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## On the Fejér-F. Riesz inequality in $L^p$

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**Abstract.** Using the Lions-Peetre interpolation theory, various generalizations of a classical theorem of Fejér and F. Riesz, are proved.

**Introduction.** The inequality under consideration is:

$$\left( \int_0^1 |f(r, \theta)|^p dr \right)^{1/p} \leq A_p \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(\theta)|^p d\theta \right)^{1/p}, \quad 1 < p \leq \infty,$$

where  $f(r, \theta)$  is the harmonic function in  $r < 1$  whose boundary values are  $f(\theta)$ . See [3]. Fejér and Riesz proved the inequality using complex function theory so that their methods do not extend to  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .

N. du Plessis was the first to generalize the theorem to  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . Another proof and a somewhat stronger generalization (for  $n = 3$  only) was given by F. R. Keogh. See [5].

Using interpolation theory we shall present a method for proving strong versions of the various theorems. The proofs are considerably simpler, and the results apply not only to the Poisson kernel, but to others as well. Even in the classical case we get, without any added difficulty, a stronger inequality:

$$\left( \int_0^1 \max_{0 \leq \varrho \leq r} |f(\varrho, \theta)|^p dr \right)^{1/p} \leq A_p \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f(\theta)|^p d\theta \right)^{1/p}.$$

The note is divided into two sections. In the first, we shall prove the spherical Fejér-Riesz inequalities, and in the second, the half-space versions.

We shall use freely the language and results of interpolation theory. For an outline of the theory, see for example [4], [6]. An interesting aspect of the application of interpolation theory we make here is that  $L(p, q)$  spaces with  $p < 1$  are used in a natural way, to get results for  $L^p$  with  $1 < p$ .

1. Fejér-Riesz inequalities for the sphere.  $f(s) \in L^1(\Sigma_{n-1})$ . Let

$$u(x) = \gamma_n \int_{\Sigma_{n-1}} f(s) \frac{1 - |x|^2}{|s - x|^n} d\sigma_{n-1}(s) \quad (|x| < 1).$$

We shall use the following notation:  $s = (\zeta_1 \dots \zeta_n)$ ,  $s_2 = (\zeta_2 \dots \zeta_n)$ ,  $s'_2 = \frac{s_2}{|s_2|}$ ,  $e = (1, 0 \dots 0)$ .

THEOREM 1.  $1 < p \leq \infty$ ,

$$\left( \int_0^1 (1-r)^{n-2} \text{Max}_{0 \leq \varrho \leq r} |u(\varrho e)|^p dr \right)^{1/p} \leq C_p \left( \int_0^\pi \sin^{n-2} \theta \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-2}} |f(\cos \theta, \sin \theta s'_2)| d\sigma_{n-2}(s'_2) \right)^p d\theta \right)^{1/p}.$$

Proof.  $Tf(r) = \text{Max} \{ |u(\varrho e)| : 0 \leq \varrho \leq 1-r \}$ . Write

$$g(\theta) = \int_{\Sigma_{n-2}} |f(\cos \theta, \sin \theta s'_2)| d\sigma_{n-2}(s'_2).$$

We have

$$|u(\varrho e)| \leq \gamma_n \int_0^\pi g(\theta) \frac{1 - \varrho^2}{(1 + \varrho^2 - 2\varrho \cos \theta)^{n/2}} \sin^{n-2} \theta d\theta.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} |u(\varrho e)| &\leq |g(\theta)|_\infty, \\ |u(\varrho e)| &\leq |g(\theta)|_1 \frac{2\gamma_n}{(1-\varrho)^{n-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

(We consider the function spaces on the right, on  $[0, \pi]$  with measure  $\sin^{n-2} \theta d\theta$ .) Therefore,

$$T: \begin{aligned} S_2^\infty S_2^1 &\rightarrow L(\infty, \infty), \\ S_2^1 S_2^2 &\rightarrow L(1/(n-1), \infty). \end{aligned}$$

