## A SCALE OF LINEAR SPACES RELATED TO THE $L_p$ SCALE

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## 1. Introduction and preliminary results

In [7] the Banach space  $L_1(\mathbf{R}) \cap L_2(\mathbf{R})$  was investigated. In the present paper we consider a range of spaces of which  $L_1(\mathbf{R}) \cap L_2(\mathbf{R})$  is one member. This scale of Banach spaces is closely related both to the  $L_p$  scale and to Hilbert space. Subspace structure and other linear topological properties of the scale are investigated.

Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, m)$  be a measure space and let  $L_p(\Omega)$  be the usual Lebesgue space with the norm

$$||f||_p = \left(\int_{\Omega} |f|^p \, dm\right)^{1/p} \quad (0$$

and

$$||f||_{\infty} = \operatorname{ess\,sup}\{|f(\omega)|: \omega \in \Omega\}.$$

For  $0 , let <math>Y_p(\Omega)$  be the collection of all measurable f such that

$$\left\|f\right\|_{Y_p} = \left\|f^*I(0,1)\right\|_p + \left\|f^*I(1,\infty)\right\|_2 < \infty$$

(here  $f^*$  denotes the decreasing rearrangement of |f|), and for  $0 < n < \infty$  let  $M_n(\Omega)$  consist of all f such that

$$||f||_{M_p} = ||f^*I(0,1)||_2 + ||f^*I(1,\infty)||_p < \infty$$

Finally, let  $M_{\infty}(\Omega)$  be the closure of  $L_2(\Omega)$  with respect to the norm

$$||f||_{M_{\infty}} = ||f^*I(0,1)||_2.$$

Observe that if  $\Omega$  is a probability space then

$$Y_p(\Omega) = L_p(\Omega)$$
 and  $M_p(\Omega) = L_2(\Omega)$ ,

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