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NOTE ON DUALITY OF WEIGHTED MULTI-PARAMETER
TRIEBEL-LIZORKIN SPACES

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Abstract. We study the duality theory of the weighted multi-parameter Triebel-Lizorkin spaces $\dot{F}_p^{\alpha,q}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$. This space has been introduced and the result

$$(\dot{F}_p^{\alpha,q}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}))^* = \text{CMO}_p^{-\alpha,q'}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$$

for $0 < p \leq 1$ has been proved in Ding, Zhu (2017). In this paper, for $1 < p < \infty$, $0 < q < \infty$ we establish its dual space $\dot{H}_p^{\alpha,q}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The classical theory of harmonic analysis may be described as centering around the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator and its relationship with certain singular integral operators which commute with the usual dilations on \mathbb{R}^m , given by $\delta(x) = (\delta x_1, \dots, \delta x_m)$, $\delta > 0$. If this isotropic dilations are replaced by more general non-isotropic groups of dilations, then many non-isotropic variants of the classical theories can be produced, such as the multi-parameter pure product theory, corresponding to the dilations $\delta: x \rightarrow (\delta_1 x_1, \delta_2 x_2)$, $x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$, $\delta = (\delta_1, \delta_2)$, $\delta_1, \delta_2 > 0$, which has been developed over the past decades. We refer the reader to [2], [3], [4], [5], [9], [11], [12], [13], [14], [17], [18], [21], [22], [24], [25], [27], [28], [29], [30], [31], [32], [37].

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Triebel-Lizorkin spaces form a unifying class of function spaces encompassing many well-studied classical function spaces such as Lebesgue spaces, Hardy spaces, Lipschitz spaces, and the space BMO. For more information see Triebel [35], Frazier, Jawerth [15] for one-parameter Triebel-Lizorkin spaces, Bownik [1] for anisotropic Triebel-Lizorkin spaces, Li, et al. [26] for weighted anisotropic Triebel-Lizorkin spaces and Yuan, et al. [37] for a unified framework.

The pure weighted multi-parameter Triebel-Lizorkin spaces were first introduced in [31], and reintroduced in [8]. To be precise, let $\psi^{(i)} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{n_i})$, $i = 1, 2$ with

$$(1.1) \quad \text{supp } \widehat{\psi^{(i)}} \subseteq \left\{ \xi \in \mathbb{R}^{n_i} : \frac{1}{2} \leq |\xi_i| \leq 2 \right\}$$

and

$$(1.2) \quad \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} |\widehat{\psi^{(i)}}(2^{-j}\xi_i)|^2 = 1 \quad \forall \xi_i \in \mathbb{R}^{n_i} \setminus \{0\}.$$

From (1.1), one has the moment condition

$$(1.3) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n_i}} \psi^{(i)}(x) x^\delta dx = 0$$

for all multi-indices $\delta \in \mathbb{N}^{n_i}$. Denote

$$\mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_1+n_2}) = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{n_1+n_2}) : \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n_1+n_2}} f(x) x^\alpha dx = 0 \quad \forall |\alpha| \geq 0 \right\}.$$

The following discrete Calderón's identity is an extension of Lemma 2.1 in [15] to multi-parameter. One can prove it similarly as in the proof of Theorem 1.3 in [23].

Theorem 1.1. *Suppose that $\psi^{(i)} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{n_i})$, $i = 1, 2$ are functions satisfying conditions (1.1)–(1.2). Then*

$$(1.4) \quad f(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{j, k \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{I \times J \in \Pi_j^{n_1} \times \Pi_k^{n_2}} |I||J| (\psi_{j,k} * f)(x_I, x_J) \times \psi_{j,k}(x_1 - x_I, x_2 - x_J),$$

where the series converges in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^{n_1+n_2})$, $\mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_1+n_2})$ and $\mathcal{S}'_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_1+n_2})$.

Here and after, for $i = 1, 2$ and any $j \in \mathbb{Z}$, denote $\Pi_j^{n_i} = \{I : I \text{ are dyadic cubes in } \mathbb{R}^{n_i} \text{ with the side length } l(I) = 2^{-j}, \text{ and the left lower corners of } I \text{ are } x_I = 2^{-j}l, l \in \mathbb{Z}^{n_i}\}$, $\mathcal{D}_{n_i} = \bigcup_j \Pi_j^{n_i}$ and $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_{n_1} \times \mathcal{D}_{n_2}$. Set

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{j,k}(x_1, x_2) &= \psi_j^{(1)}(x_1) \psi_k^{(2)}(x_2), \\ \psi_j^{(1)}(x_1) &= 2^{jn_1} \psi^{(1)}(2^j x_1), \quad \psi_k^{(2)}(x_2) = 2^{kn_2} \psi^{(2)}(2^k x_2). \end{aligned}$$

We now recall some definitions of product weights in two-parameter setting. For $1 < p < \infty$, a nonnegative locally integrable function $w \in A_p(\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$ if there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\sup_{R \in \mathcal{D}} \left(\frac{1}{|R|} \int_R \omega(x) \, dx \right) \left(\frac{1}{|R|} \int_R \omega(x)^{-1/(p-1)} \, dx \right)^{p-1} < \infty.$$

We say $\omega \in A_1(\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$ if there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$M_s \omega(x) \leq C \omega(x)$$

for almost every $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}$, where M_s is the strong maximal function defined by

$$M_s f(x) = \sup_{x \in R \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{1}{|R|} \int_R |f(v)| \, dv.$$

We also define $M_{\mu}^s f$, the strong maximal function with respect to measure μ , by

$$M_{\mu}^s f(x) = \sup_{x \in R \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{1}{\mu(R)} \int_R |f(y)| \, d\mu(y).$$

At last we define $A_{\infty} = A_{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$ by

$$A_{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}) = \bigcup_{1 \leq p < \infty} A_p(\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}).$$

If $\omega \in A_{\infty}$, then $q_{\omega} = \inf\{q: \omega \in A_q\}$ is called the critical index of ω . Notice that if $\omega \in A_{\infty}$, then $q_{\omega} < \infty$.

