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Characterizations for the Riesz potential and its commutators on generalized Orlicz-Morrey spaces

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Abstract

In the present paper, we shall give a characterization for the Spanne and Adams type boundedness of the Riesz potential and its commutators on the generalized Orlicz-Morrey spaces, respectively. Also we give criteria for the weak versions of Spanne and Adams type boundedness of the Riesz potential on the generalized Orlicz-Morrey spaces. In all the cases the conditions for the boundedness are given in terms of Zygmund type integral inequalities involving the Young function $\Phi(u)$ and the function $\varphi(x, r)$ defining the space.

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1 Introduction

As is well known, Morrey spaces are widely used to investigate the local behavior of solutions to second order elliptic partial differential equations (PDE). Recall that the classical Morrey spaces $\mathcal{M}^{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ are defined by

$$\mathcal{M}^{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ f \in L^p_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n) : \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{p,\lambda}} := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} r^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} \|f\|_{L^p(B(x,r))} < \infty \right\},$$

where $0 \leq \lambda \leq n$, $1 \leq p < \infty$. $\mathcal{M}^{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ was an expansion of $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ in the sense that $\mathcal{M}^{p,0}(\mathbb{R}^n) = L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $\mathcal{M}^{p,n}(\mathbb{R}^n) = L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Here and everywhere in the sequel $B(x, r)$ is the ball in \mathbb{R}^n of radius r centered at x and $|B(x, r)| = v_n r^n$ is its Lebesgue measure, where v_n is the volume of the unit ball in \mathbb{R}^n .

By $W\mathcal{M}^{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we denote the weak Morrey space defined as the set of functions f in the local weak space $WL^p_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for which

$$\|f\|_{W\mathcal{M}^{p,\lambda}} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} r^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} \|f\|_{WL^p(B(x,r))} < \infty.$$

The spaces $\mathcal{M}^{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ defined by the norm

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{p,\varphi}} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \varphi(x, r)^{-1} |B(x, r)|^{-\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{L^p(B(x,r))}$$

with a function φ positive and measurable on $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty)$ are known as generalized Morrey spaces (see, for example, [1–3]). Also by $WM^{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we denote the weak generalized Morrey space of all functions $f \in WL_{loc}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for which

$$\|f\|_{WM^{p,\varphi}} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \varphi(x, r)^{-1} |B(x, r)|^{-\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{WL^p(B(x, r))} < \infty.$$

The Orlicz space was first introduced by Orlicz in [4, 5] as a generalization of Lebesgue spaces L^p . Since then this space has been one of the important functional frames in mathematical analysis, and especially in real and harmonic analysis. Orlicz space is also an appropriate substitute for L^1 space when L^1 space does not work. For example, the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{r > 0} \frac{1}{|B(x, r)|} \int_{B(x, r)} |f(y)| dy$$

is bounded on L^p for $1 < p < \infty$, but not on L^1 , but using Orlicz spaces, we can investigate the boundedness of the maximal operator near $p = 1$, see [6, 7] and [8] for more precise statements.

A natural step in the theory of functions spaces was to study Orlicz-Morrey spaces $M^{\Phi,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, where the ‘Morrey type measuring’ of the regularity of functions is realized with respect to the Orlicz norm over balls instead of the Lebesgue one. Such spaces were first introduced and studied by Nakai [9]. Then another kind of Orlicz-Morrey spaces were introduced by Sawano *et al.* [10]. Our definition of Orlicz-Morrey spaces introduced in [11] and used here is different from that of [9] and [10].

Let $0 < \alpha < n$. The Riesz potential operator I_α is defined by

$$I_\alpha f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{f(y)}{|x - y|^{n-\alpha}} dy.$$

The commutators generated by $b \in L_{loc}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and the operator I_α are defined by

$$[b, I_\alpha]f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{b(x) - b(y)}{|x - y|^{n-\alpha}} f(y) dy.$$

The operator $|b, I_\alpha|$ is defined by

$$|b, I_\alpha|f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|b(x) - b(y)|}{|x - y|^{n-\alpha}} f(y) dy.$$

The classical result by Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev states that the operator I_α is of weak type $(p, np/(n - \alpha p))$ if $1 \leq p < n/\alpha$ and of strong type $(p, np/(n - \alpha p))$ if $1 < p < n/\alpha$.

Around the 1970s, the Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev inequality was extended from Lebesgue spaces to Morrey spaces. As stated in [12], Spanne proved the following result.

Theorem 1.1 (Spanne, but published by Peetre [12]) *Let $0 < \alpha < n$, $1 \leq p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$, $0 < \lambda < n - \alpha p$. Moreover, let $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{\alpha}{n}$ and $\frac{\lambda}{p} = \frac{\mu}{q}$. Then, for $p > 1$, the operator I_α is bounded from $M^{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $M^{q,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and for $p = 1$, I_α is bounded from $M^{1,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $WM^{q,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.*

Later on, a stronger result was obtained by Adams [13], and refined by Chiarenza and Frasca [14].

Theorem 1.2 (Adams [13]) *Let $0 < \alpha < n, 1 \leq p < \frac{n}{\alpha}, 0 < \lambda < n - \alpha p$ and $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{\alpha}{n-\lambda}$. Then, for $p > 1$, the operator I_α is bounded from $\mathcal{M}^{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{q,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and for $p = 1, I_\alpha$ is bounded from $\mathcal{M}^{1,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $W\mathcal{M}^{q,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.*

Guliyev [1] (see also, [15, 16]) extended the results of Spanne and Adams from Morrey spaces to generalized Morrey spaces. Later on, Spanne type results were obtained by Guliyev et al. [17] under a weaker condition. These results can be summarized as follows.

Theorem 1.3 ([17]) *Let $0 < \alpha < n, 1 \leq p < \frac{n}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$ and (φ_1, φ_2) satisfy the condition*

$$\int_r^\infty \frac{\text{ess inf}_{t < s < \infty} \varphi_1(x, s) s^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}} dt \leq C \varphi_2(x, r),$$

where C does not depend on x and r . Then I_α is bounded from $\mathcal{M}^{p,\varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{q,\varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $p > 1$ and from $\mathcal{M}^{p,\varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $W\mathcal{M}^{q,\varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $p \geq 1$.

Theorem 1.4 ([1]) *Let $1 \leq p < \infty, 0 < \alpha < \frac{n}{p}$ and let $\varphi(x, t)$ satisfy the conditions*

$$\sup_{r < t < \infty} \frac{\text{ess inf}_{t < s < \infty} \varphi(x, s) s^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{p}}} \leq C \varphi(x, r) \tag{1.1}$$

and

$$t^\alpha \varphi(x, t) + \int_t^\infty r^\alpha \varphi(x, r) \frac{dr}{r} \leq C \varphi(x, t)^{\frac{p}{q}},$$

where $q > p$ and C does not depend on $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $t > 0$. Suppose also that, for almost every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the function $\varphi(x, r)$ fulfills the condition

there exist an $a = a(x) > 0$ such that $\varphi(x, \cdot) : [0, \infty] \rightarrow [a, \infty)$ is surjective.

Then, for $p > 1$, the operator I_α is bounded from $\mathcal{M}^{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{q,\varphi^{\frac{p}{q}}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and for $p \geq 1$ the operator I_α is bounded from $\mathcal{M}^{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $W\mathcal{M}^{q,\varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

It is well known that commutators of classical operators of harmonic analysis play an important role in various topics of analysis and PDE.

As an application of the above results, the boundedness of $[b, I_\alpha]$ on generalized Morrey spaces is investigated in [17, 18].

The boundedness of I_α from Orlicz space $L^\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to the corresponding another Orlicz space $L^\Psi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ was studied in [8]. There were given necessary and sufficient conditions for the boundedness of I_α from $L^\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $L^\Psi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and also from $L^\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to the weak Orlicz space $WL^\Psi(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

In this paper, we shall give a characterization for the Spanne and Adams type boundedness of the Riesz potential and its commutators on generalized Orlicz-Morrey spaces,

respectively. Also we give criteria for the weak versions of Spanne and Adams type boundedness of the Riesz potential on the generalized Orlicz-Morrey spaces.

