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BOUNDEDNESS OF GENERALIZED FRACTIONAL INTEGRAL
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Abstract. We are concerned with the boundedness of generalized fractional integral operators $I_{\varrho, \tau}$ from Orlicz spaces $L^\Phi(X)$ near $L^1(X)$ to Orlicz spaces $L^\Psi(X)$ over metric measure spaces equipped with lower Ahlfors Q -regular measures, where Φ is a function of the form $\Phi(r) = rl(r)$ and l is of log-type. We give a generalization of paper by Mizuta et al. (2010), in the Euclidean setting. We deal with both generalized Riesz potentials and generalized logarithmic potentials.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let G be a bounded set in \mathbb{R}^N . O’Neil in [24] gave a sufficient condition for the boundedness of convolution operators in Orlicz spaces $L^\Phi(G)$ near $L^1(G)$. In this paper, we aim to give a general version of the boundedness of generalized fractional integral operators on $L^\Phi(X)$ near $L^1(X)$ over metric measure spaces equipped with lower Ahlfors Q -regular measures which are nondoubling measures, as an extension of [14] in the Euclidean setting.

We denote by (X, d, μ) a metric measure spaces, where X is a bounded set, d is a metric on X and μ is a nonnegative complete Borel regular outer measure on X which is finite in every bounded set. For simplicity, we often write X instead of (X, d, μ) . For $x \in X$ and $r > 0$, we denote by $B(x, r)$ the open ball in X centered

at x with radius r and $d_X = \sup\{d(x, y) : x, y \in X\}$. We assume that

$$\mu(\{x\}) = 0$$

for $x \in X$ and $0 < \mu(B(x, r)) < \infty$ for $x \in X$ and $r > 0$ for simplicity.

In the present paper, we do not postulate on μ the so-called doubling condition. Recall that a Radon measure μ is said to be doubling if there exists a constant $C_\mu > 0$ such that $\mu(B(x, 2r)) \leq C_\mu \mu(B(x, r))$ for all $x \in \text{supp}(\mu)$ ($= X$) and $r > 0$. Otherwise μ is said to be nondoubling. In connection with the $5r$ -covering lemma, the doubling condition had been a key condition in harmonic analysis. However, Nazarov, Treil and Volberg showed that the doubling condition is not necessary, by using the modified maximal operator, see [19], [20]. For non-homogeneous metric measure spaces, we refer to [12], [29]. We say that a measure μ is lower Ahlfors Q -regular if there exists a constant $K_0 > 0$ such that

$$(1.1) \quad \mu(B(x, r)) \geq K_0 r^Q$$

for all $x \in X$ and $0 < r < d_X$ (see e.g. [1], [11]). Metric measure spaces equipped with lower Ahlfors Q -regular measures have been studied in many articles over the past decades; see [4], [7], [9] etc. See also [21], [23] for Sobolev's inequality of Riesz potentials and [22] for Trudinger's inequality and continuity of Riesz potentials in such a metric setting. In this paper we assume that μ is lower Ahlfors Q -regular. Here note that if μ is a doubling measure and $d_X < \infty$, then μ is lower Ahlfors $\log_2 C_\mu$ -regular since

$$\frac{\mu(B(x, r))}{\mu(B(x, d_X))} \geq C_\mu^{-2} \left(\frac{r}{d_X}\right)^{\log_2 C_\mu}$$

for all $x \in X$ and $0 < r < d_X$ (see e.g. [1], Lemma 3.3, and [9]). However, there exist lower Ahlfors measures which are nondoubling. For example, let $X_1 = \{x = (x_1, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq x_1 < 1\}$ and $X_2 = \{x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |x| < 1, x_1 < 0\}$ and define $(X, d, \mu) = (X_1, d_2, m_1) \cup (X_2, d_2, m_2)$, where d_2 denotes the 2-dimension Euclidean distance and m_i denotes the i -dimension Lebesgue measure. It is easy to show that μ is nondoubling and lower Ahlfors 2-regular. For other examples of nondoubling metric measure spaces, see [26].

Let \mathcal{G} be the set of all continuous functions from $(0, \infty)$ to itself with the doubling condition; that is, there exists a constant $c_\varphi \geq 1$ such that

$$(1.2) \quad \frac{1}{c_\varphi} \leq \frac{\varphi(r)}{\varphi(s)} \leq c_\varphi \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{r}{s} \leq 2.$$

We call c_φ the doubling constant of φ .

Let us consider the family \mathcal{Y} of all continuous, increasing, convex and bijective functions from $[0, \infty)$ to itself. For $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$, the Orlicz space $L^\Phi(X)$ is defined as

$$L^\Phi(X) = \{f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(X) : \|f\|_{L^\Phi(X)} < \infty\},$$

where

$$\|f\|_{L^\Phi(X)} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \int_X \Phi\left(\frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda}\right) d\mu(x) \leq 1 \right\}.$$

If $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 \in \mathcal{Y}$ and there exists a constant $C \geq 1$ such that $\Phi_1(C^{-1}r) \leq \Phi_2(r) \leq \Phi_1(Cr)$ for all $r > 0$, then we see easily that

$$L^{\Phi_1}(X) = L^{\Phi_2}(X)$$

with equivalent norms. Recently, there have also been a surge of activities in understanding Orlicz spaces in a general metric setting; e.g. [3], [6], [13].

