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# WEAK TYPE ESTIMATES FOR FUNCTIONS OF MARCINKIEWICZ TYPE WITH FRACTIONAL INTEGRALS OF MIXED HOMOGENEITY

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## Abstract

We prove the endpoint weak type estimate for square functions of Marcinkiewicz type with fractional integrals associated with non-isotropic dilations. This generalizes a result of C. Fefferman on functions of Marcinkiewicz type by considering fractional integrals of mixed homogeneity in place of the Riesz potentials of Euclidean structure.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{B} = \operatorname{diag}(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$  be an  $n \times n$  real diagonal matrix such that  $a_j \geq 1$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Define a dilation group  $\{A_t\}_{t>0}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by  $A_t = \exp((\log t)\mathcal{B}) = \operatorname{diag}(t^{a_1}, \ldots, t^{a_n})$ . We see that  $|A_t x|$  is strictly increasing as a function of t on  $\mathbb{R}_+ = (0, \infty)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x \neq 0$ , where |x| denotes the Euclidean norm. Define a norm function  $\rho(x)$ ,  $x \neq 0$ , to be the unique positive real number t such that  $|A_{t^{-1}}x| = 1$  and let  $\rho(0) = 0$ . Then  $\rho(A_t x) = t\rho(x)$ , t > 0,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and the following properties of  $\rho(x)$  and  $A_t$  are known (see [2, 4, 9]):

- (A)  $\rho \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\});$
- (B)  $\rho(x+y) \le \rho(x) + \rho(y)$ ;
- (C)  $\rho(x) \le 1$  if and only if  $|x| \le 1$ ;
- (D)  $|x| \le \rho(x)$  if  $|x| \le 1$ ;
- (E)  $|x| \ge \rho(x)$  if  $|x| \ge 1$ ;
- (F) we have a polar coordinates expression for the Lebesgue measure:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) dx = \int_0^\infty \int_{S^{n-1}} f(A_t \theta) t^{\gamma - 1} \mu(\theta) d\sigma(\theta) dt,$$

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where  $\gamma=\operatorname{trace}\mathcal{B}=\sum_{j=1}^n a_j$  and  $\mu$  is a strictly positive  $C^\infty$  function on the unit sphere  $S^{n-1}=\{|x|=1\}$  and  $d\sigma$  is the Lebesgue surface measure on  $S^{n-1}$ .

Define a Riesz potential operator by

$$\widehat{I_{\alpha}(f)}(\xi) = (2\pi\rho(\xi))^{-\alpha}\widehat{f}(\xi) \tag{1.1}$$

for  $0 < \alpha < \gamma$ , where the Fourier transform  $\hat{f}$  is defined as

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x)e^{-2\pi i \langle x,\xi \rangle} dx, \quad \langle x,\xi \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \xi_j,$$

with  $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ ,  $\xi = (\xi_1, \ldots, \xi_n)$  (see also Remark 8.1 in Section 8 for the definition of  $I_{\alpha}$ ). Let  $||f||_p$  denote the  $L^p$  norm of a function f in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Let  $S(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be the Schwartz class of rapidly decreasing smooth functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then the following result is known (see [3, Theorem 4.1]).

THEOREM A. Let  $1 , <math>0 < \alpha < \gamma/p$ ,  $1/p - 1/q = \alpha/\gamma$ . Suppose that f is in  $S(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $supp(\hat{f})$  does not contain the origin. Then

$$||I_{\alpha}(f)||_{q} \leq C||f||_{p}.$$

Define

$$D_{\alpha}(f)(x) = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |I_{\alpha}(f)(x+y) - I_{\alpha}(f)(x)|^2 \rho(y)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} \, dy \right)^{1/2}.$$

In this note we shall prove the following.

Theorem 1.1. Let  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $p_0 = 2\gamma/(\gamma + 2\alpha)$ . Suppose that  $p_0 > 1$ . Then

- (1) the operator  $D_{\alpha}$  is bounded on  $L^{p}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$  if  $p_{0} ;$
- (2)  $D_{\alpha}$  is of weak type  $(p_0, p_0)$ :

$$\sup_{\beta > 0} \beta^{p_0} |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : D_{\alpha}(f)(x) > \beta\}| \le C ||f||_{p_0}^{p_0}, \tag{1.2}$$

where |E| denotes the Lebesgue measure of a set E.

We note that  $p_0 > 1$  for all  $\alpha \in (0,1)$  if  $n \geq 2$ . See Remark 8.2 in Section 8 for the optimality of Theorem 1.1. When  $A_t x = tx$  and  $\rho(x) = |x|$ , part (1) is due to Stein [21] and part (2) is stated in Fefferman [10], a proof of which can be found in Chanillo-Wheeden [5]. The proof of [5] uses properties of harmonic functions by extending  $I_{\alpha}(f)$  as a harmonic function on the upper half space  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}_+ = \mathbb{R}^n \times (0,\infty)$  and results are stated in weighted settings. Also, see [20] for results related to part (1) with  $A_t = \operatorname{diag}(t,\ldots,t,t^2)$ ,  $\gamma = n+1$ ,  $n \geq 2$ .

In 1938, a square function, now called the Marcinkiewicz function, was introduced by Marcinkiewicz [12] in the setting of periodic functions on  $\mathbb{R}^1$ , which can be used to investigate differentiability of functions and characterize function spaces including Sobolev spaces. A generalization of the Marcinkiewicz function to higher dimensions can be found in [21], where also  $D_{\alpha}(f)$ , a variant of the Marcinkiewicz function, is considered when  $\rho(x) = |x|$ . We refer to [1], [11], [15], [16], [17], [18] and [19] for relevant, recent results on the relations between functions of Marcinkiewicz type and Sobolev spaces.

To prove part (1) for  $p \in (p_0, 2]$ , we first prove  $L^2$  boundedness of  $D_{\alpha}$  by applying the Fourier transform and the result for  $p \in (p_0, 2)$  follows from the Marcinkiewicz interpolation theorem between the  $L^2$  boundedness and the weak type boundedness of part (2).

The proof of part (2) we give in this note is motivated by the proof of the weak type estimate for the Littlewood-Paley function  $g_{\lambda}^*$  in [10]. The proof in [10] uses some properties of the Poisson kernel

$$P(x,t) = c_n \frac{t}{(|x|^2 + t^2)^{(n+1)/2}}, \quad c_n = \frac{\Gamma((n+1)/2)}{\pi^{(n+1)/2}},$$

associated with harmonic functions on the upper half space  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}_+$  (see [23, Chapter I]). One of them is related to the formula

$$\int_0^\infty P_t * f(x) t^{\alpha - 1} dt = \Gamma(\alpha) I_\alpha(f)(x), \tag{1.3}$$

where  $\widehat{I_{\alpha}f}(\xi) = (2\pi|\xi|)^{-\alpha}\widehat{f}(\xi)$ ,  $P_t(x) = t^{-n}P(x/t) = P(x,t)$ , with P(x) = P(x,1). Also, some regularities on P(x,t) are used, although properties of harmonic functions, like that applied in [5] to prove the special case of Theorem 1.1 (2) mentioned above, are not used in an essential way. In proving Theorem 1.1 (2), we are able to successfully generalize the methods of [10] for the estimate of  $g_{\lambda}^*$  to the present situation, where results from differential equations, like those connected with harmonicity, are not readily available. Our proof of Theorem 1.1 (2) in this note is new even in the case of the Euclidean norm setting.

To prove part (2) of Theorem 1.1, we consider the function K defined by

$$K(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-2\pi\rho(\xi)} e^{2\pi i \langle x, \xi \rangle} d\xi, \tag{1.4}$$

as a substitute for the Poisson kernel P(x) and consider the function  $K_t * f(x)$ , where  $K_t(x) = t^{-\gamma}K(A_t^{-1}x)$ . Then we have an analogue of (1.3) for the general  $I_{\alpha}(f)$  in (1.1) (see (4.3) below). Also, we have some results analogous to the regularities for P (see Lemma 3.1 below). We shall apply these results to estimate the bad part arising from the Calderón-Zygmund decomposition derived from the

Whitney type decomposition of open sets in homogeneous spaces (see [6, 7]). To treat the good part we shall apply the  $L^2$  boundedness of  $D_{\alpha}$ .

In Section 2, we shall state the Calderón-Zygmund decomposition of  $f \in$  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $1 , at height <math>\beta^p$ ,  $\beta > 0$ , needed for the proof of Theorem 1.1 (2). Some properties of functions related to K in (1.4) will be shown in Section 3.

We shall prove the  $L^2$  boundedness of  $D_{\alpha}$  in Section 4. Part (2) of Theorem 1.1 will be shown by applying the  $L^2$  boundedness and the Calderón-Zygmund decomposition in Sections 4 through 6. We shall show part (1) of Theorem 1.1 for p>2 in Section 7 by proving weighted  $L^2$  estimates for  $D_{\alpha}$  with  $A_1$ -weights. Finally, we shall have some concluding remarks in Section 8.

