

CHAPTER 6

Mixed type weighted integral inequalities for the Hardy-Steklov integral operators

6.1 Introduction

In this chapter, we characterize the weights ω, ρ, ϕ and ψ for which the integral operator of Hardy-Steklov type satisfies the following weak type mixed modular inequality

$$\mathcal{U}^{-1}\left(\int_{\{\mathcal{I}f > \gamma\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega)\rho\right) \leq \mathcal{V}^{-1}\left(\int \mathcal{V}(Cf\phi)\psi\right)$$

for some constant $C > 0$. We also prove the following mixed integral inequality of the extra-weak type under appropriate conditions on the weights ω, ϕ and ψ .

$$\omega\left(\{\mathcal{I}f > \gamma\}\right) \leq \mathcal{U} \circ \mathcal{V}^{-1}\left(\int \mathcal{V}\left(\frac{Cf\phi}{\gamma}\right)\psi\right).$$

Further, we discuss the above two integral inequalities for the adjoint of the integral operator of Hardy-Steklov type.

We consider the Hardy-Steklov integral operator $\mathcal{I}$, defined for a measurable function with values in $[0, \infty)$ by

$$\mathcal{I}f(t) = h(t) \int_{\zeta(t)}^{\sigma(t)} \mathcal{R}(t, z) f(z) w(z) dz, \quad (6.1)$$

where $\zeta, \sigma : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are continuous and increasing functions satisfying $\zeta(z) \leq \sigma(z)$ for each $z \in (a, b)$ with $-\infty \leq a < b \leq \infty$, the functions h and w are measurable with values in $(0, \infty)$ and the kernel $\mathcal{R}(t, z)$ defined on $\{(t, z); \zeta(t) \leq z \leq \sigma(t)\}$ satisfies the following conditions.

This chapter is based on *Mixed type weighted integral inequalities for the Hardy-Steklov integral operators* by R. Haloi and D. Chutia [28], communicated in *Mathematical Inequalities & Applications*.

- (a) $\mathcal{R}(t, z)$ is non-negative.
- (b) $\mathcal{R}(t_1, z) \leq \mathcal{R}(t_2, z)$ for $t_1 \leq t_2$.
- (c) $\mathcal{R}(t, z_1) \leq \mathcal{R}(t, z_2)$ for $z_2 \leq z_1$.
- (d) There exists a constant $M \geq 1$ for which

$$\mathcal{R}(x, y) \leq M \left[\mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(z)) + \mathcal{R}(z, y) \right] \quad (6.2)$$

holds, where $z \leq x$ and $\zeta(x) \leq y \leq \sigma(z)$.

For $\mathcal{R} \equiv 1$, the operator (6.1) is reduced to the Hardy-Steklov operator defined by

$$\mathcal{S}f(t) = h(t) \int_{\zeta(t)}^{\sigma(t)} f(z)w(z)dz. \quad (6.3)$$

From (6.3), it is observed that the Hardy-Steklov operator extends the notion of the Hardy operator to the dynamic limits. Weighted weak as well as strong type estimates for the operators of Hardy-Steklov type and its integral version have been studied substantially by several authors [5, 6, 10, 24, 59]. In [5], characterization of weights ρ and ψ has been established such that

$$\left(\int_{\{t \in (a,b): \mathcal{I}f(t) > \gamma\}} \gamma^q \rho(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq C \left(\int_{\zeta(a)}^{\sigma(b)} f(y)^p \psi(y) dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (6.4)$$

holds for a suitable constant $C > 0$ and for the exponents $0 < q < p$, $1 < p < \infty$ with $w = 1$. Our first goal is to study the inequality (6.4) in the Orlicz space setting for the Hardy-Steklov integral operator and its adjoint, $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}$ defined by

$$\tilde{\mathcal{I}}f(t) = w(t) \int_{\sigma^{-1}(t)}^{\zeta^{-1}(t)} \mathcal{R}(z, t) f(z) h(z) dz. \quad (6.5)$$

Among the various equivalent generalization of the estimate (6.4) in to the Orlicz space setting, we will consider the following form.

$$\mathcal{U}^{-1} \left(\int_{\{t \in (a,b): \mathcal{I}f(t) > \gamma\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma \omega(y)) \rho(y) dy \right) \leq \mathcal{V}^{-1} \left(\int_{\zeta(a)}^{\sigma(b)} \mathcal{V} \left(C f(y) \phi(y) \right) \psi(y) dy \right), \quad (6.6)$$

where $\gamma > 0$; ω, ρ, ϕ and ψ are weights and the conditions on $\mathcal{U}$ and $\mathcal{V}$ will be set down later.

The second objective of this study is to obtain the following weaker version of (6.6), that is

$$\int_{\{t \in (a,b): \mathcal{I}f(t) > \gamma\}} \omega(y) dy \leq \mathcal{U} \circ \mathcal{V}^{-1} \left(\int_{\zeta(a)}^{\sigma(b)} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{C f(y) \phi(y)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(y) dy \right). \quad (6.7)$$

We arrange the chapter as follows. In Section 6.2, we state a lemma which will be used later. Weak type results are discussed in Section 6.3. Extra-weak type inequalities for the operators (6.1) and (6.5) are considered in Section 6.4.

6.2 Preliminaries

In this section, we state the following lemma [6, pp. 278], which has significant contribution in the remaining sections.

Lemma 6.2.1. *Let $\Gamma = \{z \in (a, b) : \zeta(z) < \sigma(z)\}$. Then there exists a countable collection of open intervals $\{(a_m, b_m)\}$ such that $\Gamma = \cup_m (a_m, b_m)$ and*

- (a) $(\zeta(a_k), \sigma(b_k)) \cap (\zeta(a_m), \sigma(b_m)) = \emptyset$ for $m \neq k$,
- (b) for each m , there exists a sequence of real numbers $\{\xi_k^m\}$ satisfying
 - (i) $(a_m, b_m) = \cup_k (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m)$ a.e. for all m ,
 - (ii) $a_m \leq \xi_k^m < \xi_{k+1}^m \leq b_m$ for each m and k ,
 - (iii) $\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m) \leq \sigma(\xi_k^m)$ for each m, k and also, $\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m) = \sigma(\xi_k^m)$, if $a_m < \xi_k^m < \xi_{k+1}^m < b_m$.

6.3 Weak type results

Weak type inequalities for the integral operator of Hardy-Steklov type and its adjoint are discussed in this section. Following theorem is about the weak type result for the integral operator of Hardy-Steklov type.

Theorem 6.3.1. *Let $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}$ be the complementary function corresponding to an N -function $\mathcal{V}$. Suppose that $\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}$ is countably sub-additive, where $\mathcal{U}$ is strictly increasing and positive with $\mathcal{U}(0) = 0$. Let the function h be monotone on $\mathbb{R}$ and let the function $h(\cdot)\mathcal{R}(\cdot, y)$ satisfies that*

$$\inf_{x \in \Omega} h(x)\mathcal{R}(x, y) = \inf_{x \in (\inf \Omega, \sup \Omega)} h(x)\mathcal{R}(x, y)$$

for all bounded set Ω and all y . Then we have the following equivalent conditions.

- (i) There exists a positive constant C such that

$$\mathcal{U}^{-1}\left(\int_{\{t \in (a, b) : \mathcal{I}f(t) > \gamma\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma \omega(y)) \rho(y) dy\right) \leq \mathcal{V}^{-1}\left(\int_{\zeta(a)}^{\sigma(b)} \mathcal{V}(Cf(y)\phi(y)) \psi(y) dy\right) \quad (6.8)$$

holds for all functions $f \geq 0$ and each $\gamma > 0$.

(ii) There exists $C > 0$ such that

$$\int_{\zeta(\tau)}^{\sigma(t)} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left[\frac{(\inf_{(t,\tau)} h) \mathcal{R}(t, s) w(s) \pi(\gamma; t, \tau)}{C \gamma \phi(s) \psi(s)} \right] \psi(s) ds \leq \pi(\gamma; t, \tau) \quad (6.9)$$

and

$$\int_{\zeta(\tau)}^{\sigma(z)} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left[\frac{(\inf_{(t,\tau)} h(y) \mathcal{R}(y, \sigma(z))) w(s) \pi(\gamma; t, \tau)}{C \gamma \phi(s) \psi(s)} \right] \psi(s) ds \leq \pi(\gamma; t, \tau) \quad (6.10)$$

hold, where $a < z \leq t < \tau < b$ satisfying $\zeta(\tau) \leq \sigma(z) \leq \sigma(t)$ and

$$\pi(\gamma; t, \tau) = \left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_t^\tau \mathcal{U}(\gamma \omega(z)) \rho(z) dz \right).$$

Proof. (ii) $\implies$ (i).

Letting $\{\xi_k^m\}$ be the sequence given by Lemma 6.2.1, we then have

$$\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \left(\int_{\{t \in (a,b): \mathcal{I}f(t) > \gamma\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma \omega(y)) \rho(y) dy \right) \leq \sum_{m,k} \mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m): \mathcal{I}f(t) > \gamma\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma \omega(y)) \rho(y) dy \right). \quad (6.11)$$

Now for $t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m)$, we use Lemma 6.2.1 to break the integral (6.1) as

$$\mathcal{I}f(t) = h(t) \left[\int_{\zeta(t)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} + \int_{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)}^{\sigma(\xi_k^m)} + \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(t)} \right] \mathcal{R}(t, y) f(y) w(y) dy \quad (6.12)$$

$$= \mathcal{I}_1 f(t) + \mathcal{I}_2 f(t) + \mathcal{I}_3 f(t). \quad (6.13)$$

Thus from (6.13), we observe

$$\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m): \mathcal{I}f(t) > \gamma\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma \omega(y)) \rho(y) dy \right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 \mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m): \mathcal{I}_i f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{3}\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma \omega(y)) \rho(y) dy \right). \quad (6.14)$$

We will first estimate $\mathcal{I}_1 f$. Applying the inequality (6.2), we now break the kernel $\mathcal{R}$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}_1 f(t) &= h(t) \int_{\zeta(t)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{R}(t, y) f(y) w(y) dy \\ &\leq M \left[h(t) \left\{ \mathcal{R}(t, \sigma(\xi_k^m)) \int_{\zeta(t)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} + \int_{\zeta(t)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, y) \right\} f(y) w(y) dy \right] \\ &= M [\mathcal{I}_{1,1} f(t) + \mathcal{I}_{1,2} f(t)]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \mathcal{I}_1 f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{3}\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(y)) \rho(y) dy \right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^2 \nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \mathcal{I}_{1,i} f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M}\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(y)) \rho(y) dy \right). \quad (6.15)$$

To estimate $\mathcal{I}_{1,1} f$, we define a sequence $\{x_j\}$ as $x_0 = \xi_k^m$ and for each x_{j-1} let x_j be the number given by $\int_{\zeta(x_j)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} f w = \int_{\zeta(x_{j-1})}^{\zeta(x_j)} f w$. The sequence $\{x_j\}$ increases and satisfies $\int_{\zeta(x_j)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} f w = 4 \int_{\zeta(x_{j+1})}^{\zeta(x_{j+2})} f w$. Let us consider the set

$$\Omega_{1,1}^j = \left\{ t \in (x_j, x_{j+1}) : \mathcal{I}_{1,1} f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M} \right\}.$$

We define $\delta_{1,1}^j = \inf \Omega_{1,1}^j$ and $\epsilon_{1,1}^j = \sup \Omega_{1,1}^j$. If $x \in \Omega_{1,1}^j$, then

$$\frac{\gamma}{6M} < 4h(x)\mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(\xi_k^m)) \int_{\zeta(x_{j+1})}^{\zeta(x_{j+2})} f(z)w(z)dz. \quad (6.16)$$

As the estimate (6.16) holds for each $x \in \Omega_{1,1}^j$, thus

$$\gamma \leq 24M \left(\inf_{(\delta_{1,1}^j, \epsilon_{1,1}^j)} h(x)\mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(\xi_k^m)) \right) \int_{\zeta(x_{j+1})}^{\zeta(x_{j+2})} f(z)w(z)dz. \quad (6.17)$$

Let us denote $\pi(\gamma; \delta_{1,1}^j, \epsilon_{1,1}^j) = \left(\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_{\delta_{1,1}^j}^{\epsilon_{1,1}^j} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(\tau)) \rho(\tau) d\tau \right)$. Using (5.9) and (6.17), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi(\gamma; \delta_{1,1}^j, \epsilon_{1,1}^j) &\leq \int_{\zeta(x_{j+1})}^{\zeta(x_{j+2})} \left[48MC f(z)\phi(z) \right] \left[\frac{(\inf h(x)\mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(\xi_k^m)))w(z)\pi}{C\gamma\phi(z)\psi(z)} \right] \psi(z)dz \\ &\leq \int_{\zeta(x_{j+1})}^{\zeta(x_{j+2})} \nu \left(48MC f(z)\phi(z) \right) \psi(z)dz \\ &\quad + \int_{\zeta(x_{j+1})}^{\zeta(x_{j+2})} \tilde{\nu} \left(\frac{(\inf h(x)\mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(\xi_k^m)))w(z)\pi}{C\gamma\phi(z)\psi(z)} \right) \psi(z)dz. \end{aligned} \quad (6.18)$$

