

WEIGHTED WEAK-TYPE INEQUALITIES  
FOR THE MAXIMAL FUNCTION OF NONNEGATIVE  
INTEGRAL TRANSFORMS OVER APPROACH REGIONS

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ABSTRACT. The relation between approach regions and singularities of non-negative kernels  $K_t(x, y)$  is studied, where  $t \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $x, y \in X$ , and  $X$  is a homogeneous space. For  $1 \leq p < q < \infty$ , a sufficient condition on approach regions  $\Omega_a$  ( $a \in X$ ) is given so that the maximal function

$$\sup_{(x,t) \in \Omega_a} \int_X K_t(x, y) f(y) d\sigma(y)$$

is weak-type  $(p, q)$  with respect to a pair of measures  $\sigma$  and  $\omega$ . It is shown that this condition is also necessary for operators of potential type in the sense of Sawyer and Wheedon (Amer. J. Math. **114** (1992), 813–874).

1. INTRODUCTION

In [6], A. Nagel and E. Stein improved the classical theorem of Fatou on nontangential limits of harmonic functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}$  to include limits within regions which allow sequential approach with any degree of tangency to the boundary,  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Their proof is based on a remarkable result of a necessary and sufficient condition on the approach regions so that the associated maximal function of Hardy-Littlewood type is weak type  $(1, 1)$ . The condition gives a clear picture of the relation between the size of cross-sectional measure of approach regions at height  $r$  and the “singularity”,  $r^{-n}$ , of the maximal operator of Hardy-Littlewood type. Following this important work, a series of papers has been devoted to maximal functions of Hardy-Littlewood type for associated approach regions (see, e.g. [1], [9], [5], and [7]). In this paper, we show that a similar relation holds for general integral transforms with nonnegative kernels in the upper half-space of a homogeneous space. We give a sufficient condition, which turns out to be necessary for operators of potential type in the sense of [8], on approach regions so that weak-type  $(p, q)$  ( $1 \leq p < q < \infty$ ) inequalities (see (1.6) below) hold for the maximal function over the approach regions with respect to a pair of Borel measures  $\sigma$  and  $\omega$  on  $X$ . Our condition and proof are motivated by a recent paper [3], where some general weak-type inequalities for integral transforms with nonnegative kernels are studied.

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A homogeneous space  $(X, d, \mu)$  is a set  $X$  together with a quasi-metric  $d$  and a doubling measure  $\mu$ . By the quasi-metric  $d$  we mean a mapping  $d: X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  which satisfies the same conditions as a metric, except the triangle inequality is weakened to

$$(1.1) \quad d(x, y) \leq \kappa(d(x, z) + d(z, y)) \quad \text{for all } x, y, z \in X,$$

where  $\kappa \geq 1$  is a constant which is independent of  $x, y$ , and  $z$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that all balls  $B(x, r) = \{y \in X: d(x, y) < r\}$  are open (see [4]). We also use the convention that  $B(x, 0) = \emptyset$ . By the doubling measure  $\mu$  we mean a nonnegative measure on the Borel subsets of  $X$  so that  $|2B|_\mu \leq C_\mu |B|_\mu$  for all balls  $B \subset X$ , where  $|B|_\mu$  denotes the  $\mu$ -measure of the ball  $B$ , and  $C_\mu$  is a constant which depends only on  $\mu$ .

For a homogeneous space  $X$ , we denote that  $\widehat{X} = X \times (0, \infty)$  the upper half-space of  $X \times \mathbb{R}$ , and that  $\widehat{B}(x, r) = B(x, r) \times (0, r)$ . For a Borel measure  $\sigma$  on  $X$ , we study the operator  $T$  defined by

$$(1.2) \quad T(f d\sigma)(x, t) = \int_X K_t(x, y) f(y) d\sigma(y), \quad (x, t) \in \widehat{X},$$

with the nonnegative kernel  $K_t(x, y)$  which is lower semi-continuous.

