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Estimates of weighted Hardy–Littlewood averages on the p -adic vector space

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Abstract

In the p -adic vector space \mathbb{Q}_p^n , we characterize those non-negative functions ψ defined on $\mathbb{Z}_p^* = \{w \in \mathbb{Q}_p: 0 < |w|_p \leq 1\}$ for which the weighted Hardy–Littlewood average $U_\psi: f \rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} f(t \cdot) \psi(t) dt$ is bounded on $L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ ($1 \leq r \leq \infty$), and on $BMO(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$. Also, in each case, we find the corresponding operator norm $\|U_\psi\|$.

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1. Introduction

For a prime number p , a non-zero element w of the p -adic field \mathbb{Q}_p is uniquely represented as a canonical form $w = \sum_{j=\gamma}^{\infty} a_j p^j$, where $a_j \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$, $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $a_\gamma \neq 0$. We call $\gamma = \text{ord}_p(w)$ the order of w . And then $|w|_p = p^{-\text{ord}_p(w)}$ becomes a non-Archimedean norm in \mathbb{Q}_p and \mathbb{Q}_p is the completion of \mathbb{Q} with $|\cdot|_p$ [7]. We let $\mathbb{Z}_p = \{w \in \mathbb{Q}_p: |w|_p \leq 1\}$ be the class of all p -adic integers of \mathbb{Q}_p and denote $\mathbb{Z}_p^* = \mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}$.

For a given $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the space \mathbb{Q}_p^n denotes a vector space over \mathbb{Q}_p , which contains all n -tuples of \mathbb{Q}_p . If we define $\|x\| = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |x_k|_p$ for $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{Q}_p^n$, then \mathbb{Q}_p^n becomes a Banach space with the norm $\|\cdot\|$. For $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}$, we denote B_γ as a γ -ball of \mathbb{Q}_p^n with center at 0,

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containing all x with $\|x\| \leq p^\gamma$, and $S_\gamma = B_\gamma \setminus B_{\gamma-1} = \{x \in \mathbb{Q}_p^n : \|x\| = p^\gamma\}$ its boundary. Also, for $a \in \mathbb{Q}_p^n$, $B_\gamma(a)$ consists of all x with $x - a \in B_\gamma$. Similarly, $x \in S_\gamma(a)$ means that $x - a \in S_\gamma$.

Since \mathbb{Q}_p^n is a locally compact Hausdorff space, there is the Haar measure dx on the additive group \mathbb{Q}_p^n , normalized by $\int_{B_0} dx := |B_0| = 1$, where $|E|$ denotes the Haar measure of a measurable set $E \subset \mathbb{Q}_p^n$. By a simple calculation the Haar measures of any balls and spheres can be obtained. Especially, we frequently use $|B_\gamma| = p^{n\gamma}$ and $|S_\gamma| = p^{n\gamma}(1 - p^{-n})$.

A measurable real-valued function f on \mathbb{Q}_p^n is said to be in $L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ ($1 \leq r < \infty$) provided

$$\|f\|_{L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)} := \left(\int_{\mathbb{Q}_p^n} |f(x)|^r dx \right)^{1/r} < \infty. \tag{1.1}$$

Also, $L^\infty(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ consists of the set of all measurable real-valued functions f on \mathbb{Q}_p^n satisfying

$$\|f\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)} := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \in \mathbb{Q}_p^n} |f(x)| < \infty. \tag{1.2}$$

The space $BMO(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ which consists of all measurable functions $f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ with bounded mean oscillation

$$\|f\|_{BMO} := \sup_B \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |f(x) - f_B| dx < \infty, \tag{1.3}$$

where the supremum is taken over all balls and $f_B = |B|^{-1} \int_B f(x) dx$ stands for the average of f over B . To mention some of the previous results on harmonic analysis on the p -adic field, Haran [2,3] obtained the explicit formula of Riesz potentials and developed an analytic potential theory in the p -adic field. In [1], authors proved conditions of boundedness of maximal operators over the p -adic field \mathbb{Q}_p .

