

WEIGHTED WEAK BEHAVIOUR OF FOURIER-JACOBI SERIES

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Abstract. Let $w(x) = (1-x)^\alpha(1+x)^\beta$ be a Jacobi weight on the interval $[-1, 1]$ and $1 < p < \infty$. If either $\alpha > -1/2$ or $\beta > -1/2$ and p is an endpoint of the interval of mean convergence of the associated Fourier-Jacobi series, we show that the partial sum operators S_n are uniformly bounded from $L^{p,1}$ to $L^{p,\infty}$, thus extending a previous result for the case that both $\alpha, \beta > -1/2$. For $\alpha, \beta > -1/2$, we study the weak and restricted weak (p, p) -type of the weighted operators $f \rightarrow uS_n(u^{-1}f)$, where u is also a Jacobi weight.

§1. Introduction and main results.

Let w be a Jacobi weight on the interval $[-1, 1]$, that is,

$$w(x) = (1-x)^\alpha(1+x)^\beta, \quad \alpha, \beta > -1$$

and let $1 < p < \infty$; $S_n f$ stands for the n -th partial sum of the Fourier series associated to the Jacobi polynomials, orthonormal on $[-1, 1]$ with respect to w . It is well known that $S_n f$ converges to f for every $f \in L^p(w)$ if and only if the partial sum operators S_n are uniformly bounded in $L^p(w)$, i.e., there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\|S_n f\|_{L^p(w)} \leq C \|f\|_{L^p(w)} \quad \forall n \geq 0, \forall f \in L^p(w) \quad (1)$$

(throughout this paper, we will denote by C a constant independent of f , n , etc., but not necessarily the same at each occurrence). Furthermore, there exists an open interval (p_0, p_1) such that this boundedness holds if and only if p belongs to (p_0, p_1) (see [6]). The assumption that either $\alpha > -1/2$ or $\beta > -1/2$ is equivalent to $1 < p_0 < p_1 < \infty$. More precisely, in this case (1) holds if and only if

$$\frac{4(\alpha+1)}{2\alpha+3} < p < \frac{4(\alpha+1)}{2\alpha+1}$$

when $\alpha \geq \beta$ (and the analogous inequality with α replaced by β if $\beta \geq \alpha$).

In this paper we examine the behaviour of S_n at the endpoints of the interval of mean convergence. In order to do this we need some classical definitions and notations. Given

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a measure μ and $1 \leq p < \infty$, the space $L_*^p(\mu) = L^{p,\infty}(\mu)$ is defined to be the space of measurable functions such that

$$\|f\|_{L_*^p(\mu)} = \sup_{y>0} y [\mu(\{x : |f(x)| > y\})]^{1/p} < \infty.$$

An operator T is of weak (p, p) -type if $T : L^p(\mu) \rightarrow L_*^p(\mu)$ is bounded. Now, let f^* be the nonincreasing rearrangement of f , given by $f^*(t) = \inf\{s : \lambda(s) \leq t\}$, where λ denotes the distribution function of f . Then, the Lorentz space $L^{p,r}(\mu)$ is the class of all measurable functions f satisfying

$$\|f\|_{p,r}^* = \left(\frac{r}{p} \int_0^\infty [t^{1/p} f^*(t)]^r \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/r} < \infty,$$

where $1 \leq p < \infty$, $1 \leq r < \infty$. An operator T is of restricted weak (p, p) -type if $T : L^{p,1}(\mu) \rightarrow L^{p,\infty}(\mu)$ is bounded, which is equivalent to $\|T\chi_E\|_{L_*^p(\mu)} \leq C\|\chi_E\|_{L^p(\mu)}$ for all characteristic functions χ_E , with $C > 0$ independent of E . We refer the reader to [11] for further information on these topics.

If both $\alpha, \beta > -1/2$, the authors proved (see [2]) that the n -th partial sum operators are uniformly of restricted weak (p, p) -type but not of weak (p, p) -type when p is an endpoint of the interval of mean convergence. In theorems 2 and 3 we extend this result to weighted case $f \rightarrow uS_n(u^{-1}f)$, where u is also a Jacobi weight, that is,

$$u(x) = (1-x)^a(1+x)^b, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Now, the weighted uniform boundedness

$$\|uS_n f\|_{L^p(w)} \leq C\|u f\|_{L^p(w)} \quad \forall f \in L^p(u^p w), \quad \forall n \geq 0$$

holds (see [6]) if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} |a + (\alpha + 1)(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2})| &< \min\{\frac{1}{4}, \frac{\alpha + 1}{2}\}, \\ |b + (\beta + 1)(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2})| &< \min\{\frac{1}{4}, \frac{\beta + 1}{2}\}. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Via Pollard's formula, these operators can be related to the Hilbert transform. Then, the theory of A_p weights is used, as well as some classical dyadic-type decomposition of the interval $[-1, 1]$.

