

Also by the definitions of  $E_\varepsilon$  and  $U(f; \Phi)^{\varepsilon, N}$ , for any  $x \in E_\varepsilon$  we have

$$t |\nabla(\Phi_t * f)(\xi)| \left( \frac{t}{t + \varepsilon} \right)^N \frac{1}{(1 + \varepsilon |\xi|)^N} \leq K M_1^*(f; \Phi)^{\varepsilon, N}(x) \quad (2.1.33)$$

for all  $\xi$  satisfying  $|\xi - x| < t < \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ . It follows from (2.1.32) and (2.1.33) that

$$t |\nabla(\Phi_t * f)(\xi)| \leq 2K |(\Phi_t * f)(y_0)| \left( \frac{1 + \varepsilon |\xi|}{1 + \varepsilon |y_0|} \right)^N \quad (2.1.34)$$

for all  $\xi$  satisfying  $|\xi - x| < t < \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$ . We let  $z \in B(x, t) \cap B(y_0, t)$ . Applying the mean value theorem and using (2.1.34), we obtain, for some  $\xi$  between  $y_0$  and  $z$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |(\Phi_t * f)(z) - (\Phi_t * f)(y_0)| &= |\nabla(\Phi_t * f)(\xi)| |z - y_0| \\ &\leq \frac{2K}{t} |(\Phi_t * f)(\xi)| \left( \frac{1 + \varepsilon |\xi|}{1 + \varepsilon |y_0|} \right)^N |z - y_0| \\ &\leq \frac{2^{N+1}K}{t} |(\Phi_t * f)(y_0)| |z - y_0| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} |(\Phi_t * f)(y_0)|, \end{aligned}$$

provided  $z$  also satisfies  $|z - y_0| < 2^{-N-2}K^{-1}t$  in addition to  $|z - x| < t$ . Therefore, for  $z$  satisfying  $|z - y_0| < 2^{-N-2}K^{-1}t$  and  $|z - x| < t$  we have

$$|(\Phi_t * f)(z)| \geq \frac{1}{2} |(\Phi_t * f)(y_0)| \geq \frac{1}{4} M_1^*(f; \Phi)^{\varepsilon, N}(x),$$

where the last inequality uses (2.1.32). Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} M(M(f; \Phi)^q)(x) &\geq \frac{1}{|B(x, t)|} \int_{B(x, t)} [M(f; \Phi)(w)]^q dw \\ &\geq \frac{1}{|B(x, t)|} \int_{B(x, t) \cap B(y_0, 2^{-N-2}K^{-1}t)} [M(f; \Phi)(w)]^q dw \\ &\geq \frac{1}{|B(x, t)|} \int_{B(x, t) \cap B(y_0, 2^{-N-2}K^{-1}t)} \frac{1}{4^q} [M_1^*(f; \Phi)^{\varepsilon, N}(x)]^q dw \\ &\geq \frac{|B(x, t) \cap B(y_0, 2^{-N-2}K^{-1}t)|}{|B(x, t)|} \frac{1}{4^q} [M_1^*(f; \Phi)^{\varepsilon, N}(x)]^q \\ &\geq C'(n, N, K)^{-1} 4^{-q} [M_1^*(f; \Phi)^{\varepsilon, N}(x)]^q, \end{aligned}$$

where we used the simple geometric fact that if  $|x - y_0| \leq t$  and  $\delta > 0$ , then

$$\frac{|B(x, t) \cap B(y_0, \delta t)|}{|B(x, t)|} \geq c_{n, \delta} > 0,$$

the minimum of this constant being obtained when  $|x - y_0| = t$ . See Figure 2.1.