By $A \lesssim B$ we mean that $A \leq CB$ with some positive constant C independent of appropriate quantities. If $A \lesssim B$ and $B \lesssim A$, we write $A \approx B$ and say that A and B are equivalent.

2 Preliminaries

2.1 On Young functions and Orlicz spaces

We recall the definition of Young functions.

Definition 2.1 A function $\Phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is called a Young function if Φ is convex, left-continuous, and we have $\lim_{r \rightarrow +0} \Phi(r) = \Phi(0) = 0$ and $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(r) = \infty$.

From the convexity and $\Phi(0) = 0$ it follows that any Young function is increasing. If there exists $s \in (0, \infty)$ such that $\Phi(s) = \infty$, then $\Phi(r) = \infty$ for $r \geq s$. The set of Young functions such that

$$0 < \Phi(r) < \infty \quad \text{for } 0 < r < \infty$$

will be denoted by \mathcal{Y} . If $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$, then Φ is absolutely continuous on every closed interval in $[0, \infty)$ and bijective from $[0, \infty)$ to itself.

For a Young function Φ and $0 \leq s \leq \infty$, let

$$\Phi^{-1}(s) = \inf\{r \geq 0 : \Phi(r) > s\}.$$

If $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$, then Φ^{-1} is the usual inverse function of Φ . We note that

$$\Phi(\Phi^{-1}(r)) \leq r \leq \Phi^{-1}(\Phi(r)) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq r < \infty.$$

It is well known that

$$r \leq \Phi^{-1}(r)\tilde{\Phi}^{-1}(r) \leq 2r \quad \text{for } r \geq 0, \tag{2.1}$$

where $\tilde{\Phi}(r)$ is defined by

$$\tilde{\Phi}(r) = \begin{cases} \sup\{rs - \Phi(s) : s \in [0, \infty)\}, & r \in [0, \infty), \\ \infty, & r = \infty. \end{cases}$$

A Young function Φ is said to satisfy the Δ_2 -condition, denoted also as $\Phi \in \Delta_2$, if

$$\Phi(2r) \leq k\Phi(r) \quad \text{for } r > 0$$

for some $k > 1$. If $\Phi \in \Delta_2$, then $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$. A Young function Φ is said to satisfy the ∇_2 -condition, denoted also by $\Phi \in \nabla_2$, if

$$\Phi(r) \leq \frac{1}{2k}\Phi(kr), \quad r \geq 0$$

for some $k > 1$.

Definition 2.2 (Orlicz space) For a Young function Φ , the set

$$L^\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n) : \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi(k|f(x)|) dx < \infty \text{ for some } k > 0 \right\}$$

is called Orlicz space. If $\Phi(r) = r^p, 1 \leq p < \infty$, then $L^\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n) = L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. If $\Phi(r) = 0 (0 \leq r \leq 1)$ and $\Phi(r) = \infty (r > 1)$, then $L^\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n) = L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$. The space $L^\Phi_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is defined as the set of all functions f such that $f\chi_B \in L^\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for all balls $B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

$L^\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is a Banach space with respect to the norm

$$\|f\|_{L^\Phi} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi\left(\frac{|f(x)|}{\lambda}\right) dx \leq 1 \right\}.$$

We note that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi\left(\frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\|_{L^\Phi}}\right) dx \leq 1. \tag{2.2}$$

Lemma 2.3 ([11]) For a Young function Φ and $B = B(x, r)$, the following inequality is valid:

$$\|f\|_{L^1(B)} \leq 2|B|\Phi^{-1}(|B|^{-1})\|f\|_{L^\Phi(B)},$$

where $\|f\|_{L^\Phi(B)} = \|f\chi_B\|_{L^\Phi}$.

By elementary calculations we have the following.

Lemma 2.4 Let Φ be a Young function and B a set in \mathbb{R}^n with finite Lebesgue measure. Then

$$\|\chi_B\|_{L^\Phi} = \frac{1}{\Phi^{-1}(|B|^{-1})}.$$

2.2 Generalized Orlicz-Morrey space

Various versions of generalized Orlicz-Morrey spaces were introduced in [9, 10] and [11]. We used the definition of [11] which runs as follows.

Definition 2.5 Let $\varphi(x, r)$ be a positive measurable function on $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty)$ and Φ any Young function. We denote by $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ the generalized Orlicz-Morrey space, the space of all functions $f \in L^\Phi_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for which

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \varphi(x, r)^{-1} \Phi^{-1}(|B(x, r)|^{-1}) \|f\|_{L^\Phi(B(x, r))} < \infty.$$

The following theorem and lemma play a key role in our main results.

Theorem 2.6 ([11]) Let $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$, the functions φ and Φ satisfy the condition

$$\sup_{r < t < \infty} \Phi^{-1}(|B(x, t)|^{-1}) \text{ess inf}_{t < s < \infty} \frac{\varphi(x, s)}{\Phi^{-1}(|B(x, s)|^{-1})} \leq C\varphi(x, r), \tag{2.3}$$

where C does not depend on x and r . Then the maximal operator M is bounded from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $\Phi \in \nabla_2$.

A function $\varphi : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ is said to be almost increasing (resp. almost decreasing) if there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\varphi(r) \leq C\varphi(s) \quad (\text{resp. } \varphi(r) \geq C\varphi(s)) \quad \text{for } r \leq s.$$

For a Young function Φ , we denote by \mathcal{G}_Φ the set of all almost decreasing functions $\varphi : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ such that $t \in (0, \infty) \mapsto \frac{1}{\Phi^{-1}(\frac{1}{\varphi^{-1}t^{-n}})}\varphi(t)$ is almost increasing.

Lemma 2.7 *Let $B_0 := B(x_0, r_0)$. If $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_\Phi$, then there exists $C > 0$ such that*

$$\frac{1}{\varphi(r_0)} \leq \|\chi_{B_0}\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}} \leq \frac{C}{\varphi(r_0)}.$$

Proof Let $B = B(x, r)$ denote an arbitrary ball in \mathbb{R}^n . By the definition and Lemma 2.4, it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\chi_{B_0}\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}} &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \varphi(r)^{-1} \Phi^{-1}(|B|^{-1}) \frac{1}{\Phi^{-1}(|B \cap B_0|^{-1})} \\ &\geq \varphi(r_0)^{-1} \Phi^{-1}(|B_0|^{-1}) \frac{1}{\Phi^{-1}(|B_0 \cap B_0|^{-1})} = \frac{1}{\varphi(r_0)}. \end{aligned}$$

Now if $r \leq r_0$, then $\varphi(r) \leq C\varphi(r_0)$ and

$$\varphi(r)^{-1} \Phi^{-1}(|B|^{-1}) \|\chi_{B_0}\|_{L^{\Phi}(B)} \leq \frac{1}{\varphi(r)} \leq \frac{C}{\varphi(r_0)}.$$

On the other hand if $r \geq r_0$, then $\frac{\varphi(r_0)}{\Phi^{-1}(|B_0|^{-1})} \leq C \frac{\varphi(r)}{\Phi^{-1}(|B|^{-1})}$ and

$$\varphi(r)^{-1} \Phi^{-1}(|B|^{-1}) \|\chi_{B_0}\|_{L^{\Phi}(B)} \leq \frac{C}{\varphi(r_0)}.$$

This completes the proof. □

3 Spanne type results for I_α in the spaces $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}$

We recall that, for functions Φ and Ψ from $[0, \infty)$ into $[0, \infty]$, the function Ψ is said to dominate Φ globally if there exists a positive constant c such that $\Phi(s) \leq \Psi(cs)$ for all $s \geq 0$.

