



# Local atomic decompositions for multidimensional Hardy spaces

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## Abstract

We consider a nonnegative self-adjoint operator  $L$  on  $L^2(X)$ , where  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ . Under certain assumptions, we prove atomic characterizations of the Hardy space

$$H^1(L) = \left\{ f \in L^1(X) : \left\| \sup_{t>0} |\exp(-tL)f| \right\|_{L^1(X)} < \infty \right\}.$$

We state simple conditions, such that  $H^1(L)$  is characterized by atoms being either the classical atoms on  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  or local atoms of the form  $|Q|^{-1}\chi_Q$ , where  $Q \subseteq X$  is a cube (or cuboid). One of our main motivation is to study multidimensional operators related to orthogonal expansions. We prove that if two operators  $L_1, L_2$  satisfy the assumptions of our theorem, then the sum  $L_1 + L_2$  also does. As a consequence, we give atomic characterizations for multidimensional Bessel, Laguerre, and Schrödinger operators. As a by-product, under the same assumptions, we characterize  $H^1(L)$  also by the maximal operator related to the subordinate semigroup  $\exp(-tL^\nu)$ , where  $\nu \in (0, 1)$ .

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# 1 Background and main results

## 1.1 Introduction

Let us first recall that the classical Hardy space  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  can be defined by the maximal operator, i.e.

$$f \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \iff \sup_{t>0} |H_t f| \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

Here and thereafter  $H_t = \exp(t\Delta)$  is the heat semigroup on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  given by  $H_t f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} H_t(x, y) f(y) dy$ ,

$$H_t(x, y) = (4\pi t)^{-d/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x - y|^2}{4t}\right). \tag{1.1}$$

Among many equivalent characterizations of  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  one of the most useful is the characterization by atomic decompositions proved by Coifman [4] in the one-dimensional case and by Latter [19] in the general case  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ . It says that  $f \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  if and only if  $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \lambda_k a_k(x)$ , where  $\lambda_k \in \mathbb{C}$  are such that  $\sum_{k=1}^\infty |\lambda_k| < \infty$  and  $a_k$  are atoms. By definition, a function  $a$  is an atom if there exists a ball  $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  such that:

$$\text{supp } a \subseteq B, \quad \|a\|_\infty \leq |B|^{-1}, \quad \int_B a(x) dx = 0,$$

i.e.  $a$  satisfies well-known localization, size, and cancellation conditions.

Later, Goldberg in [16] noticed that if we restrict the supremum in the maximal operator above to the range  $t \in (0, \tau^2)$ , with  $\tau > 0$  fixed, then still the atomic characterization holds, but with additional atoms of the form  $a(x) = |B|^{-1} \chi_B(x)$ , where  $\chi$  is the characteristic function and  $B$  is a ball of radius  $\tau$  (see Sect. 2 for details).

Then, many atomic characterizations were proved for various operators including operators with Gaussian (or Davies-Gaffney) estimates, operators on spaces of homogeneous type, operators related to orthogonal expansions, Schrödinger operators, and others. The reader is referred to [1,2,6,9–11,17,21,22] and references therein.

In this paper we deal with atomic characterizations of the Hardy space  $H^1$  for operators, such that  $H^1$  admits atoms of local type, i.e. atoms of the form  $|B|^{-1} \chi_B$ . We shall consider operators defined on  $L^2(X)$ , where  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  with the Lebesgue measure. Our main focus will be on sums of the form  $L = L_1 + \dots + L_d$ , where each  $L_i$  acts only on the variable  $x_i$ , where  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$ . For such  $L$  we look for atomic decompositions. As an application, we can take operators related to some multidimensional orthogonal expansions. Additionally we prove characterizations of  $H^1$  by subordinate semigroups.

### 1.2 Notation

Let  $X = (a_1, b_1) \times \dots \times (a_d, b_d)$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . We allow  $a_j = -\infty$  and  $b_j = \infty$  so that we consider products of lines, half-lines, and finite intervals. We equip  $X$  with the Euclidean metric and the Lebesgue measure. In the product case it is more convenient to use cubes and cuboids instead of balls, so denote for  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_d) \in X$  and  $r_1, \dots, r_d > 0$  the closed cuboid

$$Q(z, r_1, \dots, r_d) = \{x \in X : |x_i - z_i| \leq r_i \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, d\},$$

and the cube  $Q(z, r) = Q(z, r, \dots, r)$ . We shall call such  $z$  the center of a cube/cuboid. For a cuboid  $Q$  by  $d_Q$  we shall denote the diameter of  $Q$ .

**Definition 1.2** Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be a set of cuboids in  $X$ . We call  $\mathcal{Q}$  an *admissible covering* of  $X$  if there exist  $C_1, C_2 > 0$  such that:

1.  $X = \bigcup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} Q$ ,
2. if  $Q_1, Q_2 \in \mathcal{Q}$  and  $Q_1 \neq Q_2$ , then  $|Q_1 \cap Q_2| = 0$ ,
3. if  $Q = Q(z, r_1, \dots, r_d) \in \mathcal{Q}$ , then  $r_i \leq C_1 r_j$  for  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ ,
4. if  $Q_1, Q_2 \in \mathcal{Q}$  and  $Q_1 \cap Q_2 \neq \emptyset$ , then  $C_2^{-1} d_{Q_1} \leq d_{Q_2} \leq C_2 d_{Q_1}$ .

Let us note that 3. means that our cuboids are almost cubes. In fact, we shall often use only cubes.

By  $Q^*$  we shall denote a slight enlargement of  $Q$ . More precisely, if  $Q = (z, r_1, \dots, r_d)$ , then  $Q^* := Q(z, \kappa r_1, \dots, \kappa r_d)$ , where  $\kappa > 1$ . Observe that if  $\mathcal{Q}$  is an admissible covering of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , then choosing  $\kappa$  close enough to 1 the family  $\{Q^{***}\}_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}}$  is a finite covering of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , namely

$$\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \chi_{Q^{***}}(x) \leq C, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d \tag{1.3}$$

and, for  $Q_1, Q_2 \in \mathcal{Q}$ ,

$$Q_1^{***} \cap Q_2^{***} \neq \emptyset \iff Q_1 \cap Q_2 \neq \emptyset. \tag{1.4}$$

In this paper we always choose  $\kappa$  such that (1.3) and (1.4) are satisfied. Let us emphasize that  $Q$  and  $Q^*$  are always defined as a subset of  $X$ , not as a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

Having two admissible coverings  $\mathcal{Q}_1$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_2$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{d_1}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{d_2}$  we would like to produce an admissible covering on  $\mathbb{R}^{d_1+d_2}$ . However, one simply observe that products  $\{Q_1 \times Q_2 : Q_1 \in \mathcal{Q}_1, Q_2 \in \mathcal{Q}_2\}$ , would not produce admissible covering (in general, 3. would fail). Therefore, for the sake of this paper, let us state the following definition.

**Definition 1.5** Assume that  $\mathcal{Q}_1$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_2$  are admissible coverings of  $X_1 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d_1}$  and  $X_2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d_2}$ , respectively. We define an admissible covering of  $X_1 \times X_2$  in the following way. First, consider the covering  $\{Q_1 \times Q_2 : Q_1 \in \mathcal{Q}_1, Q_2 \in \mathcal{Q}_2\}$ . Then we further split each  $Q = Q_1 \times Q_2$ . Without loss of generality let us assume that  $d_{Q_1} > d_{Q_2}$ .

We split  $Q_1$  into cuboids  $Q_1^{[j]}$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, M$ , such that all of them have diameters comparable to  $d_{Q_2}$  and satisfy 3. of Definition 1.2. Then the cuboids  $Q^{[j]} = Q_1^{[j]} \times Q_2$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, M$ , satisfy:

- $Q = \bigcup_{j=1}^M Q^{[j]}$ ,
- for  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, M\}, i \neq j$ , we have  $|Q^{[i]} \cap Q^{[j]}| = 0$ ,
- each  $Q^{[j]}$  satisfies 3. from Definition 1.2.

Notice that  $M \leq [d_{Q_1}/d_{Q_2}]^{d_1}$ . We shall denote such covering by  $Q_1 \boxtimes Q_2$ . One may check that the definition above leads to an admissible covering of  $X_1 \times X_2$ .

Having an admissible covering  $Q$  of  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  we define a local atomic Hardy space  $H_{at}^1(Q)$  related to  $Q$  in the following way. We say that a function  $a : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a  $Q$ -atom if:

- (i) either there is  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}$  and a cube  $K \subset Q^*$ , such that:

$$\text{supp } a \subseteq K, \quad \|a\|_\infty \leq |K|^{-1}, \quad \int a(x) dx = 0;$$

- (ii) or there exists  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}$  such that

$$\alpha(x) = |Q|^{-1} \chi_Q(x).$$

Having  $Q$ -atoms we define the local atomic Hardy space related to  $Q$ ,  $H_{at}^1(Q)$ , in a standard way. Namely, we say that a function  $f$  is in  $H_{at}^1(Q)$  if  $f(x) = \sum_k \lambda_k a_k(x)$  with  $\sum_k |\lambda_k| < \infty$  and  $a_k$  being  $Q$ -atoms. Moreover, the norm of  $H_{at}^1(Q)$  is given by

$$\|f\|_{H_{at}^1(Q)} = \inf \sum_k |\lambda_k|,$$

where the infimum is taken over all possible representations of  $f(x) = \sum_k \lambda_k a_k(x)$  as above. One may simply check that  $H_{at}^1(Q)$  is a Banach space.