Let $\varrho \in \mathcal{G}$ be a function from $(0, \infty)$ to itself with $\int_0^1 \varrho(t) dt/t < \infty$. For $\tau > 2$, we define

$$I_{\varrho, \tau} f(x) = \int_X \frac{\varrho(d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y),$$

where $f \in L^1(X)$. See, for example, [9] and [16]. If $X = \mathbb{R}^N$ and $\varrho(r) = r^\alpha$ for $0 < \alpha < N$, then $I_{\varrho, \tau} f$ coincides with the usual Riesz potential $I_\alpha f$ of order α . Using the operator $I_{\varrho, \tau}$, we can give a systematic proof and several new results as corollaries. We also refer the reader to [5], [8], [17] and [18] for the boundedness of $I_\varrho f$ in the Euclidean setting, where

$$I_\varrho f(x) = \int_G \frac{\varrho(|x - y|)}{|x - y|^N} f(y) dy \quad (f \in L^1(G)).$$

O'Neil in [24], Theorem 5.2, gave a sufficient condition for the boundedness of convolution operators in Orlicz spaces $L^\Phi(G)$ near $L^1(G)$. See also Cianchi [2], page 193. He used other function spaces M^Φ in which L^Φ is a subspace (see [24], Chapter 3). In [14], we studied the boundedness of I_ϱ from $L^\Phi(G)$ near $L^1(G)$ to $L^\Psi(G)$ and gave another sufficient condition in the Euclidean setting.

Our aim in this paper is to give a general version of the boundedness of generalized Riesz potentials $I_{\varrho, \tau} f$ from $L^\Phi(X)$ near $L^1(X)$ to $L^\Psi(X)$ over lower Ahlfors Q -regular metric measure spaces (Theorem 2.1 below), as an extension of [14], Theorem 7.1, in the Euclidean setting. For L^Φ case, the maximal function is a crucial tool by Hedberg's trick (see Hedberg [10]). In L^Φ near L^1 case, our strategy is to give an estimate of $I_{\varrho, \tau} f$ by use of a logarithmic type potential

$$\int_{\{y \in X : d(x, y)^{-\gamma} < |f(y)|\}} \frac{l_2(d(x, y)^{-1})}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} |f(y)| d\mu(y),$$

which plays a role of maximal functions. Therefore, our proof is quite different from that of O'Neil [24].

In the last section, we show the boundedness of generalized logarithmic potentials $I_{\varrho, \tau} f$ (Theorem 3.1 below), as an extension of [14], Theorem 7.4.

For related results, see [25], [27] and [28].

Throughout this paper, let C denote various positive constants independent of the variables in question. The symbol $g \sim h$ means that $C^{-1}h \leq g \leq Ch$ for some constant $C > 0$.

2. GENERALIZED RIESZ POTENTIALS

Let \mathcal{L} be the set of all positive continuous functions l on $[0, \infty)$ for which there exists a constant $c \geq 1$ such that

$$c^{-1}l(r) \leq l(r^2) \leq cl(r) \quad \text{whenever } r > 0$$

and $l(r)$ is almost monotone, that is, it is either almost increasing:

$$l(r) \leq cl(s) \quad \text{for } 0 < r < s < \infty,$$

or almost decreasing:

$$l(s) \leq cl(r) \quad \text{for } 0 < r < s < \infty.$$

Here we collect the fundamental properties on functions $l \in \mathcal{L}$ (see e.g. [14] and [15]).

($\mathcal{L}1$) $l \in \mathcal{G}$ and $1/l \in \mathcal{L}$.

($\mathcal{L}2$) For all $\alpha > 0$, there exists a constant $c_\alpha \geq 1$ such that

$$(2.1) \quad c_\alpha^{-1}l(r) \leq l(r^\alpha) \leq c_\alpha l(r) \quad \text{for } 0 < r < \infty.$$

($\mathcal{L}3$) For each $\varepsilon > 0$, $r^\varepsilon l(r)$ is almost increasing, that is, there exists a constant $c_\varepsilon \geq 1$ such that

$$(2.2) \quad r^\varepsilon l(r) \leq c_\varepsilon s^\varepsilon l(s) \quad \text{for } 0 < r < s < \infty.$$

($\mathcal{L}4$) If $l, l_1 \in \mathcal{L}$ and $\alpha > 0$, then there exists a constant $c_\alpha \geq 1$ such that

$$(2.3) \quad c_\alpha^{-1}l(r) \leq l(r^\alpha l_1(r)) \leq c_\alpha l(r) \quad \text{for } 0 < r < \infty.$$

(L5) If $p \geq 1$, $l, l_1, l_2 \in \mathcal{L}$, $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$ and $\Phi(r) \leq r^p l(r) l_1(r) l_2(r)$, then there exists a constant $c > 0$ such that

$$(2.4) \quad r^{1/p} l(r)^{-1/p} l_1(r)^{-1/p} l_2(r)^{-1/p} \leq c \Phi^{-1}(r) \quad \text{for } 0 < r < \infty,$$

where $\Phi^{-1}(r)$ is the inverse function of $\Phi(r)$.

For $\tau > 2$, consider the generalized Riesz potential

$$I_{\varrho, \tau} f(x) = \int_X \frac{\varrho(d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y),$$

where $\varrho \in \mathcal{G}$ is of the form $\varrho(r) = r^\alpha l(r^{-1})^{-1}$ with $0 < \alpha < Q$ and $l \in \mathcal{L}$.

