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Geometrical properties of Banach spaces and the distribution of the norm for a stable measure

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Abstract. Let μ be a symmetric p -stable measure, $0 < p < 1$, on a locally convex separable metric linear space E and let q be a lower semicontinuous seminorm on E which is finite μ -a.s. We prove that the density of $F(t) = \mu\{q < t\}$ is bounded. If $1 \leq p < 2$ and (E, q) is a Banach space containing l_p^n 's uniformly, then for every $\eta > 1$ we find a symmetric p -stable measure on E and a norm \tilde{q} which is η -equivalent to the norm q such that the density of $F(t) = \mu\{\tilde{q} < t\}$ is unbounded.

1. Let μ be a symmetric p -stable measure, $0 < p \leq 2$, on a locally convex separable metric linear space E , with a measurable seminorm q . Then the distribution function $F(t) = \mu\{q < t\}$ is absolutely continuous apart from a possible jump (for $p = 2$, i.e., for the Gaussian case see [3], and for $0 < p < 2$, see [2]).

In this note we examine whether the density of $F(t)$ is bounded. This information is very essential to estimate the rate of convergence in CLT. It is well known that if E is a Hilbert space and q is the standard Hilbertian norm then, in the Gaussian case, the density is bounded [6]. However, as was shown by Rhee and Talagrand [14], a small change of the Hilbertian norm may spoil the boundedness. This result was recently generalized to all separable Banach spaces by Rhee [13]. She proved that for any infinite-dimensional Banach space (E, q) and every $\eta > 1$ there exists a new norm \tilde{q} which is η -equivalent to q and a Gaussian measure μ such that the density of the μ -distribution of \tilde{q} is unbounded.

In the first part of this note we consider the case of symmetric p -stable measures, $0 < p < 1$. Applying the explicit formula for the density proved in [8] we show that it is bounded whenever q is lower semicontinuous.

For $1 \leq p < 2$ we constructed in [15] some examples of p -stable measures μ on c_0 such that the density of $F(t) = \mu\{\|\cdot\|_\infty < t\}$ is unbounded. In this note we provide such examples in Banach spaces in which l^p is finitely representable. If (E, q) is a Banach space of this type, then for every function $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ with $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(t) = \infty$, we are able to find an equivalent norm \tilde{q} , and a symmetric p -stable measure μ such that the density $F'(t)$ of $F(t)$

$= \mu \{ \tilde{q} < t \}$ is unbounded, and moreover $F'(t_j) \geq f(t_j)$ for some sequence $t_j \rightarrow 0^+$. Also, it turns out that the last property characterizes Banach spaces in which l^p is finitely representable. To carry out our construction we modify some arguments of Rhee [13].

2. Let E be a locally convex separable linear metric space. By q we denote a measurable seminorm on E , i.e. a measurable function $q: E \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ such that $q(x+y) \leq q(x)+q(y)$ and $q(\alpha x) = |\alpha|q(x)$ for all $x, y \in E$ and all $\alpha \in \mathbf{R}$.

A probability measure μ on E is called p -stable, $0 < p < 2$, if for any independent random vectors X, Y with distribution μ and for all $\alpha, \beta > 0$ with $\alpha^p + \beta^p = 1$, the distribution of $\alpha X + \beta Y$, after a suitable translation, is identical with μ . If μ is a symmetric measure then there exists a symmetric σ -finite measure ν on E with $\nu(U^c) < \infty$ for every neighbourhood U of the origin, such that $\mu = \lim \exp(\nu|_{U_n})$ for $U_n \searrow \{0\}$. The measure ν is called the Lévy measure of μ . Suppose that q is a lower semicontinuous seminorm which is finite μ -a.s. Then $\sigma = p\nu \{q \geq 1\} < \infty$ and for every Borel subset A of \mathbf{R}^+ and every $\varepsilon > 0$ we have [2]

$$(1) \quad \nu|_{q > \varepsilon} \{q \in A\} = \sigma \int_{\varepsilon}^{\infty} \mathbf{1}_A t^{-(1+p)} dt.$$

