

# **Interpolations of Mixed-Norm Function Spaces**

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## **Abstract**

This article is devoted to presenting a general interpolation result on mixed-norm function spaces generated by quasi-Banach lattices. Under certain conditions, the authors show that such mixed-norm function spaces are closed under the Calderón product and the  $\pm$  interpolation method. As applications, the authors obtain some new interpolation results for mixed-norm variable Lebesgue spaces, mixed-norm Lorentz spaces, and mixed-norm Morrey spaces.

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## **1 Introduction**

As a generalization of the classical Lebesgue space, the mixed-norm Lebesgue space  $L^{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $\mathbf{p} := (p_1, \ldots, p_n) \in (0, \infty)^n$ , which is defined to be the set of all measurable functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$
\|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} := \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \dots \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x_1, \dots, x_n)|^{p_1} dx_1 \right]^{p_2/p_1} \dots dx_n \right\}^{1/p_n} < \infty,
$$

was introduced by Benedek and Panzone [\[3](#page-20-0)]. After that, on the mixed-norm Lebesgue spaces as well as their weighted counterparts, the boundedness of some classical operators such as fractional integrals and Calderón–Zygmund operators (see, for instance, [\[3](#page-20-0)[,8](#page-20-1)[,10](#page-20-2)[,46](#page-22-0)]), various inequalities such as Hardy–Littlewood–Sobolev inequalities and geometric inequalities (see, for instance, [\[7](#page-20-3)[,9](#page-20-4)[,65](#page-22-1)]), interpolations (see, for instance, [\[37](#page-21-0)[,53](#page-22-2)]) and convergence problems of summability means (see, for instance, [\[35\]](#page-21-1)) were considered. In recent years, there also exists an increasing interest in various mixednorm function spaces based on mixed-norm Lebesgue spaces, including mixed-norm weak Lebesgue spaces (see, for instance, [\[7](#page-20-3)[–10](#page-20-2)]), mixed-norm Morrey spaces (see, for instance, [\[56](#page-22-3)[,61](#page-22-4)]), mixed-norm Hardy spaces (see, for instance, [\[12](#page-20-5)[,13](#page-20-6)[,30](#page-21-2)[–34\]](#page-21-3)), mixed-norm Besov spaces (see, for instance, [\[20\]](#page-21-4)), and mixed-norm Triebel–Lizorkin spaces (see, for instance, [\[38](#page-21-5)[,39\]](#page-21-6)). Moreover, Bennett and Sharpley [\[4](#page-20-7)] considered a more general class of mixed-norm function spaces generated by Banach function spaces (see also [\[5\]](#page-20-8)), which was further studied and developed in  $[1,2,11,28,50,62]$  $[1,2,11,28,50,62]$  $[1,2,11,28,50,62]$  $[1,2,11,28,50,62]$  $[1,2,11,28,50,62]$  $[1,2,11,28,50,62]$  $[1,2,11,28,50,62]$ . For more developments of mixed-norm function spaces, we refer the reader to the survey  $[36]$ .

The main purpose of this article is to give a general result on the interpolation properties of mixed-norm function spaces generated by quasi-Banach lattices. Under certain conditions, we show that many mixed-norm function spaces, such as mixednorm Lebesgue spaces with variable exponent, mixed-norm Lorentz spaces (and hence mixed-norm weak Lebesgue spaces), and mixed-norm Morrey spaces, are closed under the Calderón product and the  $\pm$  interpolation method. These interpolation results might find potential applications in the study on the boundedness of operators on those mixednorm function spaces.

Let  $(\mathcal{X}, \mu)$  be a measure space, namely,  $\mathcal X$  is a non-empty set and  $\mu$  a non negative measure. Let  $M(\mathcal{X})$  be the set of all extended complex-valued measurable functions on *X* and  $L^0(\mathcal{X})$  the space of all equivalence classes of almost everywhere finite measurable functions on  $X$  with the topology of convergence in measure on sets of finite measure. A quasi-Banach space  $X \subset L^0(\mathcal{X})$  is called a *quasi-Banach lattice of functions* (in short, *quasi-Banach lattice*) if, for any  $f \in X$  and any  $g \in M(X)$ satisfying  $|g| \leq |f|$  almost everywhere, it holds true that  $g \in X$  and  $||g||_X \leq ||f||_X$ . Let  $(X_0, X_1)$  be a pair of quasi-Banach lattices on  $(X, \mu)$  and  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ . Then, their *Calderón product*  $X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^{\theta}$  is defined by setting

$$
X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^{\theta} := \left\{ f \in M(\mathcal{X}) : |f| \le |f_0|^{1-\theta} |f_1|^{\theta} \text{ almost everywhere with} \right\}
$$
  

$$
f_i \in X_i, i \in \{0, 1\} \}
$$
 (1.1)

and, for any  $f \in X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^{\theta}$ , its norm  $|| f ||_{X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^{\theta}}$  is defined by setting

<span id="page-2-3"></span><span id="page-2-0"></span>
$$
\|f\|_{X_0^{1-\theta}X_1^{\theta}} := \inf \left\{ \|f_0\|_{X_0}^{1-\theta} \|f_1\|_{X_1}^{\theta} \right\},
$$
\n(1.2)

where the infimum is taken over all the presentations as in  $(1.1)$ . Calderón [\[6\]](#page-20-12) proved that, if  $X_0$  and  $X_1$  are two quasi-Banach lattices, then  $X_0^{1-\theta}X_1^{\theta}$  is a quasi-Banach lattice as well.

Let  $X := X(\mathcal{X}, \mu)$  and  $Y := Y(\mathcal{Y}, \nu)$  be two quasi-Banach lattices. Then, the *mixed-norm function space*  $Y(X)$ , in the sense of Benedek and Panzone [\[3\]](#page-20-0) (see also [\[5\]](#page-20-8)), is defined to be the set of all measurable functions *f* on the product space  $(X \times Y, \mu \times \nu)$  satisfying

<span id="page-2-2"></span>
$$
||f||_{Y(X)} := ||||f(x, y)||_{X_x}||_{Y_y} < \infty.
$$
 (1.3)

Here and thereafter,  $|| f(x, y) ||_{X_x}$  denotes the norm in *X* of  $f(x, y)$  on the variable *x* and  $|| f(x, y) ||_{Y_y}$  the norm in *Y* of  $f(x, y)$  on the variable *y*. Observe that, if  $f \in Y(X)$ , then, for almost every  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ ,  $f(\cdot, y) \in X$ . It is also known that the mixed-norm function space  $Y(X)$  generated by quasi-Banach lattices is still a quasi-Banach lattice with the quasi-norm  $\|\cdot\|_{Y(X)}$  (see, for instance, [\[5\]](#page-20-8)).

Recall that a Banach space  $E$  on  $(\mathcal{X}, \mu)$  is called a *Banach ideal* if there exists a function  $f \in E$  such that  $f \ge 0$  almost everywhere on X, and  $||g||_E \le ||h||_E$ whenever *g*,  $h \in E$  satisfying  $|g| \le |h|$  almost everywhere on  $\mathcal X$  (see, for instance, [\[50](#page-22-5), p. 282]). Clearly, any Banach ideal is a quasi-Banach lattice.

In [\[50\]](#page-22-5), Maligranda studied the Calderón–Lozanovskiĭ construction for mixednorm function spaces generated by Banach ideals, which also describes their Calderón product. However, it is unknown how the Calderón product behaves on mixed-norm function spaces generated by quasi-Banach lattices. The first main result of this article answers this question as follows.

<span id="page-2-1"></span>**Theorem 1.1** Let  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ *. Assume that*  $(X_0, X_1)$  *and*  $(Y_0, Y_1)$  *are two pairs of quasi-Banach lattices, respectively, on*  $(\mathcal{X}, \mu)$  *and*  $(\mathcal{Y}, \nu)$ *. Then,* 

$$
[Y_0(X_0)]^{1-\theta} [Y_1(X_1)]^{\theta} = Y(X)
$$

*with equivalent quasi-norms, where*  $X := X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^{\theta}$  *and*  $Y := Y_0^{1-\theta} Y_1^{\theta}$ .

The proof of Theorem [1.1](#page-2-1) is given in Sect. [2.](#page-7-0) Applying Theorem [1.1,](#page-2-1) we further obtain some interpolation properties of mixed-norm function spaces generated by quasi-Banach lattices via some different interpolation methods.

To see this, we let  $X_0$  and  $X_1$  be two quasi-Banach spaces on  $(\mathcal{X}, \mu)$ , which are continuously embedded into a larger Hausdorff topological space *Y* . Let

$$
||f||_{X_0 \cap X_1} := \max \{ ||f||_{X_0}, ||f||_{X_1} \}, \quad \forall f \in X_0 \cap X_1.
$$

By [\[6](#page-20-12), p. 114], we know that  $(X_0 \cap X_1, \|\cdot\|_{X_0 \cap X_1})$  is complete. The space  $X_0 + X_1$ is defined by setting

<span id="page-3-0"></span>
$$
X_0 + X_1 := \{ h \in Y : h = h_0 + h_1 \text{ with } h_i \in X_i, i \in \{0, 1\} \}
$$
 (1.4)

equipped with the norm

<span id="page-3-3"></span>
$$
||h||_{X_0+X_1} := \inf \{ ||h_0||_{X_0} + ||h_1||_{X_1} \}, \quad \forall \, h \in X_0 + X_1,\tag{1.5}
$$

where the infimum is taken over all the representations as in [\(1.4\)](#page-3-0). Notice that  $X_0 + X_1$ is a quasi-Banach space; see  $[6, p. 114]$  $[6, p. 114]$ .

