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Abstract. We consider Riesz transforms of any order associated to an Ornstein–Uhlenbeck operator $\mathscr{L}$, with covariance Q given by a real, symmetric and positive definite matrix, and with drift B given by a real matrix whose eigenvalues have negative real parts. In this general Gaussian context, we prove that a Riesz transform is of weak type $(1,1)$ with respect to the invariant measure if and only if its order is at most 2.

1. Introduction

In this paper we are concerned with Riesz transforms of any order in a general Gaussian setting, in $\mathbb{R}^n$ with $n \geq 1$. More precisely, given two $n \times n$ real matrices Q and B such that

(h1) Q is symmetric and positive definite;
(h2) all the eigenvalues of B have negative real parts,

we first introduce the covariance matrices

$$Q_t = \int_0^t e^{sB}\, Q\, e^{sB^*}\, ds, \qquad t \in (0, +\infty]. \tag{1.1}$$

Observe that these Q_t, including Q_∞, are well defined, symmetric and positive definite. Then we define a family of normalized Gaussian measures in $\mathbb{R}^n$,

$$d\gamma_t(x) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \, (\det Q_t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \, e^{-\frac{1}{2}\langle Q_t^{-1} x, x\rangle} \, dx\,, \qquad t \in (0, +\infty].$$

On the space of bounded continuous functions in $\mathbb{R}^n$, the Ornstein–Uhlenbeck semigroup is explicitly given by Kolmogorov's formula [17, 5]

$$\mathscr{H}_t f(x) = \int f(e^{tB}x - y)\, d\gamma_t(y)\,, \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad t > 0,$$

and generated by the Ornstein–Uhlenbeck operator, defined below. Notice that $d\gamma_\infty$ is the unique invariant measure with respect to the semigroup $(\mathscr{H}_t)_{t>0}$; its density is

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proportional to $e^{-R(x)}$, where $R(x)$ denotes the quadratic form

$$R(x) = \frac{1}{2} \langle Q_\infty^{-1} x, x \rangle, \qquad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

In this general Gaussian framework, the Ornstein–Uhlenbeck operator $\mathscr{L}$ is given by

$$\mathscr{L} f = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr} \left(Q \nabla^2 f \right) + \langle Bx, \nabla f \rangle, \qquad f \in \mathscr{S}(\mathbb{R}^n),$$

where ∇ is the gradient and ∇^2 the Hessian. Notice that $-\mathscr{L}$ is elliptic. We write $D = (\partial_{x_1}, \ldots, \partial_{x_n})$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$ and let $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n \setminus \{(0, \ldots, 0)\}$ denote a multiindex, of length $|\alpha| = \sum_1^n \alpha_i$. Then we can define the Gaussian Riesz transforms as

$$R^{(\alpha)} = D^\alpha (-\mathscr{L})^{-|\alpha|/2} \, P_0^\perp,$$

where $P_0^\perp$ is the orthogonal projection onto the orthogonal complement in $L^2(\gamma_\infty)$ of the eigenspace corresponding to the eigenvalue 0. This eigenspace consists only of the constant functions, as shown in [21, p. 48]. Here the derivatives are taken in the sense of distributions.

When the order $|\alpha|$ of $R^{(\alpha)}$ equals 1 or 2, we shall denote by R_j and R_{ij} the corresponding Riesz transforms, that is, for $i, j \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$

$$R_j = \partial_{x_j} (-\mathscr{L})^{-1/2} \, P_0^\perp$$

and

$$R_{ij} = \partial_{x_i x_j} (-\mathscr{L})^{-1} \, P_0^\perp.$$

There exists a vast literature concerning the L^p boundedness of Riesz transforms in the Gaussian setting, in both the strong and the weak sense. We will only mention the results that are most significant for this work; here $1 < p < \infty$.

In the standard case, when Q and $-B$ are the identity matrix, the strong type (p, p) of $R^{(\alpha)}$ has been proved with different techniques in [22, 14, 27, 29, 8, 11, 20]; for a recent account of this case we refer to [30, Chapter 9]. Other proofs, holding in the more general case $Q = I$ and B symmetric, may be found in [15, 16]. G. Mauceri and L. Noselli have shown more recently that the Riesz transforms of any order are bounded on $L^p(\gamma_\infty)$ in the general case (see [19, Proposition 2.3]). For some results in an infinite-dimensional framework, we refer to [6].

The problem of the weak type $(1, 1)$ of $R^{(\alpha)}$ is more involved than in the Euclidean context, where it is well known that the Riesz transform of any order associated to the Laplacian is of weak type $(1, 1)$. Indeed, in the standard Gaussian framework $Q = -B = I$, it is known that $R^{(\alpha)}$ is of weak type $(1, 1)$ if and only if $|\alpha| \leq 2$ (see [23, 28, 9, 1, 7, 24, 25, 26, 12, 10] for different proofs). In their paper [19], Mauceri and Noselli proved the weak type $(1, 1)$ of the first-order Riesz transforms associated to an Ornstein–Uhlenbeck semigroup with covariance $Q = I$ and drift B satisfying a certain technical condition. To the best of our knowledge, no result beyond this is known about the weak type (1,1), neither for first-order Riesz transforms associated to more general semigroups nor for higher-order Riesz operators.

In this paper we continue the analysis started in [3] and [4] of a general Ornstein–Uhlenbeck semigroup, with real matrices Q and B satisfying only (h1) and (h2). Our main result will be the following extension of the result in the standard case.

Theorem 1.1. *The Riesz transform $R^{(\alpha)}$ associated to the Ornstein–Uhlenbeck operator $\mathscr{L}$ is of weak type $(1,1)$ with respect to the invariant measure $d\gamma_\infty$ if and only if $|\alpha| \leq 2$.*

In particular, we shall prove the inequalities

$$\gamma_\infty\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : R_j\, f(x) > C\lambda\} \leq \frac{C}{\lambda}\, \|f\|_{L^1(\gamma_\infty)}, \qquad \lambda > 0, \tag{1.2}$$

and

$$\gamma_\infty\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : R_{ij}\, f(x) > C\lambda\} \leq \frac{C}{\lambda}\, \|f\|_{L^1(\gamma_\infty)}, \qquad \lambda > 0, \tag{1.3}$$

for all $i,\ j = 1, \dots, n$ and all functions $f \in L^1(\gamma_\infty)$, with $C = C(n, Q, B)$.

The plan of the paper is as follows. In Section 2, we introduce the Mehler kernel $K_t(x,u)$, which is the integral kernel of $\mathscr{H}_t$. Some estimates of this kernel are also given. As in [4], we introduce a system of polar coordinates which is essential in our approach, and we define suitable global and local regions. In Section 3, we explicitly write the kernels of R_j and R_{ij} as integrals with respect to the parameter t, taken over $0 < t < +\infty$. Section 4 contains bounds for those parts of these kernels which are given by integrals only over $t > 1$. In Section 5, several technical simplifications reducing the complexity of the proof are discussed. After this preparatory work, the proof of Theorem 1.1, which is quite involved and requires several steps, begins. In Section 6, we consider those parts corresponding to $t > 1$ of the kernels of R_j and R_{ij}, and prove a weak type estimate. Section 7 is devoted to the proof of the weak bounds for the local parts of the operators. Finally, in Section 8 we conclude the proof of the sufficiency part of Theorem 1.1, by proving the weak type estimates for the global parts, with the integrals restricted to $0 < t < 1$. In Section 9, we establish the necessity statement in Theorem 1.1 by means of a counterexample.

In the following, the symbols $c > 0$ and $C < \infty$ will denote various constants, not necessarily the same at different occurrences. All of them depend only on the dimension n and on Q and B. With $a,\ b > 0$ we write $a \lesssim b$ instead of $a \leq Cb$ and $a \gtrsim b$ instead of $a \geq cb$. The relation $a \simeq b$ means that both $a \lesssim b$ and $a \gtrsim b$ hold.

By $\mathbb{N}$ we denote the set of all nonnegative integers. If A is an $n \times n$ matrix, we write $\|A\|$ for its operator norm on $\mathbb{R}^n$ with the Euclidean norm $|\cdot|$. We let

$$|x|_Q = |Q_\infty^{-1/2} x|,$$

so that $R(x) = |x|_Q^2/2$. Observe that $|x|_Q$ is a norm on $\mathbb{R}^n$ and that $|x|_Q \simeq |x|$.

Integral kernels of operators are always meant in the sense of integration with respect to the measure $d\gamma_\infty$.

2. Notation and preliminaries

It follows from (1.1) that for $0 < t < \infty$

$$Q_\infty - Q_t = \int_t^\infty e^{sB} Q e^{sB^*} ds.$$

This difference and also

$$Q_t^{-1} - Q_\infty^{-1} = Q_t^{-1}(Q_\infty - Q_t) Q_\infty^{-1}$$

are symmetric and strictly positive definite matrices.

It is shown in [4, formula (2.6)] that

$$\mathscr{H}_t f(x) = \int K_t(x,u)\, f(u)\, d\gamma_\infty(u), \qquad t > 0,$$

where the Mehler kernel K_t is given by

$$K_t(x,u) = \Big(\frac{\det Q_\infty}{\det Q_t} \Big)^{1/2} e^{R(x)} \exp\Big[-\frac{1}{2} \big\langle (Q_t^{-1} - Q_\infty^{-1})\,(u - D_t x)\,,\, u - D_t x \big\rangle \Big] \tag{2.1}$$

for $x, u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $t > 0$. Here we use a one-parameter group of matrices

$$D_t = Q_\infty\, e^{-tB^*}\, Q_\infty^{-1}, \qquad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

We recall from [4, Lemma 2.1] that D_t may be expressed in various ways. Indeed, for $t > 0$ one has

$$D_t = (Q_t^{-1} - Q_\infty^{-1})^{-1}\, Q_t^{-1}\, e^{tB} \tag{2.2}$$

and

$$D_t = e^{tB} + Q_t\, e^{-tB^*}\, Q_\infty^{-1}. \tag{2.3}$$

We restate Lemma 3.1 in [4].

Lemma 2.1. *For $s > 0$ and for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ the matrices D_s and $D_{-s} = D_s^{-1}$ satisfy*

$$e^{cs}|x| \lesssim |D_s\, x| \lesssim e^{Cs}|x|,$$

and

$$e^{-Cs}|x| \lesssim |D_{-s}\, x| \lesssim e^{-cs}|x|.$$

This also holds with D_s replaced by e^{-sB} or by e^{-sB^*}.

The following is part of [4, Lemma 3.2].

Lemma 2.2. *For all $t > 0$ one has*

(i) $\det Q_t \simeq (\min(1,t))^n$;
(ii) $\|Q_t^{-1}\| \simeq (\min(1,t))^{-1}$;
(iii) $\|Q_t^{-1} - Q_\infty^{-1}\| \lesssim t^{-1}\, e^{-ct}$;
(iv) $\| \big(Q_t^{-1} - Q_\infty^{-1}\big)^{-1/2} \| \lesssim t^{1/2}\, e^{Ct}$.

Lemma 4.1 in [4] says that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $s \in \mathbb{R}$ one has

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} D_s\, x = -Q_\infty\, e^{-sB^*} B^*\, Q_\infty^{-1} x; \tag{2.4}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} R\big(D_s\, x\big) \simeq \big|D_s\, x\big|^2. \tag{2.5}$$

In (2.4) we can estimate e^{-sB^*} by means of Lemma 2.1, to get

$$\left|\frac{\partial}{\partial s} D_s\, x\right| \simeq |x|, \qquad |s| \le 1. \tag{2.6}$$

Integration of (2.5) leads to

$$|R(D_t\, x) - R(x)| \simeq |t|\, |x|^2, \qquad |t| \le 1, \tag{2.7}$$

again because of Lemma 2.1.

