

## A WAVELET CHARACTERIZATION FOR THE DUAL OF WEIGHTED HARDY SPACES

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ABSTRACT. We define the weighted Carleson measure space  $CMO_w^p$  using wavelets, where the weight function  $w$  belongs to the Muckenhoupt class. Then we show that  $CMO_w^p$  is the dual space of the weighted Hardy space  $H_w^p$  by using sequence spaces. As an application, we give a wavelet characterization of  $BMO_w$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Meyer [4] described the Hardy space  $H^1$  and  $BMO$  via wavelets. He offered several characterizations of  $H^1$  in terms of its decompositions with respect to wavelet bases, and characterized  $BMO$  in terms of a Carleson condition on wavelet coefficients. A natural extension is to consider their weighted counterparts. In 2001, Garcia-Cuerva and Martell [2] gave a wavelet characterization of weighted Hardy spaces  $H_w^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $0 < p \leq 1$ . In this article, we give a wavelet characterization for the dual of  $H_w^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $0 < p \leq 1$ . In order to do this, we define the weighted Carleson measure space  $CMO_w^p$  and two sequence spaces  $s_w^p$  and  $c_w^p$ . We first show that  $c_w^p$  is the dual of  $s_w^p$  and then obtain that  $CMO_w^p$  is the dual of  $H_w^p$ . As a consequence,  $CMO_w^1$  is the same as  $BMO_w$ , and hence we succeed by an approach different from the one in [5] for the wavelet characterization of  $BMO_w$ .

Let  $\psi$  be an *orthonormal wavelet*; that is,  $\psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  such that the system

$$\psi_{j,k}(x) := 2^{j/2}\psi(2^jx - k), \quad j, k \in \mathbb{Z},$$

is an orthonormal basis for  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . We define the operator  $\mathcal{W}_\psi$  by

$$\mathcal{W}_\psi f = \left\{ \sum_{j,k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\langle f, \psi_{j,k} \rangle|^2 |I_{j,k}|^{-1} \chi_{I_{j,k}} \right\}^{1/2}, \quad f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}),$$

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where  $I_{j,k} = [2^{-j}k, 2^{-j}(k + 1)]$ . Denoting by  $\mathcal{D}$  the set of all dyadic intervals  $I_{j,k}$  with  $j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and letting  $\psi_{I_{j,k}} = \psi_{j,k}$ , we can also write

$$\mathcal{W}_\psi f = \left\{ \sum_{I \in \mathcal{D}} |\langle f, \psi_I \rangle|^2 |I|^{-1} \chi_I \right\}^{1/2}.$$

Henceforth, we always use  $I$  and  $J$  to denote dyadic intervals. In what follows, we shall work exclusively with the one-dimensional case. For  $\alpha \geq 1$ , we say that  $\psi$  belongs to the regularity class  $\mathcal{R}^\alpha$  if  $\psi \in C^{[\alpha]}$  and there exist positive constants  $C, r, \varepsilon$  satisfying

- (i)  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} x^n \psi(x) dx = 0$  for all  $0 \leq n \leq [\alpha] - 1$ ,
- (ii)  $|\psi(x)| \leq \frac{C}{(1 + |x|)^{1+[\alpha]+r}}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- (iii)  $|\psi^{(n)}(x)| \leq \frac{C}{(1 + |x|)^{\alpha+\varepsilon}}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $0 \leq n \leq [\alpha]$ .

Here  $[\alpha]$  denotes the greatest integer not greater than  $\alpha$ .

The weight functions mentioned in this article refer to the Muckenhoupt  $A_q$  weights. A weight  $w \geq 0$  belongs to the class  $A_q$ ,  $1 < q < \infty$ , if there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\left( \int_I w(x) dx \right) \left( \int_I w(x)^{-1/(q-1)} dx \right)^{q-1} \leq C|I|^q \quad \text{for any interval } I \subset \mathbb{R}.$$

The class  $A_1$  consists of weights  $w$  satisfying for some  $C > 0$  that

$$\frac{1}{|I|} \int_I w(x) dx \leq C \cdot \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{x \in I} w(x) \quad \text{for any interval } I \subset \mathbb{R},$$

and  $A_\infty := \bigcup_{1 \leq q < \infty} A_q$ . For  $w \in A_\infty$ , denote by  $q_w := \inf\{q > 1 : w \in A_q\}$  the critical index of  $w$ . We use  $w(E)$  to denote the weighted measure  $\int_E w(x) dx$ .

Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{S}$  satisfy  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(x) dx = 1$ . The maximal function  $f^*$  is defined by

$$f^*(x) = \sup_{r > 0} |f * \varphi_r(x)|,$$

where  $\varphi_r(x) = r^{-1} \varphi(x/r)$ ,  $r > 0$ . The *weighted Hardy spaces*  $H_w^p$  consist of those tempered distributions  $f \in \mathcal{S}'$  for which  $f^* \in L_w^p$  with  $\|f\|_{H_w^p} = \|f^*\|_{L_w^p}$ . We refer readers to [1, 3] for the details about  $A_q$  and  $H_w^p$ .

The following theorem was proved by Garcia-Cuerva and Martell [2].

**Theorem A.** *Let  $0 < p \leq 1$  and  $w \in A_\infty$ . If  $\psi \in \mathcal{R}^\alpha$  is an orthonormal wavelet with  $\alpha \geq q_w/p$ , then there exist two constants  $0 < c \leq C < \infty$  such that*

$$c \|f\|_{H_w^p} \leq \|\mathcal{W}_\psi f\|_{L_w^p} \leq C \|f\|_{H_w^p}.$$

**Definition.** For  $0 < p \leq 1$  and  $w \in A_\infty$ , let  $\psi \in \mathcal{R}^\alpha$  be an orthonormal wavelet with  $\alpha \geq q_w/p$ . The *weighted Carleson measure space*  $CMO_w^p$  is the set of all  $g \in L_{\text{loc}}^1$  satisfying

$$\|g\|_{CMO_w^p} := \sup_{J \in \mathcal{D}} \left\{ \frac{1}{w(J)^{\frac{2}{p}-1}} \sum_{I \subset J} |\langle g, \psi_I \rangle|^2 \frac{|I|}{w(I)} \right\}^{1/2} < \infty.$$

*Remark 1.* If  $w \equiv \text{constant}$  and  $p = 1$ , then the above definition reduces to the Carleson condition that characterizes  $BMO$  (cf. [4, p. 154]). Theorem A implies that the wavelet characterization of  $H_w^p$  is independent of the choice of  $\psi$ , and hence, by the following Theorem 1, the definition of  $CMO_w^p$  is independent of the choice of  $\psi$ , too.

We now state our main result as follows.

**Theorem 1.** For  $0 < p \leq 1$  and  $w \in A_\infty$ , let  $\psi \in \mathcal{R}^\alpha$  be an orthonormal wavelet with  $\alpha \geq q_w/p$ . The dual of  $H_w^p$  is  $CMO_w^p$  in the following sense.

- (a) For each  $g \in CMO_w^p$ , there is a linear functional  $\ell_g$ , initially defined on  $H_w^p \cap L^2$ , which has a continuous extension to  $H_w^p$  and  $\|\ell_g\| \leq C\|g\|_{CMO_w^p}$ .
- (b) Conversely, every continuous linear functional  $\ell$  of  $H_w^p$  can be realized as  $\ell = \ell_g$  with some  $g \in CMO_w^p$  and  $\|g\|_{CMO_w^p} \leq C\|\ell\|$ .

