

WEIGHTED HARDY SPACES ASSOCIATED TO PARA-ACCRETIVE FUNCTIONS

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Abstract. In this article, after establishing weighted Plancherel-Pôlya-type inequalities, we introduce a new class of weighted Hardy spaces $H_{b,w}^p$ by using g -function, where w is a Muckenhoupt's weight and b is a para-accretive function. Then we show the atomic decomposition and molecular characterization of $H_{b,w}^p$. As applications, we prove the boundedness of Calderón-Zygmund operators between $H_{b,w}^p$ and classical weighted Hardy spaces H_w^p .

1. INTRODUCTION

It is well-known that Calderón-Zygmund operators T are bounded on H^p for $n/(n + \varepsilon) < p \leq 1$ provided $T^*1 = 0$. In general, however, such operators are not bounded on H^p even if T satisfies $Tb = T^*b = 0$ for a para-accretive function b . Meyer observed that if b is bounded function and $1 \leq \operatorname{Re} b(x)$, the space H_b^1 and its dual BMO_b can be simply defined by coping the classical H^1 and BMO , respectively. These spaces have the advantage of a cancellation adapted to the complex measure $b(x)dx$ and are closely related to the Tb theorem. For more details about the space H_b^1 , we refer the reader to [14]. However, the method for defining space H_b^1 cannot be extended to H_b^p for $p < 1$ because, in general, bf does not make sense when f belongs to classical Hardy spaces H^p for $p < 1$. Recently,

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by establishing a discrete Calderón-type reproducing formula and Plancherel-Pôlya-type inequalities associated to a para-accretive function b , a new Hardy space H_b^p was introduced by Han, Lee, and Lin [9] who also proved that a Calderón-Zygmund operator T is bounded from H^p to H_b^p provided $T^*b = 0$. On the other hand, a remarkable direction of extending classical function or distribution spaces is to study the weighted case, where the weight is in Muckenhoupt's A_p classes. Weighted Hardy spaces H_w^p have been extensively studied by Garc'a-Cuerva [6] and Stromberg and Torchinsky [15].

The main purpose of this article is to develop the theory of the weighted Hardy spaces $H_{b,w}^p$, where b is a para-accretive function and w is a Muckenhoupt's weight. We define $H_{b,w}^p$ by g -function, and get its S -function characterization. Also, we show the atomic decomposition and molecular characterization of $H_{b,w}^p$. These new weighted Hardy spaces are related to the Calderón-Zygmund operator theory, as T is bounded from H_w^p to $H_{b,w}^p$ provided the Calderón-Zygmund operator T satisfies $T^*b = 0$. If we denote M_b the multiplication operator by b , i.e. $M_b f = bf$, then TM_b is bounded from $H_{b,w}^p$ to H_w^p provided $T^*1 = 0$, and TM_b is bounded on $H_{b,w}^p$ provided $T^*b = 0$. The main tool used in this article is the discrete Calderón-type reproducing formula developed in [9].

This article is organized as follows. In the next section, recalling some well known results, we establish the weighted Plancherel-Pôlya-type inequalities and define the weighted Hardy spaces $H_{b,w}^p$. The atomic decomposition and molecular characterizations for $H_{b,w}^p$ are given in Section 3. In the last section, we establish the $H_{b,w}^p - L_w^p$, $H_w^p - H_{b,w}^p$, $H_{b,w}^p - H_w^p$, and $H_{b,w}^p - H_{b,w}^p$ boundedness of Calderón-Zygmund operators.

Throughout the article C denotes a positive constant not necessarily the same at each occurrence. We also use $a \approx b$ to denote the equivalence of a and b ; that is, there exist two positive constants C_1, C_2 independent of a, b such that $C_1 a \leq b \leq C_2 a$. For a measurable set $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $|E|$ will denote the Lebesgue measure of E , and $w(E) = \int_E w(x) dx$. All cubes mentioned in this article mean cubes with their sides parallel to the axes. Given a cube Q , λQ will denote the cube with the same center as Q and with sides parallel to those of Q and λ times as long.

2. WEIGHTED PLANCHEREL-PÓLYA-TYPE INEQUALITIES AND THE DEFINITION OF $H_{b,w}^p$

We begin by recalling some basic results about Calderón-Zygmund operator theory. As usual, we denote by \mathcal{D} the collection of C^∞ functions on \mathbb{R}^n with compact support.

Definition 2.1. ([14]). A singular integral operator T is a continuous linear operator from \mathcal{D} into its dual associated to a kernel $K(x, y)$, a continuous function

defined on $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{x = y\}$, satisfying the following conditions: there exist a constant $C > 0$ and $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$, such that

$$(2.1) \quad |K(x, y)| \leq C|x - y|^{-n} \quad \text{for all } x \neq y,$$

$$(2.2) \quad |K(x, y) - K(x', y)| \leq C|x - x'|^\varepsilon|x - y|^{-n-\varepsilon}$$

for all x, x' , and y in \mathbb{R}^n with $|x - x'| \leq |x - y|/2$, and

$$(2.3) \quad |K(x, y) - K(x, y')| \leq C|y - y'|^\varepsilon|x - y|^{-n-\varepsilon}$$

for all y, y' , and x in \mathbb{R}^n with $|y - y'| \leq |x - y|/2$. Moreover, the operator T can be represented by

$$\langle Tf, g \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} K(x, y)f(y)g(x)dydx$$

for all $f, g \in \mathcal{D}$ with $\text{supp}(f) \cap \text{supp}(g) = \emptyset$. We say that a singular integral operator is a *Calderón-Zygmund operator* if it can be extended to be a bounded operator on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Definition 2.2. ([3]). A bounded complex-valued function b defined on \mathbb{R}^n is said to be *para-accretive* if there exist constants $C, \gamma > 0$ such that, for all cubes $Q \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, there is a sub-cube Q' with $\gamma|Q| \leq |Q'|$ satisfying

$$\frac{1}{|Q'|} \left| \int_{Q'} b(x)dx \right| \geq C.$$

If T is a Calderón-Zygmund operator, then T^* is a Calderón-Zygmund operator as well. Thus Tb can be well defined by

$$\langle Tb, f \rangle = \langle b, T^*f \rangle \quad \text{for all } f \in H^1,$$

since T and T^* are bounded from H^1 into L^1 , and therefore $Tb = 0$ means $\int T^*f(x)b(x)dx = 0$ for all $f \in H^1$. Similarly, $T^*b = 0$ means $\int Tf(x)b(x)dx = 0$ for all $f \in H^1$. Suppose that T is an L^2 bounded operator with kernel $K(x, y)$ satisfying (2.1). If $K(x, y)$ satisfies (2.3), then T is bounded from H^1 to L^1 . If $b^{-1}(x)K(x, y)$ satisfies (2.2), then T^*b^{-1} is bounded from H^1 to L^1 . Therefore, for such an operator T and a para-accretive function b , $T^*1 = 0$ means $\int Tf(x)dx = 0$ for all $f \in H^1$ and $Tb = 0$ means $\int T^*g(x)b(x)dx = 0$ for all $g \in H_b^1$, where $g \in H_b^1$ if and only if $bg \in H^1$. See [9, 14] for more details about the Hardy space H_b^1 . Similarly, suppose that T is bounded on L^2 such that its kernel $K(x, y)$ satisfies the conditions (2.1) and (2.2), and $K(x, y)b^{-1}(y)$ satisfies the condition (2.3). Then T^* and Tb^{-1} are bounded from H^1 to L^1 . Therefore, for such an operator T and a para-accretive function b , $T1 = 0$ means $\int T^*f(x)dx = 0$ for all $f \in H^1$ and $T^*b = 0$ means $\int Tg(x)b(x)dx = 0$ for all $g \in H_b^1$.

Definition 2.3. ([8]). Fix two exponents $0 < \beta \leq 1$ and $\gamma > 0$. Suppose that b is a para-accretive function. A function f defined on \mathbb{R}^n is said to be a test function of type (β, γ, b) centered at $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with width $d > 0$ if

$$(2.4) \quad |f(x)| \leq C \frac{d^\gamma}{(d + |x - x_0|)^{n+\gamma}},$$

$$(2.5) \quad |f(x) - f(x')| \leq C \left(\frac{|x - x'|}{d + |x - x_0|} \right)^\beta \frac{d^\gamma}{(d + |x - x_0|)^{n+\gamma}}$$

for $|x - x'| \leq (d + |x - x_0|)/2$, and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x)b(x)dx = 0.$$

Remark 2.4. Replacing the condition (2.5) by

$$(2.6) \quad |f(x) - f(x')| \leq C \left(\frac{|x - x'|}{d} \right)^\beta \left(\frac{d^\gamma}{(d + |x - x_0|)^{n+\gamma}} + \frac{d^\gamma}{(d + |x' - x_0|)^{n+\gamma}} \right),$$

one obtains Meyer’s smooth atoms (see [13]). Obviously, conditions (2.4) and (2.5) imply (2.6).