Let  $\Omega = \{\Omega_a: a \in X\}$  be a family of nonempty subsets in  $\widehat{X}$ . For each  $a \in X$ , set  $\Omega_a(r) = \{x \in X: (x, r) \in \Omega_a\}$  (the cross-section of  $\Omega_a$  at height  $r$ ). Following [9], for  $\alpha > 0$  and  $(x, r) \in \widehat{X}$ , we define

$$(1.3) \quad S_\alpha(x, r) = \{a \in X: \Omega_a(r) \cap B(x, \alpha r) \neq \emptyset\}.$$

We suppose that, for each  $a \in X$ ,  $a \in \Omega_a(r)$  for all  $r > 0$ , and  $\Omega_a(r') \subset \Omega_a(r)$  if  $r' \leq r$ . It is clear that, for each  $x \in X$ ,  $S_\alpha(x, r') \subset S_\alpha(x, r)$  if  $r' \leq r$ , and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} S_\alpha(x, r) = X$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $1 \leq p < q < \infty$  and  $0 < \alpha < 2\kappa$ . Assume that  $\sigma$  and  $\omega$  are Borel measures on  $X$ , which satisfy the condition: There exists a positive constant  $C_1$  such that*

$$(1.4) \quad \left| S_\alpha \left( x, \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha}(2r+t) \right) \right|_\omega^{1/q} \left( \int_{X \setminus B(x,r)} K_t(x, y)^{p'} d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p'} \leq C_1,$$

if  $1 < p < \infty$ , or

$$(1.5) \quad \left| S_\alpha \left( x, \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha}(2r+t) \right) \right|_\omega^{1/q} \text{ess sup}_\sigma \{K_t(x, y): y \in X \setminus B(x, r)\} \leq C_1,$$

if  $p = 1$ , for all  $(x, t) \in \widehat{X}$  and  $r \geq 0$ , where  $\text{ess sup}_\sigma$  denotes the essential supremum with respect to the measure  $\sigma$ .

Then the weak-type inequality

$$(1.6) \quad \left| \left\{ a \in X: \sup_{(x,t) \in \Omega_a} T(f d\sigma)(x, t) > \lambda \right\} \right|_\omega^{1/q} \leq \frac{C}{\lambda} \left( \int_X f(x)^p d\sigma(x) \right)^{1/p}$$

holds for all  $\sigma$ -measurable functions  $f \geq 0$ .

We shall say that an operator  $T$  defined by (1.2) is an operator of potential type if its kernel  $K$  satisfies the condition: For a fixed constant  $0 < \alpha < 2\kappa$ , there exists a positive constant  $C_0$  such that

$$(1.7)$$

$$K_t(x, y) \leq C_0 K_{t'}(x', y) \text{ whenever } (x', t') \in \widehat{B}\left(x, \frac{8\kappa^2}{\alpha}(r+t)\right) \text{ and } y \in X \setminus B(x, r),$$

for all  $(x, t) \in \widehat{X}$  and  $r \geq 0$ . (See also [8] for an essentially equivalent definition.)

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $1 \leq p < q < \infty$  and  $0 < \alpha < 2\kappa$ , and let  $\sigma$  and  $\omega$  be locally finite Borel measures on  $X$ . Assume that the kernel  $K$  satisfies condition (1.7); then the weak-type inequality (1.6) holds for all  $\sigma$ -measurable functions  $f \geq 0$  if and only if there exists a positive constant  $C_1$  such that*

$$(1.8) \quad \left| S_\alpha\left(x, \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha}t\right) \right|_\omega^{1/q} \left( \int_X K_t(x, y)^{p'} d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p'} \leq C_1,$$

if  $1 < p < \infty$ , or

$$(1.9) \quad \left| S_\alpha\left(x, \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha}t\right) \right|_\omega^{1/q} \text{ess sup}_\sigma \{K_t(x, y) : y \in X\} \leq C_1,$$

if  $p = 1$ , for all  $(x, t) \in \widehat{X}$ .

## 2. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

We shall assume that  $1 < p < \infty$ . For  $p = 1$ , only some mild modifications of the following proof are needed.

