

## Continuity of Generalized Riesz Potentials for Double Phase Functionals with Variable Exponents over Metric Measure Spaces

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Abstract. Our aim in this paper is to deal with the continuity of generalized Riesz potentials  $I_{\rho,\tau}f$  of functions in Morrey spaces  $L^{\Phi,\nu(\cdot),\kappa}(X)$  of double phase functionals with variable exponents over bounded non-doubling metric measure spaces. What is new in this paper is that  $\rho$  depends on  $x \in X$ .

### 1. Introduction

Let  $(X, d, \mu)$  be a metric measure space, where  $X$  is a bounded set,  $d$  is a metric on  $X$  and  $\mu$  is a nonnegative complete Borel regular outer measure on  $X$  which is finite in every bounded set. We often write  $X$  instead of  $(X, d, \mu)$ . For  $x \in X$  and  $r > 0$ , we denote by  $B(x, r)$  the open ball in  $X$  centered at  $x$  with radius  $r$  and  $d_X = \sup\{d(x, y) : x, y \in X\}$ . We assume that

$$\mu(\{x\}) = 0$$

for  $x \in X$  and  $0 < \mu(B(x, r)) < \infty$  for  $x \in X$  and  $r > 0$  for simplicity. We do not assume that  $\mu$  has a so-called doubling condition. Recall that a Radon measure  $\mu$  is said to be doubling if there exists a constant  $c_0 > 0$  such that  $\mu(B(x, 2r)) \leq c_0\mu(B(x, r))$  for all  $x \in \text{supp}(\mu)$  ( $= X$ ) and  $r > 0$  (see [2]). For the Gauss measure space, see [11]. Otherwise  $\mu$  is said to be non-doubling. For examples of non-doubling metric measure spaces we refer to [22, 28].

We consider the family  $(\rho)$  of all functions  $\rho$  satisfying the following conditions:  $\rho(x, r) : X \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is a measurable function such that there exist constants  $0 < k < 1$ ,  $0 < k_1 < k_2$  and  $C_\rho > 0$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad \sup_{kr \leq s \leq r} \rho(x, s) \leq C_\rho \int_{k_1r}^{k_2r} \rho(x, s) \frac{ds}{s}$$

for all  $r > 0$  and there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$(1.2) \quad \int_0^{\max\{1, 2k_2\}d_X} \rho(x, s) \frac{ds}{s} \leq C$$

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for all  $x \in X$ . What is new in this paper is that  $\rho$  depends on  $x \in X$ . We do not assume the doubling condition on  $\rho$ .

We can include a variety of examples of  $\rho$  satisfying (1.1) and (1.2) as will be seen in Remark 4.3 and Example 4.4 below.

For  $\tau \geq 1$  and a function  $\rho \in (\rho)$ , we define the generalized Riesz potential  $I_{\rho,\tau}f$  for a locally integrable function  $f$  on  $X$  by

$$I_{\rho,\tau}f(x) = \int_X \frac{\rho(x, d(x, y))f(y)}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} d\mu(y)$$

(see e.g. [27, 32]). The operator  $I_{\rho,\tau}$  is also called the generalized fractional integral operator. When  $X = \mathbf{R}^N$ ,  $\mu = dx$ ,  $I_{\rho,1}f(x)$  is equal to  $I_{\rho}f(x) = \int_X \frac{\rho(x, |x-y|)f(y)}{|x-y|^N} dy$ . When  $\rho(x, r) = \rho(r)$ ,  $I_{\rho}f$  was first introduced by Nakai [21]. See also [9]. If  $X = \mathbf{R}^N$ ,  $\mu = dx$  and  $\rho(x, r) = r^{\alpha(x)}$  with  $0 < \inf_{x \in \mathbf{R}^N} \alpha(x) \leq \sup_{x \in \mathbf{R}^N} \alpha(x) < N$ , then  $I_{\rho,1}f(x)$  is equal to  $U_{\alpha(x)}f(x) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^N} |x - y|^{\alpha(x)-N} f(y) dy$ .

Double phase problems have been studied intensively in variable exponent analysis and regularity theory of PDEs by many mathematicians (see e.g. [1, 4–6, 8, 13, 17, 33]).

In the previous paper [23], we considered the case  $\tilde{\Phi}(x, t)$  is a double phase functional given by

$$\tilde{\Phi}(x, t) = t^p + (b(x)t)^q,$$

where  $1 < p < q$  and  $b(\cdot)$  is non-negative, bounded and Hölder continuous of order  $\theta \in (0, 1]$  (cf. [5]). In [23] we studied the continuity of Riesz potentials  $\tilde{I}_{\rho,\tau}f$  of functions in Morrey spaces  $L^{\tilde{\Phi}, \nu, \kappa}(X)$  of the double phase functionals  $\tilde{\Phi}(x, t)$  when  $\rho$  does not depend on  $x \in X$ , where

$$\tilde{I}_{\rho,\tau}f(x) = \int_X \frac{\rho(d(x, y))f(y)}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} d\mu(y).$$

We refer to [24] for the Euclidean case. See also [15, Theorem 4.1] and [16, Theorem 4.1].

As in [13, 24], we consider the case  $\Phi(x, t)$  as a double phase functional given by

$$\Phi(x, t) = t^{p(x)} + (b(x)t)^{q(x)},$$

where  $p(x) < q(x)$  and  $b(\cdot)$  is non-negative, bounded and Hölder continuous of order  $\theta \in (0, 1]$  (cf. [3, 26]).

In this paper, we shall extend [23, 24] from the case  $\rho$  does not depend on  $x \in X$  to the case  $\rho$  depends on  $x \in X$ . In fact, we show the continuity of generalized Riesz potential  $I_{\rho,\tau}f$  of functions  $f$  in Morrey spaces  $L^{\Phi, \nu(\cdot), \kappa}(X)$  of the double phase functionals  $\Phi(x, t)$  over bounded non-doubling metric measure spaces  $X$  (see Theorem 4.1), as an extension of [23, Theorem 1] and [24, Theorem 2.2]. Our key lemma is Lemma 3.2.

We refer to [25, 27, 29, 32] for the boundedness of  $I_{\rho,\tau}f$ , to [10] for Gagliardo–Nirenberg inequality for  $I_{\rho,\tau}f$  and to e.g. [7, 9, 21] for the boundedness of  $I_{\rho}f$ .