In the general case $\alpha > -1/2$, $\alpha \geq \beta$ (the case $\beta \geq \alpha$ follows by symmetry), we prove in theorem 1 that the n -th partial sum operators are uniformly of restricted weak (p, p) -type when p is an endpoint of the interval of mean convergence, thus extending the above cited result (the question of the weak boundedness had already been answered in the negative in [2]). Now, however, uniform bounds are not available for Jacobi polynomials; therefore, a uniform weighted norm inequality is needed for operators of the form $f \rightarrow u_n H(v_n f)$, where H is the Hilbert transform and $(u_n), (v_n)$ are two sequences of weights involving

Jacobi polynomials or their bounds. This is achieved by studying the A_p constants of the pairs of weights (u_n, v_n) , as well as some $L^{p,\infty}$ norms.

Concerning mixed weak norm inequalities for the Hilbert transform, we can state the following property, which can be proved in the same way as theorem 3 of [7] (throughout this paper, the Hilbert transform, as well as A_p classes of weights, are taken on $[-1, 1]$): assume that $u_1(x), u_2(x), v(x) \geq 0$, $1 < p < \infty$ and there is a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\|u_2 Hg\|_{L_*^p(u_1)} \leq C \|g\|_{L^p(v)} \quad \forall g \in L^p(v);$$

then, there exists another constant $B > 0$ which depends only on C , such that for every interval I

$$\|u_2 \chi_I\|_{L_*^p(u_1)} \left(\int_{-1}^1 \frac{v(x)^{-1/(p-1)}}{(|I| + |x - x_I|)^q} dx \right)^{1/q} \leq B, \quad (3)$$

x_I being the centre of I .

Let us state the main results of this paper. By symmetry, there is no loss of generality in assuming $\alpha \geq \beta$. Regarding the restricted weak type, by standard arguments it is enough to consider just one of the endpoints of the interval of mean convergence, as we remark below.

Theorem 1. *Let $\alpha > -1/2$, $\beta > -1$, $\alpha \geq \beta$. If $p = \frac{4(\alpha+1)}{2\alpha+1}$, there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that for every measurable set E and for every $n \geq 0$*

$$\|S_n \chi_E\|_{L_*^p(w)} \leq C \|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)}.$$

Theorem 2. *Let $\alpha, \beta \geq -1/2$, $u(x) = (1-x)^a(1+x)^b$, $1 < p < \infty$. If the inequalities*

$$-\frac{1}{4} \leq a + (\alpha + 1)\left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2}\right) < \frac{1}{4}, \quad -\frac{1}{4} \leq b + (\beta + 1)\left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2}\right) < \frac{1}{4}$$

hold, then there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\|u S_n(u^{-1} \chi_E)\|_{L_*^p(w)} \leq C \|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)}$$

for every $n \geq 0$ and every measurable set $E \subseteq [-1, 1]$.

Remark. For $1 < p < \infty$ and $1/p + 1/q = 1$, it is easy to see that

$$\|u S_n(u^{-1} \chi_E)\|_{L_*^p(w)} \leq C \|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)} \quad \forall n \geq 0, \quad \forall E \subseteq [-1, 1]$$

if and only if

$$\|u^{-1} S_n(u \chi_E)\|_{L_*^q(w)} \leq C \|\chi_E\|_{L^q(w)} \quad \forall n \geq 0, \quad \forall E \subseteq [-1, 1].$$

This allows us to derive, from theorem 2, the same result for the case

$$-\frac{1}{4} < a + (\alpha + 1)\left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{4}, \quad -\frac{1}{4} < b + (\beta + 1)\left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{4}$$

as well as the analog of theorem 1 for $p = \frac{4(\alpha+1)}{2\alpha+3}$.

Theorem 3. *Let $\alpha, \beta \geq -1/2$, $u(x) = (1-x)^a(1+x)^b$, $1 < p < \infty$. If there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that for every $f \in L^p(u^p w)$ and for every $n \geq 0$*

$$\|uS_n f\|_{L^p_*(w)} \leq C\|u f\|_{L^p(w)},$$

then the inequalities

$$|a + (\alpha + 1)(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2})| < \frac{1}{4}, \quad |b + (\beta + 1)(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2})| < \frac{1}{4}$$

are verified.

§2. Preliminary lemmas.

A basic tool in the study of Fourier series on the interval $[-1, 1]$ is Pollard's decomposition of the kernels $K_n(x, t)$ (see [9], [6]): if $\{P_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ is the sequence of polynomials orthonormal with respect to $w(x)dx$ and $\{Q_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ is the sequence of polynomials associated to $(1-x^2)w(x)dx$, then

$$K_n(x, t) = r_n T_{1,n}(x, t) + s_n T_{2,n}(x, t) + s_n T_{3,n}(x, t),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} T_{1,n}(x, t) &= P_{n+1}(x)P_{n+1}(t), \\ T_{2,n}(x, t) &= (1-t^2) \frac{P_{n+1}(x)Q_n(t)}{x-t}, \\ T_{3,n}(x, t) &= (1-x^2) \frac{P_{n+1}(t)Q_n(x)}{t-x} \end{aligned}$$

and $\{r_n\}$, $\{s_n\}$ are bounded sequences. In fact, for any measure μ on $[-1, 1]$ with $\mu' > 0$ a.e. (in particular, for $w(x)dx$),

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = -1/2, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 1/2$$

