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# Square-like functions generated by the Laplace-Bessel differential operator

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# **Abstract**

We introduce a wavelet-type transform associated with the Laplace-Bessel differential operator  $\Delta_B = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_k} + \frac{2\nu_k}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}$  and the relevant square-like functions. An analogue of the Calderón reproducing formula and the  $L_{2,\nu}$  boundedness of the square-like functions are obtained.

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#### 1 Introduction

The classical square functions  $f(x) \to S_{\varphi}(x) = (\int_0^\infty |(f*\varphi_t)(x)|^2 \frac{dt}{t})^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , where  $\varphi \in S$ ,  $S \equiv S(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is the Schwartz test function space and  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi(x) \, dx = 0$ ,  $\varphi_t(x) = t^{-n} \varphi(t^{-1}x)$ , t > 0, play important role in harmonic analysis and its applications; see Stein [1]. There are a lot of diverse variants of square functions and their applications; see Daly and Phillips [2], Jones *et al.* [3], Pipher [4], Kim [5]. Square-like functions generated by a composite wavelet transform and its  $L_2$  estimates are proved by Aliev and Bayrakci [6].

Note that the Laplace-Bessel differential operator  $\Delta_B$  is known as an important operator in analysis and its applications. The relevant harmonic analysis, known as Fourier-Bessel harmonic analysis associated with the Bessel differential operator  $B_t = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \frac{2v}{t} \frac{d}{dt}$ , has been the research area for many mathematicians such as Levitan, Muckenhoupt, Stein, Kipriyanov, Klyuchantsev, Löfström, Peetre, Gadjiev, Aliev, Guliev, Triméche, Rubin and others (see [7–14]). Moreover, a lot of mathematicians studied a Calderón reproducing formula. For example, Amri and Rachdi [15], Guliyev and Ibrahimov [16], Kamoun and Mohamed [17], Pathak and Pandey [18], Mourou and Trimèche [19, 20] and others.

In this paper, firstly we introduce a wavelet-like transform associated with the Laplace-Bessel differential operator,

$$\Delta_B = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_k^2} + \frac{2\nu_k}{\partial x_k} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}, \quad \nu = (\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_n), \nu > 0,$$

and then the relevant square-like function. The plan of the paper is as follows. Some necessary definitions and auxiliary facts are given in Section 2. In Section 3 we prove a Calderóntype reproducing formula and the  $L_{2,\nu}$  boundedness of the square-like functions.



#### 2 Preliminaries

 $\mathbb{R}^n_+ = \{x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_1 > 0, x_2 > 0, \dots, x_n > 0\}$  and let  $S(\mathbb{R}^n_+)$  be the Schwartz space of infinitely differentiable and rapidly decreasing functions.

 $L_{p,\nu} = L_{p,\nu}(\mathbb{R}^n_+)$   $(1 \le p < \infty, \nu = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n); \nu_1 > 0, \dots, \nu_n > 0)$  space is defined as the class of measurable functions f on  $\mathbb{R}^n_+$  for which

$$||f||_{p,\nu} = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n_+} |f(x)|^p x^{2\nu} \, dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty, \quad x^{2\nu} \, dx = x_1^{2\nu_1} x_2^{2\nu_2} \cdots x_n^{2\nu_n} \, dx_1 \, dx_2 \cdots \, dx_n.$$

In the case  $p = \infty$ , we identify  $L_{\infty} \equiv L_{\infty,\nu}$  with  $C_0$  the space of continuous functions vanishing at infinity, and set  $||f||_{\infty} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n_+} |f(x)|$ .

