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## Two-weighted norm inequality on weighted Morrey spaces

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**Abstract:** Let  $u$  and  $\omega$  be weight functions. We shall introduce the weighted Morrey spaces  $L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)$  and investigate the sufficient condition and necessary condition about the 2-weighted boundedness of the Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator.

**Key words:** Weighted Morrey spaces, Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator,  $A_p$  weights

### 1. Introduction

Suppose  $u(x)$  and  $\omega(x)$  are weight functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $T$  is an operator taking suitable functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . In his survey article [10], Muckenhoupt raised the general question of characterization when the weighted norm inequality

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |Tf(x)|^q \omega(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq C \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p u(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (1.1)$$

holds for any  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  and all appropriate  $f$ . In the case of one weight  $u = \omega$ , the inequality (1.1) can be characterized by remarkably simple conditions for many classical operators, e.g., the Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator, singular integral, and fractional operator (see [1, 9, 11]).

The case of different weights has been far less studied. Only for the Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator and other positive operators was this characterized in [13], while many classical operators are still open and only find sufficient conditions on weights for an operator to be bounded from  $L^p(u)$  to  $L^q(\omega)$ . For the history of these results, we refer the reader to [2, 3, 5].

Weighted Morrey spaces  $L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)$  were first introduced recently by Komori and Shirai [7], where the boundedness of many classical operators was established. Later, many authors found that the weighted Morrey spaces were also used in harmonic analysis [14, 15]. However, this only gives sufficient conditions for the boundedness of classical operators. The necessary condition associated with Hilbert transform in Morrey spaces was discussed by Samko [12].

In this paper, we concentrate our attention on the 2-weighted norm inequality associated with the Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator in weighted Morrey spaces. The same as the above cases, we only give a sufficient condition and a necessary condition, respectively.

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Throughout the paper cubes are assumed to have their sides parallel to the coordinate axes. Given cube  $Q = Q(x, r)$  centered at  $x$  with side length  $r$ ,  $\omega(Q)$  denotes  $\int_Q \omega(x)dx$  and the measure  $\omega(x)dx$  is often abbreviated to  $\omega dx$ . The Lebesgue measure of  $Q$  is denoted by  $|Q|$  and the characteristic function of  $Q$  by  $\chi_Q$ .

**2. Some notations and lemmas**

In this section, we introduce some basic definitions and lemmas.

**Definition 2.1** Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \kappa < 1$ , and  $w$  be a weight function. For any local integrable function  $f$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , if it satisfies

$$\|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)} := \sup_Q \left( \frac{1}{\omega(Q)^\kappa} \int_Q |f(x)|^p w(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty.$$

Then  $f$  belongs to weighted Morrey spaces and  $\|\cdot\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)}$  denotes the norm.

Note that if  $\omega = 1$ ,  $L^{p,\kappa}(\omega) = L^{p,\kappa}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is the classical Morrey spaces; if  $\kappa = 0$ ,  $L^{p,0}(\omega) = L^p(\omega)$  is the weighted Lebesgue spaces.

**Definition 2.2** The Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator  $M$  is defined by

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y)| dy,$$

and we define the maximal operator with respect to the measure  $w(x)dx$  by

$$M_\omega f(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \frac{1}{\omega(Q)} \int_Q |f(y)| \omega(y) dy.$$

Before the next definition, we recall that a dyadic cube is the product of the intervals that are divided by dyadic decomposition of the coordinate axis with side length  $2^k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Definition 2.3** Supposing that  $\mathcal{F}$  is the collection of the dyadic cubes, we define  $M_t^* f(x)$  with translation operator  $\tau_t$  as follows (see [4], p. 112, or [6], p. 431):

$$M_t^* f(x) = (\tau_{-t} \circ M^* \circ \tau_t) f(x) = M^*(\tau_t f)(x + t).$$

In the definition,  $M^* f(x)$  is a dyadic maximal operator (see [4], p. 111), which is defined by

$$M^* f(x) = \sup_{x \in Q \in \mathcal{F}} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y)| dy.$$

The following definition was considered by Fefferman and Stein (see [4], p. 112):

**Definition 2.4** Let  $\ell(Q)$  be the side length of a cube  $Q$ . For a positive real number  $N$ , we define the locally maximal operator by

$$\bar{M}_N f(x) = \sup_{\substack{x \in Q \\ \ell(Q) \leq N}} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y)| dy$$

and the locally dyadic maximal operator by

$$\bar{M}_N^* f(x) = \sup_{\substack{x \in Q \in \mathcal{F} \\ \ell(Q) \leq N}} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y)| dy.$$

**Definition 2.5** A weight function  $\omega$  satisfies the  $A_p$  condition with  $1 < p < \infty$ , if there exists a constant  $C \geq 1$  such that for any cube  $Q$ ,

$$\left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q w(x) dx \right) \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q w(x)^{1-p'} dx \right)^{p-1} \leq C,$$

where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$ .

