

On two-weight norm estimates for multilinear fractional maximal function

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Abstract. We prove some Sawyer-type characterizations for multilinear fractional maximal function for the upper triangle case. We also provide some two-weight norm estimates for this operator. As one of the main tools, we use an extension of the usual Carleson Embedding that is an analogue of the P. L. Duren extension of the Carleson Embedding for measures.

1. Introduction.

All over the text, \mathbb{R}^n will be the n -dimensional real Euclidean space; all the cubes considered are non-degenerate with sides parallel to the coordinate axes and we denote by \mathcal{Q} the set of all these cubes. If Q is a cube, then we denote by $|Q|$ its Lebesgue measure. When ω is a weight on \mathbb{R}^n , we write $\omega(Q) := \int_Q \omega(x) dx$. Given an exponent $1 < p < \infty$, we denote by p' its conjugate; that is $pp' = p + p'$. We recall that a function f belongs to the weighted space $L^p(\sigma)$ if

$$\|f\|_{p,\sigma} := \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(t)|^p \sigma(t) dt \right)^{1/p} < \infty.$$

We use the notation $\|T\|_{L^p(\sigma) \rightarrow L^q(\omega)}$ for the norm of T as operator acting from $L^p(\sigma)$ to $L^q(\omega)$.

An important question in modern harmonic analysis is given an operator T , determine the pairs of weights (ω, σ) such that

$$\|Tf\|_{p,\omega} \leq C(\omega, \sigma) \|f\|_{p,\sigma} \tag{1.1}$$

or more generally,

$$\|Tf\|_{q,\omega} \leq C(\omega, \sigma) \|f\|_{p,\sigma}. \tag{1.2}$$

When T is the Hardy–Littlewood maximal operator M , a complete answer to the above question was provided in the case $\omega = \sigma$ by Muckenhoupt [25] who proved that (1.1) holds for M if and only if σ satisfies the so-called A_p condition. That is

$$[\sigma]_{A_p} := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \sigma \right) \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \sigma^{1-p'} \right)^{p-1} < \infty. \tag{1.3}$$

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Note however that this question in its general form is difficult.

Recall that the fractional maximal function is defined by

$$M_\alpha f(x) := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \frac{\chi_Q(x)}{|Q|^{1-\alpha/n}} \int_Q |f(y)| dy \quad (1.4)$$

provided $0 \leq \alpha < n$. When $\alpha = 0$, this is just the Hardy–Littlewood maximal function. Muckenhoupt and Wheeden [26] proved that for $1 < p < n/\alpha$, and $1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$, M_α is bounded from $L^p(\sigma^p)$ to $L^q(\sigma^q)$ if and only if

$$[\sigma]_{A_{p,q}} := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \sigma^q \right)^{1/q} \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \sigma^{-p'} \right)^{1/p'} < \infty.$$

In [30], E. Sawyer provided a general criterium for the maximal function to be bounded from $L^p(\sigma)$ to $L^q(\omega)$, $1 < p \leq q < \infty$. He proved that M_α is bounded from $L^p(\sigma)$ to $L^q(\omega)$ if and only if

$$[\sigma, \omega]_{S_{p,q,\alpha}} := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \left(\frac{\int_Q (M_\alpha(\sigma \chi_Q)(x))^q \omega(x) dx}{(\sigma(Q))^{q/p}} \right)^{1/q} < \infty \quad (1.5)$$

(see [23] for the norm estimate). Condition (1.5) is usually called Sawyer’s condition or characterization.

We are interested in the multilinear analogues of the maximal operators above. For m a given positive integer, the multilinear fractional maximal function is defined by

$$\mathcal{M}_\alpha \vec{f}(x) := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} |Q|^{\alpha/n} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{\chi_Q(x)}{|Q|} \int_Q |f_i(y)| dy$$

provided $0 \leq \alpha < mn$. Here $\vec{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$ where the f_i s are measurable functions. When $\alpha = 0$, $\mathcal{M}_0 = \mathcal{M}$ is the multilinear Hardy–Littlewood maximal function. Note that these operators are related to multilinear Calderón–Zygmund theory and the study of multilinear fractional integral operators [9], [10], [11], [12], [15], [18], [24]. In this work, we prove a Sawyer-type characterization for the multilinear fractional maximal function defined above. We also provide some norm estimates for this operator. We note that the multilinear analogues of B. Muckenhoupt and Muckenhoupt–Wheeden results recalled above are given in [18] and [24] respectively.

2. Statement of the results.

2.1. Sawyer-type characterizations.

One of our interests in this work is the extension of Sawyer result to the multilinear setting. In [2] and [22], the authors dealt with this question for $\alpha = 0$ but under the assumption that the weights satisfy a kind of reverse Hölder inequality and monotone property respectively. Li and Sun [21] managed to extend the Sawyer characterization for the boundedness of \mathcal{M}_α from $L^{p_1}(\sigma_1) \times \dots \times L^{p_m}(\sigma_m)$ to $L^q(\omega)$ for $\max\{p_1, \dots, p_m\} \leq q < \infty$. They proved the following.

THEOREM 2.1. *Given a nonnegative integer m , and $1 < p_1, \dots, p_m < \infty$; suppose that $0 \leq \alpha < mn$, and $\max\{p_1, \dots, p_m\} \leq q < \infty$. Let $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_m$ and v be weights and put $\sigma_i = \omega_i^{1-p'_i}$, $i = 1, \dots, m$. Define*

$$[\vec{\omega}, v]_{S_{\vec{p}, q}} := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \frac{\left(\int_Q (\mathcal{M}_\alpha(\sigma_1 \chi_Q, \dots, \sigma_m \chi_Q))(x)^q v(x) dx \right)^{1/q}}{\prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i(Q)^{1/p_i}}.$$

Then \mathcal{M}_α is bounded from $L^{p_1}(\omega_1) \times \dots \times L^{p_m}(\omega_m)$ to $L^q(v)$ if and only if $[\vec{\omega}, v]_{S_{\vec{p}, q}}$ is finite. Moreover,

$$\|\mathcal{M}_\alpha\|_{(\prod_{i=1}^m L^{p_i}(\omega_i)) \rightarrow L^q(v)} \simeq [\vec{\omega}, v]_{S_{\vec{p}, q}}.$$

The condition $[\vec{\omega}, v]_{S_{\vec{p}, q}} < \infty$ is necessary in general but the assumption $q \geq \max\{p_1, \dots, p_m\}$ makes the result above restrictive. One might be interested in knowing if it is possible to remove this assumption and may be replace it by $q \geq p$, with $1/p = 1/p_1 + \dots + 1/p_m$. Before going ahead on this question, let us state our first result which provides a general sufficient condition.

PROPOSITION 2.2. *Given a nonnegative integer m , $1 < p_1, \dots, p_m < \infty$. Suppose that $0 \leq \alpha < mn$, $1/p = 1/p_1 + \dots + 1/p_m$ and $p \leq q < \infty$. Let $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_m$ and v be weights and put $\sigma_i = \omega_i^{1-p'_i}$, $i = 1, \dots, m$ and $\nu_{\vec{\omega}} = \prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i^{p/p_i}$. Define*

$$[\nu_{\vec{\omega}}, v]_{S_{\vec{p}, q}} := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \frac{\left(\int_Q (\mathcal{M}_\alpha(\sigma_1 \chi_Q, \dots, \sigma_m \chi_Q))(x)^q v(x) dx \right)^{1/q}}{(\nu_{\vec{\omega}}(Q))^{1/p}}.$$

Then \mathcal{M}_α is bounded from $L^{p_1}(\omega_1) \times \dots \times L^{p_m}(\omega_m)$ to $L^q(v)$ if $[\nu_{\vec{\omega}}, v]_{S_{\vec{p}, q}}$ is finite. Moreover,

$$\|\mathcal{M}_\alpha\|_{(\prod_{i=1}^m L^{p_i}(\omega_i)) \rightarrow L^q(v)} \lesssim [\nu_{\vec{\omega}}, v]_{S_{\vec{p}, q}}.$$

It comes that if the weight ω_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ are such that for any cube $Q \in \mathcal{Q}$,

$$\prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i(Q)^{p/p_i} = \prod_{i=1}^m \left(\int_Q \sigma_i(x) dx \right)^{p/p_i} \lesssim \int_Q \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i^{p/p_i} \right) (x) dx = \nu_{\vec{\omega}}(Q), \quad (2.1)$$

then the equivalence $[\nu_{\vec{\omega}}, v]_{S_{\vec{p}, q}} \simeq [\vec{\omega}, v]_{S_{\vec{p}, q}}$ holds and consequently, Theorem 2.1 holds without the restriction $q \geq \max\{p_1, \dots, p_m\}$ but with this time $p \leq q$. That is the following holds.

