

NONREFLEXIVE SPACES OF TYPE 2

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ABSTRACT

The nonreflexive and uniformly nonoctahedral spaces X_p are known to be of type p if $1 \leq p < 2$ and p is sufficiently large. It is shown that X_p is of type 2 if $p > 2$.

A Banach space X is of type p if there is a constant C such that, for any choice of $\{x^i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ in X , we have

$$(1) \quad 2^{-n} \sum_{\sigma} \left\| \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \pm x^i \right)_{\sigma} \right\| \leq C \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|x^i\|^p \right)^{1/p},$$

where the summation is over all sequences σ of n signs. It will be shown that there are nonreflexive spaces of type 2. The question of a relation between reflexivity and "type 2" was raised in [1, p. 646]. Davis and Lindenstrauss showed that for each $p < 2$ there is a nonreflexive space of type p [2, theor. 3, p. 193]. Kwapien showed that a Banach space X is isomorphic to a Hilbert space if it is of type 2 and cotype 2 [6, theor. 1]. Pisier established a stronger result [10, prop., p. 348], which implies that X is super-reflexive if X is of type 2 and there is a sequence $\{C_n\}$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_n \ln n = \infty$ and, for each n and any choice of $\{x^i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ in X ,

$$2^{-n} \sum_{\sigma} \left\| \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \pm x^i \right)_{\sigma} \right\| \geq C_n \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|x^i\|^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

The first nonreflexive spaces known to have type greater than 1 were the uniformly nonoctahedral spaces given in [4]. The definition of these spaces was improved considerably in [5, p. 104]. With only a rather superficial change, this is the definition to be used here. The change yields a minor improvement in the coefficient of $n^{1/2}$ in inequality (18).

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It is an unpublished result of G. Pisier that a Banach space is of type 2 if it is of "equal-norm type 2", i.e., if (1) is satisfied when $p = 2$ and $\|x^i\| = 1$ for each i . Using equal norms is of vital importance for the methods of this paper. Therefore we include the following proposition.

PROPOSITION (Pisier). *A Banach space X is of type 2 if there is a constant C such that, for any choice of $\{x^i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ in X with $\|x^i\| = 1$ for each i ,*

$$2^{-n} \sum_{\sigma} \left\| \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \pm x^i \right)_{\sigma} \right\| \leq Cn^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

PROOF. It follows from Proposition 5 of [9] that if $\{g_i\}$ are independent Gaussian random variables with means 0, then X is of type 2 if and only if there is a constant D such that, for any choice of $\{x^i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ in X ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n g_i(t)x^i \right\| dt \leq D \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|x^i\|^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

If (1) is satisfied for equal norms, and $\{g_i\}$ are independent normalized Gaussian random variables, then by repeating x^i 's it follows from the central limit theorem that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n g_i(t)x^i \right\| dt \leq Cn^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

if $\|x^i\| = 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Now suppose that $\{x^i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ are given and that $\|x^i\| = p_i/N$ for each i . Let $x_j^i = Nx^i/p_i$ for $1 \leq j \leq p_i^2$, and let $\{g_{ij}\}$ be independent normalized Gaussian random variables. Then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\| \sum_{i,j} g_{ij}(t)x_j^i \right\| dt \leq C \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

The coefficient of x^i in the integrand is $N(\sum_{j=1}^{p_i^2} g_{ij})/p_i$. Thus if $G_i = (\sum_{j=1}^{p_i^2} g_{ij})/p_i$, then $\{G_i\}$ are independent normalized Gaussian random variables and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n G_i(t)x^i \right\| dt \leq \frac{C}{N} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i^2 \right)^{1/2} = C \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|x^i\|^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

which implies X is of type 2.

By a *bump* we mean any function which is equal to some nonzero constant on an interval of positive integers, and is equal to 0 at all other positive integers. This constant is the *altitude* of the bump. Two bumps are said to be *disjoint* if the intervals on which they are nonzero are disjoint. For $1 < \rho < \infty$, define a functional $[\]$ on the set of sequences with finite support, letting

$$(2) \quad \|x\|^p = \inf \left\{ \sum_{\mu=1}^m r_{\mu} \left[\left(\sum_{k=\mu}^m h_k \right)^p - \left(\sum_{k=\mu+1}^m h_k \right)^p \right] \right\},$$

where $x = \sum_{\mu=1}^m x^{\mu}$ and each x^{μ} is the sum of r_{μ} disjoint bumps whose altitudes have absolute value h_{μ} (in [5] it was required that the bumps in r_{μ} all have the same altitude). The functional $\| \cdot \|$ does not satisfy the triangle inequality, so we let

$$\|x\| = \inf \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n \|x^k\| : x = \sum_{k=1}^n x^k \right\}.$$

The completion with respect to this norm of the space of finitely supported sequences will be called X_{ρ} . As observed in [4, p. 150] and [5, pp. 101–102], it is easy to see that X_{ρ} is not reflexive.

