

ON THE DUALITY OF SOME MARTINGALE SPACES

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Fefferman has proved that the dual space of the martingale Hardy space H_1 is the BMO_1 -space. Garsia went further and proved that the dual of H_p is the so-called martingale K_p -space, where p and q are two conjugate numbers and $1 \leq p < 2$.

The martingale Hardy spaces H_Φ with general Young function Φ , were investigated by Bassily and Mogyoródi. In this paper we show that the dual of the martingale Hardy space H_Φ is the martingale Hardy space H_Ψ where (Φ, Ψ) is a pair of conjugate Young functions such that both Φ and Ψ have finite power. Moreover, two other remarkable dualities are presented.

1. BASIC NOTATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

Let $X \in L^1(\Omega, A, P)$ be a random variable defined on the probability space (Ω, A, P) and consider the regular martingale

$$X_n = E(X | F_n), \quad n \geq 0,$$

where $\{F_n\}$, $n \geq 0$, is an increasing sequence of σ -fields of events such that

$$F_\infty = \sigma\left(\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} F_n\right) = A.$$

We suppose that $X_0 = 0$ almost surely. We denote by $d_0 = 0, d_1, d_2, \dots$ the difference sequence corresponding to the martingale (X_n, F_n) .

The K_p -spaces were investigated by Garsia (see [2]).

In [3] we generalised this notion. Consider a pair (Φ, Ψ) of conjugate Young functions and let

$$\mu_X^{(\Phi)} = \{\gamma : \gamma \in L^\Phi, E(|X - X_{n-1}| | F_n) \leq E(\gamma | F_n) \text{ almost surely } \forall n \geq 1\},$$

We say that $X \in K_\Phi$ if the set $\mu_X^{(\Phi)}$ is not empty. In this case we define

$$\|X\|_{K_\Phi} = \inf_{\gamma \in \mu_X^{(\Phi)}} \|\gamma\|_\Phi,$$

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where $\|\cdot\|_{\Phi}$ denotes the Luxemburg norm in the Orlicz-space L^{Φ} . For the definition of the Young functions, Orlicz-spaces and Luxemburg norms we refer to [4] and [5]. It is easily proved that $(K_{\Phi}, \|\cdot\|_{K_{\Phi}})$ is a Banach space (see [3]). The space K_{∞} is the well-known BMO_1 -space.

We say that the random variable X belongs to the Hardy space H_{Φ} if the quadratic variation

$$S = S(X) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} d_i^2 \right)^{1/2} \in L^{\Phi}.$$

It is easy to show that H_{Φ} with the norm $\|X\|_{H_{\Phi}} = \|S\|_{\Phi}$ is a Banach space (see [3]).

A Young function Φ is said to be of moderated growth if its power

$$p = \sup_{x>0} (x\phi(x))/(\Phi(x))$$

is finite. Here $\phi(x)$ stands for the right-hand side derivative of Φ .

2. AUXILIARY RESULTS

LEMMA 1. *If the Young function Φ has a finite power, then $H_{\Phi} \subset K_{\Phi}$.*

PROOF: In fact, the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality (see [6, Theorem 15.1]) guarantees that $X \in H_{\Psi}$ implies that

$$X^* = \sup_{n \geq 1} |X_n| \in L^{\Phi},$$

where $X_n = E(X | F_n)$, $n \geq 1$.

From this for all $n \geq 1$ we have almost surely.

$$E(|X - X_{n-1}| | F_n) \leq E(2X^* | F_n).$$

Consequently, $X \in K_{\Phi}$ with $\|X\|_{K_{\Phi}} \leq 2\|X^*\|_{\Phi}$.

The following assertion gives a sufficient condition which ensures that the martingale Hardy space H_{Φ} and the martingale space K_{Φ} coincide and the corresponding norms are equivalent. \square

THEOREM 1. *Suppose that Φ and its conjugate Ψ have finite powers p and q respectively. Then, the spaces H_{Φ} and K_{Φ} coincide. More precisely, there exist positive constants $c_{\Phi}^{(1)}$ and $C_{\Phi}^{(1)}$ depending only on Φ such that*

$$c_{\Phi}^{(1)} \|X\|_{K_{\Phi}} \leq \|X\|_{H_{\Phi}} \leq C_{\Phi}^{(1)} \|X\|_{K_{\Phi}}.$$

PROOF: Suppose that $X \in K_\Phi$. Let $X_n = E(X | F_n)$, $n \geq 1$ be the corresponding regular martingale and let us define

$$X_n^* = \max_{1 \leq t \leq n} |X_t|, \quad n \geq 1.$$

This random variable with arbitrary constants $\beta > \alpha > 0$ satisfies the inequality

$$(\beta - \alpha)P(X_n^* \geq \beta) \leq E(\gamma \chi_{(X_n^* \geq \alpha)}),$$

where $\gamma \in \mu_X^{(\Phi)}$ is arbitrary and $\chi_{(B)}$ stands for the indicator of B .

For arbitrary $A > 0$ define

$$X_n^{**} = \min(X_n^*, a).$$

Then $X_n^{**} \in L_\infty$ and for arbitrary $\lambda > 0$ we have

$$\chi_{(X_n^{**} \geq \lambda)} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \lambda > a \\ \chi_{(X_n^* \geq \lambda)}, & \text{if } \lambda \leq a. \end{cases}$$

Consequently, since $\beta > \alpha > 0$, it follows that

$$(\beta - \alpha)P(X_n^{**} \geq \beta) \leq E(\gamma \chi_{(X_n^{**} \geq \alpha)}).$$

Choose $\beta = c\alpha$ where $c > 1$ is a constant, and integrate the above inequality with respect to the measure $d\phi(\alpha)$ and using Fubini's theorem we get

$$(c - 1)E\left(\Psi\left(\phi\left(\frac{X_n^{**}}{c}\right)\right)\right) \leq E(\gamma\phi(X_n^{**})).$$

Since Φ has finite power, then for any $c > 1$ there exists a constant $A = A(c) > 0$ such that

$$\phi(cx) \leq A\phi(x), \quad x \geq 0.$$

From the preceding inequality we get

$$(c - 1)E\left(\Psi\left(\phi\left(\frac{X_n^{**}}{c}\right)\right)\right) \leq AE\left(\gamma\phi\left(\frac{X_n^{**}}{c}\right)\right).$$

Applying Young's inequality and rearranging, we have

$$(\rho - 1)E\left(\Psi\left(\phi\left(\frac{X_n^{**}}{c}\right)\right)\right) \leq E(\Phi(\gamma/b)),$$

where $b = (c - 1)/(A\rho)$ and $\rho > 1$ is arbitrary.

Let $A \uparrow +\infty$, $X_n^{**} \uparrow X_n^*$ and by the monotone convergence theorem we have

$$(\rho - 1)E\left(\Psi\left(\phi\left(\frac{X_n^*}{c}\right)\right)\right) \leq E(\Phi(\gamma/b)).$$

Applying the so obtained inequality to the new martingale

$$\left(\frac{X_k}{\|\gamma\|_{\mathfrak{F}}}, F_k\right), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

we get

$$(\rho - 1)E\left(\Psi\left(\phi\left(\frac{X_n^*}{\rho \frac{c}{c-1} A \|\gamma\|_{\mathfrak{F}}}\right)\right)\right) \leq 1.$$

Since q , the power of Ψ is finite it follows that with $\rho = q$

$$\|X_n^*\|_{\mathfrak{F}} \leq q \frac{c}{c-1} A \|X\|_{K_{\mathfrak{F}}}.$$

REMARK. Especially, with $\Phi(x) = x^p/p$, $p > 1$, we have $\phi(x) = x^{p-1}$ and $\Psi(x) = x^q/q$, $q > 1$ where $1/p + 1/q = 1$. Thus, if $K \in K_{\mathfrak{F}} = K_p$ we have

$$\|X_n^*\|_p \leq q \frac{c^p}{c-1} \|X\|_{K_p}.$$

This is the inequality obtained by Garsia ([2, Theorem III.5.2]). The constant $c > 1$ is used to optimise the coefficient on the right hand side in the preceding inequality. The minimal value of $(c^p)/(c - 1)$ is obtained when $c = p/(p - 1)$. Thus we get

$$\|X_n^*\|_p \leq pq^p \|X\|_{K_p} \leq pqe \|X\|_{K_p}.$$

Now, let us denote $X^* = \sup_{n \geq 1} |X_n|$, then by the monotone convergence theorem we have

$$\|X^*\|_{\mathfrak{F}} \leq q \frac{c}{c-1} A \|X\|_{K_{\mathfrak{F}}}.$$

We deduce that $X^* \in L^{\mathfrak{F}}$. By the above mentioned Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality it follows that $X \in H_{\mathfrak{F}}$ and with some $C'_{\mathfrak{F}} > 0$ we have

$$c'_{\mathfrak{F}} \|X\|_{H_{\mathfrak{F}}} \leq \|X^*\|_{\mathfrak{F}} \leq q \frac{c}{c-1} A \|X\|_{K_{\mathfrak{F}}}.$$

This proves the right hand side of our inequality.

Conversely, suppose that $X \in H_{\mathfrak{F}}$, then using Lemma 1, with some constant $c''_{\mathfrak{F}} > 0$, we have

$$\|X\|_{K_{\mathfrak{F}}} \leq 2 \|X^*\|_{\mathfrak{F}} \leq 2c''_{\mathfrak{F}} \|X\|_{H_{\mathfrak{F}}}.$$

This proves the left hand side of our inequality. □

LEMMA 2. *Let (Φ, Ψ) be a pair of conjugate Young functions and suppose that both Φ and Ψ have finite power p and q respectively. Then for every $X \in H_\Phi$ there exist positive constants $c_\Phi^{(2)}$ and $C_\Phi^{(2)}$ depending only on Φ such that the following two sided inequality holds:*

$$c_\Phi^{(2)} \sup_{n \geq 0} \|X - X_n\|_\Phi \leq \|X\|_{H_\Phi} \leq C_\Phi^{(2)} \sup_{n \geq 0} \|X - X_n\|_\Phi .$$

Here $X_n = E(X | F_n)$, $n \geq 0$.

PROOF: Denote $X^* = \sup_{n \geq 0} |X_n|$. Since Φ has finite power, then by the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality we have

$$(1) \quad c'_\Phi \|X\|_{H_\Phi} \leq \|X^*\|_\Phi \leq C''_\Phi \|X\|_{H_\Phi} ,$$

where c'_Φ and c''_Φ are positive constants depending only on Φ . Since Ψ has a finite power q , then using Doob's maximal inequality (see [7]) we have

$$(2) \quad \sup_{n \geq 0} \|X_n\|_\Phi \leq \|X^*\|_\Phi \leq q \sup_{n \geq 0} \|X_n\| .$$

Remarking that $X_0 = 0$ almost surely and that $\|X_n\|_\Phi \uparrow \|X\|_\Phi$ by using Jensen's inequality and by [4, Appendix (Proposition A-3-4)], (2) implies that

$$\frac{1}{2} \sup_{n \geq 0} \|X - X_n\|_\Phi \leq \sup_{n \geq 0} \|X_n\|_\Phi \leq \|X^*\|_\Phi \leq q \|X\|_\Phi \leq q \sup_{n \geq 0} \|X - X_n\|_\Phi .$$

holds. Thus, using (1) our inequality is proved with

$$c_\Phi^{(2)} = 1/2c''_\Phi \quad \text{and} \quad C_\Phi^{(2)} = q/c'_\Phi .$$

□

Ishak and Mogyoródi (see [8, 9] proved the following result:

THEOREM 2. *Let Φ be a Young function with finite power p and Ψ denotes its conjugate Young function, not necessarily with finite power. If $X \in H_\Phi$ and $Y \in K_\Psi$ then the following Fefferman-Garsia type inequality holds*

$$|E(X_n Y_n)| \leq c_\Phi^{(3)} \|X_n\|_{H_\Phi} \|Y_n\|_{K_\Psi} ,$$

where $c_\Phi^{(3)}$ is a constant depending only on Φ . Further, the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} E(X_n Y_n)$ exists and we have

$$\left| \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} E(X_n Y_n) \right| \leq c_\Phi^{(3)} \|X\|_{H_\Phi} \|Y\|_{K_\Psi} .$$

Here $X_n = E(X | F_n)$ and $Y_n = E(Y | F_n)$, $n \geq 0$.

Now, combining the results of Theorems 1 and 2, we have

THEOREM 3. *Let (Φ, Ψ) be a pair of conjugate Young functions and suppose that both have finite power. If $X \in H_{\Phi}$ and $Y \in Y_{\Psi}$ then*

$$|E(XY)| \leq C \|X\|_{H_{\Phi}} \|Y\|_{H_{\Psi}},$$

where $E(XY) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} E(X_n Y_n)$ and C is a constant depending on Φ and Ψ such that $C = c_{\Phi}^{(3)} c_{\Psi}^{(1)}$.

PROOF: Using the result of Theorem 1, we have $Y \in K_{\Psi}$ and

$$\|Y\|_{K_{\Psi}} \leq 1/c_{\Psi}^{(1)} \|Y\|_{H_{\Psi}}.$$

And using the result of Theorem 2 we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} E(X_n Y_n) = E(XY)$ and

$$|E(XY)| \leq C \|X\|_{H_{\Phi}} \|Y\|_{H_{\Psi}}, \text{ where } C = c_{\Phi}^{(3)}/c_{\Psi}^{(1)}.$$

Let $(T_0, \|\cdot\|_0), (T_1, \|\cdot\|_1), \dots$ be a sequence of Banach spaces, and let us define the following Banach spaces

$$T^{(1)} = \left\{ x = (x_0, x_1, \dots) \in (T_0 \times T_1 \times \dots) : \|x\|^{(1)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|x_n\|_n < +\infty \right\},$$

$$T^{(\infty)} = \left\{ x = (x_1, x_1, \dots) \in (T_0 \times T_1 \times, \dots) : \|x\|^{(\infty)} = \sup_{n \geq 0} \|x_n\|_n < +\infty \right\},$$

and

$$T_0^{(\infty)} = \left\{ x \in T^{(\infty)} : \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|x_n\|_n = 0, \|x\|^{(\infty)} = \sup_{n \geq 0} \|x_n\|_n \right\}.$$

□

Now, we formulate the following lemma without proof (see [10]).

LEMMA 3. *Let B_n be the dual space of $T_n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Then, the dual space of $(T_0^{(\infty)}, \|\cdot\|^{(\infty)})$ is isomorphic to $(B^{(1)}, \|\cdot\|^{(1)})$ and isomorphism can be given by the formula*

$$B^{(1)} \ni y \mapsto f_y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \langle \cdot, y_n \rangle$$

with $\|f_y\| = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|y_n\|_n = \|y\|^{(1)}$.

3. MAIN RESULT

THEOREM 4. *Let (Φ, Ψ) be a pair of conjugate Young functions and suppose that both of them have finite power. Then, the dual space of the martingale Hardy space H_Φ is the martingale Hardy space H_Ψ .*

PROOF: If $Y \in H_\Psi$ is fixed and X varies on H_Φ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} E(X_n Y_n)$ is a continuous and linear functional on H_Φ with norm $\leq C \|Y\|_{H_\Psi}$. Conversely, suppose f is a continuous and linear functional on $(H_\Phi, \|\cdot\|_{H_\Phi})$. Then by Lemma 2, f is also continuous with respect to the norm $\sup_{n \geq 0} \|X - X_n\|_\Phi$. Consider the Banach space $T_0^{(\infty)}(\Phi)$ defined by the formula

$$T_0^{(\infty)}(\Phi) = \{ \lambda = (\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots), \lambda_n \in L^\Phi, n \geq 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|\lambda_n\| = 0 \}$$

furnished with the norm

$$\|\lambda\|_{T_0^{(\infty)}(\Phi)} = \sup_{n \geq 0} \|\lambda_n\|_\Phi.$$

Then, the space $(H_\Phi, \sup_{n \geq 0} \|X - X_n\|_\Phi)$ which can be considered as the set of the sequences

$$\tilde{X} = (X - X_0, X - X_1, X - X_2, \dots), \quad X \in H_\Phi$$

is a subspace of $T_0^{(\infty)}(\Phi)$ since X_n converges to X almost surely and in L^Φ -norm. The continuous and linear functional f given on $(H_\Phi, \sup_{n \geq 0} \|X - X_n\|_\Phi)$ can be extended to a linear functional $G(\lambda)$ on $T_0^{(\infty)}(\Phi)$ with the same norm as that of f . This can be done by means of the Hahn-Banach theorem.

Remarking that the dual space of L^Φ is L^Ψ and choosing $T_i = L^\Psi(\Omega, A, P)$, $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, by Lemma 3 there exists a sequence $(\sigma_n)_{n=0}^\infty$ of random variables such that $\sigma_n \in L^\Psi$ with

$$\sum_{n=0}^\infty \|\sigma_n\|_\Psi \leq \|G\| = \|f\|.$$

We also have

$$G(\lambda) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty E(\lambda_n \sigma_n) \quad \text{for all } \lambda \in T_0^{(\infty)}(\Phi).$$

Consider now the special sequence

$$\tilde{X} = (X - X_0, X - X_1, X - X_2, \dots, S - X_n, \dots)$$

Putting $\tilde{X}_n = (X_n - X_0, X_n - X_1, \dots, X_n - X_{n-1}, 0, 0, \dots)$, we see that

$$\|\tilde{X} - \tilde{X}_n\|_{T_0^{(\infty)}(\Phi)} = \sup_{k \geq n} \|X - X_k\|_\Phi \rightarrow 0$$

as $n \rightarrow +\infty$. Consequently,

$$G(\tilde{X}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} G(\tilde{X}_n).$$

Now, easy calculations show that

$$\begin{aligned} G(\tilde{X}_n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} E[(X_n - X_i)\sigma_i] = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} E\{[E(X_n | F_n) - E(X_n | F_i)]\sigma_i\} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} E\{X_n[E(\sigma_i | F_n) - E(\sigma_i | F_i)]\} \\ &= E\left\{X_n \left[\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (E(\sigma_i | F_n) - E(\sigma_i | F_i))\right]\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Writing

$$\Delta_n = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} [E(\sigma_i | F_n) - E(\sigma_i | F_i)],$$

we have

$$G(\tilde{X}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} G(\tilde{X}_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} E(X_n \Delta_n).$$

It is easy to see that (Δ_n, F_n) is a martingale which satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Delta_n\|_\Psi &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \|E(\sigma_i | F_n) - E(\sigma_i | F_i)\|_\Psi \leq 2 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \|\sigma_i\|_\Psi \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \|\sigma_i\|_\Psi \leq 2 \|G\|. \end{aligned}$$

This martingale (Δ_n, F_n) is L^Ψ -bounded. It follows that (Δ_n, F_n) is a regular martingale (see [11]) and there exists a random variable $\Delta \in L^\Psi$ such that $\Delta_n = E(\Delta | F_n)$. We also show that $\Delta \in K_\Psi = H_\Psi$. This follows from the Doob maximal inequality according to which $\Delta^* = \sup_{n \geq 0} |\Delta_n| \in L^\Psi$, since

$$\|\Delta^*\|_\Psi \leq \sup_{n \geq 0} \|\Delta_n\| \leq 2p \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \|\sigma_n\|_\Psi < \infty.$$

This in fact implies that

$$E(|\Delta - \Delta_{n-1}| | F_n) \leq E(2\Delta^* | F_n) \quad \text{almost surely for all } n \geq 1,$$

and so $\Delta \in K_\Psi$ and $\|\Delta\|_{K_\Psi} \leq 2\|\Delta^*\|_\Psi$. Using the result of Theorem 1, it follows that $\Delta \in H_\Psi$ and

$$\|\Delta\|_{H_\Psi} \leq C_\Psi^{(1)} \|X\|_{K_\Psi} \leq 2C_\Psi^{(1)} \|\Delta^*\|_\Psi,$$

where $C_\Psi^{(1)}$ is a constant depending only on Ψ defined in Theorem 1. This proves our assertion. □

4. SOME REMARKABLE DUALITIES

As a direct consequence of our main result proved in Section 3, we are now in a position to present the following remarkable dualities:

THEOREM 5. *If (Φ, Ψ) is a pair of conjugate Young functions such that both Φ and Ψ have finite power then:*

- (i) *The martingale space K_{Φ} is the dual space of the martingale K_{Ψ} -space.*
- (ii) *The martingale Hardy space H_{Φ} is the dual space of the martingale K_{Ψ} -space.*

In the special case when $\Phi(x) = x^p/p$ and $\Psi(x) = x^q/q$, $1 < p < +\infty$ and $1 < q < +\infty$, it follows that the dual of the space H_p is the space K_q , where $1/p + 1/q = 1$, for all the values of p such that $1 < p < +\infty$. This can be considered as an extension of Garsia's result (see [2]).

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