Lemma 2.3. *Let* $0 \ne x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ *and* $|t| \le 1$. *Then*

$$|x - D_t\, x| \simeq |t|\, |x|.$$

Proof. The upper estimate is an immediate consequence of (2.6). For the lower estimate, we write

$$\begin{aligned} |x - D_t\, x| &\simeq |x - D_t\, x|_Q \ge \big||x|_Q - |D_t\, x|_Q\big| \\ &= \frac{\big||x|_Q^2 - |D_t\, x|_Q^2\big|}{|x|_Q + |D_t\, x|_Q} \simeq \frac{|t|\, |x|^2}{|x|_Q} \simeq |t|\, |x|, \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

where we used (2.7) to estimate the numerator and Lemma 2.1 for the denominator. □

The following implication will be useful as well. Since $R(x) = |x|_Q^2/2$ and $|.|_Q$ is a norm,

$$R(x) > 2R(y) \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad R(x-y) \simeq R(x). \tag{2.9}$$

We finally give estimates of the kernel K_t, for small and large values of t. Combining (2.1) with Lemma 2.2 (iii) and (iv), we have

$$\frac{e^{R(x)}}{t^{n/2}} \exp\left(-C\, \frac{|u - D_t\, x|^2}{t}\right) \lesssim K_t(x,u) \lesssim \frac{e^{R(x)}}{t^{n/2}} \exp\left(-c\, \frac{|u - D_t\, x|^2}{t}\right), \qquad 0 < t \le 1. \tag{2.10}$$

For $t \ge 1$, we can use the norm $|.|_Q$ to write [4, Lemma 3.4] slightly more precisely. The proof of [4, Lemma 3.3] shows that

$$\big\langle (Q_t^{-1} - Q_\infty^{-1})\, D_t\, w, D_t\, w \big\rangle \ge |w|_Q^2$$

for any w, and this leads to

$$e^{R(x)} \exp\left[-C\, |D_{-t}\, u - x|_Q^2\right] \lesssim K_t(x,u) \lesssim e^{R(x)} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\, |D_{-t}\, u - x|_Q^2\right], \; t \ge 1. \tag{2.11}$$

For $\beta > 0$, let E_β be the ellipsoid

$$E_\beta = \{z \in \mathbb{R}^n : R(z) = \beta\}.$$

As in [4, Subsection 4.1], we introduce polar coordinates $(s, \tilde{x})$ for any point $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $x \neq 0$, by writing

$$x = D_s \, \tilde{x} \tag{2.12}$$

with $\tilde{x} \in E_\beta$ and $s \in \mathbb{R}$.

The Lebesgue measure in $\mathbb{R}^n$ is given in terms of $(s, \tilde{x})$ by

$$dx = e^{-s \operatorname{tr} B} \, \frac{|Q^{1/2} \, Q_\infty^{-1} \tilde{x}|^2}{2 \, |Q_\infty^{-1} \tilde{x}|} \, ds \, dS_\beta(\tilde{x}) \simeq e^{-s \operatorname{tr} B} \, |\tilde{x}| \, ds \, dS_\beta(\tilde{x}), \tag{2.13}$$

where dS_β denotes the area measure of E_β. We refer to [4, Proposition 4.2] for a proof.

For any $A > 0$ we define global and local regions

$$G_A = \left\{ (x, u) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \, : \, |x - u| > \frac{A}{1 + |x|} \right\}$$

and

$$L_A = \left\{ (x, u) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \, : \, |x - u| \leq \frac{A}{1 + |x|} \right\}.$$

3. Riesz transforms

We start this section with some technical lemmata.

Lemma 3.1. *For $i, j \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$, $x, u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $t > 0$, one has*

$$\partial_{x_j} K_t(x, u) = K_t(x, u) \; P_j(t, x, u), \qquad \text{where} \tag{3.1}$$
$$P_j(t, x, u) = \langle Q_\infty^{-1} x, \, e_j \rangle + \big\langle Q_t^{-1} \, e^{tB} \, e_j \, , \, u - D_t \, x \big\rangle;$$

$$\partial_{u_j} K_t(x, u) = -K_t(x, u) \, \big\langle Q_t^{-1} e^{tB} \, (D_{-t} \, u - x), \, e_j \big\rangle; \tag{3.2}$$

$$\partial^2_{x_i x_j} K_t(x, u) = K_t(x, u) \, \left(P_i(t, x, u) P_j(t, x, u) + \Delta_{ij}(t) \right), \qquad \text{where} \tag{3.3}$$
$$\Delta_{ij}(t) = \Delta_{ji}(t) = \partial_{x_i} P_j(t, x, u) = -\langle e_j, e^{tB^*} Q_t^{-1} \, e^{tB} \, e_i \rangle;$$

$$\partial_{u_i} P_j(t, x, u) = \langle Q_t^{-1} \, e^{tB} \, e_j, \, e_i \rangle. \tag{3.4}$$

Proof. A direct computation, using (2.1) and (2.2), shows that

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{x_j} K_t(x, u) &= K_t(x, u) \left[\langle Q_\infty^{-1} x, e_j \rangle + \big\langle (Q_t^{-1} - Q_\infty^{-1}) \, D_t \, e_j \, , \, u - D_t \, x \big\rangle \right] \\ &= K_t(x, u) \left[\langle Q_\infty^{-1} x, e_j \rangle + \big\langle Q_t^{-1} e^{tB} \, e_j \, , \, u - D_t \, x \big\rangle \right], \end{aligned}$$

yielding (3.1). An analogous argument leads to (3.2). Rewriting P_j by means of (2.3), one obtains

$$P_j(t, x, u) = \langle e_j \, , \, e^{tB^*} Q_t^{-1} \left(u - e^{tB} x \right) \rangle,$$

which implies (3.3) and (3.4). □

The following lemma provides a different expression for P_j.

Lemma 3.2. *One has*

$$P_j(t, x, u) = \big\langle e_j, e^{tB^*} \; Q_t^{-1} e^{tB} \big(D_{-t} \, u - x \big) \big\rangle + \big\langle e_j, Q_\infty^{-1} D_{-t} \, u \big\rangle \, .$$

Proof. From (2.3) and the expression for P_j in (3.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} P_j(t,x,u) &= \langle Q_\infty^{-1}x, e_j\rangle + \big\langle Q_t^{-1}e^{tB}e_j, D_t\big(D_{-t}\,u - x\big)\big\rangle \\ &= \langle Q_\infty^{-1}x, e_j\rangle + \big\langle Q_t^{-1}e^{tB}e_j, \big(e^{tB} + Q_t e^{-tB^*}Q_\infty^{-1}\big)\big(D_{-t}\,u - x\big)\big\rangle \\ &= \langle Q_\infty^{-1}x, e_j\rangle + \big\langle Q_t^{-1}e^{tB}e_j, e^{tB}\big(D_{-t}\,u - x\big)\big\rangle + \big\langle e_j, Q_\infty^{-1}\big(D_{-t}\,u - x\big)\big\rangle \\ &= \big\langle e_j, e^{tB^*}\,Q_t^{-1}e^{tB}\big(D_{-t}\,u - x\big)\big\rangle + \big\langle e_j, Q_\infty^{-1}D_{-t}\,u\big\rangle\,. \end{aligned}$$

□

As a consequence of (3.1), Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 3.2, one has for all $j \in \{1,\dots,n\}$

$$|P_j(t,x,u)| \lesssim \begin{cases} |x| + |u - D_t\,x|/t & \text{if } 0 < t \le 1, \\ e^{-ct}|D_{-t}\,u - x| + |D_{-t}\,u| & \text{if } t \ge 1. \end{cases} \tag{3.5}$$

Moreover,

$$\big|\Delta_{ij}(t)\big| \lesssim \big(\min(1,t)\big)^{-1}\,e^{-ct}, \qquad t > 0. \tag{3.6}$$

With $i,j \in \{1,\dots,n\}$ we define the kernels

$$\mathscr{R}_j(x,u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}\int_0^{+\infty} t^{-1/2}\;\partial_{x_j}K_t(x,u)\;dt$$

and

$$\mathscr{R}_{ij}(x,u) = \int_0^\infty \partial^2_{x_ix_j}K_t(x,u)\,dt.$$

These integrals are absolutely convergent for all $u \neq x$, as seen from (2.10), (3.5), (3.6) and Lemma 2.1. In order to distinguish between small and large values of t, we split the integrals as

$$\mathscr{R}_j(x,u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}\left(\int_0^1 + \int_1^\infty\right) t^{-1/2}K_t(x,u)P_j(t,x,u)\,dt \;=:\; \mathscr{R}_{j,0}(x,u) + \mathscr{R}_{j,\infty}(x,u),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{R}_{ij}(x,u) &= \left(\int_0^1 + \int_1^\infty\right) K_t(x,u)\;\big(P_i(t,x,u)P_j(t,x,u) + \Delta_{ij}(t)\big)\;dt \\ &=: \mathscr{R}_{ij,0}(x,u) + \mathscr{R}_{ij,\infty}(x,u). \end{aligned}$$

The proof of the following proposition is straightforward and so omitted.

Proposition 3.3. *The off-diagonal kernels of R_j and R_{ij} are $\mathscr{R}_j$ and $\mathscr{R}_{ij}$, in the sense that for $f \in \mathscr{C}_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $x \notin$ supp f*

$$R_jf(x) = \int \mathscr{R}_j(x,u)f(u)\,d\gamma_\infty(u)$$

and

$$R_{ij}f(x) = \int \mathscr{R}_{ij}(x,u)f(u)\,d\gamma_\infty(u),$$

where $i,j \in \{1,\dots,n\}$.

The following estimates for $\mathscr{R}_{j,0}$ and $\mathscr{R}_{ij,0}$ result from (2.10), (3.5) and (3.6)

$$\left|\mathscr{R}_{j,0}(x,u)\right| \lesssim e^{R(x)} \int_0^1 t^{-(n+1)/2} \exp\left(-c\, \frac{|u-D_t\, x|^2}{t}\right) \left(|x| + \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}\right) dt, \tag{3.7}$$

$$\left|\mathscr{R}_{ij,0}(x,u)\right| \lesssim e^{R(x)} \int_0^1 t^{-n/2} \exp\left(-c\, \frac{|u-D_t\, x|^2}{t}\right) \left(|x|^2 + \frac{1}{t}\right) dt, \tag{3.8}$$

for all $(x,u) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ with $x \neq u$.

4. Some estimates for large t

In this section, we derive some estimates for $\mathscr{R}_{j,\infty}$ and $\mathscr{R}_{ij,\infty}$.

Lemma 4.1. *For $\sigma \in \{1,2,3\}$ and $x, u \in \mathbb{R}^n$, one has*

$$\int_1^{+\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4}\left|D_{-t}\, u - x\right|_Q^2\right) \left|D_{-t}\, u\right|^\sigma dt \lesssim 1 + |x|^{\sigma-1}. \tag{4.1}$$

Proof. We can clearly assume that $u \neq 0$. Consider first the case when $R(x) \leq 1$. Define $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ by $R(D_{-t_0}\, u) = 2$. If $t_0 > 1$, we split the integral at $t = t_0$.