Throughout this paper, let  $C$  denote various constants independent of the variables in question.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $p(\cdot)$  be a measurable functions on  $X$  such that

(P1)  $1 \leq p^- := \inf_{x \in X} p(x) \leq \sup_{x \in X} p(x) =: p^+ < \infty,$

(P2)  $p(\cdot)$  is log-Hölder continuous on  $X$ , namely

$$|p(x) - p(y)| \leq \frac{C_p}{\log(e + 1/d(x, y))}, \quad x, y \in X$$

with a constant  $C_p \geq 0$ .

Let  $\nu(\cdot)$  be a measurable functions on  $X$  such that

$$0 < \nu^- := \inf_{x \in X} \nu(x) \leq \sup_{x \in X} \nu(x) =: \nu^+ < \infty.$$

For  $\kappa \geq 1$ , the Morrey space with variable exponents  $L^{p(\cdot), \nu(\cdot), \kappa}(X)$  is the family of measurable functions  $f$  on  $X$  satisfying

$$L^{p(\cdot), \nu(\cdot), \kappa}(X) = \left\{ f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(X) \mid \sup_{\substack{x \in X \\ 0 < r < d_X}} \frac{r^{\nu(x)}}{\mu(B(x, \kappa r))} \int_{B(x, r)} |f(y)|^{p(y)} d\mu(y) < \infty \right\}.$$

It is a Banach space with respect to the norm

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot), \nu(\cdot), \kappa}(X)} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 \mid \sup_{\substack{x \in X \\ 0 < r < d_X}} \frac{r^{\nu(x)}}{\mu(B(x, \kappa r))} \int_{B(x, r)} \left( \frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda} \right)^{p(y)} d\mu(y) \leq 1 \right\}$$

(cf. see [19]). When  $p(\cdot) = p$  and  $\nu(\cdot) = \nu$ , we see that the definition of  $L^{p, \nu, \kappa}(X)$  does not depend on  $\kappa$  as long as  $X$  is the Euclidean space and  $\kappa > 1$  (see [18, 31]) and that  $L^{p, \nu, \kappa}(X)$  can depend on  $\kappa$  (see [30]).

We consider a function

$$\Phi(x, t): X \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$$

satisfying the following conditions ( $\Phi 1$ ) and ( $\Phi 2$ ):

( $\Phi 1$ )  $\Phi(\cdot, t)$  is measurable on  $X$  for each  $t \geq 0$  and  $\Phi(x, \cdot)$  is convex on  $[0, \infty)$  for each  $x \in X$ ;

(Φ2) there exists a constant  $A_1 \geq 1$  such that

$$A_1^{-1} \leq \Phi(x, 1) \leq A_1 \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

For  $\kappa \geq 1$ , the Musielak–Orlicz–Morrey space  $L^{\Phi, \nu(\cdot), \kappa}(X)$  is defined by

$$L^{\Phi, \nu(\cdot), \kappa}(X) = \left\{ f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(X) \mid \sup_{\substack{x \in X \\ 0 < r < d_X}} \frac{r^{\nu(x)}}{\mu(B(x, \kappa r))} \int_{B(x, r)} \Phi \left( y, \frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda} \right) d\mu(y) < \infty \text{ for some } \lambda > 0 \right\}.$$

It is a Banach space with respect to the norm

$$\|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \nu(\cdot), \kappa}(X)} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 \mid \sup_{\substack{x \in X \\ 0 < r < d_X}} \frac{r^{\nu(x)}}{\mu(B(x, \kappa r))} \int_{B(x, r)} \Phi \left( y, \frac{|f(y)|}{\lambda} \right) d\mu(y) \leq 1 \right\}$$

(see [12, 20]).

Let  $q(\cdot)$  be a measurable function on  $X$  such that

(Q1)  $1 \leq q^- := \inf_{x \in X} q(x) \leq \sup_{x \in X} q(x) =: q^+ < \infty,$

(Q2)  $q(\cdot)$  is log-Hölder continuous on  $X$ , namely

$$|q(x) - q(y)| \leq \frac{C_q}{\log(e + 1/d(x, y))}, \quad x, y \in X$$

with a constant  $C_q \geq 0$ .

In what follows, set

$$\Phi(x, t) = t^{p(x)} + (b(x)t)^{q(x)},$$

where  $p(x) < q(x)$  and  $b(\cdot)$  is non-negative, bounded and Hölder continuous of order  $\theta \in (0, 1]$  (cf. [5]).

### 3. Lemmas

Let's begin with the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** (see [16, Lemma 2.1] or [14, Lemma 2.7]) *There exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$\frac{r^{\nu(x)/p(x)}}{\mu(B(x, \kappa r))} \int_{B(x, r)} |f(y)| d\mu(y) \leq C$$

for all  $x \in X, 0 < r < d_X$  and measurable functions  $f$  on  $X$  with  $\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot), \nu(\cdot), \kappa}(X)} \leq 1$ .

We give an estimate inside and outside balls.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $\beta \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $\iota > 0$  and  $\rho_1 \in (\rho)$ . Let  $f$  be a nonnegative function on  $X$  such that  $\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot),\nu(\cdot),\kappa}(X)} \leq 1$ . If  $1 \leq \kappa < \tau$ , then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$(3.1) \quad \int_{B(x,r)} \frac{d(x,y)^\beta \rho_1(x, \iota d(x,y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x,y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \leq C \int_0^{k_2 \iota r} t^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\beta} \rho_1(x,t) \frac{dt}{t}$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad \int_{X \setminus B(x,r)} \frac{d(x,y)^\beta \rho_1(x, \iota d(x,y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x,y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \leq C \int_{k_1 \iota r}^{2k_2 \iota d_X} t^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\beta} \rho_1(x,t) \frac{dt}{t}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $0 < r \leq d_X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be a nonnegative function on  $X$  such that  $\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot),\nu(\cdot),\kappa}(X)} \leq 1$ . Take  $\gamma \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $1 < \gamma \leq \min\{1/k, \tau/\kappa, 2\}$ . If  $y \in B(x, \gamma^j r) \setminus B(x, \gamma^{j-1} r)$  for  $j \in \mathbf{Z}$ , then we see from (1.1) that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(x,y)^\beta \rho_1(x, \iota d(x,y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x,y)))} &\leq \frac{\max\{1, \gamma^{-\beta}\}(\gamma^j r)^\beta}{\mu(B(x, \tau \gamma^{j-1} r))} \sup_{\gamma^{j-1} \iota r \leq s \leq \gamma^j \iota r} \rho_1(x,s) \\ &\leq \frac{\max\{1, \gamma^{-\beta}\}(\gamma^j r)^\beta}{\mu(B(x, \tau \gamma^{j-1} r))} \sup_{k \gamma^j \iota r \leq s \leq \gamma^j \iota r} \rho_1(x,s) \\ &\leq \frac{C_{\rho_1} \max\{1, \gamma^{-\beta}\}(\gamma^j r)^\beta}{\mu(B(x, \kappa \gamma^j r))} \int_{\gamma^j k_1 \iota r}^{\gamma^j k_2 \iota r} \rho_1(x,s) \frac{ds}{s} \end{aligned}$$

