C_p \|f\|_p.$$

Suppose that the pair of weights  $(w, v)$  satisfies the condition

$$(1.5) \quad |J|^\alpha \left[ \frac{1}{|J|} w^p(J^-) \right]^{1/p} \|v^{-1}\|_{X',J} \leq K$$

for every dyadic interval  $J$ .

Then, if for every  $t > 0$  we denote

$$E_t = \{x : M_{\alpha,D}^+(f)(x) > t\}$$

we have that,

$$w^p(E_t) \leq \frac{2K^p C_p C}{t^p} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(y)|^p v(y)^p dy.$$

In this paper, every theorem has a corresponding one reversing the orientation of the real line.

For each  $0 \leq \alpha < n$ , we consider the maximal operator

$$M_\alpha(f)(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \frac{1}{|Q|^{1-\alpha/n}} \int_Q |f(y)| dy$$

where the supremum is taken over all cubes  $Q$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with edges parallel to the coordinate axes and  $|Q|$  denotes its Lebesgue measure. The inequality

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} M_\alpha(f)(x)^p w(x) dx \leq A_p \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p M_{\alpha p}(w)(x) dx,$$

where  $1 < p < n/\alpha$  and  $w$  is any weight, for  $\alpha = 0$  was obtained by C. Fefferman and E.M. Stein in [3] and for  $0 < \alpha < 1$  was proved by D. Cruz-Uribe, in Theorem 1.7 of [2]. We study the one-sided problem and give a proof of the following result in Section 2.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  and  $1 < p < 1/\alpha$ . There exists a constant  $A_p$  such that for every weight  $w$  the inequality*

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} M_\alpha^+(f)(x)^p w(x) dx \leq A_p \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x)|^p M_{\alpha p}^-(w)(x) dx$$

holds, for every measurable function  $f$  and every weight  $w$ .

The one-sided fractional maximal operator  $M_\alpha^+$  is not a linear operator. As a dual version of Theorem 1.2 we will prove the following result in Section 3.

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $0 < \alpha < 1/p'$ . There exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that the inequality*

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} M_{\alpha}^{+}(f)(x)^p [M_{\alpha p'}^{+}(M^{[p']}w)(x)]^{1-p} dx \leq C \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x)|^p w(x)^{1-p} dx$$

*holds, for every measurable function  $f$  and every weight  $w$  where  $M^{[p']}$  is the maximal Hardy-Littlewood operator iterated  $[p']$  times.*

For the one-sided fractional integral operator  $I_{\alpha}^{+}$  we have the following weighted norm inequality which will be proved in Section 3.

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $0 < \alpha < 1/p'$ . There exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that the inequality*

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |I_{\alpha}^{+}(f)(x)|^p [M_{\alpha p'}^{+}(M^{[p']}w)(x)]^{1-p} dx \leq C \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x)|^p w(x)^{1-p} dx$$

*holds, for every measurable function  $f$  and every weight  $w$  where  $M^{[p']}$  is the maximal Hardy-Littlewood operator iterated  $[p']$  times.*

Throughout this paper, the letters  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  will denote positive constants, not necessarily the same at each occurrence.

## 2. Proofs of Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 1.2

The following proposition is a fractional version of Calderon-Zygmund decomposition. It will be applied in the proof of Theorem 1.1.

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $f$  belong to  $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $t > 0$ . There exists a countable family  $\{J_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  of dyadic disjoint intervals such that for every  $k \geq 1$*

$$t < \frac{1}{|J_k|^{1-\alpha}} \int_{J_k} |f| \leq 2^{1-\alpha} t.$$

Moreover,

$$E_t = \{x : M_{\alpha, D}^{+}(f)(x) > t\} = \Omega^{-} \cup A,$$

where

$$\Omega^{-} = \bigcup_{k \geq 1} J_k^{-} \quad \text{and} \quad A = \bigcup_{k \geq 1} A_k$$

with  $A_k = (E_t \setminus \Omega^{-}) \cap J_k$  and for each  $x$  in  $A_k$  there exists a dyadic interval  $I_j$  satisfying

$$I_j^{-} \cup I_j \subseteq J_k, \quad x \in I_j^{-} \quad \text{and} \quad t < \frac{1}{|I_j|^{1-\alpha}} \int_{I_j} |f|.$$