To prove that X_{ρ} is of type 2 if $\rho > 2$, it is helpful to prove three lemmas in preparation. The three-dimensional version of Lemma 1 contains essentially the same arguments as used in [5, p. 105]. When n is given, we shall let A_{σ} denote the average over the 2^n possible arrangements σ of n consecutive signs.

LEMMA 1. *For each n , a sufficient condition that*

$$(3) \quad A_{\sigma} \left\| \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm x^j \right)_{\sigma} \right\| < K,$$

for any choice of $\{x^j : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ in X_{ρ} with each $\|x^j\| = 1$, is that there exist nonnegative numbers $\{\phi_i(n) : i \leq N\}$ which have the two properties:

(i) $\sum_{i=1}^N [n\phi_i(n)]^{1/\rho} < K;$

(ii) if each $\xi^j, 1 \leq j \leq n$, is the sum of r_j disjoint bumps of altitudes $+1$ or -1 with each $r_j \geq 0$, then it is possible to have, for each σ ,

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm \xi^j \right)_{\sigma} = \sum_{i=1}^N \xi^i_{\sigma},$$

where each ξ^i_{σ} is the sum of disjoint bumps of altitudes $+1$ or -1 and, if \bar{r}_i is the average over σ of the number of bumps in ξ^i_{σ} , then

$$(4) \quad \bar{r}_i \leq \phi_i(n) \sum_{j=1}^n r_j \quad \text{for each } i.$$

PROOF. By the same arguments used in [5, pp. 102–103], it is sufficient to establish (3) with $\| \cdot \|$ replaced by $\| \cdot \|$ and $\|x^j\| = 1$ for each j . As noted in [5, pp. 104–105], it follows from the telescoping nature of the bracketed terms in (2) that there exist numbers m and $\{h_{\mu} : 1 \leq \mu \leq m\}$ such that, for each x^j , there exists a finite sequence of non-negative integers $\{r_{\mu j} : 1 \leq \mu \leq m\}$ such that

$$1 = \llbracket x^j \rrbracket^\rho = \sum_{\mu=1}^m r_{\mu j} \left[\left(\sum_{k=\mu}^m h_k \right)^\rho - \left(\sum_{k=\mu+1}^m h_k \right)^\rho \right],$$

where $x^j = \sum_{\mu=1}^m \xi_\mu^j$ and each ξ_μ^j is the sum of $r_{\mu j}$ disjoint bumps whose altitudes have absolute values h_μ . Now use (ii) and obtain, for each μ and σ ,

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm \xi_\mu^j \right)_\sigma = \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_{\mu\sigma}^i,$$

where each $\xi_{\mu\sigma}^i$ is the sum of $r_{\mu\sigma}^i$ disjoint bumps whose altitudes have absolute values h_μ , and

$$(5) \quad \bar{r}_\mu^i \leq \phi_i(n) \sum_{j=1}^n r_{\mu j} \quad \text{for each } \mu \text{ and } j,$$

where \bar{r}_μ^i is the average over σ of $r_{\mu\sigma}^i$. For each σ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm x^j \right)_\sigma &= \left[\sum_{j=1}^n \pm \left(\sum_{\mu=1}^m \xi_\mu^j \right) \right]_\sigma = \sum_{\mu=1}^m \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm \xi_\mu^j \right)_\sigma \\ &= \sum_{\mu=1}^m \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \xi_{\mu\sigma}^i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\sum_{\mu=1}^m \xi_{\mu\sigma}^i \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus it follows from the triangle inequality and convexity of t^ρ that

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} A_\sigma \left\| \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm x^j \right)_\sigma \right\| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N A_\sigma \left\| \sum_{\mu=1}^m \xi_{\mu\sigma}^i \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N \left\{ A_\sigma \left\| \sum_{\mu=1}^m \xi_{\mu\sigma}^i \right\|^\rho \right\}^{1/\rho}. \end{aligned}$$

