

THE FOURIER TRANSFORM OF ANISOTROPIC HARDY SPACES WITH VARIABLE EXPONENTS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

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Abstract. Let A be an expansive dilation on \mathbb{R}^n , and $p(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be a variable exponent function satisfying the globally log-Hölder continuous condition. Let $\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ be the variable anisotropic Hardy space introduced by Liu [15]. In this paper, the authors obtain that the Fourier transform of $f \in \mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ coincides with a continuous function F on \mathbb{R}^n in the sense of tempered distributions. As applications, the authors further conclude a higher order convergence of the continuous function F at the origin and then give a variant of the Hardy-Littlewood inequality in the setting of anisotropic Hardy spaces with variable exponents.

1. Introduction

As is known to all, the real-variable theory of Hardy space $H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ plays an important role in various fields of analysis and PDEs; see, for examples, [6, 12, 16, 20, 21, 22, 25]. A interesting and natural problem is the characterization of the Fourier transform \hat{f} for $f \in H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. For examples, Coifman [5] characterized all \hat{f} via entire functions of exponential type for $n = 1$, where $f \in H^p(\mathbb{R})$ with $p \in (0, 1]$. Later, Taibleson and Weiss [23] proved that, for $p \in (0, 1]$, the Fourier transform of $f \in H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ coincides with a continuous function F in the sense of tempered distributions, and there exists a positive constant C , such that, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$|F(x)| \leq C \|f\|_{H^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} |x|^{n(1/p-1)}. \quad (1.1)$$

In 2003, Bownik [2] introduced the anisotropic Hardy space $H_A^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $p \in (0, \infty)$ and A being a general expansive matrix on \mathbb{R}^n . In 2013, Bownik and Wang [3] further extended inequalities (1.1) to the setting of Hardy space $H_A^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ with $p \in (0, 1]$. In 2021, Huang et al. [13] established the inequalities (1.1) to the anisotropic mixed-norm Hardy space $H_{\vec{a}}^{\vec{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, where $\vec{p} \in (0, 1]^n$ and $\vec{a} \in [1, \infty)^n$.

On the other hand, variable exponent function spaces have their applications in fluid dynamics [1], image processing [4], PDEs and variational calculus [9, 10, 11, 24, 25]. Let $p(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be a variable exponent function satisfying the globally log-Hölder continuous condition (see Section 2 below for its definition). Recently,

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Cruz-Uribe et al. [9] and Nakai et al. [18] independently introduced the variable Hardy space $H^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and obtained their real-variable theory. Then Sawano [19], Yang et al. [26] and Zhuo et al. [27] further contributed to the theory. Very recently, Liu et al. [15] introduced the variable anisotropic Hardy space $\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ associated with a general expansive matrix A , and established its some real-variable characterizations of $\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, respectively, in terms of the atomic, the maximal functions and the Littlewood-Paley functions characterization.

Inspired by the previous works, it is a natural and interesting problem to ask whether there is an extension to the variable exponents setting of the inequalities (1.1). In this paper we shall answer this problem affirmatively. We obtain the characterization of the Fourier transform on $\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. In addition, we also establish its some applications.

Precisely, this article is organized as follows.

In Section 2, we first recall some notation and definitions concerning expansive dilations, the variable Lebesgue space $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and the variable anisotropic Hardy space $\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, via the non-tangential grand maximal function.

In Section 3, we obtain that the Fourier transform of $f \in \mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ coincides with a continuous function F on \mathbb{R}^n in the sense of tempered distributions.

In Section 4, as applications, we further conclude a higher order convergence of the continuous function F at the origin and then give a variant of the Hardy-Littlewood inequality in the setting of anisotropic Hardy spaces with variable exponents.

Finally, we make some conventions on notation. Let $\mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, \dots\}$ and $\mathbb{Z}_+ := \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}$. For any $\alpha := (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n := (\mathbb{Z}_+)^n$, let $|\alpha| := \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n$ and

$$\partial^\alpha := \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}\right)^{\alpha_1} \cdots \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)^{\alpha_n}.$$

Throughout the whole paper, we denote by C a positive constant which is independent of the main parameters, but it may vary from line to line. For any $q \in [1, \infty]$, we denote by q' its conjugate index, namely, $1/q + 1/q' = 1$. For any $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $[a]$ denotes the maximal integer not larger than a . The symbol $D \lesssim F$ means that $D \leq CF$. If $D \lesssim F$ and $F \lesssim D$, we then write $D \sim F$. If E is a subset of \mathbb{R}^n , we denote by χ_E its characteristic function. If there are no special instructions, any space $\mathcal{X}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is denoted simply by \mathcal{X} . Denote by \mathcal{S} the space of all Schwartz functions and \mathcal{S}' its dual space (namely, the space of all tempered distributions).

