

Mapping Properties Of Certain Hardy-Type Operator Over Cones In \mathbb{R}^N

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Abstract. Mapping properties of the operator

$$(Kf)(x) = u_1(x) \int_{b(|x|)S \setminus a(|x|)S} v_1(t) f(t) dt + u_2(x) \int_{d(|x|)S \setminus c(|x|)S} v_2(t) f(t) dt,$$

where $u_i, v_i, i = 1, 2$, are certain general measurable functions on E (not necessarily non negative), between weighted Lebesgue spaces $L^p(E, w_0)$ and $L^q(E, w_1)$, E and αS being certain cones in \mathbb{R}^N , $1 < p, q < \infty$, are studied in terms of the corresponding one dimensional operator and the precise weight conditions for the same are obtained.

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1 Introduction

In [18] (see also [12]), P.A. Zharov studied the $L^p - L^q$ boundedness of the operator

$$(Af)(s) = U_1(s) \int_0^s V_1(t) f(t) dt + U_2(s) \int_s^\infty V_2(t) f(t) dt,$$

where $U_i, V_i, i = 1, 2$, are certain general measurable functions (not necessarily non negative). This operator is more general than the Hardy operator

$$(Hf)(s) = \int_0^s f(t) dt$$

and its conjugate operator

$$(H^*f)(s) = \int_s^\infty f(t) dt.$$

A complete study of these operators can be found in [3, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17] and the references therein. In [7], Jain and Gupta considered a variant of the operator A i.e.

$$(Lf)(s) = U_1(s) \int_{a(s)}^{b(s)} V_1(t) f(t) dt + U_2(s) \int_{c(s)}^{d(s)} V_2(t) f(t) dt, \quad (1.1)$$

where (and throughout the paper) a, b, c, d are strictly increasing differentiable functions on $[0, \infty]$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} a(s) &< b(s) \leq c(s) < d(s), & s \in (0, \infty) \\ a(0) &= b(0) = c(0) = d(0) = 0 \\ a(\infty) &= b(\infty) = c(\infty) = d(\infty) = \infty, \end{aligned}$$

$U_i, V_i, i = 1, 2$ are general measurable functions (not necessarily non-negative) on $(0, \infty)$ and characterized the boundedness as well as compactness of L between weighted Lebesgue spaces. This operator is derived from the Steklov operator:

$$(Tf)(s) = \int_{a(s)}^{b(s)} f(t) dt.$$

The boundedness of T between weighted Lebesgue spaces was studied by Heinig and Sinnamon [4] and its compactness by Jain and Gupta [6].

The aim of the present paper is to study the operator

$$\begin{aligned} (Kf)(x) &= u_1(x) \int_{b(|x|)S \setminus a(|x|)S} v_1(t) f(t) dt \\ &+ u_2(x) \int_{d(|x|)S \setminus c(|x|)S} v_2(t) f(t) dt, \quad x \in E \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

where E and αS are certain cones in \mathbb{R}^N (defined below), $u_i, v_i, i = 1, 2$ are general measurable functions (not necessarily non-negative) on E and a, b, c, d are as defined above. This operator is a higher dimensional analogue of the operator L .

In Section 2, we characterize the boundedness and compactness of K in terms of the corresponding properties of the operator L and then in Section 3, using the weight characterization for the boundedness and compactness of the operator L , the precise conditions for the case of operator K are obtained. Such reduction to one dimension for higher dimensional Steklov operator:

$$(T_E f)(x) = \int_{b(|x|)S \setminus a(|x|)S} f(y) dy,$$

was given by Sinnamon [15] for the case of boundedness and by Jain, Jain and Gupta [9] for the case of compactness. For a study of higher dimensional operators [8, 10, 14] may be referred. In [15], Sinnamon has studied the boundedness of Steklov operator over the smoothly star shaped regions in \mathbb{R}^N which includes the class of cones in \mathbb{R}^N . The same notations E and αS for cones in \mathbb{R}^N are used in this paper as done by Sinnamon for star shaped regions [15] without any ambiguity.