As $\zeta(\epsilon_{1,1}^j) \leq \zeta(x_{j+1}) \leq \zeta(x_{j+2}) \leq \zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m) \leq \sigma(\xi_k^m) \leq \sigma(x_j) \leq \sigma(\delta_{1,1}^j)$, from (6.10), we have

$$\int_{\zeta(x_{j+1})}^{\zeta(x_{j+2})} \tilde{\nu} \left(\frac{(\inf h(x)\mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(\xi_k^m)))w(z)\pi}{C\gamma\phi(z)\psi(z)} \right) \psi(z)dz \leq \pi(\gamma; \delta_{1,1}^j, \epsilon_{1,1}^j). \quad (6.19)$$

Combining (6.18) and (6.19), we obtain

$$\left(\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_{\Omega_{1,1}^j} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(\tau)) \rho(\tau) d\tau \right) \leq \int_{\zeta(x_{j+1})}^{\zeta(x_{j+2})} \nu \left(48MC f(z)\phi(z) \right) \psi(z)dz. \quad (6.20)$$

Summing up over j and applying the sub-additivity of $\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}$, we get

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \mathcal{I}_{1,1}f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M}\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(z))\rho(z)dz \right) \leq \int_{\zeta(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V}(48MCf(z)\phi(z))\psi(z)dz. \quad (6.21)$$

To estimate $\mathcal{I}_{1,2}$, we define a sequence $\{y_j\}$ as $y_0 = \xi_k^m$ and for each y_{j-1} let y_j be the number given by $\int_{\zeta(y_j)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, z)f(z)w(z)dz = \int_{\zeta(y_{j-1})}^{\zeta(y_j)} \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, z)f(z)w(z)dz$. Then $\{y_j\}$ increases and satisfies $\int_{\zeta(y_j)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, z)f(z)w(z)dz = 4 \int_{\zeta(y_{j+1})}^{\zeta(y_{j+2})} \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, z)f(z)w(z)dz$. As in the previous case, we define $\Omega_{1,2}^j = \left\{t \in (y_j, y_{j+1}) : \mathcal{I}_{1,2}f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M}\right\}$ with $\delta_{1,2}^j = \inf \Omega_{1,2}^j$ and $\epsilon_{1,2}^j = \sup \Omega_{1,2}^j$. For $x \in \Omega_{1,2}^j$, we have

$$\frac{\gamma}{6M} < 4h(x) \int_{\zeta(y_{j+1})}^{\zeta(y_{j+2})} \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, z)f(z)w(z)dz. \quad (6.22)$$

As the estimate (6.22) holds for each $x \in \Omega_{1,2}^j$, thus

$$\gamma \leq 24M \left(\inf_{(\delta_{1,2}^j, \epsilon_{1,2}^j)} h(x) \right) \int_{\zeta(y_{j+1})}^{\zeta(y_{j+2})} \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, z)f(z)w(z)dz. \quad (6.23)$$

We denote $\pi(\gamma; \delta_{1,2}^j, \epsilon_{1,2}^j) = \left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right) \left(\int_{\delta_{1,2}^j}^{\epsilon_{1,2}^j} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(\tau))\rho(\tau)d\tau \right)$. Applying (5.9) and (6.23), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi(\gamma; \delta_{1,2}^j, \epsilon_{1,2}^j) &\leq \int_{\zeta(y_{j+1})}^{\zeta(y_{j+2})} \mathcal{V}(48MCf(z)\phi(z))\psi(z)dz \\ &\quad + \int_{\zeta(y_{j+1})}^{\zeta(y_{j+2})} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, z)h(z)\pi}{C\gamma\phi(z)\psi(z)} \right) \psi(z)dz. \end{aligned} \quad (6.24)$$

As $\zeta(\epsilon_{1,2}^j) \leq \zeta(y_{j+1}) \leq \zeta(y_{j+2}) \leq \sigma(\delta_{1,2}^j)$, thus (6.9) gives

$$\int_{\zeta(y_{j+1})}^{\zeta(y_{j+2})} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, z)h(z)\pi}{C\gamma\phi(z)\psi(z)} \right) \psi(z)dz \leq \pi(\gamma; \delta_{1,2}^j, \epsilon_{1,2}^j). \quad (6.25)$$

Combining (6.24) and (6.25), we have

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right) \left(\int_{\Omega_{1,2}^j} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(z))\rho(z)dz \right) \leq \int_{\zeta(y_{j+1})}^{\zeta(y_{j+2})} \mathcal{V}(48MCf(z)\phi(z))\psi(z)dz.$$

Summing up in j and applying the sub-additivity of $\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}$, hence we obtain

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \mathcal{I}_{1,2}f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M}\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(z))\rho(z)dz \right) \leq \int_{\zeta(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V}(48MCf(z)\phi(z))\psi(z)dz. \quad (6.26)$$

Arguing similarly as in the previous case, we have

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \mathcal{I}_2 f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{3}\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma \omega(z)) \rho(z) dz \right) \leq \int_{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)}^{\sigma(\xi_k^m)} \mathcal{V}(48MCf(z)\phi(z)) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.27)$$

For $\mathcal{I}_3 f$, we consider $z_0 = \xi_{k+1}^m$ and define a decreasing sequence $\{z_j\}$ as

$$\mathcal{L}(z_j) = \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_j)} \mathcal{R}(z_j, \tau) f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau = (M+1)^{-j} \mathcal{L}(z_0).$$

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(z_j) &= (M+1)^2 \mathcal{L}(z_{j+2}) \\ &= (M+1)^2 \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+2})} \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \tau) f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau \\ &= (M+1)^2 \left[\int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+3})} + \int_{\sigma(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma(z_{j+2})} \right] \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \tau) f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau \\ &\leq (M+1)^2 \left[\int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+3})} M \left\{ \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \sigma(z_{j+3})) + \mathcal{R}(z_{j+3}, \tau) \right\} + \int_{\sigma(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma(z_{j+2})} \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \tau) \right] f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau \\ &\leq (M+1)^3 \left\{ \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \sigma(z_{j+3})) \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+3})} + \int_{\sigma(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma(z_{j+2})} \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \tau) \right\} f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau \\ &\quad + M(M+1)^2 \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+3})} \mathcal{R}(z_{j+3}, \tau) f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (6.28)$$

From the construction of the sequence $\{z_j\}$, we have

$$\int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+3})} \mathcal{R}(z_{j+3}, \tau) f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau = \mathcal{L}(z_{j+3}) = (M+1)^{-(j+3)} \mathcal{L}(z_0) = (M+1)^{-3} \mathcal{L}(z_j).$$

Thus (6.29) implies

$$\mathcal{L}(z_j) \leq (M+1)^4 \left[\left\{ \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \sigma(z_{j+3})) \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+3})} + \int_{\sigma(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma(z_{j+2})} \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, y) \right\} f(y) w(y) dy \right].$$

Next, we define $\delta_{3,l}^j = \inf \Omega_{3,l}^j$ and $\epsilon_{3,l}^j = \sup \Omega_{3,l}^j$ for $l = 1, 2$, where

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{3,1}^j &= \left\{ y \in (z_{j+1}, z_j) : h(y) \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \sigma(z_{j+3})) \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+3})} f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau > \frac{\gamma}{6(M+1)^4} \right\}, \\ \Omega_{3,2}^j &= \left\{ z \in (z_{j+1}, z_j) : h(z) \int_{\sigma(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma(z_{j+2})} \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \tau) f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau > \frac{\gamma}{6(M+1)^4} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} (\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\{t: \mathcal{I}_3 f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{3}\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma \omega(y)) \rho(y) dy \right) &\leq \sum_{j \geq 0} \left\{ (\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\Omega_{3,1}^j} \mathcal{U}(\gamma \omega(y)) \rho(y) dy \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\Omega_{3,2}^j} \mathcal{U}(\gamma \omega(y)) \rho(y) dy \right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (6.30)$$

For the first part, we define a decreasing sequence $\{d'_i\}$ in (ξ_k^m, ξ_{k+1}^m) with the iteration $d'_0 = \xi_{k+1}^m$ and

$$\int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(d'_i)} f(z)w(z)dz = 2^{-i} \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(\xi_{k+1}^m)} f(z)w(z)dz.$$

We define $d_0 = d'_0$ and if $d'_i > z_j \geq d'_{i+1}$ then $d_{n+1} = d'_{i+1}$, otherwise we delete the term d'_{i+1} and continue the process. Thus, we get a subsequence $\{d_n\}$ of $\{d'_i\}$. Let $\tilde{\delta}_{3,1}^n = \inf \tilde{\Omega}_{3,1}^n$ and $\tilde{\epsilon}_{3,1}^n = \sup \tilde{\Omega}_{3,1}^n$, where $\tilde{\Omega}_{3,1}^n = \cup_{\{j: d_n > z_{j+3} \geq d_{n+1}\}} \Omega_{3,1}^j$. Now, if $d'_{i+1} = d_{n+1} \leq z_{j+3} < d_n$, then $z_{j+3} \leq d'_i$ and $d_{n+2} \leq d'_{i+2}$. We have

$$\int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+3})} f(z)w(z)dz \leq \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(d'_i)} f(z)w(z)dz = 4 \int_{\sigma(d'_{i+2})}^{\sigma(d'_{i+1})} f(z)w(z)dz \leq 4 \int_{\sigma(d_{n+2})}^{\sigma(d_{n+1})} f(z)w(z)dz. \quad (6.31)$$

Now for $x \in \tilde{\Omega}_{3,1}^n$, we obtain

$$\frac{\gamma}{6(M+1)^4} < 4h(x)\mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(z_{j+3})) \int_{\sigma(d_{n+2})}^{\sigma(d_{n+1})} f(\tau)w(\tau)d\tau. \quad (6.32)$$

As (6.32) holds for each $x \in \tilde{\Omega}_{3,1}^n$, thus

$$\gamma \leq 24(M+1)^4 \inf_{(\tilde{\delta}_{3,1}^n, \tilde{\epsilon}_{3,1}^n)} (h(x)\mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(z_{j+3}))) \int_{\sigma(d_{n+2})}^{\sigma(d_{n+1})} f(\tau)w(\tau)d\tau. \quad (6.33)$$

We denote $\pi(\gamma; \tilde{\delta}_{3,1}^n, \tilde{\epsilon}_{3,1}^n) = (\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\tilde{\delta}_{3,1}^n}^{\tilde{\epsilon}_{3,1}^n} \mathcal{U}(\gamma \omega(\tau)) \rho(\tau) d\tau \right)$. From (5.9) and (6.10) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi(\gamma; \tilde{\delta}_{3,1}^n, \tilde{\epsilon}_{3,1}^n) &\leq \int_{\sigma(d_{n+2})}^{\sigma(d_{n+1})} \mathcal{V} \left(48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau) \phi(\tau) \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau \\ &\quad + \int_{\sigma(d_{n+2})}^{\sigma(d_{n+1})} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left[\frac{\inf (h(x)\mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(z_{j+3}))) w(\tau) \pi}{C \gamma \phi(\tau) \psi(\tau)} \right] \psi(\tau) d\tau \\ &\leq \int_{\sigma(d_{n+2})}^{\sigma(d_{n+1})} \mathcal{V} \left(48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau) \phi(\tau) \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau + \pi(\gamma; \tilde{\delta}_{3,1}^n, \tilde{\epsilon}_{3,1}^n). \end{aligned} \quad (6.34)$$

Thus

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right)\left(\int_{\tilde{\delta}_{3,1}^n}^{\tilde{\epsilon}_{3,1}^n} \mathcal{U}\left(\gamma\omega(\tau)\right)\rho(\tau)d\tau\right) \leq \int_{\sigma(d_{n+2})}^{\sigma(d_{n+1})} \mathcal{V}\left(48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau)\phi(\tau)\right)\psi(\tau)d\tau.$$

That is

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right)\left(\int_{\tilde{\Omega}_{3,1}^n} \mathcal{U}\left(\gamma\omega(\tau)\right)\rho(\tau)d\tau\right) \leq \int_{\sigma(d_{n+2})}^{\sigma(d_{n+1})} \mathcal{V}\left(48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau)\phi(\tau)\right)\psi(\tau)d\tau.$$

Summing up over n and then applying the sub-additivity of $\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}$, we obtain

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right)\left(\int_{\tilde{\Omega}_{3,1}^n} \mathcal{U}\left(\gamma\omega(z)\right)\rho(z)dz\right) \leq \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V}\left(48(M+1)^4 C f(z)\phi(z)\right)\psi(z)dz.$$

This implies

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} \left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right)\left(\int_{\Omega_{3,1}^j} \mathcal{U}\left(\gamma\omega(z)\right)\rho(z)dz\right) \leq \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V}\left(48(M+1)^4 C f(z)\phi(z)\right)\psi(z)dz. \quad (6.35)$$

Next, for $\Omega_{3,2}^j$ working as similar to the previous cases and thus we have

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} \left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right)\left(\int_{\Omega_{3,2}^j} \mathcal{U}\left(\gamma\omega(z)\right)\rho(z)dz\right) \leq \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V}\left(12(M+1)^4 C f(z)\phi(z)\right)\psi(z)dz. \quad (6.36)$$

Combining (6.14), (6.15), (6.21), (6.26), (6.27), (6.30), (6.35) and (6.36) we obtain

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right)\left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \mathcal{I}f(t) > \gamma\}} \mathcal{U}\left(\gamma\omega(z)\right)\rho(z)dz\right) \leq \int_{\zeta(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V}\left(96(M+1)^4 C f(z)\phi(z)\right)\psi(z)dz. \quad (6.37)$$

Summing up (6.37) over m and k we obtain the estimate (6.8) with constant $96(M+1)^4 C$.