The Fourier-Bessel transform and its inverse are defined by

$$f^{\wedge}(x) = F_{\nu}(f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}_{+}} f(y) \left( \prod_{k=1}^{n} j_{\nu_{k} - \frac{1}{2}}(x_{k} y_{k}) \right) y^{2\nu} dy, \tag{2.1}$$

$$F_{\nu}^{-1}(f)(x) = c_{\nu}(n)(F_{\nu}f)(x), \quad c_{\nu}(n) = \left[2^{2n} \prod_{k=1}^{n} \Gamma^{2}\left(\nu_{k} + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right]^{-1}, \tag{2.2}$$

where  $j_{\nu-\frac{1}{2}}$  is the normalized Bessel function, which is also the eigenfunction of the Bessel operator  $B_t = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \frac{2\nu}{t} \frac{d}{dt}; j_{\nu-\frac{1}{2}}(0) = 1$  and  $j'_{\nu-\frac{1}{2}}(0) = 0$  (see [10]).

Denote by  $T^{y}$  ( $y \in \mathbb{R}^{n}_{+}$ ) the generalized translation operator acting according to the law:

$$T^{y}f(x) = \pi^{-n/2} \prod_{k=1}^{n} \Gamma\left(\nu_{k} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma^{-1}(\nu_{k}) \int_{0}^{\pi} \cdots \int_{0}^{\pi} f\left(\sqrt{x_{1}^{2} - 2x_{1}y_{1}\cos\alpha_{1} + y_{1}^{2}}, \dots, \sqrt{x_{n}^{2} - 2x_{n}y_{n}\cos\alpha_{n} + y_{n}^{2}}\right) \prod_{k=1}^{n} \sin^{2\nu_{k}-1} \alpha_{k} d\alpha_{1} \cdots d\alpha_{n}.$$

 $T^{y}$  is closely connected with the Bessel operator  $B_{t}$  (see [10]). It is known that (see [11])

$$\|T^{\gamma}f\|_{p,\nu} \leq \|f\|_{p,\nu} \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^n, 1 \leq p \leq \infty, \tag{2.3}$$

$$||T^{\gamma}f - f||_{p,\gamma} \to 0, \quad |\gamma| \to 0, 1 \le p \le \infty.$$
 (2.4)

The generalized convolution '*B*-convolution' associated with the generalized translation operator is  $(f * g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+_n} f(y)(T^y g(x)) y^{2\nu} dy$  for which

$$(f * g)^{\wedge} = f^{\wedge} g^{\wedge}. \tag{2.5}$$

We consider the *B*-maximal operator (see [8, 21])

$$M_B f(x) = \sup_{r>0} |E_+(0,r)|_{2\nu}^{-1} \int_{E_+(0,r)} T^{\nu} |f(x)| y^{2\nu} dy,$$

where  $E_+(0,r) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n_+ : |y| < r\}$  and  $|E_+(0,r)|_{2\nu} = \int_{E_+(0,r)} x^{2\nu} dx = Cr^{n+2\nu}$ . Moreover, the following inequalities are satisfied (see for details [22]).

(a) If  $f \in L_{1,\nu}(\mathbb{R}^n_+)$ , then for every  $\alpha > 0$ ,

$$\left|\left\{x: M_{\mathbb{R}}f(x) > \alpha\right\}\right|_{2\nu} \leq \frac{c}{\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left|f(x)\right| x^{2\nu} dx,$$

where c > 0 is independent of f.

(b) If  $f \in L_{p,\nu}(\mathbb{R}^n_+)$ ,  $1 , then <math>M_B f \in L_{p,\nu}(\mathbb{R}^n_+)$  and

$$||M_B f||_{p,\nu} \leq C_p ||f||_{p,\nu},$$

where  $c_p$  is independent of f.

Furthermore, if  $f \in L_{p,\nu}(\mathbb{R}^n_+)$ ,  $1 \le p \le \infty$ , then

$$\lim_{r\to 0} \left| E_+(0,r) \right|_{2\nu}^{-1} \int_{E_+(0,r)} T^y f(x) y^{2\nu} \, dy = f(x).$$

Now, we will need the generalized Gauss-Weierstrass kernel defined as

$$g_{\nu}(x,t) = F_{\nu}^{-1} \left( e^{-t|\cdot|^2} \right)(x) = \sqrt{c_{\nu}(n)} t^{\frac{-(n+2|\nu|)}{2}} e^{\frac{-x^2}{4t}}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}_{+}^n, t > 0$$
 (2.6)

 $c_{\nu}(n)$  being defined by (2.2) and  $|\nu| = \nu_1 + \nu_2 + \cdots + \nu_n$ .