(this can be deduced from [9] and [10] or [4]). Therefore, we can write

$$S_n f = r_n W_{1,n} f + s_n W_{2,n} f - s_n W_{3,n} f,$$

where

$$W_{1,n} f(x) = P_{n+1}(x) \int_{-1}^1 P_{n+1}(t) f(t) w(t) dt,$$

$$W_{2,n} f(x) = P_{n+1}(x) H((1-t^2)Q_n(t) f(t) w(t), x)$$

and

$$W_{3,n} f(x) = (1-x^2)Q_n(x) H(P_{n+1}(t) f(t) w(t), x),$$

H being the Hilbert transform on the interval $[-1, 1]$. Thus, the study of S_n can be reduced to that of $W_{i,n}$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$). Due to the definition of $W_{2,n}$ and $W_{3,n}$, we will need to show the uniform boundedness of the Hilbert transform with pairs of weights (u_n, v_n) .

The boundedness of the Hilbert transform can be stated in terms of Muckenhoupt's classes of weights A_p (see [3] and [8]; throughout this paper, these will be A_p classes on the interval $[-1, 1]$): if u, v are two weights, $1 < p < \infty$ and $(u^\delta, v^\delta) \in A_p$ for some $\delta > 1$, then H is a bounded operator from $L^p(v)$ into $L^p(u)$, with a constant which depends only on the A_p constant of (u^δ, v^δ) .

Therefore, we will say that a sequence $\{(u_n, v_n)\}_n$ belongs *uniformly* to an A_p class if $(u_n, v_n) \in A_p \forall n$ with a constant that does not depend on n .

The polynomials P_n satisfy the estimate

$$|P_n(x)| \leq C(1 - x + n^{-2})^{-(2\alpha+1)/4}(1 + x + n^{-2})^{-(2\beta+1)/4} \quad \forall n, \forall x \in [-1, 1] \quad (4)$$

with a constant $C > 0$ independent of x and n . An analogous estimate is verified by Q_n , with $\alpha + 1$ and $\beta + 1$ instead of α and β . In this case, as $2\alpha + 3 > 0$ and $2\beta + 3 > 0$, we can remove the n 's and get

$$|Q_n(x)| \leq C(1 - x)^{-(2\alpha+3)/4}(1 + x)^{-(2\beta+3)/4} \quad \forall n, \forall x \in [-1, 1]. \quad (5)$$

In this context, the following result will be useful.

Lemma 4. *Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence of positive numbers with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$. Let $1 < p < \infty$, $r, s, R, S \in \mathbb{R}$. Then,*

$$(|x|^r(|x| + x_n)^s, |x|^R(|x| + x_n)^S) \in A_p([-1, 1]) \text{ uniformly}$$

if and only if

$$\begin{array}{lll} -1 < r; & R < p - 1; & R \leq r; \\ -1 < r + s; & R + S < p - 1; & R + S \leq r + s. \end{array}$$

Proof. According to its definition,

$$(|x|^r(|x| + x_n)^s, |x|^R(|x| + x_n)^S) \in A_p([-1, 1]) \text{ uniformly}$$

if and only if there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\int_a^b |x|^r(|x| + x_n)^s dx \left(\int_a^b [|x|^R(|x| + x_n)^S]^{-1/(p-1)} dx \right)^{p-1} \leq C(b - a)^p \quad (6)$$

for all $-1 \leq a < b \leq 1$, $\forall n \geq 1$. Integrability conditions imply the above inequalities. In turn, if those inequalities hold we can easily deduce (6) from the estimate

$$\int_a^b x^\gamma (x + c)^\mu dx \leq \begin{cases} Kb^{\gamma+\mu}(b - a) & \text{if } c \leq b \\ Kb^\gamma c^\mu (b - a) & \text{if } b \leq c \end{cases},$$

valid for $0 \leq a < b \leq 1$, $0 \leq c \leq 1$, $\gamma > -1$, $\gamma + \mu > -1$, with a constant K which depends only on γ, μ . ■

The same property holds if we replace x by $x - a$, with $a \in [-1, 1]$. Even more, it is not difficult to show that in order to see whether a finite product of this type of expressions is uniformly in A_p , we only need to check the above inequalities for each factor of the form

$$(|x - a|^r (|x - a| + x_n)^s, |x - a|^R (|x - a| + x_n)^S)$$

separately.

We will eventually need to show that some of the operators are not of strong or weak type. In this sense, the following lemma (see [5]) will be used:

Lemma 5. *Let $\text{supp } d\alpha = [-1, 1]$, $\alpha' > 0$ a.e. in $[-1, 1]$, and $0 < p \leq \infty$. There exists a constant $C > 0$ such that if g is a Lebesgue-measurable function on $[-1, 1]$, then*

$$\|\alpha'(x)^{-1/2}(1-x^2)^{-1/4}\|_{L^p(|g|^p dx)} \leq C \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|P_n\|_{L^p(|g|^p dx)}.$$

There is a weak version of this property: it is a consequence of Kolmogorov's condition (see [1], lemma V.2.8, p. 485) and the previous lemma.