(i) $\implies$ (ii). Conversely, let us assume $t < \tau$ so that $\zeta(\tau) < \sigma(t)$. Corresponding to each $N \in \mathbb{N}$ we consider the set $E_N = \{\zeta(\tau) < s < \sigma(t) : \frac{1}{N} \leq \mathcal{R}(t, s), w(s) \leq N\}$ has finite measure. We have

$$\int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{\lambda(\inf h)\mathcal{R}(t, y)w(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)}\right)\left(\frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda}\right)dy \leq lN^2|E_N|(\inf h)\tilde{v}(\lambda l k N^2 \inf h) < \infty$$

for each $l, k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lambda > 0$. Given $\mu > 0$ we choose λ suitably such that

$$\int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{\lambda(\inf h)\mathcal{R}(t, y)w(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)}\right)\left(\frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda}\right)dy = (1 + \mu)C\gamma,$$

where C is the constant in (6.8). We consider

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{C} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y)} \chi_{E_N}(y).$$

For $t < x < \tau$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}f(x) &= h(x) \int_{E_N} \mathcal{R}(x, z) \frac{1}{C} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, z) w(z)}{(\phi(z) + 1/l)(\psi(z) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(z) + 1/k}{\lambda(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, z) w(z)} w(z) dz \\ &\geq \int_{E_N} \frac{1}{C\lambda} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, z) w(z)}{(\phi(z) + 1/l)(\psi(z) + 1/k)} \right) (\psi(z) + 1/k) dz \\ &= (1 + \mu)\gamma > \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

This implies

$$(t, \tau) \subset \{x : \mathcal{I}f(x) > \gamma\}.$$

Thus using (5.10) and (6.8) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(\gamma; t, \tau) &= (\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_t^\tau \mathcal{U}(\gamma \omega(y)) \rho(y) dy \right) \\ &\leq (\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\{\mathcal{I}f > \gamma\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma \omega(y)) \rho(y) dy \right) \\ &\leq \int_{E_N} \mathcal{V} \left(\tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y)} \phi(y) \right) \psi(y) dy \\ &\leq \int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \psi(y) dy \\ &\leq (1 + \mu) C \lambda \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}(r)/r$ increases as r increases, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y) \pi(\gamma; t, \tau)}{(1 + \mu) C \gamma (\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\pi(\gamma; t, \tau)} dy \\ &\leq \int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{(1 + \mu) C \lambda \gamma} dy = 1. \end{aligned}$$

By the Monotone Convergence Theorem, we have

$$\int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y) \pi(\gamma; t, \tau)}{(1 + \mu) C \gamma (\phi(y) + 1/l)\psi(y)} \right) \frac{\psi(y)}{\pi(\gamma; t, \tau)} dy \leq 1.$$

Letting $l, N \rightarrow \infty$ and $\mu \rightarrow 0^+$, we obtain

$$\int_{\zeta(\tau)}^{\sigma(t)} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y) \pi(\gamma; t, \tau)}{C \gamma \phi(y) \psi(y)} \right) \psi(y) dy \leq \pi(\gamma; t, \tau).$$

Next, we prove the inequality (6.10). Let $a < z \leq t < \tau < b$ satisfying $\zeta(\tau) \leq \sigma(z)$. For each $m \in \mathbb{N}$ we consider the set $E_m = \{\zeta(\tau) < s < \sigma(z) : \frac{1}{m} \leq w(s) \leq m\}$ has finite measure. We have

$$\int_{E_m} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda(\inf h(y)\mathcal{R}(y, \sigma(z)))w(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) \left(\frac{\psi(s) + 1/k}{\lambda} \right) ds < \infty$$

for each $l, k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lambda > 0$. Given $\mu > 0$ we choose λ suitably such that

$$\int_{E_m} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda(\inf h(y)\mathcal{R}(y, \sigma(z)))w(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) \left(\frac{\psi(s) + 1/k}{\lambda} \right) ds = (1 + \mu)C\gamma,$$

where C is the constant in (6.8). We define

$$f(s) = \frac{1}{C} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda(\inf h(y)\mathcal{R}(y, \sigma(z)))w(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(s) + 1/k}{\lambda(\inf h(y)\mathcal{R}(y, \sigma(z)))w(s)} \chi_{E_m}(s).$$

If $s \in E_m$ and $t < x < \tau$, then $\mathcal{R}(x, s) \geq \mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(z))$. Thus for $t < x < \tau$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}f(x) &= h(x) \int_{E_m} \mathcal{R}(x, s) \frac{1}{C} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda(\inf h(y)\mathcal{R}(y, \sigma(z)))w(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(s) + 1/k}{\lambda(\inf h(y)\mathcal{R}(y, \sigma(z)))w(s)} w(s) ds \\ &\geq \int_{E_m} \frac{1}{C\lambda} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda(\inf h(y)\mathcal{R}(y, \sigma(z)))w(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) (\psi(s) + 1/k) ds \\ &= (1 + \mu)\gamma > \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

This implies

$$(t, \tau) \subset \{x : \mathcal{I}f(x) > \gamma\}.$$

The rest of the proof proceeds similarly. Hence the proof is complete. $\square$

Remark 6.3.2. For $\mathcal{R} \equiv 1$, estimates (6.9) and (6.10) are equivalent and reduced to the following form

$$\int_{\zeta(\tau)}^{\sigma(t)} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left[\frac{(\inf_{(t, \tau)} h)w(s)\pi(\gamma; t, \tau)}{C\gamma\phi(s)\psi(s)} \right] \psi(s) ds \leq \pi(\gamma; t, \tau). \quad (6.38)$$

Thus (6.38) characterizes the estimate (6.8) for the operators $\mathcal{S}f(t) = h(t) \int_{\zeta(t)}^{\sigma(t)} f(z)w(z)dz$.

Theorem 6.3.3. Let $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}, \tilde{\mathcal{V}}$ and $\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}$ satisfy all the conditions stated in Theorem 6.3.1. Suppose that w is monotone on $\mathbb{R}$ and let the function $w(\cdot)\mathcal{R}(y, \cdot)$ satisfies that

$$\inf_{x \in \Omega} w(x)\mathcal{R}(y, x) = \inf_{x \in (\inf \Omega, \sup \Omega)} w(x)\mathcal{R}(y, x)$$

for all bounded set Ω and all y . Then we obtain the following equivalent statements.

(i) *There exists a positive constant C such that*

$$\mathcal{U}^{-1}\left(\int_{\{t \in (a,b): \tilde{\mathcal{I}}f(t) > \gamma\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(y))\rho(y)dy\right) \leq \mathcal{V}^{-1}\left(\int_{\sigma^{-1}(a)}^{\zeta^{-1}(b)} \mathcal{V}(Cf(y)\phi(y))\psi(y)dy\right) \quad (6.39)$$

holds for all functions $f \geq 0$ and each $\gamma > 0$.

(ii) *There exists $C > 0$ for which*

$$\int_{\sigma^{-1}(\tau)}^{\zeta^{-1}(t)} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left[\frac{(\inf_{(t,\tau)} w)\mathcal{R}(s,\tau)h(s)\pi(\gamma;t,\tau)}{C\gamma\phi(s)\psi(s)}\right]\psi(s)ds \leq \pi(\gamma;t,\tau), \quad (6.40)$$

and

$$\int_{\sigma^{-1}(z)}^{\zeta^{-1}(t)} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left[\frac{(\inf_{y \in (t,\tau)} w(y)\mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z),y))h(s)\pi(\gamma;t,\tau)}{C\gamma\phi(s)\psi(s)}\right]\psi(s)ds \leq \pi(\gamma;t,\tau) \quad (6.41)$$

hold for each $a < t < \tau \leq z < b$ satisfying $\sigma^{-1}(\tau) \leq \sigma^{-1}(z) \leq \zeta^{-1}(t)$, where

$$\pi(\gamma;t,\tau) = \left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right)\left(\int_t^\tau \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(z))\rho(z)dz\right).$$

Proof. (ii) $\implies$ (i). Let $\{\xi_k^m\}$ (after renaming) be the sequence given by Lemma 6.2.1 for the limits $\zeta^{-1}(t)$ and $\sigma^{-1}(t)$, and thus (6.11) holds for the adjoint operator $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}f$. We write $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}f$ for $t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m)$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{I}}f(t) &= w(t) \int_{\sigma^{-1}(t)}^{\zeta^{-1}(t)} \mathcal{R}(s,t)f(s)h(s)ds \\ &= w(t) \left[\int_{\sigma^{-1}(t)}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} + \int_{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)} + \int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(t)} \right] \mathcal{R}(s,t)f(s)h(s)ds \end{aligned} \quad (6.42)$$

$$= \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_1 f(t) + \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_2 f(t) + \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_3 f(t). \quad (6.43)$$

Thus from (6.43) we obtain

$$\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m): \tilde{\mathcal{I}}f(t) > \gamma\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(z))\rho(z)dz\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 \mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m): \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_i f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{3}\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(z))\rho(z)dz\right). \quad (6.44)$$

We will first estimate the integral $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_3 f$. Applying (6.2) we obtain

$$\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_3 f(t) \leq M \left[w(t) \int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(t)} \mathcal{R}(s, \xi_{k+1}^m) f(s) h(s) ds + w(t) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m), t) \int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(t)} f(s) h(s) ds \right]$$

$$= M \left[\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{3,1} f(t) + \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{3,2} f(t) \right].$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_3 f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{3}\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma \omega(y)) \rho(y) dy \right) \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^2 \mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{3,i} f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M}\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma \omega(y)) \rho(y) dy \right). \end{aligned} \quad (6.45)$$

We define a sequence $\{x_j\}$ as $x_0 = \xi_{k+1}^m$ and for each x_{j-1} let x_j be the number given by $\int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_j)} \mathcal{R}(s, \xi_{k+1}^m) f(s) h(s) ds = \int_{\zeta^{-1}(x_j)}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j-1})} \mathcal{R}(s, \xi_{k+1}^m) f(s) h(s) ds$. Then the sequence $\{x_j\}$ decreases and satisfies

$$\int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_j)} \mathcal{R}(s, \xi_{k+1}^m) f(s) h(s) ds = 4 \int_{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+1})} \mathcal{R}(s, \xi_{k+1}^m) f(s) h(s) ds.$$

We define $\delta_{3,1}^j = \inf \Omega_{3,1}^j$ and $\epsilon_{3,1}^j = \sup \Omega_{3,1}^j$, where

$$\Omega_{3,1}^j = \left\{ t \in (x_{j+1}, x_j) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{3,1} f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M} \right\}.$$

For $x \in \Omega_{3,1}^j$, we have

$$\frac{\gamma}{6M} < 4w(x) \int_{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+1})} \mathcal{R}(z, \xi_{k+1}^m) f(z) h(z) dz. \quad (6.46)$$

As the estimate (6.46) holds for each $x \in \Omega_{3,1}^j$, thus

$$\gamma \leq 24M \left(\inf_{(\delta_{3,1}^j, \epsilon_{3,1}^j)} w(x) \right) \int_{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+1})} \mathcal{R}(z, \xi_{k+1}^m) f(z) h(z) dz. \quad (6.47)$$

Let us denote $\pi(\gamma; \delta_{3,1}^j, \epsilon_{3,1}^j) = \left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_{\delta_{3,1}^j}^{\epsilon_{3,1}^j} \mathcal{U}(\gamma \omega(\tau)) \rho(\tau) d\tau \right)$. Using (5.9) and (6.47) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi(\gamma; \delta_{3,1}^j, \epsilon_{3,1}^j) & \leq \int_{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+1})} \mathcal{V} \left(48MC f(z) \phi(z) \right) \psi(z) dz \\ & \quad + \int_{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+1})} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{(\inf w) \mathcal{R}(z, \xi_{k+1}^m) h(z) \pi}{C \gamma \phi(z) \psi(z)} \right) \psi(z) dz. \end{aligned} \quad (6.48)$$

As $\sigma^{-1}(\epsilon_{3,1}^j) \leq \sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m) \leq \zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m) \leq \zeta^{-1}(x_j) \leq \zeta^{-1}(\delta_{3,1}^j)$, thus (6.40) gives

$$\int_{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+1})} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{(\inf w) \mathcal{R}(z, \xi_{k+1}^m) h(z) \pi}{C \gamma \phi(z) \psi(z)} \right) \psi(z) dz \leq \pi(\gamma; \delta_{3,1}^j, \epsilon_{3,1}^j). \quad (6.49)$$

