

## ESTIMATES FOR OPERATORS IN WEIGHTED $L^{p,q}$ -SPACES

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**Abstract.** We give conditions on pairs of weight functions for which a certain operator defined on  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbf{R}_+^2$  is bounded between weighted Lorentz spaces. The result is applied to obtain weighted estimates for the Laplace transform.

**Introduction.** Let  $f$  and  $w$  be nonnegative functions on  $\mathbf{R}^+$ . Then the distribution function of  $f$  relative to the measure  $w(x)dx$  is defined by

$$f_w(s) = \int_{\{x : |f(x)| > s\}} w(x)dx = w(\{|f(x)| > s\}),$$

where  $s > 0$  and the decreasing rearrangement of  $|f|$  relative to  $w(x)dx$  is obtained by  $f^w(t) = \inf\{s : f_w(s) \leq t\}$  (see e.g. [4; 6, Chapter V]). Further if  $0 < p, q \leq \infty$ , then the weighted Lorentz spaces  $L^{p,q}(w)$  are defined by

$$L^{p,q}(w) = \{f : \|f\|_{L^{p,q}(w)} < \infty\},$$

where

$$(1) \quad \|f\|_{L^{p,q}(w)} = \begin{cases} \left\{ (q/p) \int_0^\infty [t^{1/p} f^w(t)]^q t^{-1} dt \right\}^{1/q}, & 0 < p, \quad q < \infty \\ \sup_{t > 0} t^{1/p} f^w(t), & 0 < p \leq \infty, \quad q = \infty. \end{cases}$$

In case either  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $1 < q < \infty$  or  $p = q = \infty$ ,  $L^{p,q}(w)$  is a Banach space with norm equivalent to the quasi-norm  $\|f\|_{L^{p,q}(w)}$ .

Clearly if  $w \equiv 1$  then  $L^{p,q}(w) = L^{p,q}$ , where  $L^{p,q}$  are the usual Lorentz spaces. We denote by  $L_w^p(\Omega)$ ,  $0 < p \leq \infty$ , the space of weighted measurable functions  $f$  for which  $\|f\|_{L_w^p(\Omega)} = \|w^{1/p}f\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$  is finite, where  $\|\cdot\|_{L^p(\Omega)}$  denotes the usual Lebesgue norm. Note that  $L^{q,q}(w) = L_w^q(\mathbf{R}^+)$ .

If  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $1/p + 1/p' = 1 = 1/q + 1/q'$ , then

$$(2) \quad C^{-1} \|f\|_{L^{p,q}(w)} \leq \sup_{\|g\|_{L^{p',q'}(w)} < 1} \left| \int fgwdx \right| \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p,q}(w)}$$

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(see e.g. [2, inequality (2.3)]).

Throughout,  $p'$  denotes the conjugate index of  $p$  and is related to  $p$  by  $p+p'=pp'$  with  $p' = +\infty$  if  $p=1$ . Similarly for other letters. Further, constants are denoted by  $C$  and may be different at different appearances but are always independent of the function in question.  $\mathbb{Z}$  denotes the set of integers.

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**LEMMA 1.** Suppose  $0 < p, q < \infty$ . Then

- (a)  $\|f\|_{L^{p,q}(w)}^q = q \int_0^\infty f_w(s)^{q/p} s^{q-1} ds$ .
- (b) If  $f$  is non-increasing on  $\mathbf{R}^+$  and if  $g(x) = \int_0^x w(s)ds < \infty$ , whenever  $w(x) > 0$ , then

$$\|f\|_{L^{p,q}(w)}^q = (q/p) \int_0^\infty f(x)^q g(x)^{q/p-1} w(x) dx .$$

Part (a) is due to Sawyer [5, Lemma 1] and Part (b) follows essentially along the same lines as in [5, Lemma 1].

**PROOF.** Part (a) follows, on evaluating the two integral of  $qs^{q-1}(q/p)t^{q/p-1}$  over the set  $\{(t, s) : 0 < s < f^w(t), 0 < t\}$ . By permuting the  $s$  integration first we obtain the right hand side of (1) to the  $q$ -th power, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\{(t,s) : 0 < s < f^w(t), 0 < t\}} qs^{q-1}(q/p)t^{q/p-1} ds dt &= q \int_0^\infty s^{q-1} \left( \int_0^{f_w(s)} (q/p)t^{q/p-1} dt \right) ds \\ &= q \int_0^\infty s^{q-1} f_w(s)^{q/p} ds . \end{aligned}$$

Hence, Part (a) follows.

