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WEIGHTED INEQUALITIES FOR ANISOTROPIC  
MAXIMAL FUNCTIONS

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1. INTRODUCTION

**1.1.** Let  $\mathbf{R}^n$  be the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space of points  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . By a weight function (shortly a weight) we shall mean a measurable function which is non-negative and finite a.e. in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .

**1.2.** If  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $w$  is a weight function, we denote by  $L_w^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$  the weighted Lebesgue space of all measurable functions  $f$  with the norm

$$\|f\|_{p,w} = \left( \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f(x)|^p w(x) dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty .$$

Similarly, the norm in  $L_w^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$  is defined by

$$\|f\|_{\infty,w} = \text{ess sup } |f(x)| ,$$

where the essential supremum is taken with respect to the measure  $\mu_w$ :

$$(1.1) \quad \mu_w e = \int_e w(x) dx , \quad e \subset \mathbf{R}^n \text{ measurable} .$$

The Lebesgue measure of  $e$  will be denoted by  $|e|$ . The number  $p'$  is always defined by  $1/p + 1/p' = 1$ .

**1.3.** Let  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  be a fixed vector from  $\mathbf{R}^n$  with  $\alpha_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . For  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$  and  $t > 0$  we define the one-parametric parallelepiped

$$E(x, t) = \{y \in \mathbf{R}^n; |y_i - x_i| \leq \frac{1}{2} t^{\alpha_i}, i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

and by  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}(\alpha)$  we denote the set of all  $E(x, t)$  with  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $t > 0$ .

**1.4.** Let  $f \in L_{\text{loc}}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ . The anisotropic maximal function  $Mf$  is defined by

$$(1.2) \quad Mf(x) = \sup_{t>0} |E(x, t)|^{-1} \int_{E(x,t)} |f(y)| dy .$$

If  $\alpha_1 = \dots = \alpha_n$  then  $E(x, t)$  is a cube and  $Mf$  becomes the usual Hardy-Littlewood maximal function. B. Muckenhoupt [8] gave the complete characterization of the weighted spaces  $L_w^p$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , for which such an operator  $M: L_w^p \rightarrow L_w^p$  is continuous. In 1978 B. Muckenhoupt stated the following problems [9]: When, for a given integral operator  $T$  and a weight  $w$ , is there a weight  $v$  such that the operator  $T: L_w^p \rightarrow L_v^p$  is bounded? And, conversely, when for a given weight  $v$  can such a weight  $w$  be found that  $T: L_w^p \rightarrow L_v^p$  is bounded?

In papers of P. Koosis [6], L. Carleson and P. Jones [1], J. L. Rubio de Francia [10], W. S. Young [12], E. T. Sawyer [11] and A. E. Gatto and C. E. Gutiérrez [3] these problems were solved for the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator and for singular integral operators.

In the present paper we give answers to these questions in the case of anisotropic maximal functions (1.2).

## 2. THE CHARACTERIZATION OF THE WEIGHT $v$

**2.1.** In Theorem 2.4 we shall characterize weights  $v$  for which there exists such a weight  $w$  that the inequality

$$(2.1) \quad \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} [Mf(x)]^p v(x) dx \leq c \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f(x)|^p w(x) dx$$

holds for all  $f \in L_w^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$  with a constant  $c$  independent of  $f$ . The method of proof comes from [3].

First of all we shall prove an analogue of the lemma by C. Fefferman and E. M. Stein [2] for the following modified maximal functions (cf. [8]):

$$(2.2) \quad f^*(x) = \sup_{t < \tau(x)} |E(x, t)|^{-1} \int_{E(x, t)} |f(y)| dy,$$

$$(2.3) \quad f_*(x) = \sup_{t < 2\tau(x)} |E(z, t)|^{-1} \int_{E(z, t)} |f(y)| dy,$$

where the supremum is taken over all  $E(z, t) \in x$ , and

$$(2.4) \quad \tau(x) = \frac{1}{2} [1 + \max_i (2|x_i|)^{1/\alpha_i}], \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^n.$$

Let us note that we can suppose

$$(2.5) \quad \alpha_i \geq 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

since  $E(x, t) = \tilde{E}(x, t^\gamma)$ , where  $\gamma = \min_i \alpha_i$  and  $\tilde{E}(x, t) = \{y \in \mathbf{R}^n; |y_i - x_i| \leq \frac{1}{2} t^{\alpha_i/\gamma}\}$ , and, consequently,  $\mathbf{E}(\alpha) = \mathbf{E}(\alpha/\gamma)$ .

