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Boundedness of the anisotropic Riesz potential in anisotropic local Morrey-type spaces†

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The problem of boundedness of the anisotropic Riesz potential in local Morrey-type spaces is reduced to the problem of boundedness of the Hardy operator in weighted L_p -spaces on the cone of non-negative non-increasing functions. This allows obtaining sharp sufficient conditions for boundedness for all admissible values of the parameters, which, for a certain range of the parameters wider than known before, coincide with the necessary ones.

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1. Introduction

Let \mathbb{R}^n be the n -dimensional Euclidean space with the routine norm $|x|$ for each $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, S^{n-1} denotes the unit sphere on \mathbb{R}^n . For $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $r > 0$, let $B(x, r)$ denote the open ball centred at x of radius r and ${}^cB(x, r)$ denote the set $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus B(x, r)$. Let $d = (d_1, \dots, d_n)$, $d_i \geq 1$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, $|d| = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i$ and $t^d x \equiv (t^{d_1} x_1, \dots, t^{d_n} x_n)$. By [1,2], the function $F(x, \rho) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \rho^{-2d_i}$, considered for any fixed $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, is a decreasing one with respect to $\rho > 0$ and the equation $F(x, \rho) = 1$ is uniquely solvable. This unique solution will be denoted by $\rho(x)$. It is a simple matter to check that $\rho(x - y)$ defines a distance between any two points $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Thus \mathbb{R}^n , endowed with the metric ρ , defines a homogeneous metric space [1–3]. The balls with respect to ρ , centred at x of radius r , are just the ellipsoids

$$\mathcal{E}_d(x, r) = \left\{ y \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{(y_1 - x_1)^2}{r^{2d_1}} + \dots + \frac{(y_n - x_n)^2}{r^{2d_n}} < 1 \right\},$$

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with the Lebesgue measure $|\mathcal{E}_d(x, r)| = v_n r^{|d|}$, where v_n is the volume of the unit ball in \mathbb{R}^n . Also let ${}^c\mathcal{E}_d(x, r) = \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \mathcal{E}_d(x, r)$ be the complement of $\mathcal{E}_d(0, r)$. If $d = \mathbf{1} \equiv (1, \dots, 1)$, then clearly $\rho(x) = |x|$ and $\mathcal{E}_1(x, r) = B(x, r)$. Note that in the standard parabolic case $d = (1, \dots, 1, 2)$ we have

$$\rho(x) = \sqrt{\frac{|x'|^2 + \sqrt{|x'|^4 + x_n^2}}{2}}, \quad x = (x', x_n).$$

For any $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, set

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \rho^{d_1} \cos \varphi_1 \dots \cos \varphi_{n-2} \cos \varphi_{n-1}, \\ x_2 &= \rho^{d_2} \cos \varphi_1 \dots \cos \varphi_{n-2} \sin \varphi_{n-1}, \\ &\dots \\ x_{n-1} &= \rho^{d_{n-1}} \cos \varphi_1 \sin \varphi_2, \\ x_n &= \rho^{d_n} \sin \varphi_1. \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

Thus, $dx = \rho^{|d|-1} J(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{n-1}) d\rho d\sigma(x)$, where $d\sigma$ is the element of the area of S^{n-1} and $\rho^{|d|-1} J(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{n-1})$ is the Jacobian of this transform. In [1,2], it was shown that there exists a constant $M \geq 1$ such that $1 \leq J(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{n-1}) \leq M$ and $J(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{n-1}) \in C^\infty((0, 2\pi)^{n-2} \times (0, \pi))$.

If E is a non-empty measurable subset on \mathbb{R}^n and f is a measurable function on E , then we put

$$\|f\|_{L_p(E)} := \left(\int_E |f(y)|^p dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad 0 < p < +\infty,$$

$$\|f\|_{L_\infty(E)} := \sup\{\alpha : |\{y \in E : |f(y)| \geq \alpha\}| > 0\}.$$

Let $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. The anisotropic Riesz potential I_α^d is defined by

$$I_\alpha^d f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{f(y)}{\rho(x-y)^{|d|-\alpha}} dy, \quad 0 < \alpha < |d|.$$

If $d = \mathbf{1}$, then $I_\alpha \equiv I_\alpha^1$ is the Riesz potential. The operators I_α and I_α^d play an important role in real and harmonic analysis (see, e.g. [4,5]).

In the theory of partial differential equations, together with weighted $L_{p,w}$ spaces, Morrey spaces $\mathcal{M}_{p,\lambda}$ play an important role. They were introduced by Morrey in 1938 [6]. These spaces appeared to be quite useful in the study of a number of problems in the theory of partial differential equations, in particular in the study of local behaviour of solutions of parabolic or quasi-elliptic differential equations. The anisotropic Morrey space is defined as follows: for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, $0 \leq \lambda \leq |d|$, a function $f \in \mathcal{M}_{p,\lambda,d}$ if $f \in L_p^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{M}_{p,\lambda,d}} \equiv \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}_{p,\lambda,d}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} r^{-\lambda/p} \|f\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} < \infty.$$

Note that $\mathcal{M}_{p,\lambda} \equiv \mathcal{M}_{p,\lambda,1}$. (If $\lambda = 0$, then $\mathcal{M}_{p,0,d} = L_p$; if $\lambda = |d|$, then $\mathcal{M}_{p,|d|,d} = L_\infty$; if $\lambda < 0$ or $\lambda > |d|$, then $\mathcal{M}_{p,\lambda,d} = \Theta$, where Θ is the set of all functions equivalent to 0 on \mathbb{R}^n .)

Also, by $WM_{p,\lambda,d}$ we denote the weak Morrey space of all functions $f \in WL_p^{\text{loc}}$ for which

$$\|f\|_{WM_{p,\lambda,d}} \equiv \|f\|_{WM_{p,\lambda,d}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, r > 0} r^{-\lambda/p} \|f\|_{WL_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} < \infty,$$

where $WL_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))$ denotes the weak L_p -space of measurable functions f for which

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{WL_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} &\equiv \|f\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)}\|_{WL_p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &= \sup_{t > 0} t \left| \left\{ y \in \mathcal{E}_d(x,r) : |f(y)| > t \right\} \right|^{1/p} \\ &= \sup_{t > 0} t^{1/p} (f\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)})^*(t) < \infty. \end{aligned} \tag{1.2}$$

Here g^* denotes the non-increasing rearrangement of the function g .

The anisotropic result by Hardy–Littlewood–Sobolev states that if $1 < p_1 < p_2 < \infty$, then I_α^d is bounded from $L_{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $L_{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ if and only if $\alpha = |d|(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2})$ and for $p_1 = 1 < p_2 < \infty$, I_α^d is bounded from $L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $WL_{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ if and only if $\alpha = |d|(1 - \frac{1}{p_2})$. Spanne [7] and Adams [8] studied boundedness of the Riesz potential I_α for $0 < \alpha < n$ in Morrey spaces $\mathcal{M}_{p,\lambda}$. Later on Chiarenza and Frasca [9] reproved boundedness of the Riesz potential I_α in these spaces. By more general results of Guliyev [10] (see also [11,12]) one can obtain the following generalization of the results in [7–9] to the anisotropic case.

THEOREM 1.1 (1) *Let $1 < p_1 < p_2 < \infty$ and $0 < \alpha < |d|$. Then I_α^d is bounded from $\mathcal{M}_{p_1,\lambda}$ to $\mathcal{M}_{p_2,\lambda}$ if and only if*

$$\alpha \leq |d| \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda = \left(|d| \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right) - \alpha \right) \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right)^{-1}.$$

(2) *Let $1 < p_2 < \infty$ and $0 < \alpha < |d|$. Then I_α^d is bounded from $\mathcal{M}_{1,\lambda}$ to $WM_{p_2,\lambda}$ if and only if*

$$\alpha \leq |d| \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda = \left(|d| \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2} \right) - \alpha \right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2} \right)^{-1}.$$

If $\alpha = |d|(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2})$, then $\lambda = 0$ and the statement of Theorem 1.1 reduces to the aforementioned result by Hardy–Littlewood–Sobolev.

If in the place of the power function $r^{-\lambda/p}$ in the definition of $\mathcal{M}_{p,\lambda,d}$ we consider any positive measurable weight function w defined on $(0, \infty)$, then it becomes the Morrey-type space $\mathcal{M}_{p,w,d}$. Guliyev [10] and Fan et al. [13] (see also [11,12,14,15]) generalized Theorem 1.1 and obtained sufficient conditions on weights w_1 and w_2 ensuring boundedness of the anisotropic Riesz potential I_α^d for the limiting case $\alpha = |d|(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2})$ from $\mathcal{M}_{p_1,w_1,d}$ to $\mathcal{M}_{p_2,w_2,d}$.

The following statement, containing the results in [13] was proved in [10] (see also [11,12,14,15]).

THEOREM 1.2 *Let $1 \leq p_1 \leq p_2 < \infty$ and $\alpha = |d|(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2})$. Moreover, let w_1, w_2 be positive measurable functions satisfying the following condition:*

$$\sup_{t>0} w_2(t) t^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \int_t^\infty \frac{s^{-\frac{|d|}{p_2}-1}}{w_1(s)} ds < \infty. \tag{1.3}$$

Then for $p_1 > 1$ I_α^d is bounded from $\mathcal{M}_{p_1, w_1, d}$ to $\mathcal{M}_{p_2, w_2, d}$ and for $p_1 = 1$ I_α^d is bounded from $\mathcal{M}_{1, w_1, d}$ to $WM_{p_2, w_2, d}$.