For a function f on \mathbb{Q}_p^n and a function $\psi : \mathbb{Z}_p^* \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, we define the weighted p -adic Hardy–Littlewood average $U_\psi f$ on \mathbb{Q}_p^n as

$$U_\psi f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} f(tx)\psi(t) dt.$$

In case f is defined on the real field \mathbb{R} and $\psi \equiv 1$, U_ψ is just reduced to the classical Hardy–Littlewood average Uf such as

$$Uf(x) = \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f(y) dy \quad (x \neq 0). \tag{1.4}$$

In Theorem 327 of [4], Hardy proved the following inequalities: For $1 < r < \infty$,

$$\left(\int_0^\infty |Uf(x)|^r dx \right)^{1/r} \leq \frac{r}{r-1} \left(\int_0^\infty |f(x)|^r dx \right)^{1/r}, \tag{1.5}$$

where the constant $r/(r - 1)$ is the best possible. For $r = \infty$,

$$\operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \neq 0} |Uf(x)| \leq \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{x \neq 0} |f(x)|, \tag{1.6}$$

which is also a sharp inequality. Hardy’s result still remains to be an important one as it is closely related to the Hardy–Littlewood maximal functions in harmonic analysis [5].

In 2001, Xiao generalized inequalities (1.5) and (1.6) to the n -dimensional Euclidean space [8]. However, as far as we understand, theories of functions from \mathbb{Q}_p^n into \mathbb{R} play an important role in the p -adic quantum mechanics and the theory of p -adic probability in which real-valued random variables have to be considered to solve the covariance problems [6]. For this reason, the purpose of this paper is to prove the continuities of weighted p -adic Hardy–Littlewood averages on $L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$, and on $BMO(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$. Indeed, we classify those functions ψ for which the operator U_ψ is bounded on $L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ ($1 \leq r \leq \infty$), and on $BMO(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$. And then we determine the corresponding operator norms. Here are our main results.

Theorem 1.1. *For $r \in [1, \infty]$, U_ψ is bounded on $L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ if and only if*

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} |t|_p^{-n/r} \psi(t) dt < \infty.$$

Moreover,

$$\|U_\psi\| = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} |t|_p^{-n/r} \psi(t) dt.$$

Theorem 1.2. *U_ψ is bounded on $BMO(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ if and only if*

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \psi(t) dt < \infty.$$

Moreover,

$$\|U_\psi\| = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \psi(t) dt.$$

The proofs of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 are given in Section 2.

In case $\psi \equiv 1$, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} |t|_p^{-n/r} dt = \sum_{-\infty < \gamma \leq 0} \int_{S_\gamma} |t|_p^{-n/r} dt \tag{1.7}$$

$$= \sum_{-\infty < \gamma \leq 0} p^{-\gamma n(1/r-1)} (1 - p^{-n}) \tag{1.8}$$

$$= (1 - p^{-n}) \sum_{\gamma=0}^{\infty} p^{\gamma n(1/r-1)}, \tag{1.9}$$

which has a finite value of \mathbb{R} if and only of $1 < r \leq \infty$. Hence by Theorem 1.1, U_ψ is bounded on $L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ for $1 < r \leq \infty$, but *not* bounded on $L^1(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$, which is an analogue of the classical Hardy–Littlewood average case on the real field. Also from Theorems 1.1 and 1.2, we can see that on $BMO(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$, the boundedness condition of U_ψ and its operator norm are the same as those on $L^\infty(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$.

2. Proofs of main theorems

First we provide proofs of Theorem 1.1 and then by using a lemma on *BMO* norm of p -adic logarithmic function, we prove Theorem 1.2.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Since the case of $r = \infty$ is trivial, it suffices to consider $r \in [1, \infty)$. Suppose $\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} |t|_p^{-n/r} \psi(t) dt < \infty$. Using the Minkowski’s inequality for integrals and the change of variables $tx = y$ [7, (4.2)], we have

$$\|U_\psi f\|_{L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)} \leq \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \left(\int_{\mathbb{Q}_p^n} |f(tx)|^r dx \right)^{1/r} \psi(t) dt = \|f\|_{L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} |t|_p^{-n/r} \psi(t) dt. \tag{2.1}$$

Thus U_ψ maps boundedly $L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ into itself.

Conversely, suppose $r \in [1, \infty)$ and U_ψ is bounded operator on $L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$. Then there exists a constant $C = C(r) > 0$ such that

$$\|U_\psi f\|_{L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)}, \quad f \in L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n). \tag{2.2}$$

Now, for any rational number $\epsilon > 0$, we let

$$f_\epsilon(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \|x\| < 1, \\ \|x\|^{-n/r-\epsilon}, & \|x\| \geq 1. \end{cases} \tag{2.3}$$

Then

$$\|f_\epsilon\|_{L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)}^r = \int_{\|x\| \geq 1} \|x\|^{-n-\epsilon r} dx \tag{2.4}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^\infty \int_{\|x\|=p^k} p^{-(n+\epsilon r)k} dx \tag{2.5}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^\infty p^{-(n+\epsilon r)k} p^{nk} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^n}\right) \tag{2.6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - p^{-\epsilon r}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^n}\right). \tag{2.7}$$