Next, we recall the definitions of the Gagliardo–Peetre interpolation method (see, for instance,  $[19]$  $[19]$ ) and the  $\pm$  interpolation method (see, for instance,  $[55,60]$  $[55,60]$  and also [\[22](#page-21-10)[,23](#page-21-11)]).

**Definition 1.2** Let  $(X_0, X_1)$  be a pair of quasi-Banach lattices and  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ .

(i) (The *Gagliardo–Peetre method*) We say  $a \in \langle X_0, X_1 \rangle_\theta$  if there exists a sequence  ${a_i}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  ⊂ *X*<sub>0</sub> ∩ *X*<sub>1</sub> such that  $a = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} a_i$  in  $X_0 + X_1$ ,  $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \varepsilon_i 2^{i(j-\theta)} a_i$  for any bounded sequence  $\{\varepsilon_i\}_{i\in\mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathbb{C}$  converges in  $X_j$  with  $j \in \{0, 1\}$ , and, moreover, there exists a nonnegative constant *C* such that, for any  $j \in \{0, 1\}$ ,

<span id="page-3-1"></span>
$$
\left\| \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \varepsilon_i 2^{i(j-\theta)} a_i \right\|_{X_j} \le C \sup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} |\varepsilon_i|, \tag{1.6}
$$

where *C* is independent of *F*  $\{a_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $\{\varepsilon_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ . Let

$$
||a||_{\langle X_0,X_1\rangle_{\theta}}:=\inf\{C\},\
$$

where the infimum is taken over all the nonnegative constants satisfying  $(1.6)$ .

(ii) (The  $\pm$  *method*) We say  $a \in \langle X_0, X_1, \theta \rangle$  if there exists a sequence  $\{a_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset$  $X_0 \cap X_1$  such that  $a = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} a_i$  in  $X_0 + X_1$ ,  $\sum_{i \in F} \varepsilon_i 2^{i(j-\theta)} a_i$  for any finite subset  $F \subset \mathbb{Z}$  and any bounded sequence  $\{\varepsilon_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathbb{C}$  converges in  $X_j$  with  $j \in \{0, 1\}$ , and, moreover, there exists a nonnegative constant *C* such that, for any  $j \in \{0, 1\},\$ 

<span id="page-3-2"></span>
$$
\left\| \sum_{i \in F} \varepsilon_i 2^{i(j-\theta)} a_i \right\|_{X_j} \le C \sup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} |\varepsilon_i|, \tag{1.7}
$$

where *C* is independent of  $\{a_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and  $\{\varepsilon_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ . Let

$$
||a||_{\langle X_0, X_1, \theta \rangle} := \inf \{C\},
$$

where the infimum is taken over all the nonnegative constants satisfying  $(1.7)$ .

Below, for any two spaces *X* and *Y*,  $X \subset Y$  means that *X* is a subset of *Y*, and  $X \hookrightarrow Y$  means that X is continuously embedded into Y. It is easy to see that  $(X_0, X_1)_{\theta} \hookrightarrow (X_0, X_1, \theta)$  for any  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  and any pair  $(X_0, X_1)$  of quasi-Banach lattices.

**Definition 1.3** Let  $(X_0, X_1)$  be a pair of quasi-Banach lattices. Then, a quasi-Banach space *X* is called an *intermediate space* with respect to  $(X_0, X_1)$  if and only if  $X_0 \cap$  $X_1 \hookrightarrow X \hookrightarrow X_0 + X_1.$ 

Assume that *X* is an intermediate space with respect to  $(X_0, X_1)$  and  $X^\circ$  denotes the closure of  $X_0 \cap X_1$  in *X*. The *Gagliardo closure* of *X* with respect to  $X_0 + X_1$ , denoted by *X*<sup>∼</sup>, is defined in the following sense:  $a \in X$ <sup>∼</sup> if and only if there exists a sequence  $\{a_i\}_{i\in\mathbb{N}}\subset X$  such that  $a_i\to a$  in  $X_0+X_1$  as  $i\to\infty$  and there exists a positive constant  $\lambda$  such that, for any  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

<span id="page-4-0"></span>
$$
||a_i||_X \le \lambda. \tag{1.8}
$$

The norm  $\|a\|_{X^{\sim}}$  of *a* in  $X^{\sim}$  is defined by setting  $\|a\|_{X^{\sim}} := \inf\{\lambda\}$ , where the infimum is taken over all  $\lambda \in (0, \infty)$  satisfying  $(1.8)$  (see, for instance, [\[19](#page-21-9)]).

Let *X* be a quasi-Banach lattice and  $p \in (0, \infty)$ . The *p*-*convexification* of *X* (see, for instance, [\[55](#page-22-7), p. 140]), denoted by  $X^{(p)}$ , is defined by setting  $f \in X^{(p)}$  if and only if  $|f|^{p}$  ∈ *X*. Moreover, for any  $f$  ∈ *X*<sup>(*p*)</sup>, let

<span id="page-4-1"></span>
$$
||f||_{X^{(p)}} := |||f|^p||_X^{1/p}.
$$
\n(1.9)

The following definition is just [\[55](#page-22-7), Definition 1.7].

**Definition 1.4** A quasi-Banach lattice  $X := (X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  is said to *be of type*  $\mathfrak{C}$  if there exists an equivalent lattice quasi-norm  $\|\cdot\|_X$  on X such that, for some  $p \in [1, \infty)$ ,  $X^{(p)}$  is a Banach lattice with respect to the norm defined as in [\(1.9\)](#page-4-1) with  $\|\cdot\|_X$  replaced by  $\|\cdot\|_{X}$ .

Let  $(\mathcal{X}, \mu)$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space. For any sequence  $\{a_i\}_{i\in\mathbb{N}}\subset\mathbb{R}$  and  $a\in\mathbb{R}$ ,  $a_j \uparrow a$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  means that  $\{a_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a non-decreasing sequence and lim<sub> $j \rightarrow \infty$ </sub>  $a_j =$ *a*. Denote by  $\mathbf{1}_E$  the *characteristic function* of *E* for any set  $E \subset \mathcal{X}$ .

The following definition of the quasi-Banach function space is from [\[4](#page-20-7), Definitions 1.1 and 1.3] (see also [\[5](#page-20-8), Subsection 3.1]).

**Definition 1.5** A quasi-Banach space  $X \subset M(X)$  with the quasi-norm  $\Vert \cdot \Vert_X$  is called a *quasi-Banach function space* if it satisfies the following assertions:

(i) for any  $f \in X$ ,  $||f||_X = 0$  implies  $f = 0$  almost everywhere on X;

- (ii) *g*,  $f \in X$  and  $|g| \le |f|$  almost everywhere imply  $||g||_X \le ||f||_X$ ;
- (iii) if  ${f_i}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \subset M(\mathcal{X})$  is a sequence of nonnegative functions and  $f \in M(\mathcal{X})$ , then  $f_i \uparrow f$  almost everywhere as  $j \to \infty$  implies  $|| f_i ||_X \uparrow || f ||_X$  as  $j \to \infty$ ;
- (iv) for any measurable set  $E \subset \mathcal{X}$  with finite measure,  $\mathbf{1}_E \in X$ ;
- (v) for any measurable set  $E \subset \mathcal{X}$  with finite measure, there exists a positive constant  $C_{(E)}$ , depending on *E*, such that, for any  $f \in X$ ,

<span id="page-5-0"></span>
$$
\int_{E} |f(x)| d\mu(x) \le C_{(E)} \|f\|_{X}.
$$
\n(1.10)

Additionally, if  $\mathcal X$  is a product space, we require  $E \subset I$  for some rectangle  $I \subset \mathcal X$ with finite measure in (iv) and (v).

In some situations, the condition  $(1.10)$  is a bit restrictive because some classical function spaces, such as Morrey spaces, may violate it (see, for instance, [\[63](#page-22-9)]). To overcome this and unify more function spaces, Sawano et al. [\[64](#page-22-10)] introduced the following ball quasi-Banach function spaces.

<span id="page-5-1"></span>**Definition 1.6** A quasi-Banach space  $X \subset M(X)$  with the quasi-norm  $\|\cdot\|_X$  is called a *ball quasi-Banach function space* if it satisfies the following assertions:

- (i) for any  $f \in X$ ,  $|| f ||_X = 0$  implies  $f = 0$  almost everywhere on X;
- (ii) *g*,  $f \in X$  and  $|g| \le |f|$  almost everywhere imply  $||g||_X \le ||f||_X$ ;
- (iii) if  ${f_i}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \subset M(\mathcal{X})$  is a sequence of non negative functions and  $f \in M(\mathcal{X})$ , then  $f_j \uparrow f$  almost everywhere as  $j \to \infty$  implies  $||f_j||_X \uparrow ||f||_X$  as  $j \to \infty$ ;
- (iv) for any ball  $B \subset \mathcal{X}$  with finite radius,  $\mathbf{1}_B \in \mathcal{X}$  (if  $\mathcal{X}$  is a product space, we require  $B \subset I$  with *I* being the product of two balls with finite radius).

In addition, a ball quasi-Banach function space *X* is called a *ball Banach function space* if its norm satisfies the triangle inequality and, for any ball  $B \subset \mathcal{X}$  with finite radius, there exists a positive constant  $C_{(B)}$ , depending on *B*, such that, for any  $f \in X$ ,

$$
\int_B |f(x)| d\mu(x) \le C(B) \|f\|_X
$$

(if  $X$  is a product space, we require  $B \subset I$  with *I* being the product of two balls with finite radius).