The definition of 2.5 can be found in [8] on page 21. In fact, the  $A_p$  weights have the following important lemma (see [8], p. 22):

**Lemma 2.1** Given a weight function  $w \in A_p$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , it also satisfies the doubling condition  $\Delta_2$ : for any cube  $Q$ , there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that  $w(2Q) \leq Cw(Q)$ .

The next 2 definitions have a relation with the 2-weighted inequality in weighted Morrey spaces.

**Definition 2.6** A weight  $\omega$  is called a  $(p, \kappa)$ -permission weight if for every cube  $Q$ , the inequality

$$\|\chi_Q\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)} < \infty$$

holds. Furthermore, a weight  $\omega$  is called a  $(p, \kappa)$ -specific permission weight if it is a  $(p, \kappa)$ -permission weight and for every cube  $Q$

$$\|\chi_Q \sigma\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)} < \infty,$$

where  $\sigma = \omega^{1-p'}$ .

**Definition 2.7** We say  $(u, \omega) \in \mathcal{S}_{p,\kappa}$  if  $u$  is a  $(p, \kappa)$ -permission weight and  $\omega$  is a  $(p, \kappa)$ -specific permission weight, such that the following inequalities hold:

$$\sup_Q \frac{\|\chi_Q\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(u)}}{\|\chi_{3Q}\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)}} < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_Q \frac{\sigma(3Q)}{|Q|} \times \frac{\|\chi_Q\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(u)}}{\|\chi_{3Q}\sigma\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)}} < \infty.$$

The following lemmas play an important role in our proofs.

**Lemma 2.2** Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $\omega \in A_p$ ; then there exists an index  $r: 1 < r < p$ , such that  $\omega \in A_r$ .

This lemma was first obtained by Muckenhoupt in [9], page 214. One can also find a clear statement in [8], page 26.

**Lemma 2.3** Let  $1 < p < \infty$ .  $\sigma$  is a nonnegative locally integrable weight. Then  $M_\sigma^*$  is bounded in  $L^p(\sigma)$ .

Lemma 2.10 would be found in [6], page 426. In fact,  $M_\sigma^*$  is of weak type (1,1) and bounded in  $L^\infty(\sigma)$ . By using the Marcinkiewicz interpolation theorem we can get this result.

**Lemma 2.4** *Suppose  $f$  is a locally integrable function in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; then for every integer  $k$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  we have*

$$M_{2^k} f(x) \leq 2^{1-kn} \int_{Q(0,2^{k+3})} M_t^* f(x) dt,$$

where  $Q(0,2^{k+3})$  means the cube centered at 0 with side length  $2^{k+3}$ .

As to the proof of Lemma 2.11, we refer to [6], page 431. Note that the notation  $Q(0,2^{k+2})$  in [6] means a cube centered at 0 with half side length  $2^{k+2}$ , which differs from our argument.

### 3. A sufficient condition of 2-weighted norm inequalities in weighted Morrey spaces

In this section we give a sufficient condition of 2-weighted boundedness of the Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator. The statement is the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1** *Suppose  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \kappa < 1$ ,  $(u, \omega)$  is a couple of weights,  $\sigma = \omega^{1-p'}$  and  $\omega \in A_p$ . Then the Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator  $M$  is bounded from  $L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)$  to  $L^{p,\kappa}(u)$  if there exists a constant  $C > 0$ , such that for any cubes  $Q$  and  $Q'$*

$$\frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{Q'} M(\chi_{Q'} \sigma)(x)^p u dx \leq \frac{C}{\omega(Q)^\kappa} \int_{Q'} \sigma dx < \infty.$$

To prove Theorem 3.1, we need an auxiliary proposition as follows:

**Proposition 3.1** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \kappa < 1$ . If  $(u, \omega)$  is a couple of weights and  $\sigma = \omega^{1-p'}$  is locally integrable, then the following statements are equivalent:*

(a) *There exists a constant  $C > 0$ , such that for any cube  $Q$*

$$\frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (Mf(x))^p u dx \leq \frac{C}{\omega(Q)^\kappa} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p \omega dx;$$

(b) *There exists a constant  $C > 0$ , such that for any cube  $Q$  and  $Q'$*

$$\frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{Q'} (M(\chi_{Q'} \sigma)(x))^p u dx \leq \frac{C}{\omega(Q)^\kappa} \int_{Q'} \sigma dx < \infty.$$

**Proof** The idea follows from [13] and [6]. Once having chosen  $f = \sigma(x)\chi_Q(x)$ , we can easily draw the conclusion (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). To verify the opposite, we partition it into 3 steps. First, it suffices to prove the result for the dyadic maximal operator  $M^*$ ; second, by using the first step, we show the result for the translation dyadic maximal operator  $M_t^*$ ; and, third, by using Lemma 2.11, we complete the proof for the maximal operator  $M$ .

