

## SEVERAL ANALYTIC INEQUALITIES IN SOME $Q$ -SPACES

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we establish separate necessary and sufficient John-Nirenberg (JN) type inequalities for functions in  $Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  which imply Gagliardo-Nirenberg (GN) type inequalities in  $Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Consequently, we obtain Trudinger-Moser type inequalities and Brezis-Gallouet-Wainger type inequalities in  $Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF MAIN RESULTS

This paper studies several analytic inequalities in some  $Q$  spaces. We first establish John-Nirenberg type inequalities in  $Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  ( $n \geq 2$ ). Then we get Gagliardo-Nirenberg, Trudinger-Moser and Brezis-Gallouet-Wainger type inequalities in  $Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Here  $Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is the set of all measurable complex-valued functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  satisfying

$$(1.1) \quad \|f\|_{Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \sup_I \left( (l(I))^{2(\alpha+\beta-1)-n} \int_I \int_I \frac{|f(x)-f(y)|^2}{|x-y|^{n+2(\alpha-\beta+1)}} dx dy \right)^{1/2} < \infty$$

for  $\alpha \in (-\infty, \beta)$  and  $\beta \in (1/2, 1]$ , where the supremum is taken over all cubes  $I$  with edge length  $l(I)$  and the edges parallel to the coordinate axes in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Obviously,  $Q_\alpha^1(\mathbb{R}^n) = Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)$  which was introduced by Essen, Janson, Peng and Xiao in [9]. It has been found that  $Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a useful and interesting concept, see, for example, Dafni and Xiao [6, 7], Xiao [19], Cui and Yang [5]. As a generalization of  $Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is very useful in harmonic analysis and partial differential equations, see Yang and Yuan [20], Li and Zhai [14, 15] and Zhai [23] in which  $Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  was applied to study the well-posedness and regularity of mild solutions to fractional Navier-Stokes equations with fractional Laplacian  $(-\Delta)^\beta$ .

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JN type inequality is classical in modern analysis and widely applied in theory of partial differential equations. In [10], John and Nirenberg proved the JN inequality for  $BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . In this paper, we establish JN type inequalities in  $Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  a special case of which implies Gagliardo-Nirenberg (GN) type inequalities meaning the continuous embeddings such as  $L^r(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n) \subseteq L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for  $-\infty < \alpha < 1$  and  $1 \leq r \leq p < \infty$ . Moreover, from GN type inequalities in  $Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we get Trudinger-Moser and Brezis-Gallouet-Wainger type inequalities. See, for example, [1, 2, 8, 11, 12] for more information about Trudinger-Moser and Brezis-Gallouet-Wainger type inequalities. To achieve our main goals, we need the characterization of  $Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  in terms of the square mean oscillation over cubes.

We recall some facts about mean oscillation over cubes. For any cube  $I$  and an integrable function  $f$  on  $I$ , we define

$$(1.2) \quad f(I) = \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I f(x) dx$$

the mean of  $f$  on  $I$ , and for  $1 \leq q < \infty$ ,

$$(1.3) \quad \Phi_f^q(I) = \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I |f(x) - f(I)|^q dx$$

the  $q$ -mean oscillation of  $f$  on  $I$ . Recall the well-known identities

$$(1.4) \quad \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I |f(x) - a|^2 dx = \Phi_f^2(I) + |f(I) - a|^2$$

for any complex number  $a$ , and

$$(1.5) \quad \frac{1}{|I|^2} \int_I \int_I |f(x) - f(y)|^2 dx dy = 2\Phi_f^2(I).$$