**2.2. Lemma.** Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and let  $f, g$  be measurable functions,  $g$  finite and positive a.e. in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Then the inequality

$$(2.6) \quad \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} [f^*(x)]^p g(x) dx \leq c \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f(x)|^p g_*(x) dx$$

holds with a constant  $c > 0$  independent of  $f$  and  $g$ .

Proof. We shall first prove that the operator  $f \mapsto f^*$  is of the weak type  $(1, 1)$  with respect to the measures  $\mu_{g_*}$  and  $\mu_g$  (see (1.1)).

Let  $s > 0$  be given. We denote

$$H_s = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n; f^*(x) > s\}, \quad \text{and} \quad H_s^m = H_s \cap \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n; |x| \leq m\}, \quad m \in \mathbf{N}.$$

By (2.2), for each  $x \in H_s^m$  there exists  $t < \tau(x)$  such that

$$(2.7) \quad |E(x, t)|^{-1} \int_{E(x, t)} |f(y)| dy > s.$$

Applying de Guzmán's covering lemma ([4]) we select sequences  $x^{(j)} \in H_s^m$  and  $t_j > 0$ ,  $j \in \mathbf{N}$ , so that

$$(2.8) \quad t_j < \tau(x^{(j)}),$$

$$(2.9) \quad \bigcup_j E(x^{(j)}, t_j) \supset H_s^m, \quad \sum_j \chi_j(x) \leq \vartheta_n, \quad x \in H_s^m,$$

where  $\chi_j$  stays for the characteristic function of the set  $E_j = E(x^{(j)}, t_j)$  and  $\vartheta_n$  depends only on the dimension  $n$ . By (1.1) and (2.8) we obtain

$$(2.10) \quad \mu_g(H_s^m) \leq \sum_j \int_{E_j} g(x) dx \leq s^{-1} \sum_j |E_j|^{-1} \int_{E_j} g(x) dx \int_{E_j} |f(y)| dy.$$

However, for  $y \in E_j$  we have  $(2|y_i - x_i^{(j)}|)^{1/\alpha_i} \leq t_j$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and, according to (2.5),

$$|x_i^{(j)}|^{1/\alpha_i} \leq |y_i - x_i^{(j)}|^{1/\alpha_i} + |y_i|^{1/\alpha_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Hence, by (2.4) and (2.8),

$$\begin{aligned} t_j &< \tau(x^{(j)}) < 2\tau(x^{(j)}) - t_j \leq \\ &\leq 1 + \max_i (2|x_i^{(j)}|)^{1/\alpha_i} - \max_i (2|y_i - x_i^{(j)}|)^{1/\alpha_i} \leq \\ &\leq 1 + \max_i (2|y_i|)^{1/\alpha_i} = \tau(y). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$|E_j|^{-1} \int_{E_j} g(x) dx \leq g_*(y), \quad y \in E_j,$$

and from (2.10) and (2.9) we obtain

$$(2.11) \quad \mu_g(H_s^m) \leq s^{-1} \sum_j \int_{E_j} |f(y)| g_*(y) dy \leq \vartheta_n s^{-1} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f(y)| g_*(y) dy.$$

Passing to the limit for  $m \rightarrow \infty$  and assuming that  $\mathcal{G}_n$  depends only on  $n$  we can write (2.11) with  $H_s$  instead of  $H_s^m$  which is the weak type (1,1) inequality for the operator  $f \mapsto f^*$  with respect to the measures  $\mu_g$  and  $\mu_{g_*}$ .