In the whole paper by  $L$  we shall denote a nonnegative self-adjoint operator and by  $T_t = \exp(-tL)$  the heat semigroup generated by  $L$ . We shall always assume that there exists a nonnegative integral kernel  $T_t(x, y)$  such that  $T_t f(x) = \int_X T_t(x, y) f(y) dy$ . Our initial definition of the Hardy space  $H^1(L)$  shall be given by means of the maximal operator associated with  $T_t$ , namely

$$H^1(L) = \left\{ f \in L^1(X) : \|f\|_{H^1(L)} := \left\| \sup_{t>0} |T_t f| \right\|_{L^1(X)} < \infty \right\}.$$

Moreover, we shall consider the subordinate semigroup  $K_{t,v} = \exp(-tL^v)$ ,  $v \in (0, 1)$ , and its Hardy space, which is defined by

$$H^1(L^v) = \left\{ f \in L^1(X) : \|f\|_{H^1(L^v)} := \left\| \sup_{t>0} |K_{t,v} f| \right\|_{L^1(X)} < \infty \right\}.$$

### 1.3 Main results

Let us assume that an admissible covering  $\mathcal{Q}$  of  $X$  is given. Recall that  $H_t(x, y)$  is the classical semigroup on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  given in (1.1), and denote by  $P_{t,\nu} = \exp(-t(-\Delta)^\nu)$  the semigroup generated by  $(-\Delta)^\nu$ ,  $\nu \in (0, 1)$ , and given by  $P_{t,\nu}f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} P_{t,\nu}(x, y)f(y) dy$ . The kernel  $P_{t,\nu}(x, y)$  is a transition density of the symmetric  $2\nu$ -stable Lévy process in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . It is well-known that

$$0 \leq P_{t,\nu}(x, y) \leq C_{d,\nu} \frac{t}{(t^{1/\nu} + |x - y|^2)^{\frac{d}{2} + \nu}}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d, t > 0, \nu \in (0, 1), \tag{1.6}$$

see e.g. [18, Subsec. 2.6], [15]. Let us mention that in the particular case of  $\nu = 1/2$ , the semigroup  $P_{t,1/2}$  is the well-known Poisson semigroup on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

Assume that an operator  $L$  is as in Sect. 1.2. Let  $\nu \in (0, 1)$  and suppose that  $\tilde{T}_t(x, y)$  is either  $H_t(x, y)$  or  $P_{t,\nu}(x, y)$ . Consider the following assumptions:

$$0 \leq T_t(x, y) \leq C \frac{t^\nu}{(t + |x - y|^2)^{\frac{d}{2} + \nu}}, \quad x, y \in X, t > 0, \tag{A'_0}$$

$$\sup_{y \in Q^*} \int_{(Q^{**})^c} \sup_{t > 0} T_t(x, y) dx \leq C, \quad Q \in \mathcal{Q}, \tag{A'_1}$$

$$\sup_{y \in Q^*} \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} |T_t(x, y) - \tilde{T}_t(x, y)| dx \leq C, \quad Q \in \mathcal{Q}. \tag{A'_2}$$

**Theorem A** *Assume that for  $L, T_t$ , and an admissible covering  $\mathcal{Q}$  the conditions  $(A'_0)$ – $(A'_2)$  hold. Then  $H^1(L) = H^1_{at}(\mathcal{Q})$  and the corresponding norms are equivalent.*

The proof of Theorem A is standard and uses only local characterization of Hardy spaces as in [16]. For the convenience of the reader we present the proof in Sect. 3.

Our first main goal is to describe atomic characterizations for sums of the form  $L_1 + \dots + L_N$ , where each  $L_j$  satisfies  $(A'_0)$ – $(A'_2)$  on a proper subspace. This is very useful in many cases such as multidimensional orthogonal expansions. Instead of dealing with products of kernels of semigroups, we can consider only one-dimensional kernel, but we shall need to prove slightly stronger conditions. More precisely, we consider  $X_1 \times \dots \times X_N \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^{d_N} = \mathbb{R}^d$ . Assume that  $L_i$  is an operator on  $L^2(X_i)$ , as in Sect. 1.2. Slightly abusing the notation we keep the symbol  $L_i$  for  $I \otimes \dots \otimes L_i \otimes \dots \otimes I$  as the operator on  $L^2(X)$  and denote

$$Lf(x) = L_1f(x) + \dots + L_Nf(x), \quad x = (x_1, \dots, x_N) \in X. \tag{1.7}$$

For  $x_i, y_i \in X_i$ , by  $T_t^{[i]}(x_i, y_i)$  we denote the kernel of  $T_t^{[i]} = \exp(-tL_i)$ . We shall assume that each  $T_t^{[i]}(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , is nonnegative and has the upper Gaussian estimates, namely

$$0 \leq T_t^{[i]}(x_i, y_i) \leq C_i t^{-d_i/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x_i - y_i|^2}{c_i t}\right), \quad x_i, y_i \in X_i, t > 0. \tag{A_0}$$

Obviously, (A<sub>0</sub>) implies (A'<sub>0</sub>) for  $T_t(x, y) = T_t^{[1]}(x_1, y_1) \dots T_t^{[N]}(x_N, y_N)$ . Moreover, we shall assume that for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$  there exist a proper covering  $\mathcal{Q}_i$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{d_i}$  such that the following generalizations of (A'<sub>1</sub>) and (A'<sub>2</sub>) hold: there exists  $\gamma \in (0, 1/3)$  such that for every  $\delta \in [0, \gamma)$  and every  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ,

$$\sup_{y \in Q^*} \int_{(Q^{**})^c} \sup_{t > 0} t^\delta T_t^{[i]}(x, y) dx \leq C d_Q^{2\delta}, \quad Q \in \mathcal{Q}_i, \tag{A_1}$$

$$\sup_{y \in Q^*} \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t < d_Q^2} t^{-\delta} \left| T_t^{[i]}(x, y) - H_t(x, y) \right| dx \leq C d_Q^{-2\delta}, \quad Q \in \mathcal{Q}_i. \tag{A_2}$$

Here  $H_t$  is the classical heat semigroup on  $\mathbb{R}^{d_i}$ , depending on the context. Now, we are ready to state our first main theorem.

**Theorem B** *Assume that for  $i = 1, \dots, N$  kernels  $T_t^{[i]}(x_i, y_i)$  are related to  $L_i$  and suppose that for  $T_t^{[i]}(x_i, y_i)$  together with admissible coverings  $\mathcal{Q}_i$  the conditions (A<sub>0</sub>)–(A<sub>2</sub>) hold. If  $L = L_1 + \dots + L_N$  is as in (1.7), then*

$$H^1(L) = H_{at}^1(Q_1 \boxtimes \dots \boxtimes Q_N)$$

and the corresponding norms are equivalent.

Our second main goal is to characterize  $H^1(L)$  by the subordinate semigroup  $K_{t,\nu} = \exp(-tL^\nu)$ , for  $0 < \nu < 1$ . Obviously, one can try to apply Theorem A, but for many operators the subordinate kernel  $K_{t,\nu}(x, y)$  is harder to analyze than  $T_t(x, y)$  (e.g., in some cases a concrete formula with special functions exists for  $T_t(x, y)$ , but not for  $K_{t,\nu}(x, y)$ ). However, it appears that under our assumptions (A<sub>0</sub>)–(A<sub>2</sub>) we obtain the characterization by the subordinate semigroup essentially for free.

**Theorem C** *Under the assumptions of Theorem B, for  $\nu \in (0, 1)$ , we have that*

$$H^1(L^\nu) = H_{at}^1(Q_1 \boxtimes \dots \boxtimes Q_N).$$

Moreover, the corresponding norms are equivalent.

### 1.4 Applications

One of the goals of this paper is to verify the assumptions of Theorems B and C for various well-known operators. In this subsection we provide a list of such operators.

