Marcinkiewicz integrals with variable kernels on Hardy and weak Hardy spaces*

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Abstract. In this article, we consider the Marcinkiewicz integrals with variable kernels defined by

$$\mu_{\Omega}(f)(x) = \left(\int_0^{\infty} \left| \int_{|x-y|\leq t} \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2},$$

where $\Omega(x, z) \in L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^q(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})$ for $q > 1$. We prove that the operator μ_{Ω} is bounded from Hardy space, $H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, to $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ space; and is bounded from weak Hardy space, $H^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, to weak $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ space for $\max\{\frac{2n}{2n+1}, \frac{n}{n+\alpha}\} < p < 1$, if Ω satisfies the $L^{1,\alpha}$ -Dini condition with any $0 < \alpha \leq 1$.

1. Introduction

Let $\mathbb{R}^n (n \geq 2)$ be the n -dimensional Euclidean space and $\mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ denote the unit sphere in $\mathbb{R}^n$ equipped with induced Lebesgue measure $d\sigma$, and let $x' = \frac{x}{|x|}$ for any $x \neq 0$.

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In 1958, E. M. Stein [12] first introduced the following Marcinkiewicz integral μ_ω of higher dimension with convolution kernel,

$$\mu_\omega(f) = \left(\int_0^\infty \left| \int_{|x-y| \leq t} \frac{\omega(x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2},$$

where $\omega(x)$ is a homogeneous function of degree zero with $\omega \in L^1(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})$ and $\int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} \omega(x') d\sigma(x') = 0$.

E. M. Stein proved that μ_ω is bounded on $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $1 < p \leq 2$ and is of weak type $(1, 1)$ if $\omega \in \text{Lip}_\alpha(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})$ with $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Subsequently, A. Benedek, A. Calderon and R. Panzone [3] showed that if $\omega \in C^1(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})$, then μ_ω is bounded on $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $1 < p < \infty$. Later on, the above results were improved by many authors under some weaker smoothness conditions on ω , see [1], [7, 8], [11], [14, 15, 16] for instance.

We remark that the Marcinkiewicz integral is essentially a Littlewood-Paley g -function. If let $\phi(x) = \omega(x)|x|^{-n+1}\chi_B(x)$ and $\phi_t(x) = t^{-n}\phi(x/t)$, where B denotes the unit ball of $\mathbb{R}^n$ and χ_B denotes the characteristic function of B , then

$$\mu_\omega(f)(x) = \left(\int_0^\infty |\phi_t * f(x)|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/2} = g_\phi(f)(x).$$

In order to study non-smoothness partial differential equations with variable coefficients, mathematicians pay more attention to the singular integral with variable kernels, see [2], [4], [5] and [6] among others. Specially, in 1955 Calderón and Zygmund [4] considered the singular integral with variable kernel defined by

$$T_\Omega(f)(x) = p.v. \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-y|^n} f(y) dy.$$

In this paper, we study the Marcinkiewicz integral with variable kernel defined by

$$\mu_\Omega(f)(x) = \left(\int_0^\infty \left| \int_{|x-y| \leq t} \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{1/2}.$$

We point out that μ_Ω can be interpreted as a Hilbert-valued function. In fact, denote the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ by

$$\mathcal{H} = \left\{ h(t) : \|h\|_{\mathcal{H}} = \left(\int_0^\infty |h(t)|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/2} < +\infty \right\},$$

and let $h_f(t, x) = t^{-1}F_{\Omega, t}(x)$, where

$$F_{\Omega, t}(x) = \int_{|x-y| \leq t} \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} f(y) dy.$$

Then we obtain that $\mu_\Omega(f)(x) = \|h_f(\cdot, x)\|_{\mathcal{H}}$.

Before stating our theorems, we first introduce some definitions about the variable kernel $\Omega(x, z)$. A function $\Omega(x, z)$ defined on $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be in $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^q(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})$, $q \geq 1$, if $\Omega(x, z)$ satisfies the following three conditions:

- (1) $\Omega(x, \lambda z) = \Omega(x, z)$, for any $x, z \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and any $\lambda > 0$;
- (2) $\|\Omega\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^q(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})} = \sup_{r \geq 0, y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} |\Omega(rz' + y, z')|^q d\sigma(z') \right)^{1/q} < \infty$;
- (3) $\int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} \Omega(x, z') d\sigma(z') = 0$ for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

In [4], Calderón and Zygmund proved that if Ω satisfies (1), (3) and

$$(2') \quad \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} |\Omega(y, z')|^q d\sigma(z') \right)^{1/q} < \infty,$$

then T_Ω is bounded on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ provided $q \geq 2(n-1)/n$. They also found that for no n can we replace the exponent $2(n-1)/n$ by a smaller one. Since the condition (2) implies (2'), so the $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ boundedness of T_Ω holds if $\Omega \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^q(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})$ with $q \geq 2(n-1)/n$. Recently in [7], the authors proved that if $\Omega \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^q(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})$ with $q \geq 2(n-1)/n$, then μ_Ω is bounded on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$; and they also showed the H^1 - L^1 boundedness of μ_Ω under certain Dini condition.

