



# ON THE BOUNDEDNESS OF FRACTIONAL $B$ -MAXIMAL OPERATORS IN THE LORENTZ SPACES $L_{p,q,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$ \*

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## Abstract

In this study, sharp rearrangement inequalities for the fractional  $B$ -maximal function  $M_{\alpha,\gamma}f$  are obtained in the Lorentz spaces  $L_{p,q,\gamma}$  and by using these inequalities the boundedness conditions of the operator  $M_{\alpha,\gamma}$  are found. Then, the conditions for the boundedness of the  $B$ -maximal operator  $M_\gamma$  are obtained in  $L_{p,q,\gamma}$ .

## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{R}_+^n = \{x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n, x_n > 0\}$ . Denote by  $L_{p,\gamma} \equiv L_{p,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ , the set of all classes of measurable functions with finite norm

$$\|f\|_{L_{p,\gamma}} \equiv \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^n} |f(x)|^p x_n^\gamma dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty,$$

If  $p = \infty$ , we assume

$$L_{\infty,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n) = L_\infty(\mathbb{R}_+^n) = \{f : \|f\|_{L_\infty} = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \mathbb{R}_+^n} |f(x)| < \infty\}.$$

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The generalized translation operator  $T^y$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$ , is defined (see [8, 9, 10]) for smooth functions on  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  by

$$T^y f(x) = C_\gamma \int_0^\pi f(x' - y', \sqrt{x_n^2 + y_n^2 - 2x_n y_n \cos \theta}) \sin^{\gamma-1} \theta d\theta,$$

where  $x', y' \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  and  $C_\gamma = \Gamma((\gamma + 1)/2)[\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(\gamma/2)]^{-1}$ .

It is well-known that the generalized shift operator  $T^y$  is closely related to the Laplace-Bessel differential operator

$$\Delta_B = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_k^2} + \frac{\gamma}{x_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}.$$

Further, if  $f$  belongs to  $L_{p,\gamma}$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , then for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$ , the function  $T^y f$  belongs to  $L_{p,\gamma}$ , and

$$\|T^y f\|_{L_{p,\gamma}} \leq \|f\|_{L_{p,\gamma}}.$$

For  $0 \leq \alpha < n + \gamma$ , the fractional maximal function associated with  $\Delta_B$  (fractional  $B$ -maximal function) is defined at  $f \in L_{1,\gamma}^{loc}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$  by

$$(M_{\alpha,\gamma} f)(x) = \sup_{r>0} |B(0,r)|_{\gamma}^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}-1} \int_{B(0,r)} T^y |f(x)| y_n^\gamma dy, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}_+^n,$$

where  $B(0,r) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}_+^n : |y| < r\}$ . For  $\alpha = 0$  we get the maximal function  $M_\gamma f$  associated with the Laplace-Bessel differential operator ( $B$ -maximal function, see [6]).

The aim of this paper is to obtain sharp rearrangement estimates for the fractional  $B$ -maximal function  $M_{\alpha,\gamma} f$ . We give the necessary and sufficient conditions for the boundedness of the operator  $M_{\alpha,\gamma}$  in the Lorentz spaces  $L_{p,q,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$  by using the obtained sharp rearrangement estimates. As consequence of these results we find the boundedness conditions for the  $B$ -maximal operator  $M_\gamma$  in the Lorentz spaces  $L_{p,q,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$ .

It is well known that for the classical Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator the rearrangement inequality

$$cf^{**}(t) \leq (Mf)^*(t) \leq Cf^{**}(t), \quad t \in (0, \infty)$$

holds, where  $f^*(t)$  is the nonincreasing rearrangement of  $f$  and  $f^{**}(t) = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f^*(t) dt$ .