We first check the case of the dyadic maximal operator. Since (b) is satisfied by  $M^*$ , let us consider the locally dyadic maximal operator  $\bar{M}_N^*$ . Recall the definition of  $\bar{M}_N^* f(x)$ : it takes the supremum over all dyadic cubes  $Q$  that contain  $x$  with side length of less than  $N$ ; therefore, under the condition  $\bar{M}_N^* f(x) > 2^k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we get a family of countable such dyadic cubes  $\{Q_l^k\}_l$  satisfying

$$2^k < \frac{1}{|Q_l^k|} \int_{Q_l^k} |f(y)| dy. \tag{3.1}$$

For any 2 dyadic cubes, either 1 is contained in the other or they are disjoint. Hence, we can choose the maximum ones in the family  $\{Q_l^k\}_l$ . The collection of these maximum dyadic cubes is denoted by  $\{Q_j^k\}_j$ . They satisfy the same inequality as in (3.1). Moreover, for any dyadic cube  $Q \supsetneq Q_j^k$  with side length  $\ell(Q) \leq N$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y)| dy \leq 2^k.$$

Obviously

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | \bar{M}_N^* f(x) > 2^k\} = \bigcup_j Q_j^k.$$

Let  $E_j^k = Q_j^k \setminus \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n | \bar{M}_N^* f(x) > 2^{k+1}\}$ . For  $k_1 \neq k_2$  or  $j_1 \neq j_2$ , it is easy to check that  $E_{j_1}^{k_1}$  and  $E_{j_2}^{k_2}$  are disjoint and

$$\bigcup_{j,k} E_j^k = \bigcup_{j,k} Q_j^k.$$

Hence, for any cube  $Q$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\bar{M}_N^* f(x))^p u dx &= \frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \sum_{j,k} \int_{E_j^k} (\bar{M}_N^* f(x))^p u dx \\ &\leq \frac{2^p}{u(Q)^\kappa} \sum_{j,k} u(E_j^k) \left( \frac{1}{|Q_j^k|} \int_{Q_j^k} \sigma dx \right)^p \left( \frac{1}{\sigma(Q_j^k)} \int_{Q_j^k} |f(x)| \omega^{\frac{p'}{p}} \sigma dx \right)^p \\ &= \frac{C}{u(Q)^\kappa} \sum_{j,k} \gamma_j^k \left( \frac{1}{\sigma(Q_j^k)} \int_{Q_j^k} g(x) \sigma dx \right)^p, \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

where  $g = |f| \omega^{\frac{p'}{p}}$  and

$$\gamma_j^k = u(E_j^k) \left( \frac{1}{|Q_j^k|} \int_{Q_j^k} \sigma dx \right)^p.$$

Next we define the measure  $\gamma$  on the measure space  $\mathcal{M}$  where  $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_+$ . Let  $\mathcal{M}_0 = \{(k, j) \in \mathcal{M} | k, j \text{ is the index of } Q_j^k\}$ , and

$$\tilde{g}(k, j) = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{1}{\sigma(Q_j^k)} \int_{Q_j^k} g(x) \sigma dx \right)^p, & (k, j) \in \mathcal{M}_0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{C}{u(Q)^\kappa} \sum_{j,k} \gamma_j^k \left( \frac{1}{\sigma(Q_j^k)} \int_{Q_j^k} g(x) \sigma dx \right)^p \\ &= \frac{C}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{\mathcal{M}} \tilde{g}(k, j) d\gamma \\ &= C \int_0^\infty \frac{\gamma(S_\lambda)}{u(Q)^\kappa} d\lambda, \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

where

$$S_\lambda = \left\{ (k, j) \in \mathcal{M}_0 \mid \left( \frac{1}{\sigma(Q_j^k)} \int_{Q_j^k} g(x) \sigma dx \right)^p > \lambda \right\}.$$

Note that all the cubes in  $\{Q_j^k\}_{j,k}$  have side length of at most  $N$ . For the same reason, we can choose maximum dyadic cubes in  $\{Q_j^k : (k, j) \in S_\lambda\}$ . These maximum dyadic cubes are relabeled by  $\{Q_i^\lambda\}$ . Thus:

$$\bigcup_i Q_i^\lambda \subseteq \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (M_\sigma^* g(x))^p > \lambda\}.$$