It is known that the dual space of  $H_w^1$  is

$$BMO_w = \left\{ f \in L^1_{\text{loc}} : \sup_{\text{interval } Q} \frac{1}{w(Q)} \int_Q |f(x) - f_Q| dx < \infty \right\}$$

for  $w \in A_\infty$ , and the dual space of  $H_w^p$ ,  $0 < p < 1$ , is

$$(1) \left\{ \frac{f(x)}{w(x)} \in L^r_{\text{loc}}(w(x)dx) : \left( \int_Q \left| \frac{f(x) - P_Q(x)}{w(x)} \right|^{r'} \frac{w(x)dx}{w(Q)} \right)^{1/r'} \leq Cw(Q)^{1/p-1} \text{ for any bounded interval } Q \right\}$$

for  $w \in A_r$ ,  $1 \leq r < \infty$ , where  $f_Q = \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q f(x)dx$  and  $P_Q$  is the unique polynomial of degree  $\leq [q_w/p] - 1$  such that  $\int_Q (f(x) - P_Q(x))x^k dx = 0$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, [q_w/p] - 1$  (see [1]). Thus, we have a wavelet characterization of  $BMO_w$  and a continuous characterization of  $CMO_w^p$  as follows.

**Corollary 2.** Let  $0 < p \leq 1$  and  $w \in A_r$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq \infty$ . Also let  $\psi \in \mathcal{R}^\alpha$  be an orthonormal wavelet with  $\alpha \geq q_w/p$ .

- (a) For  $p = 1$  and  $w \in A_\infty$ ,  $f \in BMO_w$  if and only if its wavelet coefficients  $\langle f, \psi_I \rangle$  satisfy Carleson's condition:

$$\sup_{J \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{1}{w(J)} \sum_{I \subset J} |\langle f, \psi_I \rangle|^2 \frac{|I|}{w(I)} \leq C.$$

- (b) For  $0 < p < 1$  and  $w \in A_r$ ,  $1 \leq r < \infty$ ,  $f$  satisfies (1) if and only if  $f \in CMO_w^p$ .

*Remark 2.* When the wavelet  $\psi$  has compact support, the above characterization of  $BMO_w$  was given by Wu [5]. Here we offer a different but simpler approach.

## 2. SEQUENCE SPACES

In this section, we introduce two sequence spaces  $s_w^p$  and  $c_w^p$ ,  $0 < p \leq 1$ .

**Definition.** Let  $0 < p \leq 1$  and  $w \geq 0$  be a weight function. The sequence space  $s_w^p$  is defined to be the collection of all complex-valued sequences

$$s_w^p = \left\{ \{s_I\} : \|\{s_I\}\|_{s_w^p} := \left\| \left( \sum_I |s_I|^2 |I|^{-1} \chi_I \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L_w^p} < \infty \right\}.$$

Similarly,  $c_w^p$  is defined to be the collection of all complex-valued sequences

$$c_w^p = \left\{ \{t_I\} : \|\{t_I\}\|_{c_w^p} := \sup_{J \in \mathcal{D}} \left( \frac{1}{w(J)^{\frac{2}{p}-1}} \sum_{I \subset J} |t_I|^2 \frac{|I|}{w(I)} \right)^{1/2} < \infty \right\}.$$

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $0 < p \leq 1$  and  $w \in A_\infty$ . The dual of  $s_w^p$  is  $c_w^p$  in the following sense.*

- (a) *For each  $\{t_I\} \in c_w^p$ , the linear functional  $\{s_I\} \mapsto \sum_I s_I \cdot \bar{t}_I$  is continuous on  $s_w^p$ .*
- (b) *Conversely, every continuous linear functional on  $s_w^p$  arises as in (a) with a unique element  $\{t_I\}$  of  $c_w^p$ .*

Moreover, the norm of  $\{t_I\}$  as a linear functional on  $s_w^p$  is equivalent to its  $c_w^p$ -norm.

