

**MAXIMAL OPERATORS, RIESZ TRANSFORMS AND  
LITTLEWOOD-PALEY FUNCTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH BESSEL  
OPERATORS ON  $BMO$**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we study boundedness properties of certain harmonic analysis operators (maximal operators for heat and Poisson semigroups, Riesz transform and Littlewood-Paley  $g$ -functions) associated with Bessel operators, on the space  $BMO_o(\mathbb{R})$  that consists of the odd functions with bounded mean oscillation on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

1. INTRODUCTION

By  $BMO_o(\mathbb{R})$  we denote the space constituted by all those odd functions with bounded mean oscillation on  $\mathbb{R}$ . This space can be characterized as follows. An odd function  $f \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R})$  is in  $BMO(\mathbb{R})$ , that is,  $f$  has bounded mean oscillation on  $\mathbb{R}$ , if and only if, for all  $1 \leq p < \infty$  (equivalently, for some  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ) there exists  $C_p > 0$  such that, for every interval  $I = (a, b)$

$$(1) \quad \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I |f(x) - f_I|^p dx \leq C_p, \quad 0 < a < b < \infty,$$

and also

$$(2) \quad \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I |f(x)|^p dx \leq C_p, \quad 0 = a < b < \infty.$$

Here, as usual,  $|I|$  denotes the length of  $I$  and  $f_I = \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I f(x) dx$ . Moreover, for every  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $\inf\{C_p > 0 : (1) \text{ and } (2) \text{ hold}\}$  is equivalent to the usual  $\|f\|_{BMO(\mathbb{R})}$  (see, for instance, [14, Chapter 1] definitions and properties concerning to  $BMO(\mathbb{R})$ ).  $BMO_o(\mathbb{R})$  coincides with the dual  $H^1_o(\mathbb{R})'$  of the subspace  $H^1_o(\mathbb{R})$  of  $H^1(\mathbb{R})$  that consists of all the odd functions in the Hardy space  $H^1(\mathbb{R})$ . The space  $H^1_o(\mathbb{R})$  was studied in [4] and [10], where several characterizations of  $H^1_o(\mathbb{R})$  are obtained. In the sequel we denote by  $BMO_+$  the space that consists of all those  $f \in L^1_{loc}([0, \infty))$  such that the odd extension  $f_o$  of  $f$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  is in  $BMO(\mathbb{R})$ . On  $BMO_+$  we consider the natural norm. Our objective in this paper is to

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study the behavior on  $BMO_+$  of maximal operator, Riesz transform and Littlewood-Paley  $g$ -functions associated with Bessel operators.

Muckenhoupt and Stein [12] began the development of harmonic analysis related to Bessel operators. They considered the Bessel operator  $B_\lambda$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ , defined by  $B_\lambda = -x^{-2\lambda}Dx^{2\lambda}D$ , with  $D = \frac{d}{dx}$ . In [12] Poisson integrals and conjugate of Poisson integrals associated with  $B_\lambda$  were introduced. Recently,  $L^p$ -boundedness properties for the higher order Riesz transform ([5]) and for the Littlewood-Paley  $g$ -functions ([6]) in the  $B_\lambda$  context have been established.

Here we consider the Bessel operator  $\Delta_\lambda = -x^{-\lambda}Dx^{2\lambda}Dx^{-\lambda}$ , with  $\lambda > 0$ . If  $J_\nu$  denotes the Bessel function of the first kind and order  $\nu$ , for every  $y > 0$ , the function  $\varphi_y(x) = \sqrt{xy}J_{\lambda-\frac{1}{2}}(xy)$ ,  $x \in (0, \infty)$ , is an eigenfunction of  $\Delta_\lambda$  and

$$\Delta_\lambda(\sqrt{xy}J_{\lambda-\frac{1}{2}}(xy)) = y^2\sqrt{xy}J_{\lambda-\frac{1}{2}}(xy), \quad x, y \in (0, \infty).$$

The Poisson kernel associated with the operator  $\Delta_\lambda$  is given by

$$P^\lambda(t, x, y) = \int_0^\infty e^{-tz} \varphi_x(z) \varphi_y(z) dz, \quad t, x, y \in (0, \infty).$$

According to [12, (16.4)] (see also [19]) we have that

$$P^\lambda(t, x, y) = \frac{2\lambda t(xy)^\lambda}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{(\sin \theta)^{2\lambda-1}}{((x-y)^2 + t^2 + 2xy(1-\cos \theta))^{\lambda+1}} d\theta, \quad t, x, y \in (0, \infty).$$

The Poisson integral  $P_t^\lambda(f)$  is defined by

$$P_t^\lambda(f)(x) = \int_0^\infty P^\lambda(t, x, y) f(y) dy, \quad t, x > 0.$$

The family  $\{P_t^\lambda\}_{t>0}$  constitutes a semigroup of linear and bounded operators in  $L^p(0, \infty)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ .  $L^p$ -boundedness properties of the maximal operator

$$P_*^\lambda(f) = \sup_{t>0} |P_t^\lambda(f)|$$

were established in [7] and [8].

The heat kernel associated with the operator  $\Delta_\lambda$  is

$$W^\lambda(t, x, y) = \int_0^\infty e^{-tz^2} \varphi_x(z) \varphi_y(z) dz, \quad t, x, y \in (0, \infty).$$

According to [18, 13.31(1)], we can write

$$W^\lambda(t, x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}} \left(\frac{xy}{2t}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} I_{\lambda-\frac{1}{2}}\left(\frac{xy}{2t}\right) e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{4t}}, \quad t, x, y \in (0, \infty),$$

where  $I_\nu$  denotes the modified Bessel function of the first kind and order  $\nu$ . The heat integral  $W_t^\lambda(f)$  of  $f$  is defined by

$$W_t^\lambda(f)(x) = \int_0^\infty W^\lambda(t, x, y)f(y) dy, \quad t, x > 0.$$

Then,  $\{W_t^\lambda\}_{t>0}$  is a semigroup of bounded and linear operators in  $L^p(0, \infty)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . The maximal operator associated with  $\{W_t^\lambda\}_{t>0}$  is given by

$$W_*^\lambda(f) = \sup_{t>0} |W_t^\lambda(f)|$$

and it was investigated on  $L^p$ -spaces in [7].