Now, suppose that (E, q) is a Banach space. We say that it is of Rademacher type r , $1 \leq r \leq 2$, if there exists a positive constant K such that for all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in E$

$$Eq^r \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i r_i \right) \leq K \sum_{i=1}^n q^r(x_i),$$

where $\{r_i\}$ is a Rademacher sequence. It is obvious that every Banach space is of Rademacher type 1. A theorem of Maurey and Pisier [11] and Krivine [5] states that a Banach space E is of Rademacher type r for some r , $2 \geq r > p \geq 1$, if and only if l^p is not finitely representable in E . We recall that l^p is finitely representable in (E, q) if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ and every $n \in \mathbf{N}$ one can find $x_1, \dots, x_n \in E$ such that for all $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n \in \mathbf{R}$

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n |\beta_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq q \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i x_i \right) \leq (1+\varepsilon) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |\beta_i|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

The following result about the behaviour of densities of stable seminorms is taken from [15].

LEMMA 1. Let (E, q) be a separable Banach space of Rademacher type r , and let μ be a symmetric p -stable measure on E , $0 < p < r \leq 2$. Then the density $F'(t)$ of $F(t) = \mu \{q < t\}$ is bounded on every halfline (t_0, ∞) , $t_0 > 0$,

and

$$(2) \quad F'(t) = o(t^{-\alpha}) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow 0,$$

where $\alpha > 1 + pr/(r-p)$. Moreover, if E is a locally convex separable metric vector space then the same is true (with $r = 1$) whenever $0 < p < 1$ and q is a lower semicontinuous seminorm which is finite μ -a.s.

Remark 2. Corollary 3.5 in [15] states that there exists $\alpha > 0$ such that (2) holds but if we put $t_0 = (1/2)t$ in formula (3.7) of [15] and analyse the behaviour of the function $R(t)$ defined before the formulation of Lemma 3.3 in [15] we see that α can be taken as in Lemma 1.

We will also need one more result [8]:

LEMMA 3. Let E be a locally convex separable linear metric space and let μ be a symmetric p -stable measure on E , $0 < p < 1$. If q is a lower semicontinuous seminorm which is finite μ -a.s. then the density $F'(t)$ of $F(t) = \mu \{q < t\}$ exists for all $t > 0$ and

$$(3) \quad F'(t) = (p/t) \int_E (\mu(U_t) - \mu(U_t + x)) \nu(dx),$$

where $U_t = \{q < t\}$ and ν is the Lévy measure of μ .

By $\{\theta_i\}$ we denote the standard p -stable sequence, i.e. the sequence of independent identically distributed random variables with the characteristic function $\exp(-|t|^p)$.

Let (E, q) and (F, q_1) be two Banach spaces. For $\alpha > 1$, a linear isomorphism T from E to F is called an α -isomorphism if for $x \in E$ we have $q(x)/\alpha \leq q_1(Tx) \leq \alpha q(x)$. We say that two norms q, \tilde{q} on E are α -equivalent if the identity is an α -isomorphism from (E, q) to (E, \tilde{q}) .

3. In this section we prove the boundedness of the density for $0 < p < 1$. Let E be a locally convex separable linear metric space with a lower semicontinuous seminorm q . Let μ be a symmetric p -stable measure, $0 < p < 1$, such that $q < \infty$ μ -a.s. Now, we are ready to prove

PROPOSITION 4. Suppose that the linear span of $\text{supp } \mu \cap \{q > 0\}$ is infinite-dimensional. Then the density $F'(t)$ of $F(t) = \mu \{q < t\}$ is bounded on \mathbf{R}^+ and for every $n \in \mathbf{N}$, $F'(t) = o(t^n)$ as $t \rightarrow 0$.