Let $I \subset \mathbb{R}^N$, w be a weight function on I and $1 < p < \infty$. $L^p(I, w)$ denotes the weighted Lebesgue space

$$L^p(I, w) = \left\{ f : \left(\int_I |f(x)|^p w(x) dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty \right\}.$$

Let Σ be the unit sphere in \mathbb{R}^N i.e. $\Sigma = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^N : |x| = 1\}$, where $|x| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$ is the Euclidean norm of the vector $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$. Let B be a measurable subset of Σ , we denote by E , a cone in \mathbb{R}^N defined by

$$E = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^N : x = s\sigma; 0 \leq s < \infty, \sigma \in B\}$$

and αS , $\alpha > 0$, denote the part of E with radius $\leq \alpha$, i.e.,

$$\alpha S = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^N : y = s\sigma; 0 \leq s \leq \alpha, \sigma \in B\}.$$

In this light,

$$b(|x|)S \setminus a(|x|)S = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^N : y = s\sigma; a(|x|) \leq s \leq b(|x|), \sigma \in B\}.$$

Let Y denote a normed linear space and Y^* be its conjugate space. A sequence $\{y_n\}$ in Y is said to be norm convergent (or convergent) to some $y \in Y$, denoted by $y_n \rightarrow y$ if $\|y_n - y\|_Y \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Sequence $\{y_n\}$ is said to be weakly convergent to $y \in Y$ if $y^*(y_n) \rightarrow y^*(y)$ for every $y^* \in Y^*$. A sequence $\{y_n^*\} \subset Y^*$ is said to be weak* convergent to some $y^* \in Y^*$ if $y_n^*(y) \rightarrow y^*(y)$ for every $y \in Y$. Every norm convergent sequence is known to be weakly convergent and every weakly convergent sequence to be weak* convergent. The reverse of these implications do not hold in general. In case Y is a reflexive space weak* convergence implies weak convergence.

2 Boundedness and Compactness of the operator K

In this Section we shall study the boundedness and compactness of the operator K given by (1.2) in terms of the operator L given by (1.1). For the proofs of the subsequent theorems we shall need certain well known results which are stated below:

Theorem A. *Let X and Y be Banach spaces.*

- (i) *A bounded linear operator $A : X \rightarrow Y$ is compact if and only if its conjugate $A^* : Y^* \rightarrow X^*$ is compact.*
- (ii) *A compact operator maps every weakly convergent sequence to a norm convergent sequence.*
- (iii) *An operator $A : X \rightarrow Y$ is compact if $A^* : Y^* \rightarrow X^*$ is weak*-norm sequentially continuous, i.e., for each sequence $\{f_n\}$ in Y^* with $f_n \xrightarrow{w^*} f$ for some f in Y^* , we have $A^*(f_n) \rightarrow A^*f$.*

These results can be found in any standard book on functional analysis e.g., [2], [5]. In particular, Theorem A(iii) is taken from ([2], p. 15).

For weight functions w_0, w_1 on E , let us set

$$W_1(t) = \int_B w_1(t\tau)t^{N-1}d\tau \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$W_0(t) = \left(\int_B w_0^{1-p'}(t\tau) t^{N-1} d\tau \right)^{1-p}, \quad (2.2)$$

$t \in (0, \infty)$. Now, we prove below our first main result wherein the boundedness of the operator $K : L^p(E, w_0) \rightarrow L^q(E, w_1)$ is studied in terms of the boundedness of the operator $L : L^p((0, \infty), W_0) \rightarrow L^q((0, \infty), W_1)$.

Theorem 2.1. *Let E be a cone in \mathbb{R}^N , $1 < p, q < \infty$, w_0, w_1 be weight functions defined on E and u_i, v_i , $i = 1, 2$ be certain general measurable functions on E depending only on the radial component. Then the inequality*

$$\left(\int_E |(Kf)(x)|^q w_1(x) dx \right)^{1/q} \leq C \left(\int_E |f(x)|^p w_0(x) dx \right)^{1/p} \quad (2.3)$$

holds for all locally integrable functions $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ if and only if

$$\left(\int_0^\infty |(LF)(s)|^q W_1(s) ds \right)^{1/q} \leq C \left(\int_0^\infty |F(s)|^p W_0(s) ds \right)^{1/p} \quad (2.4)$$

holds for all locally integrable functions $F : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where

$$U_i(t) = u_i(t\tau), \quad V_i(t) = v_i(t\tau), \quad \tau \in B, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad (2.5)$$

and W_0, W_1 are given by (2.1) and (2.2). Moreover the best constants in (2.3) and (2.4) coincide.

