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# Some Orlicz norms inequalities for the composite operator $T \circ d \circ H$

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## Abstract

In this article, we first establish the local inequality for the composite operator  $T \circ d \circ H$  with Orlicz norms. Then, we extend the local result to the global case in the  $L^{\phi}(\mu)$ -averaging domains.

**Keywords:** composite operator, Orlicz norms, L<sup>\$\phi\_{\vee}\$</sup> (?\mu?)-averaging domains

## **1** Introduction

Recently as generalizations of the functions, differential forms have been widely used in many fields, such as potential theory, partial differential equations, quasiconformal mappings, and nonlinear analysis; see [1-4]. With the development of the theory of quasiconformal mappings and other relevant theories, a series of results about the solutions to different versions of the A-harmonic equation have been found; see [5-9]. Especially, the research on the inequalities of the various operators and their compositions applied to the solutions to different sorts of the A-harmonic equation has made great progress [5]. The inequalities equipped with the  $L^p$ -norm for differential forms have been very well studied. However, the inequalities with Orlicz norms have not been fully developed [9,10]. Also, both  $L^p$ -norms and Orlicz norms of differential forms depend on the type of the integral domains. Since Staples introduced the  $L^s$ -averaging domains in 1989, several kinds of domains have been developed successively, including  $L^s(\mu)$ -averaging domains, see [11-13]. In 2004, Ding [14] put forward the concept of the  $L^{\phi}(\mu)$ -averaging domains, which is considered as an extension of the other domains involved above and specified later.

The homotopy operator T, the exterior derivative operator d, and the projection operator H are three important operators in differential forms; for the first two operators play critical roles in the general decomposition of differential forms [15] while the latter in the Hodge decomposition [16]. This article contributes primarily to the Orlicz norm inequalities for the composite operator  $T \circ d \circ H$  applied to the solutions of the nonhomogeneous A-harmonic equation.

In this article, we first introduce some essential notation and definitions. Unless otherwise indicated, we always use  $\Theta$  to denote a bounded convex domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $n \ge 2$ ), and let O be a ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $\rho O$  denote the ball with the same center as O and  $diam(\rho O) = \rho diam(O)$ ,  $\rho > 0$ . We say v is a weight if  $v \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and v > 0 a.e; see [17]. |D| is used to denote the Lebesgue measure of a set  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , and the measure  $\mu$ 



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is defined by  $d\mu = v(x)dx$ . We use  $||f||_{s,O}$  for  $(\int_O |f|^s dx)^{\frac{1}{s}}$  and  $||f||_{s,O,v}$  for  $(\int_O |f|^s v(x) dx)^{\frac{1}{s}}$ .

Let  $[5,15]\Lambda^{\ell} = \Lambda^{\ell}$  ( $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ ),  $\ell = 0, 1,..., n$ , be the linear space of all  $\ell$ -forms  $h(x) = \sum_{J} h_{J}(x) dx_{J} = \sum_{J} h_{j_{1}j_{2}...j_{\ell}}(x) dx_{j_{1}} \wedge dx_{j_{2}} \cdots \wedge dx_{j_{\ell}}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ , where  $J = (j_{1}, j_{2},..., j_{\ell}), 1 \leq j_{1} < j_{2} < ... < j_{\ell} \leq n, \ell = 0, 1,..., n$ , are the ordered  $\ell$ -tuples. The Grassman algebra  $\Lambda^{\ell}$  is a graded algebra with respect to the exterior products. For  $\alpha = \sum_{J} \alpha_{J} dx_{J} \in \Lambda^{\ell}$  ( $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ ) and  $\beta = \sum_{J} \beta_{J} dx_{J} \in \Lambda^{\ell}$  ( $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ ), the inner product in  $\Lambda^{\ell}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$  is given by  $\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle = \sum_{J} \alpha_{J} \beta_{J}$  with summation over all  $\ell$ -tuples  $J = (j_{1}, j_{2}, ..., j_{\ell}), \ell = 0, 1,..., n$ . Let  $C^{\infty}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})$  be the set of infinitely differentiable  $\ell$ -forms on  $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^{n}$ ,  $D'(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})$  the space of all differential  $\ell$ -forms in  $\Theta$  and  $L^{s}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})$  the set of the  $\ell$ -forms in  $\Theta$  satisfying  $\int_{\Theta} (\sum_{J} |\omega_{J}(x)|^{2})^{\frac{s}{2}} dx < \infty$  for all ordered  $\ell$ -tuples J. The exterior derivative  $d: D'(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell}) \to D'(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell+1}), \ell = 0, 1,..., n - 1$ , is given by

$$d\hbar(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j} \frac{\partial \omega_{j_1 j_2 \cdots j_\ell}(x)}{\partial x_i} dx_i \wedge dx_{j_1} \wedge dx_{j_2} \cdots \wedge dx_{j_\ell}$$
(1.1)

for all  $\hbar \in D'(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})$ , and the Hodge codifferential operator  $d^{\star}$  is defined as  $d^{\star} = (-1)^{n\ell+1} \star d\star : D'(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell+1}) \to D'(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})$ , where  $\star$  is the Hodge star operator.

