

## Some Spaces in which Martingale Difference Sequences Are Unconditional

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**Summary.** We study whether or not the spaces occurring in classical harmonic analysis have the unconditionality property for martingale differences. We also show some operator spaces having that property.

**1. Introduction.** During the last few years, the class of Banach spaces with the unconditionality property for martingale differences has been extensively studied (see, e.g., the papers by B. Maurey [15], D. J. Aldous [1], D. L. Burkholder [7], [8] and J. Bourgain [4], [5]). The main reason for the interest in this new class of spaces is that the analogues of several classical results on martingales and singular integrals are also true for a Banach space belonging to this class.

Some examples of spaces containing the unconditionality property for martingale differences (UMD-property for short) are  $\mathbf{R}$  (see [6]), the Lebesgue spaces  $l_p, L_p(\mathbf{T})$  for  $1 < p < \infty$  (see [8]) and the Schatten classes  $S_p(H, K)$  of compact operators between two separable Hilbert spaces [5]. On the other hand, since every UMD space is reflexive [15], [1], the spaces  $l_1$  and  $l_\infty$  do not belong to that class. But there are few more known examples of concrete spaces with the UMD-property.

The purpose of this note is to study whether or not the spaces occurring in classical harmonic analysis have the UMD-property. Our attention will mainly be focussed on the Zygmund spaces  $L_p(\log L)^r$ , the O'Neil spaces  $K^p(\log^+ K)^r$  and the Zygmund spaces  $Z^\alpha$  of functions whose  $1/\alpha$ -th powers are exponentially integrable (see [21], [18] and [2]).

We also show some operator spaces that have the UMD-property. At this point, we shall work with the Lorentz-Marcinkiewicz operator spaces  $S_{\varphi, q}(H, K)$ , introduced and studied by the author in [9]. They

are extensions of the Schatten classes: For  $\varphi(t) = t^{1/q}$ ,  $S_{\varphi,q}(H, K) = S_q(H, K)$ .

To work out this programme, an essential tool will be the real interpolation method with function parameter developed by J. Peetre [19], T. F. Kalugina [12], J. Gustavsson [10], C. Merucci [16], [17] and others. In fact, we shall show that, concerning the UMD-property, the  $(\varphi, q)$ -method is stable if  $1 < q < \infty$ , while for the cases  $q = 1$  and  $q = \infty$  we shall derive a negative result. This observation will allow us to get a large part of our results.

**2. Preliminaries.** Let  $E$  be a (real or complex) Banach space and let  $(\Omega, \mu)$  be a measure space, with  $\mu$  a positive  $\sigma$ -finite measure. For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , we denote by  $L_p(E) = L_p(E; \Omega)$  the usual vector-valued  $L_p$ -space in the sense of the Bochner integral. The cases  $\Omega = [0, 1]$  and  $\Omega = \mathbf{R}$ , with  $\mu$  the Lebesgue measure, will be of special interest for us.

Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . A Banach space  $E$  is said to have the unconditionality property for martingale differences (UMD-property, for short) if  $E$ -valued martingale difference sequences are unconditional in  $L_p(E; [0, 1])$ . For properties of UMD spaces we refer to the papers by D. L. Burkholder [7], [8] and J. Bourgain [4], [5].

Although the class of UMD spaces appears to depend on the choice of  $p$ , this is not the case [15], [7].

Let  $f \in L_p(E; \mathbf{R})$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . The truncated Hilbert transform of  $f$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{H}_\varepsilon f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{|t| > \varepsilon} \frac{f(x-t)}{t} dt.$$

The following characterization of Banach spaces with the UMD-property in terms of the vector-valued Hilbert transform, due to D. L. Burkholder [8] and J. Bourgain [4], will be very useful for our considerations.

**THEOREM A.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . A necessary and sufficient condition for a Banach space  $E$  to have the UMD-property is that the limit  $\mathcal{H}f = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{H}_\varepsilon f$  exists almost everywhere for all  $f \in L_p(E; \mathbf{R})$  and that there is a constant  $M_p$  such that*

$$\|\mathcal{H}f\|_{L_p(E)} \leq M_p \|f\|_{L_p(E)}.$$

Let  $\mathbf{T}$  be the unit circle and let  $f$  be a scalar-valued measurable function on  $\mathbf{T}$ . The distribution function of  $f$  is defined by

$$D_f(y) = m\{x: |f(e^{ix})| > y\}, \quad 0 < y < \infty, \quad dm = dx/2\pi$$

and the non-increasing rearrangement of  $f$  by

$$f^*(t) = \inf \{y: D_f(y) \leq t\}, \quad 0 < t < 1.$$

The function  $f$  is said to belong to:

— The Zygmund space  $L_p(\log L)^\gamma$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $-\infty < \gamma < +\infty$  if

$$\int_0^{2\pi} [|f(e^{ix})| \log^\gamma(2+|f(e^{ix})|)]^p dx < \infty.$$

— The O'Neil space  $K^p(\log^+ K)^\alpha$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \infty$  if

$$\int_1^\infty D_f(y)^{1/p} (\log y)^{\alpha/p} dy < \infty.$$

— The Zygmund space  $Z^\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < \infty$  if

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \exp(\lambda |f(e^{ix})|^{1/\alpha}) dx < \infty$$

for some positive constant  $\lambda = \lambda(f)$ .

— The Lorentz-Zygmund space  $L_{p,q}(\log L)^\gamma$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ ,  $-\infty < \gamma < +\infty$  if

$$\|f\|_{p,q,\gamma} = \begin{cases} \left( \int_0^1 [t^{1/p} (1-\log t)^\gamma f^*(t)]^q dt/t \right)^{1/q}, & q < \infty \\ \sup_{0 < t < 1} [t^{1/p} (1-\log t)^\gamma f^*(t)], & q = \infty \end{cases}$$

is finite.

All these spaces are important in classical harmonic analysis (see, e.g., [21], [18] and [2]).

The first three classes of spaces are contained as special cases in the last one [2], Theorem D.

For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $q = 1$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , the functional  $\|\cdot\|_{p,q,\gamma}$  is a norm [14]. For  $1 < p \leq \infty$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ , and  $-\infty < \gamma < +\infty$ ,  $\gamma < 0$ , it is possible to replace the quasinorm  $\|\cdot\|_{p,q,\gamma}$  with an equivalent norm [2], Corollary 8.2.

Next we recall the definition of the Lorentz-Marcinkiewicz operator spaces [9].

The class of all functions  $\varphi: (0, +\infty) \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  continuous, with  $\varphi(1) = 1$  and such that

$$\bar{\varphi}(t) = \sup_{s>0} \frac{\varphi(ts)}{\varphi(s)} < \infty \quad \text{for every } t > 0$$

is represented by  $\mathcal{B}$ . The Boyd indices  $\alpha_{\bar{\varphi}}$  and  $\beta_{\bar{\varphi}}$  of the function  $\bar{\varphi}$  are defined by

$$\alpha_{\bar{\varphi}} = \inf_{1 < t < \infty} \frac{\log \bar{\varphi}(t)}{\log t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\log \bar{\varphi}(t)}{\log t}$$

$$\beta_{\bar{\varphi}} = \sup_{0 < t < 1} \frac{\log \bar{\varphi}(t)}{\log t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log \bar{\varphi}(t)}{\log t}$$

The indices  $\alpha_{\bar{\varphi}}$  and  $\beta_{\bar{\varphi}}$  satisfy  $-\infty < \beta_{\bar{\varphi}} \leq \alpha_{\bar{\varphi}} < +\infty$  and indicate when  $\bar{\varphi}$  belongs to  $L_1((1, \infty), dt/t)$  and  $L_1((0, 1), dt/t)$  (see [16]).

Given two separable Hilbert spaces over the field of complex numbers  $H$  and  $K$ , given  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $\varphi \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $0 < \beta_{\bar{\varphi}} \leq \alpha_{\bar{\varphi}} < 1$ ,  $S_{\varphi,q}(H, K)$  is the collection of all compact operators  $T$  from  $H$  into  $K$  with a finite norm

$$\tau_{\varphi,q}(T) = \begin{cases} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\varphi(n) n^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n s_j(T))^q n^{-1} \right)^{1/q} & \text{for } q < \infty \\ \sup_{n \geq 1} (\varphi(n) n^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n s_j(T)) & \text{for } q = \infty \end{cases}$$

where  $(s_n(T))$  is the monotone non-increasing (non-negative) sequence converging to zero formed by the eigenvalues of the positive compact operator  $[T^* T]^{1/2}$ , each one repeated a number of times equal to its multiplicity.

We conclude these preliminaries by describing the real interpolation space with function parameter [19], [10], [16], [17].