#### 1.4.1 Bessel operator

For  $\beta > 0$  let  $L_B^{[\beta]} = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{\beta^2 - \beta}{x^2}$  denote the one-dimensional Bessel operator on the positive half-line  $X = (0, \infty)$  equipped with the Lebesgue measure. The semigroup  $T_{B,t} = \exp(-tL_B^{[\beta]})$  is given by  $T_{B,t}f(x) = \int_X T_{B,t}(x, y)f(y) dy$ , where

$$T_{B,t}(x, y) = \frac{(xy)^{1/2}}{2t} I_{\beta-1/2}\left(\frac{xy}{2t}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{4t}\right), \quad x, y \in X, t > 0. \tag{1.8}$$

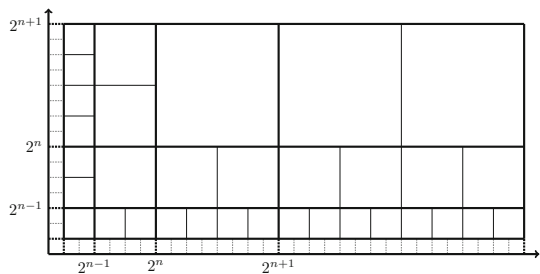
Here,  $I_\tau$  is the modified Bessel function of the first kind. The Hardy space  $H^1(L_B^{[\beta]})$  for the one-dimensional Bessel operator was studied in [2]. In Sect. 4.1 we check that the assumptions (A<sub>0</sub>)–(A<sub>2</sub>) are satisfied for  $L_B$  with the admissible covering

$$\mathcal{Q}_B = \left\{ [2^n, 2^{n+1}] : n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

of  $X = (0, \infty)$ . This gives a slightly simpler proof of the characterizations of  $H^1(L_B^{[\beta]})$  by the maximal operators of the semigroups  $\exp(-tL_B^{[\beta]})$  and, also, gives a characterization by  $\exp(-t(L_B^{[\beta]})^\nu)$ ,  $0 < \nu < 1$ . We have the following corollary for the multidimensional Bessel operator.

**Corollary 1.9** *Let  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_d > 0$  and  $L_B = L_B^{[\beta_1]} + \dots + L_B^{[\beta_d]}$ , be the multidimensional Bessel operator on  $L^2((0, \infty)^d)$ . Then, the Hardy spaces  $H^1(L_B)$ ,  $H^1(L_B^\nu)$ ,  $\nu \in (0, 1)$ , and  $H_{at}^1(\mathcal{Q}_B \boxtimes \dots \boxtimes \mathcal{Q}_B)$  coincide (Fig. 1). Moreover, the associated norms are comparable.*

Fig. 1 The covering  $\mathcal{Q}_B \boxtimes \mathcal{Q}_B$



### 1.4.2 Laguerre operator

Let  $\alpha > -1/2$  and  $L_L^{[\alpha]} = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + x^2 + \frac{\alpha^2-1/4}{x^2}$  denote the Laguerre operator on  $X = (0, \infty)$ . The kernels associated with the heat semigroup  $T_{L,t} = \exp(-tL_L^{[\alpha]})$  are defined by

$$T_{L,t}(x, y) = \frac{(xy)^{1/2}}{\sinh 2t} I_\alpha \left( \frac{xy}{\sinh 2t} \right) \exp \left( -\frac{\cosh 2t}{2 \sinh 2t} (x^2 + y^2) \right), x, y \in X, t > 0. \tag{1.10}$$

The one-dimensional version of  $H^1(L_L^{[\alpha]})$  was studied in [7]. The admissible covering is the following

$$\begin{aligned} Q_L = & \left\{ [2^n + k2^{-n-1}, 2^n + (k + 1)2^{-n-1}]: k = 0, \dots, 2^{2n+1} - 1, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\} \\ & \cup \left\{ [2^{-n}, 2^{-n+1}]: n \in \mathbb{N}_+ \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

see Fig. 2 for  $Q_t \boxtimes Q_L$ . Using methods similar to those in [7] we verify  $(A_0)$ – $(A_2)$  in Sect. 4.2.

**Corollary 1.11** *Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d > -1/2$  and  $L_L = L_L^{[\alpha_1]} + \dots + L_L^{[\alpha_d]}$ , be the multidimensional Laguerre operator on  $L^2((0, \infty)^d)$ . Then, the Hardy spaces  $H^1(L_L)$ ,  $H^1(L_L^\nu)$ ,  $\nu \in (0, 1)$ , and  $H_{at}^1(Q_L \boxtimes \dots \boxtimes Q_L)$  coincide. Moreover, the associated norms are comparable.*

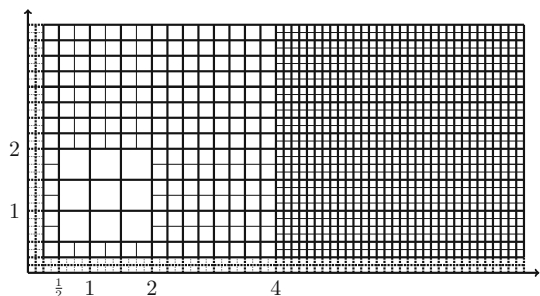
### 1.4.3 Schrödinger operators

Let  $L_S = -\Delta + V$  denote a Schrödinger operator on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , where  $V \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is a nonnegative potential. Since  $V \geq 0$ , we have

$$0 \leq T_{S,t}(x, y) \leq H_t(x, y), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d, t > 0, \tag{1.12}$$

where  $T_{S,t} = \exp(-tL_S)$  and  $H_t = \exp(t\Delta)$ , see (1.1). Following [11], for fixed  $V$ , we assume that there is an admissible covering  $Q_S$  of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  that satisfies the following

Fig. 2 The covering  $Q_L \boxtimes Q_L$





conditions: there exist constants  $\rho > 1$  and  $\sigma > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{y \in Q^*} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} T_{S, 2^n d_Q^2}(x, y) dx \leq C \rho^{-n}, \quad Q \in \mathcal{Q}_S, n \in \mathbb{N}, \tag{D'}$$

$$\sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} H_S(x, y) \chi_{Q^{***}}(x) V(x) dx ds \leq C \left( \frac{t}{d_Q^2} \right)^\sigma, \quad Q \in \mathcal{Q}_S, t \leq d_Q^2. \tag{K}$$

The Hardy spaces related to Schrödinger operators have been widely studied. It appears that for some potentials the atoms for  $H^1(L_S)$  have local nature (as in our paper), but this is no longer true for other potentials. The interested reader is referred to [5,8,9,11–14,17].

In [11] the authors study potentials as above, but instead of assuming (D') they have a bit more general assumption (D), which instead of  $\rho^{-n}$  has an arbitrary summable sequence  $(1 + n)^{-1-\varepsilon}$  on the right-hand side of (D'). Moreover, the assumptions (D') and (K) are easy to generalize for products, see [8, Rem. 1.8]. Therefore, for Schrödinger operators Theorem B is a bit weaker than results of [11]. However, Theorem C gives additionally characterization by the semigroups  $\exp(-tL_S^\nu)$ ,  $0 < \nu < 1$ , provided that the stronger assumption (D') is satisfied. Let us notice that indeed (D') is true for many examples, including  $L_S$  in dimension one with any nonnegative  $V \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R})$ , see [5].

In Sect. 4.2 we prove that (D') and (K) imply the assumptions of Theorems B and C, which leads to the following.

**Corollary 1.13** *Let  $L_S$  be given with a nonnegative  $V \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and an admissible covering  $\mathcal{Q}_S$  of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Assume that (D') and (K) are satisfied. Then the spaces  $H^1(L_S)$ ,  $H^1(L_S^\nu)$ ,  $\nu \in (0, 1)$ , and  $H^1_{at}(\mathcal{Q}_S)$  coincide and the corresponding norms are equivalent.*

### 1.4.4 Product of local and nonlocal atomic Hardy space

As we have mentioned, all atoms on the Hardy space  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^{d_1})$  satisfy cancellation condition, i.e. they are nonlocal atoms. However, if we consider the product  $\mathbb{R}^d = \mathbb{R}^{d_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_2}$  and the operator  $L = -\Delta + L_2$ , where  $L_2$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_2$  satisfies the assumptions (A<sub>0</sub>)–(A<sub>2</sub>) on  $\mathbb{R}^{d_2}$  then the resulting Hardy space  $H^1(L)$  shall have local character.

More precisely, if  $\mathbb{R}^{d_1} \boxtimes \mathcal{Q}_2$  is the admissible covering that arise by splitting all the strips  $\mathbb{R}^{d_1} \times Q_2$ ,  $Q_2 \in \mathcal{Q}_2$ , into countable many cuboids  $Q_{1,n} \times Q_2$ , where  $Q_{1,n} = Q(z_n, d_{Q_2})$ . Then we have the following corollary (see Sect. 4.4).

**Corollary 1.14** *Let  $L = -\Delta + L_2$ , where  $-\Delta$  is the standard Laplacian on  $\mathbb{R}^{d_1}$  and  $L_2$  with an admissible covering  $\mathcal{Q}_2$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{d_2}$  satisfy (A<sub>0</sub>)–(A<sub>2</sub>). Then the spaces  $H^1(L)$ ,  $H^1(L^\nu)$ ,  $\nu \in (0, 1)$ , and  $H^1_{at}(\mathbb{R}^{d_1} \boxtimes \mathcal{Q}_2)$  coincide and the corresponding norms are equivalent.*

### 1.5 Organization of the paper

The paper is organized in the following way. Section 2 is devoted to prove some preliminary estimates and to recall some known facts about local Hardy spaces on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . In Sect. 3 we prove our main results, namely Theorems A, B, and C. In Sect. 4 we prove that the examples given in Sect. 1.4 satisfy assumptions  $(A_0)$ – $(A_2)$ . We use standard notation, i.e.  $C$  denotes some constant that can change from line to line.

## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Auxiliary estimates

For an admissible covering  $\mathcal{Q}$  of  $X$  let us denote for  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}$  the functions  $\psi_Q \in C^1(X)$  satisfying

$$0 \leq \psi_Q(x) \leq \chi_{Q^*}(x), \quad \|\psi'_Q\|_\infty \leq Cd_Q^{-1}, \quad \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \psi_Q(x) = \chi_X(x). \quad (2.1)$$

It is easy to observe that such family  $\{\psi_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}}$  exists, provided that  $\mathcal{Q}$  satisfies Definition 1.3. The family  $\{\psi_Q\}_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}}$  shall be called a *partition of unity* related to  $\mathcal{Q}$ .

**Proposition 2.2** *Assume that  $T_t$ , and an admissible covering  $\mathcal{Q}$  satisfy  $(A'_0)$  and  $(A'_1)$ . Let  $\psi_Q$  be a partition of unity related to  $\mathcal{Q}$ . Then*

$$\sup_{y \in Q^*} \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t > d_Q^2} T_t(x, y) dx \leq C, \quad Q \in \mathcal{Q}, \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$\sup_{y \in X} \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} T_t(x, y) |\psi_Q(x) - \psi_Q(y)| dx \leq C. \quad (2.4)$$

**Proof** By  $(A'_0)$  we have  $T_t(x, y) \leq Ct^{-d/2}$ . Obviously,  $|Q^{**}| \leq C|Q| \leq Cd_Q^d$ , hence

$$\sup_{y \in Q^*} \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t > d_Q^2} T_t(x, y) dx \leq \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t > d_Q^2} t^{-d/2} dx \leq C.$$

□

We now turn to prove (2.4). Fix  $y \in X$  and  $Q_0 \in \mathcal{Q}$  such that  $y \in Q_0$ . Denote  $N(Q_0) = \{Q \in \mathcal{Q} : Q_0^{***} \cap Q^{***} \neq \emptyset\}$  (the neighbors of  $Q_0$ ). Notice that  $|N(Q_0)| \leq C$ , see (1.3). Then

$$\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \int_{Q^{**}} \left[ \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} T_t(x, y) |\psi_Q(x) - \psi_Q(y)| \right] dx = \sum_{Q \in N(Q_0)} \dots + \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q} \setminus N(Q_0)} \dots =: S_1 + S_2.$$

Notice that for  $Q \in N(Q_0)$  we have  $d_Q \simeq d_{Q_0}$ . To deal with  $S_1$  we use  $(A'_0)$  and the mean value theorem for  $\psi_Q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{Q \in N(Q_0)} \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} T_t(x, y) |\psi_Q(x) - \psi_Q(y)| dx \\ & \leq C \sum_{Q \in N(Q_0)} \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t > 0} t^\nu \left( t + |x - y|^2 \right)^{-d/2-\nu} \frac{|x - y|}{d_Q} dx \\ & \leq C \sum_{Q \in N(Q_0)} d_Q^{-1} \int_{Q^{**}} |x - y|^{-d+1} dx \\ & \leq C |N(Q_0)| d_{Q_0}^{-1} \int_{CQ_0} |x - y|^{-d+1} dx \leq C. \end{aligned}$$

To estimate  $S_2$  we use  $\|\psi_Q\|_\infty \leq 1$  and  $(A'_1)$ , getting

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q} \setminus N(Q_0)} \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} T_t(x, y) |\psi_Q(x) - \psi_Q(y)| dx & \leq 2 \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q} \setminus N(Q_0)} \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t > 0} T_t(x, y) dx \\ & \leq C \int_{(Q_0^{**})^c} \sup_{t > 0} T_t(x, y) dx \leq C. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.5** *Assume that  $T_t$  satisfy  $(A'_0)$ . Then, for  $f \in L^1(X) + L^\infty(X)$ ,*

$$\|f\|_{L^1(X)} \leq \left\| \sup_{t > 0} |T_t f| \right\|_{L^1(X)}.$$

The proof of the Lemma 2.5 goes by standard arguments. For the convenience of the reader we present details in Appendix.

### 2.2 Local Hardy spaces

In this section, we recall some classical results on local Hardy spaces, see [16]. Let  $\tau > 0$  be fixed. We are interested in decomposing into atoms a function  $f$  such that

$$\left\| \sup_{t \leq \tau^2} |H_t f| \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} < \infty. \tag{2.6}$$

It is known, that (2.6) holds if and only if  $f(x) = \sum_k \lambda_k a_k(x)$ , where  $\sum_k |\lambda_k| < \infty$  and  $a_k$  are either the classical atoms or the *local atoms at scale  $\tau$* . The latter are atoms  $a$  supported in a cube  $Q$  of diameter at most  $\tau$  such that  $\|a\|_\infty \leq |Q|^{-1}$  but we do not impose the cancellation condition. In other words one may say that this is the space  $H_{at}^1(Q^{(\tau)})$  introduced in Sect. 1.2, where  $Q^{(\tau)}$  is a covering of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  by cubes with diameter  $\tau$ . The next proposition states the local atomic decomposition theorem in a version that will be suitable for us in the proof of Theorem A. This proposition can be obtained by known methods from the global characterization of the classical Hardy space  $H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . One may also check the assumptions from a general result of Uchiyama [23, Cor. 1’]. The details are left for the interested reader.

**Proposition 2.7** *Let  $\tau > 0$  be fixed and  $\tilde{T}_t$  denote either  $H_t$  or  $P_{t^v, v}$ , see (1.1) and (1.6). Then, there exists  $C > 0$  that does not depend on  $\tau$  such that:*

1. *For every classical atom  $a$  or an atom of the form  $a(x) = |Q|^{-1} \chi_Q(x)$ , where  $Q = Q(z, r_1, \dots, r_d)$  is such that  $r_1 \simeq \dots \simeq r_d \simeq \tau$  we have*

$$\left\| \sup_{t \leq \tau^2} |\tilde{T}_t a| \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C.$$

2. *If  $f$  is such that  $\text{supp } f \subseteq Q^*$ , where  $Q = Q(z, r_1, \dots, r_d)$  is such that  $r_1 \simeq \dots \simeq r_d \simeq \tau$ , and*

$$\left\| \sup_{t \leq \tau^2} |\tilde{T}_t f| \right\|_{L^1(Q^*)} = M < \infty,$$

*then there exist sequences  $\{\lambda_k\}_k$  and  $\{a_k(x)\}_k$ , such that  $f(x) = \sum_k \lambda_k a_k(x)$ ,  $\sum_k |\lambda_k| \leq CM$ , and  $a_k$  are either the classical atoms supported in  $Q^*$  or  $a_k(x) = |Q|^{-1} \chi_Q(x)$ .*

**Remark 2.8** Proposition 2.7 remains valid for many other kernels  $\tilde{T}_t$  satisfying  $(A'_0)$  and, therefore, Theorem A holds for such kernels.

### 3 Proofs of Theorems A, B, and C

#### 3.1 Proof of Theorem A

**Proof** Recall that by the assumptions and Proposition 2.2 we also have that (2.3) and (2.4) are satisfied. We shall prove two inclusions.

**First inequality:**  $\|f\|_{H^1(L)} \leq C \|f\|_{H_{at}^1(Q)}$ . It suffices to show that for every  $Q$ -atom  $a$  we have  $\|\sup_{t>0} |T_t a|\|_{L^1(X)} \leq C$ , where  $C$  does not depend on  $a$ . Let  $a$  be associated with a cuboid  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}$ , i.e.  $\text{supp } a \subset Q^*$ . Recall that  $\tilde{T}_t$  is either  $H_t$  or  $P_{t^v, v}$ , see (1.1) and (1.6). Observe that by using  $(A'_1)$ ,  $(A'_2)$ , (2.3), and part 1. of Proposition 2.7 we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sup_{t>0} |T_t a| \right\|_{L^1(X)} &\leq \left\| \sup_{t>0} |T_t a| \right\|_{L^1((Q^{**})^c)} + \left\| \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} |(T_t - \tilde{T}_t)a| \right\|_{L^1(Q^{**})} \\ &+ \left\| \sup_{t > d_Q^2} |T_t a| \right\|_{L^1(Q^{**})} + \left\| \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} |\tilde{T}_t a| \right\|_{L^1(Q^{**})} \leq C. \end{aligned}$$

**Second inequality:**  $\|f\|_{H_{at}^1(Q)} \leq C \|f\|_{H^1(L)}$ . Assume that  $\|\sup_{t>0} |T_t f|\|_{L^1(X)} < \infty$ . Let  $\psi_Q$  be a partition of unity related to  $Q$ , see (2.1). We have  $f = \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \psi_Q f$ . Denote  $f_Q = \psi_Q f$  and notice that since  $\text{supp } f_Q \subset Q^*$ , then

$$\tilde{T}_t f_Q = (\tilde{T}_t - T_t) f_Q + (T_t f_Q - \psi_Q \cdot T_t f) + \psi_Q \cdot T_t f. \tag{3.1}$$

