

A TRANSPLANTATION THEOREM FOR LAGUERRE SERIES

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1. Introduction. Let $L_n^\alpha(x)$, $\alpha > -1$, be the Laguerre polynomial of degree n and of order α defined by

$$L_n^\alpha(x) = \frac{e^x x^{-\alpha}}{n!} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^n (e^{-x} x^{n+\alpha}).$$

Then the functions $\tau_n^\alpha L_n^\alpha(x) e^{-x/2} x^{\alpha/2}$, $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$, are orthonormal on the interval $(0, \infty)$ with respect to the ordinary Lebesgue measure dx , where

$$(\tau_n^\alpha)^{-2} = \int_0^\infty \{L_n^\alpha(x)\}^2 e^{-x} x^\alpha dx = \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(n+1)}.$$

This orthonormal system leads us to the formal expansion of a function $f(x)$ on $(0, \infty)$:

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n^\alpha(f) \tau_n^\alpha L_n^\alpha(x) e^{-x/2} x^{\alpha/2},$$

where $a_n^\alpha(f)$ is the n -th Fourier-Laguerre coefficient of order α of $f(x)$ defined by

$$a_n^\alpha(f) = \int_0^\infty f(x) \tau_n^\alpha L_n^\alpha(x) e^{-x/2} x^{\alpha/2} dx.$$

We note that the integral converges and $a_n^\alpha(f)$ is finite if $\alpha \geq 0$ and $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, or if $-1 < \alpha < 0$ and $(1 + \alpha/2)^{-1} < p \leq \infty$.

Our theorem is as follows:

THEOREM. *Let $\alpha, \beta > -1$ and $\gamma = \min\{\alpha, \beta\}$. If $\gamma \geq 0$, then*

$$(1.1) \quad \int_0^\infty \left| \sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n^\beta(f) \tau_n^\alpha L_n^\alpha(x) e^{-x/2} x^{\alpha/2} \right|^p dx \leq C \int_0^\infty |f(x)|^p dx$$

for $1 < p < \infty$, where C is a constant independent of f . If $-1 < \gamma < 0$, then (1.1) holds for $(1 + \gamma/2)^{-1} < p < -2/\gamma$.

Historically, Guy [11] proved a transplantation theorem for Hankel transforms. Schindler [14] proved Guy's theorem showing an explicit integral representation. For other classical expansions, Askey and Wainger [3], [4] gave transplantation theorems for ultraspherical coefficients and its dual. Furthermore, Askey [1], [2]

generalized their theorems to Jacobi polynomial expansions. In [1], he also proved a transplantation theorem [1, Theorem 3] for Laguerre coefficients of orders α and $\beta = \alpha + 2$. Our theorem is the dual to his theorem with arbitrary β . Some other related transplantation theorems are found in Gilbert [10] and in Muckenhoupt [13].

An advantage of our transplantation theorem is that, if a norm inequality of Laguerre series of some order α is proved, then the corresponding norm inequality of any other order β holds automatically. We give an application. Let $\Lambda = \{\lambda_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ be a bounded sequence. We define a multiplier operator $\mathcal{M}_\Lambda^\alpha$ with multiplier Λ by $a_n^\alpha(\mathcal{M}_\Lambda^\alpha(f)) = \lambda_n a_n^\alpha(f)$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, that is,

$$\mathcal{M}_\Lambda^\alpha(f) \sim \sum_{n=0}^\infty \lambda_n a_n^\alpha(f) \tau_n^\alpha L_n^\alpha(x) e^{-x/2} x^{\alpha/2}.$$

We denote by L^p the Lebesgue space of all measurable functions $f(x)$ defined on $(0, \infty)$ such that $\|f\|_p = \{\int_0^\infty |f(x)|^p dx\}^{1/p} < \infty$. We may denote $\|f\|_p$ by $\|f(x)\|_p$.

COROLLARY. *Let $\lambda(x)$ be a four times differentiable function on $(0, \infty)$ satisfying $\sup_{x>0} |\lambda^{(j)}(x)x^j| \leq B$ ($j = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$), and let $\Lambda = \{\lambda(s(2n+1))\}_{n=0}^\infty$ for $s > 0$. Then, $\|\mathcal{M}_\Lambda^\alpha(f)\|_p \leq CB \|f\|_p$ ($f \in L^p$) if $\alpha \geq 0$ and $1 < p < \infty$, or if $-1 < \alpha < 0$ and $(1 + \alpha/2)^{-1} < p < -2/\alpha$, where C is a constant depending only on α and p .*

The corollary is obtained instantly by applying our theorem to the following result due to Długośz [6].

(A) *Długośz's criterion (cf. [6, §1]). Let $\lambda(x)$ and Λ be a function and a sequence given in the corollary. If $\alpha = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, then $\|\mathcal{M}_\Lambda^\alpha(f)\|_p \leq CB \|f\|_p$ ($f \in L^p$) for $1 < p < \infty$, where C is a constant depending only on p .*

We use this criterion to prove our main theorem.

In §2, we shall extend the parameter β of $T_\alpha^\beta(f)$ to complex β , where $T_\alpha^\beta(f)$ is the function defined by the series $\sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n^\beta(f) \tau_n^\alpha L_n^\alpha(x) e^{-x/2} x^{\alpha/2}$. Using (A), we shall reduce the estimate of the L^p -norm of $T_\alpha^\beta(f)$ to that of the operator $T_{\alpha,\varphi}^\beta(f)$ defined in (2.8) which is easier to treat. We extend the parameter β to complex numbers $\beta = \alpha + k + i\theta$, $k = 0, 2, -\infty < \theta < \infty$, and apply an interpolation theorem. In §3, we shall estimate the L^p -norm of $T_{\alpha,\varphi}^{\alpha+i\theta}(f)$. To do so, we deal with $T_{\alpha,\varphi}^{\alpha+\varepsilon+i\theta}(f)$, $\varepsilon > 0$. We shall modify $T_{\alpha,\varphi}^{\alpha+\varepsilon+i\theta}(f)$. The essential part of our proof is to use the formula

$$L_n^{\alpha+\varepsilon+i\theta}(y) = \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha+\varepsilon+i\theta+1)}{\Gamma(\varepsilon+i\theta)\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)} \int_0^1 v^\alpha(1-v)^{\varepsilon-1+i\theta} L_n^\alpha(vy) dv,$$

and estimate the L^p -norm of the operator by the singular integral operator theory and Hardy's inequality. In §4, the L^p norm of $T_{\alpha,\varphi}^{\alpha+2+i\theta}(f)$ will be evaluated by an argument similar to that of §3.

2. Reduction. We extend the definition of the n -th Fourier-Laguerre coefficient

$a_n^\beta(f)$ to complex β as follows. By the explicit representation

$$L_n^\beta(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+\beta}{n-k} \frac{(-x)^k}{k!},$$

the definition of the Laguerre polynomial is extended to complex β . $L_n^\beta(x)$ is analytic in β except at the points $\beta = -n-1, -n-2, \dots$ for fixed x . The coefficient $\tau_n^\beta = \{\Gamma(n+1)/\Gamma(n+\beta+1)\}^{1/2}$ is analytic in β in the cut plane $|\arg(\beta+n+1)| < \pi$, where we take the branch of the square root equal to $+1$ for $\beta=0$. Let C_c^∞ be the space of infinitely differentiable functions with compact support in $(0, \infty)$. For $f \in C_c^\infty$, the definition of $a_n^\beta(f)$ is extended to complex β and is analytic in $|\arg(\beta+n+1)| < \pi$.

LEMMA 1. Let $f \in C_c^\infty$. Let $\alpha > -1$ and $\Delta > 0$. Then, for every $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, there are a constant C and a number n_0 such that

$$(2.1) \quad |a_n^\beta(f)| \leq C(1+|\theta|^j) e^{\pi|\theta|/2} n^{(\Delta-j)/2+1/4}$$

for $n \geq n_0, -\infty < \theta < \infty$ and $0 \leq \delta \leq \Delta$, where $\beta = \alpha + \delta + i\theta$.

