

## TWO-WEIGHTED INEQUALITIES FOR THE RIESZ POTENTIAL IN $p$ -CONVEX WEIGHTED MODULAR BANACH FUNCTION SPACES

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We prove the property of two-weight boundedness for the Riesz potential from one weighted Banach function space to another weighted Banach function space. In particular, we establish the two-weight boundedness for the Riesz potential and determine sufficient conditions on weights for the boundedness of the Riesz potential in weighted Musielak–Orlicz spaces.

### 1. Introduction

The investigations of the Riesz operator in weighted Banach function spaces (BFS) have recent history. The aim of these investigations is closely connected with founding a criterion for the geometry and weights in BFS guaranteeing the validity of boundedness of the Riesz operator in BFS. The mapping properties, such as boundedness and compactness, were characterized in [9, 10, 14, 33], etc. More precisely, the boundedness of certain integral operators in ideal Banach spaces was considered in [9, 10]. In [14], the boundedness of the Hardy operator was proved in Orlicz spaces. Moreover, the compactness and measure of noncompactness of Hardy-type operators in BFS was established in [33]. At the same time, in this paper, we used the property of boundedness of the Hardy operator in  $p$ -convex BFS. Note that the notion of BFS was introduced in [35]. Thus, in particular, the weighted Lebesgue spaces, weighted Lorentz spaces, weighted variable Lebesgue spaces, variable Lebesgue spaces with mixed norm, Musielak–Orlicz spaces, etc. are BFS.

In the present paper, we establish an integral-type sufficient condition on weights guaranteeing the boundedness of the Riesz operator from one weighted BFS to another weighted BFS.

### 2. Preliminaries

Let  $(\Omega, \mu)$  be a complete  $\sigma$ -finite measure space. By  $L_0 = L_0(\Omega, \mu)$  we denote the collection of all real-valued  $\mu$ -measurable functions on  $\Omega$ .

**Definition 2.1** [20]. *Let  $L$  be a real vector space. A function  $\rho: L \mapsto [0, \infty]$  is called semimodular on  $L$  if the following properties hold:*

- (a)  $\rho(0) = 0$ ,
- (b)  $\rho(\lambda x) = \rho(x)$  for all  $x \in L$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $|\lambda| = 1$ ,
- (c)  $\rho$  is convex,

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(d)  $\rho$  is left-continuous,

(e)  $\rho(\lambda x) = 0$  for all  $\lambda > 0$  implies that  $x = 0$ .

A semimodular  $\rho$  is called modular if

(f)  $\rho(x) = 0$  implies that  $x = 0$ .

A semimodular  $\rho$  is called continuous if

(g) the mapping  $\lambda \mapsto \rho(\lambda x)$  is continuous on  $[0, \infty)$  for every  $x \in L$ .

If  $\rho$  is semimodular or modular on  $L$ , then

$$L_\rho := \left\{ x \in L : \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \rho(\lambda x) = 0 \right\}$$

is called a semimodular space or a modular space, respectively. The limit as  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$  exists in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 2.1** [20]. *Let  $\rho$  be semimodular on  $L$ . Then  $L_\rho$  is a normed real vector space. The norm in this space is called the Luxemburg norm and defined by the formula*

$$\|x\|_\rho := \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \rho \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} x \right) \leq 1 \right\}.$$

**Definition 2.2** [8, 32, 35]. *We say that a real normed space  $X$  is a Banach function space (BFS) provided that:*

(P<sub>1</sub>) *the norm  $\|f\|_X$  is defined for any  $\mu$ -measurable function  $f$  and, moreover,  $f \in X$  if and only if  $\|f\|_X < \infty$  and  $\|f\|_X = 0$  if and only if  $f = 0$  a.e.;*

(P<sub>2</sub>)  *$\|f\|_X = \|\|f\|\|_X$  for all  $f \in X$ ;*

(P<sub>3</sub>) *if  $0 \leq f_n \uparrow f \leq g$  a.e., then  $\|f_n\|_X \uparrow \|f\|_X$  (Fatou property);*

(P<sub>4</sub>) *if  $E$  is a measurable subset of  $\Omega$  such that  $\mu(E) < \infty$ , then  $\|\chi_E\|_X < \infty$ , where  $\chi_E$  is the characteristic function of the set  $E$ ;*

(P<sub>5</sub>) *for any measurable set  $E \subset \Omega$  with  $\mu(E) < \infty$ , there is a constant  $C_E > 0$  such that*

$$\int_E f(x) dx \leq C_E \|f\|_X.$$

Recall that the condition (P<sub>3</sub>) immediately yields the following property:

$$\text{if } 0 \leq f \leq g, \text{ then } \|f\|_X \leq \|g\|_X.$$

Given a BFS  $X$ , we can always consider its associate space  $X'$  formed by  $g \in L_0$  such that  $f \cdot g \in L_1$  for any  $f \in X$  with usual order and the norm

$$\|g\|_{X'} = \sup \{ \|f \cdot g\|_{L_1} : \|f\|_{X'} \leq 1 \}.$$

Note that  $X'$  is a BFS in  $(\Omega, \mu)$  and a closed normed subspace.