(b) is established by evaluating the two iterated integrals of

$$(3) \quad qx^{q-1}(q/p)g(y)^{q/p-1}w(y) ,$$

over the set  $M = \{(x, y) : 0 < x < f(y); 0 < y\}$ . Performing the  $x$  integration over  $M$  on (3) first yields the right hand side of (b)

$$\int_0^\infty \left[ q \int_0^{f(y)} x^{q-1} dx \right] (q/p)g(y)^{q/p-1}w(y) dy = (q/p) \int_0^\infty f(y)^q g(y)^{q/p-1} w(y) dy$$

and performing the  $y$  integration first yields the right hand side of (a)

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \left[ q \int_0^{f(y)} x^{q-1} dx \right] (q/p) g(y)^{q/p-1} w(y) dy \\ &= (q^2/p) \int_0^\infty x^{q-1} dx \int_0^\infty \chi_{(0,f(y))}(x) g(y)^{q/p-1} w(y) dy, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\chi_{(0,f(y))}(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \in (0, f(y)) \\ 0, & \text{if } x \notin (0, f(y)). \end{cases}$$

But  $M = \{(x, y) : x > 0, 0 < y < S(x)\}$  where  $S(x) = \inf\{y : f(y) \leq x\}$ . Therefore, the right hand side of (4) is equal to

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} & (q^2/p) \int_0^\infty x^{q-1} dx \int_{(0,S(x))} g(y)^{q/p-1} w(y) dy \\ &= (q^2/p) \int_0^\infty x^{q-1} dx \int_0^{S(x)} \left( \int_0^y w(t) dt \right)^{q/p-1} d \left( \int_0^y w(t) dt \right) = q \int_0^\infty x^{q-1} g(S(x))^{q/p} dx. \end{aligned}$$

But

$$(6) \quad f_w(x) = w(\{y : f(y) > x\}) = \int_{\{y : f(y) > x\}} w(y) dy = \int_0^{S(x)} w(y) dy = g(S(x)).$$

So that, from (5) and (6) we obtain

$$\|f\|_{L^{p,q}(w)}^q = q \int_0^\infty x^{q-1} f_w(x)^{q/p} dx = (q/p) \int_0^\infty f(x)^q g(x)^{q/p-1} w(x) dx.$$

This completes the proof of the lemma.

Now, we state and prove the weighted Lorentz inequality for the  $K$ -operator for  $1 < s < r \leq q < \infty$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ .

**THEOREM 2.** Suppose  $1 < s < r \leq q < \infty$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ . Define

$$(Kf)(x) = \int_0^\infty k(x, y) f(y) dy,$$

$0 \leq k(x, y) \leq Ch(y)$ , for  $x, y$  on  $\mathbf{R}^+$ , so that there exists a sequence  $\{x_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$  satisfying

$$\int_0^\infty k(x_j, t) f(t) dt = 2^{-j},$$

for all  $f(x) \geq 0$  with  $\|f\|_{L^{r,s}(v)} < \infty$ . If  $w, v$  are non-negative weight functions on  $\mathbf{R}^+$ , then

$$(7) \quad \|Kf\|_{L^{p,q}(w)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{r,s}(v)},$$

implies

$$(8) \quad \sup_{x>0} \left( \int_0^x w(t) dt \right)^{1/p} \|k(x, \cdot)/v\|_{L^{r', s'}(v)} = C < \infty .$$

Conversely, the condition

$$(9) \quad \sup_{x>0} \left( \int_0^x w(t) dt \right)^{1/p} \|h/v\|_{L^{r', s'}(k(x, \cdot)v/h)} = C < \infty$$

implies (7).