Bennett, DeVore and Sharpley ([2, Th. 4.2 (b)]) proved that if  $\mathcal{M}$  denotes the (uncentered) Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then, for every  $f \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , either  $\mathcal{M}f \in BMO(\mathbb{R}^n)$  or  $\mathcal{M}f \equiv \infty$ . The function  $f(x) = \log_+ |x|$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , is an example of the second situation. In [9] it was introduced a BMO type space on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  associated with Schrödinger operators where the maximal operator  $\mathcal{M}$  is bounded. This is the case for the maximal operators,  $W_*^\lambda$ ,  $P_*^\lambda$  and the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator  $\mathcal{M}_0$  on  $(0, \infty)$ , on  $BMO_+$  as we state in the following proposition.

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $\lambda > 0$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{N}$  the operators  $\mathcal{M}_0$ ,  $W_*^\lambda$  or  $P_*^\lambda$ . There exists  $C > 0$  such that*

$$\|\mathcal{N}f\|_{BMO_+} \leq C\|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad f \in BMO_+.$$

Riesz transforms in the  $\Delta_\lambda$ -setting were studied in [3]. The operator  $\Delta_\lambda$  admits the factorization  $\Delta_\lambda = D_\lambda^* D_\lambda$ , where  $D_\lambda = x^\lambda D x^{-\lambda}$  and  $D_\lambda^*$  represents the (formal) adjoint of  $D_\lambda$  in  $L^2(0, \infty)$ . Following the ideas developed by Stein in [13], the Riesz transform  $R_\lambda$  is defined by

$$R_\lambda f = D_\lambda \Delta_\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} f, \quad f \in C_c^\infty(0, \infty).$$

Here  $C_c^\infty(0, \infty)$  denotes the space of smooth functions with compact support in  $(0, \infty)$ . The operator  $R_\lambda$  can be extended to  $L^p(0, \infty)$  as a bounded operator on  $L^p(0, \infty)$ , for every  $1 < p < \infty$ , and to  $L^1(0, \infty)$  as a bounded operator from  $L^1(0, \infty)$  into  $L^{1,\infty}(0, \infty)$ . Moreover, for each  $f \in L^p(0, \infty)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ ,

$$(3) \quad R_\lambda f(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{0, |x-y|>\varepsilon}^\infty R_\lambda(x, y)f(y)dy, \quad \text{a.e. } x \in (0, \infty),$$

being

$$R_\lambda(x, y) = \int_0^\infty D_{\lambda, x} P^\lambda(t, x, y) dt, \quad x, y \in (0, \infty), \quad x \neq y.$$

According to [1, (1.6)] (also see [7]) we get

$$(4) \quad |R_\lambda(x, y)| \leq C(xy)^\lambda \begin{cases} \frac{x}{y^{2\lambda+2}}, & 2x \leq y, \\ \frac{1}{x^{2\lambda+1}}, & 0 < y < \frac{x}{2}, \end{cases}$$

and

$$(5) \quad \left| R_\lambda(x, y) - \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{x-y} \right| \leq C \frac{1}{y} \left( 1 + \log_+ \frac{\sqrt{xy}}{|x-y|} \right), \quad 0 < \frac{x}{2} < y < 2x.$$

Then, we can prove that the Riesz transform  $R_\lambda$  is well defined on  $L^\infty(0, \infty)$ . This fact establishes a difference between the behavior of  $R_\lambda$  and the Hilbert transform on bounded functions ([16, p. 294]).

The vertical Littlewood-Paley  $g$ -function associated with the heat semigroup  $\{W_t^\lambda\}_{t>0}$  for the Bessel operator  $\Delta_\lambda$  is defined by

$$g_{h,\lambda}(f)(x) = \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} W_t^\lambda(f)(x) \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

and the corresponding one for the Poisson semigroup  $\{P_t^\lambda\}_{t>0}$  is given by

$$g_{P,\lambda}(f)(x) = \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} P_t^\lambda(f)(x) \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

The behavior of the Riesz transforms and  $g$ -functions on  $BMO_+$  is established in the next proposition.

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $\lambda > 0$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{N}$  the operators  $R_\lambda$ ,  $g_{h,\lambda}$  and  $g_{P,\lambda}$ . There exists  $C > 0$  such that*

$$\|\mathcal{N}f\|_{BMO_+} \leq C\|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad f \in BMO_+.$$

As for maximal operators the property stated in Proposition 2 for  $g_{h,\lambda}$  and  $g_{P,\lambda}$  contrasts with the corresponding one for vertical classical Littlewood-Paley  $g$ -functions (see [17]).

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we prove Proposition 1 and the proof of Proposition 2 is showed in Section 3 and Section 4 where we establish the estimates for the Riesz transform and for the  $g$ -functions, respectively.

Throughout this paper we always denote by  $C$  a suitable positive constant that can change from a line to the other one.

2. MAXIMAL OPERATORS IN  $BMO_+$ .

In this section we present a proof of Proposition 1. We divide the proof in three parts. Each part is concerned with one of the maximal operators under considerations.

(i) By  $\mathcal{M}_0$  we denote the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator on  $(0, \infty)$ , that is, if  $f \in L^1_{loc}([0, \infty))$ ,

$$\mathcal{M}_0(f)(x) = \sup_{x \in I} \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I |f(y)| dy, \quad x \in (0, \infty),$$

where the supremum is taken over all the bounded intervals  $I$  on  $(0, \infty)$  such that  $x \in I$ .

Assume that  $f \in BMO_+$ , then  $f_o \in BMO_o(\mathbb{R})$ . Let  $a > 0$ , we write  $f_o = f_1 + f_2$  where  $f_1 = f_o \chi_{(-2a, 2a)}$ . Since  $f_o \in L^1_{loc}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\mathcal{M}f_1(x) < \infty$ , a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\mathcal{M}$  denotes the Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Moreover, if  $x \in (-a, a)$  and  $I$  is a bounded interval such that  $x \in I$  and  $I \cap (-2a, 2a)^c \neq \emptyset$ , by denoting  $J = (-b, b)$ , where  $b = \max\{|y|, y \in I\}$ , we have

$$(6) \quad \frac{1}{|I|} \int_I |f_2(y)| dy = \frac{1}{|I|} \int_{I \cap (-2a, 2a)^c} |f_o(y)| dy \leq C \frac{1}{|J|} \int_J |f_o(y)| dy \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}.$$