With the discrete Calderón's identity, the following weighted multi-parameter Triebel-Lizorkin space was introduced in [8], [31].

Definition 1.1. Let $0 < p, q < \infty$, $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $\omega \in A_{\infty}$, and $\psi^{(i)} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{n_i})$, $i = 1, 2$ satisfying conditions (1.1)–(1.2). The weighted multi-parameter Triebel-Lizorkin space $\dot{F}_p^{\alpha, q} = \dot{F}_p^{\alpha, q}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$ is defined by

$$\dot{F}_p^{\alpha, q}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}) = \{f \in \mathcal{S}'_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_1+n_2}): \|f\|_{\dot{F}_p^{\alpha, q}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})} < \infty\},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f\|_{\dot{F}_p^{\alpha, q}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})} \\ &= \left\| \left(\sum_{j, k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-(j\alpha_1 + k\alpha_2)q} \sum_{I \times J \in \Pi_j^{n_1} \times \Pi_k^{n_2}} |\psi_{j, k} * f(x_I, x_J)|^q \chi_I(x_1) \chi_J(x_2) \right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^p(\omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding discrete weighted multi-parameter Triebel-Lizorkin space $\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q} = \dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$ is defined to be the set of all complex-valued sequences $s = \{s_R\}_R$ satisfying

$$(1.5) \quad \|s\|_{\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q}} = \left\| \left(\sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}} (|I|^{\alpha_1/n_1} |J|^{\alpha_2/n_2} |s_R| \tilde{\chi}_R(x))^q \right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^p(\omega)} < \infty,$$

where $\tilde{\chi}_R(x) = |R|^{-1/2} \chi_R(x)$.

This weighted multi-parameter Triebel-Lizorkin type space is well defined, since it has been proved in [8] that $\dot{F}_p^{\alpha,q}$ is independent of the choice of the functions $\psi^{(1)}$ and $\psi^{(2)}$. This space also can be characterized by its continuous form [8], that is

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \left(\sum_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-(j\alpha_1 + k\alpha_2)q} \sum_{I \times J \in \Pi_j^{n_1} \times \Pi_k^{n_2}} |\psi_{j,k} * f(x_I, x_J)|^q \chi_I(x_1) \chi_J(x_2) \right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^p(\omega)} \\ & \approx \left\| \left(\sum_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-(j\alpha_1 + k\alpha_2)q} |\psi_{j,k} * f|^q \right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^p(\omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

Though there have been extensive works on dual spaces of multi-parameter Hardy spaces (see [3], [14], [19], [20], [23], etc.), the duality of Triebel-Lizorkin spaces has almost been studied in the one-parameter settings started in [15], [35], see also [1] for anisotropic Triebel-Lizorkin spaces, [26] for weighted anisotropic Triebel-Lizorkin spaces. Recently, there has been some progress in the dual of multi-parameter Triebel-Lizorkin spaces. One can see [7] for the dual of multi-parameter Triebel-Lizorkin spaces associated with the composition of two singular integral operators, and see [8] for the dual of weighted multi-parameter Triebel-Lizorkin spaces. We want to point out that in [8], the dual of $\dot{F}_p^{\alpha,q}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$ was only discussed when $0 < p \leq 1$. Hence, our goal is to complete this work.

Definition 1.2. Let $0 < p < \infty$, $0 < q \leq \infty$, $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $\omega \in A_\infty$, and $\psi^{(i)} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{n_i})$, $i = 1, 2$ satisfying conditions (1.1)–(1.2). The weighted multi-parameter Triebel-Lizorkin-type space $\dot{H}_p^{\alpha,q} = \dot{H}_p^{\alpha,q}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$ is defined to be the set of all $f \in \mathcal{S}'_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_1+n_2})$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f\|_{\dot{H}_p^{\alpha,q}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})} \\ & = \left\| \left(\sum_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-(j\alpha_1 + k\alpha_2)q} \sum_{I \times J \in \Pi_j^{n_1} \times \Pi_k^{n_2}} \left| \psi_{j,k} * f(x_I, x_J) \frac{|R|}{\omega(R)} \right|^q \chi_I(x) \chi_J(y) \right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^p(\omega)} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding discrete weighted multi-parameter Triebel-Lizorkin-type space $\dot{h}_p^{\alpha,q} = \dot{h}_p^{\alpha,q}(\omega; \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$ is defined to be the set of all complex-valued sequences

$s = \{s_R\}_R$ such that

$$(1.6) \quad \|s\|_{\dot{h}_p^{\alpha,q}} = \left\| \left(\sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}} \left(|I|^{\alpha_1/n_1} |J|^{\alpha_2/n_2} |s_R| \frac{|R|}{\omega(R)} \tilde{\chi}_R(x) \right)^q \right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^p(\omega)} < \infty,$$

where $\tilde{\chi}_R(x) = |R|^{-1/2} \chi_R(x)$.

Let q' denote the conjugate of q , such that $1/q + 1/q' = 1$ when $1 \leq q \leq \infty$; if $0 < q < 1$, it is also convenient to let $q' = \infty$. One of the main theorems of this paper is the following.

