

REARRANGEMENT INVARIANT SUBSPACES OF LORENTZ FUNCTION SPACES II

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ABSTRACT. For $1 \leq q \leq p < \infty$ and $p > 2$, it is shown that the only subspaces of the Lorentz function space $L_{p,q}[0, 1]$ which are isomorphic to r.i. function spaces on $[0, 1]$ are $L_2[0, 1]$ and $L_{p,q}[0, 1]$, up to equivalent renormings. If $p < 2$ or if $1 < p < q < \infty$, then $L_{p,q}[0, 1]$ has an r.i. subspace which is not isomorphic to either $L_2[0, 1]$ or $L_{p,q}[0, 1]$.

1. Introduction. This note is an addendum to a previous paper by the author [5] in which it is shown that for $2 \leq q < p < \infty$ the only rearrangement invariant function spaces on $[0, 1]$ that embed isomorphically into the Lorentz function space $L_{p,q} = L_{p,q}[0, 1]$ are, up to equivalent renormings, L_2 and $L_{p,q}$. In the present note we consider the remaining values of p and q . Now the case $p = q$ (i.e., L_p) is treated in the Memoir of Johnson, Maurey, Schechtman and Tzafriri [11]; and since the non-separable, non-reflexive space $L_{p,\infty}$ contains a sublattice isomorphic to ℓ_∞ (hence L_∞), we will be concerned primarily with $p \neq q < \infty$.

In §2 we show that the main result of [5], stated above, also holds for $1 \leq q < 2 < p < \infty$. This is an unexpected extension of the results in [11], since $L_{p,q}$ is not 2-convex when $q < 2 < p$.

In §3 we give examples to show that in either of the cases $p < 2$ or $1 < p < q < \infty$ there are r.i. subspaces of $L_{p,q}$ that are not isomorphic to either L_2 or $L_{p,q}$. This is also surprising, as $L_{p,q}$ is 2-convex and q -concave when $2 < p < q < \infty$.

For the sake of brevity we will not repeat the arguments from [5] in their entirety, but rather simply indicate the necessary additions and alterations. The reader is referred to [5] and its references (especially [11] and [13]) for any unexplained terminology.

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$L_{p,q} = L_{p,q}[0,1]$ is the Banach space (of equivalence classes) of all measurable functions f on $[0,1]$ for which $\|f\| = \|f\|_{p,q} < \infty$, where

$$(1) \quad \|f\| = \left(\int_0^1 f^*(t)^q d(t^{q/p}) \right)^{1/q},$$

and where f^* is the decreasing rearrangement of $|f|$. It is well-known that for $1 \leq q \leq p < \infty$, (1) defines a norm on $L_{p,q}$ under which it is a separable r.i. space on $[0,1]$. Of course $L_{p,p} = L_p$ for any p . Notice also that $L_{p,q}$ is of the form $L_{w,q}$ treated in [5] exactly when $1 \leq q \leq p < \infty$ (see also [13, p. 142]). Now when $1 < p < q < \infty$ we could use the duality $L_{p,q} = (L_{p',q'})^*$, $(\frac{1}{p}) + (\frac{1}{p'}) = 1 = (\frac{1}{q}) + (\frac{1}{q'})$, to define the norm on $L_{p,q}$; but for simplicity we will instead observe that (1) defines a quasi-norm on $L_{p,q}$ which is known to be equivalent to the norm, say $\|\cdot\|$, obtained via this duality (see O'Neil [15] for a detailed proof). In particular, we will use the fact that for $1 < p < q < \infty$ there is a constant C , depending only on p and q , such that

$$(2) \quad C^{-1}\|f\| \leq \|\cdot\| \leq C\|f\|.$$

for all $f \in L_{p,q}$. Throughout we will simply refer to the expression in (1) as the "norm" on $L_{p,q}$, and we will use C (or C_1, C_2 , etc.) as a generic symbol representing a positive, finite constant that depends only on p and q .

