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# INTERPOLATION THEOREMS FOR REARRANGEMENT INVARIANT $p$ -SPACES OF FUNCTIONS, $0 < p < 1$ , AND SOME APPLICATIONS

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In this paper we extend two interpolation theorems in the setting of rearrangement invariant  $p$ -spaces, for  $0 < p < 1$ .

Some applications of these theorems are given, particularly we extend Theorem 2.c.6 - [4] proving that the Haar system is an unconditional basis in a rearrangement invariant  $p$ -space  $X$  iff the Boyd indices  $p_X$  and  $q_X$  verify the relations  $1 < p_X$  and  $q_X < \infty$ . Some non locally convex Lorentz function spaces are examples of such rearrangement invariant  $p$ -spaces, while in [3] N.J.Kalton proved that only the locally convex Orlicz spaces have a Schauder basis.

In the sequel we assume all the vector spaces to be real.  $p$  is a positive real number less than 1.

Let  $X$  a topological complete vector space such that its topology is generated by a positive function  $\| \cdot \|_X$ , called  $p$ -norm, which fulfills the following properties: 1)  $\|x\|_X = 0$  iff  $x = 0$ ; 2)  $\|\alpha x\|_X = |\alpha| \cdot \|x\|_X$  for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \in X$ ; 3)  $\|x+y\|_X^p \leq \|x\|_X^p + \|y\|_X^p$  for  $x, y \in X$ . (We recall that  $\| \cdot \|_X$  generates the topology of  $X$  if  $U_n = \{x \in X; \|x\|_X \leq \frac{1}{n}\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ; constitute a neighbourhood basis of origin for this topology).

We say that  $X$  is a  $p$ -Banach space. If  $p = 1$  we find the classical definition of a Banach space.

A  $p$ -Banach space  $(X, \| \cdot \|)$  which is moreover a vector lattice, is called a  $p$ -Banach lattice if

$$|x| \leq |y| \text{ implies that } \|x\| \leq \|y\| \text{ for } x, y \in X.$$

We shall give the definition of a rearrangement invariant  $p$ -space of functions only in the case when the functions are defined on  $I = [0, 1]$ . For more details about the rearrangement invariant  $p$ -spaces see [5].

A  $p$ -Banach space  $X$  of functions on  $I$  is called a  $p$ -Köthe space of functions on  $I$  if the following conditions are fulfilled.

a)  $X$  is a  $p$ -Banach lattice of  $\mu$ -measurable functions on  $I$  with respect of pointwise order ( $\mu$  is the Lebesgue measure). Moreover the functions of  $X$  are  $p$ -locally integrable.

b) If  $f \in X$  and  $g \in L_0(I)$  (the space of all Lebesgue measurable functions on  $I$ ) such that  $|g| \leq |f|$   $\mu$ -a.e., then it follows that  $g \in X$  and  $\|g\|_X \leq \|f\|_X$ .

c) The characteristic function  $\chi_A \in X$  for each  $A \subset I$  such that  $\mu(A) < \infty$ .

d) The  $p$ -norm  $\|f\|_X$  of  $X$  is  $p$ -convex, i.e. the  $\mu$ -measurable function  $(\sum_{i=1}^n |f_i|^p)^{1/p}$  belongs to  $X$  for  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in X$  and moreover

$$\left\| \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |f_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \right\|_X \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|f_i\|_X^p \right)^{1/p}$$

e) (Riesz-Fischer condition). If  $f_1, \dots, f_n, \dots$  are elements of  $X$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|f_i\|_X^p < \infty$ , then the  $\mu$ -measurable function

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |f_i(t)|^p \right)^{1/p} \text{ belongs to } X.$$

The condition d) is very important and it is used to define a substitute of a "dual" for the rearrangement invariant  $p$ -space.

More precisely, let  $X$  be a  $p$ -Köthe space of functions on  $I$ . We denote by  $X_{(p)}$  the set  $\{x : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; \text{ such that the function } t \rightarrow x(t)^{1/p} = |x(t)|^{1/p} \text{ sign } x(t) \text{ belongs to } X\}$ .

Endowed with the usual operations, with the pointwise order and the norm  $\|x\|_{(p)} = \left\| |x|^{1/p} \right\|_X^p$ ,  $X_{(p)}$  becomes a Köthe space of functions on  $I$ , i.e. a  $1$ -Köthe space of functions on  $I$ .

For instance if  $X = L_p(0,1)$  then it follows that  $X_{(p)} = L_1(0,1)$ . We can give also the dual construction.

Let  $X$  be a Köthe space of functions on  $I$ . We denote by  $X^{(p)}$  the set  $\{x : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; \text{ such that the function } x^p \text{ belongs to } X\}$ .

We consider for  $x \in X^{(p)}$  the  $p$ -norm

$$\|x\|^{(p)} = \left\| |x|^p \right\|_X^{1/p}$$

Then  $X^{(p)}$  becomes a  $p$ -Köthe space of functions on  $I$  with respect to usual operations and pointwise order.

For instance if  $X = L_1(0,1)$  then it follows that  $X^{(p)} = L_p(0,1)$ .  
 If  $X$  is a  $p$ -Köthe space of functions on  $I$  then it is obvious that

$$X = [X_{(p)}]^{(p)}.$$

We can consider also the Köthe dual of  $X_{(p)}$ ,  $[X_{(p)}]' = \{g: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; \int_0^1 |f(t)g(t)| dt < \infty \text{ for all } f \in X_{(p)}\}$ . We introduce on  $[X_{(p)}]'$  the norm

$$\|g\| = \sup_{\|f\|_{(p)} \leq 1} \int_0^1 |f(t)g(t)| dt$$

and  $[X_{(p)}]'$  becomes a Köthe space of functions on  $I$ .

Then  $X$  is a vector sublattice of  $X'' : = \{[X_{(p)}]''\}^{(p)}$  but in general it is not a  $p$ -Banach subspace of it.

A  $p$ -Köthe space  $X$  of functions on  $I$  is called a rearrangement invariant  $p$ -space of functions (briefly r.i. $p$ -space) in the following conditions hold.

