

# Characterizations for the fractional maximal operators on Carleson curves in local generalized Morrey spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper we study the fractional maximal operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  in the local generalized Morrey space  $LM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$  and the generalized Morrey space  $M_{p,\varphi}(\Gamma)$  defined on Carleson curves  $\Gamma$ , respectively. For the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  we shall give a characterization the strong and weak Spanne-Guliyev type boundedness on  $LM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$  and the strong and weak Adams-Guliyev type boundedness on  $M_{p,\varphi}(\Gamma)$ .

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## 1 Introduction

Morrey spaces were introduced by C. B. Morrey [25] in 1938 in connection with certain problems in elliptic partial differential equations and calculus of variations. Later, Morrey spaces found important applications to Navier-Stokes and Schrödinger equations, elliptic problems with discontinuous coefficients, and potential theory.

The main purpose of this paper is to establish the boundedness of fractional maximal operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  in local generalized Morrey spaces  $LM_{p,\varphi}^{\{x_0\}}(\Gamma)$  defined on Carleson curves  $\Gamma$ . We study Spanne-Guliyev type boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  from  $LM_{p,\varphi_1}^{\{x_0\}}(\Gamma)$  to  $LM_{q,\varphi_2}^{\{x_0\}}(\Gamma)$ ,  $1 < p < q < \infty$ , and from the space  $LM_{1,\varphi_1}^{\{x_0\}}(\Gamma)$  to the weak space  $WLM_{q,\varphi_2}^{\{x_0\}}(\Gamma)$ ,  $1 < q < \infty$ . Also we study Adams-Guliyev type boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  from generalized Morrey spaces  $M_{p,\varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)$  to  $M_{q,\varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$ ,  $1 < p < q < \infty$ , and from the space  $M_{1,\varphi}(\Gamma)$  to the weak space  $WM_{q,\varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$ ,  $1 < q < \infty$ . We shall give a characterization for the Spanne-Guliyev and Adams-Guliyev type boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  on the generalized Morrey spaces, including weak versions.

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

Let  $\Gamma = \{t \in \mathbb{C} : t = t(s), 0 \leq s \leq l \leq \infty\}$  be a rectifiable Jordan curve in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  with arc-length measure  $\nu(t) = s$ , here  $l = \nu\Gamma = \text{lengths of } \Gamma$ . We denote

$$\Gamma(t, r) = \Gamma \cap B(t, r), \quad t \in \Gamma, \quad r > 0,$$

where  $B(t, r) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - t| < r\}$ .

A rectifiable Jordan curve  $\Gamma$  is called a Carleson curve if the condition

$$\nu\Gamma(t, r) \leq c_0 r$$

holds for all  $t \in \Gamma$  and  $r > 0$ , where the constant  $c_0 > 0$  does not depend on  $t$  and  $r$ . Let  $L_p(\Gamma)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$  be the space of measurable functions on  $\Gamma$  with finite norm

$$\|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma)} = \left( \int_{\Gamma} |f(t)|^p d\nu(t) \right)^{1/p}.$$

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ ,  $[r]_1 = \min\{1, r\}$ . We denote by  $L_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma)$  the Morrey space, and by  $\tilde{L}_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma)$  the modified Morrey space, the set of locally integrable functions  $f$  on  $\Gamma$  with the finite norms

$$\|f\|_{L_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma)} = \sup_{t \in \Gamma, r > 0} r^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t,r))}, \quad \|f\|_{\tilde{L}_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma)} = \sup_{t \in \Gamma, r > 0} [r]_1^{-\frac{\lambda}{p}} \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t,r))}$$

respectively.

Note that (see [13, 15])  $L_{p,0}(\Gamma) = \tilde{L}_{p,0}(\Gamma) = L_p(\Gamma)$ ,

$$\tilde{L}_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma) = L_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma) \cap L_p(\Gamma) \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\|_{\tilde{L}_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma)} = \max\{\|f\|_{L_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma)}, \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma)}\}$$

and if  $\lambda < 0$  or  $\lambda > 1$ , then  $L_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma) = \tilde{L}_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma) = \Theta$ , where  $\Theta$  is the set of all functions equivalent to 0 on  $\Gamma$ .

We denote by  $WL_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma)$  the weak Morrey space, and by  $W\tilde{L}_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma)$  the modified Morrey space, as the set of locally integrable functions  $f$  on  $\Gamma$  with finite norms

$$\|f\|_{WL_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma)} = \sup_{\beta > 0} \beta \sup_{t \in \Gamma, r > 0} \left( r^{-\lambda} \int_{\{\tau \in \Gamma(t,r) : |f(\tau)| > \beta\}} d\nu(\tau) \right)^{1/p},$$

$$\|f\|_{W\tilde{L}_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma)} = \sup_{\beta > 0} \beta \sup_{t \in \Gamma, r > 0} \left( [r]_1^{-\lambda} \int_{\{\tau \in \Gamma(t,r) : |f(\tau)| > \beta\}} d\nu(\tau) \right)^{1/p}.$$

Let  $f \in L_1^{loc}(\Gamma)$ . The fractional maximal operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  and the potential operator  $\mathcal{I}^\alpha$  on  $\Gamma$  are defined by

$$\mathcal{M}^\alpha f(t) = \sup_{t > 0} (\nu\Gamma(t, r))^{-1+\alpha} \int_{\Gamma(t,r)} |f(\tau)| d\nu(\tau),$$

and

$$\mathcal{I}^\alpha f(t) = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(\tau) d\nu(\tau)}{|t - \tau|^{1-\alpha}}, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1,$$

respectively.

Fractional maximal and potential operators in various spaces defined on Carleson curves has been widely studied by many authors (see, for example [3, 4, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26]).

N. Samko [26] studied the boundedness of the maximal operator  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}^0$  defined on quasimetric measure spaces, in particular on Carleson curves in Morrey spaces  $L_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma)$ :

**Theorem A.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a Carleson curve,  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is bounded from  $L_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma)$  to  $L_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma)$ .*

V. Kokilashvili and A. Meskhi [22] studied the boundedness of the operators  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{I}^\alpha$  defined on quasimetric measure spaces, in particular on Carleson curves in Morrey spaces and proved the following:

**Theorem B.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a Carleson curve,  $1 < p < q < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 < \lambda_1 < \frac{p}{q}$ ,  $\frac{\lambda_1}{p} = \frac{\lambda_2}{q}$  and  $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \alpha$ . Then the operators  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{I}^\alpha$  are bounded from the spaces  $L_{p,\lambda_1}(\Gamma)$  to  $L_{q,\lambda_2}(\Gamma)$ .*

The following Adams boundedness (see [1]) of the operators  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{I}^\alpha$  in Morrey space defined on Carleson curves was proved in [10].