Theorem 2.1. *Let $0 < \alpha < Q$ and $p = Q/(Q - \alpha)$. Let $\varrho \in \mathcal{G}$ and $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$ be of the form*

$$\varrho(r) = r^\alpha l(r^{-1})^{-1}$$

and

$$\Phi(r) = r l_1(r),$$

where $l, l_1 \in \mathcal{L}$. Take functions $l_2 \in \mathcal{L}$ and $\Psi \in \mathcal{Y}$ satisfying

$$(2.5) \quad \int_{d_X^{-1}}^r l_2(t) \frac{dt}{t} \leq l_1(r) \quad \text{for } d_X^{-1} \leq r < \infty,$$

$$(2.6) \quad \Psi(r) \leq r^p l(r)^p l_1(r)^{p-1} l_2(r) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq r < \infty.$$

Then there exists a constant $A > 0$ such that

$$\|I_{\varrho, \tau} f\|_{L^\Psi(X)} \leq A \|f\|_{L^\Phi(X)},$$

where the constant A depends on τ , α , Q , K_0 , d_X and the constants appearing in (L1)–(L5).

As in Corollary 7.2 in [14], we have the following corollary in our setting as a special case of Theorem 2.1.

Corollary 2.2. *Let $0 < \alpha < Q$, $p = Q/(Q - \alpha)$. For $\alpha_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\beta_1 > 0$, let*

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho(r) &= r^\alpha (\log(c + r^{-1}))^{-\alpha_1}, \\ \Phi(r) &= r (\log(c + r))^{\beta_1}, \\ \Psi(r) &= r^p (\log(c + r))^{p(\alpha_1 + \beta_1) - 1}, \end{aligned}$$

where $c > e$ is chosen so that $\Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{Y}$. Then there exists a constant $A > 0$ such that

$$\|I_{\varrho, \tau} f\|_{L^\Psi(X)} \leq A \|f\|_{L^\Phi(X)}.$$

Remark 2.3. Let $\mathbf{B} = B(0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}^N$. In Corollary 2.2 we cannot take $\beta_1 = 0$. For details, see [14], Remark 7.1.

Remark 2.4 ([14], Remark 7.2). Let $\mathbf{B} = B(0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}^N$. Let $\alpha, \alpha_1, \beta_1, p$ and Φ be as in Corollary 2.2. If $\gamma > p(\alpha_1 + \beta_1) - 1$, then one can find $f \in L^\Phi(\mathbf{B})$ but

$$\int_{\mathbf{B}} |I_\varrho f(x)|^p (\log(1 + |I_\varrho f(x)|))^\gamma dx = \infty.$$

As in Corollary 7.3 in [14], we have the following corollary in our setting as a special case of Theorem 2.1.

Corollary 2.5. Let $0 < \alpha < Q, p = Q/(Q - \alpha)$. For $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\beta_2 > 0$, let

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho(r) &= r^\alpha (\log(c + r^{-1}))^{-\alpha_1} (\log \log(c + r^{-1}))^{-\alpha_2}, \\ \Phi(r) &= r (\log \log(c + r))^{\beta_2}, \\ \Psi(r) &= r^p (\log(c + r))^{p\alpha_1 - 1} (\log \log(c + r))^{p(\alpha_2 + \beta_2) - 1}, \end{aligned}$$

where $c > e^2$ is chosen so that $\Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{Y}$. Then there exists a constant $A > 0$ such that

$$\|I_{\varrho, \tau} f\|_{L^\Psi(X)} \leq A \|f\|_{L^\Phi(X)}.$$

Proof of Theorem 2.1. We may assume that $\|f\|_{L^\Phi(X)} = 1$. Then

$$\int_X \Phi(|f(y)|) d\mu(y) \leq 1.$$

Note that l_1 is nondecreasing since Φ is convex by our assumption.

For $0 < \gamma < \alpha$, let

$$J(x) = \int_{\{y \in X: d(x, y)^{-\gamma} < |f(y)|\}} \frac{l_2(d(x, y)^{-1})}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} |f(y)| d\mu(y).$$

Then for $0 < \delta \leq d_X$, which will be determined later, we have by (2.2)

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{B(x, \delta)} \frac{\varrho(d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} |f(y)| d\mu(y) \\ & \leq \int_{\{y \in B(x, \delta): d(x, y)^{-\gamma} < |f(y)|\}} \frac{\varrho(d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} |f(y)| d\mu(y) \\ & \quad + \int_{B(x, \delta)} \frac{d(x, y)^{\alpha - \gamma} l(d(x, y)^{-1})^{-1}}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} d\mu(y) \\ & \leq C(\delta^{\alpha} l(\delta^{-1})^{-1} l_2(\delta^{-1})^{-1} J(x) + \delta^{\alpha - \gamma} l(\delta^{-1})^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