In the theorems below we also use the notation

$$\tilde{\Psi}_P(s) = \int_0^s r^{P'-1} (\mathcal{B}_P^{-1}(r^{P'}))^{P'} dr,$$

where $1 < P \leq \infty$ and $\tilde{\Psi}_P(s)$ is the Young conjugate function to $\Psi_P(s)$, and

$$\Phi_P(s) = \int_0^s r^{P'-1} (\mathcal{A}_P^{-1}(r^{P'}))^{P'} dr, \tag{3.1}$$

where $\mathcal{B}_P^{-1}(s)$ and $\mathcal{A}_P^{-1}(s)$ are inverses to

$$\mathcal{B}_P(s) = \int_0^s \frac{\Psi(t)}{t^{1+P'}} dt \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{A}_P(s) = \int_0^s \frac{\tilde{\Phi}(t)}{t^{1+P'}} dt,$$

respectively. These functions $\Psi_P(s)$ and $\Phi_P(s)$ are used below with $P = \frac{n}{\alpha}$.

Theorem 3.1 ([8]) *Let Φ and Ψ Young functions and $0 < \alpha < n$. Then the Riesz potential I_α is bounded from $L^\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $L^\Psi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ if and only if*

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\tilde{\Phi}(t)}{t^{1+n/(n-\alpha)}} dt < \infty, \quad \int_0^1 \frac{\Psi(t)}{t^{1+n/(n-\alpha)}} dt < \infty \tag{3.2}$$

and

$$\Phi \text{ dominates } \Psi_{n/\alpha} \text{ globally and } \Phi_{n/\alpha} \text{ dominates } \Psi \text{ globally.} \tag{3.3}$$

Lemma 3.2 ([19]) *Let Φ and Ψ Young functions and $\Phi_P, P \in (1, \infty]$, Young function defined as in (3.1). If $\int_0^1 \frac{\tilde{\Phi}(t)}{t^{1+P'}} dt < \infty$ and Φ_P dominates Ψ globally then*

$$\Phi^{-1}(r) \lesssim r^{\frac{1}{P}} \Psi^{-1}(r) \quad \text{for } r > 0.$$

For proving our main results, we need the following estimate.

Lemma 3.3 *If $B_0 := B(x_0, r_0)$, then $r_0^\alpha \leq CI_\alpha \chi_{B_0}(x)$ for every $x \in B_0$.*

Proof If $x, y \in B_0$, then $|x - y| \leq |x - x_0| + |y - x_0| < 2r_0$. Since $0 < \alpha < n$, we get $r_0^{\alpha-n} \leq C|x - y|^{\alpha-n}$. Therefore

$$I_\alpha \chi_{B_0}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \chi_{B_0}(y) |x - y|^{\alpha-n} dy = \int_{B_0} |x - y|^{\alpha-n} dy \geq Cr_0^{\alpha-n} |B_0| = Cr_0^\alpha. \quad \square$$

The following theorem is a useful necessary and sufficient result for the boundedness of I_α in the framework of generalized Orlicz-Morrey space.

Theorem 3.4 (Spanne type result) *Let Φ, Ψ be Young functions and $0 < \alpha < n$.*

1. *If the functions (Φ, Ψ) satisfy the conditions (3.2) and (3.3), then the condition*

$$\int_t^\infty \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{r < s < \infty} \frac{\varphi_1(s)}{\Phi^{-1}(v_n^{-1}s^{-n})} \Psi^{-1}(v_n^{-1}r^{-n}) \frac{dr}{r} \leq C\varphi_2(t) \tag{3.4}$$

for all $t > 0$, where $C > 0$ does not depend on t , is sufficient for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

2. *If the function $\varphi_1 \in \mathcal{G}_\Phi$, then the condition*

$$t^\alpha \varphi_1(t) \leq C\varphi_2(t) \tag{3.5}$$

for all $t > 0$, where $C > 0$ does not depend on t , is necessary for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

- Let the functions (Φ, Ψ) satisfy the conditions (3.2) and (3.3). If $\varphi_1 \in \mathcal{G}_\Phi$ satisfies the regularity type condition

$$\int_t^\infty \frac{\Psi^{-1}(v_n^{-1}r^{-n})}{\Phi^{-1}(v_n^{-1}r^{-n})} \varphi_1(r) \frac{dr}{r} \leq Ct^\alpha \varphi_1(t) \tag{3.6}$$

for all $t > 0$, where $C > 0$ does not depend on t , then the condition (3.5) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof The first part of the theorem was proved in [19], Theorem 14.

We shall now prove the second part. Let $B_0 = B(x_0, t_0)$ and $x \in B_0$. By Lemma 3.3 we have $t_0^\alpha \leq CI_\alpha \chi_{B_0}(x)$. Therefore, by Lemma 2.4 and Lemma 2.7

$$\begin{aligned} t_0^\alpha &\leq C\Psi^{-1}(|B_0|^{-1}) \|I_\alpha \chi_{B_0}\|_{L^\Psi(B_0)} \leq C\varphi_2(t_0) \|I_\alpha \chi_{B_0}\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \varphi_2}} \\ &\leq C\varphi_2(t_0) \|\chi_{B_0}\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi_1}} \leq C \frac{\varphi_2(t_0)}{\varphi_1(t_0)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since this is true for every $t_0 > 0$, we are done.

The third statement of the theorem follows from the first and second parts of the theorem. □

If we take $\Phi(t) = t^p$, $\Psi(t) = t^q$, $p, q \in [1, \infty)$ at Theorem 3.4 we get the following new result for generalized Morrey spaces.

Corollary 3.5 *Let $0 < \alpha < n$ and $p, q \in [1, \infty)$.*

- If $1 < p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$ and $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$, then the condition

$$\int_t^\infty \frac{\text{ess inf}_{r < s < \infty} \varphi_1(s) s^{\frac{n}{p}}}{r^{\frac{n}{q}}} \frac{dr}{r} \leq C\varphi_2(t) \tag{3.7}$$

for all $t > 0$, where $C > 0$ does not depend on t , is sufficient for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{p, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{q, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

- If the function $\varphi_1 \in \mathcal{G}_p \equiv \mathcal{G}_p$, then the condition (3.5) is necessary for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{p, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{q, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.
- Let $1 < p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$ and $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$. If $\varphi_1 \in \mathcal{G}_p$ satisfies the regularity condition

$$\int_t^\infty r^\alpha \varphi_1(r) \frac{dr}{r} \leq Ct^\alpha \varphi_1(t) \tag{3.8}$$

for all $t > 0$, where $C > 0$ does not depend on t , then the condition (3.5) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{p, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{q, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Remark 3.6 If we take $\varphi_1(t) = t^{\frac{\lambda-n}{p}}$ and $\varphi_2(t) = t^{\frac{\mu-n}{q}}$ at Corollary 3.5, then conditions (3.8) and (3.5) are equivalent to $0 < \lambda < n - \alpha p$ and $\frac{\lambda}{p} = \frac{\mu}{q}$, respectively. Therefore, we get the following Spanne result for Morrey spaces.

Corollary 3.7 ([20]) *Let $0 < \alpha < n$, $1 < p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$, $0 < \lambda < n - \alpha p$ and $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$. Then I_α is bounded from $\mathcal{M}^{p, \lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{q, \mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ if and only if $\frac{\lambda}{p} = \frac{\mu}{q}$.*

4 Adams type results for I_α in the spaces $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}$

The following pointwise estimate plays a key role where we prove our main results.