**Theorem C.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a Carleson curve,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda < 1 - \alpha$  and  $1 \leq p < \frac{1-\lambda}{\alpha}$ .*

1) *If  $1 < p < \frac{1-\lambda}{\alpha}$ , then the condition  $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{\alpha}{1-\lambda}$  is sufficient and in the case of infinite curve also necessary for the boundedness of the operators  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{I}^\alpha$  from  $L_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma)$  to  $L_{q,\lambda}(\Gamma)$ .*

2) *If  $p = 1$ , then the condition  $1 - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{\alpha}{1-\lambda}$  is sufficient and in the case of infinite curve also necessary for the boundedness of the operators  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{I}^\alpha$  from  $L_{1,\lambda}(\Gamma)$  to  $WL_{q,\lambda}(\Gamma)$ .*

The following Adams boundedness of the operators  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{I}^\alpha$  in modified Morrey space  $\tilde{L}_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma)$  defined on Carleson curves was proved in [13], see also [15].

**Theorem D.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a Carleson curve,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda < 1 - \alpha$  and  $1 \leq p < \frac{1-\lambda}{\alpha}$ .*

1) *If  $1 < p < \frac{1-\lambda}{\alpha}$ , then the condition  $\alpha \leq \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} \leq \frac{\alpha}{1-\lambda}$  is sufficient and in the case of infinite curve also necessary for the boundedness of the operators  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{I}^\alpha$  from  $\tilde{L}_{p,\lambda}(\Gamma)$  to  $\tilde{L}_{q,\lambda}(\Gamma)$ .*

2) *If  $p = 1$ , then the condition  $\alpha \leq 1 - \frac{1}{q} \leq \frac{\alpha}{1-\lambda}$  is sufficient and in the case of infinite curve also necessary for the operators  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{I}^\alpha$  from  $\tilde{L}_{1,\lambda}(\Gamma)$  to  $W\tilde{L}_{q,\lambda}(\Gamma)$ .*

### 3 Local generalized Morrey spaces

We find it convenient to define the local generalized Morrey spaces in the form as follows, see [16].

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $\varphi(t, r)$  be a positive measurable function on  $\Gamma \times (0, \infty)$ . Fixed  $t_0 \in \Gamma$ , we denote by  $LM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$  ( $WLM_{p,\varphi}^{\{x_0\}}(\Gamma)$ ) the local generalized Morrey space (the weak local generalized Morrey space), the space of all functions  $f \in L_p^{\text{loc}}(\Gamma)$  with finite quasinorm

$$\|f\|_{LM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)} = \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{\varphi(t_0, r)} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t_0, r))^{\frac{1}{p}}} \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, r))}$$

$$\left( \|f\|_{WLM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)} = \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{\varphi(t_0, r)} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t_0, r))^{\frac{1}{p}}} \|f\|_{WL_p(\Gamma(t_0, r))} \right).$$

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $\varphi(t, r)$  be a positive measurable function on  $\Gamma \times (0, \infty)$ . The generalized Morrey space  $M_{p,\varphi}(\Gamma)$  is defined of all functions  $f \in L_p^{\text{loc}}(\Gamma)$  by the finite norm

$$\|f\|_{M_{p,\varphi}} = \sup_{t \in \Gamma, r > 0} \frac{1}{\varphi(t, r)} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t, r))^{\frac{1}{p}}} \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t, r))}.$$

Also the weak generalized Morrey space  $WM_{p,\varphi}(\Gamma)$  is defined of all functions  $f \in L_p^{loc}(\Gamma)$  by the finite norm

$$\|f\|_{WM_{p,\varphi}} = \sup_{t \in \Gamma, r > 0} \frac{1}{\varphi(t, r)} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t, r))^{\frac{1}{p}}} \|f\|_{WL_p(\Gamma(t, r))}.$$

It is natural, first of all, to find conditions ensuring that the spaces  $LM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$  and  $M_{p,\varphi}(\Gamma)$  are nontrivial, that is consist not only of functions equivalent to 0 on  $\Gamma$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $t_0 \in \Gamma$  and  $\varphi(t, r)$  be a positive measurable function on  $\Gamma \times (0, \infty)$ . If

$$\sup_{r < \tau < \infty} \frac{1}{\varphi(t_0, r)} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t_0, r))^{\frac{1}{p}}} = \infty \quad \text{for some } r > 0, \quad (3.1)$$

then  $LM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma) = \Theta$ .

*Proof.* Let (3.1) be satisfied and  $f$  be not equivalent to zero. Then  $\|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, r))} > 0$  for some  $r > 0$ , hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{LM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}} &\geq \sup_{r < \tau < \infty} \frac{1}{\varphi(t_0, \tau)} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t_0, \tau))^{\frac{1}{p}}} \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, \tau))} \\ &\geq \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, r))} \sup_{r < \tau < \infty} \frac{1}{\varphi(t_0, \tau)} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t_0, \tau))^{\frac{1}{p}}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\|f\|_{LM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}} = \infty$ .

Q.E.D.

**Remark 3.3.** We denote by  $\Omega_{p,loc}$  the sets of all positive measurable functions  $\varphi$  on  $\Gamma \times (0, \infty)$  such that for all  $r > 0$ ,

$$\left\| \frac{1}{\varphi(t_0, \tau)} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t_0, \tau))^{\frac{1}{p}}} \right\|_{L_\infty(r, \infty)} < \infty.$$

In what follows, keeping in mind Lemma 3.1, for the non-triviality of the space  $LM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$  we always assume that  $\varphi \in \Omega_{p,loc}$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $\varphi(t, r)$  be a positive measurable function on  $\Gamma \times (0, \infty)$ .

