

AN INTEGRAL REPRESENTATION FOR BESOV AND LIPSCHITZ SPACES

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Abstract

It is well known that functions in the analytic Besov space B_1 on the unit disk \mathbb{D} admit an integral representation

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{z-w}{1-z\bar{w}} d\mu(w),$$

where μ is a complex Borel measure with $|\mu|(\mathbb{D}) < \infty$. We generalize this result to all Besov spaces B_p with $0 < p \leq 1$ and all Lipschitz spaces Λ_t with $t > 1$. We also obtain a version for Bergman and Fock spaces.

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1. Introduction

Let \mathbb{D} denote the unit disk in the complex plane \mathbb{C} , $H(\mathbb{D})$ denote the space of all analytic functions in \mathbb{D} , and dA denote the normalized area measure on \mathbb{D} . For $0 < p < \infty$, we consider the analytic Besov space B_p consisting of functions $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$ with the property that $(1 - |z|^2)^k f^{(k)}(z)$ belongs to $L^p(\mathbb{D}, d\lambda)$, where

$$d\lambda(z) = \frac{dA(z)}{(1 - |z|^2)^2}$$

is the Möbius invariant area measure on \mathbb{D} and k is any positive integer such that $pk > 1$. The space B_p is independent of the integer k used.

It is well known that an analytic function f in \mathbb{D} belongs to B_1 if and only if there exists a complex Borel measure μ on \mathbb{D} such that $|\mu|(\mathbb{D}) < \infty$ and

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{z-w}{1-z\bar{w}} d\mu(w), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}. \quad (1.1)$$

See [1, 2, 11]. The purpose of this paper is to generalize the above result to several other spaces, including Besov spaces, Lipschitz spaces, Bergman spaces, and Fock spaces. We state our main results as Theorems A and B below.

THEOREM A. *Suppose that $0 < p \leq 1$, $0 < r < 1$, and f is analytic in \mathbb{D} . Then $f \in B_p$ if and only if it admits a representation*

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{z-w}{1-\bar{z}w} d\mu(w), \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

where μ is a complex Borel measure on \mathbb{D} such that the localized function $z \mapsto |\mu|(D(z, r))$ belongs to $L^p(\mathbb{D}, d\lambda)$, where

$$D(z, r) = \left\{ w \in \mathbb{D} : \left| \frac{z-w}{1-\bar{z}w} \right| < r \right\}$$

is the pseudo-hyperbolic disk at z with radius r .

Recall that for any real number t , the analytic Lipschitz space Λ_t on the unit disk consists of functions $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$ such that $(1 - |z|^2)^{k-t} f^{(k)}(z)$ is bounded, where k is any nonnegative integer greater than t .

THEOREM B. *Suppose that $t > 1$, $0 < r < 1$, and f is analytic in \mathbb{D} . Then $f \in \Lambda_t$ if and only if*

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{z-w}{1-\bar{z}w} d\mu(w), \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

for some complex Borel measure μ with the property that

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} \frac{|\mu|(D(z, r))}{(1 - |z|^2)^t} < \infty.$$

In addition to Besov and Lipschitz spaces in dimension one, where the integral representation looks particularly nice, we will also consider Bergman and Fock spaces in higher dimensions.

2. Preliminaries on measures

Suppose that μ is a complex Borel measure on \mathbb{D} and $r \in (0, 1)$. We can define two functions on \mathbb{D} as follows.

$$\mu_r(z) = \mu(D(z, r)), \quad \widehat{\mu}_r(z) = \frac{\mu(D(z, r))}{(1 - |z|^2)^2}.$$

It is well known that the area of the pseudo-hyperbolic disk $D(z, r)$ is

$$\pi r^2 \left(\frac{1 - |z|^2}{1 - r^2 |z|^2} \right)^2,$$

which is comparable to $(1 - |z|^2)^2$ whenever r is fixed. That is why we think of $\widehat{\mu}_r$ as an averaging function for the measure μ . We will call μ_r a localized function for μ . The behavior of μ_r and $\widehat{\mu}_r$ is often independent of the particular radius r being used.