PROOF. By the formula (cf. [7, 10.12 (28)])

$$L_n^\beta(y) e^{-y} y^\beta = \frac{(n-j)!}{n!} \left(\frac{d}{dy}\right)^j \{L_{n-j}^{\beta+j}(y) e^{-y} y^{\beta+j}\},$$

we have

$$a_n^\beta(f) = \tau_n^\beta \frac{(n-j)!}{n!} \int_0^\infty f(y) e^{y/2} y^{-\beta/2} \left(\frac{d}{dy}\right)^j \{L_{n-j}^{\beta+j}(y) e^{-y} y^{\beta+j}\} dy.$$

By integration by parts

$$a_n^\beta(f) = \tau_n^\beta \frac{(n-j)!}{n!} (-1)^j \int_0^\infty \left\{ \left(\frac{d}{dy}\right)^j (f(y) e^{y/2} y^{-\beta/2}) \right\} L_{n-j}^{\beta+j}(y) e^{-y} y^{\beta+j} dy.$$

Since f is a function with compact support in $(0, \infty)$, we may assume $\text{supp } f \subset [a, b], 0 < a < b < \infty$. Thus

$$|a_n^\beta(f)| \leq C(1+|\theta|^j) |\tau_n^\beta| n^{-j} \int_a^b |L_{n-j}^{\beta+j}(y)| dy,$$

where C is a constant independent of n and θ , and is bounded in $0 \leq \delta \leq \Delta$. We apply the formula (cf. [7, 10.12 (30)])

$$(2.2) \quad L_m^{\mu+\nu}(y) = \frac{\Gamma(m+\mu+\nu+1)}{\Gamma(\nu)\Gamma(m+\mu+1)} \int_0^1 v^\mu (1-v)^{\nu-1} L_m^\mu(vy) dv,$$

$\text{Re } \mu > -1, \text{Re } \nu > 0$ with $\mu = \alpha + j - 1, \nu = 1 + \delta + i\theta$ and $m = n - j$ to the integrand $L_{n-j}^{\beta+j}(y)$. Then, we have

$$(2.3) \quad |a_n^\beta(f)| \leq \frac{C(1+|\theta|^j)}{|\Gamma(1+\delta+i\theta)|} n^{-j} A_{n,\beta} \int_a^b \int_0^1 v^{\alpha+j-1} |L_{n-j}^{\alpha+j-1}(vy)| dv dy,$$

where $A_{n,\beta} = |\tau_n^\beta| |\Gamma(n+\beta+1)| / |\Gamma(n+\alpha)|$. Since $\Gamma(1+\delta+i\theta)^{-1} = B(1/2+\delta, 1/2+i\theta) \cdot \{\Gamma(1/2+\delta)\Gamma(1/2+i\theta)\}^{-1}$ and $|\Gamma(1/2+i\theta)|^2 = \pi / \cosh \pi\theta$, we have

$$(2.4) \quad \frac{1}{|\Gamma(1+\delta+i\theta)|} \leq \frac{B(1/2, 1/2)}{\inf_{x \geq 1/2} \Gamma(x)} \left\{ \frac{\cosh \pi\theta}{\pi} \right\}^{1/2} \leq A e^{\pi|\theta|/2}$$

for $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ and $\delta \geq 0$, where A is an absolute constant. We estimate $A_{n,\beta}$. We have

$$A_{n,\beta} = \left\{ \frac{|\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(n+\alpha+\delta+1)|}{|\Gamma(n+\alpha)|^2} \left| \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha+\delta+1+i\theta)}{\Gamma(n+\alpha+\delta+1)} \right| \right\}^{1/2}.$$

It follows from the identity (cf. [7, 1.3 (3)])

$$(2.5) \quad \frac{\Gamma(x+iy)}{\Gamma(x)} = e^{-iy} \frac{x}{x+iy} \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{iy/k}}{1+iy/(k+x)}$$

with $x = n+\alpha+\delta+1$ and $y = \theta$ that $|\Gamma(n+\alpha+\delta+1+i\theta)/\Gamma(n+\alpha+\delta+1)| \leq 1$ for $n=0, 1, 2, \dots, \delta \geq 0$ and $-\infty < \theta < \infty$. Thus, we have

$$(2.6) \quad A_{n,\beta} \leq C n^{(d-\alpha+2)/2}$$

for $n \geq n_0$, where the constant C and n_0 depend only on d and α . To estimate the integral on the right side of the inequality (2.3), we note that the integral is independent of β . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \int_0^1 v^{\alpha+j-1} |L_{n-j}^{\alpha+j-1}(vy)| dv dy &= \int_0^1 \int_{va}^{vb} |L_{n-j}^{\alpha+j-1}(t)| dt v^{\alpha+j-2} dv \\ &= \left\{ \int_0^{1/(n-j)} + \int_{1/(n-j)}^1 \right\} \int_{va}^{vb} |L_{n-j}^{\alpha+j-1}(t)| dt v^{\alpha+j-2} dv = D_1 + D_2, \end{aligned}$$

say. It follows from the asymptotic formula [15, (7.6.8)] of the Laguerre polynomial that

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} D_1 &\leq \int_0^{1/(n-j)} \int_{va}^{vb} (Cn^{\alpha+j-1}) dt v^{\alpha+j-2} dv \leq Cn^{-1}, \\ D_2 &\leq \int_{1/(n-j)}^1 \int_{va}^{vb} C(n/t)^{(\alpha+j-1)/2} (nt)^{-1/4} dt v^{\alpha+j-2} dv \leq Cn^{(\alpha+j)/2-3/4} \end{aligned}$$

for large n , where C is a constant independent of n . Combining (2.4), (2.6) and (2.7), we complete the proof. q.e.d.

Let $\alpha > -1$ and $\text{Re } \beta > -1$. We define an operator T_α^β by $a_n^\alpha(T_\alpha^\beta(f)) = a_n^\beta(f)$,

$n=0, 1, 2, \dots$, for $f \in C_c^\infty$, that is,

$$T_\alpha^\beta(f) \sim \sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n^\beta(f) \tau_n^\alpha L_n^\alpha(x) e^{-x/2} x^{\alpha/2}.$$

It follows from (2.1) that $T_\alpha^\beta(f) \in L^2(0, \infty)$ for $f \in C_c^\infty$. Let $\{\varphi_n\}$ be the sequence defined by

$$\varphi_n = \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(n + \alpha + 1 + i\theta)} \right\}^{1/2}, \quad n=0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad -\infty < \theta < \infty.$$

We choose the branch of the square root which is equal to $+1$ for $\theta=0$. We define also an operator $T_{\alpha,\varphi}^\beta$ by

$$(2.8) \quad T_{\alpha,\varphi}^\beta(f) \sim \sum_{n=0}^\infty \varphi_n a_n^\beta(f) \tau_n^\alpha L_n^\alpha(x) e^{-x/2} x^{\alpha/2}$$

for $f \in C_c^\infty$. Since the sequence $\{\varphi_n\}$ is bounded for every θ , we have $T_{\alpha,\varphi}^\beta(f) \in L^2(0, \infty)$ for $f \in C_c^\infty$. We state here two propositions. Theorem will follow from Proposition 1, which in turn is deduced from Proposition 2.

PROPOSITION 1. (I) *If $\alpha=0, 1, 2, \dots$, then*

$$\|T_\alpha^{\alpha+k+i\theta}(f)\|_p \leq M(\theta) \|f\|_p \quad (f \in C_c^\infty)$$

for $1 < p < \infty$, $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ and $k=0, 2$ where $M(\theta)$ is independent of f and satisfies the condition

$$(\#) \quad \sup_{-\infty < \theta < \infty} e^{-\kappa|\theta|} \log M(2\theta) < \infty \quad \text{for some } \kappa < \pi.$$

(II) *If $\alpha \geq 0$, then*

$$(2.9) \quad \|T_\alpha^{\alpha+2}(f)\|_p \leq C \|f\|_p \quad (f \in C_c^\infty)$$

for $1 < p < \infty$, where C is a constant independent of f . If $-1 < \alpha < 0$, then (2.9) holds for $(1 + \alpha/2)^{-1} < p < -2/\alpha$.

PROPOSITION 2. *If $\alpha \geq 0$, then*

$$(2.10) \quad \|T_{\alpha,\varphi}^{\alpha+k+i\theta}(f)\|_p \leq M(\theta) \|f\|_p \quad (f \in C_c^\infty)$$

for $1 < p < \infty$, $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ and $k=0, 2$, where $M(\theta)$ is independent of f and satisfies (#). If $-1 < \alpha < 0$, then (2.10) with $k=2$ holds for $(1 + \alpha/2)^{-1} < p < -2/\alpha$.