Clearly,

$$\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \left\| \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} |\psi_Q T_t f| \right\|_{L^1(Q^{**})} \leq C \left\| \sup_{t>0} |T_t f| \right\|_{L^1(X)}. \tag{3.2}$$

Using (A’<sub>2</sub>),

$$\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \left\| \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} |(\tilde{T}_t - T_t) f_Q| \right\|_{L^1(Q^{**})} \leq C \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \|f_Q\|_{L^1(X)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^1(X)}. \tag{3.3}$$

By (2.4),

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \left\| \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} |T_t f_Q - \psi_Q \cdot T_t f| \right\|_{L^1(Q^{**})} \\ &\leq \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \int_X |f(y)| \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} T_t(x, y) |\psi_Q(y) - \psi_Q(x)| \, dx \, dy \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{L^1(X)}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Using (3.1)–(3.4) and Lemma 2.5 we arrive at

$$\sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \left\| \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} |\tilde{T}_t f_Q| \right\|_{L^1(Q^{**})} \leq C \left\| \sup_{t>0} |T_t f| \right\|_{L^1(X)}.$$

Now, from part 2. of Proposition 2.7 for each  $f_Q$  we obtain  $\lambda_{Q,k}, a_{Q,k}$ . Then

$$f = \sum_Q f_Q = \sum_{Q,k} \lambda_{Q,k} a_{Q,k}$$

and

$$\sum_Q \sum_k |\lambda_{Q,k}| \leq C \sum_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}} \left\| \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} |\tilde{T}_t f_Q| \right\|_{L^1(Q^{**})} \leq C \left\| \sup_{t > 0} T_t f \right\|_{L^1(X)}.$$

Finally, we notice that all the atoms  $a_{Q,k}$  obtained by Proposition 2.7 are indeed  $Q$ -atoms. □

**Remark 3.5** The assumption  $(A'_0)$  has only been used in Proposition 2.2. Therefore, in Theorem A one may replace the assumption  $(A'_0)$  by the pair of assumptions (2.3) and (2.4).

### 3.2 Proof of Theorem B

**Proof** We shall show the following claim. If the assumptions  $(A_0)$ – $(A_2)$  hold for  $T_t^{[j]}(x_j, y_j)$  together with admissible coverings  $\mathcal{Q}_j$  for  $j = 1, 2$ , then  $(A_0)$ – $(A_2)$  also hold for  $T_t(x, y) = T_t^{[1]}(x_1, y_1) \cdot T_t^{[2]}(x_2, y_2)$ , together with  $\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{Q}_1 \boxtimes \mathcal{Q}_2$ . This is enough, since by simple induction we shall get that in the general case  $T_t(x, y) = T_t^{[1]}(x_1, y_1) \cdots T_t^{[N]}(x_N, y_N)$  with  $\mathcal{Q}_1 \boxtimes \dots \boxtimes \mathcal{Q}_N$  satisfy  $(A_0)$ – $(A_2)$ , and, consequently, the assumptions of Theorem A will be fulfilled.

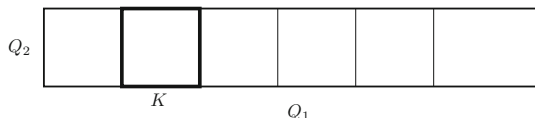
To prove the claim let  $T_t^{[j]}(x_j, y_j)$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_j$  satisfy  $(A_0)$ – $(A_2)$  with  $\gamma_j$  for  $j = 1, 2$ . Let  $0 < \gamma < \min(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)$  and fix  $\delta \in [0, \gamma)$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{Q} \ni Q \subseteq Q_1 \times Q_2$ , where  $Q_1 \in \mathcal{Q}_1, Q_2 \in \mathcal{Q}_2$ , and without loss of generality we may assume that  $d_{Q_1} \geq d_{Q_2}$ . Hence,  $Q = K \times Q_2$ , where  $K \subseteq Q_1$ , see Definition 1.5 and Fig. 3. Denote by  $z = (z_1, z_2)$  the center of  $Q = K \times Q_2$ . Obviously,  $(A_0)$  for the product follows from  $(A_0)$  for the factors.

**Proof of  $(A_1)$  for  $L_1 + L_2$ .** Let  $y \in Q^*$ . Recall that  $d_Q \simeq d_K \simeq d_{Q_2} \leq d_{Q_1}$ . Let us write  $(Q^{**})^c = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_3$ , where

$$S_1 = (K^{**})^c \times Q_2^{**}, \quad S_2 = K^{**} \times (Q_2^{**})^c, \quad S_3 = (K^{**})^c \times (Q_2^{**})^c.$$

We start with  $S_1$ .

Fig. 3 Partition of  $Q_1 \times Q_2$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{S_1} \sup_{t>0} t^\delta T_t^{[1]}(x_1, y_1) T_t^{[2]}(x_2, y_2) dx &\leq C \int_{(K^{**})^c} \sup_{t>0} t^{-d_1/2-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x_1 - y_1|^2}{ct}\right) dx_1 \\
 &\quad \cdot \int_{Q_2^{**}} \sup_{t>0} t^{-d_2/2+1/2+\delta} \exp\left(-\frac{|x_2 - y_2|^2}{ct}\right) dx_2 \\
 &\leq C \int_{(K^{**})^c} |x_1 - z_1|^{-d_1-1} dx_1 \cdot \int_{Q_2^{**}} |x_2 - z_2|^{-d_2+1+2\delta} dx_2 \\
 &\leq C d_K^{-1} \cdot d_{Q_2}^{1+2\delta} = C d_{Q_2}^{2\delta}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The set  $S_2$  is treated similarly. To estimate  $S_3$  recall that  $\delta < \gamma$ . Using (A<sub>0</sub>) for  $T_t^{[1]}(x_1, y_1)$  and (A<sub>1</sub>) for  $T_t^{[2]}(x_2, y_2)$  we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{S_3} \sup_{t>0} t^\delta T_t^{[1]}(x_1, y_1) T_t^{[2]}(x_2, y_2) dx &\leq C \int_{(K^{**})^c} \sup_{t>0} t^{-\gamma+\delta-d_1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x_1 - y_1|^2}{ct}\right) dx_1 \\
 &\quad \cdot \int_{(Q_2^{**})^c} \sup_{t>0} t^\gamma T_t^{[2]}(x_2, y_2) dx_2 \\
 &\leq C d_K^{-2\gamma+2\delta} d_{Q_2}^{2\gamma} \leq C d_{Q_2}^{2\delta}.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Proof of (A<sub>2</sub>) for  $L_1 + L_2$ .** Let  $y \in Q^*$ . In this proof  $H_t$  is the classical heat semigroup on  $\mathbb{R}^{d_1}, \mathbb{R}^{d_2}$  or on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , depending on the context. First, notice that by (A<sub>0</sub>), for constant  $C > 1$  and  $i = 1, 2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_{Q_i^{**}} \sup_{c^{-1}d_{Q_i}^2 \leq t \leq C d_{Q_i}^2} t^{-\gamma} \left| T_t^{[i]}(x_i, y_i) - H_t(x_i, y_i) \right| dx_i \\
 &\leq C d_{Q_i}^{-2\gamma} \int_{Q_i^{**}} d_{Q_i}^{-d_i} \exp\left(-\frac{|x_i - y_i|^2}{c d_{Q_i}^2}\right) dx_i \\
 &\leq C d_{Q_i}^{-2\gamma}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

Using the triangle inequality,

$$\int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} t^{-\delta} |T_t(x, y) - H_t(x, y)| dx \leq I_1 + I_2,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1 &= \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} t^{-\delta} T_t^{[1]}(x_1, y_1) \left| T_t^{[2]}(x_2, y_2) - H_t(x_2, y_2) \right| dx, \\
 I_2 &= \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} t^{-\delta} H_t(x_2, y_2) \left| T_t^{[1]}(x_1, y_1) - H_t(x_1, y_1) \right| dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

