

the existence of a set $B_1 \in \text{Ba}(X^{**}, w^*)$ such that $X^{**} \setminus B_1$ is negligible and for every $x^{**} \in B_1$, there exists a point $y \in \varphi(\Omega)$ such that $Sx^{**} = Sy$, which implies $Tx^{**} = Ty$ and $x_0^*(x^{**}) = x_0^*(y)$. If in addition $x^{**} \in B_0$, then $y = \psi(x^{**})$ and $x_0^*(x^{**}) = x_0^*(y)$, so we have proved $x_0^* \circ \psi(x^{**}) = x_0^*(x^{**})$ for every $x^{**} \in B_0 \cap B_1$. As $X^{**} \setminus (B_1 \cap B_0)$ is μ_F -negligible we have finished. ■

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Best constants and asymptotics of Marcinkiewicz–Zygmund inequalities

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Abstract. We determine the set of all triples $1 \leq p, q, r \leq \infty$ for which the so-called *Marcinkiewicz–Zygmund inequality* is satisfied: There exists a constant $c \geq 0$ such that for each bounded linear operator $T : L_q(\mu) \rightarrow L_p(\nu)$, each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and functions $f_1, \dots, f_n \in L_q(\mu)$,

$$\left(\int \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |Tf_k|^r \right)^{p/r} d\nu \right)^{1/p} \leq c \|T\| \left(\int \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |f_k|^r \right)^{q/r} d\mu \right)^{1/q}.$$

This type of inequality includes as special cases well-known inequalities of Paley, Marcinkiewicz, Zygmund, Grothendieck, and Kwapien. If such a Marcinkiewicz–Zygmund inequality holds for a given triple (p, q, r) , then we calculate the best constant $c \geq 0$ (with the only exception: the important case $1 \leq p < r = 2 < q \leq \infty$); if such an inequality does not hold, then we give asymptotically optimal estimates for the graduation of these constants in n . Two problems of Gasch and Maligranda from [9] are solved; as a by-product we obtain best constants of several important inequalities from the theory of summing operators.

0. Introduction. Fix a triple (p, q, r) of scalars with $1 \leq p, q, r \leq \infty$. We call—for the purpose of this paper—an inequality of the following type a *Marcinkiewicz–Zygmund inequality*: There is a constant $c \geq 0$ (depending on p, q and r only) such that for each (linear and continuous) operator $T : L_q(\mu) \rightarrow L_p(\nu)$ (μ and ν arbitrary measures) and arbitrarily many functions $f_1, \dots, f_n \in L_q(\mu)$,

$$(MZ) \quad \left(\int \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |Tf_k|^r \right)^{p/r} d\nu \right)^{1/p} \leq c \|T\| \left(\int \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |f_k|^r \right)^{q/r} d\mu \right)^{1/q}.$$

By a density and closed graph argument it is equivalent to say that each operator $T : L_q(\mu) \rightarrow L_p(\nu)$ allows an ℓ_r -valued extension, i.e. there is an operator

$$T^{\ell_r} : L_q(\mu, \ell_r) \rightarrow L_p(\nu, \ell_r)$$

such that

$$T^{\ell_r}(f \otimes x) = Tf \otimes x \quad \text{for all } f \in L_q(\mu), x \in \ell_r.$$

In 1932 Paley [24] showed that such an inequality holds true for $p = q$ and $r = 2$, and—together with Littlewood—he gave deep applications of this fact in what is nowadays called “Littlewood–Paley theory” (see e.g. [7]).

For $p, q, r \in [1, \infty]$ define

$$k_{q,p}(r) := \inf c \in [1, \infty]$$

to be the infimum of all $c \geq 0$ such that (MZ) holds, and for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ let

$$k_{q,p}^{(n)}(r) \in [1, \infty[$$

be its finite-dimensional graduation, i.e. with the infimum taken over all $c \geq 0$ which satisfy (MZ) for each T but for only n functions f_k . Then $k_{q,p}(r) < \infty$ means that the triple (p, q, r) satisfies the Marcinkiewicz–Zygmund inequality (for some constant $c \geq 0$).

Motivated by Paley’s result, in 1939 Marcinkiewicz and Zygmund [21] proved the following:

- (1) $k_{p,p}(2) = 1$ for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$,
- (2) $k_{q,p}(2) \leq \frac{c_{2,q}}{c_{2,1}} < \infty$ for $1 \leq p, q < \infty$,
- (3) $k_{q,p}(r) \leq \frac{c_{r,q}}{c_{r,1}} < \infty$ for $1 \leq \max(p, q) < r < 2$

([21, Thm. 1 and Thm. 3 (9), (10)]); here $c_{2,q}$ is the q th moment of the Gauss measure on \mathbb{R} , and $c_{r,q}$ the q th moment of the so-called r -stable Lévy measure on \mathbb{R} (see Section 2). Proving his celebrated “théorème fondamental de la théorie métrique des produits tensoriels” Grothendieck [11] in 1956 added the important case

- (4) $k_{\infty,1}(2) < \infty$;

see e.g. [5], [6], [15], and [16] for estimates of the so-called Grothendieck constant $K_G := k_{\infty,1}(2)$ and its n -dimensional analogue $K_G^{(n)} := k_{\infty,1}^{(n)}(2)$.

The aim of this paper is to determine the set of all triples (p, q, r) such that $k_{q,p}(r) < \infty$. More precisely, we calculate $k_{q,p}(r)$ whenever this constant is finite (except for the important case $1 \leq p < r = 2 < q \leq \infty$), and give the precise asymptotic growth of $k_{q,p}^{(n)}(r)$ in terms of n whenever $k_{q,p}(r) = \lim_n k_{q,p}^{(n)}(r) = \infty$; this way we answer several problems of Gasch and Maligranda who in [9] gave an up-to-date survey of the present topic. For estimates of $k_{q,p}^{(2)}(2)$, the so-called complexification constants of operators in L_p -spaces, see [4], [5], [9], [16], and [28].