Now the critical step in any of our attempts to classify the r.i. subspaces of $L_{p,q}$ will be an application of the Classification Theorem of Johnson, Maurey, Schechtman and Tzafriri [11, Theorem 6.1] (cf. also [13, Theorem 2.e.13]). In order to take full advantage of this deep theorem we will need to catalogue several properties of the $L_{p,q}$ -spaces

THEOREM 1. *Let $1 < p < \infty$ and $1 \leq q < \infty$. Then:*

- (i) *the Haar system is an unconditional basis for $L_{p,q}$;*
- (ii) *$L_{p,q}$ satisfies an upper r -estimate and a lower s -estimate for disjoint elements where $r = \min(p,q)$ and $s = \max(p,q)$;*
- (iii) *if (f_n) is a disjointly supported sequence of norm-one elements in $L_{p,q}$, then there is a subsequence of (f_n) which is equivalent to the unit vector basis of ℓ_q .*

PROOF. (i). follows from [13, Theorem 2.c.6] and the fact that the Boyd indices for $X = L_{p,q}$ satisfy $p_X = q_X = p$ [3, 4]. (ii). is due

to J. Creekmore [8]; in the case $q \leq p$ both of the constants involved may be taken to be 1. (iii). is due to Figiel, Johnson and Tzafriri [9, Theorem 5.1] in the case $q < p$. The case $p < q$ is very similar; because the actual details will be needed later, we include a proof. First notice that because $t^{q/p-1}$ is increasing we may re-write (1) as:

$$(3) \quad \|f\| = \inf_{\tau} \left(\int_0^1 |f(\tau(t))|^q d(t^{q/p}) \right)^{1/q},$$

where the infimum is taken over all measure-preserving automorphisms τ from $[0, 1]$ onto $[0, 1]$. Thus if τ is any automorphism of $[0, 1]$, then we always have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \left| \sum_n a_n f_n(\tau(t)) \right|^q d(t^{q/p}) \\ &= \sum_n |a_n|^q \int_0^1 |f_n(\tau(t))|^q d(t^{q/p}) \geq \sum_n |a_n|^q, \end{aligned}$$

and so:

$$\| \sum_n a_n f_n \| \geq \left(\sum_n |a_n|^q \right)^{1/q}.$$

To prove the other inequality, let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given and let $|A|$ denote the Lebesgue measure of a measurable set $A \subset [0, 1]$. For each n set $A_n = \text{supp } f_n$, and choose an automorphism $\tau_n : [0, |A_n|] \rightarrow A_n$ such that:

$$\int_0^{|A_n|} |f_n(\tau_n(t))|^q d(t^{q/p}) \leq (1 + \varepsilon)^q.$$

Now for each n there exists $0 < \varepsilon_n < |A_n|$ such that $\|f_n \chi_B\| \leq \varepsilon \cdot 2^{-n/q'}$ whenever $|B| < \varepsilon_n$. By passing to a subsequence if necessary we may suppose that $|A_{n+1}| < \varepsilon_n$ for all n . Let τ be any automorphism of $[0, 1]$ such that $\tau = \tau_n$ on $[|A_{n+1}|, |A_n|]$ for every n . Then setting $E_n = \tau([0, |A_{n+1}|])$ and $F_n = \tau([|A_{n+1}|, |A_n|])$ we have (using (2)):

$$\begin{aligned} \| \sum_n a_n f_n \| &\leq C \left(\sum_n |a_n| \|f_n \chi_{E_n}\| + \left\| \sum_n a_n f_n \chi_{F_n} \right\| \right) \\ &\leq C \left\{ \varepsilon \cdot \sum_n |a_n| \cdot 2^{-n/q'} + \left(\sum_n |a_n|^q \int_{|A_{n+1}|}^{|A_n|} |f_n(\tau_n(t))|^q d(t^{q/p}) \right)^{1/q} \right\} \\ &\leq C(1 + 2\varepsilon) \cdot \left(\sum_n |a_n|^q \right)^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $1 < p < \infty$, $1 \leq q < \infty$ and suppose that X is an r.i. function space on $[0, 1]$, that $X \neq L_2$ even up to an equivalent norm, and that X is isomorphic to a subspace of $L_{p,q}$. Then by Theorem 1(i). and [13, Corollary 2.c.11] the Haar system is an unconditional basis for X . Further, Theorem 1(iii). implies that the Haar basis in X cannot be equivalent to a disjointly supported sequence in $L_{p,q}$. For $q \neq 2$ this is immediate, since $L_{p,q}$ cannot contain a disjointly supported sequence equivalent to the unit vector basis of ℓ_2 . When $q = 2 \neq p$ we need only repeat the argument given in [5, Lemma 1] (slightly modified when $p < q$). That is, if the Haar basis $(h_{n,i})_{n=0}^{\infty}{}_{i=1}^{2^n}$ in X is equivalent to a disjointly supported sequence in $L_{p,2}$, then there is an infinite subset $M \subset N$ such that

$$(4) \quad \left\| \sum_{n \in M} \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} a_{n,i} h_{n,i} \right\|_X \stackrel{C}{\sim} \left(\sum_{n \in M} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} a_{n,i} h_{n,i} \right\|_X^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

for any scalars $(a_{n,i})$. From (4) it would then follow that $X = L_2$ up to an equivalent norm. We omit the details.