Lemma 6. *Let $\text{supp } d\alpha = [-1, 1]$, $\alpha' > 0$ a.e. in $[-1, 1]$, and $0 < p < \infty$. There exists a constant $C > 0$ such that if g, h are Lebesgue-measurable functions on $[-1, 1]$, then*

$$\|\alpha'(x)^{-1/2}(1-x^2)^{-1/4}g(x)\|_{L_*^p(|h|^p dx)} \leq C \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|P_n g\|_{L_*^p(|h|^p dx)}.$$

The following lemma will be useful to estimate some weighted L_*^p norms:

Lemma 7. *Let $1 \leq p < \infty$, $r, s \in \mathbb{R}$, $a > 0$. Then,*

$$\chi_{(0,a)}(x)x^r \in L_*^p(x^s dx) \iff pr + s + 1 \geq 0, \quad (r, s) \neq (0, -1).$$

Moreover, in this case there is a constant K depending on r, s, p such that

$$\|\chi_{(0,a)}(x)x^r\|_{L_*^p(x^s dx)} = Ka^{r+(s+1)/p}.$$

Proof. Since

$$\|\chi_{(0,a)}(x)x^r\|_{L_*^p(x^s dx)}^p = \sup_{y>0} y^p \int_A x^s dx$$

with $A = \{x; 0 < x < a, x^r > y\}$, the proof is reduced to a simple calculation of that integral, depending on the sign of $pr + s + 1$ and r . ■

Finally, this lemma will be used in the study of the operator $W_{2,n}$:

Lemma 8. *Let $\alpha > -1$, $1 < p < \infty$, $1/p + 1/q = 1$, $0 < r < 1$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If $(\alpha + 1)(1/p - 1/2) < 1/4$, then there exists a constant C , independent of r and n , such that*

$$\|(1-t)(1-t+n^{-2})^{-(2\alpha+3)/4}\chi_{(r,1)}(t)\|_{L_*^q((1-t)^\alpha)} \leq C(1-r)^{1-(\alpha+1)/p}(1-r+n^{-2})^{(2\alpha+1)/4}.$$

Proof. a) Case $\alpha \geq -1/2$. Since $-(2\alpha + 3)/4 < 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(1-t)(1-t+n^{-2})^{-(2\alpha+3)/4}\chi_{(r,1)}(t)\|_{L_*^q((1-t)^\alpha)} \leq \\ & \leq \|(1-t)^{(1-2\alpha)/4}\chi_{(r,1)}(t)\|_{L_*^q((1-t)^\alpha)}. \end{aligned}$$

By lemma 7 and taking into account that $(2\alpha + 1)/4 \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(1-t)^{(1-2\alpha)/4}\chi_{(r,1)}(t)\|_{L_*^q((1-t)^\alpha)} \leq C(1-r)^{(1-2\alpha)/4+(\alpha+1)/q} \leq \\ & \leq C(1-r)^{1-(\alpha+1)/p}(1-r+n^{-2})^{(2\alpha+1)/4}. \end{aligned}$$

b) Case $1-r \leq n^{-2}$. Then, by lemma 7 and the inequality $1-r+n^{-2} \leq 2n^{-2}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(1-t)(1-t+n^{-2})^{-(2\alpha+3)/4}\chi_{(r,1)}(t)\|_{L_*^q((1-t)^\alpha)} \leq \\ & \leq (n^{-2})^{-(2\alpha+3)/4}\|(1-t)\chi_{(r,1)}(t)\|_{L_*^q((1-t)^\alpha)} \leq \\ & \leq C(n^{-2})^{-(2\alpha+3)/4}(1-r)^{1+(\alpha+1)/q} \leq \\ & \leq C(1-r+n^{-2})^{-(2\alpha+3)/4}(1-r)^{1-(\alpha+1)/p}(1-r)^{\alpha+1} \leq \\ & \leq C(1-r)^{1-(\alpha+1)/p}(1-r+n^{-2})^{(2\alpha+1)/4}. \end{aligned}$$

c) Case $\alpha < -1/2$ and $n^{-2} \leq 1-r$. Then $1-2\alpha \geq 0$ and $1-r+n^{-2} \leq 2(1-r)$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(1-t)(1-t+n^{-2})^{-(2\alpha+3)/4}\chi_{(r,1)}(t)\|_{L_*^q((1-t)^\alpha)} \leq \\ & \leq \|(1-t+n^{-2})^{(1-2\alpha)/4}\chi_{(r,1)}(t)\|_{L_*^q((1-t)^\alpha)} \leq \\ & \leq (1-r+n^{-2})^{(1-2\alpha)/4}\|\chi_{(r,1)}(t)\|_{L_*^q((1-t)^\alpha)} \leq \\ & \leq C(1-r+n^{-2})^{(1-2\alpha)/4}(1-r)^{(\alpha+1)/q} = \\ & = C(1-r)^{1-(\alpha+1)/p}(1-r+n^{-2})^{(2\alpha+1)/4}(1-r+n^{-2})^{-\alpha}(1-r)^\alpha \leq \\ & \leq C(1-r)^{1-(\alpha+1)/p}(1-r+n^{-2})^{(2\alpha+1)/4}. \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

§3. Proof of theorems 1 and 2.

