



## Burkholder–Gundy–Davis’ inequalities on weighted Lorentz martingale spaces

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### Abstract

In this paper, we establish Burkholder–Gundy–Davis’ inequalities for weighted Lorentz martingale spaces  $\Lambda_p(\varphi)$ .

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### 1. Introduction

It is well-known that Burkholder–Gundy–Davis’ inequalities are of the fundamental inequalities in classical martingale spaces. Burkholder and Gundy [1] proved the inequality named after them, which states that the  $L_p$  norms of the maximal function and the square function of a one parameter martingale are equivalent for  $1 < p < \infty$ . In 2015 the Burkholder–Gundy–Davis’ inequality was proved on Lorentz martingale spaces by Ren and Guo [5]. In this paper, by using the ideas in [2] and by means of rearrangement technique we obtain a  $\Lambda_p(\varphi)$ –version of Burkholder–Gundy–Davis’ martingale inequalities on weighted Lorentz martingale spaces.

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a complete probability space. A filtration  $(\mathcal{F}_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$  is a non-decreasing sequence of sub- $\sigma$ -algebras of  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $\mathcal{F} = \sigma(\cup_{n \in \mathbf{N}} \mathcal{F}_n)$ . We denote by  $E$  the expectation operator with respect to  $\mathcal{F}$ .

For a martingale  $f = (f_n, n \in \mathbf{N})$  relative to  $(\mathcal{F}_n)_{n \geq 0}$ , denote the martingale differences by  $d_n f := f_n - f_{n-1}$  with convention  $d_0 f = 0$ . The maximal function of a martingale  $f = (f_n, n \in \mathbf{N})$  is denoted by

$$f_n^* := \sup_{m \leq n} |f_m|, \quad f^* := \sup_{m \in \mathbf{N}} |f_m|.$$

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The square function of  $f$  is defined by

$$S_m(f) := \left( \sum_{n \leq m} |d_n f|^2 \right)^{1/2}, \quad S(f) := \left( \sum_{n \in \mathbf{N}} |d_n f|^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

Let us recall briefly the construction of weighted Lorentz spaces. For measurable function  $f$ , we define a distribution function  $m(s, f)$  by setting  $m(s, f) = P(\{w \in \Omega : |f(w)| > s\})$ . The function

$$\widetilde{(f)}(t) = \inf\{s > 0 : m(s, f) \leq t\}, \quad t \geq 0,$$

is called the decreasing rearrangement of  $f$ .

Let  $\varphi > 0$  be a non-negative and local integrable function on  $[0, \infty)$ . The classical weighted Lorentz spaces  $\Lambda_p(\varphi)$  is defined to be the collection of all measurable functions  $f$  for which the quantity

$$\|f\|_{\Lambda_p(\varphi)} := \begin{cases} \left( \int_0^\infty \left( \widetilde{(f)}(t) \varphi(t) \right)^p \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} & (0 < p < \infty), \\ \sup_t \widetilde{(f)}(t) \varphi(t) & (p = \infty) \end{cases}$$

is finite. Recall that for  $0 < p \leq \infty$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_{\Lambda_p(\varphi)}$  is only a quasi-norm.

For  $0 < p \leq \infty$ , weighted Lorentz-Hardy martingale spaces are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_p^*(\varphi) &= \left\{ f = (f_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}} : \|f\|_{\Lambda_p^*(\varphi)} := \|f^*\|_{\Lambda_p(\varphi)} < \infty \right\}, \\ \Lambda_p^S(\varphi) &= \left\{ f = (f_n)_{n \in \mathbf{N}} : \|f\|_{\Lambda_p^S(\varphi)} := \|S(f)\|_{\Lambda_p(\varphi)} < \infty \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that if  $\varphi(t) = t^{\frac{1}{q}}$ , then  $\Lambda_p(\varphi) = L_{q,p}$ ,  $\Lambda_p^*(\varphi) = H_{q,p}^*$  and  $\Lambda_p^S(\varphi) = H_{q,p}^S$ . In particular, if  $\varphi(t) = t^{\frac{1}{p}}$ , then  $\Lambda_p(\varphi) = L_p$ ,  $\Lambda_p^*(\varphi) = H_p^*$  and  $\Lambda_p^S(\varphi) = H_p^S$ .