Our method is to relate the constants $k_{q,p}(r)$ and $k_{q,p}^{(n)}(r)$ with some useful invariants from local Banach space theory—e.g. the stable type (q, p) of ℓ_r and ℓ_r^n , and certain quotient norms of the identity on ℓ_r and ℓ_r^n with respect to s -integral and s -summing norms. As a by-product we obtain the best constants for some useful inequalities from the theory of p -summing operators due to Kwapien [17] and Saphar [27]. The main results are given in Sections 4–6, whereas Sections 1–3 have a preparatory character.

Most of our notation is standard—we use [5], [6], and [26] as general references for Banach spaces, operator ideals and tensor products, and [5], [19], and [26] for all information needed on p -stable random variables. All Banach spaces are real (although most of our results can be easily extended to the complex case). An “operator” means a linear and continuous operator between Banach spaces.

1. Characterizations of Marcinkiewicz–Zygmund inequalities via s -integral and s -summing norms. In this section we collect some abstract formulations of the above inequalities (most of which in a more general context can be found in [5]).

Denote by Δ_p the natural norm on $L_p(\mu) \otimes E$ ($1 \leq p \leq \infty$, μ an arbitrary measure and E a Banach space) induced by the embedding of this tensor product in the space $L_p(\mu, E)$ of all Bochner p -integrable functions f with values in E .

For $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ define

$$k_{q,p}(E) := \sup \|T \otimes \text{id}_E : L_q(\mu) \otimes_{\Delta_q} E \rightarrow L_p(\nu) \otimes_{\Delta_p} E\| \in [0, \infty],$$

the supremum taken over all operators $T : L_p(\mu) \rightarrow L_p(\nu)$ with norm ≤ 1 . It is known (see [5, 29.12]) that this supremum does not change if it is only taken with respect to two fixed measures μ_0 and ν_0 such that $L_q(\mu_0)$ and $L_p(\nu_0)$ are infinite-dimensional—in particular, with respect to ℓ_q and ℓ_p . Obviously, for all n ,

$$k_{q,p}(\ell_r^n) = k_{q,p}^{(n)}(r),$$

and an easy density argument yields

$$k_{q,p}(\ell_r) = k_{q,p}(r) = \lim_n k_{q,p}(\ell_r^n) = \lim_n k_{q,p}^{(n)}(r).$$

Note that whenever $q = 1$ or $p = \infty$, then for every non-trivial E ,

$$k_{q,p}(E) = 1,$$

since $\Delta_1 = \pi$ (the projective norm) and $\Delta_\infty = \varepsilon$ (the injective norm). The constants $k_{q,p}(E)$ are increasing in q and decreasing in p :

$$k_{q_1,p_1}(E) \leq k_{q_2,p_2}(E) \quad \text{whenever } q_1 \leq q_2, p_2 \leq p_1$$

(see [9, Thm. 1] and [5, Ex. 28.14], and for an elementary direct proof [28]). Moreover, we mention the following obvious duality result which will be used frequently:

$$k_{q,p}(E) = k_{p',q'}(E')$$

Recall from [5], [6] or [26] the notion of s -integral and s -summing operators $T : E \rightarrow F$ between two Banach spaces; here we write $i_s(T)$ and $\pi_s(T)$ for the s -integral and s -summing norm of T , respectively. The following quotient formula for $k_{q,p}(E)$ in terms of s -integral and s -summing norms will be useful; its proof is a direct consequence of [5, 29.12 Lemma], the trace formula $\Delta_q \otimes_{L_q} \varepsilon \otimes_{L_p} \Delta_{p'}^t = d_q \otimes g_{p'}$ from the proof of [5, 29.12 Corollary], and the abstract quotient formula from [5, 25.7].

PROPOSITION. For every Banach space E and $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$,

$$k_{q,p}(E) = \sup \pi_{q'}(T'),$$

the supremum taken over all Banach spaces X and all operators $T : E \rightarrow X$ with $i_{p'}(T) \leq 1$.

For a modification of this characterization with an interesting geometric application see also [14]; for example, for Banach lattices E the Proposition combined with [14, Prop. 1.3] yields that

$$k_{q,p}(E) \leq K^{q'}(E) K_{p'}(E),$$

where $K^{q'}(E)$ (resp. $K_{p'}(E)$) denotes the q' -convexity (resp. p' -concavity) constant of E .

In the case $p \leq q$ there are two important corollaries: the first one is a reformulation of a result of Kwapien [18] (here an immediate consequence of the Proposition and [18, Corollary 8] (see also [5, 25.9 Corollary])):

COROLLARY 1. For every Banach space E and $1 \leq p \leq \infty$,

$$k_{p,p}(E) = \inf \|R\| \cdot \|S\|,$$

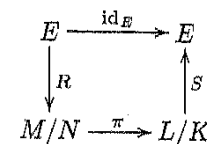
where the infimum is taken with respect to all subspaces G of quotients of $L_p(\mu)$'s (= all quotients of subspaces of ...), and all operators $R : E \rightarrow G$ $S : G \rightarrow E$ such that $\text{id}_E = SR$. In particular, E is isomorphic to a subspace of a quotient of some $L_p(\mu)$ iff $k_{p,p}(E) < \infty$.

