

## ENDPOINT ESTIMATES FOR MULTILINEAR FRACTIONAL INTEGRALS

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### Abstract

We study the boundedness for multilinear fractional integrals on spaces as Morrey spaces and Lipschitz spaces.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{R}^n$  be the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space and  $(\mathbb{R}^n)^m = \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \cdots \times \mathbb{R}^n$  be the  $m$ -fold product space. The multilinear fractional integral is defined by

$$I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x) = \int_{(\mathbb{R}^n)^m} \frac{f_1(y_1) \cdots f_m(y_m)}{|(x - y_1, \dots, x - y_m)|^{mn-\alpha}} dy_1 \cdots dy_m,$$

where  $0 < \alpha < mn$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Obviously, the multilinear fractional integral  $I_{\alpha,m}$  is a natural generalization of the classical fractional integral  $I_\alpha$ . Kenig and Stein [6] as well as Grafakos and Kalton [3] considered the boundedness of a family of related fractional integrals. The main purpose of this paper is to establish some endpoint estimates for the multilinear fractional integral. Before stating our results, let us first introduce some notation.

We first recall the definition of the Morrey space [7]. For  $1 \leq q \leq p < \infty$ , the Morrey space  $M_q^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  defined as the sets of functions  $f(x) \in L_{\text{loc}}^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that

$$\|f\|_{M_q^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} := \sup_{x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sup_{r > 0} \frac{1}{r^{n/q-n/p}} \left( \int_{B(x_0,r)} |f(y)|^q dy \right)^{1/q} < \infty,$$

where  $B(x_0, r)$  denotes the ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with center  $x_0$  and radius  $r$ .

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**REMARK.** It is easy to see that the relation  $M_{q_1}^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset M_{q_2}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  holds with  $1 \leq q_2 \leq q_1 \leq p < \infty$ , and  $M_p^p(\mathbb{R}^n) = L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . In addition, we know that  $L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is contained in  $M_q^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $1 \leq q < p < \infty$  (see [5, Lemma 1.7]). More precisely,  $\|f\|_{M_q^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C\|f\|_{L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$  with  $1 \leq q < p < \infty$ , here and in what follows, the letter  $C$  will denote a constant, not necessarily the same in different occurrences, and let  $p'$  satisfy  $1/p + 1/p' = 1$  with  $p \geq 1$ .

We say that  $f$  belongs to weak Morrey space  $WM_q^p(\Omega)$  if  $1 \leq q \leq p < \infty$ ,

$$\|f\|_{WM_q^p(\Omega)} := \sup_{x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n} \sup_{r > 0} \frac{1}{r^{n/q-n/p}} \sup_{\lambda > 0} (\lambda^q |\{x \in B(x_0, r) \cap \Omega : |f(x)| > \lambda\}|)^{1/q} < \infty.$$

Let  $0 \leq \beta < 1/n$ , we say that  $f \in L_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{L}(\beta)$  if there exists some constant  $C_1$  such that for any ball  $B$ ,

$$\frac{1}{|B|^{1+\beta}} \int_B |f(x) - m_B(f)| dx \leq C_1,$$

where  $m_B(f) = (1/|B|) \int_B f(x) dx$ . The smallest constant  $C_1$  will be denoted by  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{L}(\beta)}$ ; see [7].

Let us observe that for  $\beta = 0$ , the space  $\mathcal{L}(\beta)$  coincides with the version  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  space. Moreover,  $\mathcal{L}(\beta)$  coincides with  $Lip(\beta)$  (Lipschitz integral space) when  $0 < \beta < 1/n$ ; see [7].

Let us now formulate our results as follows.