Another averaging function for μ is the so-called Berezin transform of μ . We need the assumption that $|\mu|(\mathbb{D}) < \infty$ in order to define the Berezin transform:

$$\tilde{\mu}(z) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^2}{|1 - z\bar{w}|^4} d\mu(w), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

See [11] for basic information about these averaging operations.

We will need to decompose the unit disk into roughly equal-sized parts in the pseudo-hyperbolic metric. More specifically, we will need the following result.

LEMMA 2.1. *For any $0 < r < 1$, there exist a sequence $\{z_n\}$ in \mathbb{D} and a sequence of Borel subsets $\{D_n\}$ of \mathbb{D} with the following properties:*

- (a) $\mathbb{D} = D_1 \cup D_2 \cup \dots \cup D_n \cup \dots$;
- (b) the sets D_n are mutually disjoint;
- (c) $D(z_n, r/4) \subset D_n \subset D(z_n, r)$ for every n .

PROOF. This is well known. See [11] for example. □

Any sequence $\{z_n\}$ satisfying the three conditions above will be called an r -lattice in the pseudo-hyperbolic metric.

LEMMA 2.2. *Suppose that μ is a positive Borel measure on \mathbb{D} and $0 < p \leq \infty$. If r and s are two radii in $(0, 1)$ and $\{z_n\}$ is an r -lattice in the pseudo-hyperbolic metric, then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (a) the function $\widehat{\mu}_s(z)$ belongs to $L^p(\mathbb{D}, d\lambda)$;
- (b) the sequence $\widehat{\mu}_r(z_n)$ belongs to l^p .

If $1/2 < p \leq \infty$, then the above conditions are also equivalent to:

- (c) the function $\widehat{\mu}(z)$ belongs to $L^p(\mathbb{D}, d\lambda)$.

PROOF. This is also well known. See [11] for example. □

As a consequence of the above lemma on the averaging function $\widehat{\mu}_r$, we obtain several equivalent conditions for the localized function μ_r .

COROLLARY 2.3. *Suppose that $0 < p \leq \infty$ and μ is a positive Borel measure on \mathbb{D} . If r and s are two radii in $(0, 1)$ and $\{z_n\}$ is an r -lattice in the pseudo-hyperbolic metric, then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (a) the sequence $\{\mu_r(z_n)\}$ belongs to l^p ;
- (b) the function $\mu_s(z)$ belongs to $L^p(\mathbb{D}, d\lambda)$.

If $p \neq \infty$, the above conditions are also equivalent to:

- (c) the function $\widehat{\mu}_s(z)$ belongs to $L^p(\mathbb{D}, dA_{2(p-1)})$, where

$$dA_{2(p-1)}(z) = (1 - |z|^2)^{2(p-1)} dA(z).$$

PROOF. Consider the positive Borel measure

$$d\nu(z) = (1 - |z|^2)^2 d\mu(z).$$

It is well known that $(1 - |z|^2)^2$ is comparable to $(1 - |z_n|^2)^2$ for z in $D(z_n, t)$, where t is any fixed radius in $(0, 1)$. See [11] for example. Thus, $\widehat{\nu}_t(z)$ is comparable to $\mu_t(z)$, and $\widehat{\nu}_t(z)$ is also comparable to $(1 - |z|^2)^2 \widehat{\mu}_t(z)$. The desired result then follows from Lemma 2.2. □

In view of the equivalence of conditions (a) and (c) in Lemma 2.2, it is tempting to conjecture that condition (c) in Corollary 2.3 above is equivalent to $\widetilde{\mu} \in L^p(\mathbb{D}, dA_{2(p-1)})$ whenever $p > 1/4$. It turns out that this is not true. This already fails at $p = 1$. In fact, if $p = 1$, the condition $\widetilde{\mu} \in L^p(\mathbb{D}, dA_{2(p-1)})$ means that

$$\begin{aligned} +\infty &> \int_{\mathbb{D}} \widetilde{\mu}(z) dA(z) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{D}} (1 - |z|^2)^2 dA(z) \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{d\mu(w)}{|1 - z\overline{w}|^4} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{D}} d\mu(w) \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{(1 - |z|^2)^2 dA(z)}{|1 - z\overline{w}|^4}. \end{aligned}$$

This together with [11, Lemma 3.10] shows that, for $p = 1$, the condition $\widetilde{\mu} \in L^p(\mathbb{D}, dA_{2(p-1)})$ is the same as

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}} \log \frac{1}{1 - |w|^2} d\mu(w) < \infty.$$

On the other hand, it is easy to see that condition (a) in Corollary 2.3, for $p = 1$, simply means that $\mu(\mathbb{D}) < \infty$, which is obviously different from the integral condition above.

