

Let $G_{|x|}(s)$ be the function inside the square brackets in (2.4.56). Then $G_{|x|}(s) \rightarrow 0$ as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ for all s . The hypothesis (2.4.42) implies that $G_{|x|}$ is bounded by a constant and it is therefore integrable over the interval $[\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon, \infty)$ with respect to the measure $s^{-n-1}ds$. By the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem we deduce that the expression in (2.4.56) converges to zero as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ and thus it can be made smaller than $\eta/2$ for $|x| \geq R_2$, for some constant R_2 . Then with $R'_0 = \sqrt{2}R_2$ we have that if $|(x, t)| \geq R'_0$ then (2.4.56) is at most $\eta/2$. Since $U - V \leq U$, we deduce the validity of (2.4.54) for $|(x, t)| > R_0 = \max(R'_0, R''_0)$.

Let $r = p/q > 1$. Assumption (2.4.42) implies that the functions $x \mapsto |F(x, t)|^q$ are in L^r uniformly in t . Since any closed ball of L^r is weak* compact, there is a sequence $\varepsilon_k \rightarrow 0$ such that $|F(x, \varepsilon_k)|^q \rightarrow h$ weakly in L^r as $k \rightarrow \infty$ to some function $h \in L^r$. Since $P_t \in L^{r'}$, this implies that

$$(|F(\cdot, \varepsilon_k)|^q * P_t)(x) \rightarrow (h * P_t)(x)$$

for all $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$. Using (2.4.53) we obtain

$$|F(x, t)|^q = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} |F(x, t + \varepsilon_k)|^q \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} (|F(\cdot, \varepsilon_k)|^q * P_t)(x) = (h * P_t)(x),$$

which gives for all $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$,

$$|F|^*(x) \leq \left[\sup_{t>0} \sup_{|y-x|<t} (|h * P_t)(y) \right]^{1/q} \leq C'_n M(h)(x)^{1/q}. \quad (2.4.57)$$

Let $g \in L^{r'}(\mathbf{R}^n)$ with $L^{r'}$ norm at most one. The weak convergence yields

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |F(x, \varepsilon_k)|^q g(x) dx \rightarrow \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} h(x) g(x) dx$$

as $k \rightarrow \infty$, and consequently we have

$$\left| \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} h(x) g(x) dx \right| \leq \sup_k \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |F(x, \varepsilon_k)|^q |g(x)| dx \leq \|g\|_{L^{r'}} \sup_{t>0} \left(\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |F(x, t)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}.$$

Since g is arbitrary with $L^{r'}$ norm at most one, this implies that

$$\|h\|_{L^r} \leq \sup_{t>0} \left(\int_{\mathbf{R}^n} |F(x, t)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}. \quad (2.4.58)$$

Putting things together, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \| |F|^* \|_{L^p} &\leq C'_n \| M(h)^{1/q} \|_{L^p} \\ &= C'_n \| M(h) \|_{L^r}^{1/q} \\ &\leq C_{n,p,q} \| h \|_{L^r}^{1/q} \end{aligned}$$