Combining (6.48) and (6.49) we have

$$(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\Omega_{3,1}^j} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(\tau)) \rho(\tau) d\tau \right) \leq \int_{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+1})} \mathcal{V} \left(48MCf(z)\phi(z) \right) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.50)$$

Summing up in j and applying the sub-additivity of $\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}$, we get

$$(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{3,1}f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M}\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(z)) \rho(z) dz \right) \leq \int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V} \left(48MCf(z)\phi(z) \right) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.51)$$

To estimate $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{3,2}$, we consider a decreasing sequence $\{y_j\}$ defined as $y_0 = \xi_{k+1}^m$ and for each y_{j-1} let y_j be the number given by $\int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_j)} f(s)h(s)ds = \int_{\zeta^{-1}(y_j)}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j-1})} f(s)h(s)ds$. From the definition of $\{y_j\}$ we obtain $\int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_j)} f(s)h(s)ds = 4 \int_{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+1})} f(s)h(s)ds$. We define $\delta_{3,2}^j = \inf \Omega_{3,2}^j$ and $\epsilon_{3,2}^j = \sup \Omega_{3,2}^j$, where

$$\Omega_{3,2}^j = \left\{ t \in (y_{j+1}, y_j) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{3,2}f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M} \right\}.$$

For $x \in \Omega_{3,2}^j$, we have

$$\frac{\gamma}{6M} < 4w(x)\mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m), x) \int_{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+1})} f(z)h(z)dz. \quad (6.52)$$

As the estimate (6.52) holds for each $x \in \Omega_{3,2}^j$, we have

$$\gamma \leq 24M \left(\inf_{(\delta_{3,2}^j, \epsilon_{3,2}^j)} w(x)\mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m), x) \right) \int_{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+1})} f(z)h(z)dz. \quad (6.53)$$

Considering $\pi(\gamma; \delta_{3,2}^j, \epsilon_{3,2}^j) = (\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\delta_{3,2}^j}^{\epsilon_{3,2}^j} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(\tau)) \rho(\tau) d\tau \right)$, (5.9) and (6.53) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi(\gamma; \delta_{3,2}^j, \epsilon_{3,2}^j) &\leq \int_{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+1})} \mathcal{V} \left(48MCf(z)\phi(z) \right) \psi(z) dz \\ &\quad + \int_{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+1})} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{(\inf w(x)\mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m), x))h(z)\pi}{C\gamma\phi(z)\psi(z)} \right) \psi(z) dz. \end{aligned} \quad (6.54)$$

As $\sigma^{-1}(\epsilon_{3,2}^j) \leq \sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m) \leq \zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m) \leq \zeta^{-1}(y_j) \leq \zeta^{-1}(\delta_{3,2}^j)$, thus (6.41) gives

$$\int_{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+1})} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{(\inf w(x)\mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m), x))h(z)\pi}{C\gamma\phi(z)\psi(z)} \right) \psi(z) dz \leq \pi(\gamma; \delta_{3,2}^j, \epsilon_{3,2}^j). \quad (6.55)$$

Combining (6.54) and (6.55) we have

$$(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\Omega_{3,2}^j} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(\tau)) \rho(\tau) d\tau \right) \leq \int_{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+1})} \mathcal{V} \left(48MCf(z)\phi(z) \right) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.56)$$

Summing up in j and applying the sub-additivity of $\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}$, we get

$$(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{3,2} f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M}\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(z)) \rho(z) dz \right) \leq \int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V}(48MCf(z)\phi(z)) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.57)$$

Arguing similarly we obtain

$$(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_2 f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{3}\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(z)) \rho(z) dz \right) \leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)} \mathcal{V}(48MCf(z)\phi(z)) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.58)$$

For $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_1$, we consider $z_0 = \xi_k^m$ and we define an increasing sequence $\{z_j\}$ as

$$\mathcal{L}(z_j) = \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_j)}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_j) f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau = (M+1)^{-j} \mathcal{L}(z_0).$$

We use the condition (6.2) to estimate the following.

$$\mathcal{L}(z_j) = (M+1)^2 \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+2})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+2}) f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau \quad (6.59)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (M+1)^2 \left[\int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+2})}^{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})} + \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+2})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \right] \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+2}) f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau \\ &\leq (M+1)^2 \left[\int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+2})}^{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})} \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+2}) + \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} M \left\{ \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+3}) + \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3}), z_{j+2}) \right\} \right] f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau \\ &\leq (M+1)^3 \left\{ \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+2})}^{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})} \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+2}) + \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3}), z_{j+2}) \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \right\} f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau \\ &\quad + M(M+1)^2 \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+3}) f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (6.60)$$

From the construction of $\{z_j\}$, we have

$$\int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+3}) f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau = \mathcal{L}(z_{j+3}) = (M+1)^{-(j+3)} \mathcal{L}(z_0) = (M+1)^{-3} \mathcal{L}(z_j).$$

Thus (6.60) implies that

$$\mathcal{L}(z_j) \leq (M+1)^4 \left[\left\{ \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+2})}^{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})} \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+2}) + \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3}), z_{j+2}) \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \right\} f(y) h(y) dy \right].$$

Next we consider $\delta_{1,l}^j = \inf \Omega_{1,l}^j$ and $\epsilon_{1,l}^j = \sup \Omega_{1,l}^j$ for $l = 1, 2$, where

$$\Omega_{1,1}^j = \left\{ y \in (z_j, z_{j+1}) : w(y) \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+2})}^{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})} \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+2}) f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau > \frac{\gamma}{6(M+1)^4} \right\},$$

$$\Omega_{1,2}^j = \left\{ z \in (z_j, z_{j+1}) : w(z) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3}), z_{j+2}) \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau > \frac{\gamma}{6(M+1)^4} \right\}.$$

Thus the estimate for $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_1 f$ is reduced to the following form.

$$\begin{aligned} (\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\{t: \mathcal{I}_1 f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{3}\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(z)) \rho(z) dz \right) &\leq \sum_{j \geq 0} \left\{ (\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\Omega_{1,1}^j} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(z)) \rho(z) dz \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\Omega_{1,2}^j} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(z)) \rho(z) dz \right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (6.61)$$

Arguing similarly as in the previous cases, we observe that

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} (\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\Omega_{1,1}^j} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(z)) \rho(z) dz \right) \leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \nu \left(12(M+1)^4 C f(z) \phi(z) \right) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.62)$$

For the second part, we define an increasing sequence $\{d'_i\}$ in (ξ_k^m, ξ_{k+1}^m) with the iteration $d'_0 = \xi_k^m$ and

$$\int_{\sigma^{-1}(d'_i)}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} f(z) h(z) dz = 2 \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d'_{i+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} f(z) h(z) dz.$$

Next we define a subsequence $\{d_n\}$ as $d_0 = d'_0$ and if $d'_i < z_j \leq d'_{i+1}$ then $d_{n+1} = d'_{i+1}$, otherwise we delete the term d'_{i+1} and continue the process. Thus, we get a subsequence $\{d_n\}$ of $\{d'_i\}$. Let $\tilde{\delta}_{1,2}^n = \inf \tilde{\Omega}_{1,2}^n$ and $\tilde{\epsilon}_{1,2}^n = \sup \tilde{\Omega}_{1,2}^n$, where $\tilde{\Omega}_{1,2}^n = \cup_{\{j: d_n < z_{j+3} \leq d_{n+1}\}} \Omega_{1,2}^j$. Now, if $d'_{i+1} = d_{n+1} \geq z_{j+3} > d_n$ then by construction $z_{j+3} \geq d'_i$ and $d_{n+2} \geq d'_{i+2}$. From the construction of $\{d'_i\}$ and $\{d_n\}$, we have

$$\int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d'_i)}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} = 4 \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d'_{i+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(d'_{i+2})} \leq 4 \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+2})}. \quad (6.63)$$

Now for $x \in \tilde{\Omega}_{1,2}^n$, we have

$$\frac{\gamma}{6(M+1)^4} < 4w(x) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3}), x) \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+2})} f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau. \quad (6.64)$$

As (6.64) holds for each $x \in \tilde{\Omega}_{1,2}^n$, we obtain

$$\gamma \leq 24(M+1)^4 \inf_{(\tilde{\delta}_{1,2}^n, \tilde{\epsilon}_{1,2}^n)} \left(w(x) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3}), x) \right) \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+2})} f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau. \quad (6.65)$$

Let us denote $\pi(\gamma; \tilde{\delta}_{1,2}^n, \tilde{\epsilon}_{1,2}^n) = (\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\tilde{\delta}_{1,2}^n}^{\tilde{\epsilon}_{1,2}^n} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(\tau))\rho(\tau)d\tau \right)$. Now applying (5.9) and (6.64) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi(\gamma; \tilde{\delta}_{1,2}^n, \tilde{\epsilon}_{1,2}^n) &\leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+2})} \mathcal{V} \left(48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau) \phi(\tau) \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau \\ &\quad + \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+2})} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left[\frac{\inf(w(x)\mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3}), x))h(\tau)\pi}{C\gamma\phi(\tau)\psi(\tau)} \right] \psi(\tau) d\tau \\ &\leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+2})} \mathcal{V} \left(48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau) \phi(\tau) \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau + \pi(\gamma; \tilde{\delta}_{1,2}^n, \tilde{\epsilon}_{1,2}^n). \end{aligned}$$

Thus using the condition (6.41), we have

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_{\tilde{\delta}_{1,2}^n}^{\tilde{\epsilon}_{1,2}^n} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(\tau))\rho(\tau)d\tau \right) \leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+2})} \mathcal{V} \left(48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau) \phi(\tau) \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau.$$

Summing up over n and then applying the sub-additivity of $\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}$, we obtain

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} \left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_{\tilde{\delta}_{1,2}^n}^{\tilde{\epsilon}_{1,2}^n} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(\tau))\rho(\tau)d\tau \right) \leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V} \left(48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau) \phi(\tau) \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau. \quad (6.66)$$

Thus

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} \left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_{\Omega_{1,2}^j} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(\tau))\rho(\tau)d\tau \right) \leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V} \left(48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau) \phi(\tau) \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau. \quad (6.67)$$

Combining (6.44), (6.45), (6.51), (6.57), (6.58), (6.61), (6.62) and (6.67) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}f(t) > \gamma\}} \mathcal{U}(\gamma\omega(z))\rho(z)dz \right) \\ &\leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V} \left(96(M+1)^4 C f(z) \phi(z) \right) \psi(z) dz. \end{aligned} \quad (6.68)$$

Summing up (6.68) over m and k we obtain the estimate (6.39) with constant $96(M+1)^4 C$.

(i) $\implies$ (ii). Conversely let us assume $t < \tau$ such that $\sigma^{-1}(\tau) < \zeta^{-1}(t)$. For each $N \in \mathbb{N}$ we consider the set, $E_N = \left\{ \sigma^{-1}(\tau) < s < \zeta^{-1}(t) : \frac{1}{N} \leq \mathcal{R}(s, \tau), h(s) \leq N \right\}$ has finite measure. As the integral

$$\int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(y, \tau)h(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \left(\frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda} \right) dy \leq lN^2 |E_N| (\inf w) \tilde{v}(\lambda l k N^2 \inf w) < \infty$$

for each $l, k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lambda > 0$. Given $\mu > 0$ we choose λ suitably so that

$$\int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{\lambda(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(y, \tau)h(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)}\right)\left(\frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda}\right)dy = (1 + \mu)C\gamma,$$

where C is the constant in (6.39). We consider

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{C}\tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{\lambda(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(y, \tau)h(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)}\right)\frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(y, \tau)h(y)}\chi_{E_N}(y).$$

For $t < x < \tau$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathcal{I}}f(x) &= w(x) \int_{E_N} \mathcal{R}(y, x) \frac{1}{C} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{\lambda(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(y, \tau)h(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)}\right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(y, \tau)h(y)} h(y) dy \\ &\geq \int_{E_N} \frac{1}{C\lambda} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{\lambda(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(y, \tau)h(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)}\right) \left(\psi(y) + 1/k\right) dy \\ &= (1 + \mu)\gamma > \gamma.\end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$(t, \tau) \subset \{x : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}f(x) > \gamma\}.$$

Applying the condition (5.10) and the assumption (6.39), we get

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(\gamma; t, \tau) &= \left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right)\left(\int_t^\tau \mathcal{U}\left(\gamma\omega(y)\right)\rho(y)dy\right) \\ &\leq \left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right)\left(\int_{\{\tilde{\mathcal{I}}f > \gamma\}} \mathcal{U}\left(\gamma\omega(y)\right)\rho(y)dy\right) \\ &\leq \int_{E_N} \mathcal{V}\left(\tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{\lambda(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(y, \tau)h(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)}\right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(y, \tau)h(y)} \phi(y)\right) \psi(y) dy \\ &\leq \int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{\lambda(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(y, \tau)h(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)}\right) \psi(y) dy \\ &\leq (1 + \mu)C\lambda\gamma.\end{aligned}$$