PROOF: Let  $\mathcal{D} = \{I = [a, b) : I \text{ is dyadic}\}$ . Given an interval  $I$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  such that

$$(2.1) \quad t < \frac{1}{|I|^{1-\alpha}} \int_I |f|$$

we have that

$$|I| < \left( \frac{\|f\|_1}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}},$$

hence, the measure  $|I|$  is finite and there exist maximal dyadic intervals satisfying (2.1). Let

$$C_t = \left\{ J \in \mathcal{D} : J \text{ is maximal with the property } t < \frac{1}{|J|^{1-\alpha}} \int_J |f| \right\}.$$

Let  $J$  belong to  $C_t$ . There exists an interval  $H \in \mathcal{D}$  such that  $J \subset H$  and  $|H| = 2|J|$ . Taking into account that  $J$  is maximal with respect to the property (2.1) then  $H \notin C_t$  and,

$$t < \frac{1}{|J|^{1-\alpha}} \int_J |f| \leq \frac{2^{1-\alpha}}{|H|^{1-\alpha}} \int_H |f| \leq 2^{1-\alpha} t.$$

Since the family of dyadic intervals  $\mathcal{D}$  is countable we can denote  $C_t = \{J_k\}_{k \geq 1}$ . By the definition of  $M_{\alpha, D}^+$  we have that  $\Omega^- \cup A \subseteq E_t$ .

We shall prove that

$$E_t \subseteq \Omega^- \cup A$$

where

$$\Omega^- = \bigcup_{k \geq 1} J_k^- \quad \text{and} \quad A = \bigcup_{k \geq 1} A_k \quad \text{with} \quad A_k = (E_t \setminus \Omega^-) \cap J_k.$$

Suppose that  $x \in E_t$  and  $x \notin \Omega^-$ . We shall prove that  $x \in A_k$  for some  $k \geq 1$ . Since  $x \in E_t$ , there exists an interval  $I \in \mathcal{D}$  such that

$$x \in I^- \quad \text{and} \quad t < \frac{1}{|I|^{1-\alpha}} \int_I |f|$$

and the definition of  $C_t$  implies that  $I \subseteq J_k$  for some  $k \geq 1$ .

It must be  $I \neq J_k$ , because if  $I = J_k$  then  $x \in J_k^-$  and  $x \notin \Omega^-$ . Thus,  $I \neq J_k$  which implies that  $I^- \subset J_k^-$  or  $I^- \subset J_k$ . Necessarily  $I^- \subset J_k$ , because in the other case  $x \in J_k^-$  and  $x \notin \Omega^-$ , a contradiction. In consequence,  $I^- \cup I \subseteq J_k$ .

Since the family of dyadic intervals is countable, there exists a sequence  $\{I_j\}_{j \geq 1}$  of disjoint dyadic intervals satisfying

$$A_k = \bigcup_{j \geq 1} I_j^-, \quad I_j^- \cup I_j \subseteq J_k \quad \text{and} \quad t < \frac{1}{|I_j|^{1-\alpha}} \int_{I_j} |f|. \quad \square$$

PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1: By a standard argument it will be sufficient to consider bounded functions  $f$  with compact support. Applying Proposition 2.1

$$E_t = \Omega^- \cup A$$

where

$$\Omega^- = \bigcup_{k \geq 1} J_k^- \quad \text{and} \quad A = \bigcup_{k \geq 1} A_k$$

with  $A_k = (E_t \setminus \Omega^-) \cap J_k$ .

For each  $k \geq 1$  by the inequality (3.1), condition (1.5) and hypothesis (1.4) we have that

$$\begin{aligned} w^p(J_k^-) &< \frac{w^p(J_k^-)}{t^p} \frac{1}{|J_k|^{(1-\alpha)p}} \left[ \int_{J_k} |f| \right]^p \\ &= \frac{w^p(J_k^-)}{t^p} |J_k|^{\alpha p} \left[ \frac{1}{|J_k|} \int_{J_k} |f| v v^{-1} \right]^p \\ &\leq \frac{w^p(J_k^-)}{t^p} |J_k|^{\alpha p} \|f v \chi_{J_k}\|_{X, J_k}^p \|v^{-1}\|_{X', J_k}^p \\ &\leq \frac{K^p}{t^p} |J_k| \|f v \chi_{J_k}\|_{X, J_k}^p \\ &\leq \frac{K^p}{t^p} \int_{J_k^-} \|f v \chi_{J_k}\|_{X, J_k}^p dy \\ &\leq \frac{K^p C^p}{t^p} \int_{J_k^-} M_X^+(f v \chi_{J_k})(y)^p dy. \end{aligned}$$