For  $f \in L_1^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , similar sharp rearrangement estimates are obtained for the maximal function of  $f$  in [1] and for the fractional maximal function of

$f$  in [3], and for the fractional maximal function of  $f \in L_{p,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ , associated with the Laplace-Bessel differential operator in [7]. These estimates are of great importance in the study of operators on rearrangement-invariant spaces as well as in interpolation theory.

Throughout the paper, we denote  $M^+(0, \infty)$  the set of all non-negative measurable functions on  $(0, \infty)$  with respect to the measure  $x_n^\gamma dx$ , and  $M^+(0, \infty; \downarrow)$  the set of all non-increasing functions from  $M^+(0, \infty)$ . We use the letter  $C$  for a positive constant, independent of appropriate parameters and not necessary the same at each occurrence.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $f : \mathbb{R}_+^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a measurable function and for any measurable set  $E$ ,  $|E|_\gamma = \int_E x_n^\gamma dx$ . We define  $\gamma$ -rearrangement of  $f$  in decreasing order by

$$f_\gamma^*(t) = \inf \{s > 0 : f_{*,\gamma}(s) \leq t\}, \quad \forall t \in (0, \infty),$$

where  $f_{*,\gamma}(s)$  denotes the  $\gamma$ -distribution function of  $f$  given by

$$f_{*,\gamma}(s) = |\{x \in (\mathbb{R}_+^n) : |f(x)| > s\}|_\gamma.$$

Some properties of  $\gamma$ -rearrangement of functions are given as follows (see [2, 4, 12]):

1) if  $0 < p < \infty$ , then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}_+^n} |f(x)|^p x_n^\gamma dx = \int_0^\infty (f_\gamma^*(t))^p dt;$$

2) for any  $t > 0$ ,

$$\sup_{|E|_\gamma=t} \int_E |f(x)| x_n^\gamma dx = \int_0^t f_\gamma^*(s) ds; \quad (1)$$

3)

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}_+^n} |f(x)g(x)| x_n^\gamma dx \leq \int_0^\infty f_\gamma^*(t)g_\gamma^*(t)dt;$$

It is well known that

4)

$$(f + g)_\gamma^*(t) \leq f_\gamma^*\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) + g_\gamma^*\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \quad (2)$$

holds.

We denote by  $WL_{p,\gamma}(0, \infty)$  the weak  $L_{p,\gamma}$  space of all measurable functions  $f$  with finite norm

$$\|f\|_{WL_{p,\gamma}} = \sup_{t>0} t^{1/p} f_{\gamma}^*(t), \quad 1 \leq p < \infty.$$

The function  $f_{\gamma}^{**} : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is defined as

$$f_{\gamma}^{**}(t) = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f_{\gamma}^*(s) ds.$$

**Definition 1.** The Lorentz space  $L_{p,q,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$  is the collection of all measurable functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  such that the quantity

$$\|f\|_{p,q,\gamma} = \begin{cases} \left( \int_0^{\infty} \left( t^{\frac{1}{p}} f_{\gamma}^*(t) \right)^q \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/q}, & 0 < p < \infty, 0 < q < \infty \\ \sup_{t>0} t^{\frac{1}{p}} f_{\gamma}^*(t), & 0 < p \leq \infty, q = \infty \end{cases}$$

is finite.

If  $0 < p \leq \infty, q = \infty$ , then  $L_{p,\infty,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n) = WL_{p,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$ .

If  $1 \leq q \leq p$  or  $p = q = \infty$ , then the functional  $\|f\|_{p,q,\gamma}$  is a norm. (see [2], [5], [12]).

If  $p = q = \infty$ , then the space  $L_{\infty,\infty,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$  is denoted by  $L_{\infty,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$ .