- 1) For every  $f \in X$  and every measure preserving automorphism  $\theta: I \rightarrow I$  the function  $f \circ \theta$  belongs to  $X$  and moreover  $\|f \circ \theta\|_X = \|f\|_X$ .
- 2)  $X$  is a  $p$ -Banach subspace of  $X''$  and  $X$  is either maximal i.e.  $X = X''$ , or minimal i.e. the subspace of all simple  $p$ -integrable functions is dense in  $X$ .
- 3) We have the canonical inclusions

$$L_\infty(0,1) \subset X \subset L_p(0,1)$$

such that the norms of these maps are less than 1. (We denote by  $\|T\|$  the expression  $\sup\{\|Tx\|; \|x\|_X \leq 1\}$ , where  $T: X \rightarrow Y$  is a linear and bounded operator acting between the  $p$ -Banach spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ ).

Interesting examples of r.i. $p$ -spaces are  $p$ -Orlicz and  $p$ -Lorentz spaces.

Let  $M: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  be a continuous, increasing and  $p$ -convex function. (We mention that a function  $M: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is called  $p$ -convex if

$$M[(\alpha x^p + \beta y^p)^{1/p}] \leq \alpha M(x) + \beta M(y) \text{ for } x, y \in \mathbb{R}_+ \text{ and } \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}_+ \text{ such that } \alpha + \beta = 1). \text{ If } M(0) = 0, M(1) = 1 \text{ and if } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(t) = \infty \text{ we say that } M \text{ is a } p\text{-Orlicz function.}$$

Instead of an 1-Orlicz function we say simpler an Orlicz function.

The  $p$ -Orlicz space  $L_M(0,1)$  is the space of all Lebesgue measurable functions  $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\int_0^1 M\left(\frac{|f(t)|}{p}\right) dt < \infty$$

for some  $p > 0$ .

The  $p$ -norm on  $L_M(0,1)$  is defined by

$$\|f\|_M = \inf\left\{p > 0; \int_0^1 M\left(\frac{|f(t)|}{p}\right) dt \leq 1\right\}.$$

It is not so difficult to prove that  $L_M(0,1)$  is a r.i.- $p$ -space maximal.

We mention also that, for  $X = L_M(0,1)$ , it follows that  $X_{(p)} = L_{M(p)}(0,1)$ , where  $M_{(p)}(t) = M(t^{1/p})$ .

Of some interest is also the subspace  $H_M(0,1) \subset L_M(0,1)$  of all Lebesgue measurable functions  $f$  defined on  $[0,1]$  such that, for all  $p > 0$ , we have  $\int_0^1 M\left(\frac{|f(t)|}{p}\right) dt < \infty$ .  $H_M(0,1)$  is a r.i.- $p$ -space minimal.

If  $M(t) = \frac{e^{t^{2p}} - 1}{e - 1}$  then  $H_M(0,1) \neq L_M(0,1)$ .

Another interesting class of r.i.- $p$ -spaces is the class of  $p$ -Lorentz spaces.

Let  $0 < q < \infty$  and let  $W$  be a continuous non-increasing positive function defined on  $(0, \infty)$  such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} W(t) = 0$ ,

$$\int_0^1 W(t) dt = 1 \text{ and } \int_0^\infty W(t) dt = \infty.$$

Let  $0 < p \leq q < \infty$ . Then the  $p$ -Lorentz space of functions  $L_{W,q}(0,1)$  is the space of all Lebesgue measurable functions  $f$  on  $I$  such that

$$\|f\|_{W,q} = \left( \int_0^1 [f^*(t)]^q W(t) dt \right)^{1/q} < \infty$$

(Here is  $f^*(t) = \inf_{\mu(E)=t} \sup_{s \in E} |f(s)|$ ).

Then  $L_{W,q}(0,1)$  is a r.i.- $p$ -space maximal, where  $0 < p \leq 1$ . We mention that, for  $X = L_{W,q}(0,1)$ , we have  $X_{(p)} = L_{W,q/p}(0,1)$ .

The r.i.- $p$ -spaces are used in interpolation theory. More precisely they constitute the natural framework for theorems of Calderon-Mi-teaghin and of Boyd.

In the sequel we present the extension of these theorems for r.i.p-spaces.

First of all we introduce an order relation on  $L_p(0,1)$ .

Let  $f, g \in L_p(0,1)$ ,  $0 < p \leq 1$ . We write  $f \prec_p g$  if for all  $s \in [0,1]$  we have

$$\int_0^s [f^*(t)]^p dt \leq \int_0^s [g^*(t)]^p dt$$

It is obvious that  $f \prec_p g$  is equivalent to each of the following relations:  $|f| \prec_p |g|$ ;  $f^* \prec_p g^*$ ;  $\lambda f \prec_p \lambda g$  for all real numbers  $\lambda \neq 0$ .

It is clear that  $f \prec_p g$  and  $g \prec_p h$  imply that  $f \prec_p h$ . Moreover  $f \prec_p g$  and  $g \prec_p f$  hold simultaneously if and only if  $f^* = g^*$ .

Another useful relation is the following

$$(f_1 \oplus f_2)^* \prec_p f_1^* \oplus f_2^*.$$

Here is  $f_1 \oplus f_2 = (f_1^p + f_2^p)^{1/p}$ .

It is true also a relation similarly to Riesz decomposition property, namely: Assume that  $g \prec_p f_1 \oplus f_2$  for positive functions  $g, f_1, f_2$ . Then there exist the positive functions  $g_1, g_2$  such that  $g = g_1 \oplus g_2$  and  $g_i \prec_p f_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

Indeed  $g^p \prec_1 f_1^p + f_2^p$  and, by Proposition 2.a.7-[4], there exist  $g'_1, g'_2 \geq 0$  in  $L_1(0,1)$  such that  $g'_1 + g'_2 = g^p$  and  $g'_i \prec_p f_i^p$ ,  $i=1,2$ . We conclude denoting  $(g'_i)^{1/p}$  by  $g_i$ ,  $i=1,2$ .

The next proposition shows us that a r.i.p-space  $X$  is an "ideal" for the order relation  $\prec_p$ . Namely

Proposition 1. Let  $X$  be a r.i.p-space on  $[0,1]$ . Assume that  $g \prec_p f$  and  $f \in X$ . Then  $g \in X$  and  $\|g\| \leq \|f\|$ .

Proof. The case  $p = 1$  constitute Proposition 2.a.8-[4].

Let  $0 < p < 1$ . Then  $g^p \prec_1 f^p$  and, by the same Proposition it follows that  $g^p \in X_{(p)}$  and  $\|g\|_X^p = \|g^p\|_{(p)} \leq \|f^p\|_{(p)} = \|f\|_X^p$ . ■

An operator  $T$  from a  $p$ -Banach space  $X$  taking values into a  $p$ -Banach lattice  $Y$  is said to be quasilinear if :

- 1)  $|T(\alpha x)| = |\alpha| |Tx|$  for all scalars  $\alpha$  and  $x \in X$ .
- 2) There exists a constant  $C < \infty$  such that

$$|T(x_1 + x_2)| \leq C(|Tx_1| + |Tx_2|), \quad x_1, x_2 \in X.$$

A quasilinear operator  $T$  is bounded if  $\|T\| < \infty$ .

