

*VECTOR-VALUED CALDERÓN-ZYGMUND THEORY  
APPLIED TO TENT SPACES*

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**0. Introduction.** The concept of “tent space” was introduced by R. Coifman, Y. Meyer and E. M. Stein in [3] and [4]. These spaces seem well adapted for the study of a variety of questions in Harmonic Analysis. The theory developed in [3] and [4] uses a functional which maps functions on  $\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}$  into functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , given by

$$A_q(f)(x) = \left\{ \int_{\Gamma(x)} |f(y, t)|^q d\alpha(y, t)/t^n \right\}^{1/q}$$

where  $1 < q < \infty$ ,  $\Gamma(x)$  is the cone of aperture 1 whose vertex is  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $d\alpha(y, t) = dy dt/t$ . The tent space  $T_p^q(\alpha)$ ,  $1 \leq p, q < \infty$  is defined as the space of functions  $f$  such that  $A_q(f) \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

In this note we study tent spaces  $T_q^p(\alpha)$  for different measures  $\alpha$ . Our purpose is twofold:

First, we show that the boundedness of an operator  $T$  from  $L^p$  into  $T_q^p(\alpha)$  is equivalent to the boundedness of a related operator  $\mathbf{S}$  from  $L^p$  to the Bochner–Lebesgue space  $L_A^p$  where  $A$  is an  $L^q$ -space; in some cases the operator  $\mathbf{S}$  behaves as a vector-valued Calderón–Zygmund operator (see Theorem 1). The proof of this theorem says that, in some sense,  $T_q^p(\alpha)$  is a subspace of  $L_A^p$ .

Secondly, in the case that  $\mu$  is a Carleson measure we show that some operators, associated to particular kernels, are bounded from  $L^p$  into  $T_q^p(\mu)$ . This is applied to the Poisson integral (see Theorems 2 and 3). The method can be extended to vector-valued functions, and then some maximal operators fall under its scope (see Theorem 4).

The organization of this paper is as follows: in Section 1 we introduce some notations and state the main results, in Section 2 some technical re-

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sults related to Carleson measures are presented, in Section 3 we give some applications, and Section 4 is devoted to the proofs.

**1. Notations and main results.**  $\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1} = \mathbb{R}^n \times [0, \infty)$  will be the usual upper half-space in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . We shall denote by  $\Gamma(x)$  the cone of aperture 1,  $\Gamma(x) = \{(y, t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n+1} : |x - y| < t\}$ . Given a cube  $Q$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we shall denote by  $\widehat{Q}$  the *tent* over  $Q$ , i.e. if  $Q$  has center  $x$  and side length  $l$ , then  $\widehat{Q} = \{(y, t) : |x - y| + t \leq l\}$ . A positive measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}$  will be called a *Carleson measure* if there exists a constant  $C$  such that  $\mu(\widehat{Q}) \leq C|Q|$ , for every cube  $Q$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (where  $|Q|$  stands for the Lebesgue measure of  $Q$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ). Replacing balls with cubes leads to an equivalent definition.

For  $A, B$  Banach spaces, let  $\mathcal{L}(A, B)$  stand for the set of bounded linear operators from  $A$  into  $B$ . We shall denote by  $L_A^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , the Bochner–Lebesgue space of  $A$ -valued strongly measurable functions  $f$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\int \|f(x)\|_A^p dx < \infty$ . Analogously, we define  $L_B^p(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; d\mu)$ . Sometimes, we shall write  $L_A^p(dx)$  or  $L_B^p(d\mu)$ , for short.  $l^r(A)$ ,  $1 < r < \infty$ , stands for the usual space of  $A$ -valued  $r$ -summable sequences.

The space  $H_A^1(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  can be defined in terms of  $A$ -valued atoms in the usual way (see [5]). In [2] it was proved that the Riesz transforms  $R_j$  are defined in  $L_A^1(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  if the space  $A$  is U.M.D., and in this case  $H_A^1(\mathbb{R}^n; dx) = \{f \in L_A^1(\mathbb{R}^n; dx) : R_j f \in L_A^1(\mathbb{R}^n; dx), 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ .

Given a positive measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}$  and  $1 \leq q < \infty$ , we define (see [4]) the following functional over  $B$ -valued functions on  $\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}$ :

$$A_q(f)(x) = \left\{ \int_{\Gamma(x)} \|f(y, t)\|_B^q d\mu(y, t)/t^n \right\}^{1/q}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

The *tent space*  $T_{q,B}^p(d\mu)$ ,  $1 \leq p, q < \infty$ , is defined as the space of  $B$ -valued strongly measurable functions  $f$  such that  $A_q(f) \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .  $T_{q,B}^p(d\mu)$  is equipped with the norm  $\|f\|_{T_{q,B}^p(d\mu)} = \|A_q(f)\|_{L^p}$ .

In the following, we shall denote by  $B_q^p$  the space  $L_A^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  where  $A$  is  $L_B^q(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; d\mu/t^n)$ . Now we state the main results.

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $\mu$  be either a Carleson measure or the  $dx dt/t$  measure on  $\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}$ ,  $A, B$  Banach spaces and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $1 < q < \infty$ . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i) *An operator  $T$  is bounded from  $L_A^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $T_{q,B}^p(d\mu)$ .*
- (ii) *The operator  $\mathbf{S}$  given by  $\mathbf{S}f(x)(y, t) = Tf(y, t)\chi_{\Gamma(x)}(y, t)$  is bounded from  $L_A^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $B_q^p$ .*

*Moreover, if  $T$  has an associated kernel  $K(x, y, t)$  in the sense of Theorem 2 below satisfying (K.1) and (K.2) then  $\mathbf{S}$  has an associated*

$\mathcal{L}(A, L_B^q(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; d\mu/t^n))$ -valued kernel (in the sense of standard vector-valued theory of singular integrals, see [6]) given by

$$\mathbf{K}(x, z)(a)\{(y, t)\} = K(y, z, t)(a)\chi_{\Gamma(x)}(y, t),$$

$a \in A, x, z \in \mathbb{R}^n, (y, t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}$ , and satisfying

(K.3) If  $f$  is an  $A$ -valued function with compact support contained in a cube  $Q$ , then

$$\mathbf{S}f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \mathbf{K}(x, z)f(z) dz \quad \text{for } x \notin Q.$$

(K.4) If  $|x - z'| > 2|z - z'|$  then

$$\|\mathbf{K}(x, z) - \mathbf{K}(x, z')\| \leq C \frac{|z - z'|}{|x - z'|^{n+1}}.$$

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be Banach spaces and  $\mu$  a Carleson measure on  $\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}$ . Let  $T$  be a bounded linear operator from  $L_A^{p_0}(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $L_B^{p_0}(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; d\mu)$  for some  $p_0, 1 < p_0 \leq \infty$ . Suppose that there exists an  $\mathcal{L}(A, B)$ -valued function  $K$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \{(x, x, t) : x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t \geq 0\}$  such that:

(K.1) For any pair  $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}$ , the function  $y \mapsto K(x, y, t)$  is locally integrable and if  $f$  is a function in  $L_A^{p_0}(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  with compact support contained in a cube  $Q$ , then

$$Tf(x, t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} K(x, y, t)f(y) dy \quad \text{for } (x, t) \notin \widehat{Q}.$$

(K.2) There exists  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$\|K(x, y, t) - K(x, y', t)\|_{\mathcal{L}(A, B)} \leq C \frac{|y - y'|t^\alpha}{(|x - y'| + t)^{n+1+\alpha}}$$

for  $|x - y'| + t > 2|y - y'|$ .

