

# Fractional maximal and integral operators in variable exponent Morrey spaces

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we study the boundedness of the fractional maximal operator and fractional integral operator on the variable exponent Morrey spaces defined over spaces  $(X, d, \mu)$  of homogeneous type.

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## Introduction

A quasi-metric  $d$  on a set  $X$  is a function  $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  satisfying

- (i)  $d(x, y) = 0$  if and only if  $x = y$ ;
- (ii)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (iii) There exists a constant  $A < \infty$  such that  $d(x, y) < A(d(y, z) + d(x, z))$  for  $x, y, z \in X$ .

The space of homogeneous type  $(X, d, \mu)$  in the sense of Coifman and Weiss [4] is a topological space  $X$  defined by  $d$  with nonnegative measure  $\mu$  which is defined on the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by quasi-metric balls and open sets such that  $0 < \mu(B(x, r)) < \infty$  for all  $x \in X$  and arbitrary  $r > 0$ , and so that there exists a constant  $b > 0$  such that

$$\mu(B(x, 2r)) \leq b\mu(B(x, r)) < \infty, \quad (1)$$

where  $B(x, r)$  is the ball centred at  $x$  with radius  $r$ . Iterating (1) we obtain that there exists a positive constant  $C_\mu$  such that for all  $x \in X$ ,  $0 < r < R$  and  $y \in B(x, R)$ ,

$$\frac{\mu(B(y, r))}{\mu(B(x, R))} \geq C_\mu \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{\log_2 b}. \quad (2)$$

If  $b$  is the smallest constant for the measure  $\mu$  satisfying (2), we call the number  $Q = \log_2 b$  the doubling order of  $\mu$ . Obviously, in the case of  $R^n$  with the Lebesgue measure,  $Q = n$ . In addition, we say  $(X, d, \mu)$  is a reverse doubling spaces if there exists a constant  $\gamma$ ,  $0 < \gamma < 1$  such that for every  $x \in X$  and  $r > 0$  such that  $B(x, r) \subset X$ ,

$$\mu(B(x, r/2)) \leq \gamma \mu(B(x, r)).$$

For any spaces of homogeneous type  $(X, d, \mu)$ , Macías and Segovia [8] prove that there exists an equivalent quasi-metric  $\rho$  such that all balls with respect to  $\rho$  are open in the topology induced by  $\rho$ . As in [12], the definition of the reverse doubling condition would need to be changed slightly: there exist constants  $C$  and  $\gamma$ ,  $0 < \gamma < 1$  such that for any ball  $B(x, r) \subset X$  and any  $i \geq 1$

$$\mu(B(x, 2^{-i}r)) \leq C\gamma^i \mu(B(x, r)).$$

For more details on this perspective, see [5]. From [10], we know that any doubling measure on any metric space which is connected is reverse doubling. It is valid on any space of homogeneous type that satisfies a non-empty annuli condition, the details to see [14]. The similar conclusions on space of homogeneous type can be seen in [15] and [4].

Let  $p : X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  be a measurable function. We suppose that

$$1 < p_- \leq p(\cdot) \leq p_+ < \infty, \quad (3)$$

where  $p_- = \text{ess inf}_{x \in X} p(x)$ ,  $p_+ = \text{ess sup}_{x \in X} p(x)$ . We let  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  be the set of functions  $f$  such that

$$\rho_{p(\cdot)}(f) = \int_X |f(x)|^{p(x)} dx < \infty.$$

It is a Banach space equipped with the norm

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \rho_{p(\cdot)}(f/\lambda) \leq 1 \right\}.$$

We denote the conjugate exponent by  $p'(x) = \frac{p(x)}{p(x) - 1}$  for  $x \in X$ . The Hölder inequality is valid in the form

$$\int_X |f(x)g(x)| dx \leq \left( \frac{1}{p_-} + \frac{1}{p'_-} \right) \|f\|_{p(\cdot)} \|g\|_{p'(\cdot)}.$$

The variable Morrey spaces over a bounded open set  $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  were introduced in [10]. In [11] the authors introduced the following variable Morrey spaces on the space of homogeneous type with  $\text{diam}(X) < \infty$ .