Let  $X$  be a BFS and let  $\omega$  be a weight, i.e., a positive Lebesgue measurable and a.e. finite function on  $\Omega$ . Also let  $X_\omega = \{f \in L_0 : f\omega \in X\}$ . This space is a weighted BFS equipped with the norm

$$\|f\|_{X_\omega} = \|f\omega\|_X.$$

(For more details and proofs of the results obtained for the BFS, we refer the reader to [8, 32].)

We now recall the notion of  $p$ -convexity and  $p$ -concavity of BFS.

**Definition 2.3** [42]. *Let  $X$  be a BFS. Then  $X$  is called  $p$ -convex for  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  if there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that, for all  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in X$ ,*

$$\left\| \left( \sum_{k=1}^n |f_k|^p \right)^{1/p} \right\|_X \leq M \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \|f_k\|_X^p \right)^{1/p} \quad \text{if } 1 \leq p < \infty,$$

or

$$\left\| \sup_{1 \leq k \leq n} |f_k| \right\|_X \leq M \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \|f_k\|_X \quad \text{if } p = \infty.$$

Similarly,  $X$  is called  $p$ -concave for  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  if there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that, for all  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in X$ ,

$$\left( \sum_{k=1}^n \|f_k\|_X^p \right)^{1/p} \leq M \left\| \left( \sum_{k=1}^n |f_k|^p \right)^{1/p} \right\|_X \quad \text{if } 1 \leq p < \infty$$

or

$$\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \|f_k\|_X \leq M \left\| \sup_{1 \leq k \leq n} |f_k| \right\|_X \quad \text{if } p = \infty.$$

**Remark 2.1.** Note that the notion of  $p$ -convexity (resp.,  $p$ -concavity) is closely related to the notion of upper  $p$ -estimate (strong  $\ell_p$ -composition property) [or, respectively, to the notion of lower  $p$ -estimate (strong  $\ell_p$ -decomposition property)] as can be found in [32].

We now present some examples of  $p$ -convex and, respectively,  $p$ -concave BFS.

Let  $\mathbb{R}^n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space of the points  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , let  $\Omega$  be a Lebesgue measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let

$$|x| = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

The Lebesgue measure of a set  $\Omega$  is denoted by  $|\Omega|$ . It is well known that

$$|B(0, 1)| = \frac{\pi^{n/2}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)},$$

where  $B(0, 1) = \{x : x \in \mathbb{R}^n, |x| < 1\}$ . Suppose that  $\delta : \Omega \rightarrow [1, \infty)$ . Throughout the present paper, we assume

that

$$\underline{\delta} = \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in \Omega} \delta(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\delta} = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \Omega} \delta(x)$$

and that

$$p' = \frac{p}{p-1}$$

is the conjugate exponent of  $p > 1$ .

**Example 2.1.** Let  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and let  $X = L_q$ . Then the space  $L_q$  is a  $p$ -convex ( $p$ -concave) modular BFS if and only if  $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$  ( $1 \leq q \leq p \leq \infty$ ).

The proof follows from the Minkowski inequality in Lebesgue spaces.

**Example 2.2.** The following lemma shows that the variable Lebesgue space  $L_{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  is a  $p$ -convex modular BFS:

**Lemma 2.1** [1]. *Let  $1 \leq p \leq q(x) \leq \bar{q} < \infty$  for all  $x \in \Omega_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ . Then the inequality*

$$\| \|f\|_{L_p(\Omega_1)} \|_{L_{q(\cdot)}(\Omega_2)} \leq C_{p,q}^{2/p} \| \|f\|_{L_{q(\cdot)}(\Omega_2)} \|_{L_p(\Omega_1)}$$

is true, where

$$C_{p,q} = \left( \|\chi_{\Delta_1}\|_\infty + \|\chi_{\Delta_2}\|_\infty + p \left( \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\bar{q}} \right) \right) \left( \|\chi_{\Delta_1}\|_\infty + \|\chi_{\Delta_2}\|_\infty \right),$$

$$\Delta_1 = \{(x, y) \in \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 : q(y) = p\}, \quad \Delta_2 = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 \setminus \Delta_1$$

and  $f : \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an arbitrary measurable function such that

$$\| \|f\|_{L_p(\Omega_1)} \|_{L_{q(\cdot)}(\Omega_2)} = \inf \left\{ \mu > 0 : \int_{\Omega_2} \left( \frac{\|f(\cdot, y)\|_{L_p(\Omega_1)}}{\mu} \right)^{q(y)} dy \leq 1 \right\} < \infty$$

and

$$\|f(\cdot, y)\|_{L_p(\Omega_1)} = \left( \int_{\Omega_1} |f(x, y)|^p dx \right)^{1/p}.$$

Similarly, if  $1 \leq q(x) \leq p < \infty$ , then  $L_{q(x)}(\Omega)$  is a  $p$ -concave BFS.