The proof of theorem 1 consists of lemmas 9, 10 and 11 below. In order to prove theorem 2, analogous weighted lemmas can be shown using that, in the case $\alpha, \beta \geq -1/2$, not only the polynomials Q_n but also the P_n satisfy an uniform estimate similar to (5).

Lemma 9. Under the hypothesis of theorem 1, there exists a constant C such that

$$\|W_{1,n}f\|_{L^p_*(w)} \leq C\|f\|_{L^p(w)} \quad \forall f \in L^p(w), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Lemma 10. Under the hypothesis of theorem 1, there exists a constant C such that

$$\|W_{3,n}f\|_{L^p(w)} \leq C\|f\|_{L^p(w)} \quad \forall f \in L^p(w), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Lemma 11. Under the hypothesis of theorem 1, there exists a constant C such that for every measurable set $E \subseteq [-1, 1]$ and for every $n \geq 0$

$$\|W_{2,n}\chi_E\|_{L^p_*(w)} \leq C\|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)} \quad (7)$$

Proof of lemma 9. From its definition, we have

$$\|W_{1,n}f\|_{L^p_*(w)} \leq \|P_{n+1}\|_{L^p_*(w)} \|P_{n+1}\|_{L^q(w)} \|f\|_{L^p(w)},$$

where $1/p + 1/q = 1$. So, we only need to prove

$$\|P_n\|_{L^p_*(w)} \leq C \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

and

$$\|P_n\|_{L^q(w)} \leq C \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N},$$

which follows from lemma 7, (4) and the dominate convergence theorem. ■

Proof of lemma 10. It is clear that

$$\|W_{3,n}f\|_{L^p(w)} \leq C\|f\|_{L^p(w)}$$

for every $f \in L^p(w)$ if and only if

$$\|Hg\|_{L^p((1-x^2)^p|Q_n|^pw)} \leq C\|g\|_{L^p(|P_{n+1}|^{-p}w^{1-p})}$$

for every $g \in L^p(|P_{n+1}|^{-p}w^{1-p})$. Using again (4) and its analogous for Q_n , it is enough to obtain

$$\|Hg\|_{L^p(u_n)} \leq C\|g\|_{L^p(v_n)} \quad \forall n, \forall g \in L^p(v_n),$$

with

$$u_n(x) = (1-x)^{p+\alpha}(1-x+n^{-2})^{-p(2\alpha+3)/4}(1+x)^{p+\beta}(1+x+n^{-2})^{-p(2\beta+3)/4}$$

and

$$v_n(x) = (1-x)^{\alpha(1-p)}(1-x+n^{-2})^{p(2\alpha+1)/4}(1+x)^{\beta(1-p)}(1+x+n^{-2})^{p(2\beta+1)/4}.$$

Now, we only need to prove that

$$((1-x)^{(p+\alpha)\delta}(1-x+n^{-2})^{-p(2\alpha+3)\delta/4}, (1-x)^{\alpha(1-p)\delta}(1-x+n^{-2})^{p(2\alpha+1)\delta/4}) \in A_p$$

and

$$((1+x)^{(p+\beta)\delta}(1+x+n^{-2})^{-p(2\beta+3)\delta/4}, (1+x)^{\beta(1-p)\delta}(1+x+n^{-2})^{p(2\beta+1)\delta/4}) \in A_p$$

uniformly in n , for some $\delta > 1$. This can be deduced from lemma 4. ■

Proof of lemma 11. From $p = \frac{4(\alpha+1)}{2\alpha+1}$ and $\alpha \geq \beta$, it follows

$$-\frac{1}{4} \leq (\alpha+1)\left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2}\right) < \frac{1}{4} \quad (8)$$

and

$$-\frac{1}{4} \leq (\beta+1)\left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2}\right) < \frac{1}{4}. \quad (9)$$

We will prove that (8) and (9) imply (7). By the symmetry of these inequalities, we can consider only the case $E \subseteq [0, 1]$.

a) We will show first that there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\|\chi_{[-3/4, 3/4]} W_{2,n}(\chi_E)\|_{L^p(w)} \leq C \|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)}$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and every measurable set $E \subseteq [0, 1]$.

Since $1-x$ and $1+x$ are bounded away from 0 and ∞ on $[-3/4, 3/4]$, from (4) and the definition of $W_{2,n}$ we get

$$\|\chi_{[-3/4, 3/4]} W_{2,n}(\chi_E)\|_{L^p(w)} \leq C \|\chi_{[-3/4, 3/4]} H((1-t^2)\chi_E Q_n w)\|_{L^p((1-x)^r(1+x)^s)}$$

for any previously fixed r, s . If we find r, s such that

$$H : L^p((1-x)^{\alpha-p(2\alpha+1)/4}(1+x)^{\beta-p(2\beta+1)/4}) \longrightarrow L^p((1-x)^r(1+x)^s) \quad (10)$$

is bounded, then from (5) it would follow

$$\begin{aligned} \|\chi_{[-3/4, 3/4]} H((1-t^2)\chi_E Q_n w)\|_{L^p((1-x)^r(1+x)^s)} &\leq \|H((1-t^2)\chi_E Q_n w)\|_{L^p((1-x)^r(1+x)^s)} \leq \\ &\leq C \|(1-x^2)\chi_E Q_n w\|_{L^p((1-x)^{\alpha-p(2\alpha+1)/4}(1+x)^{\beta-p(2\beta+1)/4})} \leq C \|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)}, \end{aligned}$$