Let  $(A_0, A_1)$  be a compatible couple of Banach spaces, let  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $\varphi \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $0 < \beta_{\bar{\varphi}} \leq \alpha_{\bar{\varphi}} < 1$ . The space  $(A_0, A_1)_{\varphi,q}$  consists of all  $x \in A_0 + A_1$  which have a finite norm

$$\|x\|_{\varphi,q} = \begin{cases} \left( \int_0^{\infty} (\varphi(t)^{-1} K(t, x))^q dt/t \right)^{1/q} & \text{if } q < \infty \\ \sup_{t > 0} (\varphi(t)^{-1} K(t, x)) & \text{if } q = \infty \end{cases}$$

where  $K(t, x)$  is the functional of J. Peetre, defined by

$$K(t, x) = \inf \{ \|x_0\|_{A_0} + t \|x_1\|_{A_1} : x = x_0 + x_1, x_0 \in A_0, x_1 \in A_1 \}.$$

For  $\varphi(t) = t^{\vartheta}$  ( $0 < \vartheta < 1$ ) we get the classical real interpolation space  $((A_0, A_1)_{\vartheta,q}, \|\cdot\|_{\vartheta,q})$  (see [3], [20]).

**3. Results.** In order to show that if  $1 < q < \infty$  then the  $(\varphi, q)$ -method is stable for the UMD-property, we shall first prove

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $(A_0, A_1)$  be a compatible couple of Banach spaces, let  $1 \leq q < \infty$  and let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $0 < \beta_{\bar{\varphi}} \leq \alpha_{\bar{\varphi}} < 1$ . Then*

$$(L_q(A_0), L_q(A_1))_{\varphi, q} = L_q((A_0, A_1)_{\varphi, q}) \quad (\text{with equivalent norms}).$$

Proof. It is easily checked that  $A_0 \cap A_1$  is dense in  $(A_0, A_1)_{\varphi, q}$  and that  $L_q(A_0) \cap L_q(A_1)$  is dense in  $(L_q(A_0), L_q(A_1))_{\varphi, q}$ . With this in mind and calling the collection of all functions, S

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n f^{(k)} \chi_{B_k}(x)$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f^{(k)} \in A_0 \cap A_1$ ,  $\chi_{B_k}$  is the characteristic function of the measurable set  $B_k$ ,  $\mu(B_k) < \infty$  and  $B_j \cap B_k = \emptyset$  if  $j \neq k$ , one can show that S is dense in  $(L_q(A_0), L_q(A_1))_{\varphi, q}$  and in  $L_q((A_0, A_1)_{\varphi, q})$ .

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{x=x_0+x_1} (\|x_0\|_{A_0}^q + t^q \|x_1\|_{A_1}^q)^{1/q} &\leq K(t, x) \leq \\ &\leq 2^{1-1/q} \inf_{x=x_0+x_1} (\|x_0\|_{A_0}^q + t^q \|x_1\|_{A_1}^q)^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have for every  $f \in S$

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{(L_q(A_0), L_q(A_1))_{\varphi, q}}^q &\sim \\ &\sim \int_0^\infty \varphi(t)^{-q} \inf_{\substack{f=f_0+f_1 \\ f_j \in L_q(A_j)}} \int_{\Omega} (\|f_0(x)\|_{A_0}^q + t^q \|f_1(x)\|_{A_1}^q) d\mu \frac{dt}{t} = \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \int_0^\infty \varphi(t)^{-q} \inf_{\substack{f(x)=f_0(x)+f_1(x) \\ f_j(x) \in A_j}} (\|f_0(x)\|_{A_0}^q + t^q \|f_1(x)\|_{A_1}^q) \frac{dt}{t} d\mu \sim \\ &\sim \int_{\Omega} \|f(x)\|_{(A_0, A_1)_{\varphi, q}}^q d\mu = \|f\|_{L_q((A_0, A_1)_{\varphi, q})}^q \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sim$  indicates equivalence with constants that do not depend on  $f$ . This gives the desired equality. □

Now we can establish

**THEOREM 2.** Assume that  $(A_0, A_1)$  is a couple of UMD spaces,  $1 < q < \infty$  and that  $\varphi \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $0 < \beta_{\varphi}^- \leq \alpha_{\varphi} < 1$ . Then  $(A_0, A_1)_{\varphi, q}$  is a UMD space.

