

WEIGHTED HARDY SPACES ASSOCIATED TO SELF-ADJOINT OPERATORS AND $BMO_{L,w}$

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Abstract. Let L be a non-negative self-adjoint operator satisfying a pointwise Gaussian estimate for its heat kernel. Let w be some A_s weight on \mathbb{R}^n . In this paper, we obtain a weighted (p, q) -atomic decomposition with $q \geq s$ for the weighted Hardy spaces $H_{L,w}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $0 < p \leq 1$. We also introduce the suitable weighted BMO spaces $BMO_{L,w}^p$. Then the duality between $H_{L,w}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $BMO_{L,w}$ is established.

1. INTRODUCTION

One of the central part of modern harmonic analysis is the theory of Hardy spaces which was initiated by Stein, Fefferman and Weiss [26, 14]. It is known that the classical weighted spaces H_w^p , which are associated to Laplacian, have been extensively studied by Garcia-Cuerva [15] and Strömberg and Torchinsky [27], where w is a Muckenhoupt's weight A_p .

Since there are some important situations in which the theory of classical Hardy spaces is not applicable, many authors begin to study Hardy spaces that are adapted to a linear operator L . For example, Auscher, Duong and McIntosh [1], and then Duong and Yan [12, 13], introduced the unweighted Hardy and BMO spaces adapted to an operator L which satisfies the Gaussian heat kernel upper bounds. For more results, we refer to [3, 2, 20, 19, 18] and the references therein.

Recently, Song and Yan [24] discussed the weighted theory of Hardy space $H_{L,w}^1$ associated to Schrödinger operators, for $w \in A_1 \cap RH_2$. Bui and Duong [4] improved the results of [24] to $H_{L,w}^p$, $0 < p \leq 1$, and obtained the atomic and molecular characterizations of the elements of $H_{L,w}^p$. In [5], they studied the weighted BMO spaces

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associated to operators, and obtained that the dual space of $H_L^1(X, w)$ in [24] was $BMO_{L^*}(X, w)$ associated to the adjoint operator L^* . As we know, the decompositions of function spaces are very critical in harmonic analysis. The first author and Song in [21] improved the results of [24]. They gave a new atomic decomposition (different from that of [24]) for weighted function space $H_{L,w}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Comparing with [24], the condition $w \in A_1 \cap RH_2$ was weakened to $w \in A_1$.

One of our purpose in this paper is to extend the results of [21] to $H_{L,w}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $0 < p \leq 1$, by the theory of Littlewood-Paley functions and semigroup properties. And then define an adapted weighted BMO space, and establish its duality with $H_{L,w}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

The layout of the paper is as follows. In section 2, we prepare some notations and preliminary lemmas. In section 3, we introduce weighted Hardy spaces $H_{L,w}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ associated to a non-negative self-adjoint operator with Gaussian upper bounds on its heat kernel, and obtain an atomic decomposition. In section 4, we study $BMO_{L,w}^p$ spaces associated to operators and establish the duality between $H_{L,w}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $BMO_{L,w}$.

Throughout this paper, the letter “ C ” or “ c ” will denote (possibly different) constants that are independent of the essential variables.

2. NOTATIONS AND PRELIMINARIES

2.1. Preliminaries

Suppose that L is a non-negative self-adjoint operator on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and that each of the heat semigroup e^{-tL} generated by $-L$, has the kernel $p_t(x, y)$ which satisfies the following Gaussian upper bounds, i.e., there exist constants $C, c > 0$ such that

$$(GE) \quad |p_t(x, y)| \leq \frac{C}{t^{n/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{ct}\right).$$

We note that such estimates are typical for elliptic or sub-elliptic differential operators of second order (see for instance, [9] and [11]).

Now we introduce the following useful lemma, refer to [9] and [23].

Lemma 2.1. *Let L be a non-negative self-adjoint operator satisfying (GE). For every $k = 0, 1, \dots$, there exist two positive constants C_k, c_k such that the kernel $p_{t,k}(x, y)$ of the operator $(t^2L)^k e^{-t^2L}$ satisfies*

$$(2.1) \quad |p_{t,k}(x, y)| \leq \frac{C_k}{(4\pi t)^n} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{c_k t^2}\right),$$

for all $t > 0$ and almost every $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Suppose that F is a closed set in \mathbb{R}^n , $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ is fixed. We set

$$F^* := \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \text{for every ball } B(x) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \text{ centered at } x, \frac{|F \cap B(x)|}{|B(x)|} \geq \gamma \right\},$$

and every x as above is called a point having global γ -density with respect to F . One can see that F^* is closed and $F^* \subset F$. Also,

$${}^cF^* = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathcal{M}(\chi_{F^*})(x) > 1 - \gamma\},$$

where \mathcal{M} is Hardy-Littlewood maximal function, which implies $|{}^cF^*| \leq C|F|$ with C depending on γ and the dimension only. We define a saw-tooth region $\mathcal{R}(F) = \bigcup_{x \in F} \Gamma(x)$, where $\Gamma(x) = \{(y, t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n+1} : |x - y| < t\}$.