For $1 < t < t_0$, (2.5) yields

$$R(D_{-t}\, u) = R(D_{t_0 - t} D_{-t_0}\, u) \geq R(D_{-t_0}\, u) = 2 \geq 2R(x),$$

whence by (2.9)

$$\left|D_{-t}\, u - x\right|_Q \simeq \left|D_{-t}\, u\right|_Q,$$

and by Lemma 2.1

$$R(D_{-t}\, u) \gtrsim e^{c(t_0 - t)}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_1^{1\vee t_0} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4}\left|D_{-t}\, u - x\right|_Q^2\right) \left|D_{-t}\, u\right|^\sigma dt \\ &\lesssim \int_1^{1\vee t_0} \exp\left(-c\left|D_{-t}\, u\right|_Q^2\right) dt \\ &\lesssim \int_1^{1\vee t_0} \exp\left(-c\, e^{c(t_0-t)}\right) dt \lesssim 1. \end{aligned}$$

If $t \geq t_0$, then $R(D_{-t}\, u) \lesssim e^{c(t_0-t)}$, again because of Lemma 2.1, so that

$$\int_{1\vee t_0}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4}\left|D_{-t}\, u - x\right|_Q^2\right) \left|D_{-t}\, u\right|^\sigma dt \lesssim \int_{1\vee t_0}^{\infty} e^{c\sigma(t_0-t)}\, dt \lesssim 1.$$

This yields (4.1) in the case $R(x) \leq 1$.

Next, assume $R(x) > 1$. Then the integral is split at the point t_1 defined by $R(D_{-t_1}\, u) = R(x)/2$. For $1 < t < t_1$ we write

$$\begin{aligned} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4}\left|D_{-t}\, u - x\right|_Q^2\right) \left|D_{-t}\, u\right|^\sigma &\lesssim \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4}\left|D_{-t}\, u - x\right|_Q^2\right) \left(\left|D_{-t}\, u - x\right|^\sigma + |x|^\sigma\right) \\ &\lesssim \exp\left(-c\left|D_{-t}\, u - x\right|_Q^2\right) (1 + |x|^\sigma). \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

Here we apply the polar coordinates (2.12) with $\beta = R(x)$, writing $x = \tilde{x}$ and $u = D_{s_u}\,\tilde{u}$, where $s_u \in \mathbb{R}$ and $R(\tilde{u}) = R(x)$. Then for $1 < t < t_1$

$$R(D_{-t}\,u) = R(D_{t_1-t}D_{-t_1}\,u) > R(D_{-t_1}\,u) = R(x)/2 = \beta/2,$$

and [4, Lemma 4.3 (ii)] applies, saying that

$$\left|D_{-t}\,u - x\right| = \left|D_{s_u-t}\,\tilde{u} - \tilde{x}\right| \gtrsim |x|\,|s_u - t|.$$

We conclude from (4.2) that

$$\begin{aligned}\int_1^{1\vee t_1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4}\left|D_{-t}\,u - x\right|_Q^2\right)\left|D_{-t}\,u\right|^\sigma dt &\lesssim \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp\left(-c\,|x|^2\,|s_u - t|^2\right)(1 + |x|^\sigma)\,dt \\ &\lesssim |x|^{\sigma-1}.\end{aligned}$$

For $t > 1 \vee t_1$, we deduce from Lemma 2.1 that

$$|D_{-t}\,u| = |D_{t_1-t}\,D_{-t_1}\,u| \lesssim e^{c(t_1-t)}\,|D_{-t_1}\,u| \lesssim e^{c(t_1-t)}\,|x|.$$

Moreover, we have $R(D_{-t}\,u) \le R(x)/2$ which implies $|D_{-t}\,u - x| \simeq |x|$ because of (2.9), so that

$$\int_{1\vee t_1}^{+\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{4}\left|D_{-t}\,u - x\right|^2\right)\left|D_{-t}\,u\right|^\sigma dt \lesssim \exp(-c|x|^2)\int_{1\vee t_1}^{+\infty} e^{c\sigma(t_1-t)}\,dt\,|x|^\sigma \lesssim 1.$$

We have proved Lemma 4.1. □

Proposition 4.2. *Let $\sigma_1 \in \{0,1,2,3\}$ and $\sigma_2 \in \{1,2,3\}$. For all $x, u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ one has*

$$\int_1^{+\infty} K_t(x,u)\left|D_{-t}\,u - x\right|^{\sigma_1}\left|D_{-t}\,u\right|^{\sigma_2} dt \lesssim e^{R(x)}\,(1 + |x|^{\sigma_2-1})$$

Proof. We can delete the factor $\left|D_{-t}\,u - x\right|^{\sigma_1}$ in the integrand, by replacing the coefficient $1/2$ of the exponential factor in K_t by $1/4$. Then this follows from Lemma 4.1. □

Corollary 4.3. *For all $x, u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and for all $i, j, k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ the following estimates hold:*

$$\int_1^{+\infty} K_t(x,u)\left|P_j(t,x,u)\right| dt \lesssim e^{R(x)} \tag{4.3}$$

$$\int_1^{+\infty} K_t(x,u)\left|P_j(t,x,u)P_i(t,x,u)\right| dt \lesssim e^{R(x)}\,(1 + |x|), \tag{4.4}$$

$$\int_1^{+\infty} K_t(x,u)\left|P_j(t,x,u)P_i(t,x,u)P_k(t,x,u)\right| dt \lesssim e^{R(x)}\,(1 + |x|^2),$$

$$\int_1^{+\infty} K_t(x,u)\left|\Delta_{jk}(t)\right| dt \lesssim e^{R(x)}, \tag{4.5}$$

$$\int_1^{+\infty} K_t(x,u)\left|P_i(t,x,u)\Delta_{jk}(t)\right| dt \lesssim e^{R(x)}.$$

Proof. It is enough to combine (2.11), Lemma 4.1 and Proposition 4.2 with (3.5) and (3.6). The quantities $|D_{-t}\,u - x|$ in the factors P_j can be replaced by 1, because of the exponential factor in K_t. □

Proposition 4.4. *For all* $(x,u) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\left|\mathscr{R}_{j,\infty}(x,u)\right| \lesssim e^{R(x)} \tag{4.6}$$

and

$$\left|\mathscr{R}_{ij,\infty}(x,u)\right| \lesssim e^{R(x)}\,(1+|x|). \tag{4.7}$$

Proof. The expressions for $\mathscr{R}_{j,\infty}$ and $\mathscr{R}_{ij,\infty}$ in Section 3 show that (4.6) follows from (4.3) and (4.7) from (4.4) and (4.5). □

Remark 4.5. If we use polar coordinates with $\beta < 2R(x)$, [4, Lemma 4.3 (i)] will imply that $|D_{-t}\,u - x|_Q \gtrsim |\tilde{u} - \tilde{x}|$. Then we can use a small part of the factor $\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\,|D_{-t}\,u - x|_Q^2\right)$ in $K_t(x,u)$ to get an extra factor $\exp\left(-c\,|\tilde{u}-\tilde{x}|^2\right)$ in the right-hand sides of all the estimates in Lemma 4.1, Proposition 4.2, Corollary 4.3 and Proposition 4.4.

5. Some reductions and simplifications

This section is closely similar to Section 5 in [4].

When we prove (1.2) and (1.3), it is enough to take $f \geq 0$ satisfying $\|f\|_{L^1(\gamma_\infty)} = 1$. From now on, we also assume that $\lambda > 2$, since otherwise (1.2) and (1.3) are obvious.

The γ_∞ measure of the set of points x satisfying $R(x) > 2\log\lambda$ is

$$\int_{R(x)>2\log\lambda} \exp(-R(x))\,dx \;\lesssim (\log\lambda)^{(n-2)/2}\, \exp(-2\log\lambda) \lesssim \frac{1}{\lambda},$$

so this set can be neglected in (1.2) and (1.3).

Proposition 5.1. *Let* $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ *satisfy* $R(x) < \frac{1}{2}\log\lambda$. *Then for all* $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$|\mathscr{R}_{j,\infty}(x,u)| \lesssim \lambda \qquad \text{and} \qquad \left|\mathscr{R}_{ij,\infty}(x,u)\right| \lesssim \lambda.$$

If also $(x,u) \in G_1$, *the same estimates hold for* $\mathscr{R}_{j,0}$ *and* $\mathscr{R}_{ij,0}$.

Proof. The first statement follows immediately from Proposition 4.4.

To deal with $\mathscr{R}_{j,0}$ and $\mathscr{R}_{ij,0}$, we recall from [4, formula (5.3)] that

$$t^2 \gtrsim \frac{1}{(1+|x|)^4} \qquad \text{or} \qquad \frac{|u - D_t\,x|^2}{t} \gtrsim \frac{1}{(1+|x|)^2\,t}, \tag{5.1}$$

if $(x,u) \in G_1$ and $0 < t < 1$.

From (3.7) and (3.8) we see that both $\left|\mathscr{R}_{j,0}(x,u)\right|$ and $\left|\mathscr{R}_{ij,0}(x,u)\right|$ can be estimated by a sum of expressions of type

$$e^{R(x)}\,(1+|x|)^p \int_0^1 t^{-q} \exp\left(-c\,\frac{|u - D_t\,x|^2}{t}\right)\,dt,$$

where p, $q \geq 0$. If here we integrate only over those $t \in (0,1)$ satisfying the first inequality in (5.1), we get at most

$$e^{R(x)}\,(1+|x|)^p \int_{c(1+|x|)^{-2}}^1 t^{-q}\,dt \lesssim e^{R(x)}\,(1+|x|)^C.$$

for some C. For the remaining t, the second inequality of (5.1) holds, and the corresponding part of the integral is no larger than

$$e^{R(x)}\,(1+|x|)^p \int_0^1 t^{-q} \exp\Big(-\frac{c}{(1+|x|)^2\,t}\Big)\,dt \lesssim e^{R(x)}\,(1+|x|)^C.$$

Obviously $e^{R(x)}\,(1+|x|)^C \lesssim \lambda$ when $R(x) < \frac{1}{2}\log\lambda$, and the proposition is proved. □

As a result of this section, we need only consider points x in the ellipsoidal annulus

$$\mathscr{E}_\lambda = \Big\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \frac{1}{2}\log\lambda \le R(x) \le 2\log\lambda \Big\},$$

when proving (1.2) and (1.3), except for $\mathscr{R}_{j,0}$ and $\mathscr{R}_{ij,0}$ in the local case.

6. The case of large t

Proposition 6.1. *For all nonnegative functions $f \in L^1(\gamma_\infty)$ such that $\|f\|_{L^1(\gamma_\infty)} = 1$, all i, $j \in \{1,\dots,n\}$ and $\lambda > 2$*

$$\gamma_\infty \Big\{ x : \int \mathscr{R}_{j,\infty}(x,u) f(u)\,d\gamma_\infty(u) > \lambda \Big\} \lesssim \frac{1}{\lambda\sqrt{\log\lambda}},$$

and

$$\gamma_\infty \Big\{ x : \int \mathscr{R}_{ij,\infty}(x,u) f(u)\,d\gamma_\infty(u) > \lambda \Big\} \lesssim \frac{1}{\lambda}.$$

In particular, the operators with kernels $\mathscr{R}_{j,\infty}$ and $\mathscr{R}_{ij,\infty}$ are of weak type $(1,1)$ with respect to the invariant measure $d\gamma_\infty$.