Moreover, if  $I \subset J$ , then we have

$$(1.6) \quad \Phi_f^2(I) \leq \frac{|J|}{|I|} \Phi_f^2(J)$$

and

$$(1.7) \quad |f(I) - f(J)|^2 \leq \frac{|J|}{|I|} \Phi_f^2(J).$$

Let  $\mathcal{D}_0 = \mathcal{D}_0(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be the set of unit cubes whose vertices have integer coordinates, and let, for any integer  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_k = \mathcal{D}_k(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{2^{-k}I : I \in \mathcal{D}_0\}$ , then the cubes in  $\mathcal{D} = \cup_{-\infty}^\infty \mathcal{D}_k$  are called dyadic. Furthermore, if  $I$  is any cube,  $\mathcal{D}_k(I)$ ,  $k \geq 0$ , denote the set of the  $2^{kn}$  subcubes of edge length  $2^{-k}l(I)$  obtained by  $k$  successive bipartitions of each edge of  $I$ . Moreover, put  $\mathcal{D}(I) = \cup_0^\infty \mathcal{D}_k(I)$ . For any cube  $I$  and a measurable function  $f$  on  $I$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi_{f,\alpha,\beta}(I) &= (l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \Phi_f^2(J) \\
 (1.8) \qquad \qquad &= (l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}(I)} \left( \frac{l(J)}{l(I)} \right)^{n-2(\alpha-\beta+1)} \Phi_f^2(J).
 \end{aligned}$$

We can prove the following proposition by a similar argument applied by Essen, Janson, Peng and Xiao for the case  $\beta = 1$  in [9, Theorem 5.5]. The details are omitted here.

**Proposition 1.1.** *Let  $-\infty < \alpha < \beta$  and  $\beta \in (1/2, 1]$ . Then  $Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  equals the space of all measurable functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\sup_I \Psi_{f,\alpha,\beta}(I)$  is finite, where  $I$  ranges over all cubes in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Moreover, the square root of this supremum is a norm on  $Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , equivalent to  $\|f\|_{Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}$  as defined above.*

Using this equivalent characterization of  $Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , we can establish the following JN type inequalities.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $-\infty < \alpha < \beta$ ,  $\beta \in (1/2, 1]$  and  $0 \leq p < 2$ . If there exist positive constants  $B, C$  and  $c$ , such that, for all cubes  $I \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , and any  $t > 0$ ,*

$$(1.9) \quad (l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \frac{m_J(t)}{|J|} \leq B \max \left\{ 1, \left( \frac{C}{t} \right)^p \right\} \exp(-ct),$$

*then  $f$  is a function in  $Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Here  $m_I(t)$  is the distribution function of  $f - f(I)$  on the cube  $I$ :*

$$(1.10) \quad m_I(t) = |\{x \in I : |f(x) - f(I)| > t\}|.$$

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $-\infty < \alpha < \beta$ ,  $\beta \in (1/2, 1]$  and  $f \in Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then there exist positive constants  $B$  and  $b$ , such that*

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \frac{m_J(t)}{|J|} \\
 (1.11) \quad &\leq B \max \left\{ 1, \left( \frac{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha^\beta}}{t} \right)^2 \right\} \exp \left( \frac{-bt}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha^\beta}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

*holds for  $t \leq \|f\|_{Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}$  and any cubes  $I \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , or for  $t > \|f\|_{Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}$  and cubes  $I \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $(l(I))^{2\beta-2} \geq 1$ . Moreover, there holds*

$$(1.12) \quad (l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \frac{m_J(t)}{|J|} \leq B$$

for  $t > \|f\|_{Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}$  and cubes  $I \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $(l(I))^{2\beta-2} < 1$ .

For  $\beta = 1$ , the JN inequality in  $Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)$  was conjectured by Essen-Janson-Peng-Xiao in [9] and finally a modified version as in Theorems 1.2-1.3 was established by Yue-Dafni [21].

According to Essen, Janson, Peng and Xiao [9, Theorem 2.3] and Li and Zhai [14, Theorem 3.2], we know that if  $-\infty < \alpha$  and  $\max\{\alpha, 1/2\} < \beta \leq 1$ ,  $Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is decreasing in  $\alpha$  for a fixed  $\beta$ . Moreover, if  $\alpha \in (-\infty, \beta - 1)$ , then all  $Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  equal to  $Q_{-\frac{n}{2}+\beta-1}^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n) := BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Thus, when  $k = 0$  and  $\alpha = -\frac{n}{2} + \beta - 1$ , (1.11) implies a special JN type inequality, that is, for  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $t \leq \|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ ,

$$(1.13) \quad |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |f| > t\}| \leq \frac{B\|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2}{t^2} \exp\left(\frac{-bt}{\|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right).$$

When  $t > \|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ , we get a weaker form of (1.13).

**Proposition 1.4.** *Let  $\beta \in (1/2, 1]$ . If  $f \in BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then*

(i) (1.13) holds for all  $t \leq \|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ ;

(ii)

$$(1.14) \quad |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : f(x) > t\}| \leq \frac{B\|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}^2}{\|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2}$$

holds for all  $t > \|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ .

When  $\beta = 1$  and  $t > \|f\|_{BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ , (1.13) also holds and implies the following GN type inequalities in  $Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)$  which can also be deduced from [4, Theorem 2] and [9, Theorem 2.3]: for  $-\infty < \alpha < 1$  and  $1 \leq r \leq p < \infty$ ,

$$(1.15) \quad \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C_n p \|f\|_{L^r(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{r/p} \|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{1-r/p},$$

for  $f \in L^r(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Here,  $C_{*, \dots, *}$  denotes a constant which depends only on the quantities appearing in the subscript indexes.

As an application of (1.15), we establish the Trudinger-Moser type inequality which implies a generalized JN type inequality.

**Theorem 1.5.**

(i) *There exists a positive constant  $\gamma_n$  such that for every  $0 < \zeta < \gamma_n$*

$$(1.16) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi_p \left( \zeta \left( \frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right) \right) dx \leq C_{n,\zeta} \left( \frac{\|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right)^p$$

holds for all

$$f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \text{with} \quad 1 < p < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad -\infty < \alpha < 1.$$

Here  $\Phi_p$  is the function defined by

$$\Phi_p(t) = e^t - \sum_{j < p, j \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}} \frac{t^j}{j!}, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(ii) There exists a positive constant  $\gamma_n$  such that

$$(1.17) \quad |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |f| > t\}| \leq C_n \frac{\|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2} \frac{1}{\left(\exp\left(\frac{t\gamma_n}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right) - 1 - \frac{t\gamma_n}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right)}$$

holds for all  $t > 0$  and

$$f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \text{with} \quad -\infty < \alpha < 1.$$

In particular, we have

$$(1.18) \quad |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |f| > t\}| \leq C_n \frac{\|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2} \exp\left(-\frac{t\gamma_n}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right)$$

holds for all  $t > \|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}$  and

$$f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \text{with} \quad -\infty < \alpha < 1.$$

We can also get the following Brezis-Gallouet-Wainger type inequalities.

**Proposition 1.6.** For every  $1 < q < \infty$  and  $n/q < s < \infty$ , we have

$$(1.19) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|f\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ & \leq C_{n,p,q,s} \left(1 + (\|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}) \log(e + \|(-\Delta)^{s/2} f\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

holds for all  $(-\Delta)^{s/2} f \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfying

$$f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \text{when} \quad 1 \leq p < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad -\infty < \alpha < 1.$$

In the next section, we prove our main results. We verify Theorem 1.2-1.3 for  $\beta \in (1/2, 1]$  by applying similar arguments in the proof of Yue and Dafni [21, Theorems 1-2] for  $\beta = 1$ . We deduce Proposition 1.4 from a special case of Theorem 1.3. Finally, we demonstrate Theorem 1.5 and Proposition 1.6 by applying (1.15) and the  $L^p - L^q$  estimates for  $e^{-t(-\Delta)^{s/2}}$ .

2. PROOFS OF MAIN RESULTS

2.1. Proof of Theorem 1.2

According to Proposition 1.1, it suffices to prove that  $\Psi_{f,\alpha,\beta}(I)$  is bounded independent of  $I$ . More specially, we will prove for any  $p < q$ , we have

$$(2.1) \quad \Psi_{f,\alpha,\beta}^q(I) := (l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \Phi_f^q(J) \leq BK_{C,c,q,p},$$

where  $B, C, c$  are the constants appearing in (1.9), and  $K_{C,c,q,p}$  is a constant depending only on  $C, c, p$ , and  $q$ . When  $q = 2$ ,  $\Psi_{f,\alpha,\beta}^q(I) = \Psi_{f,\alpha,\beta}(I)$ , so this implies the theorem.