*Proof.* (a) Given  $\{t_I\} \in c_w^p$ , it suffices to show that

$$\left| \sum_I s_I \cdot \bar{t}_I \right| \leq C \|\{s_I\}\|_{s_w^p} \|\{t_I\}\|_{c_w^p} \quad \text{for all } \{s_I\} \in s_w^p.$$

For  $\{s_I\} \in s_w^p$ , write

$$\Omega_k = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} : S(x) := \left( \sum_I |s_I|^2 |I|^{-1} \chi_I(x) \right)^{1/2} > 2^k \right\}$$

and

$$B_k = \left\{ I : w(I \cap \Omega_k) > \frac{1}{2} w(I) \quad \text{and} \quad w(I \cap \Omega_{k+1}) \leq \frac{1}{2} w(I) \right\}.$$

Then

$$\left| \sum_I s_I \cdot \bar{t}_I \right| = \left| \sum_k \sum_{\tilde{I} \in B_k} \sum_{\substack{I \subset \tilde{I} \\ I \in B_k}} s_I \cdot \bar{t}_I \right| \leq \sum_k \sum_{\tilde{I} \in B_k} \sum_{\substack{I \subset \tilde{I} \\ I \in B_k}} |s_I| |\bar{t}_I|,$$

where  $\tilde{I}$ 's are the maximal dyadic intervals in  $B_k$ . Applying the inequality  $\|\cdot\|_{\ell^1} \leq \|\cdot\|_{\ell^p}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_k \sum_{\tilde{I} \in B_k} \sum_{\substack{I \subset \tilde{I} \\ I \in B_k}} |s_I| |\bar{t}_I| &\leq \sum_k \sum_{\tilde{I} \in B_k} \left( \sum_{\substack{I \subset \tilde{I} \\ I \in B_k}} |s_I|^2 \frac{w(I)}{|I|} \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{\substack{I \subset \tilde{I} \\ I \in B_k}} |t_I|^2 \frac{|I|}{w(I)} \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \left\{ \sum_k \sum_{\tilde{I} \in B_k} \left( \sum_{\substack{I \subset \tilde{I} \\ I \in B_k}} |s_I|^2 \frac{w(I)}{|I|} \right)^{p/2} \left( \sum_{\substack{I \subset \tilde{I} \\ I \in B_k}} |t_I|^2 \frac{|I|}{w(I)} \right)^{p/2} \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\leq \|\{t_I\}\|_{c_w^p} \left\{ \sum_k \sum_{\tilde{I} \in B_k} w(\tilde{I})^{1-p/2} \left( \sum_{\substack{I \subset \tilde{I} \\ I \in B_k}} |s_I|^2 \frac{w(I)}{|I|} \right)^{p/2} \right\}^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

Write

$$\tilde{\Omega}_k = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : M_w(\chi_{\Omega_k})(x) > 1/2\},$$

where  $M_w$  is the weighted Hardy-Littlewood maximal function defined by

$$M_w f(x) = \sup_{\text{interval } Q \ni x} \frac{1}{w(Q)} \int_Q |f(x)| w(x) dx.$$

Then  $I \subset \tilde{\Omega}_k$  for any  $I \in B_k$ . Since the  $\tilde{I}$ 's are mutually disjoint dyadic intervals,  $\sum_{\tilde{I} \in B_k} w(\tilde{I}) \leq w(\tilde{\Omega}_k)$ . We then apply Hölder's inequality to obtain

$$\left| \sum_I s_I \cdot \bar{t}_I \right| \leq \|\{t_I\}\|_{c_w^p} \left\{ \sum_k w(\tilde{\Omega}_k)^{1-p/2} \left( \sum_{I \in B_k} |s_I|^2 \frac{w(I)}{|I|} \right)^{p/2} \right\}^{1/p}.$$

We claim that

$$\sum_{I \in B_k} |s_I|^2 \frac{w(I)}{|I|} \leq C 2^{2k} w(\tilde{\Omega}_k).$$

$M_w$  is of weak type  $(1, 1)$  with respect to  $w(x)dx$ , so  $w(\tilde{\Omega}_k) \leq Cw(\Omega_k)$  and the claim gives

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_I s_I \cdot \bar{t}_I \right| &\leq C \|\{t_I\}\|_{c_w^p} \left\{ \sum_k 2^{kp} w(\tilde{\Omega}_k) \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\leq C \|\{t_I\}\|_{c_w^p} \left\{ \sum_k 2^{kp} w(\Omega_k) \right\}^{1/p} \\ &\leq C \|\{t_I\}\|_{c_w^p} \|S\|_{L_w^p} \\ &= C \|\{t_I\}\|_{c_w^p} \|\{s_I\}\|_{s_w^p}. \end{aligned}$$