since

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{B(x,\delta)} \frac{d(x,y)^{\alpha-\gamma} l(d(x,y)^{-1})^{-1}}{\mu(B(x,\tau d(x,y)))} d\mu(y) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{B(x,\tau^{-j+1}\delta) \setminus B(x,\tau^{-j}\delta)} \frac{d(x,y)^{\alpha-\gamma} l(d(x,y)^{-1})^{-1}}{\mu(B(x,\tau d(x,y)))} d\mu(y) \\
&\leq C \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{B(x,\tau^{-j+1}\delta) \setminus B(x,\tau^{-j}\delta)} \frac{(\tau^{-j+1}\delta)^{\alpha-\gamma} l((\tau^{-j+1}\delta)^{-1})^{-1}}{\mu(B(x,\tau^{-j+1}\delta))} d\mu(y) \\
&\leq C \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\tau^{-j+1}\delta)^{\alpha-\gamma} l((\tau^{-j+1}\delta)^{-1})^{-1} \leq \frac{C}{\log \tau} \int_0^{\delta} t^{\alpha-\gamma} l(t^{-1})^{-1} \frac{dt}{t} \\
&\leq C \delta^{\alpha-\gamma} l(\delta^{-1})^{-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for $\alpha < \gamma' < Q$ we obtain by (1.1), (2.1) and (2.2)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{X \setminus B(x,\delta)} \frac{\varrho(d(x,y))}{\mu(B(x,\tau d(x,y)))} |f(y)| d\mu(y) \\
&\leq C \int_{X \setminus B(x,\delta)} \frac{\varrho(d(x,y))}{\mu(B(x,\tau d(x,y)))} \left(|f(y)| \frac{l_1(|f(y)|)}{l_1(d(x,y)^{-1})} + d(x,y)^{-\gamma'} \right) d\mu(y) \\
&\leq C \left(K_0^{-1} \tau^{-Q} \int_{X \setminus B(x,\delta)} d(x,y)^{\alpha-Q} l(d(x,y)^{-1})^{-1} l_1(d(x,y)^{-1})^{-1} \Phi(|f(y)|) d\mu(y) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \int_{X \setminus B(x,\delta)} \frac{d(x,y)^{\alpha-\gamma'} l(d(x,y)^{-1})^{-1}}{\mu(B(x,\tau d(x,y)))} d\mu(y) \right) \\
&\leq C \left(\delta^{\alpha-Q} l(\delta^{-1})^{-1} l_1(\delta^{-1})^{-1} \int_X \Phi(|f(y)|) d\mu(y) + \delta^{\alpha-\gamma'} l(\delta^{-1})^{-1} \right) \\
&\leq C (\delta^{\alpha-Q} l(\delta^{-1})^{-1} l_1(\delta^{-1})^{-1} + \delta^{\alpha-\gamma'} l(\delta^{-1})^{-1})
\end{aligned}$$

since

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{X \setminus B(x,\delta)} \frac{d(x,y)^{\alpha-\gamma'} l(d(x,y)^{-1})^{-1}}{\mu(B(x,\tau d(x,y)))} d\mu(y) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{B(x,\tau^j\delta) \setminus B(x,\tau^{j-1}\delta)} \frac{d(x,y)^{\alpha-\gamma'} l(d(x,y)^{-1})^{-1}}{\mu(B(x,\tau d(x,y)))} d\mu(y) \\
&\leq C \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{B(x,\tau^j\delta) \setminus B(x,\tau^{j-1}\delta)} \frac{(\tau^{j-1}\delta)^{\alpha-\gamma'} l((\tau^{j-1}\delta)^{-1})^{-1}}{\mu(B(x,\tau^j\delta))} d\mu(y) \\
&\leq C \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\tau^{j-1}\delta)^{\alpha-\gamma'} l((\tau^{j-1}\delta)^{-1})^{-1} \leq \frac{C}{\log \tau} \int_{\delta}^{\infty} t^{\alpha-\gamma'} l(t^{-1})^{-1} \frac{dt}{t} \\
&\leq C \delta^{\alpha-\gamma'} l(\delta^{-1})^{-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, it follows from (2.2) that

$$\begin{aligned}
|I_{\varrho, \tau} f(x)| &\leq \int_{B(x, \delta)} \frac{\varrho(d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} |f(y)| d\mu(y) \\
&\quad + \int_{X \setminus B(x, \delta)} \frac{\varrho(d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} |f(y)| d\mu(y) \\
&\leq C(\delta^\alpha l(\delta^{-1})^{-1} l_2(\delta^{-1})^{-1} J(x) + \delta^{\alpha-\gamma} l(\delta^{-1})^{-1} \\
&\quad + \delta^{\alpha-Q} l(\delta^{-1})^{-1} l_1(\delta^{-1})^{-1} + \delta^{\alpha-\gamma'} l(\delta^{-1})^{-1}) \\
&= C(\delta^\alpha l(\delta^{-1})^{-1} l_2(\delta^{-1})^{-1} J(x) \\
&\quad + \delta^{\alpha-Q} l(\delta^{-1})^{-1} l_1(\delta^{-1})^{-1} (\delta^{Q-\gamma} l_1(\delta^{-1}) + 1 + \delta^{Q-\gamma'} l_1(\delta^{-1}))) \\
&\leq C(\delta^\alpha l(\delta^{-1})^{-1} l_2(\delta^{-1})^{-1} J(x) + \delta^{\alpha-Q} l(\delta^{-1})^{-1} l_1(\delta^{-1})^{-1}).
\end{aligned}$$

