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# Boundedness of positive operators on weighted amalgams

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## Abstract

In this article, we characterize the pairs  $(u, v)$  of positive measurable functions such that  $T$  maps the weighted amalgam  $(L^{\bar{p}}(v), \ell^{\bar{q}})$  in  $(L^p(u), \ell^q)$  for all  $1 < p, q, \bar{p}, \bar{q} < \infty$ , where  $T$  belongs to a class of positive operators which includes Hardy operators, maximal operators, and fractional integrals.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $u$  be a positive function of one real variable and let  $p, q > 1$ . The amalgam  $(L^p(u), \ell^q)$  is the space of one variable real functions which are locally in  $L^p(u)$  and globally in  $\ell^q$ . More precisely,

$$(L^p(u), \ell^q) = \{f : \|f\|_{p,u,q} < \infty\},$$

where

$$\|f\|_{p,u,q} = \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_n^{n+1} |f|^p u \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

These spaces were introduced by Wiener in [1]. The article [2] describes the role played by amalgams in Harmonic Analysis.

Carton-Lebrun, Heinig, and Hoffmann studied in [3] the boundedness of the Hardy operator  $Pf(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x |f|$  in weighted amalgam spaces. They characterized the pairs of weights  $(u, v)$  such that the inequality

$$\|Pf\|_{p,u,q} \leq C \|f\|_{\bar{p},v,\bar{q}} \tag{1.1}$$

holds for all  $f$ , with a constant  $C$  independent of  $f$ , whenever  $1 < \bar{q} \leq q < \infty$ . The characterization of the pairs  $(u, v)$  for (1.1) to hold in the case  $1 < q < \bar{q} < \infty$  has been recently completed by Ortega and Ramírez ([4]), who have also characterized the weak type inequality

$$\|Pf\|_{p,\infty;u,q} \leq C \|f\|_{\bar{p},v,\bar{q}'}$$

where 
$$\|g\|_{p,\infty;u,q} = \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \|g\mathcal{X}_{(n,n+1)}\|_{p,\infty,u}^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

There are several articles dealing with the boundedness in weighted amalgams of other operators different from Hardy's one. Specifically, Carton-Lebrun, Heinig, and Hoffmann studied in [3] weighted inequalities in amalgams for the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator as well as for some integral operators with kernel  $K(x, y)$  increasing in the second variable and decreasing in the first one. On the other hand, Rakotondrasimba ([5]) characterized some weighted inequalities in amalgams (corresponding to the cases  $1 < \bar{p} \leq p < \infty$  and  $1 < \bar{q} \leq q < \infty$ ) for the fractional maximal operators and the fractional integrals. Finally, the authors characterized in [6] the weighted inequalities for some generalized Hardy operators, including the fractional integrals of order greater than one, in all cases  $1 < p, \bar{p}, q, \bar{q} < \infty$ , extending also results due to Heinig and Kufner [7].

Analyzing the results in the articles cited above, one can see some common features that lead to explore the possibility of giving a general theorem characterizing the boundedness in weighted amalgams of a wide family of positive operators, and providing, in such a way, a unified approach to the subject. This is the purpose of this article.

**2. The results**

We consider an operator  $T$  acting on real measurable functions  $f$  of one real variable and define a sequence  $\{T_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  of local operators by

$$T_n f(x) = T(f\mathcal{X}_{(n-1,n+2)})(x) \quad x \in (n-1, n+2).$$

We assume that there exists a discrete operator  $T^d$ , i.e., which transforms sequences of real numbers in sequences of real numbers, verifying the following conditions:

- (i) There exists  $C > 0$  such that for all non-negative functions  $f$ , all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and all  $x \in (n, n+1)$ , the inequality

$$T(f\mathcal{X}_{(-\infty,n-1)} + f\mathcal{X}_{(n+2,\infty)})(x) \leq CT^d \left( \left\{ \int_{m-1}^m f \right\} \right) (n) \tag{2.1}$$

holds.

- (ii) There exists  $C > 0$  such that for all sequences  $\{a_k\}$  of non-negative real numbers and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the inequality

$$T^d(\{a_k\})(n) \leq CTf(y), \tag{2.2}$$

holds for all  $y \in (n, n+1)$  and all non-negative  $f$  such that  $\int_{m-1}^m f = a_m$  for all  $m$ .