To prove the claim, by the definitions of  $S(x)$  and  $B_k$ , we have

$$\int_{\tilde{\Omega}_k \setminus \Omega_{k+1}} S^2(x)w(x) dx \leq 2^{2k+2}w(\tilde{\Omega}_k)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\tilde{\Omega}_k \setminus \Omega_{k+1}} S^2(x)w(x) dx &\geq \int_{\tilde{\Omega}_k \setminus \Omega_{k+1}} \sum_{I \in B_k} |s_I|^2 |I|^{-1} \chi_I(x) w(x) dx \\ &= \sum_{I \in B_k} |s_I|^2 \frac{w(I \cap (\tilde{\Omega}_k \setminus \Omega_{k+1}))}{|I|} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{I \in B_k} |s_I|^2 \frac{w(I)}{|I|}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Clearly, every  $\ell \in (s_w^p)'$  is of the form

$$\ell(\{s_I\}) = \sum_I s_I \bar{t}_I, \quad \{s_I\} \in s_w^p,$$

where  $\{t_I\}$  is a certain sequence. Fix a dyadic interval  $J$ . Let  $S_J = \{I \in \mathcal{D} : I \subset J\}$  and define a measure  $\nu$  on  $S_J$  by

$$d\nu(I) = \frac{|I|}{w(J)^{\frac{2}{p}-1}} \quad \text{for } I \in S_J.$$

By duality,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( \frac{1}{w(J)^{\frac{2}{p}-1}} \sum_{I \subset J} |t_I|^2 \frac{|I|}{w(I)} \right)^{1/2} = \left\| \left\{ t_I \frac{1}{w(I)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right\} \right\|_{\ell^2(S_J, d\nu)} \\
 (2) \quad & = \sup_{\| \{s_I\} \|_{\ell^2(S_J, d\nu)} \leq 1} \left| \sum_{I \subset J} s_I \bar{t}_I \frac{|I|}{w(J)^{\frac{2}{p}-1} w(I)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right| \\
 & \leq \| \ell \| \sup_{\| \{s_I\} \|_{\ell^2(S_J, d\nu)} \leq 1} \left\| \left\{ s_I \frac{|I|}{w(J)^{\frac{2}{p}-1} w(I)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right\} \right\|_{s_w^p}.
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $\{s_I\} \in \ell^2(S_J, d\nu)$ , Hölder’s inequality yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\| \left\{ s_I \frac{|I|}{w(J)^{\frac{2}{p}-1} w(I)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right\} \right\|_{s_w^p} &= \frac{1}{w(J)^{\frac{2}{p}-1}} \left\{ \int_J \left( \sum_{I \subset J} |s_I|^2 \frac{|I|}{w(I)} \chi_I(x) \right)^{p/2} w(x) dx \right\}^{1/p} \\
 &\leq \left\{ \frac{1}{w(J)^{\frac{2}{p}-1}} \int_J \sum_{I \subset J} |s_I|^2 \frac{|I|}{w(I)} \chi_I(x) w(x) dx \right\}^{1/2} \\
 &= \| \{s_I\} \|_{\ell^2(S_J, d\nu)},
 \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\sup_{\| \{s_I\} \|_{\ell^2(S_J, d\nu)} \leq 1} \left\| \left\{ s_I \frac{|I|}{w(J)^{\frac{2}{p}-1} w(I)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right\} \right\|_{s_w^p} \leq 1.$$

Taking the supremum over  $J \in \mathcal{D}$  in (2), we obtain  $\| \{t_I\} \|_{c_w^p} \leq \| \ell \|$ . □