Earlier, in [13] a weaker version of Theorem 1.2 was proved: it was assumed that $w_1 = w_2 = w$ and that w is a positive non-increasing function satisfying the pointwise doubling condition, namely that for some $c > 0$

$$c^{-1} w(r) \leq w(t) \leq cw(r)$$

for all $t, r > 0$ such that $0 < r \leq t \leq 2r$.

In [10,11,14–27] boundedness of maximal operator, fractional maximal operator, Riesz potential and singular integral operators from one local Morrey-type space $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1}$ to another one $LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2}$ have been investigated and, in particular, in [24,25] for a certain range of the parameters necessary and sufficient conditions for the operator I_α to be bounded from $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1}$ to $LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2}$ were obtained. (The definition and basic properties of these spaces are given in Section 2. In particular it is noted there that local Morrey-type spaces are non-trivial only if w_1, w_2 belong to classes $\Omega_{\theta_1}, \Omega_{\theta_2}$, respectively, defined in that section.)

THEOREM 1.3 (1) *If $1 < p_1 < p_2 < \infty, 0 < \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \infty, \alpha = n(1/p_1 - 1/p_2), w_1 \in \Omega_{\theta_1}$ and $w_2 \in \Omega_{\theta_2}$, then the Burenkov–Guliyevs condition*

$$\left\| w_2(r) \left(\frac{r}{t+r} \right)^{n/p_2} \right\|_{L_{\theta_2}(0, \infty)} \leq c \|w_1\|_{L_{\theta_1}(t, \infty)} \tag{1.4}$$

for all $t > 0$, where $c > 0$ is independent of t , is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of I_α from $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1}$ to $LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2}$.

(2) *If $1 \leq p_1 < p_2 < \infty, 0 < \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \infty, \alpha = n(1/p_1 - 1/p_2), w_1 \in \Omega_1$ and $w_2 \in \Omega_{\theta_2}$, then the Burenkov–Guliyevs condition (1.4) is necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of I_α from $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1}$ to $WLM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2}$.*

Condition (1.4) for the first time was introduced in [20,21] for the case of the maximal operator and in [22,23] for the case of the fractional maximal operator. It appeared to be rather ‘stable’: for $\theta_1 \leq \theta_2$ it serves as necessary and sufficient condition not only for the maximal and the fractional maximal operators, but also, under the appropriate assumptions on the parameters, for the Riesz potential [24,25] and genuine singular integral operators [26,27].

Theorem 1.3 in the case $\theta_1 \leq p_1$ was proved in [24,25] and in the case $\theta_1 > p_1$ in [19]. In [24,25] the proof was based on a certain estimate for L_p -norms of $I_\alpha f$ over balls $B(x, r)$, which allowed to reduce the problem of boundedness of I_α in local Morrey-type spaces to the problem of boundedness of the Hardy operator on the cone of non-negative non-decreasing functions. In [19], the problem of boundedness of I_α from $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1}$ to $LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2}$ was reduced to the problem of boundedness of the

so-called Hardy operator on the cone of non-negative non-decreasing functions. Also for the case $p_1 = 1$, $0 < p_2 < \infty$, and $n(1 - \frac{1}{p_2})_+ < \alpha < n$ necessary and sufficient conditions ensuring boundedness of I_α from $LM_{1\theta_1, w_1}$ to $LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2}$ were obtained in [19] for all $0 < \theta_1, \theta_2 \leq \infty$ and $w_1 \in \Omega_{\theta_1}$, $w_2 \in \Omega_{\theta_2}$.

2. Definitions and basic properties of Morrey-type spaces

Definition 2.1 Let $0 < p, \theta \leq \infty$ and let w be a non-negative measurable function on $(0, \infty)$. We denote by $LM_{p\theta, w, d}$, $GM_{p\theta, w, d}$, the anisotropic local Morrey-type spaces, the global Morrey-type spaces, respectively, the spaces of all functions $f \in L_p^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with finite quasinorms

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{LM_{p\theta, w, d}} &\equiv \|f\|_{LM_{p\theta, w, d}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \left\| w(r) \|f\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(0, r))} \right\|_{L_\theta(0, \infty)}, \\ \|f\|_{GM_{p\theta, w, d}} &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|f(x + \cdot)\|_{LM_{p\theta, w, d}}, \end{aligned}$$

respectively.

Definition 2.2 Let $0 < p, \theta \leq \infty$ and let w be a non-negative measurable function on $(0, \infty)$. Denote by $WLM_{p\theta, w, d}$, $WGM_{p\theta, w, d}$, the anisotropic local weak Morrey-type spaces, the anisotropic global weak Morrey-type spaces, respectively, the spaces of all functions $f \in L_p^{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with finite quasinorms

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{WLM_{p\theta, w, d}} &\equiv \|f\|_{WLM_{p\theta, w, d}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \left\| w(r) \|f\|_{WL_p(\mathcal{E}_d(0, r))} \right\|_{L_\theta(0, \infty)}, \\ \|f\|_{WGM_{p\theta, w, d}} &= \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} \|f(x + \cdot)\|_{WLM_{p\theta, w, d}}, \end{aligned}$$

respectively.

Note that $GM_{p\theta, w, 1} = GM_{p\theta, w}$, $LM_{p\theta, w, 1} = LM_{p\theta, w}$ and

$$\|f\|_{LM_{p\infty, 1, d}} = \|f\|_{GM_{p\infty, 1, d}} = \|f\|_{L_p}.$$

Also $WGM_{p\theta, w, 1} = WGM_{p\theta, w}$, $WLM_{p\theta, w, 1} = WLM_{p\theta, w}$ and

$$\|f\|_{WLM_{p\infty, 1, d}} = \|f\|_{WGM_{p\infty, 1, d}} = \|f\|_{WL_p}.$$

Furthermore, $GM_{p\infty, r^{-\lambda/p}, d} \equiv \mathcal{M}_{p, \lambda, d}$, $WGM_{p\infty, r^{-\lambda/p}, d} \equiv \mathcal{WM}_{p, \lambda, d}$, $0 \leq \lambda \leq |d|$.

LEMMA 2.3 [16] Let $0 < p, \theta \leq \infty$ and let w be a non-negative measurable function on $(0, \infty)$.

(1) If for all $t > 0$

$$\|w(r)\|_{L_\theta(t, \infty)} = \infty, \tag{2.1}$$

then $LM_{p\theta, w, d} = GM_{p\theta, w, d} = \Theta$, where Θ is the set of all functions equivalent to 0 on \mathbb{R}^n .

(2) If for all $t > 0$

$$\|w(r)r^{|d|/p}\|_{L_\theta(0, t)} = \infty, \tag{2.2}$$

then for all functions $f \in LM_{p\theta, w, d}$, continuous at 0, $f(0) = 0$, and for $0 < p < \infty$ $GM_{p\theta, w, d} = \Theta$.

Definition 2.4 Let $0 < p, \theta \leq \infty$. We denote by Ω_θ the set of all functions w which are non-negative, measurable on $(0, \infty)$, not equivalent to 0 and such that for some $t > 0$

$$\|w\|_{L_\theta(t, \infty)} < \infty.$$

Moreover, we denote by $\Omega_{p, \theta, d}$ the set of all functions w which are non-negative, measurable on $(0, \infty)$, not equivalent to 0 and such that for some $t_1, t_2 > 0$

$$\|w(r)\|_{L_\theta(t_1, \infty)} < \infty, \quad \|w(r)r^{|d|/p}\|_{L_\theta(0, t_2)} < \infty.$$

In [16] (see also [21]), it was proved that if $\|w\|_{L_\theta(t, \infty)} = \infty$ for all $t > 0$, then $GM_{p\theta, w, d} = LM_{p\theta, w, d} = \Theta$ and if $\|w(r)r^{|d|/p}\|_{L_\theta(0, t_2)} = \infty$ for all $t > 0$, then $GM_{p\theta, w, d} = \Theta$. For this reason when considering spaces $LM_{p\theta, w, d}$ we always assume that $w \in \Omega_\theta$ and when considering spaces $GM_{p\theta, w, d}$ we always assume that $w \in \Omega_{p, \theta, d}$.