Since, for each i , we have

$$\left\| \sum_{\mu=1}^m \xi_{\mu\sigma}^i \right\|^\rho \leq \sum_{\mu=1}^m r_{\mu\sigma}^i \left[\left(\sum_{k=\mu}^m h_k \right)^\rho - \left(\sum_{k=\mu+1}^m h_k \right)^\rho \right],$$

it follows from (6) and (5) that

$$\begin{aligned} A_\sigma \left\| \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm x^j \right)_\sigma \right\| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N \left\{ \sum_{\mu=1}^m \bar{r}_\mu^i \left[\left(\sum_{k=\mu}^m h_k \right)^\rho - \left(\sum_{k=\mu+1}^m h_k \right)^\rho \right] \right\}^{1/\rho} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N \left\{ \sum_{\mu=1}^m \left[\phi_i(n) \sum_{j=1}^n r_{\mu j} \right] \left[\left(\sum_{k=\mu}^m h_k \right)^\rho - \left(\sum_{k=\mu+1}^m h_k \right)^\rho \right] \right\}^{1/\rho} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^N \left\{ \phi_i(n) \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{\mu=1}^m r_{\mu j} \left[\left(\sum_{k=\mu}^m h_k \right)^\rho - \left(\sum_{k=\mu+1}^m h_k \right)^\rho \right] \right\}^{1/\rho} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \left\{ \phi_i(n) \sum_{j=1}^n \llbracket x^j \rrbracket^\rho \right\}^{1/\rho} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N [n\phi_i(n)]^{1/\rho} < K. \end{aligned}$$

The following inequality (7) is needed for Lemma 2. Let

$$P_k^n = 2^{-n} \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{n}{i}.$$

By using the equality $P_k^n = \frac{1}{4}(P_{k-2}^{n-2} + 2P_{k-1}^{n-2} + P_k^{n-2})$, it is not difficult to prove for $n \geq 5$ that

$$P_k^n < \frac{1}{2} e^{-(n-2k)^2(2n)^{-1}} \quad \text{if } k < \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}n, & \text{when } n \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{1}{2}(n-1), & \text{when } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

If we let $n - 2k = \kappa$ and let ε be 1 or 2 according as n is odd or even, then for any positive ρ and $n \geq 5$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor (1/2)(n-1) \rfloor} (P_k^n)^{1/\rho} &< \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor (1/2)(n-1) \rfloor} 2^{-1/\rho} e^{-(n-2k)^2(2n\rho)^{-1}} \\ (7) \qquad \qquad \qquad &= \sum_{\kappa=\varepsilon}^n 2^{-1/\rho} e^{-\kappa^2(2n\rho)^{-1}} < 2^{-1/\rho} \int_0^\infty e^{-x^2(2n\rho)^{-1}} dx \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\pi\rho\right)^{1/2} 2^{-1/\rho} n^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

where the error in approximating P_k^n when n is odd and $k = \frac{1}{2}(n - 1)$ is more than balanced by the integral approximation. If $n = 4$, inequality (7) becomes $(\frac{1}{16})^{1/\rho} + (\frac{5}{16})^{1/\rho} < (\frac{1}{2}\pi\rho)^{1/2} 2^{-1/\rho} 2$, or $(\frac{1}{8})^{1/\rho} + (\frac{5}{8})^{1/\rho} < 2(\frac{1}{2}\pi\rho)^{1/2}$, which clearly is true if $\rho \geq 2$.

LEMMA 2. Suppose C and $\{\Delta(n): n \geq 1\}$ are positive numbers such that, for each n , there exist positive numbers $\{\phi_i(n): 1 \leq i \leq N(n)\}$ for which

$$(8) \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{N(n)} [n\phi_i(n)]^{1/\rho} \leq Cn^{\frac{1}{2}+\Delta(n)},$$

and (ii) of Lemma 1 is satisfied for X_ρ . Then for each $n > 4$ and each α with $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ for which n^α is an integer, there are positive numbers $\{\phi'_i(n): 1 \leq i \leq N'(n)\}$ such that (ii) of Lemma 1 is satisfied for X_ρ , and

$$(9) \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{N'(n)} [n\phi'_i(n)]^{1/\rho} < 3^{1/\rho} Cn^{\alpha[\frac{1}{2}+\Delta(n^\alpha)]+(1-\alpha)/\rho} + 6^{1/\rho} \left(\frac{1}{2}\pi\rho\right)^{1/2} n^{\frac{1}{2}+(1-\alpha)/\rho}.$$