**Definition 2.4** [20, 40]. *Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a Lebesgue measurable set. A real function  $\varphi : \Omega \times [0, \infty) \mapsto [0, \infty)$  is called a generalized  $\varphi$ -function if it satisfies the conditions:*

(a)  $\varphi(x, \cdot)$  is a  $\varphi$ -function for all  $x \in \Omega$ , i.e.,  $\varphi(x, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \mapsto [0, \infty)$  is convex and such that

$$\varphi(x, 0) = 0, \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow +0} \varphi(x, t) = 0;$$

(b)  $\psi : x \mapsto \varphi(x, t)$  is measurable for all  $t \geq 0$ .

If  $\varphi$  is a generalized  $\varphi$ -function on  $\Omega$ , then we briefly write  $\varphi \in \Phi$ .

**Definition 2.5** [20, 40]. Let  $\varphi \in \Phi$  and let  $\rho_\varphi$  be defined by the expression

$$\rho_\varphi(f) := \int_{\Omega} \varphi(x, |f(x)|) dx \quad \text{for all } f \in L_0(\Omega).$$

We set

$$L_\varphi = \{f \in L_0(\Omega) : \rho_\varphi(\lambda_0 f) < \infty \text{ for some } \lambda_0 > 0\}$$

and

$$\|f\|_{L_\varphi} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \rho_\varphi \left( \frac{f}{\lambda} \right) \leq 1 \right\}.$$

The space  $L_\varphi$  is called the Musielak–Orlicz space.

Let  $\omega$  be a weight function on  $\Omega$ , i.e., let  $\omega$  be a nonnegative almost everywhere positive function on  $\Omega$ . We denote

$$L_{\varphi, \omega} = \{f \in L_0(\Omega) : f\omega \in L_\varphi\}.$$

It is clear that the norm in this space is given by the formula

$$\|f\|_{L_{\varphi, \omega}} = \|f\omega\|_{L_\varphi}.$$

**Remark 2.2.** Let  $\varphi(x, t) = t^{q(x)}$  in Definition 2.4, where  $1 \leq q(x) < \infty$  and  $x \in \Omega$ . Thus, we get the definition of weighted Lebesgue spaces with variable exponent  $L_{q(x)}(\Omega)$ . For detailed information about Lebesgue spaces with variable exponent, we refer the reader to [18].

**Example 2.3.** The following lemma shows that the Musielak–Orlicz space  $L_\varphi$  is a  $p$ -convex modular BFS.

**Lemma 2.2** [6]. Let  $\Omega_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\Omega_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ . Also let  $(x, t) \in \Omega_1 \times [0, \infty)$  and  $\varphi(x, t^{1/p}) \in \Phi$  for some  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Suppose that  $f : \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ . Then the inequality

$$\| \|f(x, \cdot)\|_{L_p(\Omega_2)} \|_{L_\varphi} \leq 2^{1/p} \| \|f(\cdot, y)\|_{L_\varphi} \|_{L_p(\Omega_2)}$$

is true.

Note that the Lebesgue spaces with mixed norm, weighted Lorentz spaces, etc. are  $p$ -convex ( $p$ -concave) modular BFS. We now reduce a more general result connected with Minkowski’s integral inequality.

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be BFS on  $(\Omega_1, \mu)$  and  $(\Omega_2, \nu)$ , respectively. By  $X[Y]$  and  $Y[X]$  we denote the spaces with mixed norm and formed by all functions  $g \in L_0(\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2, \mu \times \nu)$  such that  $\|g(x, \cdot)\|_Y \in X$  and  $\|g(\cdot, y)\|_X \in Y$ . The norms in these spaces are defined as follows:

$$\|g\|_{X[Y]} = \| \|g(x, \cdot)\|_Y \|_X, \quad \|g\|_{Y[X]} = \| \|g(\cdot, y)\|_X \|_Y.$$

It is known that  $X[Y]$  and  $Y[X]$  are BFS on  $\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$  (see [32]).