From now on, the paper we denote by cF the complement of F .

The following lemma is very important for our main result (see [7]).

Lemma 2.2. *Suppose that Φ is a non-negative function on \mathbb{R}_+^{n+1} . There exists $\gamma \in (0, 1)$, sufficiently close to 1, such that for every closed set F whose complement has finite measure the following inequality holds:*

$$(2.2) \quad \iint_{\mathcal{R}(F^*)} \Phi(y, t) t^n \, dy dt \leq C_\gamma \int_F \iint_{\Gamma(x)} \Phi(y, t) \, dy dt dx.$$

2.2. Muckenhoupt weights

We review some background on Muckenhoupt weights. We use the notation

$$\int_E h(x) \, dx = \frac{1}{|E|} \int_E h(x) \, dx.$$

A weight w is a non-negative locally integrable function on \mathbb{R}^n . It is said that $w \in A_p$, $1 < p < \infty$, if there exists a constant C such that for every ball $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\left(\int_B w \, dx \right) \left(\int_B w^{-1/(p-1)} \, dx \right)^{p-1} \leq C.$$

For $p = 1$, $w \in A_1$ means that there is a constant C such that for every ball $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\int_B w(y) \, dy \leq Cw(x) \quad \text{for a.e. } x \in B.$$

Let $w \in A_p$, for $1 \leq p < \infty$. The weighted Lebesgue spaces L_w^p can be defined by $\{f : \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p w(x) \, dx < \infty\}$ with norm $\|f\|_{L_w^p} := \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^p w(x) \, dx \right)^{1/p}$.

We summarize some of the properties of classes in the following results, for more details, see [10], [16], [25] references therein.

Lemma 2.3. *Denote $w(E) := \int_E w(x) \, dx$ for any set $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$. For $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, denote p' the adjoint number of p , i.e. $1/p + 1/p' = 1$. We have the following properties:*

- (i) $A_1 \subseteq A_p \subseteq A_q$, for $1 \leq p \leq q < \infty$.

- (ii) If $w \in A_p$, $1 < p < \infty$, then there exists $1 < q < p$ such that $w \in A_q$.
- (iii) $A_\infty = \bigcup_{1 \leq p < \infty} A_p$.
- (iv) If $1 < p < \infty$, $w \in A_p$ if and only if $w^{1-p'} \in A_{p'}$.
- (v) Let $w \in A_p$, $p \geq 1$. Then for any ball B and $\lambda > 1$, we have that

$$w(\lambda B) \leq C\lambda^{np}w(B),$$

for some constant C independent of B and λ .

2.3. Finite speed propagation for the wave equation

Let L be an operator satisfying (GE), $E_L(\lambda)$ denote its spectral decomposition. Then for every bounded Borel function $F : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, one defines the operator $F(L) : L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ by the formula

$$(2.3) \quad F(L) := \int_0^\infty F(\lambda) dE_L(\lambda).$$

In particular, the operator $\cos(t\sqrt{L})$ is well-defined on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Moreover, it follows from Theorem 3 of [8] that there exists a constant c_0 such that the Schwartz kernel $K_{\cos(t\sqrt{L})}(x, y)$ of $\cos(t\sqrt{L})$ satisfies

$$(2.4) \quad \text{supp} K_{\cos(t\sqrt{L})}(x, y) \subseteq \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n : |x - y| \leq c_0 t\}.$$

See also [6]. By the Fourier inversion formula, whenever F is an even bounded Borel function with $\hat{F} \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$, we can write $F(\sqrt{L})$ in terms of $\cos(t\sqrt{L})$. More precisely, by recalling (2.3), we have

$$F(\sqrt{L}) = (2\pi)^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \hat{F}(t) \cos(t\sqrt{L}) dt,$$

which, combined with (2.4), gives

$$(2.5) \quad K_{F(\sqrt{L})}(x, y) = (2\pi)^{-1} \int_{|t| \geq c_0^{-1}|x-y|} \hat{F}(t) K_{\cos(t\sqrt{L})}(x, y) dt.$$