since  $\gamma \leq \min\{1/k, \tau/\kappa\}$ . By Lemma 3.1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{B(x, \gamma^j r) \setminus B(x, \gamma^{j-1} r)} \frac{d(x,y)^\beta \rho_1(x, \iota d(x,y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x,y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &\leq C_{\rho_1} \max\{1, \gamma^{-\beta}\}(\gamma^j r)^\beta \int_{\gamma^j k_1 \iota r}^{\gamma^j k_2 \iota r} \rho_1(x,s) \frac{ds}{s} \cdot \frac{1}{\mu(B(x, \kappa \gamma^j r))} \int_{B(x, \gamma^j r)} f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &\leq C_1 C_{\rho_1} \max\{1, 2^{-\beta}\} (\gamma^j r)^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\beta} \int_{\gamma^j k_1 \iota r}^{\gamma^j k_2 \iota r} \rho_1(x,s) \frac{ds}{s} \\ &\leq C_1 C_{\rho_1} \max\{1, 2^{-\beta}\} \\ &\quad \times \max\{(\iota k_1)^{\nu(x)/p(x)-\beta}, (\iota k_2)^{\nu(x)/p(x)-\beta}\} \int_{\gamma^j k_1 \iota r}^{\gamma^j k_2 \iota r} s^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\beta} \rho_1(x,s) \frac{ds}{s} \\ &\leq C_2 \int_{\gamma^j k_1 \iota r}^{\gamma^j k_2 \iota r} s^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\beta} \rho_1(x,s) \frac{ds}{s} \end{aligned}$$

for  $j \in \mathbf{Z}$ , where

$$C_2 = C_1 C_{\rho_1} \max\{1, 2^{-\beta}\} \max\{(\iota k_1)^{\nu^+/p^- - \beta}, (\iota k_1)^{\nu^-/p^+ - \beta}, (\iota k_2)^{\nu^+/p^- - \beta}, (\iota k_2)^{\nu^-/p^+ - \beta}\}.$$

Therefore we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{B(x,r)} \frac{d(x,y)^\beta \rho_1(x, \iota d(x,y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x,y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^\infty \int_{B(x, \gamma^{-j}r) \setminus B(x, \gamma^{-j-1}r)} \frac{d(x,y)^\beta \rho_1(x, \iota d(x,y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x,y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &\leq C_2 \sum_{j=0}^\infty \int_{\gamma^{-j}k_1\iota r}^{\gamma^{-j}k_2\iota r} s^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\beta} \rho_1(x, s) \frac{ds}{s}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $j_0$  be the smallest integer such that  $k_2/k_1 \leq \gamma^{j_0}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{B(x,r)} \frac{d(x,y)^\beta \rho_1(x, \iota d(x,y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x,y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) &\leq C_2 \sum_{j=0}^\infty \int_{\gamma^{-j-j_0}k_2\iota r}^{\gamma^{-j}k_2\iota r} s^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\beta} \rho_1(x, s) \frac{ds}{s} \\ &\leq j_0 C_2 \int_0^{k_2\iota r} s^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\beta} \rho_1(x, s) \frac{ds}{s}, \end{aligned}$$

which proves (3.1).

Let  $j_1$  be the smallest integer such that  $d_X \leq \gamma^{j_1}r$ . Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{X \setminus B(x,r)} \frac{d(x,y)^\beta \rho_1(x, \iota d(x,y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x,y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{j_1} \int_{B(x, \gamma^j r) \setminus B(x, \gamma^{j-1}r)} \frac{d(x,y)^\beta \rho_1(x, \iota d(x,y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x,y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &\leq C_2 \sum_{j=1}^{j_1} \int_{\gamma^j k_1\iota r}^{\gamma^j k_2\iota r} s^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\beta} \rho_1(x, s) \frac{ds}{s} \\ &\leq C_2 \sum_{j=1}^{j_1} \int_{\gamma^{j-j_0}k_2\iota r}^{\gamma^j k_2\iota r} s^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\beta} \rho_1(x, s) \frac{ds}{s} \\ &\leq j_0 C_2 \int_{k_1\iota r}^{\gamma^{k_2\iota d_X}} s^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\beta} \rho_1(x, s) \frac{ds}{s} \\ &\leq j_0 C_2 \int_{k_1\iota r}^{2k_2\iota d_X} s^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\beta} \rho_1(x, s) \frac{ds}{s}, \end{aligned}$$

which proves (3.2). □

Here note that  $2k_2\iota d_X$  in (3.2) can be replaced by  $ak_2\iota d_X$  with  $a > 1$ .

#### 4. Continuity of generalized Riesz potentials

Before we state our theorem we consider the following conditions:

( $\rho\mu$ ) there are constants  $\eta_1 > 0, \eta_2 > 0, \iota_1 > 0, \iota_2 \geq 1, \sigma_1 > 1$  and  $c_1 > 0$  such that

$$(4.1) \quad \left| \frac{\rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} - \frac{\rho(x, d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} \right| \leq c_1 \frac{d(x, z)^{\eta_1}}{d(x, y)^{\eta_2}} \frac{\rho(x, \iota_1 d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \iota_2 d(x, y)))}$$

whenever  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y)/\sigma_1$ ,

( $\rho 1$ ) there are functions  $h(x, z): X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and  $\tilde{\rho} \in (\rho)$  and constants  $\iota_3 > 0, \iota_4 > 0, \sigma_2 > 1$  and  $c_2 > 0$  such that

$$(4.2) \quad |\rho(x, d(z, y)) - \rho(z, d(z, y))| \leq c_2 h(x, z) \{ \tilde{\rho}(x, \iota_3 d(x, y)) + \tilde{\rho}(z, \iota_4 d(z, y)) \}$$

whenever  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y)/\sigma_2$ .