Notice here that the estimate for $\mathscr{R}_{j,\infty}$ is sharpened by a logarithmic factor. A similar phenomenon occurs for the related maximal operator; see [4].

Proof. Having fixed $\lambda > 2$, we use our polar coordinates with $\beta = \log\lambda$ and write $x = D_s\,\tilde{x}$ and $u = D_{s_u}\,\tilde{u}$, where $\tilde{x}, \tilde{u} \in E_\beta$. We restrict x to the annulus $\mathscr{E}_\lambda$, in view of Section 5. It is easily seen that this restriction is possible also with the logarithmic factor in the case of $\mathscr{R}_{j,\infty}$. Applying the estimates (4.6) and (4.7), we insert a factor $\exp(-c\,|\tilde{u}-\tilde{x}|^2)$, which is possible because of Remark 4.5. We also replace the factor $1+|x|$ in (4.7) by $\sqrt{\log\lambda}$.

With $\sigma \in \{1,2\}$ we thus need to control the measure of the set

$$\mathscr{A}_\sigma(\lambda) = \Big\{ x = D_s\,\tilde{x} \in \mathscr{E}_\lambda : \, e^{R(x)} \int \exp\big(-c\,\big|\tilde{x}-\tilde{u}\big|^2\big)\,(\log\lambda)^{(\sigma-1)/2}\,f(u)\,d\gamma_\infty(u) > \lambda \Big\}.$$

The following lemma ends the proof of Proposition 6.1.

Lemma 6.2. *The Gaussian measure of $\mathscr{A}_\sigma(\lambda)$ satisfies*

$$\gamma_\infty(\mathscr{A}_\sigma(\lambda)) \lesssim \frac{1}{\lambda\,(\log\lambda)^{(2-\sigma)/2}}. \tag{6.1}$$

Proof. For $\sigma = 1$, (6.1) has been proved in [4, Proposition 6.1], so we assume $\sigma = 2$. In view of (2.5), the function

$$s \mapsto \exp\big(R(D_s\,\tilde{x})\big)\,\sqrt{\log\lambda}\int \exp\big(-c\,\big|\tilde{x}-\tilde{u}\big|^2\big)\,f(u)\,d\gamma_\infty(u).$$

is strictly increasing in s. We conclude that the inequality

$$\exp\big(R(D_s\,\tilde{x})\big)\,\sqrt{\log\lambda}\int \exp\big(-c\,\big|\tilde{x}-\tilde{u}\big|^2\big)\,f(u)\,d\gamma_\infty(u)\;>\;\lambda \tag{6.2}$$

holds if and only if $s > s_\lambda(\tilde{x})$ for some function $\tilde{x} \mapsto s_\lambda(\tilde{x}) \le \infty$, with equality for $s = s_\lambda(\tilde{x}) < \infty$. Notice also that if the point $x = D_s\,\tilde{x}$ is in $\mathscr{A}_2(\lambda)$ and thus in $\mathscr{E}_\lambda$, then $|s| < C$ because of Lemma 2.1.

We use (2.13) to estimate the $d\gamma_\infty$ measure of $\mathscr{A}_2(\lambda)$. Since s stays bounded and $|\tilde{x}| \simeq \sqrt{\log\lambda}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_\infty(\mathscr{A}_2(\lambda)) &= \int_{\mathscr{A}_2(\lambda)} e^{-R(x)}\,dx\\ &\lesssim \sqrt{\log\lambda}\int_{E_{\log\lambda}}\int_{\substack{s>s_\lambda(\tilde{x})\\ |s|<C}} e^{-R(D_s\,\tilde{x})}\,ds\,dS_{\log\lambda}(\tilde{x})\\ &\lesssim \sqrt{\log\lambda}\int_{E_{\log\lambda}}\int_{s_\lambda(\tilde{x})}^{+\infty} \exp\big(-R(D_{s_\lambda(\tilde{x})}\,\tilde{x}) - c(s-s_\lambda(\tilde{x}))\log\lambda\big)\,ds\,dS_{\log\lambda}(\tilde{x}),\end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from (2.5), because $|D_s\,\tilde{x}|^2 \simeq \log\lambda$ for $|s| < C$. Now integrate in s, to get

$$\gamma_\infty(\mathscr{A}_2(\lambda)) \lesssim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\log\lambda}}\int_{E_{\log\lambda}} \exp\big(-R(D_{s_\lambda(\tilde{x})}\,\tilde{x})\big)\,dS_{\log\lambda}(\tilde{x}).$$

We combine this estimate with the case of equality in (6.2) and change the order of integration, concluding that

$$\gamma_\infty(\mathscr{A}_2(\lambda)) \lesssim \frac{1}{\lambda}\int\int_{E_{\log\lambda}} \exp\big(-c\,\big|\tilde{x}-\tilde{u}\big|^2\big)\,dS_{\log\lambda}(\tilde{x})\,f(u)\,d\gamma_\infty(u) \lesssim \frac{1}{\lambda}\int f(u)\,d\gamma_\infty(u),$$

which proves Lemma 6.2. □

7. The local case

In this section we define and estimate the local parts of the Riesz operators of orders 1 and 2.

Let η be a positive smooth function on $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$, such that $\eta(x,u) = 1$ if $(x,u) \in L_A$ and $\eta(x,u) = 0$ if $(x,u) \notin L_{2A}$, for some $A \ge 1$. Here A will be determined later, in a way that depends only on n, Q and B. We can assume moreover that

$$\big|\nabla_x\,\eta(x,u)\big| + \big|\nabla_u\,\eta(x,u)\big| \lesssim |x-u|^{-1}, \qquad x \ne u. \tag{7.1}$$

We introduce the global and local parts of the first-order Riesz transform R_j by

$$R_j^{\mathrm{glob}} f(x) = \int \mathscr{R}_j(x,u)\big(1-\eta(x,u)\big)f(u)\,d\gamma_\infty(u), \qquad f \in \mathscr{C}_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n),$$

and

$$R_j^{\mathrm{loc}} = R_j - R_j^{\mathrm{glob}}.$$

The off-diagonal kernel of R_j^{loc} is $\mathscr{R}_j(x,u)\eta(x,u)$. For the second-order Riesz transforms, we simply repeat the above with the subscript j replaced by ij.

To prove the weak type $(1,1)$ of the operators R_j^{loc} and R_{ij}^{loc}, we shall verify that their kernels $\mathscr{R}_j\eta$ and $\mathscr{R}_{ij}\eta$ satisfy the standard Calderón–Zygmund estimates.

We first need a lemma.

Lemma 7.1. *Let p, $r \ge 0$ with $p + r/2 > 1$, and $(x,u) \in L_{2A}$ with $x \ne u$. Then for $\delta > 0$*

$$\int_0^1 t^{-p} \exp\left(-\delta\, \frac{|u - D_t\, x|^2}{t}\right) |x|^r \, dt \lesssim C(\delta, p, r)\, |u - x|^{-2p-r+2},$$

where $C(\delta,p,r)$ may also depend on n, Q, B and A.

Proof. Write

$$|u - D_t\, x|^2 = |u-x|^2 + |x - D_t\, x|^2 + 2\langle u - x, x - D_t\, x\rangle.$$

Since $|x - D_t\, x| \simeq t|x|$, the absolute value of the last term here is no larger than CAt. It follows that

$$|u - D_t\, x|^2/t \ge |u-x|^2/t + ct|x|^2 - CA.$$

We now apply this to the integral in the lemma, and estimate $\exp\left(-c\delta t|x|^2\right)$ by $C\delta^{-r/2} t^{-r/2}\, |x|^{-r}$. The integral is thus controlled by

$$\delta^{-r/2} \int_0^1 t^{-p-r/2} \exp\left(-\delta\, \frac{|u-x|^2}{t}\right) dt,$$

and the required estimate follows via the change of variables $s = |u-x|^2/t$. □

Proposition 7.2. *Let the function η be as above. For all $(x,u) \in L_{2A}$, $x \ne u$, and all $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, the following estimates hold:*

(i) $\left|\mathscr{R}_j(x,u)\ \eta(x,u)\right| \lesssim e^{R(x)}\, |u-x|^{-n}$;

(ii) $\left|\nabla_x\big(\mathscr{R}_j(x,u)\ \eta(x,u)\big)\right| \lesssim e^{R(x)}\, |u-x|^{-(n+1)}$;

(iii) $\left|\nabla_u\big(\mathscr{R}_j(x,u)\ \eta(x,u)\big)\right| \lesssim e^{R(x)}\, |u-x|^{-(n+1)}$,

with implicit constants depending on n, B, Q and A.
The same estimates hold for $\mathscr{R}_{ij}$, $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Proof. We start with $\mathscr{R}_j$.
(1) From (3.7) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\left|\mathscr{R}_{j,0}(x,u)\right| &\lesssim e^{R(x)} \int_0^1 t^{-(n+1)/2}\ \exp\left(-c\, \frac{|u - D_t\, x|^2}{t}\right) \left(|x| + \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}\right) dt \\ &\lesssim e^{R(x)}\, |u-x|^{-n},\end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 7.1. Further, (4.6) implies the desired estimate for $\mathscr{R}_{j,\infty}$, and (i) follows.

(2) As a consequence of (7.1), one has for $x \neq u$

$$\big|\partial_{x_\ell}\big(\mathscr{R}_j(x,u)\;\eta(x,u)\big)\big| \lesssim \big|\partial_{x_\ell}\mathscr{R}_j(x,u)\big| + |x-u|^{-1}\big|\mathscr{R}_j(x,u)\big|.$$

Since item *(1)* above takes care of the last term here, it suffices to show that

$$\big|\partial_{x_\ell}\mathscr{R}_j(x,u)\big| \lesssim e^{R(x)}\,|u-x|^{-(n+1)}. \tag{7.2}$$

For $\mathscr{R}_{j,0}$ we get from (3.1), (3.3), (3.5), (3.6), combined with (2.10)

$$\begin{aligned}|\partial_{x_\ell}\mathscr{R}_{j,0}(x,u)| &\lesssim \int_0^1 t^{-1/2}K_t(x,u)\,|P_\ell(t,x,u)\,P_j(t,x,u)+\Delta_{j\ell}(t)|\;dt\\ &\lesssim e^{R(x)}\int_0^1 t^{-(n+1)/2}\,\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\,\frac{|u-D_t\,x|^2}{t}\right)\left[\left(|x|+\frac{|u-D_t\,x|}{t}\right)^2+\frac{1}{t}\right]dt.\end{aligned}$$

In the last factor here, we can replace $|u-D_t\,x|$ by $\sqrt{t}$, reducing slightly the factor 1/2 in the exponential expression. This will be done repeatedly in the sequel. We arrive at

$$\big|\partial_{x_\ell}\mathscr{R}_{j,0}(x,u)\big| \lesssim e^{R(x)}\int_0^1 t^{-(n+1)/2}\,\exp\left(-\frac{1}{4}\,\frac{|u-D_t\,x|^2}{t}\right)\left(|x|^2+\frac{1}{t}\right)dt,$$

and Lemma 7.1 allows us to estimate this by $e^{R(x)}\,|u-x|^{-(n+1)}$ as desired.

For $\mathscr{R}_{j,\infty}$ (4.4) and (4.5) imply that

$$\big|\partial_{x_\ell}\mathscr{R}_{j,\infty}(x,u)\big| \lesssim \int_1^{+\infty} K_t(x,u)\,|P_\ell(t,x,u)\,P_j(t,x,u)+\Delta_{j\ell}(t)|\;dt \lesssim e^{R(x)}\,(1+|x|).$$

Here $1+|x| \lesssim |x-u|^{-1} \lesssim |x-u|^{-(n+1)}$, and (7.2) is verified, proving (ii) as well.