(i) If

$$\sup_{r < \tau < \infty} \frac{1}{\varphi(t, \tau)} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t, \tau))^{\frac{1}{p}}} = \infty \quad \text{for some } r > 0 \quad \text{and for all } t \in \Gamma, \quad (3.2)$$

then  $M_{p,\varphi}(\Gamma) = \Theta$ .

(ii) If

$$\sup_{0 < \tau < r} \varphi(t, \tau)^{-1} = \infty \quad \text{for some } r > 0 \quad \text{and for all } t \in \Gamma, \quad (3.3)$$

then  $M_{p,\varphi}(\Gamma) = \Theta$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let (3.2) be satisfied and  $f$  be not equivalent to zero. Then  $\sup_{t \in \Gamma} \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t, \tau))} > 0$  for some  $r > 0$ , hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi}} &\geq \sup_{t \in \Gamma} \sup_{r < \tau < \infty} \frac{1}{\varphi(t, \tau)} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t, \tau))^{\frac{1}{p}}} \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t, \tau))} \\ &\geq \sup_{t \in \Gamma} \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t, \tau))} \sup_{r < \tau < \infty} \frac{1}{\varphi(t, \tau)} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t, \tau))^{\frac{1}{p}}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi}} = \infty$ .

(ii) Let  $f \in M_{p, \varphi}(\Gamma)$  and (3.3) be satisfied. Then there are two possibilities:

Case 1:  $\sup_{0 < \tau < r} \varphi(t, \tau)^{-1} = \infty$  for all  $r > 0$ .

Case 2:  $\sup_{0 < \tau < r} \varphi(t, \tau)^{-1} < \infty$  for some  $s \in (0, r)$ .

For Case 1, by Lebesgue differentiation theorem, for almost all  $t \in \Gamma$ ,

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\|f\chi_{\Gamma(t, r)}\|_{L_p}}{\|\chi_{\Gamma(t, r)}\|_{L_p}} = |f(t)|. \quad (3.4)$$

We claim that  $f(t) = 0$  for all those  $t$ . Indeed, fix  $t$  and assume  $|f(t)| > 0$ . Then by (3.4) there exists  $t_0 > 0$  such that

$$\frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t, \tau))^{\frac{1}{p}}} \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t, \tau))} \geq 2^{-1} c_2^{\frac{1}{p}} |f(t)|$$

for all  $0 < \tau \leq t_0$ . Consequently,

$$\|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi}} \geq \sup_{0 < \tau < t_0} \frac{1}{\varphi(t, \tau)} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t, \tau))^{\frac{1}{p}}} \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t, \tau))} \geq 2^{-1} c_2^{\frac{1}{p}} |f(t)| \sup_{0 < \tau < t_0} \varphi(t, \tau)^{-1}.$$

Hence  $\|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi}} = \infty$ , so  $f \notin M_{p, \varphi}(\Gamma)$  and we have arrived at a contradiction.

Note that Case 2 implies that  $\sup_{s < \tau < r} \varphi(t, \tau)^{-1} = \infty$ , hence

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{s < \tau < \infty} \frac{1}{\varphi(t, \tau)} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t, \tau))^{\frac{1}{p}}} &\geq \sup_{s < \tau < r} \frac{1}{\varphi(t, \tau)} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t, \tau))^{\frac{1}{p}}} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t, r))^{\frac{1}{p}}} \sup_{s < \tau < r} \varphi(t, \tau)^{-1} = \infty, \end{aligned}$$

which is the case in (i). Q.E.D.

**Remark 3.4.** We denote by  $\Omega_p$  the sets of all positive measurable functions  $\varphi$  on  $\Gamma \times (0, \infty)$  such that for all  $r > 0$ ,

$$\sup_{t \in \Gamma} \left\| \frac{1}{\varphi(t, \tau)} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t, \tau))^{\frac{1}{p}}} \right\|_{L_\infty(r, \infty)} < \infty, \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{t \in \Gamma} \left\| \varphi(t, \tau)^{-1} \right\|_{L_\infty(0, r)} < \infty,$$

respectively. In what follows, keeping in mind Lemma 3.2, we always assume that  $\varphi \in \Omega_p$ .

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

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

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{G}_p$  the set of all almost decreasing functions  $\varphi : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  such that  $t \in (0, \infty) \mapsto t^{\frac{1}{p}}\varphi(t) \in (0, \infty)$  is almost increasing.

Seemingly the requirement  $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_p$  is superfluous but it turns out that this condition is natural. Indeed, Nakai established that there exists a function  $\rho$  such that  $\rho$  itself is decreasing, that  $\rho(t)t^{n/p} \leq \rho(T)T^{n/p}$  for all  $0 < t \leq T < \infty$  and that  $LM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma) = LM_{p,\rho}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$ ,  $M_{p,\varphi}(\Gamma) = M_{p,\rho}(\Gamma)$ .

By elementary calculations we have the following, which shows particularly that the spaces  $LM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}$ ,  $WLM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}$ ,  $M_{p,\varphi}(\Gamma)$  and  $WM_{p,\varphi}(\Gamma)$  are not trivial, see for example, [8, 9].

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma(t_0, r_0)$  and  $\chi_{\Gamma_0}$  is the characteristic function of the ball  $\Gamma_0$ , then  $\chi_{\Gamma_0} \in LM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma) \cap M_{p,\varphi}(\Gamma)$ . Moreover, there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$\frac{1}{\varphi(r_0)} \leq \|\chi_{\Gamma_0}\|_{WLM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}} \leq \|\chi_{\Gamma_0}\|_{LM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}} \leq \frac{C}{\varphi(r_0)}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{\varphi(r_0)} \leq \|\chi_{\Gamma_0}\|_{WM_{p,\varphi}} \leq \|\chi_{\Gamma_0}\|_{M_{p,\varphi}} \leq \frac{C}{\varphi(r_0)}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_p$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma(t_0, r_0)$  denote an arbitrary ball in  $\Gamma$ . It is easy to see that

$$\|\chi_{\Gamma_0}\|_{WLM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}} = \sup_{r>0} \frac{1}{\varphi(r)} \left( \frac{|\Gamma(t_0, r) \cap \Gamma_0|}{\nu\Gamma(t_0, r)} \right)^{1/p} \geq \frac{1}{\varphi(r_0)} \left( \frac{|\Gamma_0 \cap \Gamma_0|}{|\Gamma_0|} \right)^{1/p} = \frac{1}{\varphi(r_0)}.$$

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

$$\frac{1}{\varphi(r)} \left( \frac{|\Gamma(t_0, r) \cap \Gamma_0|}{\nu\Gamma(t_0, r)} \right)^{1/p} \leq \frac{1}{\varphi(r)} \leq \frac{C}{\varphi(r_0)}$$

for all  $t \in \Gamma$ .