For a fixed cube  $I$ , and any  $J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)$ , let  $\int_J |f(x) - f(J)|^q dx = q \int_0^\infty t^{q-1} m_J(t) dt$ . Using the Monotone Convergence Theorem and the inequality (1.9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{f,\alpha,\beta}^q(I) &= (l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \frac{q}{|J|} \int_0^\infty t^{q-1} m_J(t) dt \\ &= q \int_0^\infty t^{q-1} \left( (l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \frac{m_J(t)}{|J|} \right) dt \\ &\leq q \int_0^\infty t^{q-1} B \left( 1 + \left( \frac{C}{t} \right)^p \right) e^{-ct} dt \\ &= qB \left( c^{-q} \int_0^\infty u^{q-1} e^{-u} du + C^p c^{-(q-p)} \int_0^\infty u^{q-p-1} e^{-u} du \right) \\ &= qB(c^{-q}\Gamma(q) + C^p c^{-(q-p)}\Gamma(q-p)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Gamma(y) = \int_0^\infty u^{y-1} e^{-u} du$ . Since  $0 \leq p < q$ ,  $\Gamma(q)$  and  $\Gamma(q-p)$  are finite. Thus, we can get the desired inequality by taking  $K_{C,c,p,q} = q(c^{-q}\Gamma(q) + C^p c^{-(q-p)}\Gamma(q-p))$ .

2.2. Proof of Theorem 1.3

Assume that  $f$  is a nontrivial element of  $Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Then  $\gamma = \sup_I (\Psi_{f,\alpha,\beta}(I))^{1/2} < \infty$ . For all cubes  $I$  we have

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} &(l(I))^{2\beta-2} \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I |f(x) - f(I)| dx \\ &\leq ((l(I))^{4\beta-4} \Phi_f^2(I))^{1/2} \leq (\Psi_{f,\alpha,\beta}(I))^{1/2} \leq \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

For a cube  $I$  and each  $J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)$ , we have by the Chebyshev inequality, for  $t > 0$ ,

$$m_J(t) \leq t^{-2} \int_J |f(x) - f(J)|^2 dx.$$

Thus we get

$$(2.3) \quad (l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \frac{m_J(t)}{|J|} \leq t^{-2} \Psi_{f,\alpha,\beta}(I) \leq t^{-2} \gamma^2.$$

Thus, if  $t \leq \gamma$ , then (1.11) holds with  $B = e$  and  $b = 1$ .

To consider the case of  $t > \gamma$ , we need the Calderón-Zygmund decomposition, see Calderón and Zygmund [3], and Neri [17].

**Lemma 2.1.** *Assume that  $f$  is a nonnegative function in  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\xi$  is a positive constant. There is a decomposition  $\mathbb{R}^n = P \cup \Omega$ ,  $P \cap \Omega = \emptyset$ , such that*

- (a)  $\Omega = \cup_{k=1}^{\infty} I_k$ , where  $I_k$  is a collection of cubes whose interiors are disjoint;
- (b)  $f(x) \leq \xi$  for a.e.  $x \in P$ ;
- (c)  $\xi < \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I f(x) dx \leq 2^n \xi$ , for all  $I$  in the collection  $\{I_k\}$ .
- (d)  $\xi |\Delta| \leq \int_{\Delta} f(x) dx \leq 2^n \xi |\Delta|$ , if  $\Delta$  is any union of cubes  $I$  from  $\{I_k\}$ .

In the following we fix a cube  $I$ . For  $\xi = t(l(I))^{2-2\beta}$  with any  $t > 0$ , we apply the Calderón-Zygmund decomposition to  $|f(x) - f(J)|$  on a subcube  $J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)$ . Set  $\Omega = \Omega_J(t)$ ,  $P = J \setminus \Omega_J(t)$ .

From Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and (d) of Lemma 2.1, we get

$$(2.4) \quad (t(l(I))^{2-2\beta})^2 |\Delta| \leq \int_{\Delta} |f(x) - f(J)|^2 dx$$

for any union  $\Delta$  of the cubes  $K$  in the decomposition of  $\Omega_J(t)$ . Inequality (2.4) with  $\Delta = \Omega_J(t)$  gives us a variant of inequality (2.3):

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} & (l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \frac{|\Omega_J(t)|}{|J|} \\ & \leq \frac{\Psi_{f,\alpha,\beta}(I)}{(t(l(I))^{2-2\beta})^2} \leq \left( \frac{\gamma}{(t(l(I))^{2-2\beta})} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t > 0$ .