PROOF. Let each ξ^j , $1 \leq j \leq n$, be the sum of r_j disjoint bumps with altitudes + 1 or - 1, where each $r_j \geq 0$. The norm for X_ρ is repetition-invariant, meaning

that $\|x\|$ depends only on the distinct numbers used as components of x and their order, but is independent of repetitions of a number. Suppose two bumps have a common endpoint and one bump is stretched or shrunk to the next integer and this integer is not the endpoint of any bump. When representing $(\Sigma_j \pm \xi^j)_\sigma$ as $\Sigma_i \xi^i_\sigma$, this cannot decrease the number of bumps needed in the various ξ^i 's. Thus there is no loss of generality in proving Lemma 2 with the assumption that no two bumps among all those involved in the various ξ^i 's have a common endpoint. Since there are then $2\Sigma_{j=1}^n r_j$ endpoints, there is an interval I which contains the support of each ξ^j and is the union of $(2\Sigma_{j=1}^n r_j) - 1$ intervals on each of which each ξ^j is constant.

For an arbitrary α for which $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ and n^α is an integer, partition I into intervals $\{I_k\}$ such that each I_k is the union of at most n^α consecutive intervals on which each ξ^j is constant. If $n^\alpha < \Sigma_{j=1}^n r_j$, we can have

$$(10) \quad 1 \leq k < 1 + \frac{2 \sum_{j=1}^n r_j}{n^\alpha} < \frac{3 \sum_{j=1}^n r_j}{n^\alpha}.$$

If $n^\alpha \geq \Sigma_{j=1}^n r_j$, let the partition consist only of I itself. Now choose two sets A and B of vectors as follows. If $n^\alpha \geq \Sigma_{j=1}^n r_j$, let $A = \{\xi^i\}$ and $B = \emptyset$. If $n^\alpha < \Sigma_{j=1}^n r_j$, we define, for each vector ξ^j , a vector η^j in A and ζ^j in B . For each j , let η^j be the sum of all bumps with the property that each bump either is a bump of ξ^j whose support is a proper subset of some I_k , or it is the part of a bump of ξ^j that extends into but not across some I_k , i.e., if I_k is not contained in the support of ξ^j , then ξ^j and η^j have the same intersections with the characteristic function of I_k . Then let $\zeta^j = \xi^j - \eta^j$. Note that either η^j or ζ^j or both might be 0.

Since no two bumps involved in the various ξ^j 's have a common endpoint, and each bump of an η^j that has a point of support in I_k is constant on at least one subinterval of I_k , at most n^α vectors in A have their supports in the same I_k and those with support in I_k have a total of at most n^α bumps. Therefore, we can have

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm \eta^j \right)_\sigma = \sum_{i=1}^{N(n^\alpha)} \eta^{i_k} \quad \text{for each } k,$$

where η^{i_k} is the restriction of η^i to I_k , and also have

$$(11) \quad \bar{s}_k^i \leq \phi_i(n^\alpha)n^\alpha, \quad \text{if } n^\alpha < \sum_{j=1}^n r_j,$$

and

$$(12) \quad \bar{s}_k^i \leq \phi_i(n^\alpha) \sum_{j=1}^n r_j, \quad \text{if } n^\alpha \geq \sum_{j=1}^n r_j,$$

where \bar{s}_k^i is the average over σ of the number of bumps in $\eta_{k\sigma}^i$. Now let $\eta_\sigma^i = \sum_k \eta_{k\sigma}^i$ for each i . Then

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm \eta^j \right)_\sigma = \sum_{i=1}^{N(n^\alpha)} \eta_\sigma^i.$$

If \bar{s}_i is the average over σ of the number of bumps in η_σ^i , then it follows from (10) and (11) that

$$(13) \quad \bar{s}_i \leq 3\phi_i(n^\alpha) n^{\alpha \frac{i-1}{i}} = 3\phi_i(n^\alpha) \sum_{j=1}^n r_j,$$

if $n^\alpha < \sum_{j=1}^n r_j$. Because of (12), inequality (13) is valid when $n^\alpha \geq \sum_{j=1}^n r_j$, even if the “3” is deleted.