### 3. PROOF OF THE MAIN THEOREM

In this section we show that Theorem 1 follows as a consequence of Theorem 3. Let  $\psi \in \mathcal{R}^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \geq 1$ , be an orthonormal wavelet. Define a map  $P$  from the family of complex sequences into  $\mathcal{S}'$  by

$$P(\{s_I\}) = \sum_I s_I \psi_I.$$

Define another map  $L$  from function space into the family of complex sequences by

$$L(f) = \{ \langle f, \psi_I \rangle \}$$

such that all  $\langle f, \psi_I \rangle$ ’s are well defined. Figure 1 illustrates the relationship among  $s_w^p$ ,  $c_w^p$ ,  $H_w^p$ , and  $CMO_w^p$ . Then  $P \circ L|_{L^2}$  is the identity on  $L^2$ . For  $0 < p \leq 1$  and

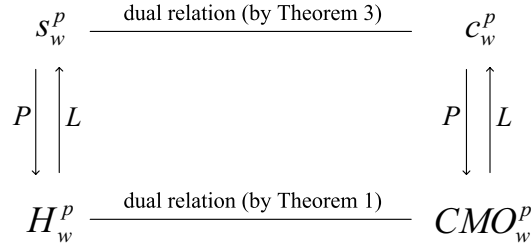


FIGURE 1. Diagram for spaces and maps

$w \in A_\infty$  with critical index  $q_w$ , if  $\alpha \geq q_w/p$ , then Theorem A yields

$$(3) \quad \| \{L(f)\} \|_{s_w^p} \leq C \| f \|_{H_w^p} \quad \text{for } f \in H_w^p \cap L^2$$

and

$$(4) \quad \|P(\{s_I\})\|_{H_w^p} \leq C \|\mathcal{W}_\psi P(\{s_I\})\|_{L_w^p} = C \|\{s_I\}\|_{s_w^p} \quad \text{for } \{s_I\} \in s_w^p.$$

By the definitions of  $c_w^p$  and  $CMO_w^p$ ,

$$(5) \quad \|\{L(g)\}\|_{c_w^p} = \|g\|_{CMO_w^p} \quad \text{for } g \in CMO_w^p$$

and

$$(6) \quad \|P(\{t_I\})\|_{CMO_w^p} = \|\{t_I\}\|_{c_w^p} \quad \text{for } \{t_I\} \in c_w^p.$$

*Proof of Theorem 1.* For  $g \in CMO_w^p$ , define a linear functional  $\tilde{\ell}_g$  by

$$\tilde{\ell}_g(f) = \langle L(f), L(g) \rangle \quad \text{for } f \in H_w^p \cap L^2.$$

By (3), (5), and Theorem 3,

$$|\tilde{\ell}_g(f)| \leq C \|L(f)\|_{s_w^p} \|L(g)\|_{c_w^p} \leq C \|f\|_{H_w^p} \|g\|_{CMO_w^p} \quad \text{for } f \in H_w^p \cap L^2.$$

Since  $H_w^p \cap L^2$  is dense in  $H_w^p$ , the map  $\tilde{\ell}_g$  can be extended to a continuous linear functional  $\ell_g$  on  $H_w^p$  satisfying  $\|\ell_g\| \leq C \|g\|_{CMO_w^p}$ .

Conversely, let  $\ell \in (H_w^p)'$  and set  $\ell_1 = \ell \circ P$  on  $s_w^p$ . It follows from (4) that  $\ell_1 \in (s_w^p)'$ . By Theorem 3, there exists  $\{t_I\} \in c_w^p$  such that

$$\ell_1(\{s_I\}) = \sum_I s_I \cdot \bar{t}_I \quad \text{for } \{s_I\} \in s_w^p,$$

and  $\|\{t_I\}\|_{c_w^p} \approx \|\ell_1\| \leq C \|\ell\|$ . For  $f \in H_w^p \cap L^2$ , we have

$$\ell(f) = \ell_1 \circ L(f) = \sum_I \langle f, \psi_I \rangle \bar{t}_I = \langle L(f), L(g) \rangle,$$

where  $g = \sum_I t_I \psi_I$ . This shows that  $\ell = \ell_g$ , and (6) gives

$$\|g\|_{CMO_w^p} = \|\{t_I\}\|_{c_w^p} \leq C \|\ell\|.$$

Hence, the proof is finished.  $\square$

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