Lemma 2.4. Let $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ be even and $\text{supp} \varphi \subseteq [-c_0^{-1}, c_0^{-1}]$. Let Φ denote the Fourier transform of φ . Then for each $k = 0, 1, \dots$, and every $t > 0$, the kernel $K_{(t^2L)^k \Phi(t\sqrt{L})}(x, y)$ of $(t^2L)^k \Phi(t\sqrt{L})$ satisfies

$$(2.6) \quad \text{supp} K_{(t^2L)^k \Phi(t\sqrt{L})} \subseteq \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n : |x - y| \leq t\}$$

and

$$(2.7) \quad |K_{(t^2L)^k \Phi(t\sqrt{L})}(x, y)| \leq Ct^{-n},$$

for all $t > 0$ and $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Proof. For the proof, we refer the reader to Lemma 3.5 in [18]. ■

For $s > 0$, we define

$$\mathbb{F}(s) := \left\{ \psi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ measurable} : |\psi(z)| \leq C \frac{|z|^s}{(1 + |z|^{2s})} \right\}.$$

Then for any non-zero function $\psi \in \mathbb{F}(s)$, we have that $\left\{ \int_0^\infty |\psi(t)|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{1/2} < \infty$. Denote $\psi_t(z) = \psi(tz)$. It follows from the spectral theory in [28] that for any $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$,

$$\begin{aligned} (2.8) \quad \left\{ \int_0^\infty \|\psi(t\sqrt{L})f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{1/2} &= \left\{ \int_0^\infty \langle \bar{\psi}(t\sqrt{L})\psi(t\sqrt{L})f, f \rangle \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{1/2} \\ &= \left\{ \int_0^\infty |\psi|^2(t\sqrt{L}) \frac{dt}{t} \langle f, f \rangle \right\}^{1/2} \\ &= \kappa \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\kappa = \left\{ \int_0^\infty |\psi(t)|^2 dt/t \right\}^{1/2}$. The estimate will be used repeatedly in this paper.

3. ATOMIC CHARACTERIZATION OF WEIGHTED HARDY SPACES

3.1. Weighted Hardy spaces and weighted atoms

Suppose $w \in A_\infty$ and $0 < p \leq 1$. We define Hardy spaces $H_{L,w}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ as the completion of $\{f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) : \|S_L(f)\|_{L_w^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} < \infty\}$ with respect to L_w^p -norm of the square function; e.g.,

$$\|f\|_{H_{L,w}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} := \|S_L(f)\|_{L_w^p(\mathbb{R}^n)},$$

where

$$S_L(f)(x) := \left(\iint_{|y-x|<t} |t^2 L e^{-t^2 L} f(y)|^2 \frac{dy dt}{t^{n+1}} \right)^{1/2}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

The (p, q, M, w) -atom associated to the operator L is defined as follows.

Definition 3.1. Suppose that M is a positive integer, $w \in A_s, 1 \leq s < \infty$ and $0 < p \leq 1$. A function $a(x) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is called a (p, q, M, w) -atom associated to an operator $L, 1 < q < \infty$, if there exist a function $b \in \mathcal{D}(L^M)$, the domain of an operator L , and a ball B of \mathbb{R}^n such that

- (i) $a = L^M b$;
- (ii) $\text{supp } L^k b \subseteq B, k = 0, 1, \dots, M$;
- (iii) $\|(r_B^2 L)^k b\|_{L_w^q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq r_B^{2M} w(B)^{1/q-1/p}, k = 0, 1, \dots, M$.

Remark 3.2. It follows directly from Hölder’s inequality that (p, q_1, M, w) -atom is also (p, q_2, M, w) -atom whenever $q_1 > q_2$.

Definition 3.3. Let M, w and p be the same as above. The weighted atomic Hardy spaces $H_{L,w}^{p,q,M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ are defined as follows. We will say that $f = \sum \lambda_j a_j$ is an atomic (p, q, M, w) -representation (of f) if $\{\lambda_j\}_{j=0}^\infty \in \ell^1$, each a_j is a (p, q, M, w) -atom, and the sum converges in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Set

$$\mathbb{H}_{L,w}^{p,q,M}(\mathbb{R}^n) := \left\{ f : f \text{ has an atomic } (p, q, M, w)\text{-representation} \right\},$$

with the norm $\|f\|_{\mathbb{H}_{L,w}^{p,q,M}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ given by

$$\inf \left\{ \left(\sum_{j=0}^\infty |\lambda_j|^p \right)^{1/p} : f = \sum_{j=0}^\infty \lambda_j a_j \text{ is an atomic } (p, q, M, w)\text{-representation} \right\}.$$

The spaces $H_{L,w}^{p,q,M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ are then defined as the completion of $\mathbb{H}_{L,w}^{p,q,M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with respect to this norm.