Each of the n or fewer vectors in B is the sum of bumps of altitudes $+1$, or -1 , each having as support a union of consecutive I_k 's. We will now choose $\{\zeta_\sigma^i\}$ so that, for each σ ,

$$(14) \quad \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm \zeta^j \right)_\sigma = \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_\sigma^i$$

with each ζ_σ^i the sum of bumps with altitudes $+1$ or -1 . For $1 \leq i \leq n$, let ζ_σ^i have value 0 in all intervals I_k for which $|\sum_{j=1}^n \pm \zeta^j)_\sigma| < n - i + 1$, and otherwise let ζ_σ^i have value $+1$ or -1 according as $(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm \zeta^j)_\sigma$ is positive or negative. Then (14) is satisfied.

If exactly m of the ζ^j 's are nonzero on I_k , then the number of arrangements of signs σ for which ζ_σ^i is nonzero on I_k is 2^m times the probability that $n - i + 1$ is less than or equal to the absolute value of the difference between the number of successes and the number of failures in m Bernoulli events with probability $\frac{1}{2}$. This probability does not decrease by more than $\frac{1}{2}$ if m is replaced by n . Thus, if \bar{t}_i is the average over σ of the number of bumps in ζ_σ^i , then it follows from (10) that

$$(15) \quad \bar{t}_i < 4 \frac{\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{\lfloor \frac{1}{2}(i-1) \rfloor}}{2^n} \cdot \frac{3 \sum_{j=1}^n r_j}{n^\alpha}.$$

We now have $(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm x^j)_\sigma = \sum_{i=1}^{N(n^\alpha)} \eta_\sigma^i + \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_\sigma^i$. Also, there are $N(n^\alpha) + n$ new ϕ_i 's, which we denote by $\{\phi'_i(n) : 1 \leq i \leq N(n^\alpha) + n\}$, and choose by use of (13) and (15) so as to satisfy (4). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i [n \cdot \phi'_i(n)]^{1/\rho} &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{N(n^\alpha)} [3n \cdot \phi_i(n^\alpha)]^{1/\rho} \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^n \left[12n \frac{\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{\lfloor \frac{1}{2}(i-1) \rfloor}}{2^n n^\alpha} \right]^{1/\rho}, \\ &= 3^{1/\rho} n^{(1-\alpha)/\rho} \sum_{i=1}^{N(n^\alpha)} [n^\alpha \phi_i(n^\alpha)]^{1/\rho} \\ &+ 12^{1/\rho} n^{(1-\alpha)/\rho} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \dots + \binom{n}{\lfloor \frac{1}{2}(i-1) \rfloor}}{2^n} \right]^{1/\rho}. \end{aligned}$$

The first of these summations (without its coefficient) is by hypothesis not greater than $Cn^{\alpha(\frac{1}{2} + \Delta(n^\alpha))}$. The second summation is less than $(2\pi\rho)^{\frac{1}{2}} 2^{-1/\rho} n^{\frac{1}{2}}$ if $n \geq 4$, since it is not greater than $2\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor 1/2(n-1) \rfloor} \binom{n}{k}^{1/\rho}$, which (7) implies is less than $(2\pi\rho)^{\frac{1}{2}} 2^{-1/\rho} n^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Thus

$$\sum_i [n\phi'_i(n)]^{1/\rho} < 3^{1/\rho} Cn^{\alpha(\frac{1}{2} + \Delta(n^\alpha)) + (1-\alpha)/\rho} + 6^{1/\rho} (2\pi\rho)^{\frac{1}{2}} n^{\frac{1}{2} + (1-\alpha)/\rho}.$$

LEMMA 3. Let $n > 4$ be a positive integer. Suppose C and $\{\Delta(k): 1 \leq k < n\}$ are nonnegative numbers, and that there exist nonnegative numbers $\{\phi_i(k)\}$ for each $k < n$ which can be used in Lemma 1 to verify that, if $\|x^j\| = 1$ for each j , then

$$(16) \quad A_\sigma \left\| \left(\sum_{j=1}^k \pm x^j \right)_\sigma \right\| \leq Ck^{\frac{1}{2} + \Delta(k)}.$$

If $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ and n^α is an integer, then there exist nonnegative numbers $\{\phi'_i(n)\}$ which can be used in Lemma 1 to verify that, if $\|x^j\| = 1$ for each j , then

$$(17) \quad A_\sigma \left\| \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm x^j \right)_\sigma \right\| < 3^{1/\rho} Cn^{\alpha(\frac{1}{2} + \Delta(n^\alpha)) + (1-\alpha)/\rho} + 6^{1/\rho} (2\pi\rho)^{\frac{1}{2}} n^{\frac{1}{2} + (1-\alpha)/\rho}.$$

PROOF. This Lemma is an immediate consequence of Lemmas 1 and 2.