We also assume that  $T$  verifies  $Tf = T|f|$ ,  $T(\lambda f) = |\lambda| Tf$ ,  $T(f+g)(x) \leq Tf(x) + Tg(x)$  and  $Tf(x) \leq Tg(x)$  if  $0 \leq f(x) \leq g(x)$ .

We will say that an operator  $T$  verifying all the above conditions is admissible.

There is a number of important admissible operators in Analysis. For instance: Hardy operators, Hardy-Littlewood maximal operators, Riemann-Liouville, and Weyl fractional integral operators, maximal fractional operators, etc.

Our main result is the following one:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $1 < p, q, \bar{p}, \bar{q} < \infty$ . Let  $u$  and  $v$  be positive locally integrable functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $T$  be an admissible operator. Then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that the inequality*

$$\|Tf\|_{p,u,q} \leq C \|f\|_{\bar{p},v,\bar{q}} \tag{2.3}$$

holds for all measurable functions  $f$  if and only if the following conditions hold:

(i)  $T^d$  is bounded from  $\ell^{\bar{q}}(\{v_n\})$  to  $\ell^q(\{u_n\})$ , where  $v_n = \left(\int_{n-1}^n v^{1-\bar{p}'}\right)^{-\frac{\bar{q}}{\bar{p}'}}$  and

$$u_n = \left(\int_n^{n+1} u\right)^{\frac{q}{p}}$$

(ii) (a)  $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \|T_n\|_{(L^{\bar{p}}(v), L^p(u))} < \infty$  in the case  $1 < \bar{q} \leq q < \infty$ .

(b)  $\{\|T_n\|_{(L^{\bar{p}}(v), L^p(u))}\} \in \ell^s$ , with  $\frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\bar{q}}$ , in the case  $1 < q < \bar{q} < \infty$ .

The proof of Theorem 1 is contained in Sect. 3.

Working as in Theorem 1, we can also prove the following weak type result:

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $1 < p, q, \bar{p}, \bar{q} < \infty$ . Let  $u$  and  $v$  be positive locally integrable functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $T$  be an admissible operator. Then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that the inequality*

$$\|Tf\|_{p,\infty,u,q} \leq C \|f\|_{\bar{p},v,\bar{q}} \tag{2.4}$$

holds for all measurable functions  $f$  if and only if the following conditions hold:

(i)  $T^d$  is bounded from  $\ell^{\bar{q}}(\{v_n\})$  to  $\ell^q(\{u_n\})$ , with  $v_n$  and  $u_n$  defined as in Theorem 1.

(ii) (a)  $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \|T_n\|_{(L^{\bar{p}}(v), L^{p,\infty}(u))} < \infty$  in the case  $1 < \bar{q} \leq q < \infty$ .

(b)  $\{\|T_n\|_{(L^{\bar{p}}(v), L^{p,\infty}(u))}\} \in \ell^s$ , with  $\frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\bar{q}}$ , in the case  $1 < q < \bar{q} < \infty$ .

If conditions on the weights  $u, v$ , and  $\{u_n\}, \{v_n\}$  characterizing the boundedness of the operators  $T_n$  and  $T^d$ , respectively, are available in the literature, we immediately obtain, by applying Theorems 1 and 2, conditions guaranteeing the boundedness of  $T$  between the weighted amalgams. In this sense, our result includes, as particular cases, most of the results cited above from the papers [3-7], as well as other corresponding to operators whose behavior on weighted amalgams has not been studied yet.

Thus, if  $M^-$  is the one-sided Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator defined by

$$M^-f(x) = \sup_{h>0} \frac{1}{h} \int_{x-h}^x |f|,$$

we have:

(i) The discrete operator  $(M^-)^d$ , defined by

$$(M^-)^d(\{a_n\})(j) = \sup_{k \leq j-1} \frac{1}{j-k} \sum_{i=k}^{j-1} |a_i|,$$

verifies conditions (2.1) and (2.2).

(ii) The local operators  $M_n^-$  are defined by

$$M_n^- f(x) = \sup_{0 < h \leq x-n+1} \frac{1}{h} \int_{x-h}^x |f|, \quad x \in (n-1, n+2).$$

(iii) If  $p = \bar{p}$  and  $q = \bar{q}$ , there are well-known conditions on the weights  $u, v$ , and  $\{u_n\}, \{v_n\}$  that characterize the boundedness of  $M_n^-$  and  $(M^-)^d$  (see, for instance [8-10]).