**Definition 2.6** [40]. We say that a modular BFS  $X$  satisfies the  $\Delta_2$ -condition if there exists  $K \geq 2$  such that

$$\rho(2f) \leq K \rho(f)$$

for all  $f \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ . The smallest  $K$  of this kind is called the  $\Delta_2$ -constant of  $\rho$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $X$  be a modular BFS and let  $\gamma \geq 1$  and  $1 \leq q(x) \leq \bar{q} < \infty$ . Further, let

$$\min_{s>0} \{s, s^\gamma\} \rho(f) \leq \rho(sf) \leq \max_{s>0} \{s, s^{q(x)}\} \rho(f) \quad (2.1)$$

for almost all  $x \in \Omega$  and all  $f \in X_\rho$ . Then

$$\rho\left(\frac{f}{\|f\|_\rho}\right) = 1$$

and

$$\min_{\|f\|_\rho} \{\|f\|_\rho, \|f\|_\rho^\gamma\} \leq \rho(f) \leq \max_{\|f\|_\rho} \{\|f\|_\rho, \|f\|_\rho^{q(x)}\}$$

for any  $x \in \Omega$ .

**Proof.** Let

$$0 < \|f\|_\rho < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \rho\left(\frac{f}{\|f\|_\rho}\right) < 1.$$

We choose a positive number  $\lambda \leq \|f\|_\rho$  such that

$$\rho\left(\frac{f}{\lambda}\right) < 1.$$

Indeed, we set

$$\lambda = \|f\|_\rho \rho^{1/\bar{q}}\left(\frac{f}{\|f\|_\rho}\right).$$

Then  $\lambda < \|f\|_\rho$  and, by virtue of condition (2.1) with  $s > 1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \rho\left(\frac{f}{\lambda}\right) &= \rho\left(\frac{f}{\|f\|_\rho \rho^{1/\bar{q}}\left(\frac{f}{\|f\|_\rho}\right)}\right) \leq \rho^{-q(x)/\bar{q}}\left(\frac{f}{\|f\|_\rho}\right) \rho\left(\frac{f}{\|f\|_\rho}\right) \\ &\leq \rho^{-1}\left(\frac{f}{\|f\|_\rho}\right) \rho\left(\frac{f}{\|f\|_\rho}\right) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.3 is proved.

We consider a multidimensional Hardy-type operator and its dual operator

$$Hf(x) = \int_{|y|<|x|} f(y) dy \quad \text{and} \quad H^*f(x) = \int_{|y|>|x|} f(y) dy,$$

where  $f \geq 0$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

We now reduce a two-weight criterion for a multidimensional Hardy-type operator acting from a  $p$ -concave weighted BFS to a weighted Lebesgue space. Suppose that  $M > 0$  is a constant from Definition 2.3.

**Theorem 2.2** [7]. *Let  $v(x)$  and  $w(x)$  be weights on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose that  $X_w$  is a  $p$ -convex weighted BFS with  $1 \leq p < \infty$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then the inequality*

$$\|Hf\|_{X_w} \leq C \|f\|_{L_{p,v}} \tag{2.2}$$

holds for every  $f \geq 0$  if and only if there is an  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$A(\alpha) = \sup_{t>0} \left( \int_{|y|<t} v(y)^{-p'} dy \right)^{\alpha/p'} \left\| \chi_{\{|z|>t\}}(\cdot) \left( \int_{|y|<|\cdot|} v(y)^{-p'} dy \right) \right\|_{X_w}^{(1-\alpha)/p'} < \infty.$$

Moreover, if  $C > 0$  is the best possible constant in (2.2), then

$$\sup_{0<\alpha<1} \frac{p' A(\alpha)}{(1-\alpha) \left( \left( \frac{p'}{1-\alpha} \right)^p + \frac{1}{\alpha(p-1)} \right)^{1/p}} \leq C \leq M \inf_{0<\alpha<1} \frac{A(\alpha)}{(1-\alpha)^{1/p'}}.$$

For the dual operator, the theorem formulated below is proved similarly:

**Theorem 2.3** [7]. *Let  $v(x)$  and  $w(x)$  be weights on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose that  $X_w$  is a  $p$ -convex weighted BFS with  $1 \leq p < \infty$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Then the inequality*

$$\|H^*f\|_{X_w} \leq C \|f\|_{L_{p,v}} \tag{2.3}$$

holds for any  $f \geq 0$  if and only if there is a  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$B(\gamma) = \sup_{t>0} \left( \int_{|y|>t} v(y)^{-p'} dy \right)^{\gamma/p'} \left\| \chi_{\{|z|<t\}}(\cdot) \left( \int_{|y|>|\cdot|} v(y)^{-p'} dy \right) \right\|_{X_w}^{(1-\gamma)/p'} < \infty.$$

Moreover, if  $C > 0$  is the best possible constant in (2.3), then

$$\sup_{0<\gamma<1} \frac{p' B(\gamma)}{(1-\gamma) \left( \left( \frac{p'}{1-\gamma} \right)^p + \frac{1}{\gamma(p-1)} \right)^{1/p}} \leq C \leq M \inf_{0<\gamma<1} \frac{B(\gamma)}{(1-\gamma)^{1/p'}}.$$