Finally, these observations and Theorem 6.12 of [11] yield

COROLLARY 1. *Let $1 < p, q < \infty$ and let X be an r.i. function space on $[0, 1]$ that is isomorphic to a complemented subspace of $L_{p,q}$. Then either $X = L_2$ or $X = L_{p,q}$, up to an equivalent norm.*

2. The case $1 \leq q < 2 < p < \infty$. An examination of the ingredients in the proof of Theorem 1 of [5] reveals that only Lemma 5 of [5] appears to require 2-convexity. In fact, as we shall see, the only real use of 2-convexity in [5] occurs in an appeal to Corollary 7.3 of [11]. However, at least in the case of $L_{p,q}$, $1 \leq q < 2 < p < \infty$, it is possible to modify the argument given in Lemma 5 of [5] and to circumvent this apparent need for 2-convexity. We begin by giving a modified version of Corollary 7.3 of [11]. We will use d_f to denote the distribution function of $|f|$ (i.e., the right-inverse of f^*). Also recall that a sequence $(f_i)_{i=1}^n$ is called symmetrically exchangeable if for any permutation π of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ and any signs $\varepsilon_i = \pm 1, i = 1, \dots, n$, the sequence $(\varepsilon_i f_{\pi(i)})_{i=1}^n$ has the same (probability) distribution as $(f_i)_{i=1}^n$. Note is particular that in this case the f_i 's all have the same distribution.

LEMMA 1. *Let $1 \leq q \leq p < \infty$ and $p > 2$. There is a constant C , depending only on p and q , such that if $(y_i)_{i=1}^n$ is a symmetrically*

exchangeable sequence in $L_{p,q}$, and if $(y_i)_{i=1}^n$ is a disjointly supported sequence in $L_{p,q}(0, \infty)$ with $d_{y_i} = d_{\tilde{y}_i}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, then

$$(5) \quad \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{y}_i \right\| \leq C \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right\|.$$

PROOF. Recall from Theorem 1(ii). that $L_{p,q}$ satisfies a lower p -estimate (since $q \leq p$). For $p > 2$ it then follows from a result of Maurey [14] that $L_{p,q}$ is cotype p ; i.e., there is a constant C such that

$$(6) \quad \int_0^1 \left\| \sum_{i=1}^k r_i(t) f_i \right\| dt \geq C^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \|f_i\|^p \right)^{1/p},$$

for any $(f_i)_{i=1}^k$ in $L_{p,q}$, where $(r_i)_{i=1}^\infty$ is the sequence of Rademacher functions on $[0, 1]$.

Now, since $(y_i)_{i=1}^n$ is symmetrically exchangeable, we get from (6) that

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right\| = \int_0^1 \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n r_i(t) y_i \right\| dt \geq C^{-1} n^{1/p} \|y_1\|.$$

But, as in the proof of Lemma 2 of [5], we also have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{y}_i \right\|^q &= \int_0^\infty \left(\sum_{i=1}^n d_{\tilde{y}_i}(t) \right)^{q/p} d(t^q) \\ &= n^{q/p} \int_0^\infty (d_{y_1}(t))^{q/p} d(t^q) = n^{q/p} \|y_1\|^q. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{y}_i \right\| = n^{1/p} \|y_1\| \leq C \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right\|.$$

Now we may repeat the proof of [5, Lemma 5] in this special case. As in [5] we write $z_{n,i}$ for the indicator function of the interval $[(i-1)/n, i/n)$.

LEMMA 2. Let $1 \leq q < p < \infty$ and $p > 2$. There is a constant C , depending only on p and q , such that if $(y_i)_{i=1}^n$ is a symmetrically

exchangeable sequence in $L_{p,q}$, then

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i y_i \right\| \leq C \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right\| \cdot \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i z_{n,i} \right\|,$$

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

PROOF. Let $(\tilde{y}_i)_{i=1}^n$ be a disjointly supported sequence in $L_{p,q}(0, \infty)$ with $d_{\tilde{y}_i} = d_{y_i}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. Then, by Lemma 2 of [5] and Lemma 1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \tilde{y}_i \right\| &\leq \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{y}_i \right\| \cdot \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i z_{n,i} \right\| \\ &\leq C_1 \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right\| \cdot \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i z_{n,i} \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