THEOREM 2.3. *Given a nonnegative integer m , $1 < p_1, \dots, p_m < \infty$. Suppose that $0 \leq \alpha < mn$, $1/p = 1/p_1 + \dots + 1/p_m$ and $p \leq q < \infty$. Let $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_m$ and v be weights and put $\sigma_i = \omega_i^{1-p'_i}$, $i = 1, \dots, m$. Suppose that the weights σ_i , $i = 1, \dots, m$ are such that (2.1) holds, and define*

$$[\nu_{\vec{\omega}}, v]_{S_{\vec{F}, q}} = \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \frac{\left(\int_Q (\mathcal{M}_\alpha(\sigma_1 \chi_Q, \dots, \sigma_m \chi_Q)(x))^q v(x) dx \right)^{1/q}}{\prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i(Q)^{1/p_i}}.$$

Then \mathcal{M}_α is bounded from $L^{p_1}(\omega_1) \times \dots \times L^{p_m}(\omega_m)$ to $L^q(v)$ if and only if $[\nu_{\vec{\omega}}, v]_{S_{\vec{F}, q}}$ is finite. Moreover,

$$[\nu_{\vec{\omega}}, v]_{S_{\vec{F}, q}} \lesssim \|\mathcal{M}_\alpha\|_{(\prod_{i=1}^m L^{p_i}(\omega_i)) \rightarrow L^q(v)} \lesssim [\vec{\omega}]_{RH_{\vec{F}}}^{1/p} [\nu_{\vec{\omega}}, v]_{S_{\vec{F}, q}}.$$

Condition (2.1) was used and named reverse Hölder inequality $RH_{\vec{F}}$ in [2], [3]. The constant $[\vec{\omega}]_{RH_{\vec{F}}}$ in the above theorem is the best constant in (2.1). In [2], the authors obtained Theorem 2.3 for $\alpha = 0$ and $p = q$, but it is hard to provide examples of family of weights for which (2.1) holds. Nevertheless one can check that for $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \dots = \sigma_m = \sigma$, we have the inequality (2.1) and in this case, the following result.

COROLLARY 2.4. *Given a nonnegative integer m , $1 < p_1, \dots, p_m < \infty$. Suppose that $0 \leq \alpha < mn$, $1/p = 1/p_1 + \dots + 1/p_m$ and $p \leq q < \infty$. Let σ and ω be weights. Define*

$$[\sigma, \omega]_{S_{\vec{F}, q}} = \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \frac{\left(\int_Q (\mathcal{M}_\alpha(\sigma \chi_Q, \dots, \sigma \chi_Q)(x))^q \omega(x) dx \right)^{1/q}}{\sigma(Q)^{1/p}}.$$

Then \mathcal{M}_α is bounded from $L^{p_1}(\sigma^{-p_1/p'_1}) \times \dots \times L^{p_m}(\sigma^{-p_m/p'_m})$ to $L^q(\omega)$ if and only if $[\sigma, \omega]_{S_{\vec{F}, q}}$ is finite. Moreover,

$$\|\mathcal{M}_\alpha\|_{(\prod_{i=1}^m L^{p_i}(\sigma^{-p_i/p'_i})) \rightarrow L^q(\omega)} \simeq [\sigma, \omega]_{S_{\vec{F}, q}}.$$

Recall that the \mathcal{A}_∞ class of Hrušev ([13]) consists of weights ω satisfying

$$[\omega]_{\mathcal{A}_\infty} := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \omega \right) \exp \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \log \omega^{-1} \right) < \infty. \quad (2.2)$$

It is easy to check that for $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m \in \mathcal{A}_\infty$, and for any cube Q ,

$$\prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i(Q)^{p/p_i} \lesssim \left(\prod_{i=1}^m [\sigma_i]_{\mathcal{A}_\infty} \right) \int_Q \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i^{p/p_i} \right) (x) dx$$

(see [31]). It follows that we also have the following result.

COROLLARY 2.5. *Given a nonnegative integer m , $1 < p_1, \dots, p_m < \infty$. Suppose that $0 \leq \alpha < mn$, $1/p = 1/p_1 + \dots + 1/p_m$ and $p \leq q < \infty$. Let $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_m$ and v be weights and put $\sigma_i = \omega_i^{1-p'_i}$, $i = 1, \dots, m$. Suppose that the weights σ_i , $i = 1, \dots, m$ are in the class \mathcal{A}_∞ and define*

$$[\vec{\omega}, v]_{S_{\vec{F}, q}} = \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \frac{\left(\int_Q (\mathcal{M}_\alpha(\sigma_1 \chi_Q, \dots, \sigma_m \chi_Q)(x))^q v(x) dx \right)^{1/q}}{\prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i(Q)^{1/p_i}}.$$

Then \mathcal{M}_α is bounded from $L^{p_1}(\omega_1) \times \cdots \times L^{p_m}(\omega_m)$ to $L^q(v)$ if and only if $[\vec{\omega}, v]_{S_{\vec{p}, q}}$ is finite. Moreover,

$$[\vec{\omega}, v]_{S_{\vec{p}, q}} \lesssim \|\mathcal{M}_\alpha\|_{(\prod_{i=1}^m L^{p_i}(\omega_i)) \rightarrow L^q(v)} \lesssim \left(\prod_{i=1}^m [\sigma_i]_{\mathcal{A}_\infty} \right)^{1/p} [\vec{\omega}, v]_{S_{\vec{p}, q}}.$$

To prove Proposition 2.2, one first need to observe that the matter can be reduced to the associated dyadic maximal function. We then use an approach that can be traced back to [30] and has been simplified in [4], it consists in discretizing the integral $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (\mathcal{M}_{d, \alpha}(f)(x))^q \omega(x) dx$ where $\mathcal{M}_{d, \alpha}$ stands for the multilinear dyadic fractional maximal function, using appropriate level sets and their decomposition into disjoint dyadic cubes. In the linear case (i.e. when $m = 1$), one then uses an interpolation approach to get the embedding (see [4], [21]). This method still works in the multilinear case under further restrictions on the exponents that allow one to reduce the matter to a linear case and this is what happens exactly in the proof of Theorem 2.1 in [21]. It is not clear how this can be done in general in the multilinear setting for the upper triangle case ($p < q$). To overcome this difficulty, we just extend the techniques used for the diagonal case ($p = q$) which reduce the matter to a Carleson embedding (see [2]). More precisely, we use the following extension of the usual Carleson embedding and its multilinear analogue.

THEOREM 2.6. *Let σ be a weight on \mathbb{R}^n and $\alpha \geq 1$. Assume $\{\lambda_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ is a sequence of positive numbers indexed over the set of dyadic cubes \mathcal{D} in \mathbb{R}^n . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (i) *There exists some constant $A > 0$ such that for any cube $R \in \mathcal{D}$,*

$$\sum_{Q \subseteq R, Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q \leq A(\sigma(R))^\alpha.$$

- (ii) *There exists a constant $B > 0$ such that for all $p \in (1, \infty)$,*

$$\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q |m_\sigma(f, Q)|^{p\alpha} \leq B \|f\|_{p, \sigma}^{p\alpha},$$

where $m_\sigma(f, Q) = (1/\sigma(Q)) \int_Q f(t) \sigma(t) dt$.

The above theorem for $\alpha = 1$ is the usual Carleson Embedding Theorem (see [14], [28]). The case $\alpha > 1$ is new and can be viewed as an analogue of P. L. Duren extension of Carleson embedding theorem for measures [7]. The proof of Theorem 2.1 is also simplified when combining the main idea of [21] and the extension of the Carleson embedding. For the proof of Proposition 2.2, we will use a multilinear analogue of the above embedding.

2.2. Some norm estimates.

Our other interest in this paper is to provide sufficient conditions for \mathcal{M}_α to be bounded from $L^{p_1}(\sigma_1) \times \cdots \times L^{p_m}(\sigma_m)$ to $L^q(\omega)$. Usually, one expects conditions that have a form close to the A_p characteristic of Muckenhoupt. This question is quite interesting in this research area as it is related to the same type of questions for singular operators

and some questions arising from PDEs (see [5], [12], [24], [26], [27] and the references therein). Before going ahead on this question, we need more definitions and notations.