Let  $\sigma = \max\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\}$ . For  $x, z \in X$  and  $0 < r \leq d_X$ , we consider the functions

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_1(x, z, r) &= \int_0^{k_2 \sigma r} t^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\theta} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t} + \int_0^{k_2 \sigma r} t^{-\nu(x)/q(x)} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t} \\ &+ \int_0^{k_2(\sigma+1)r} t^{-\nu(z)/p(z)+\theta} \rho(z, t) \frac{dt}{t} + \int_0^{k_2(\sigma+1)r} t^{-\nu(z)/q(z)} \rho(z, t) \frac{dt}{t} \\ &+ r^\theta \int_{k_1(\sigma-1)r}^{2k_2 d_X} t^{-\nu(z)/p(z)} \rho(z, t) \frac{dt}{t} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_2(x, z, r) &= r^{\eta_1} \int_{k_1 \sigma \iota_1 r}^{2k_2 \iota_1 d_X} t^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\theta-\eta_2} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t} \\ &+ r^{\eta_1} \int_{k_1 \sigma \iota_1 r}^{2k_2 \iota_1 d_X} t^{-\nu(x)/q(x)-\eta_2} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t}. \end{aligned}$$

Further we set

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi_3(x, z, r) \\ &= h(x, z) \int_{k_1 \sigma \iota_3 r}^{2k_2 \iota_3 d_X} t^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\theta} \tilde{\rho}(x, t) \frac{dt}{t} + h(x, z) \int_{k_1 \sigma \iota_3 r}^{2k_2 \iota_3 d_X} t^{-\nu(x)/q(x)} \tilde{\rho}(x, t) \frac{dt}{t} \\ &+ h(x, z) \int_{k_1(\sigma-1)\iota_4 r}^{2k_2 \iota_4 d_X} t^{-\nu(z)/p(z)+\theta} \tilde{\rho}(z, t) \frac{dt}{t} + h(x, z) \int_{k_1(\sigma-1)\iota_4 r}^{2k_2 \iota_4 d_X} t^{-\nu(z)/q(z)} \tilde{\rho}(z, t) \frac{dt}{t} \end{aligned}$$

for  $x, z \in X$  and  $0 < r \leq d_X$ .

We prove the following theorem, as an extension of [23, Theorem 1] and [24, Theorem 2.2]. See also [15, Theorem 4.1] and [16, Theorem 4.1].

**Theorem 4.1.** *Assume that  $\rho$  satisfies ( $\rho\mu$ ) and ( $\rho 1$ ). If  $1 \leq \kappa < \min\{\tau(1-1/\sigma)-1/\sigma, \iota_2\}$ , then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$|b(x)I_{\rho, \tau} f(x) - b(z)I_{\rho, \tau} f(z)| \leq C \sum_{k=1}^3 \psi_k(x, z, d(x, z))$$

for all  $x, z \in X$  with  $\psi_1(x, z, d(x, z)) < \infty$  and measurable functions  $f$  on  $X$  with  $\|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \nu(\cdot), \kappa}(X)} \leq 1$ .

*Remark 4.2.* Let  $x, z \in X$  with  $x \neq z$  and  $\psi_1(x, z, d(x, z)) < \infty$ . Then note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{k_2 \sigma d(x, z)} t^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\theta} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t} + \int_0^{k_2 \sigma d(x, z)} t^{-\nu(x)/q(x)} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t} \\ & + \int_0^{k_2(\sigma+1)d(x, z)} t^{-\nu(z)/p(z)+\theta} \rho(z, t) \frac{dt}{t} + \int_0^{k_2(\sigma+1)d(x, z)} t^{-\nu(z)/q(z)} \rho(z, t) \frac{dt}{t} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $f$  be a nonnegative measurable function  $f$  on  $X$  with  $\|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \nu(\cdot), \kappa}(X)} \leq 1$ . By Lemma 3.2 and (1.2), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_X \frac{d(x, y)^\theta \rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \\ & = \int_{B(x, d(x, z))} \frac{d(x, y)^\theta \rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \\ & \quad + \int_{X \setminus B(x, d(x, z))} \frac{d(x, y)^\theta \rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \\ & \leq C \left\{ \int_0^{k_2 d(x, z)} t^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\theta} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t} + \int_{k_1 d(x, z)}^{2k_2 d_X} t^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\theta} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t} \right\} \\ & \leq C \left\{ \int_0^{k_2 \sigma d(x, z)} t^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\theta} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t} + d(x, z)^{-\nu(x)/p(x)} \int_0^{2k_2 d_X} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t} \right\} \\ & < \infty \end{aligned}$$

and that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_X \frac{\rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} \{b(y) f(y)\} d\mu(y) \\ & = \int_{B(x, d(x, z))} \frac{\rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} \{b(y) f(y)\} d\mu(y) \\ & \quad + \int_{X \setminus B(x, d(x, z))} \frac{\rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} \{b(y) f(y)\} d\mu(y) \\ & \leq C \left\{ \int_0^{k_2 d(x, z)} t^{-\nu(x)/q(x)} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t} + \int_{k_1 d(x, z)}^{2k_2 d_X} t^{-\nu(x)/q(x)} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t} \right\} \\ & \leq C \left\{ \int_0^{k_2 \sigma d(x, z)} t^{-\nu(x)/q(x)} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t} + d(x, z)^{-\nu(x)/q(x)} \int_0^{2k_2 d_X} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t} \right\} \\ & < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$b(x)I_{\rho, \tau} f(x) \leq \int_X \frac{\rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} |b(x) - b(y)| f(y) d\mu(y)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \int_X \frac{\rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} b(y) f(y) d\mu(y) \\
 \leq & C \int_X \frac{d(x, y)^\theta \rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \\
 & + \int_X \frac{\rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} \{b(y) f(y)\} d\mu(y) < \infty.
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we see that  $b(z)I_{\rho, \tau} f(z) < \infty$ , so that  $|b(x)I_{\rho, \tau} f(x) - b(z)I_{\rho, \tau} f(z)|$  in Theorem 4.1 is well defined.