Thus $f_\epsilon \in L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$, for each ϵ . Since $0 < |t|_p \leq 1$ for $t \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$, we have

$$U_\psi f_\epsilon(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \|x\| < 1, \\ \|x\|^{-n/r-\epsilon} \int_{1/\|x\| \leq |t|_p \leq 1} |t|_p^{-n/r-\epsilon} \psi(t) dt, & \|x\| \geq 1. \end{cases} \tag{2.8}$$

Evaluating $\|U_\psi f_\epsilon\|_{L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)}$ for ϵ such that $|\epsilon|_p > 1$, we have

$$C^r \|f_\epsilon\|_{L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)}^r \tag{2.9}$$

$$\geq \|U_\psi f_\epsilon\|_{L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)}^r \tag{2.10}$$

$$= \int_{\|x\| \geq 1} \left(\|x\|^{-n/r-\epsilon} \int_{1/\|x\| \leq |t|_p \leq 1} |t|_p^{-n/r-\epsilon} \psi(t) dt \right)^r dx \tag{2.11}$$

$$\geq \int_{\|x\| \geq |\epsilon|_p} \left(\|x\|^{-n/r-\epsilon} \int_{1/|\epsilon|_p \leq |t|_p \leq 1} |t|_p^{-n/r-\epsilon} \psi(t) dt \right)^r dx \tag{2.12}$$

(put $x = \epsilon y$)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{\|y\| \geq 1} \|y\|^{-n-\epsilon r} dy |\epsilon|_p^{-\epsilon r} \left(\int_{1/|\epsilon|_p \leq |t|_p \leq 1} |t|_p^{-n/r-\epsilon} \psi(t) dt \right)^r \\ &= \|f_\epsilon\|_{L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)}^r \left(|\epsilon|_p^{-\epsilon} \int_{1/|\epsilon|_p \leq |t|_p \leq 1} |t|_p^{-n/r-\epsilon} \psi(t) dt \right)^r, \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

which implies

$$\int_{1/|\epsilon|_p \leq |t|_p \leq 1} |t|_p^{-n/r-\epsilon} \psi(t) dt \leq C |\epsilon|_p^\epsilon. \tag{2.14}$$

Now we take $\epsilon = 1/p^k$ ($k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$). Then $|\epsilon|_p = p^k > 1$. Letting $k \rightarrow \infty$, then $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ and $|\epsilon|_p^\epsilon = p^{k/p^k} \rightarrow 1$. Thus from (2.14) and Fatou’s lemma, we have

$$\int_{0 < |t|_p \leq 1} |t|_p^{-n/r} \psi(t) dt \leq C. \tag{2.15}$$

Moreover, if we assume that U_ψ is bounded on $L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$, then from (2.1) we have

$$\|U_\psi\| \leq \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} |t|_p^{-n/r} \psi(t) dt. \tag{2.16}$$

On the other hand, by using the above $f_\epsilon \in L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|U_\psi\|^r \|f_\epsilon\|_{L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)}^r &\geq \|U_\psi f_\epsilon\|_{L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)}^r \\ &\geq \|f_\epsilon\|_{L^r(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)}^r \left(|\epsilon|_p^{-\epsilon} \int_{1/|\epsilon|_p \leq |t|_p \leq 1} |t|_p^{-n/r-\epsilon} \psi(t) dt \right)^r. \end{aligned} \tag{2.17}$$

Once again, by taking $\epsilon = 1/p^k$ ($k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$) in (2.17) and letting $k \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\|U_\psi\| \geq \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} |t|_p^{-n/r} \psi(t) dt. \tag{2.18}$$

Hence, from (2.16) and (2.18), we obtain the operator norm $\|U_\psi\|$ and this completes the proof of Theorem 1.1. \square

For $t \in \mathbb{Q}_p$, we define a dilation tB_γ of B_γ by $tB_\gamma = B_{\gamma-\text{ord}_p(t)}$. Then we get $|tB_\gamma| = |t|_p^n |B_\gamma|$.

Similarly we define $tB_\gamma(a) = tB_\gamma + a$. Since the Haar measure is translation-invariant, for any $t \in \mathbb{Q}_p$ and for any ball $B \subset \mathbb{Q}_p^n$, we get $|tB| = |t|_p^n |B|$.

We need the following lemma to prove Theorem 1.2.