Now we can state an extension of Calderon-Miteaghin's Theorem.  
(See Theorem 2.a.10-[4]).

Theorem 2. Let  $X$  be a r.i.p-space of functions on  $[0,1]$ .

Let  $T$  be a quasilinear operator define on  $L_p(0,1)$ , which is simultaneously bounded on  $L_\infty(0,1)$  and  $L_p(0,1)$ .

Then  $T$  applies  $X$  into  $X$  and moreover

$$\|T\|_X \leq 2^{1/p-1} C \max (\|T\|_p, \|T\|_\infty),$$

where  $C$  is the constant aforementioned.

Proof. Let  $f \in X$  and  $0 < s < 1$ .

$$\text{Put } g_s(t) = \begin{cases} f(t) - f^*(s) & \text{if } f(t) > f^*(s) \\ f(t) + f^*(s) & \text{if } f(t) < -f^*(s) \\ 0 & \text{if } |f(t)| \leq f^*(s) \end{cases}$$

and  $h_s(t) = f(t) - g_s(t)$ .

It is clear that  $\|h_s\|_\infty = f^*(s)$  and, denoting by  $A = \{t \in [0,1]; f(t) > f^*(s)\}$ ,  $B = \{t \in [0,1]; f(t) < -f^*(s)\}$ , we have  $\mu(A \cup B) = \mu\{t \in [0,1]; |f(t)| > f^*(s)\} := d_f(f^*(s)) \leq s$ .

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_s\|_p^p + s [f^*(s)]^p &= \int_0^1 [g_s(t)]^p dt + s [f^*(s)]^p = \\ &= \int_A [f(t) - f^*(s)]^p dt + \int_B [f(t) + f^*(s)]^p dt + \\ (*) \quad &+ [s - \mu(A \cup B)] \cdot [f^*(s)]^p \leq 2^{1-p} \left\{ \int_{A \cup B} |f(t)|^p dt + (s - \mu(A \cup B)) [f^*(s)]^p \right\} \leq \\ &\leq (\text{since } \int_0^s [f^*(t)]^p dt = \sup_{\mu(\sigma)=s} \int_\sigma |f(t)|^p dt) \leq \\ &\leq 2^{1-p} \left[ \int_0^{\mu(A \cup B)} [f^*(t)]^p dt + \int_{\mu(A \cup B)}^s [f^*(s)]^p dt \right] \leq 2^{1-p} \int_0^s [f^*(t)]^p dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|Tf| \leq C (|Tg_s| + |Th_s|)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^s [(Tf)^*(t)]^p dt &= \int_0^s \{ [T(f)(t)]^p \}^* dt \leq (\text{since } f \leq g \text{ implies } f^* \leq g^*) \leq \\ &\leq C^p \int_0^s [(|Tg_s| + |Th_s|)^p]^* dt \leq C^p \int_0^s (|Tg_s|^p + |Th_s|^p)^* dt \leq \\ &\leq (\text{since } (f_1 \oplus f_2)^* \leq \frac{1}{p} f_1^* \oplus \frac{1}{p} f_2^*) \leq C^p \left[ \int_0^s (|Tg_s|^p)^* dt + \int_0^s (|Th_s|^p)^* dt \right] \leq \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq C^p \max(\|T\|_p^p, \|T\|_\infty^p) (\|g_s\|_p^p + s \int_0^s [f^*(t)]^p dt) \leq$$

$$\leq (\text{by } (*)) \leq 2^{1-p} C^p \max(\|T\|_p^p, \|T\|_\infty^p) \int_0^s [f^*(t)]^p dt.$$

Consequently  $Tf \leq 2^{1/p-1} C \max(\|T\|_p, \|T\|_\infty) \cdot f$ .

Hence, by Proposition 1, it follows that  $Tf \in X$  and  $\|Tf\| \leq 2^{1/p-1} C \max(\|T\|_p, \|T\|_\infty) \cdot \|f\|_X$ . ■

The natural projection  $P_A(f) = f\chi_A$ , where  $A \subset [0,1]$  is a Lebesgue measurable subset and  $f \in L_\infty(0,1)$ , is the most common example of a simultaneously continuous operator on  $L_p(0,1)$  and  $L_\infty(0,1)$ .

Another, more intricate example is given by  $Tf(x) =$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n^{-3/p}) f(x^{1/n}), \text{ where } f \in L_p(0,1) \text{ and } x \in [0,1].$$

Indeed Theorem 3.2-[2] shows us that, for every sequence  $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of Borel functions on  $[0,1]$  and for every sequence  $(\sigma_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of measurable functions on  $[0,1]$  such that

$$(**) \quad \sup_{\mu(B)>0} \frac{1}{\mu(B)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\sigma_n^{-1}(B)} |a_n(x)|^p d\mu(x) = M < \infty,$$

the expression  $Tf(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(x) f(\sigma_n(x))$ , where  $f \in L_p(0,1)$  and

$x \in [0,1]$ , defines a bounded operator  $T : L_p(0,1) \rightarrow L_p(0,1)$  such that  $\|T\| = M^{1/p}$ .

If  $T$  has the aforementioned expression it is easy to prove the condition (\*\*) for every Borel set  $B$ , consequently  $T$  is a continuous operator on  $L_p(0,1)$ .

Since  $\|Tf\|_\infty \leq (\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-3/p}) \|f\|_\infty$  for  $f \in L_\infty(0,1)$ , it follows

that  $T$  is a bounded operator on  $L_\infty(0,1)$  too. Hence  $T$  applies  $X$  into  $X$  and it is bounded on it. (Here  $X$  is a r.i.p-space).

As an application of Theorem 2 we give the following example of a complemented subspace of a r.i.p-space of functions on  $[0,1]$ .

Corollary 3. Let  $X$  be a r.i.p-space,  $0 < p < 1$ , and let  $\sum_0$  be a  $\sigma$ -subalgebra of the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  of all Borel subsets of  $[0,1]$  containing the sets of Lebesgue measure equal to zero. If there exist  $A \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$(1) \quad \mu(A \cap B) \geq \varepsilon \mu(B) \text{ for } B \in \sum_0$$

and such that

(2) for all Borel substes  $C \subset A$ , there exists  $B \in \sum_0$  with  $B \cap A = C$ , then  $X(\sum_0) = \{f \in X; f \text{ being a } \sum_0\text{-measurable function}\}$  is a complemented subspace of  $X$ .