In the case  $1 < p, q < \infty$ , we give a functional  $\|\cdot\|_{p,q,\gamma}^*$  by

$$\|f\|_{p,q,\gamma}^* = \begin{cases} \left( \int_0^{\infty} \left( t^{\frac{1}{p}} f_{\gamma}^{**}(t) \right)^q \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/q}, & 0 < p < \infty, 0 < q < \infty \\ \sup_{t>0} t^{\frac{1}{p}} f_{\gamma}^{**}(t), & 0 < p \leq \infty, q = \infty \end{cases}$$

(with the usual modification if  $0 < p \leq \infty, q = \infty$ ) which is a norm on  $L_{p,q,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$  for  $1 < p < \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty$  or  $p = q = \infty$ .

If  $1 < p \leq \infty, 1 \leq q \leq \infty$ , then

$$\|f\|_{p,q,\gamma} \leq \|f\|_{p,q,\gamma}^* \leq \frac{p}{p-1} \|f\|_{p,q,\gamma},$$

that is, the quasi-norms  $\|f\|_{p,q,\gamma}$  and  $\|f\|_{p,q,\gamma}^*$  are equivalent.

**Lemma 1.** *For any measurable set  $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}', \mathcal{A}_n) \subset \mathbb{R}_+^n$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_n \subset (0, \infty)$ ,  $\mathcal{A}' = \mathcal{A}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{A}_{n-1} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ , and  $y \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$ , then the following equality holds*

$$\int_{\mathcal{A}} T^y g(x) y_n^\gamma dy = C_\gamma \int_{(x,0)+\tilde{\mathcal{A}}} g\left(z', \sqrt{z_n^2 + z_{n+1}^2}\right) d\mu(z, z_{n+1}),$$

where  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}} = \mathcal{A}' \times (-m, m) \times [0, m)$ ,  $m = \sup \mathcal{A}_n$  and  $d\mu(z, z_{n+1}) = z_{n+1}^{\gamma-1} dz_1 dz_2 \dots dz_n dz_{n+1}$ .

The proof of Lemma 1 is straightforward, after applying the following substitutions

$$z' = y' - x', z_n = x_n - y_n \cos \alpha, z_{n+1} = y_n \sin \alpha. \quad (3)$$

In the following lemma we give a relation between the generalized shift operator  $T^y$  and the  $\gamma$ -rearrangement of the function  $f$ .

**Lemma 2.** *For any measurable set  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{R}_+^n$  and for any  $y \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$ , the following equality holds*

$$\sup_{|\mathcal{A}|_\gamma=t} \int_{\mathcal{A}} T^y |f(x)| y_n^\gamma dy = C_\gamma \int_0^t f_\gamma^*(s) ds. \quad (4)$$

*Proof.* From Lemma 1 we have

$$\int_{\mathcal{A}} T^y |f(x)| y_n^\gamma dy = C_\gamma \int_{(x,0)+\tilde{\mathcal{A}}} f\left(\sqrt{z_n^2 + z_{n+1}^2}\right) d\mu(z, z_{n+1}), \quad (5)$$

where  $\tilde{\mathcal{A}} = \mathcal{A}' \times (-m, m) \times [0, m)$ ,  $m = \sup \mathcal{A}_n$  and  $d\mu(z, z_{n+1}) = z_{n+1}^{\gamma-1} dz_1 dz_2 \dots dz_n dz_{n+1}$ . For the function  $\tilde{f}(z, z_1) = f(\sqrt{z^2 + z_1^2})$ , the analogue of the equality (1) is valid

$$\sup_{\mu(\tilde{\mathcal{A}})=t} \int_{(x,0)+\tilde{\mathcal{A}}} |\tilde{f}(z, z_{n+1})| d\mu(z, z_{n+1}) = \int_0^t (\tilde{f})_\mu^*(s) ds, \quad (6)$$

where  $(\tilde{f})_\mu^*(s) = \inf\{t > 0 : \mu(\{(z, z_{n+1}) : |\tilde{f}(z, z_{n+1})| > t\}) \leq s\}$ .

Note that  $\mu((x, 0) + \tilde{\mathcal{A}}) = |\mathcal{A}|_\gamma$  and  $(\tilde{f})_\mu^*(s) = f_\gamma^*(s)$ .