*Proof of Theorem 4.1.* We may assume that  $f$  is nonnegative on  $X$ . Let  $f$  be a nonnegative function on  $X$  such that  $\|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \nu(\cdot), \kappa}(X)} \leq 1$ . Let  $x, z \in X$  and set  $r = d(x, z)$ . First we estimate the following three terms:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1(x) &= b(x) \int_{B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{\rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y), \\
 I_2(z) &= b(z) \int_{B(z, (\sigma+1)r)} \frac{\rho(z, d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$I_3(z) = r^\theta \int_{X \setminus B(z, (\sigma-1)r)} \frac{\rho(z, d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y).$$

For  $I_1(x)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1(x) &\leq \int_{B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{\rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} |b(x) - b(y)| f(y) d\mu(y) \\
 &+ \int_{B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{\rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} b(y) f(y) d\mu(y) \\
 &\leq C \int_{B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{d(x, y)^\theta \rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \\
 &+ \int_{B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{\rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} \{b(y) f(y)\} d\mu(y) \\
 &= CI_{11}(x) + I_{12}(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

We obtain from (3.1),

$$I_{11}(x) \leq C \int_0^{k_2 \sigma r} t^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\theta} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t} \quad \text{and} \quad I_{12}(x) \leq C \int_0^{k_2 \sigma r} t^{-\nu(x)/q(x)} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t}$$

since  $1 \leq \kappa < \tau$ . For  $I_3(z)$ , we have by (3.2),

$$I_3(z) \leq Cr^\theta \int_{k_1(\sigma-1)r}^{2k_2 d_X} t^{-\nu(z)/p(z)} \rho(z, t) \frac{dt}{t}$$

since  $1 \leq \kappa < \tau$ . Therefore, we find

$$(4.3) \quad I_1(x) + I_2(z) + I_3(z) \leq C\psi_1(x, z, r).$$

Next we estimate the following term:

$$I_4(z) = r^{\eta_1} b(x) \int_{X \setminus B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{d(x, y)^{-\eta_2} \rho(x, \iota_1 d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \iota_2 d(x, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_4(x) &\leq r^{\eta_1} \int_{X \setminus B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{d(x, y)^{-\eta_2} \rho(x, \iota_1 d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \iota_2 d(x, y)))} |b(x) - b(y)| f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &\quad + r^{\eta_1} \int_{X \setminus B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{d(x, y)^{-\eta_2} \rho(x, \iota_1 d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \iota_2 d(x, y)))} b(y) f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &\leq Cr^{\eta_1} \int_{X \setminus B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{d(x, y)^{\theta - \eta_2} \rho(x, \iota_1 d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \iota_2 d(x, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &\quad + r^{\eta_1} \int_{X \setminus B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{d(x, y)^{-\eta_2} \rho(x, \iota_1 d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \iota_2 d(x, y)))} \{b(y) f(y)\} d\mu(y) \\ &= CI_{41}(x) + I_{42}(x). \end{aligned}$$

Note from (3.2) that

$$I_{41}(x) \leq Cr^{\eta_1} \int_{k_1 \sigma \iota_1 r}^{2k_2 \iota_1 d_X} t^{-\nu(x)/p(x) + \theta - \eta_2} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t}$$

and that

$$I_{42}(x) \leq Cr^{\eta_1} \int_{k_1 \sigma \iota_1 r}^{2k_2 \iota_1 d_X} t^{-\nu(x)/q(x) - \eta_2} \rho(x, t) \frac{dt}{t}$$

since  $1 \leq \kappa < \iota_2$ . Therefore, we find

$$(4.4) \quad I_4(x) \leq C\psi_2(x, z, r).$$

Finally we estimate the following two terms:

$$I_5(x, z) = b(x)h(x, z) \int_{X \setminus B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{\tilde{\rho}(x, \iota_3 d(x, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y)$$

and

$$I_6(x, z) = b(x)h(x, z) \int_{X \setminus B(z, (\sigma-1)r)} \frac{\tilde{\rho}(z, \iota_4 d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y).$$

For  $I_5(x, z)$ , set  $\tau' = \tau(1 - 1/\sigma) - 1/\sigma$ . Note that

$$(4.5) \quad \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sigma}\right) d(x, y) \leq d(z, y) \leq \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sigma}\right) d(x, y)$$

and that

$$B(x, \tau' d(x, y)) \subset B(z, \tau d(z, y))$$

for  $y \in X \setminus B(x, \sigma r)$ . Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_5(x, z) &\leq b(x)h(x, z) \int_{X \setminus B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{\tilde{\rho}(x, \iota_3 d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau' d(x, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &\leq h(x, z) \int_{X \setminus B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{\tilde{\rho}(x, \iota_3 d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau' d(x, y)))} |b(x) - b(y)| f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &\quad + h(x, z) \int_{X \setminus B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{\tilde{\rho}(x, \iota_3 d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau' d(x, y)))} b(y) f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &\leq Ch(x, z) \int_{X \setminus B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{d(x, y)^\theta \tilde{\rho}(x, \iota_3 d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau' d(x, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &\quad + h(x, z) \int_{X \setminus B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{\tilde{\rho}(x, \iota_3 d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau' d(x, y)))} \{b(y) f(y)\} d\mu(y) \\ &= CI_{51}(x, z) + I_{52}(x, z). \end{aligned}$$

Note from (3.2) that

$$I_{51}(x, z) \leq Ch(x, z) \int_{k_1 \sigma \iota_3 r}^{2k_2 \iota_3 d_X} t^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\theta} \tilde{\rho}(x, t) \frac{dt}{t}$$

and that

$$I_{52}(x, z) \leq Ch(x, z) \int_{k_1 \sigma \iota_3 r}^{2k_2 \iota_3 d_X} t^{-\nu(x)/q(x)} \tilde{\rho}(x, t) \frac{dt}{t}$$

since  $1 \leq \kappa < \tau'$ . By (4.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_6(x, z) &\leq h(x, z) \int_{X \setminus B(z, (\sigma-1)r)} \frac{\tilde{\rho}(z, \iota_4 d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} |b(x) - b(y)| f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &\quad + h(x, z) \int_{X \setminus B(z, (\sigma-1)r)} \frac{\tilde{\rho}(z, \iota_4 d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} b(y) f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &\leq Ch(x, z) \int_{X \setminus B(z, (\sigma-1)r)} \frac{d(x, y)^\theta \tilde{\rho}(z, \iota_4 d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &\quad + h(x, z) \int_{X \setminus B(z, (\sigma-1)r)} \frac{\tilde{\rho}(z, \iota_4 d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} b(y) f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &\leq Ch(x, z) \int_{X \setminus B(z, (\sigma-1)r)} \frac{d(z, y)^\theta \tilde{\rho}(z, \iota_4 d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \\ &\quad + h(x, z) \int_{X \setminus B(z, (\sigma-1)r)} \frac{\tilde{\rho}(z, \iota_4 d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} \{b(y) f(y)\} d\mu(y) \\ &= CI_{61}(x, z) + I_{62}(x, z). \end{aligned}$$