Taking into account that the operator  $M_X^+$  is bounded from  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  to  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ , we obtain

$$w^p(J_k^-) \leq \frac{K^p C_p C^p}{t^p} \int_{J_k} |f|^p v^p.$$

In consequence,

$$(2.2) \quad w^p(\Omega^-) \leq \sum_{k \geq 1} w^p(J_k^-) \leq \frac{K^p C_p C^p}{t^p} \int_{\bigcup_{k \geq 1} J_k} |f|^p v^p.$$

By Proposition 2.1, for each  $k \geq 1$  it follows that

$$A_k = \bigcup_{j \geq 1} I_j^-,$$

where

$$t < \frac{1}{|I_j|^{1-\alpha}} \int_{I_j} |f| \quad \text{and} \quad I_j^- \cup I_j \subseteq J_k$$

for every  $j \geq 1$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} w^p(A_k) &\leq \sum_{j \geq 1} w^p(I_j^-) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{t^p} \sum_{j \geq 1} w^p(I_j^-) \left[ \frac{1}{|I_j|^{1-\alpha}} \int_{I_j} |f| \right]^p \\ &= \frac{1}{t^p} \sum_{j \geq 1} w^p(I_j^-) |I_j|^{\alpha p} \left[ \frac{1}{|I_j|} \int_{I_j} |f| v v^{-1} \right]^p. \end{aligned}$$

By the inequality (1.3), condition (1.5), hypothesis (1.4) and keeping in mind that  $\{I_j^-\}_{j \geq 1}$  is a family of disjoint dyadic intervals contained in  $J_k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} w^p(A_k) &\leq \frac{1}{t^p} \sum_{j \geq 1} w^p(I_j^-) |I_j|^{\alpha p} \|f v \chi_{J_k}\|_{X, I_j}^p \|v^{-1}\|_{X', I_j}^p \\ &\leq \frac{K^p}{t^p} \sum_{j \geq 1} |I_j| \|f v \chi_{J_k}\|_{X, I_j}^p \\ &\leq \frac{K^p}{t^p} \sum_{j \geq 1} \int_{I_j^-} \|f v \chi_{J_k}\|_{X, I_j}^p dy \\ &\leq \frac{K^p C^p}{t^p} \sum_{j \geq 1} \int_{I_j^-} M_X^+(f v \chi_{J_k})(y)^p dy \\ &\leq \frac{K^p C^p}{t^p} \int_{J_k} M_X^+(f v \chi_{J_k})(y)^p dy. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $M_X^+$  is bounded from  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  into  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\{J_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  is a family of disjoint dyadic intervals,

$$w^p(A) = \sum_{k \geq 1} w^p(A_k) \leq \frac{K^p C_p C^p}{t^p} \int_{\bigcup_{k \geq 1} J_k} |f(y)|^p v(y)^p dy.$$

Then, by (2.2)

$$w^p(E_t) \leq w^p(\Omega^-) + w^p(A) \leq \frac{2K^p C_p C^p}{t^p} \int_{\bigcup_{k \geq 1} J_k} |f(y)|^p v(y)^p dy.$$

□

As a consequence of Theorem 1.1 we obtain the next two corollaries.

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $1 \leq r < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and assume that the pair of weights  $(w, v)$  satisfies the following condition: there exists a constant  $K$  such that for every dyadic interval  $J$ ,*

$$(2.3) \quad |J|^\alpha \left[ \frac{1}{|J|} w^p(J^-) \right]^{1/p} \left[ \frac{1}{|J|} \int_J v^{-r'} \right]^{1/r'} \leq K.$$

Then, for every  $t > 0$  we have

$$w^p \left( \left\{ x : M_{\alpha, D}^+(f)(x) > t \right\} \right) \leq \frac{2^{1+\frac{p}{r}} K^p C_{p/r}}{t^p} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x)|^p v(x)^p dx,$$

where  $C_{p/r}$  is the constant of the strong type  $(p/r, p/r)$  of the one-sided maximal Hardy-Littlewood operator  $M^+$ .

