6.2 Distributional Estimates for the Carleson Operator

We apply (6.2.7) to the pair (E_{α}^{j}, F) for any j = 1, 2, 3, 4. We find a subset $(E_{\alpha}^{j})'$ of E_{α}^{j} of at least half its measure so that (6.2.7) holds for this pair. Then we have

$$\frac{\alpha}{2}|E_{\alpha}^{j}| \leq \alpha|(E_{\alpha}^{j})'| \leq \left|\int_{(E_{\alpha}^{j})'} \Pi_{N}(\chi_{F})(x) dx\right|$$
$$\leq 2C' \min(|E_{\alpha}^{j}|, |F|) \left(1 + \left|\log\frac{|E_{\alpha}^{j}|}{|F|}\right|\right). \quad (6.2.8)$$

If $|E_{\alpha}^{j}| \leq |F|$, this estimate implies that

$$|E_{\alpha}^{j}| \le |F|ee^{-\frac{1}{4C'}\alpha},$$
 (6.2.9)

while if $|E_{\alpha}^{j}| > |F|$, it implies that

$$\alpha \le 4C' \frac{|F|}{|E_{\alpha}^{j}|} \left(1 + \log \frac{|E_{\alpha}^{j}|}{|F|}\right). \tag{6.2.10}$$

Case 1: $\alpha > 4C'$. If $|E_{\alpha}^{j}| > |F|$, setting $t = |E_{\alpha}^{j}|/|F| > 1$ and using the fact that $\sup_{1 \le t \le \infty} \frac{1}{t} (1 + \log t) = 1$, we obtain that (6.2.10) fails. In this case we must therefore have that $|E_{\alpha}^{j}| \le |F|$. Applying (6.2.9) four times, we deduce

$$\{|\Pi_N(\chi_F)| > 4\alpha\}| \le 4e |F| e^{-\frac{1}{4C'}\alpha}.$$
(6.2.11)

Case 2: $\alpha \leq 4C'$. If $|E_{\alpha}^{j}| > |F|$, we use the elementary fact that if t > 1 satisfies $t(1 + \log t)^{-1} < \frac{B}{\alpha}$, then $t < \frac{2B}{\alpha}(1 + \log \frac{2B}{\alpha})$; to prove this fact one may use the inequalities $t < \frac{2B}{\alpha}(1 + \log \sqrt{t})$ and $\log \sqrt{t} \leq \log t - \log(1 + \log \sqrt{t}) \leq \log \frac{2B}{\alpha}$ for t > 1. Taking $t = |E_{\alpha}^{j}|/|F|$ and B = 4C' in (6.2.10) yields

$$\frac{|E_{\alpha}^{j}|}{|F|} \le \frac{8C'}{\alpha} \left(1 + \log\frac{8C'}{\alpha}\right). \tag{6.2.12}$$

If $|E_{\alpha}^{j}| \leq |F|$, then we use (6.2.9), but we note that for some constant c' > 1 we have

$$e e^{-\frac{1}{4C'}\alpha} \leq c' \frac{8C'}{\alpha} \left(1 + \log \frac{8C'}{\alpha}\right)$$

whenever $\alpha \leq 4C'$. Thus, when $\alpha \leq 4C'$, we always have

$$|\{|\Pi_N(\chi_F)| > 4\alpha\}| \le c' \frac{32C'}{\alpha} |F| \left(1 + \log \frac{8C'}{\alpha}\right). \tag{6.2.13}$$

Combining (6.2.11) and (6.2.13), we obtain (6.2.1) with Π_N in place of \mathscr{C} . Then (6.2.6) yields (6.2.1) with \mathscr{C}_N in place of \mathscr{C} and this suffices for the proof of the statement in part (a) of the theorem by a limiting argument, as observed before.