PROOF. Let us prove (7) implies (8). Let  $f$  be a non-negative function. Then

$$(Kf)_w(\xi) = \int_{\{t \in (0, \infty) : (Kf)(t) > \xi\}} w(t) dt \geq \int_{\{t \in (0, x) : (Kf)(t) > \xi\}} w(t) dt$$

which implies

$$(10) \quad (Kf)_w(\xi) \geq \int_0^x w(t) dt , \quad \text{for } 0 < \xi < (Kf)(x) .$$

Inequalities (7) and (10) together with Lemma 1 yield

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{L^{r, s}(v)} &\geq C^{-1} \|Kf\|_{L^{p, q}(w)} = C^{-1} \left[ \int_0^\infty q t^{q-1} (Kf)_w^{q/p}(t) dt \right]^{1/q} \\ &\geq C^{-1} \left[ \int_0^{(Kf)(x)} \left( \int_0^x w(t) dt \right)^{q/p} q t^{q-1} dt \right]^{1/q} \\ &= C^{-1} \left( \int_0^x w(t) dt \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_0^\infty (k(x, t)/v(t)) f(t) v(t) dt \right) . \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\sup_{x>0} \left( \int_0^x w(t) dt \right)^{1/p} \|k(x, \cdot)/v\|_{L^{r', s'}(v)} = C < \infty ,$$

which proves that (7) implies (8).

Conversely, fix  $f \geq 0$  in  $L^{r, s}(v)$ ,  $s \leq r$  and choose  $\{x_j\}$  such that

$$(Kf)(x_j) = \int_0^\infty k(x_j, t) f(t) dt = 2^{-j}$$

for all  $j \in \mathbf{Z}$ . Then,  $\{x_j\}_{j \in \mathbf{Z}}$  is an increasing sequence of positive numbers (note that  $(Kf)(x)$  is decreasing)

$$2^{-(j+1)} = 2^{-j} - 2^{-(j+1)} = (Kf)(x_j) - (Kf)(x_{j+1}) = \int_0^\infty (k(x_j, t) - k(x_{j+1}, t)) f(t) dt .$$

By Hölder's inequality and Lemma 1 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (11) \quad \|Kf\|_{L^{p,q}(w)}^q &= (q/p) \sum_j \int_{x_{j-1}}^{x_j} (Kf)^q(x) g(x)^{q/p-1} w(x) dx \\
 &\leq (q/p) \sum_j (Kf)^q(x_{j-1}) \int_0^{x_j} g(x)^{q/p-1} w(x) dx \\
 &= 2^{2q} \sum_j \left( \int_0^{x_j} w(x) dx \right)^{q/p} \left\{ \int_0^\infty [k(x_j, t) - k(x_{j+1}, t)] (h(t)/v(t)) (v(t)/h(t)) f(t) dt \right\}^q \\
 &\leq 2^{2q} \sum_j \left( \int_0^{x_j} w(x) dx \right)^{q/p} \|h/v\|_{L^{r',s'}((k(x_j,\cdot)-k(x_{j+1},\cdot))v/h)}^q \|f\|_{L^{r,s}((k(x_j,\cdot)-k(x_{j+1},\cdot))v/h)}^q.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $k(x_j, x) - k(x_{j+1}, x) \leq k(x_j, x)$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\|h/v\|_{L^{r',s'}((k(x_j,\cdot)-k(x_{j+1},\cdot))v/h)} \\
 &\leq \left[ \int_0^\infty s' t^{s'-1} \left( \int_{\{x \in (0, \infty) : (h(x)/v(x)) > t\}} (k(x_j, x)/h(x)) v(x) dx \right)^{s'/r'} dt \right]^{1/s'} = \|h/v\|_{L^{r',s'}(k(x_j,\cdot)v/h)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

From this estimate, (9) and Minkowski's inequality the previous inequality (11) shows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|Kf\|_{L^{p,q}(w)}^q &\leq C \sum_j \|f\|_{L^{r,s}((k(x_j,\cdot)-k(x_{j+1},\cdot))v/h)}^q \\
 &= C \sum_j \left[ \int_0^\infty st^{s-1} \left( \int_{\{x \in (0, \infty) : f(x) > t\}} (k(x_j, x) - k(x_{j+1}, x)) (v(x)/h(x)) dx \right)^{s/r} dt \right]^{q/s} \\
 &\leq C \left[ \sum_j \left[ \int_0^\infty st^{s-1} \left( \int_{\{x \in (0, \infty) : f(x) > t\}} (k(x_j, x) - k(x_{j+1}, x)) (v(x)/h(x)) dx \right)^{s/r} dt \right]^{r/s} \right]^{q/r} \\
 &\leq C \left[ \int_0^\infty st^{s-1} \left( \int_{\{x \in \mathbf{R}^+ : f(x) > t\}} \sum_j (k(x_j, x) - k(x_{j+1}, x)) (v(x)/h(x)) dx \right)^{s/r} dt \right]^{q/s} \\
 &\leq C \left[ \int_0^\infty st^{s-1} \left( \int_{\{x \in \mathbf{R}^+ : f(x) > t\}} v(x) dx \right)^{s/r} dt \right]^{q/s} = C \|f\|_{L^{r,s}(v)}^q,
 \end{aligned}$$

where the second, the third and the last inequalities follow from  $r \leq q$ , Minkowski's inequality and

$$\sum_j (k(x_j, x) - k(x_{j+1}, x)) \leq Ch(x),$$

respectively. This completes the proof of the theorem.