Denote by $\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}(x_0, d)$ the collection of all test functions of type (β, γ, b) centered at $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with width $d > 0$. For $f \in \mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}(x_0, d)$, the norm of f in $\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}(x_0, d)$ is defined by

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}(x_0, d)} = \inf\{C : (2.4) \text{ and } (2.5) \text{ hold}\}.$$

We denote $\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}(0, 1)$ simply by $\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}$. Then $\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}$ is a Banach space under the norm $\|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}}$. The dual space $(\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)})'$ consists of all linear functionals \mathcal{L} from $\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}$ to \mathbb{C} satisfying

$$|\mathcal{L}(f)| \leq C\|f\|_{\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}} \quad \text{for all } f \in \mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}.$$

We denote $\langle h, f \rangle$ the natural pairing of elements $h \in (\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)})'$ and $f \in \mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}$. It is easy to check that for any $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $d > 0$, $\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}(x_0, d) = \mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}$ with the equivalent norms. Thus, for all $h \in (\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)})'$, $\langle h, f \rangle$ is well defined for all $f \in \mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}(x_0, d)$ with any $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $d > 0$. As usual, we write

$$b\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)} = \{f : f = bg \text{ for some } g \in \mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}\}.$$

If $f \in b\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}$ and $f = bg$ for $g \in \mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}$, then the norm of f is defined by $\|f\|_{b\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}} = \|g\|_{\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)}}$.

To state the discrete Calderón reproducing formula, we need an approximation to the identity associated to a para-accretive function.

Definition 2.5. ([3, 8]). Let b be a para-accretive function. A sequence of operators $\{S_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is called an approximation to the identity associated to b if the kernels $S_k(x, y)$ of S_k are functions from $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ into \mathbb{C} such that there exist constant C and some $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ satisfying, for all $x, x', y,$ and $y' \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

- (i) $|S_k(x, y)| \leq C \frac{2^{-k\varepsilon}}{(2^{-k} + |x - y|)^{n+\varepsilon}};$
- (ii) $|S_k(x, y) - S_k(x', y)| \leq C \left(\frac{|x - x'|}{2^{-k} + |x - y|} \right)^\varepsilon \frac{2^{-k\varepsilon}}{(2^{-k} + |x - y|)^{n+\varepsilon}}$
for $|x - x'| \leq \frac{1}{2}(2^{-k} + |x - y|);$
- (iii) $|S_k(x, y) - S_k(x, y')| \leq C \left(\frac{|y - y'|}{2^{-k} + |x - y|} \right)^\varepsilon \frac{2^{-k\varepsilon}}{(2^{-k} + |x - y|)^{n+\varepsilon}}$
for $|y - y'| \leq \frac{1}{2}(2^{-k} + |x - y|);$
- (iv) $|[S_k(x, y) - S_k(x, y')] - [S_k(x', y) - S_k(x', y')]|$
 $\leq C \left(\frac{|x - x'|}{2^{-k} + |x - y|} \right)^\varepsilon \left(\frac{|y - y'|}{2^{-k} + |x - y|} \right)^\varepsilon \frac{2^{-k\varepsilon}}{(2^{-k} + |x - y|)^{n+\varepsilon}}$
for $|x - x'| \leq \frac{1}{2}(2^{-k} + |x - y|)$ and $|y - y'| \leq \frac{1}{2}(2^{-k} + |x - y|);$
- (v) $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} S_k(x, y)b(y)dy = 1$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^n;$
- (vi) $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} S_k(x, y)b(x)dx = 1$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $y \in \mathbb{R}^n.$

Remark 2.6. Note that we can regard the ε 's in Definitions 2.1 and 2.5 to be the same by choosing the smaller one. Coifman constructed an approximation to the identity $\{S_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ such that $D_k(x, y)$, the kernel of $D_k = S_k - S_{k-1}$, satisfies $D_k(x, y) = 0$ for $|x - y| > C2^{-k}$ (see [3, p. 16] and [8, p. 63]).

We now recall the definition and properties of A_p weights. We refer readers to [4, 6] for the details about A_p . For $1 < p < \infty$, a locally integrable nonnegative function w on \mathbb{R}^n is said to be in A_p if there exists $C > 0$ such that

$$(2.7) \quad \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q w(x)dx \right) \left(\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q w(x)^{-1/(p-1)}dx \right)^{p-1} \leq C \text{ for any cube } Q \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n.$$

The class $w \in A_1$ consists of weights satisfying for some $C > 0$ that

$$\frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q w(x)dx \leq C \cdot \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in Q} w(x) \text{ for any cube } Q \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n,$$

and $A_\infty := \cup_{1 \leq p < \infty} A_p$. If $w \in A_p$ for $1 < p < \infty$, then $w \in A_r$ for all $r > p$ and $w \in A_q$ for some $1 < q < p$. If $w \in A_p$, $p \geq 1$, then there exists an absolute constant C such that $w(\lambda Q) \leq C\lambda^{np}w(Q)$. A close relation to A_p is the reverse Hölder condition. If there exist $r > 1$ and a fixed constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B w(y)^r dy\right)^{1/r} \leq \frac{C}{|B|} \int_B w(y) dy \quad \text{for any cube } Q \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n,$$

we say that w satisfies the *reverse Hölder condition of order r* and write $w \in RH_r$. It follows from Hölder’s inequality that $w \in RH_r$ implies $w \in RH_s$ for $s < r$. It is known that $w \in A_\infty$ if and only if $w \in RH_r$ for some $r > 1$. Moreover, if $w \in RH_r$ for $r > 1$, then $w \in RH_{r+\varepsilon}$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$. Thus we write $r_w = \sup\{r > 1 : w \in RH_r\}$ to denote the *critical index of w for the reverse Hölder condition*. If $w \in A_p \cap RH_r$ with $p \geq 1$ and $r > 1$, then there exist constants $C_1, C_2 > 0$ such that

$$(2.8) \quad C_1 \left(\frac{|E|}{|I|}\right)^p \leq \frac{w(E)}{w(I)} \leq C_2 \left(\frac{|E|}{|I|}\right)^{(r-1)/r}$$

for any measurable subset E of a cube I .

To introduce weighted Hardy spaces associated to para-accretive functions, we need to establish the following weighted Plancherel-Pôlya-type inequalities.

Theorem 2.7. *Suppose that $\{S_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ and $\{P_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ are approximations to the identity associated to b defined in Definition 2.5. Set $D_k = S_k - S_{k-1}$ and $E_k = P_k - P_{k-1}$. For $n/(n + \varepsilon) < p < \infty$, if $w \in A_{(n+\varepsilon)p/n}$, then*

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad & \left\| \left\{ \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} \left(\sup_{z \in Q_k} |E_k b f(z)| \right)^2 \chi_{Q_k} \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L_w^p} \\ & \approx \left\| \left\{ \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} \left(\inf_{z \in Q_k} |D_k b f(z)| \right)^2 \chi_{Q_k} \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L_w^p} \quad \text{for } f \in (b\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)})', \\ (ii) \quad & \left\| \left\{ \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} \left(\sup_{z \in Q_k} |E_k f(z)| \right)^2 \chi_{Q_k} \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L_w^p} \\ & \approx \left\| \left\{ \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} \left(\inf_{z \in Q_k} |D_k f(z)| \right)^2 \chi_{Q_k} \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L_w^p} \quad \text{for } f \in (\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)})', \end{aligned}$$

where Q_k ’s are all dyadic cubes with the side length 2^{-k-N} for some fixed positive large N .

We postpone the proof of Theorem 2.7 and display two discrete Calderón-type reproducing formulas in the followings, which play a crucial role in the proof of Theorem 2.7.