**THEOREM 1.1.** Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(m - 1)n < \alpha < mn$ ,  $1/p = 1/p_1 + \dots + 1/p_m$  and  $1/q = 1/q_1 + \dots + 1/q_m$  with  $1 \leq q_i < p_i < \infty$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . If  $p = n/\alpha$ , then

$$\|I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)\|_{BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \prod_{j=1}^m \|f_j\|_{M_{q_j}^{p_j}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

**THEOREM 1.2.** Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $0 < \alpha < mn$ ,  $1/p = 1/p_1 + \dots + 1/p_m$  and  $1/q = 1/q_1 + \dots + 1/q_m$  with  $1 \leq q_i < p_i < \infty$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . If  $n/\alpha < p$  and  $0 < \alpha - n/p < 1$ , then

$$\|I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)\|_{Lip(\alpha-n/p)} \leq C \prod_{j=1}^m \|f_j\|_{M_{q_j}^{p_j}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

In the endpoint case  $p = n/\alpha$ , Strichartz [9] proved the exponential integrability of  $I_{\alpha,m}$  when  $m = 1$ . The following result extends Strichartz’s result to the case  $m \geq 2$ .

**THEOREM 1.3.** Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $0 < \alpha < mn$ ,  $1/p = 1/p_1 + \dots + 1/p_m = \alpha/n$  with  $1 < p_i < \infty$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Let  $B$  be a ball of radius  $R$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $f_j \in L^{p_j}(B)$

be supported in  $B$ . Then there exist constants  $k_1, k_2$  depending only on  $n, m, \alpha, p$  and the  $p_j$  such that

$$\int_B \exp \left( k_1 \left( \frac{|I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x)|}{\prod_{j=1}^k \|f_j\|_{L^{p_j}(B)}} \right)^{n/(mn-\alpha)} \right) dx \leq k_2 R^n.$$

**THEOREM 1.4.** Suppose that  $m \in \mathbb{N}, 0 < \alpha < mn, 1/p = 1/p_1 + \dots + 1/p_m$  and  $1/q = 1/q_1 + \dots + 1/q_m$  with  $1 < q_i \leq p_i \leq \infty$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Assume that  $1/s = 1/q - \alpha/n$  and  $p < n/\alpha$ .

(a) If each  $q_i > 1$ , then

$$\|I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)\|_{M_s^{pn/(n-p\alpha)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \prod_{j=1}^m \|f_j\|_{M_{q_j}^{p_j}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

(b) If  $1 \leq q_i < p_i$  and  $s(1/q - 1/p) > q_i(1/q_i - 1/p_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , then

$$\|I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)\|_{WM_s^{pn/(n-p\alpha)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \prod_{j=1}^m \|f_j\|_{M_{q_j}^{p_j}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

## 2. The proofs of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2

**PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1.** Given  $\vec{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$ , for any ball  $B = B(x_0, r)$ , it suffices to prove that the following inequality

$$\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |I_{\alpha,m}(\vec{f})(x) - m_B(I_{\alpha,m}(\vec{f}))| dx \leq C \prod_{j=1}^m \|f_j\|_{M_{q_j}^{p_j}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \tag{2.1}$$

holds.

Define  $f_j^0 = f_j \chi_{2B}$  and  $f_j^\infty = f - f_j^0$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |I_{\alpha,m}(\vec{f})(x) - m_B(I_{\alpha,m}(\vec{f}))| dx \\ & \leq \sum_{r_1, \dots, r_m \in \{0, \infty\}} \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |I_{\alpha,m}(f_1^{r_1}, \dots, f_m^{r_m})(x) - m_B(I_{\alpha,m}(f_1^{r_1}, \dots, f_m^{r_m}))| dx. \end{aligned}$$

First we estimate the term of the set corresponding to  $r_1 = \dots = r_m = 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |I_{\alpha,m}(f_1^0, \dots, f_m^0)(x) - m_B(I_{\alpha,m}(f_1^0, \dots, f_m^0))| dx \\ & \leq \frac{C}{|B|} \int_B |I_{\alpha,m}(f_1^0, \dots, f_m^0)(x)| dx \\ & \leq \frac{C}{|B|} \int_B |x - y_1|^{\alpha - mn} dx \prod_{j=1}^m \int_{2B} |f_j(y_j)| dy_j \\ & \leq C \prod_{j=1}^m \|f_j\|_{M_{q_j}^{p_j}(\mathbb{R}^n)}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

since  $0 < mn - \alpha < n$ .