Lemma 2.1. *The p -adic logarithmic function has a non-trivial BMO norm, i.e., if $g(x) = \log \|x\|$, then $g \in BMO(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ and $\|g\|_{BMO} > 0$.*

Proof. Let $\delta \in \mathbb{Q}_p$. For $f \in BMO(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$, let $f_\delta(x) = f(\delta x)$ be a scaling function of f by δ . By change of variables, we have

$$\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B f_\delta(x) dx = \frac{1}{|\delta|_p^n |B|} \int_{\delta B} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{|\delta B|} \int_{\delta B} f(x) dx, \tag{2.19}$$

where B is any ball. Thus scaling transformations map $BMO(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ into itself. Under these scalings, $g(x) = \log \|x\|$ is changed by at most an additive constant. To show that $g \in BMO(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ thus it suffices to check the alternative assertions that there is a constant C such that

$$\int_{B_0(a)} |\log \|x\|| dx \leq C \quad \text{for } \|a\| \leq 1, \tag{2.20}$$

$$\int_{B_0(a)} |\log \|x\| - \log \|a\|| dx \leq C \quad \text{for } \|a\| > 1. \tag{2.21}$$

To see this, if $\|a\| < 1$, then $B_0(a) = B_0$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{B_0(a)} |\log \|x\|| dx &= \int_{B_0} |\log \|x\|| dx \\ &= (1 - 1/p^n) \log p \sum_{k=-\infty}^0 |k| p^{kn} \equiv C < \infty. \end{aligned} \tag{2.22}$$

Also if $\|a\| = 1$, then $B_0(a) \subset B_0$. Thus we have

$$\int_{B_0(a)} |\log \|x\|| dx \leq \int_{B_0} |\log \|x\|| dx = C, \tag{2.23}$$

where the equality follows from (2.22).

Finally if $\|a\| > 1$, then for $x \in B_0(a)$, we get $\|x\| = \|x - a + a\| = \|a\|$.

Put $\|a\| = p^\gamma$. Then

$$\int_{B_0(a)} |\log \|x\| - \log \|a\|| dx = \int_{S_\gamma} |\log \|x\| - \log p^\gamma| dx = 0. \tag{2.24}$$

Moreover, from (2.22) we have $\|g\|_{BMO} > 0$, which completes the proof of the lemma. \square

Now we prove Theorem 1.2.

Proof of Theorem 1.2. First, suppose U_ψ is bounded on $BMO(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$. Then we consider a constant function $f \equiv 1$ to get $U_\psi 1 \in BMO(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$. This means that $U_\psi 1(x)$ has a finite value at almost every $x \in \mathbb{Q}_p^n$. Hence

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \psi(t) dt = U_\psi 1(x) < \infty. \tag{2.25}$$

Conversely, suppose $\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \psi(t) dt < \infty$. Let $f \in BMO(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ and let B be a ball. Then by Fubini's theorem and change of variables, we have

$$(U_\psi f)_B = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B f(tx) dx \right) \psi(t) dt \tag{2.26}$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} f_{tB} \psi(t) dt \tag{2.27}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |U_\psi f(x) - (U_\psi f)_B| dx \\ & \leq \frac{1}{|B|} \int_B \left(\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} |f(tx) - f_{tB}| \psi(t) dt \right) dx \\ & = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \left(\frac{1}{|B|} \int_B |f(tx) - f_{tB}| dx \right) \psi(t) dt = \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \left(\frac{1}{|tB|} \int_{tB} |f(x) - f_{tB}| dx \right) \psi(t) dt \\ & \leq \|f\|_* \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \psi(t) dt, \end{aligned} \tag{2.28}$$

which implies that U_ψ is bounded on $BMO(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ and $\|U_\psi\| \leq \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \psi(t) dt$.

Therefore, to complete the proof, it remains to show that $\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \psi(t) dt \leq \|U_\psi\|$. Now we use $g(x) = \log \|x\|$. We know that, from Lemma 2.1, $g \in BMO(\mathbb{Q}_p^n)$ and $\|g\|_{BMO} \neq 0$. Also, we get

$$U_\psi g(x) = g(x) \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \psi(t) dt + \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \log |t|_p \psi(t) dt. \tag{2.29}$$

Since $\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \psi(t) dt = U_\psi 1(x) < \infty$, the second integral of (2.29) has to be finite. Taking the BMO -norm on both sides of (2.29), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|g\|_{BMO} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \psi(t) dt &= \left\| g \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \psi(t) dt \right\|_{BMO} \\ &= \left\| g \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \psi(t) dt + \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \log |t|_p \psi(t) dt \right\|_{BMO} \\ &= \|U_\psi g\|_{BMO} \leq \|U_\psi\| \|g\|_{BMO}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.30}$$

From this we get $\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p^*} \psi(t) dt \leq \|U_\psi\|$, which completes the proof of Theorem 1.2. \square

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