

PROPER EMBEDDING FOR MORREY–LORENTZ SPACES

NAOYA HATANO

Abstract. The embeddings for the Morrey–Lorentz spaces have been previously introduced by M. A. Ragusa. This paper describes the major differences between these embedding types.

1. INTRODUCTION

In an extant study, Ragusa [5] has described the embeddings for the Morrey–Lorentz spaces. These function spaces can be defined as follows by recalling the expressions for the Lorentz spaces.

Definition 1.1. When $t > 0$ and f is a measurable function on \mathbb{R}^n , the rearrangement function $f^*(t)$ can be expressed as

$$f^*(t) := \inf\{\lambda > 0 : |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |f(x)| > \lambda\}| \leq t\}.$$

In the above expression, it is understood that $\inf \emptyset = \infty$. Let $0 < p, q \leq \infty$. The Lorentz space $L^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ can be defined as the linear space comprising all measurable functions f with a finite quasi-norm given by

$$\|f\|_{L^{p,q}} := \begin{cases} \left(\int_0^\infty [t^{\frac{1}{p}} f^*(t)]^q \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, & 0 < p, q < \infty, \\ \sup_{t>0} t^{\frac{1}{p}} f^*(t), & 0 < p \leq q = \infty. \end{cases}$$

Notably, the space $L^{\infty,q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $0 < q < \infty$ (for details, refer to [1, Example 1.4.8]) is not considered in the above expression.

The Morrey–Lorentz spaces can be expressed as follows.

Definition 1.2. Let $0 < q \leq p < \infty$ and $0 < r \leq \infty$. Accordingly, the Morrey–Lorentz space $\mathcal{M}_{q,r}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ can be expressed as the space comprising all measurable functions f with the finite quasi-norm

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{M}_{q,r}^p} := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{R}^n)} |Q|^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}} \|f \chi_Q\|_{L^{q,r}},$$

where $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is denoted by the set of all cubes in \mathbb{R}^n that are parallel to the coordinate axes, and χ_E is an indicator function for a measurable set E .

Additionally, the function spaces can be considered extensions of the Lorentz and Morrey spaces as follows.

Remark 1.3. By definition, it is observed that

$$\mathcal{M}_{p,r}^p(\mathbb{R}^n) = L^{p,r}(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{M}_{q,q}^p(\mathbb{R}^n) = \mathcal{M}_q^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

with coincidence quasi-norms for $0 < q \leq p < \infty$ and $0 < r \leq \infty$. Moreover, $\mathcal{M}_q^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ represents a Morrey space, which is endowed with the quasi-norm

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{M}_q^p} := \sup_{Q \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{R}^n)} |Q|^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}} \left(\int_Q |f(x)|^q dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

2020 *Mathematics Subject Classification.* Primary 42B35; Secondary 42B25.

Key words and phrases. Lorentz spaces; Morrey spaces; Weak Morrey spaces; Morrey–Lorentz spaces.

G. Lorentz [3] defined the Lorentz spaces, and the separability of Lorentz spaces is proven. The Morrey spaces were introduced by Morrey [4] to investigate the solutions of second-order elliptic partial differential equations.

Ragusa introduced the embeddings for the Morrey–Lorentz spaces (see [5, Theorem 3.1]) as follows.

Proposition 1.4. *The following assertions hold:*

- (1) *If $0 < q \leq p < \infty$ and $0 < r_1 \leq r_2 \leq \infty$,*

$$\mathcal{M}_{q,r_1}^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{q,r_2}^p(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

- (2) *If $0 < q_2 < q_1 \leq p < \infty$ and $0 < r_1, r_2 \leq \infty$,*

$$\mathcal{M}_{q_1,r_1}^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{q_2,r_2}^p(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

The main result obtained in this study can be expressed as follows.