Now, let

$$\delta = \min\{J(x)^{-1/Q} l_1(J(x))^{-1/Q} l_2(J(x))^{1/Q}, d_X\}.$$

If $\delta = J(x)^{-1/Q} l_1(J(x))^{-1/Q} l_2(J(x))^{1/Q}$, then it follows from (2.3) that

$$l(\delta^{-1}) \sim l(J(x)), \quad l_1(\delta^{-1}) \sim l_1(J(x)), \quad l_2(\delta^{-1}) \sim l_2(J(x)),$$

so we have by (2.6) and (2.4)

$$\begin{aligned}
|I_{\varrho, \tau} f(x)| &\leq C J(x)^{(Q-\alpha)/Q} l(J(x))^{-1} l_1(J(x))^{-\alpha/Q} l_2(J(x))^{-(Q-\alpha)/Q} \\
&= C J(x)^{1/p} l(J(x))^{-1} l_1(J(x))^{-(p-1)/p} l_2(J(x))^{-1/p} \\
&\leq C \Psi^{-1}(J(x)),
\end{aligned}$$

where $\Psi^{-1}(r)$ is the inverse function of $\Psi(r)$. If $\delta = d_X$, then

$$|I_{\varrho, \tau} f(x)| \leq C.$$

Therefore

$$\Psi\left(\frac{|I_{\varrho, \tau} f(x)|}{C}\right) \leq J(x) + 1.$$

Let $j_0(y)$ be the largest nonnegative integer such that $|f(y)|^{-1/\gamma} \tilde{\tau}^{j_0(y)-1} \leq d_X$ for $y \in X$, where $\tilde{\tau} = \tau/2$. By Fubini's theorem, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_X J(x) \, d\mu(x) \\
 &= \int_X \left(\int_{\{x \in X: d(x,y)^{-\gamma} < |f(y)|\}} \frac{l_2(d(x,y)^{-1})}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x,y)))} \, d\mu(x) \right) |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \\
 &\leq \int_X \left(\sum_{j=1}^{j_0(y)} \int_{K_j} \frac{l_2(d(x,y)^{-1})}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x,y)))} \, d\mu(x) \right) |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \\
 &\leq C \int_X \left(\sum_{j=1}^{j_0(y)} \int_{K_j} \frac{l_2(|f(y)|^{-1/\gamma} \tilde{\tau}^j)^{-1}}{\mu(B(x, \tau |f(y)|^{-1/\gamma} \tilde{\tau}^j))} \, d\mu(x) \right) |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \\
 &\leq C \int_X \left(\sum_{j=1}^{j_0(y)} \int_{B(y, |f(y)|^{-1/\gamma} \tilde{\tau}^j)} \frac{l_2(|f(y)|^{-1/\gamma} \tilde{\tau}^j)^{-1}}{\mu(B(y, |f(y)|^{-1/\gamma} \tilde{\tau}^j))} \, d\mu(x) \right) |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \\
 &\leq C \int_X \left(\sum_{j=1}^{j_0(y)} l_2(|f(y)|^{-1/\gamma} \tilde{\tau}^j)^{-1} \right) |f(y)| \, d\mu(y),
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$K_j = B(y, |f(y)|^{-1/\gamma} \tilde{\tau}^j) \setminus B(y, |f(y)|^{-1/\gamma} \tilde{\tau}^{j-1}).$$

By (2.5) and (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_X J(x) \, d\mu(x) &\leq C \int_X \left(\int_{d_X^{-1}}^{\tilde{\tau} |f(y)|^{1/\gamma}} l_2(t) \frac{dt}{t} \right) |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \\
 &\leq C \int_X l_1(|f(y)|^{1/\gamma}) |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \\
 &\leq C \int_X \Phi(|f(y)|) \, d\mu(y) \leq C.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, this theorem is proved. □

3. GENERALIZED LOGARITHMIC POTENTIALS

For $\tau > 2$, consider the generalized logarithmic potential

$$I_{\varrho, \tau} f(x) = \int_X \frac{\varrho(d(x,y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x,y)))} f(y) \, d\mu(y),$$

where $\varrho \in \mathcal{G}$ is of the form $\varrho(r) = l(r^{-1})^{-1}$ with $l \in \mathcal{L}$ satisfying

$$(3.1) \quad \int_0^1 \varrho(t) \frac{dt}{t} < \infty.$$

For generalized logarithmic potentials, we have the following.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $\varrho \in \mathcal{G}$ be of the form $\varrho(r) = l(r^{-1})^{-1}$ with $l \in \mathcal{L}$ satisfying (3.1). Let $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$ be of the form*

$$\Phi(r) = rl_1(r),$$

where $l_1 \in \mathcal{L}$. Let l_2, m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4 be functions in \mathcal{L} such that

- (i) $lm_1, l_1/m_2, l/m_3$ and l_1m_4 are almost increasing;
- (ii) $\int_{d_X^{-1}}^r m_1(t) dt/t \leq c_1 m_2(r)$ for $d_X^{-1} \leq r < \infty$;
- (iii) $\int_r^\infty (m_3(t))^{-1} dt/t \leq c_2/m_4(r)$ for $d_X^{-1} \leq r < \infty$;
- (iv) $m_2(r)/m_1(r) + m_3(r)/m_4(r) \leq l_2(r)$ for $d_X^{-1} \leq r < \infty$,

where c_1, c_2 are positive constants. Take a function $\Psi \in \mathcal{Y}$ satisfying

$$\Psi(r) \leq rl(r)l_1(r)l_2(r)^{-1} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq r < \infty.$$

Then there exists a constant $A > 0$ such that

$$\|I_{\varrho, \tau} f\|_{L^\Psi(X)} \leq A \|f\|_{L^\Phi(X)},$$

where the constant A depends on τ, Q, K_0, d_X and the constants appearing in (L1)–(L5) and (i)–(iv).