**Corollary 2.1.** *Note that, in the case*

$$X_w = L_{\varphi, w}, \quad \varphi(x, t^{1/p}) \in \Phi \quad \text{for some } 1 \leq p < \infty, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

*Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 were proved in [6]. In the case*

$$X_w = L_{q, w}, \quad 1 < p \leq q < \infty, \quad \text{for } x \in (0, \infty), \quad \alpha = \frac{s-1}{p-1}, \quad \text{and } s \in (1, p),$$

*Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 were proved in [44]. For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , in the case*

$$X_w = L_{q(x), w} \quad \text{and} \quad 1 < p \leq q(x) \leq \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} q(x) < \infty,$$

*Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 were proved in [3] (see also [2]).*

**Remark 2.3.** *In the case*

$$n = 1, \quad X_w = L_{q, w}, \quad 1 < p \leq q \leq \infty, \quad \text{for } x \in (0, \infty)$$

and the classical Lebesgue spaces, various versions of Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 were proved in [12, 23, 25–28, 30, 31, 34, 38, 39, 43], etc. In particular, in the Lebesgue spaces with variable exponent, the property of boundedness of the Hardy-type operator was proved in [15–17, 19, 21, 24, 29, 36, 37], etc. For

$$X_w = L_{q(x), w}, \quad 1 < p \leq q(x) \leq \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in [0, 1]} q(x) < \infty, \quad \text{and } x \in [0, 1],$$

the two-weighted criterion was proved for a one-dimensional Hardy operator in [29]. Moreover, a two-weighted criterion of a different type was proved in [36] for a multidimensional Hardy-type operator in the case where

$$X_w = L_{q(x), w}, \quad 1 < p \leq q(x) \leq \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} q(x) < \infty, \quad \text{and } x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

(see also [37] and [17]). For

$$L_{q(x), w} \quad \text{with } 0 < \underline{q} \leq \bar{q} < 1,$$

the property of boundedness of the classical Hardy operator was proved in [5]. The inequalities of modular type were proved for more general operators in [11] and [41]. In addition, the Hardy-type inequalities with special power-type weights in Orlicz spaces were proved in [13].

### 3. Main Result

We now consider the Riesz potential

$$\mathcal{R}^s f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{f(y)}{|x-y|^{n-s}} dy,$$

where  $0 < s < n$ .

The sufficient conditions for the general weights guaranteeing the validity of two-weight strong-type inequalities for the Riesz potential in the BFS are established by the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.1.** *Suppose that  $v(x)$  and  $w(x)$  are weight functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $Y_w$  be a modular  $p$ -convex weighted BFS for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $0 < s < n$ , let  $\mathcal{R}^s$  be bounded from  $X$  into  $Y$ , and let  $L_{p,v}(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow X_v$ . Assume that there exists*

$$r(x) : 1 < p \leq r(x) \leq \bar{r} < \infty$$

such that

$$\rho(Cf) \leq C_1(r) \rho(f)$$

for all  $C > 0$ , where  $C_1(r) = \max \{C^r, C^{\bar{r}}\}$ .

Moreover, suppose that  $v(x)$  and  $w(x)$  satisfy the following three conditions:

(1)

$$A = \sup_{t>0} \left( \int_{|y|<t} v(y)^{-p'} dy \right)^{\alpha/p'} \left\| \frac{\chi_{\{|x|>t\}}}{|x|^{n-s}} \left( \int_{|y|<|x|} v(y)^{-p'} dy \right)^{(1-\alpha)/p'} \right\|_{Y_w} < \infty; \tag{3.1}$$

(2)

$$B = \sup_{t>0} \left( \int_{|y|>t} (v(y)|y|^{n-s})^{-p'} dy \right)^{\beta/p'} \left\| \chi_{\{|x|<t\}} \left( \int_{|y|>|x|} (v(y)|y|^{n-s})^{-p'} dy \right)^{(1-\beta)/p'} \right\|_{Y_w} < \infty, \tag{3.2}$$

where  $0 < \alpha, \beta < 1$ ;

(3) there exists  $M > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{|x|/2 < |y| \leq 4|x|} w(y) \leq M \inf_{|x|/2 < |y| \leq 4|x|} v(y). \tag{3.3}$$