Theorem 1.5. *Let $0 < q < p < \infty$ and $0 < r < \tilde{r} \leq \infty$. Moreover, let $R > 1$, thereby satisfying $(1 + R)^{n/p-n/q}2^{n/q} = 1$. Consider*

$$F := \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} F_m, \quad F_m := \bigcup_{a \in A(R,m)} \{y + a \in \mathbb{R}^n : y \in [0, 1]^n\}, \quad (1.1)$$

$$A(R, m) := \left\{ a \in \mathbb{R}^n : a = \sum_{k=1}^m R(1 + R)^{k-1} e_k \text{ for some } \{e_k\}_{k=1}^m \in (\{0, 1\}^n)^m \right\}$$

and

$$V_k := \begin{cases} \emptyset, & k = 0, \\ \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : (1 + R)^{-k} x \in F\}, & k \in \mathbb{N}, \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

and define

$$f := \begin{cases} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{\frac{1}{r}}(1 + R)^{\frac{nk}{p}}} \chi_{V_k \setminus V_{k-1}}, & \tilde{r} < \infty, \\ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1 + R)^{\frac{nk}{p}}} \chi_{V_k \setminus V_{k-1}}, & \tilde{r} = \infty. \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

Thence

$$f \in \mathcal{M}_{q,\tilde{r}}^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus \mathcal{M}_{q,r}^p(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

We remark the sets $A(R, m)$, F_m and V_k as follows.

Remark 1.6. (1) The set $A(R, m)$ is increasing for the parameter $m \in \mathbb{N}$, that is,

$$A(R, 1) \subset A(R, 2) \subset \dots \subset A(R, m) \subset \dots$$

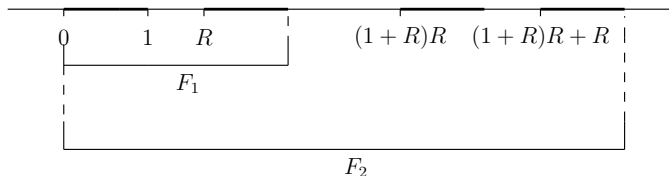
- (2) It follows from (1) that $\{F_m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ is also an increasing family, that is,

$$[0, 1]^n \subset F_1 \subset F_2 \subset \dots \subset F_m \subset \dots$$

- (3) The family $\{V_k\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$ stands for the expansion of F and satisfies

$$V_0 \subset F \subset V_1 \subset V_2 \subset \dots \subset V_k \subset \dots$$

The following figure is the family $\{F_m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$ in the case $n = 1$:



Contrary to what the family $\{V_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ stands for the expansion of F , the family $\{E_j\}_{j=0}^\infty$, which is defined in [9, Proposition 2.1], stands for the reduction of F , that is,

$$E_j = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : (1 + R)^j x \in F_j\} \subset [0, 1]^n.$$

The above Theorem 1.5 represents the proper embedding expressed as

$$\mathcal{M}_{q,r}^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{q,\tilde{r}}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

for $0 < q < p < \infty$ and $0 < r < \tilde{r} \leq \infty$. The other cases have been explored previously.

Remark 1.7. (1) The embedding $L^{p,r_1}(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow L^{p,r_2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is proper for the cases, where $0 < p < \infty$ and $0 < r_1 < r_2 \leq \infty$ (see, e.g., [1, Exercise 1.4.8]).

(2) Gunawan et al. [2] reported the proper embedding expressed as $\mathcal{M}_q^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{q,\infty}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $0 < q < p < \infty$.

(3) In cases, where $0 < \tilde{q} < q \leq p < \infty$, Sawano [6] revealed that $\mathcal{M}_q^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ represents a non-dense subspace in $\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{q}}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Therefore, if $0 < q_2 < q_1 \leq p < \infty$ and $0 < r_1, r_2 \leq \infty$, by virtue of the embedding

$$\mathcal{M}_{q_1,r_1}^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\frac{2q_1+q_2}{3}}^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\frac{q_1+2q_2}{3}}^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{q_2,r_2}^p(\mathbb{R}^n),$$

the embedding $\mathcal{M}_{q_1,r_1}^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{q_2,r_2}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is proper.

From this perspective, this study attempts to validate Theorem 1.5.

Here and below, we employ the notation $A \sim B$ instead of $c^{-1}B \leq A \leq cB$ for some $c \geq 1$.

We organize the remaining part of the paper as follows: To prove Theorem 1.5, we prepare two lemmas in Section 2. In Section 3, we provide the proof of Theorem 1.5.

2. PRELIMINARIES

This section describes the lemma required to prove Theorem 1.5.