Theorem 1.2. *Let $1 < p < \infty$, $0 < q < \infty$, $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $\omega \in A_\infty$. Then*

$$(\dot{F}_p^{\alpha,q})^* = \dot{H}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}.$$

Namely, if $g \in \dot{H}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}$, then the map l_g given by $l_g(f) = \langle f, g \rangle$ and defined initially for $f \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$, extends to a continuous linear functional on $\dot{F}_p^{\alpha,q}$ with $\|l_g\| \lesssim \|g\|_{\dot{H}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}}$. Conversely, every $l \in (\dot{F}_p^{\alpha,q})^*$ satisfies $l = l_g$ for some $g \in \dot{H}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}$ with $\|l_g\| \approx \|g\|_{\dot{H}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}}$.

In order to prove the above duality theorem, following Frazier and Jawerth in the one-parameter case [15], we should first do these in the corresponding discrete weighted multi-parameter sequence spaces.

Theorem 1.3. *Suppose $1 < p < \infty$, $0 < q < \infty$, $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $\omega \in A_\infty$. Then*

$$(\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q})^* = \dot{h}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}.$$

More precisely, l is a bounded linear functional on $\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q}$ if and only if l is of the form

$$l(s) = \langle s, t \rangle = \sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}} s_R \bar{t}_R \quad \forall s = \{s_R\}_{R \in \mathcal{D}} \in \dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q}$$

for some sequence $t = \{t_R\}_{R \in \mathcal{D}}$ with

$$\|l\|_{(\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q})^*} \approx \|t\|_{\dot{h}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}}.$$

The organization of the paper is as follows. In Section 2, we introduce the multi-parameter ψ -transform S_ψ and its inverse ψ -transform T_ψ . We prove that S_ψ, T_ψ are all bounded. In Section 3, we establish the duality of the sequence space $\dot{f}_p^{\alpha, q}$ and obtain $(\dot{f}_p^{\alpha, q})^* = \dot{h}_{p'}^{-\alpha, q'}$. In Section 4, we obtain the dual of the space $\dot{F}_p^{\alpha, q}$. In Section 5, we concern the imbedding theorems which are used in Section 3 to establish the duality of the sequence space $\dot{f}_p^{\alpha, q}$ in the case $1 < p < \infty, 0 < q < 1$.

Finally, we make some conventions. Throughout the paper, C denotes a positive constant that is independent of the main parameters involved, but whose value may vary from line to line. Constants with subscript, such as C_1 , do not change in different occurrences. We denote $f \leq Cg$ by $f \lesssim g$. If $f \lesssim g \lesssim f$, we write $f \approx g$.

2. MULTI-PARAMETER ψ -TRANSFORM

For any $R \in \Pi_J^{n_1} \times \Pi_k^{n_2}$ set $\psi_R(x) = |R|^{1/2} \psi_{j,k}(x_1 - x_I, x_2 - x_J)$. Then by (2.2), it is easy to have

$$(2.1) \quad f(x) = \sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}} \langle f, \psi_R \rangle \psi_R(x).$$

Definition 2.1. Suppose that $\psi^{(i)} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{n_i}), i = 1, 2$ are functions satisfying condition (1.3) and set $\psi(x_1, x_2) = \psi^{(1)}(x_1)\psi^{(2)}(x_2)$. Define the multi-parameter ψ -transform S_ψ as the map taking $f \in \mathcal{S}'_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_1+n_2})$ to the sequence $S_\psi f = \{(S_\psi f)_R\}_R$, where $(S_\psi f)_R = \langle f, \psi_R \rangle$. Define the inverse multi-parameter ψ -transform T_ψ as the map taking a sequence $s = \{s_R\}_R$ to $T_\psi s = \sum_R s_R \psi_R(x)$.

By (2.1), for $f \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2}), g \in \mathcal{S}'_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$ one has

$$(2.2) \quad \langle f, g \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}} (S_\psi f)_R \psi_R(x), g \right\rangle = \langle S_\psi f, S_\psi g \rangle.$$

For a sequence $s = s_R$ one also has the following identity:

$$(2.3) \quad \langle S_\psi f, s \rangle = \sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}} \langle f, \psi_R \rangle s_R = \left\langle f, \sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}} s_R \psi_R \right\rangle = \langle f, T_\psi s \rangle.$$

The following generalization of the fundamental result of Theorem 2.2 in [15] holds.

Theorem 2.1. Suppose $0 < p < \infty, 0 < q \leq \infty, \alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \omega \in A_\infty$, and $\psi^i \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{n_i}), i = 1, 2$, are functions satisfying condition (1.3). The operators $S_\psi: \dot{F}_p^{\alpha, q} \rightarrow \dot{f}_p^{\alpha, q} (\dot{H}_p^{\alpha, q} \rightarrow \dot{h}_p^{\alpha, q})$ and $T_\psi: \dot{f}_p^{\alpha, q} \rightarrow \dot{F}_p^{\alpha, q} (\dot{h}_p^{\alpha, q} \rightarrow \dot{H}_p^{\alpha, q})$ are bounded and $T_\psi \circ S_\psi$ is the identity on $\dot{F}_p^{\alpha, q} (\dot{H}_p^{\alpha, q})$.

Before proving Theorem 2.1, we need the following two lemmas. The following almost orthogonality estimates can be seen in Appendix K of [16].

Lemma 2.1. *Let $\psi^{(i)}, \phi^{(i)} \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^{n_i})$, $i = 1, 2$ be functions satisfying condition (1.3). Then given any positive integers L, M there exists a constant $C = C(L, M)$ such that*

$$|\psi_{j,k} * \phi_{j',k'}(x_1, x_2)| \leq C 2^{-|j-j'|L} 2^{-|k-k'|L} \frac{2^{(j \wedge j')n_1}}{(1 + 2^{j \wedge j'}|x_1|)^M} \frac{2^{(k \wedge k')n_2}}{(1 + 2^{k \wedge k'}|x_2|)^M},$$

where $t \wedge s = \min\{t, s\}$.