The spaces on the left are the mixed norm spaces. The norm of  $f$  in  $S_1^p S_2^q$  is

$$\left( \int_{S_1} \left( \int_{S_2} |f(s_1, s_2)|^q d\mu_2(s_2) \right)^{p/q} d\mu_1(s_1) \right)^{1/p},$$

where the measure spaces  $(S_i, d\mu_i(s_i))$  are clear from the context. In this instance:  $S_2 = \Sigma_{n-2}$ , the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ ,  $d\mu_2(s_2) = d\sigma_{n-2}(s'_2)$ ;  $S_1 = [-1, 1]$ , with the following measure: write  $s_1 = \cos \theta$ .  $d\mu_1(s_1) = \sin^{n-2} \theta d\theta$ . A similar mixed norm space will appear in the proof of Theorem 3.

Therefore,

$$T: S_1^p S_2^1 \rightarrow L\left(\frac{p}{(n-1)}, p\right).$$

Explicitly,

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( \int_0^1 (1-r)^{n-2} \text{Max}_{0 \leq \varrho \leq r} |u(\varrho e)|^p dr \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq C_p \left( \int_0^\pi \sin^{n-2} \theta \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-2}} |f(\cos \theta, \sin \theta s'_2)| d\sigma_{n-2}(s'_2) \right)^p d\theta \right)^{1/p} \end{aligned}$$

and the proof is complete.

This, for  $n = 3$  and without the Max on the left-hand side, was proved (differently) by Keogh [5].

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( \int_0^\pi \sin^{n-2} \theta \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-2}} |f(\cos \theta, \sin \theta s'_2)| d\sigma_{n-2}(s'_2) \right)^p d\theta \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq A_n \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-1}} |f(s)|^p d\sigma_{n-1}(s) \right)^{1/p} \end{aligned}$$

so that we have a strengthening of du Plessis' theorem.

Using an interpolation technique similar to that employed for the proof of Theorem 1, we can prove the following:

THEOREM 2. For  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < q \leq \infty$ , or  $p = q = \infty$ ,

$$\left( \int_0^1 (1-r)^{(n-1)q/p-1} \text{Max}_{0 \leq \varrho \leq r} |u(\varrho x')|^q dr \right)^{1/q} \leq C_{p,q} |f|_{L(p,q)}.$$

We shall omit the proof. This, for  $q = p$  again gives the weaker consequence of Theorem 1.

When  $n \geq 3$  one can also prove planar inequalities. Denote by  $D_{n-m}$  an  $n-m$  dimensional diametrical plane section in  $|x| < 1$ . Du Plessis proved:

$$\left( \int_{D_{n-m}} (1-|x|)^{m-1} |u(x)|^p dx_{n-m} \right)^{1/p} \leq C_p |f|_p, \quad 1 < p < \infty.$$

We shall prove a strong version of this inequality. Denote for  $1 \leq m \leq n-2$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin_n(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m) &= \sin^{n-2} \theta_1 \sin^{n-3} \theta_2 \dots \sin^{n-m-1} \theta_m, \\ s_1 &= (\zeta_1 \dots \zeta_m), \quad s_2 = (\zeta_{m+1} \dots \zeta_n). \end{aligned}$$



**THEOREM 3.** For  $1 < p \leq \infty$ , let  $x = (0, \dots, 0, \xi_{m+1} \dots \xi_n)$ . Then

$$\left( \int_0^1 (1-r)^{m-1} \text{Max}_{0 \leq \varrho \leq r} \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} |u(\varrho x')|^p d\sigma_{n-m-1}(x') \right) dr \right)^{1/p} \leq C_p \|f\|_p.$$

**Proof.** Write

$$Tf(r) = \text{Max}_{0 \leq \varrho \leq 1-r} \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} |u(\varrho x')|^p d\sigma_{n-m-1}(x') \right)^{1/p}.$$