Then:

- (i)  $T$  maps  $L_A^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $T_{q, B}^p(d\mu)$  for  $1 < p, q \leq p_0, q < \infty$ .
- (ii)  $T$  maps  $H_A^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  into  $T_{q, B}^1(d\mu)$  for  $1 < q \leq p_0, q < \infty$ .
- (iii)  $T$  maps  $L_{l^r(A)}^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $T_{q, l^r(B)}^p(d\mu)$  for  $1 < p, q \leq r \leq p_0, r < \infty$ .
- (iv)  $T$  maps  $H_{l^r(A)}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  into  $T_{q, l^r(B)}^1(d\mu)$ ,  $1 < q \leq r \leq p_0, r < \infty$ .

**2. Some technical results.** In [7] the following are proved:

**THEOREM A.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be Banach spaces,  $\mu$  a Carleson measure on  $\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}$ . Let  $T$  be a bounded linear operator from  $L_A^{p_0}(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into

$L_B^{p_0}(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; d\mu)$  for some  $p_0, 1 < p_0 \leq \infty$ . Assume that  $T$  has an associated kernel  $K$  satisfying (K.1) of Theorem 2 and

$$(K.2') \quad \|K(x, y, t) - K(x, y', t)\|_{\mathcal{L}(A, B)} \leq C \frac{|y - y'|}{(|x - y'| + t)^{n+1}} \\ \text{for } |x - y'| + t > 2|y - y'|.$$

Then:

- (i)  $T$  maps  $L_{l^r(A)}^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $L_{l^r(B)}^p(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; d\mu)$ ,  $1 < p \leq r \leq p_0$ .
- (ii)  $T$  maps  $H_{l^r(A)}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  into  $L_{l^r(B)}^1(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; d\mu)$ ,  $1 < r \leq p_0$ .

Remark 1. When we speak about boundedness of an operator  $T$  from  $L_{l^r(A)}^p$  into  $L_{l^r(B)}^p$  (or  $T_{q, l^r(B)}^p(d\mu)$ ) we mean that the assignment  $(f_1, f_2, \dots) \mapsto (Tf_1, Tf_2, \dots)$  (where the  $f_i$  are  $A$ -valued functions) is bounded from  $L_{l^r(A)}^p$  into  $L_{l^r(B)}^p$  (or  $T_{q, l^r(B)}^p(d\mu)$ ). Observe that the  $\mathcal{L}(l^r(A), l^r(B))$ -valued kernel associated to this new operator is given by  $\bar{K}(x, y, t) = K(x, y, t) \otimes \text{Id}$ , and so  $\|\bar{K}(x, y, t)\| = \|K(x, y, t)\|$ . Therefore this operator is of the same type as  $T$  and its kernel satisfies the same bounds.

THEOREM B. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be Banach spaces. Let  $T$  be a linear operator which is bounded from  $L_A^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n; w(x) dx)$  into  $L_B^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; dv)$  for every pair  $(w, v)$  which satisfies condition  $C_1$ , i.e.  $\sup\{v(\hat{Q})/|Q| : Q \ni x\} \leq Cw(x)$ ,  $x$ -a.e. (see [7]). Assume that  $T$  has an associated kernel  $K$  satisfying (K.1) of Theorem 2 and (K.2') of Theorem A. Then the following vector-valued inequalities hold for any Carleson measure  $\mu$ :

- (i)  $T$  maps  $L_{l^r(A)}^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $L_{l^r(B)}^p(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; d\mu)$  for  $1 < p, r < \infty$ .
- (ii)  $T$  maps  $H_{l^r(A)}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  into  $L_{l^r(B)}^1(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; d\mu)$  for  $1 < r < \infty$ .

Remark 2. If in the last theorem  $A$  is U.M.D., then (ii) can be written as

$$\left\| \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \|Tf_j\|_B^r \right\}^{1/r} \right\|_{L^1(d\mu)} \leq C \sum_{i=0}^n \left\| \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \|R_i f_j\|_A^r \right\}^{1/r} \right\|_{L^1(dx)},$$

where  $R_0 f = f$  and  $R_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ , denote the Riesz transforms.