Note that  $|I| \leq |J| \leq 2(|I| + a) \leq 4|I|$ . Hence  $\mathcal{M}(f_2)(x) < \infty$ , a.e.  $x$ ,  $|x| \leq a$ . Then, we obtain that  $\mathcal{M}f_o(x) < \infty$ , a.e.  $x$ ,  $|x| \leq a$ . Hence, we conclude that  $\mathcal{M}f_o(x) < \infty$ , a. e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Since  $f \in BMO(0, \infty)$ , a wellknown result due to Bennett, DeVore and Sharpley ([2, Theorem 4.2]) implies that  $\mathcal{M}_0 f \in BMO(0, \infty)$  and  $\|\mathcal{M}_0 f\|_{BMO(0, \infty)} \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}$ . Moreover, for every  $a > 0$ ,

$$(7) \quad \frac{1}{a} \int_0^a \mathcal{M}_0(f)(x) dx \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}.$$

Indeed, let  $a > 0$ . As above we write  $f = f_1 + f_2$ , where  $f_1 = f \chi_{(0, 2a)}$ . Then, by proceeding as in (6) we get

$$(8) \quad \mathcal{M}_0(f_2)(x) \leq 2 \|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad x \in (0, a).$$

Also, since  $\mathcal{M}_0$  is bounded on  $L^2(0, \infty)$ , it has

$$(9) \quad \frac{1}{a} \int_0^a |\mathcal{M}_0 f_1(x)| dx \leq \left( \frac{1}{a} \int_0^a |\mathcal{M}_0 f_1(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C \left( \frac{1}{a} \int_0^{2a} |f(x)|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}.$$

From (8) and (9) we deduce that (7) holds.

By combining the above arguments we conclude that  $(\mathcal{M}_0 f)_o \in BMO_o(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\|\mathcal{M}_0 f\|_{BMO_+} \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}$ .  $\blacksquare$

(ii) We now analyze the maximal operator  $W_*^\lambda$  associated with the heat semigroup  $\{W_t^\lambda\}_{t>0}$ . Assume that  $f \in BMO_+$ .

According to [11, (5.16.5)] we have that

$$(10) \quad 0 \leq W^\lambda(t, x, y) \leq C \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}}, \quad t, x, y \in (0, \infty),$$

and also,

$$(11) \quad W^\lambda(t, x, y) \leq C \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \left(\frac{xy}{t}\right)^\lambda e^{-\frac{y^2+x^2}{4t}}, & \frac{xy}{2t} \leq 1, \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \left(\frac{xy}{t}\right)^\lambda e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}}, & \frac{xy}{2t} \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

It is wellknown that

$$(12) \quad \sup_{t>0} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} |f(y)| dy \leq C \mathcal{M}_0(f)(x), \quad x \in (0, \infty).$$

Then

$$W_*^\lambda(f)(x) \leq C \mathcal{M}_0(f)(x), \quad x \in (0, \infty).$$

Hence, by (7), for every  $a > 0$ , we have

$$(13) \quad \frac{1}{a} \int_0^a W_*^\lambda(f)(x) dx \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}.$$

On the other hand, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sup_{t>0} |W_t^\lambda(f)(x)| - \sup_{t>0} \left| \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} W^\lambda(t, x, y) f(y) dy \right| \right| \\ & \leq \sup_{t>0} \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} W^\lambda(t, x, y) |f(y)| dy + \sup_{t>0} \int_{2x}^\infty W^\lambda(t, x, y) |f(y)| dy, \quad x \in (0, \infty). \end{aligned}$$

From (10) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} W^\lambda(t, x, y) |f(y)| dy & \leq C \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} |f(y)| dy \leq C \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{16t}} |f(y)| dy \\ & \leq \frac{C}{x} \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} |f(y)| dy \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad t, x \in (0, \infty). \end{aligned}$$

By using (11) we get

$$\int_{2x}^\infty W^\lambda(t, x, y) |f(y)| dy \leq C \left( \int_{2x, \frac{xy}{2t} \leq 1}^\infty \left(\frac{xy}{t}\right)^\lambda \frac{e^{-\frac{y^2}{4t}}}{\sqrt{t}} |f(y)| dy + \int_{2x, \frac{xy}{2t} > 1}^\infty \frac{e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}}}{\sqrt{t}} |f(y)| dy \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq C \int_{2x}^{\infty} \left(\frac{xy}{t}\right)^{\lambda} \frac{e^{-\frac{y^2}{16t}}}{\sqrt{t}} |f(y)| dy \leq Cx^{\lambda} \int_{2x}^{\infty} \frac{|f(y)|}{y^{\lambda+1}} dy = Cx^{\lambda} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{2k^{2/\lambda}x}^{2^{(k+1)^{2/\lambda}}x} \frac{|f(y)|}{y^{\lambda+1}} dy \\
&\leq Cx^{\lambda} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k^{2/\lambda}x)^{\lambda+1}} \int_0^{2^{(k+1)^{2/\lambda}}x} |f(y)| dy \leq C \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \frac{1}{2^{(k+1)^{2/\lambda}}x} \int_0^{2^{(k+1)^{2/\lambda}}x} |f(y)| dy \\
&\leq C\|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad t, x \in (0, \infty).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have proved that

$$\sup_{t>0} |W_t^{\lambda}(f)(x)| - \sup_{t>0} \left| \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} W^{\lambda}(t, x, y) f(y) dy \right| \in L^{\infty}(0, \infty),$$

and

$$(14) \quad \left\| \sup_{t>0} |W_t^{\lambda}(f)(x)| - \sup_{t>0} \left| \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} W^{\lambda}(t, x, y) f(y) dy \right| \right\|_{\infty} \leq C\|f\|_{BMO_+}.$$

Moreover,

$$\sup_{t>0} \left| \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} W^{\lambda}(t, x, y) f(y) dy \right| - \sup_{t>0} \left| \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} f(y) dy \right| \in L^{\infty}(0, \infty),$$

and

$$(15) \quad \left\| \sup_{t>0} \left| \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} W^{\lambda}(t, x, y) f(y) dy \right| - \sup_{t>0} \left| \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} f(y) dy \right| \right\|_{\infty} \leq C\|f\|_{BMO_+}.$$

Indeed, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| \sup_{t>0} \left| \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} W^{\lambda}(t, x, y) f(y) dy \right| - \sup_{t>0} \left| \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} f(y) dy \right| \right| \\
&\leq \sup_{t>0} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \left| W^{\lambda}(t, x, y) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} \right| |f(y)| dy, \quad x \in (0, \infty).
\end{aligned}$$