For $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, a function $\Omega \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^1(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})$ is called to satisfy the $L^{1,\alpha}$ -Dini condition if

$$(1.1) \quad \int_0^1 \frac{\varpi(\delta)}{\delta^{1+\alpha}} d\delta < \infty,$$

where

$$(1.2) \quad \varpi(\delta) = \sup_{r > 0, y \in \mathbb{R}^n} \int_{|O| < \delta} |\Omega(rz' + y, Oz') - \Omega(rz' + y, z')| d\sigma(z'),$$

and O is a rotation in $\mathbb{R}^n$ with $|O| = \|O - I\|$, where I is the identity operator. For the special case $\alpha = 0$, it reduces to the L^1 -Dini condition

Our first aim is to show that the Marcinkiewicz integral μ_Ω with variable kernel is bounded on Hardy spaces $H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with some $p < 1$.

Theorem 1.1. *Let $\Omega(x, z) \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^q(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})$ with $q > 2(n-1)/n$, and let $\Omega(x, z')$ satisfy the $L^{1,\alpha}$ -Dini condition with $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Then, if $\max\{\frac{2n}{2n+1}, \frac{n}{n+\alpha}\} < p < 1$, there exists an absolute constant C independent of f such that*

$$(1.3) \quad \|\mu_\Omega(f)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C\|f\|_{H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Corollary 1.2. *Let $\omega(z) \in L^q(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})$ with $q > 2(n-1)/n$, and let $\omega(z')$ satisfy $L^{1,\alpha}$ -Dini condition with $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Then, μ_ω is bounded from Hardy space $H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $\max\{\frac{2n}{2n+1}, \frac{n}{n+\alpha}\} < p < 1$.*

Another aim of the paper is to derive that μ_Ω is bounded from weak Hardy space $H^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to weak $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ space, $L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, for some $p < 1$. Let us first recall the definition of weak Hardy space $H^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Definition 1.3. Let $\varphi \in C_0^\infty$ with $\int \varphi(x)dx \neq 0$. Denote by $f_+^*(x) = \sup_{t>0} |(\varphi_t * f)(x)|$, where $\varphi_t(x) = t^{-n}\varphi(\frac{x}{t})$. A distribution f is said to belong to the weak Hardy space $H^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ if $f_+^*(x)$ belongs to the weak $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ space, $L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, i.e, there is a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$|\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : f_+^*(x) > \beta\}| \leq \frac{C^p}{\beta^p}, \quad \forall \beta > 0.$$

The smallest constant C satisfying the above inequality is called the $H^{p,\infty}$ norm of f , and is denoted by $\|f\|_{H^{p,\infty}}$.

Theorem 1.4. *Let $\Omega(x, z) \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^q(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})$ with $q > 2(n-1)/n$, and let $\Omega(x, z')$ satisfy the $L^{1,\alpha}$ -Dini condition with $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Then, if $\max\{\frac{2n}{2n+1}, \frac{n}{n+\alpha}\} < p < 1$, there exists a constant C independent of f and β such that*

$$(1.4) \quad |\{x : |\mu_\Omega f(x)| > \beta\}| \leq C \frac{\|f\|_{H^{p,\infty}}^p}{\beta^p}.$$

Corollary 1.5. *Let $\omega(z) \in L^q(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})$ for $q > 2(n-1)/n$, and let $\omega(z')$ satisfy $L^{1,\alpha}$ -Dini condition with $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Then μ_ω is bounded from weak Hardy space $H^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to weak space $L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $\max\{\frac{2n}{2n+1}, \frac{n}{n+\alpha}\} < p < 1$.*

Remark 1.6. It's easy to see that $\text{Lip}_\alpha \subset L^{1,\alpha}$ -Dini for any $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Thus, the conclusions of Corollary 1.2 and 1.5 may be regarded as an improvement and extension of Stein's results about the Marcinkiewicz integrals with convolution kernels in [12] and [8].

Remark 1.7. It is worthy noting that the $H^1 - L^1$ boundedness of μ_Ω may be regarded as the limit case of Theorem 1.1 by choosing $p = 1$ and letting $\alpha \rightarrow 0$. Hence, Theorem 1.3 and Corollary 1.7 in [7] are the special cases of above Theorem 1.1.

Throughout the paper, C always denotes a positive constant not necessarily the same at each occurrence. We use $a \sim b$ to mean the equivalence of a and b ; that is, there exists a positive constant C independent of a, b such that $C^{-1}a \leq b \leq Ca$.