Lemma 2.8. ([9]). *Suppose that $\{S_k\}$ is an approximation to the identity associated to b defined in Definition 2.5 and $D_k = S_k - S_{k-1}$. Then there exists a family of operators $\{\tilde{D}_k\}$ with kernel $\tilde{D}_k(x, y)$ such that, for all $f \in (b\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)})'$,*

$$(2.9) \quad f(x) = \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} D_k b f(y_{Q_k}) \int_{Q_k} \tilde{D}_k(y, x) b(y) dy,$$

where Q_k 's are all dyadic cubes with the side length 2^{-k-N} for some fixed positive large N , y_{Q_k} is any fixed point in Q_k , and the series converges in the sense that, for all $g \in b\mathcal{M}^{(\beta', \gamma')}$ with $\beta < \beta'$ and $\gamma < \gamma'$,

$$\lim_{M, J \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \sum_{|k| \leq M} \sum_{\text{dist}(0, Q_k) \leq J} D_k b f(y_{Q_k}) \int_{Q_k} \tilde{D}_k(y, x) b(y) dy, g \right\rangle = \langle f, g \rangle.$$

Moreover, $\tilde{D}_k(x, y)$'s satisfy the following estimates: for $0 < \varepsilon' < \varepsilon$, where ε is the regularity exponent of S_k , there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} |\tilde{D}_k(x, y)| &\leq C \frac{2^{-k\varepsilon'}}{(2^{-k} + |x - y|)^{n+\varepsilon'}}, \\ |\tilde{D}_k(x, y) - \tilde{D}_k(x, y')| &\leq C \left(\frac{|y - y'|}{2^{-k} + |x - y|} \right)^{\varepsilon'} \frac{2^{-k\varepsilon'}}{(2^{-k} + |x - y|)^{n+\varepsilon'}} \\ &\quad \text{for } |y - y'| \leq (2^{-k} + |x - y|)/2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \tilde{D}_k(x, y) b(y) dy = 0 \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } x \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \tilde{D}_k(x, y) b(x) dx = 0 \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } y \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Lemma 2.9. ([9]). *Let $S_k, \tilde{D}_k, \tilde{D}_k(x, y), Q_k,$ and y_{Q_k} be given in Lemma 2.8. Then, for all $f \in (\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)})'$,*

$$f(x) = \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} D_k f(y_{Q_k}) \int_{Q_k} b(x) \tilde{D}_k(y, x) b(y) dy,$$

where the series converges in the sense that, for all $g \in \mathcal{M}^{(\beta', \gamma')}$ with $\beta < \beta'$ and $\gamma < \gamma'$,

$$\lim_{M, J \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \sum_{|k| \leq M} \sum_{\text{dist}(0, Q_k) \leq J} D_k f(y_{Q_k}) \int_{Q_k} b(x) \tilde{D}_k(y, x) b(y) dy, g \right\rangle = \langle f, g \rangle.$$

The following weighted version of Fefferman-Stein vector-valued maximal inequality will be used as well.

Lemma 2.10. ([1]). *Let $f = (f_1, f_2, \dots)$ be a sequence of functions on \mathbb{R}^n . If $1 < p, r < \infty$, there is a constant $C_{n,p,r} > 0$ such that*

$$\left\| \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |Mf(\cdot)|^r \right)^{1/r} \right\|_{L_w^p} \leq C_{n,p,r} \left\| \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f(\cdot)|^r \right)^{1/r} \right\|_{L_w^p}$$

if and only if $w \in A_p$, where M is the Hardy-Littlewood maximal function.

We are ready to demonstrate the weighted Plancherel-Pólya-type inequalities.

Proof of Theorem 2.7. We prove (i) only and the proof of (ii) is similar. Given $f \in (b\mathcal{M}^{(\beta,\gamma,b)})'$, since $w \in A_{(n+\varepsilon)p/n}$, there exists q satisfying $1 < q < (n+\varepsilon)p/n$ such that $w \in A_q$. Set $r = p/q$. Choose ε' and ε'' satisfying $0 < \varepsilon'' < \varepsilon' < \varepsilon$ and $n/(n+\varepsilon'') < r$. By Lemma 2.8, f can be written as

$$f(x) = \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} D_k b f(y_{Q_k}) \int_{Q_k} \tilde{D}_k(y, x) b(y) dy,$$

where Q_k 's are all dyadic cubes with the side length 2^{-k-N} for some fixed positive large N and y_{Q_k} is any fixed point in Q_k . Thus,

$$E_j b f(x) = \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} D_k b f(y_{Q_k}) \int_{Q_k} E_j b \tilde{D}_k(y, \cdot)(x) b(y) dy.$$

Using the inequality (see [11])

$$\begin{aligned} |E_j b \tilde{D}_k(y, \cdot)(x)| &= \left| \int E_j(x, z) b(z) \tilde{D}_k(y, z) dz \right| \\ &\leq C 2^{-|j-k|\varepsilon''} \frac{2^{-(j \wedge k)\varepsilon'}}{(2^{-(j \wedge k)} + |x - y|)^{n+\varepsilon'}}, \end{aligned}$$

where $j \wedge k$ denotes $\min(j, k)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |E_j b f(x)| &\leq C \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} D_k b f(y_{Q_k}) \int_{Q_k} 2^{-|j-k|\varepsilon''} \frac{2^{-(j \wedge k)\varepsilon'}}{(2^{-(j \wedge k)} + |x - y|)^{n+\varepsilon'}} dy \\ &\leq C \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} 2^{-|j-k|\varepsilon''} 2^{-kn} \frac{2^{-(j \wedge k)\varepsilon'}}{(2^{-(j \wedge k)} + |x - y_{Q_k}|)^{n+\varepsilon'}} |D_k b f(y_{Q_k})|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sup_{z \in Q_j} E_j b f(z) \right| \chi_{Q_j}(x) \\ & \leq C \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} 2^{-|j-k|\varepsilon''} 2^{-kn} \frac{2^{-(j \wedge k)\varepsilon'}}{(2^{-(j \wedge k)} + |x - y_{Q_k}|)^{n+\varepsilon'}} |D_k b f(y_{Q_k})| \chi_{Q_j}(x). \end{aligned}$$

By an estimate in [5, p. 147-148], we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{Q_k} \frac{2^{-(j \wedge k)\varepsilon'}}{(2^{-(j \wedge k)} + |x - y_{Q_k}|)^{n+\varepsilon'}} |D_k b f(y_{Q_k})| \chi_{Q_j}(x) \\ & \leq C 2^{(j \wedge k)n} 2^{[k-(j \wedge k)]n/r} \left\{ M \left(\sum_{Q_k} |D_k b f(y_{Q_k})| \chi_{Q_k} \right)^r \right\}^{1/r}(x) \end{aligned}$$

since $n/(n + \varepsilon') < n/(n + \varepsilon'') < r$. Noticing that

$$\sup_j \sum_k 2^{-|j-k|\varepsilon''} 2^{-kn} 2^{(k \wedge j)n} 2^{[k-(k \wedge j)]n/r} < \infty,$$

and by Hölder's inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{z \in Q_j} |E_j b f(z)|^2 \chi_{Q_j}(x) & \leq C \sum_k 2^{-|j-k|\varepsilon''} 2^{-kn} 2^{(k \wedge j)n} 2^{[k-(k \wedge j)]n/r} \\ & \quad \times \left\{ M \left(\sum_{Q_k} |D_k b f(y_{Q_k})| \chi_{Q_k} \right)^r \right\}^{2/r}(x) \chi_{Q_j}(x). \end{aligned}$$

This yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \sum_j \sum_{Q_j} \sup_{z \in Q_j} |E_j b f(z)|^2 \chi_{Q_j}(x) \right\}^{1/2} \\ & \leq C \left\{ \sum_j \sum_k 2^{-|j-k|\varepsilon''} 2^{-kn} 2^{(k \wedge j)n} 2^{[k-(k \wedge j)]n/r} \right. \\ & \quad \times \left. \left[M \left(\sum_{Q_k} |D_k b f(y_{Q_k})| \chi_{Q_k} \right)^r \right]^{2/r}(x) \right\}^{1/2} \\ & \leq C \left\{ \sum_k \left[M \left(\sum_{Q_k} |D_k b f(y_{Q_k})| \chi_{Q_k} \right)^r \right]^{2/r}(x) \right\}^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from the fact that

$$\sup_k \sum_j 2^{-|j-k|\varepsilon''} 2^{-kn} 2^{(k \wedge j)n} 2^{[k-(k \wedge j)]n/r} < \infty.$$