Applying (A<sub>0</sub>) for  $T_t^{[1]}(x_1, y_1)$  and (A<sub>2</sub>) together with (3.6) for  $T_t^{[2]}(x_2, y_2)$ ,

$$I_1 \leq C \int_{K^{**}} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} t^{\gamma-\delta} T_t^{[1]}(x_1, y_1) dx_1 \cdot \int_{Q_2^{**}} \sup_{t \leq Cd_{Q_2}^2} t^{-\gamma} \left| T_t^{[2]}(x_2, y_2) - H_t(x_2, y_2) \right| dx_2$$

$$\leq Cd_K^{2\gamma-2\delta} d_{Q_2}^{-2\gamma} \simeq Cd_Q^{-2\delta},$$

since  $0 \leq \delta < \gamma < \min(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)$ . Similarly, by (1.1), (A<sub>2</sub>), and (3.6), we have

$$I_2 \leq C \int_{Q_2^{**}} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} t^{\gamma-\delta} H_t(x_2, y_2) dx_2 \cdot \int_{Q_1^{**}} \sup_{t \leq Cd_{Q_1}^2} t^{-\gamma} \left| T_t^{[1]}(x_1, y_1) - H_t(x_1, y_1) \right| dx_1$$

$$\leq Cd_Q^{2\gamma-2\delta} d_{Q_1}^{-2\gamma} \leq Cd_Q^{-2\delta},$$

since  $d_{Q_1} \geq d_{Q_2} \simeq d_Q$ . □

### 3.3 Proof of Theorem C

**Proof** For  $\nu \in (0, 1)$  the subordination formula introduced by Bochner [3] states that

$$P_{t^\nu, \nu}(x, y) = \int_0^\infty H_{ts}(x, y) d\mu_\nu(s), \tag{3.7}$$

and

$$K_{t^\nu, \nu}(x, y) = \int_0^\infty T_{ts}(x, y) d\mu_\nu(s), \tag{3.8}$$

where  $\mu_\nu$  is a probability measure defined by the means of the Laplace transform  $\exp(-x^\nu) = \int_0^\infty \exp(-xs) d\mu_\nu(s)$ . By inverting the Laplace transform one obtains that  $d\nu(s) = g_\nu(s) ds$  with

$$0 \leq g_\nu(s) = \int_0^\infty \exp(ws \cos \theta_\nu + w^\nu \cos \theta_\nu) \sin(sw \sin \theta_\nu - w^\nu \sin \theta_\nu + \theta_\nu) dw, \quad s > 0,$$

where  $\theta_\nu = \frac{\pi}{1+\nu} \in (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$ , see [25, Rem. 1]. Notice that  $\cos \theta_\nu < 0$  and, therefore,

$$g_\nu(s) \leq \left| \int_0^{s^{-1}} \dots dw \right| + \left| \int_{s^{-1}}^\infty \dots dw \right| \leq \int_0^{s^{-1}} dw + \int_{s^{-1}}^\infty \exp(ws \cos \theta_\nu) dw \leq Cs^{-1}. \tag{3.9}$$

Assume that  $T_t$  and  $Q$  satisfy (A<sub>0</sub>)–(A<sub>2</sub>). Then, Theorem C follows from Theorem A, provided that we prove (A'<sub>0</sub>)–(A'<sub>2</sub>) for  $K_{t^\nu, \nu}$  and  $Q$ . First, notice that (A'<sub>0</sub>) for  $K_{t^\nu, \nu}$  follows from (3.8) and (A<sub>0</sub>) for  $T_t$ . Coming to (A'<sub>1</sub>), let  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}$  and  $y \in Q^*$ . Since  $\mu_\nu$  is a probability measure, using (3.8) and (A'<sub>1</sub>) for  $T_t$ , we obtain



$$\begin{aligned} \int_{(Q^{**})^c} \sup_{t>0} K_{t^{\nu},\nu}(x, y) \, dx &= \int_{(Q^{**})^c} \sup_{t>0} \int_0^\infty T_{St}(x, y) d\mu_\nu(s) \, dx \\ &\leq \int_0^\infty \int_{(Q^{**})^c} \sup_{t>0} T_{St}(x, y) \, dx \, d\mu_\nu(s) \leq C. \end{aligned}$$

Having  $(A'_1)$  proved, we turn to  $(A'_2)$ . By (3.7)–(3.9), and  $(A_2)$  for  $T_t$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} |K_{t^{\nu},\nu}(x, y) - P_{t^{\nu},\nu}(x, y)| \, dx \\ &= \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} \left| \int_0^\infty (T_u(x, y) - H_u(x, y)) g_\nu(u/t) \frac{du}{t} \right| \, dx \\ &\leq C \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} \int_0^\infty |T_u(x, y) - H_u(x, y)| (u/t)^{-1} \frac{du}{t} \, dx \\ &\leq C \int_{Q^{**}} \int_0^{d_Q^2} |T_u(x, y) - H_u(x, y)| \frac{du}{u} \, dx \\ &\quad + C \int_{Q^{**}} \int_{d_Q^2}^\infty |T_u(x, y) - H_u(x, y)| \frac{du}{u} \, dx \\ &\leq C \int_0^{d_Q^2} u^{-1+\delta} \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{u \leq d_Q^2} u^{-\delta} |T_u(x, y) - H_u(x, y)| \, dx \, du \\ &\quad + C \int_{Q^{**}} \int_{d_Q^2}^\infty u^{-d/2-1} \, du \, dx \\ &\leq C d_Q^{-2\delta} \int_0^{d_Q^2} u^{-1+\delta} \, du + C d_Q^d d_Q^{-d} \leq C. \end{aligned}$$

This ends the proof of Theorem C. □

**Remark 3.10** It is worth to notice, that in the proof of  $(A'_2)$  for the subordinate semigroup  $K_{t,\nu}$  we needed  $(A_2)$  for  $T_t$ , not only  $(A'_2)$ .

### 4 Applications

In this section for simplicity, we use the same notation  $T_t(x, y)$  for the integral kernels of semigroups generated by different operators.

#### 4.1 Bessel operator

Let us start with the following asymptotics of the Bessel function  $I_\tau$ ,

$$I_\tau(x) = C_\tau x^\tau + O(x^{\tau+1}), \text{ for } x \sim 0, \tag{4.1}$$

$$I_\tau(x) = (2\pi x)^{-1/2}e^x + O(x^{-3/2}e^x), \text{ for } x \sim \infty, \tag{4.2}$$

see e.g. [24, pp. 203–204].

**Proposition 4.3** *Let  $X = (0, \infty)$  and  $\beta > 0$ . Then  $(A_0)$ – $(A_2)$  hold for  $L_B^{[\beta]}$  with  $\mathcal{Q}_B$ .*

**Proof** We shall use similar ideas to those of [2]. The proof of  $(A_0)$  is well-known and follows almost directly from (1.8), (4.1) and (4.2). We skip the details. Let  $\gamma \in (0, \min(1/2, \beta/2))$  and  $\delta \in [0, \gamma)$ . Take  $\mathcal{Q}_B \ni Q = [2^n, 2^{n+1}]$ , for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and fix  $y \in Q^*$ .

**Proof of  $(A_1)$ .** Notice that  $y \simeq d_Q \simeq 2^n$ . We have

$$\int_{(Q^{**})^c} \sup_{t>0} t^\delta T_t(x, y) dx \leq \int_0^\infty \sup_{t>xy} t^\delta T_t(x, y) dx + \int_{(Q^{**})^c} \sup_{t \leq xy} t^\delta T_t(x, y) dx =: I_1 + I_2.$$

Using (1.8) and (4.1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq C \int_0^\infty \sup_{t>xy} (xy)^\beta t^{\delta-\beta-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2+y^2}{4t}\right) dx \\ &\leq C \int_0^\infty (xy)^\beta (x^2+y^2)^{\delta-\beta-1/2} dx \\ &= Cy^{2\delta} \int_0^\infty x^\beta (x^2+1)^{\delta-\beta-1/2} dx \leq Cd_Q^{2\delta}, \end{aligned}$$

where in the last inequality we used the fact that  $2\delta < \beta$ .

Denote  $z = 3 \cdot 2^{n-1}$  (the center of  $Q$ ). By (1.8) and (4.2),

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &\leq C \int_{(Q^{**})^c} \sup_{t \leq xy} t^{\delta-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{4t}\right) dx \\ &\simeq C \int_{(Q^{**})^c} \sup_{t \leq xy} t^{\delta-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-z|^2}{ct}\right) dx \\ &\leq C \int_0^{2^n} \sup_{t>0} t^{\delta-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{c_1t}\right) dx + C \int_{2^{n+1}}^\infty \sup_{t \leq xy} t^{\delta-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{c_2t}\right) dx \\ &\leq Cz^{2\delta-1}2^n + C \int_{2^{n+1}}^\infty (xy)^{\delta-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{x}{c_2y}\right) dx \\ &\leq Cd_Q^{2\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof of  $(A_2)$ .** Now observe that if  $y \in Q^*$  and  $x \in Q^{**}$ , then  $x \simeq y \simeq d_Q$ . Therefore,  $\frac{xy}{2t} \geq c$ , when  $t \leq d_Q^2$ . Using (1.8), (4.2), and  $\delta < 1/2$ , we arrive at

$$\int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} t^{-\delta} |T_t(x, y) - H_t(x, y)| dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \int_{Q^{**}} \frac{\sqrt{xy}}{2} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} t^{-1-\delta} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2+y^2}{4t}\right) \left| I_{\beta-\frac{1}{2}}\left(\frac{xy}{2t}\right) - \frac{e^{\frac{xy}{2t}}}{\sqrt{\frac{\pi xy}{t}}} \right| dx \\ &\leq C \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} t^{1/2-\delta} (xy)^{-1} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{4t}\right) dx \\ &\leq C d_Q^{1-2\delta} \cdot d_Q^{-2} \cdot d_Q \leq C d_Q^{-2\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

□

### 4.2 Laguerre operator

Using the asymptotic estimates for the Bessel function (4.1) and (4.2) in formula (1.10), one can obtain

$$T_t(x, y) \leq C t^{-1/2} \exp\left(-c \frac{|x-y|^2}{t}\right) e^{-ctxy} \min(1, (xy/t)^{\alpha+1/2}), \quad x, y \in X, t > 0, \tag{4.4}$$

see [7, Eq. (2.12) and (2.13)].