*Remark 1.7* Observe that, in Definition [1.6,](#page-5-1) if we replace any ball *B* by any bounded measurable set *E*, we obtain its another equivalent formulation of ball quasi-Banach function spaces.

Compared with quasi-Banach function spaces, ball quasi-Banach function spaces contain more function spaces. For instance, Morrey spaces, mixed-norm Lebesgue spaces, weighted Lebesgue spaces, and Orlicz-slice spaces are all ball quasi-Banach function spaces, but not quasi-Banach function spaces (see, for instance, [\[64\]](#page-22-10)).

<span id="page-5-2"></span>Bennett and Sharpley established several basic properties of quasi-Banach function spaces in [\[4](#page-20-7), Chapter 1]. With some arguments similar to those used in [\[4,](#page-20-7) Chapter 1], we obtain the following properties of ball quasi-Banach function spaces and we omit the details.

**Proposition 1.8** *Let X be a ball quasi-Banach function space on*  $(X, \mu)$ *. Then, for any*  $f, g \in M(\mathcal{X})$  *and sequence*  $\{f_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \subset M(\mathcal{X})$ *, the following statements hold true:*

- *(i)* (the lattice property) *If*  $|g| ≤ |f|$  *almost everywhere and*  $f ∈ X$ *, then*  $g ∈ X$  *and*  $||g||_X \leq ||f||_X$ .
- *(ii)* (the Fatou property) Assume that  $\{f_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \subset X$  is a sequence of nonnegative *functions satisfying*  $f_i \uparrow f$  *dimost everywhere as*  $j \rightarrow \infty$ *. If*  $f \in X$ *, then*  $||f_j||_X \uparrow ||f||_X$  *as*  $j \to \infty$ *; whereas, if*  $f \notin X$ *, then*  $||f_j||_X \uparrow \infty$  *as*  $j \to \infty$ *.*
- *(iii)* (the Fatou lemma) *Assume that*  $\{f_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \subset X$  *satisfy*  $\lim_{i \to \infty} f_i = f$  *almost everywhere and*  $\liminf_{i\to\infty}$   $||f_i||_X < \infty$ . Then,  $f \in X$  and  $||f||_X \le$  $\liminf_{i\to\infty}$   $||f_i||_X$ .

*Moreover, if X is a ball Banach function space and*  $f_i \rightarrow f$  *in X as*  $j \rightarrow \infty$ *, then there exists a subsequence*  $\{f_{jk}\}_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  *such that*  $\lim_{k\to\infty} f_{jk} = f$  *almost everywhere on*  $(\mathcal{X}, \mu).$ 

<span id="page-6-3"></span>*Remark 1.9* Let  $X := X(\mathcal{X}, \mu)$  and  $Y := Y(\mathcal{Y}, \nu)$  be two ball quasi-Banach function spaces and *Y* (*X*) the mixed-norm function space generated by *X* and *Y* defined as in [\(1.3\)](#page-2-2). Using iteration, we find that the mixed-norm function space  $Y(X)$  is also a ball quasi-Banach function space as well (see [\[5](#page-20-8), p.158] for the case of Banach function spaces).

<span id="page-6-0"></span>The following theorem is the second main result of this article.

**Theorem 1.10** *Let*  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ *. Assume that, for any*  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ *, X<sub>i</sub> and*  $Y_i$  *are ball quasi-Banach function spaces defined, respectively, on*  $(\mathcal{X}, \mu)$  *and*  $(\mathcal{Y}, \nu)$ *, and*  $Y_i(X_i)$ *is of type*  $\mathfrak{C}$ *. Let*  $X := X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^{\theta}$  *and*  $Y := Y_0^{1-\theta} Y_1^{\theta}$ *. Then* 

<span id="page-6-1"></span>
$$
\langle Y_0(X_0), Y_1(X_1) \rangle_{\theta} = \left( [Y_0(X_0)]^{1-\theta} [Y_1(X_1)]^{\theta} \right)^{\circ} = (Y(X))^{\circ} \tag{1.11}
$$

*with equivalent quasi-norms. Moreover, if* (*X*0, *X*1) *and* (*Y*0, *Y*1) *are two pairs of ball Banach function spaces, then*

<span id="page-6-2"></span>
$$
\langle Y_0(X_0), Y_1(X_1), \theta \rangle = [Y_0(X_0)]^{1-\theta} [Y_1(X_1)]^{\theta} = Y(X) \tag{1.12}
$$

*with equivalent norms.*

The remainder of this article is organized as follows.

In Sect. [2,](#page-7-0) we give the proofs of Theorems [1.1](#page-2-1) and [1.10.](#page-6-0) In the proof of Theorem [1.10,](#page-6-0) we need two key tools: one is the relation between the Calderón product and the  $\pm$ -interpolation space established in [\[55](#page-22-7), Theorem 2.1], and the other one is the behavior of limits of pointwise convergent sequences in ball quasi-Banach function spaces mentioned in Proposition [1.8.](#page-5-2) In Sect. [3,](#page-11-0) we show several examples of function spaces falling into the scope of Theorem [1.10,](#page-6-0) including mixed-norm Lebesgue spaces with variable exponent, mixed-norm Lorentz spaces (and hence mixed-norm weak Lebesgue spaces), and mixed-norm Morrey spaces. Some of them are new even for the classical function spaces, for instance, the Calderón product results for mixed-norm Lebesgue spaces with variable exponent (see Proposition [3.3](#page-12-0) below) and mixed-norm Lorentz spaces (see Propositions [3.7](#page-16-0) and [3.9](#page-17-0) below).

Throughout this article, we always adopt the following notation. Let  $\mathbb{N} :=$ {1, 2,...}. We always use *C* to denote a positive constant which is independent of the main parameters. The symbol  $f \lesssim g$  means that there exists a positive constant *C* such that *f*  $\leq Cg$ . The symbol *f*  $\sim g$  is used as an abbreviation of *f*  $\leq g \leq f$ . If *f* ≤ *Cg* and *g* = *h* or *g* ≤ *h*, we then write *f* ≤ *g* ∼ *h* or *f* ≤ *g* ≤ *h*, rather than  $f \leq g = h$  or  $f \leq g \leq h$ . For any set *E*, let  $\mathbf{1}_E$  be its *characteristic function*. For any  $p \in [1, \infty]$ , let  $p'$  be the *conjugate index* of p, namely,  $1/p + 1/p' = 1$ .

## <span id="page-7-0"></span>**2 Proofs of Theorems [1.1](#page-2-1) and [1.10](#page-6-0)**

We begin with proving Theorem [1.1.](#page-2-1)

*Proof* (Proof of Theorem [1.1\)](#page-2-1) We first show that

<span id="page-7-4"></span>
$$
[Y_0(X_0)]^{1-\theta} [Y_1(X_1)]^{\theta} \hookrightarrow Y(X). \tag{2.1}
$$

Indeed, by the definition of the Calderón product, we know that, for any  $f \in$  $[Y_0(X_0)]^{1-\theta}[Y_1(X_1)]^{\theta}$ , there exist functions  $f_0 \in Y_0(X_0)$  and  $f_1 \in Y_1(X_1)$  such that, for almost every  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ ,

<span id="page-7-1"></span>
$$
|f(x, y)| \le |f_0(x, y)|^{1-\theta} |f_1(x, y)|^{\theta}
$$
 (2.2)

and

<span id="page-7-3"></span>
$$
||f_0||_{Y_0(X_0)}^{1-\theta} ||f_1||_{Y_1(X_1)}^{\theta} \sim ||f||_{[Y_0(X_0)]^{1-\theta}[Y_1(X_1)]^{\theta}} < \infty.
$$
 (2.3)

Since two functions differing only on a set of measure zero are the same in the Calderón product, without loss of generality, we may assume that [\(2.2\)](#page-7-1) holds true for any (*x*, *y*) ∈ *X* × *Y*.

Notice that, for almost every  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ ,  $f_0(\cdot, y) \in X_0$  and  $f_1(\cdot, y) \in X_1$ . From this, the definition of the Calderón product, and  $(2.2)$ , we deduce that, for almost every  $y \in \mathcal{Y}, f(\cdot, y) \in X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^{\theta} = X$  and

<span id="page-7-2"></span>
$$
|| f(\cdot, y) ||_X = || f(\cdot, y) ||_{X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^{\theta}} \le || f_0(\cdot, y) ||_{X_0}^{1-\theta} || f_1(\cdot, y) ||_{X_1}^{\theta};
$$
 (2.4)

furthermore, by the fact that  $f_0 \in Y_0(X_0)$  and  $f_1 \in Y_1(X_1)$ , we conclude that  $|| f_0(\cdot, y) ||_{X_0} \in Y_0$  and  $|| f_1(\cdot, y) ||_{X_1} \in Y_1$ , which, together with [\(2.4\)](#page-7-2) and [\(2.3\)](#page-7-3), implies that  $|| f(\cdot, y) ||_X \in Y_0^{1-\theta} Y_1^{\theta} = Y$  and

$$
||f||_{Y(X)} = ||||f(\cdot, y)||_X||_Y \le ||f_0||_{Y_0(X_0)}^{1-\theta} ||f_1||_{Y_1(X_1)}^{\theta} \sim ||f||_{[Y_0(X_0)]^{1-\theta}[Y_1(X_1)]^{\theta}} < \infty.
$$

This shows that  $(2.1)$  holds true.