Then there exists a positive constant  $C$  independent of  $f$  and such that for all  $f \in X_v$

$$\|\mathcal{R}^s f\|_{Y_w} \leq C \|f\|_{X_v}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $Z = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$ . For  $k \in Z$ , we define

$$E_k = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : 2^k < |x| \leq 2^{k+1}\},$$

$$E_{k,1} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| \leq 2^{k-1}\},$$

$$E_{k,2} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : 2^{k-1} < |x| \leq 2^{k+2}\},$$

$$E_{k,3} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| > 2^{k-1}\}.$$

Then  $E_{k,2} = E_{k-1} \cup E_k \cup E_{k+1}$  and the multiplicity of the covering  $\{E_{k,2}\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is equal to three. Given  $f \in L_{p,v}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{R}^s f(x)| &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mathcal{R}^s f(x)| \chi_{E_k}(x) \\ &\leq \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mathcal{R}^s f_{k,1}(x)| \chi_{E_k}(x) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mathcal{R}^s f_{k,2}(x)| \chi_{E_k}(x) + \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\mathcal{R}^s f_{k,3}(x)| \chi_{E_k}(x) \\ &= \mathcal{R}_1^s f(x) + \mathcal{R}_2^s f(x) + \mathcal{R}_3^s f(x), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\chi_{E_k}$  is the characteristic function of the set  $E_k$ ,  $f_{k,i} = f \chi_{E_{k,i}}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

First, we estimate  $\|\mathcal{R}_1^s f\|_{Y_w}$ . Note that, for  $x \in E_k$ ,  $y \in E_{k,1}$  we get

$$|y| < 2^{k-1} \leq |x|/2.$$

Moreover,

$$E_k \cap \text{supp } f_{k,1} = \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad |x - y| \geq |x| - |y| \geq |x| - |x|/2 = |x|/2.$$

Hence, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{R}_1^s f(x)| &\leq C \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|f_{k,1}(y)|}{|x - y|^{n-s}} dy \right) \chi_{E_k} \\ &\leq C \int_{|y| < |x|/2} \frac{|f(y)|}{|x - y|^{n-s}} dy \\ &\leq C \int_{|y| < |x|} \frac{|f(y)|}{|x - y|^{n-s}} dy \\ &\leq 2^n C \frac{1}{|x|^{n-s}} \int_{|y| < |x|} |f(y)| dy \end{aligned}$$

for any  $x \in E_k$ . Thus, we get

$$\|\mathcal{R}_1^s f\|_{Y_w} \leq 2^n C \left\| \frac{1}{|x|^{n-s}} \int_{|y| < |x|} |f(y)| dy \right\|_{Y_w} = \left\| \int_{|y| < |x|} |f(y)| dy \right\|_{Y_w/|x|^{n-s}}.$$

By virtue of condition (3.1) and Theorem 2.2, we obtain

$$\|\mathcal{R}_1^s f\|_{Y_w} \leq C_1 \|f\|_{L_{p,v}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C_2 \|f\|_{X_v}, \tag{3.4}$$

where  $C_1 > 0$  is independent of  $f$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Further, we estimate  $\|\mathcal{R}_3^s f\|_{Y_w}$ . It is clear that, for  $x \in E_k$ ,  $y \in E_{k,3}$ , we find

$$|y| > 2|x| \quad \text{and} \quad |x - y| \geq |y| - |x| \geq |y| - |y|/2 = |y|/2.$$

Since  $E_k \cap \text{supp } f_{k,3} = \emptyset$  for  $x \in E_k$ , we can write

$$|\mathcal{R}_3^s f(x)| \leq C \int_{|y|>2|x|} \frac{|f(y)|}{|x - y|^{n-s}} dy \leq 2^n C \int_{|y|>2|x|} \frac{|f(y)|}{|y|^{n-s}} dy.$$

Therefore, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{R}_3^s f\|_{Y_w} &\leq 2^n C \left\| \int_{|y|>2|x|} \frac{|f(y)|}{|y|^{n-s}} dy \right\|_{Y_w} \\ &\leq 2^n C \left\| \int_{|y|>|x|} \frac{|f(y)|}{|y|^{n-s}} dy \right\|_{Y_w}. \end{aligned}$$

By condition (3.2) and Theorem 2.3, we obtain

$$\|\mathcal{R}_3^s f\|_{Y_w} \leq C_2 \|f\|_{L_{p,v}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C_3 \|f\|_{X_v}, \tag{3.5}$$

where  $C_2 > 0$  is independent of  $f$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Finally, we estimate  $\|\mathcal{R}^s f_{k,2}\|_{Y_w}$ , where

$$\|\mathcal{R}^s f_{k,2}\|_{Y_w} = \left\| \sum_{k \in Z} |\mathcal{R}^s f_{k,2}| \chi_{E_k} \right\|_{Y_w}.$$

By virtue of Lemma 2.3, it suffices to prove that the inequality  $\|f\|_{X_v} \leq 1$  implies that

$$\rho \left( w \sum_{k \in Z} |\mathcal{R}^s f_{k,2}| \chi_{E_k} \right) \leq C,$$

where  $C > 0$  is independent of  $k \in Z$ .