The Berezin transform will not really be used in the rest of the paper, but it is always interesting and insightful to compare the behavior of $\widehat{\mu}_r$ and $\widetilde{\mu}$.

Another notion critical to the integral representation of Lipschitz spaces is that of Carleson measures.

Let $t > 0$. We say that a positive Borel measure μ on the unit disk \mathbb{D} is t -Carleson if

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{D}} \frac{\mu(D(z, r))}{(1 - |z|^2)^t} < \infty$$

for some $r \in (0, 1)$. It is well known that if the above condition holds for some $r \in (0, 1)$, then it holds for every $r \in (0, 1)$. Thus, being t -Carleson is independent of the radius r used in the definition.

If $t > 1$, then every t -Carleson measure is finite. In fact, in this case, we use Lemma 2.1 to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\mathbb{D}) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(D_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(D(z_n, r)) \\ &\leq C \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - |z_n|^2)^t \leq C' \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{D_n} (1 - |z|^2)^{t-2} dA(z) \\ &= C' \int_{\mathbb{D}} (1 - |z|^2)^{t-2} dA(z) < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear from the above argument that not every t -Carleson measure is finite when $t \leq 1$.

If $t > 1$, then μ is t -Carleson if and only if for some (or every) $0 < p < \infty$ there exists a constant $C = C_p > 0$ such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}} |f(z)|^p d\mu(z) \leq C \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f(z)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^{t-2} dA(z)$$

for all $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$. Because of this, such measures are also called Carleson measures for Bergman spaces. When $t > 1$, it is also known that μ is t -Carleson if and only if there is a constant $C > 0$ such that $\mu(S_h) \leq Ch^t$ for all ‘Carleson squares’ S_h of side length h . See [9, 10].

We warn the reader that there is a fine distinction between 1-Carleson measures defined above and the classical Carleson measures (for Hardy spaces). This can be seen by considering an arbitrary Bloch function f in the unit disk. In fact, for such a function, if we define a measure μ by

$$d\mu(z) = (1 - |z|^2)|f'(z)|^2 dA(z),$$

then μ is 1-Carleson, because

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(D(z, r)) &= \int_{D(z,r)} (1 - |w|^2)|f'(w)|^2 dA(w) \\ &\sim \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2} \int_{D(z,r)} (1 - |w|^2)^2 |f'(w)|^2 dA(w) \\ &\leq C(1 - |z|^2). \end{aligned}$$

But μ is not a classical Carleson measure, because being so would mean that f is in BMOA. See [5]. It is certainly well known that BMOA is strictly contained in the Bloch space. A classical Carleson measure is 1-Carleson, but not the other way around.

Similarly, for $0 < t < 1$, there is a subtle difference between measures satisfying the condition $\mu(S_h) \leq Ch^t$ and those satisfying the condition $\mu(D(z, r)) \leq C(1 - |z|^2)^t$.

3. Besov spaces in the unit disk

We prove Theorem A in this section. For this purpose we need to make use of weighted Bergman spaces. Thus, for any $\alpha > -1$, we let

$$dA_\alpha(z) = (\alpha + 1)(1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dA(z)$$

denote the weighted area measure on \mathbb{D} . The spaces

$$A_\alpha^p = H(\mathbb{D}) \cap L^p(\mathbb{D}, dA_\alpha), \quad 0 < p < \infty,$$

are called weighted Bergman spaces with standard weights.

We will see that Theorem A can be thought of as an extension of the following atomic decomposition for weighted Bergman spaces, which can be found in [11] for example.

