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Hardy-Littlewood maximal function on noncommutative Lorentz spaces

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Abstract

This paper is mainly devoted to the study of the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function on noncommutative Lorentz spaces and to obtaining (p, q) - (p, q) -type inequality for the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function on noncommutative Lorentz spaces.

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1 Introduction

In [1] Nelson defined the measure topology of τ -measurable operators affiliated with a semi-finite von Neumann algebra. Fack and Kosaki [2] investigated generalized s -numbers of τ -measurable operators and proved dominated convergence theorems for a gage and convexity (or concavity) inequality.

As for noncommutative maximal inequalities, a version of ergodic theory was given by Junge [3] and Junge, Xu [4]. In 2007, Mei [5] presented a version of noncommutative Hardy-Littlewood maximal inequality for an operator-valued function. In this paper, we study another version of Hardy-Littlewood maximal inequality introduced by Bekjan [6]. In [6], Bekjan defined the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function for τ -measurable operators and, among other things, obtained weak $(1, 1)$ -type and (p, p) -type inequalities for the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function. In [6], for an operator T affiliated with a semi-finite von Neumann algebra, the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function of T is defined by

$$MT(x) = \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{\tau(E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T|))} \tau(|T|E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T|)).$$

The classical Hardy-Littlewood maximal function of a Lebesgue measurable function $f : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ denoted by $Mf(x)$ is defined as

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{m([x-r, x+r])} \int_{[x-r, x+r]} |f(t)| dt,$$

where m is a Lebesgue measure on $(-\infty, +\infty)$ (cf. [7]). Moreover, a natural generalization of this is the case $f : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ and μ , a Borel measure on $(-\infty, +\infty)$, where

$$M_{\mu}f(x) = \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{\mu([x-r, x+r])} \int_{[x-r, x+r]} |f(t)| d\mu(t).$$

As discussed by Bekjan in [6], let $\mu(A) = \tau(E_A(|T|))$, where A is a Borel subset of $(-\infty, +\infty)$. Then μ is a Borel measure and

$$MT(x) = \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{\mu([x-r, x+r])} \int_{[x-r, x+r]} t d\mu(t),$$

i.e., $MT(x)$ is the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function $M_\mu f(x)$ of $f : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ defined by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} t, & t \in \sigma(|T|), \\ 0, & t \notin \sigma(|T|), \end{cases} \tag{1.1}$$

with respect to μ .

In view of spectral theory, $|T|$ is represented as

$$|T| = \int_{\sigma(|T|)} t dE_t, \tag{1.2}$$

and $MT(|T|)$ is represented as $MT(x)$. Thus, for T , $MT(|T|)$ is considered as the operator analogue of the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function in the classical case. Therefore, roughly speaking, $MT(|T|)$ stands in relation to T as $Mf(x)$ stands in relation to f in classical analysis.

In this paper, we study the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function on noncommutative Lorentz spaces. By primarily adapting the techniques in [8], we obtain the (p, q) - (p, q) -type inequality for the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function on noncommutative Lorentz spaces.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 consists of some notations and preliminaries, including the noncommutative Lorentz spaces and their properties. In Section 3, we present the main result of this paper.

2 Preliminaries

Throughout the paper, let \mathcal{M} be a finite von Neumann algebra acting on the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} with a normal faithful tracial state τ , and C will be a numerical constant not necessarily the same in each instance. The identity in \mathcal{M} is denoted by 1 , and we denote by $\mathcal{M}_{\text{proj}}$ the lattice of (orthogonal) projections in \mathcal{M} . A linear operator $T : \text{dom}(T) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$, with domain $\text{dom}(T) \subseteq \mathcal{H}$, is said to be affiliated with \mathcal{M} if $uT = Tu$ for all unitary u in the commutant \mathcal{M}' of \mathcal{M} . The closed densely defined linear operator T affiliated with \mathcal{M} is called τ -measurable if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists an orthogonal projection $P \in \mathcal{M}_{\text{proj}}$ such that $P\mathcal{H} \subseteq \text{dom}(T)$ and $\tau(1 - P) < \epsilon$. The collection of all τ -measurable operators is denoted by $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$. With the sum and product defined as the respective closures of the algebraic sum and product, $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$ is an $*$ -algebra. For a positive self-adjoint operator T affiliated with \mathcal{M} , we set

$$\tau(T) = \sup_n \tau \left(\int_0^n \lambda dE_\lambda \right) = \int_0^\infty \lambda d\tau(E_\lambda),$$

where $T = \int_0^\infty \lambda dE_\lambda$ is the spectral decomposition of T .