Indeed, taking into account (3), we have

$$\mu(\{(z, z_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n : |\tilde{f}(z, z_{n+1})| > t\}) = \int_{\{x \in \mathbb{R}_+ : |f(x)| > t\}} x_n^\gamma dx = f_{*,\gamma}(t).$$

Consequently,

$$(\tilde{f})_\mu^*(s) = \inf\{t > 0 : f_{*,\gamma}(t) \leq s\} = f_\gamma^*(s).$$

From (5) and (6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{|\mathcal{A}|_\gamma=t} \int_{\mathcal{A}} T^y |f(x)| y_n^\gamma dy &= C_\gamma \sup_{\mu(\tilde{\mathcal{A}})=t} \int_{(x,0)+\tilde{\mathcal{A}}} |\tilde{f}(z, z_{n+1})| d\mu(z, z_{n+1}) \\ &= C_\gamma \int_0^t (\tilde{f})_\mu^*(s) ds = C_\gamma \int_0^t f_\gamma^*(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Thus Lemma 2 is proved.  $\square$

### 3 Main results

We need the following lemma which is used in the proof of Theorem 1.

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $0 \leq \alpha < n + \gamma$ . Then there exists a positive constant  $C$ , depending on  $\alpha$ ,  $n$  and  $\gamma$ , such that*

$$\sup_{t>0} t^{1-\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} (M_{\alpha,\gamma} f)_\gamma^*(t) \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^n} |f(x)| x_n^\gamma dx \quad (7)$$

and

$$\sup_{t>0} (M_{\alpha,\gamma} f)_\gamma^*(t) \leq C \sup_{t>0} t^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} f_\gamma^*(t). \quad (8)$$

*Proof.* The estimate (7) follows from the Corollary 4 in [7].

For the estimate (8), by using (4), for every  $B(0, r) \subset \mathbb{R}_+^n$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} &|B(0, r)|_\gamma^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}-1} \int_{B(0,r)} T^y |f(x)| y_n^\gamma dy \\ &\leq C_\gamma |B(0, r)|_\gamma^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}-1} \int_0^{|B(0,r)|_\gamma} t^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} f_\gamma^*(t) t^{-\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} dt \\ &\leq C \sup_{t>0} t^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} f_\gamma^*(t), \end{aligned}$$

where  $C = C_\gamma \left( \frac{n+\gamma}{n+\gamma-\alpha} \right)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $0 \leq \alpha < n + \gamma$ . Then there is a positive constant  $C$  such that*

$$(M_{\alpha,\gamma} f)_\gamma^*(t) \leq C \sup_{t<\tau<\infty} \tau^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} f_\gamma^{**}(\tau), t > 0 \quad (9)$$

holds for all  $f \in L_1^{loc}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$ , where  $C$  depends on  $\alpha$ ,  $n$  and  $\gamma$ . The inequality (9) is sharp for all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{M}^+(0, \infty; \downarrow)$  and there exists a function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  such that  $f_\alpha^* = \varphi$  a.e. on  $(0, \infty)$  and

$$(M_{\alpha,\gamma} f)_\gamma^*(t) \geq C_\gamma \sup_{t<\tau<\infty} \tau^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} f_\gamma^{**}(\tau), t > 0. \quad (10)$$

*Proof.* To prove (9), we may assume that

$$\sup_{t < \tau < \infty} \tau^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} f_\gamma^{**}(\tau) < \infty \quad (11)$$

otherwise there is nothing to prove. Then

$$\int_E |f(x)| x_n^\gamma dx \leq \int_0^t f_\gamma^*(s) ds$$

holds for all  $E \subset \mathbb{R}_+^n$  with  $|E|_\gamma \leq t$ . In particular, if we put  $E = \{x \in \mathbb{R}_+^n : |f(x)| > f_\gamma^*(t)\}$  then  $|E|_\gamma \leq t$  and so  $f \in L_{1,\gamma}(E)$ .