**Proposition 4.5** *Let  $X = (0, \infty)$  and  $\alpha > -1/2$ . Then (A<sub>0</sub>)–(A<sub>2</sub>) hold for  $L_L^{[\alpha]}$  with  $\mathcal{Q}_L$ .*

**Proof** We shall use similar estimates to those of [7]. Note that (A<sub>0</sub>) follows immediately from (4.4). Let us fix positive constants  $\gamma < \min(1/4, \alpha/2+1/4)$  and  $\delta \in [0, \gamma)$ . Fix  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_L$  and  $y \in Q^*$ .

**Proof of (A<sub>1</sub>).** We write

$$\int_{(Q^{**})^c} \sup_{t>0} t^\delta T_t(x, y) dx = \int_{(Q^{**})^c \cap (0, d_Q)} \dots + \int_{(Q^{**})^c \cap (d_Q, \infty)} \dots =: I_1 + I_2.$$

Since  $|x - y| \geq C d_Q$  and  $\delta < 1/2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq C \int_{(Q^{**})^c \cap (0, d_Q)} \sup_{t>0} t^{\delta-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{ct}\right) dx \\ &\leq C \int_{(Q^{**})^c \cap (0, d_Q)} |x-y|^{2\delta-1} dx \\ &\leq C d_Q^{2\delta-1} d_Q \leq C d_Q^{2\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

In order to estimate  $I_2$  we consider two cases depending on the localization of  $Q$ .

**Case 1:**  $Q = [2^{-n}, 2^{-n+1}]$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_+$ . In this case  $y \simeq d_Q = 2^{-n}$ . Observe that if  $x \in (Q^{**})^c \cap (d_Q, \infty)$ , then  $|x - y| \sim x$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{t>0} t^\delta T_t(x, y) &\leq C \sup_{t>0} t^{\delta-1/2} \left(\frac{xy}{t}\right)^{\alpha+1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{ct}\right) \\ &\leq Cd_Q^{\alpha+1/2} x^{2\delta-\alpha-3/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $I_2 \leq Cd_Q^{\alpha+1/2} \int_{d_Q}^\infty x^{2\delta-\alpha-3/2} dx \leq Cd_Q^{2\delta}$ , since  $\delta \leq \alpha/2 + 1/4$ .

**Case 2:**  $Q \subset [2^n, 2^{n+1}]$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $y^{-1} \simeq d_Q \simeq 2^{-n}$ . Recall that  $\delta < 1/2$ . By using the inequality  $\exp(-cxyt) \leq C(xyt)^{-1}$  in (4.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &\leq C \int_{(Q^{**})^c \cap (d_Q, \infty)} \sup_{t>0} (xy)^{-1} t^{\delta-3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{ct}\right) dx \\ &\leq Cd_Q \int_{(Q^{**})^c \cap (d_Q, \infty)} x^{-1} |x-y|^{2\delta-3} dx \\ &\leq Cd_Q d_Q^{2\delta-1} \int_{(Q^{**})^c \cap (d_Q, \infty)} x^{-1} |x-y|^{-2} dx \\ &\leq Cd_Q^{2\delta} \left( \int_{(Q^{**})^c \cap (d_Q, d_Q^{-1}/4)} d_Q^{-1} y^{-2} dx \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{(Q^{**})^c \cap (d_Q^{-1}/4, \infty)} d_Q |x-y|^{-2} dx \right) \leq Cd_Q^{2\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof of (A<sub>2</sub>).** For  $x \in Q^{**}$ ,  $y \in Q^*$  and  $t \leq d_Q^2$ , we apply an estimate that can be deduced from the proof of [7, Prop. 2.3], namely

$$|T_t(x, y) - H_t(x, y)| \leq Ct^{1/2} (xy + (xy)^{-1}) \leq Ct^{1/2} d_Q^{-2},$$

where the second inequality follows from the relation between  $d_Q$  and the center of  $Q$ . Thus, for  $\delta < 1/2$ ,

$$\int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t<d_Q^2} t^{-\delta} |T_t(x, y) - H_t(x, y)| dx \leq Cd_Q^{-2} \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t<d_Q^2} t^{1/2-\delta} dx \leq Cd_Q^{-2\delta}.$$

□

### 4.3 Schrödinger operator

This subsection is devoted to proving the following proposition.

**Proposition 4.6** *Let  $L_S = -\Delta + V$  be a Schrödinger operator with  $0 \leq V \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Assume that for some admissible covering  $\mathcal{Q}_S$  the conditions (D') and (K) hold. Then (A<sub>0</sub>)–(A<sub>2</sub>) are satisfied for  $L_S$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_S$ .*

**Proof** In the proof we use estimates similar to those in [11]. For the completeness we present all the details. As we have already mentioned in (1.12), (A<sub>0</sub>) holds since  $V \geq 0$ . Let us fix a positive  $\gamma < \min(\log_2 \rho, \sigma)$ , where  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  are as in (D') and (K), see Sect. 1.4.3. Consider  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_S, \delta \in [0, \gamma)$ , and  $y \in Q^*$ .

**Proof of (A<sub>1</sub>).** We have that

$$\int_{(Q^{**})^c} \sup_{t>0} t^\delta T_t(x, y) dx \leq \int_{(Q^{**})^c} \sup_{t \leq 4d_Q^2} t^\delta T_t(x, y) dx + \sum_{n \geq 2} \int_X \sup_{2^n d_Q^2 < t \leq 2^{n+1} d_Q^2} t^\delta T_t(x, y) dx$$

$$=: I_1 + I_2.$$

Denote by  $z$  the center of the cube  $Q$ . For  $y \in Q^*$  and  $x \notin Q^{**}$  we have  $d_Q \leq C|x - y| \simeq |x - z|$ . Using (A<sub>0</sub>) we obtain that

$$I_1 \leq C \int_{(Q^{**})^c} \sup_{t \leq 4d_Q^2} t^{-d/2+\delta} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-z|^2}{ct}\right) dx$$

$$\leq C \int_{(Q^{**})^c} d_Q^{-d+2\delta} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-z|^2}{cd_Q^2}\right) dx \leq Cd_Q^{2\delta}.$$

By (A<sub>0</sub>) and (D'),

$$I_2 \leq \sum_{n \geq 2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sup_{2^n d_Q^2 < t \leq 2^{n+1} d_Q^2} t^\delta T_{t-2^{n-1}d_Q^2}(x, u) T_{2^{n-1}d_Q^2}(u, y) du dx$$

$$\leq C \sum_{n \geq 1} (2^n d_Q^2)^\delta \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} T_{2^n d_Q^2}(u, y) \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (2^n d_Q^2)^{-d/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-u|^2}{c2^n d_Q^2}\right) dx}_{\leq C} du$$

$$\leq Cd_Q^{2\delta} \sum_{n \geq 1} 2^{\delta n} \rho^{-n} \leq Cd_Q^{2\delta},$$

where in the last inequality we have used that  $2^\delta < \rho$ .

**Proof of (A<sub>2</sub>).** As in [11, Lem. 3.11] we write  $V = \chi_{Q^{***}} V + \chi_{(Q^{***})^c} V =: V' + V''$ . The perturbation formula states that  $H_t(x, y) - T_t(x, y) = \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} H_{t-s}(x, u) V(u) T_s(u, y) du ds$ , so

$$t^{-\delta} |H_t(x, y) - T_t(x, y)| = t^{-\delta} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^t H_{t-s}(x, u) V''(u) T_s(u, y) ds du$$

$$+ t^{-\delta} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^{t/2} H_{t-s}(x, u) V'(u) T_s(u, y) ds du$$

$$+ t^{-\delta} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{t/2}^t H_{t-s}(x, u) V'(u) T_s(u, y) ds du$$

$$=: I_3(x, y) + I_4(x, y) + I_5(x, y).$$

For  $0 < s < t \leq d_Q^2$ ,  $x \in Q^{**}$ ,  $u \in (Q^{***})^c$ , we have that  $d_Q \leq C|x - u|$  and

$$t^{-\delta} H_{t-s}(x, u) \leq (t - s)^{-\delta} H_{t-s}(x, u) \leq C d_Q^{-d-2\delta} \exp\left(-\frac{|x - u|^2}{c d_Q^2}\right)$$

and, consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} I_3(x, y) dx &\leq C \int_{Q^{**}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^\infty d_Q^{-d-2\delta} \exp\left(-\frac{|x - u|^2}{c d_Q^2}\right) V''(u) T_s(u, y) ds du dx \\ &\leq C d_Q^{-2\delta} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^\infty V''(u) T_s(u, y) ds dz \\ &\leq C d_Q^{-2\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