With respect to the nonhomogeneous A-harmonic equation for differential forms, we indicate its general form as follows:

$$d^*A(x,d\hbar) = B(x,d\hbar), \tag{1.2}$$

where  $A: \Theta \times \Lambda^{\ell}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \Lambda^{\ell}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $B: \Theta \times \Lambda^{\ell}(\mathbb{R}^n) \to \Lambda^{\ell-1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfy the conditions:  $|A(x, \eta)| \leq a|\eta|^{s-1}, A(x, \eta) \cdot \eta \geq |\eta|^s$ , and  $|B(x, \eta)| \leq b|\eta|^{s-1}$  for almost every  $x \in \Theta$  and all  $\eta \in \Lambda^{\ell}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Here a, b > 0 are some constants, and  $1 < s < \infty$  is a fixed exponent associated with (1.2). A solution to (1.2) is an element of the Sobolev space  $W_{loc}^{1,s}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell-1})$  such that

$$\int_{\Theta} A(x, d\hbar) \cdot d\psi + B(x, d\hbar) \cdot \psi = 0$$
(1.3)

for all  $\psi \in W^{1,s}_{loc}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell-1})$  with compact support, where  $W^{1,s}_{loc}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell-1})$  is the space of  $\ell$ -forms whose coefficients are in the Sobolev space  $W^{1,s}_{loc}(\Theta)$ .

If the operator B = 0, (1.2) becomes

$$d^*A(x,d\hbar) = 0, \tag{1.4}$$

which is called the (homogeneous) A-harmonic equation.

In [15], Iwaniec and Lutoborski gave the linear operator  $K_y : C^{\infty}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell}) \to C^{\infty}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell^{-1}})$ <sup>1</sup>) as  $(K_y\hbar)(x; \theta_1, \ldots, \theta_{\ell-1}) = \int_0^1 t^{\ell-1}\hbar(tx + y - ty; x - y, \theta_1, \ldots, \theta_{\ell-1})dt$  for each  $y \in \Theta$ . Then, the homotopy operator  $T: C^{\infty}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell}) \to C^{\infty}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell^{-1}})$  is denoted by

$$T\hbar = \int_{\Theta} \upsilon(\gamma) K_{\gamma} \hbar d\gamma, \qquad (1.5)$$

where  $\upsilon \in C_0^{\infty}(\Theta)$  is normalized so that  $\int_{\Theta} \upsilon(\gamma) d\gamma = 1$ . The  $\ell$ -form  $\hbar_{\Theta} \in D'(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})$  is given by  $h_{\Theta} = |\Theta|^{-1} \int_{\Theta} h(\gamma) d\gamma(\ell = 0)$ ,  $\hbar_{\Theta} = d(T\hbar)(\ell = 1,..., n)$ . In addition, we have the decomposition  $\hbar = d(T\hbar) + T(d\hbar)$  for each  $\hbar \in L^s(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})$ ,  $1 \le s < \infty$ .

The definition of the *H* operator appeared in [16]. Let  $L^1_{loc}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})$  be the space of  $\ell$ -forms whose coefficients are locally integrable, and  $\mathcal{W}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})$  the space of all  $\Theta \in L^1_{loc}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})$  that has generalized gradient. We define the harmonic  $\ell$ -fields by  $\mathcal{H}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell}) = \{\Theta \in \mathcal{W}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell}) : dh = d^*h = 0, h \in L^s(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell}) \text{ for some } 1 < s < \infty\}$  and the orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{H}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})$  in  $L^1(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})$  as  $\mathcal{H}^{\perp} = \{\omega \in L^1(\Omega, \Lambda^{\ell}) : < \omega, h >= 0 \text{ for all } h \in \mathcal{H}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})\}$ . Then, the *H* operator is defined by

$$H(h) = h - \Delta G(h), \tag{1.6}$$

where  $\hbar$  is in  $C^{\infty}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell}), \Delta = dd^{\star} + d^{\star}d$  is the Laplace-Beltrami operator, and  $G: C^{\infty}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell}) \to \mathcal{H}^{\perp} \cap C^{\infty}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})$  is the Green operator.

#### 2 Main results

In this section, we first present some definitions of elementary conceptions, including Orlicz norms, the Young function, and the  $A(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \Theta)$ -weight, then propose the local estimate for the composite operator of  $T \circ d \circ H$  with the Orlicz norm, and at last extend it to the global version in the  $L^{\phi}(\mu)$ -averaging domains. The proof of all the theorems in this section will be left in next section.

The Orlicz norm or Luxemburg norm differs from the traditional  $L^p$ -norm, whose definition is given as follows [18].