For any fixed function  $f \geq 0$  and number  $\lambda > 0$ , we set

$$(2.1) \quad E_\lambda = \left\{ a \in X : \sup_{(x,t) \in \Omega_a} T(f d\sigma)(x, t) > \lambda \right\}.$$

Let  $B_R$  in  $X$  be a ball centered at some fixed  $x_0 \in X$  with radius  $R > 0$ . We consider the sets

$$(2.2) \quad E_\lambda^*(R) = \left\{ x \in B_R : \sup_{0 < t \leq R} T(f d\sigma)(x, t) > \lambda \right\},$$

and

$$(2.3) \quad E_\lambda(R) = \left\{ a \in X : T(f d\sigma)(x, t) > \lambda \text{ for some } (x, t) \in \Omega_a, \right. \\ \left. \text{with } x \in B_R \text{ and } 0 < t \leq d(x) \right\},$$

where

$$(2.4) \quad d(x) = \sup\{t \in (0, R] : T(f d\sigma)(x, t) > \lambda\}.$$

Obviously, we have  $E_\lambda^*(R) \subset E_\lambda(R) \subset E_\lambda$ , and  $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} E_\lambda(R) = E_\lambda$ .

We first claim that, for each  $x \in E_\lambda^*(R)$  there exists  $r(x) \geq (\alpha/2\kappa)d(x)$  (we recall that  $\alpha < 2\kappa$ ) such that

$$(2.5) \quad \left| S_\alpha\left(x, \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha}r(x)\right) \right|_\omega \leq \frac{C}{\lambda^q} \|f\|_{L^p(d\sigma)}^{q-p} \int_{B(x, r(x))} f(y)^p d\sigma(y),$$

where the constant  $C$  is independent of  $x$  and  $R$ .

Assuming the last claim for a moment, we finish the proof of the theorem. We may assume that  $\sup \{r(x) : x \in E_\lambda^*(R)\} < \infty$ ; otherwise (1.6) would follow trivially from

$$|X|_\omega = \sup_{x \in E_\lambda^*(R)} \left| S_\alpha \left( x, \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha} r(x) \right) \right|_\omega \leq \frac{C}{\lambda^q} \|f\|_{L^p(d\sigma)}^{q-p} \int_X f(x)^p d\sigma(x).$$

Applying the covering lemma for homogeneous spaces (see [2]) with the family of balls  $\{B(x, r(x)) : x \in E_\lambda^*(R)\}$ , we obtain a countable, pairwise disjoint subfamily  $\{B(x_k, r_k)\}_{k=0}^\infty$ , where  $r_k = r(x_k)$ , so that  $E_\lambda^*(R) \subset \bigcup_k B(x_k, 4\kappa r_k)$ , and  $r(x) \leq 2r_k$  for all  $x \in B(x_k, 4\kappa r_k)$ .

We next claim that

$$(2.6) \quad E_\lambda(R) \subset \bigcup_k S_\alpha \left( x_k, \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha} r_k \right).$$

Indeed, if  $a \in E_\lambda(R)$  then there is  $(x, t) \in \Omega_a$  so that  $x \in E_\lambda^*(R)$  and  $t \leq d(x)$ . Thus,  $x \in B(x_k, 4\kappa r_k)$  and  $t \leq d(x) \leq (2\kappa/\alpha)r(x) \leq (4\kappa/\alpha)r_k$  for some  $k$ . Therefore,  $(x, (4\kappa/\alpha)r_k) \in \Omega_a$  by our assumption on  $\Omega$ . This implies that

$$x \in \Omega_a \left( \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha} r_k \right) \cap B \left( x_k, \alpha \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha} r_k \right),$$

and therefore,  $a \in S_\alpha(x_k, (4\kappa/\alpha)r_k)$ .

By virtue of (2.6) and (2.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |E_\lambda(R)|_\omega &\leq \sum_k \left| S_\alpha \left( x_k, \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha} r_k \right) \right|_\omega \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\lambda^q} \|f\|_{L^p(d\sigma)}^{q-p} \sum_k \int_{B(x_k, r_k)} f(x)^p d\sigma(x) \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\lambda^q} \|f\|_{L^p(d\sigma)}^{q-p} \int_X f(x)^p d\sigma(x) \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\lambda^q} \left( \int_X f(x)^p d\sigma(x) \right)^{q/p}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that  $\{B(x_k, r_k)\}$  is pairwise disjoint. By letting  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain (1.6).