By virtue of the boundedness of  $\mathcal{R}^s$  from  $X$  to  $Y$  and condition (3.3), we conclude that

$$\rho \left( w(y) \sum_{k \in Z} |\mathcal{R}^s f_{k,2}(y)| \chi_{E_k}(y) \right) = \sum_{m \in Z} \rho \left( w(y) \sum_{k \in Z} |\mathcal{R}^s f_{k,2}(y)| \chi_{E_k}(y) \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{k \in Z} \rho(w(y) |\mathcal{R}^s f_{k,2}(y)|) \\
 &= \sum_{k \in Z} \rho\left(C w(y) \|f_{k,2}\|_X \frac{|\mathcal{R}^s f_{k,2}|}{C \|f_{k,2}\|_X}\right) \\
 &\leq \sum_{k \in Z} (C w(y) \|f_{k,2}\|_X)^{r(y)} \rho\left(\frac{|\mathcal{R}^s f_{k,2}|}{C \|f_{k,2}\|_X}\right) \\
 &\leq C_2 \sum_{k \in Z} \sup_{y \in E_k} \left(w(y) \|f\|_{X(E_{k,2})}\right)^{r(y)} \rho\left(\frac{|\mathcal{R}^s f_{k,2}|}{C \|f_{k,2}\|_X}\right) \\
 &\leq C_2 \sum_{k \in Z} \sup_{y \in E_k} (w(y) \|f\|_X)^{r(y)} = C_2 \sum_{k \in Z} \sup_{y \in E_k} \left(\|f w\|_{X(E_{k,2})}\right)^{r(y)} \\
 &\leq C_3 \sum_{k \in Z} \sup_{y \in E_k} \left(\|f \inf_{y \in E_{k,2}} v(y)\|_{X(E_{k,2})}\right)^{r(y)} \\
 &\leq C_3 \sum_{k \in Z} \sup_{y \in E_k} \left(\|f v\|_{X(E_{k,2})}\right)^{r(y)} = C_3 \sum_{k \in Z} \left(\|f\|_{X_v(E_{k,2})}\right)^{\inf_{y \in E_k} r(y)} \\
 &\leq C_3 \sum_{k \in Z} \left(\|f\|_{X_v(E_{k,2})}\right)^r \leq C_3 \sum_{k \in Z} \rho(|f(y)|v(y)\chi_{E_{k,2}})^{r/\gamma} \\
 &= C_3 \sum_{k \in Z} [\rho(|f(y)|v(y) (\chi_{E_{k-1}} + \chi_{E_k} + \chi_{E_{k+1}}))]^{r/\gamma} \\
 &\leq C_3 [\rho(|f(y)|v(y))]^{r/\gamma} \left(\sum_{k \in Z} \chi_{E_{k-1}} + \sum_{k \in Z} \chi_{E_k} + \sum_{k \in Z} \chi_{E_{k+1}}\right)^{r/\gamma} \\
 &= C_3 (3 \rho(|f(y)|v(y)))^{r/\gamma} \leq 3^{r/\gamma} C_3 \leq C_4.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\|\mathcal{R}_2^s f\|_{Y_w} \leq C_5, \tag{3.6}$$

where  $C > 0$  is independent of  $f$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Combining inequalities (3.4), (3.5), and (3.6), we obtain the proof of Theorem 3.1.

**Theorem 3.2** [40]. *Let  $\psi \in \Phi$  and  $\delta \geq 1$ . Then  $L_\psi(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow L_\delta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if and only if there exists  $C > 0$  and  $h \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $\|h\|_{L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq 1$  such that*

$$\left(\frac{t}{C}\right)^\delta \leq \psi(x, t) + h(x) \tag{3.7}$$

for almost all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and all  $t \geq 0$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $\psi \in \Phi$ ,  $\gamma \geq 1$  and  $1 \leq q(x) \leq \bar{q} < \infty$ . Further, let*

$$\min_{s>0} \{s, s^\gamma\} \psi(x, t) \leq \psi(x, st) \leq \max_{s>0} \{s, s^{q(x)}\} \psi(x, t) \tag{3.8}$$

for almost all  $x \in \Omega$  and all  $t \geq 0$ . Then

$$\rho_\psi \left( \frac{f}{\|f\|_{L_\psi}} \right) = 1$$

and

$$\min_{\|f\|_{L_\psi}} \left\{ \|f\|_{L_\psi}, \|f\|_{L_\psi}^\gamma \right\} \leq \rho_\psi(f) \leq \max_{\|f\|_{L_\psi}} \left\{ \|f\|_{L_\psi}, \|f\|_{L_\psi}^{q(x)} \right\}.$$

Theorem 3.1 has the following corollary:

**Corollary 3.1.** *Assume that, for some  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\varphi(x, t^{1/p}) \in \Phi$  and a function  $\psi \in \Phi$  satisfy conditions (3.7) and (3.8), where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose that  $v(x)$  and  $w(x)$  are weight functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $\mathcal{R}^s$  be bounded from  $L_\psi(\mathbb{R}^n)$  into  $L_\varphi(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Assume that there exists  $r(x) : 1 < \theta \leq r(x) \leq \bar{r} < \infty$  such that*

$$\varphi(x, Ct) \leq C^{r(x)} \varphi(x, t)$$

for all  $C > 0$ .