Consider first the case where exactly  $l$  of the  $r_j$  are  $\infty$  for some  $1 \leq l < m$ . We only give the arguments for one of these cases. The rest are similar and can easily be obtained from the argument below by permuting the indices. We now estimate the term

$$\begin{aligned} I := & |I_{\alpha,m}(f_1^\infty, \dots, f_l^\infty, f_{l+1}^0, \dots, f_m^0)(x) \\ & - I_{\alpha,m}(f_1^\infty, \dots, f_l^\infty, f_{l+1}^0, \dots, f_m^0)(y)|. \end{aligned}$$

In fact, let  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i$  and  $0 < \alpha_i < (mn + 1)/l - n(1 - 1/p_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . For any  $x, y \in B$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |I| & \leq C \prod_{j=l+1}^m \int_{2B} |f_j(y_j)| dy_j \int_{(\mathbb{R}^n)^l} \frac{|x - y|}{|(x - y_1, \dots, x - y_m)|^{mn - \alpha + 1}} \\ & \quad \times \prod_{k=1}^l |f_k^\infty(y_k)| dy_1 \cdots dy_l \\ & \leq Cr \prod_{j=l+1}^m r^{n(1-1/p_j)} \|f_j\|_{M_{q_j}^{p_j}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \prod_{k=1}^l \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2B} \frac{|f_k(y_k)|}{|x - y_k|^{(mn+1)/l - \alpha_k}} dy_k \\ & \leq C \prod_{j=1}^m \|f_j\|_{M_{q_j}^{p_j}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

It remains to estimate the last term

$$II := |I_{\alpha,m}(f_1^\infty, \dots, f_m^\infty)(x) - I_{\alpha,m}(f_1^\infty, \dots, f_m^\infty)(y)|.$$

Let  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i$  with  $\alpha_i = n/p_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . For any  $x, y \in B$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |II| &\leq \int_{(\mathbb{R}^n)^m} \frac{|x - y|}{|(x - y_1, \dots, x - y_m)|^{mn-\alpha+1}} \prod_{j=1}^m |f_j^\infty(y_j)| dy_1 \cdots dy_m \\ &\leq Cr \prod_{j=1}^m \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2B} \frac{|f_j(y_j)|}{|x - y_j|^{(mn+1)/m-\alpha_i}} dy_j \\ &\leq C \prod_{j=1}^m \|f_j\|_{M_{q_j}^{p_j}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

Combining (2.2), (2.3) and (2.4), then (2.1) holds. Thus, Theorem 1.1 is proved.

From Theorem 1.1 and Remark , we have the following result.

**COROLLARY 2.1.** *Let  $\alpha, p, p_j$  be as in Theorem 1.1, then*

$$\|I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)\|_{BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \prod_{j=1}^m \|f_j\|_{L^{p_j,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

**PROOF OF THEOREM 1.2.** For any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we only need to prove

$$|I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x) - I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(y)| \leq C|x - y|^{\alpha-n/p} \prod_{j=1}^m \|f_j\|_{M_{q_j}^{p_j}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \tag{2.5}$$

Let  $B = B(x, r)$  with  $r = |x - y|$ . Define  $f_j^0 = f_j \chi_{2B}$  and  $f_j^\infty = f - f_j^0$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} &|I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x) - I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(y)| \\ &\leq \sum_{r_1, \dots, r_m \in \{0, \infty\}} |I_{\alpha,m}(f_1^{r_1}, \dots, f_m^{r_m})(x) - I_{\alpha,m}(f_1^{r_1}, \dots, f_m^{r_m})(y)|. \end{aligned}$$