Note from (3.2) that

$$I_{61}(x, z) \leq Ch(x, z) \int_{k_1(\sigma-1)\iota_4 r}^{2k_2\iota_4 d_X} t^{-\nu(z)/p(z)+\theta} \tilde{\rho}(z, t) \frac{dt}{t}$$

and that

$$I_{62}(x, z) \leq Ch(x, z) \int_{k_1(\sigma-1)\iota_4 r}^{2k_2\iota_4 d_X} t^{-\nu(z)/q(z)} \tilde{\rho}(z, t) \frac{dt}{t}$$

since  $1 \leq \kappa < \tau$ . Therefore, we find

$$(4.6) \quad I_5(x, z) + I_6(x, z) \leq C\psi_3(x, z, r).$$

Note from (4.1) and (4.2),

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} - \frac{\rho(z, d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} \right| \\ & \leq \left| \frac{\rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} - \frac{\rho(x, d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} \right| + \left| \frac{\rho(x, d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} - \frac{\rho(z, d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} \right| \\ & \leq C \left\{ r^{\eta_1} \frac{d(x, y)^{-\eta_2} \rho(x, \iota_1 d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \iota_2 d(x, y)))} + h(x, z) \frac{\tilde{\rho}(x, \iota_3 d(x, y)) + \tilde{\rho}(z, \iota_4 d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

for  $y \in X \setminus B(x, \sigma r)$ , so that

$$\begin{aligned} & |b(x)I_{\rho, \tau}f(x) - b(z)I_{\rho, \tau}f(z)| \\ & \leq b(x) \int_{B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{\rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) + b(z) \int_{B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{\rho(z, d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \\ & \quad + |b(x) - b(z)| \int_{X \setminus B(x, \sigma r)} \frac{\rho(z, d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} f(y) d\mu(y) \\ & \quad + b(x) \int_{X \setminus B(x, \sigma r)} \left| \frac{\rho(x, d(x, y))}{\mu(B(x, \tau d(x, y)))} - \frac{\rho(z, d(z, y))}{\mu(B(z, \tau d(z, y)))} \right| f(y) d\mu(y) \\ & \leq C \{ I_1(x) + I_2(z) + I_3(z) + I_4(x) + I_5(x, z) + I_6(x, z) \}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we obtain by (4.3), (4.4) and (4.6),

$$|b(x)I_{\rho, \tau}f(x) - b(z)I_{\rho, \tau}f(z)| \leq C \sum_{k=1}^3 \psi_k(x, z, r).$$

Thus we complete the proof. □

*Remark 4.3.* (1) If  $\rho$  satisfies the doubling condition, that is, there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$C^{-1} \leq \frac{\rho(x, r)}{\rho(x, s)} \leq C$$

for  $x \in X$  and  $1/2 \leq r/s \leq 2$ , then  $\rho$  satisfies (1.1) whenever  $k = 1/2$  and  $2k_1 = k_2$ .

- (2) If  $\rho$  is increasing in the second variable, then  $\rho$  satisfies (1.1) with  $k = 1/2$ ,  $k_1 = 1$  and  $k_2 = 2$ .
- (3) If  $\rho$  is decreasing in the second variable, then  $\rho$  satisfies (1.1) with  $k = 1/2$ ,  $k_1 = 1/4$  and  $k_2 = 1/2$ .

**Example 4.4.** (i) Let  $\alpha(\cdot)$  be a measurable function on  $X$  such that

$$0 < \alpha^- := \inf_{x \in X} \alpha(x) \leq \sup_{x \in X} \alpha(x) =: \alpha^+ < \infty$$

and  $\rho(x, r) = r^{\alpha(x)}$ . Then  $\rho$  satisfies (1.1) and (1.2) with  $k = 1/2$ ,  $k_1 = 1$  and  $k_2 = 2$  by Remark 4.3(1) or (2).

- (ii) Let  $x_0 \in X$  and  $\rho(x, r) = (1 + d(x_0, x)/r)r^\alpha$  for some  $\alpha > 0$ . Then  $\rho$  satisfies (1.1) with  $k = 1/2$ ,  $k_1 = 1$  and  $k_2 = 2$  by Remark 4.3(1). Further, if  $\alpha > 1$ , then

$$\int_0^1 \rho(x, s) \frac{ds}{s} \leq (1 + d(x_0, x)) \int_0^1 s^{\alpha-1} \frac{ds}{s} \leq \frac{1 + d_X}{\alpha - 1},$$

so that  $\rho$  satisfies (1.2).

- (iii) Let  $\alpha > 0$  and let  $A(\cdot)$  be a positive measurable function on  $X$ . Set

$$\rho(x, r) = \begin{cases} A(x)r^\alpha & \text{for } 0 < r < 1, \\ A(x)e^{-(r-1)} & \text{for } r \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\rho$  satisfies (1.1) and (1.2) with  $k = 1/2$ ,  $k_1 = 1/4$  and  $k_2 = 1/2$  by Remark 4.3(1) and (3). See [10].

- (iv) Let  $\rho(x, r) = \mu(B(x, \tau r))^\eta$  for some  $0 < \eta < 1$  and  $\tau \geq 1$ . Then  $\rho$  satisfies (1.1) with  $k = 1/2$ ,  $k_1 = 1$  and  $k_2 = 2$  by Remark 4.3(2). Further, if  $\mu$  satisfies the upper Ahlfors condition  $\mu(B(x, r)) \leq Cr^Q$  ( $x \in X, r > 0$ ) for some  $Q > 0$ , then  $\rho$  satisfies (1.2). See [27, 32].

- (v) Let  $\alpha(\cdot)$  be as in (i) and let  $\rho(x, r) = r^{\alpha(x)}e^{-a/r}(\log(e + 1/r))^\beta$  for  $a \geq 0$  and  $\beta \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then  $\rho$  satisfies (1.1) and (1.2) with  $k = 1/2$ ,  $k_1 = 1$  and  $k_2 = 2$ . In fact, there exists a constant  $C_1 > 0$  such that

$$r_1^{-\alpha^-/2} \rho(x, r_1) \leq C_1 r_2^{-\alpha^-/2} \rho(x, r_2)$$

whenever  $0 < r_1 < r_2$ , so that

$$\sup_{r/2 \leq s \leq r} \rho(x, s) \leq C_1 \rho(x, r) \leq \frac{C_1^2}{\log 2} \int_r^{2r} \rho(x, s) \frac{ds}{s}$$

for all  $r > 0$  and

$$\int_0^1 \rho(x, s) \frac{ds}{s} \leq C_1 \rho(x, 1) \int_0^1 s^{\alpha^-/2} \frac{ds}{s} \leq \frac{2C_1}{\alpha^-} e^{-a} (\log(e + 1))^\beta$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

### 5. Corollaries

In this section, we give consequences of Theorem 4.1.