Lemma 4.1 *Let $0 < \alpha < n$ and $\varphi(x, t)$ satisfy the condition*

$$t^\alpha \varphi(x, t) + \int_t^\infty r^\alpha \varphi(x, r) \frac{dr}{r} \leq C \varphi(x, t)^\beta \tag{4.1}$$

for some $\beta \in (0, 1)$ and for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $t > 0$. Then we have the pointwise inequality:

$$|I_\alpha f(x)| \lesssim (Mf(x))^\beta \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}}^{1-\beta}. \tag{4.2}$$

Proof For an arbitrary ball $B = B(x, t)$ we represent f as

$$f = f_1 + f_2, \quad f_1(y) = f(y)\chi_B(y), \quad f_2(y) = f(y)\chi_{B^c}(y),$$

and have

$$I_\alpha f(x) = I_\alpha f_1(x) + I_\alpha f_2(x).$$

For $I_\alpha f_1(x)$, following the Hedberg trick, see [21], we obtain $|I_\alpha f_1(x)| \leq C_1 t^\alpha Mf(x)$. For $I_\alpha f_2(x)$ by Lemma 2.3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{B^c(B(x,t))} \frac{|f(y)|}{|x-y|^{n-\alpha}} dy &\approx \int_{B^c(B(x,t))} |f(y)| \int_{|x-y|}^\infty \frac{dr}{r^{n+1-\alpha}} dy \\ &\approx \int_t^\infty \int_{t \leq |x-y| < r} |f(y)| dy \frac{dr}{r^{n+1-\alpha}} \\ &\leq C_2 \int_t^\infty \Phi^{-1}(|B(x,r)|^{-1}) r^{\alpha-1} \|f\|_{L^\Phi(B(x,r))} dr. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I_\alpha f(x)| &\lesssim t^\alpha Mf(x) + \int_t^\infty \Phi^{-1}(|B(x,r)|^{-1}) r^{\alpha-1} \|f\|_{L^\Phi(B(x,r))} dr \\ &\lesssim t^\alpha Mf(x) + \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}} \int_t^\infty r^\alpha \varphi(x, r) \frac{dr}{r}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by (4.1) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |I_\alpha f(x)| &\lesssim \min\{\varphi(x, t)^{\beta-1} Mf(x), \varphi(x, t)^\beta \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}}\} \\ &\lesssim \sup_{s>0} \min\{s^{\beta-1} Mf(x), s^\beta \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}}\} \\ &= (Mf(x))^\beta \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}}^{1-\beta}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that the supremum is achieved when the minimum parts are balanced. □

Theorem 4.2 *Let $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y} \cap \nabla_2$ and $0 < \alpha < n$. Let $\varphi(x, t)$ satisfy the conditions (2.3) and (4.1). Define $\eta(x, t) \equiv \varphi(x, t)^\beta$ and $\Psi(t) \equiv \Phi(t^{1/\beta})$. Then the operator I_α is bounded from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \eta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.*

Proof By using the pointwise estimate (4.2) we have

$$\|I_\alpha f\|_{L^\Psi(B)} \lesssim \|(Mf)^\beta\|_{L^\Psi(B)} \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}}^{1-\beta},$$

where $B = B(x, t)$.

Note that from (2.2) we get

$$\int_B \Psi \left(\frac{(Mf(x))^\beta}{\|Mf\|_{L^\Phi(B)}^\beta} \right) dx = \int_B \Phi \left(\frac{Mf(x)}{\|Mf\|_{L^\Phi(B)}} \right) dx \leq 1.$$

Thus $\|(Mf)^\beta\|_{L^\Psi(B)} \leq \|Mf\|_{L^\Phi(B)}^\beta$. Consequently by using this inequality we have

$$\|I_\alpha f\|_{L^\Psi(B)} \lesssim \|Mf\|_{L^\Phi(B)}^\beta \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}}^{1-\beta}. \tag{4.3}$$

From Theorem 2.6 and (4.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_\alpha f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \eta}} &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0} \eta(x, t)^{-1} \Psi^{-1}(|B|^{-1}) \|I_\alpha f\|_{L^\Psi(B)} \\ &\lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}}^{1-\beta} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0} \eta(x, t)^{-1} \Psi^{-1}(|B|^{-1}) \|Mf\|_{L^\Phi(B)}^\beta \\ &= \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}}^{1-\beta} \left(\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0} \varphi(x, t)^{-1} \Phi^{-1}(|B|^{-1}) \|Mf\|_{L^\Phi(B)} \right)^\beta \\ &\lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}}. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

The following theorem is one of our main results.

Theorem 4.3 (Adams type result) *Let $0 < \alpha < n$, $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$, $\beta \in (0, 1)$ and $\eta(t) \equiv \varphi(t)^\beta$ and $\Psi(t) \equiv \Phi(t^{1/\beta})$.*

1. *If $\Phi \in \nabla_2$ and $\varphi(t)$ satisfies (2.3), then the condition*

$$t^\alpha \varphi(t) + \int_t^\infty r^\alpha \varphi(r) \frac{dr}{r} \leq C \varphi(t)^\beta \tag{4.4}$$

for all $t > 0$, where $C > 0$ does not depend on t , is sufficient for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \eta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

2. *If $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_\Phi$, then the condition*

$$t^\alpha \varphi(t) \leq C \varphi(t)^\beta \tag{4.5}$$

for all $t > 0$, where $C > 0$ does not depend on t , is necessary for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \eta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

3. Let $\Phi \in \nabla_2$. If $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_\Phi$ satisfies the regularity condition

$$\int_t^\infty r^\alpha \varphi(r) \frac{dr}{r} \leq Ct^\alpha \varphi(t) \tag{4.6}$$

for all $t > 0$, where $C > 0$ does not depend on t , then the condition (4.5) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \eta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof The first part of the theorem is a corollary of Theorem 4.2.

We shall now prove the second part. Let $B_0 = B(x_0, t_0)$ and $x \in B_0$. By Lemma 3.3 we have $t_0^\alpha \leq CI_\alpha \chi_{B_0}(x)$. Therefore, by Lemma 2.4 and Lemma 2.7 we have

$$\begin{aligned} t_0^\alpha &\leq C\Psi^{-1}(|B_0|^{-1}) \|I_\alpha \chi_{B_0}\|_{L^\Psi(B_0)} \leq C\eta(t_0) \|I_\alpha \chi_{B_0}\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \eta}} \\ &\leq C\eta(t_0) \|\chi_{B_0}\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}} \leq C \frac{\eta(t_0)}{\varphi(t_0)} = C\varphi(t_0)^{\beta-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since this is true for every $t_0 > 0$, we are done.

The third statement of the theorem follows from the first and second parts of the theorem. □

If we take $\Phi(t) = t^p$, $p \in [1, \infty)$ and $\beta = \frac{p}{q}$ with $p < q < \infty$ at Theorem 4.3 we get the following new result for generalized Morrey spaces.

Corollary 4.4 *Let $1 < p < q < \infty$.*

1. *If $\varphi(t)$ satisfies (1.1), then the condition*

$$t^\alpha \varphi(t) + \int_t^\infty r^\alpha \varphi(r) \frac{dr}{r} \leq C\varphi(t)^{\frac{p}{q}} \tag{4.7}$$

for all $t > 0$, where $C > 0$ does not depend on t , is sufficient for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{p, \varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{q, \varphi^{\frac{p}{q}}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

2. *If $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_p$, then the condition*

$$t^\alpha \varphi(t) \leq C\varphi(t)^{\frac{p}{q}} \tag{4.8}$$

for all $t > 0$, where $C > 0$ does not depend on t , is necessary for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{p, \varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{q, \varphi^{\frac{p}{q}}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

3. *If $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_p$ satisfies the regularity condition (4.6), then the condition (4.8) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{p, \varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{q, \varphi^{\frac{p}{q}}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.*

Remark 4.5 If we take $\varphi(t) = t^{\frac{\lambda-n}{p}}$ at Corollary 4.4, then the condition (4.6) is equivalent to $0 < \lambda < n - \alpha p$ and the condition (4.8) is equivalent to $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{\alpha}{n-\lambda}$. Therefore, we get the following Adams result for Morrey spaces.

Corollary 4.6 *Let $0 < \alpha < n$, $1 < p < q < \infty$ and $0 < \lambda < n - \alpha p$. Then I_α is bounded from $\mathcal{M}^{p, \lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{q, \lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ if and only if $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{\alpha}{n-\lambda}$.*

5 Spanne type results for $[b, I_\alpha]$ in the spaces $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}$

We recall the definition of the space of $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Definition 5.1 Suppose that $f \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, let

$$\|f\|_* = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \frac{1}{|B(x, r)|} \int_{B(x, r)} |f(y) - f_{B(x, r)}| dy < \infty,$$

where

$$f_{B(x, r)} = \frac{1}{|B(x, r)|} \int_{B(x, r)} f(y) dy.$$

Define

$$BMO(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{f \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n) : \|f\|_* < \infty\}.$$

Modulo constants, the space $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is a Banach space with respect to the norm $\|\cdot\|_*$. Before proving our theorems, we need the following lemmas.

