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# Commutator Theorems for Fractional Integral Operators on Weighted Morrey Spaces

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Let  $L$  be the infinitesimal generator of an analytic semigroup on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with Gaussian kernel bounds, and let  $L^{-\alpha/2}$  be the fractional integrals of  $L$  for  $0 < \alpha < n$ . For any locally integrable function  $b$ , the commutators associated with  $L^{-\alpha/2}$  are defined by  $[b, L^{-\alpha/2}](f)(x) = b(x)L^{-\alpha/2}(f)(x) - L^{-\alpha/2}(bf)(x)$ . When  $b \in \text{BMO}(\omega)$  (weighted BMO space) or  $b \in \text{BMO}$ , the authors obtain the necessary and sufficient conditions for the boundedness of  $[b, L^{-\alpha/2}]$  on weighted Morrey spaces, respectively.

## 1. Introduction and Main Results

Morrey [1] introduced the classical Morrey spaces to investigate the local behavior of solutions to second order elliptic partial differential equations. Chiarenza and Frasca [2] established the boundedness of the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator, the fractional operator, and a singular integral operator on the Morrey spaces. On the other hand, Coifman and Fefferman [3] and Muckenhoupt [4] studied the boundedness of these operators on weighted  $L^p$  spaces. Motivated by these works, Komori and Shirai [5] introduced the following weighted Morrey space and investigated the boundedness of classical operators in harmonic analysis, that is, the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator, a Calderón-Zygmund operator, the fractional integral operator, and so forth.

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $0 \leq k < 1$ . Then for two weights  $\mu$  and  $\nu$ , the weighted Morrey space is defined by

$$L^{p,k}(\mu, \nu) = \{f \in L^p_{\text{loc}}(\mu) : \|f\|_{L^{p,k}(\mu, \nu)} < \infty\}, \quad (1)$$

where

$$\|f\|_{L^{p,k}(\mu, \nu)} = \sup_Q \left( \frac{1}{\nu(Q)^k} \int_Q |f(x)|^p \mu(x) dx \right)^{1/p}, \quad (2)$$

and the supremum is taken over all balls  $Q$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

If  $\mu = \nu$ , then we have the classical Morrey space  $L^{p,k}(\mu)$  with measure  $\mu$ . When  $k = 0$ , then  $L^{p,k}(\mu, \nu) = L^p(\mu)$  is the Lebesgue space with measure  $\mu$ .

Suppose that  $L$  is a linear operator on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  which generates an analytic semigroup  $e^{-tL}$  with a kernel  $p_t(x, y)$  satisfying a Gaussian upper bound, that is,

$$|p_t(x, y)| \leq \frac{C}{t^{n/2}} e^{-c(|x-y|^2/t)} \quad (3)$$

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

For  $0 < \alpha < n$ , the fractional integral  $L^{-\alpha/2}$  of the operator  $L$  is defined by

$$L^{-\alpha/2} f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha/2)} \int_0^\infty e^{-tL}(f) \frac{dt}{t^{-\alpha/2+1}}(x). \quad (4)$$

Note that if  $L = -\Delta$  is the Laplacian on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $L^{-\alpha/2}$  is the classical fractional integral  $I_\alpha$  which plays important roles in many fields. It is well known that  $I_\alpha$  is bounded from  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  to  $L^q(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for all  $p > 1$ ,  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n > 0$  and is also of weak type  $(1, n/(n-\alpha))$ .

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $\omega$  be a weight function. A locally integrable function  $b$  is said to be in  $BMO_p(\omega)$  if

$$\|b\|_{BMO_p(\omega)} = \sup_Q \left( \frac{1}{\omega(Q)} \int_Q |b(x) - b_Q|^p \omega(x)^{1-p} dx \right)^{1/p} \leq C < \infty, \quad (5)$$

where  $b_Q = (1/|Q|) \int_Q b(y) dy$  and the supremum is taken over all balls  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $\omega \in A_1$ ; García-Cuerva [6] proved that the spaces  $BMO_p(\omega)$  coincide, and the norms of  $\|\cdot\|_{BMO_p(\omega)}$  are equivalent with respect to different values provided that  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

Let  $b$  be a locally integrable function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; we consider the commutator  $[b, L^{-\alpha/2}]$  defined by

$$[b, L^{-\alpha/2}](f)(x) = b(x) L^{-\alpha/2}(f)(x) - L^{-\alpha/2}(bf)(x). \quad (6)$$

Chanillo [7] proved that the commutator  $[b, I_\alpha]$  of the multiplication operator by  $b \in BMO$  is bounded on  $L^p$  for  $1 < p < \infty$ .

Duong and Yan [8] proved that  $[b, L^{-\alpha/2}]$  is bounded from  $L^p$  to  $L^q$ , where  $b \in BMO$ ,  $1 < p < n/\alpha$ ,  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$ ,  $0 < \alpha < n$ .