Proof. In view of Lemma 1 we can assume that $0 < t < 1/2$. By (2) there exist $\alpha > (1-p)^{-1}$ and $M_\alpha > 0$ such that

$$(4) \quad F'(t) < M_\alpha t^{-\alpha}, \quad 0 < t < 1/2.$$

Using formula (3) we have for every positive integer m

$$F'(t) = (p/t) \int_{q \leq t^m} (\mu(U_t) - \mu(U_t + x)) v(dx) \\ + (p/t) \int_{q > t^m} (\mu(U_t) - \mu(U_t + x)) v(dx) = I_1 + I_2.$$

Assume that $m \geq 2$ is fixed; we specify it later. When $q(x) \leq t^m < (1/2)t$ we obtain by (4)

$$\mu(U_t) - \mu(U_t + x) \leq \mu(U_t) - \mu(U_{t-q(x)}) \\ = \int_{t-q(x)}^t F'(s) ds \leq 2^\alpha M_\alpha t^{-\alpha} q(x).$$

Therefore by (1) the following estimate holds for I_1 :

$$(5) \quad I_1 \leq 2^\alpha M_\alpha p t^{-(\alpha+1)} \int_{q \leq t^m} q(x) v(dx) \\ = 2^\alpha M_\alpha p \sigma t^{-(\alpha+1)} \int_0^{t^m} r^{-p} dr = \sigma 2^\alpha M_\alpha p (1-p)^{-1} t^{m(1-p) - (\alpha+1)},$$

where $\sigma = p v\{q \geq 1\}$.

Applying once more (1) we get

$$(6) \quad I_2 \leq (p/t) \mu(U_t) v\{q > t^m\} = p \sigma F(t) t^{-mp-1}.$$

By the result of de Acosta [1], $F(t) = o(t^k)$, $t \rightarrow 0$, for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$, hence taking m sufficiently large the conclusion follows from (5) and (6).

Remark 5. Denote by E_1 the linear space spanned by $\text{supp } \mu \cap \{q > 0\}$. If E_1 is n -dimensional then examining $F(t)$ we may assume that μ is concentrated on \mathbb{R}^n and q is a norm on \mathbb{R}^n . Denote by λ_n the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}^n . Then $\lambda_n\{q < t\} = \text{const} \cdot t^n$. Since the density of μ with respect to λ_n is bounded, $F'(t) = O(t^{n-1})$ as $t \rightarrow 0$.

4. Suppose that (E, q) is a separable Banach space such that l^p , $1 \leq p < 2$, is finitely representable in E . In this section we find for any $\eta > 1$ a norm \tilde{q} which is η -equivalent to the norm q and a symmetric p -stable measure μ on E such that $F(t) = \mu\{\tilde{q} < t\}$ has a density which is unbounded. In our approach we adopt methods developed in [13], where a similar result for Gaussian measures on Banach spaces was obtained by Rhee. Let us recall that by Dvoretzky's theorem l^2 is finitely representable in every infinite-dimensional Banach space.

Now we state two facts which are crucial for our construction. The first one is the following lemma which is a direct consequence of the Weak Law of Large Numbers (see also [16]).

LEMMA 6. Let $\{\theta_i\}$ be a standard p -stable sequence, $1 \leq p < 2$. Then for every $a > b > 0$, every $\varepsilon > 0$, and every $n_0 > 0$, there exists a positive integer $n > n_0$ and a positive number m satisfying the condition

$$P\{a < \|(1/m) \sum_{i=1}^n e_i \theta_i\|_p < b\} > 1 - \varepsilon,$$

where $\{e_i\}$ is the standard basis in l^p and $\|\cdot\|_p$ is the standard norm on l^p .

The second fact is the following Banach space result:

PROPOSITION 7. Let (E, q) be a Banach space such that l^p is finitely representable in E , $1 \leq p < 2$. Let F be a finite-dimensional subspace of E , and let $\tau > 1$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n > \dim F$. Then there is an n -dimensional subspace G of E which is τ -isomorphic to l^n_p and for $x \in G$, $y \in F$ we have $q(x) \leq \tau q(x+y)$.

Remark 8. The above proposition for $p = 2$ was proved by Rhee [13] with the help of Dvoretzky's theorem. In our proof of Proposition 7 we use the ideas of Pisier [12], where he applied random methods to select subspaces of a Banach space which are very close to l^n_p .