Since y_{Q_k} is any point in Q_k ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \sum_j \sum_{Q_j} \sup_{z \in Q_j} |E_j b f(z)|^2 \chi_{Q_j}(x) \right\}^{1/2} \\ & \leq C \left\{ \sum_k \left[M \left(\sum_{Q_k} \inf_{z \in Q_k} |D_k b f(z)| \chi_{Q_k}(x) \right)^r \right]^{2/r} \right\}^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, noticing that $r = p/q < 2$ and using Lemma 2.10, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \left\{ \sum_j \sum_{Q_j} \sup_{z \in Q_j} |E_j b f(z)|^2 \chi_{Q_j}(x) \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L_w^p}^p \\ & \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ \sum_k \left[M \left(\sum_{Q_k} \inf_{z \in Q_k} |D_k b f(z)| \chi_{Q_k}(x) \right)^r \right]^{2/r} \right\}^{p/2} w(x) dx \\ & \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ \sum_k \left[M \left(\sum_{Q_k} \inf_{z \in Q_k} |D_k b f(z)| \chi_{Q_k}(x) \right)^r \right]^{2/r} \right\}^{(r/2)q} w(x) dx \\ & \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left\{ \sum_k \left[\left(\sum_{Q_k} \inf_{z \in Q_k} |D_k b f(z)| \chi_{Q_k}(x) \right)^r \right]^{2/r} \right\}^{(r/2)q} w(x) dx \\ & \leq C \left\| \left\{ \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} \inf_{z \in Q_k} |D_k b f(z)|^2 \chi_{Q_k}(x) \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L_w^p}^p. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.7. ■

We now introduce the g -functions and S -functions associated to a para-accretive function b .

Definition 2.11. ([9]). Suppose that $\{S_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is an approximation to the identity associated to b defined in Definition 2.5 and $D_k = S_k - S_{k-1}$. Define the g -functions and S -functions by

$$\begin{aligned} g(f)(x) &:= \left\{ \sum_k |D_k f(x)|^2 \right\}^{1/2}, \quad f \in (\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)})', \\ g_b(f)(x) &:= \left\{ \sum_k |D_k b f(x)|^2 \right\}^{1/2}, \quad f \in (b\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)})', \\ S(f)(x) &:= \left\{ \sum_k \int_{|x-y| \leq 2^{-k}} 2^{kn} |D_k f(y)|^2 dy \right\}^{1/2}, \quad f \in (\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)})', \\ S_b(f)(x) &:= \left\{ \sum_k \int_{|x-y| \leq 2^{-k}} 2^{kn} |D_k b f(y)|^2 dy \right\}^{1/2}, \quad f \in (b\mathcal{M}^{(\beta, \gamma, b)})'. \end{aligned}$$

Similar to the classical case, we have the equivalent L^p -norms for g -functions and S -functions as follows.

Theorem 2.12. *Let $n/(n+\varepsilon) < p < \infty$ and $w \in A_{(n+\varepsilon)p/n}$. Then $\|S(f)\|_{L^p_w} \approx \|g(f)\|_{L^p_w}$ and $\|S_b(f)\|_{L^p_w} \approx \|g_b(f)\|_{L^p_w}$.*

Proof. We show the equivalence of $\|S_b(f)\|_{L^p_w}$ and $\|g_b(f)\|_{L^p_w}$ only, and the proof of $\|S(f)\|_{L^p_w} \approx \|g(f)\|_{L^p_w}$ is similar. By Theorem 2.7,

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_b(f)\|_{L^p_w} &= \left\| \left\{ \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} \int_{|x-y| \leq 2^{-k}} 2^{kn} |D_k b f(y)|^2 \chi_{Q_k}(x) dy \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L^p_w} \\ &\leq C \left\| \left\{ \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} \sup_{z \in cQ_k} |D_k b f(z)|^2 \chi_{Q_k}(x) \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L^p_w} \\ &\leq C \left\| \left\{ \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} \inf_{z \in cQ_k} |D_k b f(z)|^2 \chi_{Q_k}(x) \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L^p_w} \\ &\leq C \left\| \left\{ \sum_k |D_k b f(x)|^2 \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L^p_w} \\ &= C \|g_b(f)\|_{L^p_w}, \end{aligned}$$

where $C > 1$ is a fixed number depends on N , and on the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_b(f)\|_{L^p_w} &= \left\| \left\{ \sum_k |D_k b f(x)|^2 \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L^p_w} \\ &\leq C \left\| \left\{ \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} \sup_{z \in Q_k} |D_k b f(z)|^2 \chi_{Q_k}(x) \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L^p_w} \\ &\leq C \left\| \left\{ \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} \inf_{z \in Q_k} |D_k b f(z)|^2 \chi_{Q_k}(x) \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L^p_w} \\ &\leq C \left\| \left\{ \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} \chi_{Q_k}(x) \int_{|x-y| \leq 2^{-k}} 2^{kn} \inf_{z \in Q_k} |D_k b f(z)|^2 dy \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L^p_w} \\ &\leq C \left\| \left\{ \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} \chi_{Q_k}(x) \int_{|x-y| \leq 2^{-k}} 2^{kn} |D_k b f(y)|^2 dy \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L^p_w} \\ &= C \|S_b(f)\|_{L^p_w}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. ■

We now may introduce the weighted Hardy spaces associated to para-accretive functions.

Definition 2.13. Suppose that $\{S_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is an approximation to the identity associated to b defined in Definition 2.5 and $D_k = S_k - S_{k-1}$. For $n/(n + \varepsilon) < p \leq 1$ and $w \in A_{(n+\varepsilon)p/n}$, we define the weighted Hardy space $H_{b,w}^p$ to be the collection of $f \in (b\mathcal{M}^{(\beta,\gamma,b)})'$ such that

$$\|f\|_{H_{b,w}^p} := \|g_b(f)\|_{L_w^p}.$$

Remark 2.14. By Theorem 2.7, we deduce the norm $\|\cdot\|_{H_{b,w}^p}$ to be independent of the choice of approximation to the identity. Furthermore, we may assume that $D_k(x, y)$ satisfies the property given in Remark 2.6; that is, $D_k(x, y) = 0$ for $|x - y| > C2^{-k}$.

As a consequence of Theorems 2.7 and 2.12, we have the following result.

Theorem 2.15. Let $n/(n + \varepsilon) < p \leq 1$ and $w \in A_{(n+\varepsilon)p/n}$. Then

$$\|f\|_{H_{b,w}^p} \approx \|S_b(f)\|_{L_w^p} \approx \left\| \left\{ \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} |D_k b f(y_{Q_k})|^2 \chi_{Q_k}(x) \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L_w^p},$$

where y_{Q_k} is any fixed point in Q_k .

3. ATOMIC DECOMPOSITION AND MOLECULAR CHARACTERIZATIONS OF $H_{b,w}^p$

In this section, we demonstrate the atomic decomposition and molecular characterizations for $H_{b,w}^p$.

Definition 3.1. Let $n/(n + \varepsilon) < p \leq 1$, $w \in A_{(n+\varepsilon)p/n}$, and b be a para-accretive function. A $(p, 2, w)$ b -atom a is a function on \mathbb{R}^n , which is supported on a cube Q and satisfies

$$\|a\|_{L_w^p} \leq w(Q)^{1/2-1/p} \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} a(x)b(x)dx = 0.$$

Theorem 3.2. Let $n/(n + \varepsilon) < p \leq 1$, $w \in A_{(n+\varepsilon)p/n}$, and b be a para-accretive function. Then $f \in H_{b,w}^p$ if and only if f can be represented as $f = \sum_k \lambda_k a_k$, where a_k 's are $(p, 2, w)$ b -atoms and $\sum_k |\lambda_k|^p < \infty$, and the series converges in the norm of $H_{b,w}^p$. Moreover, $\|f\|_{H_{b,w}^p} \approx \inf \{ \sum_k |\lambda_k|^p \}^{1/p}$, where the infimum is taken over all decompositions of f into $(p, 2, w)$ b -atoms.

Proof. We first prove the ‘‘if’’ part. By [10] it suffices to check

$$\|g_b(a)\|_{L_w^p} \leq C \quad \text{for all } (p, 2, w) \text{ } b\text{-atom } a,$$

where C is a constant independent of a . Let a be a $(p, 2, w)$ b -atom whose support is contained in a cube Q centered at x_0 . Write

$$\|g_b(a)\|_{L_w^p}^p \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g_b(a)^p(x)w(x)dx = \left(\int_{2Q} + \int_{(2Q)^c} \right) g_b(a)^p(x)w(x)dx := I_1 + I_2.$$

By [7], S -function is bounded on L_w^2 for $w \in A_2$. It follows from Theorem 2.12 that g -function is also bounded on L_w^2 . Since function $b(x)a(x) \in L_w^2$, we have $\|g_b(a)(\cdot)\|_{L_w^2} = \|g(ba)(\cdot)\|_{L_w^2} \leq C\|ba\|_{L_w^2} \leq C\|a\|_{L_w^2}$. Therefore by Hölder's inequality and the size condition of a , we have

$$I_1 \leq \left(\int_{2Q} g_b(a)^2(x)w(x)dx \right)^{p/2} w(2Q)^{1-p/2} \leq \|g_b(a)\|_{L_w^2}^p w(2Q)^{1-p/2} \leq C.$$

For $x \in (2Q)^c$, using the b -vanishing moment and size condition of a , the smoothness condition of $D_k = S_k - S_{k-1}$, and (2.7) (since $w \in A_2$), we have the following pointwise estimate of D_kba

$$\begin{aligned} |D_kba(x)| &= \left| \int_Q (D_k(x, y) - D_k(x, x_0)) b(y)a(y)dy \right| \\ &\leq C \int_Q |D_k(x, y) - D_k(x, x_0)| |a(y)|dy \\ &\leq C \frac{2^{-k\varepsilon}}{(2^{-k} + |x - x_0|)^{n+2\varepsilon}} \int_Q |y - x_0|^\varepsilon |a(y)|dy \\ &\leq C \frac{2^{-k\varepsilon}}{(2^{-k} + |x - x_0|)^{n+2\varepsilon}} |Q|^{\varepsilon/n} \|a\|_{L_w^2} \left(\int_Q w^{-1}(y)dy \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C |Q|^{1+\varepsilon/n} w(Q)^{-1/p} \frac{2^{-k\varepsilon}}{(2^{-k} + |x - x_0|)^{n+2\varepsilon}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} g_b(a)(x) &= \left\{ \sum_k |D_kba(x)|^2 \right\}^{1/2} \\ &\leq C |Q|^{1+\varepsilon/n} w(Q)^{-1/p} \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \left(\sum_{2^{-k} \leq |x-x_0|} + \sum_{2^{-k} > |x-x_0|} \right) \frac{2^{-2k\varepsilon}}{(2^{-k} + |x - x_0|)^{2n+4\varepsilon}} \right\}^{1/2} \\ &\leq C |Q|^{1+\varepsilon/n} w(Q)^{-1/p} |x - x_0|^{-n-\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

Noticing that $w \in A_q$ with $1 < q < (n + \varepsilon)p/n$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &\leq C|Q|^{(1+\varepsilon/n)p} \int_{(2Q)^c} |x - x_0|^{(-n-\varepsilon)p} w(Q)^{-1} w(x) dx \\
 &= C|Q|^{(1+\varepsilon/n)p} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \int_{2^{m+1}Q \setminus 2^m Q} |x - x_0|^{(-n-\varepsilon)p} w(Q)^{-1} w(x) dx \\
 (3.1) \quad &\leq C|Q|^{(1+\varepsilon/n)p} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} |2^{m+1}Q|^{(-1-\varepsilon/n)p} \frac{w(2^{m+1}Q)}{w(Q)} \\
 &\leq C|Q|^{(1+\varepsilon/n)p} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} |Q|^{(-1-\varepsilon/n)p} 2^{(m+1)n(-1-\varepsilon/n)p} \left(\frac{|2^{m+1}Q|}{|Q|}\right)^q \\
 &\leq C \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} 2^{(m+1)n[(-1-\varepsilon/n)p+q]} \\
 &\leq C.
 \end{aligned}$$

To see the “only if” part, we will use Chang and Fefferman’s idea in [2]. Applying the same procedure as in developing the discrete Calderón reproducing formula (see the proof of [9, Theorem 2.11]) to (2.9), we get

$$f(x) = \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} |Q_k| D_k(x, x_{Q_k}) b(x_{Q_k}) \tilde{D}_k b(f)(x_{Q_k})$$

in distribution sense, where Q_k ’s are all dyadic cubes with the side length 2^{-k-N} for some fixed positive large N , x_{Q_k} is any fixed point in Q_k . For $l \in \mathbb{Z}$, set $\Omega_l = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \tilde{g}_b f(x) > 2^l\}$, where

$$\tilde{g}_b f(x) = \left\{ \sum_k \sum_{Q_k} |\tilde{D}_k b(f)(x_{Q_k})|^2 \chi_{Q_k}(x) \right\}^{1/2},$$

and

$$\mathcal{B}_l = \{Q : Q \text{ is dyadic cube such that } w(Q \cap \Omega_l) > \frac{1}{2} w(Q) \text{ and } w(Q \cap \Omega_{l+1}) \leq \frac{1}{2} w(Q)\}.$$

Thus

$$f(x) = \sum_l \sum_{\tilde{Q} \in \mathcal{B}_l} \left(\sum_{\substack{Q \subseteq \tilde{Q} \\ d(Q)=2^{-k-N}}} |Q| D_k(x, x_Q) b(x_Q) \tilde{D}_k b(f)(x_Q) \right),$$

where $d(Q)$ denotes the side length of dyadic cube Q . By Remark 2.14, we have $D_k(x, y) = 0$ for $|x - y| > C2^{-k}$. Thus

$$\text{supp} \left(\sum_{\substack{Q \subseteq \tilde{Q} \\ d(Q)=2^{-k-N}}} |Q| D_k(x, x_Q) b(x_Q) \tilde{D}_k b(f)(x_Q) \right) \subseteq 5^n \tilde{Q}.$$

On the other hand, noticing that w and w^{-1} both belong to A_2 , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\| \sum_{\substack{Q \subseteq \tilde{Q} \\ d(Q)=2^{-k-N}}} |Q| D_k(x, x_Q) b(x_Q) \tilde{D}_k b(f)(x_Q) \right\|_{L_w^2} \\
 & \leq \sup_{\|h\|_{L_{w^{-1}}^2}=1} \left| \left\langle \sum_{\substack{Q \subseteq \tilde{Q} \\ d(Q)=2^{-k-N}}} |Q| D_k(\cdot, x_Q) b(x_Q) \tilde{D}_k b(f)(x_Q), h(\cdot) \right\rangle \right| \\
 & \leq \sup_{\|h\|_{L_{w^{-1}}^2}=1} \left| \sum_{\substack{Q \subseteq \tilde{Q} \\ d(Q)=2^{-k-N}}} |Q| \tilde{D}_k b(f)(x_Q) b(x_Q) D_k(h)(x_Q) \right| \\
 & \leq C \sup_{\|h\|_{L_{w^{-1}}^2}=1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{\substack{Q \subseteq \tilde{Q} \\ d(Q)=2^{-k-N}}} |\tilde{D}_k b(f)(x_Q) D_k(h)(x_Q)| \chi_Q(x) dx \\
 & \leq C \sup_{\|h\|_{L_{w^{-1}}^2}=1} \left\| \left\{ \sum_{\substack{Q \subseteq \tilde{Q} \\ d(Q)=2^{-k-N}}} |\tilde{D}_k b(f)(x_Q)|^2 \chi_Q(x) \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L_w^2} \\
 & \quad \times \left\| \left\{ \sum_{\substack{Q \subseteq \tilde{Q} \\ d(Q)=2^{-k-N}}} |D_k(h)(x_Q)|^2 \chi_Q(x) \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L_{w^{-1}}^2} \\
 & \leq C \left\| \left\{ \sum_{\substack{Q \subseteq \tilde{Q} \\ d(Q)=2^{-k-N}}} |\tilde{D}_k b(f)(x_Q)|^2 \chi_Q(x) \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L_w^2} \\
 & = \lambda_{\tilde{Q}} w (5^n \tilde{Q})^{1/2-1/p},
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(3.2) \quad \lambda_{\tilde{Q}} = C \left\| \left\{ \sum_{\substack{Q \subseteq \tilde{Q} \\ d(Q)=2^{-k-N}}} |\tilde{D}_k b(f)(x_Q)|^2 \chi_Q(x) \right\}^{1/2} \right\|_{L_w^2} w (5^n \tilde{Q})^{1/p-1/2}.$$

Set

$$a_{\tilde{Q}} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{\tilde{Q}}} \sum_{\substack{Q \subseteq \tilde{Q} \\ d(Q)=2^{-k-N}}} |Q| D_k(x, x_Q) b(x_Q) \tilde{D}_k b(f)(x_Q).$$

Then we have $f = \sum_l \sum_{\tilde{Q} \in \mathcal{B}_l} \lambda_{\tilde{Q}} a_{\tilde{Q}}$, where $a_{\tilde{Q}}$ satisfies (i) $\text{supp } a_{\tilde{Q}} \subseteq 5^n \tilde{Q}$, (ii) $\|a_{\tilde{Q}}\|_{L_w^2} \leq w (5^n \tilde{Q})^{1/2-1/p}$, (iii) $\int a_{\tilde{Q}}(x) b(x) dx = 0$. This means that $a_{\tilde{Q}}$ is a $(p, 2, w)$ b -atom. It follows from (3.2) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_l \sum_{\tilde{Q} \in \mathcal{B}_l} |\lambda_{\tilde{Q}}|^p \\
 (3.3) \quad & \leq C \sum_l \sum_{\tilde{Q} \in \mathcal{B}_l} \left(\left\| \left\{ \sum_{\substack{Q \subseteq \tilde{Q} \\ d(Q)=2^{-k-N}}} |\tilde{D}_k b(f)(x_Q)|^2 \chi_Q(x) \right\} \right\|_{L^2_w} \right)^{p/2} w(5^n \tilde{Q})^{1-p/2} \\
 & \leq C \sum_l \left(\sum_{\tilde{Q} \in \mathcal{B}_l} w(5^n \tilde{Q}) \right)^{1-p/2} \left(\sum_{\tilde{Q} \in \mathcal{B}_l} \sum_{\substack{Q \subseteq \tilde{Q} \\ d(Q)=2^{-k-N}}} w(Q) |\tilde{D}_k b(f)(x_Q)|^2 \right)^{p/2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We claim that $\tilde{Q} \in \mathcal{B}_l$ implies that $\tilde{Q} \subseteq \tilde{\Omega}_l$, where $\tilde{\Omega}_l = \{x : M\chi_{\Omega_l}(x) > (1/2)^{r/(r-1)}\}$. In fact, if $x \in \tilde{Q}$, then

$$M\chi_{\tilde{\Omega}_l}(x) \geq \frac{|\tilde{Q} \cap \tilde{\Omega}_l|}{|\tilde{Q}|} \geq \left(\frac{w(\tilde{Q} \cap \tilde{\Omega}_l)}{w(\tilde{Q})} \right)^{r/(r-1)} > \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{r/(r-1)},$$

where $r > 1$ such that $w \in RH_r$. Therefore, $\sum_{\tilde{Q} \in \mathcal{B}_l} w(C\tilde{Q}) \leq Cw(\tilde{\Omega}_l) \leq Cw(\Omega_l)$ since M is of weak type $(1, 1)$. Noticing that for $Q \in \mathcal{B}_l$, $w((\tilde{\Omega}_l \setminus \Omega_{l+1}) \cap Q) = w(\tilde{\Omega}_l \cap Q) - w(\Omega_{l+1} \cap Q) \geq w(Q) - \frac{1}{2}w(Q) = \frac{1}{2}w(Q)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\tilde{\Omega}_l \setminus \Omega_{l+1}} \tilde{g}_b f(x)^2 w(x) dx &= \int_{\tilde{\Omega}_l \setminus \Omega_{l+1}} \sum_k \sum_Q |\tilde{D}_k b f(x_Q)|^2 \chi_Q(x) w(x) dx \\
 &\geq \int_{\tilde{\Omega}_l \setminus \Omega_{l+1}} \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{B}_l} |\tilde{D}_k b f(x_Q)|^2 \chi_Q(x) w(x) dx \\
 &= \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{B}_l} |\tilde{D}_k b f(x_Q)|^2 w((\tilde{\Omega}_l \setminus \Omega_{l+1}) \cap Q) \\
 &\geq \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{B}_l} \frac{1}{2} w(Q) |\tilde{D}_k b f(x_Q)|^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\tilde{Q} \in \mathcal{B}_l} \sum_{Q \subseteq \tilde{Q}} |\tilde{D}_k b f(x_Q)|^2 w(Q) &= \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{B}_l} |\tilde{D}_k b f(x_Q)|^2 w(Q) \\
 &\leq 2 \int_{\tilde{\Omega}_l \setminus \Omega_{l+1}} \tilde{g}_b f(x)^2 w(x) dx \\
 &\leq (2^{l+1})^2 w(\tilde{\Omega}_l) \\
 &\leq C2^{2l} w(\Omega_l).
 \end{aligned}$$

So by (3.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_l \sum_{\tilde{Q} \in \mathcal{B}_l} |\lambda_{\tilde{Q}}|^p &\leq C \sum_l w(\Omega_l)^{1-p/2} (2^{2l} w(\Omega_l))^{p/2} \\ &= C \sum_l 2^{lp} w(\Omega_l) \\ &\leq C \|\tilde{g}_b f\|_{L_w^p}^p \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{H_{b,w}^p}^p. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.2. ■

We now introduce the weighted b -molecules. The idea of weighted molecules is duo to [12].

Definition 3.3. Let $n/(n + \varepsilon) < p \leq 1$ and $w \in A_{(n+\varepsilon)p/n}$ with critical index r_w for the reverse Hölder condition. Set $\delta > \max\{1/(r_w - 1), 1/p - 1\}$, $a_0 = 1 - 1/p + \delta$, and $b_0 = 1/2 + \delta$. A $(p, 2, \delta, w)$ b -molecule centered at $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is a function $M \in L_w^2$ satisfying

- (i) $M(x)w(I_{|x-x_0|}^{x_0})^{b_0} \in L_w^2$, where $I_{|x-x_0|}^{x_0}$ denotes the cube centered at x_0 with side length $2|x - x_0|$,
- (ii) $\|M\|_{L_w^2}^{a_0/b_0} \cdot \|M(\cdot)w(I_{|\cdot-x_0|}^{x_0})^{b_0}\|_{L_w^2}^{1-a_0/b_0} \equiv \mathfrak{N}_w(M) < \infty$,
- (iii) $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} M(x)b(x)dx = 0$.

Remark 3.4. Every $(p, 2, w)$ b -atom a is a $(p, 2, \delta, w)$ b -molecule for $\delta > \max\{1/(r_w - 1), 1/p - 1\}$, and $\mathfrak{N}_w(a) \leq C$ where C is a constant independent of f . This follows from b -vanishing moment of a and the fact that if $\text{supp}(a) \subseteq I_R^{x_0}$, then $\|a\|_{L_w^p} \leq w(I_R^{x_0})^{1/2-1/p}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \|a(\cdot)w(I_{|\cdot-x_0|}^{x_0})^{b_0}\|_{L_w^2} &= \left(\int_{I_R^{x_0}} |a(x)|^2 w(I_{|x-x_0|}^{x_0})^{2b_0} w(x) dx \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq w(I_{\sqrt{n}R}^{x_0})^{b_0} w(I_R^{x_0})^{1/2-1/p} \\ &\leq Cw(I_R^{x_0})^{a_0}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.5. Let $n/(n + \varepsilon) < p \leq 1$ and $w \in A_{(n+\varepsilon)p/n}$ with critical index r_w for the reverse Hölder condition. If M be a $(p, 2, \delta, w)$ b -molecule for $\delta > \max\{1/(r_w - 1), 1/p - 1\}$, then M is in $H_{b,w}^p$ and $\|M\|_{H_{b,w}^p} \leq C\mathfrak{N}_w(M)$, where the constant C is independent of the molecule M .

Proof. Set $M_1(x) = M(x)b(x)$. Then M_1 satisfies

- (i') $M_1(x)w(I_{|x-x_0|}^{x_0})^{b_0} \in L_w^2,$
- (ii') $\|M_1\|_{L_w^2}^{a_0/b_0} \cdot \|M_1(\cdot)w(I_{|\cdot-x_0|}^{x_0})^{b_0}\|_{L_w^2}^{1-a_0/b_0} \equiv \mathfrak{N}_w(M_1) \approx \mathfrak{N}_w(M),$
- (iii') $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} M_1(x)dx = 0.$

Without loss of generality, we may assume that M_1 is centered at 0 and $\mathfrak{N}_w(M_1) = 1$. Define σ by setting $w(I_\sigma)^{1/p-1/2} = \|M_1\|_{L_w^2}^{-1}$, where $I_\sigma = I_\sigma^0$. Consider the sets

$$E_0 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| < \sigma\}, \quad E_k = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : 2^{k-1}\sigma \leq |x| < 2^k\sigma\} \text{ for } k = 1, 2, \dots .$$

Set $M_{1k} = M_1\chi_{E_k}$, $P_{1k}(x) = \frac{1}{|E_k|} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} M_{1k}(y)dy \cdot \chi_{E_k}(x)$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, where χ_{E_k} is the characteristic function of E_k . Then

$$M_1(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} M_{1k}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (M_{1k}(x) - P_{1k}(x)) + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P_{1k}(x).$$

Observing that $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{E_k} M_1(x)dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} M_1(x)dx = 0$, and using Abel's summation formula, we write

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P_{1k}(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{E_k} M_1(y)dy \frac{\chi_{E_k}(x)}{|E_k|} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{j=k}^{\infty} \int_{E_j} M_1(y)dy - \sum_{j=k+1}^{\infty} \int_{E_j} M_1(y)dy \right) \frac{\chi_{E_k}(x)}{|E_k|} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{j=k+1}^{\infty} \int_{E_j} M_1(y)dy \right) \left(\frac{\chi_{E_{k+1}}(x)}{|E_{k+1}|} - \frac{\chi_{E_k}(x)}{|E_k|} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{|y| \geq 2^k\sigma} M_1(y)dy \left(\frac{\chi_{E_{k+1}}(x)}{|E_{k+1}|} - \frac{\chi_{E_k}(x)}{|E_k|} \right) \\ &:= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Phi_k(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$M_1(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (M_{1k}(x) - P_{1k}(x)) + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Phi_k(x).$$

Since the above equation holds in L_w^2 and hence holds in almost everywhere in \mathbb{R}^n , so we have

$$(3.4) \quad M(x) = \frac{M_1(x)}{b(x)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(M_{1k}(x) - P_{1k}(x))}{b(x)} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Phi_k(x)}{b(x)}.$$

By the definition of M_{1k} and P_{1k} , $(M_{1k} - P_{1k})/b$ has b -vanishing moment, and is supported at $I_{2^k\sigma}$. Noticing that $w \in A_2$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_{1k}\|_{L_w^2} &= \frac{w(E_k)^{1/2}}{|E_k|} \left| \int_{E_k} M_{1k}(y) dy \right| \\ &\leq \|M_{1k}\|_{L_w^2} \frac{w(E_k)^{1/2}}{|E_k|} \left(\int_{E_k} w(y)^{-1} dy \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq C \|M_{1k}\|_{L_w^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\left\| \frac{M_{1k} - P_{1k}}{b} \right\|_{L_w^2} \leq C \|M_{1k}\|_{L_w^2},$$

where we use the fact that the inverse of a para-accretive function belongs to L^∞ in the last estimate. Notice that $\mathfrak{N}_w(M_1) = 1$ and $w(I_\sigma)^{1/p-1/2} = \|M_1\|_{L_w^2}^{-1}$ imply $\|M_1(\cdot)w(I_{|\cdot|})^{b_0}\|_{L_w^2} = w(I_\sigma)^{a_0}$. From the choice of δ , we are able to choose $1 < r < r_w$ such that $\delta > 1/(r-1) > 1/(r_w-1)$. By (2.8), we have, for $k = 1, 2, \dots$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_{1k}\|_{L_w^2} &\leq C \left\| M_{1k}(\cdot) \left(\frac{w(I_{|\cdot|})}{w(I_{2^k\sigma})} \right)^{b_0} \right\|_{L_w^2} \\ (3.5) \quad &\leq C w(I_\sigma)^{a_0} w(I_{2^k\sigma})^{-b_0} \\ &\leq C 2^{-kna_0(r-1)/r} w(I_{2^k\sigma})^{1/2-1/p}, \end{aligned}$$

and for $k = 0$,

$$\|M_{10}\|_{L_w^2} \leq \|M_1\|_{L_w^2} \leq C w(I_{2^0\sigma})^{1/2-1/p}.$$

Hence, for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$,

$$\left\| \frac{M_{1k} - P_{1k}}{b} \right\|_{L_w^2} \leq C 2^{-kna_0(r-1)/r} w(I_{2^k\sigma})^{1/2-1/p}.$$

It follows that, for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$,

$$C^{-1} 2^{kna_0(r-1)/r} \frac{M_{1k}(x) - P_{1k}(x)}{b(x)} := \alpha_k(x)$$

is a $(p, 2, w)$ b -atom supported at $I_{2^k\sigma}$. In other words,

$$\frac{M_{1k}(x) - P_{1k}(x)}{b(x)} = \lambda_k \alpha_k(x),$$

where α_k is a $(p, 2, w)$ b -atom supported at $I_{2^k\sigma}$ and $\lambda_k = C 2^{-kna_0(r-1)/r}$. Since $na_0p(r-1)/r > 0$, $\sum_{k=0}^\infty |\lambda|^p \leq C \sum_{k=0}^\infty 2^{-kna_0p(r-1)/r} < \infty$. By Theorem 3.2,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{M_{1k}(x) - P_{1k}(x)}{b(x)} \in H_{b,w}^p$$

with its $H_{b,w}^p$ norm no more than $(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\lambda_k|^p)^{1/p} \leq C < \infty$.

Let us treat $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Phi_k(x)}{b(x)}$. First, obviously $\frac{\Phi_k(x)}{b(x)}$ has b -vanishing moment. Noticing that $w \in A_2$, by Hölder's inequality and (3.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{|x| \geq 2^k \sigma} M_1(y) dy \right| &= \left| \sum_{j=k+1}^{\infty} \int_{E_j} M_{1j}(y) dy \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=k+1}^{\infty} \|M_{1j}\|_{L_w^2} (w^{-1}(I_{2^j \sigma}))^{-1/2} \\ &\leq C \sum_{j=k+1}^{\infty} 2^{-na_0 j(r-1)/r} w(I_{2^j \sigma})^{-1/p} |I_{2^j \sigma}| \\ &= C \sigma^n w(I_{2^{k+1} \sigma})^{-1/p} \sum_{j=k+1}^{\infty} 2^{-nj(a_0(r-1)/r-1)} \left(\frac{w(I_{2^{k+1} \sigma})}{w(I_{2^j \sigma})} \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq C \sigma^n w(I_{2^{j+1} \sigma})^{-1/p} 2^{(k+1)np^{-1}(r-1)/r} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{j=k+1}^{\infty} 2^{-nj(a_0(r-1)/r-1+p^{-1}(r-1)/r)} \\ &\leq C(2^{k+1} \sigma)^n w(I_{2^{j+1} \sigma})^{-1/p} 2^{-(k+1)na_0(r-1)/r}, \end{aligned}$$

since $a_0(r-1)/r - 1 + p^{-1}(r-1)/r = (1 + \delta)(r-1)/r - 1 > 0$ by the choice of δ . Thus

$$\left| \frac{\Phi_k(x)}{b(x)} \right| \leq C w(I_{2^{j+1} \sigma})^{-1/p} 2^{-(k+1)na_0(r-1)/r}.$$

Since $\text{supp} \frac{\Phi_k(x)}{b(x)} \subseteq I_{2^{k+1} \sigma}$, we have

$$\left\| \frac{\Phi_k(\cdot)}{b(\cdot)} \right\|_{L_w^2} \leq C 2^{-(k+1)na_0(r-1)/r} w(I_{2^{j+1} \sigma})^{1/2-1/p}.$$

It yields $\frac{\Phi_k(x)}{b(x)} = \mu_k \beta_k(x)$, where $\mu_k = C 2^{-(k+1)na_0(r-1)/r}$ and $\beta_k(x)$ is $(p, 2, w)$ b -atom supported at $I_{2^{k+1} \sigma}$. Since $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\mu_k|^p \leq C \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-(k+1)na_0 p(r-1)/r} \leq C < \infty$, by Theorem 3.2,

$$\frac{\Phi_k(x)}{b(x)} \in H_{b,w}^p$$

with its $H_{b,w}^p$ norm no more than $(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\mu_k|^p)^{1/p} \leq C < \infty$. So by (3.4), $M \in H_{b,w}^p$ and $\|M\|_{H_{b,w}^p} \leq C < \infty$. This completes the proof of Theorem 3.5. ■

4. BOUNDEDNESS OF CALDERÓN-ZYGMUND OPERATORS ON L_w^p AND $H_{b,w}^p$

We give applications to the boundedness of Calderón-Zygmund operators.

Theorem 4.1. *Let T be a Calderón-Zygmund operator given in Definition 2.1. For $n/(n + \varepsilon) < p \leq 1$ and $w \in A_{(n+\varepsilon)p/n}$, define the operator T_b by*

$$T_b(f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} K(x, y)b(y)f(y)dy.$$

Then T_b is bounded from $H_{b,w}^p$ to L_w^p .

Proof. By atomic decomposition of $H_{b,w}^p$, it suffices to show for any $(p, 2, w)$ b -atom a , we have $\|T_b(a)\|_{L_w^p} \leq C$, where C is a constant independent of a . Suppose a is supported on a cube Q with center x_Q . We write

$$\|T_b(a)\|_{L_w^p}^p = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |T_b(a)(x)|^p w(x)dx = \int_{2Q} + \int_{(2Q)^c} := I_1 + I_2.$$

For I_1 , by Hölder’s inequality, the L_w^2 boundedness of T_b (since $w \in A_2$, see [4]), and the size condition of a , we obtain

$$I_1 \leq \left(\int_{2Q} |T_b(a)(x)|^2 w(x)dx \right)^{p/2} \left(\int_{2Q} w(x)dx \right)^{1-p/2} \leq C \|a\|_{L_w^2}^p w(Q)^{1-p/2} \leq C.$$

Let us treat I_2 . If $x \in (2Q)^c$, by the b -vanishing moment of a and condition (2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |T_b(a)(x)| &= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (K(x, y) - K(x, x_Q))b(y)a(y)dy \right| \\ &\leq C \int_Q |(K(x, y) - K(x, x_Q))||a(y)|dy \\ &\leq C \int_Q \frac{|y - x_Q|^\varepsilon}{|x - x_Q|^{n+\varepsilon}} |a(y)|dy \\ (4.1) \quad &\leq C \frac{|Q|^{\varepsilon/n}}{|x - x_Q|^{n+\varepsilon}} \|a\|_{L_w^2} (w^{-1}(Q))^{1/2} \\ &\leq C \frac{|Q|^{\varepsilon/n+1}}{|x - x_Q|^{n+\varepsilon}} w(Q)^{-1/2} \|a\|_{L_w^2} \\ &\leq C \frac{|Q|^{\varepsilon/n+1}}{|x - x_Q|^{n+\varepsilon}} w(Q)^{-1/p}, \end{aligned}$$

where the next to last inequality is obtained since $w \in A_2$. Thus by (3.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &= \int_{(2Q)^c} |T_b(a)(x)|^p w(x) dx \\
 &\leq C|Q|^{\varepsilon p/n+p} w(Q)^{-1} \int_{(2Q)^c} \frac{1}{|x-x_Q|^{(n+\varepsilon)p}} w(x) dx \\
 &\leq C.
 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 4.1. ■

Theorem 4.2. *Suppose that T is a Calderón-Zygmund operator given in Definition 2.1. Let $n/(n + \varepsilon) < p \leq 1$ and $w \in A_{(n+\varepsilon)p/n}$ with critical index r_w for the reverse Hölder condition such that $r_w > (n + \varepsilon)/(n + \varepsilon - nq)$.*

- (i) *If $T^*b = 0$, then T is bounded from H_w^p to $H_{b,w}^p$.*
- (ii) *If $T^*1 = 0$, then T_b is bounded from $H_{b,w}^p$ to H_w^p .*
- (iii) *If $T^*b = 0$, then T_b is bounded on $H_{b,w}^p$.*

Proof. We only prove (i), since the proof of (ii) and (iii) are similar. Observe that $1 < q < (n + \varepsilon)p/n$ implies $1/p - 1 < \frac{n+\varepsilon}{nq} - 1$, and $r_w > (n + \varepsilon)/(n + \varepsilon - nq)$ implies $(r_w - 1)^{-1} < \frac{n+\varepsilon}{nq} - 1$. So we can choose δ such that $\max\{(r_w - 1)^{-1}, 1/p - 1\} < \delta < \frac{n+\varepsilon}{nq} - 1$. By the atomic and molecular decomposition theory established in the above section, it suffices to verify that, for every $(p, 2, w)$ atom in H_w^p , Ta is a $(p, 2, \delta, w)$ b -molecule and $\mathfrak{N}_w(Ta) \leq C$ with C independent of a .

Assume $\text{supp } a \subseteq Q$, where Q is a cube centered at x_Q . Set $a_0 = 1 - 1/p + \delta$ and $b_0 = 1/2 + \delta$. Since $T^*b = 0$ implies $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} Ta(x)b(x)dx = 0$, so we need only to check Ta satisfies $\mathfrak{N}_w(Ta) = \|Ta\|_{L_w^2}^{a_0/b_0} \cdot \|Ta(\cdot)w(I_{|\cdot-x_Q|}^{x_Q})^{b_0}\|_{L_w^2}^{1-a_0/b_0} \leq C < \infty$. We write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\|Ta(\cdot)w(I_{|\cdot-x_Q|}^{x_Q})^{b_0}\right\|_{L_w^2}^2 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |Ta(x)|^2 w(I_{|x-x_Q|}^{x_Q})^{2b_0} w(x) dx \\
 &= \int_{2Q} + \int_{(2Q)^c} \\
 &:= I_1 + I_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

By the L_w^2 boundedness of T and the size condition of a , we have

$$I_1 \leq Cw(2Q)^{2+\delta} \|Ta\|_{L_w^2}^2 \leq Cw(Q)^{2+\delta} \|Ta\|_{L_w^2}^2 \leq Cw(Q)^{2a_0}.$$

For $x \in (I_{2R})^c$, same estimate to (4.1) leads

$$|T(a)(x)| \leq C \frac{|Q|^{\varepsilon/n+1}}{|x-x_Q|^{n+\varepsilon}} w(Q)^{-1/p}.$$

Observe that it follows from the choice of δ that

$$2(n + \varepsilon) - (2b_0 + 1)nq = 2(n + \varepsilon) - (2 + 2\delta)nq > 0.$$

Thus, by the fact that $w \in A_q$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int_{(2Q)^c} |Ta(x)|^2 w(I_{|x-x_Q|}^{x_Q})^{2b_0} w(x) dx \\ &\leq C|Q|^{2(\varepsilon/n+1)} w(Q)^{-2/p} \int_{(2Q)^c} \frac{1}{|x-x_Q|^{2(n+\varepsilon)}} w(I_{|x-x_Q|}^{x_Q})^{2b_0} w(x) dx \\ &\leq C|Q|^{2(\varepsilon/n+1)} w(Q)^{-2/p} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \int_{2^{m+1}Q \setminus 2^m Q} \frac{1}{|x-x_Q|^{2(n+\varepsilon)}} w(I_{|x-x_Q|}^{x_Q})^{2b_0} w(x) dx \\ &\leq Cw(Q)^{-2/p} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} 2^{-2m(n+\varepsilon)} w(2^{m+1}Q)^{2b_0+1} \\ &\leq Cw(Q)^{-2/p} w(Q)^{2b_0+1} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} 2^{-2m(n+\varepsilon)} \left(\frac{w(2^{m+1}Q)}{w(Q)}\right)^{2b_0+1} \\ &\leq Cw(Q)^{2a_0} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} 2^{-m(2(n+\varepsilon)-(2b_0+1)nq)} \\ &\leq Cw(Q)^{2a_0}. \end{aligned}$$

By the L_w^2 boundedness of T and the size condition of atom a , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{N}_w(Ta) &= \|Ta\|_{L_w^2}^{a_0/b_0} \cdot \|Ta(\cdot)w(I_{|\cdot-x_Q|}^{x_Q})^{b_0}\|_{L_w^2}^{1-a_0/b_0} \\ &\leq C\|a\|_{L_w^2}^{a_0/b_0} w(Q)^{a_0(1-a_0/b_0)} \\ &\leq C. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 4.2. ■

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