THEOREM. The space X_ρ is of type 2 if $\rho > 2$. Moreover, for each n and any $\{x^j: 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ in X_ρ with $\|x^j\| = 1$ for each j , we have

$$(18) \quad A_\sigma \left\| \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm x^j \right)_\sigma \right\| \leq [3^{(\rho+1)/(\rho-2)} (2e)^{1/\rho} (\frac{1}{2}\pi\rho)^{\frac{1}{2}}] n^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

For X_2 and any $\theta > 0$, there is an n_θ such that

$$(19) \quad A_\sigma \left\| \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm x^j \right)_\sigma \right\| \leq \begin{cases} n_\theta^{1/2} n^{\frac{1}{2}}, & \text{if } n \leq n_\theta \\ 6(3en_\theta)^{\frac{1}{2}} n^{\frac{1}{2} + \theta / \lceil \ln(\ln n) \rceil}, & \text{if } n > n_\theta. \end{cases}$$

PROOF. Assume first that $\rho > 2$. Introduce the functions β and Δ defined for $n > 3$ by

$$(20) \quad \beta(n) = \frac{(1 + \rho) \ln 3}{\rho \ln n} \quad \text{or} \quad n^{\beta(n)} = 3^{(1+\rho)/\rho},$$

$$(21) \quad \Delta(n) = \frac{\rho}{\rho - 2} \beta(n) + \frac{1}{\rho \ln n},$$

and $\beta(n) = \Delta(n) = 0$ if $n \leq 3$. We will show that if $n \geq 4$ and if $x^j \in X_\rho$ with $\|x^j\| = 1$ for $1 \leq j \leq n$, then

$$(22) \quad A_\sigma \left\| \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm x^j \right)_\sigma \right\| < 2^{1/\rho} (\frac{1}{2} \pi \rho)^{\frac{1}{2}} n^{\frac{1}{2} + \Delta(n)}.$$

Since $n^{\Delta(n)} = 3^{(\rho+1)/(\rho-2)} e^{1/\rho}$, this will establish (18) for $n \geq 4$. Since $\|(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm x^j)_\sigma\| \leq n$ if $\|x^j\| = 1$ for each j , and the right member of (18) is greater than $3n^{\frac{1}{2}}$ if $\rho > 2$, we see that (18) is valid if $n < 4$.

We will establish (22) for $n > 4$ by induction. In order to use Lemma 3 in the first step of the induction, we need to know that there exist $\{\phi_i(n)\}$ for $n \leq 4$ which can be used in Lemma 1 to establish (22) for $n \leq 4$. If we let $\phi_i(n) = 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $n = 1, 2$, or 4 , and let $\phi_i(3) = i^{-1}$ for $1 \leq i \leq 3$, then (ii) of Lemma 1 is satisfied and we need to have, for $n \leq 4$ and $\rho > 2$,

$$(23) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n [n\phi_i(n)]^{1/\rho} \leq 2^{1/\rho} (\frac{1}{2} \pi \rho)^{\frac{1}{2}} n^{\frac{1}{2} + \Delta(n)}.$$

This is satisfied for $n = 1$, since $1 < 2^{1/\rho} (\frac{1}{2} \pi \rho)^{\frac{1}{2}}$; for $n = 2$, since $2 \cdot 2^{1/\rho} < 2^{1/\rho} (\frac{1}{2} \pi \rho)^{\frac{1}{2}} 2^{\frac{1}{2}}$; for $n = 3$, since $3^{1/\rho} (1 + 2^{-1/\rho} + 3^{-1/\rho}) < 2^{1/\rho} (\frac{1}{2} \pi \rho)^{\frac{1}{2}} 3^{\frac{1}{2}}$ follows from $1 + 2^{-1/\rho} + 3^{-1/\rho} < 2^{1/\rho} (\frac{1}{2} \pi \rho)^{\frac{1}{2}}$; and for $n = 4$, since $4 \cdot 4^{1/\rho} < 3^{(\rho+1)/(\rho-2)} (2e)^{1/\rho} (\frac{1}{2} \pi \rho)^{\frac{1}{2}} 2$. Now suppose $n > 4$ and for each $k < n$ there exist nonnegative numbers $\{\phi_i(k)\}$ which can be used in Lemma 1 to verify that (22) is valid if n is replaced by any positive integer $k < n$. The principal technique in the proof is to choose C in (16) by letting