Lemma 2.2. *Let $I, I'; J, J'$ be dyadic cubes in \mathbb{R}^{n_1} and \mathbb{R}^{n_2} , respectively, such that $l(I) = 2^{-j}$, $l(J) = 2^{-k}$, and $l(I') = 2^{-j'}$, $l(J') = 2^{-k'}$. Then for any $u, u^* \in I$, $v, v^* \in J$ we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{I', J'} \frac{2^{(j \wedge j')n_1} 2^{(k \wedge k')n_2} |I'| |J'|}{(1 + 2^{j \wedge j'}|u - x_{I'}|)^M (1 + 2^{k \wedge k'}|v - x_{J'}|)^M} |\phi_{j',k'} * f(x_{I'}, y_{J'})| \\ & \leq C_1 \left\{ M_s \left(\sum_{I'} \sum_{J'} |\phi_{j',k'} * f(x_{I'}, y_{J'})| \chi_{I'} \chi_{J'} \right)^r (u^*, v^*) \right\}^{1/r}, \end{aligned}$$

where $C_1 = 2^{(1-1/r)[n_1(j \wedge j' - j') + n_2(k \wedge k' - k')]}$ and $0 < r < 1$, which can be arbitrarily small if M is big enough.

The proof of Lemma 2.2 can be found in [23], [34].

Lemma 2.3 (Theorem 1.12 in [6]). *Suppose that $1 < p, q < \infty$, $\omega \in A_p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then*

$$\|\{M(f_i)\}_i\|_{L_\omega^p(l^q)} \leq C_{n,p,q,\omega} \|\{f_i\}_i\|_{L_\omega^p(l^q)},$$

where M denotes the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator and

$$L_\omega^p(l^q) = \left\{ f = \{f_v\}: \|f\|_{L^p(l^q)} = \left\| \left(\sum_v |f_v|^q \right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^p(\omega)} < \infty \right\}.$$

Remark 2.1. Since product weighted $\omega \in A_p(\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$ implies $\omega(\cdot, y) \in A_p(\mathbb{R}^{n_1})$, $\omega(x, \cdot) \in A_p(\mathbb{R}^{n_2})$, and the strong maximal operator $M_s \leq M \circ M$, by iteration, Lemma 2.3 also holds for M_s .

Proof of Theorem 2.1. The identity is obvious and the boundedness of S_ψ is also immediate since

$$\|S_\psi(f)\|_{\dot{F}_p^{\alpha,q}} = \|f\|_{\dot{F}_p^{\alpha,q}}, \|S_\psi(f)\|_{\dot{h}_p^{\alpha,q}} = \|f\|_{\dot{H}_p^{\alpha,q}}$$

from the definitions.

We now outline the proof of T_ψ 's boundedness. Details can be seen in [7], [23]. For a sequence $s = \{s_R\}_{R \in \mathcal{D}}$ let $f(x) = T_\psi s = \sum_R s_R \psi_R(x)$. Then by Lemma 2.1,

$$\begin{aligned} & |\psi_{j,k} * \psi_{j',k'}(x_{I'} - x_I, x_{J'} - x_J)| \\ & \leq C 2^{-|j-j'|L} 2^{-|k-k'|L} \frac{2^{(j \wedge j')n_1} 2^{(k \wedge k')n_2}}{(1 + 2^{j \wedge j'}|x_{I'} - x_I|)^M (1 + 2^{k \wedge k'}|x_{J'} - x_J|)^M}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, using Lemma 2.2 for any $u' \in I', v' \in J'$ one has

$$\begin{aligned} & |f * \psi_{j',k'}(x_{I'}, x_{J'})| \\ & \lesssim \sum_{j,k} 2^{-|j-j'|L} 2^{-|k-k'|L} C_1 \left\{ M_s \left(\sum_{R \in \Pi_{j,k}} |R|^{-1/2} |s_R| \chi_I \chi_J \right)^r (u', v') \right\}^{1/r} \end{aligned}$$

for $r > 0$ which can be sufficiently small if one chooses M big enough. Summing over j', k' and $R \in \Pi_{j'}^{n_1} \times \Pi_{k'}^{n_2}$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\sum_{j',k' \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-(j' \alpha_1 + k' \alpha_2)q} \sum_{R' \in \Pi_{j'}^{n_1} \times \Pi_{k'}^{n_2}} |\psi_{j',k'} * f(x_{I'}, x_{J'})|^q \chi_{I'}(x') \chi_{J'}(y') \right)^{1/q} \\ & \leq C \left(\sum_{j',k' \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-(j' \alpha_1 + k' \alpha_2)q} \left[\sum_{j,k} 2^{-|j-j'|L} 2^{-|k-k'|L} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \times C_1 \left\{ M_s \left(\sum_{R \in \Pi_{j,k}^{n_1} \times \Pi_{k'}^{n_2}} |R|^{-1/2} |s_R| \chi_I \chi_J \right)^r (u', v') \right\}^{1/r} \right]^q \right)^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

Then by the inequality $(\sum_l a_l)^q \leq \sum_l a_l^q$, if $0 < q \leq 1$, or the Cauchy inequality with exponents $q, q', 1/q + 1/q' = 1$, if $q > 1$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\sum_{j',k' \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-(j' \alpha_1 + k' \alpha_2)q} \sum_{R' \in \Pi_{j'}^{n_1} \times \Pi_{k'}^{n_2}} |\psi_{j',k'} * f(x_{I'}, x_{J'})|^q \chi_{I'}(x') \chi_{J'}(y') \right)^{1/q} \\ & \lesssim \left(\sum_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}} 2^{-(j \alpha_1 + k \alpha_2)q} \left\{ M_s \left(\sum_{R \in \Pi_{j,k}^{n_1} \times \Pi_{k'}^{n_2}} |R|^{-1/2} |s_R| \chi_I \chi_J \right)^r (u', v') \right\}^{q/r} \right)^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 2.3 provided $r < \min\{p/q_\omega, q, 1\}$, we complete the proof of T_ψ 's boundedness from $\dot{F}_p^{\alpha,q}$ to $\dot{F}_p^{\alpha,q}$. Since the proof of T_ψ 's boundedness from $\dot{h}_p^{\alpha,q}$ to $\dot{H}_p^{\alpha,q}$ is similar, we omit it. \square