**Definition 1** Let  $1 < q_- \leq q(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot) \leq p_+ < \infty$ . We say that a measurable locally integrable function  $f$  on  $X$  belongs to the class  $M_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}$  if

$$\|f\|_{M_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)} = \sup_B (\mu(B(x, r)))^{1/p(x)-1/q(x)} \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(B(x, r))}.$$

It is obvious that  $M_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)} = L^{p(\cdot)}$  when  $p = q$ ; when  $p, q$  are constants, the space  $M_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}$  coincides with the classical Morrey space  $M_q^p$ . The definition and some properties of  $M_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}$  we can see from [16, 1, 9] and so on.

As in the Euclidean case we know the log-Hölder continuity condition has play an important role, for details see [17]. On unbounded spaces, it was used in [3, 12] the similar condition to control the continuity of  $p(\cdot)$  locally and at infinity.

**Definition 2** Given a function  $r(\cdot) : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , we say that  $r(\cdot)$  satisfies the local log-Hölder condition, and denote this by  $r(\cdot) \in LH_0$ , if there exists a constant  $C_0$  such that for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $d(x, y) < 1/2$ ,

$$|r(x) - r(y)| \leq \frac{C_0}{-\log d(x, y)}.$$

The constant  $C_0$  is called the  $LH_0$  constant of  $r(\cdot)$ .

**Definition 3** Given a function  $r(\cdot) : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , we say that  $r(\cdot)$  satisfies the log-Hölder condition with respect to a base point  $x_0 \in X$ , and denote this by  $r(\cdot) \in LH_\infty$ , if there exist constants  $C_\infty, r_\infty$  such that for all  $x \in X$

$$|r(x) - r_\infty| \leq \frac{C_\infty}{\log(e + d(x, x_0))}.$$

The constant  $C_\infty$  is called the  $LH_\infty$  constant of  $r(\cdot)$ .

When  $p(\cdot) \in LH = LH_0 \cap LH_\infty$  we say  $p(\cdot)$  satisfies the global log-Hölder condition.

For  $\eta$ ,  $0 \leq \eta < 1$ , the fractional maximal operator is given by

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

When  $\eta = 0$  this reduces to the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator, denoted by  $M$ . On the classical Morrey spaces over  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the weighted norm inequalities for  $M_\eta$  were proved in [18]. For variable spaces over spaces of homogeneous type, norm inequalities was proved in [12] extending the work on the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator. We state our result on  $M_\eta$  on the variable exponent Morrey spaces defined over spaces of homegeneous type as following.

**Theorem 1** *Let  $(X, d, \mu)$  be a space of homogeneous type. For  $\eta$ ,  $0 \leq \eta < 1$ , let  $p_1(\cdot) : X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ ,  $q_1(\cdot) : X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  be such that  $1/p_1(\cdot), 1/q_1(\cdot) \in LH$ ,  $1 < q_{1-} \leq p_1(\cdot) \leq p_{1+} < 1/\eta$  and  $q_1(\cdot) \leq p_1(\cdot)$ . For each  $x \in X$ , define  $1/p_1(x) - 1/p_2(x) = \eta$  and  $1/q_1(x) - 1/q_2(x) = \eta$ . Then  $M_\eta$  is bounded from  $M_{q_1(x)}^{p_1(x)}$  to  $M_{q_2(x)}^{p_2(x)}$ . Moreover, if  $\mu(X) < \infty$ , then we can replace the hypothesis  $1/p_1(\cdot), 1/q_1(\cdot) \in LH$  with  $1/p_1(\cdot), 1/q_1(\cdot) \in LH_0$ .*

The definition of the fractional integral operator is

$$I_\eta f(x) = \int_X \frac{f(y)}{(\mu(B(x, d(x, y))))^{1-\eta}} d\mu(y).$$

The results about fractional integrals defined on quasi-metric measure space but without doubling condition discussed in the monograph [24]. When  $\mu(X) < \infty$  these operators were considered in [19, 20] on spaces of homogeneous type. In [12] the boundedness of them were discussed when  $\mu(X) = \infty$  on reverse doubling space of homogeneous type. We have the following result on the variable exponent Morrey spaces defined over spaces of homogeneous type.

