

BOUNDEDNESS OF THE FRACTIONAL MAXIMAL OPERATOR IN LOCAL MORREY-TYPE SPACES

Spaces $L_p(\cdot)$, $0 < p < \infty$

Let $0 < p < \infty$, Ω be a measurable set in \mathbb{R}^n , and a function $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. The function $f \in L_p(\Omega)$ if f is measurable on Ω and

$$\|f\|_{L_p(\Omega)} := \left(\int_{\Omega} |f|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty$$

Note that if $\text{meas } \Omega > 0$, then the conditions $f \in L_p(\Omega)$ and $\|f\|_{L_p(\Omega)} < \infty$ are not equivalent. If, for example, $f := 1$ on a non-measurable subset G of the set B_r where $r > 0$ is such that $\text{meas}(B_r) > 0$, $f := -1$ on $(B_r) \setminus G$, and $f := 0$ on $\Omega \setminus B_r$, then f is not measurable on Ω , hence does not belong to $L_p(\Omega)$ for any $0 < p < \infty$, but $\|f\|_{L_p(\Omega)} < \infty$.

About Weak L_p -Spaces

One of the real attraction of Weak L_p space is that the subject is sufficiently concrete and yet the spaces have fine structure of importance for applications. Weak L_p spaces are function spaces which are closely related to L_p spaces. The Book by Colin Bennett and Robert Sharpley contains a good presentation of Weak L_p but from the point of view of rearrangement function. In the present paper we study the Weak L_p space from the point of view of distribution function.

Next we define this kind of spaces.

For f a measurable function on X , the distribution function of f is the function D_f defined on $[0, \infty)$ as follows:

$$D_f(\lambda) := \mu(\{x \in X : |f(x)| > \lambda\}).$$

The distribution function D_f provides information about the size of f but not about the

behavior of f itself near any given point. For instance, a function on \mathbb{R}^n and each of its translates have the same distribution function. It follows from definition before that D_f is a decreasing function of λ (not necessarily strictly).

Let (X, μ) be a measurable space and f and g be a measurable functions on (X, μ) then D_f enjoy the following properties: For all $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$:

1. $|g| \leq |f|$ μ -a.e. implies that $D_g \leq D_f$;

2. $D_{cf}(\lambda_1) = D_f\left(\frac{\lambda_1}{|c|}\right)$ for all $c \in \mathbb{C}/\{0\}$
3. $D_{f+g}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) \leq D_f(\lambda_1) + D_g(\lambda_2)$
4. $D_{fg}(\lambda_1\lambda_2) \leq D_f(\lambda_1) + D_g(\lambda_2)$

Next, let (X, μ) be a measurable space, for $0 < p < \infty$, we consider

Weak $L_p := \left\{ f: \mu(\{x \in X: |f(x)| > \lambda\}) \leq \left(\frac{C}{\lambda}\right)^p \right\}$, for some $C > 0$.

Let $f \in L_1^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. The fractional maximal operator M_α is defined by

$$M_\alpha f(x) = \sup_{t>0} |B(x,t)|^{-1+\frac{\alpha}{n}} \int_{B(x,t)} |f(y)| dy, \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq n$$

where $|B(x, t)|$ is the Lebesgue measure of the ball $B(x,t)$. If $\alpha = 0$, then $M = M_0$ is the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator.

The operator M plays an important role in real and harmonic analysis.

In the theory of partial differential equations, together with weighted $L_{p,w}$ spaces, Morrey spaces $M_{p,\lambda}$ play an important role. They were introduced by C. Morrey in 1938 and defined as follows: for $1 < p < \infty$, $0 < \lambda < n$, a function $f \in M_{p,\lambda}$ if

$f \in L_p^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and

$$\|f\|_{M_{p,\lambda}} \equiv \|f\|_{M_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r>0} r^{-\lambda/p} \|f\|_{L_p(B(x,r))} < \infty$$

Also by $WM_{p,\lambda}$, we denote the weak Morrey space of all functions $f \in WL_p^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for which

$$\|f\|_{WM_{p,\lambda}} \equiv \|f\|_{WM_{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r>0} r^{-\lambda/p} \|f\|_{WL_p(B(x,r))} < \infty,$$

Where $WL_p(B(x,r))$ denotes the Weak L_p -space of measurable functions f for which

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{WL_p(B(x,r))} &\equiv \left\| f \chi_{B(x,r)} \right\|_{WL_p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &= \sup_{t>0} t \left\{ \mu\{y \in B(x,r): |f(y)| > t\} \right\}^{1/p} \\ &= \sup_{t>0} t^{1/p} (f \chi_{B(x,r)})^*(y) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Here g^* denotes the non-increasing rearrangement of the function g .

Spanne and Adams studied boundedness of the fractional maximal operator M_α for $0 < \alpha < n$ in Morrey spaces $M_{p,\lambda}$. Later on Chiarenza and Frasca studied boundedness of the maximal operator M in these spaces. Their results, together with the classical results for L_p -spaces, can be summarized as follows.

Theorem 1.

(1) Let $1 < p_1 < p_2 < \infty$ and $0 < \alpha < n$. Then M_α is bounded from $M_{p_1,\lambda}$ to $M_{p_2,\lambda}$ if and only if

$$\alpha \leq n \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right) \text{ and } \lambda = \left(n \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right) - \alpha \right) \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right)^{-1}.$$

(2) Let $1 < p_2 < \infty$ and $0 < \alpha < n$. Then M_α is bounded from $M_{1,\lambda}$ to $WM_{p_2,\lambda}$,

if and only if $\alpha \leq n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right)$ and $\lambda = \left(n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) - \alpha\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right)^{-1}$.

(3) Let $1 < p < \infty$. Then M is bounded from $M_{p, \lambda}$ to M_p for all $0 < \lambda < n$.

(4) The operator M is bounded from $M_{1, \lambda}$ to WM_1 for all $0 < \lambda < n$.

If in the place of the power function $r^{-\lambda/p}$ in the definition of $M_{p, \lambda}$ we consider any positive measurable weight function w defined on $(0, \infty)$, then it becomes the Morrey-type space $M_{p, w}$. T. Mizuhara, E. Nakai and V.S. Guliyev generalized Theorem 1.1 and obtained sufficient conditions on weights w_1 and w_2 ensuring boundedness of the maximal operator M and the fractional maximal operator M_λ for the limiting case from

M_{p_1, w_1} to M_{p_2, w_2} .