2. Proof of theorem 1.1

In order to show the $H^p - L^p$ boundedness of μ_Ω , we will use the atomic decomposition theory of the real Hardy space $H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $\frac{n}{n+1} < p \leq 1$, see for instance [13]. A function $a(x)$ is said to be $(p, 2, 0)$ atom if it satisfies the following three conditions:

- (i) $\text{supp}(a) \subset B(x_0, r)$, where $B(x_0, r) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : |y - x_0| \leq r\}$ is a ball in $\mathbb{R}^n$;
- (ii) $\|a\|_{L^2} \leq |B(x_0, r)|^{1/2-1/p}$;
- (iii) $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} a(x) dx = 0$.

It is well known that every $f \in H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $\frac{n}{n+1} < p \leq 1$, has an atomic decomposition $f = \sum_k \lambda_k a_k$, which converges in H^p norm and in the sense of distributions; where $(\sum_k |\lambda_k|^p)^{1/p} \cong \|f\|_{H^p}$, and all $a_k(x)$ are $(p, 2, 0)$ atoms.

Start with f in a nice dense class of function, say $f \in H^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$. If we denote the kernel by $K(x, z) = \frac{\Omega(x, z)}{|z|^{n-1}}$ and set

$$\mu_{\Omega, \varepsilon}(f)(x) = \left(\int_0^\infty |F_{\Omega, t, \varepsilon}(x)|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where

$$F_{\Omega, t, \varepsilon}(x) = \int_{\varepsilon < |x-y| \leq t} K(x, x-y) f(y) dy.$$

Now following [13] (Page 115), we write the distribution kernel $K = K_0 + K_\infty$, where K_0 has compact support, and thus the distribution $F_{\Omega, t, \varepsilon}$ is well defined for every fixed ε and t , and

$$F_{\Omega, t, \varepsilon}(x) = \sum_k \lambda_k \int_{\varepsilon < |x-y| \leq t} K(x, x-y) a_k(y) dy.$$

We claim that, for almost every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\mu_\Omega(f)(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \mu_{\Omega, \varepsilon}(f)(x)$. To see the claim, we use the cancellation condition of Ω and the fact $\Omega(x, z) \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n) \times L^r(\mathbb{S}^{n-1})$ for any $1 \leq r < 2(n-1)/n$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\Omega, t, \varepsilon}(x) &= \int_{\varepsilon < |x-y| \leq t} \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} (f(y) - f(x)) dy \\ &\leq C \int_{|x-y| \leq t} \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n-2}} dy \leq Ct^2. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, Hölder inequality gives

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\Omega, t, \varepsilon}(x) &\leq C \left(\int_{|x-y| \leq t} \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y)|^r}{|x-y|^{(n-1)r}} dy \right)^{1/r} \\ &\leq Ct^{-(n-1)+(n/r)}, \end{aligned}$$

for any $1 < r < n/(n-1)$. Therefore

$$t^{-3} |F_{\Omega, t, \varepsilon}(x)|^2 \leq C(t\chi_{(0,1)}(t) + t^{-1-2n+(2n/r)}\chi_{(1,\infty)}(t))$$

uniformly on ε . So by the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem we get that $\mu_\Omega(f)(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \mu_{\Omega, \varepsilon}(f)(x)$.

Thus, by similar approximation arguments as in [9] (Theorem 7.3) and in [13] (Page 115), we can obtain

$$(2.1) \quad \mu_\Omega(f) \leq \sum_k |\lambda_k| \mu_\Omega(a_k).$$

Therefore, to derive the inequality (1.3) for any $f \in H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and prove Theorem 1.1, it suffices to show that for any $(p, 2, 0)$ atom $a(x)$, there exists a constant $C > 0$ independent of $a(x)$ such that

$$(2.2) \quad \|\mu_\Omega(a)\|_{L^p}^p \leq C.$$

Without loss of generality, we let the support of the atom $a(x)$ is $B = B(0, r)$, and denote $B^* = B(0, 8r)$. Using the L^2 boundedness of μ_Ω , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2.3) \quad \int_{B^*} |\mu_\Omega(a)(x)|^p dx &\leq |B^*|^{1-p/2} \|\mu_\Omega(a)\|_{L^2}^p \\ &\leq C |B^*|^{1-p/2} \|a\|_{L^2}^p \leq C. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $(u + v)^s \leq u^s + v^s$ for any $u, v \geq 0$ and $0 \leq s \leq 1$. It is left to give the estimate for the integral

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \int_{(B^*)^c} |\mu_\Omega(a)(x)|^p dx \\
&= \int_{(B^*)^c} \left(\int_0^\infty \left| \int_{|x-y| \leq t} \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} a(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{1}{t^3} dt \right)^{p/2} dx \\
&\leq \int_{(B^*)^c} \left(\int_0^{|x|+2r} \left| \int_{|x-y| \leq t} \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} a(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{1}{t^3} dt \right)^{p/2} dx \\
&\quad + \int_{(B^*)^c} \left(\int_{|x|+2r}^\infty \left| \int_{|x-y| \leq t} \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} a(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{1}{t^3} dt \right)^{p/2} dx \\
&:= I_1 + I_2.
\end{aligned}$$