According to (10), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{\frac{x}{2}, \frac{xy}{2t} \leq 1}^{2x} \left| W^{\lambda}(t, x, y) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} \right| |f(y)| dy \\
&\leq C \int_{\frac{x}{2}, \frac{xy}{2t} \leq 1}^{2x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \left( \left(\frac{xy}{t}\right)^{\lambda} + 1 \right) e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{4t}} |f(y)| dy \\
&\leq C \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{|f(y)|}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} dy \leq \frac{C}{x} \int_0^{2x} |f(y)| dy \leq C\|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad t, x \in (0, \infty).
\end{aligned}$$

Also, by using [11, 5.16.5], we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\frac{x}{2}, \frac{xy}{2t} \geq 1}^{2x} \left| W^\lambda(t, x, y) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} \right| |f(y)| dy &\leq C \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \left( \frac{t}{xy} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} |f(y)| dy \\ &\leq \frac{C}{x} \int_0^{2x} |f(y)| dy \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad t, x \in (0, \infty). \end{aligned}$$

Hence (15) is established.

Now we denote by  $\{W_t\}_{t>0}$  the classical heat semigroup, that is, we write

$$W_t(f_o)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} f_o(y) dy, \quad t \in (0, \infty) \text{ and } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Since  $f_o$  is an odd function we can write

$$(16) \quad W_t(f_o)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \int_0^\infty \left( e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} - e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4t}} \right) f(y) dy, \quad t \in (0, \infty) \text{ and } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Moreover  $W_t(f_o)$  is odd, for every  $t > 0$ . By splitting the integral it gets

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| W_t(f_o)(x) - \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} f(y) dy \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} \left| e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} - e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4t}} \right| |f(y)| dy \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \int_{2x}^\infty \left| e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} - e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4t}} \right| |f(y)| dy + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4t}} |f(y)| dy \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{t}} \left( \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} \left| \frac{(x-y)^2 - (x+y)^2}{4t} \right| e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} |f(y)| dy \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{2x}^\infty \left| \frac{(x-y)^2 - (x+y)^2}{4t} \right| e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} |f(y)| dy + \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4t}} |f(y)| dy \right) \\ &\leq C \left( \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} \frac{xy}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{16t}} |f(y)| dy + \int_{2x}^\infty \frac{xy}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{16t}} |f(y)| dy + \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{|f(y)|}{x+y} dy \right) \\ &\leq C \left( \frac{1}{x} \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} |f(y)| dy + x \int_{2x}^\infty \frac{1}{y^2} |f(y)| dy + \frac{1}{x} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} |f(y)| dy \right) \\ &\leq C \left( \frac{1}{x} \int_0^{2x} |f(y)| dy + x \sum_{k=1}^\infty \int_{2xk^2}^{2x(k+1)^2} \frac{1}{y^2} |f(y)| dy \right) \end{aligned}$$



$$\leq C \left( \frac{1}{x} \int_0^{2x} |f(y)| dy + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \frac{1}{2x(k+1)^2} \int_0^{2x(k+1)^2} |f(y)| dy \right) \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+},$$

for every  $t, x \in (0, \infty)$ . Hence,

$$\sup_{t \in (0, \infty)} |W_t(f_o)(x)| - \sup_{t > 0} \left| \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} f(y) dy \right| \in L^\infty(0, \infty),$$

and

$$(17) \quad \left\| \sup_{t \in (0, \infty)} |W_t(f_o)(x)| - \sup_{t > 0} \left| \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} f(y) dy \right| \right\|_\infty \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}.$$

We deduce from (14), (15) and (17) that

$$\sup_{t > 0} |W_t^\lambda(f)(x)| - \sup_{t > 0} |W_t(f_o)(x)| \in L^\infty(0, \infty)$$

and

$$(18) \quad \left\| \sup_{t > 0} |W_t^\lambda(f)| - \sup_{t > 0} |W_t(f_o)| \right\|_\infty \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}.$$

According to (13) and (18), to see that

$$\sup_{t > 0} |W_t^\lambda(f)| \in BMO_+ \text{ and } \left\| \sup_{t > 0} |W_t(f)| \right\|_{BMO_+} \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+},$$

it is sufficient to see that  $\sup_{t > 0} |W_t(f_o)| \in BMO(\mathbb{R})$  and that

$$\left\| \sup_{t > 0} |W_t(f_o)| \right\|_{BMO(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|f_o\|_{BMO(\mathbb{R})}.$$

We have to show that  $\sup_{t > 0} |W_t(f_o)(x)| < \infty$ , a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  (see [15]). From (7) and (12) we get

$$\frac{1}{a} \int_0^a \sup_{t > 0} |W_t(f_o)(x)| dx \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad a > 0.$$

Then, since  $\sup_{t > 0} |W_t(f_o)|$  is even,  $\sup_{t > 0} |W_t(f_o)(x)| < \infty$ , a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus we prove that  $W_*^\lambda(f) \in BMO_+$  and  $\|W_*^\lambda(f)\|_{BMO_+} \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}$ .

(iii) Let  $f \in BMO_+$ . By using subordination formula we can write

$$(19) \quad P^\lambda(t, x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-u}}{\sqrt{u}} W^\lambda \left( \frac{t^2}{4u}, x, y \right) du, \quad t, x, y \in (0, \infty).$$

Then,

$$\sup_{t > 0} |P_t^\lambda(f)| \leq C \sup_{t > 0} |W_t^\lambda(f)|.$$

Hence, from (13) we deduce that

$$(20) \quad \frac{1}{a} \int_0^a P_*^\lambda(f)(x) dx \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad a > 0.$$

Moreover, by (18), it follows

$$\sup_{t>0} |P_t^\lambda(f)(x)| - \sup_{t>0} |P_t(f_o)(x)| \in L^\infty(0, \infty),$$

and

$$(21) \quad \left\| \sup_{t>0} |P_t^\lambda(f)(x)| - \sup_{t>0} |P_t(f_o)(x)| \right\|_\infty \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+},$$

where

$$(22) \quad P_t(f_o)(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{t}{(x-y)^2 + t^2} f_o(y) dy, \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