Next, we prove

<span id="page-8-2"></span>
$$
Y(X) \hookrightarrow [Y_0(X_0)]^{1-\theta} [Y_1(X_1)]^{\theta}.
$$
 (2.5)

Observe that, for any  $f \in Y(X)$ , there exists a set  $E \subset Y$  with  $\nu(E) = 0$  such that, for any given  $y \in \mathcal{Y} \setminus E$ ,  $f(\cdot, y) \in X = X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^{\theta}$ . Then, by the definition of  $X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^{\theta}$ , we know that, for any  $y \in \mathcal{Y} \backslash E$ , there exist two functions  $g_0(\cdot, y) \in X_0$  and  $g_1(\cdot, y) \in X_1$ such that, for almost every  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ ,

<span id="page-8-0"></span>
$$
|f(x, y)| \le |g_0(x, y)|^{1-\theta} |g_1(x, y)|^{\theta}, \tag{2.6}
$$

and

<span id="page-8-5"></span>
$$
||g_0(\cdot, y)||_{X_0}^{1-\theta} ||g_1(\cdot, y)||_{X_1}^{\theta} \le 2||f(\cdot, y)||_X. \tag{2.7}
$$

Again, since two functions differing only on a set of measure zero are the same in *X*<sup>0</sup> and *X*<sub>1</sub>, we may assume that [\(2.6\)](#page-8-0) holds true for any  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{X} \times (\mathcal{Y} \setminus E)$ . Similarly, from the fact that  $|| f(\cdot, y) ||_X \in Y = Y_0^{1-\theta} Y_1^{\theta}$ , it follows that there exist two functions *h*<sup>0</sup> ∈ *Y*<sup>0</sup> and *h*<sup>1</sup> ∈ *Y*<sub>1</sub> such that, for any *y* ∈ *Y*,

<span id="page-8-4"></span>
$$
|| f(\cdot, y) ||_X \le |h_0(y)|^{1-\theta} |h_1(y)|^{\theta}, \tag{2.8}
$$

and

<span id="page-8-1"></span>
$$
||h_0||_{Y_0}^{1-\theta}||h_1||_{Y_1}^{\theta} \sim ||f||_{Y(X)}.
$$
\n(2.9)

Let

$$
A_0 := \left\{ y \in \mathcal{Y} \backslash E : \|g_0(\cdot, y)\|_{X_0} > 0 \right\} \text{ and } A_1 := \left\{ y \in \mathcal{Y} \backslash E : \|g_1(\cdot, y)\|_{X_1} > 0 \right\}.
$$

Define

$$
f_0(x, y) := 2 \frac{g_0(x, y)h_0(y)}{\|g_0(\cdot, y)\|_{X_0}} \mathbf{1}_{A_0}(y) \text{ and } f_1(x, y) := 2 \frac{g_1(x, y)h_1(y)}{\|g_1(\cdot, y)\|_{X_1}} \mathbf{1}_{A_1}(y)
$$

for any  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{X} \times (\mathcal{Y} \backslash E)$ , and  $f_0(x, y) := 0$  and  $f_1(x, y) := 0$  for any  $(x, y) \in$  $X \times E$ . Clearly,  $f_0 \in Y_0(X_0)$ ,  $f_1 \in Y_1(X_1)$ , and, moreover,

$$
||f_0||_{Y_0(X_0)} \le 2||h_0||_{Y_0}
$$
 and  $||f_1||_{Y_1(X_1)} \le 2||h_1||_{Y_1}$ .

We claim

<span id="page-8-3"></span>
$$
|f| \le |f_0|^{1-\theta} |f_1|^\theta \tag{2.10}
$$

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holds true almost everywhere on  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ . Assume for the moment that the claim holds true. Then, from the definition of the Calderón product and [\(2.9\)](#page-8-1), we deduce that

$$
||f||_{[Y_0(X_0)]^{1-\theta}[Y_1(X_1)]^{\theta}}\leq ||f_0||_{Y_0(X_0)}^{1-\theta} ||f_1||_{Y_1(X_1)}^{\theta} \leq 2||h_0||_{Y_0}^{1-\theta} ||h_1||_{Y_1}^{\theta} \sim ||f||_{Y(X)} < \infty,
$$

which implies  $f \in [Y_0(X_0)]^{1-\theta} [Y_1(X_1)]^{\theta}$  and hence [\(2.5\)](#page-8-2) holds true.

It remains to show [\(2.10\)](#page-8-3). By [\(2.8\)](#page-8-4) and [\(2.7\)](#page-8-5), we know that, for any  $(x, y) \in$  $\mathcal{X} \times (\mathcal{Y} \backslash E),$ 

$$
|f_0(x, y)|^{1-\theta} |f_1(x, y)|^{\theta} = 2 \frac{|g_0(x, y)|^{1-\theta} |g_1(x, y)|^{\theta} |h_0(y)|^{1-\theta} |h_1(y)|^{\theta}}{||g_0(\cdot, y)||_{X_0}^{1-\theta} ||g_1(\cdot, y)||_{X_1}^{\theta}} 1_{A_0}(y) 1_{A_1}(y)
$$
  
\n
$$
\geq 2 \frac{|g_0(x, y)|^{1-\theta} |g_1(x, y)|^{\theta} ||f(\cdot, y)||_X}{||g_0(\cdot, y)||_{X_0}^{1-\theta} ||g_1(\cdot, y)||_{X_1}^{\theta}} 1_{A_0}(y) 1_{A_1}(y)
$$
  
\n
$$
\geq |g_0(x, y)|^{1-\theta} |g_1(x, y)|^{\theta} 1_{A_0}(y) 1_{A_1}(y).
$$
 (2.11)

Observe that, by Definition [1.6\(](#page-5-1)i), we may assume that, for any  $y \in \mathcal{Y} \backslash E$  and  $y \notin A_0$ ,

<span id="page-9-1"></span><span id="page-9-0"></span>
$$
g_0(x, y) = 0, \qquad \forall x \in \mathcal{X};\tag{2.12}
$$

similarly, for any  $y \in \mathcal{Y} \backslash E$  and  $y \notin A_1$ ,

$$
g_1(x, y) = 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{X}.
$$

From this,  $(2.12)$ , and  $(2.11)$ , it follows that

$$
|f_0(x, y)|^{1-\theta} |f_1(x, y)|^{\theta} \ge |g_0(x, y)|^{1-\theta} |g_1(x, y)|^{\theta} \mathbf{1}_{A_0}(y) \mathbf{1}_{A_1}(y)
$$
  
= 
$$
\begin{cases} |g_0(x, y)|^{1-\theta} |g_1(x, y)|^{\theta}, & \forall y \in A_0 \cap A_1 \cap (\mathcal{Y} \setminus E), \forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \\ 0 = |g_0(x, y)|^{1-\theta} |g_1(x, y)|^{\theta}, & \forall y \in (\mathcal{Y} \setminus A_0) \cap (\mathcal{Y} \setminus E), \forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \\ 0 = |g_0(x, y)|^{1-\theta} |g_1(x, y)|^{\theta}, & \forall y \in (\mathcal{Y} \setminus A_1) \cap (\mathcal{Y} \setminus E), \forall x \in \mathcal{X}. \end{cases}
$$

Thus, by this and  $(2.6)$ , we conclude that

$$
|f_0(x, y)|^{1-\theta}|f_1(x, y)|^{\theta} \ge |f(x, y)|, \quad \forall (x, y) \in \mathcal{X} \times (\mathcal{Y} \backslash E),
$$

and hence [\(2.10\)](#page-8-3) holds true almost everywhere on ( $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}, \mu \times \nu$ ). This finishes the proof of Theorem 1.1. proof of Theorem [1.1.](#page-2-1)

<span id="page-9-2"></span>To prove Theorem [1.10,](#page-6-0) we first recall the following result from [\[55](#page-22-7), Theorem 2.1].

**Lemma 2.1** *Let*  $(X_0, X_1)$  *be a pair of quasi-Banach lattices which are both of type*  $\mathfrak{C}$ *. Then, for any*  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ *,* 

$$
\langle X_0, X_1 \rangle_{\theta} = \left( X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^{\theta} \right)^{\circ}
$$

*and*

$$
X_0^{1-\theta}X_1^{\theta} \hookrightarrow \langle X_0, X_1, \theta \rangle \hookrightarrow \left(X_0^{1-\theta}X_1^{\theta}\right)^{\sim}
$$

*hold true.*

Now, we can show Theorem [1.10.](#page-6-0)

*Proof* (*Proof of Theorem* [1.10.](#page-6-0)) Notice that [\(1.11\)](#page-6-1) is a direct consequence of Proposition [1.8\(](#page-5-2)i), Theorem [1.1,](#page-2-1) and Lemma [2.1,](#page-9-2) and we omit its details.