Therefore, we obtain the following result:

**Theorem 3.** *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $M^-$  is bounded from  $(L^p(w), \ell^q)$  to  $(L^p(w), \ell^q)$ .
- (ii)  $M^-$  is bounded from  $(L^p(w), \ell^q)$  to  $(L^{p,\infty}(w), \ell^q)$ .
- (iii) The next conditions hold simultaneously:
  - (a)  $w \in A_{p,(n-1,n+2)}^-$  for all  $n$ , uniformly, and
  - (b) the pair  $(\{u_n\}, \{v_n\})$  verifies the discrete Sawyer's condition  $S_q^-$ , i.e., there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{j=r}^k ((M^-)^d(\{v_n^{1-q'}\}))^q(j) u_j \leq C \sum_{j=r}^k v_j^{1-q'},$$

for all  $r, k \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $r \leq k$ .

We can state a similar result for the one-sided maximal operator  $M^+$ . In this case, the operator  $(M^+)^d$  defined by

$$(M^+)^d(\{a_n\})(j) = \sup_{k \geq j+3} \frac{1}{k-j-2} \sum_{i=j+3}^k |a_i|,$$

verifies conditions (2.1) and (2.2). The theorem is the next one:

**Theorem 4.** *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $M^+$  is bounded from  $(L^p(w), \ell^q)$  to  $(L^p(w), \ell^q)$ .
- (ii)  $M^+$  is bounded from  $(L^p(w), \ell^q)$  to  $(L^{p,\infty}(w), \ell^q)$ .
- (iii) The next conditions hold simultaneously:
  - (a)  $w \in A_{p,(n-1,n+2)}^+$  for all  $n$ , uniformly, and
  - (b) the pair  $(\{u_n\}, \{v_{n-3}\})$  verifies the discrete Sawyer's condition  $S_q^+$ , i.e., there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{j=r}^k ((M^+)^d(\{v_n^{1-q'}\}))^q(j) u_j \leq C \sum_{j=r}^k v_j^{1-q'},$$

for all  $r, k \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $r \leq k$ .

If  $M$  is the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator, defined by

$$Mf(x) = \sup_{x \in I} \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I |f|,$$

then  $M$  is admissible, with  $M^d(\{a_n\})(j) = \sup_{r \leq j \leq k} \frac{1}{k-r+1} \sum_{i=r}^k |a_i|$ , and there are well-known results, due to Muckenhoupt ([11]) and Sawyer ([12]), which characterize the boundedness of  $M$  in weighted Lebesgue spaces. Applying Theorems 1 and 2, we get the following result:

**Theorem 5.** *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $M$  is bounded from  $(L^p(w), \ell^q)$  to  $(L^p(w), \ell^q)$ .
- (ii)  $M$  is bounded from  $(L^p(w), \ell^q)$  to  $(L^{p,\infty}(w), \ell^q)$ .
- (iii) The next conditions hold simultaneously:
  - (a)  $w \in A_{p,(n-1,n+2)}$  for all  $n$ , uniformly, and
  - (b) the pair  $(\{u_n\}, \{v_n\})$  verifies the discrete two-sided Sawyer's condition  $S_q$ , i.e., there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{j=r}^k (M^d(\{v_n^{1-q'}\})^q(j) u_j) \leq C \sum_{j=r}^k v_j^{1-q'}$$

for all  $r, k \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $r \leq k$ .

This result improves the one obtained by Carton-Lebrun, Heinig and Hofmann in [3], in the sense that the conditions we give are necessary and sufficient for the boundedness of the maximal operator in the amalgam  $(L^p(w), \ell^q)$ , while in [3] only sufficient conditions were given. We also prove the equivalence between the strong type inequality and the weak type inequality. The equivalence (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii) in Theorem 5 is included in Rakotonratsimba's paper [5], where the proof of the admissibility of  $M$  can also be found.

Finally, we will apply our results to the fractional maximal operator  $M_\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , defined by

$$M_\alpha f(x) = \sup_{c < x < d} \frac{1}{(d-c)^{1-\alpha}} \int_c^d |f|.$$

The proof of the admissibility of  $M_\alpha$ , with the obvious  $M_\alpha^d$ , is implied in Rakotonratsimba's paper ([5]).