When  $t \geq \gamma$ , we can strengthen the estimate (c) in Lemma 2.1 as follows:

$$(2.6) \quad t(l(I))^{2-2\beta} < \frac{1}{|K|} \int_K |f(x) - f(J)| dx \leq (2^n \gamma + t)(l(I))^{2-2\beta}$$

for all cubes  $K$  in the decomposition of  $\Omega_J(t)$ . In fact, note that  $K$  is such a cube, then  $K \neq J$ . Otherwise, (2.2) implies

$$\frac{1}{|J|} \int_J |f(x) - f(J)| dx \leq \gamma(l(I))^{2-2\beta} \leq t(l(I))^{2-2\beta}.$$

This contradicts (c). It follows from the proof of the Calderón-Zygmund decomposition (see, Stein [18] ) that  $K$  must have a “parent” cube  $K^* \subset J$  satisfying  $K \in \mathcal{D}_1(K^*)$ ,  $l(K^*) = 2l(K)$  and

$$|f(K^*) - f(J)| \leq |K^*|^{-1} \int_{K^*} |f(x) - f(J)|dx \leq t(l(I))^{2-2\beta}.$$

Then (2.2) implies

$$\begin{aligned} t(l(I))^{2-2\beta} &< \frac{1}{|K|} \int_K |f(x) - f(J)|dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|K|} \int_K |f(x) - f(K^*)|dx + |f(K^*) - f(J)| \\ &\leq \frac{2^n}{|K^*|} \int_{K^*} |f(x) - f(K^*)|dx + t(l(I))^{2-2\beta} \\ &\leq (2^n\gamma + t)(l(I))^{2-2\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

There holds  $\Omega_J(t') \subset \Omega_J(t)$  for  $0 < t < t'$ . In fact, for any cube  $K \in \Omega_J(t') \setminus \Omega_J(t)$ , we get  $K \subset J \setminus \Omega_J(t)$ . So, property (b) tells us

$$t(l(I))^{2-2\beta} \geq \frac{1}{|K|} \int_K |f(x) - f(J)|dx > t'(l(I))^{2-2\beta}.$$

This is a contradiction.

Letting  $t' = t + 2^{n+1}\gamma$  for  $t \geq \gamma$ , we claim that

$$(2.7) \quad |\Omega_J(t')| \leq 2^{-n}|\Omega_J(t)|.$$

To prove this, take a cube  $K$  in the decomposition for  $\Omega_J(t)$ . Then (2.6) implies that

$$\frac{1}{|K|} \int_K |f(x) - f(J)|dx \leq (2^n\gamma + t)(l(I))^{2-2\beta} < t'(l(I))^{2-2\beta}.$$

Thus,  $K$  is not a cube in the decomposition of  $\Omega_J(t')$ , and was further subdivided. Set  $\Delta' = K \cap \Omega_J(t')$ . If  $\Delta' \neq \emptyset$ , it must be a union of cubes from the decomposition of  $\Omega_J(t')$ . Thus, according to (d) of Lemma 2.1, (2.2) and (2.6),

$$\begin{aligned} t'(l(I))^{2-2\beta} &\leq |\Delta'|^{-1} \int_{\Delta'} |f(x) - f(J)|dx \\ &\leq |\Delta'|^{-1} \int_{\Delta'} |f(x) - f(K)|dx + |f(K) - f(J)| \\ &\leq |\Delta'|^{-1}|K| \frac{1}{|K|} \int_{\Delta'} |f(x) - f(K)|dx + \frac{1}{|K|} \int_K |f(x) - f(J)|dx \\ &\leq |\Delta'|^{-1}|K|\gamma(l(K))^{2-2\beta} + (2^n\gamma + t)(l(I))^{2-2\beta} \\ &\leq |\Delta'|^{-1}|K|\gamma(l(I))^{2-2\beta} + (2^n\gamma + t)(l(I))^{2-2\beta} \end{aligned}$$



since  $2 - 2\beta > 0$  and  $K \subset I$ . Replacing  $t'$  by  $t + 2^{n+1}\gamma$ , dividing by  $(l(I))^{2-2\beta}$ , subtracting  $t$  and dividing by  $\gamma$ , we have

$$(2^{n+1} - 2^n) \leq |\Delta'|^{-1}|K| \quad \text{and} \quad |K \cap \Omega_J(t')| = |\Delta'| \leq 2^{-n}|K|$$

for any cube  $K$  in the decomposition of  $\Omega_J(t)$ . Summing over all such  $K$ , and noting that  $\Omega_J(t') = \Omega_J(t) \cap \Omega_J(t')$ , we prove (2.7).