Lemma 2.1. *Let $0 < q < p < \infty$. Similar to (1.1) in Theorem 1.5 above, set $F \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. Then $\chi_F \in \mathcal{M}_q^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Moreover, when $\tilde{r} = \infty$ in Theorem 1.5,*

$$f \sim \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{\chi_F((1 + R)^{-k} \cdot)}{\|\chi_F((1 + R)^{-k} \cdot)\|_{\mathcal{M}_q^p}}, \tag{2.1}$$

where f can be expressed as described in (1.3).

The set F introduced by (1.1) in Theorem 1.5 satisfies the fact that $\chi_F \in \mathcal{M}_q^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ given in [8]. Moreover, the indicator function χ_F is not in the $\mathcal{M}_q^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ -closure of $\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{q}}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ (see [6]). Especially, the statement

$$\chi_F \in \mathcal{M}_q^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{q}}^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

holds when $0 < q < \tilde{q} \leq p < \infty$.

Proof of Lemma 2.1. By [9, Proposition 2.1],

$$\|\chi_{E_j}\|_{\mathcal{M}_q^p} \sim (1 + R)^{-\frac{jn}{p}}.$$

Then using the Fatou property for the Morrey (quasi-)norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{M}_q^p}$, we obtain

$$\|\chi_F\|_{\mathcal{M}_q^p} = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|\chi_{F_j}\|_{\mathcal{M}_q^p}$$

and

$$\|\chi_{E_j}((1 + R)^{-j} \cdot)\|_{\mathcal{M}_q^p} = (1 + R)^{\frac{jn}{p}} \|\chi_{E_j}\|_{\mathcal{M}_q^p} \sim 1,$$

as desired. □

In addition, to simplify the proof of Theorem 1.5, the Morrey–Lorentz quasi-norms for the functions f given in (1.3) could be rewritten as follows.

Lemma 2.2. *Let $0 < q < p < \infty$. Similar (1.2) in Theorem 1.5 above, set $\{V_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ and define*

$$g := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \chi_{V_k \setminus V_{k-1}},$$

where $\{b_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ is a non-increasing positive sequence, where, for any $r_0 \in (0, \infty]$, we have

$$\|g\|_{\mathcal{M}_{q,r_0}^p} \sim \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}} |[0, (1+R)^j]^n|^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}} \|g \chi_{[0, (1+R)^j]^n}\|_{L^{q,r_0}},$$

where the implicit constant in “ \sim ” is independent of r_0 .

Proof. It is clear from the definition of $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{M}_{q,r_0}^p}$ that

$$\|g\|_{\mathcal{M}_{q,r_0}^p} \geq \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}} |[0, (1+R)^j]^n|^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}} \|g \chi_{[0, (1+R)^j]^n}\|_{L^{q,r_0}}.$$

If $Q \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ satisfies $|Q| \leq 1$, based on the monotonicity of $\{b_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |Q|^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}} \|g \chi_Q\|_{L^{q,r_0}} &\leq |Q|^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}} \left\| \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \chi_{V_k \setminus V_{k-1}} \right) \chi_Q \right\|_{L^{q,r_0}} \\ &\leq |Q|^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}} \|b_1 \chi_Q\|_{L^{q,r_0}} \leq |[0, 1]^n|^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}} \|b_1 \chi_{[0, 1]^n}\|_{L^{q,r_0}} \\ &= |[0, 1]^n|^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}} \|g \chi_{[0, 1]^n}\|_{L^{q,r_0}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Meanwhile, considering $j \in \mathbb{N}$, it can be supposed that $Q \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ satisfies $(1+R)^{(j-1)n} < |Q| \leq (1+R)^{jn}$. Note that for each $k \in \mathbb{N} \cap [1, j]$,

$$V_k = \bigcup_{l=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{e \in \{0,1\}^n} (R(1+R)^{l-1+j} e + V_k^j),$$

where

$$V_k^j := V_k \cap [0, (1+R)^j]^n. \quad (2.3)$$

Considering the simple geometric observation, we see that

$$\#\{k \in \mathbb{N} : Q \cap (V_k \setminus V_{k-1}) \neq \emptyset\} \leq j.$$

In fact, since near the set V_k^j is high density, if the cube $Q \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ takes $[0, (1+R)^j]^n$, for example, the left-hand side is larger, that is,

$$\#\{k \in \mathbb{N} : Q \cap (V_k \setminus V_{k-1}) \neq \emptyset\} \leq \#\{k \in \mathbb{N} : [0, (1+R)^j]^n \cap (V_k \setminus V_{k-1}) \neq \emptyset\} = j.$$