On the other hand, if  $r_0 \leq r$ , we have  $\varphi(r_0)r_0^{1/p} \leq C\varphi(r)r^{1/p}$  for all  $t \in \Gamma$  and

$$\frac{1}{\varphi(r)} \left( \frac{|\Gamma(t_0, r) \cap \Gamma_0|}{\nu\Gamma(t_0, r)} \right)^{1/p} = \frac{|\Gamma(t_0, r) \cap \Gamma_0|^{1/p}}{c_2^{1/p}\varphi(r)r^{1/p}} \leq \frac{|\Gamma_0|^{1/p}}{c_2^{1/p}\varphi(r)r^{1/p}} = \frac{r_0^{1/p}}{\varphi(r)r^{1/p}} \leq \frac{C}{\varphi(r_0)}$$

for all  $x \in \Gamma$ . This completes the proof. Q.E.D.

#### 4 Fractional maximal operator in the spaces $LM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$ and $M_{p,\varphi}(\Gamma)$

In this section, we give a characterization for the Spanne-Guliyev type boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  on the local generalized Morrey spaces  $LM_{p,\varphi}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$  and the generalized Morrey spaces  $M_{p,\varphi}(\Gamma)$ , respectively, including weak versions. We give also a characterization for the Adams-Guliyev and Adams-Gunawan type boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  on the generalized Morrey spaces  $M_{p,\varphi}(\Gamma)$ , including weak versions.

We denote by  $L_{\infty,v}(0, \infty)$  the space of all functions  $g(t)$ ,  $t > 0$  with finite norm

$$\|g\|_{L_{\infty,v}(0,\infty)} = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{t>0} v(t)g(t)$$

and  $L_\infty(0, \infty) \equiv L_{\infty,1}(0, \infty)$ . Let  $\mathfrak{M}(0, \infty)$  be the set of all Lebesgue-measurable functions on  $(0, \infty)$  and  $\mathfrak{M}^+(0, \infty)$  its subset consisting of all nonnegative functions on  $(0, \infty)$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{M}^+(0, \infty; \uparrow)$  the cone of all functions in  $\mathfrak{M}^+(0, \infty)$  which are non-decreasing on  $(0, \infty)$  and

$$\mathbb{A} = \left\{ \varphi \in \mathfrak{M}^+(0, \infty; \uparrow) : \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \varphi(t) = 0 \right\}.$$

Let  $u$  be a continuous and non-negative function on  $(0, \infty)$ . We define the supremal operator  $\overline{S}_u$  on  $g \in \mathfrak{M}(0, \infty)$  by

$$(\overline{S}_u g)(t) := \|u g\|_{L_\infty(t, \infty)}, \quad t \in (0, \infty).$$

The following theorem was proved in [5].

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $v_1, v_2$  be non-negative measurable functions satisfying  $0 < \|v_1\|_{L_\infty(t, \infty)} < \infty$  for any  $t > 0$  and let  $u$  be a continuous non-negative function on  $(0, \infty)$ .

Then the operator  $\overline{S}_u$  is bounded from  $L_{\infty,v_1}(0, \infty)$  to  $L_{\infty,v_2}(0, \infty)$  on the cone  $\mathbb{A}$  if and only if

$$\left\| v_2 \overline{S}_u \left( \|v_1\|_{L_\infty(\cdot, \infty)}^{-1} \right) \right\|_{L_\infty(0, \infty)} < \infty. \quad (4.1)$$

##### 4.1 Spanne-Guliyev type result

The following Guliyev local estimate for the fractional maximal operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  is true, see for example, [2, 14].

**Lemma 4.1.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a Carleson curve,  $1 \leq p < q < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \alpha$  and  $t_0 \in \Gamma$ . Then for  $p > 1$  and any  $r > 0$  the inequality

$$\|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, r))} \lesssim \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, 2r))} + r^{\frac{1}{p}} \sup_{\tau > 2r} \tau^{-1} \|f\|_{L_1(\Gamma(t_0, \tau))} \quad (4.2)$$

holds for all  $f \in L_p^{\text{loc}}(\Gamma)$ .

Moreover for  $p = 1$  the inequality

$$\|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f\|_{WL_1(\Gamma(t_0, r))} \lesssim \|f\|_{L_1(\Gamma(t_0, 2r))} + r \sup_{\tau > 2r} \tau^{-1} \|f\|_{L_1(\Gamma(t_0, \tau))} \quad (4.3)$$

holds for all  $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\Gamma)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $1 < p < q < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \alpha$ . For arbitrary ball  $\Gamma(t_0, r)$  let  $f = f_1 + f_2$ , where  $f_1 = f\chi_{\Gamma(t_0, 2r)}$  and  $f_2 = f\chi_{\mathring{\Gamma}(t_0, 2r)}$ .

$$\|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, r))} \leq \|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f_1\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, r))} + \|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f_2\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, r))}.$$

By the continuity of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha : L_p(\Gamma) \rightarrow L_q(\Gamma)$  from Theorem C we have

$$\|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f_1\|_{L_q(\Gamma(t_0, r))} \lesssim \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, 2r))}.$$

Let  $y$  be an arbitrary point from  $\Gamma(t_0, \tau)$ . If  $\Gamma(y, \tau) \cap \mathring{\Gamma}(t_0, 2r) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $\tau > r$ . Indeed, if  $z \in \Gamma(y, \tau) \cap \mathring{\Gamma}(t_0, 2r)$ , then  $\tau > |y - z| \geq |t - z| - |t - y| > 2r - r = r$ .

On the other hand,  $\Gamma(y, \tau) \cap \mathring{\Gamma}(t_0, 2r) \subset \Gamma(t_0, 2\tau)$ . Indeed,  $z \in \Gamma(y, \tau) \cap \mathring{\Gamma}(t_0, 2r)$ , then we get  $|t - z| \leq |y - z| + |t - y| < \tau + r < 2\tau$ .