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Proof of Theorem 1.3. For any $s \in \dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q}$, $t \in \dot{f}_{p'}^{\alpha,q'}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}} s_R \bar{t}_R \right| \\ & \leq \int \sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}} |I|^{\alpha_1/(m-1)} |J|^{\alpha_2} |s_R| |\tilde{\chi}_R(x)| |I|^{-\alpha_1/(m-1)} |J|^{-\alpha_2} |t_R| |\tilde{\chi}_R(x)| \frac{|R|}{\omega(R)} \omega(x) \, dx \\ & \leq \int \left(\sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}} (|I|^{\alpha_1/(m-1)} |J|^{\alpha_2} |s_R| |\tilde{\chi}_R(x)|)^q \right)^{1/q} \\ & \quad \times \left(\sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}} (|I|^{-\alpha_1/(m-1)} |J|^{-\alpha_2} |t_R| \frac{|R|}{\omega(R)} |\tilde{\chi}_R(x)|^{q'}) \right)^{1/q'} \omega(x) \, dx \\ & \leq \|s\|_{\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q}} \|t\|_{\dot{h}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}} \end{aligned}$$

by duality if $1 \leq q < \infty$, or by imbedding $\ell^q \hookrightarrow \ell^1$ if $0 < q < 1$. This yields that t is a continuous linear functional on $\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q}$, and

$$\|t\|_{(\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q})^*} \leq \|t\|_{\dot{h}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}}.$$

For the converse direction, we split its proof into 2 cases: $(p, q) \in (1, \infty) \times [1, \infty)$, $(1, \infty) \times (0, 1)$.

Case 1: $(p, q) \in (1, \infty) \times [1, \infty)$. This case is elementary. Take any $l \in (\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q})^*$. Then there exists a sequence $t = \{t_R\}_R$ such that $l(s) = \sum_R s_R \bar{t}_R$ for any $s = \{s_R\}_R \in \dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q}$. Now we need a well-known result that

$$(3.1) \quad (L^p(l^q))^* = L^{p'}(l^{q'})$$

if $1 < p < \infty$, $0 < q < \infty$, where $L^p(l^q) = L^p_\omega(l^q)$ with the pairing $\langle f, g \rangle = \int \sum_v f_v(x) \bar{g}_v(x) \omega(x) \, dx$ for $f \in L^p(l^q)$, $g \in L^{p'}(l^{q'})$ (see, e.g. [35]). Let $I: \dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q} \rightarrow L^p(l^q)$ be defined as

$$I(s) = \{f_{j,k}\}_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}} \quad \text{where} \quad f_{j,k} = \sum_{R \in \Pi_{j,k}} |I|^{\alpha_1/(m-1)} |J|^{\alpha_2} s_R \tilde{\chi}_R(x).$$

Clearly, the map I is a linear isometry onto a subspace of $L^p(l^q)$. By the Hahn-Banach Theorem, there exists $\tilde{l} \in (L^p(l^q))^*$ such that $\tilde{l} \circ I = l$ and $\|\tilde{l}\| = \|l\|_{(\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q})^*}$.

By (3.1), $\tilde{l}(f) = \langle f, g \rangle$ for some $g \in L^{p'}(l^{q'})$ with $\|g\|_{L^{p'}(l^{q'})} \leq \|l\|_{(\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q})^*}$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} l(s) = \tilde{l}(I(s)) &= \int \sum_{j,k} f_{j,k}(x) \bar{g}_{j,k}(x) \omega(x) \, dx \\ &= \int \sum_{j,k} \left(\sum_{R \in \Pi_{j,k}} |I|^{\alpha_1/(m-1)} |J|^{\alpha_2} s_R \tilde{\chi}_R(x) \right) \bar{g}_{j,k}(x) \omega(x) \, dx \\ &= \sum_{j,k} \sum_{R \in \Pi_{j,k}} s_R \left(|I|^{\alpha_1/(m-1)} |J|^{\alpha_2} |R|^{-1/2} \int_R \bar{g}_{j,k}(x) \omega(x) \, dx \right) \\ &= \sum_{j,k} \sum_{R \in \Pi_{j,k}} s_R t_R = \langle t, s \rangle \end{aligned}$$

for all $s \in \dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q}$, where $t = \{t_R\}_R$ with $t_R = |I|^{\alpha_1/(m-1)} |J|^{\alpha_2} |R|^{-1/2} \int_R \bar{g}_{j,k}(x) \omega(x) \, dx$ for $R \in \Pi_{j,k}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|t\|_{\dot{h}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}} &= \left\| \left(\sum_{j,k} \sum_{R \in \Pi_{j,k}} \left(\frac{1}{\omega(R)} \int_R g_{j,k}(x) \omega(x) \, dx \right)^{q'} \chi_R(x) \right)^{1/q'} \right\|_{L^{p'}(\omega)} \\ &\leq \| \{M_{\omega(x)}^s(g_{j,k})\} \|_{L^{p'}(l^{q'})} \lesssim \|g\|_{L^{p'}(l^{q'})} \leq \|l\|_{(\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q})^*}. \end{aligned}$$

So we complete the proof of Case 1.