For each  $J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)$ , property (b) of the decomposition for  $|f - f(J)|$  implies that

$$(2.8) \quad m_J(t(l(I))^{2-2\beta}) = |\{x \in J : |f(x) - f(J)| > t(l(I))^{2-2\beta}\}| \leq |\Omega_J(t)|.$$

For  $t > \gamma$ , let  $j$  be the integer part of  $\frac{t-\gamma}{2^{n+1}\gamma}$  and  $s = (1 + j2^{n+1})\gamma$ . Then  $\gamma \leq s \leq t$ . Thus one obtains from (2.8) that

$$\begin{aligned} & (l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \frac{m_J(t)}{|J|} \\ = & (l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \frac{m_J((l(I))^{2-2\beta}t(l(I))^{2\beta-2})}{|J|} \\ \leq & (l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \frac{m_J((l(I))^{2-2\beta}s(l(I))^{2\beta-2})}{|J|} \\ \leq & (l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \frac{|\Omega_J((1 + j2^{n+1})\gamma(l(I))^{2\beta-2})|}{|J|} \\ \leq & (l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \frac{|\Omega_J(\gamma(l(I))^{2\beta-2} + j2^{n+1}\gamma)|}{|J|} \\ \leq & 2^{-n}(l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \frac{|\Omega_J(\gamma(l(I))^{2\beta-2} + (j-1)2^{n+1}\gamma)|}{|J|} \end{aligned}$$

if  $(l(I))^{2\beta-2} \geq 1$ , by using (2.7) for

$$t = ((l(I))^{2\beta-2} + (j-1)2^{n+1})\gamma \quad \text{and} \quad t' = ((l(I))^{2\beta-2} + j2^{n+1})\gamma.$$

Iterating the previous estimate  $j$  times and using (2.5) with  $t = \gamma(l(I))^{2\beta-2}$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} & (l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \frac{m_J(t)}{|J|} \\ \leq & 2^{-nj}(l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \frac{|\Omega_J(\gamma(l(I))^{2\beta-2})|}{|J|} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq 2^{-nj} \gamma^2 \gamma^{-2} \\ &\leq 2^{-n} \left( \frac{t-\gamma}{2^{n+1}\gamma} - 1 \right) \\ &= 2^{-\frac{n}{2^{n+1}}(t/\gamma)} 2^{\frac{n}{2^{n+1}}} + n. \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $B = 2^{n/2^{n+1}+n}$  and  $b = \frac{n}{2^{n+1}} \ln 2$ , we get (1.11) when  $(l(I))^{2\beta-2} \geq 1$ .  
 If  $(l(I))^{2\beta-2} < 1$ , using (2.8) and (2.4), one has

$$\begin{aligned} &(l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \frac{m_J(t)}{|J|} \\ &\leq (l(I))^{4\beta-4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{(2(\alpha-\beta+1)-n)k} \sum_{J \in \mathcal{D}_k(I)} \frac{|\Omega_J(t(l(I))^{2\beta-2})|}{|J|} \\ &\leq \gamma^2 t^{-2} \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

which yields (1.12).

**2.3. Proof of Proposition 1.4**

Taking  $k = 0$  and  $\alpha = -\frac{n}{2} + \beta - 1$  in (1.11), we get that

$$(l(I))^{4\beta-4} \frac{m_I(t)}{|I|} \leq B \frac{\|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2}{t^2} \exp\left(\frac{-bt}{\|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right)$$

holds for  $t \leq \|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}$  and any cube  $I$ . Thus for  $t \leq \|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}$  and any cube  $I$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &(l(I))^{4\beta-4} \frac{m_I(t)}{|I|} \int_I |f(x) - f(I)|^2 dx \\ &\leq B \frac{\|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2}{t^2} \exp\left(\frac{-bt}{\|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right) \int_I |f(x) - f(I)|^2 dx \\ &\leq B \frac{\|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2}{t^2} \exp\left(\frac{-bt}{\|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right) \int_I |f(x)|^2 dx \\ &\leq B \frac{\|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2}{t^2} \exp\left(\frac{-bt}{\|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^2 dx. \end{aligned}$$