Given two weights ω and σ , we say they satisfy the joint A_p condition for $1 < p < \infty$ if

$$[\omega, \sigma]_{A_p} := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \frac{\omega(Q)\sigma(Q)^{p-1}}{|Q|^p} < \infty. \quad (2.3)$$

Note that when $\sigma = \omega^{-1/(p-1)}$, this is just the definition of the A_p class of Muckenhoupt. A new class of weights was recently introduced by Hytönen and Pérez [14] and consists of pair of weights satisfying the condition

$$[\omega, \sigma]_{B_p} := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \frac{\omega(Q)\sigma(Q)^p}{|Q|^{p+1}} \exp\left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \log \sigma^{-1}\right) < \infty. \quad (2.4)$$

We recall the definition of the A_∞ class of Fujii–Wilson ([8], [16], [32], [33], [34]). We say a weight σ belongs to A_∞ if

$$[\sigma]_{A_\infty} := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \frac{1}{\sigma(Q)} \int_Q M(\sigma \chi_Q) < \infty. \quad (2.5)$$

Buckley [1] obtained the following estimate for the maximal operator M :

$$\|M\|_{L^p(\sigma) \rightarrow L^p(\sigma)} \leq Cp' [\sigma]_{A_p}^{1/(p-1)}. \quad (2.6)$$

This was recently improved by Hytönen and Pérez [14] as follows.

THEOREM 2.7 ([14, Theorem 1.7]). *Let $1 < p < \infty$, and σ, ω two weights. Then*

$$\|M(f\sigma)\|_{p,\omega} \leq C(n)p' ([\sigma, \omega]_{B_p})^{1/p} \|f\|_{p,\sigma} \quad (2.7)$$

and

$$\|M(f\sigma)\|_{p,\omega} \leq C(n)p' ([\sigma, \omega]_{A_p} [\sigma]_{A_\infty})^{1/p} \|f\|_{p,\sigma}. \quad (2.8)$$

Estimate (2.8) in the case $p = 2$ is actually attributed to Lerner and Ambrosi [17]. To find the corresponding estimates in the $L^p - L^q$ case, we need to introduce adapted classes of weights that generalize the above ones. For $1 < p_1, \dots, p_m, q < \infty$, $\vec{P} = (p_1, \dots, p_m)$, we say the weights $\vec{\sigma} = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m)$ and ω satisfy the joint conditions $A_{\vec{P},q}$ and $B_{\vec{P},q}$ if

$$[\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{A_{\vec{P},q}} := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \frac{\omega(Q)^{p/q} \prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i(Q)^{p/p'_i}}{|Q|^{p(m-(\alpha/n))}} < \infty \quad (2.9)$$

and

$$[\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{B_{\vec{P},q}} := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \frac{\omega(Q)^{p/q} \prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i(Q)^p}{|Q|^{p(m-(\alpha/n))+1}} \prod_{i=1}^m \left(\exp\left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \log \sigma_i^{-1}\right) \right)^{p/p'_i} < \infty. \quad (2.10)$$

One easily checks the following inequalities

$$[\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{A_{\vec{p}, q}} \leq [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{B_{\vec{p}, q}} \leq [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{A_{\vec{p}, q}} \prod_{i=1}^m [\sigma_i]_{A_\infty}^{p/p_i}.$$

Let us also introduce the multilinear A_∞ class of Chen–Damián [2]. That is the class of weights $\vec{\sigma} = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m)$ such that

$$[\vec{\sigma}]_{W_{\vec{p}}^\infty} := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \frac{\int_Q \prod_{i=1}^m M(\sigma_i \chi_Q)(x)^{p/p_i} dx}{\int_Q \prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i^{p/p_i}(x) dx} < \infty,$$

where $1/p = 1/p_1 + \dots + 1/p_m$. Our corresponding result is the following.

THEOREM 2.8. *Let $1 < p_1, \dots, p_m, q < \infty$, and $\vec{\sigma} = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m)$, ω be weights. Put $1/p = 1/p_1 + \dots + 1/p_m$ and assume that $p \leq q$. Then*

$$\|\mathcal{M}_\alpha(\sigma_1 f_1, \dots, \sigma_m f_m)\|_{q, \omega} \leq C(n, p, q) \left([\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{B_{\vec{p}, q}}\right)^{1/p} \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{p_i, \sigma_i}, \quad (2.11)$$

$$\|\mathcal{M}_\alpha(\sigma_1 f_1, \dots, \sigma_m f_m)\|_{q, \omega} \leq C(n, p, q) \left([\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{A_{\vec{p}, q}}\right)^{1/p} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m [\sigma_i]_{A_\infty}^{1/p_i}\right) \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{p_i, \sigma_i} \quad (2.12)$$

and

$$\|\mathcal{M}_\alpha(\sigma_1 f_1, \dots, \sigma_m f_m)\|_{q, \omega} \leq C(n, p, q) \left([\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{A_{\vec{p}, q}} [\vec{\sigma}]_{W_{\vec{p}}^\infty}\right)^{1/p} \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{p_i, \sigma_i}. \quad (2.13)$$

We observe that when $\alpha = 0$ and $p = q$, that is for the multilinear Hardy–Littlewood maximal function, inequalities (2.11) and (2.13) were proved in [2], while (2.12) was obtained in [6]. Sharp norm estimates of the Hardy–Littlewood maximal function and the fractional maximal function are considered in [19], [20], some of these estimates are similar to (2.12) with a modification of the power on $[\sigma_i]_{A_\infty}$. An extension of the Buckley estimate (2.6) to the multilinear maximal function is given in [6].

To prove Theorem 2.8, one first needs to observe as above that one only needs to consider the case of the dyadic maximal function. Then to estimate the norm of the dyadic maximal function, we proceed essentially as for Proposition 2.2. For some other sufficient conditions of this type, we refer the reader to the following and the references therein [2], [18], [19], [23], [24].

The paper is organized as follows, in the next section, we introduce an extension of the usual notion of Carleson sequences, and provide equivalent characterizations. In Section 4, we prove Proposition 2.2 and simplify the proof of Theorem 2.1. Theorem 2.8 is proved in the last section. Some steps in our proofs are known by the specialists but we write them down so that the reader can easily follow us.

All over the text, C will denote a constant not necessarily the same at each occurrence. We write $C(\alpha, n, \dots)$ to emphasize on the fact that our constant depends on the parameters α, n, \dots . As usual, given two positive quantities A and B , the notation

$A \lesssim B$ (resp. $B \lesssim A$) will mean that there is an universal constant $C > 0$ such that $A \leq CB$ (resp. $B \leq CA$). When $A \lesssim B$ and $B \lesssim A$, we write $A \simeq B$ and say A and B are equivalent.

3. (α, σ) -Carleson sequences.

We introduce a more general notion of Carleson sequences, provide equivalent definitions and applications.

3.1. Definitions and results.

We have the following general definition of Carleson sequences.

DEFINITION 3.1. Given a weight σ and a number $\alpha \geq 1$, a sequence of positive numbers $\{\lambda_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ indexed over the set of dyadic cubes \mathcal{D} in \mathbb{R}^n is called a (α, σ) -Carleson sequence if there exists a constant $A > 0$ such that for any cube $R \in \mathcal{D}$,

$$\sum_{Q \subseteq R} \lambda_Q \leq A(\sigma(R))^\alpha. \quad (3.1)$$

We call Carleson constant of the sequence $\{\lambda_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$, the smallest constant in the above definition and denote it by A_{Carl} when there is no ambiguity. When $\sigma \equiv 1$ and $\alpha \geq 1$, we speak of α -Carleson sequences. In particular when $\alpha = 1$, we just call them Carleson sequences as usual.

Let us introduce some notations. For $f \in L^p(\omega)$,

$$\|f\|_{p,\omega}^p := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p \omega(x) dx$$

and

$$m_\omega(f, Q) := \frac{1}{\omega(Q)} \int_Q f(x) \omega(x) dx$$

where $\omega(Q) = \int_Q \omega$. When $\omega \equiv 1$, we write $m_Q f = m(f, Q) = m_\omega(f, Q)$.

Theorem 2.6 provides an equivalent definition of (α, σ) -Carleson sequences. Here is its proof.