As $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}(r)/r$ increases as r increases, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(y, \tau)h(y)\pi(\gamma; t, \tau)}{(1 + \mu)C\gamma(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)}\right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\pi(\gamma; t, \tau)} dy \\ \leq \int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{\lambda(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(y, \tau)h(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)}\right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{(1 + \mu)C\lambda\gamma} dy = 1.\end{aligned}$$

By the Monotone Convergence Theorem

$$\int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(y, \tau)h(y)\pi(\gamma; t, \tau)}{(1 + \mu)C\gamma(\phi(y) + 1/l)\psi(y)}\right) \frac{\psi(y)}{\pi(\gamma; t, \tau)} dy \leq 1.$$

Letting $l, N \rightarrow \infty$ and $\mu \rightarrow 0^+$, we obtain

$$\int_{\sigma^{-1}(\tau)}^{\zeta^{-1}(t)} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{(\inf w) \mathcal{R}(y, \tau) h(y) \pi(\gamma; t, \tau)}{C \gamma \phi(y) \psi(y)} \right) \psi(y) dy \leq \pi(\gamma; t, \tau).$$

Next we prove the estimate (6.41). Let $a < t < \tau \leq z < b$ such that $\sigma^{-1}(\tau) \leq \sigma^{-1}(z) \leq \zeta^{-1}(t)$. For each $m \in \mathbb{N}$ we assume the set $E_m = \left\{ \sigma^{-1}(z) < s < \zeta^{-1}(t) : \frac{1}{m} \leq h(s) \leq m \right\}$ has finite measure. Now for each $l, k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lambda > 0$ we have

$$\int_{E_m} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf w(y) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z), y)) h(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) \left(\frac{\psi(s) + 1/k}{\lambda} \right) ds < \infty,$$

where the infimum is considered over the interval (t, τ) . Given $\mu > 0$ we choose λ suitably so that

$$\int_{E_m} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf w(y) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z), y)) h(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) \left(\frac{\psi(s) + 1/k}{\lambda} \right) ds = (1 + \mu) C \gamma,$$

where C is the constant in (6.39). We define

$$f(s) = \frac{1}{C} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf w(y) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z), y)) h(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(s) + 1/k}{\lambda (\inf w(y) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z), y)) h(s)} \chi_{E_m}(s).$$

If $s \in E_m$ and $t < x < \tau$, then $\mathcal{R}(s, x) \geq \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z), x)$. Thus for $t < x < \tau$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{I}}f(x) &= w(x) \int_{E_m} \mathcal{R}(s, x) \frac{1}{C} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf w(y) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z), y)) h(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(s) + 1/k}{\lambda (\inf w(y) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z), y)) h(s)} h(s) ds \\ &\geq \int_{E_m} \frac{1}{C \lambda} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf w(y) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z), y)) h(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) \left(\psi(s) + 1/k \right) ds \\ &= (1 + \mu) \gamma > \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$(t, \tau) \subset \{x : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}f(x) > \gamma\}.$$

The rest of the proof proceeds similarly. Hence the proof is complete. $\square$

Remark 6.3.4. In the case of the adjoint if we consider $\mathcal{R} \equiv 1$, then estimates (6.40) and (6.41) are equivalent and reduced to the following form

$$\int_{\sigma^{-1}(\tau)}^{\zeta^{-1}(t)} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left[\frac{(\inf w) h(s) \pi(\gamma : t, \tau)}{C \gamma \phi(s) \psi(s)} \right] \psi(s) ds \leq \pi(\gamma : t, \tau). \quad (6.69)$$

Thus (6.69) characterizes the estimate (6.39) for the adjoint of Hardy-Steklov operators $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}f(t) = w(t) \int_{\sigma^{-1}(t)}^{\zeta^{-1}(t)} f(z) h(z) dz$.

6.4 Extra-weak type results

We also prove extra-weak type integral inequalities and the results are as follows.

Theorem 6.4.1. *Let $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}, \tilde{\mathcal{V}}, \mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}, h$ and the function $h(\cdot)\mathcal{R}(\cdot, y)$ satisfy all the conditions stated in Theorem 6.3.1. Then the following assertions are equivalent.*

(i) *There exists a positive constant C such that*

$$\int_{\{t \in (a, b) : \mathcal{I}f(t) > \gamma\}} \omega(y) dy \leq \mathcal{U} \circ \mathcal{V}^{-1} \left(\int_{\zeta(a)}^{\sigma(b)} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{Cf(y)\phi(y)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(y) dy \right) \quad (6.70)$$

holds for all functions $f \geq 0$ and each $\gamma > 0$.

(ii) *There exists $C > 0$ such that*

$$\int_{\zeta(\tau)}^{\sigma(t)} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left[\frac{(\inf_{(t, \tau)} h) \mathcal{R}(t, s) w(s) \kappa(t, \tau)}{C\phi(s)\psi(s)} \right] \psi(s) ds \leq \kappa(t, \tau) \quad (6.71)$$

and

$$\int_{\zeta(\tau)}^{\sigma(z)} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left[\frac{(\inf_{(t, \tau)} h(y) \mathcal{R}(y, \sigma(z)) w(s) \kappa(t, \tau)}{C\phi(s)\psi(s)} \right] \psi(s) ds \leq \kappa(t, \tau) \quad (6.72)$$

hold, where $a < z \leq t < \tau < b$ satisfying $\zeta(\tau) \leq \sigma(z) \leq \sigma(t)$ and

$$\kappa(t, \tau) = (\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_t^\tau \omega(z) dz \right).$$

Proof. (ii) $\implies$ (i). Let $\{\xi_k^m\}$ be the sequence given by Lemma 6.2.1, then

$$\omega \left(\{t \in (a, b) : \mathcal{I}f(t) > \gamma\} \right) = \sum_{m, k} \omega \left(\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \mathcal{I}f(t) > \gamma\} \right). \quad (6.73)$$

Now for $t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m)$, we use Lemma 6.2.1 to break the integral (6.1) as

$$\mathcal{I}f(t) = h(t) \left\{ \int_{\zeta(t)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} + \int_{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)}^{\sigma(\xi_k^m)} + \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(t)} \right\} \mathcal{R}(t, z) f(z) w(z) dz \quad (6.74)$$

$$= \mathcal{I}_1 f(t) + \mathcal{I}_2 f(t) + \mathcal{I}_3 f(t). \quad (6.75)$$

Thus from (6.75), we have

$$\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \mathcal{I}f(t) > \gamma\}} \omega(y) dy \right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 \mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \mathcal{I}_i f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{3}\}} \omega(y) dy \right). \quad (6.76)$$

We will first estimate $\mathcal{I}_1 f$. Applying inequality (6.2), we now break the kernel $\mathcal{R}$ as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{I}_1 f(t) &= h(t) \int_{\zeta(t)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{R}(t, z) f(z) w(z) dz \\ &\leq M \left[h(t) \left\{ \mathcal{R}(t, \sigma(\xi_k^m)) \int_{\zeta(t)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} + \int_{\zeta(t)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, z) \right\} f(z) w(z) dz \right] \\ &= M [\mathcal{I}_{1,1} f(t) + \mathcal{I}_{1,2} f(t)].\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \mathcal{I}_1 f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{3}\}} \omega(y) dy \right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^2 \left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \mathcal{I}_{1,i} f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M}\}} \omega(y) dy \right). \quad (6.77)$$

To estimate $\mathcal{I}_{1,1} f$, we define a sequence $\{x_j\}$ as $x_0 = \xi_k^m$ and for each x_{j-1} let x_j be the number given by $\int_{\zeta(x_j)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} f w = \int_{\zeta(x_{j-1})}^{\zeta(x_j)} f w$. The sequence $\{x_j\}$ increases and satisfies $\int_{\zeta(x_j)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} f w = 4 \int_{\zeta(x_{j+1})}^{\zeta(x_{j+2})} f w$. Let us consider the set

$$\Omega_{1,1}^j = \left\{ t \in (x_j, x_{j+1}) : \mathcal{I}_{1,1} f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M} \right\}.$$

We define $\delta_{1,1}^j = \inf \Omega_{1,1}^j$ and $\epsilon_{1,1}^j = \sup \Omega_{1,1}^j$. If $x \in \Omega_{1,1}^j$, then

$$\frac{\gamma}{6M} < 4h(x) \mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(\xi_k^m)) \int_{\zeta(x_{j+1})}^{\zeta(x_{j+2})} f(z) w(z) dz. \quad (6.78)$$

As the estimate (6.78) holds for each $x \in \Omega_{1,1}^j$, thus

$$\gamma \leq 24M \left(\inf_{(\delta_{1,1}^j, \epsilon_{1,1}^j)} h(x) \mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(\xi_k^m)) \right) \int_{\zeta(x_{j+1})}^{\zeta(x_{j+2})} f(z) w(z) dz. \quad (6.79)$$

Let us denote $\kappa(\delta_{1,1}^j, \epsilon_{1,1}^j) = \left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_{\delta_{1,1}^j}^{\epsilon_{1,1}^j} \omega(z) dz \right)$. Using (5.9) and (6.79), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}2\kappa(\delta_{1,1}^j, \epsilon_{1,1}^j) &\leq \int_{\zeta(x_{j+1})}^{\zeta(x_{j+2})} \left[\frac{48MCf(z)\phi(z)}{\gamma} \right] \left[\frac{(\inf h(x) \mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(\xi_k^m))) w(z) \kappa}{C\phi(z)\psi(z)} \right] \psi(z) dz \\ &\leq \int_{\zeta(x_{j+1})}^{\zeta(x_{j+2})} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48MCf(z)\phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz \\ &\quad + \int_{\zeta(x_{j+1})}^{\zeta(x_{j+2})} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{(\inf h(x) \mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(\xi_k^m))) w(z) \kappa}{C\phi(z)\psi(z)} \right) \psi(z) dz.\end{aligned} \quad (6.80)$$

As $\zeta(\epsilon_{1,1}^j) \leq \zeta(x_{j+1}) \leq \zeta(x_{j+2}) \leq \zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m) \leq \sigma(\xi_k^m) \leq \sigma(x_j) \leq \sigma(\delta_{1,1}^j)$, thus from (6.72), we have

$$\int_{\zeta(x_{j+1})}^{\zeta(x_{j+2})} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{(\inf h(x) \mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(\xi_k^m))) w(z) \kappa}{C \phi(z) \psi(z)} \right) \psi(z) dz \leq \kappa(\delta_{1,1}^j, \epsilon_{1,1}^j). \quad (6.81)$$

Combining (6.80) and (6.81), we obtain

$$(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\Omega_{1,1}^j} \omega(z) dz \right) \leq \int_{\zeta(x_{j+1})}^{\zeta(x_{j+2})} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48MCf(z)\phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.82)$$

Summing up over j and applying the sub-additivity of $\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}$, we get

$$(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \mathcal{I}_{1,1}f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M}\}} \omega(z) dz \right) \leq \int_{\zeta(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48MCf(z)\phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.83)$$

To estimate $\mathcal{I}_{1,2}$, we define a sequence $\{y_j\}$ as $y_0 = \xi_k^m$ and for each y_{j-1} let y_j be the number given by $\int_{\zeta(y_j)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, z) f(z) w(z) dz = \int_{\zeta(y_{j-1})}^{\zeta(y_j)} \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, z) f(z) w(z) dz$. Then $\{y_j\}$ increases and satisfies $\int_{\zeta(y_j)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, z) f(z) w(z) dz = 4 \int_{\zeta(y_{j+1})}^{\zeta(y_{j+2})} \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, z) f(z) w(z) dz$. As in the previous case, we define $\Omega_{1,2}^j = \left\{ t \in (y_j, y_{j+1}) : \mathcal{I}_{1,2}f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M} \right\}$ with $\delta_{1,2}^j = \inf \Omega_{1,2}^j$ and $\epsilon_{1,2}^j = \sup \Omega_{1,2}^j$. For $x \in \Omega_{1,2}^j$, we have

$$\frac{\gamma}{6M} < 4h(x) \int_{\zeta(y_{j+1})}^{\zeta(y_{j+2})} \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, z) f(z) w(z) dz. \quad (6.84)$$

As the estimate (6.84) holds for each $x \in \Omega_{1,2}^j$, thus

$$\gamma \leq 24M \left(\inf_{(\delta_{1,2}^j, \epsilon_{1,2}^j)} h(x) \right) \int_{\zeta(y_{j+1})}^{\zeta(y_{j+2})} \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, z) f(z) w(z) dz. \quad (6.85)$$

We denote $\kappa(\delta_{1,2}^j, \epsilon_{1,2}^j) = (\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\delta_{1,2}^j}^{\epsilon_{1,2}^j} \omega(z) dz \right)$. Applying (5.9) and (6.85), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2\kappa(\delta_{1,2}^j, \epsilon_{1,2}^j) &\leq \int_{\zeta(y_{j+1})}^{\zeta(y_{j+2})} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48MCf(z)\phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz \\ &\quad + \int_{\zeta(y_{j+1})}^{\zeta(y_{j+2})} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, z) h(z) \kappa}{C \phi(z) \psi(z)} \right) \psi(z) dz. \end{aligned} \quad (6.86)$$