We show first that Proposition 2 implies Proposition 1. Since $\varphi_n=1$ for $\theta=0$, Proposition 1, (II) is a special case of Proposition 2. We apply Długośz's criterion to the function

$$\lambda(x) = \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(x + \alpha + 1/2 + i\theta)}{\Gamma(x + \alpha + 1/2)} \right\}^{1/2}, \quad \alpha > -1/2.$$

We have $\lambda((2n+1)/2) = \varphi_n^{-1}$. Here, the branch of the root is so chosen that $\lambda(x) = +1$ for $\theta = 0$. Let $A = \{\varphi_n^{-1}\}_{n=0}^\infty$. Then we have $\mathcal{M}_\lambda^\alpha(T_{\alpha,\varphi}^{\alpha+k+i\theta}(f)) = T_\alpha^{\alpha+k+i\theta}(f)$. Thus, Proposition 1, (I) follows from Proposition 2 by Lemma 2 below which shows that the function $\lambda(x)$ satisfies Długosz's condition with the constant $B = C(1 + \theta^4)$, where C is a constant depending only on α .

LEMMA 2. *Let $\alpha > -1/2$ and $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Then,*

$$\sup_{x>0} |\lambda^{(j)}(x)x^j| \leq C(1 + |\theta|^j)$$

for $-\infty < \theta < \infty$, where C is a constant independent of θ .

PROOF. By (2.5), we have $\sup_{x>0} |\lambda(x)| \leq 1$. Let $\psi(z)$ be the logarithmic derivative of $\Gamma(z)$, that is, $\psi(z) = \Gamma'(z)/\Gamma(z)$. Let $u = x + \alpha + 1/2$. We note $u > 0$. We have $\lambda'(x) = \lambda(x)\{\psi(u + i\theta) - \psi(u)\}/2$. Differentiating in x both sides of the identity j times, we have

$$\lambda^{(j+1)}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^j \binom{j}{k} \lambda^{(j-k)}(x) \{\psi^{(k)}(u + i\theta) - \psi^{(k)}(u)\}.$$

We see by the identity that it is enough to show that

$$\sup_{x>0} |\psi^{(k)}(u + i\theta) - \psi^{(k)}(u)| x^{k+1} \leq C|\theta|$$

for every $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. For $k = 0$, we use the formula (cf. [7, 1.7 (24)])

$$\psi(z) = \log z + \int_0^\infty \left\{ \frac{1}{1-e^{-t}} + \frac{1}{t} - 1 \right\} e^{-tz} dt$$

for $\operatorname{Re} z > 0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi(u + i\theta) - \psi(u)| &\leq \log \left| 1 + i \frac{\theta}{u} \right| + \left| \tan^{-1} \frac{\theta}{u} \right| \\ &\quad + 2|\theta| \int_0^\infty \left| \frac{1}{1-e^{-t}} + \frac{1}{t} - 1 \right| e^{-tu} dt \leq C \frac{|\theta|}{u}. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\psi^{(k)}(z) = (-1)^{k+1} k! \sum_{m=0}^\infty \frac{1}{(z+m)^{k+1}}$$

(cf. [7, 1.17 (9)]), we have

$$\psi^{(k)}(u+i\theta)-\psi^{(k)}(u)=(-1)^{k+1}k!\sum_{m=0}^{\infty}\left\{\frac{1}{u+i\theta+m}-\frac{1}{u+m}\right\}\cdot\left\{\frac{1}{(u+i\theta+m)^k}+\frac{1}{(u+i\theta+m)^{k-1}(u+m)}+\cdots+\frac{1}{(u+m)^k}\right\}.$$

Thus, we have

$$|\psi^{(k)}(u+i\theta)-\psi^{(k)}(u)|\cdot x^{k+1}\leq k!|\theta|x^{k+1}\sum_{m=0}^{\infty}\frac{1}{(u+m)^2}\frac{k+1}{(u+m)^k}\leq C|\theta|,$$

where C is a constant not depending on θ and x . q.e.d.

We show that Proposition 1 implies Theorem. Let f and g be in C_c^∞ , and let z satisfy $0\leq\text{Re }z\leq 1$. We write $z=\delta+i\theta$. We define

$$\Phi_\alpha(z)=\int_0^\infty T_\alpha^{\alpha+2z}(f)(x)g(x)dx$$

for $\alpha>-1$. Then, it follows from (2.1) with $j=4$ that

$$\begin{aligned} |\Phi_\alpha(z)|^2 &= \left| \sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n^{\alpha+2z}(f)a_n^\alpha(g) \right|^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{n=0}^\infty |a_n^{\alpha+2z}(f)|^2 \sum_{n=0}^\infty |a_n^\alpha(g)|^2 \leq C(1+\theta^4)^2 e^{2\pi|\theta|} \|g\|_2^2, \end{aligned}$$

for $0\leq\delta\leq 1$ and $-\infty<\theta<\infty$, where C is a constant not depending on δ and θ . Thus, $\Phi_\alpha(z)$ is analytic in the strip $0<\delta<1$, and continuous in the closed strip, and of admissible growth there, that is, $\sup\{e^{-\kappa|\theta|}|\log|\Phi_\alpha(z)||; 0\leq\delta\leq 1, -\infty<\theta<\infty\}<\infty$ for some $\kappa<\pi$. Let $\alpha=0, 1, 2, \dots, 1<p<\infty$ and $1/p+1/q=1$. By Proposition 1, (I), we have $|\Phi_\alpha(k+i\theta)|\leq M(2\theta)$, $k=0, 1$, for $\|f\|_p=\|g\|_q=1$. It follows from the lemma of Hirschman [12, Lemma 1] that $|\Phi_\alpha(\delta)|\leq C$ for $0\leq\delta\leq 1$, where C is a constant depending on δ . Thus, we have

$$(2.11) \quad \|T_\alpha^\beta(f)\|_p\leq C\|f\|_p \quad (f\in C_c^\infty)$$

for α, β and p satisfying the condition

$$(*) \quad \alpha=0, 1, 2, \dots, \alpha\leq\beta\leq\alpha+2 \quad \text{and} \quad 1<p<\infty,$$

where C is a constant not depending on f . Note that we may obtain the above inequality by using a special case of Stein's complex interpolation theorem. Since $\int T_\alpha^\beta(f)g=\sum a_n^\beta(f)a_n^\alpha(g)=\int fT_\beta^\alpha(g)$, it follows from the duality argument that

$$(2.12) \quad \|T_\beta^\alpha(f)\|_p\leq C\|f\|_p \quad (f\in C_c^\infty)$$

for α, β and p with (*). By the standard density argument, T_α^β is extended to the whole space L^p . We denote the extension also by T_α^β . Then, (2.11) and (2.12) hold for all $f\in L^p$

and for α, β and p with (*). We note that $a_n^\alpha(T_\alpha^\beta(f)) = a_n^\beta(f)$ for all $f \in L^p$ and for α, β and p with (*). The same argument is applicable to $T_\alpha^{\alpha+2}, \alpha > -1$. It follows that

$$(2.13) \quad \|T_\alpha^\beta(f)\|_p \leq C \|f\|_p \quad (f \in L^p),$$

and $a_n^\alpha(T_\alpha^\beta(f)) = a_n^\beta(f)$ ($f \in L^p$) if $0 \leq \gamma = \min\{\alpha, \beta\}$, $|\alpha - \beta| = 2$ and $1 < p < \infty$, or if $-1 < \gamma < 0$, $|\alpha - \beta| = 2$ and $(1 + \gamma/2)^{-1} < p < -2/\gamma$. By duality it is enough to show $\|T_\alpha^\beta(f)\|_p \leq C \|f\|_p$ ($f \in L^p$) in the following three cases (i) $0 \leq \alpha < \beta$, $1 < p < \infty$, (ii) $-1 < \alpha < 0 \leq \beta$, $(1 + \alpha/2)^{-1} < p < -2/\alpha$ and (iii) $-1 < \alpha < \beta < 0$, $(1 + \alpha/2)^{-1} < p < -2/\alpha$. We use the property $T_\alpha^\beta \circ T_\beta^\zeta(f) = T_\alpha^\zeta(f)$ ($f \in L^p$) for suitable α, β, ζ and p which follows from $a_n^\alpha(T_\alpha^\beta(f)) = a_n^\beta(f)$ ($f \in L^p$). We show only the case (ii) since the other cases are proved by a similar argument. Let N be the integer such that $2N \leq \beta < 2(N + 1)$. It follows that $T_\alpha^\beta = T_\alpha^{\alpha+2} \circ T_{\alpha+2}^0 \circ T_0^2 \circ \dots \circ T_{2N}^\beta$. We have the desired inequality by applying (2.13) to the operators $T_\alpha^{\alpha+2}, T_0^2, \dots, T_{2N}^\beta$, and (2.12) to $T_{\alpha+2}^0$, and (2.11) to T_{2N}^β . Therefore, we see that Proposition 1 implies the theorem.

The rest of the paper is devoted to the proof of Proposition 2. We shall estimate the L^p norm of $T_{\alpha,\varphi}^{\alpha+i\theta}(f)$, $\alpha \geq 0$, in §3 and that of $T_{\alpha,\varphi}^{\alpha+2+i\theta}(f)$, $\alpha > -1$, in §4.