The kernel  $g_{\nu}(x,t)$  possesses the following properties:

(a) 
$$F_{\nu}(g_{\nu}(\cdot,t))(x) = e^{-t|x|^2}$$
  $(t>0);$  (2.7)

(b) 
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g_{\nu}(y,t) \, dy = 1 \quad (t > 0).$$
 (2.8)

Given a function  $f: \mathbb{R}_n^+ \to \mathbb{C}$ , the generalized Gauss-Weierstrass semigroup,  $G_t f(x)$  is defined as

$$G_t f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g_{\nu}(y, t) (T^y f(x)) y^{2\nu} dy, \quad t > 0.$$
 (2.9)

This semigroup is well known and arises in the context of stable random processes in probability, in pseudo-differential parabolic equations and in integral geometry; see Koldobsky, Landkof, Fedorjuk, Aliev, Rubin, Sezer and Uyhan (see [23–26]).

The following lemma contains some properties of the semigroup  $\{G_t f\}_{t\geq 0}$ . (Compare with the analogous properties of the classical Gauss-Weierstrass integral [1, 27, 28].)

**Lemma 2.1** *If*  $f \in L_{p,v}$ ,  $1 \le p \le \infty$  ( $L_{\infty} \equiv C_0$ ), then

(a) 
$$||G_t f||_{p,\nu} \le c||f||_{p,\nu}$$
, (2.10)

(b) 
$$\lim_{t \to 0} G_t f(x) = f(x)$$
. (2.11)

The limit is understood in  $L_{p,\nu}$  norm and pointwise almost all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n_+$ . If  $f \in C_0$ , then the limit is uniform on  $\mathbb{R}^n_+$ .

(c) 
$$\sup_{t>0} |G_t f(x)| \le c M_R f(x),$$
 (2.12)

where  $M_B f$  is the well-known Hardy-Littlewood maximal function.

Moreover, let h(z) be an absolutely continuous function on  $[0, \infty)$  and

$$\alpha = \int_0^\infty \frac{h(z)}{z} \, dz < \infty. \tag{2.13}$$

If we denote w(z) = h'(z), we have from (2.13)

$$h(0) = 0$$
 and  $h(\infty) = 0$  (2.14)

(see for details [29]).

Now, we define the following wavelet-like transform:

$$V_t f(x) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^\infty G_{tz} f(x) w(z) dz, \qquad (2.15)$$

where w(z) is known as 'wavelet function',  $\int_0^\infty w(z) dz = 0$ , and the function  $G_{tz}f(x)$  is the generalized Gauss-Weierstrass semigroup.

Using wavelet-like transform (2.15), we define the following square-like functions:

$$(Sf)(x) = \left(\int_0^\infty \left|V_t f(x)\right|^2 \frac{dt}{t}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$
 (2.16)

# 3 Main theorems and proofs

# Theorem 3.1

(a) Let  $f \in L_{n,\nu}$ ,  $1 \le p \le \infty$  ( $L_{\infty} \equiv C_0$ ),  $\nu > 0$ . We have

$$||V_t f||_{p,\nu} \le c_1 c_2 ||f||_{p,\nu} \quad (\forall t > 0),$$
 (3.1)

where  $c_1 = 2^{2|\nu|-n}$ ,  $|\nu| = \nu_1 + \nu_2 + \cdots + \nu_n$ ,  $c_2 = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^\infty |w(z)| dz < \infty$ .

(b) Let  $f \in L_{p,\nu}$ ,  $1 (<math>L_{\infty} \equiv C_0$ ). We have

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} V_{t}f(x)\frac{dt}{t} \equiv \lim_{\substack{\epsilon \to 0 \\ \rho \to \infty}} \int_{\epsilon}^{\rho} V_{t}f(x)\frac{dt}{t} = f(x), \tag{3.2}$$

where limit can be interpreted in the  $L_{p,v}$  norm and pointwise for almost all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n_+$ . If  $f \in C_0$ , the convergence is uniform on  $\mathbb{R}^n_+$ .