We now prove (2.5). If  $x \in E_\lambda^*(R)$ , then there exists  $t$  with  $(\alpha/2\kappa)d(x) \leq t \leq d(x)$  so that  $T(f d\sigma)(x, t) > \lambda$ . To simplify the notation, we shall denote  $S(r) = S_\alpha(x, (4\kappa/\alpha)r)$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that there is  $r > 0$  so that

$$(2.7) \quad \frac{C_1}{|S(2r+t)|_\omega^{1/q}} \left( \int_X \left( \frac{2f(y)}{\lambda} \right)^p d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p} < 1.$$

Otherwise, (1.6) would follow trivially from

$$|X|_\omega^{1/q} = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} |S(2r+t)|_\omega^{1/q} \leq \frac{2C_1}{\lambda} \left( \int_X f(y)^p d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p}.$$

Let  $d_0$  be the greatest lower bound for the  $r$  satisfying (2.7); then, by using Hölder's inequality and condition (1.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{X \setminus B(x,r)} K_t(x,y) f(y) d\sigma(y) &= \frac{\lambda}{2} \int_{X \setminus B(x,r)} K_t(x,y) \frac{2f(y)}{\lambda} d\sigma(y) \\ &\leq \frac{\lambda}{2} \left( \int_{X \setminus B(x,r)} K_t(x,y)^{p'} d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p'} \left( \int_{X \setminus B(x,r)} \left( \frac{2f(y)}{\lambda} \right)^p d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq \frac{C_1 \lambda}{2|S(2r+t)|_\omega^{1/q}} \left( \int_X \left( \frac{2f(y)}{\lambda} \right)^p d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p} \leq \frac{\lambda}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $r > d_0$ . Therefore, we obtain either

$$(2.8) \quad \int_{B(x,r)} K_t(x,y) f(y) d\sigma(y) > \frac{\lambda}{2}, \quad \text{if } r > d_0 > 0,$$

or

$$(2.9) \quad K_t(x,x) f(x) |\{x\}|_\sigma > \frac{\lambda}{2}, \quad \text{if } d_0 = 0.$$

If  $d_0 = 0$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\lambda}{2} &< K_t(x,x) f(x) |\{x\}|_\sigma \leq \int_{B(x,t)} K_t(x,y) f(y) d\sigma(y) \\ &\leq \left( \int_X K_t(x,y)^{p'} d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p'} \left( \int_{B(x,t)} f(y)^p d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq \frac{C_1}{|S(t)|_\omega^{1/q}} \left( \int_{B(x,t)} f(y)^p d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p}, \end{aligned}$$

and so that

$$\begin{aligned} |S(t)|_\omega &\leq \left( \frac{2C_1}{\lambda} \right)^q \left( \int_{B(x,t)} f(y)^p d\sigma(y) \right)^{q/p} \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\lambda^q} \|f\|_{L^p(d\sigma)}^{q-p} \int_{B(x,t)} f(y)^p d\sigma(y). \end{aligned}$$

If  $d_0 > 0$  then there is  $r_0 > 0$  such that

$$(2.10) \quad \frac{C_1}{|S(2r_0+t)|_\omega^{1/q}} \left( \int_X \left( \frac{2f(y)}{\lambda} \right)^p d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p} < 1,$$

and

$$(2.11) \quad \frac{C_1}{|S(r_0+t)|_\omega^{1/q}} \left( \int_X \left( \frac{2f(y)}{\lambda} \right)^p d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p} \geq 1.$$

We now choose a (finite or infinite) decreasing sequence  $\{r_j\}_{j=1}^n$  of positive numbers such that

$$(2.12) \quad |S(r_j+t)|_\omega \leq 2^{-j} |S(r_0+t)|_\omega \leq |S(2r_j+t)|_\omega$$

for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Due to  $p < q$ , we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{|S(r_j + t)|_\omega}{|S(r_0 + t)|_\omega} \right)^{1/p-1/q} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2^j} \right)^{1/p-1/q} = \beta < \infty.$$