3.2. Atomic characterization of weighted Hardy spaces

The definition of $g_{\mu,\Psi}^*$ function is given as

$$(3.1) \quad g_{\mu,\Psi}^*(f)(x) = \left(\iint_{\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1}} \left(\frac{t}{t+|x-y|} \right)^{n\mu} |\Psi(t\sqrt{L})f(y)|^2 \frac{dy dt}{t^{n+1}} \right)^{1/2}, \mu > 1,$$

where φ and Φ are the same as in Lemma 2.4, and $\Psi(x) := x^{2s}\Phi^3(x)$, $s \geq n + 1$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$. The following lemma was proved in Lemma 5.1 of [17].

Lemma 3.4. *Let L be a non-negative self-adjoint operator such that the corresponding heat kernel satisfies condition (GE). There exists a constant $C > 0$ such that for all $w \in A_p$, $1 < p < \infty$, $\mu > 3$, the following estimate holds:*

$$\|g_{\mu,\Psi}^*(f)\|_{L_w^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \|S_L(f)\|_{L_w^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \|f\|_{L_w^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Then we have the following main result.

Theorem 3.5. *Suppose that $w \in A_s$, $1 \leq s < \infty$, and $0 < p \leq 1$.*

- (i) *Let $M \in \mathbb{N}$ and $1 < q < \infty$. If $f \in H_{L,w}^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then there exist a family of (p, q, M, w) -atoms $\{a_i\}_{i=0}^\infty$ and a sequence of numbers $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=0}^\infty$ such that f can be represented in the form $f = \sum_{i=0}^\infty \lambda_i a_i$, and the sum converges in the sense of $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ -norm. Moreover,*

$$\left(\sum_{i=0}^\infty |\lambda_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq C \|f\|_{H_{L,w}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

(ii) Suppose that $M \in \mathbb{N}$, $M > \frac{(s-p)n}{2p}$ and $q > s$. Let $f = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda_i a_i$, where $\{\lambda_i\} \in \ell^p$, $a_i, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, be (p, q, M, w) -atoms, and the sum converges in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then $f \in H_{L,w}^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and

$$\left\| \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda_i a_i \right\|_{H_{L,w}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_i|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

Remark 3.6. If $s > 1$, then $w \in A_s$ implies $w \in A_{s-\epsilon}$ for some $\epsilon > 0$. Thus Theorem 3.5 (ii) holds for $q \geq s > 1$.

Proof.

Step 1. Let $f \in H_{L,w}^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Here we will apply the similar idea with [21] to obtain the weighted atomic decomposition.

Let φ and Φ be the same as in Lemma 2.4. Set $\Psi(x) := x^{2\alpha}\Phi^3(x)$ and $\alpha = M + n + 1$. By L^2 -functional calculus ([22]), for every $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, one can write

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= c_{\Psi} \int_0^{\infty} \Psi(t\sqrt{L})t^2 L e^{-t^2 L} f(x) \frac{dt}{t} \\ (3.2) \quad &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} c_{\Psi} \int_{1/N}^N \Psi(t\sqrt{L})t^2 L e^{-t^2 L} f(x) \frac{dt}{t} \end{aligned}$$

with the integral converging in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Now for each $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, we define $O_k = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : S_L(f)(x) > 2^k\}$ and $O_k^* = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \mathcal{M}(\chi_{O_k})(x) > 2^{-(n+1)}\}$. Then we know that $O_k \subseteq O_k^*$ and $|O_k^*| \leq C|O_k|$ for every $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let $\{Q_j^k\}_j$ be a Whitney decomposition of O_k^* , and \widehat{O}_k^* be a tent region, that is

$$\widehat{O}_k^* := \left\{ (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty) : \text{dist}(x, {}^c O_k^*) \geq t \right\}.$$

Choose a large constant c . Let B_j^k denote the ball with the same center as Q_j^k , but c times its diameter. Then for every $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$, we define

$$(3.3) \quad T_j^k = \widehat{B}_j^k \cap (Q_j^k \times (0, +\infty)) \cap (\widehat{O}_k^* \setminus \widehat{O}_{k+1}^*),$$

and $\lambda_j^k = 2^k w(B_j^k)^{1/p}$. Note that $\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1} = \cup_{j,k} T_j^k$ and T_j^k are disjoint for different j or k . Then one can write

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}} c_{\Psi} \int_0^{\infty} \Psi(t\sqrt{L}) \left(\chi_{T_j^k} t^2 L e^{-t^2 L} \right) f(x) \frac{dt}{t} \\ (3.4) \quad &=: \sum_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}} \lambda_j^k a_j^k, \end{aligned}$$

where $a_j^k = L^M b_j^k$ and

$$b_j^k = (\lambda_j^k)^{-1} c_\Psi \int_0^\infty t^{2\alpha} L^{n+1} \Phi^3(t\sqrt{L}) \left(\chi_{T_j^k} t^2 L e^{-t^2 L} \right) f(x) \frac{dt}{t}.$$