# 2. Results for the Calderón-Zygmund decomposition

For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and r > 0, let B(x, r) be the ball centered at x with radius r defined by  $\rho$ :  $B(x,r) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : \rho(x-y) < r\}$ . Then we have the following (see [7]) and also [6]).

Lemma 2.1. Let O be an open bounded set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $N \geq 1$ . Then There exists a sequence  $\{B(c_j, r_j)\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  of balls for which we have

- (1)  $O = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} B(c_j, r_j);$
- (2) there exists C > 0 such that  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \chi_{B(c_j, N_{r_j})} \leq C$ , where  $\chi_E$  denotes the characteristic function of a set E;
- (3) there exists  $C_1 \geq 1$  such that  $B(c_i, C_1 N r_i) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus O) \neq \emptyset$ .

Applying this we can prove the next result (see [6]).

LEMMA 2.2. Let  $\beta > 0$ ,  $f \in L^p$ , 1 . Suppose that f is compactlysupported. Let  $N \geq 1$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\{B(c_j, r_j)\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  of balls such that

- (4)  $|B(c_j, r_j)|^{-1} \int_{B(c_j, r_j)} |f(x)|^p dx \le C\beta^p$ .

PROOF. Define the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function

$$M(f)(x) = \sup_{x \in B} \frac{1}{|B|} \int_{B} |f(y)| dy,$$

where the supremum is taken over all the balls B which contain x. Let

$$\Omega = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : M(|f|^p) > \beta^p \}.$$

Then  $\Omega$  is open and bounded. Clearly, we have part (3). By Lemma 2.1 with  $\Omega$ in place of O, we have a sequence  $\{B(c_j,r_j)\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  of balls as in Lemma 2.1. So we have part (1). Also, part (2) holds true since it is known that M is of weak type (1, 1).

By part (3) of Lemma 2.1, there exist  $h = C_1 N > 1$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega$  such that  $y \in B(c_i, hr_i)$ . Thus

$$\frac{1}{|B(c_j, r_j)|} \int_{B(c_j, r_j)} |f(x)|^p \, dx \le h^{\gamma} M(|f|^p)(y) \le h^{\gamma} \beta^p,$$

which implies part (4).

Lemma 2.2 is used to prove the following (see [6]).

LEMMA 2.3. Let  $\beta$ ,  $f \in L^p$ , p, N and  $\{B(c_j, r_j)\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  be as in Lemma 2.2. Then there exist a bounded function g and a sequence  $\{b_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  of functions in  $L^p$ such that

- $\begin{array}{ll} (1) & f=g+\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}b_j;\\ (2) & |g(x)|\leq C\beta; \end{array}$
- (3)  $||g||_p \le C||f||_p$ ;
- (4)  $b_j(x) = 0$  if  $x \in B(c_j, r_j)^c$  for all j, where  $E^c$  denotes the complement of a set E;
- (5)  $\int b_j(x) dx = 0$  for all j;
- (6)  $||b_j||_p^p \le C\beta^p |B(c_j, r_j)|$  for all j;
- (7)  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |B(c_j, r_j)| \le C\beta^{-p} ||f||_p^p$

PROOF. Define a function  $h_j$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by

$$h_j(x) = \frac{\chi_{B(c_j,r_j)}(x)}{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \chi_{B(c_j,r_j)}(x)} \quad \text{if } x \in \Omega,$$

and  $h_j(x) = 0$  if  $x \in \Omega^c$ , where  $\Omega = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} B(c_j, r_j)$ . Let

$$g(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{|B(c_j, r_j)|} \int_{B(c_j, r_j)} f(y) h_j(y) \, dy \right) \chi_{B(c_j, r_j)}(x) + f(x) \chi_{\Omega^c}(x)$$

and

$$b_j(x) = f(x)h_j(x) - \left(\frac{1}{|B(c_j, r_j)|} \int_{B(c_j, r_j)} f(y)h_j(y) \, dy\right) \chi_{B(c_j, r_j)}(x).$$

Then by the definitions and Lemma 2.2 we easily have the assertions (1) through (6). Also, since  $\{B(c_j, r_j)\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  is finitely overlapping, by part (2) of Lemma 2.2 we have part (7). This completes the proof.

## 3. Some estimates for Fourier transforms

In this section we prove some estimates for the Fourier transform of the function  $e^{-2\pi t \rho(\xi)}$  and its derivatives needed in proving Theorem 1.1.

Lemma 3.1. We have the following estimates:

$$|K(x)| \le C(1 + \rho(x))^{-\gamma - 1}, \quad \text{where } K \text{ is as in } (1.4),$$
 (3.1)

$$|Q(x)| \le C(1 + \rho(x))^{-\gamma - 1},$$
 (3.2)

where

$$Q(x) = -\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} 2\pi \rho(\xi) e^{-2\pi \rho(\xi)} e^{2\pi i \langle x, \xi \rangle} d\xi,$$

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \xi_{k} e^{-2\pi \rho(\xi)} e^{2\pi i \langle x, \xi \rangle} d\xi \right| \leq C(1 + \rho(x))^{-\gamma - 1 - a_{k}}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n, \tag{3.3}$$

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \xi_{k} \rho(\xi) e^{-2\pi \rho(\xi)} e^{2\pi i \langle x, \xi \rangle} d\xi \right| \leq C(1 + \rho(x))^{-\gamma - 1 - a_{k}}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n, \tag{3.4}$$

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \xi_{k} \xi_{l} e^{-2\pi \rho(\xi)} e^{2\pi i \langle x, \xi \rangle} d\xi \right| \leq C(1 + \rho(x))^{-\gamma - 1 - a_{k} - a_{l}}, \quad 1 \leq k, l \leq n. \tag{3.5}$$

To prove this lemma we need the following two estimates for the derivatives of functions involving homogeneous functions (Lemmas 3.2, 3.3).

LEMMA 3.2. Let  $b = (b_1, \ldots, b_n)$  be a multi-index of non-negative integers  $b_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Let H be homogeneous of degree  $m \in \mathbb{R}$  with respect to the dilation  $A_t$  and in  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$ . Then we have

$$|\partial^b H(\xi)| \le C_b \rho(\xi)^{m - \langle a, b \rangle}, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\},$$

where  $\partial^b = \partial_1^{b_1} \dots \partial_n^{b_n}$  with  $\partial_j = \partial/\partial \xi_j$  and  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ .

PROOF. Differentiating in  $\xi'$  both sides of the equality

$$t^m H(\xi') = H(t^{a_1} \xi'_1, \dots, t^{a_n} \xi'_n), \quad t > 0,$$

which follows from the homogeneity, and putting  $t = \rho(\xi)$ ,  $\xi' = A_{\rho(\xi)}^{-1} \xi \in S^{n-1}$ , we get the estimates as claimed.

LEMMA 3.3. Choose  $\varphi \in C_0^{\infty}$  such that  $\varphi(\xi) = 1$  if  $\rho(\xi) \leq 1/2$  and  $\operatorname{supp}(\varphi) \subset B(0,1)$ . Let  $F \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ . Let  $\epsilon_k = 0$  or  $1, 1 \leq k \leq n, m \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then we have

$$\left| \partial^b (\xi_k^{\epsilon_k} \xi_l^{\epsilon_l} \rho(\xi)^m F(\rho(\xi)) \varphi(\xi)) \right| \le C_b \rho(\xi)^{m + \epsilon_k a_k + \epsilon_l a_l - \langle a, b \rangle}.$$

PROOF. Applying Lemma 3.2 with  $H = \rho$ , we observe that

$$\left|\partial^{b}(F(\rho(\xi))\varphi(\xi))\right| \le C_{b}\rho(\xi)^{1-\langle a,b\rangle}, \quad b \ne 0. \tag{3.6}$$

By Leibniz's formula we have

$$\partial^b(\xi_k^{\epsilon_k}\xi_l^{\epsilon_l}\rho(\xi)^m F(\rho(\xi))\varphi(\xi)) = \sum_{b'+b''=b} C_{b',b''} \left[ \partial^{b'}(\xi_k^{\epsilon_k}\xi_l^{\epsilon_l}\rho(\xi)^m) \right] \left[ \partial^{b''}(F(\rho(\xi))\varphi(\xi)) \right].$$

Since  $S(\xi) = \xi_k^{\epsilon_k} \xi_l^{\epsilon_l} \rho(\xi)^m$  is homogeneous of degree  $\epsilon_k a_k + \epsilon_l a_l + m$ , by Lemma 3.2 and (3.6) we see that

$$\left| \partial^{b}(S(\xi)F(\rho(\xi))\varphi(\xi)) \right| \leq \sum_{b'+b''=b} C_{b',b''} \left| \partial^{b'}S(\xi) \right| \left| \partial^{b''}(F(\rho(\xi))\varphi(\xi)) \right|$$
  
$$\leq C\rho(\xi)^{m+\epsilon_{k}a_{k}+\epsilon_{l}a_{l}-\langle a,b\rangle} + C \sum_{b'+b''=b,b''\neq 0} \rho(\xi)^{m+\epsilon_{k}a_{k}+\epsilon_{l}a_{l}-\langle a,b'\rangle} \rho(\xi)^{1-\langle a,b''\rangle},$$

for  $\xi \in B(0,1) \setminus \{0\}$ . This completes the proof.