Lemma 5.2 ([22]) *Let $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then there is a constant $C > 0$ such that*

$$|b_{B(x, r)} - b_{B(x, t)}| \leq C \|b\|_* \ln \frac{t}{r} \quad \text{for } 0 < 2r < t, \tag{5.1}$$

where C is independent of $b, x, r,$ and t .

Lemma 5.3 ([19, 23]) *Let $f \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and Φ be a Young function with $\Phi \in \Delta_2$, then*

$$\|f\|_* \approx \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \Phi^{-1}(|B(x, r)|^{-1}) \|f(\cdot) - f_{B(x, r)}\|_{L^\Phi(B(x, r))}. \tag{5.2}$$

Lemma 5.4 *If $b \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $B_0 := B(x_0, r_0)$, then*

$$r_0^\alpha |b(x) - b_{B_0}| \leq C |b, I_\alpha| \chi_{B_0}(x)$$

for every $x \in B_0$, where $b_{B_0} = \frac{1}{|B_0|} \int_{B_0} b(y) dy$.

Proof If $x, y \in B_0$, then $|x - y| \leq |x - x_0| + |y - x_0| < 2r_0$. Since $0 < \alpha < n$, we get $r_0^{\alpha-n} \leq C|x - y|^{\alpha-n}$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} |b, I_\alpha| \chi_{B_0}(x) &= \int_{B_0} |b(x) - b(y)| |x - y|^{\alpha-n} dy \geq Cr_0^{\alpha-n} \int_{B_0} |b(x) - b(y)| dy \\ &\geq Cr_0^{\alpha-n} \left| \int_{B_0} (b(x) - b(y)) dy \right| = Cr_0^\alpha |b(x) - b_{B_0}|. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

The following theorem is one of our main results.

Theorem 5.5 *Let $0 < \alpha < n$ and $b \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$.*

- Let Φ be a Young function and Ψ defined, via its inverse, by setting, for all $t \in (0, \infty)$, $\Psi^{-1}(t) := \Phi^{-1}(t)t^{-\alpha/n}$. If $\Phi, \Psi \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$, then the condition

$$\int_r^\infty \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{t < s < \infty} \frac{\varphi_1(s)}{\Phi^{-1}(s^{-n})} \Psi^{-1}(t^{-n}) \frac{dt}{t} \leq C\varphi_2(r)$$

for all $r > 0$, where $C > 0$ does not depend on r , is sufficient for the boundedness of $|b, I_\alpha|$ from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

- Let Φ, Ψ be Young functions. If $\Psi \in \Delta_2$ and $\varphi_1 \in \mathcal{G}_\Phi$, then the condition (3.5) is necessary for the boundedness of $|b, I_\alpha|$ from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.
- Let Φ be a Young function and Ψ defined, via its inverse, by setting, for all $t \in (0, \infty)$, $\Psi^{-1}(t) := \Phi^{-1}(t)t^{-\alpha/n}$ and $\Phi, \Psi \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$. If $\varphi_1 \in \mathcal{G}_\Phi$ satisfies the regularity type condition

$$\int_r^\infty \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) t^\alpha \varphi_1(t) \frac{dt}{t} \leq Cr^\alpha \varphi_1(r) \tag{5.3}$$

for all $r > 0$, where $C > 0$ does not depend on r , then the condition (3.5) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of $|b, I_\alpha|$ from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof From the proof of [19], Theorem 34, we know that the boundedness result is still true if one has $|b, I_\alpha|$ instead of $[b, I_\alpha]$. Hence, the first part of the theorem is a corollary of [19], Theorem 34.

We shall now prove the second part. Let $B_0 = B(x_0, r_0)$ and $x \in B_0$. By Lemma 5.4 we have $r_0^\alpha |b(x) - b_{B_0}| \leq C|b, I_\alpha| \chi_{B_0}(x)$. Therefore, by Lemma 5.3 and Lemma 2.7

$$\begin{aligned} r_0^\alpha &\leq C \frac{\| |b, I_\alpha| \chi_{B_0} \|_{L^\Psi(B_0)}}{\| b(\cdot) - b_{B_0} \|_{L^\Psi(B_0)}} \leq \frac{C}{\| b \|_*} \| |b, I_\alpha| \chi_{B_0} \|_{L^\Psi(B_0)} \Psi^{-1}(|B_0|^{-1}) \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\| b \|_*} \varphi_2(r_0) \| |b, I_\alpha| \chi_{B_0} \|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \varphi_2}} \leq C\varphi_2(r_0) \| \chi_{B_0} \|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi_1}} \leq C \frac{\varphi_2(r_0)}{\varphi_1(r_0)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since this is true for every $r_0 > 0$, we are done.

The third statement of the theorem follows from the first and second parts of the theorem. □

If we take $\Phi(t) = t^p, \Psi(t) = t^q, p, q \in [1, \infty)$ at Theorem 5.5 we get the following new result for generalized Morrey spaces.

Corollary 5.6 *Let $0 < \alpha < n, p, q \in [1, \infty)$ and $b \in \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.*

- Let $1 < p < \frac{n}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$, then the condition

$$\int_r^\infty \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{t < s < \infty} \frac{\varphi_1(s)s^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{q}+1}} dt \leq C\varphi_2(r)$$

for all $r > 0$, where $C > 0$ does not depend on r , is sufficient for the boundedness of $|b, I_\alpha|$ from $\mathcal{M}^{p, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{q, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

- If $\varphi_1 \in \mathcal{G}_p$, then the condition (3.5) is necessary for the boundedness of $|b, I_\alpha|$ from $\mathcal{M}^{p, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{q, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

3. Let $1 < p < \frac{n}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$. If $\varphi_1 \in \mathcal{G}_p$ satisfies the regularity type condition (5.3), then the condition (3.5) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of $[b, I_\alpha]$ from $\mathcal{M}^{p, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{q, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

6 Adams type results for $[b, I_\alpha]$ in the spaces $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}$

The commutators generated by $b \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and the maximal operator M is defined by

$$M_b(f)(x) = \sup_{t>0} |B(x, t)|^{-1} \int_{B(x, t)} |b(x) - b(y)| |f(y)| dy.$$

Theorem 6.1 ([24]) *Let $b \in \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, Φ be a Young function with $\Phi \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$, φ and Φ satisfy the condition*

$$\sup_{r < t < \infty} \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \Phi^{-1}(|B(x, t)|^{-1}) \text{ess inf}_{t < s < \infty} \frac{\varphi(x, s)}{\Phi^{-1}(|B(x, s)|^{-1})} \leq C \varphi(x, r), \tag{6.1}$$

where C does not depend on x and r . Then the operator M_b is bounded from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

The following lemma is the analog of the Hedberg trick for $[b, I_\alpha]$.

Lemma 6.2 *If $0 < \alpha < n$ and $f, b \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $r > 0$ we get*

$$\int_{B(x, r)} \frac{|f(y)|}{|x - y|^{n-\alpha}} |b(x) - b(y)| dy \lesssim r^\alpha M_b f(x). \tag{6.2}$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{B(x, r)} \frac{|f(y)|}{|x - y|^{n-\alpha}} |b(x) - b(y)| dy \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \int_{2^{-j-1}r \leq |x-y| < 2^{-j}r} \frac{|f(y)|}{|x - y|^{n-\alpha}} |b(x) - b(y)| dy \\ &\lesssim \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (2^{-j}r)^\alpha (2^{-j}r)^{-n} \int_{|x-y| < 2^{-j}r} |f(y)| |b(x) - b(y)| dy \\ &\lesssim r^\alpha M_b f(x). \end{aligned} \tag{6.3}$$

□

Theorem 6.3 *Let $b \in \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $\beta \in (0, 1)$, Φ be a Young function with $\Phi \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$. Let $\varphi(x, r)$ satisfy the conditions (6.1) and*

$$r^\alpha \varphi(x, r) + \int_r^\infty \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \varphi(x, t) t^\alpha \frac{dt}{t} \leq C \varphi(x, r)^\beta \tag{6.3}$$

for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $r > 0$. Define $\eta(x, r) \equiv \varphi(x, r)^\beta$ and $\Psi(r) \equiv \Phi(r^{1/\beta})$. Then the operator $[b, I_\alpha]$ is bounded from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \eta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof For arbitrary $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, set $B = B(x_0, r)$ for the ball centered at x_0 and of radius r . Write $f = f_1 + f_2$ with $f_1 = f \chi_{2B}$ and $f_2 = f \chi_{(2B)^c}$.