We have

$$u(\varrho x') = \gamma_n \int_0^\pi \dots \int_0^\pi \sin_n(\theta_1 \dots \theta_m) \int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} f(s_1, s_2) \frac{1-\varrho^2}{(|s_1|^2 + |s_2 - \omega_2|^2)^{n/2}} \times d\sigma_{n-m-1}(s_2) d\theta_1 \dots d\theta_m,$$

where  $s_1 = (\cos \theta_1, \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2, \dots, \sin \theta_1 \dots \sin \theta_{m-1} \cos \theta_m)$ ,  $|s_2| = \sin \theta_1 \dots \sin \theta_m$ .

Now let  $e = (0, \dots, 0, 1)$ .  $R_x$  is a rotation of  $\Sigma_{n-m-1}$  such that  $R_x e = \omega_2'$  and  $R_x$  leaves fixed all vectors perpendicular to  $\omega_2'$  and  $e$ . Clearly, for every fixed  $s \in \Sigma_{n-m-1}$ , the map of  $\Sigma_{n-m-1}$  onto itself  $x \rightarrow R_x s$  is measure preserving so that for any  $\varphi$

$$\int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} \varphi(R_x s) d\sigma_{n-m-1}(x') = \int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} \varphi(s) d\sigma_{n-m-1}(s).$$

Let  $t_2$  be defined by  $s_2 = R_x t_2$ . We have

$$u(\varrho x') = \gamma_n \int_0^\pi \dots \int_0^\pi \sin_n(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m) \int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} f(s_1, R_x t_2) \times \frac{1-\varrho^2}{(1+\varrho^2-2\varrho(t_2, e))^{n/2}} d\sigma_{n-m-1}(t_2) d\theta_1 \dots d\theta_m.$$

Using Minkowski's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} |u(\varrho x')|^p d\sigma_{n-m-1}(x') \right)^{1/p} \\ & \leq \gamma_n \int_0^\pi \dots \int_0^\pi \sin_n(\theta_1 \dots \theta_m) \int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} \frac{1-\varrho^2}{(1+\varrho^2-2\varrho(t_2, e))^{n/2}} \times \\ & \quad \times \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} |f(s_1, R_x t_2)|^p d\sigma_{n-m-1}(x') \right)^{1/p} d\sigma_{n-m-1}(t_2) d\theta_1 \dots d\theta_m. \\ & \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} |f(s_1, R_x t_2)|^p d\sigma_{n-m-1}(x') \right)^{1/p} = \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} |f(s_1, u_2)|^p d\sigma_{n-m-1}(u_2') \right)^{1/p} \\ & = \|f(s_1, s_2)\|_{S_2^p}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} |u(\varrho x')|^p d\sigma_{n-m-1}(x') \right)^{1/p} \\ & \leq \gamma_n \int_0^\pi \dots \int_0^\pi \sin_n(\theta_1 \dots \theta_m) \int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} \frac{1-\varrho^2}{(1+\varrho^2-2\varrho(t_2, e))^{n/2}} \times \\ & \quad \times \|f(s_1, s_2)\|_{S_2^p} d\sigma_{n-m-1}(t_2) d\theta_1 \dots d\theta_m, \end{aligned}$$

and we have

$$Tf(r) \leq \|f\|_{S_1^\infty(S_2^p)}.$$

On the other hand, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} \frac{1-\varrho^2}{(1+\varrho^2-2\varrho(t_2, e))^{n/2}} d\sigma_{n-m-1}(t_2) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(1-\varrho)^m} \int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} \frac{1-\varrho^2}{(1+\varrho^2-2\varrho(t_2, e))^{(n-m)/2}} d\sigma_{n-m-1}(t_2) \leq \frac{1}{\gamma_{n-m}} \frac{1}{(1-\varrho)^m}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$Tf(r) \leq \frac{\gamma_n}{\gamma_{n-m}} \|f\|_{S_1^1(S_2^p)} r^{-m},$$