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^\alpha f_2(y) &= \sup_{\tau > 0} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t_0, \tau))^{1-\alpha}} \int_{\Gamma(y, \tau) \cap \mathring{\Gamma}(t_0, 2r)} |f(z)| d\nu(z) \\ &\leq 2 \sup_{\tau > r} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t_0, 2\tau))^{1-\alpha}} \int_{\Gamma(t_0, 2\tau)} |f(z)| d\nu(z) \\ &= 2 \sup_{\tau > 2r} \frac{1}{(\nu\Gamma(t_0, \tau))^{1-\alpha}} \int_{\Gamma(t_0, \tau)} |f(z)| d\nu(z) \leq 2 \sup_{\tau > 2r} \tau^{-1+\alpha} \int_{\Gamma(t_0, \tau)} |f(z)| d\nu(z). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for all  $y \in \Gamma(t_0, \tau)$  we have

$$\mathcal{M}^\alpha f_2(y) \leq 2 \sup_{\tau > 2r} \tau^{-1+\alpha} \int_{\Gamma(t_0, \tau)} |f(z)| d\nu(z). \quad (4.4)$$

Thus

$$\|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, r))} \lesssim \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, 2r))} + r^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sup_{\tau > 2r} \tau^{-1+\alpha} \int_{\Gamma(t_0, \tau)} |f(z)| d\nu(z) \right).$$

Let  $p = 1$ . It is obvious that for any ball  $\Gamma(t_0, r)$

$$\|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f\|_{WL_1(\Gamma(t_0, r))} \leq \|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f_1\|_{WL_1(\Gamma(t_0, r))} + \|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f_2\|_{WL_1(\Gamma(t_0, r))}.$$

By the continuity of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha : L_1(\Gamma) \rightarrow WL_q(\Gamma)$  from Theorem C we have

$$\|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f_1\|_{WL_1(\Gamma)} \lesssim \|f\|_{L_1(\Gamma(t_0, 2r))}.$$

Then by (4.4) we get the inequality (4.3).

Q.E.D.

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a Carleson curve,  $1 \leq p < q < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \alpha$  and  $t_0 \in \Gamma$ . Then for  $p > 1$  and any  $r > 0$  in  $\Gamma$ , the inequality

$$\|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f\|_{L_q(\Gamma(t_0, r))} \lesssim r^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{\tau > 2r} \tau^{-\frac{1}{q}} \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, \tau))} \quad (4.5)$$



holds for all  $f \in L_p^{\text{loc}}(\Gamma)$ .

Moreover for  $p = 1$  the inequality

$$\|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f\|_{WL_1(\Gamma(t_0, r))} \lesssim r^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{\tau > 2r} \tau^{-\frac{1}{q}} \|f\|_{L_1(\Gamma(t_0, \tau))} \quad (4.6)$$

holds for all  $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\Gamma)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $1 < p < q < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \alpha$ . Denote

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_1 &:= r^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{\tau > 2r} \tau^{-1+\alpha} \int_{\Gamma(t_0, \tau)} |f(z)| d\nu(z), \\ \mathcal{M}_2 &:= \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, 2r))}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Hölder's inequality, we get

$$\mathcal{M}_1 \lesssim r^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{\tau > 2r} \tau^{-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\Gamma(t_0, \tau)} |f(z)|^p d\nu(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} r^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{\tau > 2r} \tau^{-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\Gamma(t_0, \tau)} |f(z)|^p d\nu(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \gtrsim r^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \sup_{\tau > 2r} \tau^{-\frac{1}{q}} \right) \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, 2r))} \approx \mathcal{M}_2. \end{aligned}$$

Since by Lemma 4.1

$$\|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, r))} \leq \mathcal{M}_1 + \mathcal{M}_2,$$

we arrive at (4.5).

Let  $p = 1$ . The inequality (4.6) directly follows from (4.3). Q.E.D.

For the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  the following Spanne-Guliyev type result on the space  $LM_{p, \varphi}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$  is valid (see [16]).

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a Carleson curve,  $1 \leq p < q < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \alpha$ ,  $t_0 \in \Gamma$ ,  $\varphi_1 \in \Omega_{p, \text{loc}}$ ,  $\varphi_2 \in \Omega_{q, \text{loc}}$  and  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  satisfies the condition

$$\sup_{r < \tau < \infty} \tau^{\alpha - \frac{1}{p}} \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{\tau < s < \infty} \varphi_1(t_0, s) s^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C \varphi_2(t_0, r), \quad (4.7)$$

where  $C$  does not depend on  $r$ . Then for  $p > 1$ , the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  is bounded from  $LM_{p, \varphi_1}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$  to  $LM_{q, \varphi_2}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$  and for  $p = 1$ , the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  is bounded from  $LM_{1, \varphi_1}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$  to  $WLM_{q, \varphi_2}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 4.1 and Lemma 4.2 we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f\|_{LM_{p,\varphi_2}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)} &\lesssim \sup_{r>0} \varphi_2(t_0, r)^{-1} \sup_{\tau>r} \tau^{-\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, \tau))} \\ &\lesssim \sup_{r>0} \varphi_1(t, r)^{-1} r^{-\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t_0, r))} = \|f\|_{LM_{p,\varphi_1}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)}, \end{aligned}$$

if  $p \in (1, \infty)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f\|_{WLM_{p,\varphi_2}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)} &\lesssim \sup_{r>0} \varphi_2(t_0, r)^{-1} \sup_{\tau>r} \tau^{-1} \|f\|_{L_1(\Gamma(t_0, r))} \\ &\lesssim \sup_{r>0} \varphi_1(t, r)^{-1} r^{-1} \|f\|_{L_1(\Gamma(t_0, r))} = \|f\|_{LM_{1,\varphi_1}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)}, \end{aligned}$$

if  $p = 1$ .

Q.E.D.