From (12) it infers that  $\sup_{t>0} |P_t(f_o)(x)| \leq CM_0(f)(x)$ ,  $x \in (0, \infty)$ . Then, by (7),

$$\frac{1}{a} \int_0^a \sup_{t>0} |P_t(f_o)(x)| dx \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad a > 0.$$

Hence, since  $\sup_{t>0} |P_t(f_o)|$  is even,  $\sup_{t>0} |P_t(f_o)(x)| < \infty$ , a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . It deduces that  $\sup_{t>0} |P_t(f_o)| \in BMO(\mathbb{R})$  (see [15]). (20) and (21) allow us to conclude that  $P_*^\lambda f \in BMO_+$ , and  $\|P_*^\lambda f\|_{BMO_+} \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}$ . ▀

### 3. RIESZ TRANSFORM IN $BMO_+$ .

Our objective is to show Proposition 2 for the Riesz transforms  $R_\lambda$ . Firstly, note that, by (4) and (5), the Riesz transform  $R_\lambda$  is defined on  $L^\infty(0, \infty)$ . Indeed, let  $f \in L^\infty(0, \infty)$ . It is known (see, for instance, [16, p. 294]) that the limit

$$(23) \quad \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{0, |x-y|>\varepsilon}^\infty f(y) \left( \frac{1}{x-y} + \chi_{(1,\infty)}(y) \frac{1}{y} \right) dy$$

exists for almost every  $x \in (0, \infty)$ . We now prove that

$$R_\lambda f(x) = \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} R_\lambda(x, y) f(y) dy + \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\frac{x}{2}, |x-y|>\varepsilon}^{2x} R_\lambda(x, y) f(y) dy + \int_{2x}^\infty R_\lambda(x, y) f(y) dy,$$

for almost all  $x \in (0, \infty)$ . According to (4), we get

$$\int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} |R_\lambda(x, y)| |f(y)| dy \leq C \frac{1}{x^{\lambda+1}} \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} y^\lambda |f(y)| dy \leq C \|f\|_\infty, \quad x \in (0, \infty),$$

and

$$\int_{2x}^\infty |R_\lambda(x, y)| |f(y)| dy \leq C x^{\lambda+1} \int_{2x}^\infty \frac{|f(y)|}{y^{\lambda+2}} dy \leq C \|f\|_\infty, \quad x \in (0, \infty).$$

On the other hand, it has

$$(24) \quad \int_{\frac{x}{2}, |x-y|>\varepsilon}^{2x} R_\lambda(x, y) f(y) dy = \int_{\frac{x}{2}, |x-y|>\varepsilon}^{2x} \left( R_\lambda(x, y) f(y) - \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{x-y} \right) f(y) dy \\ + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\frac{x}{2}, |x-y|>\varepsilon}^{2x} \frac{1}{x-y} f(y) dy, \quad \varepsilon, x \in (0, \infty).$$

From (5) it deduces that, for every  $x \in (0, \infty)$ ,

$$\int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \left| R_\lambda(x, y) - \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{x-y} \right| |f(y)| dy \leq C \|f\|_\infty \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{y} \left( 1 + \log_+ \frac{\sqrt{xy}}{|x-y|} \right) dy \leq C \|f\|_\infty,$$

because  $\int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{y} \left( 1 + \log_+ \frac{\sqrt{xy}}{|x-y|} \right) dy = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 \left( 1 + \log_+ \frac{\sqrt{u}}{|1-u|} \right) du$ . Moreover, we write

$$\int_{\frac{x}{2}, |x-y|>\varepsilon}^{2x} \frac{1}{x-y} f(y) dy = \int_{0, |x-y|>\varepsilon}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{x-y} + \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} \right) f(y) dy \\ - \int_{\frac{x}{2}, |x-y|>\varepsilon}^{2x} f(y) \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} dy - \int_{2x, |x-y|>\varepsilon}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{x-y} + \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} \right) f(y) dy \\ - \int_{0, |x-y|>\varepsilon}^{\frac{x}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{x-y} + \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} \right) f(y) dy, \quad \varepsilon, x \in (0, \infty).$$

Note that, for each  $x \in (0, \infty)$ ,

$$\int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} |f(y) \chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)| \frac{dy}{y} \leq C \|f\|_\infty,$$

that

$$\int_{2x}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{x-y} - \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} \right| |f(y)| dy \\ \leq C \|f\|_\infty \left( \int_{2x}^{2x+1} \left( \frac{1}{|x-y|} + \frac{1}{y} \right) dy + \int_{2x+1}^{\infty} \frac{x}{|x-y|y} dy \right) \leq C \left( \frac{1}{x} + 1 \right) \|f\|_\infty,$$

and

$$\int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} \left| \frac{1}{x-y} - \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} \right| |f(y)| dy \leq C (1+x) \|f\|_\infty.$$

Then, by (23) and (24) we conclude that the limit

$$(25) \quad R_\lambda(f)(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{0, |x-y|>\varepsilon}^{\infty} R_\lambda(x, y) f(y) dy$$

exists for almost every  $x \in (0, \infty)$ . This property shows different behaviour of Hilbert transform (see (23)) and  $R_\lambda$ -transform on  $L^\infty(0, \infty)$ .

We now prove Proposition 2 for Riesz transform  $R_\lambda$ .

Assume that  $f \in BMO_+$ . If we consider  $f_e$  the even extension of  $f$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , according to [16, p. 294],

$$H(f_e)(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty, |x-y| > \varepsilon}^{+\infty} \left( \frac{1}{x-y} + \frac{\chi_{(-1,1)^c}(y)}{y} \right) f_e(y) dy \in BMO(\mathbb{R}),$$

because  $f_e \in BMO(\mathbb{R})$ . Since  $f_e$  is even we can write

$$\begin{aligned} H(f_e)(x) &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{0, |x-y| > \varepsilon}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{x-y} + \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} \right) f(y) dy \\ &\quad + \int_{-\infty, |x-y| > \varepsilon}^0 \left( \frac{1}{x-y} + \frac{\chi_{(-\infty,-1)}(y)}{y} \right) f(-y) dy \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{0, |x-y| > \varepsilon}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{x-y} + \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} \right) f(y) dy \\ &\quad + \int_{0, |x+y| > \varepsilon}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{x+y} - \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} \right) f(y) dy \\ &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\frac{x}{2}, |x-y| > \varepsilon}^{2x} \left( \frac{1}{x-y} + \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} \right) f(y) dy \\ &\quad + \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} \frac{2x}{x^2 - y^2} f(y) dy + \int_{2x}^{\infty} \frac{2x}{x^2 - y^2} f(y) dy \\ &\quad + \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \left( \frac{1}{x+y} - \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} \right) f(y) dy, \quad x \in (0, \infty). \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $H(f_e)$  is odd. We are going to see that

$$(26) \quad H(f_e)(x) - \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\frac{x}{2}, |x-y| > \varepsilon}^{2x} \left( \frac{1}{x-y} + \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} \right) f(y) dy \in L^\infty(0, \infty)$$

and

$$(27) \quad \left\| H(f_e)(x) - \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\frac{x}{2}, |x-y| > \varepsilon}^{2x} \left( \frac{1}{x-y} + \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} \right) f(y) dy \right\|_{\infty} \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}.$$

