

# Multiplication Operators on Weighted Grand Lorentz Spaces with Various Properties

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*Abstract:* - The concept of Lebesgue space has been generalized to the grand Lebesgue space with non-weight and weight, and the classical Lorentz space concept has been generalized to grand Lorentz spaces with a similar logic. In this study, instead of using rearrangement for a measurable function, weighted Grand Lorentz spaces are defined by using the maximal function  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  where the weight function is measurable, complex valued, and locally bounded. In addition, multiplication operators on weighted grand Lorentz spaces are defined and the fundamental properties of these operators such as boundedness, closed range, invertibility, compactness, and closedness are characterized.

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## 1 Introduction

Iwaniec and Sbordone generalized the concept of Lebesgue spaces and introduced a new space of measurable, almost everywhere equal integrable function classes, which they called grand Lebesgue spaces. According to [12], grand Lebesgue spaces are the space of equivalence classes of all measurable functions defined on  $(0,1)$  and denoted by  $L^p$  with  $1 < p < \infty$ . For any  $f \in L^p$ , the function

$$\|f\|_p = \sup_{0 < \varepsilon < p-1} \left( \varepsilon \int_0^1 |f(x)|^{p-\varepsilon} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p-\varepsilon}}$$

defines a norm on  $L^p$  and makes the space a Banach function space. Also  $L^p \subset L^p \subset L^{p-\varepsilon}$  if  $0 < \varepsilon \leq p-1$ . New results on grand Lebesgue spaces can be observed in current studies, [8], [10], [14], [15], [16], [21], [22], [27]. Presented in terms of the Jacobian integrability problem, these works have proven useful in various applications of partial differential equations and variational problems, where they are used in the study of maximum functions, extrapolation theory, etc. The harmonic analysis of these spaces, and the related small Lebesgue spaces, has been intensively developed in recent years and continues to attract the attention of researchers due to various applications.

Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $w$  be a weight function. Weighted grand Lebesgue spaces denoted by  $L_w^p$  are the space of measurable functions defined on  $(0,1)$  such that

$$\|f\|_{p,w} = \sup_{0 < \varepsilon < p-1} \left( \varepsilon \int_0^1 |f(x)|^{p-\varepsilon} w(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p-\varepsilon}}$$

is finite for any  $f \in L_w^p$ . These spaces were defined in the study, [9], and they also examined the boundedness of the maximal operator on the space  $L_w^p$  in there. The boundedness of the Riesz potential on weighted grand Lebesgue spaces is characterized in [16]. In addition to these, the classical weighted Lorentz and grand Lorentz spaces were compared and the boundedness of the maximal operator was examined in [7], [25]. The basic properties of grand Lorentz sequence spaces and the multiplication operators on these spaces are examined in [24].

Let  $(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  and  $(Y, \Gamma, \nu)$  be two  $\sigma$ -finite measure spaces. A measurable transformation  $T: Y \rightarrow X$  is said to be non-singular if  $\nu(T^{-1}(A)) = 0$ , whenever  $A \in \Sigma$  with  $\mu(A) = 0$ . In this case, we write  $\nu \circ T^{-1} \ll \mu$ . Let  $u: Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a measurable function. Then, the linear transformation

$$W = W_{u,T} : L(X, \Sigma, \mu) \rightarrow L(Y, \Gamma, \nu)$$

is defined as

$$W(f)(x) = W_{u,T}(f)(x) = u(T(x)) \cdot f(T(x))$$

for all  $x \in Y$  and for each  $f \in L(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  where  $L(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  and  $L(Y, \Gamma, \nu)$  are the linear spaces of all  $\mu$ -measurable and  $\nu$ -measurable functions on  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Here, the non-singularity of  $T$  guarantees that the operator  $W$  is well defined as a mapping of equivalence classes of functions. In the case when  $W$  maps  $L(\mu)$  into  $L(\nu)$ , we call  $W = W_{u,T}$  a weighted composition operator induced by the pair  $(u, T)$ . If  $u \equiv 1$ , then  $W \equiv C_T$  is called a composition operator induced by  $T$ . If  $T$  is the identity mapping, then  $W \equiv M_u: f \rightarrow u \cdot f$  is a multiplication operator induced by  $u$ .