**Definition 2.1.** We call a continuously increasing function  $\varphi$ :  $[0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  with  $\varphi$ (0) = 0 and  $\varphi(\infty) = \infty$  an Orlicz function, and a convex Orlicz function often denotes a Young function. Suppose that  $\phi$  is a Young function,  $\Theta$  is a domain with  $\mu(\Theta) < \infty$ , and f is a measurable function in  $\Theta$ , then the Orlicz norm of f is denoted by

$$\|f\|_{\varphi(\Theta,\mu)} = \inf\left\{\chi > 0: \frac{1}{\mu(\Theta)} \int_{\Theta} \varphi\left(\frac{|f|}{\chi}\right) d\mu \le 1\right\}.$$
(2.1)

The following class G(p, q, C) is introduced in [19], which is a special property of a Young function.

**Definition 2.2.** Let f and g be correspondingly a convex increasing function and a concave increasing function on  $[0, \infty)$ . Then, we call a Young function  $\phi$  belongs to the class G(p, q, C),  $1 \le p < q < \infty$ ,  $C \ge 1$ , if

(i) 
$$\frac{1}{C} \le \frac{\varphi(t^{\frac{1}{p}})}{f(t)} \le C$$
, (ii)  $\frac{1}{C} \le \frac{\varphi(t^{\frac{1}{q}})}{g(t)} \le C$  (2.2)

for all t > 0.

**Remark**. From [19], we assert that  $\phi$ , *f*, *g* in above definition are doubling, namely,  $\phi(2t) \leq C_1\phi(t)$  for all t > 0, and the completely similar property remains valid if  $\phi$  is replaced correspondingly with *f*, *g*. Besides, we have

(i) 
$$C_2 t^q \le g^{-1}(\varphi(t)) \le C_3 t^q$$
, (ii)  $C_2 t^p \le f^{-1}(\varphi(t)) \le C_3 t^p$ , (2.3)

where  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $C_3$  are some positive constants.

The following weight class appeared in [9].

**Definition 2.3**. Let v(x) is a measurable function defined on a subset  $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then, we call v(x) satisfies the  $A(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \Theta)$ -condition for some positive constants  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ , if

v(x) > 0 a.e. and

$$\sup_{O} \left(\frac{1}{|O|} \int_{O} \nu^{\alpha} dx\right) \left(\frac{1}{|O|} \int_{O} \left(\frac{1}{\nu}\right)^{\beta} dx\right)^{\frac{\gamma}{\beta}} < \infty,$$
(2.4)

where the supremum is over all balls O with  $O \subseteq \Theta$ . We write  $v(x) \in A(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \Theta)$ .

**Remark**. Note that the  $A(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \Theta)$ -class is an extension of some existing classes of weights, such as  $A_r^{\Lambda}(\Theta)$ -weights,  $A_r(\lambda, \Theta)$ -weights, and  $A_r(\Theta)$ -weights. Taking the  $A_r^{\Lambda}(\Theta)$ -weights for example, if  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\beta = \frac{1}{r-1}$ , and  $\gamma = \lambda$  in the above definition, then the  $A(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \Theta)$ -class reduces to the desired weights; see [9] for more details about these weights.

The main objective of this section is Theorem 2.4.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $v \in C^{\infty}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})$ ,  $\ell = 1, 2, ..., n$ , be a solution of the nonhomogeneous A-harmonic equation (1.2) in a bounded convex domain  $\Theta$ ,  $T : C^{\infty}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell}) \to C^{\infty}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell^{-1}})$  be the homotopy operator defined in (1.5), d be the exterior derivative defined in (1.1), and H be the projection operator defined in (1.6). Suppose that  $\phi$  is a Young function in the class  $G(p, q, C_0)$ ,  $1 \le p < q < \infty$ ,  $C_0 \ge 1$ ,  $\varphi(|v|) \in L^1_{loc}(\Theta; \mu)$ , and  $d\mu = v(x)dx$ , where  $v(x) \in A(\alpha, \beta, \alpha, \Theta)$  for  $\alpha > 1$  and  $\beta > 0$  with  $v(x) \ge \varepsilon > 0$  for any  $x \in \Theta$ . Then, there exists a constant C, independent of v, such that

$$\| T(d(H(\nu))) - (T(d(H(\nu))))_O \|_{\varphi(O,\mu)} \le C \| \nu \|_{\varphi(\rho O,\mu)}$$
(2.5)

for all balls *O* with  $\rho O \subset \Theta$ , where  $\rho > 1$  is a constant.

The proof of Theorem 2.4 depends upon the following two arguments, that is, Lemma 2.5 and Theorem 2.6.

In [9], Xing and Ding proved the following lemma, which is a weighted version of weak reverse inequality.

**Lemma 2.5.** Let v be a solution of the nonhomogeneous A-harmonic equation (1.2) in a domain  $\Theta$  and 0 < s,  $t < \infty$ . Then, there exists a constant C, independent of v, such that

$$\left(\int_{O} |v|^{s} d\mu\right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \leq C(\mu(O))^{\frac{t-s}{st}} \left(\int_{\rho O} |v|^{t} d\mu\right)^{\frac{1}{t}}$$
(2.6)

for all balls O with  $\rho O \subset \Theta$  for some  $\rho > 1$ , where the measure  $\mu$  is defined as the preceding theorem.

