

The Boundedness of Maximal Operators in Generalized Orlicz-Campanato Spaces

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Abstract: In this paper, the boundedness for the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operators in generalized Orlicz-Campanato space $L^{\Phi, \phi}$ will be proved.

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1. Introduction

The Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator Mf is defined by

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{|Q|} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y)| dy \quad f \in L_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n),$$

where the supremum is taken over all cubes Q containing x and $|Q|$ denotes the Lebesgue measure of Q . A cube in \mathbb{R}^n will always mean a compact cubic interval with sides parallel to the axes.

In 1981, Bennett, DeVoe, and Sharply^[1] study the boundedness of maximal operator in BMO spaces and proved that:

Theorem A^[1] Let $f \in BMO$, if $\inf Mf(x) < \infty$, then $Mf(x) \in BMO$, and

$$\|Mf(x)\|_{BMO} \leq \|f\|_{BMO}.$$

In 1989, Chen Jiecheng showed a new and simpler proof of Theorem A^(see[2]). As an extension of the BMO spaces, it is natural and important to study the boundedness of maximal operator in Campanato spaces, one can see^[3] for the recent progress. In this paper, we will establish the boundedness in generalized Orlicz-Campanato space $L^{\Phi, \phi}$ for Hardy-Littlewood Maximal Operators.

In this paper, the N-function $\Phi(s)$ involved is given by

$$\Phi(s) = \int_0^s \varphi(t) dt \quad s \geq 0,$$

where $\varphi(t)$ is a positive nondecreasing function defined for $t > 0$ and $\varphi(0) = 0$. An N-function Φ is a convex function and is said to satisfy the Δ_2 condition in $(0, \infty)$ if

$$\Phi(2s) \leq C\Phi(s) \tag{1.1}$$

for all $s > 0$.

Definition 1 Let Φ be as above, we define the module of generalized Orlicz-Campanato space

$$L^{\Phi, \phi} = \left\{ f \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^n) : \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \frac{1}{\phi(r)} \int_{B(y, r)} \Phi(|f(x) - f_B|) dx < \infty \right\}$$

as following:

$$\|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}} = \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \frac{1}{\phi(r)} \int_{B(y, r)} \Phi(|f(x) - f_B|) dx.$$

where $B(y, r)$ denotes a ball with center y and radius r , $f_B = |B(y, r)|^{-1} \int_{B(y, r)} f(x) dx$. $\phi(r)$ is a nondecreasing function in $(0, \infty)$ and satisfies following doubling condition, there exist a constant $1 < D < 2^{n+\alpha}$ with $\alpha > 0$ such that

$$\phi(2r) \leq D\phi(r) \tag{1.2}$$

for all $r > 0$

Definition 2 The lower index $q_\Phi = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\log h(\lambda)}{\log \lambda}$ and upper index $p_\Phi = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\log h(\lambda)}{\log \lambda}$,

where $h(\lambda) = \sup_{t>0} [\Phi(\lambda t) / \Phi(t)]$

It is easily known that (see[4][5])

$$1 < q_\Phi \leq p_\Phi < \infty \tag{1.3}$$

Now we state our main result.

Theorem 1 Let N-function $\Phi(u)$ satisfies the Δ_2 condition, and ϕ satisfies the doubling condition (1.2), if $\inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} Mf < \infty$, then $Mf(x) \in L^{\Phi, \phi}$, and $\|Mf\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}}$.

We remark that if $\Phi(s) = |s|^p$, $\phi(r) = r^n$, then we can get the boundedness of Hardy-Little maximal operator in BMO(P) spaces which is equivalent with BMO(see[6]), and if $\Phi(s) = |s|^p$, $\phi(r) = r^\beta$, $0 < \beta < n + \alpha$ with $0 < \alpha < p - 1$, then we can get the boundedness of Hardy-Little maximal operator in classical Campanato spaces, and throughout this paper, the letter C will denote the absolute positive constant, which may have different value in each line.

2. Lemmas and the proof of Theorem 1

First, we propose the following properties of Φ .