PROOF OF THEOREM 2.6. Let us recall that the dyadic Hardy–Littlewood maximal function with respect to the measure σ is defined by

$$M_d^\sigma f := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{\chi_Q}{\sigma(Q)} \int_Q |f| \sigma.$$

When $\sigma \equiv 1$, we write $M_d^\sigma = M_d$. We recall the estimate

$$\|M_d^\sigma f\|_{p,\sigma} \leq p' \|f\|_{p,\sigma}. \quad (3.2)$$

We will also need the following inequality.

$$\lambda^p \sigma(\{x : M_d^\sigma f(x) > \lambda\}) \leq \|M_d^\sigma f\|_{p,\sigma}^p. \quad (3.3)$$

For the implication (ii) \Rightarrow (i), we test (ii) with the function $f = \chi_R$ with $R \in \mathcal{D}$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{Q \subseteq R, Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q &\leq \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q (m_\sigma(f, Q))^{p\alpha} \\ &\leq B \|\chi_R\|_{p,\sigma}^{p\alpha} = B (\sigma(R))^\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

That is for any $R \in \mathcal{D}$

$$\sum_{Q \subseteq R, Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q \leq B (\sigma(R))^\alpha$$

which is (i).

To prove that (i) \Rightarrow (ii), it is enough by (3.2) to prove the following.

LEMMA 3.2. *Let $\{\lambda_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ and $\alpha \geq 1$. Suppose that there exists a constant $A > 0$ such that for any $R \in \mathcal{D}$,*

$$\sum_{Q \subseteq R, Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q \leq A (\sigma(R))^\alpha.$$

Then for all $p \in [1, \infty)$,

$$\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q |m_\sigma(f, Q)|^{p\alpha} \leq A\alpha \|M_d^\sigma f\|_{p,\sigma}^{p\alpha}. \quad (3.4)$$

PROOF. We can suppose that $f > 0$. As in the case of $\alpha = 1$ in [14], we read $\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q (m_\sigma(f, Q))^{p\alpha}$ as an integral over the measure space (\mathcal{D}, μ) built over the set of dyadic cubes \mathcal{D} , with μ the measure assigning to each cube $Q \in \mathcal{D}$ the measure λ_Q . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q (m_\sigma(f, Q))^{p\alpha} &= \int_0^\infty p\alpha t^{p\alpha-1} \mu(\{Q \in \mathcal{D} : m_\sigma(f, Q) > t\}) dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty p\alpha t^{p\alpha-1} \mu(\mathcal{D}_t) dt, \end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{D}_t := \{Q \in \mathcal{D} : m_\sigma(f, Q) > t\}$. Let \mathcal{D}_t^* be the set of maximal dyadic cubes R with respect to the inclusion so that $m_\sigma(f, R) > t$. Then

$$\bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{D}_t^*} R = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : M_d^\sigma f(x) > t\}.$$

It follows from the hypothesis on the sequence $\{\lambda_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ that

$$\mu(\mathcal{D}_t) = \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}_t} \lambda_Q \leq \sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}_t^*} \sum_{Q \subseteq R} \lambda_Q$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq A \sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}_t^*} (\sigma(R))^\alpha \leq A \left(\sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}_t^*} \sigma(R) \right)^\alpha \\
&\leq A (\sigma(\{M_d^\sigma f > t\}))^\alpha.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence using (3.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
S(f) &:= \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q |m_\sigma(f, Q)|^{p\alpha} \\
&\leq A \int_0^\infty p\alpha t^{p\alpha-1} (\sigma(\{M_d^\sigma f > t\}))^\alpha dt \\
&= A \int_0^\infty p\alpha t^{p-1} \sigma(\{M_d^\sigma f > t\}) (t^p \sigma(\{M_d^\sigma f > t\}))^{\alpha-1} dt \\
&\leq A\alpha \|M_d^\sigma f\|_{p,\sigma}^{p(\alpha-1)} \int_0^\infty p t^{p-1} \sigma(\{M_d^\sigma f > t\}) dt \\
&\leq A\alpha \|M_d^\sigma f\|_{p,\sigma}^{p\alpha}. \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete. □

The above theorem is clearly a generalization as taking $\alpha = 1$ we get the well known Carleson embedding result (see [14], [28]).

REMARK 3.3. As a first application, we obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for the main paraproduct to be bounded from $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ to $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ for $1 \leq p \leq 2$. Let us still denote by \mathcal{D} the set of dyadic intervals in \mathbb{R} . Recall that given a dyadic interval I , the Haar function supported by I is defined by $h_I(s) = |I|^{-1/2}(\chi_{I^+}(s) - \chi_{I^-}(s))$, where I^- and I^+ are the left and the right halves of I respectively. For $\phi \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ with finite Haar expansion, the (main) paraproduct with symbol ϕ is the operator defined on $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ by

$$\Pi_\phi b(s) := \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} \langle \phi, h_I \rangle (m_I b) h_I(s)$$

where $m_I b = (1/|I|) \int_I b(x) dx$. It is well known that the operator Π_ϕ is bounded on $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if the sequence $\{|\langle \phi, h_I \rangle|^2\}_{I \in \mathcal{D}}$ is a Carleson sequence (see [28]). The following partial extension is a direct consequence of Theorem 2.6.

COROLLARY 3.4. *Let $\phi \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ and $1 \leq p \leq 2$. Then Π_ϕ extends to a bounded operator from $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ to $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if*

$$A := \sup_{J \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{1}{|J|^{2/p}} \sum_{I \subseteq J, I \in \mathcal{D}} |\langle \phi, h_I \rangle|^2 < \infty. \quad (3.5)$$

Moreover, $\|\Pi_\phi\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R})} \simeq A$.

The higher dimensional version of the above corollary requires an adapted multi-variable version of Theorem 2.6. This will be presented elsewhere.

An alternative characterization of (α, σ) -Carleson sequences is the following.

THEOREM 3.5. *Let $N \geq 1$ be an integer, $1 < p_j < \infty$, $j = 1, \dots, N$. Assume that σ is a weight on \mathbb{R}^n , and that there are $0 < q_1, \dots, q_N < \infty$ such that $\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^N q_j/p_j \geq 1$. Then given a sequence $\{\lambda_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ of positive numbers, the following are equivalent.*

- (i) $\{\lambda_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ is a (α, σ) -Carleson sequence, that is for some constant $A > 0$ and for any cube $R \in \mathcal{D}$,

$$\sum_{Q \subseteq R, Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q \leq A(\sigma(R))^\alpha.$$

- (ii) There exists a constant $B > 0$ such that

$$\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q \prod_{j=1}^N |m_\sigma(f_j, Q)|^{q_j} \leq B \prod_{j=1}^N \|f_j\|_{p_j, \sigma}^{q_j}. \quad (3.6)$$

PROOF. To prove that (ii) \Rightarrow (i), take for $R \in \mathcal{D}$ given, $f_j = \chi_R$ for $j = 1, \dots, N$ and proceed as in the proof of Theorem 2.6. To prove that (i) \Rightarrow (ii), it is enough to prove the following lemma which might be useful in some other circumstances.

LEMMA 3.6. *Let $N \geq 1$ be an integer, $1 \leq p_j < \infty$, $j = 1, \dots, N$. Assume that σ is a weight on \mathbb{R}^n , and that $0 < q_1, \dots, q_N < \infty$ so that $\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^N q_j/p_j \geq 1$. Then if $\{\lambda_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ is a sequence of positive numbers such that there exists a constant $A > 0$ so that for any cube $R \in \mathcal{D}$,*

$$\sum_{Q \subseteq R, Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q \leq A(\sigma(R))^\alpha,$$

then

$$\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q \prod_{j=1}^N |m_\sigma(f_j, Q)|^{q_j} \lesssim A\alpha \prod_{j=1}^N \|M_d^\sigma f_j\|_{p_j, \sigma}^{q_j}. \quad (3.7)$$

PROOF. An application of Hölder's inequality and Lemma 3.2 provide

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q \prod_{j=1}^N |m_\sigma(f_j, Q)|^{q_j} &\leq \prod_{j=1}^N \left(\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q |m_\sigma(f_j, Q)|^{p_j \alpha} \right)^{q_j / (\alpha p_j)} \\ &\leq \prod_{j=1}^N \left(A\alpha \|M_d^\sigma f_j\|_{p_j, \sigma}^{p_j \alpha} \right)^{q_j / (\alpha p_j)} \\ &\lesssim A\alpha \prod_{j=1}^N \|M_d^\sigma f_j\|_{p_j, \sigma}^{q_j}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete. □

3.2. Another extension.

We end this section with the following extension of the multilinear Carleson embedding of [2].