Before proving Proposition 7 we recall some facts needed in the proof. Let $\{\alpha_i\}$ be a sequence of i.i.d. exponential random variables, i.e. $P\{\alpha_i > \lambda\} = e^{-\lambda}$ for any $\lambda > 0$. Write $\Gamma_j = \sum_{i=1}^j \alpha_i$. The next lemma is a special case of the series representation of stable vectors in Banach spaces (for details, see [10] or [7]).

LEMMA 9. Assume that $0 < p < 2$ and that $\{\theta_i\}$ is a standard p -stable sequence. Let E be a Banach space, and let $x_1, \dots, x_n \in E$. Then there is a number $C_p > 0$ depending only on p such that

$$n^{-1/p} \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i x_i$$

has the same distribution as

$$C_p \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \Gamma_j^{-1/p} V_j$$

where $\{V_j\}$ is a sequence of i.i.d. random vectors independent of the sequence $\{\alpha_j\}$, and the distribution of V_1 is $(1/(2n)) \sum_{i=1}^n (\delta_{x_i} + \delta_{-x_i})$.

Now, we state some basic inequalities from Pisier's work [12]. Note that they were established in a more explicit form than the one presented here, but the latter is sufficient for our purposes.

LEMMA 10. Let (E, q) be a Banach space and let $1 \leq p < 2$. Assume that $\{V_i\}$, $\{\Gamma_i\}$ are two sequences with the properties as above with $q(V_i) \leq 1$. Write

$$A_p = \left(E q' \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \Gamma_i^{-1/p} V_i \right) \right)^{1/p},$$

where $r = 1/2$ for $p = 1$, and $r = 1$ for $p > 1$. There exist two functions $\psi_p(\delta, s)$, $\varphi_p(\delta, s)$ depending only on p , and a sequence $\{X_i\}$ of E -valued random vectors depending only on $\{V_i\}$ such that:

- (i) For $0 < \delta < 1/2$, $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \psi_p(\delta, s) = \infty$ and $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_p(\delta, s) = 0$.
(ii) If $k \leq \psi_p(\delta, A_p)$ then for $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k$, $\|\beta\|_p = 1$,

$$P \left\{ \left| q \left(\sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i X_i \right) - A_p \right| > \delta A_p \right\} \leq \varphi_p(\delta, A_p).$$

Proof of Proposition 7. Let $0 < \delta < 1/2$ be fixed. Let H be a complement of F . We introduce a new norm \tilde{q} on H : $\tilde{q}(x) = \inf \{q(x+y) : y \in F\}$. Of course, q and \tilde{q} are equivalent on H , so $\eta q \leq \tilde{q} \leq q$ for some $0 < \eta < 1$. Let L be a finite δ -net on the unit sphere of l_n^p . Then by Lemma 10 we can choose $s_0 > 0$ so large that for $s \geq s_0$

$$(7) \quad n \leq \psi_p(\delta, s), \quad \text{card } L \cdot \varphi_p(\delta, s) < 1/2.$$

Now, consider a p -stable random vector in l^p of the form

$$\frac{1}{2m^{1/p}} \sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i e_i = Y_m.$$

Since $E((1/k) \sum_{i=1}^k |\theta_i|^p)^{1/p} \rightarrow \infty$ if $p > 1$ and $E((1/k) \sum_{i=1}^k |\theta_i|)^{1/2} \rightarrow \infty$ if $p = 1$, it follows that for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$(E \|Y_m\|_p^r)^{1/r} \geq 2\eta^{-1} s_0 C_p.$$

Next, let us note that l^p is finitely representable in (H, q) . Therefore we can pick $x_1, \dots, x_m \in H$ such that

$$q(x_i) \leq 1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m, \quad (E q^r (m^{-1/p} \sum_{i=1}^m x_i \theta_i))^{1/r} \geq \eta^{-1} C_p s_0.$$

Now, let $\{V_i\}$ and $\{\Gamma_i\}$ be as in Lemma 9. Then

$$(8) \quad q(V_i) \leq 1, \quad A_p = (E q^r (\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \Gamma_i^{-1/p} V_i))^{1/r} \geq \eta^{-1} s_0 \geq s_0,$$

and consequently

$$(9) \quad \tilde{q}(V_i) \leq 1, \quad \tilde{A}_p = (E \tilde{q}^r (\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \Gamma_i^{-1/p} V_i))^{1/r} \geq s_0.$$