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be real numbers such that  $a < b$ . Following Persson's convention [4], we adopt the following notations. The notation  $\varphi(t) \in Q[a, b]$  means that  $\varphi(t)t^{-a}$  is non-decreasing and  $\varphi(t)t^{-b}$  is non-increasing for all  $t > 0$ . Moreover, we say that  $\varphi(t) \in Q(a, b)$ , wherever  $\varphi(t) \in Q[a + \epsilon, b - \epsilon]$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . By  $\varphi(t) \in Q(a, -)$  (or  $\varphi(t) \in Q(-, b)$ ) we mean that  $\varphi(t) \in Q(a, c)$  (or  $\varphi(t) \in Q(c, b)$ ) for some real number  $c$ .

Our notation and terminology are standard as may be found in [6]. We use  $C$  to denote a constant, which may be different in different places.

In order to prove our main results, we collect some lemmata, which will be used in the next section.

**Lemma 1.1** ([3]). *Let  $(f, g)$  be a pair of nonnegative measurable functions on  $\Omega$ . If  $(f, g)$  satisfies the rearrangement inequality:*

$$\widetilde{(f)}(t) \leq \widetilde{(f)}(2t) + C \widetilde{(g)}\left(\frac{t}{2}\right), \quad t > 0,$$

*then with the same  $C$ ,*

$$\widetilde{(f)}(t) \leq 2C \widetilde{(g)}\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) + \frac{C}{\log 2} \int_t^\infty \frac{\widetilde{(g)}(s)}{s} ds, \quad t > 0.$$

**Lemma 1.2** ([4]). *Let  $0 < q \leq \infty$ ,  $0 < p < \infty$  and  $\psi(t) \in Q(-, -)$ . Let  $h(t)$  be a positive and non-increasing function on  $(0, \infty)$ . If  $\varphi(t) \in Q(0, -)$ , then*

$$\left( \int_0^\infty (\varphi(t))^q \left( \int_t^\infty (h(u)\psi(u))^p \frac{du}{u} \right)^{\frac{q}{p}} \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq C \left( \int_0^\infty (\varphi(t)h(t)\psi(t))^q \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

*( $C$  depends only on  $q$  and the constants involved in the definition of  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$ .)*

## 2. Main results

Now we extend Burkholder–Gundy–Davis’ inequality to  $\Lambda_p(\varphi)$ –quasinorm,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $t > 0$ . If  $f = (f_n, n \in \mathbf{N})$  is a martingale then*

1.  $\widetilde{(f^*)}(t) \leq \widetilde{(f^*)}(2t) + 2C\widetilde{S(f)}(\frac{t}{2})$
2.  $\widetilde{S(f)}(t) \leq \widetilde{S(f)}(2t) + 4\dot{C}\widetilde{(f^*)}(\frac{t}{2})$ .

where  $C$  and  $\dot{C}$  are the constants in the inequalities  $\|f^*\|_{L^2} \leq C\|S(f)\|_{L^2}$  and  $\|S(f)\|_{L^1} \leq \dot{C}\|f^*\|_{L^1}$ , respectively [3].

*Proof.* To prove (1) we consider the following stopping times:

$$\nu = \inf\{n \in \mathcal{N} : S_n(f) > \widetilde{S(f)}(\frac{t}{2})\}, \quad \tau = \inf\{n \in \mathcal{N} : (f_n^*) > \widetilde{(f^*)}(2t)\}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \{\nu < \infty\} &= \{S(f) > \widetilde{S(f)}(\frac{t}{2})\}, \quad S_{\nu-1}(f) \leq \widetilde{S(f)}(\frac{t}{2}) \\ \{\tau < \infty\} &= \{f^* > \widetilde{(f^*)}(2t)\}, \quad f_{\tau-1}^* \leq \widetilde{(f^*)}(2t). \end{aligned}$$