Proof. Let  $P_A$  be the natural projection of  $L_p(0,1)$  onto  $L_p(A)$ . By (1) it follows that the restriction of  $P_A$  on  $L_p(\sum_0) = L_p((0,1), \sum_0, \mu)$  has a continuous inverse and (2) shows that  $P_A$  maps  $L_p(\sum_0)$  onto  $L_p(A)$ . Hence  $P_A|_{L_p(\sum_0)} : L_p(\sum_0) \rightarrow L_p(A)$  is a linear homeomorphism. Consequently  $T = Q P_A$ , where  $Q = [P_A|_{L_p(\sum_0)}]^{-1}$ , is a continuous projection from  $L_p(0,1)$  onto  $L_p(\sum_0)$ . Using (1) it follows that  $\|P_A f\|_\infty = \|f\|_\infty$  for all  $f \in L_\infty(\sum_0) = L_\infty((0,1), \sum_0, \mu)$  and by (2) we get that  $P_A(L_\infty(\sum_0)) = L_\infty(A)$ . Thus  $T = Q P_A$  is a continuous projection from  $L_\infty(0,1)$  onto  $L_\infty(\sum_0)$ . Applying Theorem 2 we get that  $T$  is a continuous projection from  $X$  into  $X$ . If  $f \in X \subset L_p(0,1)$ , then  $Tf \in L_p(\sum_0) \cap X \subset X(\sum_0)$ . Conversely, if  $g \in X(\sum_0) \subset L_p(\sum_0)$ , then  $g = Tg$  and we are done. ■

An example of a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\sum_0$  verifying the conditions (1) and (2) is the following.

$\sum_0 = \{B \cup C \cup D; B \subset [0, 1/2]$  a Borel set,  $C = \mathfrak{Z}(B)$ , where  $\mathfrak{Z}(x) = x + 1/2$  for  $x \in [0, 1/2]$ , and  $\mu(D) = 0\}$ .

Theorem 2 allows us to conclude that the linear operators simultaneously continuous on  $L_\infty(0,1)$  and  $L_p(0,1)$  act continuously on every r.i.p-space  $X$ . Since there exist interesting operators which are bounded only on some  $L_q(0,1)$  with  $p < q < \infty$ , we shall study further the r.i.p-spaces  $X$  which are "between"  $L_{p_1}(0,1)$  and  $L_{p_2}(0,1)$ , in the sense that every operator defined and bounded on these two spaces is defined and bounded also on  $X$ .

In this purpose we recall the definition of Boyd indices.

For  $0 < s < \infty$  we define the operator  $D_s$  as follows.

For every measurable function  $f$  on  $[0,1]$ , put

$$(D_s f)(t) = \begin{cases} f(t/s) & t \leq \min(1, s) \\ 0 & s < t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Obviously  $\|D_s\|_\infty \leq 1$  and

$$\|D_s\|_p^p = \sup_{\|f\|_p \leq 1} \|D_s f\|_p^p = \begin{cases} \sup_{\|f\|_p \leq 1} \int_0^s |f(t/s)|^p dt = s & \text{for } s \leq 1 \\ \sup_{\|f\|_p \leq 1} \int_0^s |f(t/s)|^p dt \leq s & \text{for } s \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Consequently  $\|D_s\|_p = s^{1/p}$  and, by Theorem 2, it follows that  $D_s$  acts continuously on  $X$  and  $\|D_s\|_X \leq 2^{1/p-1} \max(1, s^{1/p})$ .

Moreover  $(D_s f)^* \leq D_s f^*$  for every  $f$  and  $0 < s < \infty$ . Consequently we can compute  $\|D_s\|_X$  using only nonincreasing functions  $f$ . Since, for such a function  $f$ , we get  $D_r f \leq D_s f$ , where  $0 < r < s < \infty$ , it is clear that  $\|D_s\|_X$  is a nonincreasing function of  $s$ . Moreover  $\|D_{rs}\|_X \leq \|D_r\|_X \cdot \|D_s\|_X$  for all  $0 < r, s < \infty$ .

Now we can define the so-called Boyd indices  $p_X, q_X$ .

$$p_X = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log s}{\log \|D_s\|_X} = \sup_{s > 1} \frac{\log s}{\log \|D_s\|_X},$$

$$q_X = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\log s}{\log \|D_s\|_X} = \sup_{0 < s < 1} \frac{\log s}{\log \|D_s\|_X}.$$

If  $\|D_s\|_X = 1$  for some  $s > 1$  we put  $p_X = \infty$ . Similarly, if  $\|D_s\|_X = 1$  for all  $s < 1$ , we put  $q_X = \infty$ . Obviously  $p_X = q_X = p$  for  $X = L_p(0,1)$  where  $0 < p \leq \infty$ .

Proposition 4. Let  $X$  be a r.i.p-space. Then

- 1)  $p \leq p_X \leq q_X \leq \infty$ .
- 2)  $p_{X(p)} = p_{X/p}$  and  $q_{X(p)} = q_{X/p}$ .

Proof. 1) Since  $\|D_s\|_X \leq 2^{1/p-1} s^{1/p}$  for  $s \geq 1$ , we get

$$p_X = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log s}{\log \|D_s\|_X} \geq \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log s}{\log 2^{1/p-1} s^{1/p}} = p.$$

But  $\|D_s\|_X \cdot \|D_{s^{-1}}\|_X \geq \|D_{ss^{-1}}\|_X = 1$ , consequently

$$p_X = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log s}{\log \|D_s\|_X} \leq \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log s^{-1}}{\log \|D_{s^{-1}}\|_X} = q_X.$$

- 2) Obviously  $\|D_s\|_{X(p)} = \|D_s\|_X^p$ . ■

Proposition 5. Let  $X$  be a r.i.p-space of functions on  $[0,1]$ . For every  $p \leq p_1 < p_X$  and  $q_X < q_1 \leq \infty$  we have  $L_{q_1}(0,1) \subset X \subset L_{p_1}(0,1)$ , the inclusion maps being continuous.

Proof. Proposition 2.b.3-[4] settles the case  $p = 1$ .