**Theorem 3.2** *If*  $f \in L_{2,\nu}$ , then

$$||Sf||_{2,\nu} \le \frac{1}{2} ||f||_{2,\nu}. \tag{3.3}$$

*Proof of Theorem* 3.1 (a) By using the Minkowski inequality, we have

$$||V_{t}f||_{p,\nu} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}_{+}} \left| \int_{0}^{\infty} G_{tz}f(x)w(z) dz \right|^{p} x^{2\nu} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{0}^{\infty} \left| w(z) \right| ||G_{tz}f||_{p,\nu} dz,$$

$$\begin{split} \|G_{tz}f\|_{p,\nu} &= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}_{+}} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}_{+}} g_{\nu}(y,tz) T^{y} f(x) y^{2\nu} \, dy \right|^{p} x^{2\nu} \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}_{+}} \left| g_{\nu}(y,tz) \right| \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}_{+}} \left| T^{y} f(x) \right|^{p} x^{2\nu} \, dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} y^{2\nu} \, dy \\ &\leq \|f\|_{p,\nu} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}_{+}} \left| g_{\nu}(y,tz) \right| y^{2\nu} \, dy = c_{1} \|f\|_{p,\nu}. \end{split}$$

Taking into account the following equality for Re  $\mu$  > 0, Re  $\nu$  > 0, p > 0 (see [30, p.370])

$$\int_0^\infty x^{\nu-1} e^{-\mu x^p} dx = \frac{1}{p} \mu^{-\frac{\nu}{p}} \Gamma\left(\frac{\nu}{p}\right),$$

we have

$$\int_0^\infty x^{2\nu} e^{-x^2} \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \Gamma\left(\nu + \frac{1}{2}\right), \quad \nu > 0$$

in one dimension. By using this equality, we get

$$\begin{split} c_1 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n_+} \left| g_{\nu}(y,t) \right| y^{2\nu} \, dy \\ &= 2^{-n} \prod_{k=1}^n \Gamma^{-1} \left( \nu_k + \frac{1}{2} \right) t^{\frac{-(n+2|\nu|)}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n_+} e^{-\frac{|\nu|^2}{4t}} y^{2\nu} \, dy \quad \left( y = 2\sqrt{t}y, dy = 2^n t^{\frac{n}{2}} \, dy \right) \\ &= 2^{-n} \prod_{k=1}^n \Gamma^{-1} \left( \nu_k + \frac{1}{2} \right) t^{\frac{-(n+2|\nu|)}{2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n_+} e^{-|\nu|^2} 2^{2|\nu|} t^{|\nu|} 2^n t^{\frac{n}{2}} y^{2\nu} \, dy \\ &= 2^{2|\nu|} \prod_{k=1}^n \Gamma^{-1} \left( \nu_k + \frac{1}{2} \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n_+} e^{-|\nu|^2} y^{2\nu} \, dy \\ &= 2^{2|\nu|} \prod_{k=1}^n \Gamma^{-1} \left( \nu_k + \frac{1}{2} \right) \prod_{k=1}^n \Gamma \left( \nu_k + \frac{1}{2} \right) 2^{-n} \\ &= 2^{2|\nu|-n}. \end{split}$$

So we have  $||G_{tz}f||_{p,\nu} \le 2^{2|\nu|-n} ||f||_{p,\nu}$ , and then inequality (3.1).

