

MS-E1992 Harmonic Analysis

Exercise 6

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1. (a) Assume that w is a weight for which there are constants m and M with $0 \leq m \leq M < \infty$ such that $m \leq w(x) \leq M$ for almost every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Show that $w \in A_p$ for every p with $1 \leq p < \infty$.

Proof. Assume that w is a weight, that is, $w \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $w \geq 0$ almost everywhere in \mathbb{R}^n , for which there are constants m and M with $0 \leq m \leq M < \infty$ such that $m \leq w(x) \leq M$ for almost every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

- Case $p = 1$, there is a constant $c \geq \frac{M}{m}$ such that

$$w(x) \leq c m \quad \text{for almost every } x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

This implies

$$\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q w(x) dx \leq c m \leq c \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in Q} w(x).$$

Thus $w \in A_1$ and

$$\frac{1}{w(x)} \leq c \frac{|Q|}{w(Q)}$$

- Case $1 < p < \infty$, since $m \leq w(x) \leq M$ for almost every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q w(x) dx &\leq M \\ \text{and } \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q w(x)^{1-p'} dx \right)^{p-1} &\leq \frac{|Q|}{w(Q)} \end{aligned}$$

Implies

$$\int_Q w(x) dx \left(\int_Q w(x)^{1-p'} dx \right)^{p-1} \leq M \frac{|Q|}{w(Q)}.$$

□

- (b) Assume that g is a Lebesgue measurable function with the properties $g(x) \geq 0$ for almost every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $g \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $\frac{1}{g} \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Show that if $w \in A_p$, then $gw \in A_p$.

Proof. Since $g \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$, we get

$$\int_Q g(x)w(x)dx \leq \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} g(x) \int_Q w(x)dx,$$

and since $\frac{1}{g} \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_Q (g(x)w(x))^{1-p'} dx \right)^{p-1} &= \left(\int_Q \left(\frac{1}{g(x)} \right)^{p'-1} w(x)^{1-p'} dx \right)^{p-1} \\ &\leq \left(\operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{g(x)} \right)^{(p'-1)(p-1)} \left(\int_Q w(x)^{1-p'} dx \right)^{p-1} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{\operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} g(x)} \right)^{-1} \left(\int_Q w(x)^{1-p'} dx \right)^{p-1} \\ &\leq \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} g(x) \left(\int_Q w(x)^{1-p'} dx \right)^{p-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q g(x)w(x)dx &\left(\int_Q (g(x)w(x))^{1-p'} dx \right)^{p-1} \\ &\leq \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} g(x) \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} g(x) \int_Q w(x)dx \left(\int_Q w(x)^{1-p'} dx \right)^{p-1}. \end{aligned}$$

□

2. Let $1 \leq p < \infty$ and assume that $w \in A_p$. Show that $w^\delta \in A_p$ for every δ with $0 < \delta < 1$.

Proof. • Case $p = 1$, the assumption that $w \in A_1$ implies that

$$\int_Q w(x)^\delta dx \leq c \left(\operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in Q} w(x) \right)^\delta = c \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in Q} w(x)^\delta.$$

This shows $w^\delta \in A_1$ and

$$\frac{1}{w(x)^\delta} \leq c \frac{|Q|}{w(Q)}$$

- Case $1 < p < \infty$ Since $0 < \delta < 1$, we have $\frac{1}{\delta} > 1$, by Holder inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q w(x)^\delta dx &\leq \frac{1}{|Q|} \left(\int_Q (w(x)^\delta)^{\frac{1}{\delta}} dx \right)^\delta \left(\int_Q 1^{\frac{1}{1-\delta}} dx \right)^{1-\delta} \\ &= |Q|^\delta \left(\int_Q w(x) dx \right)^\delta = \left(\int_Q w(x) dx \right)^\delta < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q \left(w(x)^\delta\right)^{1-p'} dx &= \int_Q \left(w(x)^{1-p'}\right)^\delta dx \\ &\leq \left(\int_Q w(x)^{1-p'} dx\right)^\delta < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q w(x)^\delta dx \left(\int_Q \left(w(x)^\delta\right)^{1-p'} dx\right)^{p-1} \\ \leq \left(\int_Q w(x) dx\right)^\delta \left(\int_Q w(x)^{1-p'} dx\right)^{\delta(p-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

□

3. Let $1 \leq p < \infty$ and assume that $w \in A_p$.

- (a) Show that for any $0 < \alpha < 1$ there exists $0 < \beta < 1$ such that for every Lebesgue measurable set $A \subset Q$ with $\omega(A) \leq \beta w(Q)$ we have $|A| \leq \alpha|Q|$.