**Remark**. We call attention to the fact that Lemma 2.5 contains a  $A(\alpha, \beta, \alpha; \Theta)$ -weight, which makes the inequality be more flexible and more useful. For example, if let  $d\mu = dx$  in Lemma 2.5, then it reduces to the common weak reverse inequality:

$$\|v\|_{s,O} \le C|O|^{\frac{l-s}{st}} \|v\|_{t,\rho O}.$$
(2.7)

For the composite operator  $T \circ d \circ H$ , we have the following inequality with  $A(\alpha, \beta, \alpha; \Theta)$ -weight.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let us assume, in addition to the definitions of the homotopy operator *T*, the exterior derivative *d*, the projection operator *H*, and the measure  $\mu$  in Theorem 2.4, that *q* is any integer satisfying  $1 < q < \infty$ ,  $\nu \in C^{\infty}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})$ ,  $\ell = 1, 2,..., n$ , be a solution of the nonhomogeneous A-harmonic equation (1.2) in a bounded convex domain  $\Theta$  and

$$\left(\int_{O} |T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_{O}|^{q} d\mu\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq Cdiam(O)|O|\left(\int_{\rho O} |v|^{q} d\mu\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$
 Then, there

exists a constant C, independent of v, such that

$$\left(\int_{O} |T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_{O}|^{q} d\mu\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \le Cdiam(O)|O| \left(\int_{\rho O} |v|^{q} d\mu\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$
(2.8)

for all balls O with  $\rho O \subseteq \Theta$  for some  $\rho > 1$ .

For the purpose of Theorem 2.6, we will need the following Lemmas 2.7 (the general Hölder inequality) and 2.8 that were proved in [5].

**Lemma 2.7**. Let f and g are two measurable functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  are any three positive constants with  $\gamma^1 = \alpha^{-1} + \beta^{-1}$ . Then, there exists the inequality such that

$$\| fg \|_{\gamma,\Theta} \le \| f \|_{\alpha,\Theta} \| g \|_{\beta,\Theta}$$

$$\tag{2.9}$$

for any  $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Lemma 2.8.** Let us assume, in addition to the definitions of the homotopy operator T, the exterior derivative d, and the projection operator H in Theorem 2.4, that  $v \in C^{\infty}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})$ ,  $\ell = 1, 2,..., n$ , be a solution of the nonhomogeneous A-harmonic equation (1.2) in a bounded convex domain  $\Theta$  and  $|v| \in L^{s}_{loc}(\Theta)$ . Then, there exists a constant C, independent of v, such that

$$\| T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_O \|_{s,O} \le C | O | diam(O) \| v \|_{s,\rho O}$$
(2.10)

*for all balls O* with  $\rho O \subseteq \Theta$ , where  $\rho > 1$  is a constant.

**Remark.** Note that in Theorem 2.4,  $\phi$  may be any Young function, provided it lies in the class  $G(p, q, C_0)$ ,  $1 \le p < q < \infty$ ,  $C_0 \ge 1$ . From [19], we know that the function  $\varphi(t) = t^p \log_+^{\alpha} t$  belongs to  $G(p_1, p_2, C)$ ,  $1 \le p_1 , <math>t > 0$ , and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Here  $\log_+ t$  is a cutoff function such that  $\log_+ t = 1$  for  $t \le e$  otherwise  $\log_+ t = \log t$ . Moreover, if  $\alpha = 0$ , one verifies easily that  $\phi(t) = t^p \log_+^{\alpha} t$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  in Theorem 2.4, we get the following result.

**Corollary 2.9.** Let us assume, in addition to the definitions of the homotopy operator *T*, the exterior derivative *d*, the projection operator *H*, and the measure  $\mu$  in Theorem 2.4, that  $\varphi(t) = t^p \log_+^{\alpha} t$ , p > 1, t > 0,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $v \in C^{\infty}(\Theta, \Lambda^{\ell})$ ,  $\ell = 1, 2,..., n$ , be a solution of the nonhomogeneous A-harmonic equation (1.2) in a bounded convex domain  $\Theta$  and  $\varphi(|v|) \in L^1_{loc}(\Theta; \mu)$ . Then, there exists a constant *C*, independent of *v*, such that

$$\int_{O} |T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_{O}|^{p} \log_{+}^{\alpha} (|T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_{O}|) d\mu$$

$$\leq C \int_{\rho O} |v|^{p} \log_{+}^{\alpha} |v| d\mu$$
(2.11)

for all balls O with  $\rho O \subset \Theta$  for some  $\rho > 1$ . The following definition of the  $L^{\phi}(\mu)$ -averaging domains can be found in [5,14].