We now state and prove the 2-dimensional weighted Lebesgue inequality for the  $K$ -operator for  $1 < p \leq q < \infty$ .

**THEOREM 3.** Suppose  $1 < p \leq q < \infty$  and that  $k(x, y) = \prod_{i=1}^2 k_i(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $h(x) = \prod_{i=1}^2 h_i(x_i)$ ,  $0 \leq k_i(x_i, y_i) \leq Ch_i(y_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . Define

$$(Kf)(x) = \int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} k(x, y)f(y)dy,$$

so that there exists a sequence  $\{x_j\}_{j \in \mathbf{Z}}$  satisfying

$$\int_0^\infty k_1(x_j, y_1)(K_2 f)(y_1, x_2)dy_1 = 2^{-j}, \quad \int_0^\infty k_2(x_j, y_2)f(y_1, y_2)dy_2 = 2^{-j}$$

where

$$(K_2 f)(y_1, x_2) = \int_0^\infty k_2(x_2, y_2)f(y_1, y_2)dy_2$$

for all  $f(y_1, y_2) \geq 0$  with  $(\int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} w(x)f(x)^p dx)^{1/p} < \infty$ . Suppose further that  $w(x) = w(x_1, x_2)$  is a non-negative function defined on  $\mathbf{R}_+^2$  and satisfies

$$(12) \quad \sup_{s>0} \left( \int_0^s w(x_1, x_2)^{q/p} dx_i \right)^{1/q} \left( \int_0^\infty k_i(s, x_i)h_i^{p'/p}(x_i)w(x_1, x_2)^{1-p'} dx_i \right) = C < \infty$$

for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then

$$(13) \quad \left( \int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} w(x)^{q/p}(Kf)^q(x)dx \right)^{1/q} \leq C \left( \int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} w(x)f(x)^p dx \right)^{1/p}.$$

**PROOF.** Suppose first that (12) holds. Then

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} w(x)^{q/p}(Kf)^q(x)dx &= \int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} w(x)^{q/p} \left[ \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty k_1(x_1, y_1)k_2(x_2, y_2)f(y_1, y_2)dy_2 dy_1 \right]^q dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} w(x)^{q/p} \left[ \int_0^\infty k_1(x_1, y_1) \left( \int_0^\infty k_2(x_2, y_2)f(y_1, y_2)dy_2 \right) dy_1 \right]^q dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} w(x)^{q/p} \left[ \int_0^\infty k_1(x_1, y_1)(K_2 f)(y_1, x_2)dy_1 \right]^q dx, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(K_2 f)(y_1, x_2) = \int_0^\infty k_2(x_2, y_2)f(y_1, y_2)dy_2.$$

Now, fix  $f \geq 0$  in  $L_w^p(\mathbf{R}_+^2)$  and a positive increasing sequence  $\{x_j\}_{j \in \mathbf{Z}}$  and define

$$\int_0^\infty k_1(x_j, y_1)(K_2 f)(y_1, x_2)dy_1 = 2^{-j}.$$

Then

$$(15) \quad 2^{-(j+1)} = 2^{-j} - 2^{-(j+1)} = \int_0^\infty (k_1(x_j, y_1) - k_1(x_{j+1}, y_1))(K_2 f)(y_1, x_2) dy_1 .$$

By combining (14) and (15) one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} w(x)^{q/p} (Kf)^q(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty \sum_j \left( \int_{x_{j-1}}^{x_j} w^{q/p}(x_1, x_2) \left[ \int_0^\infty k_1(x_1, y_1) (K_2 f)(y_1, x_2) dy_1 \right]^q dx_1 \right) dx_2 \\ &\leq \int_0^\infty \left( \sum_j \left[ \int_0^\infty k_1(x_{j-1}, y_1) (K_2 f)(y_1, x_2) dy_1 \right]^q \int_{x_{j-1}}^{x_j} w^{q/p}(x_1, x_2) dx_1 \right) dx_2 \\ &\leq 2^{2q} \int_0^\infty \sum_j \left( \int_0^{x_j} w^{q/p}(x_1, x_2) dx_1 \right) \left( \int_0^\infty [k_1(x_j, y_1) - k_1(x_{j+1}, y_1)] \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. (h_1^{1/p}(y_1)/w(y_1, x_2)) ((K_2 f)(y_1, x_2)/h_1^{1/p}(y_1)) w(y_1, x_2) dy_1 \right)^q dx_2 . \end{aligned}$$