Lemma 1 If $\Phi(s)$ satisfies the Δ_2 condition then $\Phi(s)$ essentially equals to $s\varphi(s)$.

Proof In fact, $\Phi(s) = \int_0^s \varphi(t) dt \leq \int_0^s \varphi(s) dt \leq s\varphi(s)$, also, $\Phi(s) = \int_0^s \varphi(t) dt \geq$

$$\int_{s/2}^s \varphi(t) dt \geq \int_{s/2}^s \varphi\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) dt = \frac{s}{2} \varphi\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \geq Cs\varphi(s).$$

Lemma 2 If $\Phi(s)$ satisfies the Δ_2 condition, p_Φ, q_Φ are the indexes defined above, then we get

$$\Phi(\lambda t) \leq C_1 \lambda^p \Phi(t), \forall t \geq 0, 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1, 0 < p < q_\Phi \tag{2.1}$$

$$\Phi(\lambda t) \leq C_2 \lambda^q \Phi(t), \forall t \geq 0, \lambda > 1, p_\Phi < q < \infty \tag{2.2}$$

Proof Let $0 < p < q_\Phi$, from the definition of q_Φ , there exists a small positive

number λ_0 such that $\frac{\log h(\lambda)}{\log \lambda} > p$ for $0 < \lambda \leq \lambda_0$, so we get $\Phi(\lambda t) \leq \lambda^p \Phi(t)$ for $0 < \lambda \leq \lambda_0$ and any $t > 0$. On the

other hand, for $\lambda_0 \leq \lambda < 1$ there exists a proper integer k such that

$$2^{k-1} \lambda_0 \leq \lambda < 2^k \lambda_0 < 2, \text{ then we deduce}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\lambda t) &\leq \Phi(2^k \lambda_0 t) < \lambda_0^p \Phi(2^k t) \\ &\leq \lambda_0^p C^k \Phi(t) \leq 2^p \left(\frac{C}{2^p}\right)^k \lambda^p \Phi(t) \leq C \lambda^p \Phi(t) \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact $1 \leq k < \log_2 \frac{2}{\lambda_0}$.

Similarly, we have $\Phi(\lambda t) \leq C_2 \lambda^q \Phi(t), \forall t \geq 0, \lambda > 1, p_\Phi < q < \infty$. This completes the proof.

Lemma 3 If $\Phi(s)$ satisfies the Δ_2 condition, then

$$\int_0^u \frac{\Phi(s)}{s^2} ds \leq C \frac{\Phi(u)}{u} \tag{2.3}$$

Proof Since $q_\Phi > 1$, so we can take $1 < m < q_\Phi$, by Lemma 2, we have $\Phi(su) \leq Cs^m \Phi(u)$ for all $0 \leq s \leq 1$, so

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^u \frac{\Phi(s)}{s^2} ds &= \int_0^1 \frac{\Phi(us)}{u^2 s^2} u ds = \frac{1}{u} \int_0^1 \frac{\Phi(us)}{s^2} ds \leq \frac{C}{u} \int_0^1 \frac{s^m}{s^2} \Phi(u) ds \\ &= C \frac{\Phi(u)}{u} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{s^{2-m}} ds = C \frac{\Phi(u)}{u} \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 4 Let $1 < p < q_\Phi$ and $0 < \alpha < p - 1$. Suppose ϕ satisfies the doubling condition (1.2) with $1 < D < 2^{n+\alpha}$, and Φ is as above. If $f \in L^{\Phi, \phi}$, then

$$\int_{R^n} \frac{r_0^{p-1}}{|r_0 + |y - x_0||^{n+p-1}} \Phi(|f - f_B|) dy \leq C \phi(r_0) r_0^{-n} \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}}$$

Proof Let $B = B(x_0, r_0)$, $B(k) = B(x_0, 2^k r_0)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{R^n} \frac{r_0^{p-1}}{|r_0 + |y - x_0||^{n+p-1}} \Phi(|f - f_B|) dy \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{B(k)-B(k-1)} \frac{r_0^{p-1}}{|r_0 + |y - x_0||^{n+p-1}} \Phi(|f - f_B|) dy \\ &\quad + \int_B \frac{r_0^{p-1}}{|r_0 + |y - x_0||^{n+p-1}} \Phi(|f - f_B|) dy \\ &= I_1 + I_2 \end{aligned}$$