First we estimate the term of the set corresponding to  $r_1 = \dots = r_m = 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} &|I_{\alpha,m}(f_1^0, \dots, f_m^0)(x) - I_{\alpha,m}(f_1^0, \dots, f_m^0)(y)| \\ &\leq \int_{(\mathbb{R}^n)^m} \frac{|f_1^0(y_1) \cdots f_m^0(y_m)|}{|(x - y_1, \dots, x - y_m)|^{mn-\alpha}} dy_1 \cdots dy_m \\ &\quad + \int_{(\mathbb{R}^n)^m} \frac{|f_1^0(y_1) \cdots f_m^0(y_m)|}{|(y - y_1, \dots, y - y_m)|^{mn-\alpha}} dy_1 \cdots dy_m \\ &:= E_1 + E_2. \end{aligned}$$

Since the proof of  $E_1$  is similar to  $E_2$ , we only give a proof of  $E_1$ . Let  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i$  with  $n/p_i < \alpha_i < n$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_1 &\leq C \prod_{j=1}^m \int_{2B} \frac{|f_j(y_j)|}{|x - y_j|^{n-\alpha_j}} dy_j \\
 &\leq C \prod_{j=1}^m r^{\alpha_j - n/p_j} \|f_j\|_{M_{q_j}^{p_j}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\
 &\leq Cr^{\alpha - n/p} \prod_{j=1}^m \|f_j\|_{M_{q_j}^{p_j}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \tag{2.6}
 \end{aligned}$$

Consider first the case where exactly  $l$  of the  $r_j$  are  $\infty$  for some  $1 \leq l < m$ . We give the arguments for one of these cases. The rest are similar. Similar to the proof of  $I$  in Theorem 1.1, let  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i$  and  $0 < \alpha_i < (mn + 1)/l - n(1 - 1/p_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 &|I_{\alpha,m}(f_1^\infty, \dots, f_l^\infty, f_{l+1}^0, \dots, f_m^0)(x) - I_{\alpha,m}(f_1^\infty, \dots, f_l^\infty, f_{l+1}^0, \dots, f_m^0)(y)| \\
 &\leq C \prod_{j=l+1}^m \int_{2B} |f_j(y_j)| dy_j \int_{(\mathbb{R}^n)^l} \frac{|x - y|}{|(x - y_1, \dots, x - y_m)|^{mn-\alpha+1}} \\
 &\quad \times \prod_{k=1}^l |f_k^\infty(y_k)| dy_1 \cdots dy_l \\
 &\leq Cr \prod_{j=l+1}^m r^{n(1-1/p_j)} \|f_j\|_{M_{q_j}^{p_j}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \prod_{k=1}^l \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2B} \frac{|f_k(y_k)|}{|x - y_k|^{(mn+1)/l-\alpha_i}} dy_k \\
 &\leq Cr^{\alpha - n/p} \prod_{j=1}^m \|f_j\|_{M_{q_j}^{p_j}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \tag{2.7}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we estimate the last term. Let  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i$  and  $0 < \alpha_i - n/p_i < 1/n$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 &|I_{\alpha,m}(f_1^\infty, \dots, f_m^\infty)(x) - I_{\alpha,m}(f_1^\infty, \dots, f_m^\infty)(y)| \\
 &\leq Cr \prod_{j=1}^m \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus 2B} \frac{|f_j(y_j)|}{|x - y_j|^{(mn+1)/m-\alpha_i}} dy_j \\
 &\leq Cr^{\alpha - n/p} \prod_{j=1}^m \|f_j\|_{M_{q_j}^{p_j}(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \tag{2.8}
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining (2.6), (2.7) and (2.8), then (2.5) holds. Thus, Theorem 1.2 is proved.

We remark that when  $p = \infty$  in Theorem 1.2, the conclusion also holds. Indeed, the proof is similar to the case  $p < \infty$ , moreover the proof is simpler.

From Theorem 1.2 and Remark , we have the following result.