As $\zeta(\epsilon_{1,2}^j) \leq \zeta(y_{j+1}) \leq \zeta(y_{j+2}) \leq \sigma(\delta_{1,2}^j)$, from (6.71) we obtain

$$\int_{\zeta(y_{j+1})}^{\zeta(y_{j+2})} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(\xi_k^m, z) h(z) \kappa}{C \phi(z) \psi(z)} \right) \psi(z) dz \leq \kappa(\delta_{1,2}^j, \epsilon_{1,2}^j). \quad (6.87)$$

Combining (6.86) and (6.87), we have

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right) \left(\int_{\Omega_{1,2}^j} \omega(z) dz \right) \leq \int_{\zeta(y_{j+1})}^{\zeta(y_{j+2})} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48MCf(z)\phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz.$$

Summing up in j and applying the sub-additivity of $\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}$, hence we obtain

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \mathcal{I}_{1,2}f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M}\}} \omega(z) dz \right) \leq \int_{\zeta(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48MCf(z)\phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.88)$$

Arguing similarly as in the previous case, we have

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \mathcal{I}_2f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{3}\}} \omega(z) dz \right) \leq \int_{\zeta(\xi_{k+1}^m)}^{\sigma(\xi_k^m)} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48MCf(z)\phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.89)$$

For $\mathcal{I}_3f$, we consider $z_0 = \xi_{k+1}^m$ and define a decreasing sequence $\{z_j\}$ as

$$\mathcal{L}(z_j) = \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_j)} \mathcal{R}(z_j, \tau) f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau = (M+1)^{-j} \mathcal{L}(z_0).$$

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(z_j) &= (M+1)^2 \mathcal{L}(z_{j+2}) \\ &= (M+1)^2 \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+2})} \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \tau) f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau \\ &= (M+1)^2 \left[\int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+3})} + \int_{\sigma(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma(z_{j+2})} \right] \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \tau) f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau \\ &\leq (M+1)^2 \left[\int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+3})} M \left\{ \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \sigma(z_{j+3})) + \mathcal{R}(z_{j+3}, \tau) \right\} + \int_{\sigma(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma(z_{j+2})} \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \tau) \right] f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau \\ &\leq (M+1)^3 \left\{ \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \sigma(z_{j+3})) \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+3})} + \int_{\sigma(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma(z_{j+2})} \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \tau) \right\} f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau \\ &\quad + M(M+1)^2 \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+3})} \mathcal{R}(z_{j+3}, \tau) f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (6.90)$$

From the construction of the sequence $\{z_j\}$,

$$\int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+3})} \mathcal{R}(z_{j+3}, \tau) f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau = \mathcal{L}(z_{j+3}) = (M+1)^{-(j+3)} \mathcal{L}(z_0) = (M+1)^{-3} \mathcal{L}(z_j).$$

Thus (6.90) implies

$$\mathcal{L}(z_j) \leq (M+1)^4 \left[\left\{ \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \sigma(z_{j+3})) \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+3})} + \int_{\sigma(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma(z_{j+2})} \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \tau) \right\} f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau \right].$$

Next, we define $\delta_{3,l}^j = \inf \Omega_{3,l}^j$ and $\epsilon_{3,l}^j = \sup \Omega_{3,l}^j$ for $l = 1, 2$, where

$$\Omega_{3,1}^j = \left\{ y \in (z_{j+1}, z_j) : h(y) \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \sigma(z_{j+3})) \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+3})} f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau > \frac{\gamma}{6(M+1)^4} \right\},$$

$$\Omega_{3,2}^j = \left\{ z \in (z_{j+1}, z_j) : h(z) \int_{\sigma(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma(z_{j+2})} \mathcal{R}(z_{j+2}, \tau) f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau > \frac{\gamma}{6(M+1)^4} \right\}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\{t: \mathcal{I}_3 f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{3}\}} \omega(y) dy \right) &\leq \sum_{j \geq 0} \left\{ (\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\Omega_{3,1}^j} \omega(y) dy \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\Omega_{3,2}^j} \omega(y) dy \right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (6.91)$$

For the first part, we define a decreasing sequence $\{d'_i\}$ in (ξ_k^m, ξ_{k+1}^m) with the iteration $d'_0 = \xi_{k+1}^m$ and

$$\int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(d'_i)} f(z) w(z) dz = 2^{-i} \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(\xi_{k+1}^m)} f(z) w(z) dz.$$

We define $d_0 = d'_0$ and if $d'_i > z_j \geq d'_{i+1}$ then $d_{n+1} = d'_{i+1}$, otherwise we delete the term d'_{i+1} and continue the process. Thus, we get a subsequence $\{d_n\}$ of $\{d'_i\}$. Let $\tilde{\delta}_{3,1}^n = \inf \tilde{\Omega}_{3,1}^n$ and $\tilde{\epsilon}_{3,1}^n = \sup \tilde{\Omega}_{3,1}^n$, where $\tilde{\Omega}_{3,1}^n = \cup_{\{j: d_n > z_{j+3} \geq d_{n+1}\}} \Omega_{3,1}^j$. Now, if $d'_{i+1} = d_{n+1} \leq z_{j+3} < d_n$, then $z_{j+3} \leq d'_i$ and $d_{n+2} \leq d'_{i+2}$. We have

$$\int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(z_{j+3})} \leq \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(d'_i)} = 4 \int_{\sigma(d'_{i+2})}^{\sigma(d'_{i+1})} \leq 4 \int_{\sigma(d_{n+2})}^{\sigma(d_{n+1})}. \quad (6.92)$$

Now for $x \in \tilde{\Omega}_{3,1}^n$, we obtain

$$\frac{\gamma}{6(M+1)^4} < 4h(x) \mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(z_{j+3})) \int_{\sigma(d_{n+2})}^{\sigma(d_{n+1})} f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau. \quad (6.93)$$

As (6.93) holds for each $x \in \tilde{\Omega}_{3,1}^n$, thus

$$\gamma \leq 24(M+1)^4 \inf_{(\tilde{\delta}_{3,1}^n, \tilde{\epsilon}_{3,1}^n)} (h(x) \mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(z_{j+3}))) \int_{\sigma(d_{n+2})}^{\sigma(d_{n+1})} f(\tau) w(\tau) d\tau. \quad (6.94)$$

We denote $\kappa(\tilde{\delta}_{3,1}^n, \tilde{\epsilon}_{3,1}^n) = (\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\tilde{\delta}_{3,1}^n}^{\tilde{\epsilon}_{3,1}^n} \omega(\tau) d\tau \right)$. From (5.9) and (6.72) we obtain

$$2\kappa(\tilde{\delta}_{3,1}^n, \tilde{\epsilon}_{3,1}^n) \leq \int_{\sigma(d_{n+2})}^{\sigma(d_{n+1})} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau) \phi(\tau)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \int_{\sigma(d_{n+2})}^{\sigma(d_{n+1})} \tilde{\nu} \left[\frac{\inf(h(x)\mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(z_{j+3})))w(\tau)\kappa}{C\phi(\tau)\psi(\tau)} \right] \psi(\tau) d\tau \\
& \leq \int_{\sigma(d_{n+2})}^{\sigma(d_{n+1})} \nu \left(\frac{48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau) \phi(\tau)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau + \kappa(\tilde{\delta}_{3,1}^n, \tilde{\epsilon}_{3,1}^n). \tag{6.95}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$(\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\tilde{\delta}_{3,1}^n}^{\tilde{\epsilon}_{3,1}^n} \omega(\tau) d\tau \right) \leq \int_{\sigma(d_{n+2})}^{\sigma(d_{n+1})} \nu \left(\frac{48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau) \phi(\tau)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau.$$

That is

$$(\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\tilde{\Omega}_{3,1}^n} \omega(\tau) d\tau \right) \leq \int_{\sigma(d_{n+2})}^{\sigma(d_{n+1})} \nu \left(\frac{48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau) \phi(\tau)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau.$$

Summing up over n and then applying the sub-additivity of $\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}$, we obtain

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} (\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\tilde{\Omega}_{3,1}^n} \omega(\tau) d\tau \right) \leq \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \nu \left(\frac{48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau) \phi(\tau)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau.$$

This implies

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} (\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\Omega_{3,1}^j} \omega(\tau) d\tau \right) \leq \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \nu \left(\frac{48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau) \phi(\tau)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau. \tag{6.96}$$

Next, for $\Omega_{3,2}^j$ we may proceed similarly to the previous cases, obtaining

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} (\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\Omega_{3,2}^j} \omega(z) dz \right) \leq \int_{\sigma(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \nu \left(\frac{12(M+1)^4 C f(z) \phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz. \tag{6.97}$$

Combining (6.76), (6.77), (6.83), (6.88), (6.89), (6.91), (6.96) and (6.97) we obtain

$$(\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \mathcal{I}f(t) > \gamma\}} \omega(z) dz \right) \leq \int_{\zeta(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \nu \left(\frac{96(M+1)^4 C f(z) \phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz. \tag{6.98}$$

Summing up (6.98) over m and k we obtain the estimate (6.70) with constant $96(M+1)^4 C$.

(i) $\implies$ (ii). Conversely, let us assume $t < \tau$ for which $\zeta(\tau) < \sigma(t)$. Corresponding to each $N \in \mathbb{N}$ we consider the set $E_N = \{\zeta(\tau) < s < \sigma(t) : \frac{1}{N} \leq \mathcal{R}(t, s), w(s) \leq N\}$ has finite measure. We have

$$\int_{E_N} \tilde{\nu} \left(\frac{\lambda(\inf h)\mathcal{R}(t, y)w(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \left(\frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda} \right) dy \leq lN^2 |E_N| (\inf h) \tilde{\nu}(\lambda l k N^2 \inf h) < \infty$$

for each $l, k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lambda > 0$. Thus for each $\mu > 0$ we choose λ such that

$$\int_{E_N} \tilde{\nu} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \left(\frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda} \right) dy = (1 + \mu)C,$$

where C is the constant in (6.70). For each $\gamma > 0$ we consider

$$f_\gamma(y) = \frac{\gamma}{C} \tilde{\nu} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda (\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y)} \chi_{E_N}(y).$$

For $t < x < \tau$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}f_\gamma(x) &= h(x) \int_{E_N} \mathcal{R}(x, y) \frac{\gamma}{C} \tilde{\nu} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda (\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y)} w(y) dy \\ &\geq \int_{E_N} \frac{\gamma}{C\lambda} \tilde{\nu} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \left(\psi(y) + 1/k \right) dy \\ &= (1 + \mu)\gamma > \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

This implies

$$(t, \tau) \subset \{x : \mathcal{I}f_\gamma(x) > \gamma\}.$$

Thus using (5.10) and (6.70) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa(t, \tau) &= \left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_t^\tau \omega(y) dy \right) \\ &\leq \left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_{\{\mathcal{I}f_\gamma > \gamma\}} \omega(y) dy \right) \\ &\leq \int_{E_N} \mathcal{V} \left(\tilde{\nu} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda (\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y)} \phi(y) \right) \psi(y) dy \\ &\leq \int_{E_N} \tilde{\nu} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \psi(y) dy \\ &\leq (1 + \mu)C\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\tilde{\nu}(r)/r$ increases as r increases, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{E_N} \tilde{\nu} \left(\frac{(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y) \kappa(t, \tau)}{(1 + \mu)C(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\kappa(t, \tau)} dy \\ &\leq \int_{E_N} \tilde{\nu} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{(1 + \mu)C\lambda} dy = 1. \end{aligned}$$

By the Monotone Convergence Theorem, we obtain

$$\int_{E_N} \tilde{\nu} \left(\frac{(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y) \kappa(t, \tau)}{(1 + \mu)C(\phi(y) + 1/l)\psi(y)} \right) \frac{\psi(y)}{\kappa(t, \tau)} dy \leq 1.$$

Letting $l, N \rightarrow \infty$ and $\mu \rightarrow 0^+$, we obtain

$$\int_{\zeta(\tau)}^{\sigma(t)} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{(\inf h) \mathcal{R}(t, y) w(y) \kappa(t, \tau)}{C \phi(y) \psi(y)} \right) \psi(y) dy \leq \kappa(t, \tau).$$