Mo and Lu [9] proved that the multilinear commutator generated by  $\vec{b}$  and  $L^{-\alpha/2}$  is bounded from  $L^p$  to  $L^q$ , where  $1 < p < n/\alpha$ ,  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $\vec{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_m)$ ,  $b_i \in BMO$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ .

Lu et al. [10] proved that  $[b, I_\alpha]$  is bounded from  $L^p$  to  $L^q$  if and only if  $b \in BMO$ .

Wang [11] proved that  $[b, I_\alpha]$  is bounded from  $L^{p,k}(\omega)$  to  $L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^{1-(1-\alpha/n)q}, \omega)$ , where  $b \in BMO(\omega)$ ,  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 < p < n/\alpha$ ,  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$ ,  $0 < k < p/q$ , and  $\omega^{q/p} \in A_1$ .

Inspired by the above results, we study the boundedness properties of the commutator  $[b, L^{-\alpha/2}]$  on weighted Morrey spaces in this work. The main theorems are stated as follows.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 < p < n/\alpha$ ,  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$ ,  $0 \leq k < p/q$ ,  $\omega^{q/p} \in A_1$ , and  $r_\omega > ((1-k)/(p-q-k))$ , where  $r_\omega$  denotes the critical index of  $\omega$  for the reverse Hölder condition. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (a)  $b \in BMO(\omega)$ .
- (b)  $[b, L^{-\alpha/2}]$  is bounded from  $L^{p,k}(\omega)$  to  $L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^{1-(1-\alpha/n)q}, \omega)$ .

In particular, when  $k = 0$  in Theorem 1, we get the following.

**Corollary 2.** Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 < p < n/\alpha$ ,  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$ ,  $\omega^{q/p} \in A_1$ , and  $r_\omega > q/p$ , where  $r_\omega$  denotes the critical index of  $\omega$  for the reverse Hölder condition. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (a)  $b \in BMO(\omega)$ .
- (b)  $[b, L^{-\alpha/2}]$  is bounded from  $L^p(\omega)$  to  $L^q(\omega^{1-(1-\alpha/n)q})$ .

Furthermore, if  $L = -\Delta$  is the Laplacian, then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (a')  $b \in BMO(\omega)$ .
- (b')  $[b, I_\alpha]$  is bounded from  $L^p(\omega)$  to  $L^q(\omega^{1-(1-\alpha/n)q})$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $0 \leq k < p/q$ ,  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$ , and  $1 < r, s < \infty$  such that  $1 < rs < p < n/\alpha$ ,  $\omega^{rs} \in A_{p/rs, q/rs}$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (a)  $b \in BMO$ .
- (b)  $[b, L^{-\alpha/2}]$  is bounded from  $L^{p,k}(\omega^p, \omega^q)$  to  $L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^q)$ .

In particular, when  $k = 0$  in Theorem 3, we obtain the following.

**Corollary 4.** Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$ , and  $1 < r, s < \infty$  such that  $1 < rs < p < n/\alpha$ ,  $\omega^{rs} \in A_{p/rs, q/rs}$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (a)  $b \in BMO$ .
- (b)  $[b, L^{-\alpha/2}]$  is bounded from  $L^p(\omega^p)$  to  $L^q(\omega^q)$ .

Furthermore, if  $L = -\Delta$  is the Laplacian, then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (a')  $b \in BMO$ .
- (b')  $[b, I_\alpha]$  is bounded from  $L^p(\omega^p)$  to  $L^q(\omega^q)$ .

**Remark 5.** It is easy to see that our results extend the results in [7, 8, 10, 11] significantly.

## 2. Prerequisite Material

Let us first recall some definitions.

**Definition 6.** The Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator  $M$  is defined by

$$M(f)(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y)| dy. \quad (7)$$

Let  $\omega$  be a weight. The weighted maximal operator  $M_\omega$  is defined by

$$M_\omega(f)(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \frac{1}{\omega(Q)} \int_Q |f(y)| \omega(y) dy. \quad (8)$$

A variant of this maximal operator will become the main tool in our scheme; for  $1 < r < \infty$ ,

$$M_{r,\omega}(f)(x) = M_\omega(|f|^r)^{1/r}(x). \quad (9)$$

For  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $r \geq 1$ , the fractional maximal operator  $M_{\alpha,r}$  is defined by

$$M_{\alpha,r}(f)(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \left( \frac{1}{|Q|^{1-\alpha r/n}} \int_Q |f(y)|^r dy \right)^{1/r}, \quad (10)$$

and the fractional weighted maximal operator  $M_{\alpha,r,\omega}$  is defined by

$$M_{\alpha,r,\omega}(f)(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \left( \frac{1}{\omega(Q)^{1-\alpha r/n}} \int_Q |f(y)|^r \omega(y) dy \right)^{1/r}. \quad (11)$$

For any  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , the sharp maximal function  $M_L^\# f$  associated with the generalized approximations to the identity  $\{e^{-tL}\}_{t>0}$  is given by

$$M_L^\# f(x) = \sup_{x \in Q} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(y) - e^{-t_Q L} f(y)| dy, \quad (12)$$

where  $t_Q = r_Q^2$  and  $r_Q$  is the radius of the ball  $Q$ .