Proof. Suppose (2.4) holds and fix a locally integrable function $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Set

$$F(t) = \int_B f(t\tau) t^{N-1} d\tau. \quad (2.6)$$

Making change of variables and using (2.4), (2.5), (2.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\int_E |(Kf)(x)|^q w_1(x) dx \right)^{1/q} \\
&= \left(\int_E \left| u_1(x) \int_{b(|x|)S \setminus a(|x|)S} v_1(y) f(y) dy + u_2(x) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. \times \int_{d(|x|)S \setminus c(|x|)S} v_2(y) f(y) dy \right|^q w_1(x) dx \right)^{1/q} \\
&= \left(\int_E \left| u_1(x) \int_{a(|x|)}^{b(|x|)} \int_B v_1(s\sigma) f(s\sigma) s^{N-1} d\sigma ds + u_2(x) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. \times \int_{c(|x|)}^{d(|x|)} \int_B v_2(s\sigma) f(s\sigma) s^{N-1} d\sigma ds \right|^q w_1(x) dx \right)^{1/q} \\
&= \left(\int_E \left| u_1(x) \int_{a(|x|)}^{b(|x|)} V_1(s) F(s) ds + u_2(x) \int_{c(|x|)}^{d(|x|)} V_2(s) F(s) ds \right|^q w_1(x) dx \right)^{1/q} \\
&= \left(\int_0^\infty \int_B \left| u_1(t\tau) \int_{a(t)}^{b(t)} V_1(s) F(s) ds + u_2(t\tau) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. \times \int_{c(t)}^{d(t)} V_2(s) F(s) ds \right|^q w_1(t\tau) t^{N-1} d\tau dt \right)^{1/q} \\
&= \left(\int_0^\infty \left| U_1(t) \int_{a(t)}^{b(t)} V_1(s) F(s) ds + U_2(t) \int_{c(t)}^{d(t)} V_2(s) F(s) ds \right|^q W_1(t) dt \right)^{1/q} \\
&\leq C \left(\int_0^\infty |F(t)|^p W_0(t) dt \right)^{1/p},
\end{aligned}$$

which is the R.H.S of (2.4), now following the proof of Theorem 1.1 in [15], it can be shown to be less than or equal to

$$C \left(\int_E |f(x)|^p w_0(x) dx \right)^{1/p}.$$

Thus the inequality (2.3) holds. Conversely, suppose that the inequality (2.3) holds and fix a locally integrable function $F : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Define $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f(t\tau) = F(t) W_0^{p'-1}(t) w_0^{1-p'}(t\tau).$$

It can be easily shown that the functions f and F also satisfy (2.6), and as above we get

$$\left(\int_0^\infty |(LF)(t)|^q W_1(t) dt \right)^{1/q} = \left(\int_E |(Kf)(x)|^q w_1(x) dx \right)^{1/q}.$$

Now using inequality (2.3) and following the proof of Theorem 1.1 in [15], we get the inequality (2.4). \square

Next we study the compactness of the operator K in terms of the operator L .

Theorem 2.2. *Let E be a cone in \mathbb{R}^N , $1 < p, q < \infty$, w_0, w_1 be weight functions defined on E and u_i, v_i , $i = 1, 2$ be certain general measurable functions on E depending only on the radial component. Then the operator $K : L^p(E, w_0) \rightarrow L^q(E, w_1)$ is compact if and only if the corresponding one dimensional operator $L : L^p((0, \infty), W_0) \rightarrow L^q((0, \infty), W_1)$ is compact where*

$$U_i(t) = u_i(t\tau), \quad V_i(t) = v_i(t\tau), \quad \tau \in B, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad (2.7)$$

and W_0, W_1 are as given by (2.1) and (2.2).

Proof. Let us first assume that $L : L^p((0, \infty), W_0) \rightarrow L^q((0, \infty), W_1)$ is compact. In order to show that the operator K is compact, in view of Theorem A, it is sufficient to show that $K^* : L^{q'}(E, w_1^{1-q'}) \rightarrow L^{p'}(E, w_0^{1-p'})$ is w^* -norm sequentially continuous. Note that

$$L^* : L^{q'}((0, \infty), W_1^{1-q'}) \rightarrow L^{p'}((0, \infty), W_0^{1-p'}),$$