Verbitsky ([13]) in the case  $1 < q < p < \infty$  and Sawyer ([12]) in the case  $1 < p \leq q < \infty$  characterized the boundedness of  $M_\alpha$  from  $L^p$  to  $L^q(w)$ . These results allow us to give necessary and sufficient conditions on the weight  $u$  for  $M_\alpha$  to be bounded from  $(L^{\bar{p}}, \ell^{\bar{q}})$  to  $(L^p(u), \ell^q)$ .

Before stating the theorem, we introduce the notation:

(i) If  $1 < \bar{q} < \infty$ , we define  $H : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$H(i) = \sup_{r \leq i \leq k} \frac{1}{(k-r+1)^{1-\alpha\bar{q}}} \sum_{j=r}^k u_j.$$

(ii) If  $1 < \bar{q} \leq q$ , we define

$$J = \sup_{r \leq k} \frac{\|\mathcal{X}_{[r,k]} M_\alpha^d(\mathcal{X}_{[r,k]})\|_{\ell^q(\{u_j\})}}{(k-r+1)^{\frac{1}{\bar{q}}}}.$$

(iii) If  $1 < \bar{p} < \infty$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we define for  $x \in (n-1, n+2)$

$$H_n(x) = \sup_{x \in I \subset (n-1, n+2)} \frac{1}{|I|^{1-\alpha\bar{p}}} \int_I u.$$

(iv) If  $1 < \bar{p} < p$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we define

$$J_n = \sup_{I \subset (n-1, n+2)} \frac{\|\mathcal{X}_I M_\alpha(\mathcal{X}_I)\|_{L^p(u)}}{|I|^{\frac{1}{\bar{p}}}}.$$

The result reads as follows.

**Theorem 6.**  $M_\alpha$  is bounded from  $(L^{\bar{p}}, \ell^{\bar{q}})$  to  $(L^p(u), \ell^q)$  if and only if

- (i) in the case  $1 < \bar{p} \leq p < \infty$  and  $1 < \bar{q} \leq q < \infty$ ,  $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} J_n < \infty$  and  $J < \infty$ ;
- (ii) in the case  $1 < p < \bar{p} < \infty$  and  $1 < \bar{q} \leq q < \infty$ ,  $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \|H_n\|_{L^{\frac{p}{p-\bar{p}}}(u)} < \infty$  and  $J < \infty$ ;
- (iii) in the case  $1 < \bar{p} \leq p < \infty$  and  $1 < q < \bar{q} < \infty$ ,  $\{J_n\}_n \in \ell^s$ , where  $\frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\bar{q}}$ , and  $H \in \ell^{\frac{q}{\bar{q}-q}}(\{u_j\})$ ;
- (iv) in the case  $1 < p < \bar{p} < \infty$  and  $1 < q < \bar{q} < \infty$ ,  $\|H_n\|_{L^{\frac{p}{p-\bar{p}}}(u)} \in \ell^s$  and  $H \in \ell^{\frac{q}{\bar{q}-q}}(\{u_j\})$ .

### 3. Proof of Theorem 1

Let us suppose that the inequality (2.3) holds. Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and let  $f$  be a non-negative function supported in  $(n-1, n+2)$ . Then, on one hand,

$$\|f\|_{\bar{p}, v, \bar{q}} = \left\{ \left( \int_{n-1}^n f^{\bar{p}} v \right)^{\frac{\bar{q}}{\bar{p}}} + \left( \int_n^{n+1} f^{\bar{p}} v \right)^{\frac{\bar{q}}{\bar{p}}} + \left( \int_{n+1}^{n+2} f^{\bar{p}} v \right)^{\frac{\bar{q}}{\bar{p}}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{\bar{q}}} \leq C_{\bar{p}, \bar{q}} \left( \int_{n-1}^{n+2} f^{\bar{p}} v \right)^{\frac{1}{\bar{p}}},$$

and, on the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tf\|_{p,u,q} &\geq \left\{ \left( \int_{n-1}^n (Tf)^p u \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} + \left( \int_n^{n+1} (Tf)^p u \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} + \left( \int_{n+1}^{n+2} (Tf)^p u \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\geq C_{p,q} \left( \int_{n-1}^{n+2} (Tf)^p u \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\geq C_{p,q} \left( \int_{n-1}^{n+2} (T_n f)^p u \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= C_{p,q} \|T_n f\|_{p,u}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (2.3),  $T_n$  is bounded and  $\|T_n\|_{(L^{\bar{p}}(v), L^p(u))} \leq C$ , where  $C$  is a positive constant independent of  $n$ . Then (ii)a holds independently of the relationship between  $q$  and  $\bar{q}$ . Let us prove that if  $1 < q < \bar{q} < \infty$ , then (ii)b also holds.