Obviously,

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int_B \frac{r_0^{p-1}}{|r_0 + |y - x_0||^{n+p-1}} \Phi(|f - f_B|) dy \\ &\leq C r_0^{-n} \frac{\phi(r_0)}{\phi(r_0)} \int_B \Phi(|f - f_B|) dy \\ &\leq C r_0^{-n} \phi(r_0) \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we need to estimate I_1 . Since Φ is a convex function and satisfies the Δ_2 condition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{B(k)-B(k-1)} \frac{r_0^{p-1}}{|r_0 + |y - x_0||^{n+p-1}} \Phi(|f - f_B|) dy \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{C r_0^{p-1}}{(2^k r_0)^{n+p-1}} \int_{B(k)} \Phi(|f - f_B|) dy \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{C r_0^{p-1}}{(2^k r_0)^{n+p-1}} \left(\int_{B(k)} \Phi(|f - f_{B(k)}|) dy + \int_{B(k)} \Phi(|f_{B(k)} - f_B|) dy \right) \\ &= J_1 + J_2 \end{aligned}$$

Recall $\phi(r)$ satisfies the doubling condition (1.2) with $1 < D < 2^{n+\alpha}$ and $0 < \alpha < p-1$, it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_1 &= C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_0^{p-1}}{(2^k r_0)^{n+p-1}} \int_{B(k)} \Phi(|f - f_{B(k)}|) dy \\
 &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_0^{p-1} \phi(2^k r_0)}{(2^k r_0)^{n+p-1}} \frac{1}{\phi(2^k r_0)} \int_{B(k)} \Phi(|f - f_{B(k)}|) dy \\
 &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_0^{p-1} D^k}{(2^k r_0)^{n+p-1}} \phi(r_0) \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}} \\
 &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_0^{p-1}}{(2^k r_0)^{n+p-1}} (2^{n+\alpha})^k \phi(r_0) \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}} \\
 &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} r_0^{-n} (2^k)^{\alpha-p+1} \phi(r_0) \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}} \\
 &\leq C r_0^{-n} \phi(r_0) \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we need to estimate J_2 . Using Jensen inequality and (1.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi(|f_{B(k+1)} - f_{B(k)}|) &= \Phi\left(\left|\frac{1}{|B(k)|} \int_{B(k)} (f_{B(k+1)} - f) dx\right|\right) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{|B(k)|} \int_{B(k)} \Phi(|f - f_{B(k+1)}|) dx \\
 &\leq \frac{\phi(2^{k+1} r_0)}{|B(k)| \phi(2^{k+1} r_0)} \int_{B(k+1)} \Phi(|f - f_{B(k+1)}|) dx \\
 &\leq C \frac{D^{k+1} \phi(r_0)}{(2^k r_0)^n} \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

Therefore, by (2.2), (2.4) and the convex property of Φ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi(|f_{B(k)} - f_B|) &\leq \Phi\left(k \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{|f_{B(i+1)} - f_{B(i)}|}{k}\right) \\
 &\leq k^{q-1} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \Phi(|f_{B(i+1)} - f_{B(i)}|) \\
 &\leq C k^{q-1} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{D^{i+1} \phi(r_0)}{(2^i r_0)^n} \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}} \\
 &\leq C k^{q-1} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{2^{(n+\alpha)(i+1)}}{(2^i r_0)^n} \phi(r_0) \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}} \\
 &\leq C k^{q-1} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (2^\alpha)^i r_0^{-n} \phi(r_0) \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}} \\
 &\leq C k^{q-1} r_0^{-n} \phi(r_0) \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}} \frac{1 - (2^\alpha)^k}{1 - 2^\alpha} \\
 &\leq C k^{q-1} (2^\alpha)^k r_0^{-n} \phi(r_0) \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