Let T be a τ -measurable operator and $t > 0$. The ' t 'th singular number (or generalized s -number) of T is defined by

$$\mu_t(T) = \inf\{\|TE\| : E \in \mathcal{M}_{\text{proj}}, \tau(1 - E) \leq t\}.$$

By Proposition 2.2 of [2], we have

$$\mu_t(T) = \inf\{s \geq 0 : \lambda_s(T) \leq t\} \quad (t > 0),$$

where $\lambda_s(T) = \tau(E_{(s,\infty)}(|T|))$ ($s \geq 0$) and $E_{(s,\infty)}(|T|)$ is the spectral projection of $|T|$ corresponding to the interval (s, ∞) . The reader is referred to [2] for basic properties and detailed information on generalized s -numbers and the distribution function of τ -measurable operators.

Definition 2.1 (See, e.g., [9]) Let T be a τ -measurable operator affiliated with a finite von Neumann algebra \mathcal{M} , and let $0 < p, q \leq \infty$. Define

$$\|T\|_{L^{p,q}(\mathcal{M})} = \begin{cases} \left(\int_0^\infty (t^{\frac{1}{p}} \mu_t(T))^q \frac{dt}{t}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} & \text{if } q < \infty, \\ \sup_{t>0} t^{\frac{1}{p}} \mu_t(T) & \text{if } q = \infty. \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

The set of all $T \in \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$ with $\|T\|_{L^{p,q}(\mathcal{M})} < \infty$ is called the noncommutative Lorentz space, denoted by $L^{p,q}(\mathcal{M})$ with indices p and q .

For convenience, we need the following Hardy inequalities in [10].

Lemma 2.2 *If $q \geq 1, r > 0$ and $f \geq 0$, then*

$$\left(\int_0^\infty \left[\int_0^t f(y) dy\right]^q t^{-r-1} dt\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq \frac{q}{r} \left(\int_0^\infty [yf(y)]^q y^{-r-1}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

and

$$\left(\int_0^\infty \left[\int_t^\infty f(y) dy\right]^q t^{r-1} dt\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq \frac{q}{r} \left(\int_0^\infty [yf(y)]^q y^{r-1}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

Lemma 2.3 *Let $0 < r_2 < p < \infty$ and $0 < q, s < \infty$, then*

$$L^{p,q}(\mathcal{M}) \subset L^{r_2,s}(\mathcal{M}).$$

Let $L_{\text{loc}}(\mathcal{M}; \tau)$ be the set of all τ -measurable operators such that

$$\tau(|T|E_I(|T|)) < +\infty$$

for all bounded intervals $I \subset [0, +\infty)$.

Definition 2.4 (See, e.g., [6]) Let $T \in L_{loc}(\mathcal{M}; \tau)$, the maximal function of T is defined by

$$MT(x) = \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{\tau(E_{[x-r,x+r]}(|T|))} \tau(|T|E_{[x-r,x+r]}(|T|))$$

(let $\frac{0}{0} = 0$). M is called the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator.

Remark 2.5 By the introduction of [6], we know that $MT(|T|)$ is represented as $MT(x)$. Hence, for $T \in L_{loc}(\mathcal{M}; \tau)$, $MT(|T|)$ is considered as the operator analogue of the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function in the classical case. Therefore, roughly speaking, $MT(|T|)$ stands in relation to T as $Mf(x)$ stands in relation to f in classical analysis. Also, in [6], it was proved that $MT(|T|)$ defined in Definition 2.4 was weak $(1, 1)$ -type and (p, p) -type. We refer the readers to [6] for more details and basic properties of $MT(|T|)$.