For $p = 2$ this is a well-known result of [20]; an analogue for $p < q$ can be found in [5, 28.4] and reads as follows:

COROLLARY 2. For every Banach space E and $1 \leq p < q \leq \infty$,

$$k_{q,p}(E) = \inf \|R\| \cdot \|S\|,$$

the infimum taken over all factorizations



where $M, N \subset L_q(\mu)$ and $L, K \subset L_p(\mu)$ (μ a probability measure) are closed subspaces satisfying

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N & \subset & M & \subset & L_q(\mu) \\ \cap & & \cap & & \cap \\ K & \subset & L & \subset & L_p(\mu). \end{array}$$

Note that in the language of Banach operator ideals these two corollaries read as follows (see again [5, 28.4]): For $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$,

$$k_{q,p}(E) = \mathbf{L}_{p,q'}^{\text{inj,sur}}(\text{id}_E),$$

the norm taken in the injective and surjective hull of the ideal $\mathcal{L}_{p,q'}$ of all (p, q') -factorable operators.

We finish with some remarks which will also be needed later.

Remark. Let E be a Banach space. Then for every $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$,

$$k_{q,p}(E) \leq K_G k_{2,2}(E),$$

and for $1 \leq p \leq 2 \leq q \leq \infty$ even

$$k_{2,2}(E) \leq k_{q,p}(E) \leq K_G k_{2,2}(E).$$

The first inequality is a special case of [5, 26.3 Prop. 1], and the second then follows by monotonicity.

Using Corollary 1 it can be easily seen that $k_{2,2}(E)$ for an n -dimensional space E is nothing but the Banach-Mazur distance $d(E, \ell_2^n)$; moreover, recall that $d(\ell_r^n, \ell_2^n) = n^{|1/2-1/r|}$ (see e.g. [5, p. 360]).

2. Stable measures. For the discussion of Marcinkiewicz-Zygmund inequalities in the cases $1 \leq p \leq q \leq 2$ and $2 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$ the so-called stable measures are essential; this deep observation was first made in [21].

For $1 \leq r \leq 2$ let μ_r^1 be the unique probability measure on \mathbb{R} having as its Fourier transform the positive definite function $e^{-|\cdot|^r}$ (see e.g. [5, Sec. 24]). It is well known that for $1 \leq p < r \leq 2$ the p th moment

$$c_{r,p} := \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} |x|^p d\mu_r^1(x) \right)^{1/p}$$

exists; see [26] for the following formula:

$$c_{r,p} = 2 \left[\frac{\Gamma(\frac{r-p}{r}) \Gamma(\frac{1+p}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{2-p}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{1}{2})} \right]^{1/p}.$$

Clearly, μ_2^1 is the Gauss measure (up to normalization), and in this case the p th moment exists for all $1 \leq p < \infty$:

$$c_{2,p} = 2 \left[\frac{\Gamma(\frac{1+p}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})} \right]^{1/p}$$

The n -fold product μ_r^n of μ_r^1 (sometimes called the r -stable Lévy measure on \mathbb{R}^n) has the following fundamental stability property: For each $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$c_{r,p} \|\alpha\|_{\ell_r^n} = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left| \sum_{k=1}^n h_k \alpha_k \right|^p d\mu_r^n \right)^{1/p},$$

where $h_k : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is the k th projection; for $r = 2$ this equality holds for all $1 \leq p < \infty$. If μ_r denotes the countable product measure of μ_r^1 on $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$, then the above stability property is equivalent to the fact that the mapping

$$I_{r,p} : \ell_r \hookrightarrow L_p(\mu_r, \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}), \quad I_{r,p}(e_k) := \frac{1}{c_{r,p}} h_k,$$

is a well-defined isometry (h_k again the k th projection). Clearly, $I_{2,p} : \ell_2 \hookrightarrow L_p(\mu_2)$ is a well-defined isometry for all $1 \leq p < \infty$ (and not only $1 \leq p \leq 2$).

Recall that for $1 \leq p < q \leq 2$ a Banach space E is said to be of *stable type* (q, p) if there is a constant $c \geq 0$ such that for each set of finitely many elements $x_1, \dots, x_n \in E$,

$$\frac{1}{c_{q,p}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^n h_k x_k \right\|_E^p d\mu_q^n \right)^{1/p} \leq c \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \|x_k\|_E^q \right)^{1/q},$$

in other words,

$$\mathbf{ST}_{q,p}(E) := \|I_{q,p} \otimes \text{id}_E : \ell_q \otimes_{\Delta_q} E \rightarrow L_p(\mu_q) \otimes_{\Delta_p} E\| < \infty.$$

For $1 \leq q \leq 2$ and $1 \leq p < \infty$ a Banach space E is said to have *Gauss type* (q, p) whenever

$$\mathbf{T}_{q,p}(E) := \|I_{2,p} j_{q,2} : \ell_q \otimes_{\Delta_q} E \rightarrow L_p(\mu_2) \otimes_{\Delta_p} E\| < \infty,$$

where $j_{q,2} : \ell_q \hookrightarrow \ell_2$ is the canonical embedding. For our purpose the following trivial estimates will be crucial:

Remark. For every Banach space E and $1 \leq p < q \leq 2$,

$$\mathbf{ST}_{q,p}(E) \leq k_{q,p}(E),$$

and for $1 \leq p, q < \infty$,

$$\mathbf{T}_{\min(2,q),p}(E) \leq k_{\min(2,q),p}(E) \leq k_{q,p}(E).$$

The class of all Banach spaces which are of stable type (q, p) (resp. Gauss type (q, p)) is actually independent of p : By a result of Hoffmann-Jørgensen

[13] for $1 \leq p_1 \leq p_2 < q \leq 2$ (resp. $q = 2$ and $1 \leq p_1 \leq p_2 < \infty$) there is a constant $c_{q,p_1,p_2} > 0$ such that for every Banach space E ,

$$\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^n h_k x_k \right\|_E^{p_2} d\mu_q^n \right)^{1/p_2} \leq c_{q,p_1,p_2} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \left\| \sum_{k=1}^n h_k x_k \right\|_E^{p_1} d\mu_q^n \right)^{1/p_1}$$

for all n and $x_1, \dots, x_n \in E$. It is well known that every Banach space E of Gauss type q ($1 \leq q \leq 2$) has stable type s for all $s < q$, and each E with stable type q has Gauss type q (see e.g. [5, 24.8]). Moreover, we recall that by a result of Maurey and Pisier [23] the Banach spaces E with stable type q are precisely those which do not contain the ℓ_q^n uniformly.