On the other hand, since  $g(x) > 0$  for a.a.  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$  and so  $g_*(x) > 0$  as well, it can be easily seen, that the operator  $f \mapsto f^*$  is continuous from  $L_{g_*}^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$  into  $L_g^\infty(\mathbf{R}^n)$  and, all the more, of the weak type  $(\infty, \infty)$  with respect to the measures  $\mu_{g_*}$  and  $\mu_g$ .

The assertion of the lemma now follows from the Marcinkiewicz interpolation theorem (see e.g. [13]).

**2.3. Remarks.** (i) Let

$$(2.12) \quad \tilde{M} f(x) = \sup |E|^{-1} \int_E |f(y)| dy,$$

where the supremum is taken over all  $E \in \mathbf{E}$  which contain the point  $x$ . It can be seen (cf. [5], Lemma 2.3) that

$$(2.13) \quad M f(x) \leq \tilde{M} f(x) \leq 2^{|\alpha|/\gamma} M f(x), \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^n,$$

where  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$  and  $\gamma = \min_i \alpha_i$ .

(ii) Let us define the ‘‘anisotropic norm’’  $\varrho$  by

$$(2.14) \quad \varrho(x) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^{2/\alpha_i} \right)^{|x|/2^n}, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^n.$$

One can easily verify that  $[1 + \varrho^n(x)]^s \in L^1(\mathbf{R}^n)$  if and only if  $s < -1$ .

**2.4. Theorem.** Let  $v$  be a weight on  $\mathbf{R}^n$  and  $1 < p < \infty$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

(i) There exists a weight  $w$  positive a.e. in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  and such that the inequality (2.1) holds for all  $f \in L_w^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$  with a constant independent of  $f$ .

(ii) Let  $\varrho$  be defined by (2.14). Then

$$(2.15) \quad \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \frac{v(x)}{[1 + \varrho^n(x)]^p} dx < \infty.$$

If the condition (ii) is satisfied, the weight  $w$  in (i) can be taken in the form

$$(2.16) \quad w(x) = v_*(x) + [1 + \varrho^n(x)]^\beta, \quad \beta > p - 1.$$

*Proof.* Suppose first that the condition (i) is fulfilled. Let the function  $f > 0$  and the set  $E \in \mathbf{E}$  be such that

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} f^p(x) w(x) dx < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < \int_E f(x) dx < \infty.$$

There exists  $t > 0$  such that  $E \subset E(0, t)$ . Then for all  $y \in E$  we have  $(2|y_i|)^{1/\alpha_i} \leq t$  and for  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$  (by use of (2.5))

$$(2|y_i - x_i|)^{1/\alpha_i} \leq 2^{1/\alpha_i}(|y_i|^{1/\alpha_i} + |x_i|^{1/\alpha_i}) \leq t + \max_i (2|x_i|)^{1/\alpha_i}.$$

Thus, for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ ,

$$E \subset E(x, t + \max_i (2|x_i|)^{1/\alpha_i}),$$

and so

$$(2.17) \quad Mf(x) \geq |E(x, t + \max_i (2|x_i|)^{1/\alpha_i})|^{-1} \int_E f(y) dy.$$

By simple estimates we get

$$(2.18) \quad |E(x, t + \max_i (2|x_i|)^{1/\alpha_i})| = [t + \max_i (2|x_i|)^{1/\alpha_i}]^{|\alpha|} \leq c_1 [1 + \varrho^n(x)]$$

with  $c_1 > 0$  independent of  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Hence, from (2.17) and (2.18) we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \frac{v(x)}{[1 + \varrho^n(x)]^p} dx &\leq c_2 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} [Mf(x)]^p v(x) dx \leq \\ &\leq cc_2 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} f^p(x) w(x) dx < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

which is (2.15).

Conversely, suppose that the condition (ii) is fulfilled. Since  $p > 1$ , by Remark 2.3 (ii),  $\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} [1 + \varrho^n(x)]^{-p} dx < \infty$ . Hence, the function  $v + 1$  satisfies the condition (ii) as well, and so we can suppose that  $v$  is positive.