In the above definitions, the supremum is taken over all balls  $Q$  containing  $x$ .

**Definition 7.** A weight function  $\omega$  is said to be in the Muckenhoupt class  $A_p$  with  $1 < p < \infty$  if, for every ball  $Q$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , there exists a positive constant  $C$  which is independent of  $Q$  such that

$$\left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \omega(x) dx \right) \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \omega(x)^{-1/(p-1)} dx \right)^{p-1} \leq C. \quad (13)$$

When  $p = 1$ ,  $\omega \in A_1$ , if

$$\left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \omega(x) dx \right) \leq C \operatorname{ess} \inf_{x \in Q} \omega(x). \quad (14)$$

When  $p = \infty$ ,  $\omega \in A_\infty$ , if there exist positive constants  $\delta$  and  $C$  such that, given a ball  $Q$  and a measurable subset  $E$  of  $Q$ ,

$$\frac{\omega(E)}{\omega(Q)} \leq C \left( \frac{|E|}{|Q|} \right)^\delta. \quad (15)$$

**Definition 8.** A weight function  $\omega$  belongs to  $A_{p,q}$  for  $1 < p < q < \infty$  if, for every ball  $Q$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , there exists a positive constant  $C$  which is independent of  $Q$  such that

$$\left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \omega(x)^q dx \right)^{1/q} \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \omega(x)^{-p'} dx \right)^{1/p'} \leq C, \quad (16)$$

where  $p'$  denotes the conjugate exponent of  $p > 1$ , that is,  $1/p + 1/p' = 1$ .

**Definition 9.** A weight function  $\omega$  belongs to the reverse Hölder class  $\text{RH}_r$  if there exist two constants  $r > 1$  and  $C > 0$  such that the reverse Hölder inequality

$$\left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \omega(x)^r dx \right)^{1/r} \leq C \left( \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \omega(x) dx \right) \quad (17)$$

holds for every ball  $Q$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

It is well known that if  $\omega \in A_p$  with  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , then there exists  $r > 1$  such that  $\omega \in \text{RH}_r$ . It follows from Hölder's

inequality that  $\omega \in \text{RH}_r$  implies  $\omega \in \text{RH}_s$  for all  $1 < s < r$ . Moreover, if  $\omega \in \text{RH}_r$ ,  $r > 1$ , then we have  $\omega \in \text{RH}_{r+\epsilon}$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . We thus write  $r_\omega = \sup\{r > 1 : \omega \in \text{RH}_r\}$  to denote the critical index of  $\omega$  for the reverse Hölder condition.

We will make use of the following lemmas. We first provide a weighted version of the local good  $\lambda$  inequality for  $M_L^\#$  which allows us to obtain an analog of the classical Fefferman-Stein (see [3, 12]) estimate on weighted Morrey spaces.

**Lemma 10** (see [13]). Assume that the semigroup  $e^{-tL}$  has a kernel  $p_t(x, y)$  which satisfies the upper bound (3). Take  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $f \in L_0^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , and a ball  $Q_0$  such that there exists  $x_0 \in Q_0$  with  $Mf(x_0) \leq \lambda$ . Then, for every  $\omega \in A_\infty$ ,  $0 < \eta < 1$ , one can find  $\gamma > 0$  (independent of  $\lambda$ ,  $Q_0$ ,  $f$ ,  $x_0$ ) and constant  $C_\omega$ ,  $r > 0$  (which only depend on  $\omega$ ), such that

$$\omega \{x \in Q_0 : Mf(x) > A\lambda, M_L^\# f(x) \leq \gamma\lambda\} \leq C_\omega \eta^r \omega(Q_0), \quad (18)$$

where  $A > 1$  is a fixed constant which depends only on  $n$ .

As a consequence, by using the standard arguments, we have the following estimates.

For every  $f \in L^{p,k}(\mu, \nu)$ , with  $1 < p < \infty$ . if  $\mu, \nu \in A_\infty$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq k < 1$ , then

$$\|f\|_{L^{p,k}(\mu, \nu)} \leq \|Mf\|_{L^{p,k}(\mu, \nu)} \leq C \|M_L^\# f\|_{L^{p,k}(\mu, \nu)}. \quad (19)$$

In particular, when  $\mu = \nu = \omega$  and  $\omega \in A_\infty$ , we have

$$\|f\|_{L^{p,k}(\omega)} \leq \|Mf\|_{L^{p,k}(\omega)} \leq C \|M_L^\# f\|_{L^{p,k}(\omega)}. \quad (20)$$

**Lemma 11** (see [11]). Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 < p < n/\alpha$ ,  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$ , and  $\omega^{q/p} \in A_1$ . Then if  $0 < k < p/q$  and  $r_\omega > (1-k)/(p/q - k)$ , one has

$$\|M_{\alpha,1} f\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^{q/p}, \omega)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p,k}(\omega)}. \quad (21)$$

The same conclusion still holds for  $I_\alpha$ .