We note that, for $y \in B$ and $x \in (B^*)^c$, $|x-y| \sim |x| \sim |x| + 2r$. Thus by the mean value theorem we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{|x-y|^2} - \frac{1}{(|x|+2r)^2} \right| \leq C \frac{r}{|x-y|^3}.$$

Applying this inequality and the Minkowski's inequality, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 &= \int_{(B^*)^c} \left(\int_0^{|x|+2r} \left| \int_{|x-y| \leq t} \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} a(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{1}{t^3} dt \right)^{p/2} dx \\
&\leq C \int_{(B^*)^c} \left(\int_B \left(\int_{|x-y|}^{|x|+2r} \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y)|^2}{|x-y|^{2(n-1)}} |a(y)|^2 \frac{1}{t^3} dt \right)^{1/2} dy \right)^p dx \\
&= C \int_{(B^*)^c} \left(\int_B \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n-1}} |a(y)| \left| \frac{1}{|x-y|^2} - \frac{1}{(|x|+2r)^2} \right|^{1/2} dy \right)^p dx \\
&\leq Cr^{\frac{p}{2}} \int_{(B^*)^c} \left(\int_B \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n+\frac{1}{2}}} |a(y)| dy \right)^p dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $1 > p > \frac{n}{n+\frac{1}{2}}$, so we can choose ε satisfying $0 < \varepsilon < n + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{n}{p}$. Using Hölder inequality for integrals, we have

$$I_1 \leq Cr^{\frac{p}{2}} \int_{(B^*)^c} \left(\int_B \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n+\varepsilon}} \cdot |x-y|^{\varepsilon-\frac{1}{2}} |a(y)| dy \right)^p dx$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= Cr^{\frac{p}{2}} \int_{(B^*)^c} \left(\int_B \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n+\varepsilon}} \cdot |a(y)| dy \right)^p \cdot |x|^{(\varepsilon-\frac{1}{2})p} dx \\
&\leq Cr^{\frac{p}{2}} \left(\int_{(B^*)^c} \int_B \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n+\varepsilon}} \cdot |a(y)| dy dx \right)^p \left(\int_{(B^*)^c} |x|^{\frac{(\varepsilon-\frac{1}{2})p}{1-p}} dx \right)^{1-p} \\
&\leq Cr^{\frac{p}{2}} \left(\int_B \int_{(B^*)^c} \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n+\varepsilon}} dx \cdot |a(y)| dy \right)^p \left(\int_{8r}^{\infty} t^{\frac{(\varepsilon-\frac{1}{2})p}{1-p}} \cdot t^{n-1} dt \right)^{1-p} \\
&\leq Cr^{\frac{p}{2}} \|\Omega\|_{L^\infty \times L^1}^p \left(\int_B |a(y)| dy \int_{8r}^{+\infty} t^{-n-\varepsilon} t^{n-1} dt \right)^p \cdot r^{(\varepsilon-\frac{1}{2})p+n(1-p)} \\
&\leq Cr^{n(1-p)} \left(\int_B |a(y)| dy \right)^p \leq Cr^{n(1-p)} |B|^{\frac{p}{2}} \|a\|_{L^2}^p \leq C.
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used that $|x-y| \sim |x|$.

As to the estimate of I_2 . Noting that if $t \geq |x| + 2r$, then $B \subset \{y : |x-y| < t\}$. So by the cancellation condition (iii) of a , we have

$$\int_{|x-y|<t} a(y) dy = 0.$$

From this and Minkowski's inequality for integrals, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
I_2 &= \int_{(B^*)^c} \left(\int_{|x|+2r}^{\infty} \left| \int_{|x-y|\leq t} \left(\frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} - \frac{\Omega(x, x)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} \right. \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. \left. + \frac{\Omega(x, x)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} - \frac{\Omega(x, x)}{|x|^{n-1}} \right) \cdot a(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{1}{t^3} dt \right)^{p/2} dx \\
&\leq I_{21} + I_{22},
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$I_{21} = \int_{(B^*)^c} \left(\int_{|x|+2r}^{\infty} \left| \int_{|x-y|\leq t} \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y) - \Omega(x, x)|}{|x-y|^{n-1}} |a(y)| dy \right|^2 \frac{1}{t^3} dt \right)^{p/2} dx,$$

and

$$I_{22} = \int_{(B^*)^c} \left(\int_{|x|+2r}^{\infty} \left| \int_{|x-y|\leq t} \left| \frac{\Omega(x, x)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} - \frac{\Omega(x, x)}{|x|^{n-1}} \right| |a(y)| dy \right|^2 \frac{1}{t^3} dt \right)^{p/2} dx.$$