Proof. Let $A \subset Q$ be a Lebesgue measurable set with $w(A) \leq \beta w(Q)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{w(A)}{|Q|} &= \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \chi_A(x) w(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|Q|} \left(\int_Q \chi_A^{\frac{1+\delta}{\delta}} dx\right)^{\frac{\delta}{1+\delta}} \left(\int_Q w(x)^{1+\delta} dx\right)^{\frac{1}{1+\delta}}, \quad (\delta > 0) \text{ (Hölder's inequality)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|Q|} |A|^{\frac{\delta}{1+\delta}} |Q|^{\frac{1}{1+\delta}} \left(\int_Q w(x)^{1+\delta} dx\right)^{\frac{1}{1+\delta}} \\ &\leq c \left(\frac{|A|}{|Q|}\right)^{\frac{\delta}{1+\delta}} \int_Q w(x) dx \quad \text{(Reverse Hölder's inequality)} \\ &= c \frac{1}{|Q|} \left(\frac{|A|}{|Q|}\right)^{\frac{\delta}{1+\delta}} w(Q) \end{aligned}$$

Plug $Q \setminus A$ into the above result, we get

$$c \left(1 - \frac{|A|}{|Q|}\right)^{\frac{\delta}{1+\delta}} \geq \frac{w(Q) - w(A)}{w(Q)} \geq \frac{w(Q) - \beta w(Q)}{w(Q)} = (1 - \beta).$$

Raise both sides to the power $\frac{1+\delta}{\delta}$

$$1 - \frac{|A|}{|Q|} \geq \left(\frac{1-\beta}{c} \right)^{\frac{1+\delta}{\delta}}$$

which implies

$$\frac{|A|}{|Q|} \leq 1 - \left(\frac{1-\beta}{c} \right)^{\frac{1+\delta}{\delta}}$$

Choose δ so small such that $\alpha = 1 - \left(\frac{1-\beta}{c} \right)^{\frac{1+\delta}{\delta}} < 1$.

□

- (b) Show that for any $0 < \alpha < 1$ there exists $0 < \beta < 1$ such that for every Lebesgue measurable set $A \subset Q$ with $|A| \leq \alpha|Q|$ we have $\omega(A) \leq \beta\omega(Q)$.

Proof. Let $1 \leq p < \infty$ and assume that $w \in A_p$, if $A \subset Q$ is Lebesgue measurable set, we have

$$w(Q) \left(\frac{|A|}{|Q|} \right)^p \leq c w(A)$$

Plug $Q \setminus A$ into the above result, we get

$$c \frac{w(Q) - w(A)}{w(Q)} \geq \left(1 - \frac{|A|}{|Q|} \right)^p \geq \left(1 - \frac{\alpha|Q|}{|Q|} \right)^p \geq (1 - \alpha)^p$$

which implies,

$$\frac{w(A)}{w(Q)} \leq 1 - \frac{(1 - \alpha)^p}{c} =: \beta.$$

□

4. Show that cubes may be replaced with balls in the definition of the A_p weights with $1 \leq p < \infty$ and that these definitions give the same classes of weights.

Proof. The motivation of Muckenhoupt weight arises from the purpose of looking for a weight such that Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator is of weighted strong type (p, p) with $1 \leq p < \infty$,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (Mf(x))^p w(x) dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p w(x) dx$$

for every $f \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and the corresponding weak type (p, p) estimate, with $1 < p < \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} w(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Mf(x) > t\}) &= \int_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : Mf(x) > t} w(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{c}{t^p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p w(x) dx, \quad t > 0, \end{aligned}$$

for every $f \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ hold true. The Hardy-Little maximal operator

$$Mf(x) = \sup \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |f(y)| dy,$$

where the supremum is taken over all balls $B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ containing x . Following the analysis in lecture note (p.54), we end up with

$$\left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |f(x)| dx \right)^p w(B) \leq c \int_B |f(x)|^p w(x) dx,$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \int_B |f(x)| dx &= \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |f(x)| dx \\ &\leq c \left(\frac{1}{w(B)} \int_B |f(x)|^p w(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \end{aligned}$$

if $A \subset B$ is a measure set, choose $f = \chi_A$, we get

$$w(B) \left(\frac{|A|}{|B|} \right)^p \leq cw(A)$$

- The case $p = 1$, we have

$$\int_B w(x) dx \leq \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in B} w(x)$$

Since we can cover a ball B by a Q , we get

$$\int_B w(x) dx \leq c \int_Q w(x) dx \leq c \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in Q} w(x) \leq c \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in B} w(x),$$

for any ball B in \mathbb{R}^n .