Generalizing the definition of $c_{r,p}$ we define for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $1 \leq p < r \leq 2$,

$$c_{r,p}^{(n)} := \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \|x\|_{\ell_r^n}^p d\mu_r^n(x) \right)^{1/p},$$

and recall (see e.g. [1]) that

$$c_{r,p}^{(n)} \asymp (n(1 + \log n))^{1/r};$$

as usual we use for positive sequences (a_n) and (b_n) the notation $a_n \asymp b_n$ whenever the ratio a_n/b_n is bounded from above and below by positive constants not depending on n . The following technical lemma will become essential:

LEMMA. For $1 \leq p < r \leq 2$ and $1 \leq q < r \leq 2$,

$$\lim_n c_{r,p}^{(n)} / c_{r,q}^{(n)} = 1.$$

Proof. Clearly, we may assume that $1 < p$ and $q = 1$. Since $1 \leq c_{r,p}^{(n)} / c_{r,1}^{(n)}$ for all n , we have to check that

$$\lim_n c_{r,p}^{(n)} / c_{r,1}^{(n)} \leq 1.$$

For the vector-valued random variable $X_n := \sum_{k=1}^n h_k \otimes e_k : (\mathbb{R}^n, \mu_r^n) \rightarrow \ell_r^n$ we have

$$c_{r,p}^{(n)} = (\mathbb{E} \|X_n\|^p)^{1/p},$$

and (as just mentioned)

$$\mathbb{E} \|X_n\| \asymp (n(1 + \log n))^{1/r}.$$

Define $t_n := (1 - \delta_n)^{-1} \mathbb{E} \|X_n\|$, where $[0, 1] \ni \delta_n \searrow 0$ will be determined later. Then for large n ,

$$\mathbb{E} \|X_n\|^p = \int_0^\infty p t^{p-1} \mu_r^n(\|X_n\| \geq t) dt \leq t_n^p + \int_{t_n}^\infty p t^{p-1} \mu_r^n(\|X_n\| \geq t) dt,$$

so that it suffices to show that the sequence (δ_n) can be chosen in such a way that

$$\lim_n \frac{1}{(\mathbb{E}\|X_n\|)^p} \int_{t_n}^{\infty} pt^{p-1} \mu_r^n(\|X_n\| \geq t) dt = 0.$$

Since for each n, w and t with $\|X_n(w)\| \geq t > t_n$,

$$\|X_n(w)\| - \mathbb{E}\|X_n\| \geq t - \mathbb{E}\|X_n\| > \delta_n t,$$

we conclude from a result of [10] (see also [19, p. 136, 132]) that for all $t > t_n$,

$$\mu_r^n(\|X_n\| \geq t) \leq \mu_r^n(\|\|X_n\| - \mathbb{E}\|X_n\|\| > \delta_n t) \leq c_r \frac{n}{(\delta_n t)^r},$$

where the constant $c_r > 0$ depends on r only. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{t_n}^{\infty} pt^{p-1} \mu_r^n(\|X_n\| \geq t) dt &\leq c_r pn \delta_n^{-r} \int_{t_n}^{\infty} t^{p-r-1} dt \\ &= c_r pn \delta_n^{-r} \frac{1}{r-p} t_n^{p-r} \\ &= c_r n \delta_n^{-r} \frac{p}{r-p} [(1 - \delta_n)^{-1} \mathbb{E}\|X_n\|]^{p-r} \\ &\asymp \delta_n^{-r} n^{p/r} (1 + \log n)^{(p-r)/r}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\frac{1}{(\mathbb{E}\|X_n\|)^p} \int_{t_n}^{\infty} pt^{p-1} \mu_r^n(\|X_n\| \geq t) dt \prec \delta_n^{-r} (1 + \log n)^{-1}.$$

Hence, if δ_n is (for example) chosen such that $\delta_n^r = (1 + \log n)^{-p/r}$, then as desired

$$\frac{1}{(\mathbb{E}\|X_n\|)^p} \int_{t_n}^{\infty} pt^{p-1} \mu_r^n(\|X_n\| \geq t) dt \prec (1 + \log n)^{p/r-1} \rightarrow 0. \blacksquare$$

3. Characterizations of Marcinkiewicz-Zygmund inequalities via mixing norms and stable type. For $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ the (q, p) -mixing norm of an operator $T : E \rightarrow F$ is given by

$$\mathbf{M}_{q,p}(T) := \sup \pi_p(ST) \in [0, \infty],$$

where the supremum is taken over all $S : F \rightarrow G$ with $\pi_q(S) \leq 1$. We write $\mathbf{M}_{q,p}(E) := \mathbf{M}_{q,p}(\text{id}_E)$.

The following result from [3] (see also [5, 32.3 Corollary]) shows that there is an intimate relation between vector-valued extensions of operators in L_p -spaces and mixing norms.