(3) As in item *(2)*, it suffices to estimate $|\partial_{u_\ell}\mathscr{R}_j(x,u)|$. Because of (3.2), (3.4) and (3.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned}&\big|\partial_{u_\ell}\mathscr{R}_{j,0}(x,u)\big|\\ &\quad\lesssim \int_0^1 t^{-1/2}K_t(x,u)\,\big|P_j(t,x,u)\,\big\langle Q_t^{-1}e^{tB}\,(D_{-t}\,u-x),e_\ell\big\rangle+\big\langle Q_t^{-1}e^{tB}e_j,e_\ell\big\rangle\big|\;dt\\ &\quad\lesssim \int_0^1 t^{-1/2}K_t(x,u)\left[\left(|x|+\frac{|u-D_t\,x|}{t}\right)\frac{|D_{-t}\,u-x|}{t}+\frac{1}{t}\right]dt\\ &\quad\lesssim e^{R(x)}\int_0^1 t^{-(n+1)/2}\;\exp\left(-c\,\frac{|u-D_t\,x|^2}{t}\right)\left(\frac{|x|}{\sqrt{t}}+\frac{1}{t}\right)dt\\ &\quad\lesssim e^{R(x)}\,|u-x|^{-(n+1)},\end{aligned}$$

where we proceeded much as in item *(2)*. Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}\big|\partial_{u_\ell}\mathscr{R}_{j,\infty}(x,u)\big| &\lesssim \int_1^\infty K_t(x,u)\left(|P_j(t,x,u)|\;\big|Q_t^{-1}e^{tB}\;(D_{-t}\,u-x)\big|+\big|Q_t^{-1}e^{tB}e_j\big|\right)dt\\ &\lesssim \int_1^\infty K_t(x,u)\left[\left(e^{-ct}\big|D_{-t}\,u-x\big|+\big|D_{-t}\,u\big|\right)e^{-ct}\,\big|D_{-t}\,u-x\big|+e^{-ct}\right]dt\\ &\lesssim \int_1^\infty K_t(x,u)\,e^{-ct}\;\left[|D_{-t}\,u-x|^2+|D_{-t}\,u|\;|D_{-t}\,u-x|+1\right]\;dt\;\lesssim\;e^{R(x)},\end{aligned}$$

as follows from Proposition 4.2.

Items (i), (ii) and (iii) are proved for $\mathscr{R}_j$, and we now turn to $\mathscr{R}_{ij}$.

(1') For $(x,u) \in L_{2A}$, it results from (3.8) and Lemma 7.1 that

$$\left|\mathscr{R}_{ij,0}(x,u)\right| \lesssim e^{R(x)} \int_0^1 t^{-n/2} \exp\left(-c\,\frac{|u - D_t\,x|^2}{t}\right) \left(|x|^2 + \frac{1}{t}\right) dt \lesssim \frac{e^{R(x)}}{|u-x|^n}.$$

Since (4.7) gives the estimate for $\mathscr{R}_{ij,\infty}$, item (i) is verified.

(2') As before, we need only consider the derivative $\partial_{x_\ell}\mathscr{R}_{ij}(x,u)$ in the local region. From (3.1) and (3.3), we have

$$\partial_{x_\ell}\mathscr{R}_{ij}(x,u) = \int_0^\infty K_t(x,u)\Big[P_\ell(t,x,u)\left(P_i(t,x,u)P_j(t,x,u) + \Delta_{ij}(t)\right) + \Delta_{i\ell}(t)\,P_j(t,x,u) + \Delta_{j\ell}(t)\,P_i(t,x,u)\Big]\,dt.$$

For $0 < t < 1$, we estimate the factors of type P_i and Δ_{ij} here by means of (3.5) and (3.6). Then we use the exponential factor in K_t to replace $|u - D_t\,x|$ by $\sqrt{t}$, and apply Lemma 7.1. The result will be

$$\begin{aligned}\left|\partial_{x_\ell}\mathscr{R}_{ij,0}(x,u)\right| &\lesssim e^{R(x)} \int_0^1 t^{-n/2} \exp\left(-c\,\frac{|u - D_t\,x|^2}{t}\right) \left(|x|^3 + \frac{1}{t\sqrt{t}}\right) dt \\ &\lesssim e^{R(x)}\,|u-x|^{-(n+1)}.\end{aligned}$$

For $t > 1$, we use (3.5) and (3.6), getting

$$\begin{aligned}&\left|\partial_{x_\ell}\mathscr{R}_{ij,\infty}(x,u)\right| \\ &\lesssim \int_1^\infty K_t(x,u)\,\left(e^{-ct}\,|D_{-t}\,u - x|^3 + |D_{-t}\,u|^3 + e^{-ct}\,|D_{-t}\,u - x| + e^{-ct}\,|D_{-t}\,u|\right) dt \\ &\lesssim e^{R(x)}\,|x-u|^{-2},\end{aligned}$$

because of Lemma 4.2.

(3') Applying (3.2) and (3.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}&\partial_{u_\ell}\mathscr{R}_{ij}(x,u) \\ &\quad= \int_0^\infty K_t(x,u)\Big[-\left\langle Q_t^{-1}e^{tB}\,(D_{-t}\,u - x), e_\ell\right\rangle (P_i(t,x,u)P_j(t,x,u) + \Delta_{ji}(t)) \\ &\qquad + \left\langle Q_t^{-1}e^{tB}e_i, e_\ell\right\rangle P_j(t,x,u) + P_i(t,x,u)\left\langle Q_t^{-1}e^{tB}e_j, e_\ell\right\rangle\Big]\,dt.\end{aligned}$$

Arguing as before, we conclude

$$\begin{aligned}&|\partial_{u_\ell}\mathscr{R}_{ij,0}(x,u)| \\ &\lesssim \int_0^1 K_t(x,u)\left[\frac{|D_{-t}\,u - x|}{t}\left(\left(|x| + \frac{|u - D_t\,x|}{t}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{t}\right) + \frac{1}{t}\left(|x| + \frac{|u - D_t\,x|}{t}\right)\right] dt \\ &\lesssim e^{R(x)} \int_0^1 t^{-n/2} \exp\left(-c\,\frac{|u - D_t\,x|^2}{t}\right)\left(\frac{|x|^2}{\sqrt{t}} + \frac{1}{t\sqrt{t}}\right) dt\end{aligned}$$

$$\lesssim e^{R(x)}\,|u-x|^{-(n+1)}.$$

Further,

$$\begin{aligned}&\big|\partial_{u_\ell}\mathscr{R}_{ij,\infty}(x,u)\big|\\ &\quad\lesssim \int_1^\infty K_t(x,u)\,e^{-ct}\big(\,|D_{-t}\,u-x|^3+|D_{-t}\,u-x|\,|D_{-t}\,u|^2+1+|D_{-t}\,u-x|+|D_{-t}\,u|\,\big)\,dt\\ &\quad\lesssim e^{R(x)}\,|x-u|^{-1},\end{aligned}$$

the last step from Proposition 4.2.

This completes the proof of Proposition 7.2. □

We can now prove the weak type $(1,1)$ of the local parts.

Proposition 7.3. *For $i,\,j\in\{1,\dots,n\}$, the operators R_j^{loc} and R_{ij}^{loc} are of weak type $(1,1)$ with respect to the invariant measure $d\gamma_\infty$.*

Proof. This is now a straightforward consequence of [19, Proposition 2.3], [13, Proposition 3.4], our Proposition 7.2 and [13, Theorem 3.7]. □

8. The global case for small t

In this section, we study the operators $R_{j,0}^{\mathrm{glob}}$ and $R_{ij,0}^{\mathrm{glob}}$, with kernels $\big(1-\eta\big)\mathscr{R}_{j,0}$ and $\big(1-\eta\big)\mathscr{R}_{ij,0}$, respectively. The function η was defined in the beginning of Section 7, depending on A. We have the following result.

Proposition 8.1. *For $i,j\in\{1,\dots,n\}$, the operators $R_{j,0}^{\mathrm{glob}}$ and $R_{ij,0}^{\mathrm{glob}}$ are of weak type $(1,1)$ with respect to the invariant measure $d\gamma_\infty$, provided A is chosen large enough.*

The estimates (3.7) and (3.8) show that to prove this proposition, it suffices to verify the weak type $(1,1)$ of the operator with kernel $\int_0^1\mathscr{K}_t(x,u)\,dt\,\chi_{G_A}(x,u)$, where

$$\mathscr{K}_t(x,u)=e^{R(x)}\,t^{-n/2}\,\exp\left(-c\,\frac{|u-D_t\,x|^2}{t}\right)\left(|x|^2+\frac{1}{t}\right).$$

As is clear from Section 5, we need only consider the case $|x|\gtrsim 1$. This assumption will be valid in the rest of this section.

The sets

$$I_m(x,u)=\left\{t\in(0,1):\ 2^{m-1}\sqrt{t}<|u-D_t\,x|\le 2^m\sqrt{t}\right\},\qquad m=1,2,\dots,$$

and

$$I_0(x,u)=\left\{t\in(0,1):\ |u-D_t\,x|\le\sqrt{t}\right\}$$

together form a partition of $(0,1)$. For $t\in I_m(x,u)$,

$$\mathscr{K}_t(x,u)\le e^{R(x)}\,t^{-n/2}\exp\left(-c\,2^{2m}\right)\left(|x|^2+\frac{1}{t}\right).$$

Let

$$\mathscr{Q}_m(x,u)=e^{R(x)}\int_{I_m(x,u)}t^{-n/2}\left(|x|^2+\frac{1}{t}\right)dt\,\chi_{G_A}(x,u),\qquad m=0,1,\dots.$$

The operator we need to consider has kernel

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \exp\left(-c\, 2^{2m}\right)\ \mathcal{Q}_m(x,u). \tag{8.1}$$

Proposition 8.2. *Let $m \in \{0,1,\dots\}$. The operator whose kernel is $\mathcal{Q}_m$ is of weak type $(1,1)$ with respect to $d\gamma_\infty$, with a quasinorm bounded by $C\, 2^{Cm}$ for some C.*

This proposition implies Proposition 8.1, since the factors $\exp\left(-c\, 2^{2m}\right)$ in (8.1) will allow us to sum over m in the space $L^{1,\infty}(\gamma_\infty)$. Before proving Proposition 8.2, we make some preparations.