- The case $1 < p < \infty$, an analogous analysis to lecture note (p.58), we get

$$\int_B w(x) dx \left(\int_B w(x)^{1-p'} dx \right)^{p-1} \leq c$$

for every ball $B \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Similarly, cover a ball B by a Q , we get

$$\int_B w(x) dx \left(\int_B w(x)^{1-p'} dx \right)^{p-1} \leq \int_Q w(x) dx \left(\int_Q w(x)^{1-p'} dx \right)^{p-1} \leq c$$

□

5. Let $w : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty]$, $w(x) = |x|^\alpha$.

(a) Show that $w \in A_p$ with $1 < p < \infty$ whenever $-n < \alpha < n(p-1)$.

Proof. Let $Q(y, l) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a cube containing x , we observe that $Q(y, l) \subset B(y, \sqrt{n}l)$, thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q w(x) dx &= \frac{1}{|Q(y, l)|} \int_{Q(y, l)} |x|^\alpha dx \leq \frac{1}{|Q(y, l)|} \int_{B(y, \sqrt{n}l)} |x|^\alpha dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|Q(y, l)|} \int_{B(0, |y| + \sqrt{n}l)} |x|^\alpha dx = \frac{1}{|Q(y, \sqrt{n}l)|} \int_0^{|y| + \sqrt{n}l} \int_{\partial B(0, r)} |r|^\alpha dS dr \\ &= \frac{1}{|Q(y, l)|} \omega_{n-1} \int_0^{|y| + \sqrt{n}l} r^\alpha \cdot r^{n-1} dr \\ &= \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\alpha + n} (|y| + \sqrt{n}l)^\alpha < \infty \text{ if } -n < \alpha, \end{aligned}$$

where ω_{n-1} denotes $n-1$ -dimensional surface measure of the unit sphere. Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_Q w(x)^{1-p'} dx &= \frac{1}{|Q(y, l)|} \int_{Q(y, l)} |x|^{\alpha(1-p')} dx \leq \frac{1}{|Q(y, l)|} \int_{B(y, \sqrt{n}l)} |x|^{\alpha(1-p')} dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|Q(y, l)|} \int_{B(0, |y| + \sqrt{n}l)} |x|^{\alpha(1-p')} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{|Q(y, l)|} \int_0^{|y| + \sqrt{n}l} \int_{\partial B(0, r)} |r|^{\alpha(1-p')} dS dr \\ &= \frac{1}{|Q(y, l)|} \omega_{n-1} \int_0^{|y| + \sqrt{n}l} r^{\alpha(1-p')} \cdot r^{n-1} dr \\ &= \frac{\omega_{n-1}}{\alpha(1-p') + n} (|y| + \sqrt{n}l)^{\alpha(1-p')} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

if $\alpha(1-p') + n > 0 \iff \alpha < \frac{-n}{1-p'} = \frac{n}{p'-1} = n(p-1)$, where p and p' are Hölder conjugate.

Thus by multiplying the previous two inequality, we conclude $w \in A_p$ with $1 < p < \infty$ whenever $-n < \alpha < n(p-1)$. □

(b) Show that $w \in A_1$ whenever $-n < \alpha \leq 0$.

Let $Q(y, l) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be a cube containing x , we observe that $Q(y, l) \subset B(y, \sqrt{n}l) :=$

$B(y, r)$, thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_Q w(x) dx &= \frac{1}{|Q(y, l)|} \int_{Q(y, l)} |x|^\alpha dx \leq \frac{1}{|Q(y, l)|} \int_{B(y, r)} |x|^\alpha dx \\
 &= \frac{|y|^n}{|Q(y, l)|} \int_{B(\frac{y}{|y|}, \frac{r}{|y|})} ||y| z|^\alpha dz \quad (COV : z = \frac{x}{|y|} \implies |y|^n dz = dx) \\
 &= \frac{|y|^{n+\alpha}}{|Q(y, l)|} \int_{B(\frac{y}{|y|}, \frac{r}{|y|})} |z|^\alpha dz \\
 &= \frac{|y|^n}{|Q(y, l)|} w(y) \int_{B(\frac{y}{|y|}, \frac{r}{|y|})} |z|^\alpha dz
 \end{aligned}$$