LEMMA. Let $T : L_q(\mu) \rightarrow F$ and $S : E \rightarrow L_p(\nu)$ be operators. Then for all $p, q, s \in [1, \infty]$,

$$\|T \otimes S : L_q(\mu) \otimes_{\Delta_q} E \rightarrow F \otimes_{\Delta_p} L_p(\nu)\| \leq \mathbf{M}_{s',q'}(T) \mathbf{M}_{s,p}(S'),$$

where Δ_p^t stands for the norm on $F \otimes L_p(\nu)$ defined by

$$F \otimes_{\Delta_p^t} L_p(\nu) := L_p(\nu) \otimes_{\Delta_p} F, \quad y \otimes f \rightsquigarrow f \otimes y.$$

For our investigations of Marcinkiewicz-Zygmund inequalities in the case $1 \leq p < q \leq 2$ (and dually for $2 \leq p < q \leq \infty$) the following estimates will be the main abstract tools:

PROPOSITION. For every Banach space E and $1 \leq p < q \leq 2$,

$$\mathbf{M}_{q,p}(E') \leq \mathbf{ST}_{q,p}(E) \leq k_{q,p}(E),$$

and if E is an isometric subspace of some $L_p(\eta)$, then even equality holds.

In particular (see the preceding section), for each triple (p, q, r) such that $1 \leq p < q \leq 2$ and $p \leq r \leq 2$,

$$k_{q,p}(\ell_r^n) = \mathbf{ST}_{q,p}(\ell_r^n) = \mathbf{M}_{q,p}(\ell_r^n) \quad \text{for all } n,$$

an equality which will be used in the next section.

Proof of Proposition. For the first inequality see [26, p. 292]; this result seems to be due to Maurey (implicitly contained in [22]). The second inequality was already mentioned in the remark of the preceding section. Let us check that equality holds whenever E is a subspace of some $L_p(\eta)$: Fix an operator $T : L_q(\mu) \rightarrow L_p(\nu)$ and look at

$$L_q(\mu) \otimes_{\Delta_q} E \xrightarrow{T \otimes \text{id}_E} L_p(\nu) \otimes_{\Delta_p} E \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes j_E} L_p(\nu) \otimes_{\Delta_p} L_p(\eta),$$

$j_E : E \hookrightarrow L_p(\eta)$ the canonical embedding. Then by Fubini's theorem $\text{id} \otimes j_E$ is an isometry, and hence by the Lemma ($s = q$)

$$\begin{aligned} \|T \otimes \text{id}_E\| &= \|T \otimes j_E \text{id}_E\| \leq \mathbf{M}_{q',q'}(T) \mathbf{M}_{q,p}((j_E \text{id}_E)') \\ &\leq \|T\| \mathbf{M}_{q,p}(\text{id}_{E'}) \|j_E'\| = \|T\| \mathbf{M}_{q,p}(E'). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum over all T gives $k_{q,p}(E) \leq \mathbf{M}_{q,p}(E')$ as desired. \blacksquare

4. Best constants for the cases $1 \leq p \leq q \leq 2$ and $2 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$. In [4] it was shown that for $1 \leq p \leq q \leq 2$,

$$k_{q,p}^{(n)}(2) = \frac{c_{2,q}^{(n)}}{c_{2,q}^{(n)}} \cdot \frac{c_{2,p}^{(n)}}{c_{2,p}^{(n)}},$$

and since

$$\lim_n n^{1/2} \frac{c_{2,p}^{(n)}}{c_{2,p}^{(n)}} = \frac{c_{2,p}}{c_{2,2}}$$

(see [26, p. 299]), we obtain

$$k_{q,p}(2) = \frac{c_{2,q}}{c_{2,p}}$$

For the special case $q = 2$ this formula was shown in [9, Thm. 3] and [p. 377], the case $q = 2$ and $p = 1$ is due to [21, p. 118] (upper bound) and [11, p. 52] (lower bound):

$$k_{2,1}(2) = \sqrt{\pi/2};$$

note that up to duality this is (by the very definition of 2-summing operators) the so-called Little Grothendieck Theorem (1). The following results complements these formulas.

THEOREM. For all triples (p, q, r) which satisfy $1 \leq p \leq q \leq r = 2 < 1 \leq p \leq q < r < 2$,

$$k_{q,p}(r) = \frac{c_{r,q}}{c_{r,p}} = \left[\frac{\Gamma(\frac{r-q}{r})}{\Gamma(\frac{2-q}{2})} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1+q}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})} \right]^{1/q} \left[\frac{\Gamma(\frac{2-p}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{r-p}{r})} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{1+p}{2})} \right]^{1/p}$$

In particular (see the preceding proposition),

$$\mathbf{ST}_{q,p}(\ell_r) = \mathbf{M}_{q,p}(\ell_{r'}) = \frac{c_{r,q}}{c_{r,p}},$$

where in the case of $\mathbf{ST}_{q,p}$ we assume that $p < q$.

The upper estimate for $k_{q,p}(r)$ is due to [9, Thm. 3] and based on the techniques from [21] (see also [5, 28.4 and Ex. 28.3]), and for $\mathbf{TS}_{q,p}(\ell_r)$ and $\mathbf{M}_{q,p}(\ell_{r'})$ to Maurey (see [22, p. 52] and [26, 22.3.6]). It remains to show that $c_{r,q}c_{r,p}^{-1}$ serves as a lower bound for $k_{q,p}(r)$.