**Lemma 12** (see [11]). Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 < p < n/\alpha$ ,  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$ , and  $\omega^{q/p} \in A_1$ . Then if  $0 < k < p/q$ ,  $1 < r < p$ , and  $r_\omega > (1-k)/(p/q - k)$ , one has

$$\|M_{r,\omega} f\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^{q/p}, \omega)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p,k}(\omega)}. \quad (22)$$

**Lemma 13** (see [11]). Consider  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 < p < n/\alpha$ ,  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$ ,  $0 < k < p/q$ , and  $\omega \in A_\infty$ . For any  $1 < r < p$ , one has

$$\|M_{\alpha,r,\omega} f\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p,k}(\omega)}. \quad (23)$$

**Remark 14.** By checking the proof of Lemmas 11–13, we know that the three lemmas above still hold when  $k = 0$ .

**Lemma 15.** Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 < p < n/\alpha$ ,  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$ , and  $\omega^{q/p} \in A_1$ . Then if  $0 \leq k < p/q$  and  $r_\omega > (1-k)/(p/q - k)$ , one has

$$\|L^{-\alpha/2} f\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^{q/p}, \omega)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p,k}(\omega)}. \quad (24)$$

*Proof.* Since the semigroup  $e^{-tL}$  has a kernel  $p_t(x, y)$  which satisfies the upper bound (3), it is easy to check that  $L^{-\alpha/2}(f)(x) \leq C I_\alpha(|f|)(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Using the boundedness property of  $I_\alpha$  on weighted Morrey space (see Lemma 11), we have

$$\|L^{-\alpha/2} f\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^{q/p}, \omega)} \leq \|I_\alpha f\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^{q/p}, \omega)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{p,k}(\omega)}, \quad (25)$$

where  $1 < p < n/\alpha$  and  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$ .  $\square$

**Remark 16.** Since  $I_\alpha$  is of weak type  $(1, n/(n - \alpha))$ , from the proof of Lemma 15, we can get that  $L^{-\alpha/2}$  is also of weak type  $(1, n/(n - \alpha))$ .

**Lemma 17** (see [8, 14]). *Assume that the semigroup  $e^{-tL}$  has a kernel  $p_t(x, y)$  which satisfies the upper bound (3). Then for  $0 < \alpha < n$ , the difference operator  $L^{-\alpha/2} - e^{-tL} L^{-\alpha/2}$  has an associated kernel  $K_{\alpha,t}(x, y)$  which satisfies*

$$|K_{\alpha,t}(x, y)| \leq \frac{C}{|x - y|^{n-\alpha}} \frac{t}{|x - y|^2}, \quad (26)$$

for some positive constant  $C$ .

**Lemma 18.** *Assume that the semigroup  $e^{-tL}$  has a kernel  $p_t(x, y)$  which satisfies the upper bound (3), and let  $b \in BMO(\omega)$ ,  $\omega \in A_1$ . Then, for every function  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $p > 1$ , and for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , one has*

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{x \in Q} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |e^{-t_Q L} (b(y) - b_Q) f(y)| dy \\ \leq C \|b\|_{BMO(\omega)} \omega(x) M_{r,\omega}(f)(x), \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

where  $t_Q = r_Q^2$ ,  $r_Q$  being the radius of  $Q$ .

*Proof.* For any  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $x \in Q$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |e^{-t_Q L} ((b(\cdot) - b_Q) f)(y)| dy \\ \leq \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |p_{t_Q}(y, z)| |(b(z) - b_Q) f(z)| dz dy \\ \leq \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \int_{2Q} |p_{t_Q}(y, z)| |(b(z) - b_Q) f(z)| dz dy \\ + \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{2^{k+1}Q \setminus 2^k Q} |p_{t_Q}(y, z)| \\ \times |(b(z) - b_Q) f(z)| dz dy \\ \doteq \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{N}. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