Let  $\alpha(\cdot)$  be a measurable function on  $X$  such that  $0 < \alpha^- \leq \alpha^+ < \infty$ .

*Remark 5.1.* Let  $\rho(x, r) = r^{\alpha(x)}e^{-a/r}(\log(e + 1/r))^\beta$  for  $a \geq 0$  and  $\beta \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then  $(\rho 1)$  holds for  $\iota_3 = 3/2$ ,  $\iota_4 = 1$ ,  $\sigma_2 = 2$ ,  $h(x, z) = |\alpha(x) - \alpha(z)|$  and  $\tilde{\rho}(x, r) = r^{\alpha(x)}e^{-a/r}(\log(e + 1/r))^{\beta+1}$ .

In fact, we have by the mean value property

$$\begin{aligned} & |\rho(x, d(z, y)) - \rho(z, d(z, y))| \\ &= e^{-a/d(z,y)}(\log(e + 1/d(z, y)))^\beta |d(z, y)^{\alpha(x)} - d(z, y)^{\alpha(z)}| \\ &\leq e^{-a/d(z,y)}(\log(e + 1/d(z, y)))^\beta |\alpha(x) - \alpha(z)| (d(z, y)^{\alpha(x)} + d(z, y)^{\alpha(z)}) |\log d(z, y)| \\ &\leq Ch(x, z) \{ \tilde{\rho}(x, d(z, y)) + \tilde{\rho}(z, d(z, y)) \} \\ &\leq Ch(x, z) \{ \tilde{\rho}(x, 3d(x, y)/2) + \tilde{\rho}(z, d(z, y)) \} \end{aligned}$$

whenever  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y)/2$  since  $d(x, y)/2 \leq d(z, y) \leq 3d(x, y)/2$  for all  $x, z \in X$  with  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y)/2$ .

*Remark 5.2.* Let  $G$  be an open bounded set in  $\mathbf{R}^N$ . Let  $\rho(x, r) = r^{\alpha(x)}e^{-a/r}(\log(e + 1/r))^\beta$  for  $a \geq 0$  and  $\beta \in \mathbf{R}$ .

- (1) If  $a = 0$ , then  $(\rho\mu)$  holds for  $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = \iota_1 = \iota_2 = 1$  and  $\sigma_1 = 2$ .
- (2) If  $a > 0$ , then  $(\rho\mu)$  holds for  $\eta_1 = 1$ ,  $\eta_2 = 2$ ,  $\iota_1 = 3/2$ ,  $\iota_2 = 1$  and  $\sigma_1 = 2$ . We refer to [24, Remark 2.3].

We set

$$\psi_4(x, z) = d(x, z)^{\alpha(x)} (d(x, z)^{-\nu(x)/p(x)+\theta} + d(x, z)^{-\nu(x)/q(x)})$$

and

$$\psi_5(x, z) = d(x, z)^{\alpha(z)} (d(x, z)^{-\nu(z)/p(z)+\theta} + d(x, z)^{-\nu(z)/q(z)})$$

for  $x, z \in X$ .

As in the proof of [24, Corollary 3.1], we obtain the following corollary by Theorem 4.1.

**Corollary 5.3.** *Let  $\rho(x, r) = r^{\alpha(x)}(\log(e + 1/r))^\beta$  for  $\beta \in \mathbf{R}$ . Let  $X$  be a non-doubling metric measure space. Assume that  $(\rho\mu)$  holds. Suppose*

$$\inf_{x \in X} (\nu(x) - \alpha(x)p(x)) > 0, \quad \inf_{x \in X} (\nu(x) - (\alpha(x) + \theta - \eta_2)p(x)) > 0$$

and

$$\inf_{x \in X} ((\alpha(x) + \theta)p(x) - \nu(x)) > 0.$$

Further suppose

$$\inf_{x \in X} (\nu(x) - (\alpha(x) - \eta_2)q(x)) > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \inf_{x \in X} (\alpha(x)q(x) - \nu(x)) > 0.$$

If  $1 \leq \kappa < \min\{\tau(1 - 1/\sigma) - 1/\sigma, \iota_2\}$ , then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & |b(x)I_{\rho,\tau}f(x) - b(z)I_{\rho,\tau}f(z)| \\ & \leq C \left[ (\psi_4(x, z) + \psi_5(x, z) + \min\{d(x, z)^{\eta_1 - \eta_2}\psi_4(x, z), d(x, z)^{\eta_1 - \eta_2}\psi_5(x, z)\}) \right. \\ & \quad \left. \times (\log(e + 1/d(x, z)))^\beta + |\alpha(x) - \alpha(z)| \right] \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, z \in X$  and measurable functions  $f$  on  $X$  with  $\|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \nu(\cdot), \kappa}(X)} \leq 1$ .

*Remark 5.4.* The assumptions like  $\inf_{x \in X} (\nu(x) - \alpha(x)p(x)) > 0$  in Corollary 5.3 were considered in [24, Corollary 3.1].

When  $\rho(x, r) = r^{\alpha(x)}$ , we write  $I_{\rho,\tau}f = I_{\alpha(\cdot),\tau}f$ , which is called the Riesz potential of variable order  $\alpha(\cdot)$ . If we take  $\beta = 0$  in Corollary 5.3, we obtain the next corollary.

**Corollary 5.5.** *Let  $\rho(x, r) = r^{\alpha(x)}$ . Let  $X$  be a non-doubling metric measure space. Assume that  $(\rho\mu)$  holds. Suppose*

$$\inf_{x \in X} (\nu(x) - \alpha(x)p(x)) > 0, \quad \inf_{x \in X} (\nu(x) - (\alpha(x) + \theta - \eta_2)p(x)) > 0$$

and

$$\inf_{x \in X} ((\alpha(x) + \theta)p(x) - \nu(x)) > 0.$$

Further suppose

$$\inf_{x \in X} (\nu(x) - (\alpha(x) - \eta_2)q(x)) > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \inf_{x \in X} (\alpha(x)q(x) - \nu(x)) > 0.$$

Assume that  $\alpha(\cdot)$  and  $\nu(\cdot)$  are log-Hölder continuous on  $X$ . If  $1 \leq \kappa < \min\{\tau(1 - 1/\sigma) - 1/\sigma, \iota_2\}$ , then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$|b(x)I_{\alpha(\cdot),\tau}f(x) - b(z)I_{\alpha(\cdot),\tau}f(z)| \leq C \{ \psi_4(x, z) + d(x, z)^{\eta_1 - \eta_2}\psi_4(x, z) + |\alpha(x) - \alpha(z)| \}$$

for all  $x, z \in X$  and measurable functions  $f$  on  $X$  with  $\|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \nu(\cdot), \kappa}(X)} \leq 1$ .