Then the function

$$g_t(x) = \max\{|f(x)| - f_\gamma^*(t), 0\} \operatorname{sgn} f(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$$

belongs to  $L_{1,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$ . Also the function

$$h_t(x) = \min\{|f(x)|, f_\gamma^*(t)\} \operatorname{sgn} f(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$$

satisfies

$$h_{t,\gamma}^*(\tau) = \min\{f_\gamma^*(\tau), f_\gamma^*(t)\}, \quad \tau \in (0, \infty).$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\tau > 0} \tau^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} (h_t)_\gamma^*(\tau) &= \max\left\{ \sup_{0 < \tau < t} \tau^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} f_\gamma^*(t), \sup_{t \leq \tau < \infty} \tau^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} f_\gamma^*(\tau) \right\} \\ &= \sup_{t \leq \tau < \infty} \tau^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} f_\gamma^*(\tau) \leq \sup_{t \leq \tau < \infty} \tau^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} f_\gamma^{**}(t) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

which, together with (11), implies that  $h_t \in WL_{\frac{n+\gamma}{\alpha}, \gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$ .

Furthermore, since  $f = g_t + h_t$  and

$$g_t^*(\tau) = \chi_{[0,t)}(\tau) (f_\gamma^*(\tau) - f_\gamma^*(t)), \quad \tau \in (0, \infty). \quad (13)$$

by using (2), (7), (8), (12) and (13), we get

$$\begin{aligned} (M_{\alpha,\gamma} f)_\gamma^*(t) &\leq (M_{\alpha,\gamma} g_t)_\gamma^* \left( \frac{t}{2} \right) + (M_{\alpha,\gamma} h_t)_\gamma^* \left( \frac{t}{2} \right) \\ &\leq C \left( \left( \frac{t}{2} \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^n} g_t(y) y_n^\gamma dy + \sup_{\tau > 0} \tau^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} (h_t)_\alpha^*(\tau) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C \left( t^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}-1} \int_0^t \left( (f_\gamma^*(\tau) - f_\gamma^*(t)) d\tau + \sup_{t < \tau < \infty} \tau^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} f_\gamma^{**}(\tau) \right) \right) \\ &\leq C \sup_{t < \tau < \infty} \tau^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} f_\gamma^{**}(\tau) \end{aligned}$$

and (9) follows.

Furthermore, (10) holds for all  $t \in (0, \infty)$ . Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{M}^+(0, \infty; \downarrow)$ . Putting  $f(x) = \varphi(\omega_n |x|^n)$ ,  $\omega_n$  is the volume of the unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ ,  $\omega_n = |B(0, 1)|_\gamma$ ; and  $x \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$ , we have  $f_\gamma^* = \varphi(0, \infty)$ . Moreover, given  $y \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$ , denote by  $B(|y|)$  the ball with its center at the origin and having radius  $|y|$ . Then, for  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$  such that  $|y| > |x|$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (M_{\alpha, \gamma} f)(x) &= \sup_{r > 0} |B(0, r)|_\gamma^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}-1} \int_{B(0, r)} T^y |f(x)| y_n^\gamma dy \\ &\geq |B(0, |y|)|_\gamma^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}-1} \int_{B(0, |y|)} T^y |f(x)| y_n^\gamma dy \\ &= C_\gamma |B(0, |y|)|_\gamma^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}-1} \int_0^{\omega_n |y|^n} f_\gamma^*(\tau) d\tau \\ &= C_\gamma H(\omega_n |y|^n), \end{aligned}$$

where  $H(t) = t^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}-1} \int_0^t \varphi(\tau) d\tau$ ,  $t \in (0, \infty)$ .

Consequently,

$$(M_{\alpha, \gamma} f)(x) \geq C_\gamma \sup_{\tau > \omega_n |x|^n} H(\tau)$$

whence (10) follows on taking rearrangements.