For $x \in B$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} |[b, I_\alpha]f_2(x)| &\lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|b(y) - b(x)|}{|x - y|^{n-\alpha}} |f_2(y)| \, dy \approx \int_{\mathcal{O}(2B)} \frac{|b(y) - b(x)|}{|x_0 - y|^{n-\alpha}} |f(y)| \, dy \\ &\lesssim \int_{\mathcal{O}(2B)} \frac{|b(y) - b_B|}{|x_0 - y|^{n-\alpha}} |f(y)| \, dy + \int_{\mathcal{O}(2B)} \frac{|b(x) - b_B|}{|x_0 - y|^{n-\alpha}} |f(y)| \, dy = J_1 + J_2(x), \end{aligned}$$

since $x \in B$ and $y \in \mathcal{O}(2B)$ implies $|x - y| \approx |x_0 - y|$.

Let us estimate J_1 :

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= \int_{\mathcal{O}(2B)} \frac{|b(y) - b_B|}{|x_0 - y|^{n-\alpha}} |f(y)| \, dy \approx \int_{\mathcal{O}(2B)} |b(y) - b_B| |f(y)| \int_{|x_0 - y|}^\infty \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \, dy \\ &\approx \int_{2r}^\infty \int_{2r \leq |x_0 - y| \leq t} |b(y) - b_B| |f(y)| \, dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \lesssim \int_{2r}^\infty \int_{B(x_0, t)} |b(y) - b_B| |f(y)| \, dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Hölder’s inequality, by (2.1), (5.1), (5.2), and Lemma 2.3 we get

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &\lesssim \int_{2r}^\infty \int_{B(x_0, t)} |b(y) - b_{B(x_0, t)}| |f(y)| \, dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\ &\quad + \int_{2r}^\infty |b_{B(x_0, r)} - b_{B(x_0, t)}| \int_{B(x_0, t)} |f(y)| \, dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\ &\lesssim \int_{2r}^\infty \|b(\cdot) - b_{B(x_0, t)}\|_{L^\Phi(B(x_0, t))} \|f\|_{L_\Phi(B(x_0, t))} \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\ &\quad + \int_{2r}^\infty |b_{B(x_0, r)} - b_{B(x_0, t)}| \|f\|_{L_\Phi(B(x_0, t))} \Phi^{-1}(|B(x_0, t)|^{-1}) \frac{dt}{t^{1-\alpha}} \\ &\lesssim \|b\|_* \int_{2r}^\infty \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \|f\|_{L_\Phi(B(x_0, t))} \Phi^{-1}(|B(x_0, t)|^{-1}) \frac{dt}{t^{1-\alpha}} \\ &\lesssim \|b\|_* \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}} \int_{2r}^\infty \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \varphi(x_0, t) \frac{dt}{t^{1-\alpha}}. \end{aligned}$$

Also using (6.2), we get

$$J_0(x) + J_1 \lesssim \|b\|_* r^\alpha M_b f(x) + \|b\|_* \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}} \int_{2r}^\infty \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \varphi(x_0, t) \frac{dt}{t^{1-\alpha}},$$

where $J_0(x) := |[b, I_\alpha]f_1(x)|$.

Thus, by (6.3) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} J_0(x) + J_1 &\lesssim \|b\|_* \min\{\varphi(x_0, r)^{\beta-1} M_b f(x), \varphi(x_0, r)^\beta \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}}\} \\ &\lesssim \|b\|_* \sup_{s>0} \min\{s^{\beta-1} M_b f(x), s^\beta \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}}\} \\ &= \|b\|_* (M_b f(x))^\beta \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}}^{1-\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently for every $x \in B$ we have

$$J_0(x) + J_1 \lesssim \|b\|_* (M_b f(x))^\beta \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}}^{1-\beta}. \tag{6.4}$$

By using the inequality (6.4) we have

$$\|J_0(\cdot) + J_1\|_{L^\Psi(B)} \lesssim \|b\|_* \|(M_b f)^\beta\|_{L^\Psi(B)} \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}}^{1-\beta}.$$

Note that from (2.2) we get

$$\int_B \Psi\left(\frac{(M_b f(x))^\beta}{\|M_b f\|_{L^\Phi(B)}^\beta}\right) dx = \int_B \Phi\left(\frac{M_b f(x)}{\|M_b f\|_{L^\Phi(B)}}\right) dx \leq 1.$$

Thus $\|(M_b f)^\beta\|_{L^\Psi(B)} \leq \|M_b f\|_{L^\Phi(B)}^\beta$. Therefore, we have

$$\|J_0(\cdot) + J_1\|_{L^\Psi(B)} \lesssim \|b\|_* \|M_b f\|_{L^\Phi(B)}^\beta \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}}^{1-\beta}.$$

In order to estimate J_2 , by (5.2), Lemma 2.3, and the condition (6.3), we also get

$$\begin{aligned} \|J_2\|_{L^\Psi(B)} &= \left\| \int_{v(2B)} \frac{|b(\cdot) - b_B|}{|x_0 - y|^{n-\alpha}} |f(y)| dy \right\|_{L^\Psi(B)} \\ &\approx \|b(\cdot) - b_B\|_{L^\Psi(B)} \int_{v(2B)} \frac{|f(y)|}{|x_0 - y|^{n-\alpha}} dy \\ &\lesssim \|b\|_* \frac{1}{\Psi^{-1}(|B|^{-1})} \int_{v(2B)} \frac{|f(y)|}{|x_0 - y|^{n-\alpha}} dy \\ &\approx \|b\|_* \frac{1}{\Psi^{-1}(|B|^{-1})} \int_{v(2B)} |f(y)| \int_{|x_0-y|}^\infty \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} dy \\ &\approx \|b\|_* \frac{1}{\Psi^{-1}(|B|^{-1})} \int_{2r}^\infty \int_{2r \leq |x_0-y| < t} |f(y)| dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\ &\lesssim \|b\|_* \frac{1}{\Psi^{-1}(|B|^{-1})} \int_{2r}^\infty \int_{B(x_0,t)} |f(y)| dy \frac{dt}{t^{n+1-\alpha}} \\ &\lesssim \|b\|_* \frac{1}{\Psi^{-1}(|B|^{-1})} \int_{2r}^\infty \|f\|_{L^\Phi(B(x_0,t))} \Phi^{-1}(|B(x_0,t)|^{-1}) t^{\alpha-1} dt \\ &\lesssim \|b\|_* \frac{1}{\Psi^{-1}(|B|^{-1})} \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}} \int_{2r}^\infty t^\alpha \varphi(x_0,t) \frac{dt}{t} \\ &\lesssim \|b\|_* \frac{1}{\Psi^{-1}(|B|^{-1})} \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}} \varphi(x_0,r)^\beta. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently by using Theorem 6.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|[b, I_\alpha]f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Psi,\eta}} &= \sup_{x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \eta(x_0,r)^{-1} \Psi^{-1}(|B|^{-1}) \|[b, I_\alpha]f\|_{L^\Psi(B)} \\ &\lesssim \|b\|_* \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}}^{1-\beta} \left(\sup_{x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \varphi(x_0,r)^{-1} \Phi^{-1}(|B|^{-1}) \|M_b f\|_{L^\Phi(B)} \right)^\beta \\ &\quad + \|b\|_* \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}} \\ &\lesssim \|b\|_* \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}}. \end{aligned}$$

□

The following theorem is one of our main results.