**COROLLARY 2.2.** *Let  $\alpha$ ,  $p$ ,  $p_j$  be same as Theorem 1.2, then*

$$\|I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)\|_{Lip(\alpha-n/p)} \leq C \prod_{j=1}^m \|f_j\|_{L^{p_j,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

### 3. The proofs of Theorems 1.3 and 1.4

**PROOF OF THEOREM 1.3.** Let us first assume  $\|f_j\|_{L^{p_j}(B)} = 1$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , then for any  $\delta > 0$  and  $x \in B$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & |I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x)| \\ & \leq \int_{|(x-y_1, \dots, x-y_m)| < \delta} \frac{|f_1(y_1) \cdots f_m(y_m)|}{|(x-y_1, \dots, x-y_m)|^{mn-\alpha}} dy_1 \cdots dy_m \\ & \quad + \int_{|(x-y_1, \dots, x-y_m)| \geq \delta} \frac{|f_1(y_1) \cdots f_m(y_m)|}{|(x-y_1, \dots, x-y_m)|^{mn-\alpha}} dy_1 \cdots dy_m \\ & := F_1 + F_2. \end{aligned}$$

For  $F_1$ , let  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i$  with  $\alpha_i = n/p_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 & \leq C \prod_{j=1}^m \int_{|x-y_j| < \delta} \frac{|f_j(y_j)|}{|x-y_j|^{n-\alpha_j}} dy_j \\ & \leq C \prod_{j=1}^m \delta^{\alpha_j} M(f_j)(x) \\ & := C_1 \delta^\alpha \prod_{j=1}^m M(f_j)(x), \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

where  $M$  denotes the standard Hardy–Littlewood maximal function.

For  $F_2$ , if  $(y_1, \dots, y_m)$  satisfies  $|x - y_1|^2 + \dots + |x - y_m|^2 \geq \delta^2$ , then for some  $j$ , say  $j = m$ ,

$$|x - y_j| = |x - y_m| \geq \delta/\sqrt{m}.$$

Thus,

$$F_2 \leq \int_{\delta/\sqrt{m} \leq |x-y_m| \leq 2R} \int_{(\mathbb{R}^n)^{m-1}} \frac{|f_1(y_1) \cdots f_m(y_m)|}{|(x-y_1, \dots, x-y_m)|^{mn-\alpha}} dy_1 \cdots dy_m.$$

Define  $f_j^0 = f_j \chi_{B(x, \delta/\sqrt{m})}$  and  $f_j^\infty = f - f_j^0$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ . Then

$$F_2 \leq C \sum_{r_1, \dots, r_m \in \{0, \infty\}} \int_{\delta/\sqrt{m} \leq |x-y_m| \leq 2R} \int_{(\mathbb{R}^n)^{m-1}} \frac{|f_1^{r_1}(y_1) \cdots f_m^{r_m}(y_m)|}{|(x-y_1, \dots, x-y_m)|^{mn-\alpha}} \times dy_1 \cdots dy_m.$$