Thus, we obtain from (2.8) that

$$\frac{\lambda}{2\beta} \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{|S(r_j + t)|_\omega}{|S(r_0 + t)|_\omega} \right)^{1/p-1/q} \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{B_j \setminus B_{j+1}} K_t(x, y) f(y) d\sigma(y),$$

where  $B_j = B(x, r_j)$ , and  $B_{n+1} = \{x\}$  if  $n$  is finite. Hence, there exists  $j_0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\lambda}{2\beta} \left( \frac{|S(r_{j_0} + t)|_\omega}{|S(r_0 + t)|_\omega} \right)^{1/p-1/q} < \int_{B_{j_0} \setminus B_{j_0+1}} K_t(x, y) f(y) d\sigma(y) \\ & \leq \left( \int_{B_{j_0} \setminus B_{j_0+1}} K_t(x, y)^{p'} d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p'} \left( \int_{B_{j_0} \setminus B_{j_0+1}} f(y)^p d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p} \\ & \leq \frac{C_1}{|S(2r_{j_0+1} + t)|_\omega^{1/q}} \left( \int_{B_{j_0}} f(y)^p d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p} \\ & \leq \frac{2^{1/q} C_1}{|S(r_{j_0} + t)|_\omega^{1/q}} \left( \int_{B_{j_0}} f(y)^p d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p}, \end{aligned}$$

the last step follows from (2.12). Consequently, by using (2.11), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |S(r_{j_0} + t)|_\omega & \leq \frac{C}{\lambda^p} |S(r_0 + t)|_\omega^{1-p/q} \int_{B(x, r_{j_0})} f(y)^p d\sigma(y) \\ & \leq \frac{C}{\lambda^q} \|f\|_{L^p(d\sigma)}^{q-p} \int_{B(x, r_{j_0})} f(y)^p d\sigma(y) \\ & \leq \frac{C}{\lambda^q} \|f\|_{L^p(d\sigma)}^{q-p} \int_{B(x, r_{j_0}+t)} f(y)^p d\sigma(y). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of (2.5), if we choose  $r(x) = r_{j_0} + t$  and note  $t \geq (\alpha/2\kappa)d(x)$ . Therefore Theorem 1.1 is proved.

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.2

We first show that conditions (1.8) and (1.9) imply conditions (1.4) and (1.5), respectively, if the kernel  $K$  satisfies condition (1.7). Then the sufficient part of the theorem follows from Theorem 1.1. To see this, we fix  $x \in X$ ,  $t > 0$  and  $r \geq 0$ . Then,  $(x, 2r + t) \in \widehat{B}(x, (8\kappa^2/\alpha)(r + t))$ , since  $0 < \alpha < 2\kappa$ , and so that

$$K_t(x, y) \leq C_0 K_{2r+t}(x, y)$$

for  $y \in X \setminus B(x, r)$ , by (1.7). Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| S_\alpha \left( x, \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha}(2r+t) \right) \right|_\omega^{1/q} \left( \int_{X \setminus B(x,r)} K_t(x,y)^{p'} d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p'} \\ & \leq \left| S_\alpha \left( x, \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha}(2r+t) \right) \right|_\omega^{1/q} \left( \int_{X \setminus B(x,r)} K_{2r+t}(x,y)^{p'} d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p'} \\ & \leq \left| S_\alpha \left( x, \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha}t \right) \right|_\omega^{1/q} \left( \int_X K_t(x,y)^{p'} d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p'} \leq C_1. \end{aligned}$$

The proof for the case  $p = 1$  is similar.

We now prove the necessity part of the theorem. We consider the case of  $1 < p < \infty$  first. Let  $(x_0, t_0) \in \widehat{X}$  be temporarily fixed, and for each positive integer  $N$ , define

$$K_{t_0}^N(x_0, y) = \begin{cases} K_{t_0}(x_0, y) & \text{if } K(x_0, y) < N, \\ N & \text{if } K_{t_0}(x_0, y) \geq N. \end{cases}$$