LEMMA 3.7. *Let $N \geq 1$ be an integer, $1 < p_i, \alpha < \infty$, $i = 1, \dots, N$. Assume that σ_i , $i = 1, \dots, m$ are weights on \mathbb{R}^n , and put $\nu_{\vec{\sigma}} = \prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i^{p/p_i}$ and $1/p = 1/p_1 + \dots + 1/p_m$. Then if $\{\lambda_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ is a sequence of positive numbers such that there exists a constant $A > 0$ so that for any cube $R \in \mathcal{D}$,*

$$\sum_{Q \subseteq R, Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q \leq A(\nu_{\vec{\sigma}}(R))^\alpha,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q \left| \prod_{i=1}^N m_{\sigma_i}(f_i, Q) \right|^{p\alpha} &\leq A\alpha \|M_d^{\vec{\sigma}}(\vec{f})\|_{p, \nu_{\vec{\sigma}}}^{p\alpha} \\ &\lesssim A\alpha \prod_{i=1}^N \|M_d^{\sigma_i} f_i\|_{p_i, \sigma_i}^{p\alpha} \\ &\lesssim A\alpha \prod_{i=1}^N \|f_i\|_{p_i, \sigma_i}^{p\alpha}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

where

$$M_d^{\vec{\sigma}}(\vec{f}) = \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{\chi_Q}{\sigma_i(Q)} \int_Q |f_i| \sigma_i(x) dx,$$

$$\vec{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_m).$$

PROOF. We read $\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q \left(\prod_{i=1}^N |m_{\sigma_i}(f_i, Q)| \right)^{p\alpha}$ as an integral over the measure space (\mathcal{D}, μ) built over the set of dyadic cubes \mathcal{D} , with μ the measure assigning to each cube $Q \in \mathcal{D}$ the measure λ_Q . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} S(\vec{f}) &:= \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q \left(\prod_{i=1}^N |m_{\sigma_i}(f_i, Q)| \right)^{p\alpha} \\ &= \int_0^\infty p\alpha t^{p\alpha-1} \mu \left(\left\{ Q \in \mathcal{D} : \prod_{i=1}^N |m_{\sigma_i}(f_i, Q)| > t \right\} \right) dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty p\alpha t^{p\alpha-1} \mu(\mathcal{D}_t) dt, \end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{D}_t := \{Q \in \mathcal{D} : \prod_{i=1}^N |m_{\sigma_i}(f_i, Q)| > t\}$. Let \mathcal{D}_t^* be the set of maximal dyadic cubes R with respect to the inclusion, with $\prod_{i=1}^m (1/\sigma_i(Q)) \int_Q |f_i| \sigma_i(x) dx > t$. Then

$$\bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{D}_t^*} R = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : M_d^{\vec{\sigma}}(\vec{f})(x) > t\}.$$

It follows from the hypothesis on the sequence $\{\lambda_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\mathcal{D}_t) &= \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}_t} \lambda_Q \leq \sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}_t^*} \sum_{Q \subseteq R} \lambda_Q \\ &\leq A \sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}_t^*} (\nu_{\vec{\sigma}}(R))^\alpha \leq A \left(\sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}_t^*} \nu_{\vec{\sigma}}(R) \right)^\alpha \\ &\leq A (\nu_{\vec{\sigma}}(\{M_d^{\vec{\sigma}} f > t\}))^\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Hence using (3.3) applied to $M_d^{\vec{\sigma}}(\vec{f})$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} S(\vec{f}) &:= \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q \left(\prod_{i=1}^N |m_{\sigma_i}(f_i, Q)| \right)^{p\alpha} \\ &\leq A \int_0^\infty p\alpha t^{p\alpha-1} \left(\sigma(\{M_d^{\vec{\sigma}}(\vec{f}) > t\}) \right)^\alpha dt \\ &= A \int_0^\infty p\alpha t^{p-1} \sigma(\{M_d^{\vec{\sigma}}(\vec{f}) > t\}) \left(t^p \sigma(\{M_d^{\vec{\sigma}}(\vec{f}) > t\}) \right)^{\alpha-1} dt \\ &\leq A\alpha \|M_d^{\vec{\sigma}}(\vec{f})\|_{p,\sigma}^{p(\alpha-1)} \int_0^\infty p t^{p-1} \sigma(\{M_d^{\vec{\sigma}}(\vec{f}) > t\}) dt \\ &\leq A\alpha \|M_d^{\vec{\sigma}}(\vec{f})\|_{p,\sigma}^{p\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

The second inequality in (3.8) follows from the Hölder's inequality while the third follows from (3.2). The proof is complete. \square

4. Sawyer-type two-weight characterization.

Let us consider the following family of dyadic grids in \mathbb{R}^n .

$$\mathcal{D}^\beta := \{2^{-k} ([0, 1]^n + m + (-1)^k \beta) : k \in \mathbb{Z}, m \in \mathbb{Z}^m\}; \quad \beta \in \left\{0, \frac{1}{3}\right\}^n.$$

For $\beta = \mathbf{0} = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$, we write $\mathcal{D}^{\mathbf{0}} = \mathcal{D}$. The dyadic multilinear fractional maximal function with respect to the grid \mathcal{D}^β is defined by

$$\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}^\beta f(x) := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{D}^\beta} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{\chi_Q(x)}{|Q|^{1-(\alpha/mn)}} \int_Q |f_i(y)| dy.$$

When $\alpha = 0$, this is just the dyadic multilinear Hardy–Littlewood maximal function denoted here \mathcal{M}_d^β . When $\beta = \mathbf{0}$, we write $\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}$ and \mathcal{M}_d for $\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}^\beta$ and \mathcal{M}_d^β respectively.

We observe that any cube is contained in a dyadic cube $Q_\beta \in \mathcal{D}^\beta$ for some $\beta \in \{0, 1/3\}^n$ with $l(Q_\beta) \leq 6l(Q)$ (see for example [29] for the case $n = 1$). Thus

$$\frac{1}{|Q|^{1-(\alpha/nm)}} \int_Q |f| \leq \frac{6^{n-(\alpha/m)}}{|Q_\beta|^{1-(\alpha/nm)}} \int_{Q_\beta} |f|$$

and consequently,

$$\mathcal{M}_\alpha f \leq 6^{nm-\alpha} \sum_{\beta \in \{0,1/3\}^n} \mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}^\beta f. \quad (4.1)$$

We will use the following notations: for $\vec{\sigma} = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m)$ and $\vec{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$ given, we write $\vec{\sigma}\vec{f} := (\sigma_1 f_1, \dots, \sigma_m f_m)$ and for a real number σ , $\sigma\vec{f} = (\sigma f_1, \dots, \sigma f_m)$. We also use the notation $\vec{\chi}_Q = (\chi_Q, \dots, \chi_Q)$ (m -entries vector) so that $\sigma\vec{\chi}_Q = (\sigma\chi_Q, \dots, \sigma\chi_Q)$ and $\vec{\sigma}\vec{\chi}_Q = (\sigma_1\chi_Q, \dots, \sigma_m\chi_Q)$.

4.1. Proof of Proposition 2.2.

From the above observations, we see that for the proof of Proposition 2.2, it is enough to prove the following.

PROPOSITION 4.1. *Given $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m$ and ω , $m+1$ weights on \mathbb{R}^n , and $1 < p_1, \dots, p_m < \infty$, let $1/p = 1/p_1 + \dots + 1/p_m$, $p \leq q < \infty$, and define $\nu_{\vec{\sigma}} = \prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i^{p/p_i}$. Then if there exists a constant $C_1 > 0$ such that for any cube $Q \in \mathcal{D}$,*

$$\int_Q (\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\vec{\sigma}\vec{\chi}_Q)(x))^q \omega(x) dx \leq C_1 (\nu_{\vec{\sigma}}(Q))^{q/p},$$

then there exists a constant $C_2 > 0$ such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left(\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\vec{\sigma}\vec{f})(x) \right)^q \omega(x) dx \leq C_2 \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \|f\|_{p_i, \sigma_i} \right)^q.$$

Moreover, if

$$[\nu_{\vec{\sigma}}, \omega]_{S_{\vec{p},q}} := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \left(\frac{\int_Q (\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\vec{\sigma}\vec{\chi}_Q)(x))^q \omega(x) dx}{(\nu_{\vec{\sigma}}(Q))^{q/p}} \right)^{1/q},$$

then

$$\|\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\vec{\sigma}\cdot)\|_{(\prod_{i=1}^m L^{p_i}(\sigma_i)) \rightarrow L^q(\omega)} \lesssim [\nu_{\vec{\sigma}}, \omega]_{S_{\vec{p},q}}. \quad (4.2)$$