as we want to show. In order to get (10), it is enough to have

$$((1-x)^{r\delta}(1+x)^{s\delta}, (1-x)^{\delta[\alpha-p(2\alpha+1)/4]}(1+x)^{\delta[\beta-p(2\beta+1)/4]}) \in A_p$$

for some $\delta > 1$. This is equivalent, by lemma 4, to the following conditions:

$$\begin{array}{ll} -1 < r; & -1 < s; \\ \alpha - p(2\alpha+1)/4 < p-1; & \beta - p(2\beta+1)/4 < p-1; \\ \alpha - p(2\alpha+1)/4 \leq r; & \beta - p(2\beta+1)/4 \leq s. \end{array}$$

It is easy to see that the second row inequalities hold, while for the others we only need to take r and s large enough.

b) Now, we are going to prove that there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\|\chi_{[-1, -3/4]} W_{2,n}(\chi_E)\|_{L_*^p(w)} \leq C \|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)}$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and every measurable set $E \subseteq [0, 1]$.

As $E \subseteq [0, 1]$, we can drop the denominator $x - t$ in $W_{2,n}(\chi_E)$ and, using the inequality (5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & |\chi_{[-1, -3/4]}(x) W_{2,n}(\chi_E, x)| \leq \\ & \leq C \chi_{[-1, -3/4]}(x) |P_{n+1}(x)| \int_{-1}^1 (1-t)^{1-(2\alpha+3)/4} \chi_E(t) w(t) dt \leq \\ & \leq C \chi_{[-1, -3/4]}(x) |P_{n+1}(x)| \|(1-t)^{(1-2\alpha)/4}\|_{L^q(w)} \|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)} \leq \\ & \leq C \|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)} \chi_{[-1, -3/4]}(x) |P_{n+1}(x)|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\chi_{[-1, -3/4]} W_{2,n}(\chi_E)\|_{L_*^p(w)} \leq \\ & \leq C \|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)} \|\chi_{[-1, -3/4]}(1+x+n^{-2})^{-(2\beta+1)/4}\|_{L_*^p(w)} \leq C \|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)}, \end{aligned}$$

by the dominate convergence and lemma 7.

c) We must show now that there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\|\chi_{[3/4, 1]} W_{2,n}(\chi_E)\|_{L_*^p(w)} \leq C \|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)}$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and every measurable set $E \subseteq [0, 1]$. Let us define, for $k = 2, 3, \dots$ the sets

$$I_k = [1 - 2^{-k}, 1 - 2^{-k-1}),$$

$$J_{k1} = [0, 1 - 2^{-k+1}), \quad J_{k2} = [1 - 2^{-k+1}, 1 - 2^{-k-2}), \quad J_{k3} = [1 - 2^{-k-2}, 1].$$

For each $k \geq 2$, J_{ki} ($i = 1, 2, 3$) are non-overlapping sets such that $[0, 1] = J_{k1} \cup J_{k2} \cup J_{k3}$.

The sets I_k are also disjoint and $\bigcup_{k \geq 2} I_k = [3/4, 1)$. The following properties are easy to

check:

$$\forall k \geq 2, \forall x \in I_k, \quad 2^{-k-1} \leq 1-x \leq 2^{-k}; \quad (11)$$

$$\forall k \geq 2, \forall t \in J_{k2}, \quad 2^{-k-2} \leq 1-t \leq 2^{-k+1}; \quad (12)$$

$$\forall k \geq 2, \forall x \in I_k, \forall t \in J_{k1}, \quad 2^{-k+1} \leq 1-t \leq 2(x-t) \leq 2(1-t); \quad (13)$$

$$\forall k \geq 2, \forall x \in I_k, \forall t \in J_{k3}, \quad 1-t \leq 2^{-k-2} \leq t-x \leq 2^{-k}. \quad (14)$$

We can write

$$\chi_{[3/4, 1]} W_{2,n}(\chi_E) = \sum_{k \geq 2} \chi_{I_k} W_{2,n}(\chi_E \chi_{J_{k1}}) + \sum_{k \geq 2} \chi_{I_k} W_{2,n}(\chi_E \chi_{J_{k2}}) + \sum_{k \geq 2} \chi_{I_k} W_{2,n}(\chi_E \chi_{J_{k3}}).$$

We prove that each term is bounded.

c1) If $x \in I_k$, from (13) and Hölder's inequality for Lorentz spaces it follows

$$\begin{aligned} |H((1-t^2)\chi_E\chi_{J_{k1}}Q_n w, x)| &\leq C \int_{-1}^1 \chi_E\chi_{J_{k1}}|Q_n|w \leq \\ &\leq C\|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)}\|\chi_{J_{k1}}Q_n\|_{L_*^q(w)}. \end{aligned}$$