is defined as

$$L^*(G(t)) = V_1(t) \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{a^{-1}(t)} U_1(s)G(s)ds + V_2(t) \int_{d^{-1}(t)}^{c^{-1}(t)} U_2(s)G(s)ds,$$

since, by Fubini's Theorem, for any $G \in L^{q'}((0, \infty), W_1^{1-q'})$ and $F \in L^p((0, \infty), W_0)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle LF, G \rangle \\ &= \int_0^\infty \left(U_1(s) \int_{a(s)}^{b(s)} V_1(t)F(t)dt + U_2(s) \int_{c(s)}^{d(s)} V_2(t)F(t)dt \right) G(s)ds \\ &= \int_0^\infty U_1(s) \left(\int_{a(s)}^{b(s)} V_1(t)F(t)dt \right) G(s)ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^\infty U_2(s) \left(\int_{c(s)}^{d(s)} V_2(t)F(t)dt \right) G(s)ds \\ &= \int_0^\infty \left(V_1(t) \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{a^{-1}(t)} U_1(s)G(s)ds \right) F(t)dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^\infty V_2(t) \left(\int_{d^{-1}(t)}^{c^{-1}(t)} U_2(s)G(s)ds \right) F(t)dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \left(V_1(t) \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{a^{-1}(t)} U_1(s)G(s)ds + V_2(t) \int_{d^{-1}(t)}^{c^{-1}(t)} U_2(s)G(s)ds \right) F(t)dt \\ &= \langle F, L^*G \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$K^* : L^{q'}(E, w_1^{1-q'}) \rightarrow L^{p'}(E, w_0^{1-p'})$$

is given by

$$\begin{aligned} K^*(g(x)) &= v_1(x) \int_{a^{-1}(|x|)S \setminus b^{-1}(|x|)S} u_1(y)g(y)dy \\ &\quad + v_2(x) \int_{c^{-1}(|x|)S \setminus d^{-1}(|x|)S} u_2(y)g(y)dy. \end{aligned}$$

Let us take a weak*-null sequence $\{f_n\}$ in $L^{q'}(E, w_1^{1-q'})$ and define

$$F_n(t) = \int_B f_n(t\tau)t^{N-1}d\tau, \quad n \in N, t \in (0, \infty). \quad (2.8)$$

Following the proof of Theorem 3.1 in [9], we get that $F_n \in L^{q'}((0, \infty), W_1^{1-q'})$, $n \in N$ and $\{F_n\}$ is weakly convergent to 0. Using the compactness of L and Theorem A, we get

$$\|L^*F_n\|_{L^{p'}((0, \infty), W_0^{1-p'})} \rightarrow 0.$$

Finally, by changing variables $x = t\tau$, $y = s\sigma$ and using (2.7), (2.8), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\|K^*f_n\|_{L^{p'}(E, w_0^{1-p'})} \\ &= \left(\int_E \left(v_1(x) \int_{a^{-1}(|x|)S \setminus b^{-1}(|x|)S} u_1(y)f_n(y)dy + v_2(x) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \times \int_{c^{-1}(|x|)S \setminus d^{-1}(|x|)S} u_2(y)f_n(y)dy \right)^{p'} w_0^{1-p'}(x)dx \right)^{1/p'} \\ &= \left(\int_0^\infty \int_B \left(v_1(t\tau) \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{a^{-1}(t)} u_1(s\sigma)f_n(s\sigma)s^{N-1}d\sigma ds + v_2(t\tau) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \times \int_{d^{-1}(t)}^{c^{-1}(t)} u_2(s\sigma)f_n(s\sigma)s^{N-1}d\sigma ds \right)^{p'} w_0^{1-p'}(t\tau)t^{N-1}d\tau dt \right)^{1/p'} \\ &= \left(\int_0^\infty \left(V_1(t) \int_{b^{-1}(t)}^{a^{-1}(t)} U_1(s)F_n(s)ds + V_2(t) \int_{d^{-1}(t)}^{c^{-1}(t)} U_2(s)F_n(s)ds \right)^{p'} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times W_0^{1-p'}(t)dt \right)^{1/p'} \\ &= \|L^*F_n\|_{L^{p'}((0, \infty), W_0^{1-p'})}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\|K^*f_n\|_{L^{p'}(E, w_0^{1-p'})} \rightarrow 0.$$

This proves that K is compact. Conversely, assume that $K : L^p(E, w_0) \rightarrow L^q(E, w_1)$ is compact. To show that L is compact, we take a weak*-null sequence