For  $0 < p < 1$ , by Proposition 4, we get  $1 \leq p_{1/p} < p_{X/p} = p_{X(p)}$  and  $q_{X(p)} = q_{X/p} < q_{1/p} \leq \infty$ . Applying again Proposition 2.b.3-[4] it follows that the inclusion maps  $L_{q_{1/p}} \rightarrow X_{(p)}$  and  $X_{(p)} \rightarrow L_{p_{1/p}}$  are continuous. Hence the inclusion maps  $L_{q_1} \rightarrow X$  and  $X \rightarrow L_{p_1}$  are also continuous. ■

We recall the Theorem 2.b.6-[4] which will be useful in the sequel.

Theorem 6. Let  $X$  be a r.i. space. Then  $p_X$  (resp.  $q_X$ ) is the minimum (resp. maximum) of all numbers  $p$  with the following property for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and every integer  $n$ ,  $X$  contains  $n$  disjoint functions  $(f_i)_{i=1}^n$  equally distributed such that

$$(1-\varepsilon) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f_i \right\|_X \leq (1+\varepsilon) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

for every choice of scalars  $(a_i)_{i=1}^n$ .

We give further another interpolation theorem which extends the Boyd interpolation theorem.

First of all we introduce the spaces  $L_{r,q}$ , where  $p \leq r, q \leq \infty$ . For  $p \leq r \leq \infty$  and  $p \leq q < \infty$  we denote by  $L_{r,q}(0,1)$  the space of all Lebesgue measurable functions on  $[0,1]$  such that

$$\|f\|_{r,q} = \left[ q/r \int_0^1 [t^{1/r} f^*(t)]^q \frac{dt}{t} \right]^{1/q} < \infty.$$

For  $p \leq r \leq \infty$  we denote by  $L_{r,\infty}(0,1)$  the space of all Lebesgue measurable function  $f$  such that

$$\|f\|_{r,\infty} = \sup_{t>0} t^{1/r} f^*(t) < \infty.$$

(For more details about the spaces  $L_{p,q}$  see [1]).

Obviously  $L_{q,q}(0,1) = L_q(0,1)$  and  $\|f\|_{q,q} = \|f\|_q$ . Moreover we have  $\|f\|_{r,q_2} \leq \|f\|_{r,q_1}$  for  $0 < q_1 \leq q_2 \leq \infty$  [1], thus

$$L_{r,q_1}(0,1) \subset L_{r,q_2}(0,1).$$

By Holder's inequality we get:

$$L_{r_3,\infty}(0,1) \subset L_{r_2,q_1}(0,1) \subset L_{r_1,q_2}(0,1)$$

where  $0 < r_1 < r_2 < r_3 \leq \infty$  and  $q_1, q_2 > 0$ .

The spaces  $L_{r,q}(0,1)$  are topologically complete metrizable vector spaces. (See [1]).

If  $p \leq q < r$ , then the space  $L_{r,q}(0,1)$  coincides with the  $p$ -Lorentz space  $L_{W,q}(0,1)$ , where  $W(t) = \frac{q}{r} \cdot t^{q/r-1}$ ,  $0 < t < \infty$ .

It is interesting to mention that  $L_{p,\infty}(0,1)$  cannot be  $p$ -renormed such that the  $p$ -norm be  $p$ -convex.

Let now  $p \leq r_1 \leq \infty$  and let  $T$  be a linear map defined on a subset of  $L_{r_1}(0,1)$  with values in  $L_0(0,1)$ .

1) The map  $T$  is said to be of strong type  $(r_1, r_2)$  for a suitable  $r_2 \in [p, \infty]$ , if there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that

$$\|Tf\|_{r_2} \leq M \|f\|_{r_1} \text{ for every } f \text{ from the domain of definition of } T.$$

2)  $T$  is said to be of weak type  $(r_1, r_2)$  for some  $r_2 \in [p, \infty]$  if there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that

$$\|Tf\|_{r_2, \infty} \leq M \|f\|_{r_1, p}$$

for every  $f$  from the domain of definition of  $T$ . We make the convention that, for  $r_1 = \infty$ , instead of  $\|f\|_{\infty, p}$  we put  $\|f\|_{\infty, \infty} = \|f\|_{\infty}$ .

It is clear that an operator of strong type  $(r_1, r_2)$  is also of weak type  $(r_1, r_2)$ . Finally we remark that  $T$  is of weak type  $(r_1, r_2)$  if and only if there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{t>0} t \cdot (\mu\{s \in [0,1] ; |Tf(s)| \geq t\})^{1/r_2} \leq M (p/r_1)^{1/p} \int_0^1 t^{p/r_1-1} [f^*(t)]^p dt)^{1/p}.$$

We prove now the extension of Theorem 2.b.11-[4].

Theorem 7. Let  $0 < p \leq 1$  and  $p \leq p_1 < q_1 < \infty$  and let  $T$  be a linear operator acting from  $L_{p_1,p}(0,1)$  into  $L_0(0,1)$ .

Assume that  $T$  is of weak types  $(p_1, p_2)$  and  $(q_2, q_1)$ . Then for every  $r, i, p$ -space  $X$  of functions on  $[0,1]$  such that  $p_1 < p_X$  and  $q_X < q_1$ ,  $T$  maps into itself and it is bounded on  $X$ .

The following lemma is an extension of Lemma 2.b.12-[4].

Lemma 8. With the same assumptions on  $T$  as in Theorem 7 there is a constant  $M < \infty$  such that

$$[(Tf)^*(2t)]^p \leq M \left[ \int_0^1 [f^*(tu)]^p u^{p/p_1-1} du + \int_1^\infty [f^*(tu)]^p u^{p/q_1-1} du \right]$$

for every  $0 < t \leq 1/2$  and  $f \in L_{p_1,p}(0,1)$ .

Proof. Suppose that  $T$  is of weak types  $(p_1, p_1)$  and  $(q_1, q_1)$  with the constants  $M_{p_1}$  and  $M_{q_1}$ . Let  $f \in L_{p_1,p}(0,1)$  and for  $u, t \in [0,1]$  set

$$g_t(u) = \begin{cases} f(u) - f^*(t) & \text{if } f(u) > f^*(t) \\ f(u) + f^*(t) & \text{if } f(u) < -f^*(t) \\ 0 & \text{if } |f(u)| \leq f^*(t) \end{cases}$$

and  $h_t(u) = f(u) - g_t(u)$ .