We have to analyze three terms. It gets, as in the proof of (17) in the previous section,

$$\left| \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} \frac{2x}{x^2 - y^2} f(y) dy \right| \leq C \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x |f(y)| dy \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad x \in (0, \infty),$$

and

$$\left| \int_{2x}^{\infty} \frac{2x}{x^2 - y^2} f(y) dy \right| \leq Cx \int_{2x}^{\infty} |f(y)| \frac{dy}{y^2} \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad x \in (0, \infty).$$

Also, we obtain

$$\left| \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \left( \frac{1}{x+y} - \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} \right) f(y) dy \right| \leq \frac{C}{x} \int_0^{2x} |f(y)| dy \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad x \in (0, \infty).$$

Thus (26) and (27) are established. By using (25), (4) and (5) we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| R_\lambda(f)(x) - \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\frac{x}{2}, |x-y| > \varepsilon}^{2x} \left( \frac{1}{x-y} + \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} \right) f(y) dy \right| \\
& \leq C \left( \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{y} \left( 1 + \log_+ \frac{\sqrt{xy}}{|x-y|} \right) |f(y)| dy + \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} |f(y)| dy \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{x^{\lambda+1}} \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} y^\lambda |f(y)| dy + x^{\lambda+1} \int_{2x}^\infty \frac{|f(y)|}{y^{\lambda+2}} dy \right) \\
& \leq C \left( \left( \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{y} \left( 1 + \log_+ \frac{\sqrt{xy}}{|x-y|} \right)^2 dy \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{x} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} |f(y)|^2 dy \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x |f(y)| dy + x \int_{2x}^\infty \frac{|f(y)|}{y^2} dy \right) \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad x \in (0, \infty),
\end{aligned}$$

because

$$\int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{y} \left( 1 + \log_+ \frac{\sqrt{xy}}{|x-y|} \right)^2 dy = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^2 \frac{1}{u} \left( 1 + \log_+ \frac{\sqrt{u}}{|1-u|} \right)^2 du < \infty, \quad x \in (0, \infty).$$

Hence,

$$(28) \quad R_\lambda(f)(x) - \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\frac{x}{2}, |x-y| > \varepsilon}^{2x} \left( \frac{1}{x-y} + \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} \right) f(y) dy \in L^\infty(0, \infty),$$

and

$$(29) \quad \left\| R_\lambda(f)(x) - \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\frac{x}{2}, |x-y| > \varepsilon}^{2x} \left( \frac{1}{x-y} + \frac{\chi_{(1,\infty)}(y)}{y} \right) f(y) dy \right\|_\infty \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}.$$

By combining (26), (27), (28) and (29) we conclude that

$$(30) \quad R_\lambda(f) - H(f_e) \in L^\infty(0, \infty) \quad \text{and} \quad \|R_\lambda(f) - H(f_e)\|_\infty \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}.$$

Moreover, since  $H(f_e) \in BMO(\mathbb{R})$  and  $H(f_e)$  is odd, for every  $a \in (0, \infty)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{a} \int_0^a |H(f_e)(x)| dx &= \frac{1}{2a} \int_{-a}^a |H(f_e)(x)| dx = \frac{1}{2a} \int_{-a}^a \left| H(f_e)(x) - \frac{1}{2a} \int_{-a}^a H(f_e)(u) du \right| dx \\
&\leq C \|H(f_e)\|_{BMO(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|f_e\|_{BMO(\mathbb{R})} \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, from (30), for every  $a \in (0, \infty)$ ,

$$\frac{1}{a} \int_0^a |R_\lambda(f)(x)| dx \leq \frac{1}{a} \int_0^a |R_\lambda(f)(x) - H(f_e)(x)| dx + \frac{1}{a} \int_0^a |H(f_e)(x)| dx \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}.$$

Hence  $R_\lambda(f) \in BMO_+$  and  $\|R_\lambda f\|_{BMO_+} \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}$ . Thus the proof of Proposition 2 for  $R_\lambda$  is finished.

4. LITTLEWOOD-PALEY  $g$ -FUNCTIONS IN  $BMO_+$ 

In this section we prove Proposition 2 for the Littlewood-Paley  $g$ -functions  $g_{h,\lambda}$  and  $g_{P,\lambda}$  associated with the heat and the Poisson semigroups for  $\Delta_\lambda$ , respectively.

Firstly we study  $g_{h,\lambda}$ . Let  $f \in BMO_+$ . Minkowski inequality implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| g_{h,\lambda}(f)(x) - \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} W^\lambda(t, x, y) f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right| \\ & \leq \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} + \int_{2x}^\infty \right) W^\lambda(t, x, y) f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \left( \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} + \int_{2x}^\infty \right) |f(y)| \left\{ \int_0^\infty t \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} W^\lambda(t, x, y) \right|^2 dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} dy, \quad x \in (0, \infty). \end{aligned}$$

According to [7, Lemma 8] we have that

$$(31) \quad \left\{ \int_0^\infty t \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} W^\lambda(t, x, y) \right|^2 dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C \begin{cases} \frac{y^\lambda}{x^{\lambda+1}}, & 0 < y < \frac{x}{2}, \\ \frac{x^\lambda}{y^{\lambda+1}}, & 2x < y < \infty. \end{cases}$$