**Definition 2.10.** Let  $\phi$  be a Young function on  $[0, +\infty)$  with  $\phi(0) = 0$ . We call a proper subdomain  $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  an  $L^{\phi}(\mu)$ -averaging domains, if  $\mu(\Theta) < \infty$  and there exists a constant C such that

$$\int_{\Theta} \varphi(\tau|\hbar - \hbar_{\Theta}|) d\mu \le C \sup_{4O \subset \Theta} \int_{O} \varphi(\sigma|\hbar - \hbar_{O}|) d\mu$$
(2.12)

for all  $\Theta$  such that  $\varphi(|\Theta|) \in L^1_{loc}(\Theta; \mu)$ , where the measure  $\mu$  is defined by  $d\mu = v(x)$  dx, v(x) is a weight, and  $\tau$ ,  $\sigma$  are constants with  $0 < \tau$ ,  $\sigma \le 1$ , and the supremum is over all balls O with  $4O \subset \Theta$ .

By Definition 2.10, we arrive at the following global case of Theorem 2.4.

**Theorem 2.11.** Let us assume, in addition to the definitions of the homotopy operator T, the exterior derivative d, the projection operator H, the measure  $\mu$ , and the Young function  $\phi$  in Theorem 2.4, that  $v \in C^{\infty}(\Theta, \Lambda^k)$ , k = 1, 2,..., n, be a solution of the non-homogeneous A-harmonic equation (1.2) in a bounded  $L^{\phi}(\mu)$ -averaging domains  $\Theta$  and  $\phi(|v|) \in L^1(\Theta; \mu)$ . Then, there is a constant C, independent of v, such that

 $\| T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_{\Theta} \|_{\varphi(\Theta,\mu)} \le C ||v||_{\varphi(\Theta,\mu)}.$ (2.13)

Since John domains are very special  $L^{\phi}(\mu)$ -averaging domains, the preceding theorem immediately yields the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.12.** Let us assume, in addition to the definitions of the homotopy operator T, the exterior derivative d, the projection operator H, the measure  $\mu$ , and the Young function  $\phi$  in Theorem 2.4, that  $v \in C^{\infty}(\Theta, \Lambda^k)$ , k = 1, 2,..., n, be a solution of the non-homogeneous A-harmonic equation (1.2) in a bounded John domains  $\Theta$  and  $\phi(|v| \in L^1(\Theta; \mu))$ . Then, there is a constant C, independent of  $\mu$ , such that

$$\| T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_{\Theta} \|_{\varphi(\Theta,\mu)} \le C \| v \|_{\varphi(\Theta,\mu)}.$$
(2.14)

**Remark**. Note that the  $L^s$ -averaging domains and  $L^s(\mu)$ -averaging domains are also special  $L^{\phi}(\mu)$ -averaging domains. Thus, Theorem 2.11 also holds for the  $L^s$ -averaging domains and  $L^s(\mu)$ -averaging domains, respectively.

#### 3 The proof of main results

In this section, we will give the proof of several theorems mentioned in the previous section.

**Proof of Theorem 2.6.** Let  $t = \frac{\alpha q}{\alpha - 1}$  and  $r = \frac{\beta q}{\beta + 1}$ , then r < q < t. From Lemma 2.7 with  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{t} + \frac{t-q}{tq}$ , Lemma 2.8 and (2.6), we have

$$\left( \int_{O} |T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_{O}|^{q} v(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
= \left( \int_{O} (|T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_{O}| v(x)^{\frac{1}{q}})^{q} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
\leq \left( \int_{O} |T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_{O}|^{t} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{t}} \left( \int_{O} (v(x))^{\frac{t}{t-q}} dx \right)^{\frac{t-q}{tq}} \\
\leq C_{1} diam(O)|O|||v||_{t,\rho_{1}O} \left( \int_{O} (v(x))^{\alpha} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha q}} \\
\leq C_{2} diam(O)|O|^{1+\frac{r-t}{rt}} \|v\|_{r,\rho_{2}O} \left( \int_{O} (v(x))^{\alpha} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha q}},$$
(3.1)

where  $\rho_2$ ,  $\rho_1$  are two constants satisfying  $\rho_2 > \rho_1 > 1$ .

By virtue of Lemma 2.7 with  $\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{q} + \frac{q-r}{rq}$ , we obtain that

$$\| v \|_{r,\rho_{2}O} = \left( \int_{\rho_{2}O} |v|^{r} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \\ = \left( \int_{\rho_{2}O} (|v|(v(x))^{\frac{1}{q}} \cdot (v(x))^{\frac{-1}{q}} \right)^{r} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \\ \leq \left( \int_{\rho_{2}O} |v|^{q} v(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\rho_{2}O} (v(x))^{\frac{-r}{q-r}} dx \right)^{\frac{q-r}{rq}} \\ = \left( \int_{\rho_{2}O} |v|^{q} d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\rho_{2}O} (v(x))^{-\beta} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{\beta q}}.$$
(3.2)