3 Main result

Lemma 3.1 Let $0 < q < \infty$, $1 \leq p, p_0, p_1 < \infty$ and $p_0 \neq p_1$ such that

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1-\theta}{p_0} + \frac{\theta}{p_1} \quad \text{for some } 0 < \theta < 1.$$

Assume that \mathcal{M} has no minimal projection, then there exists a constant C such that $\forall T \in L^{p,q}(\mathcal{M})$ we have

$$\|MT\|_{p,q} \leq C\|T\|_{p,q}. \tag{3.1}$$

Proof We assume that $p_0 < p_1$. Theorem 2 of [6] and Lemma 2.3 imply that

$$\|MT\|_{p_0,\infty} \leq \|MT\|_{p_0} \leq C\|T\|_{p_0} \leq C\|T\|_{p_0,m} \tag{3.2}$$

and

$$\|MT\|_{p_1,\infty} \leq \|MT\|_{p_1} \leq C\|T\|_{p_1} \leq C\|T\|_{p_1,m}, \tag{3.3}$$

where $m = \frac{1}{2} \min(1, q)$.

By Lemma 1.8 of [11], for all $t \in (0, 1)$, we can take $P \in \mathcal{M}_{proj}$ such that $P|T| = |T|P$ and $\tau(P) = t$. Set $T_1 = |T|P$, $T_2 = |T| - T_1$, it is easy to check that $T_1 \in L^{p_0,m}(\mathcal{M})$ and $T_2 \in L^{p_1,m}(\mathcal{M})$. Indeed, we see that $\mu_\nu(T_1) = \mu_\nu(|T|P) = \mu_\nu(T)\chi_{[0,t]}$ and $\mu_\nu(T_2) = \mu_\nu(|T|P^\perp) = \mu_{\nu+t}(T)$. Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_1\|_{p_0,m}^m &= \int_0^\infty v^{\frac{m}{p_0}-1} \mu_\nu(|T|P)^m dv = \int_0^t v^{\frac{m}{p_0}-1} \mu_\nu(T)^m dv \\ &= \int_0^t (v^{\frac{1}{p}} \mu_\nu(T))^m v^{\frac{m}{p_0}-\frac{m}{p}-1} dv \\ &\leq \|T\|_{p,\infty}^m \int_0^t v^{\frac{m}{p_0}-\frac{m}{p}-1} dv \\ &\leq \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{\frac{m}{q}} \|T\|_{p,q}^m \frac{1}{\frac{m}{p_0}-\frac{m}{p}} t^{\frac{m}{p_0}-\frac{m}{p}} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|T_2\|_{p_1, m}^m &= \int_0^\infty v^{\frac{m}{p_1}-1} \mu_v(|T|P^\perp)^m dv = \int_0^\infty v^{\frac{m}{p_1}-1} \mu_{v+t}(T)^m dv \\
 &\leq \int_0^t v^{\frac{m}{p_1}-1} \mu_t(T)^m dv + \int_t^\infty v^{\frac{m}{p_1}-1} \mu_v(T)^m dv \\
 &\leq \frac{p_1}{m} t^{\frac{m}{p_1}} \mu_t(T)^m + \sup_{v>t} (v^{\frac{1}{p}} \mu_v(T))^m \int_t^\infty v^{\frac{m}{p_1}-\frac{m}{p}-1} dv \\
 &= \frac{p_1}{m} t^{\frac{m}{p_1}} \mu_t(T)^m + \|T\|_{p, \infty}^m \frac{1}{\frac{m}{p} - \frac{m}{p_1}} t^{\frac{m}{p_1} - \frac{m}{p}} \\
 &\leq \frac{p_1}{m} t^{\frac{m}{p_1} - \frac{m}{p}} \left(\sup_{t>0} t^{\frac{1}{p}} \mu_t(T) \right)^m + \left(\frac{q}{p} \right)^{\frac{m}{q}} \frac{1}{\frac{m}{p} - \frac{m}{p_1}} t^{\frac{m}{p_1} - \frac{m}{p}} \|T\|_{p, q}^m \\
 &= \left[\left(\frac{q}{p} \right)^{\frac{m}{q}} t^{\frac{m}{p_1} - \frac{m}{p}} \left(\frac{p_1}{m} + \frac{1}{\frac{m}{p} - \frac{m}{p_1}} \right) \right] \|T\|_{p, q}^m < \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{\tau(E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T|))} \tau(|T|E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T|)) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\tau(E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T|))} \tau(|T|PE_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T|)) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{\tau(E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T|))} \tau(|T|P^\perp E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T|)) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\tau(E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T|))} \tau(|T_1|E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T_1|)) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{\tau(E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T|))} \tau(|T_2|E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T_2|)) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\tau(E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T_1|))} \tau(|T_1|E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T_1|)) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{\tau(E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T_2|))} \tau(|T_2|E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T_2|)),
 \end{aligned}$$