This tells us

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & m_I(t) \frac{(l(I))^{4\beta-4}}{|I|} \int_I |f(x) - f(I)|^2 dx \\ & \leq B \frac{\|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2}{t^2} \exp\left(\frac{-bt}{\|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^2 dx. \end{aligned}$$

According to the definition of  $BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , see Li and Zhai [14], we have

$$f \in BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n) \iff \|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 = \sup_I \frac{(l(I))^{4\beta-4}}{|I|} \int_I |f(x) - f(I)|^2 dx < \infty.$$

Thus, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & m_I(t) \|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 \\ & \leq B \frac{\|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2}{t^2} \exp\left(\frac{-bt}{\|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^2 dx, \end{aligned}$$

for  $t \leq \|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ . Then, taking an increasing sequence of cubes covering  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we obtain

$$(2.10) \quad |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |f(x)| > t\}| \leq \frac{B}{t^2} \exp\left(\frac{-bt}{\|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^2 dx$$

for  $t \leq \|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ , since  $f(I) \rightarrow 0$  as  $l(I) \rightarrow \infty$ . Finally, we get (1.13). Similarly, we can prove (1.14) since  $\exp\left(\frac{-bt}{\|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right) \leq 1$  for  $t > \|f\|_{BMO^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ .

### 2.4. Proof of Theorem 1.5

(i) According to (1.15), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Phi_p\left(\zeta \frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right) dx &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{j \geq p, j \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{\zeta^j}{j!} \left(\frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right)^j dx \\ &\leq \sum_{j \geq p, j \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{\zeta^j \|f\|_{L^j(\mathbb{R}^n)}^j}{j! \|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}^j} \\ &\leq \sum_{j \geq p, j \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{\zeta^j \left(C_n j \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{p/j} \|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{1-p/j}\right)^j}{j! \|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}^j} \\ &\leq \sum_{j \geq p, j \in \mathbb{N}} a_j (\zeta C_n)^j \left(\frac{\|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}}\right)^p \end{aligned}$$

with  $a_j = \frac{j^j}{j!}$ . Since  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_j}{a_{j+1}} = e^{-1}$ , the power series of the above right hand side converges provided  $\zeta C_n < e^{-1}$  i.e.  $\zeta < \gamma_n := (C_n e)^{-1}$ .

(ii) According to (i) with  $p = 2$ , we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \exp \left( \gamma_n \frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right) - 1 - \gamma_n \frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right) dx \leq C_n \frac{\|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2}.$$

On the other hand, since the distribution function  $m(t) = |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |f(x)| > t\}|$  is non-increasing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left( \exp \left( \gamma_n \frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right) - 1 - \gamma_n \frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right) dx \\ &= \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{\gamma_n^j}{j!} \frac{\|f\|_{L^j(\mathbb{R}^n)}^j}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}^j} \\ &= \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{\gamma_n^j}{j!} \frac{j}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}^j} \int_0^\infty m(s) s^{j-1} ds \\ &\geq m(t) \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{\gamma_n^j}{j!} \frac{j}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}^j} \int_0^t s^{j-1} ds \\ &= m(t) \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} \left( \frac{\gamma_n t}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right)^j \\ &= m(t) \left( \exp \left( \frac{\gamma_n t}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right) - 1 - \frac{\gamma_n t}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t > 0$ . Thus, we have

$$m(t) \leq C_n \frac{\|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2} \frac{1}{\left( \exp \left( \frac{\gamma_n t}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right) - 1 - \frac{\gamma_n t}{\|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}} \right)}.$$

**2.5. Proof of Proposition 1.6**

We will use some facts about the fractional heat equations

$$\partial_t v(t, x) + (-\Delta)^{s/2} v(t, x) = 0 \quad \text{for } (t, x) \in (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

with initial data  $v(0, x) = g(x)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . The fractional heat equations have been studied by Miao-Yuan-Zhang [16], Zhai [22, 24] and references therein. Here

$$\mathcal{F}((-\Delta)^{s/2} v(t, x))(\xi) = |\xi|^s \mathcal{F}v(t, \xi)$$

and  $v_g(t, x) = e^{-t(\Delta)^{s/2}}g(x) = K_t^s(x) * g(x)$  with  $K_t^s(\cdot) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(e^{-t|\cdot|^s})$  where  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}$  denote the Fourier transformation and its inverse. We need the  $L^p \rightarrow L^q$  estimates for the semigroup  $\{e^{-t(-\Delta)^{s/2}}\}_{t \geq 0}$ . For the proof, see, for example, Kozono-Wadade [13, Lemma 3.4] or Miao-Yuan-Zhang [16, Lemma 3.1].