From now on, we fix $m \in \{0,1,\dots\}$. If $t \in I_m(x,u)$, Lemma 2.3 implies

$$|u-x| \le |u - D_t\, x| + |D_t\, x - x| \lesssim 2^m\sqrt{t} + t|x|, \tag{8.2}$$

and further

$$\begin{aligned} |R(D_t\, x) - R(u)| = \frac{1}{2}\left(|D_t\, x|_Q + |u|_Q\right)\left||D_t\, x|_Q - |u|_Q\right| &\lesssim (|x|+|u|)\, |D_t\, x - u|_Q \\ &\lesssim (|x|+|u|)\, 2^m\sqrt{t}\,. \end{aligned} \tag{8.3}$$

Lemma 8.3. *Let $(x,u) \in G_A$. If A is chosen large enough, depending only on n, Q and B, then*

$$I_m(x,u) \subset (2^{-2m}/|x|^2,\ 1), \qquad m = 0,1,\dots.$$

Proof. If $t \in I_m(x,u)$ but $t \le 2^{-2m}/|x|^2$, the two terms to the right in (8.2) are both bounded by $1/|x|$, so that $|x-u| < C/|x|$ for some C. Since we assume $|x| \gtrsim 1$, this will violate the hypothesis $(x,u) \in G_A$, if A is large. The lemma follows. ☐

Lemma 8.4. *Let $t \in I_m(x,u)$. If the constant $C_0 > 4$ is chosen large enough, depending only on n, Q and B, then $t > C_0\, 2^{2m}/|x|^2$ implies*

$$|u| \simeq |x|, \tag{8.4}$$

$$R(u) - R(x) \simeq t|x|^2 \simeq |u-x|\,|x| \tag{8.5}$$

and

$$t \simeq |u-x|/|x|. \tag{8.6}$$

Proof. Because of our assumptions on t, (8.2) implies that $|u-x| \lesssim t|x| \lesssim |x|$, and so $|u| \lesssim |x|$. This proves one of the inequalities in both (8.4) and (8.6). Aiming at (8.5), we write

$$R(u) - R(x) = R(D_t\, x) - R(x) - (R(D_t\, x) - R(u)).$$

From (2.7) it follows that

$$R(D_t\, x) - R(x) \simeq t|x|^2,$$

and (8.3) and our assumptions lead to

$$|R(D_t\, x) - R(u)| \lesssim |x|\, 2^m\sqrt{t} \lesssim t|x|^2/\sqrt{C_0}\,.$$

Thus we can choose $C_0 > 4$ so large that $|R(D_t\, x) - R(u)| < (R(D_t\, x) - R(x))/2$, and the first estimate in (8.5) follows. In particular, $R(u) > R(x)$, and so $|u| \gtrsim |x|$, which completes the proof of (8.4). We also obtain the remaining part of (8.6), by writing

$$t|x|^2 \simeq R(u) - R(x) = \frac{1}{2}\,(|u|_Q + |x|_Q)\,(|u|_Q - |x|_Q) \lesssim |x|\,|u-x|_Q.$$

Finally, the second estimate in (8.5) is a trivial consequence of (8.6).

The lemma is proved. □

In view of the last two lemmas, we split $I_m(x,u)$ into

$$I_m^-(x,u) = I_m(x,u) \cap (2^{-2m}/|x|^2,\ 1 \wedge C_0\, 2^{2m}/|x|^2)$$

and

$$I_m^+(x,u) = I_m(x,u) \cap (1 \wedge C_0\, 2^{2m}/|x|^2,\ 1).$$

Define for $m = 0, 1, \dots$ and $|x| \gtrsim 1$

$$\mathscr{Q}_m^-(x,u) = e^{R(x)} \int_{I_m^-(x,u)} t^{-n/2} \left(|x|^2 + \frac{1}{t}\right) dt\ \chi_{G_A}(x,u)$$

and

$$\mathscr{Q}_m^+(x,u) = e^{R(x)} \int_{I_m^+(x,u)} t^{-n/2} \left(|x|^2 + \frac{1}{t}\right) dt\ \chi_{G_A}(x,u),$$

so that $\mathscr{Q}_m(x,u) = \mathscr{Q}_m^-(x,u) + \mathscr{Q}_m^+(x,u)$.

Lemma 8.5. *The operator with kernel $\mathscr{Q}_m^-$ is of strong type $(1,1)$ with respect to $d\gamma_\infty$, with a norm bounded by $C\, 2^{Cm}$.*

Proof. For $t < C_0\, 2^{2m}/|x|^2$, the estimate (8.2) implies

$$|u - x| \le 2\, C_0\, 2^{2m}/|x|, \tag{8.7}$$

which leads to

$$\begin{aligned}\mathscr{Q}_m^-(x,u) &\lesssim e^{R(x)} \int_{2^{-2m}/|x|^2}^{C_0\, 2^{2m}/|x|^2} t^{-n/2} \left(|x|^2 + \frac{1}{t}\right) dt\ \chi_{\{|u-x| \lesssim 2\, C_0\, 2^{2m}/|x|\}} \\ &\lesssim e^{R(x)}\, 2^{Cm}\, |x|^n\, \chi_{\{|u-x| \lesssim 2\, C_0\, 2^{2m}/|x|\}},\end{aligned}$$

for some C.

Consider first the case $|x| \le C_0\, 2^m$. Then $\mathscr{Q}_m^-(x,u) \lesssim e^{R(x)}\, 2^{Cm}$, and so

$$\int_{|x| \le C_0\, 2^m} \mathscr{Q}_m^-(x,u)\, d\gamma_\infty(x) \lesssim 2^{Cm}.$$

Since this is uniform in u, the strong type follows for $|x| < C_0\, 2^m$.

To deal with points x with $|x| > C_0\, 2^m$, we introduce dyadic rings

$$L_i = \{x : C_0\, 2^{m+i} < |x| \le C_0\, 2^{m+i+1}\}, \qquad i = -1, 0, 1, \dots.$$

If $x \in L_i$ with $i \ge 0$, it follows from (8.7) that

$$|u - x| < 2^{m-i+1} < C_0\, 2^{m-i-1},$$

the last step since $C_0 > 4$. The triangle inequality now shows that u is in the extended ring

$$L_i' = L_{i-1} \cup L_i \cup L_{i+1}.$$

With $0 \le f \in L^1(\gamma_\infty)$ we let $F(u) = e^{-R(u)}\, f(u)$, so that $\int f\, d\gamma_\infty = \int F\, du$. Then for $x \in L_i,\ i \ge 0$,

$$\int \mathscr{Q}_m^-(x,u)\, f(u)\, d\gamma_\infty(u) \lesssim e^{R(x)}\, 2^{Cm}\, 2^{n(m+i)} \int_{|u-x|\lesssim C_0\, 2^{m-i-1}} F(u)\, du$$
$$= e^{R(x)}\, 2^{Cm}\, \Psi * F(x),$$

where Ψ is given by

$$\Psi(u) = 2^{n(m+i)}\, \chi_{B(0,\, C_0\, 2^{m-i-1})}(u).$$

Since $\int \Psi(u)\, du \lesssim 2^{Cm}$, we can integrate in x to get

$$\int_{L_i} d\gamma_\infty(x) \int \mathscr{Q}_m^-(x,u)\, f(u)\, d\gamma_\infty(u) \lesssim 2^{Cm} \int_{L_i} \Psi * F(x)\, dx \lesssim 2^{Cm} \int_{L_i'} F(u)\, du.$$

Summing over $i \ge 0$, we get

$$\int_{|x|>C_0 2^m} d\gamma_\infty(x) \int \mathscr{Q}_m^-(x,u)\, f(u)\, d\gamma_\infty(u) \lesssim 2^{Cm} \sum_{i=-1}^{\infty} \int_{L_i'} F(u)\, d\gamma_\infty(u) \lesssim 2^{Cm} \int f\, d\gamma_\infty.$$

The lemma follows. ☐

Lemma 8.6. *The operator with kernel $\mathscr{Q}_m^+$ is of weak type $(1,1)$ with respect to $d\gamma_\infty$, and its quasinorm is bounded by $C\, 2^{Cm}$.*

Proof. The support of the kernel $\mathscr{Q}_m^+$ is contained in the set

$$\mathscr{C}_m = \left\{(x,u) \in G_A :\ \exists t \in I_m^+(x,u)\right\}.$$

We first sharpen (8.6) by restricting t further. Because of (8.3), (8.4) and (8.6), any $t \in I_m^+(x,u)$ satisfies

$$\big|R(D_t\, x) - R(u)\big| \lesssim |x|\, 2^m \sqrt{t} \lesssim 2^m \sqrt{|x-u||x|}, \tag{8.8}$$

and from (2.5) we know that

$$\partial_t R(D_t\, x) \simeq |x|^2.$$

The size of this derivative shows that (8.8) can hold only for t in an interval of length at most $C\, 2^m \sqrt{|x-u|}/|x|^{3/2}$, call it I. We obtain, using (8.6) again,

$$\mathscr{Q}_m^+(x,u) \lesssim e^{R(x)} \int_{I\cap I_m^+(x,u)} \left(\frac{|x-u|}{|x|}\right)^{-n/2} \left(|x|^2 + \frac{|x|}{|x-u|}\right) dt\, \chi_{\mathscr{C}_m}(x,u).$$

The global condition implies $|x|/|x-u| \lesssim |x|^2$, so that

$$\mathscr{Q}_m^+(x,u) \lesssim\ e^{R(x)}\, 2^m\, |x|^{(n+1)/2}\, |x-u|^{(1-n)/2}\, \chi_{\mathscr{C}_m}(x,u) =: \mathscr{M}_m(x,u).$$

It will be enough to prove Lemma 8.6 with $\mathscr{Q}_m^+$ replaced by the kernel $\mathscr{M}_m$ thus defined.

With $\lambda > 2$ fixed, we assume $x \in \mathscr{E}_\lambda$. We use our polar coordinates with $\beta = (\log\lambda)/2$, writing

$$x = D_s\, \tilde{x} \qquad \text{and} \qquad u = D_{s_u}\, \tilde{u},$$

where $\tilde{x}, \tilde{u} \in E_\beta$ and $s \geq 0$, $s_u \in \mathbb{R}$. If $(x, u) \in \mathscr{C}_m$, we take $t \in I_m^+(x, u)$ and observe that $R(D_t\, x) > R(x) \geq \beta$. Then [4, Lemma 4.3 (i)] can be applied, giving

$$|\tilde{u} - \tilde{x}| \lesssim |u - D_t\, x| \leq 2^m \sqrt{t} \simeq 2^m \sqrt{|u - x|/|x|}\,, \tag{8.9}$$

the last step because of (8.6).

We shall cover the ellipsoid E_β with little caps, and start with E_1. The small number $\delta > 0$ will be specified below, depending only on n, Q and B. Define for $e \in E_1$ the cap $\Omega_e^1 = E_1 \cap B(e, \delta)$. We cover E_1 with caps Ω_e^1 with e ranging over a finite subset of E_1, in such a way that the doubled caps $\tilde{\Omega}_e^1 = E_1 \cap B(e, 2\delta)$ have C-bounded overlap.

Since $E_\beta = \sqrt{\beta}\, E_1$, we can scale these caps to get caps

$$\Omega_e^\beta = \sqrt{\beta}\, \Omega_e^1 = E_\beta \cap B\left(\sqrt{\beta}\, e, \sqrt{\beta}\, \delta\right)$$

covering E_β. Similarly, $\tilde{\Omega}_e^\beta = \sqrt{\beta}\, \tilde{\Omega}_e^1$.

For each $x \in \mathscr{E}_\lambda$, the point $\tilde{x}$ will belong to some cap Ω_e^β of the covering. In the proof of Lemma 8.6 we need only consider those u for which $\tilde{u}$ is in the doubled cap $\tilde{\Omega}_e^\beta$. The reason is that if $\tilde{u} \notin \tilde{\Omega}_e^\beta$, then $|\tilde{u} - \tilde{x}| \gtrsim \sqrt{\beta}\, \delta \simeq |x|$, and [4, Lemma 4.3 (i)] implies $|u - D_t\, x| \gtrsim |x|$ and also $|u - x| \gtrsim |x|$. This and the definition of $I_m(x, u)$ lead to $|x| \lesssim 2^m \sqrt{t}$ and thus $1 + |x| \lesssim 2^m$. It follows that

$$\mathscr{M}_m(x, u) \lesssim e^{R(x)}\, 2^m\, |x|^{(n+1)/2}\, |x - u|^{(1-n)/2} \lesssim e^{R(x)}\, 2^m\, |x| \lesssim e^{R(x)}\, 2^{(n+3)m}\, (1 + |x|)^{-n-1}.$$

Since the last expression is independent of u and has integral

$$\int e^{R(x)}\, 2^{(n+3)m}\, (1 + |x|)^{-(n+1)}\, d\gamma_\infty(x) \lesssim 2^{Cm},$$

this part of the $\mathscr{M}_m$ gives an operator which is of strong type $(1, 1)$, with the desired bound.