$\{F_n\}$ in $L^{q'}((0, \infty), W_1^{1-q'})$. Next, define

$$f_n(t\tau) = F_n(t)w_1(t\tau)W_1^{-1}(t), \quad n \in N \quad \tau \in B.$$

Once again following the proof of Theorem 3.1 in [9], $\{f_n\}$ can be shown to be a weakly-null sequence in $L^{q'}(E, w_1^{1-q'})$. Then, by using the compactness of K and Theorem A

$$\|L^*F_n\|_{L^{p'}((0, \infty), W_0^{1-p'})} = \|K^*f_n\|_{L^{p'}(E, w_0^{1-p'})} \rightarrow 0.$$

Hence L is also compact. □

3 The precise conditions

In this section we obtain the precise weight conditions for the boundedness and compactness of the operator K for $1 < p \leq q < \infty$ using the weight characterization for the boundedness and compactness of the operator L which have already been obtained by Jain and Gupta [7]. Theorem 2.1 of [7] holds for all locally integrable functions if $U_i, V_i, i = 1, 2$ and W_0, W_1 are taken to be locally integrable. We state their results below:

Theorem B *Let $1 < p \leq q < \infty$, W_0, W_1 be locally integrable weight functions defined on $(0, \infty)$ and $U_i, V_i, i = 1, 2$ be certain locally integrable functions on $(0, \infty)$. Then the inequality (2.4) holds for all locally integrable functions F if and only if*

$$\mathcal{B} = \max(\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2) < \infty, \tag{3.1}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_1 := \sup_{\substack{t < s \\ a(s) < b(t)}} \mathcal{B}_1(s, t) &= \sup_{\substack{t < s \\ a(s) < b(t)}} \left(\int_t^s W_1(s) |U_1(s)|^q ds \right)^{1/q} \\ &\quad \times \left(\int_{a(s)}^{b(t)} W_0^{1-p'}(s) |V_1(s)|^{p'} ds \right)^{1/p'} \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_2 := \sup_{\substack{t < s \\ c(s) < d(t)}} \mathcal{B}_2(s, t) &= \sup_{\substack{t < s \\ c(s) < d(t)}} \left(\int_t^s W_1(s) |U_2(s)|^q ds \right)^{1/q} \\ &\quad \times \left(\int_{c(s)}^{d(t)} W_0^{1-p'}(s) |V_2(s)|^{p'} ds \right)^{1/p'}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

Theorem C *Let $1 < p \leq q < \infty$, W_0, W_1 be weight functions defined on $(0, \infty)$, $U_i, V_i, i = 1, 2$ be certain general measurable functions on $(0, \infty)$ and*

$\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2$ be as defined by (3.2) and (3.3). Further assume that $\int_0^\infty W_0^{1-p'}(s) ds$, $\int_0^\infty W_1(s) ds$ are finite. Then the operator L is compact if and only if L is bounded i.e. (3.1) holds and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow s^-} \mathcal{B}_1(s, t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow b^{-1}(a(s))^+} \mathcal{B}_1(s, t) = 0, & \text{for every } s > 0 \\ \lim_{s \rightarrow t^+} \mathcal{B}_1(s, t) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow a^{-1}(b(t))^-} \mathcal{B}_1(s, t) = 0, & \text{for every } t > 0 \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow s^-} \mathcal{B}_2(s, t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow d^{-1}(c(s))^+} \mathcal{B}_2(s, t) = 0, & \text{for every } s > 0 \\ \lim_{s \rightarrow t^+} \mathcal{B}_2(s, t) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow c^{-1}(d(t))^-} \mathcal{B}_2(s, t) = 0. & \text{for every } t > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Using Theorem 2.1 and Theorem B we now obtain the precise weight conditions for the inequality (2.3).