Therefore we can apply Lemma 10 for both norms q and \tilde{q} , and for $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \in L$ we get

$$P \left\{ \left| q \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i X_i \right) - A_p \right| > \delta A_p \right\} \leq \varphi_p(\delta, A_p),$$

$$P \left\{ \left| \tilde{q} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i X_i \right) - \tilde{A}_p \right| > \delta \tilde{A}_p \right\} \leq \varphi_p(\delta, \tilde{A}_p).$$

The last two inequalities together with (7)–(9) imply

$$P \left\{ \sup_{\beta \in L} \left| q \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i X_i \right) - A_p \right| > \delta A_p \right\} \leq \text{card } L \cdot \varphi_p(\delta, A_p) < \frac{1}{2},$$

$$P \left\{ \sup_{\beta \in L} \left| q \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i X_i \right) - \tilde{A}_p \right| > \delta \tilde{A}_p \right\} < \frac{1}{2}.$$

Writing $c = A_p/\tilde{A}_p$ we infer that there is ω such that for any $\beta \in L$

$$1 - \delta \leq q \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i (X_i(\omega)/A_p) \right) \leq 1 + \delta,$$

$$1 - \delta \leq c \tilde{q} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i (X_i(\omega)/A_p) \right) \leq 1 + \delta.$$

By the well-known argument (cf. e.g. [4], Lemma 2.5) we can extend the above inequalities to the whole unit sphere of l_n^p . Namely, there exist $\varepsilon(\delta) > 0$ with $\varepsilon(\delta) \rightarrow 0$ as $\delta \rightarrow 0$ such that for any $\beta \in l_n^p$

$$(10) \quad (1 + \varepsilon)^{-1} \|\beta\|_p \leq q \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i x_i \right) \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \|\beta\|_p,$$

$$(11) \quad (1 + \varepsilon)^{-1} \|\beta\|_p \leq c \tilde{q} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i x_i \right) \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \|\beta\|_p,$$

where $x_i = X_i(\omega)/A_p$.

Let $G = \text{span} \{x_i : i = 1, \dots, n\}$. The inequality (10) states that (G, q) is $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -isomorphic to l_n^p . Now, we estimate the constant c . Since $\dim G > \dim F$ it follows from [9], Lemma 2.8C, that there exists $x_0 \in G$ with $q(x_0) = \tilde{q}(x_0) = 1$. Hence by (10) and (11) we get $c \leq (1 + \varepsilon)^2$ and finally

$$q(x) \leq (1 + \varepsilon)^4 \tilde{q}(x), \quad \text{for all } x \in G.$$

By the choice of an appropriately small δ we obtain the conclusion.

Now, we are ready to formulate and prove the main result of this section.

THEOREM 11. Let (E, q) be a separable Banach space, and let $1 \leq p < 2$. The following conditions are equivalent:

(i) l^p is finitely representable in E .

(ii) For every $\eta > 1$, and every function $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, there exist a symmetric p -stable measure μ on E , a new norm \tilde{q} on E which is η -equivalent to q , and two sequences of positive numbers $a_j, \delta_j \rightarrow 0$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$, such that

$$(12) \quad \mu \{a_j \leq \tilde{q} < a_j + \delta_j\} > f(a_j) \delta_j, \quad j \geq 1.$$

It is worth while to notice that if we take f such that $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(t) = \infty$, then (12) yields that the density of $F(t) = \mu \{\tilde{q} < t\}$ is unbounded.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Let $\{\beta_k\}$ be a sequence with $\beta_k > 1$ and $\prod_{k \geq 1} \beta_k < \eta < 2$. By induction on k we shall construct subsets B_k of E , positive integers n_k , p -stable symmetric measures ϱ_k on E , and two positive sequences a_k , $\delta_k \leq 2^{-k-1}$ satisfying the following conditions:

(A) B_k is convex and balanced; B_1 is the unit ball of (E, q) , and for $k \geq 2$, $B_{k-1} \subset B_k \subset \beta_k B_{k-1}$.