Now consider  $\{\mathcal{F}'_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  with  $\mathcal{F}'_n = \mathcal{F}_{\tau+n}$  and  $f^{\tau, \nu-1} = (f'_n)_{n \geq 0}$  with  $f'_n = f_{\tau+n}^{\nu-1} - f_{\tau-1}^{\nu-1}$ . Then  $f^{\tau, \nu-1}$  is a martingale with respect to  $\{\mathcal{F}'_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ . Since

$$f_{\nu-1}^* - f_{(\nu-1) \wedge (\tau-1)}^* \leq (f^{\tau, \nu-1})^*,$$

then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P\{(f^*) > \widetilde{(f^*)}(2t) + 2C\widetilde{S(f)}(\frac{t}{2})\} \\ &\leq P\{\nu < \infty\} + P\{\nu = \infty, f_{\nu-1}^* > \widetilde{(f^*)}(2t) + 2C\widetilde{S(f)}(\frac{t}{2})\} \\ &\leq \frac{t}{2} + P\{\tau < \nu = \infty, f_{\nu-1}^* - f_{(\nu-1) \wedge (\tau-1)}^* > 2C\widetilde{S(f)}(\frac{t}{2})\} \\ &\leq \frac{t}{2} + (2C\widetilde{S(f)}(\frac{t}{2}))^{-2} E[(f_{\nu-1}^* - f_{(\nu-1) \wedge (\tau-1)}^*)^2 \chi_{\tau < \nu}] \\ &\leq \frac{t}{2} + \frac{1}{4} (C\widetilde{S(f)}(\frac{t}{2}))^{-2} E[(f^{\tau, \nu-1})^*]^2 \chi_{\tau < \nu}] \\ &\leq \frac{t}{2} + \frac{1}{4} (\widetilde{S(f)}(\frac{t}{2}))^{-2} E[S(f^{\tau, \nu-1})^2 \chi_{\tau < \infty}] \quad (\text{by } \|f^*\|_{L^2} \leq C\|S(f)\|_{L^2}) \\ &\leq \frac{t}{2} + \frac{1}{4} P\{\nu < \infty\} < \frac{t}{2} + \frac{t}{2} = t. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$\widetilde{(f^*)}(t) \leq \widetilde{(f^*)}(2t) + 2C\widetilde{S(f)}(\frac{t}{2}).$$

The inequality (2) can be proved in the same way. It is only need to consider the following stopping times:

$$\nu = \inf\{n \in \mathcal{N} : f_n^* > \widetilde{(f^*)}(\frac{t}{2})\}, \quad \tau = \inf\{n \in \mathcal{N} : S_n(f) > \widetilde{S(f)}(2t)\}.$$

□

The following Burkholder–Gundy–Davis’ inequalities for martingale weighted Lorentz spaces follow from Lemmata 1.1, 1.2 and 2.1.

**Theorem 2.2.**  $\Lambda_p^*(\varphi)$  and  $\Lambda_p^S(\varphi)$  are equivalent if  $\varphi(t) \in Q(0, -)$  and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , namely,

$$c\|f\|_{\Lambda_p^S(\varphi)} \leq \|f\|_{\Lambda_p^*(\varphi)} \leq C\|f\|_{\Lambda_p^S(\varphi)}, \quad 1 \leq p < \infty,$$

for every martingale  $f = (f_n, n \in \mathbf{N})$ .

*Proof.* For any  $t > 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{\Lambda_p^*(\varphi)} &= \left( \int_0^\infty \left( \widetilde{f^*}(t) \varphi(t) \right)^p \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq C \left( \int_0^\infty \left( \widetilde{S(f)}\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \varphi(t) \right)^p \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\quad + C \left( \int_0^\infty (\varphi(t))^p \left( \int_t^\infty \frac{\widetilde{S(f)}(s)}{s} ds \right)^p \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad (\text{by Lemmata 1.1 and 2.1}) \\ &\leq C \left( \int_0^\infty \left( \widetilde{S(f)}(t) \varphi(t) \right)^p \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad (\text{by Lemma 1.2}) \\ &= C\|f\|_{\Lambda_p^S(\varphi)}. \end{aligned}$$

We can prove the other side of Burkholder–Gundy–Davis’ inequality similarly.  $\square$

*Remark 2.3.* For  $0 < q < \infty$ , if we take  $\varphi(t) = t^{\frac{1}{q}}$  in Theorem 2.2, then we get a  $L_{q,p}$ -version of Burkholder–Gundy–Davis’ martingale inequality in martingale  $H_{q,p}$  theory.

**Corollary 2.4.** If  $p = q$  and  $1 \leq q < \infty$  in Remark 2.3, we obtain the famous Burkholder–Gundy–Davis’ inequality in classical martingale  $H_p$  theory.

Note that the Burkholder–Gundy–Davis’ inequalities are not valid for  $L_p$  when  $0 < p < 1$ . The reader is referred to [6, Proposition 2.16] for a counterexample.

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