Theorem 3.1. *Let E be a cone in \mathbb{R}^N , $1 < p \leq q < \infty$, w_0, w_1 be locally integrable weight functions defined on E and u_i, v_i , $i = 1, 2$ be certain locally integrable functions on E depending only on the radial component. Then the inequality (2.3) holds for all locally integrable functions f if and only if*

$$\mathcal{D} = \max(\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2) < \infty, \quad (3.4)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_1 := \sup_{\substack{t < s \\ a(s) < b(t)}} \mathcal{D}_1(s, t) &= \sup_{\substack{t < s \\ a(s) < b(t)}} \left(\int_{sS \setminus tS} w_1(y) |u_1(y)|^q dy \right)^{1/q} \\ &\quad \times \left(\int_{b(t)S \setminus a(s)S} w_0^{1-p'}(y) |v_1(y)|^{p'} dy \right)^{1/p'} \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_2 := \sup_{\substack{t < s \\ c(s) < d(t)}} \mathcal{D}_2(s, t) &= \sup_{\substack{t < s \\ c(s) < d(t)}} \left(\int_{sS \setminus tS} w_1(y) |u_2(y)|^q dy \right)^{1/q} \\ &\quad \times \left(\int_{d(t)S \setminus c(s)S} w_0^{1-p'}(y) |v_2(y)|^{p'} dy \right)^{1/p'}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Proof. Proof of Theorem 3.1 follows from Theorem 2.1 and Theorem B, once

we prove that $\mathcal{B}_1 = \mathcal{D}_1$ and $\mathcal{B}_2 = \mathcal{D}_2$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{B}_1(s, t) \\
&= \left(\int_t^s W_1(s) |U_1(s)|^q ds \right)^{1/q} \left(\int_{a(s)}^{b(t)} W_0^{1-p'}(s) |V_1(s)|^{p'} ds \right)^{1/p'} \\
&= \left(\int_t^s \int_B w_1(s\sigma) |u_1(s\sigma)|^q s^{N-1} d\sigma ds \right)^{1/q} \\
&\quad \times \left(\int_{a(s)}^{b(t)} \int_B w_0^{1-p'}(s\sigma) |v_1(s\sigma)|^{p'} s^{N-1} d\sigma ds \right)^{1/p'} \\
&= \left(\int_{sS \setminus tS} w_1(y) |u_1(y)|^q dy \right)^{1/q} \left(\int_{b(t)S \setminus a(s)S} w_0^{1-p'}(y) |u_1(y)|^{p'} dy \right)^{1/p'} \\
&= \mathcal{D}_1(s, t),
\end{aligned}$$

for every s and t . Therefore $\mathcal{B}_1 = \mathcal{D}_1$ and similarly $\mathcal{B}_2 = \mathcal{D}_2$. \square

Finally we give precise weight conditions for the compactness of the operator K .

Theorem 3.2. *Let E be a cone in \mathbb{R}^N , $1 < p \leq q < \infty$, w_0, w_1 be weight functions defined on E , u_i, v_i , $i = 1, 2$ be certain general measurable functions on E depending only on the radial component and $\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2$ be as defined by (3.5) and (3.6). Further assume that $\int_E w_0^{1-p'}(y) dy$, $\int_E w_1(y) dy$ are finite. Then the operator K is compact if and only if K is bounded i.e. (3.4) holds and*

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{t \rightarrow s^-} \mathcal{D}_1(s, t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow b^{-1}(a(s))^+} \mathcal{D}_1(s, t) = 0, & \text{for every } s > 0 \\
\lim_{s \rightarrow t^+} \mathcal{D}_1(s, t) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow a^{-1}(b(t))^-} \mathcal{D}_1(s, t) = 0, & \text{for every } t > 0 \\
\lim_{t \rightarrow s^-} \mathcal{D}_2(s, t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow d^{-1}(c(s))^+} \mathcal{D}_2(s, t) = 0, & \text{for every } s > 0 \\
\lim_{s \rightarrow t^+} \mathcal{D}_2(s, t) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow c^{-1}(d(t))^-} \mathcal{D}_2(s, t) = 0. & \text{for every } t > 0
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. Theorem 3.2 follows by using Theorem 2.2, Theorem C and the fact that $\mathcal{B}_1 = \mathcal{D}_1$ and $\mathcal{B}_2 = \mathcal{D}_2$. \square

Remark 3.3 *Note that Theorem 2.1 and 2.2 are proved for $1 < p, q < \infty$, however Theorem 3.1 and 3.2 hold for $1 < p \leq q < \infty$. Once the weight characterization for the boundedness of the operator L are obtained for $1 < q < p < \infty$, Theorem 3.1 can also be obtained for $1 < q < p < \infty$. In view of the general principle of Ando [1], the weight characterization for the compactness*

of L and K for $1 < q < p < \infty$ would be same as that for the boundedness of these operators.

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