(b) Let  $(A_{\epsilon,\rho}f)(x) = \int_{\epsilon}^{\rho} V_t f(x) \frac{dt}{t}$ ,  $0 < \epsilon < \rho < \infty$ . Applying Fubini's theorem, we get

$$(A_{\epsilon,\rho}f)(x) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{\epsilon}^{\rho} \left( \int_{0}^{\infty} G_{tz}f(x)w(z) dz \right) \frac{dt}{t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{0}^{\infty} w(z) \left( \int_{\epsilon}^{\rho} G_{tz}f(x) \frac{dt}{t} \right) dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{0}^{\infty} w(z) \left( \int_{\epsilon z}^{\rho z} G_{t}f(x) \frac{dt}{t} \right) dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{0}^{\infty} \left( \int_{\frac{t}{\rho}}^{\frac{t}{\rho}} w(z) dz \right) G_{t}f(x) \frac{dt}{t}$$

$$\begin{split} &= \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{t} \left[ h\left(\frac{t}{\epsilon}\right) - h\left(\frac{t}{\rho}\right) \right] G_t f(x) \, dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^\infty \frac{h(t)}{t} G_{\epsilon t} f(x) \, dt - \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^\infty \frac{h(t)}{t} G_{\rho t} f(x) \, dt \\ &= (A_{\epsilon} f)(x) - (A_{\rho} f)(x). \end{split}$$

By Theorem 1.15 in [28, p.3], if  $1 (<math>L_{\infty} \equiv C_0$ ), then

$$\lim_{\rho \to \infty} \|G_{\rho t} f\|_{p,\nu} = 0.$$

Therefore, by the Minkowski inequality and the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem, taking into account Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{split} \|A_{\rho}f\|_{p,\nu} &= \frac{1}{\alpha} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}_{n}^{+}} \left( \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{h(t)}{t} G_{\rho t} f(x) dt \right)^{p} x^{2\nu} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{h(t)}{t} \|G_{\rho t}f\|_{p,\nu} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{h(\frac{t}{\rho})}{\frac{t}{\rho}} \|G_{\rho t}f\|_{p,\nu} \frac{1}{\rho} dt \to 0, \quad \rho \to \infty \end{split}$$

and

$$\|A_{\epsilon}f - f\|_{p,\nu} = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}_{n}^{+}} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{h(t)}{t} G_{\epsilon t} f(x) dt - f(x)\right)^{p} x^{2\nu} dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$\stackrel{(2.13)}{=} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}_{n}^{+}} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{h(t)}{t} G_{\epsilon t} f(x) dt - \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{h(t)}{t} f(x) dt\right)^{p} x^{2\nu} dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{h(t)}{t} \|G_{\epsilon t}f - f\|_{p,\nu} dt \to 0, \quad \epsilon \to 0.$$

Finally, for  $1 (<math>L_{\infty} \equiv C_0$ ), we get

$$\|A_{\epsilon,\rho}f-f\|_{p,\nu}=\|A_{\epsilon}f-f\|_{p,\nu}+\|A_{\rho}f\|_{p,\nu}\to 0,\quad \epsilon\to 0, \rho\to\infty.$$

The a.e. convergence is based on the standard maximal function technique (see [31, p.60], [29] and [32]).  $\Box$ 

*Proof of Theorem* 3.2 Firstly, let  $f \in S(\mathbb{R}^n_+)$ . By making use of the Fubini and Plancherel (for Fourier-Bessel transform) theorems, we get

$$||Sf||_{2,\nu}^{2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}_{+}} \left( \int_{0}^{\infty} |V_{t}f(x)|^{2} \frac{dt}{t} \right) x^{2\nu} dx$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}_{+}} |V_{t}f(x)|^{2} x^{2\nu} dx \right) \frac{dt}{t}$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}_{n}} |(V_{t}f)^{\wedge}(x)|^{2} x^{2\nu} dx \right) \frac{dt}{t}$$

and

$$(V_{t}f)^{\wedge}(x) = F_{\nu}(V_{t}f)(x) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}_{n}^{+}} \left( \int_{0}^{\infty} G_{tz}f(y)w(z) dz \right) \prod_{k=1}^{n} j_{\nu_{k}-\frac{1}{2}}(x_{k}y_{k})y^{2\nu} dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{0}^{\infty} w(z) \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}_{n}^{+}} G_{tz}f(y) \prod_{k=1}^{n} j_{\nu_{k}-\frac{1}{2}}(x_{k}y_{k})y^{2\nu} dy \right) dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{0}^{\infty} w(z) (G_{tz}f)^{\wedge}(x) dz$$

$$\stackrel{(2.5)}{=} \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{0}^{\infty} w(z)f^{\wedge}(x)e^{-tz|x|^{2}} dz.$$