taking supremum, we get

$$MT(x) \leq MT_1(x) + MT_2(x),$$

which implies that

$$\|MT\|_{p, q} \leq C(\|MT_1\|_{p, q} + \|MT_2\|_{p, q}).$$

We estimate each term separately. For the first term, using (3.2) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|MT_1\|_{p, q} &= \left\{ \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}} (\mu_t(MT_1))^q \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
 &= \left\{ \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p} - \frac{q}{p_0}} (t^{\frac{1}{p_0}} \mu_t(MT_1))^q \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C \left\{ \int_0^\infty t^{q(\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{p_0})} \|T_1\|_{p_0,m}^q \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= C \left\{ \left[\int_0^\infty t^{-q(\frac{1}{p_0}-\frac{1}{p})-1} \left(\int_0^t v^{\frac{m}{p_0}-1} \mu_v(T)^m dv \right)^{\frac{q}{m}} dt \right]^{\frac{m}{q}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m}}. \end{aligned}$$

After replacing r and q respectively with $q(\frac{1}{p_0} - \frac{1}{p})$ and $\frac{q}{m}$ in the first inequality in Lemma 2.2, we see that the last expression is estimated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{C}{(\frac{m}{p_0} - \frac{m}{p_1})^{\frac{1}{m}}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty [v \cdot v^{\frac{m}{p_0}-1} \cdot \mu_v(T)^m]^{\frac{q}{m}} \cdot v^{-q(\frac{1}{p_0}-\frac{1}{p})-1} dv \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= C \left(\int_0^\infty v^{\frac{q}{p}-1} \mu_v(T)^q dv \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= C \|T\|_{p,q}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e., $\|MT_1\|_{p,q} \leq C \|T\|_{p,q}$. To estimate the second term, by applying (3.3) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|MT_2\|_{p,q} &= \left\{ \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}} (\mu_t(MT_2))^q \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \left\{ \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}-\frac{q}{p_1}} (t^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \mu_t(MT_2))^q \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq C \left\{ \int_0^\infty t^{q(\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{p_1})} \|T_2\|_{p_1,m}^q \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= C \left\{ \left[\int_0^\infty t^{q(\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{p_1})-1} \left(\int_0^\infty v^{\frac{m}{p_1}-1} \mu_v(T_2)^m dv \right)^{\frac{q}{m}} dt \right]^{\frac{m}{q}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m}} \\ &\leq C \left\{ \int_0^\infty t^{q(\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{p_1})-1} \left(\int_0^t v^{\frac{m}{p_1}-1} \mu_t(T)^m dv \right)^{\frac{q}{m}} dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\quad + C \left\{ \left[\int_0^\infty t^{q(\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{p_1})-1} \left(\int_t^\infty v^{\frac{m}{p_1}-1} \mu_v(T)^m dv \right)^{\frac{q}{m}} dt \right]^{\frac{m}{q}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m}}. \end{aligned}$$

For the second term $\left\{ \left[\int_0^\infty t^{q(\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{p_1})-1} \left(\int_t^\infty v^{\frac{m}{p_1}-1} \mu_v(T)^m dv \right)^{\frac{q}{m}} dt \right]^{\frac{m}{q}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{m}}$, replace r and q respectively with $q(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{p_1})$ and $\frac{q}{m}$ in the second inequality in Lemma 2.2, and we estimate the last expression as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C \left\{ \frac{p_1}{m} \mu_t(T)^q \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} + C \left\{ \int_0^\infty [v \cdot v^{\frac{m}{p_1}-1} \cdot \mu_v(T)^m]^{\frac{q}{m}} v^{q(\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{p_1})-1} dv \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= C \left\{ \frac{p_1}{m} \mu_t(T)^q \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} + C \|T\|_{p,q} \\ &\leq C \|T\|_{p,q}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e., $\|MT_2\|_{p,q} \leq C \|T\|_{p,q}$.