These operators are simple but have a wide range of applications in ergodic theory, dynamical systems, etc. The studies of (weighted) composition and multiplication operators have a very long history in Mathematics. From books on functional analysis and papers related to these operators, one can learn many properties of these operators on various function spaces including Lebesgue and Lorentz spaces. The study of these operators acting on Lebesgue and Lorentz spaces has been made in [5], [11], [13], [19], [20], [28], [29], [30], [1], [2], [3], [17], [18], respectively.

## 2 Preliminaries

Throughout the paper  $X = (X, \Sigma, \mu)$  will stand a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space,  $L(\mu)$  will denote the linear space of all equivalence classes of  $\Sigma$ -measurable functions on  $X$  and  $\chi_A$  will be used for the characteristic function of a set  $A$ . For any two non-negative expressions (i.e. functions or functionals),  $A$  and  $B$ , the symbol  $A \prec B$  means that  $A \leq cB$  for some positive constant  $c$  independent of the variables in the expressions  $A$  and  $B$ . If  $A \prec B$  and  $B \prec A$ , we write  $A \approx B$  and say that  $A$  and  $B$  are equivalent.

Let  $w$  be a weight function, i.e. a measurable, complex valued, and locally bounded function on  $X$ , satisfying  $w(x) \geq 1$  for all  $x \in X$ . Weighted Lorentz spaces or Lorentz spaces over weighted measure spaces  $L(p, q, w d\mu)$  are studied and discussed in [6], [23], by taking the measure  $w d\mu$  instead of the measure  $\mu$ . Then the distribution function  $f$  which is considered

complex-valued, measurable, and defined on the measure space  $(X, w d\mu)$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{f,w}(y) &= w\{x \in X : |f(x)| > y\} \\ &= \int_{\{x \in X : |f(x)| > y\}} w(x) d\mu(x), \quad y \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

is found. The nonnegative rearrangement  $f$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} f_w^*(t) &= \inf\{y > 0 : \lambda_{f,w}(y) \leq t\} \\ &= \sup\{y > 0 : \lambda_{f,w}(y) > t\}, \quad t \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

where we assume that  $\inf \emptyset = \infty$  and  $\sup \emptyset = 0$ . Also, the average (maximal) function of  $f$  on  $(0, \infty)$  is given by

$$f_w^{**}(t) = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f_w^*(s) ds.$$

Note that  $\lambda_{f,w}(\cdot)$ ,  $f_w^*(\cdot)$  and  $f_w^{**}(\cdot)$  are non-increasing and right continuous functions. The weighted Lorentz space  $L(p, q, w d\mu)$  is the collection of all the functions  $f$  such that  $\|f\|_{p,q}^* < \infty$ , where

$$\|f\|_{p,q,w}^* = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{q}{p} \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} [f_w^*(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, & 0 < p, q < \infty \\ \sup_{t>0} t^{\frac{1}{p}} f_w^*(t), & 0 < p < q = \infty \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

In general, however,  $\|\cdot\|_{p,q,w}^*$  is not a norm since the Minkowski inequality may fail. But by replacing  $f_w^*$  with  $f_w^{**}$  in (1), we get that  $L(p, q, w d\mu)$  is a normed space, with the functional  $\|\cdot\|_{p,q,w}$  defined by

$$\|f\|_{p,q,w} = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{q}{p} \int_0^\infty t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} [f_w^{**}(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, & 0 < p, q < \infty \\ \sup_{t>0} t^{\frac{1}{p}} f_w^{**}(t), & 0 < p < q = \infty \end{cases}.$$

If  $1 < p \leq \infty$  and  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ , then

$$\|f\|_{p,q,w}^* \leq \|f\|_{p,q,w} \leq \frac{p}{p-1} \|f\|_{p,q,w}^*$$

where the first inequality is an immediate consequence of the fact that  $f_w^* \leq f_w^{**}$  the second follows from the Hardy inequality, [4]. For more on weighted Lorentz spaces, one can refer to [6], [23], and references therein.

Using the maximal function  $f_w^{**}(\cdot)$ , instead of the nonnegative rearrangement  $f_w^*(\cdot)$  used in the definition of grand Lorentz space defined in [25], we defined the weighted grand Lorentz spaces as follows.