Joining (3.2) and (3.3) and by using condition (b) and Lemma 2.10, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\bar{M}_N^* f(x))^p u dx \leq C \int_0^\infty \frac{\gamma(S_\lambda)}{u(Q)^\kappa} d\lambda \\ & = C \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \sum_i \sum_{\substack{Q_j^k \subseteq Q_i^\lambda \\ (k,j) \in \mathcal{M}_0}} u(E_j^k) \left( \frac{1}{|Q_j^k|} \int_{Q_j^k} \sigma \right)^p d\lambda \\ & \leq C \int_0^\infty \left( \sum_i \frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{Q_i^\lambda} (M^*(\chi_{Q_i^\lambda} \sigma)(x))^p u dx \right) d\lambda \\ & \leq C \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\omega(Q)^\kappa} \sum_i \sigma(Q_i^\lambda) d\lambda \\ & \leq \frac{C}{\omega(Q)^\kappa} \int_0^\infty \sigma(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (M_\sigma^* g(x))^p > \lambda\}) d\lambda \\ & = \frac{C}{\omega(Q)^\kappa} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( M_\sigma^* \left( \frac{f}{\sigma} \right) (x) \right)^p \sigma dx \\ & \leq \frac{C}{\omega(Q)^\kappa} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p \omega dx. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $N$  tend to  $\infty$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (M^* f(x))^p u dx \leq \frac{C}{\omega(Q)^\kappa} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p \omega dx.$$

Now we prove the case of maximal operator  $M$ . Note that  $(\tau_t u, \tau_t \omega)$  is also a couple of weights and  $\tau_t u(Q) = u(Q - t)$ . Then for 2 arbitrary cubes  $Q$  and  $Q'$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{\tau_t u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{Q'} (M^*((\tau_t \sigma)\chi_{Q'})(x))^p \tau_t u(x) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{\tau_t u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{Q'} (M^*(\tau_t(\sigma\chi_{Q'-t}))(x))^p u(x-t) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{\tau_t u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{Q'-t} (M_t^*(\sigma\chi_{Q'-t})(y))^p u(y) dy \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\tau_t u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{Q'-t} (M(\sigma\chi_{Q'-t})(x))^p u(x) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{\tau_t u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{Q'} (M(\tau_t \sigma\chi_{Q'})(x))^p \tau_t u(x) dx \\
 &\leq \frac{C}{\tau_t \omega(Q)^\kappa} \int_{Q'} \tau_t \sigma dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (M_t^* f(x))^p u(x) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{\tau_t u(Q+t)^\kappa} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (M^*(\tau_t f)(x))^p (\tau_t u) dx \\
 &\leq \frac{C}{\tau_t \omega(Q+t)^\kappa} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\tau_t f(x)|^p \tau_t \omega dx \\
 &= \frac{C}{\omega(Q)^\kappa} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p \omega.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 2.11, for each  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( \frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (M_{2^k} f(x))^p u dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &\leq \frac{2^{1-kn}}{u(Q)^{\frac{\kappa}{p}}} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \int_{Q(0,2^{k+3})} M_t^* f(x) dt \right)^p u dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
 &\leq 2^{1-kn} \int_{Q(0,2^{k+3})} \left( \frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (M_t^* f(x))^p u dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} dt \\
 &\leq C \left( \frac{1}{\omega(Q)^\kappa} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p \omega dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $k$  tend to  $\infty$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (M f(x))^p u dx \leq \frac{C}{\omega(Q)^\kappa} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p \omega dx.$$

This completes the proof. □



Next we shall prove Theorem 3.1.

**Proof** Suppose  $f = f\chi_{3Q} + f\chi_{(3Q)^c} \triangleq f_1 + f_2$ . Since  $\omega \in A_p$ ,  $\sigma$  is locally integrable, by Proposition 3.2:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_Q (Mf_1(x))^p u dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} &\leq \left(\frac{C}{\omega(Q)^\kappa} \int_{3Q} |f(x)|^p \omega dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, from [7] we know that, for every  $x \in Q$ ,

$$M_\omega f_2(x) \leq \sup_{R:Q \subseteq 3R} \left(\frac{1}{\omega(R)} \int_R |f(x)| \omega dx\right). \tag{3.4}$$