$$(24) \quad C = 2^{1/\rho} (\frac{1}{2} \pi \rho)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

and then using Lemma 3 after making each exponent of n in (17) less than or equal to

$$(25) \quad \frac{1}{2} + \Delta(n) - \beta(n).$$

This will imply that (22) is satisfied, since $n^{-\beta(n)} = 3^{-1-1/\rho}$, and

$$3^{-1-1/\rho} [3^{1/\rho} C + 6^{1/\rho} (2\pi\rho)^{\frac{1}{2}}] = C.$$

For the second exponent of n in (17) to be less than or equal to (25), we need

$$(26) \quad \alpha \geq 1 + \rho [\beta(n) - \Delta(n)].$$

For the first exponent of n in (17) to be less than or equal to (25), we need

$$(27) \quad \frac{1}{2}\alpha + \frac{1-\alpha}{\rho} \leq \frac{1}{2} + \Delta(n) - \beta(n) \quad \text{if } n^\alpha \leq 3,$$

and

$$(28) \quad \alpha \left[\frac{1}{2} + \Delta(n^\alpha) \right] + \frac{1-\alpha}{\rho} \leq \frac{1}{2} + \Delta(n) - \beta(n) \quad \text{if } n^\alpha > 3.$$

Since $\Delta(n^\alpha) = \Delta(n)/\alpha$, these are equivalent, respectively, to

$$(29) \quad \alpha \leq 1 + \frac{2\rho}{\rho-2} [\Delta(n) - \beta(n)] \quad \text{if } n^\alpha \leq 3,$$

$$(30) \quad \alpha \leq 1 - \frac{2\rho}{\rho-2} \beta(n) \quad \text{if } n^\alpha > 3.$$

Since (29) is satisfied if $\alpha < 1$, the inductive proof is completed for all n for which α can be chosen so that $n^\alpha \leq 3$ and α satisfies (26). That is, for all n such that

$$(31) \quad n^{1+\rho[\beta(n)-\Delta(n)]} \leq 3,$$

which is true if $n \cdot n^{-2\rho\beta(n)/(\rho-2)} \leq 3$. Since $n^{\beta(n)} = 3^{(1+\rho)/\rho}$, this is satisfied if

$$(32) \quad n \leq 3^{3\rho/(\rho-2)}.$$

Now assume that $n > 3^{3\rho/(\rho-2)}$. Because

$$(33) \quad n^{x+(\ln n)^{-1}} = e \cdot n^x > 1 + n^x \quad \text{if } x \geq 0,$$

there is an α that satisfies both (26) and (30) and also satisfies $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ and the requirement that n^α be an integer, if

$$(34) \quad \left[1 - \frac{2\rho}{\rho-2} \beta(n) \right] - \{1 + \rho[\beta(n) - \Delta(n)]\} \geq \frac{1}{\ln n},$$

and also

$$(35) \quad \frac{1}{\ln n} \leq 1 - \frac{2\rho}{\rho - 2} \beta(n).$$

Because of (21), (34) is an equality. Write (35) as

$$(36) \quad 1 + \frac{2(1 + \rho) \ln 3}{\rho - 2} \leq \ln n.$$

Since the inequality, $\ln n > \ln 3 + 2(1 + \rho)(\rho - 2)^{-1} \ln 3$, follows from $n > 3^{3\rho/(\rho-2)}$, (36) is satisfied.