On the other hand, by the mapping $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \{b_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \cup \{0\}$ and the monotonicity of $\{b_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$, we let a subsequence $\{b_{k(l)}\}_{l=1}^\infty \subset \{b_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ by

$$b_{k(1)} := \max_{x \in Q} g(x) \leq b_1,$$

$$b_{k(l+1)} := \begin{cases} \max_{x \in Q \setminus g^{-1}(\{b_{k(\tilde{l})}\}_{\tilde{l}=1}^l)} g(x), & Q \setminus g^{-1}(\{b_{k(\tilde{l})}\}_{\tilde{l}=1}^l) \neq \emptyset, \\ 0, & Q \setminus g^{-1}(\{b_{k(\tilde{l})}\}_{\tilde{l}=1}^l) = \emptyset \end{cases} \leq b_{l+1}$$

for each $l \in \mathbb{N}$, and then for all $l > j$, $b_{k(l)} = 0$ by the previous observation. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|g \chi_Q\|_{L^{q,r_0}} &\leq \left\| \left(b_1 \chi_{g^{-1}(\{b_{k(1)}\})} + \sum_{l=1}^j b_{l+1} \chi_{g^{-1}(\{b_{k(\tilde{l})}\}_{\tilde{l}=1}^{l+1})} \setminus g^{-1}(\{b_{k(\tilde{l})}\}_{\tilde{l}=1}^l)} \right) \chi_Q \right\|_{L^{q,r_0}} \\ &\leq \|g \chi_{[0, (1+R)^j]^n}\|_{L^{q,r_0}}, \end{aligned}$$

where we use the translation invariant for the Lorentz quasi-norm $\|\cdot\|_{L^{q,r_0}}$. It follows that

$$|Q|^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}} \|g \chi_Q\|_{L^{q,r_0}} \leq |[0, (1+R)^j]^n|^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}} \|g \chi_{[0, (1+R)^j]^n}\|_{L^{q,r_0}}. \quad (2.4)$$

By gathering the estimates described in (2.2) and (2.4), it can be inferred that

$$|Q|^{\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q}} \|g\chi_Q\|_{L^{q,r_0}} \leq (1+R)^{-\frac{n}{p}+\frac{n}{q}} \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}} |[0, (1+R)^j]^n|^{\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q}} \|g\chi_{[0, (1+R)^j]^n}\|_{L^{q,r_0}},$$

for all $Q \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. □

3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.5

First, the case $\tilde{r} < \infty$ can be proved as follows. In accordance with Lemma 2.2,

$$\sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |[0, (1+R)^j]^n|^{\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q}} \|f\chi_{[0, (1+R)^j]^n}\|_{L^{q,r_0}} \sim \|f\|_{\mathcal{M}_{q,r_0}^p}$$

for all $r_0 \in (0, \infty)$. Next, considering V_k^j as in (2.3) for $j, k \in \mathbb{N}$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |V_k^j| &= \|\chi_F((1+R)^{-k}\cdot)\chi_{[0, (1+R)^j]^n}\|_{L^1} = (1+R)^{nk} \|\chi_F\chi_{[0, (1+R)^{j-k}]^n}\|_{L^1} \\ &= (1+R)^{nk} 2^{(j-k)n} \end{aligned}$$

for all $k \in \mathbb{N} \cap [1, j]$. In accordance with [1, Example 1.4.2],

$$(f\chi_{[0, (1+R)^j]^n})^* = \left(\sum_{k=1}^j \frac{1}{k^{\frac{1}{r}(1+R)^{\frac{nk}{p}}}} \chi_{V_k^j \setminus V_{k-1}^j} \right)^* = \sum_{k=1}^j \frac{1}{k^{\frac{1}{r}(1+R)^{\frac{nk}{p}}}} \chi_{[|V_{k-1}^j|, |V_k^j|)}$$