(B) ϱ_k is supported in a finite-dimensional subspace of E and $\varrho_k \{q \geq 2^{-k+1}\} < 2^{-k}$, for $k \geq 1$.

(C) If $\mu_k = \varrho_1 * \dots * \varrho_k$ and q_k is the Minkowski functional of B_k , then we have

$$(13) \quad \mu_k \{a_j \leq q_k < a_j + \delta_j\} > f(a_j) \delta_j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

We begin with the first step of the construction. Let $a_1 = 1/4$, and let $0 < \delta_1 < 1/4$ be such that $f(a_1) \delta_1 < 1$. If $\alpha > 1$ is close enough to 1, then by Lemma 6 there exist n_1 and a symmetric p -stable measure ν_1 on $l_{n_1}^p$ such that

$$(14) \quad \nu_1 \{a_1 \alpha \leq \|\cdot\|_p < \alpha^{-1}(a_1 + \delta_1)\} > \max\{f(a_1) \delta_1, 2^{-1}\}.$$

Since l^p is finitely representable in E , there exist a subspace G of E and an α -isomorphism T from $l_{n_1}^p$ to G . Therefore, if we take ϱ_1 to be the image of the measure ν_1 by T , we have from (14)

$$\varrho_1 \{a_1 \leq q < a_1 + \delta_1\} > f(a_1) \delta_1, \quad \varrho_1 \{q > 2^{-1}\} \leq 2^{-1}.$$

Since $q = q_1$, this completes the first step of the construction.

Now, assume that we have carried out our construction up to step k . There exist positive numbers α , b satisfying

$$(15) \quad \mu_k \{(a_j + b) \alpha \leq q_k < a_j + \delta_j - b\} > f(a_j) \delta_j (1 + b), \quad 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

We can also assume that $1 < \alpha < \beta_k$ and $b \leq 2^{-k-1}$. Let us choose a_{k+1} , $\delta_{k+1} > 0$ such that $a_{k+1} + \delta_{k+1} < b/2$ and

$$(16) \quad \mu_k \{q < (\alpha - 1) 2^{-1} a_{k+1}\} > 2f(a_{k+1}) \delta_{k+1}.$$

Let $\tau = ((\alpha + 1)/2)^{1/3}$. If $F = \text{supp } \mu_k$, then F is finite-dimensional. By Lemma 6 there exist $n_{k+1} > \dim F$ and a symmetric p -stable measure ν_{k+1} on $l_{n_{k+1}}^p$ such that

$$(17) \quad \nu_{k+1} \{a_{k+1} \leq \tau^{-2} \|\cdot\|_p < a_{k+1} + \delta_{k+1}\} > 1/(1 + b).$$

To construct the set B_{k+1} we repeat the reasoning of Rhee [13]. We apply Proposition 7 for (E, q_k) , so there exist an n_{k+1} -dimensional subspace G of E and a τ -isomorphism T from $l_{n_{k+1}}^p$ to G such that for $x \in G$, $y \in F$ we have

$$(18) \quad q_k(x) \leq \tau q_k(x + y).$$

We define B_{k+1} as the closed convex hull of the set

$$B_k \cup \{x + y: x \in G, y \in F, \|T^{-1}x\|_p = \tau^2, q(y) \leq (\alpha - 1)/2\}.$$

It is rather easy to notice that

$$(19) \quad B_k \subset B_{k+1} \subset \alpha B_k.$$

Now, we use the following property which follows from (18) and can be proved in exactly the same way as Fact in Construction in [13]:

$$(20) \quad q_{k+1}(x + y) = \tau^{-2} \|T^{-1}x\|_p \quad \text{provided } x \in G, y \in F \text{ and}$$

$$q(y) \leq ((\alpha - 1)/2) \tau^{-2} \|T^{-1}x\|_p.$$

Next, if we choose the measure ϱ_{k+1} as the image of ν_{k+1} by the isomorphism T , we can restate (17) as

$$(21) \quad \varrho_{k+1} \{a_{k+1} \leq \tau^{-2} \|T^{-1}x\|_p < a_{k+1} + \delta_{k+1}\} > 1/(1 + b).$$