LEMMA 2.5 [16] Let $0 < p < \infty, r > 0$. Then for $\beta > -|d|/p$

$$\|\rho(x)^\beta\|_{L_\rho(\mathcal{E}_d(0, r))} = (|d| + \beta p)^{-1/p} C_0 r^{|d|/p + \beta},$$

and for $\beta < -|d|/p$

$$\|\rho(x)^\beta\|_{L_\rho({}^c\mathcal{E}_d(0, r))} = | |d| + \beta p |^{-1/p} C_0 r^{|d|/p + \beta},$$

where ${}^c\mathcal{E}_d(0, r)$ is the complement of $\mathcal{E}_d(0, r)$, and

$$\begin{aligned} C_0 &= \left(\int_{S^{n-1}} d\sigma(x') \right)^{1/p} \\ &= \left(\int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi \cdots \int_0^{2\pi} J(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{n-1}) d\varphi_1 d\varphi_2 \cdots d\varphi_{n-1} \right)^{1/p} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

COROLLARY 2.6 [16] Let $0 < p, \theta, t < \infty$ and $w \in \Omega_\theta$. Then

- (1) $\rho(x)^\beta \in LM_{p\theta, w, d} \iff \beta > -|d|/p$ and $\|w(r)r^{|d|/p + \beta}\|_{L_\theta(0, \infty)} < \infty$;
- (2) $\rho(x)^\beta \chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(0, t)} \in LM_{p\theta, w, d} \iff \beta > -|d|/p$ and $\|w(r)r^{|d|/p + \beta}\|_{L_\theta(0, t)} < \infty, \|w(r)\|_{L_\theta(t, \infty)} < \infty$;
- (3a) $\rho(x)^\beta \chi_{{}^c\mathcal{E}_d(0, t)} \in LM_{p\theta, w, d}$ for $\beta > -|d|/p \iff \|(r^{|d|/p + \beta} - t^{|d|/p + \beta})w(r)\|_{L_\theta(t, \infty)} < \infty$;
- (3b) $\rho(x)^\beta \chi_{{}^c\mathcal{E}_d(0, t)} \in LM_{p\theta, w, d}$ for $\beta = -|d|/p \iff \|w(r)(\ln \frac{r}{t})^{1/p}\|_{L_\theta(t, \infty)} < \infty$;
- (3c) $\rho(x)^\beta \chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(0, t)} \in LM_{p\theta, w, d}$ for $\beta < -|d|/p \iff \|(r^{|d|/p + \beta} - t^{|d|/p + \beta})w(r)\|_{L_\theta(0, \infty)} < \infty$.

If, in addition, w is continuous on $(0, \infty)$ then conditions (3a)–(3c) take simpler form, namely

- (3a') $\rho(x)^\beta \chi_{{}^c\mathcal{E}_d(0, t)} \in LM_{p\theta, w, d}$ for $\beta > -|d|/p \iff \|(r^{|d|/p + \beta} - t^{|d|/p + \beta})w(r)\|_{L_\theta(1, t)} < \infty$;

$$(3b') \quad \rho(x)^\beta \chi_{\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{E}_d(0,t)}} \in LM_{p\theta,w,d} \text{ for } \beta = -|d|/p \iff \|w(r)(\ln r)^{1/p}\|_{L_\theta(1,t)} < \infty;$$

$$(3c') \quad \rho(x)^\beta \chi_{\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{E}_d(0,t)}} \in LM_{p\theta,w,d} \text{ for } \beta < -|d|/p.$$

LEMMA 2.7 *Let $1 < p_1 \leq \infty$, $0 < p_2 \leq \infty$, $0 < \alpha < |d|$, $0 < \theta_1, \theta_2 \leq \infty$, $w_1 \in \Omega_{\theta_1}$ and $w_2 \in \Omega_{\theta_2}$. Then the conditions*

$$p_1 < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha < \frac{|d|}{p_1}$$

are necessary for the boundedness of I_α^d from $LM_{p_1\theta_1,w_1,d}$ to $LM_{p_2\theta_2,w_2,d}$.

Proof Assume that $\alpha > \frac{|d|}{p_1}$ and I_α^d is bounded from $LM_{p_1\theta_1,w_1,d}$ to $LM_{p_2\theta_2,w_2,d}$. Let $f(x) = \rho(x)^{-\beta}$ if $\rho(x) \geq 1$ where $\frac{|d|}{p_1} < \beta < \alpha$, and $f(x) = 0$ if $\rho(x) < 1$. Then by Lemma 2.5 we have $f \in LM_{p_1\theta_1,w_1,d}$ since

$$\|f\|_{LM_{p_1\theta_1,w_1,d}} \leq \|w\|_{L_{\theta_1}(1,\infty)} \|\rho(x)^{-\beta}\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{E}_d(0,1)})} < \infty.$$

On the other hand for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$I_\alpha^d f(x) = \int_{\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{E}_d(0,1)}} \frac{\rho(y)^{-\beta}}{\rho(x-y)^{|d|-\alpha}} dy = \infty.$$

Assume that $\alpha = \frac{|d|}{p_1}$ and I_α^d is bounded from $LM_{p_1\theta_1,w_1,d}$ to $LM_{p_2\theta_2,w_2,d}$. Let $f(x) = \rho(x)^{-\frac{|d|}{p_1}} (\log \rho(x))^{-\gamma}$ if $\rho(x) \geq 2$ where $\frac{1}{p_1} < \gamma \leq 1$, and $f(x) = 0$ if $\rho(x) < 2$. Then $f \in LM_{p_1\theta_1,w_1,d}$ since for $\gamma > \frac{1}{p_1}$

$$\|f\|_{LM_{p_1\theta_1,w_1,d}} \leq \|w\|_{L_{\theta_1}(2,\infty)} \|\rho(x)^{-\frac{|d|}{p_1}} (\log \rho(x))^{-\gamma}\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{E}_d(0,2)})} < \infty.$$

On the other hand, since $\rho(x-y) \leq 2\rho(y)$ for $\rho(y) \geq \rho(x)$, by passing to generalized spherical coordinates (1.1) we have that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\frac{|d|}{p_1}}^d f(x) &\geq \int_{\rho(y) \geq \max\{2, \rho(x)\}} \rho(x-y)^{-\frac{|d|}{p_1}} \rho(y)^{\frac{|d|}{p_1}} (\log \rho(y))^{-\gamma} dy \\ &\geq 2^{-\frac{|d|}{p_1}} \int_{\rho(y) \geq \max\{2, \rho(x)\}} \rho(y)^{-|d|} (\log \rho(y))^{-\gamma} dy = \infty, \end{aligned}$$

because $\gamma \leq 1$. ■

Throughout this article $a \lesssim b$ ($b \gtrsim a$) means that $a \leq \lambda b$, where $\lambda > 0$ depends on unessential parameters. If $b \lesssim a \lesssim b$, then we write $a \approx b$.

3. L_p -estimates of the anisotropic Riesz potential over ellipsoids

We consider the following ‘partial’ anisotropic Riesz potentials

$$I_{\alpha,r}^d f(x) \equiv I_\alpha^d (f \chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)})(x) = \int_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)} \frac{|f(y)|}{\rho(x-y)^{|d|-\alpha}} dy,$$

$$\bar{I}_{\alpha,r}^d f(x) \equiv I_\alpha^d (f \chi_{\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)}})(x) = \int_{\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)}} \frac{|f(y)|}{\rho(x-y)^{|d|-\alpha}} dy.$$

LEMMA 3.1 *Let $0 < p < \infty$, $0 < \alpha < |d|$ and $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then for any ball $\mathcal{E}_d(x, r)$ in \mathbb{R}^n*

$$\|I_\alpha^d(|f|)\|_{W L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \gtrsim r^{\frac{n}{p}} \bar{I}_{\alpha,r}^d(|f|)(x).$$

Proof If $y \in \mathcal{E}_d(x, r)$ and $z \in {}^c\mathcal{E}_d(x, r)$, then $\rho(y - z) \leq 2\rho(x - y)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} I_\alpha^d(|f|)(y) &\geq \int_{{}^c\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)} \frac{|f(z)|}{\rho(y-z)^{|d|-\alpha}} dz \\ &\geq 2^{\alpha-|d|} \int_{{}^c\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)} \frac{|f(z)|}{\rho(x-z)^{|d|-\alpha}} dz = 2^{\alpha-|d|} \bar{I}_{\alpha,r}^d(|f|)(x). \end{aligned}$$

Hence¹

$$\|I_\alpha^d(|f|)\|_{W L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \geq (v_n r^{|d|})^{\frac{1}{p}} 2^{\alpha-|d|} \bar{I}_{\alpha,r}^d(|f|)(x),$$

where v_n is the volume of the unit ball in \mathbb{R}^n . ■

LEMMA 3.2 *Let $0 < p < \infty$, $0 < \alpha < |d|$ and $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then for any ball $\mathcal{E}_d(x, r)$ in \mathbb{R}^n*

$$\|I_\alpha^d(|f|)\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \approx \|I_\alpha^d(|f| \chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)})\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} + r^{\frac{n}{p}} \bar{I}_{\alpha,2r}^d(|f|)(x) \tag{3.1}$$

and

$$\|I_\alpha^d(|f|)\|_{W L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \approx \|I_\alpha^d(|f| \chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)})\|_{W L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} + r^{\frac{n}{p}} \bar{I}_{\alpha,2r}^d(|f|)(x). \tag{3.2}$$

Proof Clearly

$$\|I_\alpha^d(|f|)\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \lesssim \|I_\alpha^d(|f| \chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)})\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} + \|I_\alpha^d(|f| \chi_{{}^c\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)})\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))}$$

and

$$\|I_\alpha^d(|f|)\|_{W L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \lesssim \|I_\alpha^d(|f| \chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)})\|_{W L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} + \|I_\alpha^d(|f| \chi_{{}^c\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)})\|_{W L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))}.$$

If $y \in \mathcal{E}_d(x, r)$, $z \in {}^c\mathcal{E}_d(x, 2r)$, then $\rho(x - z)/2 \leq \rho(y - z) \leq 3\rho(x - z)/2$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| I_\alpha^d(|f| \chi_{{}^c\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)}) \right\|_{W L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} &\leq \left\| I_\alpha^d(|f| \chi_{{}^c\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)}) \right\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \\ &= \left(\int_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)} \left(\int_{{}^c\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)} \frac{f(z)}{\rho(y-z)^{|d|-\alpha}} dz \right)^p dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\approx r^{\frac{|d|}{p}} \int_{{}^c\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)} \frac{|f(z)|}{\rho(x-z)^{|d|-\alpha}} dz \\ &= r^{\frac{|d|}{p}} \bar{I}_{\alpha,2r}^d(|f|)(x), \end{aligned}$$

and the right-hand side inequalities in (3.1) and (3.2) follow.