From (31) we deduce that, for every  $x \in (0, \infty)$ ,

$$\int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} |f(y)| \left\{ \int_0^\infty t \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} W^\lambda(t, x, y) \right|^2 dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} dy \leq C \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} \frac{|f(y)| y^\lambda}{x^{\lambda+1}} dy \leq \frac{C}{x} \int_0^x |f(y)| dy \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+},$$

and, as in the proof of (14) in Section 2,

$$\int_{2x}^\infty |f(y)| \left\{ \int_0^\infty t \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} W^\lambda(t, x, y) \right|^2 dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} dy \leq C x^\lambda \int_{2x}^\infty \frac{|f(y)|}{y^{\lambda+1}} dy \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}.$$

Hence, we conclude that

$$(32) \quad g_{h,\lambda}(f)(x) - \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} W^\lambda(t, x, y) f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \in L^\infty(0, \infty),$$

and

$$(33) \quad \left\| g_{h,\lambda}(f)(x) - \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} W^\lambda(t, x, y) f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_\infty \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}.$$

By using again Minkowski inequality and [7, Lemma 8] we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} W^\lambda(t, x, y) f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right| \\
& \leq \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \left( W^\lambda(t, x, y) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} \right) f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \leq \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} |f(y)| \left\{ \int_0^\infty t \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( W^\lambda(t, x, y) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} \right) \right|^2 dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} dy \\
& \leq C \frac{1}{x} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} |f(y)| dy \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad x \in (0, \infty).
\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
(34) \quad & \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} W^\lambda(t, x, y) f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \quad - \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \in L^\infty(0, \infty)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(35) \quad & \left\| \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} W^\lambda(t, x, y) f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_\infty \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}.
\end{aligned}$$

We denote by

$$g_h(f_o)(x) = \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} W_t(f_o)(x) \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

We are going to see that

$$(36) \quad g_h(f_o)(x) - \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \in L^\infty(0, \infty)$$

and

$$(37) \quad \left\| g_h(f_o)(x) - \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_\infty \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}.$$

Note firstly that according to (16) the Minkowski inequality leads to

$$(38) \quad \left| g_h(f_o)(x) - \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right| \\ \leq \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \left( e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} - e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4t}} \right) f(y) dy - t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \leq \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} |f(y)| \left\{ \int_0^\infty t \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4t}} \right) \right|^2 dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} dy \\ + \left( \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} + \int_{2x}^\infty \right) |f(y)| \left\{ \int_0^\infty t \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \left[ e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} - e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4t}} \right] \right) \right|^2 dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} dy \\ = T_1(f)(x) + T_2(f)(x), \quad x \in (0, \infty).$$

It is not hard to see that

$$\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4t}} \right) \right| \leq C \frac{1}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}} e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{8t}}, \quad t, x, y \in (0, \infty).$$

Then

$$T_1(f)(x) \leq C \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} |f(y)| \left\{ \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{t^2} e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4t}} dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} dy \leq C \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{|f(y)|}{x+y} dy \\ \leq C \frac{1}{x} \int_0^{2x} |f(y)| dy \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad x \in (0, \infty).$$

Also, by using the mean value theorem, we get

$$(39) \quad \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \left[ e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} - e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4t}} \right] \right) \right| \\ \leq C \frac{1}{t^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left( \left| e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} - e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4t}} \right| + \left| \frac{(x-y)^2}{4t} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} - \frac{(x+y)^2}{4t} e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4t}} \right| \right) \\ \leq C \frac{xy}{t^{\frac{5}{2}}} e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{8t}}, \quad t \in (0, \infty) \text{ and } 0 < y < \frac{x}{2}, \text{ or } y > 2x.$$



Hence

$$\begin{aligned} T_2(f)(x) &\leq C \left( \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} + \int_{2x}^{\infty} \right) |f(y)|xy \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{8t}}}{t^4} dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} dy \leq C \left( \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} + \int_{2x}^{\infty} \right) |f(y)| \frac{xy}{|x-y|^3} dy \\ &\leq C \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} |f(y)| \frac{y}{x^2} dy + x \int_{2x}^{\infty} \frac{|f(y)|}{y^2} dy \leq C \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x |f(y)| dy + x \int_{2x}^{\infty} \frac{|f(y)|}{y^2} dy, \end{aligned}$$

and by proceeding as in the proof of (17) we obtain that  $T_2(f)(x) \leq C\|f\|_{BMO_+}$ ,  $x \in (0, \infty)$ .

From (38) we deduce (36) and (37). By using (33), (35) and (37) we conclude that  $g_{h,\lambda}(f) \in BMO_+$  provided that  $g_h(f_o) \in BMO(\mathbb{R})$ , and that there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$\frac{1}{a} \int_0^a g_h(f_o)(x) dx \leq C, \quad a \in (0, \infty).$$

Since  $f_o \in BMO(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $g_h(f_o) \in BMO(\mathbb{R})$  when  $g_h(f_o)(x) < \infty$ , a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  ([17]). Let  $a > 0$ .

We write  $f_o = f_1 + f_2 + f_3$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(x) &= \frac{1}{2a} \int_0^{2a} f(y) dy := f_{(0,2a)}, \quad x \in (0, \infty), \\ f_2(x) &= (f(x) - f_{(0,2a)}) \chi_{(0,2a)}(x), \quad x \in (0, \infty), \\ f_3(x) &= (f(x) - f_{(0,2a)}) \chi_{(2a,\infty)}(x), \quad x \in (0, \infty), \end{aligned}$$

and  $f_i(x) = -f_i(-x)$ ,  $x \in (-\infty, 0)$ , and  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

Note that, for each  $x \in (0, \infty)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (40) \quad g_h(f_1)(x) &= |f_{(0,2a)}| \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \left( e^{-\frac{(x-y)^2}{4t}} - e^{-\frac{(x+y)^2}{4t}} \right) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} |f_{(0,2a)}| \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^{\frac{x}{2\sqrt{t}}} e^{-u^2} du \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+} \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} \left| t \frac{x}{4t^{\frac{3}{2}}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}} \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} = C \|f\|_{BMO_+} \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{t^2} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2t}} dt \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $g_h(f_1)$  is even,  $g_h(f_1)(x) \leq C\|f\|_{BMO_+}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . It is wellknown that  $g_h$  is a bounded operator from  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  into itself. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^a g_h(f_2)(x) dx &\leq \sqrt{a} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |g_h(f_2)(x)|^2 dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C\sqrt{a} \left\{ \int_0^{2a} |f(x) - f_{(0,2a)}|^2 dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ (41) \quad &\leq Ca \|f\|_{BMO_+}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, since  $g_h(f_2)(x)$  is even,  $g_h(f_2)(x) < \infty$ , a.e.  $x \in (-a, a)$ .