Applying Lemma 3.3 and integration by parts, we can prove the following estimate, from which Lemma 3.1 readily follows.

Lemma 3.4. Let  $G(\xi) = \xi_k^{\epsilon_k} \xi_l^{\epsilon_l} \rho(\xi)^m F(\rho(\xi)) \varphi(\xi)$  be as in Lemma 3.3. We assume that  $m > -\gamma$ . Then

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} G(\xi) e^{2\pi i \langle x, \xi \rangle} d\xi \right| \le C(1 + \rho(x))^{-\gamma - m - \epsilon_k a_k - \epsilon_l a_l}.$$

PROOF. Let  $\Phi \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  be such that  $\operatorname{supp}(\Phi) \subset \{1/2 \leq r \leq 2\}$ ,  $\Phi \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \Phi(2^j \rho(\xi)) = 1$  on  $B(0,1) \setminus \{0\}$ . Decompose

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} G(\xi) e^{2\pi i \langle x, \xi \rangle} d\xi = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{-j\gamma} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} G(A_{2^{-j}} \xi) \Phi(\rho(\xi)) e^{2\pi i \langle A_{2^{-j}} x, \xi \rangle} d\xi.$$

We write  $x = A_{\rho(x)}x' = (\rho(x)^{a_1}x'_1, \dots, \rho(x)^{a_n}x'_n)$  with  $x' \in S^{n-1}$ . We may assume that  $|x'_1| = \max_{1 \le j \le n} |x'_j|$  without loss of generality. Then applying integration by parts

$$2^{-j\gamma} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} G(A_{2^{-j}}\xi) \Phi(\rho(\xi)) e^{2\pi i \langle A_{2^{-j}} x, \xi \rangle} \, d\xi \right|$$

$$\leq C 2^{-j\gamma} \sum_{h=h'+h''} \int 2^{-ja_1h'} \left| (\partial_1^{h'} G) (A_{2^{-j}}\xi) \right| \left| \partial_1^{h''} \Phi(\rho(\xi)) \right| (2^{-ja_1}\rho(x)^{a_1})^{-h} \, d\xi.$$

By Lemma 3.3 with  $b = (h', 0, \dots, 0)$  we have

$$2^{-j\gamma} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} G(A_{2^{-j}}\xi) \Phi(\rho(\xi)) e^{2\pi i \langle A_{2^{-j}}x,\xi \rangle} d\xi \right|$$

$$\leq C 2^{-j\gamma} \sum_{h=h'+h''} \int_{1/2 \leq \rho(\xi) \leq 2} 2^{-ja_1h'} 2^{-j(m+\epsilon_k a_k + \epsilon_l a_l - h'a_1)} 2^{jha_1} \rho(x)^{-ha_1} d\xi$$

$$\leq C 2^{j(ha_1 - m - \epsilon_k a_k - \epsilon_l a_l - \gamma)} \rho(x)^{-ha_1}.$$

Thus if  $ha_1 - m - \epsilon_k a_k - \epsilon_l a_l - \gamma > 0$ ,  $\rho(x) > 1$ ,

$$\sum_{0 \le j \le \log_2 \rho(x)} 2^{-j\gamma} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} G(A_{2^{-j}}\xi) \Phi(\rho(\xi)) e^{2\pi i \langle A_{2^{-j}} x, \xi \rangle} d\xi \right| \\
\le C \rho(x)^{-ha_1} \sum_{0 \le j \le \log_2 \rho(x)} 2^{j(ha_1 - m - \epsilon_k a_k - \epsilon_l a_l - \gamma)} \le C \rho(x)^{-m - \epsilon_k a_k - \epsilon_l a_l - \gamma}.$$
(3.7)

Also, by Lemma 3.3 with b = 0 we see that

$$\sum_{j>\log_2\rho(x)} 2^{-j\gamma} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} G(A_{2^{-j}}\xi) \Phi(\rho(\xi)) e^{2\pi i \langle A_{2^{-j}}x,\xi\rangle} d\xi \right| \\
\leq C \sum_{j>\log_2\rho(x)} 2^{j(-m-\epsilon_k a_k - \epsilon_l a_l - \gamma)} \leq C \rho(x)^{-m-\epsilon_k a_k - \epsilon_l a_l - \gamma}. \quad (3.8)$$

Combining (3.7) and (3.8), we get the desired result, since the estimate for  $\rho(x) \leq 1$  is obvious.

PROOF OF LEMMA 3.1. Let  $\varphi$  be as in Lemma 3.3. Decompose

$$e^{-2\pi\rho(\xi)} = -2\pi\rho(\xi)A(-2\pi\rho(\xi))\varphi(\xi) + \varphi(\xi) + e^{-2\pi\rho(\xi)}(1-\varphi(\xi)),$$

where  $A(s) = (e^s - 1)/s$ . To prove (3.1), it suffice to show that

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \rho(\xi) A(-2\pi\rho(\xi)) \varphi(\xi) e^{2\pi i \langle x, \xi \rangle} d\xi \right| \le C(1 + \rho(x))^{-\gamma - 1},$$

which follows from Lemma 3.4 with  $m = 1, \epsilon_k = 0, \epsilon_l = 0$ . The other estimates can be shown similarly by applying Lemma 3.4 suitably.

# 4. Outline of Proof of Theorem 1.1 for $p \in [p_0, 2]$

We first prove  $L^2$  boundedness of  $D_{\alpha}$  for  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . (We notice that more general weighted estimates will be shown in Section 7; see Proposition 7.1.) By

the Plancherel theorem we have

$$||D_{\alpha}(f)||_{2}^{2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \rho(y)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} |I_{\alpha}(f)(x+y) - I_{\alpha}(f)(x)|^{2} dx \right) dy$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \rho(y)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \left| (2\pi\rho(\xi))^{-\alpha} \hat{f}(\xi) \left( e^{2\pi i \langle y, \xi \rangle} - 1 \right) \right|^{2} d\xi \right) dy$$

$$= (2\pi)^{-2\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^{2} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \left| e^{2\pi i \langle y, \xi' \rangle} - 1 \right|^{2} \rho(y)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} dy \right) d\xi,$$

where  $\xi' = A_{\rho(\xi)}^{-1} \xi$ . By (D) of Section 1 we have

$$\int_{\rho(y) \le 1} \left| e^{2\pi i \langle y, \xi' \rangle} - 1 \right|^2 \rho(y)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} \, dy \le \int_{\rho(y) \le 1} 4\pi^2 \rho(y)^2 \rho(y)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} \, dy < \infty$$

since  $\alpha < 1$ . Also, we have

$$\int_{\rho(y)>1} \left| e^{2\pi i \langle y,\xi'\rangle} - 1 \right|^2 \rho(y)^{-\gamma-2\alpha} \, dy \leq \int_{\rho(y)>1} 4\rho(y)^{-\gamma-2\alpha} \, dy < \infty$$

for  $\alpha > 0$ . Combining results, we see that

$$||D_{\alpha}(f)||_{2}^{2} \leq C||\hat{f}||_{2}^{2} = C||f||_{2}^{2},$$

which proves the  $L^2$  boundedness.