**Theorem 2** *Let  $(X, d, \mu)$  be a reverse doubling space of homogeneous type. For  $\eta$ ,  $0 \leq \eta < 1$ , let  $p_1(\cdot) : X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ ,  $q_1(\cdot) : X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  be such that  $p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot) \in LH$ ,  $1 < p_{1-} \leq p_1(\cdot) \leq p_{1+} < 1/\eta$  and  $q_1(\cdot) \leq p_1(\cdot)$ . For each  $x \in X$ , define  $1/p_1(x) - 1/p_2(x) = \eta$  and  $1/q_1(x) - 1/q_2(x) = \eta$ . Then  $I_\eta$  is bounded from  $M_{q_1(x)}^{p_1(x)}$  to  $M_{q_2(x)}^{p_2(x)}$ . Moreover, if  $\mu(X) < \infty$ , then we can replace the hypothesis  $1/p_1(\cdot), 1/q_1(\cdot) \in LH$  with  $1/p_1(\cdot), 1/q_1(\cdot) \in LH_0$ .*

We say  $(X, d, \mu)$  is Ahlfors– $Q$  regular if there exist constants  $C_1, C_2$  such that

$$C_1 r^Q \leq \mu(B(x, r)) \leq C_2 r^Q$$

for  $x \in X$  and  $r > 0$ .

Next we introduce two classes of operators which were applied to study the Sobolev and Poincaré inequalities over metric spaces, for details see [21, 22]. Given  $0 < \alpha < Q$ , define the operators

$$I_\alpha^* f(x) = \int_X \frac{f(y)}{d(x, y)^{Q-\alpha}} d\mu(y),$$

$$I_\alpha^{**} f(x) = \int_X \frac{f(y) d(x, y)^\alpha}{\mu(B(x, d(x, y)))} d\mu(y).$$

It is immediate that these operators are pointwise equivalent to  $I_\eta$  with  $\eta = \alpha/Q$ , if  $(X, d, \mu)$  be an Ahlfors regular space of homogeneous type. Based on Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, we obtain the following conclusion at once.

**Corollary 1** *Let  $(X, d, \mu)$  be an Ahlfors regular space of homogeneous type. For  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < Q$ , let  $p_1(\cdot) : X \rightarrow [1, \infty]$ ,  $q_1(\cdot) : X \rightarrow [1, \infty]$  be such that  $p_1(\cdot), q_1(\cdot) \in LH$ ,  $1 < p_{1-} \leq p_1(\cdot) \leq p_{1+} < Q/\alpha$  and  $q_1(\cdot) \leq p_1(\cdot)$ . For each  $x \in X$ , define  $1/p_1(x) - 1/p_2(x) = \alpha/Q$  and  $1/q_1(x) - 1/q_2(x) = \alpha/Q$ . Then  $I_\alpha^{**}$  is bounded from  $M_{q_1(x)}^{p_1(x)}$  to  $M_{q_2(x)}^{p_2(x)}$ , and  $I_\alpha^{**}$  is also bounded from  $M_{q_1(x)}^{p_1(x)}$  to  $M_{q_2(x)}^{p_2(x)}$ .*

## 1 Preliminaries

**Lemma 1** [7] *Assume  $\mu(X) < \infty$  and let  $p \in LH_0$ . Then there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that for all balls  $B \subset X$  the inequality*

$$\mu(B)^{p-(B)-p+(B)} \leq C$$

*holds.*

There seems to require a stronger hypothesis in more general setting of spaces of homogeneous type.

**Lemma 2** [12] *Given a space of homogeneous type  $(X, d, \mu)$ , let  $p(\cdot) : X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  be such that  $1/p(\cdot) \in LH$ . Then there is a positive constant  $C$  such that for any ball  $B$*

$$(i) \quad \mu(B)^{1/p-(B)-1/p+(B)} \leq C;$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{for all } x \in B, \mu(B)^{1/p(x)-1/p-(B)} \leq C \text{ and } \mu(B)^{1/p+(B)-1/p(x)} \leq C.$$

If we assume  $\text{diam}(X) < \infty$  and  $\mu\{x\} = 0$ , we have the following statement.

