

INEQUALITIES BETWEEN INTEGRALS OF p -STABLE SYMMETRIC MEASURES ON BANACH SPACES

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Abstract. Let μ and ν be symmetric Gaussian probability measures on a Banach space E and let E' be the dual of E . Then, as is well known, the inequality

$$\int_E |\langle x, a \rangle|^2 d\mu(x) \leq \int_E |\langle x, a \rangle|^2 d\nu(x) \quad \text{for all } a \in E'$$

implies

$$\int_E \|x\|^2 d\mu(x) \leq \int_E \|x\|^2 d\nu(x).$$

If we replace Gaussian measures by p -stable ones ($0 < p < 2$), the property does not hold. Thus we consider the class \mathcal{A}_p of such Banach spaces, where a generalization to the p -stable case is true. Furthermore, we give relations of \mathcal{A}_p to some other classes of Banach spaces and we get also inclusion properties of \mathcal{A}_p , $0 < p < 2$. Recently, similar classes of Banach spaces have been investigated by Mandrekar, Thang, Tien, and Weron.

Given a real number p , $0 < p \leq 2$, we investigate Banach spaces E having the following property:

If $0 < r < p$, then there exists a constant $c \geq 1$ such that the inequality

$$(*) \quad \int_E |\langle x, a \rangle|^r d\mu(x) \leq \int_E |\langle x, a \rangle|^r d\nu(x)$$

for all $a \in E'$ (E' is the dual of E) implies

$$\int_E \|x\|^r d\mu(x) \leq c^r \int_E \|x\|^r d\nu(x)$$

for all p -stable symmetric Radon measures μ and ν on E .

It is well known (cf. [2]) that every Banach space has this property in the

Gaussian case, i.e., for $p = 2$. But there are examples of Banach spaces where such a constant does not exist for any $p < 2$, e.g., L_q , $2 < q \leq \infty$.

We characterize Banach spaces having this property in terms of inequalities of sums $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \theta_i$, where $x_1, \dots, x_n \in E$ and $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots$ is an independent sequence of standard p -stable real random variables.

Using ideas of [10] we prove that the property becomes stronger if p is lessened and that there are examples of Banach spaces satisfying such an inequality for some $p > 1$, but not for any $q < p$.

Finally, we show that every Banach space having this property must be of cotype 2 in the sense of [9] whenever $0 < p < 2$.

It is not known whether or not the above-mentioned property coincides with the property "stable cotype p " in the sense of [10], $0 < p < 2$.

1. Notation and definitions. E always denotes a real Banach space, E' its dual, and unless otherwise stated p is a real number with $0 < p \leq 2$. The set of all p -stable symmetric Radon measures on E will be denoted by $R_p(E)$. Let us recall that a symmetric Radon measure μ is p -stable if its characteristic function (c.f.) $\hat{\mu}$ can be written as

$$\hat{\mu}(a) = \exp(-\|Ta\|^p), \quad a \in E',$$

where T is an operator from E' into some L_p .

Given $\mu, \nu \in R_p(E)$ we write

$$\mu < \nu$$

provided that (*) holds for some (each) r with $0 < r < p$, which is equivalent to

$$\hat{\nu}(a) \leq \hat{\mu}(a), \quad a \in E',$$

or

$$\mu \{x \in E; |\langle x, a \rangle| \geq 1\} \leq \nu \{x \in E; |\langle x, a \rangle| \geq 1\}, \quad a \in E'.$$

By an E -valued random variable (r.v.) we mean a strongly measurable mapping φ from a probability space (Ω, P) into E . Its distribution $\text{dist}(\varphi)$ is defined by

$$\text{dist}(\varphi)(B) := P \{ \varphi(\omega) \in B \},$$

where B is a Borel subset of E . Then $\text{dist}(\varphi)$ defines a Radon measure on E .

In general, L_p means $L_p(\Omega, P)$ unless otherwise stated. For fixed p we denote by $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots$ a sequence of independent real r.v.'s with c.f. $\exp(-|t|^p)$.

A Banach space E is of stable type p (cf. [11]) if there is a constant $c \geq 0$ such that

$$\{E \|\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \theta_i\|^r\}^{1/r} \leq c \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^p \right\}^{1/p}$$

for some r with $0 < r < p$ and all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in E$ (E means the expectation). E is said to be of *cotype 2* if

$$\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^2 \right\}^{1/2} \leq c \left\{ E \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \gamma_i \right\|^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

for some $c \geq 0$ and all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in E$, where $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots$ is an independent sequence of standard Gaussian r.v.'s.

2. The space $A_p(E', L_p)$. Here we want to recall some definitions and results of [4] which will be used in the sequel.

$A_p(E', L_p)$ denotes the set of all operators T from E' into L_p for which $\exp(-\|Ta\|^p)$ is the c.f. of a Radon measure μ_T . Clearly, $\mu_T \in R_p(E)$ whenever $T \in A_p(E', L_p)$.

If we put

$$\lambda_r(T) := \left\{ \int_E \|x\|^r d\mu_T(x) \right\}^{1/r}, \quad 0 < r < p,$$

the space $A_p(E', L_p)$ becomes a complete normed ($1 \leq r < p$) (resp. quasi-normed ($0 \leq r < 1$)) space (cf. [4]).

For the $\tau_c(E', E)$ -topology on E' generated by the compact subsets of E , it is known that each operator $T \in A_p(E', L_p)$ is continuous with respect to $\tau_c(E', E)$ and the norm (quasi-norm) topology on L_p .

3. The class \mathcal{A}_p . Given p with $0 < p \leq 2$, \mathcal{A}_p denotes the class of all Banach spaces E having the following property:

For some (each) r with $0 < r < p$ there exists a constant $c \geq 1$ such that for all $\mu, \nu \in R_p(E)$ with $\mu < \nu$ the estimation

$$\int_E \|x\|^r d\mu(x) \leq c^r \int_E \|x\|^r d\nu(x)$$

holds.

As already mentioned, \mathcal{A}_2 is the class of all Banach spaces.

For later purposes we reformulate the above definition in terms of operators in $A_p(E', L_p)$:

A Banach space E belongs to \mathcal{A}_p if for some (each) r with $0 < r < p$ there exists a constant $c \geq 1$ such that for all $T, S \in A_p(E', L_p)$ with $\|Ta\| \leq \|Sa\|$, $a \in E'$, the estimation

$$\lambda_r(T) \leq c \lambda_r(S)$$

is valid.

Remark. Theorem 4 of [4] shows that the definition is independent of the special choice of the number r .

THEOREM 1. Suppose $\|Ta\| \leq \|Sa\|$, $a \in E'$, implies $T \in A_p(E', L_p)$ whenever $S \in A_p(E', L_p)$. Then E belongs to \mathcal{A}_p .

Proof. Assume that $E \notin \mathcal{A}_p$. Then there are operators T_n and S_n in $A_p(E', L_p(\Omega_n, P_n))$ such that $\|T_n a\| \leq \|S_n a\|$, $a \in E'$, while $\lambda_r(T_n) \geq 1$ and $\lambda_r(S_n) \leq 2^{-n}$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$, for some $r < p$. Without loss of generality (taking disjoint unions) we may assume $T_n, S_n \in A_p(E', L_p)$ and

$$\left\| \sum_{n=1}^m T_n a \right\|^p = \sum_{n=1}^m \|T_n a\|^p, \quad \left\| \sum_{n=1}^m S_n a \right\|^p = \sum_{n=1}^m \|S_n a\|^p, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$

Using

$$\|T_n a\| \leq \|S_n a\| \leq c_{rp}^{-1} \lambda_r(S_n) \|a\| \leq c_{rp}^{-1} \cdot 2^{-n} \|a\|$$

(cf. [4], $c_{rp} := \{E|\theta_1|^r\}^{1/r}$), we infer that the operators

$$T = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} T_n \quad \text{and} \quad S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n$$

exist. Moreover, $\|Ta\| \leq \|Sa\|$, $a \in E'$, and because of the completeness of $A_p(E', L_p)$ with respect to λ_r , the operator S belongs to $A_p(E', L_p)$. Now, by assumption, $T \in A_p(E', L_p)$, i.e.,

$$\exp(-\|Ta\|^p) = \exp\left(-\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|T_n a\|^p\right)$$

is the c.f. of a Radon measure on E .

If ξ_n is an independent sequence of E -valued r.v.'s with c.f. $\exp(-\|T_n a\|^p)$, then by the Ito-Nisio theorem (cf. [3]) there exists an r.v. ξ such that

$$E \left\| \xi - \sum_{n=1}^m \xi_n \right\|^r \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow \infty$$

Since

$$\lambda_r(T_n) = \{E \|\xi_n\|^r\}^{1/r},$$

this contradicts $\lambda_r(T_n) \geq 1$, proving the theorem.

COROLLARY 1. *If E is of stable cotype p , $0 < p < 2$, in the sense of [10], then E belongs to \mathcal{A}_p .*

Remark. We do not know whether or not the converse of Corollary 1 also holds.

Our next aim is to prove the converse of Theorem 1 under an additional property of E . But for this purpose we need

LEMMA 1. *Let A_i , $i \in I$, be a generalized sequence of operators in E such that*

$$\sup_{i \in I} \|A_i\| < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{i \in I} A_i x = x$$

uniformly on compact subsets of E . If $T \in A_p(E', L_p)$, then

$$\lim_{i \in I} \lambda_r(T - TA_i) = 0.$$

Proof. Let $\mu = \mu_T$ be the Radon measure on E generated by T and put

$$d = \sup_{i \in I} \|A_i\|.$$

Given $\varepsilon > 0$ we choose a compact subset $K \subseteq E$ such that

$$\int_{E \setminus K} \|x\|^r d\mu(x) \leq \varepsilon^r (2(1+d)^r)^{-1}.$$

Then we find an element $i_0 \in I$ with

$$\sup_{x \in K} \|A_i x - x\|^r \leq \varepsilon^r / 2$$

whenever $i > i_0$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_r(T - TA_i) &= \left\{ \int_E \|x - A_i x\|^r d\mu(x) \right\}^{1/r} \\ &\leq \left\{ (1+d)^r \int_{E \setminus K} \|x\|^r d\mu(x) + \int_K \|x - A_i x\|^r d\mu(x) \right\}^{1/r} \leq \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

provided $i > i_0$. This proves Lemma 1.

THEOREM 2. *Let E be a Banach space in \mathcal{A}_p having the metric approximation property (m.a.p.) (cf. [7] for the definition). Then for any operator T from E' into L_p and $S \in \mathcal{A}_p(E', L_p)$ the inequality $\|Ta\| \leq \|Sa\|$, $a \in E'$, implies $T \in \mathcal{A}_p(E', L_p)$.*

Proof. By assumption there exists a generalized sequence A_i , $i \in I$, of operators of finite rank in E such that

$$\sup_{i \in I} \|A_i\| \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim A_i x = x$$

uniformly on compact subsets of E . From Lemma 1 we get

$$\lim \lambda_r(S - SA_i) = 0.$$

Consequently, since

$$\|T(A_i - A_j)a\| \leq \|S(A_i - A_j)a\|, \quad a \in E', i, j \in I,$$

there exists an $i_0 \in I$ such that $\lambda_r(TA_i - TA_j) < \varepsilon$ whenever $i, j > i_0$ for given $\varepsilon > 0$. By the completeness of $\mathcal{A}_p(E', L_p)$ with respect to λ_r , the generalized sequence TA_i converges to some operator $T_0 \in \mathcal{A}_p(E', L_p)$. It remains to prove that $T = T_0$.

Since S is $\tau_c(E', E)$ -continuous, so is T , which follows from the inequality $\|Ta\| \leq \|Sa\|$, $a \in E'$. Therefore, for each $a \in E'$ the generalized sequence $TA_i a$ converges to Ta . On the other hand, $TA_i a$ converges also to $T_0 a$ because

$$\|TA_i a - T_0 a\| \leq c_{rp}^{-1} \lambda_r(TA_i - T_0) \|a\|,$$

which proves that $T = T_0$.

Remark. Theorems 1 and 2 combined together give the following:

If E has the m.a.p., then E belongs to \mathcal{A}_p iff for every $T \in L(E', L_p)$ and $S \in A_p(E', L_p)$ the inequality $\|Ta\| \leq \|Sa\|$, $a \in E'$, implies $T \in A_p(E', L_p)$.

For the last property we refer to [14] or [8].

A careful examination of the proof of Theorem 2 shows that we only used the estimation in the definition of \mathcal{A}_p for the operators $T(A'_i - A'_j)$ and $S(A'_i - A'_j)$ which are of finite rank. This proves the following

THEOREM 3. Let E be a Banach space having the m.a.p. Then E belongs to \mathcal{A}_p iff for some r with $0 < r < p$ there exists a constant $c \geq 1$ such that for all finite-dimensional subspaces $F \subseteq E$ and all $\mu, \nu \in R_p(F)$ with $\mu < \nu$ the estimation

$$\int_F \|x\|^r d\mu(x) \leq c^r \int_F \|x\|^r d\nu(x)$$

holds.

Remark. If a Banach space E has the m.a.p., then from Theorem 3 it follows that the property that E belongs to \mathcal{A}_p depends in fact only on finite-dimensional subspaces of E .

Now, we give some examples of Banach spaces in \mathcal{A}_p . The following theorem is implied also by Corollary 1 and [10].

THEOREM 4. If $1 \leq q \leq 2$, then every \mathcal{L}_q -space in the sense of [6] belongs to \mathcal{A}_p , $0 < p \leq 2$.

Proof. Using Theorem 3 it suffices to consider measures $\mu, \nu \in R_p(l_q^m)$ with $\mu < \nu$. If $\varrho_1, \varrho_2, \dots$ denotes a sequence of independent q -stable random variables, i.e., their c.f. is $\exp(-|t|^q)$, then for $0 < r < \min(p, q)$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{l_q^m} \|x\|^r d\mu(x) &= \int_{l_q^m} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m |\langle x, e_i \rangle|^q \right)^{r/q} d\mu(x) \\ &= c_{rq}^{-r} \int_{l_q^m} E \left| \sum_{i=1}^m \langle x, e_i \rangle \varrho_i \right|^r d\mu(x) \\ &\leq c_{rq}^{-r} E \int_{l_q^m} \left| \langle x, \sum_{i=1}^m e_i \varrho_i \rangle \right|^r d\nu(x) = \int_{l_q^m} \|x\|^r d\nu(x), \end{aligned}$$

where e_1, \dots, e_m are the unit vectors of l_q^m .

Our next aim is to restrict the set of measures in the definition of the class \mathcal{A}_p . More precisely, we show that it suffices to investigate measures $\mu \in R_p(E)$ which can be written as

$$\mu = \text{dist} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \theta_i \right), \quad x_1, \dots, x_n \in E.$$

Note that even if E is finite dimensional, not every measure $\mu \in R_p(E)$, $0 < p < 2$, can be written in this way.

THEOREM 5. Suppose E has the m.a.p. Then E belongs to \mathcal{A}_p iff for some r with

$0 < r < p$ there exists a constant $c \geq 1$ such that for all $x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n \in E$ with

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\langle x_i, a \rangle|^p \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle y_i, a \rangle|^p, \quad a \in E',$$

the estimation

$$E \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \theta_i \right\|^r \leq c^r E \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \theta_i \right\|^r$$

is valid.

Proof. Of course, the condition of Theorem 5 is necessary even without any further assumption. To prove that it is sufficient we use Theorem 3. Let $F \subseteq E$ be finite dimensional and let T and S be operators in $A_p(F', L_p)$ such that $\|Tb\| \leq \|Sb\|$ for all $b \in F'$. We may assume S to be injective. Otherwise, we have to take a subspace of F . Given $\varepsilon > 0$ we put

$$\delta = \inf \{ (1 + \varepsilon) \|Sb\| - \|Tb\|; b \in F', \|b\| = 1 \}.$$

From the inequality $\|Tb\| \leq \|Sb\|$ and the compactness of the unit sphere of F' we get $\delta > 0$. Next, we approximate T and S by operators $T_m, S_m \in A_p(F', L_p)$ such that

$$\|T_m b\|^p = \sum_{i=1}^{n_m} |\langle x_i^m, b \rangle|^p, \quad \|S_m b\|^p = \sum_{i=1}^{n_m} |\langle y_i^m, b \rangle|^p, \quad b \in F',$$

$x_1^m, \dots, x_{n_m}^m, y_1^m, \dots, y_{n_m}^m \in F$. Since $\delta > 0$, we find a natural number m_0 with

$$\|T_m b\| \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \|S_m b\|, \quad b \in F',$$

whenever $m \geq m_0$. Thus, by assumption and the special form of T_m and S_m , we get

$$\lambda_r(T_m) \leq c(1 + \varepsilon) \lambda_r(S_m).$$

It remains to prove that

$$\lim \lambda_r(T_m) = \lambda_r(T) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim \lambda_r(S_m) = \lambda_r(S)$$

Let μ_m, μ be the sequence of measures in $R_p(F)$ generated by T_m and T , respectively. Then, since $\dim F < \infty$, μ_m converges weakly to μ . On the other hand, the function $x \rightarrow \|x\|^r$ from the Banach space F into the real numbers is uniformly integrable with respect to $\{\mu_m\}$. This follows, e.g., by the results of [1] ($0 < r < p!$). Consequently,

$$\lim \lambda_r(T_m) = \lim \left\{ \int_F \|x\|^r d\mu_m(x) \right\}^{1/r} = \left\{ \int_F \|x\|^r d\mu(x) \right\}^{1/r} = \lambda_r(T),$$

which completes the proof of the theorem.

4. Inclusion properties of \mathcal{A}_p . As the main result in this section we get the inclusion $\mathcal{A}_q \subseteq \mathcal{A}_p$ for $0 < q \leq p \leq 2$. For this purpose we construct a mapping from $\Lambda_p(E', L_p)$ into $\Lambda_q(E', L_q)$. The main ideas of this construction can be found in [10].

LEMMA 2. Assume $0 < q < p \leq 2$. Then there exists a probability measure α on $[0, \infty)$ such that

$$(1) \exp(-u^q) = \int_0^\infty \exp(-vu^p) d\alpha(v), \quad u \in [0, \infty),$$

$$(2) \alpha\{0\} = 0,$$

$$(3) \text{ for positive } s \text{ the integral } \int_0^\infty v^s d\alpha(v) \text{ is finite iff } s < q/p.$$

Proof. By Schönberg's theorem (cf. [2]), for $t = 2q/p$, $0 < t < 2$, there exists a measure α on $[0, \infty)$ such that

$$\exp(-w^t) = \int_0^\infty \exp(-vw^2) d\alpha(v), \quad w \in [0, \infty).$$

Replacing w by $u^{p/2}$ we obtain (1).

Putting $u = 0$ we get $1 = \alpha([0, \infty))$, i.e., α is a probability measure.

Property (2) can be shown by taking the limit as $u \rightarrow \infty$ on both sides of (1) and using the Lebesgue theorem.

Finally, the integral

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{1 - \exp(-u^t)}{u^{1+2s}} du$$

is finite iff $0 < s < t/2 = q/p$. But this integral is equal to

$$\int_0^\infty v^s d\alpha(v) \int_0^\infty \frac{1 - \exp(-w^2)}{w^{1+2s}} dw,$$

which proves (3).

THEOREM 6. Let T be an operator from E' into L_p . Then the following statements are equivalent:

$$(1) T \in \Lambda_p(E', L_p).$$

(2) For one (each) real number q with $0 < q < p$ the function $\exp(-\|Ta\|^q)$ is the c.f. of a Radon measure ν_q on E ($\nu_q \in R_q(E)$). Moreover, if $0 < r < q < p$, then there exists a constant $c(r, q, p)$ (independent of E and T) such that

$$\lambda_r(T) = c(r, q, p) \left\{ \int_E \|x\|^r d\nu_q(x) \right\}^{1/r}.$$

Proof. It is shown in [4] that (2) implies (1) if (2) is satisfied for one $q < p$.

Now we choose $T \in \mathcal{A}_p(E', L_p)$ and our aim is to show that $\exp(-\|Ta\|^q)$ defines the c.f. of a Radon measure on E . We put

$$v_q(B) := \int_0^\infty \mu(v^{-1/p} B) d\alpha(v),$$

where $B \subseteq E$ is a Borel subset, $\mu \in \mathcal{R}_p(E)$ is defined by T , and α denotes the probability measure on $[0, \infty)$ constructed in Lemma 2. Clearly, v_q is a Radon measure on E (it is σ -additive and concentrated on the separable support of μ). Next we calculate the c.f. of v_q :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{v}_q(a) &= \int_E \exp(i \langle x, a \rangle) dv_q(x) = \int_E \int_0^\infty \exp(i \langle v^{1/p} x, a \rangle) d\alpha(v) d\mu(x) \\ &= \int_0^\infty \hat{\mu}(v^{1/p} a) d\alpha(v) = \int_0^\infty \exp(-v \|Ta\|^p) d\alpha(v) = \exp(-\|Ta\|^q). \end{aligned}$$

This proves (2).

Now, if $0 < r < q$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \int_E \|x\|^r dv_q(x) \right\}^{1/r} &= \left\{ \int_E \int_0^\infty v^{r/p} d\alpha(v) \|x\|^r d\mu(x) \right\}^{1/r} \\ &= \lambda_r(T) \left\{ \int_0^\infty v^{r/p} d\alpha(v) \right\}^{1/r}. \end{aligned}$$

The last integral is finite because $s = r/p < q/p$. Putting

$$c(r, q, p) = \left\{ \int_0^\infty v^{r/p} d\alpha(v) \right\}^{-1/r},$$

we obtain the result.

The next corollary was shown in [12]. It is an immediate consequence of Theorem 6 in the case $p = 2$.

COROLLARY 2. *Let R be an operator from E' into E which is positive ($\langle Ra, a \rangle \geq 0, a \in E'$) and symmetric ($\langle Ra, b \rangle = \langle Rb, a \rangle, a, b \in E'$). Then R is a Gaussian covariance, i.e., $\exp(-\langle Ra, a \rangle)$ is the c.f. of a Radon measure, iff for some (each) q with $0 < q < 2$ the function $\exp(-\langle Ra, a \rangle^{q/2})$ is the c.f. of a Radon measure on E .*

COROLLARY 3. *If $0 < q \leq p \leq 2$, then $\mathcal{A}_q \subseteq \mathcal{A}_p$.*

Proof. Fix $E \in \mathcal{A}_q$ and $S, T \in \mathcal{A}_p(E', L_p)$ with $\|Ta\| \leq \|Sa\|$. Since this implies $\|Ta\|^q \leq \|Sa\|^q$, we infer from Theorem 6 that there exist $T_1, S_1 \in \mathcal{A}_q(E', L_q)$ with $\|T_1 a\| = \|Ta\|^q, \|S_1 a\| = \|Sa\|^q$, and for $r < q \leq p$

$$\lambda_r(T) = c(r, q, p) \lambda_r(T_1), \quad \lambda_r(S) = c(r, q, p) \lambda_r(S_1).$$

Hence $E \in \mathcal{A}_q$ and $\|Ta\| \leq \|Sa\|$ imply

$$\|T_1 a\| \leq \|S_1 a\| \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_r(T_1) \leq c \lambda_r(S_1).$$

Consequently, $E \in \mathcal{A}_p$.

Our next aim is to prove that the inclusion $\mathcal{A}_q \subseteq \mathcal{A}_p$ is strict whenever $p > 1$ and $0 < q < p$. Here we also use the example constructed in [10].

The following two lemmas are proved by exactly the same arguments as used in [10] and [15], respectively.

LEMMA 3. For $1 \leq s < p \leq 2$, $E \in \mathcal{A}_p$ implies $l_s(E) \in \mathcal{A}_p$, where $l_s(E)$ is defined as

$$l_s(E) = \{ (x_i) \subseteq E; \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|x_i\|^s < \infty \}.$$

LEMMA 4. Assume $1 \leq p < 2$ and let $E \in \mathcal{A}_p$. If, moreover, E is of stable type p , then E is isomorphic to some subspace of $L_p(v)$, where v is arbitrary.

Remark. The proof depends mainly on a result of Lindenstrauss and Pełczyński [6].

THEOREM 7. Let t and s be real numbers such that $1 < t < s \leq 2$. Then $l_s(l_t) \in \mathcal{A}_p \setminus \mathcal{A}_q$ provided that $0 < q < t < s < p \leq 2$.

Proof. It is well known that $l_s(l_t)$ is of stable type r whenever $r < t$. Now, if $1 \leq r < t$ and $q < r$, then $l_s(l_t)$ can belong neither to \mathcal{A}_r , nor to \mathcal{A}_q , since $l_s(l_t)$ is not isomorphic to a subspace of $L_r(v)$ (cf. [10] and Lemma 4). On the other hand, we have $l_s(l_t) \in \mathcal{A}_p$ because of Lemma 3 and $l_t \in \mathcal{A}_p$.

Finally, we want to prove that the property " $E \in \mathcal{A}_p$ " is rather strong if $0 < p < 2$. More precisely, we show that in this case E has to be of cotype 2. Particularly, this implies $L_q \notin \mathcal{A}_p$, $2 < q \leq \infty$ and $0 < p < 2$.

THEOREM 8. If $0 < p < 2$ and $E \in \mathcal{A}_p$, then E is of cotype 2.

Proof. Given p with $0 < p < 2$ we put $q := 2/(2-p)$. Let $x_1, \dots, x_n \in E$ be arbitrary and let β_1, \dots, β_n be real numbers such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\beta_i|^q \leq 1.$$

Then we define $\mu, \nu \in R_p(E)$ by

$$\hat{\mu}(a) = \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^n |\beta_i| |\langle x_i, a \rangle|^p\right), \quad \hat{\nu}(a) = \exp\left(-\left(\sum_{i=1}^n |\langle x_i, a \rangle|^2\right)^{p/2}\right).$$

Using Hölder's inequality we get $\mu < \nu$, which implies

$$\{E \|\sum_{i=1}^n |\beta_i|^{1/p} x_i \theta_i\|^r\}^{1/r} \leq c \left\{ \int_E \|x\|^r d\nu(x) \right\}^{1/r}.$$

But the right-hand side equals

$$cc(r, p, 2)^{-1} \{E \|\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \gamma_i\|^r\}^{1/r}$$

(see Theorem 6) and the left-hand side can be estimated by

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n |\beta_i| \|x_i\|^p\right)^{1/p} \leq c' \{E \|\sum_{i=1}^n |\beta_i|^{1/p} x_i \theta_i\|^r\}^{1/r}.$$

Here $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n$ denotes an independent sequence of standard Gaussian r.v.'s. Now, taking the supremum over all β_1, \dots, β_n ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\beta_i|^q \leq 1,$$

we get

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^2\right)^{1/2} \leq c'' (\mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \gamma_i \right\|^r)^{1/r} \leq c'' (\mathbb{E} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \gamma_i \right\|^2)^{1/2}.$$

Thus, E is of cotype 2.

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