REMARK 1.1. It is worth to pointing that this article was done totally independently of the paper ‘‘Fourier transform of variable anisotropic Hardy spaces with applications to Hardy-Littlewood inequalities’’ by Jun Liu [14]. A month after this paper was submitted the journal, we learned that Jun Liu also proved independently the same results, see [14] or (arXiv:2112.08320). He also showed that the Fourier transform of $f \in \mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ coincides with a continuous function F on \mathbb{R}^n in the sense of tempered distributions, and also obtained some applications. Moreover, this article is mainly inspired by Bownik et al. [3] and Huang et al. [13].

2. The definitions of variable anisotropic Hardy spaces

In this section, we recall the definition of variable anisotropic Hardy space $\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}$, via the non-tangential grand maximal function $M_N(f)$.

Firstly, we recall the definition of expansive dilations on \mathbb{R}^n ; see [2, p. 5]. A real $n \times n$ matrix A is called an *expansive dilation*, shortly a *dilation*, if $\min_{\lambda \in \sigma(A)} |\lambda| > 1$, where $\sigma(A)$ denotes the set of all *eigenvalues* of A . Let λ_- and λ_+ be two *positive numbers* such that

$$1 < \lambda_- < \min\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma(A)\} \leq \max\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma(A)\} < \lambda_+.$$

If A is diagonalizable over \mathbb{C} , we can even take $\lambda_- := \min\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma(A)\}$ and $\lambda_+ := \max\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma(A)\}$. Otherwise, we need to choose them sufficiently close to these equalities according to what we need in our arguments.

By [2, Lemma 2.2], for a fixed dilation A , there exist a number $r \in (1, \infty)$ and a set $\Delta := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |Px| < 1\}$, where P is some non-degenerate $n \times n$ matrix, such that

$$\Delta \subset r\Delta \subset A\Delta,$$

and we can assume that $|\Delta| = 1$, where $|\Delta|$ denotes the *n-dimensional Lebesgue measure* of the set Δ . Let $B_k := A^k\Delta$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then B_k is open,

$$B_k \subset rB_k \subset B_{k+1} \text{ and } |B_k| = b^k.$$

In this paper, let $b := |\det A|$. An ellipsoid $x + B_k$ for some $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ is called a *dilated ball*. Denote by \mathfrak{B} the set of all such dilated balls, that is,

$$\mathfrak{B} := \{x + B_k : x \in \mathbb{R}^n, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}. \tag{2.1}$$

Throughout the whole paper, let σ be the *smallest integer* such that $2B_0 \subset A^\sigma B_0$ and, for any subset E of \mathbb{R}^n , let $E^{\mathbb{C}} := \mathbb{R}^n \setminus E$. Then, for all $k, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $k \leq j$, it holds true that

$$B_k + B_j \subset B_{j+\sigma}, \tag{2.2}$$

$$B_k + (B_{k+\sigma})^{\mathbb{C}} \subset (B_k)^{\mathbb{C}}, \tag{2.3}$$

where $E + F$ denotes the *algebraic sum* $\{x + y : x \in E, y \in F\}$ of sets $E, F \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

DEFINITION 2.1. A *quasi-norm*, associated with dilation A , is a Borel measurable mapping $\rho_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, for simplicity, denoted by ρ , satisfying

- (i) $\rho(x) > 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{\vec{0}_n\}$, here and hereafter, $\vec{0}_n$ denotes the origin of \mathbb{R}^n ;
- (ii) $\rho(Ax) = b\rho(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, where, as above, $b := |\det A|$;
- (iii) $\rho(x + y) \leq C_A [\rho(x) + \rho(y)]$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, where $C_A \in [1, \infty)$ is a constant independent of x and y .

In the standard dyadic case $A := 2I_{n \times n}$, $\rho(x) := |x|^n$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is an example of homogeneous quasi-norms associated with A , here and hereafter, $I_{n \times n}$ denotes the $n \times n$ unit matrix, $|\cdot|$ always denotes the Euclidean norm in \mathbb{R}^n .

By [2, Lemma 2.4], we know that all homogeneous quasi-norms associated with a fixed dilation A are equivalent. Therefore, for a fixed dilation A , in what follows, for simplicity, we always use the step homogeneous quasi-norm ρ_A defined by setting, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\rho_A(x) := \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} b^k \chi_{B_{k+1} \setminus B_k}(x) \text{ if } x \neq \vec{0}_n, \text{ or else } \rho_A(\vec{0}_n) := 0.$$

By (2.2), we know that, for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\rho_A(x+y) \leq b^\sigma [\rho_A(x) + \rho_A(y)].$$

