

## NORM INEQUALITIES ON RIESZ POTENTIAL OPERATORS IN VARIABLE EXPONENT FOFANA SPACES

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### Abstract

We introduce a class of Banach spaces  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  (where  $q(\cdot)$ ,  $p(\cdot)$ ,  $\alpha(\cdot)$  are functions on  $\Omega$ ) which are subspaces of the two-variable exponent amalgam spaces  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega)$ . We exhibit some properties of these spaces and study the behavior of the Riesz potential operators on these spaces

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### 1. Introduction

Our purpose is to derive sufficient conditions for fractional integral operators (also known as Riesz potential) in three-variable exponent amalgam spaces (t-VEAS)  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}$  under the log-Hölder continuity condition on the exponent  $q(\cdot)$ . The derived results are new even for constants  $q, p, \alpha$  in the case of potential operators defined on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

The boundedness for fractional integral operators in variable exponent Lebesgue spaces was investigated by many authors: [1-4]. Apart from interesting theoretical considerations, the study of variable exponent spaces was motivated by a proposed application to modeling electrorheological fluids (see [5]), to image restoration (see, e.g., [6]), etc.

The amalgam spaces  $(L^q, l^p)(\Omega)$  (with  $q, p$  constants) have been used by Wiener (see [23]) in connection with Tauberian theorems. Long after, Holland undertook their systematic study, (see [24]).

Since then, they have been extensively studied (see the survey paper [25] and the references therein) and generalized to locally compact groups (see [26-28]).

They may be looked at as spaces of functions that behave locally as elements of  $L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and globally as belonging to  $l^p(\mathbb{Z}^d)$ . Taking this into account, Feichtinger has introduced Banach spaces whose elements belong locally to some Banach space, and globally to another (see [29]).

The spaces  $(L^q, l^p)^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with constant exponents, have been introduced during 1988 by Ibrahim Fofana, see [7, 9]. We will always refer to them as Fofana spaces. It is well known that if  $\alpha \in \{q, p\}$ , then  $(L^q, l^p)^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^d)$  coincides with the Lebesgue spaces  $L^\alpha$  and for  $q < \alpha$  the space  $(L^q, l^\infty)^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is exactly the classical Morrey spaces. Thus Fofana spaces can be viewed as some generalized spaces. Many classical results in Fourier analysis, well-known and widely used in Lebesgue or Morrey spaces, have been extended to the setting of Fofana spaces (see [7, 8, 9,

10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 51, 52, 53]). Let us recall the definition of the spaces  $(L^q, l^p)^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with constant exponents.

Let  $q, p, \alpha \in [1, \infty]$  and  $0 < r < \infty$ , we let:

$$(a) \quad I_k^r = \prod_{j=1}^d [k_j r, (k_j + 1)r), \quad k = (k_j)_{1 \leq j \leq d} \in \mathbb{Z}^d,$$

$$J_x^r = \prod_{j=1}^d \left[ x_j - \frac{r}{2}, x_j + \frac{r}{2} \right), \quad x = (x_j)_{1 \leq j \leq d} \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

$$Q(x, r) = \prod_{j=1}^d \left[ x_j - \frac{r}{2}, x_j + \frac{r}{2} \right], \quad x = (x_j)_{1 \leq j \leq d} \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

For any subset  $E$  of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\chi_E$  is the characteristic function of  $E$  and  $|E|$  the Lebesgue measure of  $E$ .

(b) For any  $f \in L_{loc}^q(\mathbb{R}^d)$  we let:

$$r \|f\|_{q,p} = \begin{cases} \left[ \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \|f \chi_{I_k^r}\|_q^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} & \text{if } p < \infty, \\ \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \|f \chi_{I_k^r}\|_q & \text{if } p = \infty, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$$\|f\|_{q,p,\alpha} = \sup_{r>0} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{1}{q}\right)} r \|f\|_{q,p}.$$

The amalgam spaces  $(L^q, l^p)(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $(L^q, l^p)^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with constant exponents  $q, p, \alpha$  are defined as follows:

$$(L^q, l^p)(\mathbb{R}^d) = \{f \in L_{loc}^q(\mathbb{R}^d) : \|f\|_{q,p} < \infty\},$$

$$(L^q, l^p)^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^d) = \{f \in L_{loc}^q(\mathbb{R}^d) : \|f\|_{q,p,\alpha} < \infty\}.$$

Recently One-variable exponent amalgam space  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^p)$  (where

$q()$  is a function,  $p$  is a constant belonging to  $[1, \infty]$  has been widely studied in [18-21].

In 2023 [49], Yang and Zhou introduced the one-variable Fofana's spaces  $(L^{p()}, l^q)^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^d)$  where  $p()$  is a function such that  $1 < p() < \infty$  and  $q, \alpha$  are constant reals verifying  $1 \leq q, \alpha \leq \infty$ , in this work some properties are derived and the pre-dual of those spaces were established which contributed to prove the necessary conditions of fractional integral commutators' boundedness. As applications, the characterization of fractional integral operators and commutators on (one-) variable Fofana's spaces are discussed, which are new result even for the classical Fofana's spaces.

In the recent past, N. Diarra [50] investigated the boundedness of classical operators such as Riesz potentials operators, maximal operators, Calderon-Zygmund operators and some generalized sublinear operators in both  $(L^{p()}, l^q)^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and their preduals  $H(p'(), q', \alpha')(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , in this paper some properties of these spaces are proved. The results extend and/or improve those of classical Fofana's spaces and their preduals.

The present work considers all exponents  $q, p, \alpha$  of  $(L^q, l^p)^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^d)$  as functions and generalizes the two Banach function spaces of the two papers of Diarra [50] and Yang and Zhou [49].

The following contributors have done huge work that contributed to the success of our paper: [22, 15, 47, 48].

In this work, we will extend the definition of these constant exponent spaces  $(L^q, l^p)(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $(L^q, l^p)^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , ( $q, p, \alpha$  are constants) to the case where  $q, p, \alpha$  are functions  $q(), p(), \alpha()$  from  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

It seems that Wiener amalgams with two or three variable exponents have not yet been considered in full generality.

In a precedent work we have defined and studied a two-variable exponent amalgam spaces  $(L^{q()}, l^{p()})(\Omega)$ ; (where  $q(), p()$  are functions,  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ), see [22].

It is clear that  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  is a subspace of the two-variable amalgam spaces  $L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ . We denote by  $L^0 = L^0(\mathbb{R}^d) = L^0(\mathbb{R}^d, dx)$  the real vector space of equivalent classes (modulo equality Lebesgue almost everywhere) of Lebesgue measurable complex-valued functions on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

One of the most significant operators in Harmonic Analysis is the fractional integral operator  $I_\gamma$ , ( $0 < \gamma < 1$ ), also known as the Riesz potential (of order  $d \cdot \gamma$ ) and defined by

$$I_\gamma f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x - y|^{d(\gamma-1)} f(y) dy$$

for such  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $f \in L^0$  for which the above integral makes sense.

The boundedness properties of  $I_\gamma$  between various Banach spaces have been extensively studied, see [30-36]. Lately, the boundedness of the Riesz potential operator on variable exponent spaces was also studied by many researchers, see [37-44].

In this work, we define the variable exponent Fofana's spaces  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  and give some properties and study the continuity of the Riesz potential operators.

The paper is divided into four sections. Section 2 includes fundamental notations and definitions which will be used in the subsequent sections. Section 3 contains auxiliary results and properties. Section 4 deals with the behavior of the Riesz potential on  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ .

Throughout the paper, the constants are independent of the main parameters involved, with values which may differ from line to line.

## 2. Definitions and Notations

### Notation 1.

- $d$  will be a fixed positive integer,  $\Omega$  a non void subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , the

$d$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is equipped with the usual Euclidean norm  $|x|$ .

$p(), q(), r(), \dots$  in general indicate that  $p, q, r, \dots$  are functions used as norm indexes ( $\|\cdot\|_{p()}, \|\cdot\|_{q()}, \|\cdot\|_{r()}, \dots$ ).

$f(), g(), h(), \dots$  in general mean that  $f, g, h, \dots$  are functions which are applied on the elements  $x, y, z, \dots$  of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , the dots between the brace refer to these elements.

Let  $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  be the set of all Lebesgue measurable functions  $p() : \Omega \rightarrow [1, \infty]$ . In order to distinguish between variable and constant exponents, we will always denote exponent functions by  $p()$ .

Given  $p()$  and a set  $E \subset \Omega$ , let:

$$p_-(E) = \text{ess inf}_{x \in E} p(x), \quad p_+(x) = \text{ess sup}_{x \in E} p(x).$$

We simply write:

$$p_- = p_-(\Omega) \quad \text{and} \quad p_+ = p_+(\Omega).$$

As in the case for the classical Lebesgue spaces, we will encounter different behavior depending on whether  $p(x) = 1$ ,  $1 < p(x) < \infty$ ,  $p(x) = \infty$ . Therefore, we define three canonical subsets of  $\Omega$ :

$$\Omega_\infty^{p()} = \Omega_\infty = \{x \in \Omega : p(x) = \infty\},$$

$$\Omega_1^{p()} = \Omega_1 = \{x \in \Omega : p(x) = 1\},$$

$$\Omega_*^{p()} = \Omega_* = \{x \in \Omega : 1 < p(x) < \infty\}.$$

Below, the value of certain constants will depend on whether these sets have positive measure; if they do we will use the fact that, for instance

$$\left\| \chi_{\Omega_1^{p()}} \right\|_\infty = 1.$$

Given  $p()$ , we define the conjugate exponent  $p'()$  by:

$$\frac{1}{p(x)} + \frac{1}{p'(x)} = 1, \quad x \in \Omega$$

with the convention  $\frac{1}{\infty} = 0$ .

Since  $p()$  is a function, the notation  $p'()$  can be mistaken for the derivative of  $p()$ , but we will never use the symbol  $\langle\langle' \rangle\rangle$  in this sense.

The notation  $p'$  will always denote the conjugate of a constant exponent. The operation of taking the supremum/infimum of an exponent does not commute with forming the conjugate exponent. In fact, a straightforward computation shows that:

$$(p'())_+ = (p_-)', \quad (p'())_- = (p_+)'$$

For simplicity, we will omit one set of parentheses and write the left-hand side of each equality as:

$$p'()_+ = (p_-)', \quad p'()_- = (p_+)'$$

A function  $r() : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is locally log-Hölder continuous and denote this by  $r() \in LH_0(\Omega)$ , if there exists a constant  $C_0$  such that

$$|x - y| \leq \frac{1}{2} : |r(x) - r(y)| \leq \frac{C_0}{-\log(|x - y|)}, \quad x, y \in \Omega.$$

We say that  $r()$  is log-Hölder continuous at infinity and denote this by  $r() \in LH_\infty(\Omega)$ , if there exist  $C_\infty$  and  $r_\infty = r(\infty)$  such that

$$|r(x) - r_\infty| \leq \frac{C_\infty}{\log(e + |x|)}, \quad x \in \Omega.$$

If  $r()$  is log-Hölder continuous locally and at infinity, we will denote this by writing  $r() \in LH(\Omega) = LH_0(\Omega) \cap LH_\infty(\Omega)$ .

If there is no confusion about the domain, we will sometimes write:  $LH_0$ ,  $LH_\infty$  or  $LH$ .

- In the whole document  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

**Definition 1.**

1. For any  $q() \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  and a Lebesgue measurable function  $f$ , we denote  $\rho_{L^{q()}(\Omega)}(f)$  by:

$$\rho_{L^{q()}(\Omega)}(f) = \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_{\infty}^{q()}} |f(x)|^{q(x)} dx + \|f\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega_{\infty}^{q()})}, \quad (2)$$

where

$$\|f\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega_{\infty}^{q()})} = \inf\{\varepsilon > 0 : |f(x)| \leq \varepsilon \text{ a.e. } x \in \Omega_{\infty}^{q()}\}.$$

We define

$$\|f\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega)} = \|f\|_{q(), \Omega} = \inf\left\{\lambda > 0 : \rho_{q()}\left(\frac{f}{\lambda}\right) \leq 1\right\}, \quad (3)$$

$$L^{q()}(\Omega) = \{f \in L^0(\Omega) : \|f\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega)} < \infty\}. \quad (4)$$

2. If  $f$  is unbounded on  $\Omega_{\infty}^{q()}$  or  $f()^{q()} \notin L^1(\Omega^{q()} \setminus \Omega_{\infty})$ , we define  $\rho_{q()}(f) = \infty$ .

3. If  $q_+ < \infty$ , in particular when  $|\Omega_{\infty}^{q()}| = 0$ , we let  $\|f\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega_{\infty}^{q()})} = 0$ .

4. If  $q_+ = \infty$ , then  $\inf\{\varepsilon > 0 : q(x) \leq \varepsilon \text{ a.e. } x \in \Omega\} = \infty$ , that is,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 : q(x) > 0 \text{ a.e. } x \in \Omega$ , therefore in this case  $q()$  is unbounded,

$$\Omega_{\infty}^{q()} = \{x \in \Omega : q(x) = \infty\} = \Omega, \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_{q(), \Omega}(f) = \sup_{x \in \Omega} |f(x)|.$$

5. If  $|\Omega \setminus \Omega_{\infty}^{q()}| = 0$ , then  $\rho_{q()}(f) = \|f\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega_{\infty}^{q()})}$ .

**Definition 2.** Let  $I$  be a non void countable set,  $\mathcal{P}(I)$  be the set of all Lebesgue measurable functions  $p() : I \rightarrow [1, \infty]$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(I) = \{p()/p() : I \rightarrow [1, \infty], p() \text{ is Lebesgue measurable}\}$ .

1. For any  $p() \in \mathcal{P}(I)$  and  $\{a_k\}_{k \in I} \in \mathbb{R}^I$ , we define the modular  $\rho_{lp()(I)}$  by:

$$\rho_{lp()(I)}(\{a_k\}_{k \in I}) = \sum_{k \in I \setminus I_{\infty}^{p()}} |a_k|^{p(k)} + \sup_{k \in I_{\infty}^{p()}} |a_k| \quad (5)$$

or

$$\rho_{l^{p(\cdot)}(I)}(\{a_k\}_{k \in I}) = \left\| \left\{ |a_k|^{p(k)} \right\}_{k \in I \setminus I_\infty^{p(\cdot)}} \right\|_{l^1(I \setminus I_\infty^{p(\cdot)})} + \left\| \left\{ |a_k| \right\}_{k \in I_\infty^{p(\cdot)}} \right\|_{l^\infty(I_\infty^{p(\cdot)})}.$$

2. If  $\left\{ |a_k|^{p(k)} \right\}_{k \in I \setminus I_\infty^{p(\cdot)}} \notin l^1(I \setminus I_\infty^{p(\cdot)})$  or  $\left\{ |a_k| \right\}_{k \in I_\infty^{p(\cdot)}}$  is unbounded

on  $I_\infty^{p(\cdot)}$ , we define:

$$\rho_{l^{p(\cdot)}(I)}(\{a_k\}_{k \in I}) = \infty.$$

3. If  $I_\infty^{p(\cdot)} = \emptyset$ , in particular when  $p_+ < \infty$ , we let  $\sup_{k \in I_\infty^{p(\cdot)}} |a_k| = 0$ ,

therefore

$$\rho_{l^{p(\cdot)}(I)}(\{a_k\}_{k \in I}) = \sum_{k \in I} |a_k|^{p(k)}.$$

4. If  $I \setminus I_\infty^{p(\cdot)} = \emptyset$ , then  $I = I_\infty^{p(\cdot)}$ , and  $\rho_{p(\cdot)}(\{a_k\}_{k \in I}) = \sup_{k \in I} |a_k|$ .

5. If  $p_+ < \infty$ , then  $p(\cdot) < \infty$  on  $I$  and  $I_\infty^{p(\cdot)} = \emptyset$ , therefore

$$\rho_{p(\cdot), I}(\{a_k\}_{k \in I}) = \sum_{k \in I} |a_k|^{p(k)}.$$

6. If  $p_+ = \infty$ , then  $p(\cdot)$  is unbounded on  $I$  and  $I_\infty^{p(\cdot)} = \{k \in I : p(k) = \infty\} = I$ , and

$$\rho_{p(\cdot), I}(\{a_k\}_{k \in I}) = \sup_{k \in I} |a_k|.$$

7. For any  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(I)$ , we define the variable sequence spaces  $l^{p(\cdot)}(I)$  by:

$$l^{p(\cdot)}(I) = \left\{ \{a_k\}_{k \in I} \in \mathbb{R}^I : \|\{a_k\}_{k \in I}\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(I)} < \infty \right\}, \quad (6)$$

where

$$\|\{a_k\}_{k \in I}\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(I)} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \rho_{l^{p(\cdot)}(I)} \left( \frac{\{a_k\}_{k \in I}}{\lambda} \right) \leq 1 \right\}. \quad (7)$$

We define on  $l^{p(\cdot)}(I)$  some operations as follows:

For any  $\{a_k\}_{k \in I} \in l^{p(\cdot)}(I)$ ,  $\{b_k\}_{k \in I} \in l^{p(\cdot)}(I)$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\beta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ :

$$\{a_k\}_{k \in I} + \{b_k\}_{k \in I} = \{a_k + b_k\}_{k \in I},$$

$$\alpha \cdot \{a_k\}_{k \in I} = \{\alpha \cdot a_k\}_{k \in I},$$

$$\{a_k\}_{k \in I} \cdot \{b_k\}_{k \in I} = \{a_k \cdot b_k\}_{k \in I},$$

$$\frac{\{a_k\}_{k \in I}}{\beta} = \left\{ \frac{a_k}{\beta} \right\}_{k \in I}.$$

We also define the absolute value of any element  $\{a_k\}_{k \in I}$  of  $l^{p(\cdot)}(I)$  by:

$$|\{a_k\}_{k \in I}| = \{|a_k|\}_{k \in I}.$$

The  $s$ -power of  $\{a_k\}_{k \in I}$  of  $l^{p(\cdot)}(I)$  (with  $1 \leq s < \infty$ ) is defined by;

$$|\{a_k\}_{k \in I}|^s = \{|a_k|^s\}_{k \in I}.$$

**Properties 3.** [22]

1) For any  $p(\cdot), \tilde{p}(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(I)$ ,  $\{a_k\}_{k \in I} \in \mathbb{R}^I$ :

$$p(\cdot) \leq \tilde{p}(\cdot) \text{ on } I \Rightarrow \|\{a_k\}_{k \in I}\|_{l^{\tilde{p}(\cdot)}(I)} \leq \|\{a_k\}_{k \in I}\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(I)}. \quad (8)$$

2) Given a non-void countable set  $I$  and  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(I)$  such that  $I_\infty^{p(\cdot)} = \emptyset$ , then for all  $s$  such that  $\frac{1}{p_-} \leq s < \infty$ , we have

$$\left\| \{|a_k|^s\}_{k \in I} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(I)} = \|\{a_k\}_{k \in I}\|_{l^{sp(\cdot)}(I)}^s.$$

3) When  $p(\cdot) = p$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , the definition of  $l^{p(\cdot)}(I)$  given in the formula (6) is equivalent to the classical Lebesgue sequence spaces  $l^p(I)$  defined by:

$$\| (a_k)_{k \in I} \|_{l^p(I)} = \begin{cases} \left[ \sum_{k \in I} |a_k|^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} & \text{if } p < \infty, \\ \sup_{k \in I} |a_k| & \text{if } p = \infty. \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

4) Given a countable and non-void set  $I$  and  $p() \in \mathcal{P}(I)$ , for all  $\{a_k\}_{k \in I} \in l^{p()}(I)$  and  $\{b_k\}_{k \in I} \in l^{p'}(I)$ , then  $\{a_k b_k\}_{k \in I} \in l^1(I)$ , and

$$\| \{a_k b_k\}_{k \in I} \|_{l^1(I)} = \sum_{k \in I} a_k b_k \leq K_{p()} \| \{a_k\}_{k \in I} \|_{l^{p()}(I)} \times \| \{b_k\}_{k \in I} \|_{l^{p'}(I)}. \quad (10)$$

This inequality can be generalized in the following way:

5) Given a countable and non-void set  $I$  and  $q(), r() \in \mathcal{P}(I)$ , define  $p()$  by

$$\frac{1}{p()} = \frac{1}{q()} + \frac{1}{r()} \quad \text{on } I.$$

Then there exists a constant  $K$  such that for all

$$\begin{aligned} & \{a_k\}_{k \in I} \in l^{q'}(I), \{b_k\}_{k \in I} \in l^{r'}(I) : \{a_k b_k\}_{k \in I} \in l^{p'}(I) \text{ and} \\ & \| \{a_k b_k\}_{k \in I} \|_{l^{p'}(I)} \leq K_{p()} \| \{a_k\}_{k \in I} \|_{l^{q'}(I)} \times \| \{b_k\}_{k \in I} \|_{l^{r'}(I)}, \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

in the particular case where  $p() = 1$ , we get (10):

$$\| \{a_k b_k\}_{k \in I} \|_{l^1(I)} \leq K \| \{a_k\}_{k \in I} \|_{l^{q'}(I)} \times \| \{b_k\}_{k \in I} \|_{l^{q'}(I)}.$$

**Lemma 4.** [47, 48] *Let  $q() \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ , suppose that  $q_+ < \infty$ . For any sequence  $\{f_n\} \subset L^{q'}(\Omega)$  and  $f \in L^{q'}(\Omega)$ ,  $\|f - f_n\|_{q(), \Omega} \rightarrow 0$  if and only if  $\rho_{L^{q'}(\Omega)}(f - f_n) \rightarrow 0$ .*

Remark that the discrete version of this lemma is also valid.

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $(x, k, r) \in \Omega \times \mathbb{Z}^d \times ]0, +\infty[$ , we set  $t = \frac{r}{2}$  :*

$$(a) \ x \in I_k^t \Rightarrow I_k^t \subset J_x^r,$$

$$(b) \ x \in I_k^r \Rightarrow J_x^r \subset \bigcup_{l \in L_k} I_l^r,$$

where  $L_k = \{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d : k_j - 1 \leq l_j \leq k_j + 1, \ j \in \{1, \dots, d\}\}$  and

$$(c) \ \text{Card } L_k \leq 3^d < \infty.$$

**Proof.**

(a) Under the hypotheses of (a) let  $y \in I_k^t$ , then  $k_j t \leq y_j < (k_j + 1)t$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, d$ , let us prove that  $y \in J_x^r$ :

by hypothesis  $x \in I_k^t$ , then  $k_j t \leq x_j < (k_j + 1)t$ , these two last double inequalities lead to  $-t < y_j - x_j < t$ , therefore  $x_j - t < y_j < x_j + t$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, d$ , since  $t = \frac{r}{2}$ , we get  $x_j - \frac{r}{2} < y_j < x_j + \frac{r}{2}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, d$ , which means that  $y \in J_x^r$ .

(b) By hypothesis  $x \in I_k^r$ , then  $k_j r \leq x_j < (k_j + 1)r$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, d$ , let  $z \in J_x^r$ , then  $x_j - \frac{r}{2} \leq z_j < x_j + \frac{r}{2}$ , now we should find  $l_0 \in L_k$  such that  $z \in I_{l_0}^r$ .  $z \in I_{l_0}^r \Leftrightarrow l_{0j} r \leq z_j < (l_{0j} + 1)r$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, d$ , this implies that  $l_{0j} \leq \frac{z_j}{r} < l_{0j} + 1$ , for any real number  $x$ , let  $E(x)$  be the great integer less than or equal to  $x$ , from the last double inequality, we can take  $l_{0j} = E\left(\frac{z_j}{r}\right)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, d$ , then we get  $l_0 = (l_{0j})_{1 \leq j \leq d} = \left(E\left(\frac{z_j}{r}\right)\right)_{1 \leq j \leq d}$  such that  $z \in I_{l_0}^r$ , it remains to prove that  $l_0 \in L_k$ , that is,  $k_j - 1 \leq l_{0j} \leq k_j + 1$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, d$ .

By recapitulating we have:  $\begin{cases} k_j r \leq x_j < (k_j + 1)r \\ x_j - \frac{r}{2} \leq z_j < x_j + \frac{r}{2} \end{cases}$  then we get:

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} k_j \leq \frac{x_j}{r} < k_j + 1 \\ \frac{x_j}{r} - \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{z_j}{r} < \frac{x_j}{r} + \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\}$ , this implies that  $\frac{x_j}{r} - \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{z_j}{r} < \frac{x_j}{r} + \frac{1}{2}$  which gives  $k_j - \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{x_j}{r} - \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{z_j}{r} < \frac{x_j}{r} + \frac{1}{2} < k_j + 1 + \frac{1}{2}$ , that is,  $k_j - \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{z_j}{r} < k_j + 1 + \frac{1}{2}$ , now by applying the function  $E$  (as defined in this proof) on all the members of this last double inequality, we find that  $E\left(k_j - \frac{1}{2}\right) \leq E\left(\frac{z_j}{r}\right) < E\left(k_j + 1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)$ , since  $k_j \in \mathbb{Z}$ , this is equivalent to  $k_j - 1 \leq l_{0j} \leq k_j + 1$ , which means that  $l_0 \in L_k$ .

(c) Recall that for any integers  $a, b$  such that  $a < b$  the number of integers located in the interval  $[a, b]$  is  $b - a + 1$ , therefore the number of  $l_j$  such that  $k_j - 1 \leq l_j \leq k_j + 1$  is 3, thus  $\text{Card } L_k \leq 3^d$ .

The claim is proved.

**Definition 6.** [22] Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega$ , for any  $q() \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p() \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$ , let  $f \in L_{loc}^{q()}(\Omega)$  and  $0 < r < \infty$  :

$$r \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega} = \left\| \left\{ \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p()}(\mathbb{Z}^d)}, \quad (12)$$

that is,

$$r \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega} = \begin{cases} \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \rho_{l^{p()}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \left( \frac{\left\{ \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d}}{\lambda} \right) \leq 1 \right\} & \text{if } p_+ < \infty, \\ \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega)} & \text{if } p_+ = \infty. \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

We have defined the two-variable exponential amalgam spaces

$(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega)$  (see [22]) by:

$$(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega) = \left\{ f \in L_{loc}^{q(\cdot)} : {}_1\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} < \infty \right\}. \quad (14)$$

${}_r\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \mathbb{R}^d}$ ,  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\mathbb{R}^d)$  will be simply denoted by  ${}_r\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot)}$ ,  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})$ .

Remark that (13) generalizes (1) and according to Lemma 5, when  $p_+ = \infty$ ,  $I_k^r$  can be replaced by  $J_x^r$  and so (13) becomes:

$${}_r\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} = \begin{cases} \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \rho_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \left( \frac{\left\{ \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d}}{\lambda} \right) \leq 1 \right\} & \text{if } p_+ < \infty, \\ \sup_{x \in \Omega} \left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} & \text{if } p_+ = \infty. \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

**Proposition 7.** [22]

1. Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega$ , given  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$ .  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega)$ ,  ${}_1\|\cdot\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot)}$  is a Banach space.

2. Let  $\Omega$  be a set such that  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega$ , given  $q(\cdot), q_1(\cdot), q_2(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p(\cdot), p_1(\cdot), p_2(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$  and  $f \in L_{loc}^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ .

a) If  $\max \left\{ \frac{1}{q_-}, \frac{1}{p_-} \right\} \leq s < \infty$ ,  $|\Omega_\infty^{q(\cdot)}| = 0$ , and  $f \in (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega)$ ,

then  ${}_1\| |f|^s \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} = {}_1\| f \|_{sq(\cdot), sp(\cdot), \Omega}^s$ .

b) ( $\bullet$ ) Let  $f \in (L^{q_2(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega)$ . If  $q_1(\cdot) \leq q_2(\cdot)$  on  $\Omega$ , then  $f \in (L^{q_1(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega)$  and  ${}_1\|f\|_{q_1(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq K_{q_1(\cdot), q_2(\cdot)} \times {}_1\|f\|_{q_2(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}$  or  $(L^{q_2(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega) \subset (L^{q_1(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega)$ .

(••) In particular when  $|\Omega \setminus \Omega_\infty^{q_1(\cdot)}| < \infty$ , we have

$${}_1\|f\|_{q_1(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \left(1 + \left|\Omega \setminus \Omega_\infty^{q_1(\cdot)}\right|\right) \cdot {}_1\|f\|_{q_2(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq (1 + |\Omega|) \cdot {}_1\|f\|_{q_2(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}.$$

c) • Let  $f \in (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p_1(\cdot)})(\Omega)$  and  $p_1(\cdot) \leq p_2(\cdot)$  on  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ . We have  $f \in (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p_2(\cdot)})(\Omega)$  and  ${}_1\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p_2(\cdot), \Omega} \leq C \times {}_1\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p_1(\cdot), \Omega}$  or  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p_1(\cdot)})(\Omega) \subset (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p_2(\cdot)})(\Omega)$ .

•• In particular when  $|\Omega| < \infty$ , we have

$${}_1\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq (1 + |\Omega|) \cdot {}_1\|f\|_{q_+, p_-, \Omega}.$$

d) If  $\begin{cases} q(\cdot) = q = \text{constant real}, \\ p(\cdot) = p = \text{constant real}, \end{cases}$

both in  $[1, \infty]$ , then  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega) = (L^q, l^p)(\Omega)$  with constant exponents.

$(L^q, l^p)(\Omega)$  with constant exponents have been widely studied by many researchers (see: [45], [24], [28], [25], [46].

e) If  $|\Omega| < \infty$ , then there exist positive constant reals  $c, C$  such that:

$$c \times {}_1\|f\|_{q_-, p_+, \Omega} \leq {}_1\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq C \times {}_1\|f\|_{q_+, p_-, \Omega}$$

otherwise

$$(L^{q_+}, l^{p_-})(\Omega) \subset (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega) \subset (L^{q_-}, l^{p_+})(\Omega).$$

f) If

$$\frac{1}{q_1(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{q_2(\cdot)} = \frac{1}{q(\cdot)} \leq 1,$$

$$\frac{1}{p_1(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{p_2(\cdot)} = \frac{1}{p(\cdot)} \leq 1,$$

$$(f, g) \in (L^{q_1(\cdot)}, l^{p_1(\cdot)})(\Omega) \times (L^{q_2(\cdot)}, l^{p_2(\cdot)})(\Omega).$$

Then

$$\begin{cases} fg \in (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega), \\ \|fg\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq C \times \|f\|_{q_1(\cdot), p_1(\cdot), \Omega} \times \|g\|_{q_2(\cdot), p_2(\cdot), \Omega}, \end{cases}$$

in the particular case where  $q(\cdot) = p(\cdot) = 1$  on  $\Omega$ , we have Hölder's inequality

$$\|fg\|_{1, \Omega} \leq C \times \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \times \|g\|_{q'(\cdot), p'(\cdot), \Omega}.$$

g) Let  $f \in (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega)$ . We have

$$\|f\|_{q_+ + q_-, p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq C(p(\cdot)) [\|f_1\|_{q_+, p(\cdot), \Omega} + \|f_2\|_{q_-, p(\cdot), \Omega}] \leq 2 \times \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}$$

with  $f_1 \in (L^{q_+}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega)$  and  $f_2 \in (L^{q_-}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega)$ , otherwise

$$(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega) \subset (L^{q_+}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega) + (L^{q_-}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega) \subset (L^{q_+ + q_-}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega).$$

h) For any  $r > 0$ , the norms  $\|\cdot\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot)}$  and  $r\|\cdot\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot)}$  are equivalent.

We will need the following theorem which can be found in [47].

**Theorem 8. (Monotone Convergence theorem)**

Let  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ , and  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  be a sequence of non-negative functions such that  $f_n$  increases to a function  $f$  pointwise almost everywhere. Then either  $f \in L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  and  $\|f_n\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \rightarrow \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)}$  or  $f \notin L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  and  $\|f_n\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Remark 9.**

(1) Let  $p(\cdot) \in LH(\Omega)$ , there exists a function  $\tilde{p}(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  such that

(a)  $\tilde{p}(\cdot) \in LH$ ;

(b)  $\tilde{p}(x) = p(x)$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ ;

(c)  $\tilde{p}_- = p_-$  and  $\tilde{p}_+ = p_+$ .

(2) Given two domains  $\Omega$  and  $\tilde{\Omega}$ , if  $\tilde{\Omega} \subset \Omega$  and  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ , then

$\tilde{p}() = p()|_{\tilde{\Omega}} \in \mathcal{P}(\tilde{\Omega})$  and it is immediate from the definition of the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{L^q(\Omega)}$  that for  $f \in L^{p()}(\Omega)$ ,

$$\|f\|_{L^{\tilde{p}()}(\tilde{\Omega})} = \|f\chi_{\tilde{\Omega}}\|_{L^{p()}(\Omega)}.$$

Hereafter we will implicitly make these restrictions without comment and simply write  $\|f\|_{L^{p()}(\tilde{\Omega})}$ . Conversely, given  $p() \in \mathcal{P}(\tilde{\Omega})$  and  $f \in L^{p()}(\tilde{\Omega})$ , we can extend both to  $\Omega$  by defining  $f(x) = 0$  for  $x \in \Omega \setminus \tilde{\Omega}$  and defining  $p()$  arbitrarily on  $\Omega \setminus \tilde{\Omega}$ . If we do so, then  $\|f\|_{L^{p()}(\tilde{\Omega})} = \|f\|_{L^{p()}(\Omega)}$ . Moreover, if  $p() \in LH(\tilde{\Omega})$ , by (1) we may assume that  $p() \in LH(\Omega)$  as well.

Combining (1) and (2); we deduct:

(3) Let  $\Omega$  be a set such that  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega$ , from (1) and (2) given  $t() \in LH(\mathbb{Z}^d)$ , we can extend  $t()$  to an exponent function  $\tilde{t}()$  in  $LH(\Omega)$ : in the following sense:

$$\tilde{t}(x) = \begin{cases} t(x) & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Z}^d, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in \Omega \setminus \mathbb{Z}^d. \end{cases}$$

We will not do a difference between  $\tilde{t}()$  and  $t()$ .

We will need the following lemma:

**Lemma 10.** [22]

(i) For a fixed positive real number  $r$ , if  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  and  $k_1 \neq k_2$ , then  $I_{k_1}^r \cap I_{k_2}^r = \emptyset$ .

(ii) If  $r$  is a fixed positive real number then  $\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} I_k^r = \Omega$ .

**Lemma 11.** Let  $A$  be a finite subset of  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  such that  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega$ .

a) There always exist nonnegative real numbers  $(m_k)_{k \in A}$  not all zero

such that

$$\sum_{k \in A} m_k \chi_{I_k^r}(x) = 0, \quad x \in \Omega.$$

b) One element of  $\left(\chi_{I_k^r}\right)_{k \in A}$  can be expressed from another.

c) Furthermore all elements of  $\left(\chi_{I_k^r}\right)_{k \in A}$  can be expressed from one of

them.

**Proof.**

a) Recall that for real numbers  $(a_k)_{k \in A} : \left| \sum a_k \right| = \sum |a_k|$  when the numbers have the same sign.

For vectors  $(a_k)_{k \in A}$  (with  $A$  the finite subset of  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ ) in normed vector space  $(V, \|\cdot\|) : \left\| \sum_k a_k \right\| = \sum_k \|a_k\|$  when the vectors  $a_k$  are parallel or collinear with the same direction otherwise there exist real numbers  $r_k$  not all zero such that  $\sum_{k \in A} r_k a_k = 0$ , if the vectors  $a_k$  are collinear with the same sense, all the vectors  $a_k$  can be expressed from one of them, which means that there exist  $k_0 \in A$  and nonnegative real numbers  $(m_k)_{k \in A - \{k_0\}}$  such that  $\forall k \in A - \{k_0\} : a_k = m_k a_{k_0}$ , in this case:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{k \in A} a_k \right\| &= \left\| a_{k_0} + \sum_{k \in A - \{k_0\}} a_k \right\| \\ &= \left\| a_{k_0} + \sum_{k \in A - \{k_0\}} m_k a_{k_0} \right\| \\ &= \left\| \left( 1 + \sum_{k \in A - \{k_0\}} m_k \right) a_{k_0} \right\| \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left( 1 + \sum_{k \in A - \{k_0\}} m_k \right) \| a_{k_0} \|$$

in other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k \in A} \| a_k \| &= \| a_{k_0} \| + \sum_{k \in A - \{k_0\}} \| a_k \| \\ &= \| a_{k_0} \| + \sum_{k \in A - \{k_0\}} \| m_k a_{k_0} \| \\ &= \| a_{k_0} \| + \sum_{k \in A - \{k_0\}} |m_k| \| a_{k_0} \| \\ &= \left( 1 + \sum_{k \in A - \{k_0\}} |m_k| \right) \| a_{k_0} \| \\ &= \left( 1 + \sum_{k \in A - \{k_0\}} m_k \right) \| a_{k_0} \|. \end{aligned}$$

The last equality is from the fact that  $(m_k)_{k \in A - \{k_0\}}$  are nonnegative real numbers. Therefore, if the vectors  $(a_k)_{k \in A}$  are collinear with the same direction then

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in A} a_k \right\| = \sum_{k \in A} \| a_k \|.$$

From Lemma 10, for any  $k_1, k_2 \in A : k_1 \neq k_2 \Rightarrow I_{k_1}^r \cap I_{k_2}^r = \emptyset$ , therefore the members of the family  $(\chi_{I_k^r})_{k \in A}$  are pairwise disjoint.

The members of the family  $(\chi_{I_k^r})_{k \in A}$  are collinear with the same sense, let us prove that: let  $x \in \Omega$  such that

$$\sum_{k \in A} m_k \chi_{I_k^r}(x) = 0.$$

Taking into account of the disjointness of the family, we have two cases:

First case:  $x \in \Omega \setminus \bigcup_{k \in A} I_k^r$ .

In this case, we can take  $m_k = 1$  for any  $k \in A$  and (16) holds.

Second case: There exists a unique  $k_0 \in A$  such that  $x \in I_{k_0}^r$ .

In this case (16) will be reduced to  $m_{k_0} \chi_{I_{k_0}^r}(x) = 0$ , we can take  $m_k = 0$  and for any  $k \in A \setminus \{k_0\} : m_k = 1$  and (16) holds, otherwise  $\left(\chi_{I_k^r}\right)_{k \in A}$  are collinear and we can remark that  $(m_k)_{k \in A}$  are also nonnegative, therefore  $\left(\chi_{I_k^r}\right)_{k \in A}$  are collinear with the same sense.

b) Let us prove that one element of  $\left(\chi_{I_k^r}\right)_{k \in A}$  can be expressed from another.

We determine two nonnegative real numbers  $m_{k_i}$  and  $m_{k_j}$

$$m_{k_i} \chi_{I_{k_i}^r}(x) = m_{k_j} \chi_{I_{k_j}^r}(x), \quad x \in \Omega. \quad (e)$$

If  $x \notin I_{k_i}^r \cup I_{k_j}^r$ , then we can take  $m_{k_i} = m_{k_j} = 1$  and then (e) becomes  $\chi_{I_{k_i}^r}(x) = \chi_{I_{k_j}^r}(x) = 0$ . If  $x$  is in one of the two sets  $I_{k_i}^r$  and  $I_{k_j}^r$ , for instance  $x \in I_{k_i}^r \setminus I_{k_j}^r$ , then we can take  $m_{k_i} = 0$  and  $m_{k_j} = 1$ , therefore (e) becomes  $\chi_{I_{k_j}^r}(x) = \frac{m_{k_i}}{m_{k_j}} \chi_{I_{k_i}^r}(x) = a \cdot \chi_{I_{k_i}^r}(x)$  with  $a = \frac{m_{k_i}}{m_{k_j}}$ . In any case  $\chi_{I_{k_j}^r} = a \cdot \chi_{I_{k_i}^r}$  with  $a \geq 0$ .

c) To be simple let  $A = \{k_1, \dots, k_n\}$  with  $n \geq 1$  and

$S = \left\{ \chi_{I_{k_1}^r}, \chi_{I_{k_2}^r}, \dots, \chi_{I_{k_n}^r} \right\}$ , if we apply b): there will exist real numbers  $a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  such that  $\chi_{I_{k_1}^r} = 1 \cdot \chi_{I_{k_1}^r}$ ,  $\chi_{I_{k_2}^r} = a_2 \cdot \chi_{I_{k_1}^r}$ ,  $\chi_{I_{k_3}^r} = a_3 \cdot \chi_{I_{k_1}^r}$ , ...,  $\chi_{I_{k_n}^r} = a_n \cdot \chi_{I_{k_1}^r}$ , then  $S$  will be:

$$S = \left\{ \chi_{I_{k_1}^r}, a_2 \chi_{I_{k_1}^r}, a_3 \chi_{I_{k_1}^r}, \dots, a_n \chi_{I_{k_1}^r} \right\}.$$

Finally we see that  $S$  is generated only by one vector  $\chi_{I_{k_1}^r}$ .

### Consequence of Lemma 11 (Cons. Lem. 11)

The consequence of this lemma is that for any  $p() = \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  with  $\mathbb{Z}^d \in \Omega$  and  $A$  a finite subset of  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ , for all  $f \in L^0(\Omega)$ , we have:

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in A} \chi_{I_k^r} \right\| = \sum_{k \in A} \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\| \quad (\text{f1})$$

but in other hand we have

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in A} \chi_{I_k^r} \right\| = \left\| \chi_{\bigcup_{k \in A} I_k^r} \right\|, \quad (\text{f2})$$

therefore

$$\left\| \chi_{\bigcup_{k \in A} I_k^r} \right\| = \sum_{k \in A} \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|, \quad (\text{f3})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} &\stackrel{\text{lem.10-(ii)}}{=} \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}\left(\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} I_k^r\right)} = \left\| f \chi_{\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \\
 &= \left\| \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)},
 \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} = \left\| f \chi_{\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} = \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)},$$

$$I_k^r \subset \Omega, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}^d, \quad r > 0. \quad (\text{f})$$

The following propositions on  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega)$  are not proved in [22], we will do it in this work:

**Proposition 12.** *Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega$ , given  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$  and  $f \in L_{loc}^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ .*

*If we simply let  $s(\cdot) = q(\cdot) = p(\cdot)$  on  $\Omega$ , then*

$$(L^{s(\cdot)}, l^{s(\cdot)})(\Omega) = L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega),$$

*that is, there exist two constants  $K$  and  $C$  such that*

$$K \|f\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq r \|f\|_{s(\cdot), s(\cdot), \Omega} \leq C \cdot \|f\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}.$$

**Proof.**

First case:  $s_+ < \infty$

In this case, for any  $x$  of  $\Omega : s(x) < \infty$  and for any  $\{a_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$ ,

we also have:  $\rho_{l^{s(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)}(\{a_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d}) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |a_k|^{s(k)}$ , therefore

$$\begin{aligned} r \|f\|_{s(\cdot), s(\cdot), \Omega} &= \left\| \left\{ \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{s(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \\ &= \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \rho_{l^{s(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \left( \frac{\left\{ \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d}}{\lambda} \right) \leq 1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left( \frac{\|f\chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \right)^{s(k)} \leq 1 \right\}.$$

For any  $(k, r, \lambda) \in \mathbb{Z}^d \times (0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$ , we have:

$$\left( \frac{\|f\chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \right)^{s(k)} \leq \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left( \frac{\|f\chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \right)^{s(k)},$$

from this we get

$$\left\{ \lambda > 0 : \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left( \frac{\|f\chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \right)^{s(k)} \leq 1 \right\} \subset \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \left( \frac{\|f\chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \right)^{s(k)} \leq 1 \right\},$$

then we have

$$\inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \left( \frac{\|f\chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \right)^{s(k)} \leq 1 \right\} \leq \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left( \frac{\|f\chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \right)^{s(k)} \leq 1 \right\}.$$

Now we consider the left hand side term

$$\inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \left( \frac{\|f\chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \right)^{s(k)} \leq 1 \right\} :$$

$$\inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \left( \frac{\|f\chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \right)^{s(k)} \leq 1 \right\} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \frac{\|f\chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \leq 1 \right\}$$

$$= \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}.$$

$$\text{The right hand side term } \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left( \frac{\left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \right)^{s(k)} \leq 1 \right\} \text{ is}$$

$r \| f \|_{s(\cdot), s(\cdot), \Omega}$  (see the line 4th and 5th of the current proof), therefore

$$\left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq r \| f \|_{s(\cdot), s(\cdot), \Omega}. \quad (17)$$

First we prove that  $(L^{s(\cdot)}, l^{s(\cdot)})(\Omega) \subset L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  :

Let  $f \in (L^{s(\cdot)}, l^{s(\cdot)})(\Omega)$ , therefore  $M = r \| f \|_{s(\cdot), s(\cdot), \Omega} < \infty$ , this last equality combined with (17) leads to

$$\left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq M < \infty. \quad (18)$$

Remark that for any  $r > 0$ , we have:

$$[-r, r]^d = \bigcup_{k \in \{-1, 0\}^d} I_k^r \text{ and } \{-1, 0\}^d \text{ owns } 2^d \text{ members, thus}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| f\chi_{[-r, r]^d} \right\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)} &= \left\| \sum_{k \in \{-1, 0\}^d} f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq \sum_{k \in \{-1, 0\}^d} \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \\ &\stackrel{(18)}{\leq} \sum_{k \in \{-1, 0\}^d} M = 2^d M, \end{aligned}$$

therefore for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  :  $\left\| f\chi_{[-n, n]^d} \right\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq 2^d M$  or

$\left( |f|^{s(\cdot)} \chi_{[-n, n]^d} \right) \uparrow |f|^{s(\cdot)}$ , from the Monotone Convergence Theorem 8 (in variable Lebesgue spaces) we have:

$$\|f\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| f \chi_{[-n,n]^d} \right\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq 2^d M = 2^d \cdot r \|f\|_{s(\cdot), s(\cdot), \Omega}, \quad \text{that}$$

is,

$$\|f\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq 2^d \cdot r \|f\|_{s(\cdot), s(\cdot), \Omega}. \quad (i_1)$$

Secondly, we prove that  $L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega) \subset (L^{s(\cdot)}, l^{s(\cdot)})(\Omega)$  :

since

$$1 \leq s(k) < \infty \text{ and } \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left( \frac{\|f \chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \right)^{s(k)} \leq \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \frac{\|f \chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \right)^{s(k)}, \quad (i_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} r \|f\|_{s(\cdot), s(\cdot), \Omega} &= \left\| \left\{ \|f \chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{s(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \\ &= \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \rho_{l^{s(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \left( \frac{\left\{ \|f \chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d}}{\lambda} \right) \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left( \frac{\|f \chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \right)^{s(k)} \leq 1 \right\} \\ &\leq \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \left( \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \frac{\|f \chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \right)^{s(k)} \leq 1 \right\} \quad \text{from } (i_2) \\ &= \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \frac{\|f \chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \leq 1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \frac{\left\| f \chi_{\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \leq 1 \right\} \quad \text{Cons. of lem. 11} \\
&= \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \frac{\| f \chi_{\Omega} \|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \leq 1 \right\} \quad \text{by lem. 10} \\
&= \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \frac{\| f \|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \leq 1 \right\} \\
&= \| f \|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)},
\end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$r \| f \|_{s(\cdot), s(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \| f \|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}. \quad (i_3)$$

(i<sub>1</sub>) and (i<sub>3</sub>) imply

$$\| f \|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq 2^d \cdot r \| f \|_{s(\cdot), s(\cdot), \Omega} \leq 2^d \| f \|_{L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)}.$$

Second case:  $s_+ = \infty$

In this case  $s(\cdot)$  is unbounded, then we can tend  $s(\cdot)$  to  $\infty$ , that is,

$$\lim_{s(\cdot) \rightarrow \infty} r \| f \|_{s(\cdot), s(\cdot), \Omega} = r \| f \|_{\infty, \infty, \Omega} \quad \text{and} \quad I_{\infty}^{s(\cdot)} = \{k \in I : s(k) = \infty\} = I, \quad \text{and}$$

$\rho_{s(\cdot)}(\{a_k\}_{k \in I}) = \sup_{k \in I} |a_k|$ , then we have:

$$r \| f \|_{\infty, \infty, \Omega} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \rho_{l^\infty(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \left( \frac{\left\{ \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d}}{\lambda} \right) \leq 1 \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \frac{\|f \chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \leq 1 \right\} \\
 &= \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \frac{\|f\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}}{\lambda} \leq 1 \right\} \\
 &= \inf \{ \lambda > 0 : \lambda \geq \|f\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \} \\
 &= \|f\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $(L^{s(\cdot)}, l^{s(\cdot)})(\Omega) = L^{s(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ .

**Proposition 13.** *Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega$ , given  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$  and  $f \in L_{loc}^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ .*

(a)  $q(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot) \Rightarrow L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega) \cup L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega) \subset (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega)$ , *that is, there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that*

$$r \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq C \cdot \min \{ \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)}, \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \}. \quad (19)$$

(b)  $p(\cdot) \leq q(\cdot) \Rightarrow (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega) \subset L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega) \cap L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , *that is, there exists a positive constant  $C$  such that*

$$\max \{ \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)}, \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \} \leq C \cdot r \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}. \quad (20)$$

**Proof.**

(a) First

Recall that in Proposition 7-h) it is said that:

For any  $r > 0$ , the norms  $\| \cdot \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot)}$  and  $r \| \cdot \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot)}$  are equivalent.

$q(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{q(\cdot)} \geq \frac{1}{p(\cdot)}$ , this implies that there exists a function  $\alpha(\cdot)$

defined on  $\Omega$  such that  $\frac{1}{q(\cdot)} = \frac{1}{p(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{\alpha(\cdot)}$ , by Hölder's inequality we

have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left\| f\chi_{I_k^1} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} &= \left\| \left( f\chi_{I_k^1} \right) \chi_{I_k^1} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq C \left\| f\chi_{I_k^1} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \left\| \chi_{I_k^1} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \\
&\stackrel{\text{Lem. 2.39 of [47]}}{\Rightarrow} \left\| f\chi_{I_k^1} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq 2C \left\| f\chi_{I_k^1} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \\
&\Rightarrow \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_k^1} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \leq 2C \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_k^1} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)},
\end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned}
{}_1 \| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} &\leq 2C \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_k^1} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \\
&\stackrel{\text{Propo. 12}}{=} K \cdot {}_1 \| f \|_{p(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} = K \| f \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)},
\end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega) \subset (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega).$$

Secondly

$$\left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_k^1} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} = {}_1 \| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot)} \stackrel{\text{Propo 7-2)-c)}}{\leq} {}_1 \| f \|_{q(\cdot), q(\cdot)} \stackrel{\text{Propo. 12}}{=} \| f \|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)},$$

that is,

$$L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega) \subset (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega).$$

These two results yield to

$$L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega) \cup L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega) \subset (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega).$$

(b)  $p(\cdot) \leq q(\cdot)$

First

$$\| f \|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \stackrel{\text{Propo. 12}}{=} {}_r \| f \|_{q(\cdot), q(\cdot), \Omega} \stackrel{\text{Propo. 7-2)-c)}}{\leq} {}_r \| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \text{ which means}$$

$$(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega) \subset L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega).$$

Secondly

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} = r \|f\|_{p(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \stackrel{\text{Propo. 7-2)-b)}}{\leq} r \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \text{ which means}$$

$$(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega) \subset L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega).$$

These two results yield to

$$(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega) \subset L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega) \cap L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega).$$

**Definition 14.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega$ , for any  $q(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$ .

For any  $f \in L_{loc}^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  and  $0 < r < \infty$ , we define  $\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}$  by:

$$\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} = \sup_{\substack{r>0 \\ x \in \Omega}} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}. \quad (21)$$

We define the spaces  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  by:

$$(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega) = \left\{ f \in L_{loc}^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega) : \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} < \infty \right\}. \quad (22)$$

**Remark 15.**

1. From (21) we have  $r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $r > 0$ , in particular when  $r = 1$ , we have  $\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}$  which means that

$$(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega) \subset (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega).$$

2. In case of  $p_+ = \infty$ , by virtue of (15), (21) becomes

$$\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} = \sup_{\substack{r>0 \\ x \in \Omega}} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \|f \chi_{J_x^r}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)}, \text{ in this case the}$$

exponent function  $p()$  is unbounded and we can tend  $p()$  to  $\infty$ , the last equality becomes

$$\|f\|_{q(), \infty, \alpha(), \Omega} = \sup_{\substack{r > 0 \\ x \in \Omega}} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \|f\chi_{J_x^r}\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega)}. \quad (23)$$

From this last inequality we will get

$$\|f\chi_{J_x^r}\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega)} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), \infty, \alpha(), \Omega}, \quad r > 0, \quad x \in \Omega. \quad (24)$$

Again, in case of  $p_+ = \infty$ , by virtue of (13), (21) becomes

$$\|f\|_{q(), \infty, \alpha(), \Omega} = \sup_{\substack{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d \\ r > 0 \\ x \in \Omega}} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \|f\chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega)}. \quad (25)$$

From this we get

$$\|f\chi_{I_k^r}\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega)} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), \infty, \alpha(), \Omega}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}^d, \quad r > 0, \quad x \in \Omega. \quad (26)$$

3.  $(L^{q()}, l^{\infty})^{\alpha()}(\Omega)$  generalize the classical Morrey space

$$L^{q, \lambda}(\Omega) = \{f \in L^0(\Omega) : \|f\|_{q, \lambda, \Omega} < \infty\},$$

where

$$\|f\|_{q, \lambda, \Omega} = \sup_{r > 0, x \in \Omega} r^{-d\lambda} \|f\chi_{J_x^r}\|_{L^q(\Omega)} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda = \frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{1}{q}, \quad \lambda, q, p \text{ are all}$$

constants.

**Remark 16.** By definition of  $\|\cdot\|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega}$  we have:

$$r\|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega}, \quad r > 0, \quad x \in \Omega. \quad (27)$$

But in other hand  $(L^{q()}, l^{p()})(\Omega) \subset L_{loc}^{q()}(\Omega)$ .

By Proposition 7-2-(c), we have  $r \| f \|_{q(), \infty, \Omega} \leq r \| f \|_{q(), p(), \Omega}$ , that is,

$$\left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}( \Omega )} \leq r \| f \|_{q(), p(), \Omega}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}^d, \quad r > 0 \quad (28)$$

or

$$\left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}( \Omega )} \leq r \| f \|_{q(), p(), \Omega}, \quad x \in \Omega, \quad r > 0 \quad (29)$$

or more generally for any cube  $Q$  such that  $|Q| < \infty$  we have

$$\left\| f \chi_Q \right\|_{L^{q()}( \Omega )} \leq r \| f \|_{q(), p(), \Omega}, \quad \text{with } r = |Q|^{1/d}.$$

Combining (27), (28) and (27), (29) we will respectively get the following inequalities which will be useful later

$$\left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}( \Omega )} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \| f \|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}^d, \quad r > 0, \quad x \in \Omega \quad (30)$$

or

$$\left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}( \Omega )} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \| f \|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega}, \quad x \in \Omega, \quad r > 0, \quad (31)$$

more generally for any cube  $Q$  : such that  $|Q| < \infty$

$$\left\| f \chi_Q \right\|_{L^{q()}( \Omega )} \leq |Q|^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \| f \|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega}, \quad x \in \Omega. \quad (32)$$

We will need the following lemma in functional analysis:

**Lemma 17.** *Given a normed linear space  $X$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

(a)  $X$  is complete,

(b)  $\{x_n\}_n \subset X$ ,  $\sum_n \|x_n\| < \infty \Rightarrow \sum_n x_n < \infty$  in  $X$ .

### 3. Properties

**Proposition 18.** *Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega$ , given  $q(), \alpha() \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p() \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$*

and  $f \in L_{loc}^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ . Then

$\left( (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega), \|\cdot\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot)} \right)$  is a Banach space.

**Proof.** It is clear that  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  is a sub-vector space of  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega)$  and that  $f \mapsto \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}$  is a norm on it.

We will use Lemma 17 to prove the desired result:

Let  $\{f_n\}_n$  be a sequence in  $\left( (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega), \|\cdot\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \right)$  such that

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|f_n\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} < \infty. \quad (33)$$

In other hand, for any  $f \in L_{loc}^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)$

$$\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} = \sup_{r > 0, x \in \Omega} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega},$$

then

$$r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}, \quad r > 0, \quad x \in \Omega. \quad (34)$$

In particular if  $r = 1$ , we get

$$\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}.$$

But in the precedent Proposition 7-h), we have proved that for any  $r > 0$ ,

$\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}$  and  $r\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}$  are equivalent, therefore we get:

$$r\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq C\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}. \quad (35)$$

(33) and (35) imply that

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} r\|f_n\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} < \infty.$$

But  $\left( (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega), {}_r\|\cdot\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \right)$  is a Banach space, therefore  $\{f_n\}_n$  converges to  $f$  in  $\left( (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega), {}_r\|\cdot\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \right)$ , then it exists an element  $f$  of  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega)$  such that the series  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n$  converges to  $f$  in  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega)$ , that is,  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n = f$  in  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega)$ , this implies that

$${}_r\left\| \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n \right\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} = {}_r\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega},$$

thus

$${}_r\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} {}_r\|f_n\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega},$$

therefore for any  $x \in \Omega$  :

$$r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} {}_r\|f_n\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} {}_r\|f_n\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}.$$

If we pass to the supremum over all  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $r > 0$ , we will get:

$$\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} \|f_n\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \stackrel{(33)}{<} \infty,$$

therefore

$$f \in (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega).$$

Furthermore

$$\left\| f - \sum_{1 \leq n \leq N} f_n \right\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \sum_{n > N} \|f_n\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} = R_N \quad \text{and}$$

$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} R_N = 0$ , since  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} \|f_n\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}$  is a convergent series (see (33)).

Therefore the series  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n \rightarrow f$  in

$$\left( (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega), \|\cdot\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \right).$$

**Proposition 19.** *Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega$ , given  $q(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$  such that  $q(\cdot) \leq \alpha(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot)$  and  $f \in L_{loc}^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , we suppose that  $q_+ < \infty$  and  $\frac{1}{q(\cdot)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(\cdot)} \in LH_0(\Omega)$ . Then*

$$L^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega) \subset (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega),$$

*that is, there exists a constant  $C$  (eventually equal to 1) such that*

$$\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)}. \quad (36)$$

**Proof.** By Hölder's inequality (in variable Lebesgue spaces) we have:

$$\left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} = \left\| \left( f \chi_{I_k^r} \right) \left( \chi_{I_k^r} \right) \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq C \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{\frac{\alpha(\cdot)q(\cdot)}{L^{\alpha(\cdot)-q(\cdot)}(\Omega)}}. \quad (37)$$

Recall that for any  $r(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  and any measurable  $E \subset \Omega$ , the harmonic mean  $r_E$  of  $r(\cdot)$  on  $E$  is defined by:

$$\frac{1}{r_E} = |E|^{-1} \int_E \frac{1}{r(y)} dy$$

and

$$\|\chi_E\|_{L^{r(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \approx |E| \frac{1}{r_E}$$

otherwise there exists constants  $c, C$  such that  $c |E| \frac{1}{r_E} \leq \|\chi_E\|_{L^{r(\cdot)}(\Omega)}$

$\leq C |E| \frac{1}{r_E}$ , from this we get

$$\left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{\frac{\alpha(\cdot)q(\cdot)}{L^{\alpha(\cdot)-q(\cdot)}(\Omega)}} \approx \left| I_k^r \right|^{\frac{1}{\left( \frac{\alpha(\cdot)q(\cdot)}{\alpha(\cdot)-q(\cdot)} \right)_{I_k^r}}},$$

but  $\forall y \in \Omega : r_- \leq r(y) \leq r_+$ , therefore:

$$\frac{1}{r_+} \leq \frac{1}{r_E} = |E|^{-1} \int_E \frac{1}{r(y)} dy \leq \frac{1}{r_-}.$$

We let  $\beta() = \frac{1}{\frac{\alpha()q()}{\alpha() - q()}} = \frac{1}{q()} - \frac{1}{\alpha()}.$

$q_+ < \infty \Rightarrow |\Omega_\infty^{q()}| = 0$ , therefore from Remark 2.40 of [47] we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \min \left\{ \left| I_k^r \left| \left( \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha} \right)_- \right|, \left| I_k^r \left| \left( \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha} \right)_+ \right| \right\} &\leq \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{\beta()}( \Omega )} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \left| I_k^r \left| \left( \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha} \right)_- \right|, \left| I_k^r \left| \left( \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha} \right)_+ \right| \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\min \left\{ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_-}, r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \right\} \leq \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{\beta()}( \Omega )} \leq \max \left\{ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_-}, r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \right\}. \quad (38)$$

Combining (37) and (38), we get

$$\left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}( \Omega )} \leq \max \left\{ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_-}, r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \right\} \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{\alpha()}( \Omega )}, \quad \text{this implies}$$

that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}( \Omega )} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p()}( \mathbb{Z}^d )} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_-}, r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \right\} \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{\alpha()}( \Omega )} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p()}( \mathbb{Z}^d )}, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned}
r \| f \|_{q(), p(), \Omega} &\leq \max \left\{ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_-}, r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \right\} r \| f \|_{\alpha(), p(), \Omega} \\
&\stackrel{\substack{\text{Propo. 7-2-c/-}\bullet \\ p() \geq \alpha() \text{ by hypoth.}}}{\leq} \max \left\{ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_-}, r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \right\} r \| f \|_{\alpha(), \alpha(), \Omega} \\
&\stackrel{\text{Propo. 12}}{=} \max \left\{ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_-}, r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \right\} \| f \|_{L^{\alpha()}(\Omega)},
\end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$r \| f \|_{q(), p(), \Omega} \leq \max \left\{ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_-}, r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \right\} \| f \|_{L^{\alpha()}(\Omega)}. \quad (39)$$

In other hand we have for any  $x \in \Omega$ ,

$$\min \left\{ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_-}, r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \right\} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \leq \max \left\{ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_-}, r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \right\}.$$

$$\text{First case: } \min \left\{ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_-}, r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \right\} = r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_-} :$$

In this case we have

$$\max \left\{ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_-}, r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \right\} = r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \quad (40)$$

and

$$r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_-} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+}. \quad (41)$$

Combining (39) and (40), we will get

$$r \| f \|_{q(), p(), \Omega} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \| f \|_{L^{\alpha()}(\Omega)}.$$

This gives

$$r^{-d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{L^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)}. \quad (42)$$

We have let  $\beta(\cdot) = \frac{1}{\frac{\alpha(\cdot)q(\cdot)}{\alpha(\cdot)-q(\cdot)}} = \frac{1}{q(\cdot)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(\cdot)}$ , from this, the last numbered

inequality becomes  $r^{-d\beta_+} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{L^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)}$  which implies that

$$r^{d(\beta(x)-\beta_+)} r^{-d\beta(x)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{L^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)}. \quad (43)$$

Recall that for any  $r(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$

$$r_+ = \text{ess sup}_{x \in \Omega} r(x) = \inf\{\varepsilon > 0 : r(x) \leq \varepsilon \text{ a.e. } x \in \Omega\}$$

and

$$r_- = \text{ess inf}_{x \in \Omega} r(x) = \sup\{\varepsilon > 0 : r(x) \geq \varepsilon \text{ a.e. } x \in \Omega\},$$

$$\beta(\cdot) = \frac{1}{q(\cdot)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(\cdot)} \leq \frac{1}{q(\cdot)},$$

therefore,

$$\left\{\varepsilon > 0 : \frac{1}{q(x)} \leq \varepsilon \text{ a.e. } x \in \Omega\right\} \subset \left\{\varepsilon > 0 : \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} \leq \varepsilon \text{ a.e. } x \in \Omega\right\},$$

this implies that

$$\inf\left\{\varepsilon > 0 : \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} \leq \varepsilon \text{ a.e. } x \in \Omega\right\} \leq \inf\left\{\varepsilon > 0 : \frac{1}{q(x)} \leq \varepsilon \text{ a.e. } x \in \Omega\right\}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\beta_+ \leq \inf\left\{\varepsilon > 0 : \frac{1}{q(x)} \leq \varepsilon \text{ a.e. } x \in \Omega\right\} = \frac{1}{\sup\left\{\frac{1}{\varepsilon} : q(x) \geq \frac{1}{\varepsilon}, \text{ a.e. } x \in \Omega\right\}} = \frac{1}{q_-} < \infty$$

since  $q_- \leq q_+ < \infty$ , therefore the hypotheses of Lemma 3.24 of [47] are satisfied, then we can apply it to get:

$$r^{d(\beta(x)-\beta_+)} = \left| J_x^r \right|^{\beta(x)-\beta_+} \leq C(d)$$

and the last numbered inequality becomes:

$$C(d)r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}-\frac{1}{q(x)}\right)}_r \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{L^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)}.$$

Now if we pass to the supremum over all  $r > 0$  and  $x \in \Omega$ , we will get

$$\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \leq (C(d))^{-1} \|f\|_{L^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)}.$$

Second case:  $\min \left\{ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)}_-, r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)}_+ \right\} = r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)}_+ :$  In this case we

have

$$\max \left\{ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)}_-, r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)}_+ \right\} = r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)}_- \quad (44)$$

and

$$r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)}_+ \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}-\frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)}_- . \quad (45)$$

Combining (39) and (44), we will get

$$r \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)}_- \|f\|_{L^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)}.$$

This gives

$$r^{-d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)}_- \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{L^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)}$$

or

$$r^{-d\beta_-} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{L^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)}$$

which implies that

$$r^{d(\beta(x)-\beta_-)} r^{-d\beta(x)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{L^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)}. \quad (46)$$

We can apply Lemma 3.24 of [47] to get:

$$r^{d(\beta(x)-\beta_-)} = \left| J_x^r \right|^{\beta(x)-\beta_-} = \left( \left| J_x^r \right|^{\beta_- - \beta(x)} \right)^{-1} \leq K^{-1}(d),$$

where  $K(d)$  is a constant only depending on  $d$ , and the last numbered inequality becomes:

$$K^{-1}(d)r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}-\frac{1}{q(x)}\right)}{}_r\|f\|_{q(\cdot),p(\cdot),\Omega} \leq \|f\|_{L^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)}$$

or

$$r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}-\frac{1}{q(x)}\right)}{}_r\|f\|_{q(\cdot),p(\cdot),\Omega} \leq K(d)\|f\|_{L^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)}.$$

Now if we pass to the supremum over all  $r > 0$  and  $x \in \Omega$ , we will get

$$\|f\|_{q(\cdot),p(\cdot),\alpha(\cdot),\Omega} \leq K(d)\|f\|_{L^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)}$$

and the claim is proved.

**Proposition 20.** *Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , given  $q(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$ .*

(a) *If  $\alpha(\cdot) < q(\cdot)$  on  $\Omega$ , we have  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega) = \{0\}$ ,*

(b) *If  $p(\cdot) < \alpha(\cdot)$  on  $\Omega$ , we also have  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega) = \{0\}$ ,*

*therefore  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  is non-trivial if  $q(\cdot) \leq \alpha(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot)$  on  $\Omega$ .*

**Proof.**

(a)  $\alpha(\cdot) < q(\cdot)$  on  $\Omega$

Let  $f \in (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , ( $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ), from (28):  $\left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq r\|f\|_{q(\cdot),p(\cdot),\Omega}.$

More generally fix an interval  $I \subset \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  such that  $|I| = r^d < \infty$ ,

from the formula just below the formula (29) we have

$$\|f\chi_I\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq |I|^{\frac{1}{d}} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}. \quad (47)$$

By definition of  $\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}$  for any  $x \in \Omega$

$$r \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega},$$

that is,

$$|I|^{\frac{1}{d}} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq |I|^{\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}. \quad (48)$$

These two last numbered inequalities give:

$$\|f\chi_I\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq |I|^{\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega},$$

this is equivalent to:

$$\|f\chi_I\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq \frac{\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}}{|I|^{\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)}},$$

$$f \in (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega) \Rightarrow \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} < \infty, \quad \alpha(\cdot) < q(\cdot) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}$$

> 0 on  $\Omega$ .

If we tend  $|I| \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  (then  $r^d = |I| \rightarrow \infty$ ), we will get  $\|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} = 0$ , therefore  $f = 0$ .

(b) Let  $f \in (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ .  $p(\cdot) < \alpha(\cdot)$ . Fix  $x \in \Omega$ .

$$\|fg\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \stackrel{\text{Propo. 12}}{=} r \|fg\|_{1,1,\Omega}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Propo. 7-2-f}}{\leq} r \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \times r \|g\|_{q'(\cdot), p'(\cdot), \Omega}$$

$$\stackrel{(27)}{\leq} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \times r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q'(x)} - \frac{1}{p'(x)}\right)} \|g\|_{q'(\cdot), p'(\cdot), \Omega}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} + \frac{1}{q'(x)} - \frac{1}{p'(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \times \|g\|_{q'(\cdot), p'(\cdot), \Omega} \\
 &= r^{d\left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{p'(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \times \|g\|_{q'(\cdot), p'(\cdot), \Omega} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Propo. 19}}{\leq} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \times \|g\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega)},
 \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$\|fg\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \times \|g\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega)}. \quad (49)$$

Since  $p(\cdot) < \alpha(\cdot)$  and  $f \in (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , we have  $\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} > 0$  and

$\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} = C < \infty$ , therefore we get

$$\|fg\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \leq Cr^{d\left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|g\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega)}.$$

Let us define the function  $g$  on  $\Omega$  by  $g(x) = \chi_{J_0^1}(x)$ , in this condition from Lemma 2.39 of [47]  $\|g\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq 2$ , thus we have

$$\|fg\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \leq 2Cr^{d\left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)},$$

since  $\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} > 0$ , now if we tend  $r$  to zero, we will get

$\|fg\|_{L^1(\Omega)} = 0$ , since  $g \neq 0$  on  $\Omega$ , we have  $f = 0$ .

Therefore  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)$  is non-trivial if  $q(\cdot) \leq \alpha(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot)$  on  $\Omega$  containing  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ , in the sequel we will only consider  $q(\cdot) \leq \alpha(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot)$ .

**Proposition 21.** *Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , given  $q(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$  such that  $q(\cdot) \leq \alpha(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot)$  on  $\Omega$  and  $f \in (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ .*

If  $\max\left\{\frac{1}{q_-}, \frac{1}{p_-}, \frac{1}{\alpha_-}\right\} \leq s < \infty$ ,  $|\Omega_\infty^{q(\cdot)}| = 0$ , then

$$\left\| |f|^s \right\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} = \|f\|_{sq(\cdot), sp(\cdot), s\alpha(\cdot), \Omega}^s.$$

**Proof.** Under the hypotheses of the proposition, from Proposition 7-2)-a), we have

$$r \left\| |f|^s \right\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} = r \|f\|_{sq(\cdot), sp(\cdot), \Omega}^s,$$

then for  $x \in \Omega$ , we get:

$$r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \left\| |f|^s \right\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} = r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} r \|f\|_{sq(\cdot), sp(\cdot), \Omega}^s,$$

therefore

$$r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \left\| |f|^s \right\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} = \left( r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{sq(x)}\right)} r \|f\|_{sq(\cdot), sp(\cdot), \Omega}^s \right)^s.$$

If we pass to the supremum over all  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $r > 0$ , we will get:

$$\left\| |f|^s \right\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} = \|f\|_{sq(\cdot), sp(\cdot), s\alpha(\cdot), \Omega}^s.$$

**Remark 22.** If  $q(\cdot) \leq \alpha(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot)$  on  $\Omega$  and  $\begin{cases} q(\cdot) = q = \text{constant real} \\ p(\cdot) = p = \text{constant real} \\ \alpha(\cdot) = \alpha = \text{constant real} \end{cases}$

all in  $[1, \infty]$ , then  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega) = (L^q, l^p)^\alpha(\Omega)$  with constant exponents.

The space  $(L^q, l^p)^\alpha(\Omega)$  with constant exponents have been widely studied during these last twenty years (See [13, 14, 15, 25, 17]).

Indeed if  $\begin{cases} q(\cdot) = q = \text{constant real} \\ p(\cdot) = p = \text{constant real} \\ \alpha(\cdot) = \alpha = \text{constant real} \end{cases}$  all in  $[1, \infty]$ , then

$$\|f\|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega} = \sup_{r>0, x \in \Omega} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega},$$

we have seen in a precedent work in [22] that when  $\begin{cases} q() = q = \text{constant real} \\ p() = p = \text{constant real} \end{cases}$  all in  $[1, \infty]$ , then  ${}_r\|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega} = {}_r\|f\|_{q, p, \Omega}$ , that is  $(L^{q()}, l^{p()})(\Omega)$  defined by  ${}_r\|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega}$  coincides with  $(L^q, l^p)(\Omega)$  given precedently, thus

$$\|f\|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega} = \sup_{r>0} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{1}{q}\right)} {}_r\|f\|_{q, p, \Omega} = \|f\|_{q, p, \alpha, \Omega}.$$

We conclude that the spaces  $L^{q()}, l^{p()} )^{\alpha()}(\Omega)$  generalize  $(L^q, l^p)^\alpha(\Omega)$  which are studied by many researchers, see [7-12].

**Proposition 23.** *Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , given  $q_1(), q_2(), \alpha() \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p_1(), p_2() \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$  and  $f \in L_{loc}^{q()}(\Omega)$ .*

(1) *Suppose that  $q_1() \leq q_2() \leq \alpha() \leq p()$ ,  $\left| \Omega_{\infty}^{q_1()} \right| = 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{q_3()} = \frac{1}{q_1()}$   $-\frac{1}{q_2()} \in LH_0(\Omega)$ ,  $(q_3)_+ = q_{3+} < \infty$ , and  $f \in (L^{q_2()}, l^{p()})^{\alpha()}.$*

*Then there exists a constant  $C$  such that*

$$\|f\|_{q_1(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega} \leq C \|f\|_{q_2(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega},$$

*in other words under these hypotheses we have*

$$(L^{q_2()}, l^{p()})^{\alpha()}(\Omega) \subset (L^{q_1()}, l^{p()})^{\alpha()}(\Omega).$$

(2) *Suppose that  $q() \leq \alpha() \leq p_1() \leq p_2()$  and  $f \in (L^{q()}, l^{p_1()})^{\alpha()}(\Omega).$*

*Then*

$$\|f\|_{q(), p_2(), \alpha(), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{q(), p_1(), \alpha(), \Omega}.$$

*In other words under the hypotheses we have the following embedding*

$$(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p_1(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega) \subset (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p_2(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega).$$

**Proof.** (1)  $q_1(\cdot) \leq q_2(\cdot) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{q_1(\cdot)} \geq \frac{1}{q_2(\cdot)}$ , therefore there exists a function  $q_3(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  such that  $\frac{1}{q_1(\cdot)} = \frac{1}{q_2(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{q_3(\cdot)}$ . By Hölder's inequality in variable Lebesgue spaces, there exists a constant  $C$  such that

$$\left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)} = \left\| \left( f\chi_{I_k^r} \right) \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq C \cdot \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_3(\cdot)}(\Omega)},$$

that is

$$\left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq C \cdot \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_3(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \cdot \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)}. \quad (50)$$

By Remark 2.40 of [47], we have

$$\min \left\{ \left| I_k^r \right|_{q_{3-}^-}, \left| I_k^r \right|_{q_{3+}^+} \right\} \leq \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_3(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq \max \left\{ \left| I_k^r \right|_{q_{3-}^-}, \left| I_k^r \right|_{q_{3+}^+} \right\},$$

that is,

$$\min \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{q_{3-}^-}}, r^{\frac{d}{q_{3+}^+}} \right\} \leq \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_3(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{q_{3-}^-}}, r^{\frac{d}{q_{3+}^+}} \right\}. \quad (51)$$

From this last inequality, we remark that  $\left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)}$  is (upper-) bounded (and lower-bounded) by a constant which does not depend on  $k$ , therefore (50) implies that

$$\left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \leq C \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_3(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)},$$

that is,

$$r \| f \|_{q_1(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq C \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_3(\cdot)}(\Omega)} r \| f \|_{q_2(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega},$$

multiplying this inequality by  $r^{\frac{d}{\alpha(x)}}$ , ( $x \in \Omega$ ), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & r^{\frac{d}{q_1(x)}} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q_1(x)}\right)} {}_r\|f\|_{q_1(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \\ & \leq C \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_3(\cdot)}(\Omega)} r^{\frac{d}{q_2(x)}} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q_2(x)}\right)} {}_r\|f\|_{q_2(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}. \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

This leads to

$$\begin{aligned} & r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q_1(x)}\right)} {}_r\|f\|_{q_1(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \\ & \leq C \left( \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_3(\cdot)}(\Omega)} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_2(x)} - \frac{1}{q_1(x)}\right)} \right) r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q_2(x)}\right)} {}_r\|f\|_{q_2(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}. \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

It remains to bound  $\left[ \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_3(\cdot)}(\Omega)} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_2(x)} - \frac{1}{q_1(x)}\right)} \right]$  by a constant  $K$

which does not depend on  $r$ . Recall that  $\frac{1}{q_3(\cdot)} = \frac{1}{q_1(\cdot)} - \frac{1}{q_2(\cdot)}$  on  $\Omega$ , therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_3(\cdot)}(\Omega)} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_2(x)} - \frac{1}{q_1(x)}\right)} & \stackrel{(51)}{\leq} \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{q_{3-}}}, r^{\frac{d}{q_{3+}}} \right\} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_2(x)} - \frac{1}{q_1(x)}\right)} \\ & = \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{q_{3-}}}, r^{\frac{d}{q_{3+}}} \right\} r^{-d\left(\frac{1}{q_1(x)} - \frac{1}{q_2(x)}\right)} \\ & = \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{q_{3-}}}, r^{\frac{d}{q_{3+}}} \right\} r^{-\frac{d}{q_3(\cdot)}} \\ & = \max \left\{ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_{3-}} - \frac{1}{q_3(x)}\right)}, r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_{3+}} - \frac{1}{q_3(x)}\right)} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \max \left\{ \left| J_x^r \left| \frac{1}{q_{3-}} - \frac{1}{q_3(x)} \right|, \left| J_x^r \left| \frac{1}{q_{3+}} - \frac{1}{q_3(x)} \right| \right\}.$$

Recall that since  $q_{3+} < \infty : q_3(\cdot) \in LH_0(\Omega) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{q_3(\cdot)} \in LH_0(\Omega)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \left| J_x^r \left| \frac{1}{q_{3-}} - \frac{1}{q_3(x)} \right| \right| &= \left( \left| J_x^r \left| \frac{q_{3-} - q_3(x)}{q_3(x)q_{3+}} \right| \right)^{-1} \\ &= \left( \left| J_x^r \right|^{q_{3-} - q_3(x)} \right)^{\frac{-1}{q_3(x)q_{3+}}} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \left( \left| J_x^r \right|^{q_{3-} - q_3(x)} \right)^{\frac{-1}{q_{3-}q_{3+}}}, \left( \left| J_x^r \right|^{q_{3-} - q_3(x)} \right)^{\frac{-1}{(q_{3+})^2}} \right\} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Lem 3.24 of [48]}}{\leq} \max \left\{ (C(d))^{\frac{-1}{q_{3-}q_{3+}}}, (C(d))^{\frac{-1}{(q_{3+})^2}} \right\} \\ &= K_1(d) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

By the same way we prove that  $\left| J_x^r \left| \frac{1}{q_{3+}} - \frac{1}{q_3(x)} \right| \right| \leq K_2(d) < \infty$  if we let  $\max\{K_1(d), K_2(d)\} = K(d)$ , therefore in any case  $\left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_3(\cdot)}(\Omega)}$

$\times r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_2(x)} - \frac{1}{q_1(x)}\right)} \leq K(d)$ , combining this result with the last numbered inequality (53) we will get

$$r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q_1(x)}\right)} {}_r\|f\|_{q_1(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq CK(d) r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q_2(x)}\right)} {}_r\|f\|_{q_2(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}.$$

Now if we pass to supremum over all  $r > 0$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ , we will get

$$\|f\|_{q_1(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \leq CK(d) \|f\|_{q_2(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}.$$

(2) Under the hypotheses of Proposition 23, from (8) we have:

$$\left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p_2(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \leq \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)}.$$

This implies that:

$$\begin{aligned} & r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p_2(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \\ & \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)}. \end{aligned}$$

If we pass to the supremum over all  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $r > 0$ , we will get:

$$\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p_2(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p_1(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}.$$

**Proposition 24.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , suppose that:

$\bullet$   $q(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), q_1(\cdot), \alpha_1(\cdot), q_2(\cdot), \alpha_2(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p(\cdot), p_1(\cdot), p_2(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$ , such that  $q_1(\cdot) \leq \alpha_1(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot)$ ,  $q_2(\cdot) \leq \alpha_2(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot)$ ,  $q_3(\cdot) \leq \alpha_3(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot)$  on  $\Omega$ .

$$\bullet \begin{cases} \frac{1}{q_1(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{q_2(\cdot)} = \frac{1}{q(\cdot)}, \\ \frac{1}{p_1(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{p_2(\cdot)} = \frac{1}{p(\cdot)}, \\ \frac{1}{\alpha_1(\cdot)} + \frac{1}{\alpha_2(\cdot)} = \frac{1}{\alpha(\cdot)}. \end{cases}$$

Then there exists a positive constant  $K$  such that for any  $(f, g) \in (L^{q_1(\cdot)}, l^{p_1(\cdot)})^{\alpha_1(\cdot)}(\Omega) \times (L^{q_2(\cdot)}, l^{p_2(\cdot)})^{\alpha_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ :

$$\|fg\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \leq K \|f\|_{q_1(\cdot), p_1(\cdot), \alpha_1(\cdot), \Omega} \|g\|_{q_2(\cdot), p_2(\cdot), \alpha_2(\cdot), \Omega}.$$

**Proof.** By Hölder's inequality (in variable Lebesgue spaces), we have:

$$\left\| fg\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq K \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \left\| g\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)}.$$

$\|\cdot\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)}$  is order preserving, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \left\{ \left\| fg\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \\ & \leq K \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \left\| g\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)}. \end{aligned}$$

Again by Hölder's inequality, the second member of the last inequality is bounded by the following inequality's second member:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \left\{ \left\| fg\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \\ & \leq K \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \left\| \left\{ \left\| g\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p_2(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)}, \end{aligned}$$

this implies that:

$$\begin{aligned} & r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\{ \left\| fg\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \\ & \leq Kr^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \left\| \left\{ \left\| g\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p_2(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)}, \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\{ \left\| fg\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \\ & \leq Kr^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha_1(x)} - \frac{1}{q_1(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_1(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \\ & \quad \times r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha_2(x)} - \frac{1}{q_2(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\{ \left\| g\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q_2(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p_2(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)}. \end{aligned}$$

If we pass to the supremum over all the  $r > 0$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , we will get:

$$\|fg\|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega} \leq K \|f\|_{q_1(), p_1(), \alpha_1(), \Omega} \|g\|_{q_2(), p_2(), \alpha_2(), \Omega}.$$

**Proposition 25.** *Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega$ , given  $q(), \alpha() \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p() \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$  such that  $q() = \alpha() \leq p()$ . Then*

$$(L^{q()}, l^{p()})^{q()}(\Omega) = L^{q()}(\Omega),$$

that is, there exists positive real numbers  $c, C$  such that

$$c \|f\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega)} \leq \|f\|_{q(), p(), q(), \Omega} \leq C \|f\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega)}. \quad (54)$$

**Proof.** By the Proposition 19:  $L^{q()}(\Omega) \subset (L^{q()}, l^{p()})^{q()}(\Omega)$ , it remains to prove that  $(L^{q()}, l^{p()})^{q()}(\Omega) \subset L^{q()}(\Omega)$ , that is, there exists a positive constant  $K$  such that

$$\|f\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega)} \leq K \cdot \|f\|_{q(), p(), q(), \Omega}.$$

Let  $f \in (L^{q()}, l^{p()})^{q()}(\Omega)$ , then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq M = \|f\|_{q(), p(), q(), \Omega} &= \sup_{r>0, x \in \Omega} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega} \\ &= \sup_{r>0} r \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

By definition of  $\|f\|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega}$ , we have that  $r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{q(), p(), q(), \Omega}$ ,  $r > 0$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ , that is,

$$r \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{q(), p(), q(), \Omega} = M. \quad (55)$$

Using (55) and (28), we will get

$$\left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega)} \leq \|f\|_{q(), p(), q(), \Omega} = M. \quad (56)$$

Remark that  $[-r, r]^d = \bigcup_{k \in \{-1, 0\}^d} I_k^r$ ,  $r > 0$  and  $\{-1, 0\}^d$  owns  $2^d$

members, thus

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| f\chi_{[-r, r]^d} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} &= \left\| \sum_{k \in \{-1, 0\}^d} f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \\ &\leq \sum_{k \in \{-1, 0\}^d} \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \stackrel{(56)}{\leq} \sum_{k \in \{-1, 0\}^d} M = 2^d M, \quad r > 0, \end{aligned}$$

therefore  $\left\| f\chi_{[-n, n]^d} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq 2^d MC$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , but  $\left( |f|^{q(\cdot)} \chi_{[-n, n]^d} \right)^\uparrow |f|^{q(\cdot)}$ ,

from convergence monotone Theorem 8 we have:

$$\|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| f\chi_{[-n, n]^d} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq 2^d M = 2^d \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), q(\cdot), \Omega}$$

and the claim is proved.

**Proposition 28.** *Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega$ , given  $q(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$  such that  $q(\cdot) \leq \alpha(\cdot) = p(\cdot)$ . Then*

$$(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega) = L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega),$$

that is, there exists positive real numbers  $c$  and  $C$  such that

$$c\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq C\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)}. \quad (57)$$

**Proof.** From Proposition 19 we have

$$L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega) \subset (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega).$$

It remains to show that  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega) \subset L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , that is, there exists a positive constant  $K$  such that

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq K\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}.$$

Let  $f \in (L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ .

Consider an element  $g$  of  $L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ .

Recall that  $\left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \approx \left| I_k^r \right|^{\frac{1}{q'_{I_k^r}}}$ , that is  $\exists l, L > 0$  :

$$l \left| I_k^r \right|^{\frac{1}{q'_{I_k^r}}} \leq \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq L \left| I_k^r \right|^{\frac{1}{q'_{I_k^r}}}, \quad (58)$$

where  $q'_{I_k^r}$  is the harmonic mean of  $q'(\cdot)$  on  $I_k^r$  defined on  $\Omega$  by

$$\frac{1}{q'_{I_k^r}} = \left| I_k^r \right|^{-1} \int_{I_k^r} \frac{1}{q'(y)} dy.$$

• Suppose that  $g$  is a simple function under the form:  $g = \sum_{k \in A} a_k \chi_{I_k^r}$

where  $A$  is a finite subset of  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  and  $0 < r < \infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \|fg\|_{L^1(\Omega)} &\leq \sum_{k \in A} |a_k| \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \\ &= \sum_{k \in A} |a_k| \left\| \left( f \chi_{I_k^r} \right) \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Holder in } L^{q(\cdot)}}{\leq} C \sum_{k \in A} |a_k| \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q'(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \\ &\stackrel{(58)}{\leq} CL \sum_{k \in A} |a_k| \left| I_k^r \right|^{\frac{1}{q'_{I_k^r}}} \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \\ &= C \sum_{k \in A} |a_k| r^{\frac{d}{q'_{I_k^r}}} \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \\ &= CL \sum_{k \in A} |a_k| r^{d \left( 1 - \frac{1}{q_{I_k^r}} \right)} \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \stackrel{\text{Holder in. } l^{p(\cdot)}}{\leq} CL \left\| \{a_k\}_{k \in A} \right\|_{l^{p'(\cdot)}(A)}^r \left\| \left\{ \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in A} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(A)}^{d \left( 1 - \frac{1}{q_{I_k^r}} \right)} \\
& = CL \left\| \{a_k\}_{k \in A} \right\|_{l^{p'(\cdot)}(A)}^r \times r^{\frac{d}{p_{I_k^r}'}} \times r^{d \left( \frac{1}{p_{I_k^r}} - \frac{1}{q_{I_k^r}} \right)} \left\| \left\{ \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in A} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(A)} \\
& \leq CL \left\| \{a_k\}_{k \in A} \right\|_{l^{p'(\cdot)}(A)}^r \times r^{\frac{d}{p_{I_k^r}'}} \times r^{d \left( \frac{1}{p_{I_k^r}} - \frac{1}{q_{I_k^r}} \right)} \left\| \left\{ \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \Omega} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \\
& \leq CL \left\| \{a_k\}_{k \in A} \right\|_{l^{p'(\cdot)}(A)}^r \times r^{\frac{d}{p_{I_k^r}'}} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \\
& = CL \left\| \{a_k\}_{k \in A} \right\|_{l^{p'(\cdot)}(A)}^r \left| I_k^r \right|^{\frac{1}{p_{I_k^r}'}} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \\
& \stackrel{(8)}{\leq} CL \left\| \{a_k\}_{k \in A} \right\|_{l^1(A)}^r \left| I_k^r \right|^{\frac{1}{p_{I_k^r}'}} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \\
& \stackrel{(58)}{\leq} CL l^{-1} \left\| \{a_k\}_{k \in A} \right\|_{l^1(A)} \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(A)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \\
& \stackrel{\text{def. of } \|\cdot\|_{l^1}}{=} CL l^{-1} \sum_{k \in A} |a_k| \left\| \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(A)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \\
& \stackrel{\text{proper of } \|\cdot\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}}}{=} CL l^{-1} \sum_{k \in A} \left\| a_k \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(A)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \\
& \stackrel{\text{cons. of Lem. 11}}{=} CL l^{-1} \left\| \sum_{k \in A} a_k \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(A)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \\
& \leq CL l^{-1} \|g\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}.
\end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\|fg\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \leq CLl^{-1} \|g\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}.$$

• Since the set of simple functions are dense in  $L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ , we have the following

$$\|fg\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \leq CLl^{-1} \|g\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}, \quad g \in L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega). \quad (59)$$

Therefore we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} &= \sup \{ \|fg\|_{L^1(\Omega)} : g \in L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega), \|g\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq 1 \} \\ &\leq CLl^{-1} \sup \{ \|g\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} : g \in L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega), \|g\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq 1 \} \\ &\leq CLl^{-1} \sup \{ \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} : g \in L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega), \|g\|_{L^{p'(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq 1 \}, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq CLl^{-1} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}$$

which means that

$$(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega) \subset L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)$$

and the claim is proved.

**Definition 27.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega$ , given  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$ , we define the function  $\|\cdot\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}$  on  $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})(\Omega)$  by

$$\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} = \begin{cases} \min \left\{ r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}} \right\} \left\| \|f\chi_{J_x^r}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} & \text{if } p_+ < \infty, \\ \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} & \text{if } p_+ = \infty, \end{cases} \quad (60)$$

we have taken account of (3) of Remark 9, that is, the zero extension of  $p(\cdot)$  on  $\Omega \setminus \mathbb{Z}^d$ .

**Remark 28.** We fix  $q() \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p() \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$ , given  $f \in (L^{q()}, l^{p()})(\Omega)$  and take account of the zero extension of  $p()$  on  $\Omega \setminus \mathbb{Z}^d$

(of Remark 9), to compute the real number  $\left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p()}(\Omega, dx)}$ ,

we first calculate  $\left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega, dy)}$  :

$$\left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega, dy)} = \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \rho_{L^{q()}(\Omega, dy)} \left( \frac{f\chi_{J_x^r}}{\lambda} \right) \leq 1 \right\},$$

$$\text{(where } \rho_{L^{q()}(\Omega, dy)} \left( \frac{f\chi_{J_x^r}}{\lambda} \right) = \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_\infty^{q()}} \left| \frac{f(y)\chi_{J_x^r}}{\lambda} \right|^{q(y)} dy + \left\| \frac{f\chi_{J_x^r}}{\lambda} \right\|_{L^\infty(\Omega_\infty^{q()})} \text{),}$$

$x$  is supposed to be a real parameter, the result of the calculation (of  $\left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega, dy)}$ ) depends on  $x \in \Omega$  and  $r > 0$ , we denote it by  $\beta(x, r)$  and consider the function  $x \mapsto \beta(x, r)$ , after that, we determine

$$\left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p()}(\Omega, dx)} \text{ by:}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p()}(\Omega, dx)} &= \left\| \beta(\cdot, r) \right\|_{L^{p()}(\Omega, dx)} \\ &= \inf \left\{ \lambda > 0 : \rho_{L^{p()}(\Omega, dx)} \left( \frac{\beta(\cdot, r)}{\lambda} \right) \leq 1 \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\rho_{L^{p()}(\Omega, dx)} \left( \frac{\beta(\cdot, r)}{\lambda} \right) = \int_{\Omega \setminus \Omega_\infty^{p()}} \left| \frac{\beta(x, r)}{\lambda} \right|^{p(x)} dx + \left\| \frac{\beta(\cdot, r)}{\lambda} \right\|_{L^\infty(\Omega_\infty^{p()})}.$$

The result of the calculation of  $\left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p()}(\Omega, dx)}$  depends on

$r$ .

**Proposition 29.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega$ ,  $q() \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  such that  $q_+ < \infty$  and

$p() \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$ . Then there exist real numbers  $A$  and  $B$  such that:

$$A_r \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega} \leq B_r \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega}.$$

That is,  ${}_r\|\cdot\|_{q(), p(), \Omega}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{q(), p(), \Omega}$  are equivalent on  $(L^{q()}, l^{p()})(\Omega)$ .

**Proof.** It is already known that  ${}_r\|\cdot\|_{q(), p(), \Omega}$  is a norm on  $(L^{q()}, l^{p()})(\Omega)$  (see [22]). Furthermore, according to its definition, it is easy to see that  $\|\cdot\|_{q(), p(), \Omega}$  is a norm on  $(L^{q()}, l^{p()})(\Omega)$ .

Case 1:  $p_+ < \infty$ .

Let  $f \in L_{loc}^q(\Omega)$ .

(a) Remark that for any  $(x, k) \in \Omega \times \mathbb{Z}^d$ , we have from Lemma 5-(b) that

$$x \in I_k^r \Rightarrow J_x^r \subset \bigcup_{l \in L_k} I_l^r, \quad (e_1)$$

where  $L_k = \{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d : k_j - 1 \leq l_j \leq k_j + 1\}$  for  $j \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ .

By consequence

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p()}(\Omega, dx)} \\ & \stackrel{(e_1)}{\leq} \left\| \left\| f \chi_{\bigcup_{l \in L_k} I_l^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p()}(\Omega, dx)} \\ & \stackrel{\text{Lem. 10-(ii)}}{\leq} \left\| \sum_{l \in L_k} \|f\|_{L^{q()}(I_l^r, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p()}\left(\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} I_k^r, dx\right)} \\ & = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\| \sum_{l \in L_k} \|f\|_{L^{q()}(I_l^r, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p()}(I_k^r, dx)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\| \sum_{l \in L_k} \left\| f\chi_{I_l^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(I_k^r, dx)} \\
&= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\| 1 \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(I_k^r, dx)} \sum_{l \in L_k} \left\| f\chi_{I_l^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \\
&\stackrel{\text{Lemma 3.2.12 of [48]}}{\leq} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \max \left\{ \left| I_k^r \right|^{\frac{1}{p_-}}, \left| I_k^r \right|^{\frac{1}{p_+}} \right\} \sum_{l \in L_k} \left\| f\chi_{I_l^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \\
&= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{d}{p_+}} \right\} \sum_{l \in L_k} \left\| f\chi_{I_l^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \\
&= \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{d}{p_+}} \right\} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \sum_{l \in L_k} \left\| f\chi_{I_l^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \\
&\stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\leq} K \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{d}{p_+}} \right\} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\| \{1\}_{l \in L_k} \right\|_{l^{p'(\cdot)}(L_k)} \\
&\quad \times \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_l^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\}_{l \in L_k} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(L_k)} \\
&\leq K \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{d}{p_+}} \right\} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} (\text{Card } L_k)^{\frac{1}{p_+}} \\
&\quad \times \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_l^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\}_{l \in L_k} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(L_k)} \\
&= K \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{d}{p_+}} \right\} (\text{Card } L_k)^{\frac{1}{p_+}} \\
&\quad \times \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_l^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\}_{l \in L_k} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(L_k)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= K \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{d}{p_+}} \right\} (\text{Card } L_k)^{\frac{1}{p'_+}} \\
 &\quad \times \left\| \left\{ \left\| f \chi_{I_l^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\}_{l \in L_k} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(L_k)} \Bigg\|_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \Bigg\|_{l^1(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \\
 &= K \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{d}{p_+}} \right\} (\text{Card } L_k)^{\frac{1}{p'_+}} \\
 &\quad \times \left\| \left\{ \left\| f \chi_{I_l^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\}_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \Bigg\|_{k \in K_l} \Bigg\|_{l^1(K_l)},
 \end{aligned}$$

where for any  $l \in \mathbb{Z}^d$

$K_l = \{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d : l \in L_k\} = \{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d : l_j - 1 \leq k_j \leq l_j + 1\}$ , then  $\text{Card } K_l \leq 3^d$ , this leads to the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left\| \left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \\
 &\leq K \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{d}{p_+}} \right\} (\text{Card } L_k)^{\frac{1}{p'_+}} \left\| \{1\}_{k \in K_l} \right\|_{l^1(K_l)} \\
 &\quad \times \left\| \left\{ \left\| f \chi_{I_l^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\}_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)},
 \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\| \left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} &\leq K \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{d}{p_+}} \right\} (\text{Card } L_k)^{\frac{1}{p'_+}} \text{Card } K_l \\
 &\quad \times \left\| \left\{ \left\| f \chi_{I_l^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\}_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)}
 \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \leq KCC' \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{d}{p_+}} \right\} r \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}$$

otherwise

$$\min \left\{ r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}} \right\} \cdot \left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \leq KCC' r \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}.$$

Thus

$$\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq KCC' r \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}, \quad (61)$$

where  $C = (\text{Card } L_k)^{\frac{1}{p_+}} \leq 3^{\frac{d}{p_+}}$  and  $C = \text{Card } K_l \leq 3^d$ .

(b) Let  $t = \frac{r}{2}$ .

• Remark that  $I_k^r = \bigcup_{l \in \{0, 1\}^d} I_{2k+l}^t$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$

$$\begin{aligned} r \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} &= \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \\ &= \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{\bigcup_{l \in \{0, 1\}^d} I_{2k+l}^t} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \\ &\leq \left\| \left\{ \sum_{l \in \{0, 1\}^d} \left\| f\chi_{I_{2k+l}^t} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \end{aligned}$$

but

$$\sum_{l \in \{0, 1\}^d} \left\| f\chi_{I_{2k+l}^t} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)}$$

$$= \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_{2k+l}^t} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\}_{l \in \{0, 1\}^d} \right\|_{l^1\{0, 1\}^d}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Holder ineq.}}{\leq} \left\| \{1\}_{l \in \{0, 1\}^d} \right\|_{l^{p'(\cdot)}\{0, 1\}^d} \cdot \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_{2k+l}^t} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\}_{l \in \{0, 1\}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}\{0, 1\}^d},$$

therefore we get

$$\begin{aligned} & r \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \\ & \leq \left\| \{1\}_{l \in \{0, 1\}^d} \right\|_{l^{p'(\cdot)}\{0, 1\}^d} \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_{2k+l}^t} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\}_{l \in \{0, 1\}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}\{0, 1\}^d} \left\| \right\|_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \right\| \\ & \leq \left\| \{1\}_{l \in \{0, 1\}^d} \right\|_{l^{p'(\cdot)}\{0, 1\}^d} \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_{2k+l}^t} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\}_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \left\| \right\|_{k \in \{0, 1\}^d} \left\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}\{0, 1\}^d} \right\| \\ & = \left\| \{1\}_{l \in \{0, 1\}^d} \right\|_{l^{p'(\cdot)}\{0, 1\}^d} \left\| \{1\}_{k \in \{0, 1\}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}\{0, 1\}^d} \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_{2k+l}^t} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\}_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \\ & \leq \left\| \{1\}_{l \in \{0, 1\}^d} \right\|_{l^{p'(\cdot)}\{0, 1\}^d} \left\| \{1\}_{k \in \{0, 1\}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}\{0, 1\}^d} \left\| \left\{ \left\| f\chi_{I_m^t} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)}, \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$r \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq c c'_t \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} c' &= \left\| \{1\}_{l \in \{0, 1\}^d} \right\|_{l^{p'(\cdot)}\{0, 1\}^d} \leq \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p'_+ = \infty \\ c = \text{Card}(\{0, 1\}^d)^{\frac{1}{p'_+}} & \text{if } p'_+ < \infty \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p'_+ = \infty \\ 2^{\frac{d}{p'_+}} & \text{if } p'_+ < \infty \end{cases}, \\ \left\| \{1\}_{l \in \{0, 1\}^d} \right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}\{0, 1\}^d} &\leq \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p_+ = \infty \\ c = \text{Card}(\{0, 1\}^d)^{\frac{1}{p_+}} & \text{if } p_+ < \infty \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p_+ = \infty \\ 2^{\frac{d}{p_+}} & \text{if } p_+ < \infty \end{cases}, \end{aligned}$$

since  $t = \frac{r}{2}$ , we get

$$r \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq cc' \frac{r}{2} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}. \quad (62)$$

• From Lemma 5-(a)

$$x \in I_k^t \Rightarrow I_k^t \subset J_x^r, \quad x \in \Omega, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$$

and then

$$x \in I_k^t \Rightarrow \|f\chi_{I_k^t}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \leq \|f\chi_{J_x^r}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)}, \quad x \in \Omega, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$$

this implies that

$$\left\| \|f\chi_{I_k^t}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(I_k^r, dx)} \leq \left\| \|f\chi_{J_x^r}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(I_k^r, dx)},$$

therefore

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\| \|f\chi_{I_k^t}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(I_k^r, dx)} \leq \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\| \|f\chi_{J_x^r}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(I_k^r, dx)},$$

then

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \|1\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(I_k^r, dx)} \left\| f\chi_{I_k^t} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \leq \left\| \|f\chi_{J_x^r}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}\left(\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} I_k^r, dx\right)},$$

that is,

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \|1\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(I_k^r, dx)} \left\| f\chi_{I_k^t} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \leq \left\| \|f\chi_{J_x^r}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)},$$

$\|1\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(I_k^r, dx)}$  being independent of  $k$ , we have

$$\|1\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(I_k^r, dx)} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\| f\chi_{I_k^t} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \leq \left\| \|f\chi_{J_x^r}\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)},$$

the last inequality remains true if  $\|1\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(I_k^r, dx)}$  is replaced by its maximal value (see Remark 2.40 of [47]), that is,

$$\max\left\{\left|I_k^r\right|^{\frac{1}{p_-}}, \left|I_k^r\right|^{\frac{1}{p_+}}\right\} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \left\|f\chi_{I_k^t}\right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \leq \left\|\left\|f\chi_{J_x^r}\right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}\right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}$$

which means that

$$\max\left\{\left|I_k^r\right|^{\frac{1}{p_-}}, \left|I_k^r\right|^{\frac{1}{p_+}}\right\} \left\|\left\{\left\|f\chi_{I_k^t}\right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)}\right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d}\right\|_{l^1(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \leq \left\|\left\|f\chi_{J_x^r}\right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}\right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \quad (63)$$

but from (8) we have

$$\left\|\left\{\left\|f\chi_{I_k^t}\right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)}\right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d}\right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \leq \left\|\left\{\left\|f\chi_{I_k^t}\right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)}\right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d}\right\|_{l^1(\mathbb{Z}^d)}. \quad (64)$$

Combining the two last numbered inequalities, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \max\left\{\left|I_k^r\right|^{\frac{1}{p_-}}, \left|I_k^r\right|^{\frac{1}{p_+}}\right\} \left\|\left\{\left\|f\chi_{I_k^t}\right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)}\right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d}\right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \\ & \leq \left\|\left\|f\chi_{J_x^r}\right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}\right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \end{aligned}$$

otherwise

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\|\left\{\left\|f\chi_{I_k^t}\right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)}\right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d}\right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)} \\ & \leq \left(\max\left\{\left|I_k^r\right|^{\frac{1}{p_-}}, \left|I_k^r\right|^{\frac{1}{p_+}}\right\}\right)^{-1} \left\|\left\|f\chi_{J_x^r}\right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}\right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}, \end{aligned}$$

which means that

$$\left\|\left\{\left\|f\chi_{I_k^t}\right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)}\right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d}\right\|_{l^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{Z}^d)}$$

$$\leq \min \left\{ r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}} \right\} \left\| \left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)},$$

that is,

$$\frac{r}{2} \| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}. \quad (65)$$

Combining (62) and (65) we will get

$$r \| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq cc' \| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}. \quad (66)$$

Combining (61) and (66) we will get

$$r \| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq cc' \| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} \leq cc' KCC'_r \| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega}. \quad (67)$$

Case 2:  $p_+ = \infty$ .

In this case

$$r \| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} = \| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \Omega} = \sup_{x \in \Omega} \| f \chi_{J_x^r} \|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)}.$$

**Definition 30.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega$ , given  $q(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$  such that  $q(\cdot) \leq \alpha(\cdot) \leq p(\cdot)$ . We also define  $\| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}$  by:

$$\| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} = \begin{cases} \sup_{r>0, x \in \Omega} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} & \text{if } p_+ < \infty, \\ \sup_{r>0, x \in \Omega, k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \left\| f \chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} & \text{if } p_+ = \infty. \end{cases} \quad (68)$$

**Remark 31.**

(1) Taking account of Lemma 5, we could have been defined  $\| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}$  by

$$\| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} = \begin{cases} \sup_{r>0, x \in \Omega} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} & \text{if } p_+ < \infty, \\ \sup_{r>0, x \in \Omega} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} & \text{if } p_+ = \infty. \end{cases} \quad (69)$$

(2) In case of  $p_+ = \infty$ , then we can tend  $p()$  to  $\infty$ , in this case in (69) we have

$$r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q() }(\Omega)} \leq \| f \|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega}, \quad r > 0, \quad x \in \Omega.$$

That is,

$$\left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q() }(\Omega)} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \| f \|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega}, \quad r > 0, \quad x \in \Omega.$$

If we tend  $p()$  to  $\infty$ , we will get

$$\left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q() }(\Omega)} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \| f \|_{q(), \infty, \alpha(), \Omega}, \quad r > 0, \quad x \in \Omega. \quad (70)$$

The same also remains true in (68), that is,

$$\left\| f\chi_{I_k^r} \right\|_{L^{q() }(\Omega)} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \| f \|_{q(), \infty, \alpha(), \Omega}, \quad r > 0, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}^d, \quad x \in \Omega. \quad (71)$$

**Lemma 32.** [47, 48] *Given  $s() : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that  $s_+ < \infty$ , the following are equivalent*

(a)  $s() \in LH_0(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ,

(b) *there exists a constant  $C$  depending on  $d$  such that given any cube  $Q$  and  $x \in Q$ ,*

$$|Q|^{s(x) - s_+(Q)} \leq C \quad \text{and} \quad |Q|^{s_-(Q) - s(x)} \leq C.$$

**Proposition 33.** *Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega$ , given  $q(), \alpha() \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $p() \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$  such that  $q() \leq \alpha() \leq p()$ ,  $p() \in LH_0(\Omega)$  (with the zero extension of  $p()$  on  $\Omega \setminus \mathbb{Z}^d$ ). Then  $\| \cdot \|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega}$  and  $\| \cdot \|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega}$  are equivalent norms on  $(L^{q()}, l^{p()})^{\alpha() }(\Omega)$ .*

**Proof.** The fact that  $\| \cdot \|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega}$  is a norm, follows from its definition.

By the precedent Proposition 29, there exist two positive real numbers  $A$  and  $B$  such that

$$A_r \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega} \leq B_r \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega}, \quad f \in L_{loc}^{q()}.$$

For any  $x \in \Omega$ , multiplying this double inequality by  $r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)}$  we will get:

$$\begin{aligned} A r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega} &\leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega} \\ &\leq B r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega}, \end{aligned}$$

if we pass to the supremum over all  $r > 0$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ , we will get:

$$A \|f\|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega} \leq \sup_{r>0, x \in \Omega} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega} \leq B \|f\|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega}.$$

It remains to prove that

$$\|f\|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega} \equiv \sup_{r>0, x \in \Omega} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega},$$

that is, there exist positive real numbers  $c$ ,  $C$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} c \sup_{r>0, x \in \Omega} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega} &\leq \|f\|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega} \\ &\leq C \sup_{r>0, x \in \Omega} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), p(), \Omega}, \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega} &\equiv \sup_{r>0, x \in \Omega} \left\{ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \min \left( r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}} \right) \right\} \\ &\quad \times \left\| \left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q()}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p()}(\Omega, dx)}, \end{aligned}$$

otherwise

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{r>0, x \in \Omega} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \\ & \equiv \sup_{r>0, x \in \Omega} \left\{ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \cdot \min\left(r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}}\right) \right\} \left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

We have for any  $x \in \Omega$  :

$$\frac{d}{p_+} \leq \frac{d}{p(x)} \leq \frac{d}{p_-} \quad \text{or} \quad -\frac{d}{p_-} \leq -\frac{d}{p(x)} \leq -\frac{d}{p_+}. \quad (72)$$

Sub-case 1:  $0 < r < 1$ .

In this sub-case

$$r^{-\frac{d}{p_+}} \leq r^{-\frac{d}{p(x)}} \leq r^{-\frac{d}{p_-}} \quad \text{and} \quad \min\left(r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}}\right) = r^{-\frac{d}{p_+}},$$

and we can write

$$r^{-\frac{d}{p_+}} \leq \min\left(r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}}\right) \leq r^{-\frac{d}{p_-}},$$

from this we get

$$r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p_+}\right)} \leq \min\left(r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}}\right) \cdot r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p_-}\right)}.$$

Multiplying this double inequality by  $\left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}$ , we

will get:

$$r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p_+}\right)} \left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \min \left\{ r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}} \right\} \cdot r^{d \left( \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} \right)} \left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \\
&\leq r^{d \left( \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p_-} \right)} \left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}.
\end{aligned}$$

This last double inequality is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned}
&r^{d \left( \frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{p_+} \right)} r^{d \left( \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p(x)} \right)} \left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \\
&\leq \min \left\{ r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}} \right\} r^{d \left( \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} \right)} \left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \\
&\leq r^{d \left( \frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{p_-} \right)} r^{d \left( \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p(x)} \right)} \left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)},
\end{aligned}$$

in other hand since  $x \in J_x^r$ ,  $p(\cdot) \in LH_0(\Omega)$ ,  $p_+ < \infty$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left\{ r^{d \left( \frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{p_+} \right)} = \left| J_x^r \right| \left( \frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{p_+} \right) = \left| J_x^r \right| \frac{p_+ - p(x)}{p(x)p_+} = \left( \left| J_x^r \right|^{p(x) - p_+} \right)^{\frac{-1}{p(x)p_+}} = C^{\frac{-1}{p(x)p_+}} \leq \max \left\{ C^{\frac{-1}{p_- \times p_+}}, C^{\frac{-1}{p_+ \times p_+}} \right\} \right. \\
&\left. \left\{ r^{d \left( \frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{p_-} \right)} = \left| J_x^r \right| \left( \frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{p_-} \right) = \left| J_x^r \right| \frac{p_- - p(x)}{p(x)p_-} = \left( \left| J_x^r \right|^{p_- - p(x)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p(x)p_-}} = C^{\frac{-1}{p(x)p_-}} \leq \max \left\{ C^{\frac{1}{p_- \times p_+}}, C^{\frac{1}{p_- \times p_-}} \right\} \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left\{ r^{d \left( \frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{p_+} \right)} \leq \max \left\{ C^{\frac{-1}{p_- \times p_+}}, C^{\frac{-1}{(p_+)^2}} \right\} = K_1 < \infty \right. \\
&\left. r^{d \left( \frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{p_-} \right)} \leq \max \left\{ C^{\frac{1}{p_- \times p_+}}, C^{\frac{1}{(p_-)^2}} \right\} = K_2 < \infty \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

This leads to

$$K_1 r^{d \left( \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p(x)} \right)} \left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \min \left\{ r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}} \right\} r^{d \left( \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} \right)} \left\| \left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \\
 &\leq K_2 r^{d \left( \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p(x)} \right)} \left\| \left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This means that

$$K_1 \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \leq K_2 \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}.$$

Sub-case 2:  $r \geq 1$  :

In this case, using (72), we get

$$r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}} \leq r^{\frac{-d}{p(x)}} \leq r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}} \quad \text{and} \quad \min \left\{ r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}} \right\} = r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}},$$

and we can write

$$r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}} \leq \min \left\{ r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}} \right\} \leq r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}}.$$

From this we get

$$r^{d \left( \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p_-} \right)} \leq \min \left\{ r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}} \right\} r^{d \left( \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} \right)} \leq r^{d \left( \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p_+} \right)}.$$

Multiplying this double inequality by  $\left\| \left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}$  we

will get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &r^{d \left( \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p_-} \right)} \left\| \left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \\
 &\leq \min \left\{ r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}} \right\} r^{d \left( \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} \right)} \left\| \left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p_+}\right)} \left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}.$$

This last double inequality is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & r^{d\left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{p_-}\right)} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \\ & \leq \min \left\{ r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}} \right\} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \\ & \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{p_+}\right)} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}. \end{aligned}$$

In other hand since  $x \in J_x^r$ ,  $p(\cdot) \in LH_0(\Omega)$ ,  $p_+ < \infty$ , we have:

$$\begin{cases} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{p_+}\right)} = \left| J_x^r \right|^{\left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{p_+}\right)} = \left| J_x^r \right|^{\frac{p_+ - p(x)}{p(x)p_+}} = \left( \left| J_x^r \right|^{p(x) - p_+} \right)^{\frac{-1}{p(x)p_+}} \stackrel{\text{Lem. 32}}{=} C^{\frac{-1}{p(x)p_+}} \leq \max \left\{ C^{\frac{-1}{p_-p_+}}, C^{\frac{-1}{p_+p_+}} \right\}, \\ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{p_-}\right)} = \left| J_x^r \right|^{\left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{p_-}\right)} = \left| J_x^r \right|^{\frac{p_- - p(x)}{p(x)p_-}} = \left( \left| J_x^r \right|^{p_- - p(x)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p(x)p_-}} \stackrel{\text{Lem. 32}}{=} C^{\frac{-1}{p(x)p_-}} \leq \max \left\{ C^{\frac{1}{p_-p_+}}, C^{\frac{1}{p_-p_-}} \right\}, \end{cases}$$

that is,

$$\begin{cases} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{p_+}\right)} \leq \max \left\{ C^{\frac{-1}{p_-p_+}}, C^{\frac{-1}{(p_+)^2}} \right\} = K_1 < \infty \\ r^{d\left(\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{p_-}\right)} \leq \max \left\{ C^{\frac{1}{p_-p_+}}, C^{\frac{1}{(p_-)^2}} \right\} = K_2 < \infty \end{cases}.$$

This leads to

$$\begin{aligned} & K_2 r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \\ & \leq \min \left\{ r^{\frac{-d}{p_-}}, r^{\frac{-d}{p_+}} \right\} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\| f\chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq K_1 r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p(x)}\right)} \left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \left\| \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}.$$

This means that

$$K_2 \| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \leq \| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \leq K_1 \| f \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}$$

and the claim is proved.

#### 4. Riesz Potential on $(L^{q(\cdot)}, l^{p(\cdot)})^{\alpha(\cdot)}(\Omega)$

We begin by recalling some classical results, first one definition is given with a variant of definition of the Riesz potential.

**Definition 34.** [47] Given  $\gamma$ ,  $0 < \gamma < 1$ , define the Riesz potential  $I_\gamma$ , also referred to as the fractional integral operator with index  $\gamma$ , to be the convolution operator

$$I_\gamma f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x - y|^{d(\gamma-1)} f(y) dy.$$

The Riesz potentials are not bounded on  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , but satisfy off-diagonal inequalities.

With this definition, we have the following classical results:

**Theorem 35.** [47] Given  $\gamma$ ,  $0 < \gamma < 1$  and  $1 \leq p < \frac{d}{\gamma}$ , define  $q > p$

by  $\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q} = \gamma$ .

If  $p = 1$ , then for all  $t > 0$

$$\left| \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : |I_\gamma f(x)| > t\} \right| \leq \left( \frac{C}{t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx \right)^q.$$

If  $p > 1$ , then

$$\| I_\gamma f \|_q \leq C \| f \|_p.$$

The Riesz potentials are well defined on the variable Lebesgue spaces. If  $p_+ < \frac{d}{\gamma}$  and  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then  $I_\gamma f(x)$  converges for every  $x$ .

Theorem 35 can be extended to the variable Lebesgue spaces in the following manner.

**Theorem 36.** [47] *Fix  $\gamma$ ,  $0 < \gamma < 1$ . Given  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  such that  $1 < p_- \leq p_+ < \frac{1}{\gamma}$ , define  $q(\cdot)$  by*

$$\frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} = \gamma.$$

*If there exists  $q_0 > \frac{1}{1-\gamma}$  such that the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator  $M$  is bounded on  $L^{(q(\cdot)/q_0)'}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , then*

$$\|I_\gamma f\|_{q(\cdot)} \leq C \|f\|_{p(\cdot)}.$$

*If  $p_- = 1$  and  $M$  is bounded on  $L^{(q(\cdot)/q_0)'}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  when  $q_0 = \frac{1}{1-\gamma}$ , then for every  $t > 0$ ,*

$$\left\| t\chi_{\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : |I_\gamma f(x)| > t\}} \right\|_{q(\cdot)} \leq C \|f\|_{p(\cdot)}.$$

We will need the following lemma:

**Lemma 37. (Minkowski's integral inequality for variable Lebesgue spaces [47])**

*Let  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ , let  $f : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a measurable function (with respect to product measure) such that for almost every  $y \in \Omega$ ,  $f(\cdot, y) \in L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)$ . Then*

$$\left\| \int_{\Omega} f(\cdot, y) dy \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \leq C \int_{\Omega} \|f(\cdot, y)\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} dy. \quad (73)$$

**Proposition 38.** *Let  $\mathbb{Z}^d \subset \Omega$ ,  $q(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ ,  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega) \cap$*

$LH_0(\Omega)$ , and  $1 < q_- \leq q() \leq \alpha() \leq p() \leq \infty$ ,  $\left(\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+ < \infty$ . Suppose

that there exists  $q_0 > \frac{1}{1-\gamma}$  such that the Hardy-Littlewood maximal

operator  $M$  is bounded on  $L^{\left(\frac{q()}{q_0}\right)' }(\Omega)$  and

$$\begin{cases} 0 < \gamma < \frac{1}{\alpha()} - \frac{1}{p()}, \\ 0 < \frac{1}{q^*()} = \frac{1}{q()} - \gamma, \\ 0 < \frac{1}{\alpha^*()} = \frac{1}{\alpha} - \gamma. \end{cases}$$

Then for any  $f \in (L^{q()} , l^{p()})^{\alpha()}(\Omega)$ ,  $I_\gamma f$  belongs to  $(L^{q^*()} , l^{p()})^{\alpha^*()}(\Omega)$  and

$$\| I_\gamma f \|_{q^*(), p(), \alpha^*(), \Omega} \leq C \| f \|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega}, \quad (74)$$

where  $C$  is a constant not depending on  $f$ .

**Proof.** The proof of Proposition 38 is an adaptation of that of Proposition 4.1 in [15].

For any real numbers  $a, b, c$ , we have:

$$|c - b| \geq ||c - a| - |a - b||. \quad (\beta_1)$$

(a) Case  $p_+ = \infty$ .

When  $p_+ = \infty$ ,  $p()$  is unbounded, let  $f$  be a positive element of  $(L^{q()} , l^{p()})^{\alpha()}(\Omega)$ , we have

$$\| f \|_{q(), \infty, \alpha(), \Omega} \stackrel{\text{Propo. 23-(2)}}{\leq} C \| f \|_{q(), p(), \alpha(), \Omega} < \infty.$$

Let  $(x, r) \in \Omega \times (0, \infty)$ . We have:

$$f = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} f_{x, r, n},$$

where  $f_{x,r,0} = f\chi_{J_x^{2r}}$  and  $f_{x,r,n} = f\chi_{T_{x,r,n}}$  where  $T_{x,r,n} = J_x^{2^{n+1}r} \setminus J_x^{2^n r}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $f$  is positive, monotone convergence theorem can be applied to get

$$I_\gamma f = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} I_\gamma f_{x,r,n}.$$

First:

From Hardy-Littlewood-Sobolev theorem for fractional integral Theorem 36, there exists a positive constant  $A$  not depending on  $f$  and  $r$  such that

$$\|I_\gamma f_{x,r,0}\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega)} \leq A \|f_{x,r,0}\|_{L^q(\Omega)} = A \|f\chi_{J_x^{2r}}\|_{L^q(\Omega)}.$$

Secondly:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : \\ y \in T_{x,r,n} = J_x^{2^{n+1}r} \setminus J_x^{2^n r} \Rightarrow \\ z \in J_x^r \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sqrt{d}2^{n-1}r \leq |x-y| \leq \sqrt{d}2^n r \\ 0 \leq |x-z| \leq \sqrt{d}2^{-1}r \end{array} \right.$$

$$\stackrel{(\beta_1)}{\Rightarrow} |z-y| \geq ||x-y| - |x-z||,$$

this implies that

$$|z-y| \geq \sqrt{d}2^{n-1}r - \sqrt{d}2^{-1}r \geq \frac{2^n r}{2} - \frac{r}{2} = (2^n - 1) \frac{r}{2},$$

that is,

$$|z-y| \geq 2^{n-1}r. \quad (\beta_2)$$

To little simplify the notation, we write  $\|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} = \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot)}$ ,

the following notations should be understood in the sense:

$$\begin{aligned} q_-^* &= (q^*)_- = (q^*)_-, \quad q_+^* = (q^*)_+ = (q^*)_+, \\ q'_- &= (q'())_- = (q')_-, \quad q'_+ = (q'())_+ = (q')_+. \end{aligned} \quad (75)$$

Recall that in Section 2 (Definitions and Notations), it is clearly written that

$$(p'())_+ = (p_-)' , \quad (p'())_- = (p_+)' . \quad (76)$$

In the following proof we suppose that the one-dot  $(\cdot)$  and two-dot  $(\cdot \cdot)$ , respectively, stand for the variables  $z$  and  $y$ , therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\cdot)(\Omega)} \\
 & \leq \sum_{n \geq 0} \left\| (I_\gamma f_{x,r,n}) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\cdot)(\Omega)} \\
 & \leq A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^q(\cdot)(\Omega)} \\
 & \quad + \sum_{n \geq 1} \left\| \left\| |\cdot - \cdot|^{d(\gamma-1)} f(\cdot \cdot) \right\|_{L^1(T_{x,r,n}, dy)} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\cdot)(J_x^r, dz)} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{Minkowski}}{\leq} \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^q(\cdot)(\Omega)} \\
 & \quad + \sum_{n \geq 1} \left\| \left\| |\cdot - \cdot|^{d(\gamma-1)} f(\cdot \cdot) \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\cdot)(J_x^r, dz)} \right\|_{L^1(T_{x,r,n}, dy)} \\
 & \stackrel{(\beta_2)}{\leq} A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^q(\cdot)(\Omega)} \sum_{n \geq 1} (2^{n-1} r)^{d(\gamma-1)} \left\| 1 \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\cdot)(J_x^r, dz)} \\
 & \quad \times \left\| f(\cdot \cdot) \chi_{T_{x,r,n}} \right\|_{L^1(\Omega, dy)} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\leq} A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^q(\cdot)(\Omega)} + \sum_{n \geq 1} (2^{n-1} r)^{d(\gamma-1)} \left\| 1 \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\cdot)(J_x^r, dz)} \\
 & \quad \times \left\| 1 \right\|_{L^{q'}(\cdot)(T_{x,r,n})} \left\| f(\cdot \cdot) \right\|_{L^q(\cdot)(T_{x,r,n}, dy)} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{Lem. 3.2.12 of [48]}}{\leq} A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^q(\cdot)(\Omega)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{n \geq 1} (2^{n-1}r)^{d(\gamma-1)} \max \left\{ \left| J_x^r \right|_{q_-^*}^{\frac{1}{*}}, \left| J_x^r \right|_{q_+^*}^{\frac{1}{*}} \right\} \\
& \times \max \left\{ \left| T_{x,r,n} \right|_{q_-^*}^{\frac{1}{*}}, \left| T_{x,r,n} \right|_{q_+^*}^{\frac{1}{*}} \right\} \| f \|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(T_{x,r,n}, dy)} \\
& = A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} + \sum_{n \geq 1} (2^{n-1}r)^{d(\gamma-1)} \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}}, r^{\frac{d}{q_+^*}} \right\} \\
& \times \max \left\{ ((2^{n+1}r)^d - (2^n r)^d) \frac{1}{q_-^*}, ((2^{n+1}r)^d - (2^n r)^d) \frac{1}{q_+^*} \right\} \\
& \times \| f \|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(J_x^{2^{n+1}r}, dy)} \\
& \leq A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} + \sum_{n \geq 1} (2^{n-1}r)^{d(\gamma-1)} \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}}, r^{\frac{d}{q_+^*}} \right\} \\
& \times \max \left\{ \left[ (2^n r)^d (2^d - 1) \right] \frac{1}{q_-^*}, \left[ (2^n r)^d (2^d - 1) \right] \frac{1}{q_+^*} \right\} \\
& \times \| f \|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(J_x^{2^{n+1}r}, dy)} \\
& \leq A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} + \sum_{n \geq 1} (2^{n-1}r)^{d(\gamma-1)} \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}}, r^{\frac{d}{q_+^*}} \right\} \\
& \times \max \{ (2^n r)^{d/q_-^*} (2^{d/q_-^*}), (2^n r)^{d/q_+^*} (2^{d/q_+^*}) \} \| f \|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(J_x^{2^{n+1}r}, dy)}.
\end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega)} \leq A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} + \sum_{n \geq 1} (2^{n-1}r)^{d(\gamma-1)} \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}}, r^{\frac{d}{q_+^*}} \right\} \\
& \times \max \left\{ (2^{n+1})^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}} r^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}}, (2^{n+1})^{\frac{d}{q_+^*}} r^{\frac{d}{q_+^*}} \right\} \| f \|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(J_x^{2^{n+1}r}, dy)}. \quad (77)
\end{aligned}$$

From here we will envisage two cases:

First case:  $0 < r < 1$ .

$$\text{In this case } \max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}}, r^{\frac{d}{q_+^*}} \right\} = r^{\frac{d}{q_+^*}} \text{ and}$$

$$\max \left\{ (2^{n+1})^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}} r^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}}, (2^{n+1})^{\frac{d}{q_+^*}} r^{\frac{d}{q_+^*}} \right\} \leq (2^{n+1})^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}} r^{\frac{d}{q_+^*}}.$$

Then the last numbered inequality is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega)} \leq A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \\ & + \sum_{n \geq 1} (2^{n-1} r)^{d(\gamma-1)} r^{\frac{d}{q_+^*}} \times (2^{n+1})^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}} r^{\frac{d}{q_+^*}} \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(J_x^{2^{n+1}r}, dy)} \\ & = A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} + 2^{d\left(1-\gamma+\frac{1}{q_-^*}\right)} r^{d\left(\gamma-1+\frac{1}{q_+^*}+\frac{1}{q_+^*}\right)} \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\left(\gamma-1+\frac{1}{q_-^*}\right)} \\ & \times \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(J_x^{2^{n+1}r}, dy)}. \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega)} \leq A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \\ & + 2^{-d\left(\gamma+\frac{1}{q_+^*}\right)} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_+^*}-\frac{1}{q_-^*}\right)} \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{\frac{nd}{q_-^*}} \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(J_x^{2^{n+1}r}, dy)}. \end{aligned} \quad (\beta_3)$$

Using (24) we will get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega)} \\ & \leq A(2r)^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), \infty, \alpha(\cdot)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + 2^{-d\left(\gamma+\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_+}-\frac{1}{q_-}\right)} \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{\frac{nd}{q_-^*}} (2^{n+1} r)^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), \infty, \alpha()} \\
& = 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \left[ A + 2^{-d\left(\gamma+\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_+}-\frac{1}{q_-}\right)} \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{q_-^*}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \right] \\
& \quad \times r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), \infty, \alpha()} \\
& = 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \left[ A + 2^{-d\left(\gamma+\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_+}-\frac{1}{q_-}\right)} \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\left(\gamma-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}+\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{q_-}\right)} \right] \\
& \quad \times r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), \infty, \alpha()} \\
& \leq 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \left[ A + 2^{-d\left(\gamma+\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_+}-\frac{1}{q_-}\right)} \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\left(-\frac{1}{\alpha^*(x)}+\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{q_-}\right)} \right] \\
& \quad \times r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), \infty, \alpha()}.
\end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\begin{aligned}
\left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega)} & \leq 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \left[ A + 2^{-d\left(\gamma+\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} \beta(r) \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\eta(x)} \right] \\
& \quad \times r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(), \infty, \alpha()} \tag{78}
\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\beta(r) = r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_+}-\frac{1}{q_-}\right)}, \quad \eta(x) = -\frac{1}{\alpha^*(x)} + \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{q_-}.$$

It is easy to see that  $\eta(x) \leq 0$  and  $\beta(r) = r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_+} - \frac{1}{q_-}\right)}$  is independent of  $r$ , in fact, we prove it:

For any  $x \in \Omega$ , we have  $q_- \leq q(x)$ , then  $\frac{1}{q_-} \geq \frac{1}{q(x)}$  or  $\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{q_-} \leq 0$ , since  $-\frac{1}{\alpha^*(x)} < 0$ , we get  $\eta(x) \leq 0$ , this implies that  $\sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\eta(x)}$  is a

convergent series, we let  $\sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\eta(x)} = K < \infty$ .  $\beta(r) = r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_+} - \frac{1}{q_-}\right)}$

$= \left| J_x^r \right|^{\frac{1}{q_+} - \frac{1}{q_-}} = \left| J_x^r \right|^{\frac{1}{q_+} - \frac{1}{q(x)}} \times \left| J_x^r \right|^{\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{q_-}}$ , by hypotheses we have  $1 < q_- \leq q() \leq \alpha() \leq p() \leq \infty$ , this implies that  $q_+ \leq \alpha() < p() \leq \infty$ , that is,  $q_+ < \infty$ , therefore the hypotheses of Lemma 3.24 of [48] are satisfied, then

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(r) &= \left( \left| J_x^r \right|^{q(x)-q_+} \right)^{\frac{1}{q(x)q_+}} \times \left( \left| J_x^r \right|^{q_- - q(x)} \right)^{\frac{1}{q(x)q_-}} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Lem. 3.24 of [48]}}{\leq} (C_1(d))^{\frac{1}{q(x)q_+}} \times (C_2(d))^{\frac{1}{q(x)q_-}} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ (C_1(d))^{\frac{1}{q_-q_+}} \times (C_2(d))^{\frac{1}{q_-q_-}}, (C_1(d))^{\frac{1}{q_+q_+}} \times (C_2(d))^{\frac{1}{q_+q_-}} \right\} \\ &= B < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

then the last numbered inequality becomes

$$\left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \left[ A + 2^{-d\left(\gamma + \frac{1}{q_+}\right)} BK \right] r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), \infty, \alpha(\cdot)}, \quad (79)$$

where  $2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} = 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{\infty} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} = 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} < \infty$  since

$$\left( \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{\alpha} \right)_+ < \infty, \quad 2^{-d\left(\gamma + \frac{1}{q_+}\right)} < \infty.$$

If we let  $C(q(), \infty, \alpha) = 2^{\frac{d}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha} +} \left[ A + 2^{-d\left(\gamma + \frac{1}{q_+}\right)} BK \right]$ , we have

$C(q(), \infty, \alpha) < \infty$  and the last numbered inequality becomes

$$\left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq C(q(), \infty, \alpha) r^{\frac{d}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}} \|f\|_{q(), \infty, \alpha()}.$$

By hypotheses we have  $\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} = \frac{1}{\alpha^*(x)} - \frac{1}{q^*(x)}$ , therefore

$$\left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq C(q(), \infty, \alpha) r^{\frac{d}{q^*(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha^*(x)}} \|f\|_{q(), \infty, p(), \Omega},$$

this implies that

$$r^{\frac{d}{\alpha^*(x)} - \frac{1}{q^*(x)}} \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*(\cdot)}(\Omega)} \leq C(q(), \infty, \alpha) \|f\|_{q(), \infty, p(), \Omega}.$$

Second case:  $1 \leq r < +\infty$ .

In this case  $\max \left\{ r^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}}, r^{\frac{d}{q_+^*}} \right\} = r^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}}$  and

$$\max \left\{ (2^{n+1})^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}} r^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}}, (2^{n+1})^{\frac{d}{q_+^*}} r^{\frac{d}{q_+^*}} \right\} = (2^{n+1})^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}} r^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}}.$$

Then, taking account of (75) and (76) the right-hand side of (77) is bounded by:

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*(\cdot)}(\Omega)} &\leq A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega)} + \sum_{n \geq 1} (2^{n-1} r)^{d(\gamma-1)} r^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}} \\ &\quad \times (2^{n+1})^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}} r^{\frac{d}{q_-^*}} \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(J_x^{2^{n+1}r}, dy)}, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega)} &\leq A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^q(\Omega)} + 2^{d\left(2-\gamma-\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_-}-\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{\frac{nd}{q_-^*}} \|f\|_{L^q(J_x^{2^{n+1}r}, dy)}. \end{aligned} \quad (\beta_4)$$

Using (24) we will get

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega)} \leq \\ &2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \left[ A + 2^{d\left(2-\gamma-\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_-}-\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}-\frac{1}{q_-^*}\right)} \right] r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), \infty, \alpha(\cdot)} \\ &= 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \left[ A + 2^{d\left(2-\gamma-\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_-}-\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\left(\gamma-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}+\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{q_-}\right)} \right] r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), \infty, \alpha(\cdot)} \\ &= 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \left[ A + 2^{d\left(2-\gamma-\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_-}-\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\left(\frac{-1}{\alpha^*(x)}+\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{q_-}\right)} \right] r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), \infty, \alpha(\cdot)}, \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega)} &\leq 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \left[ A + 2^{d\left(2-\gamma-\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} B_0(r) \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\eta(x)} \right] \\ &\quad \times r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), \infty, \alpha(\cdot)} \end{aligned} \quad (80)$$

with

$$B_0(r) = r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_-}-\frac{1}{q_+}\right)}, \quad \eta(x) = \frac{-1}{\alpha^*(x)} + \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{q_-}.$$

We can remark that  $B_0(r) = (B(r))^{-1}$ , we already have proved in the first

case that  $B(r)$  is bounded by a constant which does not depend on  $r$ , so is  $B_0(r)$ , therefore  $B_0(r) = B_0$ , for any  $x \in \Omega$  we have  $q_- \leq q(x)$ , then

$$\frac{1}{q_-} \geq \frac{1}{q(x)} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{q_-} \leq 0, \quad \text{since} \quad -\frac{1}{\alpha^*(x)} < 0 \quad \text{we get} \quad \eta(x) \leq 0, \quad \text{this}$$

implies that  $\sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\eta(x)}$  is a convergent series, we let  $\sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\eta(x)} = K < \infty$ ,

therefore the last numbered inequality becomes

$$\left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega)} \leq 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \left[ A + 2^{d\left(2-\gamma - \frac{1}{q_+}\right)} B_0 K \right] r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), \infty, \alpha(\cdot)},$$

where

$$2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} = 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{\infty} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} = 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} < \infty$$

since  $\left(\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+ < \infty$ ,  $2^{d\left(2-\gamma - \frac{1}{q_+}\right)} < \infty$ .

If we let  $C(q(\cdot), \infty, \alpha(\cdot)) = 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \left[ A + 2^{d\left(2-\gamma - \frac{1}{q_+}\right)} B_0 K \right]$ , we have

$C(q(\cdot), \infty, \alpha(\cdot)) < \infty$  and the last numbered inequality becomes

$$\left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega)} \leq C(q(\cdot), \infty, \alpha(\cdot)) r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), \infty, \alpha(\cdot)}.$$

By hypotheses we have  $\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} = \frac{1}{\alpha^*(x)} - \frac{1}{q^*(x)}$ , therefore

$$\left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega)} \leq C(q(\cdot), \infty, \alpha(\cdot)) r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q^*(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha^*(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), \infty, \alpha(\cdot), \Omega},$$

this implies that

$$r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^*(x)} - \frac{1}{q^*(x)}\right)} \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega)} \leq C(q(\cdot), \infty, \alpha(\cdot)) \|f\|_{q(\cdot), \infty, \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}.$$

In both cases  $0 < r < 1$  and  $1 \leq r < \infty$ , we have

$$\left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega)} \leq C(q(), \infty, \alpha) \|f\|_{q(), \infty, \alpha(), \Omega}.$$

Now taking account of (23), if we pass to the supremum over all  $r > 0$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ , we get

$$\|I_\gamma f\|_{q^*(), \infty, \alpha^*(), \Omega} \leq C(q(), \infty, \alpha) \|f\|_{q(), \infty, \alpha(), \Omega}.$$

(b) Case  $p_+ < \infty$ .

Consider  $f \in (L^{q()}, l^{p()})^{\alpha()}(\Omega)$ .

Then  $|f|$  is a positive element of  $(L^{q()}, l^{p()})^{\alpha()}(\Omega)$ , from (a):

$$\|I_\gamma(|f|)\|_{q^*(), \infty, \alpha^*(), \Omega} \leq C(q(), \infty, \alpha) \|f\|_{q(), \infty, \alpha(), \Omega} < \infty,$$

this implies that for always every (a.e.)

$$I_\gamma(|f|)(z) = \int_{\Omega} |z - y|^{d(\gamma-1)} |f(y)| < \infty, \quad z \in \Omega.$$

Therefore  $I_\gamma(f)(z) = \int_{\Omega} |z - y|^{d(\gamma-1)} f(y) dy$  converges and verifies

$|I_\gamma(f)(z)| \leq I_\gamma(|f|)(z)$ . If we recapitulate, from  $(\beta_3)$  and  $(\beta_4)$ , we have for any  $(x, r) \in \Omega \times (0, \infty)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega, dy)} \leq \\ & \begin{cases} A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^{q()}( \Omega, dy)} + 2^{-d\left(\gamma + \frac{1}{q_+}\right)} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_+} - \frac{1}{q_-}\right)} \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{\frac{-nd}{q_-^*}} \|f\|_{L^{q()}(J_x^{2^{n+1}r}, dy)} & \text{if } r \in I_1 = (0, 1), \\ A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^{q()}( \Omega, dy)} + 2^{d\left(2 - \gamma - \frac{1}{q_+}\right)} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q_-} - \frac{1}{q_+}\right)} \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{\frac{-nd}{q_-^*}} \|f\|_{L^{q()}(J_x^{2^{n+1}r}, dy)} & \text{if } r \in I_2 = [1, \infty[. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Using triangular inequality property of  $\|\cdot\|_{L^{p()}( \Omega)}$ , we get

$$\left\| \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \leq \begin{cases} A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \left\| \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} + 2^{-d\left(\gamma + \frac{1}{q_+}\right)} B(r) \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\left(\gamma - \frac{1}{q_-}\right)} \left\| f \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(J_x^{2^{n+1}r}, dy)} \left\| \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} & \text{if } r \in I_1, \\ A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \left\| \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} + 2^{d\left(2 - \gamma - \frac{1}{q_+}\right)} B_0(r) \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\left(\gamma - \frac{1}{q_-}\right)} \left\| f \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(J_x^{2^{n+1}r}, dy)} \left\| \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} & \text{if } r \in I_2. \end{cases}$$

But we have already proved that  $B(r)$  and  $B_0(r)$  are constants, respectively, equal to  $B$  and  $B_0$ , therefore

$$\left\| \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \leq \begin{cases} A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \left\| \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} + 2^{-d\left(\gamma + \frac{1}{q_+}\right)} B \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\left(\gamma - \frac{1}{q_-}\right)} \left\| f \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(J_x^{2^{n+1}r}, dy)} \left\| \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} & \text{if } r \in I_1, \\ A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \left\| \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} + 2^{d\left(2 - \gamma - \frac{1}{q_+}\right)} B_0 \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\left(\gamma - \frac{1}{q_-}\right)} \left\| f \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(J_x^{2^{n+1}r}, dy)} \left\| \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} & \text{if } r \in I_2. \end{cases} \quad (81)$$

Case  $r \in I_1 = (0, 1)$ .

In this case we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} &\leq A \left\| f \chi_{J_x^{2r}} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \left\| \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \\ &+ 2^{-d\left(\gamma + \frac{1}{q_+}\right)} B \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\left(\gamma - \frac{1}{q_-}\right)} \left\| f \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(J_x^{2^{n+1}r}, dy)} \left\| \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}. \end{aligned}$$

From (68) in case  $p_+ < \infty$

$$\left\| \left\| f \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \leq r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} + \frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \left\| f \right\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}. \quad (82)$$

From the last numbered inequality we get

$$\left\| \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}+\frac{1}{p(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \left[ A + 2^{-d\left(\gamma+\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} B \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\left(\gamma-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}+\frac{1}{p(x)}+\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{q_-}\right)} \right] \\
 &\quad \times r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}+\frac{1}{p(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \| |f| \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega} \\
 &\leq 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}+\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \left[ A + 2^{-d\left(\gamma+\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} B \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\left(\gamma-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}+\frac{1}{p(x)}+\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{q_-}\right)} \right] \\
 &\quad \times r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}+\frac{1}{p(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \| |f| \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We have  $\gamma - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)} + \frac{1}{p(x)} < 0$  see the hypotheses, it is said (as in the case

$q_+ = \infty$ ) that  $\frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{q_-} \leq 0$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ , therefore the series

$\sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\left(\gamma-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}+\frac{1}{p(x)}+\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{q_-}\right)}$  converges and we let

$\sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{nd\left(\gamma-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}+\frac{1}{p(x)}+\frac{1}{q(x)}-\frac{1}{q_-}\right)} = s < \infty$ , in another hand  $2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}+\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} < \infty$

since  $\left(\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+ < \infty$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left\| \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \leq 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}+\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \left[ A + 2^{-d\left(\gamma+\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} B s \right] \\
 &\quad \times r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)}+\frac{1}{p(x)}-\frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \| |f| \|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}.
 \end{aligned}$$

If we let  $C(q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot)) = 2^{d\left(\frac{1}{q}+\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)_+} \left[ A + 2^{-d\left(\gamma+\frac{1}{q_+}\right)} B s \right]$ ,

$C(q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot)) < \infty$  and we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} &\leq C(q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot)) \\ &\times r^{d\left(\frac{1}{q(x)} + \frac{1}{p(x)} - \frac{1}{\alpha(x)}\right)} \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}. \end{aligned}$$

This is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \\ \leq C(q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot)) \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}. \end{aligned}$$

From the hypotheses  $\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} - \frac{1}{q(x)} - \frac{1}{p(x)} = \frac{1}{\alpha^*(x)} - \frac{1}{q^*(x)} - \frac{1}{p(x)}$ ,

therefore we get

$$\begin{aligned} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^*(x)} - \frac{1}{q^*(x)} - \frac{1}{p(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \\ \leq C(q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot)) \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}. \end{aligned}$$

Case  $r \in I_2 = [1, \infty)$ .

We proceed exactly as we did in the case Case  $r \in I_1 = (0, 1)$  to get that

$$\begin{aligned} r^{d\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^*(x)} - \frac{1}{q^*(x)} - \frac{1}{p(x)}\right)} \left\| \left\| (I_\gamma f) \chi_{J_x^r} \right\|_{L^{q^*}(\Omega, dy)} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\Omega, dx)} \\ \leq C(q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot)) \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}. \end{aligned}$$

If we pass to the supremum over all  $r > 0$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ , we will get

$$\|I_\gamma f\|_{q^*(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha^*(\cdot), \Omega} \leq C(q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot)) \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}.$$

From Proposition 33 we will have

$$\|I_\gamma f\|_{q^*(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha^*(\cdot), \Omega} \leq C \|f\|_{q(\cdot), p(\cdot), \alpha(\cdot), \Omega}.$$

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