It is well known that  $\|T_n\|_{(L^{\bar{p}}(v), L^p(u))} = \sup_{\{f: \|f\|_{L^{\bar{p}}(v)}=1\}} \|T_n f\|_{L^p(u)}$ . Therefore, for each  $n$  there exists a non-negative measurable function  $f_n$ , with support in  $(n - 1, n + 2)$  and with  $\|f_n\|_{(L^{\bar{p}}(v), (n-1, n+2))} = 1$ , such that  $\|T_n\|_{(L^{\bar{p}}(v), L^p(u))} < \|T_n f_n\|_{L^p(u)} + \frac{1}{2|n|}$ .

Since  $\left\{ \frac{1}{2|n|} \right\} \in \ell^s$ , to prove that  $\{\|T_n\|_{(L^{\bar{p}}(v), L^p(u))}\} \in \ell^s$  it suffices to see that  $\{\|T_n f_n\|_{L^p(u)}\} \in \ell^s$ .

Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence of non-negative real numbers and  $f = \sum_n a_n f_n$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $f(x) \geq a_n f_n(x)$  and then  $Tf(x) \geq a_n T_n f_n(x)$  for all  $x \in (n - 1, n + 2)$ . Thus,

$$\|Tf\|_{p,u,q} \geq C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_{n-1}^{n+2} a_n^p (T_n f_n)^p u \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} = C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^q \|T_n f_n\|_{L^p(u)}^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

Then, from (2.3) we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^q \|T_n f_n\|_{L^p(u)}^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_{n-1}^{n+2} f_n^{\bar{p}} v \right)^{\frac{\bar{q}}{\bar{p}}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{\bar{q}}} \\ &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{\bar{q}} \left( \int_{n-1}^{n+2} f_n^{\bar{p}} v \right)^{\frac{\bar{q}}{\bar{p}}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{\bar{q}}} \\ &= C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{\bar{q}} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

This means that the identity operator is bounded from  $\ell^{\bar{q}}$  to  $\ell^q \left( \left\{ \|T_n f_n\|_{L^p(u)}^q \right\} \right)$ . Then  $\{\|T_n f_n\|_{L^p(u)}\} \in \ell^s$ , by applying the following lemma (see [4]).

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $1 < q < \bar{q} < \infty$  and  $\frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{\bar{q}}$ . Suppose that  $\{u_n\}$  and  $\{v_n\}$  are sequences of positive real numbers. The following statements are equivalent:*

(i) *There exists  $C > 0$  such that the inequality*

$$\left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (|a_n| u_n)^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (|a_n| v_n)^{\bar{q}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{\bar{q}}}$$

*holds for all sequences  $\{a_n\}$  of real numbers.*

(ii) *The sequence  $\{u_n v_n^{-1}\}$  belongs to the space  $\ell^s$ .*

On the other hand, let us prove that (i) holds. If  $\{a_m\}$  is a sequence of non-negative real numbers and

$$f = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} a_m \chi_{(m-1, m)} \left( \int_{m-1}^m v^{1-\bar{p}'} \right)^{-1} v^{1-\bar{p}'},$$

then  $\int_{m-1}^m f = a_m$ ,  $\int_{m-1}^m f^{\bar{p}} v = a_m^{\bar{p}} \left( \int_{m-1}^m v^{1-\bar{p}'} \right)^{1-\bar{p}}$  and by the properties of the operator  $T$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tf\|_{p,u,q} &= \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_n^{n+1} (Tf)^p(x) u(x) \, dx \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\geq C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_n^{n+1} T^d \left( \left\{ \int_{m-1}^m f \right\} \right)^p (n) u(x) \, dx \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} T^d(\{a_m\})^q(n) \left( \int_n^{n+1} u(x) \, dx \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \|T^d\{a_m\}\|_{\ell^q\{u_n\}}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying (2.3) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^d\{a_m\}\|_{\ell^q(\{u_n\})} &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_n^{n+1} f^{\bar{p}} v \right)^{\frac{\bar{q}}{\bar{p}}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{\bar{q}}} \\ &= C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{\bar{q}} \left( \int_{n-1}^n v^{1-\bar{p}'} \right)^{-\frac{\bar{q}}{\bar{p}'}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{\bar{q}}} \\ &= \|a_n\|_{\ell^{\bar{q}}(\{v_n\})}, \end{aligned}$$