The following result, which we state for further reference, is a consequence of Theorem B.

PROPOSITION 1. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $\mu$  is a Carleson measure on  $\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}$ .
- (ii) For  $1 < r, p < \infty$

$$\left\| \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |A_1(f_j)|^r \right\}^{1/r} \right\|_{L^p(dx)} \leq C \left\| \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |f_j|^r \right\}^{1/r} \right\|_{L^p(d\mu)}.$$

(iii) For  $1 < q < r, p < \infty$

$$\left\| \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |A_q(f_j)|^r \right\}^{1/r} \right\|_{L^p(dx)} \leq C \left\| \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |f_j|^r \right\}^{1/r} \right\|_{L^p(d\mu)}.$$

(iv) The operator  $Tf(x, t) = t^{-n} \int_{B(x;t)} f(y) dy$  is bounded from  $L^p_{lr}(dx)$  into  $L^p_{lr}(d\mu)$  for  $1 < r, p < \infty$  (where  $B(x; t)$  is the ball centered at  $x$  with radius  $t$ ).

(v) For  $1 \leq q \leq p < \infty, T^p_p(d\mu) \subseteq T^p_q(d\mu)$ .

Proof. To show that (ii) $\Leftrightarrow$ (iii) it is enough to observe that for any  $q$  with  $1 \leq q < \infty$  and  $f$  positive,  $A_1(f)(x) = \{A_q(f^{1/q})(x)\}^q$ . On the other hand, applying Fubini's theorem we have

$$\int A_1 f(x) g(x) dx = \int f(y, t) Tg(y, t) d\mu(y, t) \quad \text{for } f(x, t) \text{ and } g(x) \text{ positive,}$$

and this identity gives us (ii) $\Leftrightarrow$ (iv).

In order to prove (i) $\Rightarrow$ (iv) observe that the operator  $T$  can be majorized by the maximal operator  $\mathfrak{M}$  introduced by Fefferman and Stein, which satisfies the vector-valued inequalities from  $L^p_{lr}(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $L^p_{lr}(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}_+; d\mu)$  for  $1 < p, r < \infty$ , as a consequence of Theorem B (see [7]).

For the converse, take  $B = B(z; s)$  and  $(x, t) \in \widehat{B}$ ; then  $B(x; t) \subset B(z; s)$ . Now, if  $(x, t) \in \widehat{B}$  and  $f = \chi_{B(z;s)}$ , we have

$$Tf(x, t) = t^{-n} \int_{B(x;t)} \chi_{B(z;s)}(y) dy \geq t^{-n} \int_{B(x;t)} \chi_{B(x;t)}(y) dy = c_n$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\widehat{B}) &\leq \mu(\{(x, t) : Tf(x, t) \geq c_n\}) \leq c'_n \int |Tf(x, t)|^p d\mu \\ &\leq C \int |f|^p dx \leq C|B|. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we shall show that (iii) $\Rightarrow$ (v) $\Rightarrow$ (i). If we assume (iii), then for  $1 \leq q < p$  we have

$$\|A_q(f)\|_{L^p(dx)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p(d\mu)} = c_n \|f\|_{T^p_p(d\mu)},$$

where in the last identity we have used the fact  $L^p(d\mu) = T^p_p(d\mu)$  (see Lemma 2 in Section 4).