The left-hand side inequalities in (3.1) and (3.2) follow by Lemma 3.1 and obvious inequalities

$$\|I_\alpha^d(|f|)\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \geq \|I_\alpha^d(|f| \chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)})\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))},$$

and

$$\|I_\alpha^d(|f|)\|_{WL_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \geq \|I_\alpha^d(|f|\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)})\|_{WL_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))}. \quad \blacksquare$$

LEMMA 3.3 Let $1 \leq p_1 < p_2 < \infty$ and $0 < \alpha < |d|$. The inequality

$$\|I_\alpha^d(f\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)})\|_{L_{p_2}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \lesssim r^{\alpha-|d|\left(\frac{1}{p_1}-\frac{1}{p_2}\right)} \|f\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r))} \quad (3.3)$$

holds for any ball $\mathcal{E}_d(x,r) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and for all $f \in L_{p_1}^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ if and only if in the case $p_1 > 1$

$$\alpha \geq |d| \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right) \quad (3.4)$$

and in the case $p_1 = 1$

$$\alpha > |d| \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2} \right).$$

Moreover for $1 < p_2 < \infty$ and $\alpha = |d|\left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right)$ the inequality

$$\|I_\alpha^d(f\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)})\|_{WL_{p_2}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \lesssim \|f\|_{L_1(\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r))} \quad (3.5)$$

holds for any ball $\mathcal{E}_d(x,r) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and for all $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof Recall the well-known inequalities for the anisotropic Riesz potential [5]. If $1 < p < q < \infty$, then

$$\|I_{|d|\left(\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q}\right)}^d f\|_{L_q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \lesssim \|f\|_{L_p(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \quad (3.6)$$

Also if $1 < q < \infty$, then

$$\|I_{|d|\left(1-\frac{1}{q}\right)}^d f\|_{WL_q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \lesssim \|f\|_{L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)}. \quad (3.7)$$

If $1 < p_1 < p_2 < \infty$, inequality (3.4) holds and $z \in \mathcal{E}_d(x,r)$, then

$$I_\alpha^d\left(|f|\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)}\right)(z) \lesssim r^{\alpha-|d|\left(\frac{1}{p_1}-\frac{1}{p_2}\right)} I_{|d|\left(\frac{1}{p_1}-\frac{1}{p_2}\right)}^d\left(|f|\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)}\right)(z),$$

and by (3.6)

$$\|I_\alpha^d\left(|f|\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)}\right)\|_{L_{p_2}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \lesssim r^{\alpha-|d|\left(\frac{1}{p_1}-\frac{1}{p_2}\right)} \|f\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r))}.$$

If $1 < p_2 < \infty$ and inequality (3.5) holds then by (3.7)

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_\alpha^d\left(|f|\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)}\right)\|_{L_{p_2}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} &\leq \left\| \left(I_\alpha^d\left(|f|\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)}\right) \right)^* \right\|_{L_{p_2}(0,|\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)|)} \\ &\leq \sup_{0 < t \leq |\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)|} t^{1-\frac{\alpha}{|d|}} \left(I_\alpha^d\left(|f|\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)}\right) \right)^*(t) \|t^{\frac{\alpha}{|d|}-1}\|_{L_{p_2}(0,|\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)|)} \\ &\approx r^{\alpha-|d|\left(1-\frac{1}{p_2}\right)} \left\| I_\alpha^d\left(|f|\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)}\right) \right\|_{WL_{\frac{|d|}{|d|-\alpha}}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \\ &\lesssim r^{\alpha-|d|\left(1-\frac{1}{p_2}\right)} \|f\|_{L_1(\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r))}. \end{aligned}$$

If $p_1 \geq 1$ and $\alpha < |d|(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2})$, then inequality (3.3) cannot hold for all $f \in L_{p_1}^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Indeed if $f \in L_{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $f \not\equiv 0$ then by passing in (3.3) to the limit as $r \rightarrow +\infty$ we arrive at a contradiction.

Assume that $p_1 = 1$, $1 < p_2 < \infty$, $\alpha = |d|(1 - \frac{1}{p_2})$ and $f \in L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then by passing to the limit in (3.3) as $r \rightarrow +\infty$ we get

$$\|I_\alpha^d f\|_{L_{p_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \lesssim \|f\|_{L_1(\mathbb{R}^n)},$$

which, according to known results [5], is not possible. ■

COROLLARY 3.4 *Let*

$$1 < p_1 \leq \infty, 0 < p_2 \leq \infty \text{ or } p_1 = 1, 0 < p_2 < \infty, \text{ and } |d|\left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2}\right)_+ < \alpha < |d|, \tag{3.8}$$

or

$$1 < p_1 < p_2 < \infty \text{ and } \alpha = |d|\left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2}\right). \tag{3.9}$$

Then the inequality

$$\|I_\alpha^d(f\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)})\|_{L_{p_2}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \lesssim r^{\alpha-|d|(\frac{1}{p_1}-\frac{1}{p_2})} \|f\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r))}$$

holds for any ball $\mathcal{E}_d(x,r) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and for all $f \in L_{p_1}^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Moreover for $1 < p_2 < \infty$ and $\alpha = |d|(1 - \frac{1}{p_2})$, then the inequality

$$\|I_\alpha^d(f\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)})\|_{WL_{p_2}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \lesssim \|f\|_{L_1(\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r))}$$

holds for any ball $\mathcal{E}_d(x,r) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and for all $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof If $p_2 > p_1$, the statement follows by Lemma 3.3.

If $p_2 = p_1$, then by applying Minkowski's inequality for integrals we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_\alpha^d(f\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)})\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} &\leq \left\| \int_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)} \frac{|(f\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)})(y)|}{\rho(\cdot - y)^{|d|-\alpha}} dy \right\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \\ &\leq \left\| \int_{\mathcal{E}_d(0,3r)} \frac{|(f\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)})(\cdot - u)|}{\rho(u)^{|d|-\alpha}} du \right\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq \int_{\mathcal{E}_d(0,3r)} \frac{du}{\rho(u)^{|d|-\alpha}} \|f\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)}\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\lesssim r^\alpha \|f\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r))}. \end{aligned}$$

If $p_2 < p_1$, then by applying Hölder's inequality and this inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_\alpha^d(f\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)})\|_{L_{p_2}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} &\lesssim r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2} - \frac{|d|}{p_1}} \|I_\alpha^d(f\chi_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)})\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \\ &\lesssim r^{\alpha-|d|(\frac{1}{p_1}-\frac{1}{p_2})} \|f\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r))}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

■

Lemma 3.2 and Corollary 3.4 imply the following statement.

LEMMA 3.5 *Let condition (3.8) or condition (3.9) be satisfied. Then the inequality*

$$\|I_{\alpha}^d f\|_{L_{p_2}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \lesssim r^{\alpha-|d|(\frac{1}{p_1}-\frac{1}{p_2})} \|f\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r))} + r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \bar{I}_{\alpha,2r}^d(|f|)(x) \tag{3.10}$$

holds for any ball $\mathcal{E}_d(x,r) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and for all $f \in L_{p_1}^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Moreover, for $1 < p_2 < \infty$ and $\alpha = |d|(1 - \frac{1}{p_2})$ the inequality

$$\|I_{\alpha}^d f\|_{WL_{p_2}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \lesssim \|f\|_{L_1(\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r))} + r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \bar{I}_{\alpha,2r}^d(|f|)(x) \tag{3.11}$$

holds for any ball $\mathcal{E}_d(x,r) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and for all $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

LEMMA 3.6 *Let the condition (3.8) or condition (3.9) be satisfied. Then the inequality*

$$\|I_{\alpha}^d f\|_{L_{p_2}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \lesssim r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \int_r^{\infty} \|f\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,t))} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{|d|}{p_1}-\alpha+1}} \tag{3.12}$$

holds for any ball $\mathcal{E}_d(x,r) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and for all $f \in L_{p_1}^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof Note that if $\alpha \geq \frac{|d|}{p_1}$ and f is not equivalent to 0 on \mathbb{R}^n , then the right-hand side of (3.12) is infinite, and in this case inequality (3.12) is trivial.

Let $\alpha < \frac{|d|}{p_1}$. By Lemma 6 in [23] and Hölder’s inequality

$$\begin{aligned} r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \bar{I}_{\alpha,2r}^d(|f|)(x) &= r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \int_{\mathbb{C}_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r)}} \frac{|f(y)|}{\rho(x-y)^{|d|-\alpha}} dy \\ &= (|d| - \alpha) r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \left(\int_{2r \leq \rho(x-y) \leq t} |f(y)| dy \right) \frac{dt}{t^{|d|-\alpha+1}} \\ &\leq (|d| - \alpha) r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \|f\|_{L_1(\mathcal{E}_d(x,t))} \frac{dt}{t^{|d|-\alpha+1}} \\ &\lesssim r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \|f\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,t))} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{|d|}{p_1}-\alpha+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} r^{\alpha-|d|(\frac{1}{p_1}-\frac{1}{p_2})} \|f\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r))} &= \left(\frac{|d|}{p_1} - \alpha\right) 2^{\alpha-\frac{|d|}{p_1}} r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \|f\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r))} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{|d|}{p_1}-\alpha+1}} \\ &\lesssim r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \int_{2r}^{\infty} \|f\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,t))} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{|d|}{p_1}-\alpha+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the statement of the lemma follows by inequalities (3.10) and (3.11). ■

Remark 3.7 Note that inequality (37) in [24]

$$\|I_{\alpha}^d f\|_{L_{p_2}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \lesssim r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}-\delta} \left(\int_r^{\infty} \left(\int_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,t)} |f(y)|^{p_1} dy \right) \frac{dt}{t^{|d|-(\alpha+\delta)p_1+1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p_1}}$$

follows from the inequality (3.12) by applying Hölder’s inequality.