Applying Minkowski inequality for integrals, Hölder inequality for integrals and Fubini theorem successively, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{21} &\leq \int_{(B^*)^c} \left| \int_B \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y) - \Omega(x, x)|}{|x-y|^n} |a(y)| dy \right|^p dx \\
&\leq \sum_{j=3}^{+\infty} \int_{2^j r \leq |x| < 2^{j+1} r} \left| \int_B \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y) - \Omega(x, x)|}{|x-y|^n} |a(y)| dy \right|^p dx \\
&\leq \sum_{j=3}^{+\infty} \left(\int_{2^j r \leq |x| < 2^{j+1} r} \int_B \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y) - \Omega(x, x)|}{|x-y|^n} |a(y)| dy dx \right)^p (2^j r)^{n(1-p)} \\
&= \sum_{j=3}^{+\infty} \left(\int_B \left(\int_{2^j r \leq |x| < 2^{j+1} r} \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y) - \Omega(x, x)|}{|x-y|^n} dx \right) |a(y)| dy \right)^p (2^j r)^{n(1-p)}.
\end{aligned}$$

To estimate the inner integral above, we note $|y| < r$ and $|x| > 2r$, which implies,

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.4) \quad \left| \frac{x-y}{|x-y|} - \frac{x}{|x|} \right| &= \left| \frac{(|x| - |x-y|)x - |x|y}{|x||x-y|} \right| \\
&\leq \frac{||x| - |x-y|| + |y|}{|x-y|} \leq 4 \frac{|y|}{|x|}.
\end{aligned}$$

And thus

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} |\Omega(x, x-y) - \Omega(x, x)| d\sigma(x') \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} \left| \Omega\left(x, \frac{x-y}{|x-y|}\right) - \Omega\left(x, \frac{x}{|x|}\right) \right| d\sigma(x') \leq \varpi\left(4 \frac{|y|}{|x|}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

This and a direct computation give

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.5) \quad &\int_{2^j r \leq |x| < 2^{j+1} r} \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y) - \Omega(x, x)|}{|x-y|^n} dx \\
&\leq C \int_{2^j r}^{2^{j+1} r} t^{-1} \varpi\left(\frac{4|y|}{t}\right) dt \\
&= C \int_{\frac{|y|}{2^{j-2} r}}^{\frac{|y|}{2^{j-1} r}} \frac{\varpi(\delta)}{\delta} d\delta.
\end{aligned}$$

Now using the condition $\int_0^1 \frac{\varpi(\delta)}{\delta^{1+\alpha}} d\delta < \infty$, and $1 > p > \frac{n}{n+\alpha}$, we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{21} &\leq C \sum_{j=3}^{+\infty} \left(\int_B |a(y)| \int_{\frac{|y|}{2^{j-1}r}}^{\frac{|y|}{2^j-2r}} \frac{\varpi(\delta)}{\delta^{1+\alpha}} \delta^\alpha d\delta dy \right)^p (2^j r)^{n(1-p)} \\
&\leq C \sum_{j=3}^{+\infty} (2^j r)^{n(1-p)} (2^j)^{-p\alpha} \left(\int_B |a(y)| dy \right)^p \\
&\leq C r^{n(1-p)} \left(\int_B |a(y)| dy \right)^p \leq C.
\end{aligned}$$

At last, we give the estimate of I_{22} . Obviously, mean value theorem gives

$$\left| \frac{1}{|x-y|^{n-1}} - \frac{1}{|x|^{n-1}} \right| \leq C \frac{|y|}{|x|^n}.$$

Applying this inequality, Minkowski's inequality for integrals, and the fact $\frac{n}{n+1} < p < 1$, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{22} &\leq \int_{|x|>8r} \left(\int_{|x|+2r}^{\infty} \left(\int_{|x-y|\leq t} \frac{|\Omega(x,x)||y|}{|x|^n} |a(y)| dy \right)^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right)^{p/2} dx \\
&\leq C \int_{|x|>8r} \left(\int_B \frac{|\Omega(x,x)||y|}{|x|^{n+1}} |a(y)| dy \right)^p dx \\
&\leq C r^p \left(\int_{|x|>8r} |\Omega(x,x)|^p |x|^{(-n-1)p} dx \right) \left(\int_B |a(y)| dy \right)^p \\
&\leq C r^p r^{(-n-1)p+n} \|\Omega\|_{L^\infty \times L^p}^p \left(\int_B |a(y)| dy \right)^p \\
&\leq C.
\end{aligned}$$

Combining (2.3), and the estimates of I_1, I_{21} and I_{22} , we get (2.2) and then complete the proof of Theorem 1.1.

3. Proof of theorem 1.4

In order to prove theorem 1.4, we need the following decomposition theorem for distributions in $H^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Lemma 3.1. [10] *Given a distribution $f \in H^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, there exists a bounded function sequence $\{f_k\}_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty}$ which has the following properties:*

- (a) $f = \sum_k f_k$ in the sense of distributions;

(b) Each f_k may be further decomposed in L^p as $f_k = \sum_i h_i^k$, where $\{h_i^k\}$

satisfies the following three conditions:

(i) $\text{supp}(h_i^k) \subset B_i^k := B(x_i^k, r_i^k)$, where $B(x, r)$ denotes the ball in $\mathbb{R}^n$ with the center at x and radius r . Moreover, $\sum_i |B_i^k| \leq C_1 2^{-kp}$,

where $C_1 \sim \|f\|_{H^{p,\infty}}^p$ and $\sum_i \chi_{B_i^k}(x) \leq C$;

(ii) $\|h_i^k\|_\infty \leq C 2^k$;

(iii) $\int h_i^k(x) dx = 0$.