PROOF: Suppose that  $X$  is the Orlicz space defined by the Young function  $B(t) = t^r$ , its associated space  $X'$  is given by  $\bar{B}(t) \approx t^{r'}$ . Since  $1 \leq r < p < \infty$  then  $M_X^+ = M_r^+ : L^p(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^p(\mathbb{R})$  is bounded. Taking into account that

$$\|v^{-1}\|_{X', J} = \left[ \frac{1}{|J|} \int_J v^{-r'} \right]^{1/r'}$$

holds for every dyadic interval  $J$ , the pair of weights  $(w, v)$  satisfies the condition (1.5). □

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $1 < p < 1/\alpha$  and  $w$  be a weight. Then, for every measurable function  $f$  and every  $t > 0$  we have that*

$$w \left( \left\{ x : M_{\alpha, D}^+(f)(x) > t \right\} \right) \leq \frac{B_p}{t^p} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x)|^p M_{\alpha p}^-(w)(x) dx$$

where  $B_p = 2^{2+p-\alpha p} C_p$  and  $C_p$  is the constant of the strong type  $(p, p)$  of the one-sided maximal Hardy-Littlewood operator  $M^+$ .



PROOF: Let  $r = 1$ . Given a dyadic interval  $J = [b, c)$  if  $J^- = [a, b)$  for each  $x \in J$  we have that

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\alpha p}^-(w)(x) &= \sup_{h>0} \frac{1}{h^{1-\alpha p}} \int_{x-h}^x w(y) dy \\ &\geq \frac{1}{(2|J|)^{1-\alpha p}} \int_a^b w(y) dy = \frac{1}{2^{1-\alpha p}} \frac{1}{|J|^{1-\alpha p}} w(J^-). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} |J|^\alpha \left[ \frac{1}{|J|} w(J^-) \right]^{1/p} \|M_{\alpha p}^-(w)^{-1/p} \chi_J\|_\infty \\ \leq |J|^\alpha \left[ \frac{1}{|J|} w(J^-) \right]^{1/p} \left[ \frac{1}{2^{1-\alpha p}} \frac{1}{|J|^{1-\alpha p}} w(J^-) \right]^{-1/p} = 2^{(1/p)-\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, the pair of weights  $(w^{1/p}, M_{\alpha p}^-(w)^{1/p})$  satisfies the condition (2.3) in Corollary 2.2.  $\square$

PROOF OF THEOREM 1.2: If  $\alpha = 0$ , the pair  $(w, M^-(w))$  is independent of  $p$  and this result is a consequence of the weak type  $(1, 1)$  with respect to  $(w, M^-(w))$  proved by F.J. Martín-Reyes in Theorem 1 of [5], the strong type  $(\infty, \infty)$  and the Marcinkiewicz interpolation theorem.

Using (1.1) and Corollary 2.3, the proof in the case  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $1 < p < 1/\alpha$  is similar to Theorem 1.7 in [2].  $\square$

### 3. Proofs of Theorem 1.3 and Theorem 1.4

Following the techniques employed by C. Pérez in Corollary 1.12 of [8] we will prove the next result.

PROOF OF THEOREM 1.3: We will choose  $X$  a Banach function space with the following property: there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that for all  $a < b < c$  with  $b - a < c - b$  we have that

$$\|f\|_{X,(b,c)} \leq C \|f\|_{X,(a,c)}$$

and the operator  $M_X^+ : L^p(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^p(\mathbb{R})$  is bounded. We will apply Theorem 1 in [9]. For this, it will be sufficient to show that there exists a constant  $K$  such that

$$(3.1) \quad (c-b)^\alpha \left( \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b [M_{\alpha p'}^+(M^{[p']}w)(x)]^{1-p} dx \right)^{1/p} \|w^{1/p'}\|_{X',(b,c)} \leq K$$

for every  $a < b < c$  with  $b - a < c - b$ . Let  $X'$  be the Orlicz space associated to Young function  $B(t) \approx t^{p'}(\log^+ t)^{[p']}$ .

Since  $[p'](p-1) > 1$ , the integral

$$\int_e^{+\infty} \left( \frac{t^{p'}}{B(t)} \right)^{p-1} \frac{dt}{t}$$

is convergent and applying Theorem 4 in [9] we obtain that the operator  $M_{\overline{B}}^+$  is bounded from  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  into  $L^p(\mathbb{R})$  where  $\overline{B}$  is the associated Young function to  $B$ .