i.e.,

$$T: S_1^1 S_2^p \rightarrow L(1/m, \infty),$$

$$T: S_1^\infty S_2^p \rightarrow L(\infty, \infty).$$

Interpolating, we get

$$T: S_1^p S_2^p \rightarrow L(p/m, p).$$

Explicitly,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \int_0^1 (1-r)^{m-1} \text{Max}_{0 \leq \varrho \leq r} \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} |u(\varrho x')|^p d\sigma_{n-m-1}(x') \right) dr \right)^{1/p} \\ & \leq C_p \left( \int_0^\pi \dots \int_0^\pi \sin_n(\theta_1 \dots \theta_m) \int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} |f(s_1, s_2)|^p d\sigma_{n-m-1}(s_2) d\theta_1 \dots d\theta_m \right)^{1/p} \\ & = C_p \|f\|_{L^p(\Sigma_{n-1})}. \end{aligned}$$

Replacing the left-hand side of the inequality by the smaller

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \int_0^1 (1-r)^{m-1} \int_{\Sigma_{n-m-1}} |u(rx')|^p d\sigma_{n-m-1}(x') r^{n-m-1} dr \right)^{1/p} \\ & = \left( \int_{D_{n-m}} (1-|x|)^{m-1} |u(x)|^p dx_{n-m} \right)^{1/p} \end{aligned}$$

we get du Plessis' theorem.

The constant  $C_p$ , both in Theorem 1 and in Theorem 3 satisfies  $C_p \leq \frac{A}{p-1}$  as  $p \rightarrow 1^+$  and  $C_p \leq Ap$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . See, e.g. [4], Theorem 3.2. (The theorem is stated there for linear operators. However, the proof goes through for quasi-linear and certainly for our operators.) This is important for it implies Orlicz space results:

**THEOREM 4.** Suppose  $0 \leq Tf, T(f+g) \leq Tf+Tg, T(\lambda f) = |\lambda|Tf$ . Suppose also that

$$|Tf|_{L^p(X_1, \mu_1)} \leq \frac{A}{(p-1)^\delta} |f|_{L^p(X_0, \mu_0)},$$

where  $\mu_i(X_i) < \infty$ , for all  $1 < p < p_0$ . Then

$$\int_{X_1} Tf d\mu_1 \leq A \int_{X_0} |f| (\log^+ |f|)^\delta d\mu_0 + B.$$

The proof of Theorem XII, 4.41 of [7] goes through with minor changes here. In [7] the operator is assumed to be linear, but on the other hand there is of course no assumption of positivity. Theorem 4 applies in other contexts as well, most importantly to the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function. With this observation we get immediately:

**THEOREM 5.**

$$\int_0^1 (1-r)^{n-2} \text{Max}_{0 \leq \varrho \leq r} |u(\varrho e)| dr \leq A \int_0^\pi \sin^{n-2} \theta g(\theta) \log^+ g(\theta) d\theta + B,$$

where

$$g(\theta) = \int_{S_{n-2}} |f(\cos \theta, \sin \theta s'_2)| d\sigma_{n-2}(s'_2).$$

Applying Jensen's inequality to Theorem 5 or else applying Theorem 4 to a weak form of Theorem 1, we get the weaker

**THEOREM 6.**

$$\int_0^1 (1-r)^{n-2} \text{Max}_{0 \leq \varrho \leq r} |u(\varrho x')| dr \leq A \int_{S_{n-1}} |f(s)| \log^+ |f(s)| d\sigma_{n-1}(s) + B.$$

This is a strong form of a theorem of P. S. Bullen (see [2]).