It is clear that  $g_t, h_t \in L_{p_1, p}(0, 1)$  and we apply the fact that  $T$  is of weak type  $(p_1, p_1)$  to  $g_t$  and of weak type  $(q_1, q_1)$  to  $h_t$ . Note that  $g_t^*(u) = 0$  for  $u \in [t, \infty)$  and  $g_t^*(u) \leq f^*(u)$  for  $0 < u < t$ . Hence, for  $t \in I$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} t^{p/p_1} [(Tg_t)^*(t)]^p &\leq M_{p_1}^p (p/p_1) \int_0^\infty [g_t^*(s)]^p s^{p/p_1-1} ds \leq \\ &\leq M_{p_1}^p (p/p_1) \int_0^t [f^*(s)]^p s^{p/p_1-1} ds = M_{p_1}^p \left(\frac{p}{p_1}\right) t^{p/p_1} \int_0^1 [f^*(tu)]^p u^{p/p_1-1} du. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|h_t(u)| = \min(|f(u)|, f^*(t))$ , for  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} t^{p/q_1} [(Th_t)^*(t)]^p &\leq M_{q_1}^p \frac{p}{q_1} \int_0^\infty [h_t^*(s)]^p s^{p/q_1-1} ds \leq \\ &\leq M_{q_1}^p \cdot \frac{p}{q_1} \cdot \left( \int_0^t [f^*(t)]^p s^{p/q_1-1} ds + \int_t^\infty [h_t^*(s)]^p s^{p/q_1-1} ds \right) = \\ &= M_{q_1}^p \cdot \frac{p}{q_1} \cdot \left( \frac{q_1}{p} [f^*(t)]^p \cdot t^{p/q_1} + t^{p/q_1} \int_1^\infty [h_t^*(tu)]^p u^{p/q_1-1} du \right) \leq \\ &\leq M_{q_1}^p \cdot \frac{p}{q_1} \cdot t^{p/q_1} \left( \frac{q_1}{p} \int_0^1 [f^*(tu)]^p u^{p/p_1-1} du + \int_1^\infty [f^*(tu)]^p u^{p/q_1-1} du \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|Tf| \leq |Tg_t| + |Th_t|$  it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} [(Tf)^*(2t)]^p &\leq [(Tg_t)^*(t) + (Th_t)^*(t)]^p \leq [(Tg_t)^*(t)]^p + [(Th_t)^*(t)]^p \leq \\ &\leq (M_{p_1}^p \frac{p}{p_1} + M_{q_1}^p) \int_0^1 [f^*(tu)]^p u^{p/p_1-1} du + M_{q_1}^p \frac{p}{q_1} \int_1^\infty [f^*(tu)]^p u^{p/q_1-1} du. \end{aligned}$$

This proves our lemma with  $M = \frac{p}{p_1} M_{p_1}^p + M_{q_1}^p$ . ■

Proof of Theorem 7. Let  $p_0$  and  $q_0$  be such that  $p_1 < p_0 < p_X$  and  $q_X < q_0 < q_1$ . Then there is  $s_0 > 1$  such that, for  $s \geq s_0$ , we have

$$p_0 < \frac{\log s}{\log \|D_s\|_X}. \text{ Consequently } \|D_s\|_X \leq s^{1/p_0} \text{ for } s \geq s_0.$$

Since  $s \rightarrow \frac{\log s}{\log \|D_s\|_X}$  is an increasing function on  $(1, \infty)$ , it follows that there is  $K < \infty$  such that  $\|D_s\|_X \leq K s^{1/p_0}$  for  $2 \leq s \leq \infty$ .

Similarly, we can assume that  $\|D_s\|_X \leq K s^{1/q_0}$  for  $0 < s \leq 2$ .

Let now  $g \in X' = [X_{(p)}]'$  such that  $\|g\|_{X'} = 1$  and put on

$$\tilde{g}(t) = \begin{cases} g(t) & \text{if } t \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } t > 1 \end{cases}.$$

Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^1 [f^*(tu/2)]^p g(t) u^{p/p_1-1} du \right) dt &= \int_0^1 u^{p/p_1-1} \left( \int_0^\infty (D_{2/u} f^*)^p(t) g(t) dt \right) du \leq \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \| (D_{2/u} f^*) \|_{X(p)}^p \cdot u^{p/p_1-1} du \leq K^p \cdot 2^{p/p_0} \left( \int_0^1 u^{p/p_1-p/p_0-1} du \right) \|f\|_X^p = \\ &= 2^{p/p_0} K^p \left( \frac{p}{p_1} - \frac{p}{p_0} \right)^{-1} \|f\|_X^p \text{ for } f \in X. \text{ Moreover, for } 0 < t \leq \frac{1}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \left( \int_1^\infty [f^*(tu/2)]^p g(t) u^{p/q_1-1} du \right) dt &= \int_1^\infty u^{p/q_1-1} \left( \int_0^1 (D_{2/u} f^*)^p(t) g(t) dt \right) du \leq \\ &\leq \int_1^\infty u^{p/q_1-1} \|D_{2/u}\|_X^p \cdot \|f\|_X^p du \leq \|f\|_X^p K^p \cdot 2^{p/p_0} \int_1^\infty u^{p/q_1-p/q_0-1} du = \\ &= \|f\|_X^p \cdot 2^{p/q_0} K^p \left( \frac{p}{q_0} - \frac{p}{q_1} \right)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 8 it follows that  $\int_0^1 [(Tf)^*(t)]^p f(t) dt \leq M_0 \|f\|_X^p$  for  $g \in X'$  such that  $\|g\|_{X'} = 1$ . Here  $M_0 = MK^{p_1} \left( \frac{p}{p_1} - \frac{p}{p_0} \right)^{-1} 2^{p/p_0} + 2^{p/q_0} \left( \frac{p}{q_0} - \frac{p}{q_1} \right)^{-1}$ ,  $M$  being the constant appearing in Lemma 8.

Hence  $(Tf)^p \in [X_{(p)}]''$ . In other words  $Tf \in \{ [X_{(p)}] \}^{(p)} = X''$ . Moreover  $\|Tf\|_{X''}^p = \|(Tf)^p\|_{X''(p)} \leq M_0 \|f\|_X^p$ .

If  $X$  is maximal, then  $Tf \in X$  and  $\|Tf\|_X \leq M_0 \|f\|_X$ . Since  $L_{q_0}(0,1)$  is a maximal r.i.p-space, then it follows as above that  $T(L_{q_0}(0,1)) \subset L_{q_0}(0,1)$ .  $X$  being the closure of  $L_{q_0}(0,1)$  for the topology of  $X''$  it follows that  $T$  maps  $X$  into  $X$  and it is bounded there. ■

Since  $p_X = q_X = r > 1$ , when  $X = L_{r,p}(0,1)$  where  $0 < p \leq 1 < r < \infty$ , we get a r.i.p-space  $X$  non locally convex such that  $1 < p_X \leq q_X < \infty$ .