On the other hand, if we take a ball  $B = B(x_0; r)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} r^{n(1-p/q)} \mu(\widehat{B})^{p/q} &= r^{-np/q} \int_B \mu(\widehat{B})^{p/q} dx \\ &= r^{-np/q} \int_B \left( \int_{\Gamma(x)} |\chi_{\widehat{B}}(y, t)|^q d\mu(y, t) \right)^{p/q} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \int_B \left( \int_{\Gamma(x)} |\chi_{\widehat{B}}(y, t)|^q d\mu(y, t)/t^n \right)^{p/q} dx \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \int_{\Gamma(x)} |\chi_{\widehat{B}}(y, t)|^q d\mu(y, t)/t^n \right)^{p/q} dx, \end{aligned}$$

and by (v) this is less than

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \int_{\Gamma(x)} |\chi_{\widehat{B}}(y, t)|^p d\mu(y, t)/t^n \right) dx = c_n \mu(\widehat{B}).$$

**3. Applications.** Our first application deals with operators of Poisson type.

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $\phi$  be a measurable function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that there exists  $\alpha > 0$  with*

$$(a) \quad |\phi(x)| \leq C(|x| + A)^{-n-\alpha} \quad \text{and} \quad (b) \quad |\nabla\phi(x)| \leq C(|x| + B)^{-n-1-\alpha}$$

where  $A, B, C$  are constants independent of  $x$ . For the function  $\Phi(x, t) = t^{-n}\phi(x/t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , the operator

$$\Phi f(x, t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(x - y, t) f(y) dy,$$

and for any Carleson measure  $\mu$ , the following vector-valued inequalities hold:

$$(3.1) \quad \left\| \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\Phi(f_j)|^r \right\}^{1/r} \right\|_{T_q^p(d\mu)} \leq C_{p,q,r} \left\| \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |f_j|^r \right\}^{1/r} \right\|_{L^p(dx)}$$

for  $1 < p, q, r < \infty$ ,

$$(3.2) \quad \left\| \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\Phi(f_j)|^r \right\}^{1/r} \right\|_{T_q^1(d\mu)} \leq C_{q,r} \sum_{i=0}^n \left\| \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |R_i f_j|^r \right\}^{1/r} \right\|_{L^1(dx)}$$

for  $1 < q, r < \infty$ .

**Proof.** Observe that  $|\Phi f(x, t)| \leq \|f\|_{\infty} \|\phi\|_1$ , and thus for any pair  $(v, w)$  satisfying condition  $C_1$  (see Theorem B),  $\Phi$  maps  $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n; w(x) dx)$  into  $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; d\mu)$ . Moreover, it is easy to check from condition (b) that if  $|x - y'| + t > 2|y - y'|$  then

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi(x - y, t) - \Phi(x - y', t)| &= t^{-n} |\phi((x - y)/t) - \phi((x - y')/t)| \\ &\leq C \frac{|y - y'| t^{\alpha}}{(|x - y'| + t)^{n+1+\alpha}}, \end{aligned}$$

and so  $\Phi(x - y, t)$  satisfies (K.2) of Theorem 2 and, in particular, (K.2') of Theorem B. Therefore,  $\Phi$  is bounded from  $L_{lr}^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $L_{lr}^p(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; d\mu)$

for  $1 < p, r < \infty$  and any Carleson measure  $\mu$ .

Summarizing,  $\tilde{\Phi}$  satisfies the hypothesis of Theorem 2 with  $A = B = l^r$ ,  $1 < r < \infty$ , and any  $p_0$  with  $1 < p_0 < \infty$ , and Theorem 3 is a consequence of Theorem 2.

**Remark 3.** In the case of positive linear operators, extensions to vector-valued functions are trivial. Therefore, if  $\phi$  is positive then the vector-valued inequalities (3.1) and (3.2) remain true for  $1 \leq r \leq \infty$ . This is the case for the Poisson kernel  $P(x, t) = \tilde{\Phi}(x, t)$ , where  $\phi(x) = P(x) = c_n(|x|^2 + 1)^{-(n+1)/2}$  with  $c_n = \Gamma((n + 1)/2)\pi^{-(n+1)/2}$ .