Next, considering the operator

$$T: f \rightarrow u,$$

we have

$$|Tf|_{L^p(D_{n-m}, (1-|z|)^{m-1} d\alpha_{n-m})} \leq \frac{A}{p-1} |f|_{L^p(S_{n-1})}$$

so that we get du Plessis' theorem:

**THEOREM 7.**

$$\int_{D_{n-m}} (1-|z|)^{m-1} |u(z)| d\alpha_{n-m} \leq A \int_{S_{n-1}} |f(s)| \log^+ |f(s)| d\sigma_{n-1}(s) + B.$$

Finally, applying the first part of Theorem XII 4.41 of [7]. (Here we need no changes. Although the theorem there is stated for linear operators this part goes through verbatim for sublinear ones.), we have

**THEOREM 8.** There exist  $0 < \lambda, K$  such that

$$(a) \int_0^1 (1-r)^{n-2} \exp\left(\lambda \text{Max}_{0 \leq \varrho \leq r} |u(\varrho e)|\right) dr \leq K,$$

$$(b) \int_{D_{n-m}} (1-|z|)^m \exp|\lambda u(z)| d\alpha_{n-m} \leq K$$

if  $|f(s)| \leq 1$ .

**2. Fejér-Riesz inequalities for the half space.**

**THEOREM 1.**  $\eta(x) \in L^1 \cap L^\infty$ . Define for  $t > 0$

$$T_\eta f(t) = \sup_{t \leq u} \left| \frac{1}{u^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) \eta\left(\frac{x}{u}\right) dx \right|.$$

Then, for  $1 < p < \infty, 0 < q \leq \infty$  and for  $p = q = \infty$ ,

$$|T_\eta f|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C_{p,q} |f|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

**Proof.**

$$\left| \frac{1}{u^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) \eta\left(\frac{x}{u}\right) dx \right| \leq \begin{cases} |\eta|_1 |f|_\infty \\ \frac{1}{u^n} |\eta|_\infty |f|_1 \end{cases}$$

Therefore,

$$T: L(1, 1) \rightarrow L(1/n, \infty), \\ L(\infty, \infty) \rightarrow L(\infty, \infty),$$

so that

$$T: L(p, q) \rightarrow L(p/n, q).$$

Explicitly,

$$\left( \int_0^\infty t^{nq/p-1} \sup_{t \leq u} \left| \frac{1}{u^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) \eta(x/u) dx \right|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \leq C_{p,q} |f|_{p,q}.$$

The weaker result one gets by dropping the sup on the left-hand side of the last inequality, specializes for  $q = p$  and

$$\eta(x) = \alpha_n \frac{1}{(1+|x|^2)^{(n+1)/2}}$$

to du Plessis' result:

$$\left( \int_0^\infty |f(y_1, \dots, y_n, t)|^p t^{n-1} dt \right)^{1/p} \leq C_p \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p},$$

where  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n, t)$  is the function harmonic in  $\mathbb{R}^n \times T^+$  whose boundary values are  $f(x)$ . We can, however, prove a still stronger result under an additional requirement on  $\eta(x)$  - satisfied by Poisson's kernel:

**THEOREM 2.**  $\eta(x) \in L^1 \cap L^\infty$ , and  $\eta(x)$  is radial.  $T_\eta f(t)$  is defined as before. Then, for  $1 < p \leq \infty$ ,

$$\left( \int_0^\infty t^{n-1} (T_\eta f(t))^p dt \right)^{1/p} \leq C_p \left( \int_0^\infty \rho^{n-1} \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-1}} |f(\rho x')| d\sigma_{n-1}(x') \right)^p d\rho \right)^{1/p}.$$

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{u^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) \eta\left(\frac{x}{u}\right) dx &= \frac{1}{u^n} \int_0^\infty \rho^{n-1} \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-1}} f(\rho x') \eta\left(\frac{\rho x'}{u}\right) d\sigma_{n-1}(x') \right) d\rho \\ &= \frac{1}{u^n} \int_0^\infty \rho^{n-1} \eta\left(\frac{\rho e}{u}\right) \int_{\Sigma_{n-1}} f(\rho x') d\sigma_{n-1}(x') d\rho, \end{aligned}$$

where  $e = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ .

Write

$$|f|_{L^p L^1} = \left( \int_0^\infty \rho^{n-1} \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-1}} |f(\rho x')| d\sigma_{n-1}(x') \right)^p d\rho \right)^{1/p}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} |T_\eta f(t)| &\leq C |f|_{L^\infty L^1} |\eta|_{L^1}, \\ |T_\eta f(t)| &\leq |f|_{L^1 L^1} |\eta|_{L^\infty} t^{-n}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$T_\eta: \begin{aligned} L^\infty L^1 &\rightarrow L(\infty, \infty), \\ L^1 L^1 &\rightarrow L(1/n, \infty), \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$T_\eta: L^p(L^1) \rightarrow L(p/n, p);$$

i.e.,

$$\left( \int_0^\infty t^{n-1} (T_\eta f(t))^p dt \right)^{1/p} \leq C_p \left( \int_0^\infty \rho^{n-1} \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-1}} |f(\rho x')| d\sigma_{n-1}(x') \right)^p d\rho \right)^{1/p}.$$

The theorem is proved.

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \int_0^\infty \rho^{n-1} \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-1}} |f(\rho x')| d\sigma_{n-1}(x') \right)^p d\rho \right)^{1/p} \\ \leq C_{p,n} \left( \int_0^\infty \rho^{n-1} \int_{\Sigma_{n-1}} |f(\rho x')|^p d\sigma_{n-1}(x') d\rho \right)^{1/p} = C_{p,n} |f|_p. \end{aligned}$$

We have, for radial  $\eta$ , a strong version of the case  $q = p$  of Theorem 1. The inequality for harmonic functions is

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \int_0^\infty t^{n-1} \sup_{t \leq u} |f(y_1, \dots, y_n, u)|^p dt \right)^{1/p} \\ \leq \left( \int_0^\infty \rho^{n-1} \left( \int_{\Sigma_{n-1}} |f(\rho x')| d\sigma_{n-1}(x') \right)^p d\rho \right)^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorems 1 and 2 correspond to radial inequalities. We next prove the planar inequalities. We again use the mixed norm notation.

**THEOREM 3.** Write  $y_1 = (\zeta_1 \dots \zeta_m)$ ,  $y_2 = (\zeta_{m+1} \dots \zeta_n)$ ,  $dy_1 = d\zeta_1 \dots d\zeta_m$ , etc. Assume  $\eta(x) = \eta(x_1, x_2) \in X_1^2$  for each  $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , and that

$$K(x_1) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-m}} |\eta(x_1, x_2)| dx_2 \in X_1^1 \cap X_1^\infty.$$

Write

$$Tf(t) = \sup_{t \leq u} \left| \frac{1}{u^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \eta\left(-\frac{x_1}{u}, \frac{y_2 - x_2}{u}\right) f(x) dx \right|_{X_2^p}.$$

Then, for  $1 < r < \infty$ ,  $0 < q \leq \infty$  and for  $r = q = \infty$ ,

$$\left( \int_0^\infty t^{m^2/r-1} (Tf(t))^q dt \right)^{1/q} \leq C_{p,q,r} |f|_{X_1^r X_2^q}.$$

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{u^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \eta\left(-\frac{x_1}{u}, \frac{y_2 - x_2}{u}\right) f(x) dx \right|_{X_2^p} \\ \leq \frac{1}{u^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \eta\left(\frac{x}{u}\right) \right| \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-m}} |f(-x_1, y_2 - x_2)|^p dy_2 \right)^{1/p} dx \\ = \frac{1}{u^m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} dx_1 \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-m}} \left| \eta\left(\frac{x_1}{u}, x_2\right) \right| dx_2 \right) \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-m}} |f(-x_1, y_2)|^p dy_2 \right)^{1/p} \\ = \frac{1}{u^m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} K\left(\frac{x_1}{u}\right) \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-m}} |f(-x_1, y_2)|^p dy_2 \right)^{1/p} dx_1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$T: \begin{aligned} X_1^\infty X_2^p &\rightarrow L(\infty, \infty), \\ X_1^1 X_2^p &\rightarrow L(1/m, \infty). \end{aligned}$$

Interpolating,

$$T: X_1^{r,q} X_2^p \rightarrow L(r/m, q).$$

The theorem is proved.