Proof of Theorem. In view of the preceding proposition, we prove that

$$c_{r,q}/c_{r,p} \leq \mathbf{M}_{q,p}(\ell_{r'}) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq p \leq q < r < 2.$$

By a result of [25, §5] (for $r = 2$ due to Garling [8])

$$\pi_p(\text{id} : \ell_{r'}^n \rightarrow \ell_r^n) = c_{r,p}^{(n)}/c_{r,p},$$

hence

$$\frac{c_{r,p}^{(n)}}{c_{r,p}} \cdot \frac{c_{r,q}}{c_{r,q}^{(n)}} = \frac{\pi_p(\text{id} : \ell_{r'}^n \rightarrow \ell_r^n)}{\pi_q(\text{id} : \ell_{r'}^n \rightarrow \ell_r^n)} \leq \mathbf{M}_{q,p}(\text{id}_{\ell_{r'}^n}).$$

But then the conclusion follows from the Lemma in Section 2, and the fact that $\mathbf{M}_{q,p}(\ell_{r'}^n)$ tends to $\mathbf{M}_{q,p}(\ell_{r'})$ as n tends to infinity. ■

By \mathcal{L}_p -local techniques (see e.g. [5, 23.1]) it can be easily seen that ℓ_r can be replaced by any $L_r(\mu)$ -space, and in the case of $\mathbf{ST}_{q,p}$ and $k_{q,p}$ even by

any (isometric) subspace of a quotient (= quotient of a subspace) of every $L_r(\mu)$ -space. Moreover, the proof shows that for all n ,

$$\frac{c_{r,p}^{(n)}}{c_{r,p}} \cdot \frac{c_{r,q}}{c_{r,q}^{(n)}} \leq k_{q,p}^{(n)}(r).$$

It would be interesting to know whether or not equality holds (as in the case of $r = 2$).

As a by-product we find that the constants appearing in many important inequalities of the theory of p -summing operators are even best possible; for a whole collection of the inequalities we have in mind see [25]. We give four examples; the first is an obvious reformulation of what was just proved.

COROLLARY. (1) Let $1 \leq p \leq q \leq 2$. Then for $r = 2$ or $2 < r < q'$ every q -summing operator T on ℓ_r is p -summing. More precisely,

$$\sup\{\pi_p(T) \mid \pi_q(T : \ell_r \rightarrow E) \leq 1, E \text{ Banach space}\} = c_{r',q}/c_{r',p}.$$

(2) Let $2 \leq q \leq \infty$. Then for $r = 2$ or $2 < r < q$ every operator $T : \ell_\infty \rightarrow \ell_r$ is q -summing. More precisely,

$$\sup\{\pi_q(T) \mid \|T : \ell_\infty \rightarrow \ell_r\| \leq 1\} = c_{r',q'}/c_{r',1}.$$

(3) (2) holds if ℓ_∞ is replaced by ℓ_1 .

(4) Let $1 \leq p \leq q < r < 2$ or: $r = 2$ and $1 \leq p, q < \infty$. Then each operator T from an arbitrary Banach space E into ℓ_r is p -summing whenever its dual is q -summing. More precisely,

$$\sup\{\pi_p(T) \mid \pi_q(T' : \ell_r' \rightarrow E') \leq 1, E \text{ Banach space}\} = c_{r,q}/c_{r,p}.$$

By using different techniques the qualitative part of these results can be extended to much larger classes of spaces (see e.g. [5] or [6]); on the other hand, the formulas for the norms show that at least in an $L_p(\mu)$ -setting stable measures seem to be the appropriate tool if one is interested in best constants. The upper estimates are again known: (2) and (4) are due to Kwapien [17], and (3) to Saphar [27] (see also [25, Prop. 4] and [5, 24.6]).

Proof of Corollary. (2) is clear since

$$\mathbf{M}_{q',1}(\ell_r) = \sup\{\pi_q(T) \mid \|T : \ell_\infty \rightarrow \ell_r\| \leq 1\}$$

(see e.g. [5, 20.19 or 32.2(3)]). Moreover, by the remarks from Section 1 and [5, 28.5(2)],

$$\begin{aligned} k_{q',1}(r') &= \mathbf{L}_{1,q}^{\text{inj sur}}(\text{id}_{\ell_{r'}}) = \mathbf{L}_{q,1}^{\text{inj sur}}(\text{id}_{\ell_r}) \\ &= \pi_q^{\text{sur}}(\text{id}_{\ell_r}) = \sup\{\pi_q(T) \mid \|T : \ell_1 \rightarrow \ell_r\| \leq 1\}, \end{aligned}$$

which gives (3). Finally, an argument for (4): In the case of $1 \leq p \leq q < r < 2$ use [5, 25.9 Prop., (2)] in order to show that

$$k_{q,p}(\ell_r) = \mathbf{L}_{p,q'}^{\text{inj sur}}(\text{id}_{\ell_r}) \leq \mathbf{L}_{p,q'}^{\text{inj}}(\text{id}_{\ell_r}) = \sup\{\pi_p(T) \mid \pi_q(T' : \ell_r \rightarrow E') \leq 1\}.$$

The other case follows if the latter equality is combined with [26, 22.1.5]. ■

5. Asymptotics for $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$. The following result gives, for every triple (p, q, r) , $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$, the precise asymptotic growth of the Marcinkiewicz-Zygmund constants $k_{q,p}^{(n)}(r)$ in n .

THEOREM. *Let $p, q, r \in [1, \infty]$.*

(1) *For $1 \leq p \leq 2 \leq q \leq \infty$,*

$$k_{q,p}^{(n)}(r) \asymp n^{|1/2-1/r|}.$$

(2) *For $1 \leq p \leq q < 2$,*

$$k_{q,p}^{(n)}(r) \asymp \begin{cases} n^{1/r-1/q}, & r < q, & \text{(a)} \\ n^{\max(0, 1/2-1/r)}, & r > q > 1, & \text{(b)} \\ 1, & 1 \leq r \leq \infty, q = 1, & \text{(c)} \\ 1, & r = q, p = q, & \text{(d)} \\ (1 + \log n)^{1/q}, & r = q, p < q. & \text{(e)} \end{cases}$$

By duality the results in (2) also cover the case $2 < p \leq q \leq \infty$.

The following immediate consequence answers problem 3 from [9].