Hölder's inequality is applied to the second integral of the previous integral and one gets

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} w(x)^{q/p} (Kf)^q(x) dx \leq 2^{2q} \int_0^\infty \sum_j \left( \int_0^{x_j} w^{q/p}(x_1, x_2) dx_1 \right) \\ & \quad \times \left[ \int_0^\infty [k_1(x_j, y_1) - k_1(x_{j+1}, y_1)] (h_1^{1/p}(y_1)/w(y_1, x_2))^{p'} w(y_1, x_2) dy_1 \right]^{q/p'} \\ & \quad \times \left[ \int_0^\infty [k_1(x_j, y_1) - k_1(x_{j+1}, y_1)] ((K_2 f)(y_1, x_2)/h_1^{1/p}(y_1))^p w(y_1, x_2) dy_1 \right]^{q/p} dx_2 . \end{aligned}$$

Again since  $k_1(x_j, y_1) - k_1(x_{j+1}, y_1) \leq k_1(x_j, y_1)$  and on applying (12)

$$\sup_{s>0} \left( \int_0^s w^{q/p} w(x_1, x_2) dx_1 \right)^{1/q} \left( \int_0^\infty k_1(s, y_1) h_1(y_1)^{p'/p} w(y_1, x_2)^{1-p'} dy_1 \right)^{1/p'} \leq C ,$$

for fixed  $x_2$  one gets

$$\begin{aligned} (16) \quad & \int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} w(x)^{q/p} (Kf)^q(x) dx \leq C \int_0^\infty \left[ \int_0^\infty \left[ \sum_j (k_1(x_j, y_1) - k_1(x_{j+1}, y_1)) \right] \right. \\ & \quad \times \left. ((K_2 f)(y_1, x_2)/h_1^{1/p}(y_1))^p w(y_1, x_2) dy_1 \right]^{q/p} dx_2 \\ & \leq C \int_0^\infty \left[ \int_0^\infty (K_2 f)^p(y_1, x_2) dy_1 \right]^{q/p} dx_2 , \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from

$$\sum_j (k_1(x_j, y_1) - k_1(x_{j+1}, y_1)) \leq C h_1(y_1).$$

Again choose a positive increasing sequence  $\{x_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$  such that

$$\int_0^\infty k_2(x_j, y_2) f(y_1, y_2) dy_2 = 2^{-j}.$$

Then

$$2^{-(j+1)} = \int_0^\infty [k_2(x_j, y_2) - k_2(x_{j+1}, y_2)] f(y_1, y_2) dy_2.$$

By Minkowski's inequality for  $p \leq q$  applied to the last integral of (16) and on proceeding as in the beginning of the proof we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} w(x)^{q/p} (Kf)^q(x) dx &\leq C \left( \int_0^\infty \left( \int_0^\infty (K_2 f)^q(y_1, x_2) w^{q/p}(y_1, x_2) dx_2 \right)^{p/q} dy_1 \right)^{q/p} \\ &= C \left( \int_0^\infty \left[ \sum_j \int_{x_{j-1}}^{x_j} \left[ \int_0^\infty k_2(x_2, y_2) f(y_1, y_2) dy_2 \right]^q w^{q/p}(y_1, x_2) dx_2 \right]^{p/q} dy_1 \right)^{q/p} \\ &\leq C 2^{2q} \left( \int_0^\infty \left[ \sum_j \left[ \int_0^\infty [k_2(x_j, y_2) - k_2(x_{j+1}, y_2)] (h_2^{1/p}(y_2)/w(y_1, y_2)) \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \times (f(y_1, y_2)/h_2^{1/p}(y_2)) w(y_1, y_2) dy_2 \left. \right]^q \left( \int_0^{x_j} w^{q/p}(y_1, x_2) dx_2 \right) \left. \right]^{p/q} dy_1 \right)^{q/p}. \end{aligned}$$