Observe that  $v(x) \in A(\alpha, \beta, \alpha, \Theta)$ , hence

$$\begin{split} &\left(\int_{O} (\nu(x))^{\alpha} dx\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha q}} \left(\int_{\rho_{2}O} (\nu(x))^{-\beta} dx\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta q}} \\ &\leq \left(\left(\int_{\rho_{2}O} (\nu(x))^{\alpha} dx\right) \left(\int_{\rho_{2}O} (\nu(x))^{-\beta} dx\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha q}} \\ &= \left(\left|\rho_{2}O\right|^{1+\frac{\alpha}{\beta}} \left(\frac{1}{\left|\rho_{2}O\right|} \int_{\rho_{2}O} (\nu(x))^{\alpha} dx\right) \left(\frac{1}{\left|\rho_{2}O\right|} \int_{\rho_{2}O} (\nu(x))^{-\beta} dx\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\beta}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha q}} \\ &\leq C_{3}\left|\rho_{2}O\right|^{\frac{1}{\alpha q}+\frac{1}{\beta q}}. \end{split}$$
(3.3)

Combining (3.1)-(3.3), we obtain that

$$\left( \int_{O} |T(d(H(\nu))) - (T(d(H(\nu))))_{O}|^{q} \nu(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

$$\leq C_{4} diam(O)|O|^{1+\frac{r-t}{rt}} |\rho_{2}O|^{\frac{1}{\alpha q} + \frac{1}{\beta q}} \left( \int_{\rho_{2}O} |\nu|^{q} \nu(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

$$\leq C_{5} diam(O)|O| \left( \int_{\rho_{2}O} |\nu|^{q} d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

$$(3.4)$$

Therefore, we have completed the proof of Theorem 2.6.

By Lemma 2.5 and Theorem 2.6, we obtain the proof of Theorem 2.4.

**Proof of Theorem 2.4.** First, we observe that  $\mu(O) = \int_O \nu(x) dx \ge \int_O \varepsilon dx = C_1 |O|$ , thereby

$$\frac{1}{\mu(O)} \le \frac{C_2}{|O|} \tag{3.5}$$

for all balls  $O \subseteq \Theta$ .

We obtain from Theorem 2.6 and Lemma 2.5 that

$$\left( \int_{O} |T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_{O}|^{q} d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

$$\leq C_{1} diam(O)|O| \left( \int_{\rho_{1}O} |v|^{q} d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

$$\leq C_{2} diam(O)|O| (\mu(\rho_{1}O))^{\frac{p-q}{pq}} \left( \int_{\rho_{2}O} |v|^{p} d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

$$(3.6)$$

where  $\rho_2$ ,  $\rho_1$  with  $\rho_2 > \rho_1 > 1$  are two constants. Note that  $\phi$  is an increasing function, and *f* is an increasing convex function in  $[0, \infty)$ , by Jensen's inequality for *f*, we obtain that

$$\begin{split} \varphi \left( \frac{1}{\chi} \left( \int_{O} |T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_{O}|^{q} d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right) \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \frac{1}{\chi} C_{2} |O| \, diam(O)(\mu(\rho_{1}O))^{\frac{(p-q)}{pq}} \left( \int_{\rho_{2}O} |v|^{p} d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right) \\ &= \varphi \left( \left( \frac{1}{\chi^{p}} C_{2}^{p} |O|^{p} (diam(O))^{p} (\mu(\rho_{1}O))^{\frac{(p-q)}{q}} \int_{\rho_{2}O} |v|^{p} d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right) \\ &\leq C_{3} f \left( \frac{1}{\chi^{p}} C_{2}^{p} |O|^{p} (diam(O))^{p} (\mu(\rho_{1}O))^{\frac{(p-q)}{q}} \int_{\rho_{2}O} |v|^{p} d\mu \right) \\ &= C_{3} f \left( \int_{\rho_{2}O} \frac{1}{\chi^{p}} C_{2}^{p} |O|^{p} (diam(O))^{p} (\mu(\rho_{1}O))^{\frac{(p-q)}{q}} |v|^{p} d\mu \right) \\ &\leq C_{3} \int_{\rho_{2}O} f \left( \frac{1}{\chi^{p}} C_{2}^{p} |O|^{p} (diam(O))^{p} (\mu(\rho_{1}O))^{\frac{(p-q)}{q}} |v|^{p} \right) d\mu. \end{split}$$

Since  $1 \le p < q < \infty$ , we have  $1 + \frac{p-q}{pq} = 1 + \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p} > 0$ , which yields

$$diam(O)|O|\mu(\rho_1 O)^{\frac{p-q}{pq}}$$

$$\leq C_4 diam(\Theta)|O||\rho_1 O|^{\frac{p-q}{pq}}$$

$$\leq C_5 diam(\Theta)|O|^{1+\frac{p-q}{pq}}$$

$$\leq C_6 diam(\Theta)|\Theta|^{1+\frac{p-q}{pq}} \leq C_7.$$
(3.8)