We now give the proof of Theorem 1.4. For any $f \in H^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $\beta > 0$, we choose k_0 satisfying $2^{k_0} \leq \beta < 2^{k_0+1}$. Applying Lemma 3.1, we can write

$$f = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{k_0} f_k + \sum_{k=k_0+1}^{+\infty} f_k = F_1 + F_2, \quad f_k = \sum_i h_i^k,$$

where h_i^k satisfies the properties (i), (ii) and (iii) of Lemma 3.1.

Let $A_k = \text{supp}(f_k)$, then $A_k = \bigcup_i B_i^k$ and $|A_k| \leq \sum_i |B_i^k| \leq C 2^{-kp} \|f\|_{H^{p,\infty}}^p$, also $\|f_k\|_\infty \leq C 2^k$, so we can get

$$\begin{aligned} \|F_1\|_2 &\leq \sum_{k=-\infty}^{k_0} \|f_k\|_2 \leq C \sum_{k=-\infty}^{k_0} 2^k |A_k|^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=-\infty}^{k_0} 2^{k(1-\frac{p}{2})} \|f\|_{H^{p,\infty}}^{\frac{p}{2}} \leq C \|f\|_{H^{p,\infty}}^{\frac{p}{2}} \beta^{1-\frac{p}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

By the L^2 -boundedness of μ_Ω , it follows

$$(3.1) \quad |\{x : \mu_\Omega(F_1)(x) > \beta\}| \leq \frac{\|\mu_\Omega(F_1)\|_2^2}{\beta^2} \leq C \frac{\|F_1\|_2^2}{\beta^2} \leq C \frac{\|f\|_{H^{p,\infty}}^p}{\beta^p}.$$

On the other hand, we denote $\overline{B}_i^k = B(x_i^k, 2R_i^k)$ and $R_i^k = (\frac{4}{3})^{\frac{(k-k_0)}{n}} r_i^k$, and let $B_{k_0} = \bigcup_{k=k_0+1}^{+\infty} \bigcup_i \overline{B}_i^k$, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} |B_{k_0}| &\leq C \sum_{k=k_0+1} \sum_i |\overline{B}_i^k| \leq C \sum_{k=k_0+1} \sum_i 2^n \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{k-k_0} |B_i^k| \\ (3.2) \quad &\leq C \sum_{k=k_0+1}^{+\infty} \sum_i \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{k-k_0} |B_i^k| \leq C \sum_{k=k_0+1}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{k-k_0} 2^{-kp} \|f\|_{H^{p,\infty}}^p \leq C \frac{\|f\|_{H^{p,\infty}}^p}{\beta^p}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality holds owing to $p > \frac{n}{n+\frac{1}{2}}$. Therefore, in order to prove Theorem 1.4, it suffices to show

$$(3.3) \quad |\{x \in (B_{k_0})^c : \mu_\Omega(F_2)(x) > \beta\}| \leq C \frac{\|f\|_{H^{p,\infty}}^p}{\beta^p}.$$

Firstly, a similar argument as the one used in (2.1) and Minkowski's inequality for series give

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{(B_{k_0})^c} |\mu_\Omega(F_2)(x)|^p dx &\leq \int_{(B_{k_0})^c} \sum_{k=k_0+1}^{+\infty} \sum_i |\mu_\Omega(h_i^k)(x)|^p dx \\ &\leq C \sum_{k=k_0+1}^{+\infty} \sum_i (J_1 + J_2), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$J_1 = \int_{(B_{k_0})^c} \left| \int_0^{|x-x_i^k|+2r_i^k} \left| \int_{|x-y|\leq t} \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} h_i^k(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right|^{\frac{p}{2}} dx,$$

and

$$J_2 = \int_{(B_{k_0})^c} \left| \int_{|x-x_i^k|+2r_i^k}^{+\infty} \left| \int_{|x-y|\leq t} \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} h_i^k(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right|^{\frac{p}{2}} dx.$$

It is obvious that when $y \in B_i^k, x \in B_{k_0}^c$, we will have $|x-x_i^k| \sim |x-y| \sim |x-x_i^k| + 2r_i^k$ and

$$\left| \frac{1}{(|x-x_i^k| + 2r_i^k)^2} - \frac{1}{|x-y|^2} \right| \leq C \frac{r_i^k}{|x-y|^3}.$$