Proof. By Theorem A, the Hilbert transform is bounded on  $L_q(A_j; \mathbb{R})$  for  $j = 0, 1$ . Whence it follows from the interpolation theorem and Lemma 1, that  $\mathcal{H}$  is bounded on  $L_q((A_0, A_1)_{\varphi, q}; \mathbb{R})$ , and this proves the result. □

As a consequence we obtain

**COROLLARY 3.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $1 < q < \infty$  and  $-\infty < \gamma < +\infty$ . Then the Lorentz-Zygmund space  $L_{p,q}(\log L)^\gamma$  has the UMD-property.*

*Proof.* Take  $1 < p_0 < p_1 < \infty$  and  $0 < \vartheta < 1$  with  $1/p = (1-\vartheta)/p_0 + \vartheta/p_1$ , and put

$$\varphi(t) = t^\vartheta (1 + |\log t|)^{-\gamma}.$$

According to [16], Theorem 1, we have that

$$(L_{p_0}, L_{p_1})_{\varphi,q} = L_{p,q}(\log L)^\gamma.$$

Therefore, Theorem 2 implies that  $L_{p,q}(\log L)^\gamma$  has the UMD-property.  $\square$

In particular, since  $L_p(\log L)^\gamma = L_{p,p}(\log L)^\gamma$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $-\infty < \gamma < +\infty$  [2], Theorem D, we have

**COROLLARY 4.** *For  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $-\infty < \gamma < +\infty$ , the Zygmund space  $L_p(\log L)^\gamma$  has the UMD-property.*

We next consider some limit cases.

For  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , the space  $L_{p,1}(\log L)^\gamma$  is equal to the Lorentz space  $\Lambda(W, 1)$  [14], where the weight function  $W$  is defined by

$$W(t) = t^{(1/p)-1} (1 - \log t)^\gamma.$$

So  $L_{p,1}(\log L)^\gamma$  is not reflexive. Neither is the space  $L_{\infty,\infty}(\log L)^{-\gamma}$  reflexive because it is the dual space of  $L_{1,1}(\log L)^\gamma$  [2], Theorem 8.4. Therefore, all these spaces fail to have the UMD-property.

Consequently, taking into account that [2], Theorem D

$$K^p(\log^+ K)^{\gamma p} = L_{p,1}(\log L)^\gamma$$

and

$$Z^\gamma = L_{\infty,\infty}(\log L)^{-\gamma}$$

we get

**THEOREM 5.** *For  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , the spaces*

$$L(\log L)^\gamma, K^p(\log^+ K)^\gamma \quad \text{and} \quad Z^\gamma$$

*fail to have the UMD-property.*

For the purpose of deriving a negative result complementing Theorem 2, we first establish

**LEMMA 6.** *Let  $A_0$  and  $A_1$  be Banach spaces with  $A_0$  continuously embedded in  $A_1$ , let  $\varphi, \varrho \in \mathcal{B}$  such that*

$$0 < \beta_{\overline{\varphi}} \leq \alpha_{\overline{\varphi}} < \beta_{\overline{\varrho}} \leq \alpha_{\overline{\varrho}} < 1$$

*and let  $1 \leq q, r \leq \infty$ . Then  $(A_0, A_1)_{\varphi,q}$  is continuously embedded in  $(A_0, A_1)_{\varrho,r}$ .*

Proof. The sub-multiplicative functions  $\mu, \nu: (0, +\infty) \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  defined by

$$\mu(t) = t\bar{\varrho}(1/t), \quad \nu(t) = \bar{\varphi}(t)\bar{\varrho}(1/t)$$

satisfy

$$\beta_\mu = 1 - \alpha_{\bar{\varrho}} > 0, \quad \alpha_\nu = \alpha_{\bar{\varphi}} - \beta_{\bar{\varrho}} < 0.$$

Thus [16], Proposition 3

$$\int_0^1 \bar{\varrho}(1/t) dt < \infty, \quad \int_1^\infty \bar{\varphi}(t)\bar{\varrho}(1/t) dt/t < \infty.$$

Consequently, the assertion can be proved by modifying in a natural way the method used in [20], Theorem 1.3.3/(e).  $\square$

LEMMA 7. Assume that  $A_0$  and  $A_1$  are Banach spaces with  $A_0$  continuously embedded in  $A_1$ , that  $\varphi \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $0 < \beta_{\bar{\varphi}} \leq \alpha_{\bar{\varphi}} < 1$  and that  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ . If  $A_0$  is not closed in  $A_1$ , then  $(A_0, A_1)_{\varphi, q}$  contains a subspace isomorphic to  $l_q$ .