From (2.5) and assumption $0 < \alpha < p-1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
J_2 &= C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_0^{p-1}}{(2^k r_0)^{n+p-1}} \int_{B(k)} \Phi(|f_{B(k)} - f_B|) dy \\
&\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_0^{p-1}}{(2^k r_0)^{n+p-1}} |B(k)| k^{q-1} (2^\alpha)^k r_0^{-n} \phi(r_0) \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}} \\
&\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_0^{p-1}}{(2^k r_0)^{n+p-1}} k^{q-1} (2^{n+\alpha})^k \phi(r_0) \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}} \\
&\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{q-1} (2^k)^{\alpha-p+1} r_0^{-n} \phi(r_0) \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}} \\
&\leq C r_0^{-n} \phi(r_0) \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}}
\end{aligned}$$

Combining the above estimate of J_1 and J_2 , obviously,

$$I_1 \leq J_1 + J_2 \leq C r_0^{-n} \phi(r_0) \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}}$$

The proof of the Lemma 4 is complete.

Lemma 5 Let $\varphi(x) = \chi_{B(0,1)}(x)$, $\varphi_t(x) = t^{-n} \varphi(x/t)$, $B = B(x_0, r_0)$, $\tilde{B} = B(x_0, 4r_0)$. Suppose ϕ satisfies the doubling condition (1.2) with $1 < D < 2^{n+\alpha}$ and $0 < \alpha < p-1$, where $1 < p < q_\Phi$, and that Φ is N-function satisfying Δ_2 condition.

Then

$$\Phi\left(\sup_{t>0, x \in B} \left| \int_{\tilde{B}^c} (\varphi_t(x-y) - \varphi_t(x_0-y))(f(y) - f_{\tilde{B}}) dy \right|\right) \leq C \phi(r) r_0^{-n} \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}}$$

for any $f \in L^{\Phi, \phi}$.

Proof Put $B_{x, x_0}(t) = B(x_0, t) \Delta B(x, t)$ (the symmetric difference), if $t < 3r_0$ and $x \in B$, then $B_{x, x_0}(t) \cap \tilde{B}^c = \emptyset$ and $|\varphi_t(x-y) - \varphi_t(x_0-y)| = t^{-n} \chi_{B(0,1)}(t)(y)$, so

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Phi\left(\sup_{t>0, x \in B} \left| \int_{\tilde{B}^c} (\varphi_t(x-y) - \varphi_t(x_0-y))(f(y) - f_{\tilde{B}}) dy \right|\right) \\
&\leq \Phi\left(\sup_{t>3r_0, x \in B} \left| \int_{\tilde{B}^c} (\varphi_t(x-y) - \varphi_t(x_0-y))(f(y) - f_{\tilde{B}}) dy \right|\right) \\
&\leq C \sup_{t>3r_0, x \in B} \Phi\left(\left| \int_{t-r_0 < |y-x_0| < t+r_0} t^{-n} |f(y) - f_{\tilde{B}}| dy \right|\right) \\
&\leq C \sup_{t>3r_0, x \in B} \Phi\left(\frac{t^{n-1} r_0}{t^n} \frac{1}{t^{n-1} r_0} \int_{t-r_0 < |y-x_0| < t+r_0} |f(y) - f_{\tilde{B}}| dy\right) \\
&\leq C \sup_{t>3r_0, x \in B} \left(\frac{r_0}{t}\right)^p \Phi\left(\frac{1}{t^{n-1} r_0} \int_{t-r_0 < |y-x_0| < t+r_0} |f(y) - f_{\tilde{B}}| dy\right) \\
&\leq C \sup_{t>3r_0, x \in B} \left(\frac{r_0}{t}\right)^p \frac{1}{t^{n-1} r_0} \int_{t-r_0 < |y-x_0| < t+r_0} \Phi |f(y) - f_{\tilde{B}}| dy \\
&\leq C \int_{R^n} \frac{r_0^{p-1}}{\|r_0 + |y-x_0|\|^{n+p-1}} \Phi |f(y) - f_B| dy \\
&\leq C \phi(r_0) r_0^{-n} \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}}
\end{aligned}$$

where we have found that $(t+r_0) - (t-r_0) \sim C_n t^{n-1} r_0$, and have used (2.1) in the fourth inequality, Jensen inequality in the fifth and Lemma 4 in the last.