To prove (1.2) we may assume that f is bounded and compactly supported. Let  $\beta>0$ ,  $p_0=2\gamma/(\gamma+2\alpha)$ . We apply Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3 with these f,  $\beta$  and with N=2,  $p=p_0$ . Then we have the sequence  $\{B(c_j,r_j)\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  of balls of Lemma 2.2 and the decomposition f=g+b,  $b=\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}b_j$ , of Lemma 2.3. It suffices to prove

$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : D_{\alpha}(g)(x) > \beta\}| \le C\beta^{-p_0} ||f||_{p_0}^{p_0}$$
(4.1)

and

$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : D_{\alpha}(b)(x) > \beta\}| \le C\beta^{-p_0} ||f||_{p_0}^{p_0}. \tag{4.2}$$

The estimate (4.1) easily follows from the  $L^2$  boundedness of  $D_{\alpha}$  as follows. By Chebyshev's inequality along with (2) and (3) of Lemma 2.3, since  $1 < p_0 < 2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : D_{\alpha}(g)(x) > \beta\}| \\ &\leq \beta^{-2} ||D_{\alpha}(g)||_2^2 \leq C\beta^{-2} ||g||_2^2 \leq C\beta^{-p_0} ||g||_{p_0}^{p_0} \leq C\beta^{-p_0} ||f||_{p_0}^{p_0}. \end{aligned}$$

It remains to prove (4.2). Let K be as in (1.4) and

$$v(x,t) = K_t * b(x), \quad V(x,t) = K_t * I_{\alpha}(b)(x).$$

Then

$$V(x,t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty v(x,t+s) s^{\alpha-1} ds.$$
 (4.3)

We have

$$|I_{\alpha}(b)(x+y) - I_{\alpha}(b)(x)| \le |V(x+y,\rho(y)) - I_{\alpha}(b)(x+y)| + |V(x,\rho(y)) - I_{\alpha}(b)(x)| + |V(x+y,\rho(y)) - V(x,\rho(y))|.$$
(4.4)

Let

$$J^{(1)}(x) = \Gamma(\alpha)^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |V(y, \rho(y-x)) - I_{\alpha}(b)(y)|^2 \rho(y-x)^{-\gamma-2\alpha} dy,$$

$$J^{(2)}(x) = \Gamma(\alpha)^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |V(x, \rho(y-x)) - I_{\alpha}(b)(x)|^2 \rho(y-x)^{-\gamma-2\alpha} dy,$$

$$J^{(3)}(x) = \Gamma(\alpha)^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |V(y, \rho(y-x)) - V(x, \rho(y-x))|^2 \rho(y-x)^{-\gamma-2\alpha} dy.$$

By (4.3) we can rewrite

$$J^{(1)}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \int_0^\infty dt \int_0^{\rho(y-x)} \partial_0 v(y, s+t) t^{\alpha-1} ds \right|^2 \rho(y-x)^{-\gamma-2\alpha} dy,$$

$$J^{(2)}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \int_0^\infty dt \int_0^{\rho(y-x)} \partial_0 v(x, s+t) t^{\alpha-1} ds \right|^2 \rho(y-x)^{-\gamma-2\alpha} dy,$$

where  $\partial_0 = \partial/\partial s$ . Let  $\Omega_1 = \bigcup_j B(c_j, 2r_j)$ ,  $\Omega_2 = \bigcup_j B(c_j, 4r_j)$ . Since  $|\Omega_2| \le C\beta^{-p_0} ||f||_{p_0}^{p_0}$ , by (4.4), the estimate (4.2) follows from the inequalities

$$\int_{\Omega_2^c} J^{(1)}(x) \, dx \le C \beta^{2-p_0} \|f\|_{p_0}^{p_0},\tag{4.5}$$

$$\int_{\Omega_2^c} J^{(2)}(x) \, dx \le C \beta^{2-p_0} \|f\|_{p_0}^{p_0},\tag{4.6}$$

$$\int_{\Omega_{5}^{c}} J^{(3)}(x) dx \le C \beta^{2-p_{0}} \|f\|_{p_{0}}^{p_{0}}. \tag{4.7}$$

This will prove part (2) of Theorem 1.1. As mentioned in Section 1, part (1) for  $p \in (p_0, 2)$  follows by the Marcinkiewicz interpolation theorem between the estimate in part (2) and the  $L^2$  boundedness. This will complete the proof of Theorem 1.1 for  $p \in [p_0, 2]$ .

We shall prove (4.5), (4.6) in Section 5 and (4.7) in Section 6.

# 5. Proofs of the estimates (4.5) and (4.6)

We first prove the estimate (4.5). Let  $\chi(r) = \chi_{(0,1]}(r)$ . Then

$$J^{(1)}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \chi\left(\frac{s}{\rho(y-x)}\right) \chi\left(\frac{s}{t}\right) |t-s|^{\alpha-1} \partial_0 v(y,t) \, dt \, ds \right|^2 \rho(y-x)^{-\gamma-2\alpha} \, dy.$$

We have

$$\int_0^{t \wedge \rho(y-x)} (t-s)^{\alpha-1} ds = W_\alpha(t, \rho(y-x)), \tag{5.1}$$

where

$$W_{\alpha}(t,s) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left( t^{\alpha} - \left( t - (t \wedge s) \right)^{\alpha} \right), \quad t,s \geq 0,$$

with  $a \wedge b = \min(a, b)$ . We note that  $W_{\alpha} \geq 0$  and  $\int_{0}^{\infty} W_{\alpha}(t, 1) dt/t < \infty$  when  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Using (5.1), we write

$$J^{(1)}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \int_0^\infty W_\alpha(t, \rho(y-x)) \partial_0 v(y, t) \, dt \right|^2 \rho(y-x)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} \, dy.$$

Define  $v_j(y,t) = b_j * K_t(y)$  and  $B_j = B(c_j,r_j), \, \widetilde{B}_j = B(c_j,2r_j).$  Let

$$J_1^{(1)}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \int_0^\infty W_\alpha(t, \rho(y-x)) \sum_{y \in \widetilde{B}_j^c} \partial_0 v_j(y, t) dt \right|^2 \rho(y-x)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} dy,$$

where  $\sum_{y \in \widetilde{B}_{j}^{c}}$  means that the summation is over all j such that  $y \in \widetilde{B}_{j}^{c}$ ; similar notation will be used in what follows, and let

$$J_2^{(1)}(x) = \Gamma(\alpha)^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \sum_{y \in \widetilde{B}_j} \left( K_{\rho(y-x)} * I_{\alpha}(b_j)(y) - I_{\alpha}(b_j)(y) \right) \right|^2 \rho(y-x)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} dy.$$

Then  $J^{(1)} \le 2J_1^{(1)} + 2J_2^{(1)}$ , since

$$\begin{split} &\int_0^\infty W_\alpha(t,\rho(y-x))\partial_0 v(y,t)\,dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty W_\alpha(t,\rho(y-x)) \sum_{y\in \widetilde{B}_j^c} \partial_0 v_j(y,t)\,dt + \int_0^\infty W_\alpha(t,\rho(y-x)) \sum_{y\in \widetilde{B}_j} \partial_0 v_j(y,t)\,dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty W_\alpha(t,\rho(y-x)) \sum_{y\in \widetilde{B}_j^c} \partial_0 v_j(y,t)\,dt + \sum_{y\in \widetilde{B}_j} \left(K_{\rho(y-x)}*I_\alpha(b_j)(y) - I_\alpha(b_j)(y)\right). \end{split}$$

To estimate  $J_1^{(1)}$ , we show that

$$\left| \sum_{y \in \tilde{B}_{j}^{c}} \partial_{0} v_{j}(y, t) \right| \leq C \beta / t.$$

This can be seen as follows. Let  $E(x) = (1 + \rho(x))^{-\gamma - 1}$ . Note that if  $y \in \widetilde{B}_j^c$ 

$$\sup_{z \in B_j} E_t(y - z) \le C \inf_{z \in B_j} E_t(y - z).$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.2 (1), Lemma 2.3 and (3.2),

$$\left| \sum_{y \in \widetilde{B}_{j}^{c}} \partial_{0} v_{j}(y, t) \right| \leq C t^{-1} \sum_{y \in \widetilde{B}_{j}^{c}} \sup_{z \in B_{j}} E_{t}(y - z) \int |b_{j}(z)| dz$$

$$\leq C t^{-1} \sum_{y \in \widetilde{B}_{j}^{c}} (\sup_{z \in B_{j}} E_{t}(y - z)) \beta |B_{j}|$$

$$\leq C t^{-1} \beta \sum_{y \in \widetilde{B}_{j}^{c}} \int \chi_{B_{j}}(z) E_{t}(y - z) dz$$

$$\leq C t^{-1} \beta ||E||_{1}.$$

Thus

$$\left| \int_0^\infty W_\alpha(t, \rho(y-x)) \sum_{y \in \widetilde{B}_j^c} \partial_0 v_j(y, t) dt \right| \le C\beta \int_0^\infty W_\alpha(t, \rho(y-x)) \frac{dt}{t}$$

$$= C\beta \rho(y-x)^\alpha \int_0^\infty W_\alpha(t, 1) \frac{dt}{t},$$

and hence

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} J_1^{(1)}(x) dx \le C\beta \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_0^\infty \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} W_\alpha(t, \rho(x)) \rho(x)^{-\gamma - \alpha} dx \right) \left| \sum_{y \in \widetilde{B}_j^c} \partial_0 v_j(y, t) \right| dy dt.$$

We note that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} W_{\alpha}(t, \rho(x)) \rho(x)^{-\gamma - \alpha} dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} W_{\alpha}(1, \rho(x)) \rho(x)^{-\gamma - \alpha} dx < \infty,$$

if  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . This implies that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} J_1^{(1)}(x) dx \le C\beta \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}_+} \left| \sum_{y \in \widetilde{B}_i^c} \partial_0 v_j(y, t) \right| dy dt.$$

