

Φ -INEQUALITIES OF NONCOMMUTATIVE MARTINGALES

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ABSTRACT. In the recent article [10, 11], Pisier and Xu showed that, among other things, the noncommutative analogue of the classical Burkholder-Gundy inequalities in martingale theory. We prove the noncommutative analogue of the classical Φ -inequalities for commutative martingale.

1. Preliminaries. Let E be a rearrangement invariant space on $[0, \infty)$, cf. [5] for the definition. We denote by $\mathcal{N}$ a semi-finite von Neumann algebra with a semi-finite normal faithful trace σ . The set of all σ -measurable operators will be denoted by $\tilde{\mathcal{N}}$. For $x \in \tilde{\mathcal{N}}$, let $\mu.(x)$ be the generalized singular value function of x , cf. [4]. We define

$$L_E(\mathcal{N}, \sigma) = \{x \in \tilde{\mathcal{N}} : \mu.(x) \in E\}$$

$$\|x\|_{L_E(\mathcal{N}, \sigma)} = \|\mu.(x)\|_E \quad \text{for } x \in L_E(\mathcal{N}, \sigma).$$

Then $(L_E(\mathcal{N}, \sigma), \|\cdot\|_{L_E(\mathcal{N}, \sigma)})$ is a Banach space, [2, 12]. For $E = L^p(0, \infty)$, we recover the noncommutative L^p -space $L^p(\mathcal{N}, \sigma)$ associated with $(\mathcal{N}, \sigma)$. We will denote $L_E(\mathcal{N}, \sigma)$ simply by $L_E(\mathcal{N})$. Let $a = (a_n)_{n \geq 0}$ be a finite sequence in $L_E(\mathcal{N})$, define

$$\|a\|_{L_E(\mathcal{N}, l_C^2)} = \left\| \left(\sum_{n \geq 0} |a_n|^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L_E(\mathcal{N})},$$

$$\|a\|_{L_E(\mathcal{N}, l_R^2)} = \left\| \left(\sum_{n \geq 0} |a_n^*|^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L_E(\mathcal{N})}.$$

This gives two norms on the family of all finite sequences in $L_E(\mathcal{N})$. To see this, denoting by $\mathcal{B}(l^2)$ the algebra of all bounded operators on l^2 with its usual trace tr , let us consider the von Neumann algebra tensor

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