3. Estimate of L^p norm of $T_{\alpha,\varphi}^{\alpha+i\theta}(f)$, $\alpha \geq 0$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. We define

$$(3.1) \quad G_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \varphi_n \omega_n^\alpha a_n^{\alpha+\varepsilon+i\theta}(f) \tau_n^\alpha L_n^\alpha(x) e^{-x/2} x^{\alpha/2}$$

for $\alpha > -1, f \in C_c^\infty$ and $x > 0$, where

$$(3.2) \quad \omega_n^\alpha = \{\Gamma(n + \alpha + i\theta + 1) / \Gamma(n + \alpha + i\theta + 1 + \varepsilon)\}^{1/2}.$$

We take the branch of the square root which is positive for $\theta = 0$. It follows from Lemma 1 that $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow +0} G_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) = T_{\alpha,\varphi}^{\alpha+i\theta}(f)(x)$ for every $x > 0$. We shall show that

$$(3.3) \quad \|G_\varepsilon^\theta(f)\|_p \leq M(\theta) (\|f(x)x^{\varepsilon/2}\|_p + \|f(x)x^{-\varepsilon/2}\|_p)$$

for $\alpha \geq 0, 1 < p < \infty, 0 < \varepsilon < 1, -\infty < \theta < \infty$ and $f \in C_c^\infty$, where $M(\theta)$ is independent of f and ε , and satisfies the condition (#) in Proposition 1. Then, letting $\varepsilon \rightarrow +0$, we have $\|T_{\alpha,\varphi}^{\alpha+i\theta}(f)\|_p \leq M(\theta) \|f\|_p$ for $\alpha \geq 0, 1 < p < \infty, -\infty < \theta < \infty$ and $f \in C_c^\infty$ by Fatou's lemma and Lebesgue's convergence theorem. This is the inequality to be proved for $T_{\alpha,\varphi}^{\alpha+i\theta}(f)$.

To prove (3.3), we shall express $G_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ in an integral form (3.10) for $\alpha > -1, \varepsilon > 0$ and $-\infty < \theta < \infty$. The expression for $G_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ with $\varepsilon = 2$ and $\alpha > -1$ will be used also in §4. We define

$$G_{\varepsilon,r}^\theta(f)(x) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty r^n \varphi_n \omega_n^\alpha a_n^{\alpha+\varepsilon+i\theta}(f) \tau_n^\alpha L_n^\alpha(x) e^{-x/2} x^{\alpha/2},$$

for $0 < r \leq 1$. We note that $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1-} G_{\varepsilon,r}^\theta(f)(x) = G_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x)$ for every x . By the formula (cf. [15, (5.4.1)])

$$L_n^\alpha(x) = \frac{e^x x^{-\alpha/2}}{n!} \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{n+\alpha/2} J_\alpha(2(tx)^{1/2}) dt, \quad \alpha > -1,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\varepsilon,r}^\theta(f)(x) &= e^{x/2} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \varphi_n \omega_n^\alpha a_n^{\alpha+\varepsilon+i\theta}(f) \tau_n^\alpha \int_0^\infty \frac{(rt)^n}{n!} t^{\alpha/2} J_\alpha(2(tx)^{1/2}) e^{-t} dt \\ &= e^{x/2} \int_0^\infty \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^\infty \varphi_n \omega_n^\alpha a_n^{\alpha+\varepsilon+i\theta}(f) \tau_n^\alpha \frac{(rt)^n}{n!} \right\} J_\alpha(2(tx)^{1/2}) e^{-t} t^{\alpha/2} dt \end{aligned}$$

for $\alpha > -1$ and $0 < r \leq 1$. We remark that $a_n^{\alpha+\varepsilon+i\theta}(f) = O(n^{-j})$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$) for large j by (2.1). It follows from the definition of $a_n^{\alpha+\varepsilon+i\theta}(f)$ that

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} G_{\varepsilon,r}^\theta(f)(x) &= e^{x/2} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^\infty \varphi_n \omega_n^\alpha \tau_n^{\alpha+\varepsilon+i\theta} \tau_n^\alpha \frac{(rt)^n}{n!} L_n^{\alpha+\varepsilon+i\theta}(y) \right\} \\ &\quad \cdot f(y) e^{-y/2} y^{(\alpha+\varepsilon+i\theta)/2} J_\alpha(2(tx)^{1/2}) e^{-t} t^{\alpha/2} dy dt \end{aligned}$$

for $\alpha > -1$ and $0 < r \leq 1$. We apply the formula (2.2) with $\mu = \alpha$, $\nu = \varepsilon + i\theta$ and $m = n$ to $L_n^{\alpha+\varepsilon+i\theta}(y)$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\varepsilon,r}^\theta(f)(x) &= \frac{e^{x/2}}{\Gamma(\varepsilon+i\theta)} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^1 v^\alpha (1-v)^{\varepsilon-1+i\theta} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(rt)^n}{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)} L_n^\alpha(vy) \\ &\quad \cdot f(y) e^{-y/2} y^{(\alpha+\varepsilon+i\theta)/2} J_\alpha(2(tx)^{1/2}) e^{-t} t^{\alpha/2} dv dy dt \end{aligned}$$

for $\alpha > -1$ and $0 < r \leq 1$. By the formula (cf. [15, (5.1.16)])

$$(3.5) \quad \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{w^n}{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)} L_n^\alpha(x) = e^w (xw)^{-\alpha/2} J_\alpha(2(xw)^{1/2})$$

and a change of variables, we have

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} G_{\varepsilon,r}^\theta(f)(x) &= \frac{2e^{x/2}}{r^{\alpha/2} \Gamma(\varepsilon+i\theta)} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^1 u^{\alpha+1} (1-u^2)^{\varepsilon-1+i\theta} J_\alpha(r^{1/2} suz) \\ &\quad \cdot g_\varepsilon^\theta(z) J_\alpha((2x)^{1/2} s) e^{-(1-r)s^2/2} s dudz ds, \end{aligned}$$

where $g_\varepsilon^\theta(z) = f(z^2/2) e^{-z^2/4} (z^2/2)^{(\varepsilon+i\theta)/2} z$ for $\alpha > -1$ and $0 < r \leq 1$. We remark that this identity with $\alpha+2$ in place of α will be referred to in §4. In the rest of this section, we assume $0 < r < 1$. We can change the order of integration in the above triple integral. Since $g_\varepsilon^\theta \in C_c^\infty$, it is enough to show that $h(u, s)$ is integrable in (u, s) for fixed z , where $h(u, s) = u^{\alpha+1} (1-u^2)^{\varepsilon-1} |J_\alpha(r^{1/2} suz)| |J_\alpha((2x)^{1/2} s)| e^{-(1-r)s^2/2} s$. We write $\int_0^\infty \int_0^1 h(u, s) dud s = \{ \int_0^1 \int_0^1 + \int_1^\infty \int_0^{1/s} + \int_0^\infty \int_{1/s}^1 \} h(u, s) dud s = H_1 + H_2 + H_3$, say. By the asymptotic formulas

$$(3.7) \quad J_\alpha(t) \sim t^\alpha (t \rightarrow +0) \quad \text{for } \alpha > -1, \text{ and } J_\alpha(t) = O(t^{-1/2}) (t \rightarrow \infty),$$

we have $H_1 \leq C \int_0^1 \int_0^1 u^{\alpha+1} (1-u^2)^{\varepsilon-1} (su)^{\alpha} s^{\varepsilon} e^{-(1-r)s^{2/2}} s \, dud s < \infty$ for $\alpha > -1$, and $H_2 \leq C \int_1^{\infty} \int_0^{1/s} u^{\alpha+1} (1-u^2)^{\varepsilon-1} (su)^{\alpha} s^{-1/2} e^{-(1-r)s^{2/2}} s \, dud s < \infty$ for $\alpha > -1$, and $H_3 \leq C \int_1^{\infty} \int_{1/s}^1 u^{\alpha+1} (1-u^2)^{\varepsilon-1} (su)^{-1/2} s^{-1/2} e^{-(1-r)s^{2/2}} s \, dud s < \infty$ for arbitrary α . By inverting the order of integration and changing variables, we have

$$G_{\varepsilon, r}^{\theta}(f)(x) = \frac{2e^{x/2}}{r^{(\alpha+1)/2} \Gamma(\varepsilon+i\theta)} \int_0^1 u^{\alpha} (1-u^2)^{\varepsilon-1+i\theta} \int_0^{\infty} g_{\varepsilon}^{\theta}(w/(r^{1/2}u)) X_{1-r}(w, (2x)^{1/2}) \, dw du$$

for $\alpha > -1$, where

$$X_{\gamma}(w, t) = \int_0^{\infty} J_{\alpha}(ws) J_{\alpha}(ts) e^{-\gamma s^{2/2}} \, ds, \quad 0 < \gamma < 1.$$