Case 2: $(p, q) \in (1, \infty) \times (0, 1)$. In this case, $L^p(l^q)$ is not a normed space, hence, we can not use the Hahn-Banach theorem.

Take $l \in (\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q})^*$. Then there exists a sequence $t = \{t_R\}$ such that for any $s = \{s_R\}_R \in \dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q}$,

$$\begin{aligned} (3.2) \quad |l(s)| &= \left| \sum_R s_R \bar{t}_R \right| \leq C \|s\|_{\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q}} \\ &= C \left\| \left(\sum_{R \in \mathcal{D}} (|I|^{\alpha_1/(m-1)} |J|^{\alpha_2} |s_R| \tilde{\chi}_R(x))^q \right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^p(\omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

If we prove the estimates

$$\|t\|_{\dot{h}_{p'}^{-\alpha,\infty}} = \left\| \sup_{R \in \mathcal{D}} |I|^{-\alpha_1/(m-1)} |J|^{-\alpha_2} |t_R| \frac{|R|}{\omega(R)} \tilde{\chi}_R(x) \right\|_{L^{p'}(\omega)} < \infty,$$

we can complete the proof.

Define $\Pi = \{R \in \mathcal{D}, t_R \neq 0\}$ and let

$$u_R = s_R \bar{t}_R, \quad c_R = \frac{|I|^{\alpha_1/(m-1)} |J|^{\alpha_2}}{|R|^{1/2} |t_R|}$$

for $R \in \Pi$. We may assume that $s_R \bar{t}_R \geq 0$ for all $R \in \mathcal{D}$ by choosing proper s_R , moreover we can assume $s_R = 0$ if $R \notin \Pi$. Then (3.2) can be rewritten as

$$\|u\|_{\ell^1} \leq c \left\| \left(\sum_{R \in \Pi} |u_R|^q (c_R)^q \chi_R \right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^p}$$

for all $u = \{u_R\}_{R \in \Pi}$. Then (ii) of Theorem 5.1 with $0 < q < r = 1 < p < \infty$ yields

$$\int \sup_{R \in \Pi} ((c_R)\omega(R))^{p/(1-p)} \chi_R \omega(x) \, dx < \infty,$$

that is,

$$\int \sup_{R \in \Pi} \left(|I|^{-\alpha_1/(m-1)} |J|^{-\alpha_2} |t_R| \frac{|R|}{\omega(R)} \tilde{\chi}_R \right)^{p/(p-1)} \omega(x) \, dx < \infty,$$

which completes the proof. \square

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In this section we derive the dual Theorem 1.2 using Theorem 1.3 and Theorem 2.1. It is known from Proposition 6 in [31] that $\mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$ is dense in $\dot{F}_p^{\alpha,q}$ for $0 < p < \infty$, $q < \infty$.

P r o o f of Theorem 1.2. Let $g \in \dot{H}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}$, $f \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2})$ and $1 < p < \infty$, $0 < q < \infty$. Firstly, by identity (2.2) one has $\langle f, g \rangle = \langle S_\psi f, S_\psi g \rangle$. Hence

$$|\langle f, g \rangle| \leq \|S_\psi f\|_{\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q}} \|S_\psi g\|_{\dot{h}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}} \lesssim \|f\|_{\dot{F}_p^{\alpha,q}} \|g\|_{\dot{H}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}}$$

by Theorem 2.1. This proves that $\|l_g\| \lesssim \|g\|_{\dot{H}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}}$.

Conversely, suppose $l \in (\dot{F}_p^{\alpha,q})^*$. Then $l_1 \equiv l \circ T_\psi \in (\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q})^*$, so by Theorem 1.3, there exists $t = \{t_R\}_R \in \dot{h}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}$ such that

$$l_1(s) = \langle s, t \rangle = \sum_R s_R \bar{t}_R$$

for all $s = \{s_R\}_R \in \dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q}$. Moreover, $\|t\|_{\dot{h}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}} \approx \|l_1\| \lesssim \|l\|$ for the boundedness of T_ψ . Note that $l_1 \circ S_\psi = l \circ T_\psi \circ S_\psi = l$ since $T_\psi \circ S_\psi$ is the identity by Theorem 2.1. Then letting $g = T_\psi(t)$ and $f \in \mathcal{S}_0(\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_1})$, one has

$$l(f) = l_1(S_\psi(f)) = \langle S_\psi(f), t \rangle = \langle f, T_\psi(t) \rangle = \langle f, g \rangle$$

by (2.3), which implies that $l = l_g$, and by Theorem 2.1 again, one has

$$\|g\|_{\dot{H}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}} = \|T_\psi(t)\|_{\dot{H}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}} \lesssim \|t\|_{\dot{h}_{p'}^{-\alpha,q'}} \lesssim \|l\|.$$

This completes the proof. \square

5. IMBEDDING THEOREM

In this section we give a characterization of imbedding ℓ^r spaces into $\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q}$ and imbedding $\dot{f}_p^{\alpha,q}$ into ℓ^r spaces. This result was first established by Verbisky [36] in the dyadic cubes with respect to an arbitrary positive locally finite measure on the Euclidean space, and was generalized by Bownik [1] to discrete anisotropic Triebel-Lizorkin sequence space.