The next application can be viewed as Zo's maximal theorem (see [9]):

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $\mu$  be a Carleson measure and  $\phi$  a measurable function in  $\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}$  such that*

- (a)  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\phi(x, t)| dx \leq A < \infty, \forall t \geq 0,$
- (b)  $|\nabla_x \phi(x, t)| \leq Ct^\alpha / (|x| + t)^{n+1+\alpha}$  for some  $\alpha > 0.$

Then the operator

$$\mathfrak{M}_\phi f(x, t) = \sup_{\delta > 0} \left| \delta^{-n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi((x - y)/\delta, t/\delta) f(y) dy \right|$$

satisfies the vector-valued inequalities (3.1) and (3.2).

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be the linear operator defined by

$$Sf(x, t) = \left\{ \delta^{-n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi((x - y)/\delta, t/\delta) f(y) dy \right\}_{\delta > 0}.$$

By (a) it is clear that  $S$  is bounded from  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n; w(x) dx)$  into  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; dv)$  for any pair  $(v, w)$  satisfying  $C_1$ ; moreover,  $S$  is given by an  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}, l^\infty) \equiv l^\infty$ -valued kernel  $K(x, y, t) = \{\delta^{-n} \phi((x - y)/\delta, t/\delta)\}_{\delta > 0}$  which satisfies (K.2) since  $\phi$  satisfies (b). Therefore, by Theorem B,  $S$  is bounded from  $L_{l^r}^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $L_{l^r(l^\infty)}^p(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; d\mu)$  for  $1 < p, r < \infty$  and from  $H_{l^r}^1(dx)$  into  $L_{l^r(l^\infty)}^1(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; d\mu)$ . Thus Theorem 2 applies, and  $S$  is bounded from  $L_{l^r}^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $T_{q, l^r(l^\infty)}^p d\mu$  for  $1 < p, q, r < \infty$  and from  $H_{l^r}^1(dx)$  into  $T_{q, l^r(l^\infty)}^1(d\mu)$ ,  $1 < q, r < \infty$ . The result follows by observing that  $\|Sf(x, t)\|_{l^\infty} = \mathfrak{M}_\phi f(x, t)$ .

**COROLLARY 1.** *Given  $\varepsilon$ ,  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ , we define the maximal operator  $\mathfrak{M}_\varepsilon f(x, t) = \sup |Q|^{-1} \int_Q |f(y)| dy$ , where the supremum is taken over the cubes in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  containing  $x$  and having side length  $l(Q)$  such that  $\varepsilon l(Q) \leq t \leq l(Q)$ . Then  $\mathfrak{M}_\varepsilon$  satisfies the vector-valued inequalities (3.1). (Observe that in the limiting case  $\varepsilon = 0$  this operator is  $\mathfrak{M}$ .)*

**Proof.** Take a differentiable function  $\phi_\varepsilon$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}$  such that if  $Q_0$  is the unit cube in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $A = Q_0 \times ([-1, 1] - [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon])$ ,  $B = 2Q_0 \times [-2, 2]$  then  $\chi_A \leq \phi_\varepsilon \leq \chi_B$  and  $|\nabla_x \phi_\varepsilon(x, t)| \leq C_\varepsilon t^\alpha / (|x| + t)^{n+1+\alpha}$  for some  $\alpha > 0$ . Finally, observe that  $\mathfrak{M}_\varepsilon f(x, t) \leq \mathfrak{M}_{\phi_\varepsilon} f(x, t)$  and apply Theorem 4 (notice that we have used cubes instead of balls and therefore some constants depending only on the dimension and  $\varepsilon$  should appear in the last inequality).