PROOF. Let $a > 2^{nm-\alpha}$. To each integer k , we associate the following set

$$\Omega_k := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : a^k < \mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\sigma\vec{f})(x) \leq a^{k+1}\}.$$

There exists a family $\{Q_{k,j}\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ of dyadic cubes maximal with respect to the inclusion and such that

$$\prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{|Q_{k,j}|^{1-(\alpha/nm)}} \int_{Q_{k,j}} |f_i(x)| \sigma(x) dx > a^k$$

so that

$$\Omega_k \subseteq \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0} Q_{k,j}.$$

Note that because of their maximality, we have for each fixed k , $Q_{k,j} \cap Q_{k,l} = \emptyset$ for $j \neq l$. Also,

$$2^{nm-\alpha} a^k > \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{|Q_{k,j}|^{1-(\alpha/nm)}} \int_{Q_{k,j}} |f_i(x)| \sigma(x) dx > a^k.$$

Let us put $E(Q_{k,j}) := Q_{k,j} \cap \Omega_k$. Then $\Omega_k = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} E_{k,j}$ and the $E(Q_{k,j})$ are disjoint for all j and k , i.e $E(Q_{k,j}) \cap E(Q_{l,m}) = \emptyset$ for $(k,j) \neq (l,m)$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} L(\vec{f}) &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left(\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\vec{\sigma}\vec{f})(x) \right)^q \omega(x) dx \\ &= \sum_k \int_{\Omega_k} \left(\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\vec{\sigma}\vec{f})(x) \right)^q \omega(x) dx \\ &\leq a^q \sum_k a^{kq} \omega(\Omega_k) \\ &\leq a^q \sum_{k,j} a^{kq} \omega(E(Q_{k,j})) \\ &\leq a^q \sum_{k,j} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{|Q_{k,j}|^{1-(\alpha/nm)}} \int_{Q_{k,j}} |f_i(x)| \sigma_i(x) dx \right)^q \omega(E(Q_{k,j})) \\ &= a^q \sum_{k,j} \omega(E(Q_{k,j})) \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \frac{\sigma_i(Q_{k,j})}{|Q_{k,j}|^{1-(\alpha/nm)}} \right)^q \left(\prod_{i=1}^m m_{\sigma_i}(f_i, Q_{k,j}) \right)^q \\ &= a^q \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q \left(\prod_{i=1}^m m_{\sigma_i}(f_i, Q) \right)^q, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\lambda_Q := \begin{cases} \omega(E(Q)) \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \frac{\sigma_i(Q)}{|Q|^{1-(\alpha/nm)}} \right)^q & \text{if } Q = Q_{k,j} \text{ for some } (k,j), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We observe that for any $R \in \mathcal{D}$,

$$\begin{aligned} S_R &:= \sum_{Q \subseteq R, Q \in \mathcal{D}} \omega(E(Q)) \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \frac{\sigma_i(Q)}{|Q|^{1-(\alpha/nm)}} \right)^q \\ &= \sum_{Q \subseteq R, Q \in \mathcal{D}} \omega(E(Q)) \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{|Q|^{1-(\alpha/nm)}} \int_Q \sigma_i \chi_R \right)^q \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{Q \subseteq R, Q \in \mathcal{D}} \int_{E(Q)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{|Q|^{1-(\alpha/nm)}} \int_Q \sigma_i \chi_R \right)^q (x) dx \\
&\leq \int_R (\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\vec{\sigma} \vec{\chi}_R))^q (x) dx \\
&\leq [\nu_{\vec{\sigma}}, \omega]_{\mathcal{S}_{\vec{P},q}}^q (\nu_{\vec{\sigma}}(R))^{q/p}.
\end{aligned}$$

That is $\{\lambda_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ is a $(q/p, \nu_{\vec{\sigma}})$ -Carleson sequence. Thus from Lemma 3.7 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left(\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\vec{\sigma} \vec{f})(x) \right)^q \omega(x) dx &\lesssim [\nu_{\vec{\sigma}}, \omega]_{\mathcal{S}_{\vec{P},q}}^q \prod_{i=1}^m \|M_d^{\sigma_i}(\sigma_i f_i)\|_{p_i, \sigma}^q \\
&\lesssim [\nu_{\vec{\sigma}}, \omega]_{\mathcal{S}_{\vec{P},q}}^q \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{p_i, \sigma_i}^q.
\end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete. \square

4.2. Proof of Theorem 2.1.

We observe again that we only need to prove the following.

PROPOSITION 4.2. *Given $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m$ and ω , $m+1$ weights on \mathbb{R}^n , and $1 < p_1, \dots, p_m < \infty$, let $\vec{\sigma} = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m)$, $1/p = 1/p_1 + \dots + 1/p_m$ and $q \geq \max\{p_1, \dots, p_m\}$. Then the following are equivalent.*

(i) *There exists a constant $C_1 > 0$ such that for any cube $Q \in \mathcal{D}$,*

$$\int_Q (\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\vec{\sigma} \vec{\chi}_Q)(x))^q \omega(x) dx \leq C_1 \prod_{i=1}^m (\sigma_i(Q))^{q/p_i}.$$

(ii) *There exists a constant $C_2 > 0$ such that*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left(\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\vec{\sigma} \vec{f})(x) \right)^q \omega(x) dx \leq C_2 \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{p_i, \sigma_i} \right)^q.$$

Moreover, if

$$[\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{\mathcal{S}_{\vec{P},q}} := \sup_Q \left(\frac{\int_Q (\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\vec{\sigma} \vec{\chi}_Q)(x))^q \omega(x) dx}{\prod_{i=1}^m (\sigma_i(Q))^{q/p_i}} \right)^{1/q},$$

then

$$\|\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\vec{\sigma} \cdot)\|_{(\prod_{i=1}^m L^{p_i}(\sigma_i)) \rightarrow L^q(\omega)} \simeq [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{\mathcal{S}_{\vec{P},q}}. \quad (4.3)$$

As in [21] we restrict ourself to the bilinear case as the general case follows the same. We will focus on the proof of the sufficiency that is the implication (i) \Rightarrow (ii) as the converse is obvious. We start by the following lemma proved in [21] and provide a simplified proof.

LEMMA 4.3. *Suppose that $0 \leq \alpha < 2n$, that $1 < p_1, p_2 < \infty$. Put $1/p = 1/p_1 + 1/p_2$ and let $q \geq p_2$, $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \omega$ be three weights. Then if f is a function with $\text{supp } f \subset R \in \mathcal{D}$, then*

$$\|\chi_R \mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\chi_R \sigma_1, f \sigma_2)\|_{q,\omega} \lesssim [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{\mathcal{S}_{\vec{F},q}} \sigma_1(R)^{1/p_1} \|f\|_{p_2, \sigma_2}. \quad (4.4)$$

PROOF. We proceed as in the proof of Proposition 4.1. Let $a > 2^{nm-\alpha}$. To each integer k , associate the set

$$\Omega_k := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : a^k < \mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\chi_R \sigma_1, f \sigma_2)(x) \leq a^{k+1}\}.$$

There exists a family $\{Q_{k,j}\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ of dyadic cubes maximal with respect to the inclusion and such that

$$\frac{1}{|Q_{k,j}|^{2-(\alpha/n)}} \int_{Q_{k,j}} \chi_R(x) \sigma_1(x) dx \int_{Q_{k,j}} |f(x)| \sigma_2(x) dx > a^k$$

so that

$$\Omega_k \subseteq \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0} Q_{k,j}.$$

Following the same steps as in the proof of Proposition 4.1 and using the same notations, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} L_R(f) &:= \int_R (\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\chi_R \sigma_1, f \sigma_2)(x))^q \omega(x) dx \\ &\leq a^q \sum_{Q_{k,j} \subseteq R} \left(\frac{\int_{Q_{k,j}} \chi_R \sigma_1 \int_{Q_{k,j}} |f| \sigma_2}{|Q_{k,j}|^{2-(\alpha/n)}} \right)^q \omega(E(Q_{k,j})) \\ &= a^q \sum_{Q_{k,j} \subset R} \left(\frac{\int_{Q_{k,j}} \chi_R \sigma_1 \int_{Q_{k,j}} |f| \sigma_2}{|Q_{k,j}|^{2-(\alpha/n)}} \right)^q \omega(E(Q_{k,j})) \\ &\quad + a^q \left(\frac{\int_R \chi_R \sigma_1 \int_R |f| \sigma_2}{|R|^{2-(\alpha/n)}} \right)^q \omega(E(R)) \\ &= a^q (T_1 + T_2) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$T_1 = \sum_{Q_{k,j} \subset R} \left(\frac{\int_{Q_{k,j}} \chi_R \sigma_1 \int_{Q_{k,j}} |f| \sigma_2}{|Q_{k,j}|^{2-(\alpha/n)}} \right)^q \omega(E(Q_{k,j})),$$

and

$$T_2 = \left(\frac{\int_R \chi_R \sigma_1 \int_R |f| \sigma_2}{|R|^{2-(\alpha/n)}} \right)^q \omega(E(R)).$$

We easily obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
T_2 &= \left(\frac{\int_R \chi_R \sigma_1 \int_R |f| \sigma_2}{|R|^{2-(\alpha/n)}} \right)^q \omega(E(R)) \\
&\leq \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_2(R)} \int_R |f| \sigma_2 \right)^q \int_R (\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\chi_R \sigma_1, \chi_R \sigma_2))^q \omega(x) dx \\
&\leq [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{\mathcal{S}_{\vec{P},q}}^q \sigma_1(R)^{q/p_1} \|f\|_{p_2, \sigma_2}^q.
\end{aligned}$$

We observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
T_1 &= \sum_{Q_{k,j} \subset R} \left(\frac{\int_{Q_{k,j}} \chi_R \sigma_1 \int_{Q_{k,j}} |f| \sigma_2}{|Q_{k,j}|^{2-(\alpha/n)}} \right)^q \omega(E(Q_{k,j})) \\
&= \sum_{Q_{k,j} \subset R} m_{\sigma_2}(|f|, Q_{k,j})^q \left(\frac{\int_{Q_{k,j}} \chi_R \sigma_1 \int_{Q_{k,j}} \chi_R \sigma_2}{|Q_{k,j}|^{2-(\alpha/n)}} \right)^q \omega(E(Q_{k,j})) \\
&= \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q m_{\sigma_2}(|f|, Q)^q
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\lambda_Q := \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\int_Q \chi_R \sigma_1 \int_Q \chi_R \sigma_2}{|Q|^{2-(\alpha/n)}} \right)^q \omega(E(Q)) & \text{if } Q = Q_{k,j} \subset R \text{ for some } (k, j), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let us prove that $\{\lambda_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ is $(q/p_2, \sigma_2)$ -Carleson sequence. Let $K \in \mathcal{D}$, $K \subset R$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}, Q \subseteq K} \lambda_Q &= \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}, Q \subseteq K} \left(\frac{\int_Q \chi_R \sigma_1 \int_Q \chi_R \sigma_2}{|Q|^{2-(\alpha/n)}} \right)^q \omega(E(Q)) \\
&\leq \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}, Q \subseteq K} \int_{E(Q)} \left(\frac{\int_Q \chi_R \sigma_1 \int_Q \chi_R \sigma_2}{|Q|^{2-(\alpha/n)}} \right)^q \omega(x) dx \\
&\leq \int_K (\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\chi_R \sigma_1, \chi_R \sigma_2)(x))^q \omega(x) dx \\
&\lesssim \sigma_1(K)^{q/p_1} \sigma_2(K)^{q/p_2} [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{\mathcal{S}_{\vec{P},q}}^q \\
&\lesssim \sigma_1(R)^{q/p_1} [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{\mathcal{S}_{\vec{P},q}}^q \sigma_2(K)^{q/p_2}.
\end{aligned}$$

That is $\{\lambda_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ is $(q/p_2, \sigma_2)$ -Carleson sequence with Carleson constant

$$A_{Carl} \lesssim \sigma_1(R)^{q/p_1} [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{\mathcal{S}_{\vec{P},q}}^q.$$

Thus by Theorem 2.6,

$$T_1 \lesssim \sigma_1(R)^{q/p_1} [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{\mathcal{S}_{\vec{P},q}}^q \|f\|_{p_2, \sigma_2}^q.$$

From the estimates of T_1 and T_2 , we conclude that

$$\int_R (\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\chi_R \sigma_1, f \sigma_2)(x))^q \omega(x) dx \lesssim \sigma_1(R)^{q/p_1} [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{\mathcal{S}_{\vec{F},q}}^q \|f\|_{p_2, \sigma_2}^q.$$

The proof is complete. \square

The next result is enough to conclude for the sufficient part in Proposition 4.2 for the bilinear case and was also proved in [21], we give a simplified proof that uses the general Carleson embedding.

PROPOSITION 4.4. *Suppose that $0 \leq \alpha < 2n$, that $1 < p_1, p_2 < \infty$. Put $1/p = 1/p_1 + 1/p_2$ and let $q \geq \max\{p_1, p_2\}$, and $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \omega$ be three weights. Then*

$$\|\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(f_1 \sigma_1, f_2 \sigma_2)\|_{q,\omega} \lesssim [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{\mathcal{S}_{\vec{F},q}} \|f\|_{p_1, \sigma_1} \|f\|_{p_2, \sigma_2}. \quad (4.5)$$

PROOF. From the decomposition in Proposition 4.1, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} L(f_1, f_2) &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(f_1 \sigma_1, f_2 \sigma_2)(x))^q \omega(x) dx \\ &\leq \sum_{k,j} \left(\frac{\int_{Q_{k,j}} |f_1| \sigma_1 \int_{Q_{k,j}} |f_2| \sigma_2}{|Q_{k,j}|^{2-(\alpha/n)}} \right)^q \omega(E(Q_{k,j})) \\ &= \sum_{k,j} m_{\sigma_1}(|f_1|, Q_{k,j})^q \left(\frac{\sigma_1(Q_{k,j}) \int_{Q_{k,j}} |f_2| \sigma_2}{|Q_{k,j}|^{2-(\alpha/n)}} \right)^q \omega(E(Q_{k,j})) \\ &= \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q m_{\sigma_1}(|f_1|, Q)^q \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\lambda_Q := \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\sigma_1(Q) \int_Q |f_2| \sigma_2}{|Q|^{2-(\alpha/n)}} \right)^q \omega(E(Q)) & \text{if } Q = Q_{k,j} \text{ for some } (k, j), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let us prove that $\{\lambda_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ is $(q/p_1, \sigma_1)$ -Carleson sequence.

For $R \in \mathcal{D}$ given, we obtain using Lemma 4.3 that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}, Q \subseteq R} \lambda_Q &= \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}, Q \subseteq R} \left(\frac{\sigma_1(Q) \int_Q |f_2| \sigma_2}{|Q|^{2-(\alpha/n)}} \right)^q \omega(E(Q)) \\ &= \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}, Q \subseteq R} \left(\frac{\sigma_1(Q) \int_Q \chi_R |f_2| \sigma_2}{|Q|^{2-(\alpha/n)}} \right)^q \omega(E(Q)) \\ &\leq \int_R (\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\chi_R \sigma_1, \chi_R |f_2| \sigma_2))^q \omega(x) dx \\ &\leq [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{\mathcal{S}_{\vec{F},q}}^q \sigma_1(R)^{q/p_1} \|f_2\|_{p_2, \sigma_2}^q. \end{aligned}$$

That is $\{\lambda_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ is $(q/p_1, \sigma_1)$ -Carleson sequence with Carleson constant

$$A_{Carl} \lesssim [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{\mathcal{S}_{\vec{P}, q}}^q \|f_2\|_{p_2, \sigma_2}^q.$$

Thus using the equivalent definitions in Theorem 2.6, we obtain

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\mathcal{M}_{d, \alpha}(f_1 \sigma_1, f_2 \sigma_2)(x))^q \omega(x) dx \lesssim [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{\mathcal{S}_{\vec{P}, q}}^q \|f_1\|_{p_1, \sigma_1}^q \|f_2\|_{p_2, \sigma_2}^q.$$

The proof is complete. \square

5. Two-weight norm estimates.

For the proof of Theorem 2.8, we also only have to prove the following.