From the estimates (4) for Q_n , property (8), lemma 7 and using that $1 \leq 1+t \leq 2$ for $t \in J_{k1}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|\chi_{J_{k1}}Q_n\|_{L_*^q(w)} &\leq C\|\chi_{J_{k1}}(1-t+n^{-2})^{(\alpha+1)/q-(2\alpha+3)/4}(1-t+n^{-2})^{-(\alpha+1)/q}\|_{L_*^q(w)} \leq \\ &\leq C(1-x+n^{-2})^{(\alpha+1)/q-(2\alpha+3)/4}\|\chi_{J_{k1}}(1-t+n^{-2})^{-(\alpha+1)/q}\|_{L_*^q(w)} \leq \\ &\leq C(1-x+n^{-2})^{(\alpha+1)/q-(2\alpha+3)/4}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if $x \in I_k$ then

$$|H((1-t^2)\chi_E\chi_{J_{k1}}Q_n w, x)| \leq C\|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)}(1-x+n^{-2})^{(\alpha+1)/q-(2\alpha+3)/4},$$

where the constant C does not depend on k . Since the I_k are disjoint, this implies

$$\begin{aligned} &|\sum_{k \geq 2} \chi_{I_k}(x)W_{2,n}(\chi_E\chi_{J_{k1}}, x)| \leq \\ &\leq C(1-x+n^{-2})^{-(2\alpha+1)/4}\|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)}(1-x+n^{-2})^{(\alpha+1)/q-(2\alpha+3)/4} = \\ &= C(1-x+n^{-2})^{-(\alpha+1)/p}\|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)} \leq C(1-x)^{-(\alpha+1)/p}\|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, by lemma 7,

$$\|\sum_{k \geq 2} \chi_{I_k}W_{2,n}(\chi_E\chi_{J_{k1}})\|_{L_*^p(w)} \leq C\|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)}.$$

c2) Let $k \geq 2$. By (4) and (11),

$$\begin{aligned} \|\chi_{I_k}W_{2,n}(\chi_E\chi_{J_{k2}})\|_{L_*^p(w)} &= C\|\chi_{I_k}P_{n+1}H((1-t^2)\chi_E\chi_{J_{k2}}Q_n w)\|_{L_*^p(w)} \leq \\ &\leq C(2^{-k}+n^{-2})^{-(2\alpha+1)/4}(2^{-k})^{\alpha/p}\|\chi_{I_k}H((1-t^2)\chi_E\chi_{J_{k2}}Q_n w)\|_{L_*^p(dx)} \leq \\ &\leq C(2^{-k}+n^{-2})^{-(2\alpha+1)/4}(2^{-k})^{\alpha/p}\|H((1-t^2)\chi_E\chi_{J_{k2}}Q_n w)\|_{L^p(dx)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the Hilbert transform is bounded in $L^p(dx)$, this expression can be bounded, using (4) and (12), by

$$C(2^{-k}+n^{-2})^{-(2\alpha+1)/4}(2^{-k})^{\alpha/p}\|(1-x^2)\chi_E\chi_{J_{k2}}Q_n w\|_{L^p(dx)} \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C(2^{-k} + n^{-2})^{-(2\alpha+1)/4}(2^{-k})^{\alpha+1}(2^{-k} + n^{-2})^{-(2\alpha+3)/4}\|(1-x)^{\alpha/p}\chi_E\chi_{J_{k2}}\|_{L^p(dx)} \leq \\ &\leq C\|\chi_E\chi_{J_{k2}}\|_{L^p(w)}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, as the functions $\chi_{I_k}W_{2,n}(\chi_E\chi_{J_{k2}})$ have non-overlapping support and $\sum_{k \geq 2} \chi_{J_{k2}} \leq 3$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{k \geq 2} \chi_{I_k} W_{2,n}(\chi_E\chi_{J_{k2}}) \right\|_{L^p_*(w)}^p &\leq \sum_{k \geq 2} \|\chi_{I_k} W_{2,n}(\chi_E\chi_{J_{k2}})\|_{L^p_*(w)}^p \leq \\ &\leq C \sum_{k \geq 2} \|\chi_E\chi_{J_{k2}}\|_{L^p(w)}^p \leq C\|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)}^p. \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\left\| \sum_{k \geq 2} \chi_{I_k} W_{2,n}(\chi_E\chi_{J_{k2}}) \right\|_{L^p_*(w)} \leq C\|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)}.$$

c3) Let $k \geq 2$ and $x \in I_k$. By (14), Hölder's inequality for Lorentz spaces and (4), it follows

$$\begin{aligned} &|H((1-t^2)\chi_E\chi_{J_{k3}}Q_n w, x)| \leq \\ &\leq C2^k \int_{-1}^1 (1-t^2)\chi_E(t)\chi_{J_{k3}}(t)Q_n(t)w(t)dt \leq \\ &\leq C2^k \|(1-t)\chi_E\chi_{J_{k3}}Q_n\|_{L^1(w)} \leq \\ &\leq C2^k \|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)} \|(1-t)(1-t+n^{-2})^{-(2\alpha+3)/4}\chi_{J_{k3}}\|_{L^q_*((1-t)^\alpha)}. \end{aligned}$$