From these estimates we find that  $M_{\alpha, \gamma} f$  is bounded from  $L_{1, \gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$  to  $WL_{\frac{n+\gamma}{n+\gamma-\alpha}, \gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$  and from  $WL_{\frac{n+\gamma}{n+\gamma-\alpha}, \gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$  to  $L_{\infty, \gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$ .  $\square$

In Theorem 1 if we take the limit as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ , then we get

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} (M_{\alpha, \gamma} f)_\gamma^*(t) = (M_\gamma f)_\gamma^*(t)$$

and

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \sup_{t < \tau < \infty} \tau^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} f_\gamma^{**}(\tau) = f_\gamma^{**}(t),$$

and therefore we have the following:

**Corollary 1.** *There exists a positive constant  $C$ , depending on  $\alpha$ ,  $n$  and  $\gamma$ , such that*

$$(M_\gamma f)_\gamma^*(t) \leq C f_\gamma^{**}(t), \quad t > 0, \quad (14)$$



for every  $f \in L_1^{loc}(0, \infty)$ . Inequality (14) is sharp in the sense that for every  $\varphi \in M^+(0, \infty; \downarrow)$  there exists a function  $f$  on  $(0, \infty)$  such that  $f_\alpha^* = \varphi$  a.e. on  $(0, \infty)$  and

$$(M_\gamma f)_\gamma^*(t) \geq C_\gamma f_\gamma^{**}(t), t > 0. \quad (15)$$

**Theorem 2.** For  $0 \leq \alpha < n + \gamma$  the following estimates are equivalent:

(i) For  $1 < p \leq q < \infty, 1 \leq r \leq s \leq \infty$ , fractional B-maximal operator  $M_{\alpha,\gamma} : L_{p,r,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n) \rightarrow L_{q,s,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$  is bounded.

(ii) For all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{M}^+(0, \infty; \downarrow)$ ,

$$\left[ \int_0^\infty \left( \sup_{t < \tau < \infty} \tau^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}-1} \int_0^\tau \varphi(\sigma) d\sigma \right)^s t^{\frac{s}{q}-1} dt \right]^{1/s} \leq C \left( \int_0^\infty \varphi^p(t) t^{\frac{r}{p}-1} dt \right)^{1/r}.$$

(iii)  $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}$ .

*Proof.* The equivalence of (ii) and (iii) follows from [11].

It suffices to prove (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii).

Assume  $M_{\alpha,\gamma} : L_{p,r,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n) \rightarrow L_{q,s,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$  is bounded. Then

$$\|M_{\alpha,\gamma} f\|_{L_{q,s,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)} \leq C \|f\|_{L_{p,r,\gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)}$$

holds. From Theorem 1 and by the definition of quasi-norm in Lorentz spaces, for every  $\varphi = f_\gamma^*(t) \in \mathcal{M}^+(0, \infty; \downarrow)$ ,  $f_\gamma^* = \varphi$  a.e. on  $(0, \infty)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \int_0^\infty \left( C_\gamma \sup_{t < \tau < \infty} \tau^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}-1} \int_0^\tau f_\gamma^*(\sigma) d\sigma \right)^s t^{\frac{s}{q}-1} dt \right]^{1/s} \\ &= \left( \int_0^\infty \left( C_\gamma \sup_{t < \tau < \infty} \tau^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} f_\gamma^{**}(\tau) \right)^s t^{\frac{s}{q}-1} dt \right)^{1/s} \\ &\leq \left( \int_0^\infty ((M_{\alpha,\gamma} f)_\gamma^*(t))^s t^{\frac{s}{q}-1} dt \right)^{1/s} \\ &\leq C \left( \int_0^\infty f_\gamma^*(t)^p t^{\frac{r}{p}-1} dt \right)^{1/r}. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, for every  $\varphi = f_\gamma^*(t) \in \mathcal{M}^+(0, \infty; \downarrow)$ ,  $f_\gamma^* = \varphi$  a.e. on  $(0, \infty)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \int_0^\infty ((M_{\alpha, \gamma} f)_\gamma^*(t))^s t^{\frac{s}{q}-1} dt \right)^{1/s} \\ & \leq \left( \int_0^\infty \left( C \sup_{t < \tau < \infty} \tau^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}} f_\gamma^{**}(\tau) \right)^s t^{\frac{s}{q}-1} dt \right)^{1/s} \\ & = \left( \int_0^\infty \left( C \sup_{t < \tau < \infty} \tau^{\frac{\alpha}{n+\gamma}-1} \int_0^\tau f_\gamma^*(\sigma) d\sigma \right)^s t^{\frac{s}{q}-1} dt \right)^{1/s} \\ & \leq C \left( \int_0^\infty f_\gamma^*(t)^p t^{\frac{r}{p}-1} dt \right)^{1/r} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|M_{\alpha, \gamma} f\|_{L_{q, s, \gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)} \leq C \|f\|_{L_{p, r, \gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)}$$