Indeed for any $\delta > 0$ by (3.12)

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_\alpha^d f\|_{L_{p_2}(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} &\lesssim r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \int_r^\infty \left(\int_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,t)} |f(y)|^{p_1} dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \frac{dt}{t^{|\alpha+\delta| + \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_1}}} \\ &\lesssim r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \left(\int_r^\infty \left(\int_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,t)} |f(y)|^{p_1} dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \frac{dt}{t^{|\alpha+\delta| + \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_1}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \left(\int_r^\infty \frac{dt}{t^{p_1 \delta + 1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \\ &\lesssim r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2} - \delta} \left(\int_r^\infty \left(\int_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,t)} |f(y)|^{p_1} dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \frac{dt}{t^{|\alpha+\delta| + \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_1}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p_1}}. \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 3.8 Let $0 < p < \infty$, $0 < \alpha < |d|$. Then the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_\alpha^d(|f|)\|_{WL_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} &\gtrsim r^{\frac{|d|}{p}} \int_r^\infty \|f\|_{L_1(\mathcal{E}_d(x,t))} \frac{dt}{t^{|\alpha+1|}} \\ &\gtrsim r^{\alpha-|d|(1-\frac{1}{p})} \|f\|_{L_1(\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r))} \end{aligned}$$

holds for any ball $\mathcal{E}_d(x,r) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and for all $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof For all $y \in \mathcal{E}_d(x,r)$ $\rho(y-z) \leq 2r$ if $z \in \mathcal{E}_d(x,r)$ and $\rho(y-z) \leq 2\rho(x-z)$ if $z \in \mathcal{E}_d(x,r)$, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} I_\alpha^d(|f|)(y) &= \int_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)} \frac{|f(z)|}{\rho(y-z)^{|\alpha+1|}} dz + \int_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)} \frac{|f(z)|}{\rho(y-z)^{|\alpha+1|}} dz \\ &\geq (2r)^{\alpha-|d|} \int_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)} |f(z)| dz + 2^{\alpha-|d|} \int_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)} \frac{|f(z)|}{\rho(x-z)^{|\alpha+1|}} dz \\ &= (|d| - \alpha) 2^{\alpha-|d|} \int_r^\infty \left(\int_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,t)} |f(z)| dz \right) \frac{dt}{t^{|\alpha+1|}} \\ &\quad + (|d| - \alpha) 2^{\alpha-|d|} \int_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,r)} \left(\int_{\rho(x-z)}^\infty \frac{dt}{t^{|\alpha+1|}} \right) |f(z)| dz \\ &= (|d| - \alpha) 2^{\alpha-|d|} \left(\int_r^\infty \left(\int_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,t)} |f(z)| dz \right) \frac{dt}{t^{|\alpha+1|}} \right) \\ &\quad + \int_r^\infty \left(\int_{\mathcal{E}_d(x,t) \setminus \mathcal{E}_d(x,r)} |f(z)| dz \right) \frac{dt}{t^{|\alpha+1|}} \\ &= (|d| - \alpha) 2^{\alpha-|d|} \int_r^\infty \|f\|_{L_1(\mathcal{E}_d(x,t))} \frac{dt}{t^{|\alpha+1|}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the first of the desired inequalities follows.²

The second one follows since

$$\begin{aligned} r^{\frac{|d|}{p}} \int_r^\infty \|f\|_{L_1(\mathcal{E}_d(x,t))} \frac{dt}{t^{|\alpha+1|}} &\geq r^{\frac{|d|}{p}} \int_{2r}^\infty \|f\|_{L_1(\mathcal{E}_d(x,t))} \frac{dt}{t^{|\alpha+1|}} \\ &\gtrsim r^{\alpha-|d|(1-\frac{1}{p})} \|f\|_{L_1(\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r))}. \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 3.9 (1) Let $0 < p < \infty$ and $|d|(1 - \frac{1}{p})_+ < \alpha < |d|$. Then the equivalences

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_\alpha^d(|f|)\|_{WL_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} &\approx \|I_\alpha^d(|f|)\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} \\ &\approx r^{\frac{|d|}{p}} \bar{I}_{\alpha,r}^d(|f|)(x) + r^{\alpha-|d|(1-\frac{1}{p})} \|f\|_{L_1(\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r))} \\ &\approx r^{\frac{|d|}{p}} \int_r^\infty \|f\|_{L_1(\mathcal{E}_d(x,t))} \frac{dt}{t^{|\alpha+1|}} \end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

hold for any ball $\mathcal{E}_d(x,r) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and for all $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

(2) Let $1 < p < \infty$ and $\alpha = |d|(1 - \frac{1}{p})$. Then the equivalences

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| I_{|d|(1-\frac{1}{p})}^d(|f|) \right\|_{WL_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))} &\approx r^{\frac{|d|}{p}} \bar{I}_{|d|(1-\frac{1}{p}),r}^d(|f|)(x) + \|f\|_{L_1(\mathcal{E}_d(x,2r))} \\ &\approx r^{\frac{|d|}{p}} \int_r^\infty \|f\|_{L_1(\mathcal{E}_d(x,t))} \frac{dt}{t^{\frac{|d|}{p}+1}} \end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

hold for any ball $\mathcal{E}_d(x,r) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ and for all $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof The second equivalence in (3.13) for both $\|I_\alpha^d(|f|)\|_{WL_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))}$ and $\|I_\alpha^d(|f|)\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))}$ and the first equivalence in (3.14) follow by Lemma 3.5 (estimate above) and Lemmas 3.1 and 3.8 (estimate below). The third equivalence in (3.13) for both $\|I_\alpha^d(|f|)\|_{WL_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))}$ and $\|I_\alpha^d(|f|)\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(x,r))}$ and the second equivalence in (3.14) follow by Lemmas 3.6 and 3.8. ■

4. Anisotropic Riesz potential and Hardy operator

Let $\mathfrak{M}(0, \infty)$ be the set of all Lebesgue measurable functions on $(0, \infty)$ and $\mathfrak{M}^+(0, \infty)$ its subset consisting of all non-negative functions on $(0, \infty)$. We denote by $\mathfrak{M}^+(0, \infty; \downarrow)$ the cone of all functions in $\mathfrak{M}^+(0, \infty)$, which are non-increasing on $(0, \infty)$ and we set

$$\mathbb{A} = \left\{ \varphi \in \mathfrak{M}^+(0, \infty; \downarrow) : \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(t) = 0 \right\}.$$

Let H be the Hardy operator

$$(Hg)(t) := \int_0^t g(r)dr, \quad 0 < t < \infty.$$

LEMMA 4.1 *Let condition (3.8) or condition (3.9) be satisfied. Moreover, let $0 < \theta_2 \leq \infty$ and $w_2 \in \Omega_{\theta_2}$.*

Then

$$\|I_\alpha^d f\|_{LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}} \lesssim \|Hg_{p_1}\|_{L_{\theta_2, v_2}(0, \infty)} \tag{4.1}$$

for all $f \in L_{p_1}^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, where

$$g_{p_1}(t) = \left(\int_{\mathcal{E}_d(0, t^{\frac{1}{\sigma}})} |f(y)|^{p_1} dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p_1}}, \quad \sigma = \frac{|d|}{p_1} - \alpha > 0,$$

and

$$v_2(r) = w_2(r^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}})r^{-\frac{|d|}{\sigma p_2} - \frac{1}{\theta_2 \sigma} - \frac{1}{\theta_2}}. \tag{4.2}$$

Moreover, if $p_1 = 1$, $0 < p_2 < \infty$ and $|d|(1 - \frac{1}{p_2})_+ < \alpha < |d|$, then

$$\|I_\alpha^d f\|_{WLM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}} \approx \|I_\alpha^d f\|_{LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}} \approx \|Hg_1\|_{L_{\theta_2, v_2}(0, \infty)}$$

for all non-negative functions $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Also if $1 < p_2 < \infty$ and $\alpha = |d|(1 - \frac{1}{p_2})$, then

$$\|I_\alpha^d f\|_{WLM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}} \approx \|Hg_1\|_{L_{\theta_2, v_2}(0, \infty)}$$

for all non-negative functions $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Proof By Lemma 3.6 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_\alpha^d f\|_{LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}} &\lesssim \left\| w_2(r)r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \int_r^\infty \|f\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(0, t))} \frac{dt}{t^{\sigma+1}} \right\|_{L_{\theta_2}(0, \infty)} \\ &\approx \left\| w_2(r)r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \int_0^{r^{-\sigma}} \|f\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(0, \tau^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}}))} d\tau \right\|_{L_{\theta_2}(0, \infty)} \\ &= \left\| w_2(r)r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \int_0^{r^{-\sigma}} g_{p_1}(\tau) d\tau \right\|_{L_{\theta_2}(0, \infty)} \\ &= \left\| w_2(\rho^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}})\rho^{\frac{|d|}{\sigma p_2} - \frac{1}{\theta_2 \sigma} - \frac{1}{\theta_2}} (Hg_{p_1}(\rho)) \right\|_{L_{\theta_2}(0, \infty)} \\ &= \|Hg_{p_1}\|_{L_{\theta_2, v_2}(0, \infty)}. \end{aligned}$$