If  $A(t) = B(t^{1/p'}) \approx t(\log^+ t)^{[p']}$ , it is easy to check that

$$\|w^{1/p'}\|_{B,(b,c)} = \|w\|_{A,(b,c)}^{1/p'}.$$

For each  $x \in [a, b]$  since  $c - x \leq c - a \leq 2(c - b)$  we have that

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\alpha p'}^+(M^{[p']}w)(x) &\geq \frac{1}{(c-x)^{1-\alpha p'}} \int_x^c M^{[p]}(w)(z) dz \\ &\geq \frac{1}{[2(c-b)]^{1-\alpha p'}} \int_b^c M^{[p]}(w)(z) dz. \end{aligned}$$

Then, (3.1) is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} I &= (c-b)^\alpha \left[ \frac{1}{[2(c-b)]^{1-\alpha p'}} \int_b^c M^{[p]}(w)(z) dz \right]^{\frac{1-p}{p}} \|w\|_{A,(b,c)}^{1/p'} \\ &= 2^{1/p'} \left[ \frac{1}{c-b} \int_b^c M^{[p]}(w)(z) dz \right]^{-\frac{1}{p'}} \|w\|_{A,(b,c)}^{1/p'}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking into account that  $A(t) \approx t(\log^+ t)^{[p']}$  and using the estimate (24) in [8] we obtain that

$$\|w\|_{A,(b,c)} \leq K \frac{1}{c-b} \int_b^c M^{[p]}(w)(z) dz$$

and, it follows that

$$I \leq 2^{1/p'} K^{1/p'},$$

which proves that (3.1) holds.  $\square$

We recall that a weight  $w$  belongs to the class  $A_p^+$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , introduced by E. Sawyer in [10] if

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbb{R}, h > 0} \left( \frac{1}{h} \int_{a-h}^a w(y) dy \right) \left( \frac{1}{h} \int_a^{a+h} w(y)^{-\frac{1}{p-1}} dy \right)^{p-1} < \infty.$$

We shall say that  $w$  belongs to  $A_1^+$  if there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$M^-(w)(x) \leq Cw(x) \quad \text{a.e.}$$

A weight  $w$  is in  $A_\infty^+$  if there exist two positive constants  $C, \delta$  such that for all  $a < b < c$  and every measurable set  $E \subset (b, c)$  the inequality

$$\frac{|E|}{(c-a)} \leq C \left( \frac{w(E)}{w(a,b)} \right)^\delta$$

holds. Similarly the classes  $A_p^-, 1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , were defined.

If  $1 \leq p < q \leq \infty$ , then  $A_p^+ \subset A_q^+$  and  $A_p^+ = (A_1^+)(A_1^-)^{1-p}$ . The study of these classes of weights can be found in [5] and [10].

The following proposition extends Theorem 3.4 on page 158 of [4]. Its proof will be omitted.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $0 \leq \alpha < 1, 0 < \gamma < 1/(1-\alpha)$  and let  $\mu$  be a positive Borel measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $M_\alpha^-(\mu)(x) < \infty$  almost everywhere. Then,  $[M_\alpha^-(\mu)(x)]^\gamma \in A_1^+$  with a constant depending only on  $\gamma$ .*

PROOF OF THEOREM 1.4: For each  $0 < \beta < 1$ , from Proposition 3.1 it follows that  $M_\beta^+(\mu) \in A_1^-$ . Then,  $M_\beta^+(\mu)^{1-p} \in A_p^+ \subset A_\infty^+$ . Applying Theorem 3 in [6] and Theorem 1.3 we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |I_\alpha^+(f)(x)|^p [M_{\alpha p'}^+(M^{[p']}w)(x)]^{1-p} dx \\ & \leq C_1 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} M_\alpha^+(f)(x)^p [M_{\alpha p'}^+(M^{[p']}w)(x)]^{1-p} dx \\ & \leq C_1 C_2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x)|^p w(x)^{1-p} dx, \end{aligned}$$

and the proof is complete. □

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $0 < \alpha < 1/p'$ . There exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |I_\alpha^-(f)(x)|^{p'} [M_{\alpha p'}^+(M^{[p']}w)(x)] dx \leq C \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(x)|^{p'} w(x) dx$$

for every measurable function  $f$  and every weight  $w$  where  $M^{[p']}$  is the maximal Hardy-Littlewood operator iterated  $[p']$  times.

PROOF: The assertion is an immediate consequence of Theorem 1.4. □

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