COROLLARY. *Let $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$ and $1 \leq r \leq \infty$. Then $k_{q,p}(\ell_r) < \infty$ if and only if the triple (p, q, r) belongs to one of the following six cases:*

- $p = q = r$,
- $p = q = 1$ and $1 \leq r \leq \infty$,
- $p = q = \infty$ and $1 \leq r \leq \infty$,
- $1 \leq p \leq q \leq 2$ and $q < r \leq 2$,
- $2 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$ and $2 \leq r < p$,
- $1 \leq p \leq 2 \leq q \leq \infty$ and $r = 2$.

As pointed out in the introduction the “if-part” of this equivalence (up to duality and nowadays trivial cases) is due to Paley, Marcinkiewicz, Zygmund and Grothendieck.

Proof of Theorem. (1) From the remark made at the end of Section 1 we know that $k_{q,p}^{(n)}(r)$ up to a uniform constant equals the Banach-Mazur distance between ℓ_r^n and ℓ_2^n :

$$k_{q,p}(r) \asymp d(\ell_r^n, \ell_2^n) = n^{|1/2-1/r|}.$$

(2) For the proof of (2a) recall the remark in Section 2:

$$\mathbf{ST}_{q,p}(\ell_r^n) \leq k_{q,p}(\ell_r^n).$$

Since $\mathbf{ST}_{q,p}$ (up to constants) equals $\mathbf{ST}_{q,r}$, and

$$n^{1/r-1/q} \prec \mathbf{ST}_{q,r}(\ell_r^n)$$

(insert the unit vectors e_k in the definition), the desired lower bound follows.

Upper bound: For $p \leq r$ we follow the proposition of Section 3 and estimate $\mathbf{ST}_{q,p}(\ell_r^n)$ from above. The result is then a consequence of the following chain of inequalities (using the fact that $\mathbf{ST}_{q,p}(\ell_r^n) \asymp \mathbf{ST}_{q,r}(\ell_r^n)$, the stability of the measures μ_q^m and Hölder’s inequality): For $x_1, \dots, x_m \in \ell_r^n$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\int \left\| \sum_{k=1}^m h_k x_k \right\|_{\ell_r^n}^r d\mu_q^m \right)^{1/r} \\ &= \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \int \left| \sum_{k=1}^m h_k x_k(j) \right|^r d\mu_q^m \right)^{1/r} = \left(\sum_{j=1}^n c_{q,r}^r \left(\sum_{k=1}^m |x_k(j)|^q \right)^{r/q} \right)^{1/r} \\ &\leq c_{q,r} n^{1/r-1/q} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^m |x_k(j)|^q \right)^{1/q} \\ &\leq c_{q,r} n^{1/r-1/q} \left(\sum_{k=1}^m \left(\sum_{j=1}^n |x_k(j)|^r \right)^{q/r} \right)^{1/q} = c_{q,r} n^{1/r-1/q} \left(\sum_{k=1}^m \|x_k\|_{\ell_r^n}^q \right)^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

For $r < p$ we consider the factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \ell_r^n & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & \ell_r^n \\ \downarrow \text{id} & & \uparrow \text{id} \\ \ell_q^n & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & \ell_p^n \end{array}$$

and obtain, from Corollary 2 of Section 1,

$$k_{q,p}(r) \leq n^{1/p-1/q} n^{1/r-1/p} = n^{1/r-1/q}.$$

(2b) For $r \leq 2$ the result was already stated in the Theorem of Section 4. Assume that $2 < r \leq \infty$. Then the upper estimate comes from

$$k_{q,p}^{(n)}(r) \leq K_G k_{2,2}^{(n)}(r) = K_G n^{1/2-1/r}$$

(see again the remark made at the end of Section 1).

Lower estimate: There is a subspace M of a quotient of some $L_q(\mu)$ and a factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \ell_r^n & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & \ell_r^n \\ & \searrow R & \nearrow S \\ & & M \end{array} \quad \|S\| \cdot \|R\| \leq 2k_{q,q}(\ell_r^n)$$

(Kwapień's characterization from Section 1). Moreover, by Pisier's factorization theorem (see e.g. [5, 31.4]) R factors through a Hilbert space with control of the norm:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \ell_r^n & \xrightarrow{R} & M \\
 & \searrow U & \nearrow V \\
 & & H
 \end{array}
 \quad \|V\| \cdot \|U\| \leq (2C_2(\ell_r^n)C_2(M))^{3/2}\|R\|,$$

where $C_2(\cdot)$ stands for the Gauss cotype 2 constant. Then $(\dots)^{3/2}$ can be estimated by a constant c depending on r and q only (and not on n) (see e.g. [6, Sections 11 and 13, in particular Corollary 13.18]), and hence as desired

$$\begin{aligned}
 n^{1/2-1/r} &= k_{2,2}(\text{id}_{\ell_r^n}) \leq \|SV\| \cdot \|U\| \\
 &\leq \|S\|c\|R\| \leq 2ck_{q,q}(\ell_r^n) \leq 2ck_{q,p}(\ell_r^n).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since (2c) and (2d) are trivial (see Section 1), it remains to prove (2e): According to the Proposition of Section 3 we estimate $M_{q,p}(\ell_r^n)$. From Proposition 3 of [2] we know that

$$M_{q,p}(\ell_r^n) \leq c(1 + \log n)^{1/q} \pi_{s,p}(\text{id}_{\ell_r^n}),$$

where $c \geq 0$ is a universal constant, $1/q + 1/s = 1/p$ and $\pi_{s,p}$ stands for the (s, p) -summing norm. Moreover,

$$\pi_{s,p}(\text{id}_{\ell_{q'}^n}) = \pi_{q',1}(\text{id}_{\ell_{q'}^n}) = 1$$

(see e.g. [5, Ex. 11.21 and 24.7] or [6]), which gives

$$M_{q,p}(\ell_{q'}^n) \prec (1 + \log n)^{1/q}.$$

For the converse of this inequality, see e.g. [26, p. 306] or [2]. This completes the proof of the Theorem. ■

Part (2e) shows that for $p < q < 2$ and $r = q$ a Marcinkiewicz-Zygmund inequality "almost" holds: For $1 \leq p < q < 2$ there is a constant $c \geq 0$ such that for all operators $T : L_q(\mu) \rightarrow L_p(\nu)$ and n functions $f_1, \dots, f_n \in L_q(\mu)$,

$$\left(\int \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |Tf_k|^q \right)^{p/q} d\nu \right)^{1/p} \leq c(1 + \log n)^{1/q} \|T\| \left(\int \sum_{k=1}^n |f_k|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q},$$

and it is not possible to avoid the log-term.