THEOREM 3.1. *Suppose that $0 < p < \infty$, $\alpha > -1$, and*

$$b > \max(1, 1/p) + (\alpha + 1)/p. \tag{3.1}$$

There exists some positive number δ such that for any r -lattice $\{z_n\}$ with $r < \delta$ the weighted Bergman space A_α^p consists exactly of functions of the form

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty c_n \frac{(1 - |z_n|^2)^{(pb-2-\alpha)/p}}{(1 - z\bar{z}_n)^b}, \tag{3.2}$$

where $\{c_n\} \in l^p$.

Atomic decomposition for Bergman spaces was first obtained in [4]. We will follow the proof of the above theorem as found in [11]. We begin with an explicit construction for a measure in (1.1) when f is a polynomial.

LEMMA 3.2. *If f is a polynomial and $0 < p \leq \infty$, there exists a complex Borel measure μ such that the localized function $|\mu|_r(z)$ is in $L^p(\mathbb{D}, d\lambda)$ and*

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{z - w}{1 - \bar{z}w} d\mu(w)$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$.

PROOF. If f is a nonzero constant function, we use the measure

$$d\mu(w) = c \frac{|w|}{w} (1 - |w|^2)^N dA(w),$$

where c is an appropriate constant and N is sufficiently large (depending on p). If $f(w) = w^n$ with $n \geq 1$, we use the measure

$$d\mu(w) = c w^{n-1} (1 - |w|^2)^N dA(w),$$

where c is an appropriate constant and N is sufficiently large (depending on p). This follows from the Taylor expansion of the function $1/(1 - z\bar{w})$ and polar coordinates. \square

We now proceed to the proof of Theorem A. First assume that $f \in B_p$ for some $0 < p \leq 1$. Let k be any positive integer such that $pk > 1$. Let $b = k + 1$ and $\alpha = pk - 2$. Then b satisfies the condition in (3.1). In fact, since $0 < p \leq 1$,

$$\max\left(1, \frac{1}{p}\right) + \frac{\alpha + 1}{p} = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{pk - 1}{p} = k < b.$$

Also, $f \in B_p$ if and only if its k th-order derivative $f^{(k)}$ is in A_α^p and the exponent in the numerator of (3.2) is

$$\frac{pb - 2 - \alpha}{p} = 1.$$

It follows from Theorem 3.1 that we can find an r -lattice $\{z_n\}$ in the pseudo-hyperbolic metric and a sequence $\{c_n\} \in l^p$ such that

$$f^{(k)}(z) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty c_n \frac{1 - |z_n|^2}{(1 - z\bar{z}_n)^{k+1}}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

There is considerable freedom in the choice of the r -lattice in Theorem 3.1. So, we may assume that $z_n \neq 0$ for each n and $|z_n| \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. We then consider the function

$$g(z) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty c'_n \frac{z - z_n}{1 - z\bar{z}_n}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

where

$$c'_n = \frac{c_n}{k! \bar{z}_n^{k-1}}, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Clearly, the sequence $\{c'_n\}$ is still in $l^p \subset l^1$. This is where we use the assumption that $0 < p \leq 1$ in a critical way to ensure that the infinite series defining g actually converges. Differentiating term by term shows that the function g satisfies $g^{(k)} = f^{(k)}$. Thus, there is a polynomial $P(z)$ such that

$$f(z) = P(z) + \sum_{n=1}^\infty c'_n \frac{z - z_n}{1 - z\bar{z}_n}.$$

By Lemma 3.2, there is a measure ν such that the localized function $|\nu|_r(z)$ is in $L^p(\mathbb{D}, d\lambda)$ and

$$P(z) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{z - w}{1 - z\bar{w}} d\nu(w), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

If we define

$$\mu = \nu + \sum_{n=1}^\infty c'_n \delta_{z_n},$$

where δ_{z_n} denotes the unit point mass at z_n , we obtain the desired representation for f with the localized function $|\mu|_r(z)$ belonging to $L^p(\mathbb{D}, d\lambda)$. This proves one direction of Theorem A.

To prove the other direction of Theorem A, let us assume that μ is a complex Borel measure such that the function $|\mu|_r(z)$ is in $L^p(\mathbb{D}, d\lambda)$. