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**Abstract**

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**EMBEDDING THEOREMS FOR BANACH SPACES OF MEASURABLE FUNCTIONS**

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Recently, various authors <sup>(1,2)</sup> have studied Banach spaces of measurable functions possessing the following property: if  $x(t) \in E$ , then  $|x(t)| \in E$ , and the norms of these functions in  $E$  coincide.

In the present note we consider spaces of measurable functions  $E$  satisfying the requirements:

- 1) If  $x(t) \in E$  and the functions  $|x(t)|$  and  $|y(t)|$  are equimeasurable, then  $y(t) \in E$  and

$$\|x\|_E = \|y\|_E.$$

- 2) If  $|x(t)| \leq |y(t)|$  and  $y(t) \in E$ , then  $x(t) \in E$  and

$$\|x\|_E \leq \|y\|_E.$$

We shall call such spaces symmetric. We shall assume that the functions from  $E$  are defined on the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

It is obvious that  $\chi_e(t)$ , the characteristic function of any measurable subset  $e \subset [0, 1]$ , belongs to  $E$ , whence it follows that every finitely valued function belongs to  $E$ . It can be shown (see <sup>(3)</sup> or <sup>(4)</sup>) that the second condition in the definition of a symmetric space follows from the first if it is known that the set of finitely valued functions is dense in  $E$ .

Among symmetric spaces, the spaces  $\Lambda(\varphi)$  and  $M(\varphi)$ , first considered by Lorentz <sup>(5)</sup> and Halperin <sup>(6)</sup>, possess important extremal properties. By  $\Lambda(\varphi)$  is denoted the Banach space of functions measurable on  $[0, 1]$  for which

$$\|x\|_{\Lambda(\varphi)} = \int_0^1 x^*(t) d\varphi(t),$$

where  $x^*(t)$  is a nonincreasing function equimeasurable with  $|x(t)|$ , and  $\varphi(t)$  is a nondecreasing concave function on  $[0, 1]$ . In  $M(\varphi)$  the norm is introduced by the formula

$$\|x\|_{M(\varphi)} = \sup_{0 < h \leq 1} \frac{\int_0^h x^*(t) dt}{\varphi(h)}.$$

Here  $\varphi(t)$  does not decrease on  $[0, 1]$ , and  $\varphi(t) > 0$  for  $t > 0$ .

By definition,  $\|\chi_e\|_E$  is determined by specifying the measure of the set  $e \subset [0, 1]$ . In other words, for every symmetric space  $E$  there exists a function  $\varphi(t)$  ( $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ) such that

$$\|\chi_e\|_E = \varphi(me).$$

From the definition of a symmetric space it follows that  $\varphi(0) = 0$ . In this case we shall call the function  $\varphi(t)$  fundamental for the space  $E$ . For example,  $\varphi(t) = \sqrt[p]{t}$  is the fundamental function of the space  $\mathcal{L}_p$  ( $1 \leq p < \infty$ ).

**Theorem 1.** *In order that a function  $\varphi(t)$  be fundamental for some symmetric space, it is necessary and sufficient that the following conditions be satisfied: a)  $\varphi(t)$  does not decrease on  $[0, 1]$ ; b)  $\varphi(t)/t$  does not increase on  $(0, 1]$ .*

**Proof. Necessity.** Let  $0 < t_1 < t_2 \leq 1$ ,  $e_1 \subset e_2 \subset [0, 1]$ ,  $me_1 = t_1$ ,  $me_2 = t_2$ , and  $\|\chi_e\|_E = \varphi(me)$ . Then

$$\varphi(t_1) = \|\chi_{e_1}\|_E = \frac{1}{2} \|(\chi_{e_1} - \chi_{e_2/e_1}) + \chi_{e_2}\|_E \leq \frac{1}{2} \|\chi_{e_1} - \chi_{e_2/e_1}\|_E + \frac{1}{2} \|\chi_{e_2}\|_E = \|\chi_{e_2}\|_E = \varphi(t_2).$$

Put

$$e_{k,n,m}(t) = \chi_{[0, \frac{k}{n}]}(t) - \chi_{[\frac{m-1}{n}, \frac{m}{n}]}(t),$$

where  $1 \leq m \leq k \leq n$ . From the obvious identity

$$(k-1)\chi_{[0, \frac{k}{n}]}(t) = \sum_{m=1}^k e_{k,n,m}(t)$$

we have, by definition,

$$(k-1) \|\chi_{[0, \frac{k}{n}]} \|_E = \left\| \sum_{m=1}^k e_{k,n,m} \right\|_E \leq \sum_{m=1}^k \|e_{k,n,m}\|_E = k \|\chi_{[0, \frac{k-1}{n}]} \|_E$$

or

$$(k-1)\varphi\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \leq k\varphi\left(\frac{k-1}{n}\right),$$

whence we obtain

$$\frac{\varphi\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)}{\frac{k}{n}} \leq \frac{\varphi\left(\frac{k-1}{n}\right)}{\frac{k-1}{n}}.$$

Thus, if  $r < R$  are rational, then

$$\frac{\varphi(R)}{R} \leq \frac{\varphi(r)}{r}. \quad (1)$$

Now let  $0 < t_1 < t_2 \leq 1$ . Construct two sequences of rational numbers  $r_k$  and  $R_k$  such that  $r_k \uparrow t_1$ ,  $R_k \downarrow t_2$ . Then, by virtue of a) and (1):

$$\frac{\varphi(t_2)}{t_2} \leq \frac{R_k \varphi(R_k)}{t_2 R_k} \leq \frac{R_k \varphi(r_k)}{t_2 r_k} \leq \frac{R_k t_1 \varphi(t_1)}{r_k t_2 t_1}. \quad (2)$$

Passing in (2) to the limit as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain the required inequality.

**Sufficiency.** Let  $\varphi(t)$  satisfy conditions a) and b). We shall prove that as  $E$  one may take the space  $M(\psi)$ ,  $\psi(t) = t/\varphi(t)$ . Indeed,

$$\|\chi_e\|_{M(\psi)} = \sup_{0 < h \leq 1} \frac{\int_0^h \chi_e^*(t) dt}{\psi(h)}.$$

Since  $\psi(h)$  is nondecreasing in  $h$ , it follows that

$$\|\chi_e\|_{M(\psi)} = \sup_{0 < h \leq me} \frac{\int_0^h dt}{\psi(h)} = \sup_{0 < h \leq me} \varphi(h).$$

But  $\varphi(h)$  also is nondecreasing in  $h$ , therefore

$$\|\chi_e\|_{M(\psi)} = \varphi(me).$$

The theorem is proved.

**Theorem 2.** *If  $E$  is symmetric, then  $\mathcal{L}_\infty \subset E \subset \mathcal{L}_1$ , and both embeddings are continuous.*

**Proof.** If  $x(t) \in \mathcal{L}_\infty$ , then, by the definition of a symmetric space,  $x(t) \in E$  and

$$\|x\|_E \leq \|\text{vrai sup } |x(t)|\|_E = \varphi(1)\|x\|_{\mathcal{L}_\infty}.$$

Let

$$y_0(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k \chi_{e_k}(t), \quad \text{where } x_k \geq 0, \quad me_k = \frac{1}{N}.$$

Put

$$y_j(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_{k+j(\text{mod } N)} \chi_{e_k}(t)$$

( $j = 1, 2, \dots, N-1$ ). Obviously, the functions  $y_0(t)$  and  $y_j(t)$  are equimeasurable, and therefore  $\|y_0\|_E = \|y_j\|_E$ . Since

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} y_j(t),$$

we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k \varphi(1) = \left\| \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} y_j \right\|_E \leq \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \|y_j\|_E = N \|y_0\|_E,$$

whence

$$\|y_0\|_E \geq \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} x_k \varphi(1) = \varphi(1) \|y_0\|_{L_1}. \quad (3)$$

Now let  $z(t)$  be a nonnegative function from  $E$ . There exists a nondecreasing sequence of nonnegative simple functions  $z_k(t)$  converging to  $z(t)$  almost everywhere on  $[0, 1]$ . Moreover, one may assume that the function  $z_k(t)$  is constant on sets of equal measure. Since  $z_k(t) \leq z(t)$ , we have  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|z_k\|_E \leq \|z\|_E$ . By Levi's theorem it follows that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|z_k\|_{L_1} = \|z\|_{L_1}$  (if  $z(t) \notin \mathcal{L}_1$ , then, obviously,  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|z_k\|_{L_1} = \infty$ ). From (3) it follows that

$$\|z\|_{L_1} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|z_k\|_{L_1} \leq \varphi(1) \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|z_k\|_E \leq \varphi(1) \|z\|_E. \quad (4)$$

Replacing an arbitrary function from  $E$  by its modulus and using (4), we obtain the required inequality. The theorem is proved.

It follows from Theorem 1 that the fundamental function  $\varphi(t)$  is continuous on  $(0, 1]$ . It can be shown (see (3) or (4)) that for the continuity of  $\varphi(t)$  at  $t = 0$  it is necessary and sufficient that the norm of the space  $E$  be weaker than the norm of  $\mathcal{L}_\infty$ ; similarly, the boundedness on  $(0, 1]$  of the function  $\varphi(t)/t$  is equivalent to the fact that the norm of  $E$  is stronger than the norm of  $\mathcal{L}_1$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\varphi(t)$  be the fundamental function of the symmetric space  $E$ . Then there exists a concave function  $\psi(t)$  satisfying the conditions  $\psi(0) = \varphi(0)$ ,  $\psi(1) = \varphi(1)$ ,  $\varphi(t) \leq \psi(t) \leq 2\varphi(t)$ , and such that  $E \supset \Lambda(\psi)$  and

$$\|x\|_E \leq \|x\|_{\Lambda(\psi)}.$$

If  $\varphi(t)$  is concave, then  $\psi(t) = \varphi(t)$ .

In the proof of the theorem the following simple fact is used: the functions

$$\frac{1}{\psi(me \cup g)} [\chi_e(t) - \chi_g(t)],$$

where  $e, g \subset [0, 1]$ ,  $e \cap g = \emptyset$ , and only they, are the extreme points of the unit ball of the space  $\Lambda(\psi)$ .

In what follows (in the corollaries of Theorems 3 and 7) we shall use the definition from (7, 8).

**Corollary 1.** If  $\varphi_0(t) \leq \varphi_1(t)$ , then the spaces  $\Lambda(\varphi_1^{-\alpha}\varphi_0^\alpha)$  ( $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ ) form a maximal continuous normal scale of spaces connecting  $\Lambda(\varphi_0)$  and  $\Lambda(\varphi_1)$ .

**Corollary 2** (interpolation theorem in the spaces  $\Lambda(\varphi)$ ). If  $\varphi_0(t) \leq \varphi_1(t)$ ,  $\psi_0(t) \leq \psi_1(t)$ ,  $A$  is a linear operator and

$$\|Ax\|_{\Lambda(\varphi_i)} \leq C_i \|x\|_{\Lambda(\psi_i)} \quad (i = 0, 1),$$

then for all  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and all  $x \in \Lambda(\psi_0^{1-\alpha}\psi_1^\alpha)$  the inequality

$$\|Ax\|_{\Lambda(\varphi_0^{1-\alpha}\varphi_1^\alpha)} \leq C_0^{1-\alpha} C_1^\alpha \|x\|_{\Lambda(\psi_0^{1-\alpha}\psi_1^\alpha)}$$

is satisfied.

The proof follows directly from Corollary 1 and the interpolation theorem of S. G. Kreĭn <sup>(7)</sup>.

**Theorem 4.** If  $\varphi(t)$  is the fundamental function of a symmetric space  $E$ , then  $E \subset M(\psi)$  and

$$\|x\|_{M(\psi)} \leq \|x\|_E,$$

where  $\psi(t) = t/\varphi(t)$ .

Theorem 4 cannot be improved in the sense that  $\|\chi_e\|_{M(\psi)} = \varphi(me)$ ; the same can be said also of Theorem 3, if  $\varphi(t)$  is concave.

From Theorems 3 and 4 one can obtain new embedding theorems for the basic classes of symmetric spaces:  $\mathcal{L}_M^{(9)}$ ,  $\Lambda(p, \varphi)$ , and  $M(p, \varphi)$  <sup>(5)</sup>.

**Theorem 5.** Let  $E_i$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ) be symmetric spaces and let  $\varphi_i(t)$  be their corresponding fundamental functions. If  $\varphi_0(t)$  and  $t/\varphi_1(t)$  are concave on  $[0, 1]$  and

$$C = \int_0^1 \varphi_0'(t) d \frac{t}{\varphi_1(t)} < \infty,$$

then  $E_0 \supset E_1$  and

$$\|x\|_{E_0} \leq C \|x\|_{E_1}.$$

**Theorem 6.** If the function  $\psi(t) = tx_0^*(t)$  is nondecreasing in some neighborhood of 0,  $x^*(1) > 0$ , and

$$\overline{\lim}_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_0^h x_0^*(t) dt}{hx_0^*(h)} < \infty,$$

then from the inclusion  $x_0(t) \in E$ , where  $E$  is symmetric, it follows that  $x_0(t) \in M(\psi) \subset E$ , and the embedding is continuous.

Let  $E$  be a symmetric space. A set of functions  $M \subset E$  will be called symmetric if  $x(t) \in E$  whenever  $y(t) \in E$  and  $x^*(t) \leq y^*(t)$ . It is obvious that the unit ball of the space  $E$  is a symmetric set. We give one property of embeddings of symmetric spaces.

**Theorem 7.** Let the set of finitely valued functions be dense in the symmetric spaces  $E_0$  and  $E_1$ , let  $\|x\|_{E_0} \leq \|x\|_{E_1}$ , and let  $M$  be a symmetric set from  $E_1$ . If  $M$  is closed in the norm of  $E_1$ , then it is also closed in the norm of  $E_0$ .

Applying the theorem to the unit ball of the space  $E_1$ , we obtain, by virtue of (8),

**Corollary.** If for the spaces  $E_0$  and  $E_1$  the conditions of Theorem 7 are fulfilled, then  $E_0$  and  $E_1$  are conjugate.

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