**Lemma 3** [11] *Let  $\beta$  be a measurable function on  $X$  satisfying  $\beta(x) < -1$  for all  $X$ . Suppose that  $r$  is a small positive number. Then there exists a positive constant  $C$  independent of  $r$  and  $x$  such that*

$$A(x, r) = \int_{X \setminus B(x, r)} (\mu(B_{xy}))^{\beta(x)} d\mu(y) \leq C \frac{\beta(x) + 1}{\beta(x)} (\mu(x, d(x, y)))^{\beta(x)+1},$$

where

$$B_{xy} = \mu(x, d(x, y)).$$

**Lemma 4** [12] *If  $(X, d, \mu)$  is a reverse doubling spaces, then for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\mu\{x\} = 0$ .*

Comparing Lemmas 3 and 4 we have the following conclusion.

**Lemma 5** *Assume  $(X, d, \mu)$  is a reverse doubling spaces and  $\mu(X) < \infty$ . Let  $\beta$  be a measurable function on  $X$  satisfying  $\beta(x) < -1$  for all  $X$ . Suppose that  $r$  is a small positive number. Then there exists a positive constant  $C$  independent of  $r$  and  $x$  such that*

$$A(x, r) = \int_{X \setminus B(x, r)} (\mu(B_{xy}))^{\beta(x)} d\mu(y) \leq C \frac{\beta(x) + 1}{\beta(x)} (\mu(x, d(x, y)))^{\beta(x)+1},$$

where

$$B_{xy} = \mu(x, d(x, y)).$$

**Lemma 6** *Assume  $(X, d, \mu)$  is a reverse doubling spaces. Let  $\beta$  be a measurable function on  $X$  satisfying  $\beta(x) < -1$  for all  $X$ . Suppose that  $r$  is a small positive number. Then there exists a positive constant  $C \geq C_\mu$  independent of  $r$  and  $x$  such that*

$$A(x, r) = \int_{X \setminus B(x, r)} (\mu(B_{xy}))^{\beta(x)} d\mu(y) \leq \frac{C^{-2\beta(x)-1}}{1 - \gamma^{-\beta(x)-1}} (\mu(x, d(x, y)))^{\beta(x)+1},$$

where

$$B_{xy} = \mu(x, d(x, y)).$$

*Proof:* For  $i \geq 1$  we define

$$R_i = \{y \in X : 2^{i-1}r \leq d(x, y) < 2^i r\}.$$

Since the measure  $\mu$  is both doubling and reverse doubling, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{X \setminus B(x, r)} (\mu(B_{xy}))^{\beta(x)} d\mu(y) \\ & \leq \sum_{i \geq 1} \int_{R_i} (\mu(B_{xy}))^{\beta(x)} d\mu(y) \\ & \leq \sum_{i \geq 1} \mu(B(x, 2^{i-1}r))^{\beta(x)} \mu(B(x, 2^i r)) \\ & = \sum_{i \geq 1} \left( \frac{\mu(B(x, 2^i r))}{\mu(B(x, 2^{i-1}r))} \right)^{-\beta(x)} \mu(B(x, 2^i r))^{\beta(x)+1} \\ & \leq \sum_{i \geq 1} C_\mu^{-\beta(x)} C^{-\beta(x)-1} (\gamma^i)^{-\beta(x)-1} \mu(B(x, r))^{\beta(x)+1} \\ & \leq \frac{C^{-2\beta(x)-1}}{1 - \gamma^{-\beta(x)-1}} \mu(B(x, r))^{\beta(x)+1}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 7** [13] *Let  $f$  be a measurable function on  $X$  and let  $E$  be a measurable subset of  $X$ . Then the following inequalities hold:*

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(E)}^{p_+(E)} \leq \rho_p(f\chi_E) \leq \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(E)}^{p_-(E)}, \quad \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(E)} \leq 1;$$

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(E)}^{p_-(E)} \leq \rho_p(f\chi_E) \leq \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(E)}^{p_+(E)}, \quad \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(E)} \geq 1.$$