**Lemma 2.2.** *For every  $0 < s < \infty$ , there exists a constant  $C_{n,s}$  depending only on  $n$  and  $s$  such that*

$$\|e^{-t(-\Delta)^{s/2}}g\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq C_{n,s}t^{-\frac{n}{s}(\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q})}\|g\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}.$$

holds for all  $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $t > 0$  and  $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$ .

For any  $g(x)$  in the Schwartz class of rapidly decreasing functions  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , define  $v_g(t, x) = e^{-t(\Delta)^{s/2}}g(x)$  as the solution of fractional heat equation

$$\partial_t v(t, x) + (-\Delta)^{s/2}v(t, x) = 0$$

with initial data  $g$ . Fix  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $(-\Delta)^{s/2}f \in L^q$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \langle -(-\Delta)^{s/2}f(x), v(s, x) \rangle ds &= \int_0^t \langle f(x), -(-\Delta)^{s/2}v(s, x) \rangle ds \\ &= \int_0^t \langle f(x), \partial_s v(s, x) \rangle ds \\ &= \langle f(x), v(t, x) \rangle - \langle f(x), g(x) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$|\langle f, g \rangle| \leq |\langle f(x), v(t, x) \rangle| + \int_0^t |\langle (-\Delta)^{s/2}f(x), v(s, x) \rangle| ds = I_1 + I_2$$

for all  $t > 0$ . Here  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denote the inner-product in  $L^2$ . Thus Hölder inequality, Lemma 2.2 and (1.15) imply that

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq \|f\|_{L^{q_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|v(t, \cdot)\|_{L^{q'_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \|f\|_{L^{q_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|e^{-t(-\Delta)^{s/2}}g\|_{L^{q'_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &\leq C_{n,s}q_1 t^{-\frac{n}{sq_1}} (\|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \|f\|_{Q_\alpha^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n)}) \|g\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t > 0$  and  $p \leq q_1 < \infty$ . Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &\leq \int_0^t \|(-\Delta)^{s/2}f\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|v(s, \cdot)\|_{L^{q'}(\mathbb{R}^n)} ds \\ &= \|(-\Delta)^{s/2}f\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \int_0^t \|e^{-t(-\Delta)^{s/2}}g\|_{L^{q'}(\mathbb{R}^n)} ds \\ &\leq C_{n,s,q} \|(-\Delta)^{s/2}f\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|g\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \int_0^t s^{-\frac{n}{sq}} ds \\ &\leq C_{n,s,q} t^{1-\frac{n}{sq}} \|(-\Delta)^{s/2}f\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \|g\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t > 0$ . Combing the duality argument and these two estimates, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)} &= \sup_{\|g\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq 1, g \in \mathcal{S}} |\langle f, g \rangle| \\ &\leq C_{n,s,q} \left( q_1 t^{-\frac{n}{sq_1}} (\|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} + \|f\|_{Q_\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)}) + t^{1-\frac{n}{sq}} \|(-\Delta)^{s/2} f\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t > 0$  and  $p \leq q_1 < \infty$ . Take

$$q_1 = \log(1/t), \quad t = \left( e^p + \|(-\Delta)^{s/2} f\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{\left(1-\frac{n}{sq}\right)^{-1}} \right)^{-1}.$$

Then  $t^{-n/(sq_1)} = (t^{1/\log t})^{n/s} = e^{n/s}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} &t^{1-\frac{n}{sq}} \|(-\Delta)^{s/2} f\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \\ &= \left( e^p + \|(-\Delta)^{s/2} f\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{\left(1-\frac{n}{sq}\right)^{-1}} \right)^{-(1-\frac{n}{sq})} \|(-\Delta)^{s/2} f\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since we can find constant  $C_{n,s,p,q}$  such that  $q_1 \leq C_{n,s,p,q} \log(e + \|(-\Delta)^{s/2} f\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)})$ , (1.19) holds.

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