Next, we prove  $(1.12)$ . By Proposition [1.8\(](#page-5-2)i), Theorem [1.1,](#page-2-1) and Lemma [2.1,](#page-9-2) we find that

$$
Y(X) = [Y_0(X_0)]^{1-\theta} [Y_1(X_1)]^{\theta} \hookrightarrow \langle Y_0(X_0), Y_1(X_1), \theta \rangle
$$
  

$$
\hookrightarrow ([Y_0(X_0)]^{1-\theta} [Y_1(X_1)]^{\theta})^{\sim} = (Y(X))^{\sim}.
$$

Thus, to show  $(1.12)$ , it suffices to prove

<span id="page-10-4"></span>
$$
(Y(X))^\sim \hookrightarrow Y(X). \tag{2.13}
$$

From Theorem [1.1](#page-2-1) and the discussion in [\[55](#page-22-7), p. 139], we deduce that  $Y(X)$  is an intermediate space with respect to  $(Y_0(X_0), Y_1(X_1))$ . By this and the definition of  $(Y(X))^\sim$ , we conclude that, for any  $f \in (Y(X))^\sim$ , there exists a sequence  $\{f_i\}_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$  ⊂  $Y(X)$  such that

<span id="page-10-0"></span>
$$
\lim_{j \to \infty} \|f_j - f\|_{Y_0(X_0) + Y_1(X_1)} = 0 \tag{2.14}
$$

and, for any  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

<span id="page-10-3"></span>
$$
||f_j||_{Y(X)} \le 2||f||_{(Y(X))^{\sim}}.
$$
\n(2.15)

Observe that [\(2.14\)](#page-10-0) implies that, for any  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f_j - f \in Y_0(X_0) + Y_1(X_1)$ . Thus, by [\(1.4\)](#page-3-0) and [\(1.5\)](#page-3-3), we find that, for any  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exist functions  $f_j^{(0)} \in Y_0(X_0)$  and  $f_j^{(1)} \in Y_1(X_1)$  satisfying

<span id="page-10-2"></span>
$$
f_j - f = f_j^{(0)} + f_j^{(1)} \tag{2.16}
$$

and

<span id="page-10-1"></span>
$$
\|f_j^{(0)}\|_{Y_0(X_0)} + \|f_j^{(1)}\|_{Y_1(X_1)} \lesssim \|f_j - f\|_{Y_0(X_0) + Y_1(X_1)} \to 0 \text{ as } j \to \infty. (2.17)
$$

On the other hand, by Remark [1.9,](#page-6-3) we know that  $Y_i(X_i)$  with  $i \in \{0, 1\}$  is a ball Banach function space on the product space  $(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}, \mu \times \nu)$ . From this, Proposition [1.8,](#page-5-2) and [\(2.17\)](#page-10-1), it follows that there exists a subsequence  $\{f_{j_k}^{(0)}\}_{k\in\mathbb{N}} \subset \{f_j^{(0)}\}_{j\in\mathbb{N}}$ 

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such that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} f_{jk}^{(0)} = 0$  almost everywhere on  $(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}, \mu \times \nu)$ . Repeating this argument on  $\{f_{j_k}^{(1)}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ , we obtain a subsequence  $\{f_{j_{k_\ell}}^{(1)}\}$  $\{f_{jk}^{(1)}\}_{\ell \in \mathbb{N}}$  ⊂  $\{f_{jk}^{(1)}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $\lim_{\ell \to \infty} f_{j_{k_{\ell}}}^{(1)}$  $j_{k_\ell}^{(1)} = 0$  almost everywhere on  $(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}, \mu \times \nu)$ . Thus, for any  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ ,

$$
\lim_{\ell \to \infty} f_{j_{k_{\ell}}}^{(i)} = 0 \text{ almost everywhere on } (\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}, \mu \times \nu),
$$

which, together with [\(2.16\)](#page-10-2), implies that  $\lim_{\ell \to \infty} f_{j_{k_\ell}} = f$  almost everywhere on  $(X \times Y, \mu \times \nu)$ . Combining this with Proposition [1.8\(](#page-5-2)iii) and [\(2.15\)](#page-10-3), we conclude that

$$
\|f\|_{Y(X)}=\|\lim_{\ell\to\infty}f_{j_{k_\ell}}\|_{Y(X)}\leq \liminf_{\ell\to\infty} \|f_{j_{k_\ell}}\|_{Y(X)}\lesssim \|f\|_{(Y(X))^{\sim}}<\infty.
$$

This shows *f* ∈ *Y*(*X*), which, combined with the arbitrariness of *f*, implies that (2.13) holds true and hence finishes the proof of Theorem 1.10.  $\Box$ [\(2.13\)](#page-10-4) holds true and hence finishes the proof of Theorem [1.10.](#page-6-0)

#### <span id="page-11-0"></span>**3 Several Examples**

In this section, we give several examples of function spaces which fall into the scope of Theorem [1.10.](#page-6-0)

#### **3.1 Mixed-Norm Lebesgue Spaces with Variable Exponent**

The mixed-norm Lebesgue space with variable exponent, which was originally introduced and studied by Ho [\[29](#page-21-12)], is a generalization of Lebesgue spaces with variable exponent. First, we recall some notation related to Lebesgue spaces with variable exponent (see, for instance, [\[15](#page-20-13)[,17](#page-21-13)[,44\]](#page-21-14)).

Let  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be the set of all measurable functions  $p(\cdot): \mathbb{R}^n \to (0, \infty]$  satisfying

$$
0 < p_- := \operatorname*{ess\,inf}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} p(x) \le \operatorname*{ess\,sup}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} p(x) =: p_+ \le \infty.
$$

For any given  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , define

$$
\varphi_{p(x)}(t) := \begin{cases} t^{p(x)} & \text{if } p(x) \in (0, \infty), \\ 0 & \text{if } p(x) = \infty \text{ and } t \in [0, 1], \\ \infty & \text{if } p(x) = \infty \text{ and } t \in (1, \infty). \end{cases}
$$

Moreover, the *variable exponent modular*  $\rho_{p(\cdot)}(f)$  of a measurable function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ is given by setting

$$
\varrho_{p(\cdot)}(f) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi_{p(x)}(|f(x)|) dx.
$$

Now, we recall the definition of Lebesgue spaces with variable exponent.

**Definition 3.1** Let  $p(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and *E* be a measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The *Lebesgue* space with variable exponent,  $L^{p(\cdot)}(E)$ , is defined to be the set of all measurable functions *f* on *E* such that

<span id="page-12-4"></span>
$$
\|f\|_{L^{p(\cdot)}(E)} := \inf \left\{\lambda \in (0, \infty) : \varrho_{p(\cdot)}(f\mathbf{1}_E/\lambda) \le 1\right\} < \infty. \tag{3.1}
$$

The following definition of mixed-norm Lebesgue spaces with variable exponent (see, for instance, [\[66](#page-22-11)]) generalizes [\[29,](#page-21-12) Definition 3.1], where a restriction  $p_1(\cdot), p_2(\cdot) : \mathbb{R} \to [1, \infty)$  was needed.

**Definition 3.2** Let  $p_1(·), p_2(·) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . The *mixed-norm Lebesgue space with variable exponent*,  $L^{p_2(\cdot)}(L^{p_1(\cdot)})(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ , is defined to be the set of all measurable functions *f* on  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  satisfying

$$
\|f\|_{L^{p_2(\cdot)}(L^{p_1(\cdot)})(\mathbb{R}^n\times\mathbb{R}^n)}:=\big\|\|f(x,y)\|_{L^{p_1(\cdot)}_x(\mathbb{R}^n)}\big\|_{L^{p_2(\cdot)}_y(\mathbb{R}^n)}<\infty.
$$

Recall that, in [\[44\]](#page-21-14), Kopaliani considered the complex interpolation between Lebesgue spaces with variable exponent and Hardy spaces or BMO; furthermore, in [\[45](#page-22-12), Proposition 3.1], Kopaliani and Chelidze obtained the Calderón product of *L p*<sup>0(·)</sup>( $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) and *L p*<sup>1(·)</sup>( $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) with 1 ≤ (*p<sub>i</sub>*)– ≤ (*p<sub>i</sub>*)<sub>+</sub> < ∞ for any *i* ∈ {0, 1}. Via an argument different from that used in the proof of [\[45](#page-22-12), Proposition 3.1], we get rid of the restriction  $1 \le (p_i)_+ \le (p_i)_+ < \infty$  and prove the following result.

<span id="page-12-0"></span>**Proposition 3.3** *Let*  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  *and*  $p(\cdot), p_0(\cdot), p_1(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  *satisfy*  $\frac{1}{p(\cdot)} = \frac{1-\theta}{p_0(\cdot)} + \theta$  $\frac{\theta}{p_1(\cdot)}$ *. Then,* 

$$
\left[L^{p_0(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^{1-\theta}\left[L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^\theta=L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)
$$

*with equivalent quasi-norms.*

*Proof* First, we show that

<span id="page-12-3"></span>
$$
\left[L^{p_0(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^{1-\theta}\left[L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^\theta \hookrightarrow L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n). \tag{3.2}
$$

For any  $f \in [L^{p_0(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)]^{1-\theta} [L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)]^{\theta}$ , there exist  $f_0 \in L^{p_0(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $f_1 \in$  $L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  such that, for almost every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

<span id="page-12-1"></span>
$$
|f(x)| \le |f_0(x)|^{1-\theta} |f_1(x)|^{\theta}
$$
 (3.3)

and

<span id="page-12-2"></span>
$$
\|f_0\|_{L^{p_0(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{1-\theta} \|f_1\|_{L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{\theta} \lesssim \|f\|_{[L^{p_0(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)]^{1-\theta}[L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)]^{\theta}}.
$$
 (3.4)

Let

$$
\lambda_0 := \|f_0\|_{L^{p_0(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}
$$
 and  $\lambda_1 := \|f_1\|_{L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ .

Then, by [\(3.3\)](#page-12-1) and the Young inequality, namely, for any *a*,  $b \in [0, \infty)$  and *q*,  $q' \in$  $(1, \infty)$  with  $1/q + 1/q' = 1$ ,

<span id="page-13-3"></span><span id="page-13-1"></span>
$$
ab \le \frac{a^q}{q} + \frac{b^{q'}}{q'},\tag{3.5}
$$

we conclude that

$$
\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \frac{f(x)}{\lambda_0^{1-\theta} \lambda_1^{\theta}} \right|^{p(x)} dx \le \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \frac{f_0(x)}{\lambda_0} \right|^{(1-\theta)p(x)} \left| \frac{f_1(x)}{\lambda_1} \right|^{\theta p(x)} dx
$$
\n
$$
\le \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{(1-\theta)p(x)}{p_0(x)} \left| \frac{f_0(x)}{\lambda_0} \right|^{p_0(x)} dx + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\theta p(x)}{p_1(x)} \left| \frac{f_1(x)}{\lambda_1} \right|^{p_1(x)} dx
$$
\n
$$
\le \frac{(1-\theta)p}{(p_0)-} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \frac{f_0(x)}{\lambda_0} \right|^{p_0(x)} dx + \frac{\theta p_+}{(p_1)-} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \frac{f_1(x)}{\lambda_1} \right|^{p_1(x)} dx
$$
\n
$$
\le \frac{(1-\theta)p_+}{(p_0)-} + \frac{\theta p_+}{(p_1)-}.
$$
\n(3.6)

We claim that, for any  $\lambda$ ,  $a \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , and any measurable function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

<span id="page-13-0"></span>
$$
\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)/\lambda|^{q(x)} dx \le a \quad \text{implies} \quad \|f\|_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \le \lambda \max\left\{1, a^{1/q-}\right\}. \tag{3.7}
$$

Assume for the moment that  $(3.7)$  holds true. Then, from  $(3.6)$ ,  $(3.4)$ , and the definition of  $\lambda_0$  and  $\lambda_1$ , we deduce that

$$
||f||_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \lesssim \lambda_0^{1-\theta} \lambda_1^{\theta} \sim ||f_0||_{L^{p_0(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{1-\theta} ||f_1||_{L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{\theta} \lesssim ||f||_{[L^{p_0(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)]^{1-\theta} [L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)]^{\theta}} < \infty.
$$

Thus,  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Combining this with the arbitrariness of  $f$ , we obtain [\(3.2\)](#page-12-3).

Now, it remains to prove [\(3.7\)](#page-13-0). Indeed, if  $a \in (0, 1]$ , then [\(3.1\)](#page-12-4) directly leads to *f*  $|$ *L*<sub>*I*</sub><sup>*q*</sup>( $\in$ <sub>*R<sup>n</sup>*</sup>) ≤ λ. If *a* ∈ (1, ∞), then, for any *x* ∈  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $(1/a)^{1/q-}$  ≤  $(1/a)^{1/q(x)}$ . Thus,</sub> we have

$$
\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \frac{f(x)}{\lambda a^{1/q-}} \right|^{q(x)} dx \le \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \frac{f(x)}{\lambda a^{1/q(x)}} \right|^{q(x)} dx = \frac{1}{a} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \frac{f(x)}{\lambda} \right|^{q(x)} dx \le 1,
$$

which, together with [\(3.1\)](#page-12-4), implies  $|| f ||_{L^{q(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq \lambda a^{1/q_-}$  and hence [\(3.7\)](#page-13-0) holds true.

Now, we show that

<span id="page-13-2"></span>
$$
L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow \left[L^{p_0(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^{1-\theta} \left[L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^{\theta}.
$$
\n(3.8)

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Let  $f \in L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume  $|| f ||_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = 1$ . Let

$$
f_0(\cdot) := |f(\cdot)|^{p(\cdot)/p_0(\cdot)}
$$
 and  $f_1(\cdot) := |f(\cdot)|^{p(\cdot)/p_1(\cdot)}$ .

Clearly,  $|f| = |f_0|^{1-\theta} |f_1|^{\theta}$ . Notice that

$$
\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f_0(x)|^{p_0(x)} dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x)|^{p(x)} dx \le 1
$$

implies that *f*<sup>0</sup> ∈ *L*<sup>*p*0(·)</sup>( $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) and  $||f_0||_{L^{p_0(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \le 1$ . Similarly, we know that *f*<sup>1</sup> ∈  $L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $||f_1||_{L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq 1$ . Thus, by [\(1.1\)](#page-2-0) and [\(1.2\)](#page-2-3), we have

$$
||f||_{[L^{p_0(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)]^{1-\theta}[L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)]^{\theta}} \leq ||f_0||_{L^{p_0(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{1-\theta} ||f_1||_{L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{\theta} \leq 1,
$$

which implies  $f \in [L^{p_0(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)]^{1-\theta} [L^{p_1(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)]^{\theta}$  and hence [\(3.8\)](#page-13-2) holds true. This, combined with  $(3.2)$ , then finishes the proof of Proposition [3.3.](#page-12-0)

<span id="page-14-0"></span>By Theorem [1.10](#page-6-0) and Proposition [3.3,](#page-12-0) we obtain the following interpolation properties of mixed-norm Lebesgue spaces with variable exponent.

**Corollary 3.4** *Let*  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  *and*  $p(\cdot), q(\cdot), p_i(\cdot), q_i(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  *with*  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ *satisfy*

$$
\frac{1}{p(\cdot)} = \frac{1-\theta}{p_0(\cdot)} + \frac{\theta}{p_1(\cdot)} \text{ and } \frac{1}{q(\cdot)} = \frac{1-\theta}{q_0(\cdot)} + \frac{\theta}{q_1(\cdot)}.
$$

*Then*

$$
\begin{split} &\left\langle L^{q_0(\cdot)}\left(L^{p_0(\cdot)}\right)(\mathbb{R}^n\times\mathbb{R}^n),L^{q_1(\cdot)}\left(L^{p_1(\cdot)}\right)(\mathbb{R}^n\times\mathbb{R}^n)\right\rangle_{\theta} \\ &=\left(\left[L^{q_0(\cdot)}\left(L^{p_0(\cdot)}\right)(\mathbb{R}^n\times\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^{1-\theta}\left[L^{q_1(\cdot)}\left(L^{p_1(\cdot)}\right)(\mathbb{R}^n\times\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^{\theta}\right)^{\circ}=\left(L^{q(\cdot)}\left(L^{p(\cdot)}\right)(\mathbb{R}^n\times\mathbb{R}^n)\right)^{\circ}.\end{split}
$$

*Moreover, if, additionally, p*−, *q*−, (*pi*)−, (*qi*)<sup>−</sup> ∈ [1,∞] *with i* ∈ {0, 1}*, then*

$$
\left\langle L^{q_0(\cdot)}\left(L^{p_0(\cdot)}\right) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n), L^{q_1(\cdot)}\left(L^{p_1(\cdot)}\right) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n), \theta \right\rangle
$$
  
= 
$$
\left[L^{q_0(\cdot)}\left(L^{p_0(\cdot)}\right) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)\right]^{1-\theta} \left[L^{q_1(\cdot)}\left(L^{p_1(\cdot)}\right) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)\right]^6
$$
  
=  $L^{q(\cdot)}\left(L^{p(\cdot)}\right) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n).$ 

*Proof* By [\[15](#page-20-13), Theorems 2.17 and 2.59, Lemma 2.39, and Proposition 2.41] (see also [\[17](#page-21-13), p. 77]), we know that, for any  $p(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \to [1, \infty]$ ,  $L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a ball Banach function space, which, together with the fact that, for any measurable function *f* on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$
||f|^{r}||_{L^{p(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} = ||f||_{L^{rp(\cdot)}(\mathbb{R}^{n})}^{r}, \quad \forall r \in (0, \infty),
$$

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implies that, for any  $p(\cdot)$ ,  $q(\cdot) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\delta \in (0, \min\{1, p_-, q_-\})$ , the  $1/\delta$ convexification of the mixed-norm variable Lebesgue space  $L^{q(\cdot)}(L^{p(\cdot)})(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$  is a Banach space. Namely, the mixed-norm Lebesgue space with variable exponent is of type C. Combining these with Proposition [3.3](#page-12-0) and Theorem [1.10,](#page-6-0) we obtain the desired conclusions and hence complete the proof of Corollary [3.4.](#page-14-0)

*Remark 3.5* (i) As a special case of Corollary [3.4,](#page-14-0) we obtain the following interpolation properties of classical mixed-norm Lebesgue spaces: for any  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  and *p*, *q*, *p<sub>i</sub>*, *q<sub>i</sub>* ∈ (0, ∞) with  $i \in \{0, 1\}$  satisfying  $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1-\theta}{p_0} + \frac{\theta}{p_1}$  and  $\frac{1}{q} = \frac{1-\theta}{q_0} + \frac{\theta}{q_1}$ , it holds true that

$$
\langle L^{q_0} (L^{p_0}) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n), L^{q_1} (L^{p_1}) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n) \rangle_{\theta}
$$
  
= 
$$
\left( \left[ L^{q_0} (L^{p_0}) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n) \right]^{1-\theta} \left[ L^{q_1} (L^{p_1}) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n) \right]^\theta \right)^\circ = \left( L^{q} (L^{p}) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n) \right)^\circ;
$$

in particular, when *p*, *q*, *p<sub>i</sub>*, *q<sub>i</sub>* ∈ [1, ∞] with  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ , one has

$$
\langle L^{q_0} (L^{p_0}) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n), L^{q_1} (L^{p_1}) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n), \theta \rangle
$$
  
= 
$$
[L^{q_0} (L^{p_0}) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)]^{1-\theta} [L^{q_1} (L^{p_1}) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)]^{\theta} = L^{q} (L^{p}) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n).
$$

(ii) We also recall that, recently, Tan [\[66](#page-22-11)] studied the off-diagonal extrapolation on Lebesgue spaces with variable exponent.

#### **3.2 Mixed-Norm Lorentz Spaces**

The mixed-norm Lorentz spaces were originally introduced by Fernandez [\[18](#page-21-15)]. Later, Milman [\[51](#page-22-13)[,52\]](#page-22-14) studied the properties of interpolations of operators on mixed-norm Lorentz spaces. Recently, Chen and Sun studied the mixed-norm weak Lebesgue spaces intensively (see, for instance, [\[7](#page-20-3)[,8](#page-20-1)[,10\]](#page-20-2)), which are special cases of mixed-norm Lorentz spaces; in particular, Chen and Sun considered the real interpolation properties of mixed-norm (weak) Lebesgue spaces via the *K*-functional. In this subsection, we consider the interpolation properties on mixed-norm Lorentz spaces via the Calderón product, the Gagliardo–Peetre method, and the  $\pm$  method.