**Definition 1** The weighted grand Lorentz space  $L_w^{p,q}$  is the collection of all the complex-valued, measurable functions which are defined on the measure space  $((0,1), wd\mu)$  such that  $\|f\|_{p,q}^w < \infty$  where

$$\|f\|_{p,q}^w = \begin{cases} \sup_{0 < \varepsilon < q-1} \left( \frac{q}{p} \int_0^1 t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} [f_w^{**}(t)]^{q-\varepsilon} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q-\varepsilon}}, & 1 < p, q < \infty \\ \sup_{0 < t < 1} t^{\frac{1}{p}} f_w^{**}(t), & 1 < p < \infty, q = \infty \end{cases}$$

for any  $f \in L_w^{p,q}$ . In particular, if  $1 < p < \infty$  any  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ ;  $p = q = 1$  or  $p = q = \infty$ , then the normed space  $L_w^{p,q}$  is a Banach space.

### 3 Multiplication Operators

Let  $u : X \rightarrow \square$  be a measurable function such that  $u \cdot f \in L(\mu)$  whenever  $f \in L(\mu)$ . This gives rise to a linear transformation  $M_u : L(\mu) \rightarrow L(\mu)$  defined by  $M_u(f) = u \cdot f$ , where the product is pointwise. In case if  $L(\mu)$  is a topological vector space and  $M_u$  is a continuous (bounded) operator, then it is called a multiplication operator induced by  $u$ .

**Remark 1.** In general, the multiplication operators on measurable function's spaces are not injective. For example, let  $G = X - \text{supp}(u)$  where  $\text{supp}(u) = \{x \in X : u(x) \neq 0\}$ . Then  $\mu(G) > 0$  and  $(\chi_G \cdot u)(x) = \chi_G(x) \cdot u(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in X$ . This implies that  $M_u(\chi_G) = 0$  and  $\text{Ker}M_u \neq \{0\}$ . Hence  $M_u$  is not injective.

On the contrary, if  $M_u$  is injective, then  $\mu(X - \text{supp}(u))$  must be 0. If  $\mu(X - \text{supp}(u)) = 0$

and  $\mu$  is a complete measure, then  $M_u(f) = 0$  implies that  $f(x) \cdot u(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in X$  and so  $\{x \in X : f(x) \neq 0\} \subseteq X - \text{supp}(u)$  and  $f = 0$  (a.e.) on  $X$ .

**Proposition 1.** The operator  $M_u$  is injective on  $K = L_w^{p,q}(\text{supp}(u)) = \{\tilde{f} = f \chi_{\text{supp}(u)} : f \in L_w^{p,q}(X)\}$ .

*Proof.* To show that the operator  $M_u$  is injective, it is enough to show that  $\text{Ker}M_u = \{0\}$ . Indeed, if  $M_u(\tilde{f}) = 0$  with  $\tilde{f} \in K$ , then

$$\tilde{f}(x) \cdot u(x) = f(x) \cdot \chi_{\text{supp}(u)}(x) \cdot u(x) = 0$$

for all  $x \in X$ . From this, we get  $f(x) \cdot u(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \text{supp}(u)$  and so  $f(x) = 0$ . Therefore  $\tilde{f} = 0$  and  $\text{Ker}M_u = \{0\}$ .

**Theorem 1.** The linear operator  $M_u(f) = u \cdot f$  on weighted grand Lorentz spaces  $L_w^{p,q}$  is bounded for  $1 < p, q \leq \infty$  if and only if  $u$  is essentially bounded. Moreover  $\|u\|_\infty \leq \|M_u\| \leq \|u\|_\infty^{\frac{q}{p}}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f \in L_w^{p,q}$  and  $u$  is essentially bounded, i.e.  $u \in L_\infty(\mu)$ . Since  $|u(x)| \leq \|u\|_\infty$  for all  $x \in X$ , it can be written that  $|(u \cdot f)(x)| \leq \|u\|_\infty |f(x)|$  and so

$$\lambda_{M_u f, w}(y) \leq \lambda_{f, w} \left( \frac{y}{\|u\|_\infty} \right)$$

for all  $y \geq 0$ . Also, it is easy to see that  $(M_u f)_w^*(t) \leq \|u\|_\infty f_w^*(t)$  and