We shall give an application of Theorem 7.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{B}$  (the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all Borel subsets of  $I = [0,1]$ ) such that the Lebesgue measure restricted on  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $\sigma$ -finite. For  $f \in L_1(0,1)$ , the Lebesgue-Nikodym theorem shows the existence

of a unique  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable and Lebesgue integrable function, denoted by  $E^{\mathcal{A}}f$ , which verifies the relation

$$\int_0^1 (E^{\mathcal{A}}f)g \, dt = \int_0^1 gf \, dt$$

for every bounded  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable function  $g$  on  $[0,1]$ .

It is clear that  $f \rightarrow E^{\mathcal{A}}f$  is an idempotent operator. This operator is called the conditional expectation and has the norm one on  $L_1(0,1)$  and  $L_\infty(0,1)$ . Thus the norm of  $E^{\mathcal{A}}$  is equal to 1 on  $L_q(0,1)$  for all  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ .

**Corollary 9.** With the notations of above, if  $0 < p \leq 1 \leq p_1 < q_1 \leq \infty$  and if  $X$  is a r.i.p-space of functions on  $[0,1]$  such that  $p_1 < p_X \leq q_X < q_1$ , then  $E^{\mathcal{A}}$  maps  $X$  into itself and it is bounded on it.

Proof. Since  $p_1 \geq 1$  then  $E^{\mathcal{A}}$  is an operator of strong types  $(p_1, p_1)$  and  $(q_1, q_1)$ . Thus by Theorem 7  $E^{\mathcal{A}}$  maps  $X$  into itself and its norm does not depend on  $\mathcal{A}$ . ■

Now we give an interesting application of Corollary 9. Recall that the Haar system  $(\chi_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  is given by  $\chi_1(t) \equiv 1$  and, for  $\ell=1, 2, \dots, 2^k$  and  $k=0, 1, \dots$ , by

$$\chi_{2^{k+1}}(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } t \in [(2\ell-2)2^{-k-1}, (2\ell-1)2^{-k-1}) \\ -1 & \text{for } t \in [(2\ell-1)2^{-k-1}, 2\ell \cdot 2^{-k-1}) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

N.J. Kalton showed in [3] that in a  $p$ -Orlicz space  $X$  the Haar system is a Schauder basis (i.e. every  $f \in X$  admits a unique expansion

$f = \sum_{i=1}^\infty a_i \chi_i$ , where  $(a_i)_{i=1}^\infty$  is a sequence of scalars and the sum converges for the topology of  $X$ ) if and only if  $X$  is locally convex.

Particularly, the Haar system  $(\chi_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  is not a Schauder basis in  $L_p(0,1)$  for  $0 < p < 1$ . (See [6]).

Thus it is natural to ask whenever the Haar system is a Schauder basis in a r.i.p-space, for  $0 < p < 1$ . In order to answer to this question we associate to the Haar system an increasing sequence of  $\sigma$ -algebras  $\{\mathcal{A}_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  of Lebesgue measurable subsets of  $[0,1]$ .  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}_1$  consist of the vanishing set  $\emptyset$  and  $[0,1]$ . For  $n = 2^k + \ell$ ,  $1 \leq \ell \leq 2^k$ ,  $k \geq 0$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_n$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra spanned by  $\mathcal{A}_{n-1}$  and the intervals  $[(2\ell-2)2^{-k-1}, (2\ell-1)2^{-k-1})$ ,  $[(2\ell-1)2^{-k-1}, 2\ell \cdot 2^{-k-1})$ . It is clear that  $\mathcal{A}_n$  is the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  such that the function  $\{\chi_1, \dots, \chi_n\}$  are  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurables.

We can now prove the following assertion.

**Corollary 10.** If  $X$  is a separable r.i.p-space of functions on

$[0,1]$  such that  $0 < p < 1 \leq p_1 < p_X \leq q_X < q_1 \leq \infty$ , then the Haar system  $(\chi_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  is a Schauder basis of  $X$ .

Proof. Since  $X$  is not isomorphic to  $L_\infty(0,1)$  then

$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|\chi(0,t)\|_X = 0$ . Consequently every simple function on  $[0,1]$  can be approximated in the norm of  $X$  by the characteristic functions of dyadic intervals  $2^{-k}, (1+2^{-k}), 0, 2^k-1, k = 0, 1, \dots$

It follows that the Haar system spans a dense subspace in  $X$ .

Observe also that for  $n \neq m$  and for every choice of scalars

$a_i$   $\sum_{i=1}^n$  we have

$$E^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \chi_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \chi_i$$

and, by Corollary 9, it follows that  $\|E^n\|_X \leq M$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus  $(\chi_i)_{i=1}^\infty$  is a basic sequence in  $X$ . (see Theorem III 2.12-[6]).

Remark 11. The restriction imposed in Corollary 10 that  $1 < p_X \leq q_X < \infty$  is necessary, since in the case  $p_X \leq 1$  or  $q_X = \infty$  Corollary 10 is not merely true.

For instance it is known (see [1]) that  $L_{r,q}(0,1)$ , where  $0 < r < 1$ ,  $0 < q < \infty$  and  $L_{1,q}(0,1)$  for  $1 < q < \infty$ , are r.i.p-spaces  $X$ , where  $0 < p_X < r < 1$ , such that  $X^* = \{0\}$ . Moreover  $p_X = q_X \leq 1$ .

View of Remark 11 it is natural to ask following question.

Problem 12. Does there exist a separable non locally convex r.i.-space  $X$  such that  $p_X = q_X = 1$  having a Schauder basis?

It is clear that in  $L_{r,q}(0,1)$ , where  $0 < r < 1 < q < \infty$ , the Haar system is a Schauder basis and however  $L_{r,q}(0,1)$  is not locally convex.

We are further interested to know whenever the Haar system is an unconditional basis in a r.i.p-space of functions on  $[0,1]$ . We recall that a Schauder basis in  $X$  is an unconditional basis if the expansion of every element of  $X$  with respect to this basis converges unconditionally.

It is interesting to remark that the relation  $1 < p_X \leq q_X < \infty$  is a necessary and sufficient condition for the unconditionality of the basis  $(\chi_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  in every r.i.p-space  $X$ . We extend in this way Theorem 2.6.6-[4].