For any  $y \in Q$  and  $z \in 2Q$ . We have

$$|p_{t_Q}(y, z)| \leq C t_Q^{-n/2} \leq C \frac{1}{|2Q|}. \quad (29)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M} &\leq C \frac{1}{|2Q|} \int_{2Q} |(b(z) - b_Q) f(z)| dz \\ &\leq C \frac{1}{|2Q|} \left( \int_{2Q} |b(z) - b_Q|^{r'} \omega(z)^{1-r'} dz \right)^{1/r'} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{2Q} |f(z)|^r \omega(z) dz \right)^{1/r} \\ &\leq C \|b\|_{BMO(\omega)} \frac{\omega(2Q)}{|2Q|} \left( \frac{1}{\omega(2Q)} \int_{2Q} |f(z)|^r \omega(z) dz \right)^{1/r} \\ &\leq C \|b\|_{BMO(\omega)} \omega(x) M_{r,\omega} f(x). \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Moreover, for any  $y \in Q$  and  $z \in 2^{k+1}Q \setminus 2^k Q$ , we have  $|y - z| \geq 2^{k-1}r_Q$  and  $|p_{t_Q}| \leq C(e^{-c2^{2(k-1)}} 2^{(k+1)n} / |2^{k+1}Q|)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N} &= \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{2^{k+1}Q \setminus 2^k Q} |p_{t_Q}(y, z)| |(b(z) - b_Q) f(z)| dz dy \\ &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-c2^{2(k-1)}} 2^{(k+1)n}}{|2^{k+1}Q|} \int_{2^{k+1}Q} |(b(z) - b_Q) f(z)| dz \\ &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-c2^{2(k-1)}} 2^{(k+1)n}}{|2^{k+1}Q|} \int_{2^{k+1}Q} |(b(z) - b_{2^{k+1}Q}) f(z)| dz \\ &\quad + C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-c2^{2(k-1)}} 2^{(k+1)n}}{|2^{k+1}Q|} \int_{2^{k+1}Q} |(b_{2^{k+1}Q} - b_Q) f(z)| dz \\ &\doteq \mathbf{N}_1 + \mathbf{N}_2. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

We estimate each term in turn. For  $\mathbf{N}_1$ , we apply Hölder's inequalities with exponent  $r$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N}_1 &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-c2^{2(k-1)}} 2^{(k+1)n}}{|2^{k+1}Q|} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{2^{k+1}Q} |b(z) - b_{2^{k+1}Q}|^{r'} \omega(z)^{1-r'} dz \right)^{1/r'} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{2^{k+1}Q} |f(z)|^r \omega(z) dz \right)^{1/r} \\ &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{(k+1)n} e^{-c2^{2(k-1)}} \|b\|_{BMO(\omega)} \frac{\omega(2^{k+1}Q)}{|2^{k+1}Q|} \\ &\quad \times \left( \frac{1}{\omega(2^{k+1}Q)} \int_{2^{k+1}Q} |f(z)|^r \omega(z) dz \right)^{1/r} \\ &\leq C \|b\|_{BMO(\omega)} \omega(x) M_{r,\omega} f(x). \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Since  $\omega \in A_1$ , then  $|b_{2^{k+1}Q} - b_Q| \leq Ck\omega(x)\|b\|_{BMO(\omega)}$ . This fact together with Hölder's inequality implies

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_2 &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{(k+1)n} e^{-c2^{2(k-1)}} \frac{k}{|2^{k+1}Q|} \omega(x) \\
 &\quad \times \|b\|_{BMO(\omega)} \int_Q |f(z)| dz \\
 &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k 2^{(k+1)n} e^{-c2^{2(k-1)}} \omega(x) \\
 &\quad \times \|b\|_{BMO(\omega)} \left( \frac{1}{|2^{k+1}Q|} \int_{2^{k+1}Q} |f(z)|^r dz \right)^{1/r} \\
 &= C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k 2^{(k+1)n} e^{-c2^{2(k-1)}} \omega(x) \\
 &\quad \times \|b\|_{BMO(\omega)} \left( \frac{\omega(2^{k+1}Q)}{|2^{k+1}Q|} \frac{1}{\omega(2^{k+1}Q)} \int_{2^{k+1}Q} |f(z)|^r dz \right)^{1/r} \\
 &\leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k 2^{(k+1)n} e^{-c2^{2(k-1)}} \omega(x) \\
 &\quad \times \|b\|_{BMO(\omega)} \left( \frac{1}{\omega(2^{k+1}Q)} \int_{2^{k+1}Q} |f(z)|^r \omega(x) dz \right)^{1/r} \\
 &\leq C \|b\|_{BMO(\omega)} \omega(x) M_{r,\omega} f(x).
 \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

Then Lemma 18 is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 19.** Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $\omega \in A_1$ , and  $b \in BMO(\omega)$ . Then for all  $r > 1$  and for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_L^\#([b, L^{-\alpha/2}] f)(x) \\
 \leq C \|b\|_{BMO(\omega)} \left( \omega(x) M_{r,\omega}(L^{-\alpha/2} f)(x) + \omega(x)^{1-\alpha/n} \right. \\
 \left. \times M_{\alpha,r,\omega}(f)(x) + \omega(x) M_{\alpha,1}(f)(x) \right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

*Proof.* For any given  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , fix a ball  $Q = Q(x_0, r_Q)$  which contains  $x$ . We decompose  $f = f_1 + f_2$ , where  $f_1 = f\chi_{2Q}$ . Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
 [b, L^{-\alpha/2}] f(x) &= (b - b_Q) L^{-\alpha/2} f \\
 &\quad - L^{-\alpha/2} (b - b_Q) f_1 \\
 &\quad - L^{-\alpha/2} (b - b_Q) f_2, \\
 e^{-t_Q L}([b, L^{-\alpha/2}] f) &= e^{-t_Q L}[(b - b_Q) L^{-\alpha/2} f \\
 &\quad - L^{-\alpha/2} (b - b_Q) f_1 \\
 &\quad - L^{-\alpha/2} (b - b_Q) f_2].
 \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |[b, L^{-\alpha/2}] f(y) - e^{-t_Q L}[b, L^{-\alpha/2}] f(y)| dy \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |(b(y) - b_Q) L^{-\alpha/2} f(y)| dy \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |L^{-\alpha/2} (b - b_Q) f_1(y)| dy \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |e^{-t_Q L}((b - b_Q) L^{-\alpha/2} f)(y)| dy \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |e^{-t_Q L} L^{-\alpha/2} ((b - b_Q) f_1)(y)| dy \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |(L^{-\alpha/2} - e^{-t_Q L} L^{-\alpha/2})((b - b_Q) f_2)(y)| dy \\
 &\doteq \text{I} + \text{II} + \text{III} + \text{IV} + \text{V}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

We estimate each term separately.

Since  $\omega \in A_1$ , then it follows from Hölder's inequality that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{I} &= \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |(b(y) - b_Q) L^{-\alpha/2} f(y)| dy \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{|Q|} \left( \int_Q |b(y) - b_Q|^{r'} \omega(y)^{1-r'} dy \right)^{1/r'} \\
 &\quad \times \left( \int_Q |L^{-\alpha/2} f(y)|^r \omega(y) dy \right)^{1/r} \\
 &\leq C \|b\|_{BMO(\omega)} \frac{\omega(Q)}{|Q|} \left( \frac{1}{\omega(Q)} \int_Q |L^{-\alpha/2} f(y)|^r \omega(y) dy \right)^{1/r} \\
 &\leq C \|b\|_{BMO(\omega)} \omega(x) M_{r,\omega}(L^{-\alpha/2} f)(x).
 \end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

Applying Kolmogorov's inequality (see [15, page 485]), Hölder's inequality, and the continuity of  $L^{-\alpha/2}$ , we thus have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{II} &= \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |L^{-\alpha/2} (b - b_Q) f_1(y)| dy \\
 &\leq C \frac{1}{|Q|^{1-\alpha/n}} \|L^{-\alpha/2} (b - b_Q) f_1\|_{L^{n/(n-\alpha), \infty}} \\
 &\leq C \frac{1}{|Q|^{1-\alpha/n}} \int_Q (b - b_Q) f_1(y) dy \\
 &\leq C \frac{1}{|Q|^{1-\alpha/n}} \left( \int_Q |b(y) - b_Q|^{r'} \omega(y)^{1-r'} dy \right)^{1/r'}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \times \left( \int_Q |f(y)|^r \omega(y) dy \right)^{1/r} \\
& \leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\omega)} \frac{\omega(Q)^{1-\alpha/n}}{|Q|^{1-\alpha/n}} \\
& \quad \times \left( \frac{1}{\omega(Q)^{1-\alpha/n}} \int_Q |f(y)|^r \omega(y) dy \right)^{1/r} \\
& \leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\omega)} \omega(x)^{1-\alpha/n} M_{\alpha,r,\omega}(f)(x).
\end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

By Lemma 18, we have

$$\text{III} \leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\omega)} \omega(x) M_{r,\omega}(L^{-\alpha/2} f)(x). \tag{39}$$

For IV, using the estimate obtained in II, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{IV} & \leq \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \int_{2Q} |p_{t_Q}(y, z)| |b(z) - b_Q| |f(z)| dz dy \\
& \leq \frac{1}{|2Q|} \int_{2Q} |L^{-\alpha/2}((b(z) - b_Q)) f(z)| dz \\
& \leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\omega)} \omega(x)^{1-\alpha/n} M_{\alpha,r,\omega}(f)(x).
\end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

By virtue of Lemma 17, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{V} & \leq \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q \int_{(2Q)^c} |K_{\alpha,t_Q}(y, z)| |b(z) - b_Q| |f(z)| dz dy \\
& \leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{2^k r_Q \leq |x_0 - z| < 2^{k+1} r_Q} \frac{1}{|x_0 - z|^{n-\alpha}} \frac{t_Q}{|x_0 - z|^2} \\
& \quad \times |b(z) - b_Q| |f(z)| dz \\
& \leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-2k} \frac{1}{|2^{k+1} Q|^{1-\alpha/n}} \int_{2^{k+1} Q} |b(z) - b_Q| |f(z)| dz \\
& \leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-2k} \frac{1}{|2^{k+1} Q|^{1-\alpha/n}} \int_{2^{k+1} Q} |b(z) - b_{2^{k+1} Q}| |f(z)| dz \\
& \quad + C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-2k} (b_{2^{k+1} Q} - b_Q) \frac{1}{|2^{k+1} Q|^{1-\alpha/n}} \int_{2^{k+1} Q} |f(z)| dz \\
& \doteq \text{VI} + \text{VII}.
\end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