When  $\rho(x, r) = r^{\alpha(x)}e^{-a/r}(\log(e + 1/r))^\beta$ , we obtain the next corollary by Theorem 4.1.

**Corollary 5.6.** *Let  $\rho(x, r) = r^{\alpha(x)}e^{-a/r}(\log(e + 1/r))^\beta$  for  $a > 0$  and  $\beta \in \mathbf{R}$ . Let  $X$  be a non-doubling metric measure space. Assume that  $(\rho\mu)$  holds. If  $1 \leq \kappa < \min\{\tau(1 - 1/\sigma) - 1/\sigma, \iota_2\}$ , then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$|b(x)I_{\rho,\tau}f(x) - b(z)I_{\rho,\tau}f(z)| \leq C \{ d(x, z)^\theta + d(x, z)^{\eta_1} + |\alpha(x) - \alpha(z)| \}$$

for all  $x, z \in X$  and measurable functions  $f$  on  $X$  with  $\|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \nu(\cdot), \kappa}(X)} \leq 1$ .

To get this, we note, for  $b \in \mathbf{R}$ , there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that

$$\int_0^r t^b e^{-a/t} (\log(e + 1/t))^\beta \frac{dt}{t} \leq cr^\theta$$

for all  $0 < r \leq d_X$ .

For the case  $L^{p(\cdot), \nu(\cdot), \kappa}(X)$ , we obtain the following corollaries. The following corollary is a consequence of Theorem 4.1 with  $b(\cdot) \equiv 1$  and  $\rho(x, r) = r^{\alpha(x)}(\log(e + 1/r))^\beta$ .

**Corollary 5.7.** *Let  $\rho(x, r) = r^{\alpha(x)}(\log(e + 1/r))^\beta$  for  $\beta \in \mathbf{R}$ . Let  $X$  be a non-doubling metric measure space. Assume that  $(\rho\mu)$  holds. Suppose*

$$\inf_{x \in X} (\nu(x) - (\alpha(x) - \eta_2)p(x)) > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \inf_{x \in X} (\alpha(x)p(x) - \nu(x)) > 0.$$

If  $1 \leq \kappa < \min\{\tau(1 - 1/\sigma) - 1/\sigma, \iota_2\}$ , then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & |I_{\rho, \tau} f(x) - I_{\rho, \tau} f(z)| \\ & \leq C \left[ (d(x, z))^{\alpha(x) - \nu(x)/p(x)} + d(x, z)^{\alpha(z) - \nu(z)/p(z)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \min \{ d(x, z)^{\alpha(x) - \nu(x)/p(x) + \eta_1 - \eta_2}, d(x, z)^{\alpha(z) - \nu(z)/p(z) + \eta_1 - \eta_2} \} (\log(e + 1/d(x, z)))^\beta \right. \\ & \quad \left. + |\alpha(x) - \alpha(z)| \right] \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, z \in X$  and measurable functions  $f$  on  $X$  with  $\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot), \nu(\cdot), \kappa}(X)} \leq 1$ .

The next corollary is a consequence of Theorem 4.1 with  $b(\cdot) \equiv 1$  and  $\rho(x, r) = r^{\alpha(x)}e^{-a/r}(\log(e + 1/r))^\beta$ .

**Corollary 5.8.** *Let  $\rho(x, r) = r^{\alpha(x)}e^{-a/r}(\log(e + 1/r))^\beta$  for  $a > 0$  and  $\beta \in \mathbf{R}$ . Let  $X$  be a non-doubling metric measure space. Assume that  $(\rho\mu)$  holds. If  $1 \leq \kappa < \min\{\tau(1 - 1/\sigma) - 1/\sigma, \iota_2\}$ , then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$|I_{\rho, \tau} f(x) - I_{\rho, \tau} f(z)| \leq C \{ d(x, z)^{\eta_1} + |\alpha(x) - \alpha(z)| \}$$

for all  $x, z \in X$  and measurable functions  $f$  on  $X$  with  $\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot), \nu(\cdot), \kappa}(X)} \leq 1$ .

The following corollary is the doubling metric measure case of Corollary 5.3.

**Corollary 5.9.** *Let  $\rho(x, r) = r^{\alpha(x)}(\log(e + 1/r))^\beta$  for  $\beta \in \mathbf{R}$ . Let  $X$  be a doubling metric measure space. Assume that  $(\rho\mu)$  holds. Suppose*

$$\inf_{x \in X} (\nu(x) - \alpha(x)p(x)) > 0, \quad \inf_{x \in X} (\nu(x) - (\alpha(x) + \theta - \eta_2)p(x)) > 0$$

and

$$\inf_{x \in X} ((\alpha(x) + \theta)p(x) - \nu(x)) > 0.$$

Further suppose

$$\inf_{x \in X} (\nu(x) - (\alpha(x) - \eta_2)q(x)) > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \inf_{x \in X} (\alpha(x)q(x) - \nu(x)) > 0.$$

Then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & |b(x)I_{\rho,1}f(x) - b(z)I_{\rho,1}f(z)| \\ & \leq C \left[ (\psi_4(x, z) + \psi_5(x, z) + \min \{d(x, z)^{\eta_1 - \eta_2} \psi_4(x, z), d(x, z)^{\eta_1 - \eta_2} \psi_5(x, z)\}) \right. \\ & \quad \left. \times (\log(e + 1/d(x, z)))^\beta + |\alpha(x) - \alpha(z)| \right] \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, z \in X$  and measurable functions  $f$  on  $X$  with  $\|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \nu(\cdot), 1}(X)} \leq 1$ .

The following corollary is the doubling metric measure case of Corollary 5.6.

**Corollary 5.10.** *Let  $\rho(x, r) = r^{\alpha(x)} e^{-a/r} (\log(e + 1/r))^\beta$  for  $a > 0$  and  $\beta \in \mathbf{R}$ . Let  $X$  be a doubling metric measure space. Assume that  $(\rho\mu)$  holds. Then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$|b(x)I_{\rho,1}f(x) - b(z)I_{\rho,1}f(z)| \leq C \{d(x, z)^\theta + d(x, z)^{\eta_1} + |\alpha(x) - \alpha(z)|\}$$

for all  $x, z \in X$  and measurable functions  $f$  on  $X$  with  $\|f\|_{L^{\Phi, \nu(\cdot), 1}(X)} \leq 1$ .

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