By lemma 8 and (8),

$$\|(1-t)(1-t+n^{-2})^{-(2\alpha+3)/4}\chi_{J_{k3}}\|_{L^q_*((1-t)^\alpha)} \leq C(2^{-k})^{1-(\alpha+1)/p}(2^{-k} + n^{-2})^{(2\alpha+1)/4},$$

what, together with (11), implies

$$|H((1-t^2)\chi_E\chi_{J_{k3}}Q_n w, x)| \leq C(1-x)^{-(\alpha+1)/p}(1-x+n^{-2})^{(2\alpha+1)/4}\|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)}$$

if $x \in I_k$, with a constant C which does not depend on x, E, k, n . Since the I_k are non-overlapping, we have

$$\left| \sum_{k \geq 2} \chi_{I_k}(x)W_{2,n}(\chi_E\chi_{J_{k3}}, x) \right| \leq C\chi_{[3/4,1)}(1-x)^{-(\alpha+1)/p}\|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)}$$

and, by lemma 7,

$$\left\| \sum_{k \geq 2} \chi_{I_k} W_{2,n}(\chi_E\chi_{J_{k3}}) \right\|_{L^p_*(w)} \leq C\|\chi_E\|_{L^p(w)}.$$

This concludes the proof of the lemma. ■

§4. Proof of theorem 3.

The weak boundedness

$$\|uS_n f\|_{L_*^p(w)} \leq C\|uf\|_{L^p(w)}$$

implies the following conditions (see [2], theorem 1, with the appropriate changes):

$$\begin{aligned} u &\in L_*^p(w) \\ u^{-1} &\in L^q(w) \\ u(x)w(x)^{-1/2}(1-x^2)^{-1/4} &\in L_*^p(w) \\ u(x)^{-1}w(x)^{-1/2}(1-x^2)^{-1/4} &\in L^q(w). \end{aligned}$$

With the weight $u(x) = (1-x)^\alpha(1+x)^\beta$ and having in mind that $\alpha, \beta \geq -1/2$, this means

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{4} &\leq a + (\alpha + 1)\left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2}\right) < \frac{1}{4}, \\ -\frac{1}{4} &\leq b + (\beta + 1)\left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2}\right) < \frac{1}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we only need to show that the equality cannot occur in the left hand side of these equations. Assume, for example,

$$-\frac{1}{4} = a + (\alpha + 1)\left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{2}\right). \quad (15)$$

Let us consider again Pollard's decomposition of the partial sums $S_n f$. As we mentioned at the beginning of the previous section, the proofs of lemmas 9 and 10 essentially show that there exists a constant C such that for all $f \in L^p(w)$ and every $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\|uW_{1,n} f\|_{L_*^p(w)} \leq C\|uf\|_{L^p(w)}$$

and

$$\|uW_{3,n} f\|_{L^p(w)} \leq C\|uf\|_{L^p(w)}$$

(notice that in the case $\alpha, \beta \geq -1/2$, the polynomials P_n satisfy the estimate analogous to (5), what simplifies the proofs). Under our hypothesis, this implies that there exists also a constant C such that for all $f \in L^p(u^p w)$ and every $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\|uW_{2,n} f\|_{L_*^p(w)} \leq C\|uf\|_{L^p(w)},$$

that is,

$$\|uP_{n+1} Hg\|_{L_*^p(w)} \leq C\|u(x)(1-x^2)^{-1}Q_n(x)^{-1}w(x)^{-1}g\|_{L^p(w)}.$$

Applying (3), we have

$$\|uP_{n+1}\chi_I\|_{L_*^p(w)} \left(\int_{-1}^1 \frac{u(x)^{-q}(1-x^2)^q |Q_n(x)|^q w(x)}{(|I| + |x - x_I|)^q} dx \right)^{1/q} \leq C$$

for every interval $I \subseteq [-1, 1]$, with a constant $C > 0$ independent of n and I ; now, by lemma 6

$$\|u(x)(1-x^2)^{-1/4}w(x)^{-1/2}\chi_I\|_{L_*^p(w)} \left(\int_{-1}^1 \frac{u(x)^{-q}(1-x^2)^{q/4}w(x)^{1-q/2}}{(|I|+|x-x_I|)^q} dx \right)^{1/q} \leq C.$$

Taking $I = [1-\varepsilon, 1]$, it follows

$$\|x^{a-\alpha/2-1/4}\chi_{[0,\varepsilon]}\|_{L_*^p(x^\alpha)} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{x^{-aq+q/4+\alpha(1-q/2)}}{(\varepsilon+|x-\varepsilon/2|)^q} dx \right)^{1/q} \leq C. \quad (16)$$

Now, by lemma 7 and (15)

$$\|x^{a-\alpha/2-1/4}\chi_{[0,\varepsilon]}\|_{L_*^p(x^\alpha)} = K \quad (17)$$

and

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^{-aq+q/4+\alpha(1-q/2)}}{(\varepsilon+|x-\varepsilon/2|)^q} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{x^{1/(p-1)}}{(\varepsilon+|x-\varepsilon/2|)^q} dx \geq C \int_\varepsilon^1 x^{1/(p-1)-q} dx = C|\log \varepsilon|,$$

which, together with (17), leads to a contradiction in (16). Therefore, (15) cannot be true and the theorem is proved.

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