We first consider the case  $r_1 = \cdots = r_{m-1} = 0$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\delta/\sqrt{m} \leq |x-y_m| \leq 2R} \int_{(\mathbb{R}^n)^{m-1}} \frac{|f_1^0(y_1) \cdots f_{m-1}^0(y_{m-1}) f_m(y_m)|}{|(x-y_1, \dots, x-y_m)|^{mn-\alpha}} dy_1 \cdots dy_m \\ & \leq C \prod_{j=1}^{m-1} \int_{|x-y_j| < \delta} |f_j(y_j)| dy_j \int_{\delta/\sqrt{m} \leq |x-y_m| \leq 2R} \frac{|f_m(y_m)|}{|x-y_m|^{mn-\alpha}} dy_m \\ & \leq C \prod_{j=1}^{m-1} \delta^{n/p'_j} \|f_j\|_{L^{p_j}(B)} \int_{\delta/\sqrt{m} \leq |x-y_m| \leq 2R} \frac{|f_m(y_m)|}{|x-y_m|^{mn-\alpha}} dy_m \\ & \leq C \prod_{j=1}^{m-1} \delta^{n/p'_j} \|f_j\|_{L^{p_j}(B)} \delta^{\alpha-mn+n/q'_m} \|f_m\|_{L^{p_m}(B)} \\ & \leq C. \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Consider first the case where exactly  $l$  of the  $r_j$  are  $\infty$  for some  $1 \leq l < m$ . We only give the argument for one of these cases. Let  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i$  with  $\alpha_i = n/p_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\delta/\sqrt{m} \leq |x-y_m| \leq 2R} \int_{(\mathbb{R}^n)^{m-1}} \frac{|f_1^\infty(y_1) \cdots f_l^\infty(y_l) f_{l+1}^0(y_{l+1}) \cdots f_m^0(y_m)|}{|(x-y_1, \dots, x-y_m)|^{mn-\alpha}} dy_1 \cdots dy_m \\ & \leq C \prod_{j=l+1}^{m-1} \delta^{n/p'_j} \|f_j\|_{L^{p_j}(B)} \prod_{k=1}^l \int_{\delta/\sqrt{m} \leq |x-y_k| \leq 2R} \frac{|f_m(y_k)|}{|x-y_k|^{n-\alpha_k}} dy_k \\ & \quad \times \int_{\delta/\sqrt{m} \leq |x-y_m| \leq 2R} \frac{|f_m(y_m)|}{|x-y_m|^{(m-l)n-\sum_{k=l+1}^m \alpha_k}} dy_m \\ & \leq C \prod_{j=l+1}^{m-1} \delta^{n/p'_j} \|f_j\|_{L^{p_j}(B)} \prod_{k=1}^l \left[ \log \frac{2\sqrt{m}R}{\delta} \right]^{1/p'_k} \|f_k\|_{L^{p_k}(B)} \\ & \quad \times \delta^{-[(m-l)n-\sum_{k=l+1}^m \alpha_k+n/p'_m]} \|f_m\|_{L^{p_m}(B)} \\ & \leq C \left[ \log \frac{2\sqrt{m}R}{\delta} \right]^{\sum_{k=1}^l \frac{1}{p'_k}} \prod_{j=1}^m \|f_j\|_{L^{p_j}(B)} \\ & \leq C \left[ \log \frac{2\sqrt{m}R}{\delta} \right]^{(mn-\alpha)/n}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$



Now, we estimate the last term. Let  $\alpha_i$  as above, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\delta/\sqrt{m} \leq |x-y_m| \leq 2R} \int_{(\mathbb{R}^n)^{m-1}} \frac{|f_1^\infty(y_1) \cdots f_m^\infty(y_m)|}{|(x-y_1, \dots, x-y_m)|^{mn-\alpha}} dy_1 \cdots dy_m \\ & \leq C \prod_{j=1}^m \int_{\delta/\sqrt{m} \leq |x-y_j| \leq 2R} \frac{|f_j(y_j)|}{|x-y_j|^{n-\alpha_j}} dy_j \\ & \leq C \prod_{j=1}^m \left[ \log \frac{2\sqrt{m}R}{\delta} \right]^{1/q'_j} \|f_j\|_{L^{p_j}(B)} \\ & = C \left[ \log \frac{2\sqrt{m}R}{\delta} \right]^{(mn-\alpha)/n}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Combining (3.2), (3.3) and (3.4), we obtain

$$F_2 \leq C_2 \left[ \log \frac{2\sqrt{m}R}{\delta} \right]^{(mn-\alpha)/n}.$$

Thus, by (3.1) and the above, we obtain

$$|I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x)| \leq C_1 \delta^\alpha \prod_{j=1}^m M(f_j)(x) + C_2 \left[ \log \frac{2\sqrt{m}R}{\delta} \right]^{(mn-\alpha)/n} \tag{3.5}$$

provided  $x \in B$  and  $0 < \delta \leq 2\sqrt{m}R$ . In particular, the choice of  $\delta = 2\sqrt{m}R$  yields for all  $x \in B$ ,

$$|I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x)| \leq C_1 \delta^\alpha \prod_{j=1}^m M(f_j)(x).$$