$$(M_u f)_w^{**}(t) \leq f_w^{**} \left( \frac{t}{\|u\|_\infty} \right).$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u(f)\|_{p,q}^w &= \sup_{0 < \varepsilon < q-1} \left( \frac{q}{p} \varepsilon \int_0^{\frac{q}{\varepsilon}-1} \left( (M_u f)^{**}(t) \right)^{q-\varepsilon} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q-\varepsilon}} \\ &\leq \sup_{0 < \varepsilon < q-1} \left( \frac{q}{p} \varepsilon \int_0^{\frac{q}{\varepsilon}-1} \left( f^* \left( \frac{t}{\|u\|_\infty} \right) \right)^{q-\varepsilon} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q-\varepsilon}} \\ &= \|u\|_\infty^{\frac{q}{p}} \sup_{0 < \varepsilon < q-1} \left( \frac{q}{p} \varepsilon \int_0^{\frac{q}{\varepsilon}-1} (f^*(t))^{q-\varepsilon} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q-\varepsilon}} \\ &= \|u\|_\infty^{\frac{q}{p}} \|f\|_{p,q}^w \end{aligned}$$

can be obtained. For  $q = \infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u f\|_{p,\infty}^w &= \sup_{0 < t < 1} t^{\frac{1}{p}} (M_u f)_w^{**}(t) \\ &\leq \sup_{0 < t < 1} t^{\frac{1}{p}} f_w^{**} \left( \frac{t}{\|u\|_\infty} \right) = \|u\|_\infty^{\frac{1}{p}} \|f\|_{p,\infty}^w \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $M_u$  is bounded for all  $1 < p, q \leq \infty$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $M_u$  is a bounded operator on weighted grand Lorentz spaces for  $1 < q < \infty$ . If  $u$  is not an essentially bounded function, then we can write a set  $G_k = \{x \in (0,1) : |u(x)| > k\}$  that has a positive measure for all  $k \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . Since the non-increasing rearrangement of the characteristic function  $\chi_{G_k}$  is

$(\chi_{G_k})_w^*(t) = \chi_{[0,w(G_k))}(t)$ , we can easily get that

$$\lambda_{\chi_{G_k},w}(y) \leq \lambda_{M_u \chi_{G_k},w}(y) \Rightarrow$$

$$(M_u \chi_{G_k})_w^*(t) \geq k (\chi_{G_k})_w^*(t)$$

and

$$(M_u \chi_{G_k})_w^{**}(t) \geq (\chi_{G_k})_w^{**} \left( \frac{t}{k} \right).$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u(\chi_{G_k})\|_{p,q}^w &= \sup_{0 < \varepsilon < q-1} \left( \frac{q}{p} \varepsilon \int_0^{\frac{q}{\varepsilon}-1} \left( (M_u(\chi_{G_k}))_w^{**}(t) \right)^{q-\varepsilon} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q-\varepsilon}} \\ &\geq \sup_{0 < \varepsilon < q-1} \left( \frac{q}{p} \varepsilon \int_0^{\frac{q}{\varepsilon}-1} \left( (k \cdot \chi_{G_k})_w^{**}(t) \right)^{q-\varepsilon} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q-\varepsilon}} \\ &= k^{\frac{q}{p}} \|\chi_{G_k}\|_{p,q}^w. \end{aligned}$$

Besides these,  $q = \infty$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u(\chi_{G_k})\|_{p,q}^w &= \sup_{0 < t < 1} t^{\frac{1}{p}} (M_u(\chi_{G_k}))_w^{**}(t) \\ &\geq \sup_{0 < t < 1} t^{\frac{1}{p}} k (\chi_{G_k})_w^{**}(t) = k^{\frac{1}{p}} \|\chi_{G_k}\|_{p,q}^w \\ &= k^{\frac{1}{p}} (q-1)w(G_k)^{\frac{q}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts the boundedness of  $M_u$ . Hence  $u$  must be essentially bounded. Now for any  $\delta > 0$ , let

$$F = \{x \in X : |u(x)| \geq \|u\|_\infty - \delta\}.$$

Then

$$\{x \in X : (\|u\|_\infty - \delta) \chi_F(x) > \lambda\} \subseteq \{x \in X : (u \cdot \chi_F)(x) > \lambda\}$$

and so  $\lambda_{(\|u\|_\infty - \delta)\chi_F,w}(y) \leq \lambda_{u\chi_F,w}(y)$ . Therefore, we get

$$(M_u(\chi_F))_w^*(t) \geq (\|u\|_\infty - \delta) (\chi_F)_w^*(t)$$

and  $\|M_u\| \geq (\|u\|_\infty - \delta)$ . As a result,  $\|M_u\| \geq \|u\|_\infty$ .

**Remark 2.** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are Banach spaces and  $T \in \mathcal{B}(X, Y)$ , then  $T$  is bounded below if and only if  $T$  is 1-1 and has a closed range. According to this knowledge, we can give the following corollaries.

**Corollary 1.**  $M_u$  has a closed range on  $L_w^{p,q}(\text{supp}(u))$  if and only if  $M_u$  is bounded below on  $L_w^{p,q}(\text{supp}(u))$ .

**Corollary 2.** If  $\mu$  is a complete measure and  $u \neq 0$  a.e., then  $M_u : L_w^{p,q}(X, \Sigma, \mu) \rightarrow L_w^{p,q}(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  has closed range if and only if  $M_u$  is bounded below on  $L_w^{p,q}(X, \Sigma, \mu)$ .

**Theorem 2.** The set of all multiplication operators on weighted grand Lorentz spaces  $L_w^{p,q}$  for  $1 < p, q < \infty$  is a maximal Abelian sub algebra of  $\mathcal{B}(L_w^{p,q}, L_w^{p,q})$ , Banach algebra of all bounded linear operators on  $L_w^{p,q}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $H = \{M_u : u \in L_\infty\}$ . Then  $H$  is a vector space under addition and scalar multiplication. Also, it is a sub algebra of  $\mathcal{B}(L_w^{p,q}, L_w^{p,q})$  according to multiplication. Let  $T$  be any operator on  $L_w^{p,q}$  such

that  $T \circ M_u = M_u \circ T$  for every  $u \in L_\infty(\mu)$  and  $e: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the unit function defined by  $e(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in X$  with  $v = Te$ . Then

$$T(\chi_E) = T(M_{\chi_E} e) = M_{\chi_E} (T(e)) = \chi_E v = M_v(\chi_E)$$

and so  $T = M_v$  for all measurable set  $E$ . If possible, the set  $G_k = \{x \in X : |v(x)| > k\}$  has a positive measure for each  $k \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , then

$$\|T(\chi_{G_k})\|_{p,q}^w = \|M_v(\chi_{G_k})\|_{p,q}^w \geq k^{\frac{q}{p}} \|\chi_{G_k}\|_{p,q}^w.$$

Therefore  $T$  is an unbounded operator that is a contradiction to the fact that  $T$  is bounded. Therefore  $v \in L_\infty(\mu)$  and  $M_v$  is bounded by Theorem 1. Now, let  $f \in L_w^{p,q}$  and  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a nondecreasing sequence of measurable simple functions such that  $\lim s_n = f$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} T(f) &= T\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T(s_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_v(s_n) \\ &= M_v \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (s_n) = M_v(f) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can conclude that  $T \in H$ .

**Corollary 3.** The multiplication operator  $M_u$  on  $L_w^{p,q}$  for  $1 < p, q < \infty$  is invertible if and only if  $u$  is invertible in  $L_\infty$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M_u$  be invertible. Then there exists a  $T \in \mathcal{B}(L_w^{p,q}, L_w^{p,q})$  such that  $T \circ M_u = M_u \circ T = I$ .

Let  $M_v \in H$ . Then  $M_u \circ M_v = M_v \circ M_u$  and

$$\begin{aligned} T \circ M_v &= T \circ M_v \circ I \\ &= T \circ M_v \circ (M_u \circ T) = (T \circ M_u) \circ M_v \circ T \\ &= I \circ M_v \circ T = M_v \circ T \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can conclude that  $T$  commute with  $M_v$  and so  $T \in H$  by Theorem 2. Then there exists a  $w \in L_\infty$  such that  $T = M_w$  and

$$M_u \circ M_w = M_w \circ M_u = I.$$

This implies that  $uw = wu = 1$  a.e, which means that  $u$  is invertible on  $L_\infty$ . On the other hand, assume that  $u$  is invertible on  $L_\infty$ , that is  $u^{-1} \in L_\infty$ . Then  $M_u \circ M_{u^{-1}} = M_{u^{-1}} \circ M_u = I$  which means that  $M_u$  is invertible on  $\mathcal{B}(L_w^{p,q}, L_w^{p,q})$ .