We claim that, up to a normalization by a multiplicative constant, a_j^k are (p, q, M, w) -atoms. Once the claim is established, we shall have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j,k} |\lambda_j^k|^p &= \sum_{j,k} 2^{kp} w(B_j^k) \leq C \sum_{j,k} 2^{kp} w(Q_j^k) \leq C \sum_k 2^{kp} w(O_k^*) \\ &\leq C \sum_k 2^{kp} w(O_k) \leq C \|f\|_{H_{L,w}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

Let us now prove the claim. By Remark 3.2, it suffices to show that for every $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $q > s$, the function $C^{-1} a_k$ is a (p, q, M, w) -atom associated with the ball B_j^k , for some constant C . From Lemma 2.4, the integral kernel $K_{(t^2 L)^i \Phi^3(t\sqrt{L})}(x, y)$ of the operator $(t^2 L)^i \Phi^3(t\sqrt{L})$ satisfies

$$\text{supp } K_{(t^2 L)^i \Phi^3(t\sqrt{L})}(x, y) \subseteq \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n : |x - y| \leq 3t\}.$$

This, together with the fact $(x, t) \in T_j^k \subseteq \widehat{B}_j^k$, implies that for every $i = 0, 1, \dots, M$,

$$\text{supp}(L^i b_j^k) \subseteq 3B_j^k.$$

To continue, for any $s < q < \infty$ and every ball B_j^k we consider some $g \in L_{w^{-q'/q}}^q(3B_j^k)$ such that $\|g\|_{L_{w^{-q'/q}}^q} \leq 1$. Then for every $i = 0, 1, \dots, M$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int (r_{B_j^k}^2 L)^i b_j^k(x) g(x) dx \right| \\ (3.5) \quad &= \frac{c_\Psi}{\lambda_j^k} \left| \iint_{T_j^k} r_{B_j^k}^{2i} t^{2\alpha} L^{n+1+i} \Phi^3(t\sqrt{L}) g(y) t^2 L e^{-t^2 L} f(y) \frac{dy dt}{t} \right| \\ &\leq r_{B_j^k}^{2M} \frac{c_\Psi}{\lambda_j^k} \iint_{\widehat{B}_j^k \setminus \widehat{O}_{k+1}^*} |(t^2 L)^{n+1+i} \Phi^3(t\sqrt{L}) g(y)| |t^2 L e^{-t^2 L} f(y)| \frac{dy dt}{t}, \end{aligned}$$

where in the inequality above we have used the fact $0 < t \leq r_{B_j^k}$.

By Lemma 2.2 and estimate (3.5), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int (r_{B_j^k}^2 L)^i b_j^k(x) g(x) dx \right| \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\lambda_j^k} r_{B_j^k}^{2M} \int_{cO_{k+1}} \left(\iint_{\Gamma(x)} \chi_{\widehat{B}_j^k}(y, t) |(t^2 L)^{n+1+i} \Phi^3(t\sqrt{L}) g(y)| |t^2 L e^{-t^2 L} f(y)| \frac{dy dt}{t^{n+1}} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{C}{\lambda_j^k} r_{B_j^k}^{2M} \int_{B_j^k \cap cO_{k+1}} \left(\iint_{\Gamma(x)} |(t^2 L)^{n+1+i} \Phi^3(t\sqrt{L}) g(y)| |t^2 L e^{-t^2 L} f(y)| \frac{dy dt}{t^{n+1}} \right) dx. \end{aligned}$$

We observe that if $|x - y| < t$, then $(\frac{t}{|x-y|+t})^{n\mu} \geq C$. By Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \int (r_{B_j^k}^2 L)^i b_j^k(x) g(x) dx \right| \\
 & \leq \frac{C}{\lambda_j^k} r_{B_j^k}^{2M} \int_{B_j^k \cap^c O_{k+1}} \left(\iint_{\Gamma(x)} |(t^2 L)^{n+1+i} \Phi^3(t\sqrt{L}) g(y)|^2 \frac{dy dt}{t^{n+1}} \right)^{1/2} \\
 & \quad S_L(f)(x) dx \\
 (3.6) \quad & \leq \frac{C}{\lambda_j^k} r_{B_j^k}^{2M} \int_{B_j^k \cap^c O_{k+1}} g_{\mu, \Psi}^*(g)(x) S_L(f)(x) dx \\
 & \leq \frac{C}{\lambda_j^k} r_{B_j^k}^{2M} \left(\int (g_{\mu, \Psi}^*(g)(x))^{q'} w^{-q'/q}(x) dx \right)^{1/q'} \\
 & \quad \left(\int_{B_j^k \cap^c O_{k+1}} (S_L(f)(x))^q w(x) dx \right)^{1/q}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$(3.7) \quad \int_{B_j^k \cap^c O_{k+1}} (S_L(f)(x))^q w(x) dx \leq C 2^{kq} w(B_j^k).$$