Because of $\frac{n}{n+\frac{1}{2}} < p < 1$, one can choose proper ε such that $0 < \varepsilon < n + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{n}{p}$. Combining the above inequality and Minkowski's inequality for integrals, the size condition of h_i^k and Hölder inequality for integrals, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &\leq \int_{(B_{k_0})^c} \left| \int_{B_i^k} \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n-1}} |h_i^k(y)| \frac{(r_i^k)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{|x-y|^{\frac{3}{2}}} dy \right|^p dx \\ &\leq C 2^{kp} (r_i^k)^{\frac{p}{2}} \int_{(B_{k_0})^c} \left| \int_{B_i^k} \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n+\varepsilon}} |x-x_i^k|^{\varepsilon-\frac{1}{2}} dy \right|^p dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= C2^{kp}(r_i^k)^{\frac{p}{2}} \int_{(B_{k_0})^c} \left| \int_{B_i^k} \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n+\varepsilon}} dy \right|^p |x-x_i^k|^{(\varepsilon-\frac{1}{2})p} dx \\
&\leq C2^{kp}(r_i^k)^{\frac{p}{2}} \left(\int_{(B_{k_0})^c} \int_{B_i^k} \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n+\varepsilon}} dy dx \right)^p \left(\int_{(B_{k_0})^c} |x-x_i^k|^{\frac{p(\varepsilon-\frac{1}{2})}{1-p}} dx \right)^{1-p} \\
&= C2^{kp}(r_i^k)^{\frac{p}{2}} \left(\int_{B_i^k} \left| \int_{(B_{k_0})^c} \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y)|}{|x-y|^{n+\varepsilon}} dx \right| dy \right)^p \left(\int_{2R_i^k}^{+\infty} r^{\frac{(\varepsilon-\frac{1}{2})p}{1-p}+n-1} dr \right)^{1-p} \\
&\leq C2^{kp}(r_i^k)^{\frac{p}{2}} |B_i^k|^p \|\Omega\|_{L^\infty \times L^1}^p \left(\int_{2R_i^k}^{+\infty} r^{-\varepsilon-1} dr \right)^p (2R_i^k)^{(\varepsilon-\frac{1}{2})p+n(1-p)} \\
&\leq C2^{kp}(r_i^k)^{\frac{p}{2}} |B_i^k|^p \left(2\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{\frac{k-k_0}{n}} r_i^k \right)^{n(1-p)-\frac{p}{2}} \leq C2^{kp} |B_i^k| \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^{\frac{(k-k_0)(np+\frac{p}{2}-n)}{n}}.
\end{aligned}$$

It follows

$$(3.5) \quad \sum_{k=k_0+1}^{+\infty} \sum_i J_1 \leq C \sum_{k=k_0+1}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^{\frac{(k-k_0)(np+\frac{p}{2}-n)}{n}} \|f\|_{H^{p,\infty}}^p \leq C \|f\|_{H^{p,\infty}}^p$$

Next we estimate I_2 . One notes that $B_i^k \subset \{y; |x-y| < t\}$ since $x \in B_{k_0}^c$ and $t > |x-x_i^k| + 2r_i^k$. By the cancellation of h_i^k and Minkowski's inequality for integrals, we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
J_2 &= \int_{(B_{k_0})^c} \left| \int_{|x-x_i^k|+2r_i^k}^{+\infty} \left| \int_{|x-y|\leq t} \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} h_i^k(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right|^{\frac{p}{2}} dx \\
&= \int_{(B_{k_0})^c} \left| \int_{|x-x_i^k|+2r_i^k}^{+\infty} \left| \int_{|x-y|\leq t} \left(\frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} - \frac{\Omega(x, x-x_i^k)}{|x-x_i^k|^{n-1}} \right. \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. \left. + \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-x_i^k|^{n-1}} - \frac{\Omega(x, x-x_i^k)}{|x-x_i^k|^{n-1}} \right) h_i^k(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t^3} \right|^{\frac{p}{2}} dx \\
&\leq C2^{kp} \int_{(B_{k_0})^c} \left| \frac{1}{|x-x_i^k|} \int_{B_i^k} \left| \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-x_i^k|^{n-1}} - \frac{\Omega(x, x-x_i^k)}{|x-x_i^k|^{n-1}} \right| dy \right|^p dx \\
&\quad + C2^{kp} \int_{(B_{k_0})^c} \left| \frac{1}{|x-x_i^k|} \int_{B_i^k} \left| \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} - \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-x_i^k|^{n-1}} \right| dy \right|^p dx \\
&= C2^{kp} (J_{2,1} + J_{2,2}).
\end{aligned}$$