It follows from the formulas [7, 7.7 (25) and 7.14 (27)] that

$$X_{\gamma}(w, t) = \frac{1}{\gamma} \exp\left(-\frac{w^2+t^2}{2\gamma}\right) I_{\alpha}\left(\frac{wt}{\gamma}\right),$$

and

$$\int_0^{\infty} X_{\gamma}(w, t) \, dw = \left(\frac{\pi}{2\gamma}\right)^{1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{4\gamma}\right) I_{\alpha/2}\left(\frac{t^2}{4\gamma}\right) = W_{\gamma}(t),$$

say, for $\alpha > -1$, where I_{α} is the modified Bessel function. By the asymptotic formula

$$(3.8) \quad I_{\alpha}(z) = (2\pi z)^{-1/2} [e^z \{1 + O(|z|^{-1})\} + ie^{-z+2\pi i} \{1 + O(|z|^{-1})\}],$$

$-\pi/2 < \arg z < 3\pi/2$ (cf. [7, 7.13 (5)]), we have $W_{\gamma}(t) = O(1)$ ($\gamma \rightarrow +0$) for fixed t . Thus, we have $|\int_0^{\infty} g_{\varepsilon}^{\theta}(w/(r^{1/2}u)) X_{1-r}(w, (2x)^{1/2}) \, dw| = O(1)$ ($r \rightarrow 1-$) uniformly in u for fixed x . By Lebesgue's convergence theorem, we have

$$(3.9) \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow 1-} G_{\varepsilon, r}^{\theta}(f)(x) = \frac{2e^{x/2}}{\Gamma(\varepsilon+i\theta)} \int_0^1 u^{\alpha} (1-u^2)^{\varepsilon-1+i\theta} \cdot \lim_{r \rightarrow 1-} \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} g_{\varepsilon}^{\theta}(w/(r^{1/2}u)) X_{1-r}(w, (2x)^{1/2}) \, dw \right\} du$$

for $\alpha > -1$. Let $Z_{\gamma}(w, t) = W_{\gamma}(t)^{-1} X_{\gamma}(w, t)$ and let $0 < a < b < \infty$. Then, by (3.8), we have $Z_{\gamma}(w, t) \leq C\gamma^{-1/2} \exp(-(w-t)^2/(2\gamma))$ for $a \leq t, w \leq b$, where C is a constant independent of t, w and γ . This leads to the fact that the family $\{Z_{\gamma}\}_{\gamma}$ is a summability kernel in $a \leq t, w \leq b$. Thus we see that the limit on the right side of (3.9) is $(2x)^{-1/2} g_{\varepsilon}^{\theta}((2x)^{1/2}/u)$ by $W_{\gamma}(t) \rightarrow 1/t$ ($\gamma \rightarrow +0$) and $g_{\varepsilon}^{\theta} \in C_c^{\infty}$. Therefore, by the definition of g_{ε}^{θ} and a change of variables, we have an integral representation

$$(3.10) \quad G_{\varepsilon}^{\theta}(f)(x) = \frac{e^{x/2}}{\Gamma(\varepsilon+i\theta)} \int_0^1 v^{\alpha/2-1} (1-v)^{\varepsilon-1+i\theta} f(x/v) e^{-x/(2v)} (x/v)^{(\varepsilon+i\theta)/2} \, dv$$

for $\alpha > -1, \varepsilon > 0$ and $-\infty < \theta < \infty$.

We shall evaluate the L^p -norm of $G_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ for $\alpha \geq 0$. Let

$$I_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varepsilon + i\theta)} \int_x^\infty \frac{f(t)}{t} e^{-(t-x)/2} t^{(\varepsilon + i\theta)/2} \left(1 - \frac{x}{t}\right)^{\varepsilon - 1 + i\theta} dt,$$

$$J_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varepsilon + i\theta)} \int_x^\infty \frac{f(t)}{t} e^{-(t-x)/2} t^{(\varepsilon + i\theta)/2} \left\{ \left(\frac{x}{t}\right)^{\alpha/2} - 1 \right\} \left(1 - \frac{x}{t}\right)^{\varepsilon - 1 + i\theta} dt$$

for $f \in C_c^\infty$. Then, we note that $G_\varepsilon^\theta(f) = I_\varepsilon^\theta(f) + J_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$. Since $\alpha \geq 0$, it follows that $|\{(x/t)^{\alpha/2} - 1\}(1 - x/t)^{\varepsilon - 1 + i\theta}| \leq C$ for $t > x$, where C is a constant depending only on α . We have $|J_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x)| \leq C |\Gamma(\varepsilon + i\theta)|^{-1} \int_x^\infty |f(t)| t^{\varepsilon/2 - 1} dt$. We remark that we have $|\Gamma(\varepsilon + i\theta)|^{-1} \leq A(1 + |\theta|) e^{\pi|\theta|/2}$ by (2.4) and $\Gamma(\varepsilon + i\theta)^{-1} = (\varepsilon + i\theta)\Gamma(1 + \varepsilon + i\theta)^{-1}$, where A is an absolute constant. It follows from Hardy's inequality that

$$(3.11) \quad \|J_\varepsilon^\theta(f)\|_p \leq C(1 + |\theta|) e^{\pi|\theta|/2} \|f(x)x^{\varepsilon/2}\|_p$$

for $1 < p < \infty, 0 < \varepsilon < 1, \alpha \geq 0$ and $f \in C_c^\infty$, where C is a constant independent of ε, θ and f .

We next treat $I_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$. We extend $f \in C_c^\infty$ to the function on $(-\infty, \infty)$ which coincides with f on $(0, \infty)$ and vanishes on $(-\infty, 0]$. We also denote the function by f . We define

$$\tilde{I}_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty f(t) Q(x-t) dt, \quad -\infty < x < \infty,$$

where

$$Q(u) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varepsilon + i\theta)} e^{-|u|/2} |u|^{\varepsilon - 1 + i\theta} \chi_{(-\infty, 0)}(u).$$

The function $\chi_{(-\infty, 0)}(u)$ is the characteristic function of the interval $(-\infty, 0)$. We note that $\tilde{I}_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) = I_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x)$ for $x > 0$. We shall show that $\tilde{I}_\varepsilon^\theta$ is a singular integral operator. It follows from the formulas [8,1.4 (7) and 2.4 (7)] that the Fourier transform $\hat{Q}(y) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty Q(u) e^{-iuy} du$ is given by

$$\hat{Q}(y) = (1/4 + y^2)^{-(\varepsilon + i\theta)/2} e^{i\varepsilon \tan^{-1} 2y} e^{-\theta \tan^{-1} 2y}.$$

Therefore, we have $|\hat{Q}(y)| \leq 2e^{\pi|\theta|/2} = B_1$, say. We easily see that

$$\left| \frac{d}{du} Q(u) \right| \leq A \frac{(1 + |\theta|)}{|\Gamma(\varepsilon + i\theta)|} u^{-2} \leq A(1 + |\theta|)^2 e^{\pi|\theta|/2} u^{-2} = B_2 u^{-2},$$

say, for $u \neq 0$, where A is an absolute constant. By the Calderón-Zygmund theory of singular integrals (cf. [9, II.5 Theorem 5.7]), we see that the Lebesgue measure of $\{x \in \mathbf{R}; |\tilde{I}_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x)| > \lambda\}$ is bounded by $A_1(B_1^2 + B_2 + 1)\lambda^{-1} \|f\|_1 \leq A_2 e^{\pi|\theta|} \lambda^{-1} \|f\|_1 = B_3 \lambda^{-1} \|f\|_1$, say, where A_1 and A_2 are absolute constants. The Marcinkiewicz interpolation theorem (cf. [9, II.2 Theorem 2.11]) leads to

$$(3.12) \quad \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^\infty |\tilde{I}_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x)|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} \leq \left\{ \frac{2pB_3}{p-1} + \frac{4pB_1^2}{2-p} \right\}^{1/p} \|f\|_p = M_p(\theta) \|f\|_p,$$

say, for $1 < p < 2$. We note that $M_p(\theta)$ is independent of ε and f , and satisfies the condition (#) in Proposition 1. By the duality argument, we see that (3.12) holds for $2 < p < \infty$ with $M_q(\theta)$, $1/p + 1/q = 1$. Since $\|I_\varepsilon^\theta(f)\|_p \leq \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^\infty |\tilde{I}_\varepsilon^\theta(f(t)|t|^{-(\varepsilon+i\theta)/2})(x)|^p dx \right\}^{1/p}$, it follows that

$$(3.13) \quad \|I_\varepsilon^\theta(f)\|_p \leq M(\theta) \|f(x)x^{-\varepsilon/2}\|_p,$$

for $1 < p < \infty, 0 < \varepsilon < 1, -\infty < \theta < \infty$, where $M(\theta)$ is independent of ε and f , and satisfies (#). By (3.11) and (3.13), we have the inequality (3.3) to be proved.