Now, by using Fubini's theorem, we have

$$\begin{split} \|Sf\|_{2,\nu}^2 &= \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \int_0^\infty \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}_n^+} (f^{\wedge}(x))^2 \left( \int_0^\infty w(z) e^{-tz|x|^2} \, dz \right)^2 x^{2\nu} \, dx \right] \frac{dt}{t} \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_n^+} (f^{\wedge}(x))^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t} \left( \int_0^\infty w(z) e^{-tz|x|^2} \, dz \right)^2 x^{2\nu} \, dx \\ &\qquad (t = \tau \, |x|^{-2}, dt = |x|^{-2} \, d\tau) \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}_n^+} (f^{\wedge}(x))^2 \int_0^\infty \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \left( \int_0^\infty w(z) e^{-\tau z} \, dz \right)^2 x^{2\nu} \, dx \\ &= C^2 \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \|f\|_{2,\nu}^2, \end{split}$$

where

$$C = \left(\int_0^\infty \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-\tau z} w(z) dz\right)^2\right)^{1/2}.$$

Since w(z) = h'(z),  $h(z) \ge 0$ ,  $h(\infty) = h(0) = 0$ , it follows that

$$C = \left(\int_0^\infty \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-\tau z} w(z) dz\right)^2\right)^{1/2}$$

$$= \left(\int_0^\infty \left(\int_0^\infty \sqrt{\tau} e^{-\tau z} h(z) dz\right)^2 d\tau\right)^{1/2}$$

$$\leq \int_0^\infty h(z) \left(\int_0^\infty \tau e^{-2\tau z} d\tau\right)^{1/2} dz \quad (2z\tau = t, 2zd\tau = dt)$$

$$= \int_0^\infty h(z) \left(\int_0^\infty \frac{t}{2z} e^{-t} \frac{1}{2z} dt\right)^{1/2} dz$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{h(z)}{2z} \left(\int_0^\infty t e^{-t} dt\right)^{1/2} dz = \frac{1}{2}\alpha.$$

Finally, we get

$$||Sf||_{2,\nu} \leq \frac{1}{2} ||f||_{2,\nu}.$$

For arbitrary  $f \in L_{2,\nu}(\mathbb{R}^n_+)$ , the result follows by density of the class  $S(\mathbb{R}^n_+)$  in  $L_{2,\nu}(\mathbb{R}^n_+)$ . Namely, let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence of functions in  $S(\mathbb{R}^n_+)$ , which converge to f in  $L_{2,\nu}(\mathbb{R}^n_+)$ -norm. That is,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \|f_n(x) - f(x)\|_{2,\nu} = 0$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n_+$ .

From the 'triangle inequality'  $((\|u\|_{2,\nu} - \|\nu\|_{2,\nu})^2 \le \|u - \nu\|_{2,\nu}^2)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| (Sf_n)(x) - (Sf_m)(x) \right|^2 &= \left[ \left( \int_0^\infty \left| V_t f_n(x) \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left( \left( \int_0^\infty \left| V_t f_m(x) \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right]^2 \\ &\leq \int_0^\infty \left| V_t f_n(x) - V_t f_m(x) \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \\ &= \int_0^\infty \left| V_t (f_n - f_m) \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \\ &= \left( S(f_n - f_m)(x) \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$||Sf_n - Sf_m||_{2,\nu} \le ||S(f_n - f_m)||_{2,\nu} \le \frac{1}{2} ||f_n - f_m||_{2,\nu}.$$

This shows that the sequence  $(Sf_n)$  converges to Sf in  $L_{2,\nu}(\mathbb{R}^n_+)$ -norm. Thus

$$||Sf||_{2,\nu} \le \frac{1}{2} ||f||_{2,\nu}, \quad \forall f \in L_{2,\nu}(\mathbb{R}^n_+)$$

and the proof is complete.

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