Next, we prove the condition (6.72). Let $a < z \leq t < \tau < b$ satisfying $\zeta(\tau) \leq \sigma(z)$. For each $m \in \mathbb{N}$ we consider the set $E_m = \{\zeta(\tau) < s < \sigma(z) : \frac{1}{m} \leq w(s) \leq m\}$ has finite measure. For each $l, k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lambda > 0$ we have

$$\int_{E_m} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf h(y) \mathcal{R}(y, \sigma(z))) w(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) \left(\frac{\psi(s) + 1/k}{\lambda} \right) ds < \infty,$$

where the infimum is considered over the interval (t, τ) . Given $\mu > 0$ we choose λ suitably such that

$$\int_{E_m} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf h(y) \mathcal{R}(y, \sigma(z))) w(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) \left(\frac{\psi(s) + 1/k}{\lambda} \right) ds = (1 + \mu)C,$$

where C is the constant in (6.70). For $\gamma > 0$ we define

$$f_\gamma(s) = \frac{\gamma}{C} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf h(y) \mathcal{R}(y, \sigma(z))) w(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(s) + 1/k}{\lambda (\inf h(y) \mathcal{R}(y, \sigma(z))) w(s)} \chi_{E_m}(s).$$

If $s \in E_m$ and $t < x < \tau$, then $\mathcal{R}(x, s) \geq \mathcal{R}(x, \sigma(z))$. Thus for $t < x < \tau$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}f_\gamma(x) &= h(x) \int_{E_m} \mathcal{R}(x, s) \frac{\gamma}{C} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf h(y) \mathcal{R}(y, \sigma(z))) w(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(s) + 1/k}{\lambda (\inf h(y) \mathcal{R}(y, \sigma(z))) w(s)} w(s) ds \\ &\geq \int_{E_m} \frac{\gamma}{C \lambda} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf h(y) \mathcal{R}(y, \sigma(z))) w(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) (\psi(s) + 1/k) ds \\ &= (1 + \mu) \gamma > \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

This implies

$$(t, \tau) \subset \{x : \mathcal{I}f_\gamma(x) > \gamma\}.$$

The rest of the proof proceeds similarly. Hence the proof is complete. $\square$

Theorem 6.4.2. *Let $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}, \tilde{\mathcal{V}}$ and $\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}$ satisfy all the conditions stated in Theorem 6.3.1. Let the function w be monotone on $\mathbb{R}$ and and let the function $w(\cdot) \mathcal{R}(y, \cdot)$ satisfies that*

$$\inf_{x \in \Omega} w(x) \mathcal{R}(y, x) = \inf_{x \in (\inf \Omega, \sup \Omega)} w(x) \mathcal{R}(y, x)$$

for all bounded set Ω and all y . Then the following assertions are equivalent.

(i) For all functions $f \geq 0$ and each $\gamma > 0$, the estimate

$$\omega\left(\left\{t \in (a, b) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}f(t) > \gamma\right\}\right) \leq \mathcal{U} \circ \mathcal{V}^{-1}\left(\int_{\sigma^{-1}(a)}^{\zeta^{-1}(b)} \mathcal{V}\left(\frac{Cf(y)\phi(y)}{\gamma}\right)\psi(y)dy\right), \quad (6.99)$$

holds for an arbitrary constant $C > 0$.

(ii) There exists $C > 0$ such that

$$\int_{\sigma^{-1}(\tau)}^{\zeta^{-1}(t)} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left[\frac{(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(s, \tau)h(s)\kappa(t, \tau)}{C\phi(s)\psi(s)}\right]\psi(s)ds \leq \kappa(t, \tau), \quad (6.100)$$

and

$$\int_{\sigma^{-1}(z)}^{\zeta^{-1}(t)} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left[\frac{(\inf w(y)\mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z), y))h(s)\kappa(t, \tau)}{C\phi(s)\psi(s)}\right]\psi(s)ds \leq \kappa(t, \tau) \quad (6.101)$$

hold for each $a < t < \tau \leq z < b$ satisfying $\sigma^{-1}(\tau) \leq \sigma^{-1}(z) \leq \zeta^{-1}(t)$, where

$$\kappa(t, \tau) = \left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right)\left(\int_t^\tau \omega(z)dz\right).$$

Proof. (ii) $\implies$ (i). Let $\{\xi_k^m\}$ (after renaming) be the sequence given by Lemma 6.2.1 for the limits $\zeta^{-1}(t)$ and $\sigma^{-1}(t)$, and thus (6.11) holds for the adjoint operator $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}f$. We write $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}f$ for $t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m)$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{I}}f(t) &= w(t) \int_{\sigma^{-1}(t)}^{\zeta^{-1}(t)} \mathcal{R}(s, t)f(s)h(s)ds \\ &= w(t) \left\{ \int_{\sigma^{-1}(t)}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} + \int_{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)} + \int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(t)} \right\} \mathcal{R}(s, t)f(s)h(s)ds \\ &= \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_1f(t) + \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_2f(t) + \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_3f(t). \end{aligned} \quad (6.102)$$

Thus from (6.102), we have

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right)\left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}f(t) > \gamma\}} \omega(y)dy\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 \left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right)\left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_i f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{3}\}} \omega(y)dy\right). \quad (6.103)$$

We will first estimate the integral $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_3f$. Applying (6.2) we obtain

$$\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_3f(t) \leq M \left[w(t) \int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(t)} \mathcal{R}(s, \xi_{k+1}^m)f(s)h(s)ds + w(t)\mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m), t) \int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(t)} f(s)h(s)ds \right]$$

$$= M \left[\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{3,1} f(t) + \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{3,2} f(t) \right].$$

Thus

$$\left(\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_3 f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{3}\}} \omega(y) dy \right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^2 \left(\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{3,i} f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M}\}} \omega(y) dy \right). \quad (6.104)$$

We define a sequence $\{x_j\}$ as $x_0 = \xi_{k+1}^m$ and for each x_{j-1} let x_j be the number given by $\int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_j)} \mathcal{R}(s, \xi_{k+1}^m) f(s) h(s) ds = \int_{\zeta^{-1}(x_j)}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j-1})} \mathcal{R}(s, \xi_{k+1}^m) f(s) h(s) ds$. Then the sequence $\{x_j\}$ decreases and satisfies

$$\int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_j)} \mathcal{R}(s, \xi_{k+1}^m) f(s) h(s) ds = 4 \int_{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+1})} \mathcal{R}(s, \xi_{k+1}^m) f(s) h(s) ds.$$

We define $\delta_{3,1}^j = \inf \Omega_{3,1}^j$ and $\epsilon_{3,1}^j = \sup \Omega_{3,1}^j$, where

$$\Omega_{3,1}^j = \left\{ t \in (x_{j+1}, x_j) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{3,1} f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M} \right\}.$$

For $x \in \Omega_{3,1}^j$, we have

$$\frac{\gamma}{6M} < 4w(x) \int_{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+1})} \mathcal{R}(z, \xi_{k+1}^m) f(z) h(z) dz. \quad (6.105)$$

As the estimate (6.105) holds for each $x \in \Omega_{3,1}^j$, we have

$$\gamma \leq 24M \left(\inf_{(\delta_{3,1}^j, \epsilon_{3,1}^j)} w(x) \right) \int_{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+1})} \mathcal{R}(z, \xi_{k+1}^m) f(z) h(z) dz. \quad (6.106)$$

Let us denote $\kappa(\delta_{3,1}^j, \epsilon_{3,1}^j) = \left(\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_{\delta_{3,1}^j}^{\epsilon_{3,1}^j} \omega(\tau) d\tau \right)$, then using (5.9) and (6.106) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2\kappa(\delta_{3,1}^j, \epsilon_{3,1}^j) &\leq \int_{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+1})} \nu \left(\frac{48MCf(z)\phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz \\ &\quad + \int_{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+1})} \tilde{\nu} \left(\frac{(\inf w) \mathcal{R}(z, \xi_{k+1}^m) h(z) \kappa}{C\phi(z)\psi(z)} \right) \psi(z) dz. \end{aligned} \quad (6.107)$$

As $\sigma^{-1}(\epsilon_{3,1}^j) \leq \sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m) \leq \zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m) \leq \zeta^{-1}(x_j) \leq \zeta^{-1}(\delta_{3,1}^j)$, thus (6.100) gives

$$\int_{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+1})} \tilde{\nu} \left(\frac{(\inf w) \mathcal{R}(z, \xi_{k+1}^m) h(z) \kappa}{C\phi(z)\psi(z)} \right) \psi(z) dz \leq \kappa(\delta_{3,1}^j, \epsilon_{3,1}^j). \quad (6.108)$$

Combining (6.107) and (6.108) we have

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right) \left(\int_{\Omega_{3,1}^j} \omega(\tau) d\tau \right) \leq \int_{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(x_{j+1})} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48MCf(z)\phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.109)$$

Summing up in j and applying the sub-additivity of $\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}$, we get

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{3,1} f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M}\}} \omega(z) dz \right) \leq \int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48MCf(z)\phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.110)$$

To estimate $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{3,2}$, we consider a decreasing sequence $\{y_j\}$ defined as $y_0 = \xi_{k+1}^m$ and for each y_{j-1} let y_j be the number given by $\int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_j)} f(s)h(s)ds = \int_{\zeta^{-1}(y_j)}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j-1})} f(s)h(s)ds$. From the definition of $\{y_j\}$ we obtain $\int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_j)} f(s)h(s)ds = 4 \int_{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+1})} f(s)h(s)ds$. We define $\delta_{3,2}^j = \inf \Omega_{3,2}^j$ and $\epsilon_{3,2}^j = \sup \Omega_{3,2}^j$, where

$$\Omega_{3,2}^j = \left\{ t \in (y_{j+1}, y_j) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{3,2} f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M} \right\}.$$

For $x \in \Omega_{3,2}^j$, we have

$$\frac{\gamma}{6M} < 4w(x)\mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m), x) \int_{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+1})} f(z)h(z)dz. \quad (6.111)$$

As the estimate (6.111) holds for each $x \in \Omega_{3,2}^j$, thus

$$\gamma \leq 24M \left(\inf_{(\delta_{3,2}^j, \epsilon_{3,2}^j)} w(x)\mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m), x) \right) \int_{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+1})} f(z)h(z)dz. \quad (6.112)$$

Considering $\kappa(\delta_{3,2}^j, \epsilon_{3,2}^j) = (\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\delta_{3,2}^j}^{\epsilon_{3,2}^j} \omega(\tau) d\tau \right)$ and from (5.9) and (6.112) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2\kappa(\delta_{3,2}^j, \epsilon_{3,2}^j) &\leq \int_{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+1})} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48MCf(z)\phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz \\ &\quad + \int_{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+1})} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{(\inf w(x)\mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m), x))h(z)\kappa}{C\phi(z)\psi(z)} \right) \psi(z) dz. \end{aligned} \quad (6.113)$$

As $\sigma^{-1}(\epsilon_{3,2}^j) \leq \sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m) \leq \zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m) \leq \zeta^{-1}(y_j) \leq \zeta^{-1}(\delta_{3,2}^j)$, (6.101) gives

$$\int_{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+1})} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{(\inf w(x)\mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m), x))h(z)\kappa}{C\phi(z)\psi(z)} \right) \psi(z) dz \leq \kappa(\delta_{3,2}^j, \epsilon_{3,2}^j). \quad (6.114)$$

Combining (6.113) and (6.114) we have

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}\right) \left(\int_{\Omega_{3,2}^j} \omega(\tau) d\tau \right) \leq \int_{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+2})}^{\zeta^{-1}(y_{j+1})} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48MCf(z)\phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.115)$$

Summing up in j and applying the sub-additivity of $\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}$, we get

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_{3,2} f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{6M}\}} \omega(z) dz \right) \leq \int_{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48MCf(z)\phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.116)$$

Arguing similarly we obtain

$$\left(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1} \right) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_2 f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{3}\}} \omega(z) dz \right) \leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_k^m)} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48MCf(z)\phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.117)$$

For $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_1$, we consider $z_0 = \xi_k^m$ and we define an increasing sequence $\{z_j\}$ as

$$\mathcal{L}(z_j) = \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_j)}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_j) f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau = (M+1)^{-j} \mathcal{L}(z_0).$$

We use the condition (6.2) to estimate the following.

$$\mathcal{L}(z_j) = (M+1)^2 \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+2})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+2}) f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau \quad (6.118)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (M+1)^2 \left[\int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+2})}^{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})} + \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \right] \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+2}) f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau \\ &\leq (M+1)^2 \left[\int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+2})}^{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})} \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+2}) + \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} M \left\{ \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+3}) + \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3}), z_{j+2}) \right\} \right] f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau \\ &\leq (M+1)^3 \left\{ \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+2})}^{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})} \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+2}) + \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3}), z_{j+2}) \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \right\} f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau \\ &\quad + M(M+1)^2 \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+3}) f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (6.119)$$

From the construction of $\{z_j\}$, we have

$$\int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+3}) f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau = \mathcal{L}(z_{j+3}) = (M+1)^{-(j+3)} \mathcal{L}(z_0) = (M+1)^{-3} \mathcal{L}(z_j).$$

Thus (6.119) implies that

$$\mathcal{L}(z_j) \leq (M+1)^4 \left[\int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+2})}^{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})} \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+2}) f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau + \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3}), z_{j+2}) \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau \right].$$