4. L^p -estimate of $T_{\alpha,\varphi}^{\alpha+2+i\theta}(f)$, $\alpha > -1$. Let

$$\rho_n = \alpha + \frac{3}{2} + i\theta + \frac{-1/4}{\{(n+\alpha+2+i\theta)(n+\alpha+1+i\theta)\}^{1/2} + (n+\alpha+3/2+i\theta)},$$

$$\sigma_n = \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha+3+i\theta)}{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)} \right\}^{1/2},$$

for $\alpha > -1, -\infty < \theta < \infty$ and $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. For the above square roots, we choose the branches positive for $\theta = 0$. We define

$$U^\theta(f)(x) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty (\rho_n/\sigma_n) a_n^{\alpha+2+i\theta}(f) \tau_n^\alpha L_n^\alpha(x) e^{-x/2} x^{\alpha/2},$$

$$V^\theta(f)(x) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty (n/\sigma_n) a_n^{\alpha+2+i\theta}(f) \tau_n^\alpha L_n^\alpha(x) e^{-x/2} x^{\alpha/2},$$

for $\alpha > -1, -\infty < \theta < \infty, f \in C_c^\infty$ and $x > 0$. Then, we have $T_{\alpha,\varphi}^{\alpha+2+i\theta}(f) = U^\theta(f) + V^\theta(f)$. We shall estimate the L^p -norms of $U^\theta(f)$ and $V^\theta(f)$.

We first deal with $U^\theta(f)$. Let $A = \{\rho_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$. Then, by the definition (3.1) of $G_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ we see that $U^\theta(f) = \mathcal{M}_A^\alpha(G_2^\theta(f))$. Since A is a quasi-convex sequence, \mathcal{M}_A^α is bounded in L^p . Indeed, let $\|A\|_{\text{bqc}} = \sum_{n=0}^\infty (n+1)|\Delta^2 \rho_n| + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\rho_n|$, where $\Delta^2 \rho_n = \rho_n - 2\rho_{n+1} + \rho_{n+2}$. It follows from the result of Butzer, Nessel and Trebels [5, Theorem 3.2 and p. 139] that

$$(4.1) \quad \|\mathcal{M}_A^\alpha(G_2^\theta(f))\|_p \leq C \|A\|_{\text{bqc}} \|G_2^\theta(f)\|_p$$

if $\alpha \geq 0$ and $1 < p < \infty$, or if $-1 < \alpha < 0$ and $(1 + \alpha/2)^{-1} < p < -2/\alpha$, where C is a constant depending only on α and p . We have to estimate $\|A\|_{\text{bqc}}$.

LEMMA 3. If $\alpha > -1$, then $\|A\|_{\text{bqc}} \leq C(1 + |\theta|)$, where C is a constant depending only on α .

PROOF. Let $\eta(x) = \{(x+a)(x+a+1)\}^{1/2}$, $a = \alpha + 1 + i\theta$, where the branch is so chosen that $\eta(x)$ is positive for $\theta = 0$. Let $\rho(x) = (\eta(x) + x + b)^{-1}$ with $b = (2a + 1)/2$. We have $\rho''(x) = \eta(x)^{-3}$. Thus, $|\Delta^2 \rho_n| \leq 2 \max\{|\rho''(x)|; n \leq x \leq n+2\} \leq 2(n+\alpha+1)^{-3}$. Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho_n = \alpha + 3/2 + i\theta$, we complete the proof. q.e.d.

To get the desired inequality for $U^\theta(f)$, it is enough to evaluate the L^p -norm of $G_2^\theta(f)$ for $\alpha > -1$. Applying Minkowski's inequality to the integral representation (3.10) of $G_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ with $\varepsilon = 2$, and changing variables, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|G_2^\theta(f)\|_p &\leq \frac{1}{|\Gamma(2+i\theta)|} \int_0^1 v^{\alpha/2-2}(1-v) \left\{ \int_0^\infty |f(x/v)e^{x(1-1/v)/2} x|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} dv \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|\Gamma(2+i\theta)|} \int_0^1 v^{\alpha/2+1/p-1}(1-v) \left\{ \int_0^\infty |f(t)e^{t(v-1)/2} t|^p dt \right\}^{1/p} dv. \end{aligned}$$

Since $e^{t(v-1)/2} t \leq 2e^{-1}(1-v)^{-1}$ for $t > 0$ and $0 < v < 1$, it follows that $\|G_2^\theta(f)\|_p \leq 2e^{-1} \cdot |\Gamma(2+i\theta)|^{-1} \|f\|_p \int_0^1 v^{\alpha/2+1/p-1} dv$. We remark that the integral on the right side is finite if $\alpha \geq 0$ and $1 \leq p$, or if $-1 < \alpha < 0$ and $p < -2/\alpha$. Combining this inequality with Lemma 3 and (4.1), we get

$$(4.2) \quad \|U^\theta(f)\|_p \leq C(1+|\theta|)e^{\pi|\theta|/2} \|f\|_p,$$

for $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ and $f \in C_c^\infty$ if $\alpha \geq 0$ and $1 < p < \infty$, or if $-1 < \alpha < 0$ and $(1+\alpha/2)^{-1} < p < -2/\alpha$. Here, C is a constant depending only on α and p .

We now estimate the L^p -norm of $V^\theta(f)$. Define

$$V_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty (n\omega_n^{\alpha+2}/\sigma_n) a_n^{\alpha+2+\varepsilon+i\theta}(f) \tau_n^\alpha L_n^\alpha(x) e^{-x/2} x^{\alpha/2},$$

for $\alpha > -1$, $\varepsilon > 0$, $-\infty < \theta < \infty$, $f \in C_c^\infty$ and $x > 0$, where $\omega_n^{\alpha+2}$ is as given in (3.2). Since $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow +0} V_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) = V^\theta(f)(x)$ for every $x > 0$, it is enough to show that

$$(4.3) \quad \|V_\varepsilon^\theta(f)\|_p \leq M(\theta) \{ \|f(x)x^{\varepsilon/2}\|_p + \|f(x)x^{-\varepsilon/2}\|_p \},$$

for $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ and $f \in C_c^\infty$ if $\alpha \geq 0$ and $1 < p < \infty$, or if $-1 < \alpha < 0$ and $(1+\alpha/2)^{-1} < p < -2/\alpha$, where $M(\theta)$ is independent of f and ε , and satisfies the condition (#) in Proposition 1. We note that $V_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ is $G_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ with $n\omega_n^{\alpha+2}/\sigma_n$ and $\varepsilon+2$ in place of $\varphi_n \omega_n^\alpha$ and ε , respectively. Thus, $V_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ has the form on the right side of (3.4) with $r=1$ and with substitutions as above. We apply the formula (2.2) with $\mu = \alpha+2$, $v = \varepsilon+i\theta$ and $m=n$ to $L_n^{\alpha+2+\varepsilon+i\theta}(y)$ in the representation. Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) &= \frac{e^{x/2}}{\Gamma(\varepsilon+i\theta)} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^1 v^{\alpha+2}(1-v)^{\varepsilon-1+i\theta} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{nt^n}{\Gamma(n+\alpha+2+1)} L_n^{\alpha+2}(vy) \\ &\quad \cdot f(y) e^{-y/2} y^{(\alpha+2+\varepsilon+i\theta)/2} J_\alpha(2(tx)^{1/2}) e^{-t} t^{\alpha/2} dv dy dt \end{aligned}$$

for $\alpha > -1$. The formula (3.5) leads to

$$\sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{nw^n}{\Gamma(n+\alpha+1)} L_n^\alpha(x) = e^w(xw)^{-\alpha/2} \{ w J_\alpha(2(xw)^{1/2}) - (xw)^{1/2} J_{\alpha+1}(2(xw)^{1/2}) \}.$$