Now, just as in [5, Lemma 5], we want to apply the left-hand side of the Classification Formula [11 Theorem 2.1]; and by [11; Remark 1, p. 63] this half of the inequality is valid in any Banach lattice which is s -concave for some $s < \infty$. Thus there is a constant C_2 such that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i y_i \right\| &\leq C_2 \max \left\{ \left\| \max_{1 < i < n} |a_i y_i| \right\|, \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right\| \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^2 / n \right)^{1/2} \right\} \\ &\leq C_2 \max \left\{ \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \tilde{y}_i \right\|, \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right\| \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^2 / n \right)^{1/2} \right\} \\ &\leq C_1 C_2 \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right\| \max \left\{ \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i z_{n,i} \right\|, \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i z_{n,i} \right\|_{L_2} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

But $\|f\| \geq \|f\|_{L_2}$ for $f \in L_{p,q}$. Indeed, $\|f\| \geq \|f\|_{L_p}$ when $1 \leq q \leq p < \infty$, and so $\|f\| \geq \|f\|_{L_2}$ when $p > 2$ (see [10] or [13, Proposition 2.b.9]). Thus,

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i y_i \right\| \leq C_1 C_2 \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right\| \cdot \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i z_{n,i} \right\|.$$

Finally, by incorporating these observations into the proof of theorem 1 of [5] we have

THEOREM 2. *Let $1 \leq q \leq p < \infty$ and $p > 2$. Let X be an r.i. function space on $[0, 1]$ that is isomorphic to a subspace of $L_{p,q}$. Then, up to an equivalent norm, $X = L_2$ or $X = L_{p,q}$.*

REMARK. It is known that $L_{2,q}$ is not of cotype 2 for $1 \leq q < 2$, and so our proof of Lemma 2 fails in this case. In fact, even the conclusion of Lemma 1 cannot hold in this case (this follows from an example due to Pisier [13, Example 1.f.19], [8]; but see also [6]). We have been unable to determine whether the conclusion of Theorem 2 holds in this remaining case.

3. The cases $p < 2$ and $1 < p < q < \infty$. We first remark that the conclusion of Theorem 2 cannot hold for $p < 2$, since it is known not to hold even $L_p, p < 2$. The easiest way to see this is via Proposition 8.9 of [11] which states that if for some $1 < r < 2$ an r.i. function space X on $[0, 1]$ contains the function $g(t) = t^{-1/r}, 0 < t \leq 1$, then L_r embeds isometrically into X (cf. [13, Theorem 2.f.4]). Consequently, given $1 < p < r < 2$ and $1 \leq q < \infty$, $L_{p,q}$ contains an isometric copy of L_r .

Now the technique employed in proving [11, Proposition 8.9] supplies a general method for constructing sublattices of an r.i. function space which are themselves isometric to r.i. function spaces on $[0, 1]$. Given an r.i. function space X on $[0, 1]$ and a positive, decreasing, norm-one $g \in X$ we define the space X_g to be the completion of the simple, integrable functions on $[0, 1]$ under the norm

$$(7) \quad \|f\|_{X_g} = \|f \otimes g\|_{X([0,1]^2)},$$

where $(f \otimes g)(s, t) = f(s)g(t)$. Since the square $[0, 1]^2$ is measure-equivalent to the interval $[0, 1]$, it is easy to see that X_g is isometric and lattice-isomorphic to a sublattice of X , and further, that (7) defines an r.i. norm on X_g . Henceforth we will identify X with $X([0, 1]^2)$ and simply write $\|f\|_{X_g} = \|f \otimes g\|_X$.

It is easy to see that if $X = L_{p,q}, 1 \leq q \leq p < \infty$, then each of the spaces X_g must be isomorphic to $L_{p,q}$. In fact, in this case we have

$$(8) \quad \|f\| \|g\|_{L_p} \leq \|f \otimes g\| \leq \|f\| \|g\|,$$

for any $f, g \in L_{p,q}$. To see this, fix $f \in L_{p,q}$ and suppose that g is a step function $g = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i z_{n,i}$. Write $f_{n,i} = f \otimes z_{n,i}$ for each $n = 1, 2, \dots$

and $i = 1, \dots, n$. Then $f \otimes g = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f_{n,i}$, where the $f_{n,i}$'s are disjoint and all have the same distribution. Thus $\|f_{n,1}\| = n^{-1/p} \|f\|$, and so, by Theorem 1(ii),

$$\begin{aligned} \|f \otimes g\| &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f_{n,i} \right\| \geq \|f_{n,1}\| \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \\ &= n^{-1/p} \|f\| \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^p \right)^{1/p} = \|f\| \|g\|_{L_p}. \end{aligned}$$