Thus we fix a cap Ω_e^β, assuming that $\tilde{x} \in \Omega_e^\beta$ and $\tilde{u} \in \tilde{\Omega}_e^\beta$. By means of a rotation, we may also assume that e is on the positive x_1 axis. Then we write $\tilde{x}$ as $\tilde{x} = (\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}') \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$, and similarly $\tilde{u} = (\tilde{u}_1, \tilde{u}')$. If δ is chosen small enough, we will then have

$$|\tilde{x} - \tilde{u}| \simeq |\tilde{x}' - \tilde{u}'|, \tag{8.10}$$

essentially because the x_1 axis is transversal to E_β at the point of intersection $\sqrt{\beta}\, e$. Further, the area measure dS_β of E_β will satisfy

$$dS_\beta(\tilde{u}) \simeq d\tilde{u}' \tag{8.11}$$

in $\tilde{\Omega}_e^\beta$, again if δ is small.

We now recall Proposition 8 in [18]. This proposition is also applied in another framework in [2].

Proposition 8.7. [18] *The operator*

$$Tg(\xi) = e^{-2\xi_1} \int_{\substack{\eta_1 < \xi_1 - 1 \\ |\xi' - \eta'| < \sqrt{\xi_1 - \eta_1}}} (\xi_1 - \eta_1)^{(1-n)/2} g(\eta)\, d\eta$$

maps $L^1(d\eta)$ boundedly into $L^{1,\infty}(e^{2\xi_1}\, d\xi)$. Here $\xi = (\xi_1,\, \xi') \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ and similarly for η.

In order to apply this result, we define new variables $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi') \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ and analogously $\eta = (\eta_1, \eta')$, defined for $x \in \mathscr{E}_\lambda$ and $(x, u) \in \mathscr{C}_m$ satisfying $\tilde{x} \in \Omega_e^\beta$ and $\tilde{u} \in \tilde{\Omega}_e^\beta$, by

$$\xi_1 = -\frac{1}{2} R(x), \qquad \eta_1 = -\frac{1}{2} R(u)$$

and

$$\xi' = 2^{-m} \sqrt{\log \lambda}\, \tilde{x}', \qquad \eta' = 2^{-m} \sqrt{\log \lambda}\, \tilde{u}'.$$

Lemma 8.4 implies that

$$|u - x| \simeq (\xi_1 - \eta_1)/|x| \simeq (\xi_1 - \eta_1)/\sqrt{\log \lambda}. \tag{8.12}$$

Then $\xi_1 - \eta_1 \gtrsim A$ because of the global condition. Choosing A large enough, we will have

$$\xi_1 - \eta_1 > 1.$$

Applying (8.10), (8.9) and (8.12), we obtain

$$|\xi' - \eta'| = 2^{-m} \sqrt{\log \lambda}\, |\tilde{u}' - \tilde{x}'| \simeq 2^{-m} \sqrt{\log \lambda}\, |\tilde{u} - \tilde{x}| \lesssim \sqrt{|x|\, |u - x|} \simeq \sqrt{\xi_1 - \eta_1}.$$

This allows us to estimate $\mathscr{M}_m$ in terms of the coordinates ξ and η :

$$\mathscr{M}_m(x, u) \lesssim e^{-2\xi_1} (\log \lambda)^{n/2} (\xi_1 - \eta_1)^{(1-n)/2} \chi_{\mathscr{C}'_m},$$

where

$$\mathscr{C}'_m = \left\{ (\xi, \eta) : \ \xi_1 - \eta_1 > 1,\ |\xi' - \eta'| \le C \sqrt{\xi_1 - \eta_1} \right\}$$

for some C.

We must also express the Lebesgue measures dx and du in terms of ξ and η , with x and u restricted as before. By (2.13),

$$dx \simeq e^{-s \operatorname{tr} B}\, |x|\, ds\, dS_\beta(\tilde{x}) \simeq \sqrt{\log \lambda}\, ds\, dS_\beta(\tilde{x}),$$

the last step since $x \in \mathscr{E}_\lambda$ implies $s \lesssim 1$. Similarly, $du \simeq \sqrt{\log \lambda}\, ds_u\, dS_\beta(\tilde{u})$.

Because of (2.5), we can write $|\partial \xi_1 / \partial s| = |\partial R(D_s\, \tilde{x}) / \partial s| / 2 \simeq |D_s\, \tilde{x}|^2 = |x|^2 \simeq \log \lambda$, and if $\tilde{x}$ is kept fixed, we will have $ds \simeq (\log \lambda)^{-1}\, d\xi_1$. From (8.11) applied to x, we have $dS_\beta(\tilde{x}) \simeq d\tilde{x}' = 2^{(n-1)m} (\log \lambda)^{(1-n)/2}\, d\xi'$. Altogether, we get

$$dx \simeq 2^{(n-1)m} (\log \lambda)^{-n/2}\, d\xi \qquad \text{and} \qquad du \simeq 2^{(n-1)m} (\log \lambda)^{-n/2}\, d\eta. \tag{8.13}$$

Letting $g(\eta) = e^{-R(u)}\, f(u)$, we can summarize the above and write

$$\int \mathscr{M}_m(x, u)\, f(u)\, d\gamma_\infty(u) \lesssim 2^{Cm}\, e^{-2\xi_1} \int_{\mathscr{C}'_m} (\xi_1 - \eta_1)^{(1-n)/2} g(\eta)\, d\eta.$$

Hence, the set of points x where

$$\int \mathscr{M}_m(x, u)\, f(u)\, d\gamma_\infty(u) > \lambda \tag{8.14}$$

is, after the change of coordinates, contained in the set of ξ for which

$$e^{-2\xi_1} \int_{\substack{\eta_1 < \xi_1 - 1 \\ |\xi' - \eta'| < C\sqrt{\xi_1 - \eta_1}}} (\xi_1 - \eta_1)^{(1-n)/2} g(\eta)\, d\eta \gtrsim 2^{-Cm}\, \lambda.$$

The integral here fits with that in Proposition 8.7, except for the factor C in the domain of integration. This factor can easily be eliminated by means of a scaling of the variables η'. Thus Proposition 8.7 tells us that the level set defined by (8.14) has $e^{2\xi_1}\,d\xi$ measure at most $C\,2^{Cm}\,\lambda^{-1}\int g(\eta)\,d\eta$. If we go back to the x coordinates, (8.13) implies that the $d\gamma_\infty$ measure of the same set is at most

$$C\,2^{Cm}\,(\log\lambda)^{-n/2}\,\lambda^{-1}\int g(\eta)\,d\eta.$$

But

$$\int g(\eta)\,d\eta \simeq 2^{(1-n)m}\,(\log\lambda)^{n/2}\int f(u)\,d\gamma_\infty(u),$$

again by (8.13). Lemma 8.6 now follows. □

Lemmata 8.5 and 8.6 together imply Proposition 8.2 and also Proposition 8.1.

9. A counterexample for $|\alpha| > 2$

We prove the "only if" part of Theorem 1.1. Thus assuming $|\alpha| > 2$, we will disprove the weak type $(1,1)$ of the Riesz transform $R^{(\alpha)}$.

The off-diagonal kernel of $R^{(\alpha)}$ is

$$\mathscr{R}_\alpha(x,u) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(|\alpha|/2)}\int_0^{+\infty} t^{(|\alpha|-2)/2}\,D_x^\alpha\,K_t(x,u)\,dt, \tag{9.1}$$

K_t being the Mehler kernel as in (2.1).

Repeated application of (3.1) in Lemma 3.1 implies that the derivative $D_x^\alpha\,K_t(x,u)$ is a sum of products of the form $K_t(x,u)\,P(t,x,u)\,Q(t)$, where $P(t,x,u)$ is a product of factors of type $P_j(t,x,u)$, and $Q(t)$ is a product of factors of type $\Delta_{ij}(t)$. Since $\Delta_{ij}(t)$ does not depend on x, there will be nothing more. More precisely, consider a term in this sum where the derivatives falling on $K_t(x,u)$ are given by a multiindex κ, with $\kappa \le \alpha$ in the sense of componentwise inequalities. Then $|\alpha| - |\kappa|$ differentiations must fall on the $P_j(t,x,u)$ factors, and necessarily $|\alpha| - |\kappa| \le |\kappa|$. This tells us that $Q(t)$ must consist of $|\alpha| - |\kappa|$ factors and also that $P(t,x,u)$ consists of $N := |\kappa| - (|\alpha| - |\kappa|)$ factors. It follows that $|\alpha| - |\kappa| = (|\alpha| - N)/2$. Thus we get products

$$K_t(x,u)\,P^{(N)}(t,x,u)\,Q^{((|\alpha|-N)/2)}(t), \tag{9.2}$$

where the superscripts indicate the number of factors. Since $|\kappa|$ can be any integer satisfying $|\alpha|/2 \le |\kappa| \le |\alpha|$, we see that N runs over the set of integers in $[0, |\alpha|]$ congruent with $|\alpha|$ modulo 2.

With $\eta > 0$ large, define

$$u_0 = Q_\infty(\eta,\dots,\eta) \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Our f will be δ_{u_0} (or a close approximation of it). Thus

$$R^{(\alpha)}\,f(x) = R^{(\alpha)}\,\delta_{u_0}(x) = \mathscr{R}_\alpha(x,u_0).$$

For reasons that will become clear below, we fix a number $t_0 \in (0,1/2)$, independent of η and so small that

$$\big\langle (1,1,\dots,1),\, e^{t_0 B}\,e_j \big\rangle > 1/2, \qquad j = 1,\dots,n. \tag{9.3}$$

Define $x_0 = D_{-t_0}\, u_0$. We are going to evaluate $R^{(\alpha)}\, \delta_{u_0}(x)$ when x is in the ball $B\left(x_0, \sqrt{t_0}\right)$. Then we will have $|x| \simeq |x_0| \simeq |u_0| \simeq \eta$.

