

On a weighted inequality for fractional integrals

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The weighted inequality

$$\|I_\alpha f\|_{L^q_V} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p} \quad (1)$$

for the Riesz potential I_α , $0 < \alpha < n$, plays an important role in the theory of PDEs. It is worth mentioning its applications to the theory of Sobolev embeddings (see, e.g., [Maz]), its connection with eigenvalue estimates for the Schrödinger operator $H = -\Delta - V$ with a potential V (see, e.g., [FJW], PP. 91-94), etc. In 1972 D. Adams proved that the above mentioned weighted inequality holds for $1 < p < q < \infty$ if and only if there is a positive constant C such that for all balls B in \mathbb{R}^n ,

$$V(B) \leq C|B|^{(1/p-\alpha/n)q}.$$

In the diagonal case, i.e., when $p = q$, necessity of this condition remains valid, however, it is not sufficient for (1) (see, e.g., [Le]). We proved that the condition

$$V(B) \leq C|B|^{1-p\alpha/n}$$

is simultaneously necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of I_α from the Lorentz space $L^{p,1}$ to the weighted Lebesgue space L^p_V . Some other related results are also derived.

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