For VI, applying the same arguments as in II, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{VI} & \leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\omega)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-2k} \omega(x)^{1-\alpha/n} M_{\alpha,r,\omega}(f)(x) \\
& \leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\omega)} \omega(x)^{1-\alpha/n} M_{\alpha,r,\omega}(f)(x).
\end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

Since  $\omega \in A_1$ , then  $|b_{2^{k+1} Q} - b_Q| \leq C k \omega(x) \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\omega)}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{VII} & \leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\omega)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-2k} k \omega(x) M_{\alpha,1}(f)(x) \\
& \leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\omega)} \omega(x) M_{\alpha,1}(f)(x).
\end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{V} & \leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\omega)} \\
& \quad \times \left( \omega(x)^{1-\alpha/n} M_{\alpha,r,\omega}(f)(x) + \omega(x) M_{\alpha,1}(f)(x) \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

Combining the above estimates I–V, we get (34). The proof of Lemma 19 is complete.  $\square$

### 3. Proofs of the Main Results

In this section we prove our main results. We start with the proof of Theorem 1.

*Proof.* (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b): Applying Lemmas 10 and 19, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| [b, L^{-\alpha/2}] f \right\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^{1-(1-\alpha/n)q}, \omega)} \\
& \leq \left\| M_L^{\sharp}([b, L^{-\alpha/2}] f) \right\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^{1-(1-\alpha/n)q}, \omega)} \\
& \leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\omega)} \\
& \quad \times \left( \left\| \omega M_{r,\omega}(L^{-\alpha/2} f) \right\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^{1-(1-\alpha/n)q}, \omega)} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left\| \omega^{1-\alpha/n} M_{\alpha,r,\omega} f \right\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^{1-(1-\alpha/n)q}, \omega)} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left\| \omega M_{\alpha,1} f \right\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^{1-(1-\alpha/n)q}, \omega)} \right) \\
& \leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\omega)} \\
& \quad \times \left( \left\| M_{r,\omega}(L^{-\alpha/2} f) \right\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^{q/p}, \omega)} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left\| M_{\alpha,r,\omega} f \right\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega)} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left\| M_{\alpha,1} f \right\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^{q/p}, \omega)} \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

Since  $0 \leq k < p/q$ ,  $\omega^{q/p} \in A_1$ , and  $r_\omega > (1-k)/(p/q-k)$ , by making use of Lemmas 11–13, then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| [b, L^{-\alpha/2}] f \right\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^{1-(1-\alpha/n)q}, \omega)} \\
& \leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\omega)} \left( \left\| L^{-\alpha/2} f \right\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^{q/p}, \omega)} + \|f\|_{L^{p,k}(\omega)} \right) \\
& \leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}(\omega)} \|f\|_{L^{p,k}(\omega)}.
\end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

The last inequality follows from Lemma 15. This completes the proof of (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b).

(b) $\Rightarrow$ (a): Let  $L = -\Delta$  be the Laplacian on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; then  $L^{-\alpha/2}$  is the classical fractional integral  $I_\alpha$ . Choose  $Z_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  so that  $|Z_0| = 3$ . For  $x \in Q(Z_0, 2)$ ,  $|x|^{-\alpha+n}$  can be written as the absolutely convergent Fourier series  $|x|^{-\alpha+n} = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}_n} a_m e^{i\langle \gamma_m, x \rangle}$



with  $\sum_m |a_m| < \infty$  since  $|x|^{-\alpha+n} \in C^\infty(Q(Z_0, 2))$ . For any  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\rho > 0$ , let  $Q = Q(x_0, \rho)$  and  $Q_{Z_0} = Q(x_0 + Z_0\rho, \rho)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_Q |b(x) - b_{Q_{Z_0}}| dx \\ &= \frac{1}{|Q_{Z_0}|} \int_Q \left| \int_{Q_{Z_0}} (b(x) - b(y)) dy \right| dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\rho^n} \int_Q s(x) \left( \int_{Q_{Z_0}} (b(x) - b(y)) |x - y|^{\alpha-n} |x - y|^{n-\alpha} dy \right) dx, \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