Noting that  $\omega \in A_p$ , by Lemma 2.9, there exists an index  $r : 1 < r < p$ , such that  $\omega \in A_r$ , and then  $Mf_2(x) \leq C(M_\omega |f_2|^r(x))^{\frac{1}{r}}$ . By inequality (3.4), for every  $x \in Q$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} Mf_2(x) &\leq C(M_\omega |f_2|^r(x))^{\frac{1}{r}} \\ &\leq C \sup_{R:Q \subseteq 3R} \left(\frac{1}{\omega(R)} \int_R |f(x)|^r \omega dx\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \\ &\leq C \sup_{R:Q \subseteq 3R} \left(\frac{1}{\omega(R)^\kappa} \int_R |f(y)|^p \omega dy\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \omega(R)^{\frac{\kappa-1}{p}} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)} \omega(Q)^{\frac{\kappa-1}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence:

$$\left(\frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_Q (Mf_2(x))^p u dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C u(Q)^{\frac{1-\kappa}{p}} \omega(Q)^{\frac{\kappa-1}{p}} \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)}.$$

Using Proposition 3.2 again, let  $f = \chi_Q$ ; then for every  $x \in Q^o$ ,  $M(\chi_Q)(x) \equiv 1$ . We have

$$u(Q)^{\frac{1-\kappa}{p}} = \left(\frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_Q (M(\chi_Q)(x))^p u dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C \omega(Q)^{\frac{1-\kappa}{p}},$$

and then

$$\left(\frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_Q (Mf_2(x))^p u dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p,\kappa}(\omega)}.$$

Therefore, we complete the proof of Theorem 3.1. □

#### 4. A necessary condition of 2-weighted norm inequalities in weighted Morrey spaces

In this section we give a necessary condition of 2-weighted boundedness of the Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator. The idea goes back to Samko [12].

**Theorem 4.1** *If  $u, \omega$ , and  $\sigma = \omega^{1-p'}$  are respectively  $(p, \kappa)$ -permission weight,  $(p, \kappa)$ -specific permission weight, and a doubling weight, then  $(u, \omega) \in \mathcal{S}_{p, \kappa}$  is the necessary condition of  $\|Mf\|_{L^{p, \kappa}(u)} \leq C\|f\|_{L^{p, \kappa}(\omega)}$ .*

**Proof** Suppose  $Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_{2^n}$  are any neighboring cubes that have the same edge length but no intersecting interior whose union is a new big cube, which is denoted by  $Q_0$ . Let  $x \in Q_i, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, 2^n\}$ . Then for  $j \neq i$ :

$$M(\chi_{Q_j})(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \chi_{Q_j}(y) dy \right) \geq \frac{1}{|Q_0|} \int_{Q_j} dy = \frac{1}{2^n}.$$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_Q \left( \frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_Q \chi_{Q_i}(y) u dy \right) &\leq 2^{np} \sup_Q \left( \frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{Q \cap Q_i} (M(\chi_{Q_j})(y))^p u dy \right) \\ &\leq 2^{np} C^p \|\chi_{Q_j}\|_{L^{p, \kappa}(\omega)}^p. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $Q_j \subseteq 3Q_i$ ,

$$\|\chi_{Q_i}\|_{L^{p, \kappa}(u)} \leq 2^n C \|\chi_{Q_j}\|_{L^{p, \kappa}(\omega)} \leq C \|\chi_{3Q_i}\|_{L^{p, \kappa}(\omega)}.$$

On the other hand, for every  $x \in Q_j$ , we have

$$M(\chi_{Q_i} \sigma)(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_{Q \cap Q_i} \sigma dx \geq \frac{1}{|Q_0|} \int_{Q_i} \sigma dx = \frac{1}{2^n |Q_i|} \int_{Q_i} \sigma dx.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( \frac{1}{|Q_i|} \int_{Q_i} \sigma dx \right)^p \sup_Q \frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{Q \cap Q_j} u dy \\ &\leq 2^{np} \sup_Q \frac{1}{u(Q)^\kappa} \int_{Q \cap Q_j} (M(\chi_{Q_i} \sigma)(y))^p u dy \\ &\leq C \|\chi_{Q_i} \sigma\|_{L^{p, \kappa}(\omega)}^p. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\sigma$  is a doubling weight and  $3Q_i \subseteq 5Q_j$ , we have  $\sigma(3Q_i) \leq \sigma(5Q_j) \leq C\sigma(Q_j)$  and

$$\frac{\|\chi_{Q_i}\|_{L^{p, \kappa}(u)}}{\|\chi_{3Q_i} \sigma\|_{L^{p, \kappa}(\omega)}} \leq C \frac{|3Q_i|}{\sigma(Q_j)} \leq C \frac{|Q_i|}{\sigma(3Q_i)}.$$

This completes the proof. □

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