Moreover, $(\mathbb{R}^n, \rho_A, dx)$ is a space of homogeneous type in the sense of Coifman and Weiss [6, 7], where dx denotes the n -dimensional Lebesgue measure. Suppose ρ_A is a homogeneous quasi-norms associated with a fixed dilation A . Then there exists a constant $\mathfrak{C}_A > 0$ such that, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\frac{1}{\mathfrak{C}_A} [\rho_A(x)]^{\lambda_- / \ln b} \leq |x| \leq \mathfrak{C}_A [\rho_A(x)]^{\lambda_+ / \ln b} \text{ if } \rho_A(x) \geq 1, \tag{2.4}$$

$$\frac{1}{\mathfrak{C}_A} [\rho_A(x)]^{\lambda_+ / \ln b} \leq |x| \leq \mathfrak{C}_A [\rho_A(x)]^{\lambda_- / \ln b} \text{ if } \rho_A(x) < 1, \tag{2.5}$$

where \mathfrak{C}_A depends only on the dilation A .

Now we recall that a measurable function $p(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ is called a variable exponent. For any variable exponent $p(\cdot)$, let

$$p_- := \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} p(x) \quad \text{and} \quad p_+ := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} p(x). \tag{2.6}$$

Denote by \mathcal{P} the set of all variable exponents $p(\cdot)$ satisfying $0 < p_- \leq p_+ < \infty$.

Let f be a measurable function on \mathbb{R}^n and $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}$. Then the modular function (or, for simplicity, the modular) $\rho_{p(\cdot)}$, associated with $p(\cdot)$, is defined by setting

$$\rho_{p(\cdot)}(f) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^{p(x)} dx$$

and the Luxemburg (also called Luxemburg-Nakano) quasi-norm $\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}$ by

$$\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} := \inf \{ \lambda \in (0, \infty) : \rho_{p(\cdot)}(f/\lambda) \leq 1 \}.$$

Moreover, the variable Lebesgue space $L^{p(\cdot)}$ is defined to be the set of all measurable functions f satisfying that $\rho_{p(\cdot)}(f) < \infty$, equipped with the quasi-norm $\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}$.

REMARK 2.2. Let $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}$.

(i) For any $r \in (0, \infty)$ and $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}$,

$$\| |f|^r \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} = \| f \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}^r.$$

Moreover, for any $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ and $f, g \in L^{p(\cdot)}$, $\| \mu f \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} = |\mu| \| f \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}$ and

$$\| f + g \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}^p \leq \| f \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}^p + \| g \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}^p,$$

here and hereafter,

$$\underline{p} := \min\{p_-, 1\}. \tag{2.7}$$

(ii) From [8], we know that, for any function $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}$ with $\| f \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} > 0$,

$$\rho_{p(\cdot)}(f / \| f \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}) = 1$$

and, if $\| f \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \leq 1$, then $\rho_{p(\cdot)}(f) \leq \| f \|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}$.

A function $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}$ is said to satisfy the *globally log-Hölder continuous condition*, denoted by $p(\cdot) \in C^{\log}$, if there exist two positive constants $C_{\log}(p)$ and C_∞ , and $p_\infty \in \mathbb{R}$ such that, for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$|p(x) - p(y)| \leq \frac{C_{\log}(p)}{\log(e + 1/\rho(x - y))}$$

and

$$|p(x) - p_\infty| \leq \frac{C_\infty}{\log(e + \rho(x))}.$$

A C^∞ function φ is said to belong to the Schwartz class \mathcal{S} if, for every integer $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ and multi-index α , $\| \varphi \|_{\alpha, \ell} := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} |\rho(x)|^\ell |\partial^\alpha \varphi(x)| < \infty$. The dual space of \mathcal{S} , namely, the space of all tempered distributions on \mathbb{R}^n equipped with the weak-* topology, is denoted by \mathcal{S}' . For any $N \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, let

$$\mathcal{S}_N := \{ \varphi \in \mathcal{S} : \| \varphi \|_{\alpha, \ell} \leq 1, |\alpha| \leq N, \ell \leq N \}.$$

In what follows, for $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, let $\varphi_k(x) := b^{-k} \varphi(A^{-k}x)$.

DEFINITION 2.3. Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}$ and $f \in \mathcal{S}'$. The *non-tangential maximal function* $M_\varphi(f)$ with respect to φ is defined by setting, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$M_\varphi(f)(x) := \sup_{y \in x + B_k, k \in \mathbb{Z}} |f * \varphi_k(y)|.$$

Moreover, for any given $N \in \mathbb{N}$, the *non-tangential grand maximal function* $M_N(f)$ of $f \in \mathcal{S}'$ is defined by setting, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$M_N(f)(x) := \sup_{\varphi \in \mathcal{S}_N} M_\varphi(f)(x).$$

The following variable anisotropic Hardy space $\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}$ was introduced in [15, Definition 2.4].

DEFINITION 2.4. Let $p(\cdot) \in C^{\log}$, A be a dilation and $N \in [\lfloor (1/\underline{p} - 1)/\ln \lambda_- \rfloor + 2, \infty)$, where \underline{p} is as in (2.7). The variable anisotropic Hardy space $\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}$ is defined as

$$\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)} := \left\{ f \in \mathcal{S}' : M_N(f) \in L^{p(\cdot)} \right\}$$

and, for any $f \in \mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}$, let $\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}} := \|M_N(f)\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}$.

REMARK 2.5. Let $p(\cdot) \in C^{\log}$.

- (i) When $p(\cdot) := p$ with $p \in (0, \infty)$, the space $\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}$ is reduced to the anisotropic Hardy H_A^p studied by Bownik [2].
- (ii) When $A := 2I_{n \times n}$, the space $\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}$ is reduced to the variable Hardy space $H^{p(\cdot)}$ introduced by Nakai et al. [18] and also Cruz-Uribe et al. [9].

We begin with the following notion of anisotropic $(p(\cdot), q, s)$ -atoms introduced in [17, Definition 4.1].

DEFINITION 2.6. Let $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}$, $q \in (1, \infty]$ and $s \in [\lfloor (1/p_- - 1)\ln b / \ln \lambda_- \rfloor, \infty) \cap \mathbb{Z}_+$ with p_- as in (2.6). An anisotropic $(p(\cdot), q, s)$ -atom is a measurable function a on \mathbb{R}^n satisfying

- (i) (support) $\text{supp } a := \overline{\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : a(x) \neq 0\}} \subset B$, where $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ and \mathfrak{B} is as in (2.1);
- (ii) (size) $\|a\|_{L^q} \leq \frac{|B|^{1/q}}{\|\chi_B\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}}$;
- (iii) (vanishing moment) $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} a(x)x^\alpha dx = 0$ for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n$ with $|\alpha| \leq s$.

In what follows, for convenience, we call an anisotropic $(p(\cdot), q, s)$ -atom simply by a $(p(\cdot), q, s)$ -atom. The following variable anisotropic atomic Hardy space was introduced in [15, Definition 4.2]

DEFINITION 2.7. Let $p(\cdot) \in C^{\log}$, $q \in (1, \infty]$, $s \in [\lfloor (1/p_- - 1)\ln b / \ln \lambda_- \rfloor, \infty) \cap \mathbb{Z}_+$ with p_- as in (2.6), and A be a dilation. The variable anisotropic atomic Hardy space $\mathcal{H}_{A,\text{atom}}^{p(\cdot),q,s}$ is defined to be the set of all distributions $f \in \mathcal{S}'$ satisfying that there exist $\{\lambda_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathbb{C}$ and a sequence of $(p(\cdot), q, s)$ -atoms, $\{a_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$, supported, respectively, on $\{B^{(j)}\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathfrak{B}$ such that

$$f = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_j a_j \text{ in } \mathcal{S}'.$$

Moreover, for any $f \in \mathcal{H}_{A,\text{atom}}^{p(\cdot),q,s}$, let

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_{A,\text{atom}}^{p(\cdot),q,s}} := \inf \left\| \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left[\frac{|\lambda_j| \chi_{B^j}}{\|\chi_{B^j}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}} \right]^{\underline{p}} \right\}^{1/\underline{p}} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}},$$

where the infimum is taken over all the decompositions of f as above.

3. Main result

In this section, we state the main result of the article as follow:

THEOREM 3.1. *Let $p(\cdot) \in C^{\log}$ satisfying $0 < p_- \leq p_+ \leq 1$ with p_-, p_+ as in (2.6). Then for any $f \in \mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}$, there exists a continuous function F on \mathbb{R}^n such that $\widehat{f} = F$ in \mathcal{S}' , and there exists a positive constant C such that for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,*

$$|F(x)| \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}} \max \left\{ [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p_- - 1}, [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p_+ - 1} \right\}, \tag{3.1}$$

where A^* denotes the transposed matrix of A and \widehat{f} is the Fourier transform of f .

REMARK 3.2. When $p(\cdot) := p$ with $p \in (0, 1]$, this result is reduced to [2, Theorem 1].

To prove Theorem 3.1, we need some technical lemmas. The following lemma reveals the atomic decompositions of the variable anisotropic Hardy spaces (see [15, Theorem 4.8]).

LEMMA 3.3. *Let $p(\cdot) \in C^{\log}$, $q \in (\max\{p_+, 1\}, \infty]$ with p_+ as in (2.6), $s \in [[(1/p_- - 1)\ln b / \ln \lambda_-], \infty) \cap \mathbb{Z}_+$ with p_- as in (2.6) and $N \in \mathbb{N} \cap [[(1/\underline{p} - 1)\ln b / \ln \lambda_-] + 2, \infty)$. Then*

$$\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)} = \mathcal{H}_{A,\text{atom}}^{p(\cdot),q,s}$$

with equivalent quasi-norms.

To state following two lemmas, let us recall two basic definitions. We define the dilation operator by $D_A(f)(x) = f(Ax)$, then commute with Fourier transform by following identity for all $j \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$b^j \left(D_{A^*}^j \widehat{D_A^j f} \right) (\xi) = \widehat{f}(\xi). \tag{3.2}$$

LEMMA 3.4. *Let $p(\cdot) \in C^{\log}$, $q \in (1, \infty]$, $s \in [[(1/p_- - 1)\ln b / \ln \lambda_-], \infty) \cap \mathbb{Z}_+$ and a be a $(p(\cdot), q, s)$ -atom supported on $x_0 + B_k$ with some $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then there exists a constant C such that, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,*

$$\left| \widehat{D_A^k(a)}(x) \right| \leq C b^{-k/q} \|a\|_{L^q} \min \{1, |x|^{s+1}\}. \tag{3.3}$$

Proof. From the assumption that $\text{supp } a \subset x_0 + B_k$ with $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, we obtain that

$$\text{supp } D_A^k(a) \subset A^{-k}x_0 + B_0.$$

Let $T(\xi)$ be the degree s Taylor polynomial of the function $\xi \rightarrow e^{-2\pi i \langle x, \xi \rangle}$ center at $A^{-k}x_0$. Using the vanishing of moments of the atom a and the Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \widehat{D_A^k(a)}(x) \right| &= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} D_A^k(a)(\xi) e^{-2\pi i \langle x, \xi \rangle} d\xi \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{A^{-k}x_0 + B_0} D_A^k(a)(\xi) \left[e^{-2\pi i \langle x, \xi \rangle} - T(\xi) \right] d\xi \right| \\ &\lesssim \int_{A^{-k}x_0 + B_0} |a(A^k \xi)| \left| \xi - A^{-k}x_0 \right|^{s+1} |x|^{s+1} d\xi \\ &\lesssim |x|^{s+1} b^{-k} \int_{x_0 + B_k} |a(\xi)| d\xi \\ &\lesssim |x|^{s+1} b^{-k/q} \|a\|_{L^q}, \end{aligned}$$

where $i := \sqrt{-1}$. By the fact that $\text{supp } D_A^k(a) \subset A^{-k}x_0 + B_0$, and the Hölder inequality, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \widehat{D_A^k(a)}(x) \right| &= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} D_A^k(a)(\xi) e^{-2\pi i \langle x, \xi \rangle} d\xi \right| \\ &\lesssim b^{-k} \int_{x_0 + B_k} |a(\xi)| d\xi \\ &\lesssim b^{-k/q} \|a\|_{L^q}. \end{aligned}$$

This finishes the proof of Lemma 3.4. \square

To show Theorem 3.1, we also need the following essential lemma.

LEMMA 3.5. *Let $p(\cdot) \in C^{\log}$ satisfying $0 < p_- \leq p_+ \leq 1$ with p_-, p_+ as in (2.6), $q \in (1, \infty]$ and $s \in [\lfloor (1/p_- - 1) \ln b / \ln \lambda_- \rfloor, \infty) \cap \mathbb{Z}_+$. Then there exists a positive constant C such that, for any $(p(\cdot), q, s)$ -atom a supported on $x_0 + B_k$ with $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, and for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,*

$$|\widehat{a}(x)| \leq C \max \left\{ [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p_- - 1}, [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p_+ - 1} \right\}. \tag{3.4}$$

Proof. Let a be a $(p(\cdot), q, s)$ -atom with $\text{supp } a \subset x_0 + B_k$, where $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then it follows from (3.2), (3.3) and the size condition of a that, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\begin{aligned} |\widehat{a}(x)| &= \left| b^k \left[D_{A^*}^k \widehat{D_A^k(a)} \right] (x) \right| \\ &= b^k \left| \widehat{D_A^k(a)}(A^{*k}x) \right| \\ &\lesssim b^{(1-1/q)k} \|a\|_{L^q} \min \left\{ 1, |A^{*k}x|^{s+1} \right\} \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\lesssim \frac{b^k}{\|\chi_{x_0+B_k}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}} \min \left\{ 1, |A^{*k}x|^{s+1} \right\} \\ &\lesssim \max \left\{ b^{(1-1/p_+)^k}, b^{(1-1/p_-)^k} \right\} \min \left\{ 1, |A^{*k}x|^{s+1} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

If $\rho_{A^*}(x) < b^{-k}$, from (2.6) and $s > (1/p_- - 1) \ln b / \ln \lambda_- - 1$, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} |\widehat{a}(x)| &\lesssim \max \left\{ b^{(1-1/p_+)^k}, b^{(1-1/p_-)^k} \right\} \min \left\{ 1, |A^{*k}x|^{s+1} \right\} \\ &\lesssim \max \left\{ b^{(1-1/p_+)^k}, b^{(1-1/p_-)^k} \right\} b^{(1/p_- - 1)k} [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p_- - 1} \tag{3.6} \\ &\sim \max \left\{ b^{(1-1/p_+)^k}, b^{(1-1/p_-)^k} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

which implies that (3.4) holds true.

On the other hand, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, if $\rho_{A^*}(x) \geq b^{-k}$, then, by (3.2), we find that (3.4) holds true in this case. The concrete details being omitted. This finishes the proof of Lemma 3.4. \square

LEMMA 3.6. *Let $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}$. Then we have, for any $\{\lambda_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathbb{C}$ and $\{B^{(j)}\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathfrak{B}$,*

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_j| \leq \left\| \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left[\frac{|\lambda_j| \chi_{B^{(j)}}}{\|\chi_{B^{(j)}}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}} \right]^p \right\}^{1/p} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}$$

where \underline{p} is as in (2.7).

Proof. Since $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}$ and the well-known inequality that, $\|\cdot\|_{\ell^1} \leq \|\cdot\|_{\ell^p}$ with $p \in (0, 1]$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_j| &= \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_j| \left\| \frac{\chi_{B^{(j)}}}{\|\chi_{B^{(j)}}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \\ &\leq \left\| \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{|\lambda_j| \chi_{B^{(j)}}}{\|\chi_{B^{(j)}}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \\ &\leq \left\| \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left[\frac{|\lambda_j| \chi_{B^{(j)}}}{\|\chi_{B^{(j)}}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}} \right]^p \right\}^{1/p} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}. \end{aligned}$$

This finishes the proof of Lemma 3.6. \square

Proof of Theorem 3.1. Let $p(\cdot) \in C^{\log}$ satisfying $0 < p_- \leq p_+ \leq 1$, $q \in (1, \infty]$ and $s \in [(1/p_- - 1) \ln b / \ln \lambda_-, \infty) \cap \mathbb{Z}_+$. For any $f \in \mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}$, from Definition 2.7 and Lemma 3.3, we know that there exist numbers $\{\lambda_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathbb{C}$ and a sequence of $(p(\cdot), q, s)$ -atom, $\{a_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$, supported, respectively, on $\{x_j + B_{\ell_j}\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathfrak{B}$ such that

$$f = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_j a_j \text{ in } \mathcal{S}'$$

and

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}} \sim \inf \left\| \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left[\frac{|\lambda_j| \chi_{x_j+B_{\ell_j}}}{\|\chi_{x_j+B_{\ell_j}}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}} \right]^{\frac{p}{p(\cdot)}} \right\}^{1/p} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}. \tag{3.7}$$

By the continuity of the Fourier transform on \mathcal{S}' , we have

$$\widehat{f} = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_j \widehat{a}_j \text{ in } \mathcal{S}', \tag{3.8}$$

In addition, by the fact that, for any $j \in \mathbb{N}$, $a_j \in L^1$, and the Hausdorff Young inequality, we know that $\widehat{a}_j \in L^\infty$. From this, Lemmas 3.4 and 3.6, and (3.7), we conclude that, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_j \widehat{a}_j(x)| \\ & \lesssim C \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_j| \max \left\{ [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p-1}, [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p+1} \right\} \\ & \lesssim \left\| \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left[\frac{|\lambda_j| \chi_{x_j+B_{\ell_j}}}{\|\chi_{x_j+B_{\ell_j}}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}} \right]^{\frac{p}{p(\cdot)}} \right\}^{1/p} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}} \max \left\{ [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p-1}, [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p+1} \right\} \tag{3.9} \\ & \lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}} \max \left\{ [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p-1}, [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p+1} \right\} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the summation $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_j \widehat{a}_j(x)$ converges absolutely on \mathbb{R}^n . Without loss of generality, we may let, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$F(x) := \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_j \widehat{a}_j(x)$$

pointwisely and hence, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$|F(x)| \lesssim \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}} \max \left\{ [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p-1}, [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p+1} \right\}. \tag{3.10}$$

Next, we prove that $\widehat{f} = F$ in \mathcal{S}' . By (3.8), it suffices to show that

$$F = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_j \widehat{a}_j \text{ in } \mathcal{S}',$$

that is, for any $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}$,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j \widehat{a}_j, \varphi \right\rangle = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^N \lambda_j \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \widehat{a}_j(x) \varphi(x) dx < \infty. \tag{3.11}$$

In fact, by Lemma 3.4, we know that there exists a positive constant C such that, for any $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}$, $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and $N > 1/p_-$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \widehat{a}_j(x) \varphi(x) dx \right| \\ & \lesssim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{B_{k+1}^* \setminus B_k^*} \max \left\{ [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p_- - 1}, [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p_+ - 1} \right\} |\varphi(x)| dx + \|\varphi\|_{L^1} \\ & \lesssim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b^{(1/p_- - 1)k} b^k \frac{1}{(1 + b^k)^N} + \|\varphi\|_{L^1} \\ & \lesssim 1, \end{aligned}$$

which, together with Lemma 3.6, (3.7) and (3.11), implies that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \widehat{a}_j(x) \varphi(x) dx \right| \lesssim \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} |\lambda_j| = 0,$$

and hence $\widehat{f} = F$ in \mathcal{S}' . Furthermore, for any given compact set K , there exists a positive constant C , depending only on K , such that, for any $x \in K$, $\rho_{A^*}(x) \leq C$. By this and (3.10), we obtain that, for any $x \in K$,

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_j| |\widehat{a}_j(x)| \lesssim \max \left\{ C^{1/p_- - 1}, C^{1/p_+ - 1} \right\} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_j|.$$

Therefore, the absolute convergence of $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_j \widehat{a}_j(x)$ is uniform on compact set K . By this and the fact that, for any $j \in \mathbb{N}$, \widehat{a}_j is a continuous function, we conclude that, for any compact set K , F is also a continuous function on K , and hence on \mathbb{R}^n . This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1. \square

4. Some applications

In this section, as applications of Theorem 3.1, we obtain a higher order convergence of the continuous function F in Theorem 3.1 at the origin, and establish a variant of the Hardy-Littlewood inequality on the anisotropic Hardy spaces with variable exponents. The following conclusion is the first main result of this section.

THEOREM 4.1. *Let $p(\cdot) \in C^{\log}$ satisfying $0 < p_- \leq p_+ \leq 1$ with p_- , p_+ as in (2.6), and $f \in \mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}$. Then there exists a continuous function F on \mathbb{R}^n such that $\widehat{f} = F$ in \mathcal{S}' and*

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F(x)}{[\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p_- - 1}} = 0.$$

Proof. Let $f \in \mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}$. By Lemma 3.3, we know that there exist numbers $\{\lambda_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathbb{C}$ and a sequence of $(p(\cdot), q, s)$ -atom, $\{a_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$, supported, respectively, on $\{x_j +$

$B_{\ell_j}\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathfrak{B}$ such that

$$f = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_j a_j \text{ in } \mathcal{S}'$$

and

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}} \sim \inf \left\| \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left[\frac{|\lambda_j| \chi_{x_j + B_{\ell_j}}}{\|\chi_{x_j + B_{\ell_j}}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}} \right]^{\frac{p}{p-1}} \right\}^{1/p} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}},$$

which, together with Lemma 3.6, implies that

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_j| < \infty.$$

By Theorem 3.1, we obtain that there exists F such that $\widehat{f} = F$ in \mathcal{S}' . Therefore, we have

$$\frac{|F(x)|}{[\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p-1}} \leq \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_j| \frac{|\widehat{a}_j(x)|}{[\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p-1}}.$$

By (3.5) and the condition that $0 < p_- \leq p_+ \leq 1$, it is easy to check that, for any $j \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|\widehat{a}_j(x)|}{[\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p-1}} = 0.$$

Therefore, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, we know that there exists $\delta > 0$ such that, for any $|x| < \delta$,

$$\frac{|\widehat{a}_j(x)|}{[\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p-1}} < \frac{\varepsilon}{\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_j| + 1}.$$

By this, we have, for any $|x| < \delta$,

$$\frac{|F(x)|}{[\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p-1}} < \varepsilon.$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F(x)}{[\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1/p-1}} = 0.$$

This finishes the proof of Theorem 4.1. \square

Now we state the second result of this section.

THEOREM 4.2. *Let $p(\cdot) \in C^{\log}$ satisfying $0 < p_- \leq p_+ \leq 1$ with p_-, p_+ as in (2.6), and $f \in \mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}$. Then there exists a continuous function F on \mathbb{R}^n such that $\widehat{f} = F$ in \mathcal{S}' and*

$$\left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |F(x)|^{p_+} \min \left\{ [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{p_+ - 1 - (p_+/p_-)}, [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{p_+ - 2} \right\} dx \right]^{1/p_+} \leq C \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}}.$$

Proof. Let $p(\cdot) \in C^{\log}$ satisfying $0 < p_- \leq p_+ \leq 1$, and $f \in \mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}$. By Lemma 3.3, we obtain that there exist numbers $\{\lambda_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathbb{C}$ and a sequence of $(p(\cdot), \infty, s)$ -atom, $\{a_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$, supported, respectively, on $\{x_j + B_{\ell_j}\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathfrak{B}$ such that

$$f = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_j a_j \text{ in } \mathcal{S}',$$

and

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}} \sim \inf \left\| \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \left[\frac{|\lambda_j| \chi_{x_j + B_{\ell_j}}}{\|\chi_{x_j + B_{\ell_j}}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}} \right]^{\frac{p}{p(\cdot)}} \right\}^{1/p} \right\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}.$$

By Theorem 3.1, we know that there exists continuous F on \mathbb{R}^n , such that

$$\widehat{f} = F \text{ in } \mathcal{S}',$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |F(x)|^{p_+} \min \left\{ [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{p_+ - 1 - p_+/p_-}, [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{p_+ - 2} \right\} dx \right\}^{1/p_+} \\ & \leq \left\{ \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |\lambda_j|^{p_+} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left[|\widehat{a}_j(x)| \min \left\{ [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1 - 1/p_+ - 1/p_-}, [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1 - 2/p_+} \right\} \right]^{p_+} dx \right\}^{1/p_+} \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.6, we only need to show that, for any $(p(\cdot), \infty, s)$ -atom a with $\text{supp } a \subset x_0 + B_k$, $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$\left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\widehat{a}(x)|^{p_+} \left[\min \left\{ [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{p_+ - 1 - 1/p_-}, [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{p_+ - 2} \right\} \right]^{p_+} dx \right\}^{1/p_+} \lesssim 1.$$

Now we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\widehat{a}(x)|^{p_+} \left[\min \left\{ [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{p_+ - 1 - 1/p_-}, [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{p_+ - 2} \right\} \right]^{p_+} dx \right\}^{1/p_+} \\ & = \left\{ \int_{B_{-k}^*} |\widehat{a}(x)|^{p_+} \left[\min \left\{ [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1 - 1/p_+ - 1/p_-}, [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{p_+ - 2} \right\} \right]^{p_+} dx \right\}^{1/p_+} \\ & \quad + \left\{ \int_{(B_{-k}^*)^c} |\widehat{a}(x)|^{p_+} \left[\min \left\{ [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1 - 1/p_+ - 1/p_-}, [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1 - 2/p_+} \right\} \right]^{p_+} dx \right\}^{1/p_+} \\ & = \text{I} + \text{II}. \end{aligned}$$

For the term I, by (3.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{I} &\lesssim b^{k[1+\ln\lambda_-(s+1)/\ln b]} \max \left\{ b^{-k/p_-}, b^{-k/p_+} \right\} \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ \int_{\rho_{A^*}(x) < b^{-k}} \left[\min \left\{ [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1-1/p_+ - 1/p_- + [(s+1)\ln\lambda_-/\ln b]}, \right. \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. \left. [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1-2/p_+ - (s+1)\ln\lambda_-/\ln b} \right\} \right]^{p_+} dx \right\}^{1/p_+} \\
 &\lesssim b^{k[1+(s+1)\ln\lambda_-/\ln b]} \max \left\{ b^{-k/p_-}, b^{-k/p_+} \right\} \\
 &\quad \times \min \left\{ b^{-k[1-1/p_- + (s+1)\ln\lambda_-/\ln b]}, b^{-k[1-2/p_+ + (s+1)\ln\lambda_-/\ln b]} \right\} \\
 &\sim 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

For the term II, from the Hölder inequality, the Plancherel theorem, the fact that $0 < p_-, p_+ \leq 1$, and the size condition of a , we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{II} &= \left\{ \int_{(B_{-k}^*)^c} |\widehat{a}(x)|^{p_+} \left[\min \left\{ [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1-1/p_+ - 1/p_-}, [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1-2/p_+} \right\} \right]^{p_+} dx \right\}^{1/p_+} \\
 &\lesssim \left(\int_{(B_{-k}^*)^c} |\widehat{a}(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ \int_{(B_{-k}^*)^c} \left[\min \left\{ [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1-1/p_+ - 1/p_-}, [\rho_{A^*}(x)]^{1-2/p_+} \right\} \right]^{2p_+/(2-p_+)} dx \right\}^{(2-p_+)/(2p_+)} \\
 &\lesssim \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |a(x)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \min \left\{ b^{-k(1/2-1/p_-)}, b^{-k(1/2-1/p_+)} \right\} \\
 &\lesssim \frac{|x_0 + B_k|^{1/2}}{\|\chi_{x_0+B_k}\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}}} \min \left\{ b^{-k(1/2-1/p_-)}, b^{-k(1/2-1/p_+)} \right\} \\
 &\lesssim \max \left\{ b^{k(1/2-1/p_-)}, b^{k(1/2-1/p_+)} \right\} \min \left\{ b^{-k(1/2-1/p_-)}, b^{-k(1/2-1/p_+)} \right\} \\
 &\sim 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 4.2. \square

REMARK 4.3. It is worth pointing out that there is a difference with Liu’s paper in the proof of Theorem 4.2. Indeed, we use the $(p(\cdot), \infty, s)$ -atom characterization of the variable anisotropic Hardy space $\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, while Liu proves [14, Theorem 4.3] by using the $(p(\cdot), q, s)$ -atom characterization of $\mathcal{H}_A^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

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