We can write

$$(2.19) \quad Mf(x) \leq f^*(x) + f^{\#}(x),$$

where  $f^*$  is given by (2.2) and

$$f^{\#}(x) = \sup_{t \geq \tau(x)} |E(x, t)|^{-1} \int_{E(x, t)} |f(y)| dy.$$

According to Lemma 2.2 there is a constant  $c_3 > 0$  such that

$$(2.20) \quad \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} [f^*(x)]^p v(x) dx \leq c_3 \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f(x)|^p v_*(x) dx.$$

Similarly as in (2.18) we obtain for  $t \geq \tau(x)$  the estimate

$$|E(x, t)| \geq c_4 [1 + \varrho^n(x)].$$

By means of Hölder's inequality, for  $\beta \in \mathbf{R}^1$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} f^{\#}(x) &\leq c_4^{-1} [1 + \varrho^n(x)]^{-1} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f(y)| dy \leq \\ &\leq c_4^{-1} [1 + \varrho^n(x)]^{-1} \left( \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} [1 + \varrho^n(z)]^{-\beta p'/p} dz \right)^{1/p'} \times \end{aligned}$$

$$\times \left( \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f(y)|^p [1 + \varrho^n(y)]^\beta dy \right)^{1/p}$$

and, following the Remark 2.3 (ii), for  $\beta > p - 1$

$$(2.21) \quad \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} [f^*(x)]^p v(x) dx \leq \\ \leq c_5 \left( \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \frac{v(x)}{[1 + \varrho^n(x)]^p} dx \right) \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f(y)|^p [1 + \varrho^n(y)]^\beta dy .$$

According to (2.15) the first integral on the right hand side of (2.21) is finite.

Since  $v_*(x)$  is finite for a.a.  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ , we conclude from (2.19), (2.20) and (2.21) that the inequality (2.1) holds with the weight  $w$  defined by (2.16).

### 3. THE INVERSE PROBLEM

**3.1.** Now we turn our attention to the question for which weights  $w$  there exists a weight  $v$  such that the operator  $M$  defined by (1.2) is bounded from  $L_w^p$  into  $L_v^p$ . The characterization of such weights and the idea of the proof is due to J. L. Rubio de Francia [10].

**Theorem.** *Let  $w$  be a weight positive a.e. in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . The following conditions are equivalent:*

(i) *There exists a weight  $v$  positive a.e. in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  and such that the inequality (2.1) holds for all  $f \in L_w^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$  with a constant independent of  $f$ .*

(ii)  *$w^{-p'/p} \in L_{loc}(\mathbf{R}^n)$  and*

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} |E(0, t)|^{-p'} \int_{E(0, t)} w^{-p'/p}(x) dx < \infty .$$

Let us recall several assertions which we shall employ in the proof of the theorem:

**3.2. Proposition.** (B. Maurey [7], Corollary 5 of Theorem 2). *Let  $E \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  be a measurable set,  $0 < q \leq p \leq \infty$ ,  $1/q = 1/p + 1/r$ , and let  $I$  be a set of indices. Let  $\{f_i; i \in I\}$  be such a set of functions from  $L^q(E)$  that*

$$\int_E \left( \sum_{i \in I} |\alpha_i f_i|^p \right)^{q/p} dx < \infty$$

*for each system  $\{\alpha_i \in \mathbf{R}^1; i \in I\}$  with*

$$\sum_{i \in I} |\alpha_i|^p < \infty .$$

*Then there exists a function  $g \in L(E)$  such that*

$$\int_E |f_i(x) g^{-1}(x)|^p dx \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } i \in I .$$

**3.3.** Let  $(Y, S, \nu)$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space,  $T$  a  $\sigma$ -algebra of Lebesgue measurable sets in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . On the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $T \times S$  we define the measure  $\lambda$  as the product of the Lebesgue measure and of  $\nu$ . For a  $\lambda$ -measurable function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$  we define the vector-valued anisotropic maximal function

$$M_{(1)}f(x, y) = \sup_{t>0} |E(x, t)|^{-1} \int_{E(x, t)} |f(z, y)| dz.$$

In [5], Lemma 3.1 an assertion is proved a special case of which we state here:

**Proposition.** Let  $1 < \vartheta < \infty$ . Let a weight  $w$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  satisfy the condition  $A_1(\alpha)$ , i.e.

$$Mw(x) \leq c_1 w(x) \quad \text{for a.a. } x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Then there exists a constant  $c_2 > 0$  such that for all  $s > 0$  and for all  $\lambda$ -measurable functions  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_w \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n; \left( \int_Y [M_{(1)}f(x, y)]^\vartheta d\nu \right)^{1/\vartheta} > s \right\} &\leq \\ &\leq c_2 s^{-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \int_Y |f(x, y)|^\vartheta d\nu \right)^{1/\vartheta} w(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

**3.4.** The following analogue of Kolmogorov's inequality can be derived in the usual way from Proposition 3.3:

**Proposition.** Let  $0 < p < 1 \leq \vartheta < \infty$ . If the weight  $w$  satisfies the condition  $A_1(\alpha)$ , then there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_e \left( \int_Y [M_{(1)}f(x, y)]^\vartheta d\nu \right)^{p/\vartheta} w(x) dx \leq \\ &\leq \frac{c}{1-p} (\mu_w e)^{1-p} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \int_Y |f(x, y)|^\vartheta d\nu \right)^{1/\vartheta} w(x) dx \right)^p \end{aligned}$$

holds for all  $e \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mu_w e < \infty$  and for all  $\lambda$ -measurable functions  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$ .

**3.5. Proof of Theorem 3.1.** Suppose that the condition (i) of the theorem is satisfied. Since  $v > 0$  a.e. in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , it can be deduced in the usual way that  $w^{-p'/p} \in L_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Denoting  $E = E(0, t)$  and  $f(z) = w^{-p'/p}(x) \chi_E(x)$ , where  $\chi_E$  is the characteristic function of the set  $E$ , we have

$$Mf(x) \geq c_1 \tilde{M}f(x) \geq c_1 |E|^{-1} \int_E w^{-p'/p}(y) dy, \quad x \in E,$$

(cf. Remark 2.3 (i)) and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f^p(x) w(x) dx = \int_E w^{-p'/p}(x) dx.$$



Hence by (2.1),

$$\int_E v(x) dx \left( |E|^{-p'} \int_E w^{-p'/p}(x) dx \right)^{p-1} \leq c_2,$$

and the second condition of (ii) follows since

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{E(0,t)} v(x) dx > 0.$$

On the contrary, let us suppose that the weight  $w$  satisfies the condition (ii) of Theorem 3.1. We cover  $\mathbf{R}^n$  by a sequence of non-overlapping parallelepipeds  $E_j \in \mathbf{E}$  and for each  $j$  we shall prove that there exists a weight  $v_{E_j}$  positive on  $E_j$  and such that

$$(3.1) \quad \int_{E_j} [M f(x)]^p v_{E_j}(x) dx \leq \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |f(x)|^p w(x) dx.$$

Then the inequality (2.1) holds with  $v(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-j} v_{E_j}(x) \chi_{E_j}(x)$ .

So, let  $E \in \mathbf{E}$  be given. There exists  $T > 0$  such that

$$(3.2) \quad E \subset E(0, T),$$

$$(3.3) \quad |E(0, t)|^{-p'} \int_{E(0,t)} w^{-p'/p}(x) dx \leq K < \infty \quad \text{for } t \geq T.$$

Given a number  $t > 0$  we set  $\tilde{t} = 2^{1/\gamma}t$ ,  $\gamma = \min_i \alpha_i$ . For  $f \in L_w^p(\mathbf{R}^n)$  we denote  $f''(x) = f(x) \chi_{E(0, \tilde{T})}(x)$  and  $f'(x) = f(x) - f''(x)$ . If  $y \in E(0, T)$  and  $t > 0$  then for  $z \in E(y, t)$  we have

$$|z_i| \leq |y_i| + |y_i - z_i| \leq \frac{1}{2}T^{\alpha_i} + \frac{1}{2}t^{\alpha_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

i.e.