From (2.10) we get an estimate of $K_t(x, u_0)$ when $0 < t < 1$. There we want the exponent $|u_0 - D_t\, x|^2/t$ to stay bounded when $x \in B\left(x_0, \sqrt{t_0}\right)$ and t is close to t_0. Write

$$u_0 - D_t\, x = u_0 - D_t\, x_0 + D_t\,(x_0 - x) = u_0 - D_{t-t_0}\, u_0 + D_t\,(x_0 - x),$$

which we must then make smaller than constant times $\sqrt{t} \simeq \sqrt{t_0}$. Here

$$|u_0 - D_{t-t_0} u_0| \simeq |t - t_0|\, |u_0|,$$

because of Lemma 2.3. Thus we take t with $|t - t_0| < \sqrt{t_0}/|u_0|$, which implies $t \simeq t_0$ for large enough η. Further, $|D_t(x_0 - x)| \simeq |x_0 - x| < \sqrt{t_0}$. Then $|u_0 - D_t\, x| \lesssim \sqrt{t}$, and it follows that

$$K_t(x, u_0) \simeq e^{R(x)}\, t_0^{-n/2} \qquad \text{if} \qquad x \in B\big(x_0, \sqrt{t_0}\big) \quad \text{and} \quad |t - t_0| < \sqrt{t_0}/|u_0|. \tag{9.4}$$

Lemma 3.1 says that

$$P_j(t, x, u_0) = \big\langle Q_\infty^{-1} x, e_j \big\rangle + \big\langle Q_t^{-1} e^{tB}\, e_j\,,\, u_0 - D_t\, x \big\rangle. \tag{9.5}$$

The first summand here is for $x \in B\big(x_0, \sqrt{t_0}\big)$

$$\begin{aligned}\big\langle Q_\infty^{-1} x, e_j \big\rangle &= \big\langle Q_\infty^{-1} D_{-t_0}\, u_0, e_j \big\rangle + \big\langle Q_\infty^{-1}(x - x_0), e_j \big\rangle \\ &= \big\langle e^{t_0 B^*} Q_\infty^{-1} u_0, e_j \big\rangle + \mathcal{O}(|x - x_0|) \\ &= \big\langle (\eta, \eta, \ldots, \eta), e^{t_0 B}\, e_j \big\rangle + \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{t_0}),\end{aligned}$$

for large η, by the definition of u_0. Because of (9.3), this leads to

$$\langle Q_\infty^{-1} x, e_j \rangle \simeq \eta \simeq |x|, \tag{9.6}$$

and we observe that $\langle Q_\infty^{-1} x, e_j \rangle$ does not depend on t.

Next, we rewrite the product (9.2) by using (9.5) to expand the factor $P^{(N)}$. We will then get a sum of terms like (9.2) but where $P^{(N)}$ is replaced by a product of powers of the two summands in (9.5). For $N = |\alpha|$ one of the terms in this sum will be

$$K_t(x, u_0) \prod_{j=1}^{n} \big\langle Q_\infty^{-1} x, e_j \big\rangle^{\alpha_j} \gtrsim K_t(x, u_0)\, |x|^{|\alpha|}, \tag{9.7}$$

the inequality coming from (9.6). Since $N = |\alpha|$, the corresponding factor $Q^{((|\alpha| - N)/2)}(t)$ is 1. The positive quantity in (9.7) will give the divergence we need for the counterexample. We have to estimate the absolute values of all the other terms.

To do so, let $t \in (0, 1)$. For the second summand in (9.5), we have

$$\big|\big\langle Q_t^{-1} e^{tB}\, e_j\,,\, u_0 - D_t\, x \big\rangle\big| \lesssim \frac{|u_0 - D_t\, x|}{t},$$

and by (3.6)

$$|\Delta_{ij}(t)| \lesssim 1/t.$$

Thus each of the terms we must estimate is controlled by an expression of type

$$K_t(x,u_0)\,|x|^{N_1}\,\left(\frac{|u_0-D_t\,x|}{t}\right)^{N_2}\,\frac{1}{t^{(|\alpha|-N_1-N_2)/2}}, \tag{9.8}$$

where N_1 and N_2 are nonnegative integers satisfying $N_1+N_2=N\le|\alpha|$ and $N_1\le|\alpha|-1$. If instead of $K_t(x,u_0)$ we plug in here the upper bound in (2.10) and reduce slightly the coefficient c in the exponential, we can replace each factor $|u_0-D_t\,x|/t$ in (9.8) by $1/\sqrt{t}$. The quantity (9.8) is thus less than constant times

$$e^{R(x)}\,t^{-n/2}\,\exp\left(-c\,\frac{|u_0-D_t\,x|^2}{t}\right)|x|^{N_1}\,\frac{1}{t^{(|\alpha|-N_1)/2}}. \tag{9.9}$$

We are now ready to estimate the integral in (9.1), at first taken only over the interval $(0,1)$. Here $u=u_0$ and $x\in B\left(x_0,\sqrt{t_0}\right)$. The positive term described in (9.7) will, because of (9.4), give a contribution which is larger than a constant c times

$$\begin{aligned}|x|^{|\alpha|}\int_0^1 t^{(|\alpha|-2)/2}K_t(x,u)\,dt &\ge\ |x|^{|\alpha|}\int_{|t-t_0|<\sqrt{t_0}/|u_0|}t^{(|\alpha|-2)/2}K_t(x,u)\,dt\\ &\gtrsim\ |x|^{|\alpha|}\,e^{R(x)}\,t_0^{-n/2}\,t_0^{(|\alpha|-1)/2}\,|u_0|^{-1}\ \simeq\ e^{R(x)}\,|x|^{|\alpha|-1},\end{aligned} \tag{9.10}$$

since $t_0\simeq 1$ is fixed.

Next, we consider the expression in (9.9). The corresponding part of the integral in (9.1) will be at most a constant C times

$$e^{R(x)}\,|x|^{N_1}\int_0^1 t^{(N_1-n-2)/2}\,\exp\left(-c\,\frac{|u_0-D_t\,x|^2}{t}\right)dt,$$

In order to estimate this integral, we write, recalling that $D_t\,x_0=D_{t-t_0}\,u_0$,

$$|u_0-D_t\,x|\ge|u_0-D_{t-t_0}\,u_0|-|D_t\,(x-x_0)|.$$

The first summand here satisfies for $0<t<1$, in view of Lemma 2.3,

$$|u_0-D_{t-t_0}\,u_0|\simeq|t-t_0|\,|u_0|,$$

and the second summand is controlled by $\sqrt{t_0}$. Thus if $|t-t_0|>C/|u_0|$ for some large C, we will have

$$|u_0-D_t\,x|\ge|t-t_0|\,|u_0|\simeq 1+|t-t_0|\,|u_0|,$$

so that

$$\frac{|u_0-D_t\,x|^2}{t}\gtrsim\frac{1}{t}+\frac{|t-t_0|^2\,|u_0|^2}{t}.$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned}&e^{R(x)}\,|x|^{N_1}\int_{\substack{|t-t_0|>C/|u_0|\\0<t<1}}t^{(N_1-n-2)/2}\,\exp\left(-c\,\frac{|u_0-D_t\,x|^2}{t}\right)dt\\ &\lesssim e^{R(x)}\,|x|^{N_1}\int_0^1 t^{(N_1-n-2)/2}\,\exp\left(-\frac{c}{t}\right)\exp\left(-c\,\frac{|t-t_0|^2\,|u_0|^2}{t}\right)dt\\ &\lesssim e^{R(x)}\,|x|^{N_1}\int_{\mathbb{R}}\exp\left(-c\,|t-t_0|^2\,|u_0|^2\right)dt\end{aligned}$$

$$\lesssim e^{R(x)}\, |x|^{N_1}\, \frac{1}{|u_0|} \;\simeq\; e^{R(x)}\, |x|^{N_1-1}.$$

What remains is

$$e^{R(x)}\, |x|^{N_1} \int_{|t-t_0|<C/|u_0|} t^{(N_1-n-2)/2} \exp\left(-c\,\frac{|u_0-D_t x|^2}{t}\right) dt$$
$$\lesssim e^{R(x)}\, |x|^{N_1}\, t_0^{(N_1-n-2)/2}\, |u_0|^{-1} \;\simeq\; e^{R(x)}\, |x|^{N_1-1}.$$

Since $N_1 < |\alpha|$, the last expression is less than $e^{R(x)}\, |x|^{|\alpha|-2}$, and we see that for large η the positive expression in (9.10) dominates over the effects of the other terms.

We finally treat the integral over $t > 1$. For $x \in B\left(x_0, \sqrt{t_0}\right)$ and $t > 1$, (2.11), (3.5) and (3.6) imply the following three estimates

$$K_t(x,u_0) \lesssim e^{R(x)} \exp\Big[-\frac{1}{2}\,|D_{-t}\,u_0 - x|_Q^2\Big],$$
$$|P_j(t,x,u_0)| \lesssim e^{-ct}\,|D_{-t}\,u_0 - x| + |D_{-t}\,u_0|$$

and

$$|\Delta_{ij}(t)| \lesssim e^{-ct}.$$

We can delete the factor $|D_{-t}\,u_0 - x|$ from the second of these formulas, if we reduce slightly the coeffient $1/2$ in the first formula. Further,

$$|D_{-t}\,u_0 - x| \ge |D_{t_0-t}\,x_0 - x_0| - |x_0 - x|. \tag{9.11}$$

An argument like (2.8) now leads to $|D_{t_0-t}\,x_0 - x_0| \gtrsim |x|$, because here $t_0 - t < -1/2$ and so (2.5) implies that $|x_0|_Q^2 - |D_{t_0-t}\,x_0|_Q^2 \simeq |x_0|_Q^2$. Since $|x_0 - x|$ is much smaller than $|x|$, we conclude from (9.11) that $|D_{-t}\,u_0 - x| \simeq |x|$. Moreover, $|D_{-t}\,u_0| \lesssim e^{-ct}\,|u_0| \simeq e^{-ct}\,|x|$ by Lemma 2.1. Estimating the products in (9.2), we arrive at

$$|D_x^\alpha\, K_t(x,u_0)| \lesssim e^{R(x)} \exp\left(-c\,|x|^2\right) e^{-ct}\,|x|^C, \qquad t > 1.$$

Hence,

$$\int_1^\infty t^{(|\alpha|-2)/2}\, |D^\alpha K_t(x,u_0)|\, dt \lesssim e^{R(x)},$$

and this is much smaller than the quantity in (9.10).

Summing up, we get an estimate for the integral in (9.1) saying that

$$\mathscr{R}_\alpha(x,u_0) \gtrsim e^{R(x)}\, |x|^{|\alpha|-1}, \qquad x \in B\big(x_0, \sqrt{t_0}\big).$$

Let $\lambda = e^{R(x_0)}\, |x_0|^{|\alpha|-1}$. The ball $B\big(x_0, \sqrt{t_0}\big)$ contains the set

$$V_{x_0} = \{x = D_s\,\tilde{x} : R(\tilde{x}) = R(x_0),\;\; |\tilde{x} - x_0| < c,\;\; 0 < s < c/|x_0|^2\}$$

for some c. Then $e^{R(x)} \simeq e^{R(x_0)}$ in V_{x_0} as follows from (2.7), and so $\mathscr{R}_\alpha(x,u_0) \gtrsim \lambda$ in V_{x_0}. From (2.13) we see that the measure of V_{x_0} is

$$\gamma_\infty(V_{x_0}) = \int_0^{c/|x_0|^2} \int_{|\tilde{x}-x_0|<c} e^{-R(D_s\,\tilde{x})}\, e^{-s\,\mathrm{tr}\,B}\, \frac{|Q^{1/2}\,Q_\infty^{-1}\tilde{x}|^2}{2\,|Q_\infty^{-1}\tilde{x}|}\, dS_\beta(\tilde{x})\, ds$$
$$\simeq e^{-R(x_0)} \int_0^{c/|x_0|^2} |x_0|\, ds \;\simeq\; e^{-R(x_0)}\, |x_0|^{-1}.$$

We find that

$$\lambda\, \gamma_\infty(V_{x_0}) \gtrsim |x_0|^{|\alpha|-2}.$$

Since $|\alpha| > 2$, this expression will tend to $+\infty$ with η, disproving the weak type $(1,1)$ of $R^{(\alpha)}$.

Theorem 1.1 is completely proved.

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