The second and third statements of the lemma follow by applying Theorem 3.9 also. ■

THEOREM 4.2 *Let condition (3.8) or condition (3.9) be satisfied. Moreover, let $0 < \theta_1, \theta_2 \leq \infty$, $w_1 \in \Omega_{\theta_1}$ and $w_2 \in \Omega_{\theta_2}$.*

Then I_α^d is bounded from $LM_{p\theta, w, d}$ to $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d}$ if, and in the case $p_1 = 1$, $0 < p_2 < \infty$ and $|d|(1 - \frac{1}{p_2})_+ < \alpha < |d|$ only if the operator H is bounded from $L_{\theta_1, v_1}(0, \infty)$ to $L_{\theta_2, v_2}(0, \infty)$ on the cone \mathbb{A} , that is

$$\|Hg\|_{L_{\theta_2, v_2}(0, \infty)} \lesssim \|g\|_{L_{\theta_1, v_1}(0, \infty)} \tag{4.3}$$

for all functions $g \in \mathbb{A}$, where

$$v_1(r) = w_1(r^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}})r^{-\frac{1}{\theta_1 \sigma} - \frac{1}{\theta_1}} \tag{4.4}$$

and v_2 is defined by equality (4.2).

Moreover, if $p_1 = 1$, $0 < p_2 < \infty$ and $|d|(1 - \frac{1}{p_2})_+ < \alpha < |d|$ or $1 < p_2 < \infty$ and $\alpha = |d|(1 - \frac{1}{p_2})$, then I_α^d is bounded from $LM_{1\theta_1, w_1, d}$ to $WLM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}$ if and only if the operator H is bounded from $L_{\theta_1, v_1}(0, \infty)$ to $L_{\theta_2, v_2}(0, \infty)$ on the cone \mathbb{A} .

Proof Assume that the operator H is bounded from $L_{\theta_1, v_1}(0, \infty)$ to $L_{\theta_2, v_2}(0, \infty)$ on the cone \mathbb{A} . Since $g_{p_1} \in \mathbb{A}$, by Lemma 4.1 we have

$$\|I_\alpha^d f\|_{LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}} \lesssim \|Hg_{p_1}\|_{L_{\theta_2, v_2}(0, \infty)} \lesssim \|g_{p_1}\|_{L_{\theta_1, v_1}(0, \infty)}.$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_{p_1}\|_{L_{\theta_1, v_1}(0, \infty)} &= \|v_1(t)\|f\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(0, t^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}}))}\|_{L_{\theta_1, v_1}(0, \infty)} \\ &\approx \|v_1(\rho^{-\sigma})\rho^{\frac{\sigma+1}{\theta_1}}\|f\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(0, \rho))}\|_{L_{\theta_1, v_1}(0, \infty)} \\ &= \|w_1(\rho)\|f\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(0, \rho))}\|_{L_{\theta_1, v_1}(0, \infty)} \\ &= \|f\|_{LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence it follows that I_α^d is bounded from $LM_{p\theta, w, d}$ to $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d}$.

Assume that I_α^d is bounded from $LM_{1\theta_1, w_1, d}$ to $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d}$. Then for all non-negative $f \in L_1^{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$

$$\|Hg_{p_1}\|_{L_{\theta_2, v_2}(0, \infty)} \approx \|I_\alpha^d f\|_{LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}} \lesssim \|f\|_{LM_{1\theta_1, w_1, d}} \approx \|g_{p_1}\|_{L_{\theta_1, v_1}(0, \infty)}. \tag{4.5}$$

Let $g \in \mathbb{A}$ be locally absolutely continuous on $(0, \infty)$. Consider the non-negative measurable function h on $(0, \infty)$ defined uniquely up to equivalence by the equality

$$g(t) = \|h(|\cdot|)\|_{L_{p_1}(\mathcal{E}_d(0, t^{-\frac{1}{\theta_1}}))} = (|d|v_n)^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \left(\int_0^{t^{-\frac{1}{\theta_1}}} h(\rho)^{p_1} \rho^{|d|-1} d\rho \right)^{\frac{1}{p_1}}.$$

If we take in (4.5) $f(x) = h(\rho(x))$ then $g_{p_1} = g$ and (4.5) implies that

$$\|Hg\|_{L_{\theta_2, v_2}(0, \infty)} \lesssim \|g\|_{L_{\theta_1, v_1}(0, \infty)}. \tag{4.6}$$

Finally if g is an arbitrary function in \mathbb{A} , then there exist functions $g_n \in \mathbb{A}$ which are locally absolutely continuous on $(0, \infty)$ and $g_n \nearrow g$ on $(0, \infty)$ as $|d| \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore by passing to the limit it follows that inequality (4.6) holds for all $g \in \mathbb{A}$. ■

5. Necessary and sufficient conditions

In order to obtain sufficient conditions on the weight functions ensuring boundedness of I_α^d , we shall apply Theorem 4.2 and the known necessary and sufficient conditions ensuring boundedness of the Hardy operator H from one weighted Lebesgue space to another one on the cone \mathbb{A} (see, e.g. [28,29]).

THEOREM 5.1 *Let condition (3.8) or condition (3.9) be satisfied. Moreover, let $0 < \theta_1, \theta_2 \leq \infty, w_1 \in \Omega_{\theta_1}, w_2 \in \Omega_{\theta_2}$.*

Then the operator I_α^d is bounded from $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d}$ to $LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}$ if and in the case $p_1 = 1$ only if,

(a) $1 < \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 < \infty$, then

$$B_1^1 := \sup_{t>0} \left(\int_t^\infty w_2^{\theta_2}(r) r^{\theta_2(\alpha - |d|(\frac{1}{\theta_1} - \frac{1}{\theta_2}))} dr \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_2}} \left(\int_t^\infty w_1^{\theta_1}(r) dr \right)^{-\frac{1}{\theta_1}} < \infty, \tag{5.1}$$

and

$$B_2^1 := \sup_{t>0} \left(\int_0^t w_2^{\theta_2}(r) r^{\theta_2 \frac{|d|}{\theta_2}} dr \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_2}} \left(\int_t^\infty \frac{w_1^{\theta_1}(r) r^{\theta_1(\alpha - \frac{|d|}{\theta_1})}}{\left(\int_r^\infty w_1^{\theta_1}(\rho) d\rho \right)^{\theta_1}} dr \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_1}} < \infty. \tag{5.2}$$

(b) $0 < \theta_1 \leq 1, 0 < \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 < \infty$, then $B_1^1 < \infty$ and

$$B_2^2 := \sup_{t>0} t^{\alpha - \frac{|d|}{\theta_1}} \left(\int_0^t w_2^{\theta_2}(r) r^{\theta_2 \frac{|d|}{\theta_2}} dr \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_2}} \left(\int_t^\infty w_1^{\theta_1}(r) dr \right)^{-\frac{1}{\theta_1}} < \infty. \tag{5.3}$$

(c) $1 < \theta_1 < \infty$, $0 < \theta_2 < \theta_1 < \infty$, $\theta_2 \neq 1$, then

$$B_1^3 := \left(\int_0^\infty \left(\frac{\int_t^\infty w_2^{\theta_2}(r) r^{\theta_2 \left(\alpha - |d| \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right) \right)} dr}{\int_t^\infty w_1^{\theta_1}(r) dr} \right)^{\frac{\theta_2}{\theta_1 - \theta_2}} w_2^{\theta_2}(t) t^{\theta_2 \left(\alpha - |d| \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right) \right)} dt \right)^{\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{\theta_1 \theta_2}} < \infty,$$

and

$$B_2^3 := \left(\int_0^\infty \left[\left(\int_0^t w_2^{\theta_2}(r) r^{\theta_2 \frac{|d|}{p_2}} dr \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_2}} \left(\int_t^\infty \frac{w_1^{\theta_1}(r) r^{\theta_1 \left(\alpha - \frac{|d|}{p_1} \right)}}{\left(\int_r^\infty w_1^{\theta_1}(\rho) d\rho \right)^{\theta_1}} dr \right)^{\frac{\theta_2 - 1}{\theta_2}} \right]^{\frac{\theta_1 \theta_2}{\theta_1 - \theta_2}} \times \frac{w_1^{\theta_1}(t) t^{\theta_1 \left(\alpha - \frac{|d|}{p_1} \right)}}{\left(\int_t^\infty w_1^{\theta_1}(\rho) d\rho \right)^{\theta_1}} dt \right)^{\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{\theta_1 \theta_2}} < \infty.$$