THEOREM 5.1. *Let $1 < p_1, \dots, p_m, q < \infty$, and $\vec{\sigma} = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m)$, ω be weights. Put $1/p = 1/p_1 + \dots + 1/p_m$ and $\nu_{\vec{\sigma}} = \prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i^{p/p_i}$. Assume also that $p \leq q$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{M}_\alpha(\vec{\sigma} \vec{f})\|_{q, \omega} &\leq C(n, p, q) \left([\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{B_{\vec{P}, q}}\right)^{1/p} \|M_d^{\vec{\sigma}} \vec{f}\|_{p, \nu_{\vec{\sigma}}} & (5.1) \\ &\leq C(n, p, q) \left([\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{B_{\vec{P}, q}}\right)^{1/p} \prod_{i=1}^m \|M_d^{\sigma_i} f_i\|_{p_i, \sigma_i} \\ &\leq C(n, p, q) \left([\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{B_{\vec{P}, q}}\right)^{1/p} \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{p_i, \sigma_i}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{M}_\alpha(\vec{\sigma} \vec{f})\|_{q, \omega} &\leq C(n, p, q) \left([\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{A_{\vec{P}, q}}\right)^{1/p} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m [\sigma_i]_{A_\infty}^{1/p_i}\right) \prod_{i=1}^m \|M_d^{\sigma_i} f_i\|_{p_i, \sigma_i} & (5.2) \\ &\leq C(n, p, q) \left([\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{A_{\vec{P}, q}}\right)^{1/p} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m [\sigma_i]_{A_\infty}^{1/p_i}\right) \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{p_i, \sigma_i}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{M}_\alpha(\vec{\sigma} \vec{f})\|_{q, \omega} &\leq C(n, p, q) \left([\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{A_{\vec{P}, q}} [\vec{\sigma}]_{W_{\vec{P}}^\infty}\right)^{1/p} \|M_d^{\vec{\sigma}} \vec{f}\|_{p, \nu_{\vec{\sigma}}} & (5.3) \\ &\leq C(n, p, q) \left([\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{A_{\vec{P}, q}} [\vec{\sigma}]_{W_{\vec{P}}^\infty}\right)^{1/p} \prod_{i=1}^m \|M_d^{\sigma_i} f_i\|_{p_i, \sigma_i} \\ &\leq C(n, p, q) \left([\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{A_{\vec{P}, q}} [\vec{\sigma}]_{W_{\vec{P}}^\infty}\right)^{1/p} \prod_{i=1}^m \|f_i\|_{p_i, \sigma_i}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the second and the third inequalities in (5.1), (5.2) and (5.3) follow from Hölder's inequality and (3.2) respectively.

PROOF. The proof of Theorem 5.1 follows essentially as in the case $\alpha = 0$ and $p = q$ in [2], [6]. Hence we will only prove (5.2).

We keep the notations of the proof of Proposition 4.1. Let us put $q_i = qp_i/p > 1$ and observe that $1/q = 1/q_1 + \dots + 1/q_m$.

We use for simplicity, the notation $Q_{k, j} = Q$ and obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\vec{f}) &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left(\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\vec{\sigma}\vec{f})(x) \right)^q \omega(x) dx \\
&\lesssim a^q \sum_{k,j} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{|Q|^{1-(\alpha/nm)}} \int_Q |f_i| \sigma_i \right)^q \omega(Q) \\
&= \sum_{k,j} \omega(Q) \left(\prod_{i=1}^m \frac{\sigma_i(Q)}{|Q|^{1-(\alpha/nm)}} \right)^q \prod_{i=1}^m (m_{\sigma_i}(|f_i|, Q))^q \\
&= \sum_{k,j} \left(\frac{\omega(Q)^{p/q} \prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i(Q)^{p/p'_i}}{|Q|^{p(m-(\alpha/n))}} \right)^{q/p} \prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i(Q)^{q/p_i} (m_{\sigma_i}(|f_i|, Q))^q \\
&\leq [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{A_{\vec{P},q}}^{q/p} \sum_{k,j} \prod_{i=1}^m \sigma_i(Q)^{q/p_i} (m_{\sigma_i}(|f_i|, Q))^q \\
&\leq [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{A_{\vec{P},q}}^{q/p} \prod_{i=1}^m \left(\sum_{k,j} \sigma_i(Q)^{q_i/p_i} (m_{\sigma_i}(|f_i|, Q))^{q_i} \right)^{q/q_i} \\
&= [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{A_{\vec{P},q}}^{q/p} \prod_{i=1}^m \left(\sum_{k,j} \sigma_i(Q) (m_{\sigma_i}(|f_i|, Q))^{p_i} \right)^{q/p_i} \\
&= [\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{A_{\vec{P},q}}^{q/p} \prod_{i=1}^m \left(\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_Q^i (m_{\sigma_i}(|f_i|, Q))^{p_i} \right)^{q/p_i}
\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\lambda_Q^i := \begin{cases} \sigma_i(Q) & \text{if } Q = Q_{k,j} \text{ for some } (k,j). \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

By Lemma 3.2 we can conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\vec{f}) &:= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left(\mathcal{M}_{d,\alpha}(\vec{\sigma}\vec{f})(x) \right)^q \omega(x) dx \\
&\leq C(n, p, q) \left([\vec{\sigma}, \omega]_{A_{\vec{P},q}} \right)^{q/p} \left(\prod_{i=1}^m [\sigma_i]_{A_\infty}^{q/p_i} \right) \prod_{i=1}^m \|M_d^{\sigma_i} f_i\|_{p_i, \sigma_i}^q
\end{aligned}$$

provided that for each $i = 1, \dots, m$, $\{\lambda_Q^i\}_{Q \in \mathcal{D}}$ is a σ_i -Carleson sequence with the appropriate constant. That is for any $R \in \mathcal{D}$,

$$\sum_{Q \subseteq R, Q \in \mathcal{D}} \sigma_i(Q) \lesssim [\sigma_i]_{A_\infty} \sigma(R). \quad (5.4)$$

The inequality (5.4) can be found in [14]. Let us prove it here for completeness. We first check the following.

$$|Q_{k,j}| \leq \gamma |E(Q_{k,j})|, \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{1 - ((2^{nm-\alpha})/a)^{1/(m-(\alpha/n))}}. \quad (5.5)$$

Recall that $E(Q_{k,j}) = Q_{k,j} \cap \Omega_k$ and observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| Q_{k,j} \cap \left(\bigcup_{l=1}^{\infty} Q_{k+1,l} \right) \right| &= \sum_{Q_{k+1,l} \subset Q_{k,j}} |Q_{k+1,l}| \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{Q_{k+1,l} \subset Q_{k,j}} |Q_{k+1,l}|^{m-(\alpha/n)} \right)^{1/(m-(\alpha/n))} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{a^{k+1}} \sum_{Q_{k+1,l} \subset Q_{k,j}} \prod_{i=1}^m \int_{Q_{k+1,l}} |f_i| \sigma_i \right)^{1/(m-(\alpha/n))} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{a^{k+1}} \prod_{i=1}^m \sum_{Q_{k+1,l} \subset Q_{k,j}} \int_{Q_{k+1,l}} |f_i| \sigma_i \right)^{1/(m-(\alpha/n))} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{a^{k+1}} \prod_{i=1}^m \int_{Q_{k,j}} |f_i| \sigma_i \right)^{1/(m-(\alpha/n))} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{a^{k+1}} 2^{nm-\alpha} a^k |Q_{k,j}|^{m-(\alpha/n)} \right)^{1/(m-(\alpha/n))} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{2^{nm-\alpha}}{a} \right)^{1/(m-(\alpha/n))} |Q_{k,j}|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |Q_{k,j}| &\leq E(Q_{k,j}) + \left| Q_{k,j} \cap \left(\bigcup_{l=1}^{\infty} Q_{k+1,l} \right) \right| \\ &\leq |E(Q_{k,j})| + \left(\frac{2^{nm-\alpha}}{a} \right)^{1/(m-(\alpha/n))} |Q_{k,j}| \end{aligned}$$

which proves (5.5). It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{Q \subseteq R, Q \in \mathcal{D}} \sigma(Q) &\leq \gamma \sum_{Q \subseteq R, Q \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{\sigma_i(Q)}{|Q|} |E(Q)| \\ &= \gamma \sum_{Q \subseteq R, Q \in \mathcal{D}} \int_{E(Q)} \frac{\sigma_i(Q)}{|Q|} \\ &\leq \gamma \sum_{Q \subseteq R, Q \in \mathcal{D}} \int_{E(Q)} M_d(\sigma_i \chi_R) \\ &= \gamma \int_R M_d(\sigma_i \chi_R) \\ &\leq \gamma [\sigma_i]_{A_\infty} \sigma_i(R). \end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete. \square

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