Theorem 6.4 *Let $0 < \alpha < n$, $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$, $b \in \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $\beta \in (0, 1)$ and $\eta(t) \equiv \varphi(t)^\beta$ and $\Psi(t) \equiv \Phi(t^{1/\beta})$.*

1. *If $\Phi \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$ and $\varphi(t)$ satisfies (6.1), then the condition*

$$r^\alpha \varphi(r) + \int_r^\infty \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \varphi(t) t^\alpha \frac{dt}{t} \leq C \varphi(r)^\beta$$

for all $r > 0$, where $C > 0$ does not depend on r , is sufficient for the boundedness of $|b, I_\alpha|$ from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \eta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

2. *If $\Phi \in \Delta_2$ and $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_\Phi$, then the condition (4.5) is necessary for the boundedness of $|b, I_\alpha|$ from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \eta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.*
3. *Let $\Phi \in \Delta_2 \cap \nabla_2$. If $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_\Phi$ satisfies the conditions*

$$\sup_{r < t < \infty} \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \varphi(t) \leq C \varphi(r) \tag{6.5}$$

and

$$\int_r^\infty \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \varphi(t) t^\alpha \frac{dt}{t} \leq C r^\alpha \varphi(r) \tag{6.6}$$

for all $r > 0$, where $C > 0$ does not depend on r , then the condition (4.5) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of $|b, I_\alpha|$ from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \eta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof From the proof of Theorem 6.3, we know that the boundedness result is still true if one has $|b, I_\alpha|$ instead of $[b, I_\alpha]$. Hence, the first part of the theorem is a corollary of Theorem 6.3.

We shall now prove the second part. Let $B_0 = B(x_0, r_0)$ and $x \in B_0$. By Lemma 5.4 we have $r_0^\alpha |b(x) - b_{B_0}| \leq C |b, I_\alpha| \chi_{B_0}(x)$. Therefore, by Lemma 5.3 and Lemma 2.7

$$\begin{aligned} r_0^\alpha &\leq C \frac{\| |b, I_\alpha| \chi_{B_0} \|_{L^\Psi(B_0)}}{\| b(\cdot) - b_{B_0} \|_{L^\Psi(B_0)}} \leq \frac{C}{\| b \|_*} \| |b, I_\alpha| \chi_{B_0} \|_{L^\Psi(B_0)} \Psi^{-1}(|B_0|^{-1}) \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\| b \|_*} \eta(r_0) \| |b, I_\alpha| \chi_{B_0} \|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Psi, \eta}} \leq C \varphi_2(r_0) \| \chi_{B_0} \|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi, \varphi}} \leq C \frac{\eta(r_0)}{\varphi(r_0)} \leq C \varphi(r_0)^{\beta-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since this is true for every $r_0 > 0$, we are done.

The third statement of the theorem follows from the first and second parts of the theorem. □

If we take $\Phi(t) = t^p$, $p \in [1, \infty)$ and $\beta = \frac{p}{q}$ with $1 < p < q < \infty$ at Theorem 6.4 we get the following new result for generalized Morrey spaces.

Corollary 6.5 *Let $0 < \alpha < n$, $1 \leq p < q < \infty$ and $b \in \text{BMO}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.*

1. *If $1 < p < \infty$ and $\varphi(t)$ satisfies*

$$\sup_{r < t < \infty} \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \frac{\text{ess inf}_{t < s < \infty} \varphi_1(s) s^{\frac{n}{p}}}{t^{\frac{n}{p}}} \leq C \varphi_2(r),$$

then the condition

$$r^\alpha \varphi(r) + \int_r^\infty \left(1 + \ln \frac{t}{r}\right) \varphi(t) t^\alpha \frac{dt}{t} \leq C \varphi(r)^{\frac{p}{q}}$$

for all $r > 0$ and $C > 0$ does not depend on r , is sufficient for the boundedness of $|b, I_\alpha|$ from $\mathcal{M}^{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{q,\varphi^{\frac{p}{q}}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

2. If $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_p$, then the condition

$$r^\alpha \varphi(r) \leq C \varphi(r)^{\frac{p}{q}} \tag{6.7}$$

for all $r > 0$ and $C > 0$ does not depend on r , is necessary for the boundedness of $|b, I_\alpha|$ from $\mathcal{M}^{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{q,\varphi^{\frac{p}{q}}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

3. Let $1 < p < \infty$. If $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_p$ satisfies the conditions (6.5) and (6.6), then the condition (6.7) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of $|b, I_\alpha|$ from $\mathcal{M}^{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $\mathcal{M}^{q,\varphi^{\frac{p}{q}}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

7 Weak type results

Definition 7.1 Let Φ be a Young function. The weak Orlicz space is defined as

$$WL^\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n) := \{f \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n) : \|f\|_{WL^\Phi} < \infty\},$$

where

$$\|f\|_{WL^\Phi} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \sup_{t>0} \Phi\left(\frac{t}{\lambda}\right) d_f(t) \leq 1 \right\},$$

and $d_f(t) = |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |f(x)| > t\}|$.

Lemma 7.2 If $0 < \|f\|_{WL^\Phi} < \infty$, then

$$\sup_{t>0} \Phi\left(\frac{t}{\|f\|_{WL^\Phi}}\right) d_f(t) \leq 1. \tag{7.1}$$

Proof By the definition of $\|\cdot\|_{WL^\Phi}$, for all $\lambda > \|f\|_{WL^\Phi}$ we have $\Phi(\frac{t}{\lambda})d_f(t) \leq 1$ for all $t > 0$. Now as λ decreases to $\|f\|_{WL^\Phi}$, the quotient $\frac{t}{\lambda}$ increases to $\frac{t}{\|f\|_{WL^\Phi}}$. By the left-continuity of Φ , we have $\Phi(\frac{t}{\lambda}) \uparrow \Phi(\frac{t}{\|f\|_{WL^\Phi}})$. Therefore we get the desired result. \square

By elementary calculations we have the following.

Lemma 7.3 Let Φ be a Young function and B a set in \mathbb{R}^n with finite Lebesgue measure. Then

$$\|\chi_B\|_{WL^\Phi} = \frac{1}{\Phi^{-1}(|B|^{-1})}.$$

Theorem 7.4 ([8]) Let Φ, Ψ Young functions and $0 < \alpha < n$. Then the Riesz potential I_α is bounded from $L^\Phi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $WL^\Psi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ if and only if

$$\int_0^1 \tilde{\Phi}(t)/t^{1+n/(n-\alpha)} dt < \infty \text{ and } \Phi_{n/\alpha} \text{ dominates } \Psi \text{ globally.} \tag{7.2}$$

Here, $\Phi_{n/\alpha}$ is the Young function defined as in (3.1).

Definition 7.5 Let $\varphi(x, r)$ be a positive measurable function on $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty)$ and Φ any Young function. By $WM^{\Phi, \varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ we denote the weak generalized Orlicz-Morrey space of all functions $f \in WL_{loc}^{\Phi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for which

$$\|f\|_{WM^{\Phi, \varphi}} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} \varphi(x, r)^{-1} \Phi^{-1}(|B(x, r)|^{-1}) \|f\|_{WL^{\Phi}(B(x, r))} < \infty,$$

where $\|f\|_{WL^{\Phi}(B(x, r))} = \|f \chi_{B(x, r)}\|_{WL^{\Phi}}$.

Lemma 7.6 Let $B_0 := B(x_0, r_0)$. If $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_{\Phi}$, then

$$\|\chi_{B_0}\|_{WM^{\Phi, \varphi}} \approx \frac{1}{\varphi(r_0)}.$$

Proof The proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 2.7 thanks to Lemma 7.3. □

Theorem 7.7 ([11]) Let $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$, the functions φ and Φ satisfy the condition (2.3), then the maximal operator M is bounded from $M^{\Phi, \varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $WM^{\Phi, \varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Theorem 7.8 (Weak version of Spanne type result) Let $0 < \alpha < n$ and Φ, Ψ are Young functions.