Again, taking  $r = q = p$  and  $\eta =$  Poisson kernel, we get

$$\left( \int_0^\infty \left( \sup_{t \leq u} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-m}} |f(y_1 \dots y_n, u)|^p dy_{m+1} \dots dy_n \right) t^{m-1} dt \right)^{1/p} \leq C_p \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

We can strengthen the last conclusion somewhat by applying the following theorem (the notation is the same as in Theorem 3).

**THEOREM 4.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 3, if  $K(x_1)$  is also radial*

$$\left( \int_0^\infty t^{m-1} (Tf(t))^p dt \right)^{1/p} \leq C_p \left( \int_0^\infty \rho^{m-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-m}} \left( \int_{\Sigma_{m-1}} |f(\rho y'_1, y_2)| d\sigma_{m-1}(y'_1) \right)^p dy_2 d\rho \right)^{1/p}.$$

We omit the proof.

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### Weighted norm inequalities for parabolic fractional integrals

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**Abstract.** Norm inequalities are obtained for parabolic fractional integrals of distributions whose maximal functions belong to  $L^p(\mathbb{R}_n, \omega(x) dx)$ , where  $0 < p < \infty$  and  $\omega(x)$  is a weight satisfying an  $A^p$ -type condition and an anti-Hölder condition.

**§ 1. Introduction.** In this paper we obtain weighted norm inequalities for parabolic fractional integrals of distributions. The explicit definition of this fractional integrals and their existence are given in Theorem 2. The norm inequalities are stated in Theorem 5. The unweighted case has already been considered by A. P. Calderón and A. Torchinsky (see [1], [2] and [10]). For the classic case of harmonic functions and  $p > 1$  weighted norm inequalities were obtained by B. Muckenhoupt and R. L. Wheeden in [9].

The basis of our method is a generalization of a result due to L. Carleson and extended by P. L. Duren (see [3] and [5]) and the result stated in Theorem 4. Theorem 5 is obtained from Theorem 4 by applying some techniques developed by L. I. Hedberg in [7] and G. V. Welland in [11] for the weighted case. A similar method but technically much simpler was already used in [8] in order to extend the results of B. Muckenhoupt and R. L. Wheeden in [9].

**§ 2. Definitions and notations.** We shall consider an  $n \times n$  real matrix  $P$ , satisfying  $(Px, x) \geq (x, x)$  for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}_n$ , where  $(y, x)$  indicates the ordinary inner product in the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}_n$ . The transpose of  $P$  with respect to this inner product will be denoted by  $P^*$ .  $P$  defines the continuous group of transformations  $\{t^P\}_{t>0}$ , where  $t^P = e^{t \ln P}$ . For  $x \in \mathbb{R}_n$ ,  $x \neq 0$ , the function  $\rho(x)$  is defined as the unique value of  $t$  such that  $|t^{-P}x| = 1$ , where  $|x|$  designates the norm of  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}_n$ , and  $\rho(0) = 0$ . The function  $\rho(x)$  satisfies  $\rho(t^P x) = t\rho(x)$  and  $\rho(x+y) \leq \rho(x) + \rho(y)$ , thus it defines a translation invariant metric  $\rho(x-y)$ . Likewise, since  $(P^*x, x) = (x, Px) \geq (x, x)$ , we can associate to  $P^*$  a function  $\rho^*(x)$ . We shall say that a function  $\Omega(x)$  is  $\rho$ -homogeneous of degree  $m$