holds. □

From Theorem 2 and Corollary 1, we can now give the boundedness conditions of maximal operator

$$(M_\gamma f)(x) = \sup_{r>0} |B(0, r)|_\gamma^{-1} \int_{B(0, r)} T^y |f(x)| y_n^\gamma dy, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}_+^n,$$

in  $L_{p, q, \gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$  spaces.

**Theorem 3.** For  $f \in L_{1, \gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$  and  $C$  being a positive constant independent of  $f$ ,

$$\|M_\gamma f\|_{1, \infty, \gamma} \leq C \|f\|_{1, \gamma}$$

holds.

*Proof.* For  $f \in L_{1, \gamma}(\mathbb{R}_+^n)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_\gamma f\|_{1, \infty, \gamma} &= \sup_{t>0} t(M_\gamma f)_\gamma^*(t) \\ &\leq C \sup_{t>0} t f_\gamma^{**}(t) \\ &= C \sup_{t>0} \int_0^t f_\gamma^*(s) ds \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{L_{1, \gamma}}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 4.** *If  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  or  $p = q = \infty$ , then there is a positive constant  $C$  independent of  $f$  and for all  $f \in L_{p,q,\gamma}$  such that*

$$\|M_\gamma f\|_{p,q,\gamma} \leq C \|f\|_{p,q,\gamma}.$$

*Proof.* In the case  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $1 \leq q < \infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_\gamma f\|_{p,q,\gamma} &= \left( \int_0^\infty \left( t^{\frac{1}{p}} (M_\gamma f)_\gamma^*(t) \right)^q \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/q} \\ &\leq C_1 \left( \int_0^\infty \left( t^{\frac{1}{p}} f_\gamma^{**}(t) \right)^q \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/q} \\ &= C_1 \|f\|_{p,q,\gamma}^* \\ &\leq C_1 \frac{p}{p-1} \|f\|_{p,q,\gamma}, \\ &= C \|f\|_{p,q,\gamma}. \end{aligned}$$

In the case  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $q = \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_\gamma f\|_{p,q,\gamma} &= \sup_{t>0} t^{\frac{1}{p}} (M_\gamma f)_\gamma^*(t) \\ &\leq C_2 \sup_{t>0} t^{\frac{1}{p}} f_\gamma^{**}(t) = C_2 \|f\|_{p,q,\gamma}^* \\ &\leq C_2 \frac{p}{p-1} \|f\|_{p,q,\gamma} = C \|f\|_{p,q,\gamma}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $p = q = \infty$ , then the following inequalities hold

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{t>0} (M_\gamma f)_\gamma^*(t) &\leq \sup_{t>0} C f_\gamma^{**}(t) \\ &= C \|f\|_{p,q,\gamma}^* \leq C \|f\|_{p,q,\gamma}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

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