## 4 Compact Multiplication Operators

In this section, compact multiplication operators are characterized.

**Definition 2.** Let  $T$  be an operator on a normed space  $X$ . A subspace  $K$  of  $X$  is said to be invariant under  $T$  (or simply  $T$ -invariant) if  $T(K) \subseteq K$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $T: X \rightarrow X$  be an operator. If  $T$  is compact and  $N$  is a closed  $T$ -invariant subspace of  $X$ , then  $T|_N$  is also compact.

*Proof.* Let  $(g_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $N \subset X$ . Then compactness property of  $T$  implies that there exists a subsequence  $(g_{k_n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $(g_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $(T(g_{k_n}))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges in  $X$ . Since  $(g_{k_n}) \subset N$  and  $(T(g_{k_n}))_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset T(N)$ , then  $(T(g_{k_n}))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges on  $N$ . Hence  $T|_N$  is compact.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $M_u$  be a compact operator,  $G_\delta(u) = \{x \in X : |u(x)| \geq \delta\}$  and  $L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u)) = \{f \chi_{G_\delta(u)} : f \in L_w^{p,q}\}$  for any  $\delta > 0$ . Then  $L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))$  is a closed invariant subspace of  $L_w^{p,q}$  under  $M_u$  and  $M_u$  is a compact operator on  $L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))$ .

*Proof.* We first show that  $L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))$  is a subspace of  $L_w^{p,q}$ . Let  $\tilde{f}, \tilde{g} \in L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $\tilde{f} = f \chi_{G_\delta(u)}$  and  $\tilde{g} = g \chi_{G_\delta(u)}$  for any  $f, g \in L_w^{p,q}$ , we have

$$a\tilde{f} + b\tilde{g} = af \chi_{G_\delta(u)} + bg \chi_{G_\delta(u)} = (af + bg) \chi_{G_\delta(u)}.$$

By the definition of  $M_u: L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u)) \rightarrow L_w^{p,q}(X)$ , we have  $M_u(\tilde{f}) = u\tilde{f} = u \cdot f \chi_{G_\delta(u)}$ . Therefore

$L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))$  is an invariant subspace of  $L_w^{p,q}(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  under  $M_u$ . Now, let us show that  $\overline{L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))} \subset L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))$ . Let  $\tilde{g} \in \overline{L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))}$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\tilde{g}_k$  in  $L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))$  such that  $\tilde{g}_k \rightarrow \tilde{g}$  where  $\tilde{g}_k = g_k \chi_{G_\delta(u)}$  for each

$k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\tilde{g}_k$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))$ , it can be written that for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\|\tilde{g}_k - \tilde{g}_r\|_{p,q}^w < \varepsilon$  for all  $k, r > k_0$ . Hence for all  $k, r > k_0$ , we can find a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\delta(g_k - g_r) \leq (g_k - g_r) \chi_{G_\delta(u)}$$

and

$$\delta(g_k - g_r)_w^*(t) \leq (g_k - g_r)_w^*(t) \chi_{[0, w(G_\delta(u))]}(t).$$

Then,

$\|g_k - g_r\|_{p,q}^w \leq w(G_\delta(u))^{\frac{q}{p}} (q-1) \delta^{\frac{q}{p}} \|\tilde{g}_k - \tilde{g}_r\|_{p,q}^w$  can be written. Therefore  $\{g_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is also a Cauchy sequence in  $L_w^{p,q}$ . Since  $L_w^{p,q}$  is a Banach space, we can write that  $g_k \rightarrow g$  for an element  $g \in L_w^{p,q}$ . Thus, we have

$$\|g_k \chi_{G_\delta(u)} - g \chi_{G_\delta(u)}\|_{p,q}^w \leq \|g_k - g\|_{p,q}^w$$

and  $\tilde{g}_k \rightarrow \tilde{g}$ . Consequently  $\tilde{g} \in L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))$  and  $M_u|_{L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))}$  is a compact operator by Lemma 1.

**Theorem 5.** A multiplication operator  $M_u$  on  $L_w^{p,q}$  is compact if and only if  $L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))$  is finite dimensional for each  $\delta > 0$ , where  $G_\delta(u)$  and  $L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))$  as in Theorem 4.