From Theorem 4.2 we get (see [14]) the following

**Corollary 4.1.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a Carleson curve,  $1 \leq p < q < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \alpha$  and  $\varphi_1 \in \Omega_p$ ,  $\varphi_2 \in \Omega_q$  satisfies the condition

$$\sup_{r<\tau<\infty} \tau^{-\frac{1}{q}} \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{\tau<s<\infty} \varphi_1(t, s) s^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C \varphi_2(t, r), \quad (4.8)$$

where  $C$  does not depend on  $t$  and  $r$ . Then for  $p > 1$ , the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  is bounded from  $M_{p,\varphi_1}(\Gamma)$  to  $M_{q,\varphi_2}(\Gamma)$  and for  $p = 1$ , the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  is bounded from  $M_{1,\varphi_1}(\Gamma)$  to  $WM_{q,\varphi_2}(\Gamma)$ .

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

**Lemma 4.3.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a Carleson curve and  $\Gamma_0 := \Gamma(t_0, r_0)$ , then  $r_0^\alpha \leq C \mathcal{M}^\alpha \chi_{\Gamma_0}(t)$  for every  $t \in \Gamma_0$ .

*Proof.* It is well-known that

$$M^\alpha f(t) \leq 2^{1-\alpha} \mathcal{M}^\alpha f(t), \quad (4.9)$$

where  $M^\alpha(f)(t) = \sup_{B \ni t} |B|^{-1+\alpha} \int_B |f(\tau)| d\nu(\tau)$ .

Now let  $t \in \Gamma_0$ . By using (4.9), we get

$$\begin{aligned} M_\alpha \chi_{\Gamma_0}(t) &\geq CM_\alpha \chi_{\Gamma_0}(t) \geq C \sup_{B \ni t} |B|^{-1+\alpha} |B \cap \Gamma_0| \\ &\geq C |\Gamma_0|^{-1+\alpha} |\Gamma_0 \cap \Gamma_0| = Cr_0^\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

The following theorem is one of our main results.

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a Carleson curve,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $t_0 \in \Gamma$  and  $p, q \in [1, \infty)$ .

1. If  $1 \leq p < \frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \alpha$ , then the condition (4.7) is sufficient for the boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  from  $LM_{p,\varphi_1}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$  to  $WLM_{q,\varphi_2}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$ . Moreover, if  $1 < p < \frac{1}{\alpha}$ , the condition (4.7) is sufficient for the boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  from  $LM_{p,\varphi_1}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$  to  $LM_{q,\varphi_2}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$ .

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

$$r^\alpha \varphi_1(r) \leq C \varphi_2(r), \quad (4.10)$$

for all  $r > 0$ , where  $C > 0$  does not depend  $r$ , is necessary for the boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  from  $LM_{p,\varphi_1}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$  to  $WLM_{q,\varphi_2}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$  and  $LM_{p,\varphi_1}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$  to  $LM_{q,\varphi_2}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$ .

3. Let  $1 \leq p < \frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p} - \alpha$ . If  $\varphi_1 \in \mathcal{G}_p$ , then the condition (4.10) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  from  $LM_{p,\varphi_1}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$  to  $WLM_{q,\varphi_2}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$ . Moreover, if  $1 < p < \frac{Q}{\alpha}$ , then the condition (4.10) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  from  $LM_{p,\varphi_1}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$  to  $LM_{q,\varphi_2}^{\{t_0\}}(\Gamma)$ .

*Proof.* The first part of the theorem proved in Theorem 4.2.

We shall now prove the second part. Let  $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma(t_0, r_0)$  and  $t \in \Gamma_0$ . By Lemma 4.3 we have  $r_0^\alpha \lesssim C \mathcal{M}^\alpha \chi_{\Gamma_0}(r)$ . Therefore, by Lemma 3.3 and Lemma 4.3

$$r_0^\alpha \lesssim (\nu(\Gamma_0))^{-\frac{1}{p}} \|\mathcal{M}^\alpha \chi_{\Gamma_0}\|_{L_q(\Gamma_0)} \lesssim \varphi_2(r_0) \|\mathcal{M}^\alpha \chi_{\Gamma_0}\|_{M_{q,\varphi_2}} \lesssim \varphi_2(r_0) \|\chi_{\Gamma_0}\|_{M_{p,\varphi_1}} \lesssim \frac{\varphi_2(r_0)}{\varphi_1(r_0)}$$

or

$$r_0^\alpha \lesssim \frac{\varphi_2(r_0)}{\varphi_1(r_0)} \text{ for all } r_0 > 0 \iff r_0^\alpha \varphi_1(r_0) \lesssim \varphi_2(r_0) \text{ for all } r_0 > 0.$$

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

The third statement of the theorem follows from first and second parts of the theorem. Q.E.D.

**Remark 4.4.** If we take  $\varphi_1(r) = r^{\frac{\lambda-1}{p}}$  and  $\varphi_2(r) = r^{\frac{\mu-1}{q}}$  at Theorem 4.3, then condition(4.10) is equivalent to  $0 < \lambda < 1 - \alpha p$  and  $\frac{\lambda}{p} = \frac{\mu}{q}$ , respectively. Therefore, we get Theorem B from Theorem 4.3.

## 4.2 Adams-Guliyev type result

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

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a Carleson curve,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $f \in L_p^{loc}(\Gamma)$ . Then

$$\mathcal{M}^\alpha f(t) \leq C r^\alpha \mathcal{M} f(t) + C \sup_{r < s < \infty} s^{\alpha - \frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t,s))} ds, \quad (4.11)$$

where  $C$  does not depend on  $f$ ,  $t \in \Gamma$  and  $r > 0$ .

*Proof.* Write  $f = f_1 + f_2$ , where  $f_1 = f \chi_{\Gamma(t,2r)}$ ,  $f_2 = f \chi_{\mathfrak{e}_{\Gamma(t,2r)}}$ . Then for all  $z \in \Gamma$

$$\mathcal{M}^\alpha f(z) \leq \mathcal{M}^\alpha f_1(z) + \mathcal{M}^\alpha f_2(z).$$

For  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha f_1(t)$ , following Hedberg's trick (see for instance [27], p. 354), for all  $z \in \Gamma$  we obtain  $|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f_1(z)| \leq C_1 r^\alpha \mathcal{M} f(z)$ . For  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha f_2(z)$  with  $z \in \Gamma(t, r)$  from (4.4) we have

$$\mathcal{M}^\alpha f_2(z) \leq 2 \sup_{s > r} \tau^{-1+\alpha} \int_{\Gamma(t,s)} |f(z)| d\nu(z) \leq C \sup_{r < s < \infty} s^{\alpha - \frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t,s))}, \quad (4.12)$$

which proves (4.11).