As in [14], we have the following corollaries in our setting as special cases of Theorem 3.1. For other examples, see [14].

Corollary 3.2. *For $\alpha_1 > 0$ and $\beta_1 > 0$, let*

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho(r) &= (\log(c + r^{-1}))^{-\alpha_1 - 1}, \\ \Phi(r) &= r(\log(c + r))^{\beta_1}, \\ \Psi(r) &= r(\log(c + r))^{\alpha_1 + \beta_1}, \end{aligned}$$

where $c > e$ is chosen so that $\Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{Y}$. Then there exists a constant $A > 0$ such that

$$\|I_{\varrho, \tau} f\|_{L^\Psi(X)} \leq A \|f\|_{L^\Phi(X)}.$$

Corollary 3.3. For $\alpha_1 > 0$ and $\beta_2 > 0$, let

$$\begin{aligned}\varrho(r) &= (\log(c + r^{-1}))^{-\alpha_1 - 1}, \\ \Phi(r) &= r(\log \log(c + r))^{\beta_2}, \\ \Psi(r) &= r(\log(c + r))^{\alpha_1}(\log \log(c + r))^{\beta_2 - 1},\end{aligned}$$

where $c > e^2$ is chosen so that $\Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{Y}$. Then there exists a constant $A > 0$ such that

$$\|I_{\varrho, \tau} f\|_{L^\Psi(X)} \leq A \|f\|_{L^\Phi(X)}.$$

Corollary 3.4. For $\alpha_2 > 0$, $\beta_1 > 0$ and $\beta_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, let

$$\begin{aligned}\varrho(r) &= (\log(c + r^{-1}))^{-1}(\log \log(c + r^{-1}))^{-\alpha_2 - 1}, \\ \Phi(r) &= r(\log(c + r))^{\beta_1}(\log \log(c + r))^{\beta_2}, \\ \Psi(r) &= r(\log(c + r))^{\beta_1}(\log \log(c + r))^{\alpha_2 + \beta_2},\end{aligned}$$

where $c > e^2$ is chosen so that $\Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{Y}$. Then there exists a constant $A > 0$ such that

$$\|I_{\varrho, \tau} f\|_{L^\Psi(X)} \leq A \|f\|_{L^\Phi(X)}.$$

Proof of Theorem 3.1. We may assume that $\|f\|_{L^\Phi(X)} = 1$. Then

$$\int_X \Phi(|f(y)|) \, d\mu(y) \leq 1.$$

Let $0 < \delta < Q$. For $x \in X$ and $0 < r < d_X$, write

$$X = E_0 \cup E_1 \cup E_2 \cup E_3 \cup E_4,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}E_0 &= \{y \in B(x, r) : |f(y)| \leq r^{-\delta}\}, \\ E_1 &= \{y \in B(x, r) : |f(y)| > r^{-\delta}, |f(y)| > d(x, y)^{-\delta}\}, \\ E_2 &= \{y \in B(x, r) : |f(y)| > r^{-\delta}, |f(y)| \leq d(x, y)^{-\delta}\}, \\ E_3 &= \{y \in X \setminus B(x, r) : |f(y)| > d(x, y)^{-\delta}\}, \\ E_4 &= \{y \in X \setminus B(x, r) : |f(y)| \leq d(x, y)^{-\delta}\}.\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{E_0} \frac{\varrho(d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \\
& \leq r^{-\delta} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{B(x, \tau^{-j+1}r) \setminus B(x, \tau^{-j}r)} \frac{\varrho(d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} \, d\mu(y) \\
& \leq Cr^{-\delta} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{B(x, \tau^{-j+1}r) \setminus B(x, \tau^{-j}r)} \frac{\varrho(\tau^{-j+1}r)}{\mu(B(x, \tau^{-j+1}r))} \, d\mu(y) \\
& \leq Cr^{-\delta} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \varrho(\tau^{-j+1}r) \leq Cr^{-\delta} \int_0^r \varrho(t) \frac{dt}{t} \leq Cr^{-\delta}.
\end{aligned}$$

Let $j_1(r)$ be the largest integer such that $\tau^{j_1(r)-1}r \leq d_X$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{E_4} \frac{\varrho(d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \\
& \leq \int_{X \setminus B(x, r)} \frac{\varrho(d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} d(x, y)^{-\delta} \, d\mu(y) \\
& \leq r^{-\delta} \sum_{j=1}^{j_1(r)} \int_{B(x, \tau^j r) \setminus B(x, \tau^{j-1}r)} \frac{\varrho(d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} \, d\mu(y) \\
& \leq Cr^{-\delta} \sum_{j=1}^{j_1(r)} \int_{B(x, \tau^j r) \setminus B(x, \tau^{j-1}r)} \frac{\varrho(\tau^j r)}{\mu(B(x, \tau^j r))} \, d\mu(y) \\
& \leq Cr^{-\delta} \sum_{j=1}^{j_1(r)} \varrho(\tau^j r) \leq Cr^{-\delta} \int_r^{\tau d_X} \varrho(t) \frac{dt}{t} \leq Cr^{-\delta}.
\end{aligned}$$