It follows from (i) in Definition 2.2 that  $f(t) \leq C_8 \varphi(t^{\frac{1}{p}})$ . Thus,

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\rho_{2}O} f\left(\frac{1}{\chi^{p}}C_{2}^{p}|O|^{p}(diam(O))^{p}(\mu(\rho_{1}O))^{\frac{p-q}{q}}|v|^{p}\right)d\mu \\ &\leq C_{8}\int_{\rho_{2}O} \varphi\left(\frac{1}{\chi}C_{2}|O|(diam(O))(\mu(\rho_{1}O))^{\frac{p-q}{q}}|v|\right)d\mu \\ &\leq C_{8}\int_{\rho_{2}O} \varphi\left(\frac{1}{\chi}C_{9}|v|\right)d\mu \\ &\leq C_{10}\int_{\rho_{2}O} \varphi\left(\frac{1}{\chi}|v|\right)d\mu. \end{split}$$
(3.9)

Combining (3.7) and (3.9), we obtain that

$$\varphi\left(\frac{1}{\chi}\left(\int_{O}|T(d(H(\nu))) - (T(d(H(\nu))))_{O}|^{q}d\mu\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}\right)$$

$$\leq C_{3}\int_{\rho_{2}O}f\left(\frac{1}{\chi^{p}}C_{2}^{p}|O|^{p}(diam(O))^{p}(\mu(\rho_{1}O))\frac{(p-q)}{q}|\nu|^{p}\right)d\mu$$

$$\leq C_{11}\int_{\rho_{2}O}\varphi\left(\frac{1}{\chi}|\nu|\right)d\mu.$$
(3.10)

Applying Jensen's inequality to  $g^{\text{-}1}$  and considering that  $\phi$  and g are doubling, we obtain that

$$\begin{split} &\int_{O} \varphi \left( \frac{|T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v)))_{O}|}{\chi} \right) d\mu \\ &= g \left( g^{-1} \left( \int_{O} \varphi \left( \frac{|T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v)))_{O}|}{\chi} \right) d\mu \right) \right) \\ &\leq g \left( \int_{O} g^{-1} \left( \varphi \left( \frac{|T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v)))_{O}|}{\chi} \right) \right) d\mu \right) \\ &\leq g \left( C_{12} \int_{O} \left( \frac{|T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v)))_{O}|}{\chi} \right)^{q} d\mu \right) \\ &\leq C_{13} \varphi \left( \left( C_{12} \int_{O} \left( \frac{|T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v)))_{O}|}{\chi} \right)^{q} d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right) \\ &\leq C_{14} \varphi \left( \frac{1}{\chi} \left( \int_{O} |T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v)))_{O}|^{q} d\mu \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right) \\ &\leq C_{15} \int_{\rho_{2}O} \varphi \left( \frac{|\nu|}{\chi} \right) d\mu. \end{split}$$
(3.11)

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{\mu(O)} \int_{O} \varphi \left( \frac{|T(d(H(\nu))) - (T(d(H(\nu))))_{O}|}{\chi} \right) d\mu$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\mu(O)} C_{15} \int_{\rho_{2}O} \varphi \left( \frac{|\nu|}{\chi} \right) d\mu$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\mu(\rho_{2}O)} C_{16} \int_{\rho_{2}O} \varphi \left( \frac{|\nu|}{\chi} \right) d\mu.$$
(3.12)

By Definition 2.1 and (3.12), we achieve the desired result

$$||T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_O||_{\varphi(O,\mu)} \le C||v||_{\varphi(\rho O,\mu)}.$$
(3.13)

With the aid of Definition 2.10, We proceed now to derive Theorem 2.11.

**Proof of Theorem 2.11**. Note that  $\Theta$  is a  $L^{\phi}(\mu)$ -averaging domains, and  $\phi$  is doubling, from Definition 2.10 and (3.12), we have

$$\frac{1}{\mu(\Theta)} \int_{\Theta} \varphi \left( \frac{|T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_{\Theta}|}{\chi} \right) d\mu$$

$$\leq C_{1} \frac{1}{\mu(\Theta)} \sup_{4O \subset \Theta} \int_{O} \varphi \left( \frac{|T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_{O}|}{\chi} \right) d\mu$$

$$\leq C_{1} \frac{1}{\mu(\Theta)} \sup_{4O \subset \Theta} \left( C_{2} \int_{\rho O} \varphi \left( \frac{|v|}{\chi} \right) d\mu \right)$$

$$\leq C_{3} \frac{1}{\mu(\Theta)} \sup_{4O \subset \Theta} \int_{\Theta} \varphi \left( \frac{|v|}{\chi} \right) d\mu$$

$$\leq C_{3} \frac{1}{\mu(\Theta)} \int_{\Theta} \varphi \left( \frac{|v|}{\chi} \right) d\mu.$$
(3.14)