Recall that, for any given  $p \in (0, \infty)$  and  $q \in (0, \infty)$ , the Lorentz space  $L^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is defined to be the set of all Lebesgue measurable functions  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$
\|f\|_{L^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^n)} := \left\{ \int_0^\infty \left[ \lambda |\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |f(x)| > \lambda \}|^{1/p} \right]^q \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} \right\}^{1/q} < \infty
$$

with the usual modification made when  $q = \infty$  (see, for instance, [\[21,](#page-21-16) Section 1.4]). Notice that, when  $q \in (0, \infty)$  and  $q = \infty$ , the Lorentz space  $L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is just the weak Lebesgue space.

Also, recall that, for any given  $p_0$ ,  $p_1 \in (0, \infty)$  and  $q_0$ ,  $q_1 \in (0, \infty]$ , the *mixednorm Lorentz space*  $L^{p_0,q_0}(L^{p_1,q_1})(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)$  *is defined to be the set of all Lebesgue*  measurable functions *f* on  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$
||f||_{L^{p_0,q_0}(L^{p_1,q_1})(\mathbb{R}^n\times\mathbb{R}^n)}:=||||f(x,y)||_{L_x^{p_0,q_0}(\mathbb{R}^n)}||_{L_y^{p_1,q_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)}<\infty.
$$

<span id="page-16-3"></span>*Remark 3.6* Clearly, for any given  $p \in (1, \infty)$  and  $q \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $L^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a Banach space (see, for instance, [\[21](#page-21-16), Remark 1.4.12]) and, for any given  $p, r \in (0, \infty)$  and  $q \in (0, \infty]$ , and for any measurable function *f* on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,

<span id="page-16-2"></span>
$$
\| |f|^{r} \|_{L^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \| f \|_{L^{pr,qr}(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{r}
$$
\n(3.9)

(see, for instance, [\[21](#page-21-16), Remark 1.4.7]). Thus, for any given  $p_0$ ,  $p_1 \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $q_0, q_1 \in (0, \infty]$ , and  $\delta \in (0, \min\{1, p_0, q_0, p_1, q_1\})$ , the  $1/\delta$ -convexification of  $L^{p_1,q_1}(L^{p_0,q_0})(\mathbb{R}^n\times\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a Banach space, which means that the mixed-norm Lorentz space is of type C.

Recall that Calderón [\[6,](#page-20-12) p. 124] showed that, for any  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ , and  $p_i \in (1, \infty)$ and  $q_i \in [1, \infty]$  with  $i \in \{0, 1\}$  satisfying

<span id="page-16-1"></span>
$$
\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1 - \theta}{p_0} + \frac{\theta}{p_1} \text{ and } \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1 - \theta}{q_0} + \frac{\theta}{q_1},
$$
\n(3.10)

it holds true that

$$
\left[L^{p_0,q_0}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^{1-\theta}\left[L^{p_1,q_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^\theta=L^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^n)
$$

in the sense of equivalent norms. Notice that the argument used in [\[6\]](#page-20-12) depends heavily on the characterization of Lorentz spaces  $L^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  with  $p \in (1,\infty)$  and  $q \in [1,\infty]$ that, any measurable function *f* belongs to  $L^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  if and only if

$$
\|f\|_{L^{(p,q)}(\mathbb{R}^n)} := \left\{ \int_0^\infty t^{q/p} \left[ \frac{1}{t} \sup_{E \subset \mathbb{R}^n, \ |E| \le t} \int_E |f(x)| \, dx \right]^q \, \frac{dt}{t} \right\}^{1/q}
$$

(with usual modification made when  $q = \infty$ ) is finite, and  $\|\cdot\|_{L(p,q)(\mathbb{R}^n)}$  is equivalent to  $\|\cdot\|_{L^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$  on  $L^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  (see, for instance, [\[4](#page-20-7), Lemma 4.5 in p. 219]).

Via an argument different from that used in [\[6,](#page-20-12) p. 124], which does not need the aforementioned equivalence, we establish the Calderón products on Lorentz spaces for some more ranges as follows.

<span id="page-16-0"></span>**Proposition 3.7** *Let*  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  *and*  $p_i$ ,  $q_i \in (0, \infty)$  *with*  $i \in \{0, 1\}$  *satisfy* [\(3.10\)](#page-16-1)*. Then,*

$$
\left[L^{p_0,q_0}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^{1-\theta}\left[L^{p_1,q_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^\theta=L^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^n)
$$

*with equivalent quasi-norms.*

*Proof* By [\[16,](#page-21-17) Theorem 3] and [\[14,](#page-20-14) Theorem 3], one knows that, for any couple of quasi-Banach spaces,  $(A_0, A_1)$ , and for any  $Q_i \in (0, \infty]$  with  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ ,

<span id="page-17-1"></span>
$$
[(A_0, A_1)_{\lambda_0, Q_0}, (A_0, A_1)_{\lambda_1, Q_1}]_{\eta} = (A_0, A_1)_{\lambda, Q}
$$
\n(3.11)

with  $\lambda_0$ ,  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\eta \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\lambda = (1 - \eta)\lambda_0 + \eta\lambda_1$ , and  $\frac{1}{Q} = \frac{1 - \eta}{Q_0} + \frac{\eta}{Q_1}$ , where, for any two quasi-Banach spaces  $X_0$  and  $X_1,$   $(X_0,$   $X_1)_{\lambda,Q}$  denotes their real interpolation and  $[X_0, X_1]_n$  their complex interpolation. Recall that, for any  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ ,  $P_0 \in (0, \infty)$ , and  $O \in (0, \infty]$ ,

<span id="page-17-2"></span>
$$
\left(L^{P_0}(\mathbb{R}^n), L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right)_{\lambda, Q} = L^{P, Q}(\mathbb{R}^n),\tag{3.12}
$$

where  $1/P = (1 - \lambda)/P_0$  (see, for instance, [\[59](#page-22-15)] and [\[43](#page-21-18), Theorem 4.1]). Choose  $\theta_0$ ,  $\theta_1 \in (0, 1)$  and  $r \in (0, \infty)$  such that

<span id="page-17-3"></span>
$$
rac{1}{p_0} = \frac{1 - \theta_0}{r}
$$
 and  $rac{1}{p_1} = \frac{1 - \theta_1}{r}$ .

From this, [\(3.11\)](#page-17-1), [\(3.12\)](#page-17-2), and [\(3.10\)](#page-16-1), we deduce that, for any  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ , and  $p_i \in$  $(0, \infty)$  and  $q_i \in (0, \infty]$  with  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ ,

$$
\[L^{p_0,q_0}(\mathbb{R}^n), L^{p_1,q_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)\]_{\theta} = \left[ \left( L^r(\mathbb{R}^n), L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \right)_{\theta_0,q_0}, \left( L^r(\mathbb{R}^n), L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \right)_{\theta_1,q_1} \right]_{\theta}
$$

$$
= \left( L^r(\mathbb{R}^n), L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n) \right)_{(1-\theta)\theta_0+\theta\theta_1,q} = L^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^n). (3.13)
$$

On the other hand, by [\[41,](#page-21-19) Theorem 7.9] (see also [\[40,](#page-21-20) Theorem 3.4]) and the fact that, for any  $p, q \in (0, \infty)$ , the Lorentz space  $L^{p,q}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is separable (see [\[42,](#page-21-21) p. 290]), we find that, for any  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ , and  $p_i, q_i \in (0, \infty)$  with  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ ,

$$
\left[L^{p_0,q_0}(\mathbb{R}^n), L^{p_1,q_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right]_{\theta} = \left[L^{p_0,q_0}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^{1-\theta} \left[L^{p_1,q_1}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^{\theta},
$$

which, together with  $(3.13)$ , then completes the proof of Proposition [3.7.](#page-16-0)

*Remark 3.8* Notice that, in Proposition [3.7,](#page-16-0) we exclude the case that  $q_i = \infty$  (namely, the weak Lebesgue space) for at least one  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ , because the weak Lebesgue space is not separable (see, for instance, [\[42](#page-21-21), p, 296]). So far, it is still unknown how  $\left[L^{p_0,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^{1-\theta}\left[L^{p_1,q}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^\theta$  behaves for any  $\theta \in (0,1)$ ,  $p_0$ ,  $p_1 \in (0,\infty)$ , and  $q \in (0, \infty)$ . However, for  $q_0 = q_1 = \infty$ , we have the following Calderón product for weak Lebesgue spaces via an argument different from that used in [\[6](#page-20-12), p. 124].

<span id="page-17-0"></span>**Proposition 3.9** Let 
$$
\theta \in (0, 1)
$$
 and  $p_0$ ,  $p_1 \in (0, \infty)$  satisfy  $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1-\theta}{p_0} + \frac{\theta}{p_1}$ . Then

$$
\left[L^{p_0,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^{1-\theta}\left[L^{p_1,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)\right]^\theta=L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)
$$

*with equivalent quasi-norms.*

*Proof* The desired conclusion is a consequence of the Young inequality [\(3.5\)](#page-13-3), [\(3.9\)](#page-16-2), and the fact that, for any given  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ , any pair  $(X_0, X_1)$  of quasi-Banach lattices, and any  $f \in X_0^{1-\theta} X_1^{\theta}$ ,

$$
||f||_{X_0^{1-\theta}X_1^{\theta}} \sim \inf \left\{ \lambda \in (0, \infty) : |f| \le \lambda |f_0|^{1-\theta} |f_1|^{\theta} \text{ almost everywhere with } f_i \in X_i
$$
  
and  $||f_i||_{X_i} \le 1, i \in \{0, 1\} \right\}$ 

(see, for instance,  $[6, Section 13.5]$  $[6, Section 13.5]$  and  $[67, Lemma 2.3(ii)]$  $[67, Lemma 2.3(ii)]$ ), and we omit the details. This finishes the proof of Proposition [3.9.](#page-17-0)

As a consequence of Theorem [1.10,](#page-6-0) Remark [3.6,](#page-16-3) and Propositions [3.7](#page-16-0) and [3.9,](#page-17-0) we obtain the following results, and we omit its details.