Using this identity and changing variables, we have

$$V_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) = \frac{2e^{x/2}}{\Gamma(\varepsilon + i\theta)} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^1 u^{\alpha+3}(1-u^2)^{\varepsilon-1+i\theta} \cdot \{sJ_{\alpha+2}(suz) - uzJ_{\alpha+3}(suz)\} g_\varepsilon^\theta(z) J_\alpha((2x)^{1/2}s) dudzds,$$

where $g_\varepsilon^\theta(z)$ is as given in (3.6). Let

$$W_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) = \frac{2e^{x/2}}{\Gamma(\varepsilon + i\theta)} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^1 u^{\alpha+3}(1-u^2)^{\varepsilon-1+i\theta} sJ_{\alpha+2}(suz) g_\varepsilon^\theta(z) J_\alpha((2x)^{1/2}s) dudzds,$$

$$F_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) = \frac{2e^{x/2}}{\Gamma(\varepsilon + i\theta)} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^1 u^{\alpha+4}(1-u^2)^{\varepsilon-1+i\theta} zJ_{\alpha+3}(suz) g_\varepsilon^\theta(z) J_\alpha((2x)^{1/2}s) dudzds,$$

for $\alpha > -1$, $\varepsilon > 0$, $-\infty < \theta < \infty$, $f \in C_c^\infty$ and $x > 0$. We see that $V_\varepsilon^\theta(f) = W_\varepsilon^\theta(f) - F_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$, since the iterated integrals in $W_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ and $F_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ are finite. Indeed, we can change the order of the integrals in z and u . Furthermore, if $\beta \geq 0$ and $h \in C_c^\infty$, then

$$(4.4) \quad \left| \int_0^\infty h(z) J_\beta(suz) dz \right| \leq C(su)^{-2} \quad (su \geq 1) \quad \text{and} \quad \leq C \quad (su < 1),$$

which is easily proved by integration by parts and the formula $(d/dt)(t^{\beta+1} J_{\beta+1}(at)) = at^{\beta+1} J_\beta(at)$ (cf. [7, 7.2 (50)]).

We express $W_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ as a sum of two integrals. Define

$$D_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) = \frac{4(\alpha+1)e^{x/2}}{\Gamma(\varepsilon+i\theta)(2x)^{1/2}} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^1 u^{\alpha+3}(1-u^2)^{\varepsilon-1+i\theta} J_{\alpha+2}(suz) g_\varepsilon^\theta(z) \cdot J_{\alpha+1}((2x)^{1/2}s) dudzds,$$

$$E_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) = \frac{2e^{x/2}}{\Gamma(\varepsilon+i\theta)} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^1 u^{\alpha+3}(1-u^2)^{\varepsilon-1+i\theta} sJ_{\alpha+2}(suz) g_\varepsilon^\theta(z) \cdot J_{\alpha+2}((2x)^{1/2}s) dudzds,$$

for $\alpha > -1$, $\varepsilon > 0$, $-\infty < \theta < \infty$, $f \in C_c^\infty$ and $x > 0$. Then, it follows from the identity $J_\alpha((2x)^{1/2}s) = 2(\alpha+1)(2x)^{-1/2}s^{-1}J_{\alpha+1}((2x)^{1/2}s) - J_{\alpha+2}((2x)^{1/2}s)$ (cf. [7, 7.2 (56)]) that $W_\varepsilon^\theta(f) = D_\varepsilon^\theta(f) - E_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$. We note also that the integrals in $D_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ and $E_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ are finite. Therefore, we have $V_\varepsilon^\theta(f) = D_\varepsilon^\theta(f) - E_\varepsilon^\theta(f) - F_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$.

We first evaluate the L^p -norm of $E_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$. We see by (3.6) that $E_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ is equal to $G_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ with $\alpha+2$ in place of α . Since $\alpha+2 > 1 \geq 0$ when $\alpha > -1$, we can use the inequality (3.3), and so we have

$$(4.5) \quad \|E_\varepsilon^\theta(f)\|_p \leq M(\theta) \{ \|f(x)x^{\varepsilon/2}\|_p + \|f(x)x^{-\varepsilon/2}\|_p \}$$

for $\alpha > -1$, $1 < p < \infty$, $0 < \varepsilon < 1$, $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ and $f \in C_c^\infty$, where $M(\theta)$ is independent of f and ε , and satisfies the condition (#) in Proposition 1.

We next express $F_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ as an integral. By the inequality (4.4) and the asymptotic formula (3.7), we see that

$$F_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow +0} \frac{2e^{x/2}}{\Gamma(\varepsilon + i\theta)} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \int_0^1 u^{\alpha+4} (1-u^2)^{\varepsilon-1+i\theta} z J_{\alpha+3}(suz) g_\varepsilon^\theta(z) \cdot J_\alpha((2x)^{1/2}s) s^{-\lambda} dudzds.$$

The factor $s^{-\lambda}$, $1 > \lambda > 0$, enables us to invert the order of integration in the above iterated integral. This fact is obtained by an argument analogous to that for integral (3.6). It follows that

$$F_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow +0} \frac{2e^{x/2}}{\Gamma(\varepsilon + i\theta)} \int_0^1 \int_0^\infty u^{\alpha+4} (1-u^2)^{\varepsilon-1+i\theta} g_\varepsilon^\theta(z) z R_\lambda(u, z; x) dz du,$$

where

$$R_\lambda(u, z; x) = \int_0^\infty J_{\alpha+3}(uzs) J_\alpha((2x)^{1/2}s) s^{-\lambda} ds.$$

By the Weber-Schafheitlin integral [16, 13.4 (2)], we have

$$(4.6) \quad R_\lambda(u, z; x) = \frac{(2x)^{\alpha/2} \Gamma(\alpha + 2 - \lambda/2)}{2^\lambda (uz)^{\alpha+1-\lambda} \Gamma(\alpha+1) \Gamma(2 + \lambda/2)} \cdot {}_2F_1\left(\alpha + 2 - \lambda/2, -1 - \lambda/2; \alpha + 1; \frac{2x}{(uz)^2}\right) \quad \text{for } (2x)^{1/2} < uz,$$

$$(4.7) \quad R_\lambda(u, z; x) = \frac{(uz)^{\alpha+3} \Gamma(\alpha + 2 - \lambda/2)}{2^\lambda (2x)^{(\alpha+4-\lambda)/2} \Gamma(\alpha+4) \Gamma(\lambda/2 - 1)} \cdot {}_2F_1\left(\alpha + 2 - \lambda/2, 2 - \lambda/2; \alpha + 4; \frac{(uz)^2}{2x}\right) \quad \text{for } (2x)^{1/2} > uz,$$

when $(\alpha + 3) + \alpha + 1 > \lambda > -1$. To invert the order of the limit $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow +0}$ and the integral $\int_0^1 \int_0^\infty dudz$ in $F_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$, it is enough to show that, for fixed x and $0 < a < b < \infty$,

$$(4.8) \quad |R_\lambda(u, z; x)| \leq C \quad (0 \leq u \leq 1, a < z < b, (2x)^{1/2} > uz),$$

$$(4.8') \quad |R_\lambda(u, z; x)| \leq C \left\{ \log \left(1 - \frac{2x}{(uz)^2} \right)^{-1} + 1 \right\} \quad (0 \leq u \leq 1, a < z < b, (2x)^{1/2} < uz),$$

for $0 < \lambda \leq 2(\alpha + 1)$, where C is a constant depending only on α . In the case $(2x)^{1/2} > uz$, we have by the formula [7, 2.12 (1)] that

$$\begin{aligned} & {}_2F_1\left(\alpha + 2 - \lambda/2, 2 - \lambda/2; \alpha + 4; \frac{(uz)^2}{2x}\right) \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 4)}{\Gamma(2 - \lambda/2) \Gamma(\alpha + 2 + \lambda/2)} \int_0^1 t^{1-\lambda/2} (1-t)^{\alpha+1+\lambda/2} \left\{ 1 - t \frac{(uz)^2}{2x} \right\}^{-\alpha-2+\lambda/2} dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+4)}{\Gamma(2-\lambda/2)\Gamma(\alpha+2+\lambda/2)} B(2-\lambda/2, \lambda) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+4)\Gamma(\lambda)}{\Gamma(2+\lambda/2)\Gamma(\alpha+2+\lambda/2)}$$

when $\alpha+4 > 2-\lambda/2 > 0$. This inequality and (4.7) give (4.8). In the case $(2x)^{1/2} < uz$, we use the formula [7, 2.12 (2)]. It follows that

$${}_2F_1\left(\alpha+2-\lambda/2, -1-\lambda/2; \alpha+1; \frac{2x}{(uz)^2}\right) = \frac{ie^{i\pi(1-\lambda/2)}\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(2-\lambda/2)}{2\pi\Gamma(\alpha+2-\lambda/2)} \cdot \int_0^{(1+)} t^{\alpha+1-\lambda/2}(1-t)^{-2+\lambda/2} \left\{1-t \frac{2x}{(uz)^2}\right\}^{1+\lambda/2} dt$$