**Lemma 8** [12] *Let  $(X, d, \mu)$  be a space of homogeneous type. For  $\eta, 0 \leq \eta < 1$ , let  $p(\cdot) : X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  be such that  $1/p(\cdot) \in LH$ ,  $1 < p_- \leq p_+ < 1/\eta$ . For each  $x \in X$ , define  $1/p(x) - 1/q(x) = \eta$ . Then  $M_\eta$  is bounded from  $L^{p(x)}(X)$  to  $L^{q(x)}(X)$ .*

**Lemma 9** [12] *Let  $(X, d, \mu)$  be a space of homogeneous type. For  $\eta, 0 \leq \eta < 1$ , let  $p(\cdot) : X \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  be such that  $p(\cdot) \in LH$ ,  $1 < p_- \leq p_+ < 1/\eta$ . For each  $x \in X$ , define  $1/p(x) - 1/q(x) = \eta$ . Then  $I_\eta$  is bounded from  $L^{p(x)}(X)$  to  $L^{q(x)}(X)$ .*

## 2 Proof of the Main Results

**Proof of Theorem 1 :** Let  $r$  be a small positive number. Decompose  $f$  as follows:  $f = f_1 + f_2$ , where  $f_1 = f\chi_{B(x, A(2A+1)r)}$ ,  $f_2 = f - f_1$ . We get

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mu(B(x, r)))^{1/p_2(x)-1/q_2(x)} \|M_\eta f\|_{L^{q_2(x)}(B(x, r))} \\ & \leq (\mu(B(x, r)))^{1/p_2(x)-1/q_2(x)} \|M_\eta f_1\|_{L^{q_2(x)}(B(x, r))} \\ & \quad + (\mu(B(x, r)))^{1/p_2(x)-1/q_2(x)} \|M_\eta f_2\|_{L^{q_2(x)}(B(x, r))} \\ & = I_1 + I_2. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 8 and doubling condition we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 & \leq C(\mu(B(x, r)))^{1/p_2(x)-1/q_2(x)} \|f_1\|_{L^{q_1(x)}(B(x, r))} \\ & \leq C\|f\|_{M_{q_1(x)}^{p_1(x)}(X)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $B(x, r) \subset B(y, 2Ar) \subset B(x, A(2A+1)r)$ , we have

$$M_\eta f_2(y) \leq \sup_{B \supset B(x, r)} \frac{1}{(\mu(B))^{1-\eta}} \int_B |f| d\mu$$

for  $y \in B(x, r)$ .

Hence by Lemma 2, the Hölder inequality, Lemma 7 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
I_2 &\leq C(B(x, r))^{\frac{1}{p_2(x)} - \frac{1}{q_2(x)}} \left[ \sup_{B \supset B(x, r)} \frac{1}{(\mu(B))^{1-\eta}} \int_B |f| d\mu \right] \|\chi_{B(x, r)}(\cdot)\|_{L^{q_2(\cdot)}(X)} \\
&\leq C(\mu(B(x, r)))^{1/p_2(\cdot)} \sup_{B \supset B(x, r)} \frac{1}{(\mu(B))^{1-\eta}} \|f\|_{L^{q_1(\cdot)}(B)} \|\chi_B\|_{L^{q'_1(\cdot)}(B)} \\
&\leq C(\mu(B(x, r)))^{1/p_2(\cdot)} \sup_{B \supset B(x, r)} \frac{1}{(\mu(B))^{1-\eta}} \|f\|_{L^{q_1(\cdot)}(B)} (\mu(B))^{1/q'_1(B)} \\
&= C(\mu(B(x, r)))^{1/p_2(\cdot)} \sup_{B \supset B(x, r)} (\mu(B))^{\frac{1}{p_1(x)} - \frac{1}{p_2(x)}} \|f\|_{L^{q_1(\cdot)}(B)} (\mu(B))^{-1/q_1(B)} \\
&\leq C \sup_{B \supset B(x, r)} (\mu(B))^{\frac{1}{p_1(x)} - \frac{1}{q_1(x)}} \|f\|_{L^{q_1(\cdot)}(B)} \\
&\leq C \|f\|_{M_{q_1(x)}^{p_1(x)}(X)}.
\end{aligned}$$