Since $s < q$, then $w \in A_s$ implies $w \in A_q$. By (iv) of Lemma 2.3, we have $w^{-q'/q} \in A_{q'}$. Together with Lemma 3.4, we obtain

$$(3.8) \quad \left(\int (g_{\mu, \Psi}^*(g)(x))^{q'} w^{-q'/q}(x) dx \right)^{1/q'} \leq C \|g\|_{L_{w^{-q'/q}}^{q'}} \leq C.$$

Combing estimates (3.6)-(3.8) and the definition of λ_j^k , we have

$$\left| \int (r_{B_j^k}^2 L)^i b_j^k(x) g(x) dx \right| \leq C r_{B_j^k}^{2M} w(B_j^k)^{1/q-1/p},$$

which implies that a_j^k are (p, q, M, w) -atoms for $s < q < \infty$, and thus for $1 < q < \infty$.

To prove Theorem 3.5 (ii), we need the following lemma (see [4]).

Lemma 3.7. Fix $M \in \mathbb{N}$, $0 < p \leq 1$ and $w \in A_\infty$. Assume that T is a non-negative sublinear operator, satisfying the weak-type (2,2)

$$\mu\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |Tf(x)| > \eta\} \leq C_T \eta^{-2} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2, \quad \text{for all } \eta > 0,$$

and that for every (p, q, M, w) -atom a , we have

$$\|Ta\|_{L_w^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C$$

with constant C independent of a . Then T is bounded from $H_{L,w}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to $L_w^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, and

$$\|Tf\|_{L_w^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C\|f\|_{H_{L,w}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

Step 2. By Lemma 3.7, it is enough to establish a uniform L_w^p , $0 < p \leq 1$, bound on any (p, q, M, w) -atom. That is to say, there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$(3.9) \quad \|S_L(a)\|_{L_w^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C,$$

where a is a (p, q, M, w) -atom associated to a ball $B = B(x_B, r_B)$.

We can write

$$\begin{aligned} \int (S_L(a)(x))^p w(x) dx &= \int_{2B} (S_L(a)(x))^p w(x) dx + \int_{c(2B)} (S_L(a)(x))^p w(x) dx \\ &=: I_1 + I_2. \end{aligned}$$

To estimate term I_1 , note that if $w \in A_s$ and $1 \leq s < q$, then $w \in A_q$. Thus, we use Hölder's inequality and Lemma 3.4 to obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq \left(\int_{2B} (S_L(a)(x))^q w(x) dx \right)^{p/q} \left(\int_{2B} w(x) dx \right)^{1-p/q} \\ &\leq C \|S_L(a)\|_{L_w^q(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p w(2B)^{1-p/q} \\ &\leq C \|a\|_{L_w^q(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p w(2B)^{1-p/q} \\ &\leq C w(B)^{p(1/q-1/p)} w(B)^{1-p/q} \\ &\leq C, \end{aligned}$$

where in the fourth inequality above we have used the definition of (p, q, M, w) -atom a .

