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## Maximal and Potential Operators in Variable Morrey Spaces Defined on Nondoubling Quasimetric Measure Spaces

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**ABSTRACT.** The boundedness of modified maximal operator and potentials in variable Morrey spaces defined on quasimetric measure spaces, where the doubling condition is not needed, is established. © 2008 Bull. Georg. Natl. Acad. Sci.

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Let  $X := (X, \rho, \mu)$  be a topological space with a complete measure  $\mu$  such that the space of compactly supported continuous functions is dense in  $L^1(X, \mu)$  and there exists a non-negative real-valued function (quasimetric)  $d$  on  $X \times X$  satisfying the conditions:

- (i)  $d(x, y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (ii)  $d(x, y) > 0$  for all  $x \neq y, x, y \in X$ ;
- (iii) there exists a constant  $a_1 > 0$ , such that  $d(x, y) \leq a_1(d(x, z) + d(z, y))$  for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ;
- (iv) there exists a constant  $a_0 > 0$ , such that  $d(x, y) \leq a_0(d(y, x))$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

We assume that the balls  $B(a, r) := \{x \in X : \rho(a, x) < r\}$  are measurable, for all  $a \in X$  and  $r > 0$ , and  $0 < \mu(B(a, r)) < \infty$ ; for every neighborhood  $V$  of  $x \in X$ , there exists  $r > 0$ , such that  $B(x, r) \subset V$ . We also suppose that  $\mu(X) = \infty$  and  $\mu\{a\} = 0$  for all  $a \in X$ .

The triple  $(X, \rho, \mu)$  will be called quasimetric measure space. If  $\mu$  satisfies the doubling condition

$$\mu(B(x, 2r)) \leq c\mu(B(x, r)),$$

where the positive constant  $c$  does not depend on  $x \in X$  and  $r > 0$ , then  $(X, d, \mu)$  is called a space of homogeneous type (SHT). A quasimetric measure space, where the doubling condition might be failed, is also called a non-homogeneous space.

We say that the measure  $\mu$  satisfies the growth condition ( $\mu \in GC$ ) if there is a positive constant  $b$  such that for all  $a \in X$  and  $r > 0$ ,

$$\mu(B(a, r)) \leq br \tag{1}$$

The boundedness of maximal and potential operators in Lebesgue spaces on non-homogeneous spaces was established in [1] (for Euclidean spaces), [2-5] (see also [6, Ch. 6]).

Suppose that  $p$  is a  $\mu$ -measurable function on  $X$ . Denote

$$p_-(E) := \inf_E p ; \quad p_+(E) := \sup_E p$$

for a  $\mu$ -measurable set  $E \subset X$ ;

$$p_- := p_-(X); \quad p_+ := p_+(X).$$

Assume that  $1 < p_- \leq p_+ < \infty$ . The Lebesgue space with variable exponent  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  (or  $L^{p(x)}(X)$ ) is the class of all  $\mu$ -measurable functions  $f$  on  $X$  for which

$$S_p(f) := \int_X |f(x)|^{p(x)} d\mu(x) < \infty.$$

The norm in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  is defined as follows:

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

It is known (see e.g. [7-10]) that  $L^{p(\cdot)}$  space is a Banach space. For other properties of  $L^{p(\cdot)}$  we refer to [7,25] etc.

The boundedness of the Hardy-Littlewood maximal and potential operators in  $L^{p(x)}(\Omega)$  ( $\Omega \subseteq R^n$ ) spaces was established in [12-15]. The same problem on an SHT was studied in [10,17-20] etc.

**Definition 1.** Let  $N \geq 1$  be a constant. We say that  $p \in P(N)$  if there is a positive constant  $C$  such that

$$\mu(B(x, Nr))^{p_-(B(x,r)) - p_+(B(x,r))} \leq C \tag{2}$$

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

Now we are ready to define variable exponent Morrey spaces.

**Definition 2.** Let  $N \geq 1$  be a constant. Suppose that  $1 < q_- \leq q(x) \leq p(x) \leq p_+ < \infty$ . We say that  $f \in M_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)_N$  if

$$\|f\|_{M_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)_N} := \sup_{x \in X, r > 0} \mu(B(x, Nr))^{1/p(x) - 1/q(x)} \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(B(x,r))} < \infty.$$

It is obvious that  $\|f\|_{M_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)_N} = \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(X)}$  if  $p(x) \equiv q(x)$ .

For some properties of the spaces  $M_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , where  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain in  $R^n$  see [21]. For variable exponent Morrey spaces on an SHT we refer e.g. [20].

The boundedness problem for maximal and fractional integrals in classical Morrey spaces ( $p \equiv const, q \equiv const$ ) defined on Euclidean spaces was studied in [22-24]. The same problem for constant exponents in the case of quasimetric metric spaces was investigated in [5,26].

In [21] the boundedness of the Hardy-Littlewood maximal and Riesz potential operator in  $M_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  on a bounded domain  $\Omega \subset R^n$  defined with respect to the Lebesgue measure was obtained. In [20] the authors have shown that maximal and Calderón-Zygmund operators on an SHT with finite measure and diameter are bounded in  $L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)$  provided that  $p$  satisfies log-Hölder continuity condition on  $X$ .

Let  $N \geq 1$  be a constant and let

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{x \in X, r > 0} \frac{1}{\mu(B(x, Nr))} \int_{B(x,r)} |f(y)| d\mu(y) < \infty ;$$

$$I_{\alpha(x)}f(x) = \int_X \frac{f(y)}{d(x,y)^{1-\alpha(x)}} d\mu(y), \quad x \in X, \quad 0 < \alpha_- \leq \alpha_+ < 1,$$

be the modified maximal and fractional integral operators respectively on a quasimetric measure space  $(X, d, \mu)$ .

Now we formulate the main results of the paper.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $1 < p_- \leq p_+ < \infty$  and let  $N := a_1(1+2a_0)$ , where  $a_0$  and  $a_1$  are from the definition of the quasimetric  $d$ . If there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that for all  $x \in X$  and  $r > 0$ , the inequality

$$\mu(B(x, Nr))^{p_-(B(x,r))-p(x)} \leq C \quad (3)$$

holds, then  $M$  is bounded in  $L^{p(\cdot)}(X)$ .

**Remark:** Notice that condition (2) implies condition (3).

To formulate the next results we need the notation

$$\bar{a} := a_1(a_1(a_0 + 1) + 1).$$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $1 < q_- \leq q(x) \leq p(x) \leq p_+ < \infty$ . Suppose that  $N := a_1(1+2a_0)$  and  $p, q \in P(N)$ . Then  $M$  is bounded from  $L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)_N$  to  $L_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)_{N\bar{a}}$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $N := a_1(1+2a_0)$ ,  $1 < q_- \leq q(x) \leq p(x) \leq p_+ < \infty$ ,  $1 < t_- \leq t(x) \leq s(x) \leq s_+ < \infty$ . Suppose that  $0 < \alpha_- \leq \alpha_+ < \frac{1}{p_-}$ ,  $s(x) = \frac{p(x)}{1 - \alpha(x)p(x)}$ ,  $\frac{t(x)}{s(x)} = \frac{q(x)}{p(x)}$  and that  $p, q, \alpha \in P(N)$ . Suppose also that the measure  $\mu$  satisfies

condition (1). Then the operator  $I_{\alpha(x)}$  is bounded from  $M_{q(\cdot)}^{p(\cdot)}(X)_N$  to  $M_{t(\cdot)}^{s(\cdot)}(X)_{N\bar{a}}$ .

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