$$|z_i| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}\tilde{T}^{\alpha_i} & \text{for } t \leq T, \\ \frac{1}{2}\tilde{t}^{\alpha_i} & \text{for } t > T. \end{cases}$$

So we get

$$(3.4) \quad E(y, t) \subset E(0, \tilde{T}) \quad \text{for } t \leq T,$$

$$(3.5) \quad E(y, t) \subset E(0, \tilde{t}) \quad \text{for } t > T,$$

and, moreover,

$$(3.6) \quad |E(0, \tilde{t})| = 2^{|\alpha|/\gamma} |E(0, t)|.$$

It follows from (3.2)–(3.6) that for  $x \in E$ ,

$$M f'(x) \leq \sup_{t > T} |E(0, t)|^{-1} \int_{E(0, \tilde{t})} |f'(y)| dy \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq 2^{|\alpha|/\gamma} \sup_{t>T} |E(0, \bar{t})|^{-1} \left( \int_{E(0, \bar{t})} w^{-p'/p}(y) dy \right)^{1/p'} \times \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f'(y)|^p w(y) dy \right)^{1/p} \leq 2^{|\alpha|/\gamma} K^{p'} \|f'\|_{F,w}. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating this inequality over  $E$  we obtain

$$(3.7) \quad \int_E [Mf'(x)]^p |E|^{-1} c_1 dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f'(x)|^p w(x) dx,$$

where  $c_1 = 2^{-|\alpha|p/\gamma} K^{-pp'}$ .

Now, we shall seek the weight for estimating  $Mf''$  by means of Maurey's factorization theorem (Proposition 3.2). Let  $H = \{h_i; i \in I\}$  be the set of all functions  $h \in L^p_w(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $\text{supp } h \subset E(0, T)$  and such that

$$(3.8) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |h(x)|^p w(x) dx \leq 1.$$

Let  $\{\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}^1; i \in I\}$  be such that  $\sum_{i \in I} |\alpha_i|^p < \infty$  and let  $0 < q < 1$ . By Proposition 3.4 there exists  $c_2 > 0$  such that

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} &\int_E \left( \sum_{i \in I} |\alpha_i Mh_i(x)|^p \right)^{q/p} dx \leq \\ &\leq \frac{c_2}{1-q} |E|^{1-q} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sum_{i \in I} |\alpha_i h_i(x)|^p \right)^{1/p} dx \right)^q. \end{aligned}$$

Using the Hölder inequality and the Fubini theorem we obtain

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} &\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \sum_{i \in I} \alpha_i |h_i(x)|^p \right)^{1/p} dx \leq \\ &\leq \left( \int_{E(0, T)} \sum_{i \in I} |\alpha_i h_i(x)|^p w(x) dx \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_{E(0, T)} w^{-p'/p}(x) dx \right)^{1/p'}. \end{aligned}$$

From (3.3), (3.8), (3.9) and (3.10) conclude that

$$\int_E \left( \sum_{i \in I} |\alpha_i Mh_i(x)|^p \right)^{q/p} dx \leq c_3 \left( \sum_{i \in I} |\alpha_i|^p \right)^{q/p} < \infty,$$

where  $c_3$  depends on  $c_2, p, q, w$  and  $T$ . Since the last estimate verifies that the set  $\{Mh; h \in H\}$  satisfies the assumptions of Proposition 3.2, there exists a function  $g \in L(E)$ ,  $1/r = 1/q - 1/p$ , such that

$$\int_E [Mh(x)]^p |g(x)|^{-p} dx \leq 1 \quad \text{for all } h \in H.$$

In particular, if we take  $h = f'' \|f''\|_{p,w}^{-1}$ , we obtain

$$(3.11) \quad \int_E [M f''(x)]^p |g(x)|^{-p} dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f''(x)|^p w(x) dx.$$

If we put  $v_E(x) = 2^{1-p} \min(|g(x)|^{-p}, c_1 |E|^{-1})$ ,  $x \in E$ , the estimate (3.1) follows from (3.7) and (3.11).

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