Q.E.D.

The following is a result of Adams-Guliyev type for the fractional integral on Carleson curves (see, [14]).

**Theorem 4.6.** (Adams-Guliyev type result) Let  $\Gamma$  be a Carleson curve,  $1 \leq p < q < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{p}$  and let  $\varphi \in \Omega_p$  satisfy condition

$$\sup_{r < \tau < \infty} \tau^{-1} \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{\tau < s < \infty} \varphi(t, s) s \leq C \varphi(t, r), \quad (4.13)$$

and

$$\sup_{r < \tau < \infty} \tau^\alpha \varphi(t, \tau)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq Cr^{-\frac{\alpha p}{q-p}}, \quad (4.14)$$

where  $C$  does not depend on  $t \in \Gamma$  and  $r > 0$ . Then for  $p > 1$ , the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  is bounded from  $M_{p, \varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)$  to  $M_{q, \varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$  and for  $p = 1$ , the operator  $\mathcal{I}^\alpha$  is bounded from  $M_{1, \varphi}(\Gamma)$  to  $WM_{q, \varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $f \in M_{p, \varphi}(\Gamma)$ . By Theorem 4.5 the inequality (4.11) is valid. Then from condition (4.14) and inequality (4.11) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^\alpha f(t) &\lesssim r^\alpha \mathcal{M}f(t) + \sup_{s > r} s^{\alpha - \frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t, s))} \\ &\leq r^\alpha \mathcal{M}f(t) + \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)} \sup_{s > r} s^\alpha \varphi(t, s)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq r^\alpha \mathcal{M}f(t) + r^{-\frac{\alpha p}{q-p}} \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.15)$$

Hence choosing  $r = \left( \frac{M_{p, \varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)}{\mathcal{M}f(t)} \right)$  for every  $t \in \Gamma$ , we have

$$\mathcal{M}^\alpha f(t) \lesssim (\mathcal{M}f(t))^{\frac{p}{q}} \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)}^{1 - \frac{p}{q}}.$$

Hence the statement of the theorem follows in view of the boundedness of the maximal operator  $\mathcal{M}$  in  $M_{p, \varphi}(\Gamma)$  provided by Theorem 4.2, in virtue of condition (4.13).

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f\|_{M_{q, \varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)} &\lesssim \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)}^{1 - \frac{p}{q}} \sup_{t \in \Gamma, r > 0} \varphi(t, r)^{-\frac{p}{q}} r^{-\frac{1}{q}} \|\mathcal{M}f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t, r))}^{\frac{p}{q}} \\ &\lesssim \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)}^{1 - \frac{p}{q}} \|\mathcal{M}f\|_{M_{p, \varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)}^{\frac{p}{q}} \lesssim \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)}, \end{aligned}$$

if  $1 < p < q < \infty$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f\|_{WM_{q, \varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)} &\lesssim \|f\|_{M_{1, \varphi}(\Gamma)}^{1 - \frac{1}{q}} \sup_{t \in \Gamma, r > 0} \varphi(t, r)^{-\frac{1}{q}} r^{-\frac{1}{q}} \|\mathcal{M}f\|_{WL_1(\Gamma(t, r))}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\lesssim \|f\|_{M_{1, \varphi}(\Gamma)}^{1 - \frac{1}{q}} \|\mathcal{M}f\|_{M_{1, \varphi}(\Gamma)}^{\frac{1}{q}} \lesssim \|f\|_{M_{1, \varphi}(\Gamma)}, \end{aligned}$$

if  $p = 1 < q < \infty$ .

Q.E.D.

The following theorem is one of our main results.

**Theorem 4.7.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a Carleson curve,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $1 \leq p < q < \infty$  and  $\varphi \in \Omega_p$ .

1. If  $\varphi(t, r)$  satisfy condition (4.13), then the condition (4.14) is sufficient for the boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  from  $M_{p, \varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)$  to  $WM_{q, \varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$ . Moreover, if  $1 < p < q < \infty$ , then the condition (4.14) is sufficient for the boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  from  $M_{p, \varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)$  to  $M_{q, \varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$ .

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

$$r^\alpha \varphi(r)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq Cr^{-\frac{\alpha p}{q-p}}, \quad (4.16)$$

for all  $r > 0$ , where  $C > 0$  does not depend  $r$ , is necessary for the boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  from  $M_{p, \varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)$  to  $WM_{q, \varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$  and from  $M_{p, \varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)$  to  $M_{q, \varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$ .

3. If  $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_p$ , then the condition (4.16) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  from  $M_{p, \varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)$  to  $WM_{q, \varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$ . Moreover, if  $1 < p < q < \infty$ , then the condition (4.16) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  from  $M_{p, \varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)$  to  $M_{q, \varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$ .

*Proof.* The first part of the theorem is a corollary of Theorem 4.6.

We shall now prove the second part. Let  $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma(t_0, r_0)$  and  $t \in \Gamma_0$ . By Lemma 4.3 we have  $r_0^\alpha \lesssim \mathcal{M}^\alpha \chi_{\Gamma_0}(t)$ . Therefore, by Lemma 3.3 and Lemma 4.3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} r_0^\alpha &\lesssim (\nu(\Gamma_0))^{-\frac{1}{q}} \|\mathcal{M}^\alpha \chi_{\Gamma_0}\|_{L_q(\Gamma_0)} \lesssim \varphi(r_0)^{\frac{1}{q}} \|\mathcal{M}^\alpha \chi_{\Gamma_0}\|_{M_{q, \varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)} \\ &\lesssim \varphi(r_0)^{\frac{1}{q}} \|\chi_{\Gamma_0}\|_{M_{p, \varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)} \lesssim \varphi(r_0)^{\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p}} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$r_0^\alpha \varphi(r_0)^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}} \lesssim 1 \text{ for all } r_0 > 0 \iff r_0^\alpha \varphi(r_0)^{\frac{1}{p}} \lesssim r_0^{-\frac{\alpha p}{q-p}}.$$

Since this is true for every  $t \in \Gamma$  and  $r_0 > 0$ , we are done.

The third statement of the theorem follows from first and second parts of the theorem. Q.E.D.