*Proof.* If  $M_u$  is a compact operator, then  $L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))$  is a closed invariant subspace of  $L_w^{p,q}$  under  $M_u$  and  $M_u|_{L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))}$  is a compact operator by Theorem 4. Let's take any  $x \in X$ . If  $x \notin G_\delta(u)$  then for each  $f \in L_w^{p,q}$ , we can obtain  $(M_u|_{L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))}(f))^*(t) = (u \cdot f \chi_{G_\delta(u)})^*(t) = 0$  and so  $M_u|_{L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))} = 0$ . If  $x \in G_\delta(u)$ , then we have  $|u(x)| \geq \delta$  and  $|(u \cdot f \chi_{G_\delta(u)})(x)| \geq \delta |(f \chi_{G_\delta(u)})(x)|$ ,  $\lambda_{f \chi_{G_\delta(u)}, w} \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) \leq \lambda_{(u \cdot f \chi_{G_\delta(u)}), w}(y)$ . Therefore

$$\left\{y > 0 : \lambda_{(u \cdot f \chi_{G_\delta(u)}), w}(y) \leq t\right\} \subset \left\{y > 0 : \lambda_{f \chi_{G_\delta(u)}, w} \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right) \leq t\right\}$$

for all  $t > 0$ . By using this, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \cdot (f \chi_{G_\delta(u)})_w^*(t) &\leq (u \cdot f \chi_{G_\delta(u)})_w^*(t) \Rightarrow \\ \delta \cdot (f \chi_{G_\delta(u)})_w^{**}(t) &\leq (u \cdot f \chi_{G_\delta(u)})_w^{**}(t) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|M_u(f \chi_{G_\delta(u)})\|_{p,q}^w &= \sup_{0 < \varepsilon < q-1} \left( \frac{q}{p} \varepsilon \int_0^1 t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} \left( (M_u(f \chi_{G_\delta(u)}))_w^{**}(t) \right)^{q-\varepsilon} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q-\varepsilon}} \\ &\geq \sup_{0 < \varepsilon < q-1} \left( \frac{q}{p} \varepsilon \int_0^1 t^{\frac{q}{p}-1} \left( \delta \cdot (f \chi_{G_\delta(u)})_w^{**}(t) \right)^{q-\varepsilon} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q-\varepsilon}} \\ &\geq \delta \cdot \|f \chi_{G_\delta(u)}\|_{p,q}^w. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, in either case  $M_u|_{L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))}$  has a closed range in  $L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))$  and invertible. Being compact implies that  $L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))$  is finite dimensional.

Conversely, suppose that  $L_w^{p,q}(G_\delta(u))$  is finite dimensional for each  $\delta > 0$ . In particular,  $L_w^{p,q}(G_{1/n}(u))$  is finite dimensional for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Define a sequence  $u_n : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as

$$u_n(x) = \begin{cases} u(x), & |u(x)| \geq 1/n \\ 0, & |u(x)| < 1/n \end{cases}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $u \in L_\infty$ , it's easy to see that  $u_n \in L_\infty$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Moreover for any  $f \in L_w^{p,q}$ ,

$$\lambda_{(u_n - u) \cdot f, w}(y) = w\left(\{x \in X : |(u_n - u)f)(x)| > y\}\right)$$

and

$$((u_n - u)f)_w^*(t) = \inf\left\{y > 0 : \lambda_{(u_n - u) \cdot f, w}(y) \leq t\right\}.$$

If  $x \in G_{1/n}(u)$  then  $((u_n - u)f)_w^*(t) = 0$  and  $(u_n - u)f = 0$ . If  $x \notin G_{1/n}(u)$ , then we get

$$((u_n - u)f)_w^*(t) \leq \frac{1}{n} f_w^*(t) \Rightarrow ((u_n - u)f)_w^{**}(t) \leq \frac{1}{n} f_w^{**}(t)$$

and  $\|M_{(u_n-u)}(f)\|_{p,q}^w \leq \frac{1}{n}\|f\|_{p,q}^w$ . This implies that  $M_{u_n}$  converges to  $M_u$  uniformly. Since  $L_w^{p,q}\left(G_{\frac{1}{n}}(u)\right)$  is finite-dimensional,  $M_{u_n}$  is a finite rank operator. Therefore,  $M_{u_n}$  is a compact operator's sequence and so  $M_u$  is.

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