which means that the discrete operator  $T^d$  is bounded from  $\ell^{\bar{q}}(\{v_n\})$  to  $\ell^q(\{u_n\})$ , as we wished to prove.

Conversely, let us suppose that (i) and (ii) hold. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tf\|_{p,u,q} &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_n^{n+1} (Tf\chi_{(-\infty, n-1)} + f\chi_{(n+2, \infty)})^p u \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\quad + C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_n^{n+1} (Tf\chi_{(n-1, n+2)})^p u \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (T^d(\{a_m\})(n))^q \left( \int_n^{n+1} u \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\quad + C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_n^{n+1} (Tnf)^p u \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= C(I_1 + I_2), \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_m = \int_{m-1}^m f$ .

Applying that  $T^d$  is bounded from  $\ell^{\bar{q}}(\{v_n\})$  to  $\ell^q(\{u_n\})$  and Hölder inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1 &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n^{\bar{q}} \left( \int_{u-1}^n v^{1-\bar{p}'} \right)^{-\frac{\bar{q}}{\bar{p}'}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{\bar{q}}} \\
 &= C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_{u-1}^n f \right)^{\bar{q}} \left( \int_{u-1}^n v^{1-\bar{p}'} \right)^{-\frac{\bar{q}}{\bar{p}'}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{\bar{q}}} \\
 &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_{u-1}^n f^{\bar{p}} v \right)^{\frac{\bar{q}}{\bar{p}}} \left( \int_{u-1}^n v^{1-\bar{p}'} \right)^{\frac{\bar{q}}{\bar{p}'}} \left( \int_{u-1}^n v^{1-\bar{p}'} \right)^{-\frac{\bar{q}}{\bar{p}'}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{\bar{q}}} \\
 &= C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_{u-1}^n f^{\bar{p}} v \right)^{\frac{\bar{q}}{\bar{p}}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{\bar{q}}} \\
 &= C \|f\|_{\bar{p}, v, \bar{q}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we estimate  $I_2$ . If  $1 < \bar{q} \leq q < \infty$ , since (ii)a holds, we know that the operators  $T_n$  are uniformly bounded from  $L^{\bar{p}}(u, (n - 1, n + 2))$  to  $L^{\bar{p}}(v, (n - 1, n + 2))$  and then

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &\leq \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_{u-1}^{n+2} (T_n f)^p u \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
 &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_{u-1}^{n+2} f^{\bar{p}} v \right)^{\frac{q}{\bar{p}}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
 &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_{u-1}^{n+2} f^{\bar{p}} v \right)^{\frac{\bar{q}}{\bar{p}}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{\bar{q}}} \\
 &\leq C \|f\|_{\bar{p}, v, \bar{q}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us suppose, finally, that  $1 < q < \bar{q} < \infty$ . Then (ii)b holds and, therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_{n-1}^{n+2} T_n f^p u \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
 &\leq C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (\|T_n\|_{(L^{\bar{p}}(v), L^p(u))})^q \left( \int_{n-1}^{n+2} f^{\bar{p}} v \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
 &\leq C \left\{ \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_{n-1}^{n+2} f^{\bar{p}} v \right)^{\frac{\bar{q}}{p}} \right)^{\frac{q}{\bar{q}}} \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (\|T_n\|_{(L^{\bar{p}}(v), L^p(u))})^{\frac{q\bar{q}}{\bar{q}-q}} \right)^{\frac{\bar{q}-q}{\bar{q}}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
 &= C \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \int_{n-1}^{n+2} f^{\bar{p}} v \right)^{\frac{\bar{q}}{p}} \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (\|T_n\|_{(L^{\bar{p}}(v), L^p(u))})^s \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \\
 &\leq C \|f\|_{\bar{p}, v, \bar{q}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This finishes the proof of the theorem.

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