where  $s(x) = \text{sgn}(\int_{Q_{Z_0}} (b(x) - b(y)) dy)$ . Fix  $x \in Q$  and  $y \in Q_{Z_0}$  and we have  $(y - x)/\rho \in Q(Z_0, 2)$ ; hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\rho^{-\alpha+n}}{\rho^n} \int_Q s(x) \left( \int_{Q_{Z_0}} (b(x) - b(y)) |x - y|^{\alpha-n} \left( \frac{|x - y|}{\rho} \right)^{n-\alpha} dy \right) dx \\ &= \rho^{-\alpha} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^n} a_m \\ & \quad \times \int_Q s(x) \left( \int_{Q_{Z_0}} (b(x) - b(y)) \right. \\ & \quad \left. \times |x - y|^{\alpha-n} e^{i\langle y_m, y/\rho \rangle} dy \right) e^{-i\langle y_m, x/\rho \rangle} dx \\ &\leq \rho^{-\alpha} \left| \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^n} |a_m| \int_Q s(x) [b, L^{-\alpha/2}] \right. \\ & \quad \left. \times (\chi_{Q_{Z_0}} e^{i\langle y_m, \cdot/\rho \rangle}) \chi_Q(x) e^{-i\langle y_m, x/\rho \rangle} dx \right| \\ &\leq \rho^{-\alpha} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^n} |a_m| \| [b, L^{-\alpha/2}] (\chi_{Q_{Z_0}} e^{i\langle y_m, \cdot/\rho \rangle}) \|_{L^{q,0}(\omega^{1-(1-(\alpha/n)q), \omega})} \\ & \quad \times \left( \int_Q \omega(x)^{q'[(1-(\alpha/n))-1/q]} dx \right)^{1/q'} \\ &\leq C \rho^{-\alpha} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^n} |a_m| \| \chi_{Q_{Z_0}} \|_{L^{p,0}(\omega)} \left( \int_Q \omega(x)^{q'(1/q' - \alpha/n)} dx \right)^{1/q'} \\ &\leq C \omega(Q)^{1/p+1/q' - \alpha/n} \\ &= C \omega(Q). \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

This implies  $b \in \text{BMO}(\omega)$ . Thus Theorem 1 is proved.  $\square$

Similarly, to prove Theorem 3, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 20.** Let  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 < r$ ,  $s < \infty$  such that  $rs < p < n/\alpha$  and  $b \in \text{BMO}$ . Then for all  $r > 1$  and for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} & M_L^\sharp([b, L^{-\alpha/2}] f)(x) \\ &\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}} (M_r(L^{-\alpha/2} f)(x) + M_{\alpha,rs}(f)(x)), \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

where  $M_r(f)(x) = M(|f|^r)^{1/r}(x)$ .

*Proof.* The case  $0 < \alpha < 1$  was proved by Duong and Yan (see [8] for details). The general case  $0 < \alpha < n$  follows by repeating the same steps as in Lemma 19. Since the main steps and the ideas are almost the same, here we omit the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 21** (see [5]). If  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 < p < n/\alpha$ ,  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$ ,  $0 < k < p/q$ , and  $\omega \in A_{p,q}$ , then the fractional maximal operator  $M_{\alpha,1}$  is bounded from  $L^{p,k}(\omega^p, \omega^q)$  to  $L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^q)$ .

**Lemma 22** (see [5]). If  $0 < \alpha < n$ ,  $1 < p < n/\alpha$ ,  $1/q = 1/p - \alpha/n$ ,  $0 < k < p/q$ , and  $\omega \in A_{p,q}$ , then the fractional maximal operator  $I_\alpha$  is bounded from  $L^{p,k}(\omega^p, \omega^q)$  to  $L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^q)$ .

**Lemma 23** (see [5]). If  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $0 < k < 1$ , and  $\omega \in A_p$ , then  $M$  is bounded on  $L^{p,k}(\omega)$ .

*Remark 24.* By applying the same argument as in Lemma 15, we know that the conclusion in Lemma 22 still holds for  $L^{-\alpha/2}$ . We omit the proof here.

*Remark 25.* By checking the proof of Lemmas 21–23, we know that the three lemmas above still hold when  $k = 0$ .

Now we prove Theorem 3.

*Proof.* (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b): Since  $\omega^{rs} \in A_{p/rs,q/rs}$ , then we get  $\omega^q \in A_{q/rs}$  and  $\omega^p \in A_{p/rs}$ . Applying Lemmas 10 and 20–23, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \| [b, L^{-\alpha/2}] f \|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^q)} \\ &\leq \| M_L^\sharp([b, L^{-\alpha/2}] f) \|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^q)} \\ &\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}} (\|M_r(L^{-\alpha/2} f)\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^q)} + \|M_{\alpha,rs}(f)\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^q)}) \\ &\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}} (\|L^{-\alpha/2} f\|_{L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^q)} + \|f\|_{L^{p,k}(\omega^p, \omega^q)}) \\ &\leq C \|b\|_{\text{BMO}} \|f\|_{L^{p,k}(\omega^p, \omega^q)}. \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

In the last inequality, we used the fact that  $L^{-\alpha/2}$  is bounded from  $L^{p,k}(\omega^p, \omega^q)$  to  $L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^q)$  (see Remark 24).

(b) $\Rightarrow$ (a): Let  $L = -\Delta$  be the Laplacian on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ; then  $L^{-\alpha/2}$  is the classical fractional integral  $I_\alpha$ . Let  $k = 0$  and weight  $\omega \equiv 1$ , and then  $L^{p,k}(\omega^p, \omega^q) = L^p$  and  $L^{q,kq/p}(\omega^q) = L^q$ . From [10] we deduce that the  $(L^p, L^q)$  boundedness of  $[b, I_\alpha]$  implies  $b \in \text{BMO}$ . Thus Theorem 3 is proved.  $\square$

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