(d) $1 = \theta_2 < \theta_1 < \infty$, then

$$B_1^4 := \left(\int_0^\infty \left(\frac{\int_t^\infty w_2(r) r^{\alpha - |d| \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right)} dr}{\int_t^\infty w_1^{\theta_1}(r) dr} \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_1 - 1}} w_2(t) t^{\alpha - |d| \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right)} dt \right)^{\frac{\theta_1 - 1}{\theta_1}} < \infty,$$

and

$$B_2^4 := \left(\int_0^\infty \left(\frac{\int_t^\infty w_2(r) r^{\alpha - |d| \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right)} dr + t^{\alpha - \frac{|d|}{p_1}} \int_0^t w_2(r) r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} dr}{\int_t^\infty w_1^{\theta_1}(r) dr} \right)^{\theta_1 - 1} \times t^{\alpha - \frac{|d|}{p_1}} \left(\int_0^t w_2(r) r^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} dr \right) \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{\theta_1} < \infty.$$

(e) $0 < \theta_2 < \theta_1 = 1$, then

$$B_1^5 := \left(\int_0^\infty \left(\frac{\int_t^\infty w_2^{\theta_2}(r) r^{\theta_2 \left(\alpha - |d| \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right) \right)} dr}{\int_t^\infty w_1(r) dr} \right)^{\frac{\theta_2}{1 - \theta_2}} w_2^{\theta_2}(t) t^{\theta_2 \left(\alpha - |d| \left(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2} \right) \right)} dt \right)^{\frac{1 - \theta_2}{\theta_2}} < \infty,$$

and

$$B_2^5 := \left(\int_0^\infty \left(\int_0^t w_2^{\theta_2}(r) r^{\theta_2 \frac{|d|}{p_2}} dr \right)^{\frac{\theta_2}{1 - \theta_2}} \left(\inf_{t < s < \infty} s^{\frac{|d|}{p_1} - \alpha} \int_s^\infty w_1(\rho) d\rho \right)^{\frac{\theta_2}{\theta_2 - 1}} w_2^{\theta_2}(t) t^{\theta_2 \frac{|d|}{p_2}} dt \right)^{\frac{1 - \theta_2}{\theta_2}} < \infty.$$

(f) $0 < \theta_2 < \theta_1 < 1$, then $B_1^3 < \infty$ and

$$B_2^6 := \left(\int_0^\infty \sup_{t \leq s < \infty} \frac{s^{\left(\alpha - \frac{|d|}{p_1} \right) \frac{\theta_1 \theta_2}{\theta_1 - \theta_2}}}{\left(\int_s^\infty w_1^{\theta_1}(\rho) d\rho \right)^{\frac{\theta_2}{\theta_1 - \theta_2}}} \left(\int_0^t w_2^{\theta_2}(r) r^{\theta_2 \frac{|d|}{p_2}} dr \right)^{\frac{\theta_2}{\theta_1 - \theta_2}} w_2^{\theta_2}(t) t^{\theta_2 \frac{|d|}{p_2}} dt \right)^{\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{\theta_1 \theta_2}} < \infty.$$

(g) $0 < \theta_1 \leq 1, \theta_2 = \infty$, then

$$B^7 := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{0 < t \leq s < \infty} \frac{w_2(t)t^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}}}{s^{\frac{|d|}{p_1} - \alpha} \left(\int_s^\infty w_1^{\theta_1}(r) dr \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_1}}} < \infty.$$

(h) $1 < \theta_1 < \infty, \theta_2 = \infty$, then

$$B^8 := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{t > 0} w_2(t)t^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \left(\int_t^\infty \frac{r^{\theta_1'(\alpha - \frac{|d|}{p_1})}}{\left(\int_r^\infty w_1^{\theta_1}(s) ds \right)^{\theta_1' - 1} r} dr \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_1'}} < \infty.$$

(i) $\theta_1 = \infty, 0 < \theta_2 < \infty$, then

$$B^{10} := \left(\int_0^\infty \left(\int_t^\infty \frac{s^{\alpha - \frac{|d|}{p_1} - 1} ds}{\operatorname{ess\,sup}_{s < y < \infty} w_1(y)} \right)^{\theta_2} w_2^{\theta_2}(t)t^{\theta_2(\alpha - |d|(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2}))} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_2}} < \infty.$$

(j) $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \infty$, then

$$B^9 := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{t > 0} w_2(t)t^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \int_t^\infty \frac{s^{\alpha - \frac{|d|}{p_1} - 1}}{\operatorname{ess\,sup}_{s < y < \infty} w_1(y)} ds < \infty.$$

Moreover, if $p_1 = 1, 0 < p_2 < \infty$ and $|d|(1 - \frac{1}{p_2})_+ < \alpha < |d|$ or $1 < p_2 < \infty$ and $\alpha = |d|(1 - \frac{1}{p_2})$, then I_α^d is bounded from $LM_{1, w_1, d}$ to $WLM_{p_2, \theta_2, w_2, d}$ if and only if conditions (a)–(j) are satisfied.

Proof From results in [28,29] it follows that conditions (a)–(j) are necessary and sufficient for inequality (4.3) to hold, where v_1 and v_2 are defined by (4.2) and (4.4) respectively.

For example, let $1 < \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 < \infty$, then by [28,29] inequality (4.3) holds if and only if

$$A_1^1 := \sup_{t > 0} \left(\int_0^t v_2^{\theta_2}(s) ds \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_2}} \left(\int_0^t v_1^{\theta_1}(s) ds \right)^{-\frac{1}{\theta_1}} < \infty,$$

and

$$A_2^1 := \sup_{t > 0} \left(\int_t^\infty v_2^{\theta_2}(s) ds \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_2}} \left(\int_0^t \frac{v_1^{\theta_1}(s)s^{\theta_1'}}{\left(\int_0^s v_2^{\theta_2}(\tau) ds \right)^{\theta_1' - 1}} ds \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_1'}} < \infty.$$

If v_1 and v_2 are defined by (4.2) and (4.4), respectively, then by using the substitute $r = s^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}}$ we get

$$A_1^1 := \sup_{t > 0} \left(\int_0^t w_2^{\theta_2}(s^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}})s^{-\frac{|d|\theta_2}{\sigma p_2} - \frac{1}{\sigma} - 1} ds \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_2}} \left(\int_0^t w_1^{\theta_1}(s^{-\frac{1}{\sigma}})r^{-\frac{1}{\sigma} - 1} ds \right)^{-\frac{1}{\theta_1}} \approx B_1^1$$

and similarly $A_2^1 \approx B_2^1$.

Hence the statement follows by Theorem 4.2. ■

Remark 5.2 Note that two conditions (5.1) and (5.3) are equivalent to anisotropic variant of the Burenkov–Guliyevs condition

$$\left\| w_2(r) \left(\frac{r}{t+r} \right)^{|d|/p_2} \right\|_{L_{\theta_2}(0, \infty)} \leq c \|w_1\|_{L_{\theta_1}(t, \infty)} \tag{5.4}$$

for all $t > 0$, where $c > 0$ is independent of t .

COROLLARY 5.3 Let condition (3.8) or condition (3.9) be satisfied. Moreover, let functions $w_1 \in \Omega_{p_1, \infty, d}$ and $w_2 \in \Omega_{p_2, \infty, d}$ satisfy the following condition:

$$\sup_{t > 0} w_2(t) t^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \int_t^\infty \frac{s^{\alpha - \frac{|d|}{p_1} - 1}}{\text{ess sup}_{s < \tau < \infty} w_1(\tau)} ds < \infty. \tag{5.5}$$

Then I_α^d is bounded from $\mathcal{M}_{p_1, w_1, d}$ to $\mathcal{M}_{p_2, w_2, d}$.

Proof Clearly boundedness of I_α^d from $LM_{p_1 \infty, w_1, d}$ to $LM_{p_2 \infty, w_2, d}$ implies boundedness of I_α^d from $GM_{p_1 \infty, w_1, d} = \mathcal{M}_{p_1, w_1, d}$ to $GM_{p_2 \infty, w_2, d} = \mathcal{M}_{p_2, w_2, d}$. ■

Remark 5.4 Let $1 < p_1 < p_2 < \infty$, $\alpha = |d|(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2})$. It is obvious that if condition (1.3) holds, then condition (5.5) holds too. Moreover for non-increasing continuous functions w_1 conditions (1.3) and (5.5) coincide. However, in general, condition (5.5) does not imply condition (1.3). For example, the functions

$$w_1(r) = \chi_{(1, \infty)}(r) r^{-\beta}, \quad w_2(t) = \frac{1}{t^\beta + 1}, \quad 0 < \beta < \frac{|d|}{p_1} - \alpha$$

satisfy condition (5.5) but do not satisfy condition (1.3).

THEOREM 5.5 (1) Let $1 < p_1 < p_2 < \infty$, $\alpha = |d|(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2})$, $0 < \theta_1 < \infty$ and $\theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \infty$, $w_1 \in \Omega_{\theta_1}$ and $w_2 \in \Omega_{\theta_2}$, then condition (5.4) is necessary and sufficient for boundedness of I_α^d from $LM_{p_1 \theta_1, w_1, d}$ to $LM_{p_2 \theta_2, w_2, d}$.

(2) Let $1 \leq p_1 < p_2 < \infty$, $\alpha = |d|(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2})$, $0 < \theta_1 < \infty$ and $\theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \infty$, $w_1 \in \Omega_{\theta_1}$ and $w_2 \in \Omega_{\theta_2}$, then condition (5.4) is necessary and sufficient for boundedness of I_α^d from $LM_{p_1 \theta_1, w_1, d}$ to $WLM_{p_2 \theta_2, w_2, d}$.