Let  $R > 0$  be arbitrary fixed constant and  $0 < \beta < 1/C_0$ , we now take

$$f(y) = K_{t_0}^N(x_0, y)^{p'/p} \chi_{B(x_0, R)}(y)$$

and  $\lambda = \beta \int_{B(x_0, R)} K_{t_0}^N(x_0, y)^{p'} d\sigma(y)$ . We note that  $\lambda < \infty$  since  $\sigma$  is locally finite. If  $a \in S_\alpha(x_0, (4\kappa/\alpha)t_0)$ , then there is  $x \in \Omega_a((4\kappa/\alpha)t_0) \cap B(x_0, 4\kappa t_0)$ , and hence  $(x, (4\kappa/\alpha)t_0) \in \Omega_a \cap \widehat{B}(x_0, (8\kappa^2/\alpha)t_0)$ , since  $0 < \alpha < 2\kappa$ . Apply condition (1.7) with  $r = 0$ , we get  $K_{t_0}(x_0, y) \leq C_0 K_{(4\kappa/\alpha)t_0}(x, y)$  for all  $y \in X$ , and therefore,  $K_{t_0}^N(x_0, y) \leq C_0 K_{(4\kappa/\alpha)t_0}(x, y)$  for all  $y \in X$ . Thus

$$T(f d\sigma) \left( x, \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha}t_0 \right) \geq \frac{1}{C_0} \int_{B(x_0, R)} K_{t_0}^N(x_0, y) K_{t_0}^N(x_0, y)^{p'/p} d\sigma(y) > \lambda,$$

which implies that

$$S_\alpha \left( x_0, \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha}t_0 \right) \subset \left\{ a \in X : \sup_{(x,t) \in \Omega_a} T(f d\sigma)(x, t) > \lambda \right\}.$$

Therefore, by using the weak-type inequality (1.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \beta \left| S_\alpha \left( x_0, \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha}t_0 \right) \right|_\omega^{1/q} \int_{B(x_0, R)} K_{t_0}^N(x_0, y)^{p'} d\sigma(y) \\ & \leq \lambda \left| \left\{ a \in X : \sup_{(x,t) \in \Omega_a} T(f d\sigma)(x, t) > \lambda \right\} \right|_\omega^{1/q} \\ & \leq C \left( \int_{B(x_0, R)} K_{t_0}^N(x_0, y)^{p'} d\sigma(y) \right)^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (1.8) follows by division, and then letting  $R \rightarrow \infty$  and  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

For the case  $p = 1$ , we fix  $(x_0, t_0) \in \widehat{X}$  temporarily, and for each positive integer  $N > 4\kappa t_0$  set

$$\Lambda_N = \min \{ N, \text{ess sup}_\sigma \{ K_{t_0}(x_0, y) : y \in X \} \}.$$

We could assume that  $\Lambda_N > 0$ , otherwise (1.9) would hold trivially. Let  $R$  be an arbitrary positive number, and choose a number  $0 < \eta < 1$  so that the set

$$U_{R,N} = \{y \in B(x_0, N) : K_{t_0}(x_0, y) \geq \eta \Lambda_N\}$$

has nonzero and finite  $\sigma$ -measure, since  $\sigma$  is locally finite. Now, take  $f = \chi_{U_{R,N}}$  and  $\lambda = \beta \Lambda_N |U_{R,N}|_\sigma$  with  $0 < \beta < \eta/C_0$ . As before, if  $a \in S_\alpha(x_0, (4\kappa/\alpha)t_0)$ , then there is  $x \in \Omega_a((4\kappa/\alpha)t_0) \cap B(x_0, 4\kappa t_0)$  and hence condition (1.7) implies that

$$T(f d\sigma) \left( x, \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha} t_0 \right) \geq \frac{1}{C_0} \int_X K_{t_0}(x_0, y) \chi_{U_{R,N}}(y) d\sigma(y) \geq \frac{\eta}{C_0} \Lambda_N |U_{R,N}|_\sigma > \lambda,$$

since  $N > 4\kappa t_0$ . Therefore, by the weak-type inequality (1.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \beta \left| S_\alpha \left( x_0, \frac{4\kappa}{\alpha} t_0 \right) \right|_\omega^{1/q} \Lambda |U_{R,N}|_\sigma \\ & \leq \lambda \left| \left\{ a \in X : \sup_{(x,t) \in \Omega_a} T(f d\sigma)(x, t) > \lambda \right\} \right|_\omega^{1/q} \\ & \leq C \left( \int_X \chi_{U_{R,N}}(y) d\sigma(y) \right) = C |U_{R,N}|_\sigma. \end{aligned}$$

Again, (1.9) follows by division, and then letting  $R \rightarrow \infty$  and  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 1.2.

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