#### 4. Proofs

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $\mu$  be a Carleson measure. Let  $\varepsilon, b > 0$  and define  $\Gamma^b(x) = \Gamma(x) \cap \{(y, t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n+1} : t > b\}$  and  $\Gamma_b(x) = \Gamma(x) \cap \{(y, t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n+1} : t < b\}$ . Then*

$$(i) \quad \int_{\Gamma^b(x)} t^{-n-\varepsilon} d\mu(y, t) \leq Cb^{-\varepsilon}, \quad (ii) \quad \int_{\Gamma_b(x)} t^{-n+\varepsilon} d\mu(y, t) \leq Cb^\varepsilon.$$

**Proof.** Let  $\Gamma_j^b = \Gamma(x) \cap \{(y, t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n+1} : 2^{j-1}b < t \leq 2^j b\}$  and  $\Gamma_b^j = \Gamma(x) \cap \{(y, t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n+1} : 2^{-j}b < t \leq 2^{-j+1}b\}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma^b(x)} t^{-n-\varepsilon} d\mu(y, t) &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_{\Gamma_j^b} t^{-n-\varepsilon} d\mu(y, t) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (2^j b)^{-n-\varepsilon} \mu(\widehat{B}(x; 2^j b)) \\ &\leq Cb^{-\varepsilon} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (2^j)^{-\varepsilon} \leq Cb^{-\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

Part (ii) is analogous.

**LEMMA 2.** *Let  $\mu$  be a positive measure on  $\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}$  and  $A$  a Banach space. Then  $T_{p,A}^p(d\mu) = L_A^p(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; d\mu)$  for  $1 < p < \infty$ .*

**Proof.** By Fubini's theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_p(f)\|_{L^p(dx)}^p &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \int_{\Gamma(x)} |f(y, t)|^p d\mu(y, t)/t^n \right) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}} |f(y, t)|^p \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \chi_{\Gamma(x)}(y, t) dx/t^n \right) d\mu(y, t)/t^n \\ &= c_n \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(y, t)|^p d\mu(y, t). \end{aligned}$$

**Proof of Theorem 1.** By the definition of the norm in  $T_{q,B}^p(d\mu)$  we have

$$\{\|Tf\|_{T_{q,B}^p(d\mu)}\}^p = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \int_{\Gamma(x)} \|Tf(y, t)\|_B^q d\mu(y, t)/t^n \right)^{p/q} dx$$



$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}} \|Tf(y, t)\|_B^q \chi_{\Gamma(x)}(y, t) d\mu(y, t)/t^n \right)^{p/q} dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}} \|\mathbf{S}f(x)(y, t)\|_B^q d\mu(y, t)/t^n \right)^{p/q} dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \{ \|\mathbf{S}f(x)\|_{L_B^q(d\mu/t^n)} \}^p dx . \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that  $f$  is a function in  $L_A^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  with compact support contained in  $Q$  and  $x \notin Q$ . It is clear that if  $(y, t) \in \Gamma(x)$  then  $(y, t) \notin \widehat{Q}$ , and therefore using (K.1) we obtain

$$\mathbf{S}f(x)(y, t) = Tf(y, t)\chi_{\Gamma(x)}(y, t) = \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} K(y, z, t)f(z) dz \right\} \chi_{\Gamma(x)}(y, t) ,$$

which is (K.3).

Assume now that  $|x - z'| > 2|z - z'|$  and  $a \in A$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\{ \|\mathbf{K}(x, z)(a) - \mathbf{K}(x, z')(a)\|_{L_B^q(d\mu/t^n)} \}^q \\ &= \int_{\Gamma(x)} \|K(y, z, t)(a) - K(y, z', t)(a)\|_B^q d\mu(y, t)/t^n \\ &\leq \|a\| \left( \int_{\Gamma^{|x-z'|}(x)} + \int_{\Gamma_{|x-z'|}(x)} \right) \|K(y, z, t) - K(y, z', t)\|^q d\mu(y, t)/t^n \\ &= \|a\| \{ I_1 + I_2 \} . \end{aligned}$$