Since  $\int b_j = 0$ , if  $y \in \widetilde{B}_j^c$ , by (3.4) and Taylor's formula we see that

$$\begin{split} |\partial_0 v_j(y,t)| &= t^{-1} |Q_t * b_j(y)| = t^{-1} \left| \int_{B_j} \left( Q_t(y-z) - Q_t(y-c_j) \right) b_j(z) \, dz \right| \\ &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^n t^{-1-a_k-\gamma} \left( 1 + t^{-1} \rho(y-c_j) \right)^{-\gamma-1-a_k} \int_{B_j} |(z-c_j)_k| |b_j(z)| \, dz \\ &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^n r_j^{a_k} t^{-1-a_k-\gamma} \left( 1 + t^{-1} \rho(y-c_j) \right)^{-\gamma-1-a_k} \int_{B_j} |b_j(z)| \, dz \\ &\leq C \beta \sum_{k=1}^n r_j^{a_k} t^{-1-a_k-\gamma} \left( 1 + t^{-1} (\rho(y-c_j) + r_j) \right)^{-\gamma-1-a_k} |B_j|, \end{split}$$

where the penultimate inequality follows from the estimate  $|x_k| \leq C\rho(x)^{a_k}$ . Therefore,  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} J_1^{(1)}(x) dx$  is bounded by

$$C\beta^2 \sum_{i} |B_j| \sum_{k=1}^n \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}_+} r_j^{a_k} t^{-1-a_k-\gamma} \left(1 + t^{-1} (\rho(y-c_j) + r_j)\right)^{-\gamma-1-a_k} dy dt.$$

It is easy to see that the last integral is equal to

$$\iint_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}_{\perp}} (1+t)^{-\gamma-1-a_k} (\rho(y)+1)^{-\gamma-a_k} dy dt.$$

Thus, by Lemma 2.3 (7) with  $p = p_0$ , we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} J_1^{(1)}(x) \, dx \le C\beta^2 \sum_j |B_j| \le C\beta^{2-p_0} ||f||_{p_0}^{p_0}. \tag{5.2}$$

Next, we evaluate  $J_2^{(1)}$ . By Lemma 2.2 (1), we see that

$$J_2^{(1)}(x) \le C \int_{\Omega_1} \left| \sum_j M(I_\alpha b_j)(y) \chi_{B(c_j, 2r_j)}(y) \right|^2 \rho(y - x)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} dy$$
  
$$\le C \sum_j \int_{B(c_j, 2r_j)} |M(I_\alpha b_j)(y)|^2 \rho(y - x)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} dy.$$

Let  $x \in \Omega_2^c$ . Then by the  $L^2$  boundedness of the maximal operator M we have

$$J_2^{(1)}(x) \le C \sum_j \rho(x - c_j)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} \int_{B(c_j, 2r_j)} |M(I_\alpha b_j)(y)|^2 dy$$
  
$$\le C \sum_j \rho(x - c_j)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} ||I_\alpha b_j||_2^2.$$

So, from Theorem A and Lemma 2.3 (6) with  $p = p_0$  it follows that

$$J_2^{(1)}(x) \le C \sum_j \rho(x - c_j)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} ||b_j||_{p_0}^2 \le C \sum_j \rho(x - c_j)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} \beta^2 |B_j|^{2/p_0}.$$

Consequently,

$$\int_{\Omega_{2}^{c}} J_{2}^{(1)}(x) dx \leq C \beta^{2} \sum_{j} |B_{j}|^{2/p_{0}} \int_{\rho(x-c_{j}) \geq 4r_{j}} \rho(x-c_{j})^{-\gamma-2\alpha} dx 
\leq C \beta^{2} \sum_{j} |B_{j}|^{2/p_{0}} r_{j}^{-2\alpha} 
\leq C \beta^{2} \sum_{j} |B_{j}|,$$

and hence Lemma 2.3 (7) implies

$$\int_{\Omega_2^c} J_2^{(1)}(x) \, dx \le C \beta^{2-p_0} \|f\|_{p_0}^{p_0}. \tag{5.3}$$

The estimate (4.5) follows from (5.2) and (5.3), since  $J^{(1)} \leq 2J_1^{(1)} + 2J_2^{(1)}$ .

Let us prove the estimate (4.6) next. In the same way as in the case of  $J^{(1)}$ , we can write

$$J^{(2)}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \int_0^\infty W_\alpha(t, \rho(y-x)) \partial_0 K_t * b(x) \, dt \right|^2 \rho(y-x)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} \, dy.$$

Interchanging the order of integration on the left hand side of (4.6), we have

$$\int_{\Omega_2^c} J^{(2)}(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \int_{\Omega_2^c} \left| \int_0^\infty W_\alpha(t, \rho(y-x)) \partial_0 v(x, t) dt \right|^2 \rho(y-x)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} dx \right) dy.$$

For  $x \in \Omega_2^c$ , we note that  $\partial_0 v(x,t) = \sum_{x \in \widetilde{B}_j^c} \partial_0 v_j(x,t)$ . Thus we can prove (4.6) in the same way as (5.2).

# 6. Proof of the estimate (4.7)

We note that

$$V(x+y,\rho(y)) - V(x,\rho(y)) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \left( f * K_{t+\rho(y)}(x+y) - f * K_{t+\rho(y)}(x) \right) t^{\alpha-1} dt.$$

Thus we have

$$J^{(3)}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \int_0^\infty \left( b * K_t(y) - b * K_t(x) \right) |t - \rho(y - x)|^{\alpha - 1} \chi \left( \frac{\rho(y - x)}{t} \right) dt \right|^2 \rho(y - x)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} dy.$$

Let

$$A_j(x,y) = \int_0^\infty \left( \int (K_t(y-z) - K_t(x-z)) b_j(z) dz \right) |t - \rho(y-x)|^{\alpha-1} \chi\left(\frac{\rho(y-x)}{t}\right) dt,$$

with  $y \in \widetilde{B}_{i}^{c}$ . By (3.3) and Taylor's formula, if  $z \in B_{i}$  and  $\rho(x-y) < t$  we have

$$|K_t(y-z) - K_t(x-z)| \le C \sum_{k=1}^n |y_k - x_k| t^{-a_k - \gamma} \left( 1 + t^{-1} \rho(y-c_j) \right)^{-\gamma - 1 - a_k}$$

$$\le C \sum_{k=1}^n \rho(y-x)^{a_k} t^{-a_k - \gamma} \inf_{z \in B_j} \left( 1 + t^{-1} \rho(y-z) \right)^{-\gamma - 1 - a_k}.$$

Therefore if  $\rho(x-y) < t$ , by Lemma 2.3 (6),

$$\left| \int (K_t(y-z) - K_t(x-z))b_j(z) \, dz \right|$$

$$\leq C\beta \sum_{k=1}^n \rho(y-x)^{a_k} t^{-a_k-\gamma} \int_{B_j} \left(1 + t^{-1}\rho(y-z)\right)^{-\gamma-1-a_k} \, dz,$$

and hence Lemma 2.2 (1) implies that

$$\sum_{y \in \tilde{B}_{z}^{c}} \left| \int (K_{t}(y-z) - K_{t}(x-z)) b_{j}(z) dz \right| \leq C\beta \sum_{k=1}^{n} C_{k} \rho (y-x)^{a_{k}} t^{-a_{k}}$$

with  $C_k = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (1 + \rho(z))^{-\gamma - 1 - a_k} dz$ . Consequently,

$$\sum_{y \in \widetilde{B}_{j}^{c}} |A_{j}(x,y)| = C\beta \sum_{k=1}^{n} C_{k} \rho(y-x)^{a_{k}} \int_{\rho(y-x)}^{\infty} t^{-a_{k}} (t - \rho(y-x))^{\alpha-1} dt$$
$$= C\beta \rho(y-x)^{\alpha} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \left( C_{k} \int_{1}^{\infty} t^{-a_{k}} (t-1)^{\alpha-1} dt \right).$$

Thus we have

$$\sum_{y \in \widetilde{B}_j^c} |A_j(x, y)| \le C \beta \rho (y - x)^{\alpha}. \tag{6.1}$$

Let  $J_1^{(3)}(x)$  be

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \int_0^\infty \sum_{y \in \widetilde{B}_j^c} \left( v_j(y, t) - v_j(x, t) \right) |t - \rho(y - x)|^{\alpha - 1} \chi\left( \frac{\rho(y - x)}{t} \right) dt \right|^2 \rho(y - x)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} dy$$

and let

$$J_2^{(3)}(x) = \Gamma(\alpha)^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \sum_{y \in \widetilde{B}_j} \left( K_{\rho(x-y)} * I_{\alpha}(b_j)(y) - K_{\rho(x-y)} * I_{\alpha}(b_j)(x) \right) \right|^2 \rho(x-y)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} \, dy.$$