Next, from Hölder's inequality, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (17) \quad \int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} w(x)^{q/p} (Kf)^q(x) dx &\leq C \left[ \int_0^\infty \left[ \sum_j \left( \int_0^{x_j} w^{q/p}(y_1, x_2) dx_2 \right) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \left. \left[ \int_0^\infty [k_2(x_j, y_2) - k_2(x_{j+1}, y_2)] (h_2^{1/p}(y_2)/w(y_1, y_2))^{p'} w(y_1, y_2) dy_2 \right]^{q/p'} \right]^{q/p'} \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \left[ \int_0^\infty [k_2(x_j, y_2) - k_2(x_{j+1}, y_2)] (f(y_1, y_2)/h_2^{1/p}(y_2))^p w(y_1, y_2) dy_2 \right]^{q/p} \right]^{p/q} dy_1 \Bigg]^{q/p} \\ &\leq C \left[ \int_0^\infty \left[ \sum_j \left( \int_0^{x_j} w^{q/p}(y_1, x_2) dx_2 \right) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \left. \left[ \int_0^\infty [k_2(x_j, y_2) - k_2(x_{j+1}, y_2)] (f(y_1, y_2)/h_2^{1/p}(y_2))^p w(y_1, y_2) dy_2 \right]^{q/p} \right]^{p/q} dy_1 \right]^{q/p}. \end{aligned}$$

Here, we used  $k_2(x_j, y_2) - k_2(x_{j+1}, y_2) \leq k_2(x_j, y_2)$  in the second integral of the last

inequality.

On applying (12),

$$\sup_{s>0} \left( \int_0^s w^{q/p}(y_1, x_2) dx_2 \right)^{1/q} \left( \int_0^\infty k_2(s, y_2) h_2^{p'/p}(y_2) w^{1-p'}(y_1, y_2) dy_2 \right)^{1/p'} \leq C,$$

for fixed  $y_1$  and

$$\sum_j [k_2(x_j, y_2) - k_2(x_{j+1}, y_2)] \leq h_2(y_2)$$

to the above inequality (17) one obtains

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} w(x)^{q/p} (Kf)^q(x) dx \leq C \left( \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty w(y_1, y_2) f^p(y_1, y_2) dy_2 dy_1 \right)^{q/p} = C \left( \int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} w(x) f(x)^p dx \right)^{q/p},$$

which proves the theorem.

Here, we apply Theorems 2 and 3 to the Laplace transforms

$$(18) \quad (Lf)(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-xt} f(t) dt, \quad x > 0$$

and

$$(19) \quad (Lf)(x) = \int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} e^{-\langle x, y \rangle} f(y) dy, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}_+^2,$$

respectively, where  $\langle x, y \rangle = x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2$ ,  $x_i, y_i \in \mathbf{R}_+$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , complementing those results obtained in [1], [3].

**THEOREM 4.** Suppose  $1 < s < r \leq q < \infty$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$ . If  $w, v$  are non-negative weight functions on  $\mathbf{R}^+$ , then

$$(20) \quad \|Lf\|_{L^{p,q}(w)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{r,s}(v)}, \quad \text{for all } f \geq 0$$

implies

$$\sup_{x>0} \left( \int_0^x w(t) dt \right)^{1/p} \|e^{-x \cdot} / v\|_{L^{r',s'}(v)} = C < \infty.$$

Conversely, the condition

$$\sup_{x>0} \left( \int_0^x w(t) dt \right)^{1/p} \|1/v\|_{L^{r',s'}(e^{-x \cdot} v)} = C < \infty$$

implies (20).

The proof follows from Theorem 2 and (18) with  $K=L$ .

**THEOREM 5.** Suppose  $1 < p \leq q < \infty$ . If  $w$  and  $v$  are non-negative weights and satisfy

$$\sup_{s>0} \left( \int_0^s w(x_1, x_2)^{q/p} dx_i \right)^{1/q} \left( \int_0^\infty e^{-sx_i} w(x_1, x_2)^{1-p'} dx_i \right)^{1/p'} = C < \infty ,$$

$i=1, 2$ . Then,

$$\left( \int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} w(x)^{q/p} (Lf)^q(x) dx \right)^{1/q} \leq C \left( \int_{\mathbf{R}_+^2} w(x) f(x)^p dx \right)^{1/p} .$$

Again, the proof follows from (19) and Theorem 3 with  $K=L$ .

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