Decompose $J_{2,1}$ as following

$$\begin{aligned} J_{2,1} &= \sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} \int_{2^j R_i^k \leq |x-x_i^k| \leq 2^{j+1} R_i^k} \left| \int_{B_i^k} \left| \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-x_i^k|^n} - \frac{\Omega(x, x-x_i^k)}{|x-x_i^k|^n} \right| dy \right|^p dx \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} (2^j R_i^k)^{n(1-p)} \left(\int_{2^j R_i^k \leq |x-x_i^k| \leq 2^{j+1} R_i^k} \left| \int_{B_i^k} \left| \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-x_i^k|^n} - \frac{\Omega(x, x-x_i^k)}{|x-x_i^k|^n} \right| dy \right| dx \right)^p. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that $|y-x_i^k| < r_i^k$ and $|x-x_i^k| > R_i^k \geq 2r_i^k$. Using a similar argument as in inequalities (2.4) and (2.5), we can deduce that

$$\left| \frac{x-y}{|x-y|} - \frac{x-x_i^k}{|x-x_i^k|} \right| \leq 4 \frac{|y-x_i^k|}{|x-x_i^k|},$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{2^j R_i^k \leq |x-x_i^k| \leq 2^{j+1} R_i^k} \left| \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-x_i^k|^n} - \frac{\Omega(x, x-x_i^k)}{|x-x_i^k|^n} \right| dx \\ &= \int_{2^j R_i^k}^{2^{j+1} R_i^k} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} \left| \Omega(rx' + x_i^k, \frac{rx' + x_i^k - y}{|rx' + x_i^k - y|}) - \Omega(rx' + x_i^k, rx') \right| d\sigma(x') r^{-1} dr \\ &\leq C \int_{2^j R_i^k}^{2^{j+1} R_i^k} \varpi\left(\frac{4|y-x_i^k|}{r}\right) r^{-1} dr \\ &= C \int_{\frac{|y-x_i^k|}{2^{j-1} R_i^k}}^{\frac{|y-x_i^k|}{2^{j-2} R_i^k}} \left(\frac{|y-x_i^k|}{\delta} \right)^{-1} \varpi(\delta) \frac{|y-x_i^k|}{\delta^2} d\delta \\ &= C \int_{\frac{|y-x_i^k|}{2^{j-1} R_i^k}}^{\frac{|y-x_i^k|}{2^{j-2} R_i^k}} \frac{\varpi(\delta)}{\delta^{1+\alpha}} \delta^\alpha d\delta \leq C \left(\frac{r_i^k}{2^j R_i^k} \right)^\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

This follows

$$\begin{aligned} J_{2,1} &\leq C \sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} (2^j R_i^k)^{n(1-p)} \left(\frac{r_i^k}{2^j R_i^k} \right)^{\alpha p} |B_i^k|^p \\ &\leq C |B_i^k| \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^{\frac{k-k_0}{n}(np-n+\alpha p)} \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} 2^{j(n-np-\alpha p)} \leq C |B_i^k| \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^{\frac{k-k_0}{n}(np-n+\alpha p)}. \end{aligned}$$

To deal with $J_{2,2}$, we use the mean value theorem, Hölder inequality for integrals, and the condition $\frac{n}{n+\frac{1}{2}} < p < 1$ to give

$$\begin{aligned}
J_{2,2} &= \int_{(B_{k_0})^c} \left(\frac{1}{|x - x_i^k|} \int_{B_i^k} \left| \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-y|^{n-1}} - \frac{\Omega(x, x-y)}{|x-x_i^k|^{n-1}} \right| dy \right)^p dx \\
&\leq C \int_{(B_{k_0})^c} \left(\frac{1}{|x - x_i^k|} \int_{B_i^k} \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y)|}{|x-x_i^k|^n} r_i^k dy \right)^p dx \\
&= C(r_i^k)^p \int_{(B_{k_0})^c} |x - x_i^k|^{-\frac{p}{2}} \left(\int_{B_i^k} \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y)|}{|x-x_i^k|^{n+\frac{1}{2}}} dy \right)^p dx \\
&\leq (r_i^k)^p \left(\int_{(B_{k_0})^c} \left| \int_{B_i^k} \frac{|\Omega(x, x-y)|}{|x-x_i^k|^{n+\frac{1}{2}}} dy \right| dx \right)^p \left(\int_{(B_{k_0})^c} |x - x_i^k|^{-\frac{p}{2(1-p)}} dx \right)^{1-p} \\
&\leq C(r_i^k)^p |B_i^k|^p \left(2 \left(\frac{4}{3} \right)^{\frac{k-k_0}{n}} r_i^k \right)^{-\frac{p}{2} - \frac{p}{2} + n(1-p)} = C|B_i^k| \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^{\frac{(k-k_0)(np+p-n)}{n}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Combining the estimates of $J_{2,1}$ and $J_{2,2}$, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.6) \quad &\sum_{k=k_0+1}^{+\infty} \sum_i J_2 \leq C \sum_{k=k_0+1}^{+\infty} \sum_i 2^{kp} (J_{2,1} + J_{2,2}) \\
&\leq C \sum_{k=k_0+1}^{+\infty} \left(\left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^{\frac{(k-k_0)(np+\alpha p-n)}{n}} + \left(\frac{3}{4} \right)^{\frac{(k-k_0)(np+p-n)}{n}} \right) \|f\|_{H^{p,\infty}}^p \\
&\leq C \|f\|_{H^{p,\infty}}^p.
\end{aligned}$$

Obviously, the inequalities (3.5), (3.6) and (3.4) yield the inequality (3.3) and the result follows. $\square$

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