Then  $J^{(3)} \leq 2J_1^{(3)} + 2J_2^{(3)}$ . From (6.1) we see that  $J_1^{(3)}(x)$  is majorized by

$$C\beta \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \int_0^\infty \sum_{y \in \tilde{B}_j^c} \left( v_j(y, t) - v_j(x, t) \right) |t - \rho(y - x)|^{\alpha - 1} \chi \left( \frac{\rho(y - x)}{t} \right) dt \right| \rho(y - x)^{-\gamma - \alpha} dy.$$

Let

$$R(t, y, x, z) = K_t(y - z) - K_t(x - z).$$

Then

$$v_j(y,t) - v_j(x,t) = \int R(t,y,x,z)b_j(z) dz = \int (R(t,y,x,z) - R(t,y,x,c_j))b_j(z) dz.$$

By (3.5) and Taylor's formula, we have

$$|R(t, y, x, z) - R(t, y, x, c_j)|$$

$$\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{l=1}^{n} \rho(z - c_j)^{a_k} \rho(x - y)^{a_l} t^{-\gamma - a_k - a_l} (1 + t^{-1} \rho(y - c_j))^{-\gamma - 1 - a_k - a_l}$$

if  $z \in B_j$ ,  $\rho(x-y) < t$  and  $y \in \widetilde{B}_j^c$ . Also, we note that

$$\int \rho(x)^{-\gamma-\alpha+a_l}|t-\rho(x)|^{\alpha-1}\chi\left(\frac{\rho(x)}{t}\right)\,dx=t^{a_l-1}\int_{\rho(x)<1}\rho(x)^{-\gamma-\alpha+a_l}(1-\rho(x))^{\alpha-1}\,dx.$$

Using these results and Lemma 2.3 (6), we see that

$$\begin{split} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} J_1^{(3)}(x) \, dx \\ & \leq C \beta^2 \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}_+} t^{-\gamma - a_k - 1} \sum_{y \in \widetilde{B}^c_j} |B_j| r_j^{a_k} (1 + t^{-1} \rho(y - c_j))^{-\gamma - 1 - a_k - a_l} \, dy \, dt \\ & \leq C \beta^2 \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{j} |B_j| \iint_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}_+} r_j^{a_k} t^{-\gamma - a_k - 1} (1 + t^{-1} (\rho(y) + r_j))^{-\gamma - 1 - a_k - a_l} \, dy \, dt. \end{split}$$

The last integral equals

$$\iint_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}_+} t^{a_l} (1+t)^{-\gamma-1-a_k-a_l} (\rho(y)+1)^{-\gamma-a_k} \, dy \, dt.$$

Thus, by Lemma 2.3 (7) with  $p = p_0$  we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} J_1^{(3)}(x) \, dx \le C \beta^{2-p_0} \|f\|_{p_0}^{p_0}. \tag{6.2}$$

We next evaluate  $J_2^{(3)}$ . We note that

$$|K_{\rho(x-y)} * I_{\alpha}(b_i)(w)| \le CM(I_{\alpha}b_i)(y), \quad \text{for } w = y, x.$$

Therefore, if  $x \in \Omega_2^c$  and  $p_0 = 2\gamma/(\gamma + 2\alpha)$ , using the Schwarz inequality and Lemma 2.2 (1), we see that

$$J_{2}^{(3)}(x) \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \left| \sum_{j} \chi_{B(c_{j}, 2r_{j})}(y) M(I_{\alpha}b_{j})(y) \right|^{2} \rho(y-x)^{-\gamma-2\alpha} dy$$

$$\leq C \sum_{j} \int_{B(c_{j}, 2r_{j})} \left| M(I_{\alpha}b_{j})(y) \right|^{2} \rho(y-x)^{-\gamma-2\alpha} dy$$

$$\leq C \sum_{j} \rho(x-c_{j})^{-\gamma-2\alpha} \int_{B(c_{j}, 2r_{j})} \left| M(I_{\alpha}b_{j})(y) \right|^{2} dy.$$

Consequently, the  $L^2$  boundedness of the maximal function M, Theorem A and Lemma 2.3 (6) with  $p = p_0$  imply

$$J_2^{(3)}(x) \le C \sum_{j} \rho(x - c_j)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} ||b_j||_{p_0}^2 \le C \sum_{j} \rho(x - c_j)^{-\gamma - 2\alpha} \beta^2 |B_j|^{2/p_0}.$$

Thus, applying Lemma 2.3 (7) with  $p = p_0$ , we see that

$$\int_{\Omega_{2}^{c}} J_{2}^{(3)}(x) dx \leq C \sum_{j} \beta^{2} |B_{j}|^{2/p_{0}} \int_{\rho(x-c_{j}) \geq 4r_{j}} \rho(x-c_{j})^{-\gamma-2\alpha}$$

$$\leq C \sum_{j} \beta^{2} |B_{j}|^{2/p_{0}} r_{j}^{-2\alpha} \leq C \sum_{j} \beta^{2} |B_{j}| \leq C \beta^{2-p_{0}} ||f||_{p_{0}}^{p_{0}}.$$
(6.3)

Combining (6.2) and (6.3), we have (4.7).

# 7. Proof of part (1) of Theorem 1.1 for p > 2

Let  $A_1$  be the weight class of Muckenhoupt consisting of those weights w which satisfy  $M(w)(x) \leq Cw(x)$  a.e. Applying the methods of [8] we prove the following.

PROPOSITION 7.1. Let  $w \in A_1$ . Suppose  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Then we have

$$||D_{\alpha}(f)||_{2,w} < C||f||_{2,w},$$

where  $||f||_{2,w}$  is the norm in  $L^2_w$  defined as  $||f||_{2,w} = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^2 w(x) \, dx\right)^{1/2}$ .

Let

$$\widetilde{\rho}_m(z) = \int (2\pi\rho(\xi))^{-\alpha} \widetilde{\Phi}(2^m \rho(\xi)) e^{2\pi i \langle z, \xi \rangle} d\xi$$

with  $\widetilde{\Phi} \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}_+)$  which is identically 1 on the support of  $\Phi$ , where  $\Phi$  is as in the proof of Lemma 3.4. To prove Proposition 7.1 we need the following.

Lemma 7.2. The estimates

$$|\widetilde{\rho}_m(z)| \le C\rho(z)^{\alpha-\gamma},\tag{7.1}$$

$$|\partial_s \widetilde{\rho}_m(z)| \le C \rho(z)^{\alpha - \gamma - a_s}, \quad 1 \le s \le n,$$
 (7.2)

hold true with a positive constant C independent of  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  (the set of integers).

PROOF. To prove (7.1) we write

$$\widetilde{\rho}_m(z) = 2^{m(\alpha - \gamma)} \int (2\pi \rho(\xi))^{-\alpha} \widetilde{\Phi}(\rho(\xi)) e^{2\pi i \langle A_{2^{-m}} z, \xi \rangle} d\xi.$$

From this we easily have (7.1) when  $\rho(z) \leq 2^m$ . Suppose  $2^m < \rho(z)$ . Then we can prove (7.1) in the same way as (3.7) by applying integration by parts. The estimates in (7.2) can be shown similarly.

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 7.1. We may assume that  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . We also assume that  $\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \Phi(2^j \rho(\xi)) = 1$  for  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ . Define the operator  $\Delta_j$  by

$$\widehat{\Delta_j(f)}(\xi) = \Phi(2^j \rho(\xi)) \hat{f}(\xi)$$
 for  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Let

$$T_i(f)(x)$$

$$= \left(\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \int \chi_{[1,2]}(2^{-k}\rho(y)) |I_{\alpha}(\Delta_{j+k}f)(x+y) - I_{\alpha}(\Delta_{j+k}f)(x)|^{2} \rho(y)^{-\gamma-2\alpha} dy\right)^{1/2}.$$

Then we have

$$D_{\alpha}(f)(x) \le \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} T_j(f)(x). \tag{7.3}$$

If we put  $S_j = \{2^{-j-1} \le \rho(\xi) \le 2^{-j+1}\}$ , the Plancherel theorem implies

$$||T_i(f)||_2^2$$

$$\leq C \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \int \chi_{[1,2]}(2^{-k}\rho(y))\rho(y)^{-\gamma-2\alpha} \left( \int_{S_{j+k}} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 \rho(\xi)^{-2\alpha} \left| 1 - e^{2\pi i \langle y, \xi \rangle} \right|^2 d\xi \right) dy. \tag{7.4}$$

If  $2^k \le \rho(y) \le 2^{k+1}$ ,  $\xi \in S_{j+k}$  and  $j \ge 0$ , we see that

$$\left|1 - e^{2\pi i \langle y, \xi \rangle}\right| \le 2\pi \sum_{l=1}^{n} |y_l \xi_l| \le C \sum_{l=1}^{n} \rho(y)^{a_l} \rho(\xi)^{a_l} \le C \sum_{l=1}^{n} 2^{-ja_l} \le C 2^{-j}.$$

Also,  $|1 - e^{2\pi i \langle y, \xi \rangle}| \le 2$ . Therefore by (7.4) we have

$$||T_j(f)||_2^2$$

$$\leq C \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} C 2^{2j\alpha} \min(1, 2^{-2j}) \int_{S_{j+k}} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \leq C 2^{2j\alpha} \min(1, 2^{-2j}) ||f||_2^2, \quad (7.5)$$

where the last inequality follows from the bounded overlap of  $\{S_i\}$  and the Plancherel theorem.