If  $(y, t) \in \Gamma(x)$ , then  $|y - x| < t$ , and therefore

$$2|z - z'| < |x - z'| \leq |x - y| + |y - z'| < t + |y - z'| .$$

Thus, by using (K.2) and Lemma 1(i), we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq C|z - z'|^q \int_{\Gamma^{|x-z'|}(x)} (t + |y - z'|)^{-q(n+1)} t^{-n} d\mu(y, t) \\ &\leq C|z - z'|^q \int_{\Gamma^{|x-z'|}(x)} t^{-q(n+1)} t^{-n} d\mu(y, t) \leq C \frac{|z - z'|^q}{|x - z'|^{(n+1)q}} . \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by (K.2) and Lemma 1(ii) we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &\leq C|z - z'|^q \int_{\Gamma_{|x-z'|}(x)} (t + |y - z'|)^{-q(n+1+\alpha)} t^{-\alpha q - n} d\mu(y, t) \\ &\leq C|z - z'|^q \int_{\Gamma_{|x-z'|}(x)} |x - z'|^{-q(n+1+\alpha)} t^{-\alpha q - n} d\mu(y, t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq C \frac{|z - z'|^q |x - z'|^{\alpha q}}{|x - z'|^{(n+1+\alpha)q}} = C \frac{|z - z'|^q}{|x - z'|^{(n+1)q}}.$$

This proves (K.4) and the theorem.

#### Proof of Theorem 2

Case  $1 < p \leq q \leq p_0$ . By Theorem A and Theorem 1,  $\mathbf{S}$  is a bounded linear operator from  $L_A^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $B_p^p$ ,  $1 < p \leq p_0$ , with an associated kernel satisfying (K.2'). Thus the standard vector-valued theory of singular integrals can be applied (see [6]), and we conclude that  $\mathbf{S}$  is bounded from  $L_A^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $B_q^p$  for  $1 < p \leq q \leq p_0$  and from  $H_A^1(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $B_q^1$  for  $1 < q \leq p_0$ , i.e.,  $T$  is bounded from  $L_A^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $T_{q,B}^p(d\mu)$  for  $1 < p \leq q \leq p_0$  and from  $H_A^1(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $T_{q,B}^1(d\mu)$  for  $1 < q \leq p_0$ .

Case  $1 < q < p < p_0$ . By Lemma 2 and Theorem A,  $T$  is bounded from  $L_A^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $B_p^p$ , so by Proposition 1,  $T$  is bounded from  $L_A^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $B_q^p$ .

In order to obtain (iii) and (iv), observe that by Theorem A and Theorem 1,  $\mathbf{S}$  is bounded from  $L_{l^r(A)}^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $l^r(B)_p^p$  for  $1 < p \leq r \leq p_0$ . Then, by repeating the arguments above (with  $l^r(A)$ ,  $l^r(B)$  instead of  $A$  and  $B$ ) we find that  $\mathbf{S}$  is bounded from  $L_{l^r(A)}^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $l^r(B)_q^p$  for  $1 < p \leq q \leq r \leq p_0$  and from  $H_{l^r(A)}^1(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $l^r(B)_q^1$  for  $1 < q \leq r \leq p_0$ . This means that  $T$  is bounded from  $L_{l^r(A)}^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $T_{q,l^r(B)}^p(d\mu)$  for  $1 < p \leq q \leq r \leq p_0$  and from  $H_{l^r(A)}^1(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $T_{q,l^r(B)}^1(d\mu)$  for  $1 < q \leq r \leq p_0$ .

The case  $1 < q \leq p \leq r \leq p_0$  follows since by Lemma 2 and Theorem A,  $T$  is bounded from  $L_{l^r(A)}^p(\mathbb{R}^n; dx)$  into  $L_{l^r(B)}^p(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; d\mu)$  for  $1 < p \leq r \leq p_0$ , and Proposition 1 again concludes the proof.

**Remarks.** The idea of applying vector-valued Calderón–Zygmund theory in the context of tent spaces can be found in [8] for the space  $T_\infty^p$ .

The fact that  $T_q^p(\alpha)$  is a subspace of  $L_A^p$  where  $A$  is  $L^q(\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}; d\mu/t^n)$  can be used to develop a general abstract theory of the spaces  $T_q^p(\alpha)$ . This will appear elsewhere.

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