for $j \in \mathbb{N}$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\chi_{[0, (1+R)^j]^n}\|_{L^{q,r_0}}^{r_0} &= \int_0^\infty \left[t^{\frac{1}{q}} \sum_{k=1}^j \frac{1}{k^{\frac{1}{r}(1+R)^{\frac{nk}{p}}}} \chi_{[|V_{k-1}^j|, |V_k^j|)} \right]^{r_0} \frac{dt}{t} \\ &\sim \frac{\{(1+R)^{n2^{(j-1)n}}\}^{\frac{r_0}{q}}}{r_0(1+R)^{\frac{nr_0}{p}}} + \sum_{k=2}^j \frac{\{(1+R)^{nk} 2^{(j-k)n}\}^{\frac{r_0}{q}} - \{(1+R)^{n(k-1)} 2^{(j-k+1)n}\}^{\frac{r_0}{q}}}{r_0 k^{\frac{r_0}{r}} (1+R)^{\frac{nk r_0}{p}}} \\ &= \frac{2^{\frac{nj r_0}{q}}}{r_0} \left[1 + \sum_{k=2}^j \frac{1 - 2^{\frac{nr_0}{q-p}}}{k^{\frac{r_0}{r}}} \right], \end{aligned}$$

for all $j \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ and $r_0 \in (0, \infty)$. Hence

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{M}_{q,r_0}^p} \sim \left(\sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{1}{k^{\frac{r_0}{r}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{r_0}} = \begin{cases} \infty, & r_0 = r, \\ \zeta\left(\frac{\tilde{r}}{r}\right)^{\frac{1}{\tilde{r}}}, & r_0 = \tilde{r}, \end{cases}$$

where $\zeta(s)$ ($s > 1$) denotes the Riemann zeta function. This proves that

$$f \in \mathcal{M}_{q,\tilde{r}}^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \setminus \mathcal{M}_{q,r}^p(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

Next, we prove the case $\tilde{r} = \infty$. Similar to the approach followed in the case $\tilde{r} < \infty$, we have

$$\|f\chi_{[0, (1+R)^j]^n}\|_{L^{q,r}}^r \sim \sum_{k=1}^j 2^{\frac{jnr}{q}} = j 2^{\frac{jnr}{q}}$$

for all $j \in \mathbb{N}$. Subsequently,

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{M}_{q,r}^p} = \infty.$$

Meanwhile, in accordance with (2.1) and [7, Example 17], it follows that

$$f \in \mathcal{M}_{q,\infty}^p(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

This proves Theorem 1.5.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This study was financially supported by the Research Fellowships received from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science for Young Scientists (21J12129). The author thanks Professor Yoshihiro Sawano for his careful assessment of the manuscript and valuable inputs.

REFERENCES

1. L. Grafakos, *Classical Fourier Analysis*. Third edition. Graduate Texts in Mathematics, 249. Springer, New York, 2014.
2. H. Gunawan, D. I. Hakim, E. Nakai, Y. Sawano, On inclusion relation between weak Morrey spaces and Morrey spaces. *Nonlinear Anal.* **168** (2018), 27–31.
3. G. G. Lorentz, Some new functional spaces. *Ann. of Math. (2)* **51** (1950), 37–55.
4. C. B. Jr. Morrey, On the solutions of quasi-linear elliptic partial differential equations. *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.* **43** (1938), no. 1, 126–166.
5. M. A. Ragusa, Embeddings for Morrey-Lorentz spaces. *J. Optim. Theory Appl.* **154** (2012), no. 2, 491–499.
6. Y. Sawano, A non-dense subspace in \mathcal{M}_q^p with $1 < q < p < \infty$. *Trans. A. Razmadze Math. Inst.* **171** (2017), no. 3, 379–380.
7. Y. Sawano, G. Di Fazio, D. I. Hakim, *Morrey Spaces-introduction and Applications to Integral Operators and PDE's*. Vol. I. Monographs and Research Notes in Mathematics. CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 2020.
8. Y. Sawano, S. Sugano, H. Tanaka, Generalized fractional integral operators and fractional maximal operators in the framework of Morrey spaces. *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.* **363** (2011), no. 12, 6481–6503.
9. Y. Sawano, S. Sugano, H. Tanaka, Olsen's inequality and its applications to Schrödinger equations. In: *Harmonic analysis and nonlinear partial differential equations*, 51–80, RIMS Kôkyûroku Bessatsu, B26, Res. Inst. Math. Sci. (RIMS), Kyoto, 2011.

(Received 11.01.2022)

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS, CHUO UNIVERSITY, 1-13-27, KASUGA, BUNKYO-KU, TOKYO 112-8551, JAPAN
Email address: n.hatano.chuo@gmail.com