It remains to estimate term I_2 . For any $x \in^c(2B)$, we write

$$\begin{aligned} S_L^2(a)(x) &= \left(\int_0^{r_B} + \int_{r_B}^{+\infty} \right) \int_{|x-y|<t} |t^2 L e^{-t^2 L} a(y)|^2 \frac{dy dt}{t^{n+1}} \\ &=: I_{21} + I_{22}. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that $x \in^c(2B)$, $z \in B$ and $|x-y| < t$ imply $r_B \leq |x-z| < t + |y-z|$. Thus, $|x-x_B| \leq |x-y| + |y-z| + |z-x_B| < 3(t + |y-z|)$, which, combined with Lemma 2.1, implies that for all $N > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{21} &\leq C \int_0^{r_B} \int_{|x-y|<t} \left(\int \frac{t^N}{(t+|y-z|)^{n+N}} |a(z)| dz \right)^2 \frac{dydt}{t^{n+1}} \\
 (3.10) \quad &\leq C \frac{1}{|x-x_B|^{2n+2N}} \int_0^{r_B} t^{2N-1} dt \|a\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 \\
 &\leq C \frac{r_B^{2N}}{|x-x_B|^{2n+2N}} \|a\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Consider the term I_{22} . Noting that $a = L^M b$, applying Lemma 2.1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{22} &= \int_{r_B}^\infty \int_{|x-y|<t} |t^2 L e^{-t^2 L} (L^M b)(y)|^2 \frac{dydt}{t^{n+1}} \\
 &= \int_{r_B}^\infty \int_{|x-y|<t} |(t^2 L)^{M+1} e^{-t^2 L} b(y)|^2 \frac{dydt}{t^{4M+n+1}} \\
 (3.11) \quad &\leq C \int_{r_B}^\infty \int_{|x-y|<t} \left(\int_B \frac{t^N}{(t+|y-z|)^{n+N}} |b(z)| dz \right)^2 \frac{dydt}{t^{4M+n+1}} \\
 &\leq C \frac{1}{|x-x_B|^{2n+2N}} \int_{r_B}^\infty \frac{dt}{t^{4M-2N+1}} \|b\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 \\
 &\leq C \frac{r_B^{2N-4M}}{|x-x_B|^{2n+2N}} \|b\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

whenever $M > N/2$.

Therefore, combing (3.10) and (3.11), we have

$$I_2 \leq C \int_{c(2B)} \frac{r_B^{pN}}{|x-x_B|^{(n+N)p}} w(x) dx \left(\|a\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p + r_B^{-2M} \|b\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}^p \right).$$

Using Hölder’s inequality and the definition of (p, q, M, w) -atom and $w \in A_q$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|a\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} &\leq \left(\|a\|_{L_w^q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right) \left(\int_B w(x)^{-1/(q-1)} dx \right)^{1-1/q} \\
 (3.12) \quad &\leq C w(B)^{1/q-1/p} w(B)^{-1/q} |B| \\
 &\leq C w(B)^{-1/p} |B|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, one also can have

$$(3.13) \quad r_B^{-2M} \|b\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C w(B)^{-1/p} |B|.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{c(2B)} \frac{r_B^{pN}}{|x - x_B|^{(n+N)p}} w(x) dx &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{2^{k+1}B \setminus 2^k B} \frac{r_B^{pN}}{|x - x_B|^{(n+N)p}} w(x) dx \\
 (3.14) \qquad \qquad \qquad &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_B^{pN}}{(2^k r_B)^{p(n+N)}} w(2^{k+1}B) \\
 &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_B^{pN}}{(2^k r_B)^{p(n+N)}} 2^{(k+1)sn} w(B) \\
 &\leq Cw(B)|B|^{-p},
 \end{aligned}$$

where in the third inequality above we have used (v) of Lemma 2.3. The condition that $M > \frac{(s-p)n}{2p}$ ensures us to find N such that $2M > N > \frac{n(s-p)}{p}$.

It follows from estimates (3.12)–(3.14) that $I_2 \leq C$, which completes the proof of (3.9) and the proof of Theorem 3.5. ■

4. $BMO_{L,w}$: DUALITY WITH $H^1_{L,w}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ SPACES

In this section, we introduce and study the duality of the weighted Hardy space $H^1_{L,w}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Following [13], we introduce the definition of the class of functions that the operator L act on. For any $\beta > 0$, a function $f \in L^2_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is said to be a function of β -type if f satisfies

$$(4.1) \qquad \qquad \qquad \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|f(x)|^2}{1 + |x|^{n+\beta}} dx \right)^{1/2} \leq c < \infty.$$

Denote by \mathcal{M}_β the collection of all functions of β -type. If $f \in \mathcal{M}_\beta$, the norm of f in \mathcal{M}_β is defined by

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{M}_\beta} = \inf \{c \geq 0 : (4.1) \text{ holds}\}.$$

Then, we give the definition of $BMO^p_{L,w}$, where $1 \leq p < \infty$.

Definition 4.1. Let L be a non-negative self-adjoint operator such that the corresponding heat kernel satisfies condition (GE). For $w \in A_s, 1 \leq s < \infty$ and $1 \leq p < \infty$, an element $f \in \mathcal{M}_\beta$ is said to belong to $BMO^p_{L,w}$ if

$$\|f\|_{BMO^p_{L,w}} =: \sup_{B \subset \mathbb{R}^n} \left(\frac{1}{w(B)} \int_B |(\mathbb{I} - (1 + r_B^2 L)^{-1})^M f|^p w^{1-p} dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty,$$

where the sup is taken over all balls B in \mathbb{R}^n , \mathbb{I} denotes the identity operator on \mathbb{R}^n . In particularly, for $p = 1$ denote $BMO^1_{L,w} =: BMO_{L,w}$.