Next we consider $\delta_{1,l}^j = \inf \Omega_{1,l}^j$ and $\epsilon_{1,l}^j = \sup \Omega_{1,l}^j$ for $l = 1, 2$, where

$$\Omega_{1,1}^j = \left\{ y \in (z_j, z_{j+1}) : w(y) \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+2})}^{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})} \mathcal{R}(\tau, z_{j+2}) f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau > \frac{\gamma}{6(M+1)^4} \right\},$$

$$\Omega_{1,2}^j = \left\{ z \in (z_j, z_{j+1}) : w(z) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3}), z_{j+2}) \int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau > \frac{\gamma}{6(M+1)^4} \right\}.$$

Thus the estimate for $\tilde{\mathcal{I}}_1 f$ is reduced to the following form.

$$\begin{aligned} (\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\{t: \mathcal{I}_1 f(t) > \frac{\gamma}{3}\}} \omega(z) dz \right) &\leq \sum_{j \geq 0} \left\{ (\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\Omega_{1,1}^j} \omega(z) dz \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\Omega_{1,2}^j} \omega(z) dz \right) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (6.120)$$

Arguing similarly as in the previous cases, we observe that

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} (\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\Omega_{1,1}^j} \omega(z) dz \right) \leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \nu \left(\frac{12(M+1)^4 C f(z) \phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.121)$$

For the second part, we define an increasing sequence $\{d'_i\}$ in (ξ_k^m, ξ_{k+1}^m) with the iteration $d'_0 = \xi_k^m$ and

$$\int_{\sigma^{-1}(d'_i)}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} f(z) h(z) dz = 2 \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d'_{i+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} f(z) h(z) dz.$$

Next we define a subsequence $\{d_n\}$ as $d_0 = d'_0$ and if $d'_i < z_j \leq d'_{i+1}$ then $d_{n+1} = d'_{i+1}$, otherwise we delete the term d'_{i+1} and continue the process. Thus, we get a subsequence $\{d_n\}$ of $\{d'_i\}$. Let $\tilde{\delta}_{1,2}^n = \inf \tilde{\Omega}_{1,2}^n$ and $\tilde{\epsilon}_{1,2}^n = \sup \tilde{\Omega}_{1,2}^n$, where $\tilde{\Omega}_{1,2}^n = \cup_{\{j: d_n < z_{j+3} \leq d_{n+1}\}} \Omega_{1,2}^j$. Now, if $d'_{i+1} = d_{n+1} \geq z_{j+3} > d_n$ then by construction $z_{j+3} \geq d'_i$ and $d_{n+2} \geq d'_{i+2}$. From the construction of $\{d'_i\}$ and $\{d_n\}$, we have

$$\int_{\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3})}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d'_i)}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} = 4 \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d'_{i+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(d'_{i+2})} \leq 4 \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+2})}. \quad (6.122)$$

Now for $x \in \tilde{\Omega}_{1,2}^n$, we have

$$\frac{\gamma}{6(M+1)^4} < 4w(x) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3}), x) \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+2})} f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau. \quad (6.123)$$

As (6.123) holds for each $x \in \tilde{\Omega}_{1,2}^n$, thus

$$\gamma \leq 24(M+1)^4 \inf_{(\tilde{\delta}_{1,2}^n, \tilde{\epsilon}_{1,2}^n)} (w(x) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3}), x)) \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+2})} f(\tau) h(\tau) d\tau. \quad (6.124)$$

Let us denote $\kappa(\tilde{\delta}_{1,2}^n, \tilde{\epsilon}_{1,2}^n) = (\nu \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\tilde{\delta}_{1,2}^n}^{\tilde{\epsilon}_{1,2}^n} \omega(\tau) d\tau \right)$. Now applying (5.9) and (6.124) we obtain

$$2\kappa(\tilde{\delta}_{1,2}^n, \tilde{\epsilon}_{1,2}^n) \leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+2})} \nu \left(\frac{48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau) \phi(\tau)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+2})} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left[\frac{\inf(w(x)\mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z_{j+3}), x))h(\tau)\kappa}{C\phi(\tau)\psi(\tau)} \right] \psi(\tau) d\tau \\
& \leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+2})} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau)\phi(\tau)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau + \kappa(\tilde{\delta}_{1,2}^n, \tilde{\epsilon}_{1,2}^n).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus using the condition (6.101), we have

$$(\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\tilde{\delta}_{1,2}^n}^{\tilde{\epsilon}_{1,2}^n} \omega(\tau) d\tau \right) \leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+1})}^{\sigma^{-1}(d_{n+2})} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau)\phi(\tau)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau.$$

Summing up over n and then applying the sub-additivity of $\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}$, we obtain

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} (\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\tilde{\Omega}_{1,2}^n} \omega(\tau) d\tau \right) \leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau)\phi(\tau)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau. \quad (6.125)$$

Thus

$$\sum_{j \geq 0} (\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\Omega_{1,2}^j} \omega(\tau) d\tau \right) \leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{48(M+1)^4 C f(\tau)\phi(\tau)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(\tau) d\tau. \quad (6.126)$$

Combining (6.103), (6.104), (6.110), (6.116), (6.117), (6.120), (6.121) and (6.126) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1}) \left(\int_{\{t \in (\xi_k^m, \xi_{k+1}^m) : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}f(t) > \gamma\}} \omega(z) dz \right) \\
& \leq \int_{\sigma^{-1}(\xi_k^m)}^{\zeta^{-1}(\xi_{k+1}^m)} \mathcal{V} \left(\frac{96(M+1)^4 C f(z)\phi(z)}{\gamma} \right) \psi(z) dz. \quad (6.127)
\end{aligned}$$

Summing up (6.127) over m and k we obtain the estimate (6.39) with constant $96(M+1)^4 C$.

(i) $\implies$ (ii). Conversely let us assume $t < \tau$ such that $\sigma^{-1}(\tau) < \zeta^{-1}(t)$. For each $N \in \mathbb{N}$ we consider the set, $E_N = \left\{ \sigma^{-1}(\tau) < s < \zeta^{-1}(t) : \frac{1}{N} \leq \mathcal{R}(s, \tau), h(s) \leq N \right\}$ has finite measure. As the integral

$$\int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(y, \tau)h(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \left(\frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda} \right) dy \leq lN^2 |E_N| (\inf w) \tilde{v}(\lambda l k N^2 \inf w) < \infty$$

for each $l, k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lambda > 0$. Given $\mu > 0$ we choose λ suitably so that

$$\int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(y, \tau)h(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \left(\frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda} \right) dy = (1 + \mu)C,$$

where C is the constant in (6.99). For each $\gamma > 0$ we consider

$$f_\gamma(y) = \frac{\gamma}{C} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(y, \tau)h(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda(\inf w)\mathcal{R}(y, \tau)h(y)} \chi_{E_N}(y).$$

If $t < x < \tau$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathcal{I}}f_\gamma(x) &= w(x) \int_{E_N} \mathcal{R}(y, x) \frac{\gamma}{C} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{\lambda(\inf w) \mathcal{R}(y, \tau) h(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)}\right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda(\inf w) \mathcal{R}(y, \tau) h(y)} h(y) dy \\ &\geq \int_{E_N} \frac{\gamma}{C\lambda} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{\lambda(\inf w) \mathcal{R}(y, \tau) h(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)}\right) (\psi(y) + 1/k) dy \\ &= (1 + \mu)\gamma > \gamma.\end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$(t, \tau) \subset \{x : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}f_\gamma(x) > \gamma\}.$$

Applying the condition (5.10) and the assumption (6.99) we get

$$\begin{aligned}\kappa(t, \tau) &= (\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1})\left(\int_t^\tau \omega(y) dy\right) \\ &\leq (\mathcal{V} \circ \mathcal{U}^{-1})\left(\int_{\{\tilde{\mathcal{I}}f_\gamma > \gamma\}} \omega(y) dy\right) \\ &\leq \int_{E_N} \mathcal{V}\left(\tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{\lambda(\inf w) \mathcal{R}(y, \tau) h(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)}\right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\lambda(\inf w) \mathcal{R}(y, \tau) h(y)} \phi(y)\right) \psi(y) dy \\ &\leq \int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{\lambda(\inf w) \mathcal{R}(y, \tau) h(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)}\right) \psi(y) dy \\ &\leq (1 + \mu)C\lambda.\end{aligned}$$

As $\tilde{\mathcal{V}}(r)/r$ increases as r increases, we have

$$\begin{aligned}&\int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{(\inf w) \mathcal{R}(y, \tau) h(y) \kappa(t, \tau)}{(1 + \mu)C(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)}\right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{\kappa(t, \tau)} dy \\ &\leq \int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{\lambda(\inf w) \mathcal{R}(y, \tau) h(y)}{(\phi(y) + 1/l)(\psi(y) + 1/k)}\right) \frac{\psi(y) + 1/k}{(1 + \mu)C\lambda} dy = 1.\end{aligned}$$

By the Monotone Convergence Theorem, we get

$$\int_{E_N} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{(\inf w) \mathcal{R}(y, \tau) h(y) \kappa(t, \tau)}{(1 + \mu)C(\phi(y) + 1/l)\psi(y)}\right) \frac{\psi(y)}{\kappa(t, \tau)} dy \leq 1.$$

Letting $l, N \rightarrow \infty$ and $\mu \rightarrow 0^+$, we obtain

$$\int_{\sigma^{-1}(\tau)}^{\zeta^{-1}(t)} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{(\inf w) \mathcal{R}(y, \tau) h(y) \kappa(t, \tau)}{C\phi(y)\psi(y)}\right) \psi(y) dy \leq \kappa(t, \tau).$$

Next we prove the estimate (6.101). Let $a < t < \tau \leq z < b$ such that $\sigma^{-1}(\tau) \leq \sigma^{-1}(z) \leq \zeta^{-1}(t)$. For each $m \in \mathbb{N}$ we consider the set, $E_m = \left\{\sigma^{-1}(z) < s < \zeta^{-1}(t) : \frac{1}{m} \leq h(s) \leq m\right\}$ has finite measure. Now for each $l, k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lambda > 0$ we have

$$\int_{E_m} \tilde{\mathcal{V}}\left(\frac{\lambda(\inf w(y) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z), y)) h(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)}\right) \left(\frac{\psi(s) + 1/k}{\lambda}\right) ds < \infty,$$

where the infimum is considered over the interval (t, τ) . Given $\mu > 0$ we choose λ suitably so that

$$\int_{E_m} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf w(y) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z), y)) h(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) \left(\frac{\psi(s) + 1/k}{\lambda} \right) ds = (1 + \mu)C,$$

where C is the constant in (6.99). We define

$$f_\gamma(s) = \frac{\gamma}{C} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf w(y) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z), y)) h(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(s) + 1/k}{\lambda (\inf w(y) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z), y)) h(s)} \chi_{E_m}(s).$$

If $s \in E_m$ and $t < x < \tau$, then $\mathcal{R}(s, x) \geq \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z), x)$. Thus for $t < x < \tau$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{I}}f_\gamma(x) &= w(x) \int_{E_m} \mathcal{R}(s, x) \frac{\gamma}{C} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf w(y) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z), y)) h(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) \frac{\psi(s) + 1/k}{\lambda (\inf w(y) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z), y)) h(s)} h(s) ds \\ &\geq \int_{E_m} \frac{\gamma}{C\lambda} \tilde{\mathcal{V}} \left(\frac{\lambda (\inf w(y) \mathcal{R}(\sigma^{-1}(z), y)) h(s)}{(\phi(s) + 1/l)(\psi(s) + 1/k)} \right) (\psi(s) + 1/k) ds \\ &= (1 + \mu)\gamma > \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$(t, \tau) \subset \{x : \tilde{\mathcal{I}}f_\gamma(x) > \gamma\}.$$

The rest of the proof proceeds similarly. Hence the proof is complete. $\square$

Similarly, the extra-weak type integral estimates for the operator of Hardy-Steklov type and its adjoint follow directly from the above two theorems by considering $\mathcal{R} \equiv 1$.

Future Plan

- (1) The integral operator of Hardy type is defined as

$$K(f)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x k(x, y)f(y)dy, \quad (6.128)$$

where $k(\geq 0)$ is defined on the set $\mathcal{D} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y < x\}$. For $k = 1$, the integral operator is known as the Hardy operator and it is defined as

$$H(f)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(y)dy.$$

We refer to [1, 29] for the weighted estimates for the integral operator (6.128). In [9, 33], the authors defined a bilinear version of Hardy operator as

$$H(f, g)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^x f(s)g(t)dsdt$$

and they characterized the positive measurable functions w, w_1 and w_2 such that the inequality

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(f, g)(x)^q w(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq C \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)^{p_1} w_1(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)^{p_2} w_2(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p_2}} \quad (6.129)$$

holds for some positive constant C and for any pair of nonnegative measurable function (f, g) with $q, p_1, p_2 > 1$.

We plan to consider a bilinear integral operator of Hardy type, and want to characterize the weights w, w_1, w_2 such that the inequality (6.129) holds for the bilinear integral operator.

- (2) In [20, 25, 32], the authors considered Hardy type operators involving suprema, and established weighted estimates for such operators. We plan to study weighted inequalities for the Hardy-Steklov type operators involving suprema.
- (3) We also plan to study weighted estimates for maximal operators and integral operators in Sobolev spaces.