**Proof of Theorem 2 :** Let  $r$  be a small positive number. Decompose  $f$  as follows:  $f = f_1 + f_2$ , where  $f_1 = f\chi_{B(x, 2Ar)}$ ,  $f_2 = f - f_1$ . For  $y \in B(x, r)$  and  $z \in X \setminus B(x, 2Ar)$ , we have

$$d(x, z) \leq A(d(x, y) + d(y, z)) \leq Ar + Ad(y, z) \leq d(x, z)/2 + Ad(y, z).$$

So we obtain

$$\mu(B(x, d(x, z))) \leq C\mu(B(x, d(y, z))).$$

In addition, for  $t \in B(x, d(y, z))$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
d(y, t) &\leq A(d(y, z) + Ad(z, t)) \\
&\leq Ad(y, z) + Ad(z, x) + Ad(x, t) \\
&\leq Ad(y, z) + 2A^2d(y, z) + Ad(y, z) \\
&= 2A(1 + A)d(y, z).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\mu(B(x, d(y, z))) \leq C\mu(B(y, d(y, z)))$ . Finally, we obtain

$$\mu(B(x, d(x, z))) \leq C\mu(B(x, d(y, z))) \leq C\mu(B(y, d(y, z))).$$

Since the reverse doubling condition, we can take integer  $m$  and  $\theta < 1$  so that  $\theta^m$  (if  $\text{diam}(X) < \infty$ , we take  $\theta^m \text{diam}(X)$ ) is sufficiently small. For



$y \in B(x, r)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |I_\eta f_2(y)| \\
 & \leq \int_{X \setminus B(x, 2Ar)} \frac{|f(z)|}{\mu(B(x, d(x, z)))^{1-\eta}} d\mu(z) \\
 & \leq \int_{X \setminus B(x, 2Ar)} \int_{B(x, \theta^{m-2}d(x, z)) \setminus B(x, \theta^{m-1}d(x, z))} \frac{|f(z)|}{\mu(B(x, d(x, t)))^{2-\eta}} d\mu(t) d\mu(z) \\
 & \leq \int_{X \setminus B(x, 2Ar)} \int_{B(x, \theta^{m-2}d(x, z)) \setminus B(x, \theta^{m-1}d(x, z))} \frac{|f(z)|}{\mu(B(x, d(x, t)))^{2-\eta}} d\mu(t) d\mu(z) \\
 & \leq \int_{X \setminus B(x, 2\theta^{m-1}Ar)} \frac{1}{\mu(B(x, d(x, t)))^{2-\eta}} \int_{B(x, \theta^{1-m}d(x, z))} |f(z)| d\mu(z) d\mu(t) \\
 & \leq \int_{X \setminus B(x, 2\theta^{m-1}Ar)} \frac{\bar{f}(x, t)}{\mu(B(x, d(x, t)))} d\mu(t),
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\bar{f}(x, t) = \frac{1}{(\mu(B(x, \theta^{1-m}d(x, t))))^{1-\eta}} \int_{B(x, \theta^{1-m}d(x, t))} |f(z)| d\mu(z).$$