Since $\tau^3 \leq 2$ and $a_{k+1} + \delta_{k+1} < b/2 < 2^{-k-2}$ the inequality (21) implies

$$(22) \quad \varrho_{k+1} \{\|T^{-1}x\|_p \leq b\tau^{-1}\} > 1/(1 + b),$$

$$(23) \quad \varrho_{k+1} \{q_k \geq 2^{-k-1}\} \leq 2^{-k-1}.$$

Let us now assume that $1 \leq j \leq k$ and define

$$A_j = \{y \in F: \alpha(a_j + b) \leq q_k(y) < a_j + \delta_j - b\},$$

$$B = \{x \in G: \tau \|T^{-1}x\|_p \leq b\},$$

$$C_j = \{z \in E: a_j \leq q_{k+1}(z) < a_j + \delta_j\},$$

$$D = \{y \in F: q(y) \leq ((\alpha - 1)/2) a_{k+1}\},$$

$$\tilde{D} = \{x \in G: a_{k+1} \leq \tau^{-2} \|T^{-1}x\|_p < a_{k+1} + \delta_{k+1}\}.$$

For $y \in A_j$ and $x \in B$, since $q_{k+1}(x) \leq q_k(x) \leq b$, we have by (19)

$$q_{k+1}(x + y) \leq q_k(x) + q_k(y) < a_j + \delta_j,$$

$$q_{k+1}(x + y) \geq q_{k+1}(y) - q_k(x) \geq \alpha^{-1} q_k(y) - q_k(x) \geq a_j.$$

These two inequalities together with (15) and (22) give

$$\mu_{k+1}(C_j) = \mu_k * \varrho_{k+1}(C_j) \geq \mu_k(A_j) \varrho_{k+1}(B) > f(a_j) \delta_j.$$

We now suppose that $y \in D$ and $x \in \tilde{D}$. Then we have $q(y) \leq ((\alpha - 1)/2) \tau^{-2} \|T^{-1}x\|_p$ and (20) implies that $q_{k+1}(x + y) = \tau^{-2} \|T^{-1}x\|_p$. Therefore by virtue of (16) and (21) we have

$$\mu_{k+1} \{a_{k+1} \leq q_{k+1} < a_{k+1} + \delta_{k+1}\} \geq \mu_k(D) \varrho_{k+1}(\tilde{D})$$

$$\geq 2(1 + b)^{-1} f(a_{k+1}) \delta_{k+1} > f(a_{k+1}) \delta_{k+1}.$$

This completes our construction.

Let X_k be a sequence of independent random vectors and suppose each X_k has distribution q_k . Then by (23) the series $\sum_{k \geq 1} X_k$ is convergent a.s. to a symmetric p -stable random vector S . Denote by μ the distribution of S . Of course $\mu = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mu_k$. If $\tilde{q} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} q_k$ then from (A) we have $\eta^{-1} q \leq \tilde{q} \leq q$. It is also easy to notice that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} q_k(S_k) = q(S)$, where $S_k = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i$. This fact together with (13) implies (12). The proof of (i) \Rightarrow (ii) is complete.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i). If l^p is not finitely representable in (E, q) , then one can find $r, r > p$, such that (E, q) is of Rademacher type r . Let \tilde{q} be any norm on E equivalent to q . It is clear that (E, \tilde{q}) is again of Rademacher type r . If μ is any symmetric p -stable measure on E then by Lemma 1 the density of the μ -distribution of \tilde{q} is $o(t^{-\alpha})$ as $t \rightarrow 0$, for any $\alpha > 1 + rp/(r-p)$. Therefore, the renorming like in (ii) is impossible for E .

Until now we do not know of any example of a Banach space (E, q) of Rademacher type $r, p < r \leq 2$, and a symmetric p -stable measure μ on E with the property that the density of $F(t) = \mu\{q < t\}$ is unbounded. In view of the preceding theorem we conjecture that this is not possible. Since any Banach space is of Rademacher type 1, Proposition 4 says that our conjecture is valid for $p < 1$.

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