Hence, the election of

$$\delta = \delta(x) = \epsilon \left[ |I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x)| / C_1 \prod_{j=1}^m M(f_j)(x) \right]^{1/\alpha}$$

will satisfy  $\delta \leq 2\sqrt{m}R$  for all  $\epsilon \leq 1$ . Now, (3.5) implies

$$\begin{aligned} |I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x)| & \leq \epsilon^\alpha |I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x)| \\ & + C_2 \left[ \frac{1}{n} \log \left( \frac{(2\sqrt{m}R)^n C_1^{n/\alpha} [\prod_{j=1}^m M(f_j)(x)]^{n/\alpha}}{\epsilon^n |I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x)|^{n/\alpha}} \right) \right]^{(mn-\alpha)/n}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

If we use the notation  $C_3 = (1 - \epsilon^\alpha)^{n/(mn-\alpha)}$ , (3.6) is equivalent to

$$k_1 |I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x)|^{n/(mn-\alpha)} \leq \log \left( \frac{C_4 [\prod_{j=1}^m M(f_j)(x)]^{n/\alpha}}{|I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x)|^{n/\alpha}} \right), \tag{3.7}$$

where  $k_1 = nC_3/C_1^{n/(mn-\alpha)}$  and  $C_4 = (2\sqrt{m}R)^n \epsilon^{-n} C_1^{n/\alpha}$ . By exponentiating (3.7), we obtain

$$\exp(k_1 |I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x)|^{n/(mn-\alpha)}) \leq \frac{C_4 [\prod_{j=1}^m M(f_j)(x)]^{n/\alpha}}{|I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x)|^{n/\alpha}}. \tag{3.8}$$

Let  $B_1 = \{x \in B : |I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x)| \geq 1\}$  and  $B_2 = B \setminus B_1$ . By (3.8),

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{B_1} \exp(k_1 |I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x)|^{n/(mn-\alpha)}) dx &\leq C_4 \int_{B_1} \left( \prod_{j=1}^m M(f_j)(x) \right)^{n/\alpha} dx \\ &\leq C_4 \left( \prod_{j=1}^m \|M(f_j)\|_{L^{p_j}(B)} \right)^{n/\alpha} \\ &\leq C_5 R^n, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_5 = C(2\sqrt{m})^n \epsilon^{-n} C_1^{n/\alpha}$ . On the other hand,

$$\int_B \exp(k_1 |I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x)|^{n/(mn-\alpha)}) dx \leq \exp(k_1) |B_2| \leq C_6 R^n. \tag{3.9}$$

Thus, adding the integrals above over  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ ,

$$\int_{B_2} \exp(k_1 |I_{\alpha,m}(f_1, \dots, f_m)(x)|^{n/(mn-\alpha)}) dx \leq K_2 R^n.$$

Let us now turn to the general  $\vec{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$ . If  $\|f_j\|_{L^{p_j}(B)} \neq 1$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , then we use the notation  $g_j = f_j / \|f_j\|_{L^{p_j}(B)}$  and  $\vec{g} = (g_1, \dots, g_m)$ . Obviously,

$$I_{\alpha,m}(\vec{g}) = I_{\alpha,m}(\vec{f}) / \prod_{j=1}^m \|f_j\|_{L^{p_j}(B)}. \tag{3.10}$$

Combining (3.9) and (3.10), we obtain

$$\int_B \exp \left( k_1 \left( \frac{I_{\alpha,m}(\vec{f})(x)}{\prod_{j=1}^k \|f_j\|_{L^{p_j}(B)}} \right)^{n/(mn-\alpha)} \right) dx \leq k_2 R^n,$$

which is our assertion. Thus, Theorem 1.3 is proved.

The proof of Theorem 1.4 is rather trivial. It is a simple consequence of Hölder’s inequality on weak  $L^p$  spaces which is a standard fact. Hence, we omit the details here.

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