By Lemma 2 and doubling condition, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{f}(x, t) & \leq \frac{\|f\|_{L^{q_1(\cdot)}(B(x, \theta^{1-m}d(x, t)))} \|\chi_{B(x, \theta^{1-m}d(x, t))}\|_{L^{q_1'(\cdot)}}}{(\mu(B(x, \theta^{1-m}d(x, t))))^{1-\eta}} \\
 & \leq \|f\|_{M_{q_1(x)}^{p_1(x)}(X)} (\mu(B(x, \theta^{1-m}d(x, t))))^{-1/q_1'(x) - 1/p_1(x) + 1/q_1'(x) + \eta} \\
 & \leq C \|f\|_{M_{q_1(x)}^{p_1(x)}(X)} (\mu(B(x, d(x, t))))^{-1/p_2(x)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $1 + p_2(x) > 1$ , by Lemma 6 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |I_\eta f_2(y)| & \leq C \|f\|_{M_{q_1(x)}^{p_1(x)}(X)} \int_{X \setminus B(x, 2A\theta^{1-m}r)} \frac{1}{(\mu(B(x, d(x, t))))^{1+1/p_2(x)}} d\mu(t) \\
 & \leq C \|f\|_{M_{q_1(x)}^{p_1(x)}(X)} (\mu(B(x, r)))^{-1/p_2(x)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then by Lemma 2 and Lemma 9, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\mu(B(x, r)))^{1/p_2(x) - 1/q_2(x)} \|I_\eta f\|_{L^{q_2(x)}(B(x, r))} \\
 & \leq (\mu(B(x, r)))^{1/p_2(x) - 1/q_2(x)} \|I_\eta f_1\|_{L^{q_2(x)}(B(x, r))} \\
 & \quad + (\mu(B(x, r)))^{1/p_2(x) - 1/q_2(x)} \|I_\eta f_2\|_{L^{q_2(x)}(B(x, r))} \\
 & \leq C (\mu(B(x, r)))^{1/p_2(x) - 1/q_2(x)} \|f_1\|_{L^{q_1(x)}(B(x, 2Ar))} \\
 & \quad + (\mu(B(x, r)))^{1/p_2(x) - 1/q_2(x)} \|I_\eta f_2\|_{L^{q_2(x)}(B(x, r))} \\
 & \leq C \|f\|_{M_{q_1(x)}^{p_1(x)}(X)} + C (\mu(B(x, r)))^{-1/q_2(x)} \|\chi_{B(x, r)}\|_{L^{q_2(\cdot)}(X)} \|f\|_{M_{q_1(x)}^{p_1(x)}(X)} \\
 & \leq C \|f\|_{M_{q_1(x)}^{p_1(x)}(X)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

### 3 Application

Let  $\Gamma = \{t \in \mathbb{C} : t = t(s), 0 \leq s \leq \ell \leq \infty\}$  be a connected rectifiable curve and let  $\nu$  be an arc-length measure on  $\Gamma$ , that is  $\nu(t) = s$ . We denote

$$\Gamma(t, r) = \Gamma \cap B(t, r), \quad t \in \Gamma, r > 0,$$

where  $B(t, r) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - t| < r\}$  is a disc in  $\mathbb{C}$  with center  $t$  and radius  $r$ .  $\Gamma$  is called a Carleson curve (regular curve), if there exists a constant  $C$  not depending on  $t$  and  $r$ , such that

$$\nu(\Gamma(t, r)) \leq Cr.$$

If we equip  $\Gamma$  with the measure  $\nu$  and the Euclidean metric, the regular curve becomes a space of homogeneous type.

The maximal operator is

$$M_{\Gamma}f(t) = \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{\nu(\Gamma(t, r))} \int_{\Gamma(t, r)} f(\tau) d\nu(\tau)$$

and the potential type operator is

$$I_{\alpha}f(t) = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(\tau)}{|t - \tau|^{1-\alpha}} d\nu(\tau)$$

for  $0 < \alpha < 1$ .

The Cauchy integral is

$$S_{\Gamma}f(t) = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(\tau)}{t - \tau} d\nu(\tau).$$

The associated kernel is

$$k(z, \omega) = \frac{1}{z - \omega}$$

and it is a Calderón-Zygmund kernel in the case of regular curves.

**Definition 4** Let  $1 < q_- \leq q(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot) \leq p_+ < \infty$ . We say that a measurable locally integrable function  $f$  on  $\Gamma$  belongs to the class  $M_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Gamma)$  if

$$\|f\|_{M_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Gamma)} = \sup_{t \in \Gamma, r} (\nu(\Gamma(t, r)))^{1/p(t)-1/q(t)} \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(B(t, r))}.$$

Theorem 1 implies the following statement.

**Theorem 3** Let  $1 < q_- \leq q(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot) \leq p_+ < \infty$ . Suppose that  $p, q \in HL$ . Then  $M_{\Gamma}$  is bounded in  $M_{q(x)}^{p(x)}(\Gamma)$ .

Theorem 2 implies the following statement.