**Corollary 3.10** *Let*  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  *and, for any*  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ *, p<sub>i</sub>, r<sub>i</sub>*  $\in (0, \infty)$  *and, either*  $q_i = s_i = \infty$  *or*  $q_i$ ,  $s_i \in (0, \infty)$  *satisfy* 

$$
\begin{cases}\n\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1-\theta}{p_0} + \frac{\theta}{p_1} \text{ and } \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1-\theta}{q_0} + \frac{\theta}{q_1}, \\
\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1-\theta}{r_0} + \frac{\theta}{r_1} \text{ and } \frac{1}{s} = \frac{1-\theta}{s_0} + \frac{\theta}{s_1}.\n\end{cases}
$$

*Then,*

$$
\langle L^{s_0,r_0} (L^{p_0,q_0}) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n), L^{s_1,r_1} (L^{p_1,q_1}) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n) \rangle_{\theta}
$$
  
= 
$$
\left( [L^{s_0,r_0} (L^{p_0,q_0}) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n) \right]^{1-\theta} [L^{s_1,r_1} (L^{p_1,q_1}) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n) ]^{\theta} \right)^{\circ}
$$
  
= 
$$
(L^{s,r} (L^{p,q}) (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n))^{\circ}.
$$

*Additionally, if*  $p_i$ ,  $r_i \in (1, \infty)$  *and, either*  $q_i = s_i = \infty$  *or*  $q_i$ ,  $s_i \in (1, \infty)$  *with*  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ *, it also holds true that* 

$$
\langle L^{s_0,r_0}(L^{p_0,q_0})(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n), L^{s_1,r_1}(L^{p_1,q_1})(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n), \theta \rangle
$$
  
= 
$$
[L^{s_0,r_0}(L^{p_0,q_0})(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)]^{1-\theta} [L^{s_1,r_1}(L^{p_1,q_1})(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)]^{\theta}
$$
  
= 
$$
L^{s,r}(L^{p,q})(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n).
$$

#### **3.3 Mixed-Norm Morrey Spaces**

The study of the Morrey space can be traced to [\[54\]](#page-22-17). The *Morrey space*  $\mathcal{M}_{p}^{u}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$  with  $0 < p \le u \le \infty$  is defined to be the set of all locally *p*-integrable functions f on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ such that

$$
\|f\|_{\mathcal{M}_{p}^{u}(\mathbb{R}^{n})} := \sup_{B \subset \mathbb{R}^{n}} |B|^{1/u-1/p} \left[ \int_{B} |f(x)|^{p} dx \right]^{1/p} < \infty,
$$

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where the supremum is taken over all balls in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Clearly,  $\mathcal{M}_p^p(\mathbb{R}^n) = L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$  for any  $p \in (0, \infty]$ .

As is well known, there has been a series of works on the interpolation properties of Morrey type spaces (see, for instance, [\[24](#page-21-22)[–27](#page-21-23)[,47](#page-22-18)[–49](#page-22-19)[,67](#page-22-16)] and the references therein). In recent years, there also exist an increasing interest in the mixed-norm Morrey spaces in the sense of [\(1.3\)](#page-2-2). For instance, Ragusa and Scapellato [\[61\]](#page-22-4) studied the regularity of the solutions of the non-divergence form parabolic equations via the mixed-norm Morrey spaces, and Nogayama et al. [\[56](#page-22-3)[–58\]](#page-22-20) studied the boundedness of several operators and commutators on mixed-norm Morrey spaces, such as the maximal operator, the fractional integral operator, and the Calderón–Zygmund operator.

However, the interpolation properties of mixed-norm Morrey spaces are still unknown. In this section, we establish the interpolation results on mixed-norm Morrey spaces in terms of the Gagliardo–Peetre method and the  $\pm$  method.

<span id="page-19-0"></span>Recall that Lu et al. [\[49](#page-22-19), Proposition 2.1] established the following Calderón product result in Morrey spaces.

**Lemma 3.11** *Let*  $X$  *be a quasi-metric measure space,*  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  *and, for any i*  $\in \{0, 1\}$ *,*  $0 < p_i \leq u_i \leq \infty$ . Assume that  $p_0u_1 = p_1u_0$ ,

$$
\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1 - \theta}{p_0} + \frac{\theta}{p_1} \text{ and } \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1 - \theta}{u_0} + \frac{\theta}{u_1}.
$$

*Then*

$$
\left[\mathcal{M}_{p_0}^{u_0}(\mathcal{X})\right]^{1-\theta}\left[\mathcal{M}_{p_1}^{u_1}(\mathcal{X})\right]^\theta=\mathcal{M}_{p}^{u}(\mathcal{X})
$$

*with equivalent quasi-norms.*

<span id="page-19-1"></span>From Lemma [3.11](#page-19-0) and Theorem [1.10,](#page-6-0) we immediately deduce the following conclusion.

**Corollary 3.12** *Let*  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  *and, for any*  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $0 < p_i \le u_i \le \infty$  *and*  $0 < q_i \le v_i \le \infty$ . Assume that  $v_0q_1 = v_1q_0$ ,  $u_0p_1 = u_1p_0$ ,

$$
\begin{cases} \frac{1}{u} = \frac{1-\theta}{u_0} + \frac{\theta}{u_1} \text{ and } \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1-\theta}{v_0} + \frac{\theta}{v_1}, \\ \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1-\theta}{p_0} + \frac{\theta}{p_1} \text{ and } \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1-\theta}{q_0} + \frac{\theta}{q_1} \end{cases}
$$

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*Then,*

$$
\begin{split}\n&\left\langle \mathcal{M}_{q_{0}}^{v_{0}}\left(\mathcal{M}_{p_{0}}^{u_{0}}\right)(\mathbb{R}^{n}\times\mathbb{R}^{n}),\mathcal{M}_{q_{1}}^{v_{1}}\left(\mathcal{M}_{p_{1}}^{u_{1}}\right)(\mathbb{R}^{n}\times\mathbb{R}^{n})\right\rangle _{\theta} \\
&=\left(\left[\mathcal{M}_{q_{0}}^{v_{0}}\left(\mathcal{M}_{p_{0}}^{u_{0}}\right)(\mathbb{R}^{n}\times\mathbb{R}^{n})\right]^{1-\theta}\left[\mathcal{M}_{q_{1}}^{v_{1}}\left(\mathcal{M}_{p_{1}}^{u_{1}}\right)(\mathbb{R}^{n}\times\mathbb{R}^{n})\right]^{\theta}\right)^{\circ}=\left(\mathcal{M}_{q}^{v}\left(\mathcal{M}_{p}^{u}\right)(\mathbb{R}^{n}\times\mathbb{R}^{n})\right)^{\circ}.\n\end{split}
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*Moreover, if, additionally,*  $1 \leq p_i \leq u_i \leq \infty$  *and*  $1 \leq q_i \leq v_i \leq \infty$  *with*  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ *, then*

$$
\begin{aligned}\n\left\langle \mathcal{M}_{q_{0}}^{v_{0}}\left(\mathcal{M}_{p_{0}}^{u_{0}}\right)(\mathbb{R}^{n}\times\mathbb{R}^{n}),\mathcal{M}_{q_{1}}^{v_{1}}\left(\mathcal{M}_{p_{1}}^{u_{1}}\right)(\mathbb{R}^{n}\times\mathbb{R}^{n}),\theta\right\rangle \\
&=\left[\mathcal{M}_{q_{0}}^{v_{0}}\left(\mathcal{M}_{p_{0}}^{u_{0}}\right)(\mathbb{R}^{n}\times\mathbb{R}^{n})\right]^{1-\theta}\left[\mathcal{M}_{q_{1}}^{v_{1}}\left(\mathcal{M}_{p_{1}}^{u_{1}}\right)(\mathbb{R}^{n}\times\mathbb{R}^{n})\right]^{2} \\
&=\mathcal{M}_{q}^{v}\left(\mathcal{M}_{p}^{u}\right)(\mathbb{R}^{n}\times\mathbb{R}^{n}).\n\end{aligned}
$$

*Proof* Observe that, for any  $1 \leq p \leq u \leq \infty$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_{p}^{u}(\mathbb{R}^{n})$  is a ball Banach function space (see, for instance, [\[64](#page-22-10), Subsection 7.4]). This, together with the fact that, for any given  $r \in (0, \infty)$  and  $0 \le p \le u \le \infty$ , and for any measurable function f,  $|| |f||^r ||_{\mathcal{M}_p^u(\mathbb{R}^n)} = ||f||^r_{\mathcal{M}_{pr}^{ur}(\mathbb{R}^n)}$ , shows that the mixed-norm Morrey space is of type  $\mathfrak{C}$ . Thus, from Lemma [3.11](#page-19-0) and Theorem [1.10,](#page-6-0) we immediately deduce the desired conclusions and hence complete the proof of Corollary  $3.12$ .

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