when $\alpha+2-\lambda/2 > 0$ and $-1+\lambda/2 \neq 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Here, the integral is taken along a contour which starts from the origin, encircles the point 1 once counter-clockwise and returns to the origin. All singularities of the integrand except 1 are outside the contour. This formula and (4.6) lead us to (4.8). Since ${}_2F_1(\alpha, \beta; \gamma; z)$ is a continuous function in (α, β) for fixed z and γ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow +0} R_\lambda(u, z; x) &= \frac{(\alpha+1)(2x)^{\alpha/2}}{(uz)^{\alpha+1}} {}_2F_1\left(\alpha+2, -1; \alpha+1; \frac{2x}{(uz)^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{(\alpha+1)(2x)^{\alpha/2}}{(uz)^{\alpha+1}} \left\{1 - \frac{\alpha+2}{\alpha+1} \frac{2x}{(uz)^2}\right\} \end{aligned}$$

for $(2x)^{1/2} < uz$, and $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow +0} R_\lambda(u, z) = 0$ for $(2x)^{1/2} > uz$. Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) &= \frac{2^{1+\alpha/2}(\alpha+1)e^{x/2}x^{\alpha/2}}{\Gamma(\varepsilon+i\theta)} \cdot \int_0^1 \int_{(2x)^{1/2}/u}^\infty u^3(1-u^2)^{\varepsilon-1+i\theta} g_\varepsilon^\theta(z)z^{-\alpha} \left\{1 - \frac{\alpha+2}{\alpha+1} \frac{2x}{(uz)^2}\right\} dzdu \\ &= \frac{(\alpha+1)e^{x/2}}{\Gamma(\varepsilon+i\theta)} \int_0^1 \int_{x/v}^\infty v(1-v)^{\varepsilon-1+i\theta} f(y)e^{-y/2}y^{(\varepsilon+i\theta)/2}(x/y)^{\alpha/2} \left\{1 - \frac{\alpha+2}{\alpha+1} \frac{x}{yv}\right\} dydv. \end{aligned}$$

Changing the order of integration, we get

$$(4.9) \quad \begin{aligned} F_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) &= \frac{(\alpha+1)e^{x/2}}{\Gamma(\varepsilon+1+i\theta)} \int_x^\infty S_\varepsilon^\theta(x, y)f(y)e^{-y/2}y^{(\varepsilon+i\theta)/2}(x/y)^{\alpha/2} dy, \\ S_\varepsilon^\theta(x, y) &= \left(1 - \frac{x}{y}\right)^{\varepsilon+i\theta} \left\{1 - \frac{\alpha+2}{\alpha+1} \frac{x}{y} - \frac{\varepsilon+i\theta}{\varepsilon+1+i\theta} \left(1 - \frac{x}{y}\right)\right\}, \end{aligned}$$

and thus,

$$(4.10) \quad |F_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x)| \leq \frac{C}{|\Gamma(\varepsilon+1+i\theta)|} \int_x^\infty |f(y)|y^{\varepsilon/2} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\alpha/2} e^{-(y-x)/2} dy,$$

for $\alpha > -1, 1 > \varepsilon > 0, -\infty < \theta < \infty, x > 0$ and $f \in C_c^\infty$, where C is a constant depending only on α . We define a convolution operator K by $K(h)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty h(y)k(x-y)dy$ for h on $(-\infty, \infty)$, where $k(u) = e^{-|u|/2} \chi_{(-\infty, 0]}(u)$. We reduce the estimate for $F_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ to that for $K(h)$.

By (4.10) we have

$$(4.11) \quad |F_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x)| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{C}{|\Gamma(\varepsilon + 1 + i\theta)|} K(|f(y)| |y|^{\varepsilon/2})(x) & (\alpha \geq 0) \\ \frac{C}{|\Gamma(\varepsilon + 1 + i\theta)|} K(|f(y)| |y|^{(\varepsilon - \alpha)/2})(x) \cdot |x|^{\alpha/2} & (-1 < \alpha < 0) \end{cases}$$

for $x > 0$. Here, f is extended to the whole real line so that $f(x) = 0$ for $x < 0$. When $\alpha \geq 0$, we have by Minkowski's inequality that

$$(4.12) \quad \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^\infty |K(|f(y)| |y|^{\varepsilon/2})(x)|^p dx \right\}^{1/p} \leq C \|f(x)x^{\varepsilon/2}\|_p,$$

for $1 \leq p < \infty$, where C is a constant depending only on p . For $-1 < \alpha < 0$, we use a weighted norm inequality for a regular convolution transform. Since $|x|^\eta$ is an A_p -weight for $-1 < \eta < p - 1$, we have

$$(4.13) \quad \int_{-\infty}^\infty |K(|f(y)| |y|^{(\varepsilon - \alpha)/2})(x)|^p |x|^{\alpha p/2} dx \leq C \int_{-\infty}^\infty \{|f(x)| |x|^{(\varepsilon - \alpha)/2}\}^p |x|^{\alpha p/2} dx = C \|f(x)x^{\varepsilon/2}\|_p^p$$

for $-1 < \alpha p/2 < p - 1$ and $1 < p < \infty$, where C is a constant depending only on α and p (cf. [9, IV.3 Theorem 3.1]). Note that we may also obtain (4.13) by dividing the integral on the right side of (4.10) to a sum of the integrals over $(2^k x, 2^{k+1} x)$, $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and estimating them pointwise. It follows from (4.11), (4.12) and (4.13) that

$$(4.14) \quad \|F_\varepsilon^\theta(f)\|_p \leq \frac{C}{|\Gamma(\varepsilon + 1 + i\theta)|} \|f(x)x^{\varepsilon/2}\|_p$$

for $1 > \varepsilon > 0, -\infty < \theta < \infty$ and $f \in C_c^\infty$ if $\alpha \geq 0$ and $1 \leq p < \infty$, or if $-1 < \alpha < 0$ and $1 < p < -2/\alpha$, where C is a constant independent of ε, θ and f .

We obtain the integral representation

$$D_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x) = \frac{(\alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(\varepsilon + 1 + i\theta)} \int_x^\infty f(y) e^{-(y-x)/2} y^{(\varepsilon + i\theta)/2} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\alpha/2} \left(1 - \frac{x}{y}\right)^{\varepsilon + i\theta} \frac{dy}{y}$$

for $D_\varepsilon^\theta(f)$ and thus, we have

$$|D_\varepsilon^\theta(f)(x)| \leq \frac{2(\alpha+1)}{|\Gamma(\varepsilon+1+i\theta)|} \int_x^\infty |f(y)| y^{\varepsilon/2} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\alpha/2} \frac{dy}{y},$$

for $\alpha > -1$, $1 > \varepsilon > 0$, $-\infty < \theta < \infty$, $x > 0$ and $f \in C_c^\infty$. The proof is similar to that of (4.9) and is omitted. By Hardy's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \left\{ \int_x^\infty |f(y)| y^{\varepsilon/2} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\alpha/2} \frac{dy}{y} \right\}^p dx &= \int_0^\infty \left\{ \int_x^\infty |f(y)| y^{(\varepsilon-\alpha)/2-1} dy \right\}^p x^{\alpha p/2} dx \\ &\leq \left\{ \frac{p}{1+\alpha p/2} \right\}^p \int_0^\infty x^{p+\alpha p/2} |f(x)|^p x^{(\varepsilon-\alpha)p/2-p} dx = C \|f(x)x^{\varepsilon/2}\|_p^p \end{aligned}$$

and thus,

$$\|D_\varepsilon^\theta(f)\|_p \leq \frac{C}{|\Gamma(\varepsilon+1+i\theta)|} \|f(x)x^{\varepsilon/2}\|_p$$

for $1 \leq p < \infty$, $\alpha p/2 > -1$ and $f \in C_c^\infty$, where C is a constant depending only on α and p . Therefore, by (4.5), (4.14) and the last inequality, we have (4.3). The inequalities (4.2) and (4.3) lead us to the desired estimate $\|T_{\alpha,\varphi}^{\alpha+2+i\theta}(f)\|_p \leq M(\theta) \|f\|_p$ for $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ and $f \in C_c^\infty$ if $\alpha \geq 0$ and $1 < p < \infty$, or if $-1 < \alpha < 0$ and $(1+\alpha/2)^{-1} < p < -2/\alpha$, where $M(\theta)$ is independent of f , and satisfies the condition (#) in Proposition 1.

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