We have the following theorem.

Theorem 4.2. $H^{1,q,M}_{L,w}(\mathbb{R}^n)^* = BMO^{q'}_{L,w}(\mathbb{R}^n), q \geq 1$.

Proof. We begin by showing that each $f \in BMO_{L,w}^{q'}$ induces a bounded linear functional on $H_{L,w}^{1,q,M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Suppose that a is a $(1, q, M, w)$ -atom in $H_{L,w}^{1,q,M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, and let $f \in BMO_{L,w}^{q'}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_B a(x)f(x) dx &= \int_B (\mathbb{I} - (1 + r_B^2 L)^{-1})^M a(x)f(x) dx \\ &\quad + \int_B \left(\mathbb{I} - (\mathbb{I} - (1 + r_B^2 L)^{-1})^M \right) a(x)f(x) dx \\ &=: J_1 + J_2. \end{aligned}$$

For the term J_1 , by Hölder's inequality and the properties of atom,

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &\leq \|a\|_{L_w^q} \left(\int_B |(\mathbb{I} - (1 + r_B^2 L)^{-1})^M f(x)|^{q'} w^{1-q'} dx \right)^{1/q'} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{BMO_{L,w}^{q'}} w(B)^{1/q-1} w(B)^{1/q'} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{BMO_{L,w}^{q'}}. \end{aligned}$$

To analyze J_2 , by condition $a = L^M b$ and the fact that L is self-adjoint, we write

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\mathbb{I} - (\mathbb{I} - (1 + r_B^2 L)^{-1})^M \right) a(x) \\ &= L^M \left(\mathbb{I} - (\mathbb{I} - (1 + r_B^2 L)^{-1})^M \right) b(x) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{M!}{(M-k)k!} (r_B^{-2k} L^{M-k}) (\mathbb{I} - (1 + r_B^2 L)^{-1})^M b(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{M!}{(M-k)k!} \left| r_B^{-2M} \int_B (r_B^2 L)^{M-k} b(x) (\mathbb{I} - (1 + r_B^2 L)^{-1})^M f(x) dx \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{M!}{(M-k)k!} r_B^{-2M} \| (r_B^2 L)^{M-k} b \|_{L_w^q} \left(\int_B |(\mathbb{I} - (1 + r_B^2 L)^{-1})^M f(x)|^{q'} w^{1-q'} dx \right)^{1/q'} \\ &\leq C r_B^{-2M} r_B^{2M} w(B)^{1/q-1} w(B)^{1-1/q} \|f\|_{BMO_{L,w}^{q'}} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{BMO_{L,w}^{q'}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for every $h = \sum_j \lambda_j a_j \in H_{L,w}^{1,q,M}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, where a_j are weighted atoms, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x)h(x) dx \right| &\leq \sum_j |\lambda_j| \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x)a_j(x) dx \right| \\
&\leq C \sum_j |\lambda_j| \|f\|_{BMO_{L,w}^{q'}} \\
&\leq C \|h\|_{H_{L,w,at,M}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|f\|_{BMO_{L,w}^{q'}},
\end{aligned}$$

and the assertion follows.

Conversely, suppose that $l \in H_{L,w}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)^*$. For any $g \in H_{L,w}^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, which is dense in $H_{L,w}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$, l can be represented by f in the form

$$l(g) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g(x)f(x) dx.$$

For fixed ball B , let $\phi \in L_w^q(B)$ and $\|\phi\|_{L_w^q(B)} \leq 1$. Set

$$a(x) = \frac{1}{w(B)^{1-1/q}} (\mathbb{I} - (1 + r_B^2 L)^{-1})^M \phi.$$

Then it is not difficult to check that a is a $(1, q, M, w)$ -atom (see the Theorem 6.4 in [18]).

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|l\| &\geq \|l(a)\| \\
&= \frac{1}{w(B)^{1-1/q}} \int_B (\mathbb{I} - (1 + r_B^2 L)^{-1})^M \phi f(x) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{w(B)^{1-1/q}} \int_B \phi (\mathbb{I} - (1 + r_B^2 L)^{-1})^M f(x) dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, by duality it readily follows that

$$\left(\frac{1}{w(B)} \int_B |(\mathbb{I} - (1 + r_B^2 L)^{-1})^M f(x)|^{q'} w^{1-q'} dx \right)^{1/q'} \leq \|l\|,$$

which is what we wanted to show. \blacksquare

Remark 4.3. By Theorem 3.5 and Theorem 4.2, we can obtain $BMO_{L,w}^p \sim BMO_{L,w}$ for $1 \leq p < \infty$.

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