Noting that l_1 is nondecreasing by our assumption that Φ is convex, we see by (2.1), (2.2) and (1.1) that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{E_3} \frac{\varrho(d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \\
& \leq \int_{E_3} \frac{\varrho(d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} |f(y)| \frac{l_1(|f(y)|)}{l_1(d(x, y)^{-\delta})} \, d\mu(y) \\
& \leq C \int_{X \setminus B(x, r)} \frac{\varrho(d(x, y))}{K_0 \tau^Q d(x, y)^Q l_1(d(x, y)^{-1})} \Phi(|f(y)|) \, d\mu(y) \\
& \leq \frac{C \varrho(r)}{r^Q l_1(r^{-1})} \int_{X \setminus B(x, r)} \Phi(|f(y)|) \, d\mu(y) \leq \frac{C}{r^Q l_1(r^{-1}) l_1(r^{-1})}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $r^{-\delta} \leq C\{r^Q l(r^{-1})l_1(r^{-1})\}^{-1}$ by (2.2), we have

$$\int_{E_0 \cup E_3 \cup E_4} \frac{\varrho(d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \leq \frac{C}{r^Q l(r^{-1})l_1(r^{-1})}.$$

Next, let us consider the integral over $E_1 \cup E_2$. Set

$$J(x) = J_1(x) + J_2(x),$$

where

$$J_1(x) = \int_{\tilde{E}_1} \frac{m_1(d(x, y)^{-1})}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} \frac{\Phi(|f(y)|)}{m_2(|f(y)|)} \, d\mu(y),$$

$$J_2(x) = \int_{\tilde{E}_2} \frac{m_4(|f(y)|)\Phi(|f(y)|)}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))m_3(d(x, y)^{-1})} \, d\mu(y)$$

with

$$\tilde{E}_1 = \{y \in X : |f(y)| > d(x, y)^{-\delta}\},$$

$$\tilde{E}_2 = \{y \in X : |f(y)| \leq d(x, y)^{-\delta}\}.$$

We insist by assumption (iv) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{E_1} \frac{\varrho(d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \\ & \leq C \int_{E_1} \frac{1}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))l(d(x, y)^{-1})} \frac{m_1(d(x, y)^{-1})}{m_1(d(x, y)^{-1})} |f(y)| \frac{l_1(|f(y)|)/m_2(|f(y)|)}{l_1(r^{-\delta})/m_2(r^{-\delta})} \, d\mu(y) \\ & \leq \frac{C}{l(r^{-1})m_1(r^{-1})} \frac{m_2(r^{-1})}{l_1(r^{-1})} J_1(x) \leq \frac{Cl_2(r^{-1})}{l(r^{-1})l_1(r^{-1})} J_1(x) \end{aligned}$$

since lm_1 and l_1/m_2 are almost increasing by assumption (i), and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{E_2} \frac{\varrho(d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} |f(y)| \, d\mu(y) \\ & \leq C \int_{E_2} \frac{1}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))l(d(x, y)^{-1})} \frac{m_3(d(x, y)^{-1})}{m_3(d(x, y)^{-1})} |f(y)| \frac{l_1(|f(y)|)m_4(|f(y)|)}{l_1(r^{-\delta})m_4(r^{-\delta})} \, d\mu(y) \\ & \leq C \frac{m_3(r^{-1})}{l(r^{-1})} \frac{1}{l_1(r^{-1})m_4(r^{-1})} J_2(x) \leq \frac{Cl_2(r^{-1})}{l(r^{-1})l_1(r^{-1})} J_2(x) \end{aligned}$$

since l/m_3 and l_1m_4 are almost increasing by assumption (i). Noting from assumptions (iv) and (iii) that

$$l_2(t) \geq \frac{m_3(t)}{m_4(t)} \geq c_2^{-1} m_3(t) \int_t^{2t} \frac{1}{m_3(s)} \frac{ds}{s} \geq C$$

for $d_X^{-1} \leq t < \infty$, we find

$$|I_{\varrho, \tau} f(x)| \leq \frac{C}{l(r^{-1})l_1(r^{-1})} \left(\frac{1}{r^Q} + l_2(r^{-1})J(x) \right) \leq \frac{Cl_2(r^{-1})}{l(r^{-1})l_1(r^{-1})} \left(\frac{1}{r^Q} + J(x) \right).$$

Let

$$r = \min\{J(x)^{-1/Q}, d_X\}.$$

If $r = J(x)^{-1/Q}$, then we have by (2.1) and (2.4)

$$|I_{\varrho, \tau} f(x)| \leq \frac{Cl_2(J(x))}{l(J(x))l_1(J(x))} J(x) \leq C\Psi^{-1}(J(x)).$$