The other inequality is given in [5, Lemma 2] (also [15, Theorem 7.4]). When $1 < p < q < \infty$, the inequalities in (8) are reversed and we reach a much different conclusion:

PROPOSITION 1. *Let $1 < p < q < \infty$. Then there exists g in $X = L_{p,q}$ such that X_g is not isomorphic to either L_2 or $L_{p,q}$.*

PROOF. We use an example given in [15]: let $f(t) = t^{-1/p}(1 - \log t)^{-\alpha/p}$, $0 < t \leq 1$, where α is chosen to satisfy $2\alpha - 1 < p/q < \alpha < 1$. Then $f \in L_{p,q}$, but, as shown in [15, Theorem 7.7], $f \otimes f \notin L_{p,q}$. That is, if $g = f/\|f\|$, then $g \notin X_g$. Thus, by Corollary 1, X_g cannot be isomorphic to $L_{p,q}$ (for otherwise, $X_g = L_{p,q}$). Finally, X_g cannot be isomorphic to L_2 . For $q \neq 2$ this follows from Theorem 1(iii). For $p < 2 = q$ we need only observe that for each n the 1-unconditional basic sequence $(z_{n,i})_{i=1}^n$ in X_g satisfies $\|\sum_{i=1}^n z_{n,i}\|_{X_g} = n^{1/p} \|z_{n,1}\|_{X_g}$, and so

$$\frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|z_{n,i}\|_{X_g}^2 \right)^{1/2}}{\|\sum_{i=1}^n z_{n,i}\|_{X_g}} = n^{1/2-1/p},$$

which cannot be bounded from below independent of n .

Finally, it should be pointed-out that a subspace X_g of $X = L_{p,q}$ is isomorphic to $L_{p,q}$ precisely when it is complemented in $L_{p,q}$. This follows from Corollary 1 and the following observation (suggested by a similar result due to Casazza and Lin [7] for spaces with symmetric basis):

PROPOSITION 2. *Let X be a separable r.i. function space on $[0, 1]$ which has unique r.i. structure on $[0, 1]$, and which is q -concave for some $q < \infty$. If X_g is isomorphic to X , then X_g is complemented in X .*

PROOF. The assumption of unique r.i. structure implies that $X_g = X$, up to an equivalent norm; in particular, there is a constant $M < \infty$ such that $\|f\|_{X_g} < M\|f\|_X$ for all $f \in X$.

Now, in order to fix X_g , let $\sigma : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]^2$ be a measure equivalence. For each $n = 1, 2, \dots$ and $i = 1, \dots, n$, let $g_{n,i} = (z_{n,i} \otimes g) \circ \sigma$, let $A_{n,i} = \text{supp } g_{n,i}$, and let $x_{n,i}$ be the indicator function of $A_{n,i}$. Then X_g is isometric to $[g_{n,i}]_{n=1, i=1}^\infty$ in X , and for any n and any scalars $(a_i)_{i=1}^n$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i g_{n,i} \right\|_X &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i z_{n,i} \right\|_{X_g} \leq M \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i z_{n,i} \right\|_X \\ &= M \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_{n,i} \right\|_X. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we show that for each n , $[g_{n,i}]_{i=1}^n$ is complemented by a projection of norm at most $M/\|g\|_{L_1}$. To see this, define $P_n : X \rightarrow X$ by

$$P_n f = \|g\|_{L_1}^{-1} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \left(n \int f x_{n,i} \right) g_{n,i}.$$

Then P_n is a projection onto $[g_{n,i}]_{i=1}^n$ since $\|g\|_{L_1} = n\|g_{n,i}\|_{L_1}$ for any $i = 1, \dots, n$ (recall that g is positive), and for $f \in X$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_n f\|_X &= \|g\|_{L_1}^{-1} \cdot \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \left(n \int f x_{n,i} \right) g_{n,i} \right\|_X \\ &\leq M \|g\|_{L_1}^{-1} \cdot \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \left(n \int f x_{n,i} \right) x_{n,i} \right\|_X \leq M \|g\|_{L_1}^{-1} \cdot \|f\|_X, \end{aligned}$$

since conditional expectation is a contraction on X .

Finally, since X is q -concave, X is a projection band in X^{**} and a standard argument finishes the proof. Let $J : X \rightarrow X^{**}$ be the canonical inclusion, and let $Q : X^{**} \rightarrow X$ be the canonical projection. Then, if R is a limit point for (P_n^{**}) in the w^* -operator topology, $P = QRJ$ is a projection onto X_g of norm at most $M\|g\|_{L_1}^{-1}$.

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