In the last inequality we have used equivalent form of [11, Lem. 3.10]. To estimate  $I_4$ , denote  $t_j = 2^{-j} d_Q^2$  for  $j \geq 1$ . Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} I_{4,j}(x, y) &:= \sup_{t_j \leq t \leq t_{j-1}} I_4(x, y) \leq C \sup_{t_j \leq t \leq t_{j-1}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^{t/2} (t-s)^{-\delta} H_{t-s}(x, u) V'(u) T_s(u, y) ds du \\ &\leq C \int_0^{t_j} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} t_j^{-d-\delta} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-u|^2}{c t_j}\right) V'(u) H_s(u, y) du ds. \end{aligned} \tag{4.7}$$

Using (4.7) and then applying (K) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{Q^{**}} \sup_{t \leq d_Q^2} I_4(x, y) dx &\leq \sum_{j \geq 1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sup_{t_j \leq t \leq t_{j-1}} I_{4,j}(x, y) dx \\ &\leq C \sum_{j \geq 1} t_j^{-\delta} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_0^{t_j} \underbrace{t_j^{-d} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-u|^2}{c t_j}\right) dx}_{\leq C} V'(u) H_s(u, y) ds du \\ &\leq C d_Q^{-2\delta} \sum_{j \geq 1} 2^{j\delta} \left(\frac{t_j}{d_Q^2}\right)^\sigma \leq C d_Q^{-2\delta} \sum_{j \geq 1} 2^{-j(\sigma-\delta)} \leq C d_Q^{-2\delta}, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\delta < \sigma$ . Finally,  $I_5(x, y)$  can be estimated by a similar argument. We skip the details. □

### 4.4 Products of local and nonlocal atomic Hardy spaces

In this section we consider operator  $L = -\Delta + L_2$ , where  $-\Delta$  is the standard Laplacian on  $\mathbb{R}^{d_1}$  and  $L_2$  together with an admissible covering  $Q_2$  of  $X_2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d_2}$  satisfies (A<sub>0</sub>)–(A<sub>2</sub>). Obviously, the kernel of  $\exp(-tL)$  is given by  $T_t(x, y) = H_t(x_1, y_1) \cdot T_t^{[2]}(x_2, y_2)$ , where  $x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1} \times X_2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{d_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{d_2} = \mathbb{R}^d$ . One immediately see that  $T_t(x, y)$  satisfies (A<sub>0</sub>). Moreover, almost identical argument as in the proof of Theorem B shows that  $T_t$  with  $Q = \mathbb{R}^d \boxtimes Q_2$  satisfies (A<sub>1</sub>) and (A<sub>2</sub>). The details are left to the interested reader.

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## Appendix

This appendix is devoted to prove Lemma 2.5. This proof uses standard methods, see e.g. [20]. We present details for the sake of completeness. In fact we prove a more general Proposition 4.12, from which Lemma 2.5 follows immediately. Recall that we consider a semigroup of operators  $T_t$  that is strongly continuous on  $L^2(X)$  and has integral kernel  $T_t(x, y)$  satisfying  $(A'_0)$ . We start with the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.8** *Suppose that  $T_t$  satisfies  $(A'_0)$ . There exists a sequence  $\{t_n\}_n$  such that  $t_n \rightarrow 0$  and for every  $r > 0$  we have:*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|x-y|>r} T_{t_n}(x, y) dy = 0, \quad (4.9)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{|x-y|\leq r} T_{t_n}(x, y) dy = 1, \quad (4.10)$$

for a.e.  $x \in X$ .

**Proof** Let  $\nu \in (0, 1)$  be the constant from  $(A'_0)$ . Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{|x-y|>r} T_t(x, y) dy &\leq C \int_{|x-y|>r} \frac{t^\nu}{(t + |x - y|^2)^{\frac{d}{2}+\nu}} dy \\ &= C \int_{|y|>\frac{r}{\sqrt{t}}} (1 + |y|^2)^{-d/2-\nu} dy \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

as  $t \rightarrow 0$ , and (4.9) is proved (for every  $\{t_n\}_n$  such that  $t_n \rightarrow 0$ ).

To show (4.10) observe that for  $f \in L^2(X)$  we have  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} T_t f$  converges to  $f$  in  $L^2(X)$ , so we can choose a sequence with a.e. convergence. Applying this to functions  $f_n(x) = \chi_{Q(0,n)}(x)$  and using a diagonal argument we obtain a sequence  $\{t_n\}_n$ , which goes to 0, and such that for a.e.  $x \in X$  we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_X T_{t_n}(x, y) dy = 1. \quad (4.11)$$

Thus, (4.10) follows from (4.11) and (4.9).  $\square$

**Proposition 4.12** *Assume that  $T_t$  satisfies  $(A'_0)$  and let  $f \in L^1(X) + L^\infty(X)$ . There exists a sequence  $\{t_n\}_n$  such that  $t_n \rightarrow 0$  and for almost every  $x \in X$ ,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_{t_n} f(x) = f(x).$$

**Proof** Let  $\{t_n\}_n$  be the sequence from Lemma 4.8. By the Lebesgue differentiation theorem we have

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} |Q(x, s)|^{-1} \int_{Q(x, s)} |f(y) - f(x)| dy = 0 \tag{4.13}$$

for almost every  $x \in X$ , since  $f \in L^1(X) + L^\infty(X) \subset L^1_{\text{loc}}(X)$ . Consider the set  $A$  of points  $x \in X$  such that we have (4.13), and, additionally, (4.9)–(4.10) hold for all rational  $r > 0$ . Obviously, such set has full measure. Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $x \in A$ . We will show that  $|T_{t_n} f(x) - f(x)| \leq C\varepsilon$  for large  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $r > 0$  be a fixed rational number such that for  $s < r$  we have

$$\int_{Q(x, s)} |f(y) - f(x)| dy \leq \varepsilon |Q(x, s)|. \tag{4.14}$$

Assume that  $\sqrt{t_n} < r$  for large  $n$ . Write

$$\begin{aligned} T_{t_n} f(x) - f(x) &= f(x) \left( \int_{|x-y| \leq r} T_{t_n}(x, y) dy - 1 \right) + \int_{|x-y| > r} T_{t_n}(x, y) f(y) dy \\ &\quad + \int_{|x-y| < \sqrt{t_n}} T_{t_n}(x, y) (f(y) - f(x)) dy \\ &\quad + \int_{\sqrt{t_n} \leq |x-y| \leq r} T_{t_n}(x, y) (f(y) - f(x)) dy \\ &=: I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4. \end{aligned}$$

Applying (4.10) we obtain that  $|I_1| < \varepsilon$  for  $n$  large enough. To treat  $I_2$  we consider two cases.

**Case 1:**  $f \in L^\infty$ . Using (4.9) we have that  $|I_2| < \varepsilon$  for  $n$  large enough.

**Case 2:**  $f \in L^1$ . By  $(A'_0)$ ,

$$|I_2| \leq C \int_{|x-y| > r} \frac{t_n^v}{(t_n + |x - y|^2)^{d/2+v}} |f(y)| dy \leq C \frac{t_n^v}{(t_n + r^2)^{d/2+v}} \|f\|_{L^1(X)} < \varepsilon,$$

for  $t_n$  small enough. To estimate  $I_3$  observe that  $T_{t_n}(x, y) \leq Ct_n^{-d/2}$  and  $|Q(x, \sqrt{t_n})| \simeq t_n^{d/2}$ . Since  $\sqrt{t_n} < r$ , by applying (4.14) we obtain

$$|I_3| \leq Ct_n^{-d/2} \int_{|x-y| < \sqrt{t_n}} |f(y) - f(x)| dy < C\varepsilon.$$



To deal with  $I_4$  let  $N = \lceil \log_2(r/\sqrt{t_n}) \rceil$ , so that  $r \leq \sqrt{t_n}2^N \leq 2r$ . Define

$$S_k = \left\{ x \in X : r2^{-k} < |x - y| < r2^{-k+1} \right\}$$

for  $k = 1, \dots, N$ . Using  $(A'_0)$  and (4.14) we get

$$\begin{aligned} |I_4| &\leq C t_n^v \sum_{k=1}^N \int_{S_k} (t_n + |x - y|^2)^{-d/2-v} |f(y) - f(x)| dy \\ &\leq C t_n^{-d/2} \sum_{k=1}^N (r2^{-k}/\sqrt{t_n})^{-d-2v} \int_{S_k} |f(y) - f(x)| dy \\ &\leq C \varepsilon t_n^v \sum_{k=1}^N (r2^{-k})^{-d-2v} (r2^{-k})^d \\ &\leq C \varepsilon (\sqrt{t_n} r^{-1} 2^N)^{2v} \leq C \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

□

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