If $r = d_X$, then $J(x) \leq d_X^{-Q}$ and

$$|I_{\varrho, \tau} f(x)| \leq C.$$

Hence

$$\Psi\left(\frac{|I_{\varrho, \tau} f(x)|}{C}\right) \leq J(x) + 1.$$

Let $j_0(y)$ be the largest nonnegative integer such that $|f(y)|^{-1/\delta} \tilde{\tau}^{j_0(y)-1} \leq d_X$ for $y \in X$, where $\tilde{\tau} = \tau/2$. By Fubini's theorem, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_X J_1(x) d\mu(x) \\ &= \int_X \left(\int_{\{x \in X: d(x, y)^{-\delta} < |f(y)|\}} \frac{m_1(d(x, y)^{-1})}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} d\mu(x) \right) \frac{\Phi(|f(y)|)}{m_2(|f(y)|)} d\mu(y) \\ &= \int_X \left(\sum_{j=1}^{j_0(y)} \int_{K_j} \frac{m_1(d(x, y)^{-1})}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} d\mu(x) \right) \frac{\Phi(|f(y)|)}{m_2(|f(y)|)} d\mu(y) \\ &\leq C \int_X \left(\sum_{j=1}^{j_0(y)} \int_{K_j} \frac{m_1(|f(y)|^{-1/\delta} \tilde{\tau}^j)^{-1}}{\mu(B(x, \tau |f(y)|^{-1/\delta} \tilde{\tau}^j))} d\mu(x) \right) \frac{\Phi(|f(y)|)}{m_2(|f(y)|)} d\mu(y) \\ &\leq C \int_X \left(\sum_{j=1}^{j_0(y)} \int_{B(y, |f(y)|^{-1/\delta} \tilde{\tau}^j)} \frac{m_1(|f(y)|^{-1/\delta} \tilde{\tau}^j)^{-1}}{\mu(B(y, |f(y)|^{-1/\delta} \tilde{\tau}^j))} d\mu(x) \right) \frac{\Phi(|f(y)|)}{m_2(|f(y)|)} d\mu(y) \\ &\leq C \int_X \left(\sum_{j=1}^{j_0(y)} m_1(|f(y)|^{-1/\delta} \tilde{\tau}^j)^{-1} \right) \frac{\Phi(|f(y)|)}{m_2(|f(y)|)} d\mu(y), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$K_j = B(y, |f(y)|^{-1/\delta} \tilde{\tau}^j) \setminus B(y, |f(y)|^{-1/\delta} \tilde{\tau}^{j-1}).$$

By assumption (ii), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_X J_1(x) \, d\mu(x) &\leq C \int_X \left(\int_{d_X^{-1}}^{\tilde{\tau}|f(y)|^{1/\delta}} m_1(t) \frac{dt}{t} \right) \frac{\Phi(|f(y)|)}{m_2(|f(y)|)} \, d\mu(y) \\
&\leq C \int_X m_2(|f(y)|^{1/\delta}) \frac{\Phi(|f(y)|)}{m_2(|f(y)|)} \, d\mu(y) \\
&\leq C \int_X \Phi(|f(y)|) \, d\mu(y) \leq C.
\end{aligned}$$

Finally we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_X J_2(x) \, d\mu(x) \\
&= \int_X \left(\int_{\{x \in X: d(x,y)^{-\delta} \geq |f(y)|\}} \frac{1}{m_3(d(x,y)^{-1})\mu(B(x, \tau d(x,y)))} \, d\mu(x) \right) \\
&\quad \times \Phi(|f(y)|) m_4(|f(y)|) \, d\mu(y) \\
&= \int_X \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{K'_j} \frac{1}{m_3(d(x,y)^{-1})\mu(B(x, \tau d(x,y)))} \, d\mu(x) \right) \\
&\quad \times \Phi(|f(y)|) m_4(|f(y)|) \, d\mu(y) \\
&\leq C \int_X \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{K'_j} \frac{1}{m_3(|f(y)|^{-1/\delta} \tilde{\tau}^{-j+1})^{-1} \mu(B(x, \tau |f(y)|^{-1/\delta} \tilde{\tau}^{-j}))} \, d\mu(x) \right) \\
&\quad \times \Phi(|f(y)|) m_4(|f(y)|) \, d\mu(y) \\
&\leq C \int_X \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{B(y, |f(y)|^{-1/\delta} \tilde{\tau}^{-j+1})} \frac{d\mu(x)}{m_3(|f(y)|^{-1/\delta} \tilde{\tau}^{-j+1})^{-1} \mu(B(y, |f(y)|^{-1/\delta} \tilde{\tau}^{-j+1}))} \right) \\
&\quad \times \Phi(|f(y)|) m_4(|f(y)|) \, d\mu(y) \\
&\leq C \int_X \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m_3(|f(y)|^{-1/\delta} \tilde{\tau}^{-j+1})^{-1}} \right) \Phi(|f(y)|) m_4(|f(y)|) \, d\mu(y),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$K'_j = B(y, |f(y)|^{-1/\delta} \tilde{\tau}^{-j+1}) \setminus B(y, |f(y)|^{-1/\delta} \tilde{\tau}^{-j}).$$

Therefore by assumption (iii)

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_X J_2(x) \, d\mu(x) &\leq C \int_X \left(\int_{|f(y)|^{1/\delta}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m_3(t)} \frac{dt}{t} \right) \Phi(|f(y)|) m_4(|f(y)|) \, d\mu(y) \\
&\leq C \int_X \frac{1}{m_4(|f(y)|^{1/\delta})} \Phi(|f(y)|) m_4(|f(y)|) \, d\mu(y) \\
&\leq C \int_X \Phi(|f(y)|) \, d\mu(y) \leq C.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the conclusion follows. □

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