Proof If $0 < \theta_1 \leq 1$, $0 < \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \infty$, then the statement of the theorem is proved in [24,25]. Let $1 < \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 < \infty$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} B_2^1 &= \sup_{t > 0} \left(\int_0^t w_2^{\theta_2}(r) r^{\theta_2 \frac{|d|}{p_2}} dr \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_2}} \left(\int_t^\infty \frac{w_1^{\theta_1}(r) r^{\theta_1 \left(\alpha - \frac{|d|}{p_1} \right)}}{\left(\int_r^\infty w_1^{\theta_1}(\rho) d\rho \right)^{\theta_1}} dr \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_1}} \\ &\leq \sup_{t > 0} t^{\alpha - \frac{|d|}{p_1}} \left(\int_0^t w_2^{\theta_2}(r) r^{\theta_2 \frac{|d|}{p_2}} dr \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_2}} \left(\int_t^\infty \frac{w_1^{\theta_1}(r)}{\left(\int_r^\infty w_1^{\theta_1}(\rho) d\rho \right)^{\theta_1}} dr \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_1}} \\ &\approx \sup_{t > 0} t^{\alpha - \frac{|d|}{p_1}} \left(\int_0^t w_2^{\theta_2}(r) r^{\theta_2 \frac{|d|}{p_2}} dr \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_2}} \left(- \int_t^\infty d \left(\int_r^\infty w_1^{\theta_1}(\rho) d\rho \right)^{1 - \theta_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_1}} \\ &= \sup_{t > 0} t^{\alpha - \frac{|d|}{p_1}} \left(\int_0^t w_2^{\theta_2}(r) r^{\theta_2 \frac{|d|}{p_2}} dr \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_2}} \left(\int_t^\infty w_1^{\theta_1}(r) dr \right)^{\frac{1}{\theta_1}} = B_2^2, \end{aligned}$$

sufficiency of (5.1) and (5.3) follows by Theorem 5.1, part (a). Hence condition (5.4) is sufficient (by Remark 5.2) and necessary (by Theorem 1.3, part 1) for boundedness of I_α^d from $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d}$ to $LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}$. The case $1 < \theta_1 < \infty, \theta_2 = \infty$ is similar, because in this case $B^8 \leq B_2^2$ by the same argument as above.

The proof of sufficiency for the second statement is similar. As for necessity one should note that boundedness of I_α^d from $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d}$ to $WLM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}$ implies boundedness of the fractional maximal operator M_α^d from $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d}$ to $WLM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}$ and that condition (5.4) is necessary for boundedness of M_α^d from $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d}$ to $WLM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}$ [16]. ■

COROLLARY 5.6 *Let $1 < p_1 \leq p_2 < \infty, \alpha = |d|(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2}), 0 < \theta_1 < \infty$ and $\theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \infty, w_2 \in \Omega_{\theta_2}$ and*

$$\left\| w_2(r) \left(\frac{r}{t+r} \right)^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \right\|_{L_{\theta_2}(0, \infty)} < \infty$$

for all $t > 0$. Moreover, if $\theta_2 = \infty$ and $\theta_1 < \infty$ it is also assumed that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left\| w_2(r) \left(\frac{r}{t+r} \right)^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \right\|_{L_\infty(0, \infty)} = 0.$$

Then

(1) I_α^d is bounded from $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1^*, d}$ to $LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}$, where w_1^* is a non-increasing continuous function on $(0, \infty)$ defined by

$$\|w_1^*\|_{L_{\theta_1}(t, \infty)} = \left\| w_2(r) \left(\frac{r}{t+r} \right)^{\frac{|d|}{p_2}} \right\|_{L_{\theta_2}(0, \infty)}, \quad t \in (0, \infty).$$

(2) If $w_1 \in \Omega_{\theta_1}$ and I_α^d is bounded from $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d}$ to $LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}$, then

$$LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d} \subset LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1^*, d}.$$

(Hence $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1^*, d}$ is the maximal among spaces $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d}$ for which I_α^d is bounded from $LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d}$ to $LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}$.)

Proof Since condition (5.4) is also necessary and sufficient for boundedness of the fractional maximal operator M_α^d [19], the proof of Corollary 5.6 is also the same as for the case of M_α^d . ■

An analogue of Corollary 5.6 also holds for the case in which $LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}$ is replaced by $WLM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}$.

COROLLARY 5.7 *Let $1 < p_1 \leq p_2 < \infty, \alpha = |d|(\frac{1}{p_1} - \frac{1}{p_2}), w_1 \in \Omega_{p_1}$ and $w_2 \in \Omega_{p_2}$, then condition (5.4) is necessary and sufficient for boundedness of I_α^d from L_{p_1, w_1} to L_{p_2, w_2} , where $W_1(x) = \|w_1\|_{L_{p_1}(\rho(x), \infty)}, W_2(x) = \|w_2\|_{L_{p_2}(\rho(x), \infty)}$.*

Proof It suffices to take into account that for $0 < p \leq \infty$

$$\|f\|_{LM_{pp, w, d}} = \|f\|_{L_{p, w}},$$

where for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ $W(x) = \|w\|_{L_p(\rho(x), \infty)}$ [21]. ■

It is interesting to note that condition (5.4) has the form that differs from the known, necessary and sufficient conditions discussed in detail, for example, in [30].

Example 5.8 Let the condition (3.8) or condition (3.9) be satisfied. Moreover, let $1 < \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 < \infty$, and β be such that

$$\beta + \frac{1}{\theta_2} < 0, \quad \beta + \frac{|d|}{p_2} + \frac{1}{\theta_2} > 0, \quad \beta + \frac{|d|}{p_2} + \frac{1}{\theta_2} + \alpha - \frac{|d|}{p_1} < 0,$$

then it is easy to calculate that the functions $w_1(t) = t^{\beta + \frac{|d|}{p_2} + \frac{1}{\theta_2} + \alpha - \frac{|d|}{p_1} - \frac{1}{\theta_1}}$, $w_2(t) = t^\beta$ satisfy the condition (a) of Theorem 5.1. Thus I_α^d is bounded from $LM_{p\theta_1, w_1, d}$ to $LM_{p\theta_2, w_2, d}$.

6. Concluding remarks

The assumption made at the beginning of this article $d_i \geq 1, i = 1, \dots, n$, is not essential. One may assume that $d_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, n$. However, under this assumption the function $\rho(x - y), x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is in general a quasi-distance, which does not cause any problem.

Also note that if $\nu > 0$ then

$$I_{\nu\alpha}^{\nu d} = I_\alpha^d \quad \forall \nu > 0.$$

$$\|f\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(0, r))} = \|f\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_{\nu d}(0, r^{1/\nu}))}.$$

LEMMA 6.1 *Let $1 < p_1 < p_2 < \infty, 0 < \theta_1, \theta_2 \leq \infty, w_1 \in \Omega_{\theta_1}$ and $w_2 \in \Omega_{\theta_2}$. Then for $\nu > 0$*

$$\|I_\alpha^d f\|_{LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d} \rightarrow LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}} = \|I_{\nu\alpha}^{\nu d} f\|_{LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1(\rho^\nu)\rho^{\frac{\nu-1}{\theta_1}, \nu d}} \rightarrow LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2(\rho^\nu)\rho^{\frac{\nu-1}{\theta_2}, \nu d}}.$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_\alpha^d f\|_{LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d} \rightarrow LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}} &= \sup_{f \neq 0, f \in LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d}} \frac{\|I_\alpha^d f\|_{LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2, d}}}{\|f\|_{LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d}}} \\ &= \sup_{f \neq 0, f \in LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d}} \frac{\|w_2(r)\|I_\alpha^d f\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(0, r))} \|L_{\theta_2}(0, \infty)}{w_1(r)\|f\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_d(0, r))} \|L_{\theta_1}(0, \infty)} \\ &= \sup_{f \neq 0, f \in LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d}} \frac{\|w_2(r)\|I_{\nu\alpha}^{\nu d} f\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_{\nu d}(0, r^{1/\nu}))} \|L_{\theta_2}(0, \infty)}{w_1(r)\|f\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_{\nu d}(0, r^{1/\nu}))} \|L_{\theta_1}(0, \infty)} \\ &= \nu^{1/\theta_2 - 1/\theta_1} \sup_{f \neq 0, f \in LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1, d}} \frac{\|w_2(\rho^\nu)\rho^{\frac{\nu-1}{\theta_2}}\|I_{\nu\alpha}^{\nu d} f\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_{\nu d}(0, \rho))} \|L_{\theta_2}(0, \infty)}{w_1(\rho^\nu)\rho^{\frac{\nu-1}{\theta_1}}\|f\|_{L_p(\mathcal{E}_{\nu d}(0, \rho))} \|L_{\theta_1}(0, \infty)} \\ &= \|I_{\nu\alpha}^{\nu d} f\|_{LM_{p_1\theta_1, w_1(\rho^\nu)\rho^{\frac{\nu-1}{\theta_1}, \nu d}} \rightarrow LM_{p_2\theta_2, w_2(\rho^\nu)\rho^{\frac{\nu-1}{\theta_2}, \nu d}}. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

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Notes

1. We apply the following simple statement. If Ω is a measurable set in \mathbb{R}^n , $M > 0$ and for almost all $y \in \Omega$ $g(y) \geq M$, then for any $0 < p \leq \infty$ $\|g\|_{W_{L_p}(\Omega)} \geq M |\Omega|^{1/p}$.
2. See endnote 1.

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