1. If the functions (Φ, Ψ) satisfy the condition (7.2), then the condition (3.4) is sufficient for the boundedness of I_{α} from $M^{\Phi, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $WM^{\Psi, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.
2. If the function $\varphi_1 \in \mathcal{G}_{\Phi}$, then the condition (3.5) is necessary for the boundedness of I_{α} from $M^{\Phi, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $WM^{\Psi, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.
3. Let the functions (Φ, Ψ) satisfy the condition (7.2). If $\varphi_1 \in \mathcal{G}_{\Phi}$ satisfies the condition (3.6), then the condition (3.5) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of I_{α} from $M^{\Phi, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $WM^{\Psi, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof The first part of the theorem was proved in [19], Theorem 14.

We shall now prove the second part. Let $B_0 = B(x_0, t_0)$ and $x \in B_0$. By Lemma 3.3 we have $t_0^{\alpha} \leq CI_{\alpha} \chi_{B_0}(x)$. Therefore, by Lemmas 7.3 and 2.7

$$\begin{aligned} t_0^{\alpha} &\leq C\Psi^{-1}(|B_0|^{-1}) \|I_{\alpha} \chi_{B_0}\|_{WL^{\Psi}(B_0)} \leq C\varphi_2(t_0) \|I_{\alpha} \chi_{B_0}\|_{WM^{\Psi, \varphi_2}} \\ &\leq C\varphi_2(t_0) \|\chi_{B_0}\|_{M^{\Phi, \varphi_1}} \leq C \frac{\varphi_2(t_0)}{\varphi_1(t_0)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since this is true for every $t_0 > 0$, we are done.

The third statement of the theorem follows from the first and second parts of the theorem. □

If we take $\Phi(t) = t^p, \Psi(t) = t^q, p, q \in [1, \infty)$ at Theorem 7.8 we get the following new result for generalized Morrey spaces.

Corollary 7.9 Let $0 < \alpha < n$ and $p, q \in [1, \infty)$.

1. If $1 \leq p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$ and $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$, then the condition (3.7) is sufficient for the boundedness of I_{α} from $M^{p, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $WM^{q, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.
2. If the function $\varphi_1 \in \mathcal{G}_p$, then the condition (3.5) is necessary for the boundedness of I_{α} from $M^{p, \varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $WM^{q, \varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

3. Let $1 \leq p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$ and $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$. If $\varphi_1 \in \mathcal{G}_p$ satisfies the regularity condition (3.8), then the condition (3.5) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{p,\varphi_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $W\mathcal{M}^{q,\varphi_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Remark 7.10 If we take into account Remark 3.6 we get the following weak version of the Spanne result for Morrey spaces.

Corollary 7.11 Let $0 < \alpha < n$, $1 \leq p < \frac{n}{\alpha}$, $0 < \lambda < n - \alpha p$ and $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{\alpha}{n}$. Then I_α is bounded from $\mathcal{M}^{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $W\mathcal{M}^{q,\mu}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ if and only if $\frac{\lambda}{p} = \frac{\mu}{q}$.

Theorem 7.12 Let $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$ and $0 < \alpha < n$. Let $\varphi(x, t)$ satisfy the conditions (2.3) and (4.1). Define $\eta(x, t) \equiv \varphi(x, t)^\beta$ and $\Psi(t) \equiv \Phi(t^{1/\beta})$. Then the operator I_α is bounded from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $W\mathcal{M}^{\Psi,\eta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof By using the inequality (4.2) we have

$$\|I_\alpha f\|_{W\mathcal{L}^\Psi(B)} \lesssim \|(Mf)^\beta\|_{W\mathcal{L}^\Psi(B)} \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}}^{1-\beta},$$

where $B = B(x, t)$. Note that from (7.1) we get

$$\sup_{t>0} \Psi\left(\frac{t^\beta}{\|Mf\|_{W\mathcal{L}^\Phi(B)}^\beta}\right) d_{(Mf)^\beta}(t^\beta) = \sup_{t>0} \Phi\left(\frac{t}{\|Mf\|_{W\mathcal{L}^\Phi(B)}}\right) d_{Mf}(t) \leq 1.$$

Thus $\|(Mf)^\beta\|_{W\mathcal{L}^\Psi(B)} \leq \|Mf\|_{W\mathcal{L}^\Phi(B)}^\beta$. Consequently by using this inequality we have

$$\|I_\alpha f\|_{W\mathcal{L}^\Psi(B)} \lesssim \|Mf\|_{W\mathcal{L}^\Phi(B)}^\beta \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}}^{1-\beta}. \tag{7.3}$$

From Theorem 7.7 and (7.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_\alpha f\|_{W\mathcal{M}^{\Psi,\eta}} &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0} \eta(x, t)^{-1} \Psi^{-1}(|B|^{-1}) \|I_\alpha f\|_{W\mathcal{L}^\Psi(B)} \\ &\lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}}^{1-\beta} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0} \eta(x, t)^{-1} \Psi^{-1}(|B|^{-1}) \|Mf\|_{W\mathcal{L}^\Phi(B)}^\beta \\ &= \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}}^{1-\beta} \left(\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0} \varphi(x, t)^{-1} \Phi^{-1}(|B|^{-1}) \|Mf\|_{W\mathcal{L}^\Phi(B)} \right)^\beta \\ &\lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}}. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Theorem 7.13 (Weak version of Adams type result) Let $0 < \alpha < n$, $\Phi \in \mathcal{Y}$, $\beta \in (0, 1)$ and $\eta(t) \equiv \varphi(t)^\beta$ and $\Psi(t) \equiv \Phi(t^{1/\beta})$.

1. If $\varphi(t)$ satisfies (2.3), then the condition (4.4) is sufficient for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $W\mathcal{M}^{\Psi,\eta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.
2. If $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_\Phi$, then the condition (4.5) is necessary for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $W\mathcal{M}^{\Psi,\eta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.
3. Let $\varphi(t)$ satisfy (2.3). If $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_\Phi$ satisfies the regularity condition (4.6), then the condition (4.5) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $W\mathcal{M}^{\Psi,\eta}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof The first part of the theorem is a corollary of Theorem 7.12.

We shall now prove the second part. Let $B_0 = B(x_0, t_0)$ and $x \in B_0$. By Lemma 3.3 we have $t_0^\alpha \leq CI_\alpha \chi_{B_0}(x)$. Therefore, by Lemmas 7.3 and 2.7

$$\begin{aligned} t_0^\alpha &\leq C\Psi^{-1}(|B_0|^{-1})\|I_\alpha \chi_{B_0}\|_{WL^\Psi(B_0)} \leq C\eta(t_0)\|I_\alpha \chi_{B_0}\|_{W\mathcal{M}^{\Psi,\eta}} \\ &\leq C\eta(t_0)\|\chi_{B_0}\|_{\mathcal{M}^{\Phi,\varphi}} \leq C\frac{\eta(t_0)}{\varphi(t_0)} = C\varphi(t_0)^{\beta-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since this is true for every $t_0 > 0$, we are done.

The third statement of the theorem follows from the first and second parts of the theorem. □

If we take $\Phi(t) = t^p$, $p \in [1, \infty)$ and $\beta = \frac{p}{q}$ with $p < q < \infty$ at Theorem 7.13 we get the following new result for generalized Morrey spaces.

Corollary 7.14 *Let $1 \leq p < q < \infty$.*

1. *If $\varphi(t)$ satisfies (1.1), then the condition (4.7) is sufficient for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $W\mathcal{M}^{q,\varphi^{\frac{p}{q}}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.*
2. *If $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_p$, then the condition (4.8) is necessary for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $W\mathcal{M}^{q,\varphi^{\frac{p}{q}}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.*
3. *If $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_p$ satisfies the regularity condition (4.6), then the condition (4.8) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of I_α from $\mathcal{M}^{p,\varphi}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $W\mathcal{M}^{q,\varphi^{\frac{p}{q}}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.*

Remark 7.15 If we take into account Remark 4.5 we get the following weak version of Adams result for Morrey spaces.

Corollary 7.16 *Let $0 < \alpha < n$, $1 \leq p < q < \infty$ and $0 < \lambda < n - \alpha p$. Then I_α is bounded from $\mathcal{M}^{p,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $W\mathcal{M}^{q,\lambda}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ if and only if $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{\alpha}{n-\lambda}$.*

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