By Definition 2.1 and (3.14), we conclude that

$$\| T(d(H(\nu))) - (T(d(H(\nu))))_{\Theta} \|_{\varphi(\Theta,\mu)} \le C \| \nu \|_{\varphi(\Theta,\mu)}.$$
(3.15)

#### **4** Applications

If we choose *A* to be a special operator, for example,  $A(x, d\hbar) = d\hbar |d\hbar|^{s-2}$ , then (1.4) reduces to the following *s*-harmonic equation:

$$d^{*}(d\hbar|d\hbar|^{s-2}) = 0. \tag{4.1}$$

In particular, we may let s = 2, if  $\hbar$  is a function (0-form), then Equation 4.1 is equivalent to the well-known Laplace's equation  $\Delta\hbar = 0$ . The function  $\hbar$  satisfying Laplace's equation is referred to as the harmonic function as well as one of the solutions of Equation 4.1. Therefore, all the results in Section 2 still hold for the  $\hbar$ . As to the harmonic function, one finds broaden applications in the elliptic partial differential equations, see [20] for more related information.

We may make use of the following two specific examples to conform the convenience of the main inequality (3.11) in evaluating the upper bound for the  $L^{\phi}$ -norm of |  $T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_O|$ . Obviously, we may take advantages of (3.11) to make this estimating process easily, without calculating T(d(H(v))) and  $(T(d(H(v))))_O$ complicatedly.

**Example 4.1.** Let  $\varepsilon$ , r be two distinct constants satisfying  $\frac{1}{e} < \varepsilon < r < 1$ ,  $y = (y_1, y_2, ..., y_n)$  be a fixed point in  $\mathbb{R}^n(n > 2)$ ,  $\phi(t) = t^p \log_+ t$ , p > 1,  $v = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2\right)^{\frac{2-n}{2}}$  and  $O = \{x = (x_1, ..., x_n) \mid : \varepsilon^2 \le (x_1 - y_1)^2 + ... + (x_n - y_n) \le r^2\}$ .

First, by simple computation, we have

$$v_{x_i} = (2-n)(x_i - y_i) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2 \right)^{\frac{-n}{2}},$$
(4.2)

$$\nu_{x_i x_i} = (2 - n) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2 \right)^{\frac{-(n+2)}{2}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2 - n(x_i - y_i)^2 \right),$$
(4.3)

then we get

$$\Delta \nu = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \nu_{x_i x_i} = 0, \tag{4.4}$$

so the harmonic property of v is confirmed.

Observe that  $|O| = \sigma_n r^n$ , where  $\sigma_n$  denotes the volume of a unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (n > 2), and  $1 < \frac{1}{r^{n-2}} \le |v| = |(\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \gamma_i)^2)^{\frac{2-n}{2}}| \le \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{n-2}}$ , applying (3.11) with  $\chi = 1$ ,  $d\mu = dx$ , we obtain

$$\begin{split} &\int_{O} \varphi(|T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_{O}|) dx \\ &= \int_{O} (|T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_{O}|)^{p} \log_{+}(|T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_{O}|) dx \\ &\leq C \left( \int_{\rho O} |v|^{p} \log_{+} |v| dx \right) \\ &\leq C \left( \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{(n-2)}} \right)^{p} \log \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{(n-2)}} |\rho O| \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{(n-2)p}} (\sigma_{n} \rho^{n} r^{n}) \right) \log \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{(n-2)}} \\ &= \frac{C \rho^{n} \sigma_{n} r^{n}}{\varepsilon^{(n-2)p}} \log \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{(n-2)}}. \end{split}$$

$$(4.5)$$

**Example 4.2.** Let us assume, in addition to the definitions of  $\varepsilon$ , r,  $\phi$  of Example 4.1, that  $y = (y_1, y_2)$  be a fixed point in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $v = \log \left(\sum_{i=1}^2 (x_i - y_i)^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $O = \{x = (x_1, x_2) | : \varepsilon^2 \le (x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2) \le r^2\}$ .

Similarly, we observe to begin with that

$$v_{x_i} = \frac{x_i - \gamma_i}{\sum_{i=1}^2 (x_i - \gamma_i)^2},$$
(4.6)

$$v_{x_i x_i} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{2} (x_i - y_i)^2 - 2(x_i - y_i)^2}{(\sum_{i=1}^{2} (x_i - y_i)^2)^2}.$$
(4.7)

Thus,

$$\Delta v = \sum_{i=1}^{2} u_{x_i x_i} = 0, \tag{4.8}$$

which implies the function v is harmonic.

With respect to the estimation of  $\int_{O} \varphi(|T(d(H(v))) - (T(d(H(v))))_{O}|) dx$ , Example 4.2 proceeds in much the same way after replacing  $|O| = \sigma_n r^n$  and  $1 < |v| \le \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{n-2}}$  with  $|O| = \pi r^2$  and  $|\log \varepsilon| < |v| \le |\log r| < 1$ , respectively. Here we omit the reminder process.

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