### 4.3 Adams-Gunawan type result

The following is a result of Adams-Gunawan type for the fractional integral on Carleson curves (see, [17, 18]).

**Theorem 4.8.** (Adams-Gunawan type result). Let  $\Gamma$  be a Carleson curve,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $1 \leq p < q < \infty$  and  $\varphi \in \Omega_p$  satisfy condition (4.13) and

$$r^\alpha \varphi(t, r) + \int_r^\infty s^{\alpha-1} \varphi(t, s) ds \leq C \varphi(t, r)^{\frac{p}{q}}, \quad (4.17)$$

where  $C$  does not depend on  $t \in \Gamma$  and  $r > 0$ . Then for  $p > 1$ , the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  is bounded from  $M_{p, \varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)$  to  $M_{q, \varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$  and for  $p = 1$ , the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  is bounded from  $M_{1, \varphi}(\Gamma)$  to  $WM_{q, \varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $f \in M_{p, \varphi}(\Gamma)$ . By Theorem 4.5 the inequality (4.11) is valid. Then from condition (4.14) and inequality (4.11) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^\alpha f(t) &\lesssim r^\alpha \mathcal{M}f(t) + \sup_{s>r} s^{\alpha-\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{L_p(\Gamma(t, s))} \\ &\leq r^\alpha \mathcal{M}f(t) + \|f\|_{M_{p, \varphi}(\Gamma)} \sup_{s>r} s^\alpha \varphi(t, s). \end{aligned} \quad (4.18)$$

Thus, by (4.17) and (4.18) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^\alpha f(t) &\lesssim \min \left\{ \varphi(t, r)^{\frac{p}{q}-1} \mathcal{M}f(t), \varphi(t, r)^{\frac{p}{q}} \|f\|_{M_{p,\varphi}(\Gamma)} \right\} \\ &\lesssim \sup_{r>0} \min \left\{ r^{\frac{p}{q}-1} \mathcal{M}f(t), r^{\frac{p}{q}} \|f\|_{M_{p,\varphi}(\Gamma)} \right\} = (\mathcal{M}f(t))^{\frac{p}{q}} \|f\|_{M_{p,\varphi}(\Gamma)}^{1-\frac{p}{q}}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.19)$$

where we have used that the supremum is achieved when the minimum parts are balanced. From Theorem 4.2 and (4.19), we get

$$\|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f\|_{M_{q,\varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)} \lesssim \|f\|_{M_{p,\varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)}^{1-\frac{p}{q}} \|\mathcal{M}f\|_{M_{p,\varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)}^{\frac{p}{q}} \lesssim \|f\|_{M_{p,\varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)},$$

if  $1 < p < q < \infty$  and

$$\|\mathcal{M}^\alpha f\|_{WM_{q,\varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)} \lesssim \|f\|_{M_{1,\varphi}(\Gamma)}^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \|\mathcal{M}f\|_{M_{1,\varphi}(\Gamma)}^{\frac{1}{q}} \lesssim \|f\|_{M_{1,\varphi}(\Gamma)},$$

if  $p = 1 < q < \infty$ .

Q.E.D.

The following theorem is one of our main results.

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a Carleson curve,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $1 \leq p < q < \infty$  and  $\varphi \in \Omega_p$ .

1. If  $\varphi(t, r)$  satisfy condition (4.13), then the condition (4.17) is sufficient for the boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  from  $M_{p,\varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)$  to  $M_{q,\varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$ . Moreover, if  $1 < p < q < \infty$ , then the condition (4.17) is sufficient for the boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  from  $M_{p,\varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)$  to  $M_{q,\varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$ .

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

$$r^\alpha \varphi(r)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C \varphi(r)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \quad (4.20)$$

for all  $r > 0$ , where  $C > 0$  does not depend  $r$ , is necessary for the boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  from  $M_{p,\varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)$  to  $WM_{q,\varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$  and from  $M_{p,\varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)$  to  $M_{q,\varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$ .

3. If  $\varphi \in \mathcal{G}_p$ , then the condition (4.20) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  from  $M_{p,\varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)$  to  $WM_{q,\varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$ . Moreover, if  $1 < p < q < \infty$ , then the condition (4.20) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of the operator  $\mathcal{M}^\alpha$  from  $M_{p,\varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)$  to  $M_{q,\varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)$ .

*Proof.* The first part of the theorem is a corollary of Theorem 4.8.

We shall now prove the second part. Let  $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma(t_0, r_0)$  and  $t \in \Gamma_0$ . By Lemma 4.3 we have  $r_0^\alpha \leq C \mathcal{M}^\alpha \chi_{\Gamma_0}(t)$ . Therefore, by Lemma 3.3 and Lemma 4.3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} r_0^\alpha &\lesssim (\nu(\Gamma_0))^{-\frac{1}{q}} \|\mathcal{M}^\alpha \chi_{\Gamma_0}\|_{L_q(\Gamma_0)} \lesssim \varphi(r_0)^{\frac{1}{q}} \|\mathcal{M}^\alpha \chi_{\Gamma_0}\|_{M_{q,\varphi^{\frac{1}{q}}}(\Gamma)} \\ &\lesssim \varphi(r_0)^{\frac{1}{q}} \|\chi_{\Gamma_0}\|_{M_{p,\varphi^{\frac{1}{p}}}(\Gamma)} \lesssim \varphi(r_0)^{\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{p}} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$r_0^\alpha \varphi(r_0)^{\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q}} \lesssim 1 \text{ for all } r_0 > 0 \iff r_0^\alpha \varphi(r_0)^{\frac{1}{p}} \lesssim \varphi(r_0)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

Since this is true for every  $t \in \Gamma$  and  $r_0 > 0$ , we are done.

The third statement of the theorem follows from first and second parts of the theorem. Q.E.D.

**Remark 4.10.** If we take  $\varphi(r) = r^{\lambda-1}$  at Theorem 4.7, then the condition (4.16) is equivalent to  $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{\alpha}{1-\lambda}$ . Therefore, from Theorem 4.7 we get Theorem C.

**Remark 4.11.** If we take  $\varphi(r) = [r]_1^{\lambda-1}$  at Theorem 4.7, then the condition (4.16) is equivalent to  $\alpha \leq \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} \leq \frac{\alpha}{1-\lambda}$ . Therefore, from Theorem 4.7 we get Theorem D.

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