Finally, by proceeding as in the proof of (17), we obtain

$$(42) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_0^a g_h(f_3)(x)dx &= \int_0^a g_h((f - f_{(0,2a)})\chi_{(2a,\infty)})(x)dx \leq C \int_0^a x \int_{2x}^\infty |f(y) - f_{(0,2a)}| \frac{dy}{y^2} dx \\ &\leq C \left( \int_0^a x \int_{2x}^\infty |f(y)| \frac{dy}{y^2} dx + |f_{(0,2a)}| \int_0^a x \int_{2x}^\infty \frac{dy}{y^2} dx \right) \leq Ca \|f\|_{BMO_+}. \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $g_h(f_3)(x) < \infty$ , a.e.  $x \in (-a, a)$ . We conclude that  $g_h(f_o)(x) < \infty$ , a.e.  $x \in (-a, a)$ .

Hence, since  $a > 0$  is arbitrary  $g_h(f_o)(x) < \infty$ , a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and then  $g_h(f_o) \in BMO(\mathbb{R})$ .

Moreover, from (40), (41) and (42) we obtain that,

$$\frac{1}{a} \int_0^a |g_h(f)(x)| dx \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad a > 0.$$

Thus, we deduce that  $g_{h,\lambda}(f) \in BMO_+$  and  $\|g_{h,\lambda}(f)\|_{BMO_+} \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}$ .

To analyze the Littlewood-Paley  $g$ -function  $g_{P,\lambda}$  associated with the Poisson semigroup  $\{P_t^\lambda\}_{t>0}$  for the Bessel operator, we can proceed as for the  $g_{h,\lambda}$  case. We compare  $g_{P,\lambda}$  with the  $g$ -function for the classical Poisson semigroup on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

According to the results established in [6, (2.11)] we can write

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ P^\lambda(t, x, y) - \frac{1}{\pi} \chi_{\{\frac{x}{2} < y < 2x\}}(y) \frac{t}{(x-y)^2 + t^2} \right] \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq C(xy)^\lambda \begin{cases} x^{-2\lambda-1}, & 0 < y \leq \frac{x}{2}, \\ y^{-2\lambda-1} \left( 1 + \log \left( 1 + \frac{xy}{|x-y|^2} \right) \right), & \frac{x}{2} < y < 2x, \\ y^{-2\lambda-1}, & y \geq 2x. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then, by using Minkowski inequality we get, for every  $x \in (0, \infty)$ ,

$$(43) \quad \begin{aligned} &\left| g_{P,\lambda}(f)(x) - \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{t}{(x-y)^2 + t^2} f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right| \\ &\leq \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \int_0^\infty P^\lambda(t, x, y) f(y) dy - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{t}{(x-y)^2 + t^2} f(y) dy \right) \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \int_0^\infty |f(y)| \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( P^\lambda(t, x, y) - \frac{1}{\pi} \chi_{\{\frac{x}{2} < y < 2x\}}(y) \frac{t}{(x-y)^2 + t^2} \right) \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand a straightforward manipulation allows us to write, for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$P_t(f_o)(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{t}{(x-y)^2 + t^2} f_o(y) dy = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{t}{(x-y)^2 + t^2} - \frac{t}{(x+y)^2 + t^2} \right) f(y) dy.$$

We are going to see that

$$(44) \quad g_P(f_o)(x) - \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| \frac{t}{\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{t}{(x-y)^2 + t^2} f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \in L^\infty(0, \infty)$$

and

$$(45) \quad \left\| g_P(f_o)(x) - \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| \frac{t}{\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{t}{(x-y)^2 + t^2} f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\|_\infty \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+},$$

where

$$g_P(f_o)(x) = \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} P_t(f_o)(x) \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

being  $P_t f_o$  as in (22). Indeed, Minkowski inequality implies, for every  $x \in (0, \infty)$ ,

$$(46) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| g_P(f_o)(x) - \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| \frac{t}{\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{t}{(x-y)^2 + t^2} f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{t}{(x-y)^2 + t^2} - \frac{t}{(x+y)^2 + t^2} \right) f(y) dy \right. \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \left. - \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{t}{(x-y)^2 + t^2} f(y) dy \right] \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{t}{(x+y)^2 + t^2} f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\pi} \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} + \int_{2x}^\infty \right) \left( \frac{t}{(x-y)^2 + t^2} - \frac{t}{(x+y)^2 + t^2} \right) f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} |f(y)| \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{t}{(x+y)^2 + t^2} \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} dy \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} + \int_{2x}^\infty \right) |f(y)| \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{t}{(x-y)^2 + t^2} - \frac{t}{(x+y)^2 + t^2} \right) \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} dy. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we have that

$$\int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{t}{(x+y)^2 + t^2} \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \leq C \int_0^\infty \frac{t}{((x+y)^2 + t^2)^2} dt \leq \frac{C}{(x+y)^2} \leq \frac{C}{x^2}, \quad \frac{x}{2} < y < 2x,$$

and

$$\int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{t}{(x-y)^2+t^2} - \frac{t}{(x+y)^2+t^2} \right) \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \leq C \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{y^4}, & 2x < y, \\ \frac{y^2}{x^4}, & 0 < y \leq \frac{x}{2}. \end{cases}$$

Hence, (46) leads to

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| g_P(f_o)(x) - \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left| t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} \frac{t}{(x-y)^2+t^2} f(y) dy \right|^2 \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right| \\ & \leq C \left( \frac{1}{x} \int_{\frac{x}{2}}^{2x} |f(y)| dy + \frac{1}{x} \int_0^{\frac{x}{2}} |f(y)| dy + x \int_{2x}^\infty \frac{|f(y)|}{y^2} dy \right) \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}, \quad x \in (0, \infty). \end{aligned}$$

Thus (44) and (45) are established. From (43), (44) and (45) we deduce that

$$g_{P,\lambda}(f) - g_P(f_o) \in L^\infty(0, \infty) \quad \text{and} \quad \|g_{P,\lambda}(f) - g_P(f_o)\|_\infty \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}.$$

To see that  $g_{P,\lambda}(f) \in BMO_+$  and  $\|g_{P,\lambda}(f)\|_{BMO_+} \leq C \|f\|_{BMO_+}$  we can proceed as in the proof of the corresponding property for  $g_{h,\lambda}$ .

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