

A GOOD λ INEQUALITY FOR DOUBLE LAYER POTENTIALS OF SURFACES THAT ARE NOT LIPSCHITZ

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Introduction. In this paper we prove a good- λ inequality for the double layer potential operators. These have the form

$$C_\epsilon^j(A, f)(x) = \int_{|x-y|>\epsilon} \frac{(x_j - y_j)f(y)}{(|x - y|^2 + (A(x) - A(y))^2)^{(n+1)/2}} dy,$$

where x, y are in \mathbf{R}^n . The corresponding Maximal Operator is

$$C_*^j(A, f)(x) = \sup_{\epsilon>0} |C_\epsilon^j(A, f)(x)|$$

The hypersurface $t = A(x)$ is not assumed to be Lipschitz. The Good- λ inequality that we will prove can be used to obtain weighted L^p estimates for the Double Layer Potential Operators as was done in the one dimensional case for the Cauchy Integral Operator in [4].

Statement and proof of the main result. Throughout this paper we will consider the real number p fixed and strictly larger than n . With such a p let

$$A^*(x) = ((|\text{grad}(A)|^p)^*(x))^{1/p} = M_p(|\text{grad}(A)|)(x),$$

where $(\)^*$ denotes the maximal function and M_p is the p -maximal function. We are assuming that $|\text{grad}(A)|^p$ is locally integrable and that $A^*(x)$ is finite a.e.

With this notation we will prove

THEOREM 1. *There exists a constant k such that, for all positive ϵ , one can find a constant C_ϵ such that the following holds:*

$$\begin{aligned} &|\{x : C_*^j(A, f)(x) > (1 + \epsilon)\lambda \ \& \ (1 + A^*(x))^k f^*(x) \leq \lambda/C_\epsilon\}| \\ &< 0.9|\{x : C_*^j(A, f)(x) > \lambda\}|, \end{aligned}$$

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