For the case of $p_0 > p_1$, we may simply reverse the roles of p_0 and p_1 in the above proof.

We have now shown that

$$\|MT\|_{p,q} \leq C\|T\|_{p,q}. \quad \square$$

Theorem 3.2 *Let $0 < q < \infty$, $1 \leq p, p_0, p_1 < \infty$ and $p_0 \neq p_1$ be such that*

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1-\theta}{p_0} + \frac{\theta}{p_1} \quad \text{for some } 0 < \theta < 1.$$

Assume that \mathcal{M} has minimal projections, then there exists a constant C such that for all $T \in L^{p,q}(\mathcal{M})$ we have

$$\|MT\|_{p,q} \leq C\|T\|_{p,q}.$$

Proof Since \mathcal{M} has minimal projections, we consider the von Neumann algebra tensor product $\mathcal{M} \overline{\otimes} L^\infty([0,1]; dm)$ denoted by $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$, equipped with the tensor product trace $\tau \otimes dm$, where dm is the Lebesgue measure on $[0,1]$, then $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$ has no minimal projection.

Let $|T| = \int_{\sigma(|T|)} \lambda dE_\lambda(|T|)$ be the spectral decomposition of T . Since

$$\sigma(|T|) = \sigma(|T| \otimes 1),$$

we have

$$|T \otimes 1| = |T| \otimes 1 = \int_{\sigma(|T|)} \lambda d(E_\lambda(|T|) \otimes 1) = \int_{\sigma(|T| \otimes 1)} \lambda d(E_\lambda(|T|) \otimes 1).$$

It is easy to check that $E_\lambda(|T|) \otimes 1$ is a spectral series for each $\lambda \geq 0$. Hence, for any interval

$$I \subset \sigma(|T|) = \sigma(|T \otimes 1|) = \sigma(|T| \otimes 1),$$

by the uniqueness of the spectral decomposition, we see that

$$E_I(|T \otimes 1|) = E_I(|T|) \otimes 1.$$

For $\forall r > 0$, since

$$\tau(E_{[x-r,x+r]}(|T|)) = \int_0^1 \tau(E_{[x-r,x+r]}(|T|)) dm = \tau \otimes dm(E_{[x-r,x+r]}(|T|) \otimes 1)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \tau \otimes dm(|T \otimes 1| E_{[x-r,x+r]}(|T|) \otimes 1) \\ &= \tau \otimes dm\{(|T \otimes 1| E_{[x-r,x+r]}(|T|) \otimes 1)^* (|T \otimes 1| E_{[x-r,x+r]}(|T|) \otimes 1)\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \tau \otimes dm\{(E_{[x-r,x+r]}(|T|) \otimes 1)^* |T \otimes 1| (|T \otimes 1| E_{[x-r,x+r]}(|T|) \otimes 1)\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \tau \otimes dm\{(E_{[x-r,x+r]}(|T|) \otimes 1) |T \otimes 1|^2 E_{[x-r,x+r]}(|T|) \otimes 1\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \tau \otimes dm \{ E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T|) \otimes 1 (|T|^2 \otimes 1) E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T|) \otimes 1 \}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \tau \otimes dm \{ (E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T|) \otimes 1) (|T| \otimes 1) (|T| \otimes 1) (E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T|) \otimes 1) \}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \tau \otimes dm (|T| E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T|) \otimes 1) \\
 &= \tau (|T| E_{[x-r, x+r]}(|T|)),
 \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$M(T \otimes 1)(x) = MT(x).$$

By an adaptation of the proof of Lemma 3.1, we deduce that

$$\|M(T \otimes 1)(T \otimes 1)\|_{p,q} \leq C \|T \otimes 1\|_{p,q}.$$

With the trivial fact $\mu_t(T) = \mu_t(T \otimes 1)$, we know

$$\|T \otimes 1\|_{p,q} = \|T\|_{p,q}.$$

Combing this result with $M(T \otimes 1)(|T \otimes 1|) = MT(|T|)$, we infer that

$$\|MT\|_{p,q} \leq C \|T\|_{p,q}. \quad \square$$

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