Theorem 5.1. *Assume that Π is any subfamily of \mathcal{D} , $\{c_R\}_{R \in \Pi}$ is any positive sequence, and $\omega \in A_p$.*

(i) *Suppose $0 < p < r \leq q \leq \infty$. Then the inequality*

$$(5.1) \quad \left\| \left(\sum_{R \in \Pi} |s_R|^q (c_R)^q \chi_R \right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^p(\omega)} \leq C \|s\|_{\ell^r}$$

holds for all scalar sequences $s = \{s_R\}_{R \in \Pi}$ if and only if

$$(5.2) \quad \int \sup_{R \in \Pi} ((c_R)^r \omega(R))^{p/(r-p)} \chi_R(x) \omega(x) \, dx < \infty.$$

(ii) *Suppose $0 < q \leq r < p < \infty$. Then the inequality*

$$(5.3) \quad \left\| \left(\sum_{R \in \Pi} |s_R|^q (c_R)^q \chi_R \right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^p(\omega)} \geq C \|s\|_{\ell^r}$$

holds for all scalar sequences $s = \{s_R\}_{R \in \Pi}$ if and only if (5.2) holds.

To establish Theorem 5.1 we will follow the original approach of Verbisky [36]. Thus, we invite the following known results.

Lemma 5.1 (Theorem 1 (i), (ii) of [36]). *Let $0 < p < r \leq q \leq \infty$. Then*

$$\left\| \left(\sum_i |s_i|^q \varphi_i^q \right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^p(\omega)} \leq C \|s\|_{\ell^r}$$

holds if

$$\int \sup_i (\phi_i^{r-p}(x) \|\phi_i\|_{L^p(\omega)}^p)^{p/(r-p)} \omega(x) \, dx < \infty.$$

Suppose $0 < q \leq r < p < \infty$. Then

$$\left\| \left(\sum_i |s_i|^q \varphi_i^q \right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^p(\omega)} \geq C \|s\|_{\ell^r}$$

holds if

$$\int \sup_i (\phi_i^{p-r}(x) \|\phi_i\|_{L^p(\omega)}^p)^{p/(p-r)} \omega(x) \, dx < \infty.$$

Lemma 5.2 (Theorem 1.1 of [33]). *Let $0 < p < r < \infty$, I be any index set, and let $\{\varphi_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a family in $L^p(\omega)$. Then the inequality*

$$\left\| \sup_{i \in I} |s_i| \varphi_i \right\|_{L^p(\omega)} \leq C \|s\|_{\ell^r}$$

holds for all scalar sequences $s = \{s_i\}_{i \in I} \in \ell^r$ if and only if there exists a non-negative measurable function $F \geq 0$ with $\int F(x)\omega(x) dx \leq 1$ such that

$$\sup_{i \in I} \|F^{-1/p} \varphi_i\|_{L^{r,\infty}(\mu)} < \infty,$$

where $L^{r,\infty}(\mu)$ is a weak- L^r with respect to the measure $d\mu(x) = F(x)\omega(x) dx$ defined as

$$\|f\|_{L^{r,\infty}(\mu)} = \sup_{t>0} t\mu(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_2} : |f(x)| > t\})^{1/r} < \infty$$

for $f \in L^{r,\infty}(\mu)$.

Lemma 5.3 (Remark 2 of [36]). *If $0 < q = r < p < \infty$, then*

$$\left\| \left(\sum_{i \in I} |s_i|^q \phi_i^q \right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^p(\omega)} \geq C \|s\|_{\ell^r}$$

holds if and only if there exists $F \geq 0$ such that

$$\int F(x)\omega(x) dx \leq 1, \quad \text{and} \quad \inf_i \|F^{-1/p} \phi_i\|_{L^r(\mu)} > 0,$$

where $d\mu(x) = F(x)\omega(x) dx$.

Proof of Theorem 5.1. Let $\varphi_R(x) = c_R \chi_R(x)$.

Part (i): Firstly, (5.2) \Rightarrow (5.1) is a direct consequence of the first part of Lemma 5.1 since $\int (c_R \chi_R(x))^p \omega(x) dx = (c_R)^p \omega(R)$. Now suppose that (5.1) holds for $p < r$. By imbedding $\ell^q \hookrightarrow \ell^\infty$ and Lemma 5.2, there exists a non-negative measurable function $F \geq 0$ with $\int F(x)\omega(x) dx \leq 1$ such that

$$(5.4) \quad \sup_{R \in \Pi} \|F^{-1/p} c_R \chi_R\|_{L^{r,\infty}(\mu)} = \sup_{R \in \Pi} c_R \|F^{-1/p} \chi_R\|_{L^{r,\infty}(\mu)} < \infty,$$

where $d\mu = F(x)\omega(x) dx$. Let $f = F^{-1/p} \chi_R$, then $\|f\|_{L^p(\mu)} = \omega(R)^{1/p}$. Suppose $p < s < r$, and $1/s = t/p + (1-t)/r$ with $0 < t < 1$. Applying the well-known interpolation inequality (see [16], Proposition 1.1.14)

$$\|f\|_{L^s(\mu)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p(\mu)}^t \|f\|_{L^r(\mu)}^{1-t},$$

one has for any $R \in \Pi$,

$$\left(\int_R F^{-s/p+1} \omega(x) \, dx \right)^{1/s} \leq C \omega(R)^{t/p} \|F^{-1/p} \chi_R\|_{L^{r,\infty}(\mu)}^{1-t}.$$

Letting $\delta = s/p - 1$ and combining the above inequality with (5.4), we obtain

$$(c_R \omega(R)^{1/r})^{pr/(r-p)} \left(\frac{1}{\omega(R)} \int_R F^{-\delta} \omega(x) \, dx \right)^{1/\delta} \leq C < \infty.$$