Next, when  $2^k \le \rho(y) \le 2^{k+1}$ , we decompose

$$I_{\alpha}(\Delta_{j+k}f)(x+y) - I_{\alpha}(\Delta_{j+k}f)(x)$$

$$= \int_{\rho(z) \ge 2^{k+2}} (\widetilde{\rho}_{j+k}(z-y) - \widetilde{\rho}_{j+k}(z)) \, \Delta_{j+k}f(x+z) \, dz$$

$$+ \int_{\rho(z) < 2^{k+2}} (\widetilde{\rho}_{j+k}(z-y) - \widetilde{\rho}_{j+k}(z)) \, \Delta_{j+k}f(x+z) \, dz, \quad (7.6)$$

where 
$$\widetilde{\rho}_m$$
 is as in Lemma 7.2.  
If  $2^k \le \rho(y) \le 2^{k+1}$  and  $\rho(z) \ge 2^{k+2}$ , by (7.2)

$$|\widetilde{\rho}_{j+k}(z-y) - \widetilde{\rho}_{j+k}(z)| \le C \sum_{l=1}^{n} |y_l| \rho(z)^{-\gamma + \alpha - a_l} \le C \sum_{l=1}^{n} \rho(y)^{a_l} \rho(z)^{-\gamma + \alpha - a_l}.$$

By this and an elementary computation concerning the maximal operator M, we see that the first integral on the right hand side of (7.6) is majorized by

$$C\sum_{l=1}^{n} 2^{ka_{l}} \int_{\rho(z) \geq 2^{k+2}} \rho(z)^{-\gamma + \alpha - a_{l}} |\Delta_{j+k} f(x+z)| dz \leq C 2^{k\alpha} M(\Delta_{j+k} f)(x).$$

Similarly, if  $2^k \le \rho(y) \le 2^{k+1}$ , (7.1) implies that the second integral on the right hand side of (7.6) is bounded by

$$\int_{\rho(z) \le 2^{k+3}} \rho(z)^{-\gamma+\alpha} |\Delta_{j+k} f(x+y+z)| \, dz + \int_{\rho(z) \le 2^{k+2}} \rho(z)^{-\gamma+\alpha} |\Delta_{j+k} f(x+z)| \, dz$$

$$\leq C 2^{k\alpha} M(\Delta_{j+k} f)(x+y) + C 2^{k\alpha} M(\Delta_{j+k} f)(x).$$

Using these estimates in (7.6), we see that

$$|I_{\alpha}(\Delta_{j+k}f)(x+y) - I_{\alpha}(\Delta_{j+k}f)(x)| \le C2^{k\alpha}M(\Delta_{j+k}f)(x+y) + C2^{k\alpha}M(\Delta_{j+k}f)(x)$$

when  $2^k < \rho(y) < 2^{k+1}$ .

Thus

$$T_j(f)(x)^2 \le C \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \int \chi_{[1,2]}(2^{-k}\rho(y)) |M(\Delta_{j+k}f)(x+y) + M(\Delta_{j+k}f)(x)|^2 \rho(y)^{-\gamma} dy$$

and hence, if  $w \in A_1$ ,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} T_j(f)(x)^2 w(x) dx$$

$$\leq C \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |M(\Delta_{j+k}) f(x)|^2 M(w)(x) dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |M(\Delta_{j+k} f)(x)|^2 w(x) dx \right)$$

$$\leq C \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\Delta_{j+k} f(x)|^2 w(x) dx,$$

where the last inequality follows from the defining property of the  $A_1$  weights and the  $L^2_w$  boundedness of M with  $w \in A_1$ . Thus the Littlewood-Paley inequality in  $L^2_w$  implies

$$||T_j(f)||_{2,w} \le C||f||_{2,w}. (7.7)$$

Interpolating between (7.5) and (7.7) with change of measures, and noting that for any  $w \in A_1$  there is  $\delta > 0$  such that  $w^{1+\delta} \in A_1$ , we have

$$||T_j(f)||_{2,w} \le C2^{-\epsilon|j|} ||f||_{2,w}$$

with some  $\epsilon > 0$  for  $w \in A_1$ , if  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . This implies the desired inequality in Proposition 7.1 via (7.3).

Now we can prove part (1) of Theorem 1.1 for p > 2. Choose a non-negative function g such that  $||g||_{(p/2)'} = 1$  and  $||D_{\alpha}(f)||_p^2 = \int |D_{\alpha}(f)(x)|^2 g(x) dx$ , where (p/2)' denotes the exponent conjugate to p/2. For s > 1, let  $M_s(g) = M(g^s)^{1/s}$ . Then  $g \leq M_s(g)$  a.e. and it is known that  $M_s(g) \in A_1$ . Thus by Proposition 7.1 we have

$$\int |D_{\alpha}(f)(x)|^{2} g(x) \, dx \le \int |D_{\alpha}(f)(x)|^{2} M_{s}(g)(x) \, dx \le C \int |f(x)|^{2} M_{s}(g)(x) \, dx.$$

Applying Hölder's inequality to the last integral with 1 < s < (p/2)', by  $L^{(p/2)'}$  boundedness of  $M_s$  we see that

$$\int |D_{\alpha}(f)(x)|^{2} g(x) dx \leq C ||f||_{p}^{2} ||M_{s}(g)||_{(p/2)'} \leq C ||f||_{p}^{2}.$$

Combining results, we can get the desired estimate.

#### 8. Remarks

We conclude this note with three remarks.

REMARK 8.1. Let  $0 < \alpha < \gamma$ . The Fourier transform of  $(2\pi\rho(\xi))^{-\alpha}$  is a function  $\mathcal{R}_{\alpha}(x)$  which is homogeneous of degree  $\alpha - \gamma$  with respect to  $A_t$  and in  $C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$  (see [3] and [13, Chapter I]). Thus we have

$$I_{\alpha}(f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \mathcal{R}_{\alpha}(x-z) f(z) dz, \quad f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

REMARK 8.2. Let  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $p_0 = 2\gamma/(\gamma + 2\alpha)$  and  $p_0 > 1$  as in the hypotheses of Theorem 1.1. Then, if  $1 \le p < p_0$ ,  $D_{\alpha}$  is not of weak type (p,p). Since  $D_{\alpha}$  is bounded on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , by taking into account the interpolation of Marcinkiewicz, to show this it suffices to prove that  $D_{\alpha}$  is not bounded on  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  when 1 .

To see this, we prove that if  $D_{\alpha}$  is bounded on  $L^{p}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$  with  $1 \leq p \leq 2$ , then  $p \geq p_{0}$ . Let  $A(x) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^{n} : 1/2 \leq \rho(y - x) \leq 1\}$ . Let  $\eta$  be a non-zero element in  $S(\mathbb{R}^{n})$  with  $\operatorname{supp}(\hat{\eta}) \subset \{a \leq \rho(\xi) \leq b\}$  for some a, b > 0. Then

$$D_{\alpha}(\eta)(x) \ge \left( \int_{A(0)} |I_{\alpha}(\eta)(x+y) - I_{\alpha}(\eta)(x)|^{2} dy \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\ge \left( \int_{A(0)} |I_{\alpha}(\eta)(x+y)|^{2} dy \right)^{1/2} - \left( \int_{A(0)} |I_{\alpha}(\eta)(x)|^{2} dy \right)^{1/2}$$

$$= \left( \int_{A(0)} |I_{\alpha}(\eta)(x+y)|^{2} dy \right)^{1/2} - |A(0)|^{1/2} |I_{\alpha}(\eta)(x)|.$$

Therefore

$$\left( \int_{A(x)} |I_{\alpha}(\eta)(y)|^2 dy \right)^{1/2} \le D_{\alpha}(\eta)(x) + C|I_{\alpha}(\eta)(x)|. \tag{8.1}$$

We have

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |I_{\alpha}(\eta)(y)|^2 \, dy \right)^{p/2} \le C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \int_{A(x)} |I_{\alpha}(\eta)(y)|^2 \, dy \right)^{p/2} \, dx \tag{8.2}$$

Let  $S(x,r) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x-y| < r\}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and r > 0. To see (8.2), we consider a covering of  $\mathbb{R}^n : \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} A(x^{(j)}) = \mathbb{R}^n$ , for all  $x^{(j)} \in S(c_j, \tau)$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \ldots$ ,

where  $S(c_j, \tau) \cap S(c_k, \tau) = \emptyset$  if  $j \neq k$ . Then we see that