This completes the proof of Theorem 1 for $\rho > 2$. Let us now consider the case $\rho = 2$. For θ an arbitrary positive number, choose n_θ so that

$$(37) \quad \ln(\ln n_\theta) \geq \max\{4, 4\theta\} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{[\ln(\ln n_\theta)]^2}{\ln n_\theta} \leq \frac{2\theta^2}{3 \ln 3}.$$

Define $\beta(n)$ as in (20) for $n > n_\theta$, but with ρ replaced by 2. Let

$$(38) \quad \Delta(n) = \frac{\theta}{\ln(\ln n)} + \beta(n) + \frac{1}{2 \ln n}, \quad \text{if } n > n_\theta,$$

and let $\beta(n) = \Delta(n) = 0$ if $n \leq n_\theta$. Choose D so that, for $n \leq n_\theta$, there exist $\{\phi_i(n)\}$ which can be used in Lemma 1 to prove that

$$(39) \quad A_\sigma \left\| \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm x^j \right)_\sigma \right\| \leq Dn^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \text{if } n \leq n_\theta \quad \text{and} \quad \|x^j\| = 1.$$

For example, we could let $\phi_i(n) = i^{-1}$ for $i \leq n$ and note that

$$n^{\frac{1}{2}} \sum_1^n i^{-\frac{1}{2}} < 2n,$$

to see that D could be $2n_\theta^{1/2}$. We will show that, if each x^j , $1 \leq j \leq n$, is in X_2 with $\|x^j\| = 1$, then, for all $n > n_\theta$,

$$(40) \quad A_\sigma \left\| \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \pm x^j \right)_\sigma \right\| \leq Dn^{\frac{1}{2} + \Delta(n)}.$$

Since $n^{\Delta(n)} = 3(3e)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot n^{\theta/[\ln(\ln n)]}$, this implies (19) for $n > n_\theta$. We will establish (40) by induction. Suppose $n > n_\theta$ and there exist nonnegative numbers $\{\phi_i(k)\}$ for each $k < n$ which can be used in Lemma 1 to verify (40) if n is replaced by any $k < n$. The principal technique in the proof is to use Lemma 3 after making each exponent of n in (17) less than or equal to

$$(41) \quad \frac{1}{2} + \Delta(n) - \beta(n).$$

This will imply that (40) is satisfied, since $n^{-\beta(n)} = 3^{-3/2}$ and (37) implies

$$3^{-3/2}[3^{1/2}D + 6^{1/2}(4\pi)^{1/2}] < D \quad \text{if} \quad D = 2n_0^{1/2}.$$

For the second exponent of n in (17) to be less than or equal to (41), we need

$$(42) \quad \alpha \geq 1 + 2[\beta(n) - \Delta(n)].$$

For the first exponent of n in (17) to be less than or equal to (41), we need (27) and (28) with $\rho = 2$ and 3 replaced by n_0 . Since $\Delta(n^\alpha)$ is equal to $\theta / [\ln \alpha + \ln(\ln n)] + [\beta(n) + (2 \ln n)^{-1}] / \alpha$, these are equivalent to

$$(43) \quad 0 \leq \Delta(n) - \beta(n), \quad \text{if} \quad n^\alpha \leq n_0,$$

$$(44) \quad \frac{\alpha\theta}{\ln \alpha + \ln(\ln n)} + \beta(n) \leq \frac{\theta}{\ln(\ln n)}, \quad \text{if} \quad n^\alpha > n_0.$$

Since $\ln(\ln n) > 0$, (43) is valid for all n . Thus the inductive proof is completed if α can be chosen so that (42) and (44) are satisfied, whether or not $n^\alpha \leq n_0$. Inequality (42) is equivalent to

$$\alpha \geq 1 - \frac{2\theta}{\ln(\ln n)} - \frac{1}{\ln n},$$

and the right member of this inequality is positive and greater than $\frac{1}{2} - 1/(\ln n)$ because of (37). Thus there is an α with $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ which satisfies (42), (44) and the requirement that n^α be an integer, if (44) is satisfied for all α between

$$1 - \frac{2\theta}{\ln(\ln n)} - \frac{1}{\ln n} \quad \text{and} \quad 1 - \frac{2\theta}{\ln(\ln n)}.$$

For α in this interval, the left member of (44) increases with α , since $\alpha > \frac{1}{2} - 1/(\ln n) > e/(\ln n)$, so it is sufficient to have

$$\frac{\{1 - 2\theta[\ln(\ln n)]^{-1}\}\theta}{-4\theta[\ln(\ln n)]^{-1} + \ln(\ln n)} + \frac{3(\ln 3)}{2(\ln 2)} \leq \frac{\theta}{\ln(\ln n)}.$$

This can be proved by using the following inequality, which follows from (37):

$$\frac{3(\ln 3)}{2(\ln 2)} < \theta^2 \left[\frac{2 - 4[\ln(\ln n)]^{-1}}{[\ln(\ln n)]^2} \right].$$

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