Moreover, suppose that  $v(x)$  and  $w(x)$  satisfy the following three conditions:

(1) 
$$\sup_{t>0} \left( \int_{|y|<t} v(y)^{-p'} dy \right)^{\alpha/p'} \left\| \frac{w(\cdot)}{|\cdot|^{n-s}} \left( \int_{|y|<|\cdot|} v(y)^{-p'} dy \right)^{(1-\alpha)/p'} \right\|_{L_\varphi(|\cdot|>t)} < \infty;$$

(2) 
$$\sup_{t>0} \left( \int_{|y|>t} (v(y)|y|^{n-s})^{-p'} dy \right)^{\beta/p'} \left\| w(\cdot) \left( \int_{|y|>|\cdot|} (v(y)|y|^{n-s})^{-p'} dy \right)^{(1-\beta)/p'} \right\|_{L_\varphi(|\cdot|<t)} < \infty,$$

where  $0 < \alpha, \beta < 1$ ;

(3) there exists  $M > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{|x|/2 < |y| \leq 4|x|} w(y) \leq M \inf_{|x|/2 < |y| \leq 4|x|} v(y).$$

Then there exists a positive constant  $C$  independent of  $f$  such that, for all  $f \in L_{\psi,v}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$\|\mathcal{R}^s f\|_{L_{\varphi,w}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \|f\|_{L_{\psi,v}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Further, we assume that the exponent  $p(x)$  satisfies the standard conditions

$$|p(x) - p(y)| \leq \frac{M_1}{-\ln|x - y|}, \quad 0 < |x - y| \leq \frac{1}{2}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \tag{3.9}$$

together with the following conditions imposed at infinity:

$$|p(x) - p(y)| \leq \frac{M_2}{\ln(e + |x|)}, \quad |x| \geq |y|, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \tag{3.10}$$

where the positive constants  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are independent of  $x$  and  $y$ . Note that it follows from condition (3.10) that there is a number  $p_\infty$  such that  $p(x) \rightarrow p_\infty$  as  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$  and this limit is uniform in all directions. It is known that if  $p(x)$  satisfies (3.10),

$$p_\infty = \underline{p}, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{r(x)} = \frac{1}{\underline{p}} - \frac{1}{p(x)},$$

then  $\frac{1}{r(x)}$  satisfies (3.10),

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} r(x) = \infty, \quad \text{and} \quad L_{p(x)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow L_{\underline{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

In particular, for  $X_v = L_{p(x),v}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $Y_w = L_{q(x),w}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , Theorem 3.1 yields the following corollary:

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let*

$$\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} = \frac{s}{n}, \quad \underline{p} > 1, \quad \bar{p} < n/s, \quad \underline{q} \geq \bar{p},$$

and let  $p(x)$  satisfy conditions (3.9) and (3.10) with  $p_\infty = \underline{p}$ . Moreover, let  $v(x)$  and  $w(x)$  be weight functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  satisfying the following three conditions:

$$(1) \quad \sup_{t>0} \left( \int_{|y|<t} v(y)^{-\bar{p}'} dy \right)^{\alpha/\bar{p}'} \left\| \frac{w(\cdot)}{|\cdot|^{n-s}} \left( \int_{|y|<|\cdot|} v(y)^{-\bar{p}'} dy \right)^{(1-\alpha)/\bar{p}'} \right\|_{L_{q(\cdot)}(|\cdot|>t)} < \infty;$$

$$(2) \quad \sup_{t>0} \left( \int_{|y|>t} (v(y)|y|^{n-s})^{-\bar{p}'} dy \right)^{\beta/\bar{p}'} \left\| w(\cdot) \left( \int_{|y|>|\cdot|} (v(y)|y|^{n-s})^{-\bar{p}'} dy \right)^{(1-\beta)/\bar{p}'} \right\|_{L_{q(\cdot)}(|\cdot|<t)} < \infty,$$

where  $0 < \alpha, \beta < 1$ ;

(3) *there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that*

$$\sup_{|x|/4 < |y| \leq 4|x|} w(y) \leq M \inf_{|x|/4 < |y| \leq 4|x|} v(y) \quad \text{for a.e. } x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Then there exists a positive constant  $C$  independent of  $f$  such that, for all  $f \in L_{p(x),v}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$\|\mathcal{R}^s f\|_{L_{q(\cdot),w}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \|f\|_{L_{p(\cdot),v}(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

**Remark 3.1.** In the case where  $X_v = L_{p,v}$ ,  $Y_w = L_{q,w}$ ,  $1 < p \leq q \leq \infty$ , various versions of Theorem 3.1 were proved for the classical Lebesgue spaces in [4, 22, 45], etc.

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