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |I_{\alpha}(\eta)(y)|^2 \, dy \right)^{p/2} \le \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left( \int_{A(x^{(j)})} |I_{\alpha}(\eta)(y)|^2 \, dy \right)^{p/2}$$

for all  $x^{(j)} \in S(c_j, \tau)$ , j = 1, 2, ..., since  $p/2 \le 1$ . It follows that

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |I_{\alpha}(\eta)(y)|^2 \, dy \right)^{p/2} \le \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \inf_{x^{(j)} \in S(c_j, \tau)} \left( \int_{A(x^{(j)})} |I_{\alpha}(\eta)(y)|^2 \, dy \right)^{p/2} \\
\le C_{\tau} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{S(c_j, \tau)} \left( \int_{A(x)} |I_{\alpha}(\eta)(y)|^2 \, dy \right)^{p/2} \, dx \\
\le C_{\tau} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \int_{A(x)} |I_{\alpha}(\eta)(y)|^2 \, dy \right)^{p/2} \, dx,$$

which proves (8.2). By (8.1) and (8.2), we have

$$||I_{\alpha}(\eta)||_{2} \leq C||D_{\alpha}(\eta)||_{p} + C||I_{\alpha}(\eta)||_{p}.$$

Thus if  $||D_{\alpha}(\eta)||_{p} \leq C||\eta||_{p}$ , we have

$$||I_{\alpha}(\eta)||_{2} \leq C||\eta||_{p} + C||I_{\alpha}(\eta)||_{p}.$$

Using this with  $\eta_t$  in place of  $\eta$  and homogeneity, we readily see that

$$t^{\alpha-\gamma/2} < Ct^{-\gamma+\gamma/p} + Ct^{\alpha+\gamma(1/p-1)} < Ct^{-\gamma+\gamma/p}$$

for all  $t \in (0,1)$ , which implies that  $p \geq 2\gamma/(\gamma + 2\alpha)$  as claimed.

Remark 8.3. Define the Littlewood-Paley function

$$g_Q(f)(x) = \left(\int_0^\infty |Q_t * f(x)|^2 \frac{dt}{t}\right)^{1/2},$$

where Q is as in (3.2). Then it is known that

$$c_1 ||f||_p \le ||g_Q(f)||_p \le c_2 ||f||_p, \quad 1$$

with positive constants  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$  independent of f (see [14]). Also, we can show that

$$g_{\mathcal{O}}(f)(x) < C_{\alpha} D_{\alpha}(f)(x), \quad 0 < \alpha < 1, \tag{8.3}$$

for  $f \in \mathbb{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , similarly to [22, p. 162, 6.12], which implies the reverse inequality of  $\|D_{\alpha}(f)\|_p \leq C\|f\|_p$  in part (1) of Theorem 1.1.

Here we give a proof of (8.3) in more details for completeness. Let

$$U_{\alpha}(x,t) = K_t * I_{\alpha}(f)(x) = \int \hat{f}(\xi) (2\pi\rho(\xi))^{-\alpha} e^{-2\pi t \rho(\xi)} e^{2\pi i \langle x, \xi \rangle} d\xi,$$

where K is as in (1.4). Then

$$\partial_0^2 U_\alpha(x,t) = \int \hat{f}(\xi) (2\pi\rho(\xi))^{-\alpha+2} e^{-2\pi t \rho(\xi)} e^{2\pi i \langle x,\xi \rangle} d\xi,$$

where  $\partial_0 = \partial/\partial t$ , and

$$\begin{split} \int_0^\infty \partial_0^2 U_\alpha(x,t+s) s^{-\alpha} \, ds &= \left( \int_0^\infty e^{-s} s^{-\alpha} \, ds \right) \int \hat{f}(\xi) (2\pi \rho(\xi)) e^{-2\pi t \rho(\xi)} e^{2\pi i \langle x,\xi \rangle} \, d\xi \\ &= -\Gamma (1-\alpha) \frac{1}{t} Q_t * f(x). \end{split}$$

Using this, we see that

$$\left(\int_{0}^{\infty} |Q_{t} * f(x)|^{2} \frac{dt}{t}\right)^{1/2} = \Gamma(1-\alpha)^{-1} \left(\int_{0}^{\infty} t \left|\int_{0}^{\infty} \partial_{0}^{2} U_{\alpha}(x,t+s)s^{-\alpha} ds\right|^{2} dt\right)^{1/2}$$

$$= \Gamma(1-\alpha)^{-1} \left(\int_{0}^{\infty} \left|\int_{0}^{\infty} t^{3/2-\alpha} \chi_{[1,\infty)}(s) |s-1|^{-\alpha} \partial_{0}^{2} U_{\alpha}(x,st) ds\right|^{2} dt\right)^{1/2}.$$

By Minkowski's inequality, this is bounded by

$$\Gamma(1-\alpha)^{-1} \int_{1}^{\infty} (s-1)^{-\alpha} \left( \int_{0}^{\infty} t^{2(3/2-\alpha)} \left| \partial_{0}^{2} U_{\alpha}(x,st) \right|^{2} dt \right)^{1/2} ds$$

$$= \Gamma(1-\alpha)^{-1} \left( \int_{1}^{\infty} (s-1)^{-\alpha} s^{-2+\alpha} ds \right) \left( \int_{0}^{\infty} t^{3-2\alpha} \left| \partial_{0}^{2} U_{\alpha}(x,t) \right|^{2} dt \right)^{1/2}.$$

Thus

$$g_Q(f)(x) \le C_\alpha \left( \int_0^\infty t^{3-2\alpha} \left| \partial_0^2 U_\alpha(x,t) \right|^2 dt \right)^{1/2}. \tag{8.4}$$

Since  $\int \partial_0^2 K_t = 0$ , we have

$$\partial_0^2 U_\alpha(x,t) = \int \partial_0^2 K_t(y) I_\alpha f(x+y) \, dy = \int \partial_0^2 K_t(y) \left( I_\alpha f(x+y) - I_\alpha f(x) \right) \, dy.$$

Arguing similarly to the proof of Lemma 3.1, we see that

$$|\partial_0^2 K_t(y)| < C(t + \rho(y))^{-\gamma - 2}$$
.

Using this, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial_0^2 U_{\alpha}(x,t)| &\leq C \int (t+\rho(y))^{-\gamma-2} |I_{\alpha}f(x+y) - I_{\alpha}f(x)| \ dy \\ &\leq C \int_{\rho(y) < t} t^{-\gamma-2} |I_{\alpha}f(x+z) - I_{\alpha}f(x)| \ dy + C \int_{\rho(y) \geq t} \rho(y)^{-\gamma-2} |I_{\alpha}f(x+z) - I_{\alpha}f(x)| \ dy. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\int_0^\infty t^{3-2\alpha} \left| \partial_0^2 U_\alpha(x,t) \right|^2 dt \le C(I+II),$$

where

$$I = \int_0^\infty t^{3-2\alpha} \left( \int_{\rho(y) < t} t^{-\gamma - 2} |I_\alpha f(x+y) - I_\alpha f(x)| \, dy \right)^2 dt,$$

$$II = \int_0^\infty t^{3-2\alpha} \left( \int_{\rho(y) > t} \rho(y)^{-\gamma - 2} |I_\alpha f(x+y) - I_\alpha f(x)| \, dy \right)^2 dt.$$

By the Schwarz inequality

$$I \le C \int_0^\infty t^{3-2\alpha} t^{-2(\gamma+2)} t^{\gamma} \int_{\rho(y) < t} |I_{\alpha} f(x+y) - I_{\alpha} f(x)|^2 dy dt$$

$$= C \int |I_{\alpha} f(x+y) - I_{\alpha} f(x)|^2 \left( \int_{\rho(y)}^\infty t^{-1-\gamma-2\alpha} dt \right) dy$$

$$= C \frac{1}{\gamma + 2\alpha} D_{\alpha}(f)(x)^2.$$

Also,

$$II \le C \int_0^\infty t^{3-2\alpha} t^{-2} \left( \int_{\rho(y) \ge t} \rho(y)^{-\gamma - 2} |I_\alpha f(x+y) - I_\alpha f(x)|^2 dy \right) dt$$

$$= C \int \rho(y)^{-\gamma - 2} |I_\alpha f(x+y) - I_\alpha f(x)|^2 \left( \int_0^{\rho(y)} t^{1-2\alpha} dt \right) dy$$

$$= C \frac{1}{2 - 2\alpha} D_\alpha(f)(x)^2.$$

Therefore

$$\left(\int_0^\infty t^{3-2\alpha} \left| \partial_0^2 U_\alpha(x,t) \right|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \le C_\alpha D_\alpha(f)(x).$$

Combining this with (8.4), we have (8.3).

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