Now, we return to the proof of Theorem 1.

Proof Assume that $f \in L^{\Phi, \phi}$ and $f > 0$, fix a ball $B = B(x_0, r_0)$, $\tilde{B} = B(x_0, 4r_0)$, write f as

$$f = f_{\bar{B}} + (f - f_{\bar{B}})\chi_{\bar{B}} + (f - f_{\bar{B}})\chi_{\bar{B}^c} = \sum_{i=1}^3 f_i$$

Note that Φ is a N-function and $M(f_{\bar{B}})(x) = f_{\bar{B}}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_B \Phi(|Mf - f_{\bar{B}} - Mf_3(x_0)|)dx \\ & \leq \int_B \Phi(|Mf_{\bar{B}} + Mf_2(x) + Mf_3(x) - Mf_3(x_0) - f_{\bar{B}}|)dx \\ & \leq \int_B \Phi(|Mf_2(x) + Mf_3(x) - Mf_3(x_0)|)dx \\ & \leq \int_B \Phi(Mf_2(x))dx + \int_B \Phi(|Mf_3(x) - Mf_3(x_0)|)dx \\ & = K_1 + K_2 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\phi(r)$ satisfy the doubling condition, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 & \leq \int_0^\infty |\{x \in R^n : Mf_2(x) > s\}| \phi(s) ds \\ & \leq C \int_0^\infty \left[\frac{1}{s} \int_{f_2(x) > s} |f_2(x)| dx \right] \frac{\Phi(s)}{s} ds \\ & \leq C \int_{R^n} [f_2(x)] \int_0^{|f_2(x)|} \frac{\Phi(s)}{s^2} ds dx \\ & \leq C \int_{R^n} \Phi(|f_2(x)|) dx \\ & \leq C \int_{\bar{B}} \Phi(|f - f_{\bar{B}}|) dx \\ & \leq C \phi(r_0) \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}} \end{aligned}$$

Where we have used Lemma 1 in the second inequality and Lemma 3 in the fourth .

Now, we need to estimate K_2 . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} |Mf_3(x) - Mf_3(x_0)| & \leq C \left| \sup_{x \in B, t > 0} \varphi_t * f_3(x) - \sup_{x \in B, t > 0} \varphi_t * f_3(x_0) \right| \\ & \leq C \sup_{x \in B, t > 0} |\varphi_t * f_3(x) - \varphi_t * f_3(x_0)| \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Lemma 5, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(|Mf_3(x) - Mf_3(x_0)|) & \leq \Phi\left(C \sup_{x \in B, t > 0} |\varphi_t * f_3(x) - \varphi_t * f_3(x_0)|\right) \\ & \leq C \Phi\left(\sup_{x \in B, t > 0} \left| \int_{\bar{B}^c} (\varphi_t(x-y) - \varphi_t(x_0-y))(f(y) - f_{\bar{B}}) dy \right|\right) \\ & \leq C \phi(r_0) r_0^{-n} \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}} \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that there is an x_0 so that $Mf(x_0) < \infty$, then $Mf_3(x_0) < f_{\bar{B}} + Mf(x_0) < \infty$, combining the above estimate, we have

$$\Phi(Mf_3)(x) \leq C \phi(r_0) r_0^{-n} \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}} + \Phi(Mf_3(x_0)) < \infty,$$

So, as $Mf_3(x_0) < \infty$, we have

$$\int_B \Phi(|Mf - f_{\bar{B}} - Mf_3(x_0)|) dx \leq C \phi(r_0) r_0^{-n} \|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \phi}}$$

Thus

$$\|Mf\|_{L^{\Phi,\phi}} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{\Phi,\phi}}$$

The proof of the Theorem 1 is complete.

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