On the other hand, by the Hölder inequality with exponents $(\delta + \varepsilon)/\varepsilon$, $(\delta + \varepsilon)/\delta$ one has

$$\left(\frac{1}{\omega(R)} \int_R F^{-\delta} \omega(x) \, dx \right)^{1/\delta} \left(\frac{1}{\omega(R)} \int_R F^\varepsilon \omega(x) \, dx \right)^{1/\varepsilon} \geq 1$$

for all $\delta, \varepsilon > 0$. Hence

$$(c_R \omega(R)^{1/r})^{pr/(r-p)} \leq C \left(\frac{1}{\omega(R)} \int_R F^\varepsilon \omega(x) \, dx \right)^{1/\varepsilon} \leq C (M_{\omega(x) \, dx}^s(F^\varepsilon)(x))^{1/\varepsilon}$$

for $x \in R$. It is known that $M_{\omega(x) \, dx}^s$ is bounded on $L^{1/\varepsilon}(\omega)$ for $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ when $\omega \in A_\infty$ (see [10]), hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sup_{R \in \Pi} ((c_R)^r \omega(R))^{p/(r-p)} \chi_R \omega(x) \, dx &\lesssim \int (M_{\omega(x) \, dx}^s(F^\varepsilon)(x))^{1/\varepsilon} \omega(x) \, dx \\ &\lesssim \int F(x) \omega(x) \, dx < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof (i) of Theorem 5.1.

Part (ii): It is easy to see that (5.2) \Rightarrow (5.3) is a direct consequence of the second part of Lemma 5.1. Now suppose that (5.3) holds. We first prove (5.2) for $q = r$ following the original argument of Verbitsky [36]. By Lemma 5.3, there exists $F \in L^1(\omega)$, $F \geq 0$, such that

$$\inf_{R \in \Pi} \int F^{1-r/p} (c_R \chi_R)^r \omega(x) \, dx = \inf_{R \in \Pi} (c_R)^r \int_R F^{1-r/p} \omega(x) \, dx > 0.$$

It follows from the above inequality that

$$\begin{aligned} &\int \sup_{R \in \Pi} ((c_R)^r \omega(R))^{p/(r-p)} \chi_R \omega(x) \, dx \\ &\leq \int \sup_{R \in \Pi} \left(\frac{1}{\omega(R)} \int_R F^{1-r/p} \omega(y) \, dy \right)^{p/(p-r)} \chi_R \omega(x) \, dx \\ &\leq \int (M_{\omega(x) \, dx}^s(F^{1-r/p})(x))^{p/(p-r)} \omega(x) \, dx \leq C \int F(x) \omega(x) \, dx < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

When $q < r$, we use the argument of Bownik [1] by taking advantage of the already established duality of $f_p^{\alpha,1}$, $p > 1$ in Section 3. Note that by duality

$$\|s\|_{\ell^r} = \sup_{t=\{t_R\}} \frac{(\sum |s_R|^q |t_R|^q)^{1/q}}{\|t\|_{\ell^{rq/(r-q)}}}.$$

Hence, equation (5.3) is equivalent to the inequality

$$(5.5) \quad \left(\sum_{R \in \Pi} |s_R|^q |t_R|^q\right)^{1/q} \leq C \left\| \left(\sum_{R \in \Pi} |s_R|^q (c_R)^q \chi_R\right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^p(\omega)} \|t\|_{\ell^{rq/(r-q)}}.$$

On the other hand, since $1 < p/q < \infty$, by the already established duality $(f_{p/q}^{\alpha,1})^* = \dot{h}_{p/(p-q)}^{-\alpha, \infty}$, one has for $\alpha = (n_1/2, n_2/2)$,

$$(5.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \sup_{u=\{u_R\}} \frac{|\sum u_R \bar{v}_R|}{\|\sum u_R \chi_R\|_{L^{p/q}(\omega)}} &= \sup_{u=\{u_R\}} \frac{|\langle u, v \rangle|}{\|u\|_{f_{p/q}^{\alpha,1}}} = \|v\|_{\dot{h}_{p/(p-q)}^{-\alpha, \infty}} \\ &= \left\| \sup_{R \in \mathcal{D}} |v_R| \omega(R)^{-1} \chi_R \right\|_{L^{p/(p-q)}(\omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$v_R = \begin{cases} |t_R|^q (c_R)^{-q}, & R \in \Pi; \\ 0, & R \in \mathcal{D} \setminus \Pi \end{cases}$$

and

$$u_R = \begin{cases} |s_R|^q (c_R)^q, & R \in \Pi; \\ 0, & R \in \mathcal{D} \setminus \Pi. \end{cases}$$

Then (5.6) may be rewritten by taking the q th roots in the form

$$(5.7) \quad \sup_{s=\{s_R\}} \frac{\left| \sum_{R \in \Pi} |s_R|^q |t_R|^q \right|^{1/q}}{\left\| \left(\sum_{R \in \Pi} |s_R|^q (c_R)^q \chi_R\right)^{1/q} \right\|_{L^p(\omega)}} = \left\| \sup_{R \in \Pi} |t_R| (c_R)^{-1} \omega(R)^{-1/q} \chi_R \right\|_{L^{p/(p-q)}(\omega)}.$$

Let $p_1 = pq/(p-q)$, $r_1 = rq/(r-q)$ and $\tilde{c}_R = (c_R)^{-1} \omega(R)^{-1/q}$. Combining (5.5) with (5.7) yields

$$\left\| \sup_{R \in \Pi} |t_R| (\tilde{c}_R) \chi_R \right\|_{L^{p_1}(\omega)} \leq C \|t\|_{\ell^{r_1}}$$

for all $t = \{t_R\}_R$. Using the facts that $p_1 r_1 / (r_1 - p_1) = pr / (p - r)$, $p_1 < r_1$, and applying (i) of Theorem 5.1, we get from the preceding inequality

$$\int \sup_{R \in \Pi} ((\tilde{c}_R)^{r_1} \omega(R))^{p_1/(r_1-p_1)} \chi_R \omega(x) dx = \int \sup_{R \in \Pi} ((c_R \chi_R)^r \omega(R))^{p/(r-p)} dx < \infty.$$

Hence, (5.2) holds for $q < r$. We complete the proof. \square

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