Proof. Take  $1 < r, \eta < \infty$  such that

$$0 < \frac{1}{r} < \beta_{\bar{\varphi}} \leq \alpha_{\bar{\varphi}} < \frac{(\eta-1)r+1}{\eta r}$$

and put

$$\varrho_0(t) = t^{1/r} \quad \text{and} \quad \varrho_1(t) = (\varphi(t)/t^{1/\eta r})^{\eta/(\eta-1)}.$$

Both functions belong to  $\mathcal{B}$  and their indices are

$$0 < \beta_{\varrho_0} = \alpha_{\varrho_0} = \frac{1}{r} < 1$$

$$\beta_{\varrho_1} = \frac{\eta}{\eta-1} \left[ \beta_{\bar{\varphi}} - \frac{1}{\eta r} \right] > 0, \quad \alpha_{\varrho_1} = \frac{\eta}{\eta-1} \left[ \alpha_{\bar{\varphi}} - \frac{1}{\eta r} \right] < 1.$$

Therefore, [17], Thm. 2 gives

$$(A_0, A_1)_{\varphi, q} = ((A_0, A_1)_{\varrho_0, 2}, (A_0, A_1)_{\varrho_1, 2})_{(\eta-1)/\eta, q}.$$

In addition, we have from Lemma 6

$$B_0 = (A_0, A_1)_{\varrho_0, 2} \subseteq B_1 = (A_0, A_1)_{\varrho_1, 2}.$$

Let us now see that  $B_0$  is not closed in  $B_1$ :

It is not hard to verify that  $B_0$  is dense in  $B_1$ . So, if we suppose that  $B_0$  is closed in  $B_1$ , we would have  $B_0 = B_1$ . Then, taking  $1/r < \vartheta < \beta_{\bar{\varphi}}$ , and again applying Lemma 6, we would obtain

$$(A_0, A_1)_{\mathcal{B}, 2} = B_0 = (A_0, A_1)_{1/r, 2}.$$

But this contradicts [11], Theorem 3.1.

Hence  $B_0 = B_0 \cap B_1$  is not closed in  $B_1 = B_0 + B_1$  and  $(A_0, A_1)_{\varphi, q} = (B_0, B_1)_{(\eta-1)/\eta, q}$ . Whence the result follows using [13], Theorem.  $\square$

As an immediate consequence of this lemma we get

**THEOREM 8.** *Assume that  $A_0$  and  $A_1$  are Banach spaces with  $A_0$  continuously embedded in  $A_1$ , and that  $\varphi \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $0 < \beta_{\varphi} \leq \alpha_{\varphi} < 1$ . If  $A_0$  is not closed in  $A_1$ , then the spaces  $(A_0, A_1)_{\varphi, 1}$  and  $(A_0, A_1)_{\varphi, \infty}$  fail to have the UMD-property.*

Finally, we apply these results to the Lorentz-Marcinkiewicz operator spaces.

**COROLLARY 9.** *Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{B}$  with  $0 < \beta_{\varphi} \leq \alpha_{\varphi} < 1$ . Then the following holds.*

- (i) *For  $1 < q < \infty$ ,  $S_{\varphi, q}(H, K)$  has the UMD-property.*
- (ii) *The spaces  $S_{\varphi, 1}(H, K)$  and  $S_{\varphi, \infty}(H, K)$  fail to have the UMD-property.*

**Proof.** Choose  $1 < p_0 < p_1 < \infty$  such that  $1/p_1 < \beta_{\varphi} \leq \alpha_{\varphi} < 1/p_0$  and consider the function

$$\varrho(t) = t^{p_1/(p_1-p_0)} (\varphi(t^{p_0 p_1/(p_1-p_0)}))^{-1}.$$

According to [9], Theorem 5.1, we have

$$S_{\varphi, q}(H, K) = (S_{p_0}(H, K), S_{p_1}(H, K))_{\varrho, q}.$$

Moreover, the Schatten classes  $S_{p_j}(H, K)$  are UMD spaces, by [5]. Therefore Theorems 2 and 8 give the result.  $\square$

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Ф. Кобос, О пространствах, в которых последовательности мартингалных разностей безусловны

В статье обсуждается случай, когда пространства, рассматриваемые в гармоническом анализе, имеют свойство безусловности для мартингалных разностей. Приводятся также примеры операторных пространств, обладающих этим свойством.