According to what was said in Section 1 this fact can also be formulated in a discrete way: For $1 \leq p < q < 2$,

$$\sup_{\|A: \ell_q^m \rightarrow \ell_p^m\| \leq 1} \|A \otimes \text{id} : \ell_q^m \otimes_{\Delta_q} \ell_q^n \rightarrow \ell_p^m \otimes_{\Delta_p} \ell_q^n\| \prec (1 + \log n)^{1/q},$$

an estimate formally stronger than the positive answer to a conjecture of Rosenthal and Szarek from [2].

6. The case $1 \leq q \leq p \leq \infty$. Here the results are very much different from the case $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$: it turns out, for example, that $k_{q,p}(r)$ is either 1 or ∞ .

Note first that (as remarked in Section 1) $k_{q,p}(r) = 1$ whenever $q = 1$ or $p = \infty$; hence we exclude these cases in the following

THEOREM. *Let $1 < q \leq p < \infty$. Then $k_{q,p}(r) < \infty$ if and only if*

$$\min(q, 2) \leq r \leq \max(p, 2).$$

More precisely,

- (1) $k_{q,p}(r) = 1$ for $\min(q, 2) \leq r \leq \max(p, 2)$.
- (2) $k_{q,p}^{(n)}(r) \asymp n^{\max(0, 1/r-1/\min(q,2), 1/\max(p,2)-1/r)}$ for all r .

This answers Problem 2 of [9]. The special case $p = q$ is due to [12], and the fact that $k_{q,p}(r) = 1$ for $\min(q, 2) \leq r \leq \max(p, 2)$ was stated independently in [9, Theorem 2] and [5, 26.3, Remark 1]; for the sake of completeness we give a proof (which is now almost trivial). Consider the following three cases:

- (a) $q \leq 2 \leq p, q \leq r \leq p,$
- (b) $q \leq p \leq 2, q \leq r \leq 2,$
- (c) $2 \leq q \leq p, 2 \leq r \leq p.$

By monotonicity and the results from Section 4,

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \leq k_{q,p}(r) \leq k_{r,r}(r) = 1 & \quad \text{for } (p, q, r) \text{ as in (a),} \\
 1 \leq k_{q,p}(r) \leq k_{q,q}(r) = 1 & \quad \text{for } (p, q, r) \text{ as in (b).}
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, (b) implies (c) by duality. ■

Hence it remains to prove part (2) of the Theorem. We will check the following three estimates:

- (2a) $k_{q,p}^{(n)}(r) \asymp n^{1/r-1/q}$ for $q \leq 2 \leq p, r < q,$
- (2b) $k_{q,p}^{(n)}(r) \asymp n^{1/r-1/q}$ for $q \leq p \leq 2, r < q,$
- (2c) $k_{q,p}^{(n)}(r) \asymp n^{1/2-1/r}$ for $q \leq p \leq 2, 2 < r;$

the three remaining cases then follow by duality. For the proofs of (2abc) we will need the following facts which can be found in [26, pp. 312, 313]:

- (I) $\pi_{q'}(\text{id} : \ell_2^n \rightarrow \ell_r^n) \asymp n^{1/q'}$ for $1 \leq r \leq q \leq 2,$
 $\pi_{q'}(\text{id} : \ell_2^n \rightarrow \ell_r^n) \asymp n^{1/r'}$ for $1 < q \leq 2 \leq r \leq \infty,$
- (II) $i_{p'}(\text{id} : \ell_r^n \rightarrow \ell_2^n) \asymp n^{1/r'}$ for $1 \leq r \leq 2, 1 < p < \infty,$
 $i_{p'}(\text{id} : \ell_r^n \rightarrow \ell_2^n) \asymp n^{1/2}$ for $1 < p \leq 2 \leq r \leq \infty.$

Let us start with (2a) and (2b): By (2a) of the preceding theorem,

$$k_{q,p}(\ell_r^n) \leq k_{q,q}(\ell_r^n) \asymp n^{1/r-1/q},$$

and by the Proposition from Section 1,

$$n^{1/r-1/q} = \frac{n^{1/q'}}{n^{1/r'}} \asymp \frac{\pi_{q'}(\text{id} : \ell_2^n \rightarrow \ell_{r'}^n)}{i_{p'}(\text{id} : \ell_r^n \rightarrow \ell_2^n)} \leq k_{q,p}(\ell_r^n).$$

Finally, the proof of (2c): Again by the Proposition from Section 1 and the Theorem from Section 5,

$$\begin{aligned} n^{1/2-1/r} &= \frac{n^{1/r'}}{n^{1/2}} \asymp \frac{\pi_{q'}(\text{id} : \ell_2^n \rightarrow \ell_{r'}^n)}{i_{p'}(\text{id} : \ell_r^n \rightarrow \ell_2^n)} \\ &\leq k_{q,p}(\ell_r^n) \leq k_{q,q}(\ell_r^n) \asymp n^{1/2-1/r}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the theorem. ■

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