Theorem 13. Let  $X$  be a separable r.i.p-space of functions on  $[0,1]$ . The Haar system  $(\chi_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  is an unconditional basis in  $X$  if and only if  $1 < p_X \leq q_X < \infty$ .

Proof. If  $1 < p_X \leq q_X < \infty$  then by Theorem 7 and using the fact that the Haar system is an unconditional basis in  $L_q(0,1)$  for all

$1 < q < \infty$  (see Theorem 2.c.5-[4]), we get that the projections  $P_\sigma$  from  $X$  into the subspace  $[\chi_i]_{i \in \sigma} \subset X$ , where  $\sigma \subset \mathbb{N}$  is a closed subset, are uniformly bounded. Thus  $(\chi_i)_{i=1}^\infty$  is an unconditional basis in  $X$ .

Conversely, assume that  $(\chi_i)_{i=1}^\infty$  is an unconditional basis in  $X$ .

By Proposition 4,  $p_{X(p)} = p_{X/p}$ ; consequently Theorem 6 shows that  $\ell_{p_{X(p)}}(n)$  spanned by positive disjoint elements having the same distribution function are uniformly contained in  $X_{(p)}$ . It follows that  $X$  contains uniformly the spaces  $\ell_{p_X}(n)$  spanned by positive disjoint functions having the same distribution function.

In other words there is  $M > 0$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there are  $2^n$  disjoint functions  $(u_i)_{i=1}^{2^n}$  having the same distribution function, such that  $\|u_i\|_X = 1$  and verifying the inequality

$$(*) \quad M \left( \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} \|u_i\|_X^{p_X} \right)^{1/p_X} \geq \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} u_i \right\|_X \geq M^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} \|u_i\|_X^{p_X} \right)^{1/p_X}.$$

Let  $(h_i)_{i=1}^{2^n}$ , the Haar system over  $(u_i)_{i=1}^{2^n}$ , defined by

$$\begin{aligned} h_1 &= 2^{-n/p_X} (u_1 + \dots + u_{2^n}) \\ h_2 &= 2^{-n/p_X} (u_1 + \dots + u_{2^{n-1}} - u_{2^{n-1}+1} - \dots - u_{2^n}) \\ &\vdots \\ h_{2^{n-1}+1} &= 2^{-n/p_X} (u_1 - u_2) \\ &\vdots \\ h_{2^n} &= 2^{-n/p_X} (u_{2^{n-1}} - u_{2^n}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $X$  is separable we can assume that  $u_i$  is a finite linear combination of characteristic functions of intervals

$(\ell_{j-1} 2^{-k}, \ell_j 2^{-k})$  for some  $k$  non depending of  $i$ . Applying a suitable automorphism of  $[0, 1]$  we can suppose that on the first  $2^n$  dyadic intervals of length  $2^{-k}$  every  $u_i$  is non-zero exactly on some of those intervals and takes there a value nondepending of  $i$ , say  $\beta_1$ . The same fact is also true for the following  $2^n$  dyadic intervals of length  $2^{-k}$ , where  $\beta_1$  is replaced by  $\beta_2$  and so on.

Thus, for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and some scalars  $(\beta_j)_{j=1}^m$  we have

$$u_i = \sum_{j=1}^m (\beta_j \chi_{[(i-1+(j-1)2^n)2^{-k}, (i+(j-1)2^n)2^{-k})}], \quad 1 \leq i \leq 2^n.$$

Remark that

$$2^{n/p_X} h_2 = u_1 + \dots + u_{2^{n-1}} - u_{2^{n-1}+1} - \dots - u_{2^n} = \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j \chi_{2^{k-n+j}}$$

$$2^{n/p_X} h_3 = u_1 + \dots + u_{2^{n-2}} - u_{2^{n-2}+1} - \dots - u_{2^{n-1}} = \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j \chi_{2^{k-n+1+2j-1}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{n/p_X} h_4 &= u_{2^{n-1}+1} + \dots + u_{2^{n-1}+2^{n-2}} - u_{2^{n-1}+2^{n-2}+1} - \dots - u_{2^n} = \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j \chi_{2^{k-n+1+2j}}, \end{aligned}$$

and so on.

In other words  $\{h_j\}_{j=2}^{2^n}$  constitutes a block basis for a permutation  $\pi$  of the Haar basis  $(\chi_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  of  $X$ . Thus the unconditionality constant  $K_n$  of  $\{h_j\}_{j=2}^{2^n}$  ( $K_n$  is equal by definition, to  $\sup \{ \|\sum_{i=2}^{2^n} a_i \theta_i h_i\|_X; \|\sum_{i=2}^{2^n} a_i h_i\|_X \leq 1; \theta_i = \pm 1 \}$ ) is less than  $K_X$ , the unconditionality constant of the basis  $(\chi_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  of  $X$ .

Let now  $T_n : [u_i]_{i=1}^{2^n} \rightarrow \ell_{p_X}(2^n)$  given by  $T_n(u_i) = e_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 2^n$ , be an isomorphism which (by  $(*)$ ) satisfies the relation

$$\|T_n\| \cdot \|T_n^{-1}\| \leq M^2 \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

If  $S_n : \ell_{p_X}(2^n) \rightarrow L_{p_X}(0,1)$  is the isometry given by  $S_n(e_i) =$

$= 2^{n/p_X} \chi_{[(i-1)2^{-n}, i 2^{-n})}$ , then  $U_n = S_n \circ T_n$  verifies the condition

$$\|U_n\| \cdot \|U_n^{-1}\| \leq M^2 \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

and moreover we get

$$U_n(h_i) = \chi_i$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq 2^n$ ,  $n=1, 2, \dots$ .

Thus the unconditionality constant of the system  $(h_i)_{i=1}^{2^n}$  is the same, up to a factor  $M^2$ , as that of first  $2^n$  elements of Haar system in  $L_{p_X}(0,1)$ . If  $p_X \leq 1$ , since the Haar system is not an unconditional basis in  $L_{p_X}(0,1)$ , then it follows that  $K_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \infty$ . Consequently  $K_X = \infty$  which contradicts the fact that  $(\chi_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  is an unconditional basis in  $X$ . Thus  $1 < p_X$  and similarly we can prove that  $q_X < \infty$ . ■

Consequently the Haar system is an unconditional basis in  $L_{r,q}(0,1)$ , where  $0 < q < 1 < r < \infty$ , in spite of the fact that this space is not locally-convex.

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