**Proposition 1** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a regular curve. Suppose  $1 < q_- \leq q(t) \leq p(t) \leq p_+ < \infty$  for all  $t \in \Gamma$ . such that  $1/p_1(\cdot), 1/q_1(\cdot) \in LH$ ,  $1 < q_{1-} \leq p_1(\cdot) \leq p_{1+} < 1/\alpha$  and  $q_1(\cdot) \leq p_1(\cdot)$ . For each  $x \in X$ , define  $1/p_1(x) - 1/p_2(x) = \alpha$  and  $1/q_1(x) - 1/q_2(x) = \alpha$ . Then  $I_\alpha$  is bounded from  $M_{q_1(x)}^{p_1(x)}(\Gamma)$  to  $M_{q_2(x)}^{p_2(x)}(\Gamma)$ .*

Let  $K : X \times X \setminus \{(x, x) : x \in X\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a measurable function satisfying the condition:

- (i)  $K(x, y) \leq \frac{C}{\mu(B(x, d(x, y)))}$ ,  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \neq y$ ;
- (ii)  $|K(x_1, y) - K(x_2, y)| + |K(y, x_1) - K(y, x_2)| \leq \frac{C\omega\left(\frac{d(x_1, x_2)}{d(x_2, y)}\right)}{\mu(B(x_2, d(x_2, y)))}$

for all  $x_1, x_2$  and  $y$  with  $d(x_2, y) > d(x, y)$ , where  $\omega$  is a positive, non-decreasing function on  $(0, \infty)$  satisfying  $\omega(2t) < \omega(t)$  for  $t > 0$  and the Dini condition  $\int_0^1 \omega(t)/t dt < \infty$ . The definition of Calderrón-Zygmund operator  $T$  is

$$Tf(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{X \setminus B(x, \varepsilon)} K(x, y)f(y)d\mu(y)$$

and for some  $p_0$ ,  $1 < p_0 < \infty$  and all  $f \in L^{p_0}(X)$  the limit exists almost everywhere on  $X$  and  $T$  is bounded at  $f \in L^{p_0}(X)$ .

If we assume  $\text{diam}(X) < \infty$  and  $\mu\{x\} = 0$ , we know the following statement from [11].

**Theorem 4** [11] *Let  $1 < q_- \leq q(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot) \leq p_+ < \infty$ . Suppose that  $p, q \in HL_0$ . Then  $T$  is bounded in  $M_{q(x)}^{p(x)}(X)$ .*

Assume  $(X, d, \mu)$  is a reverse doubling spaces and  $\mu(X) < \infty$ , by lemma 4 and theorem 4 we have

**Theorem 5** *Let  $1 < q_- \leq q(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot) \leq p_+ < \infty$ . Suppose that  $p, q \in HL_0$ . Then  $T$  is bounded in  $M_{q(x)}^{p(x)}(X)$ .*

By theorem 1 we have

**Theorem 6** *Let  $1 < q_- \leq q(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot) \leq p_+ < \infty$ . Suppose that  $p, q \in HL_0$ . Then  $M_\Gamma$  is bounded in  $M_{q(x)}^{p(x)}(\Gamma)$ .*

Let  $\Gamma$  be a subset of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  which is an  $s$ -set ( $0 \leq s \leq n$ ) in the sense that there is a Borel measure  $\mu$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  such that

- (i)  $\text{supp } \mu = \Gamma$ ;

- (ii) there are positive constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  such that for all  $z \in \Gamma$  and all  $r \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$C_1 r^s \leq \mu(B(x, r) \cap \Gamma) \leq C_2 r^s.$$

More detailed properties of  $s$ -sets one can see in [23]. By Theorem 2 we have

**Proposition 2** *Suppose  $I_\alpha$  is the fractional operator on an  $s$ -set  $\Gamma$ . Suppose  $1 < q_- \leq q(t) \leq p(t) \leq p_+ < \infty$  for all  $t \in \Gamma$ , such that  $1/p_1(\cdot), 1/q_1(\cdot) \in LH$ ,  $1 < q_{1-} \leq p_1(\cdot) \leq p_{1+} < 1/\alpha$  and  $q_1(\cdot) \leq p_1(\cdot)$ . For each  $x \in X$ , define  $1/p_1(x) - 1/p_2(x) = \alpha$  and  $1/q_1(x) - 1/q_2(x) = \alpha$ . Then  $I_\alpha$  is bounded from  $M_{q_1(x)}^{p_1(x)}(\Gamma)$  to  $M_{q_2(x)}^{p_2(x)}(\Gamma)$ .*

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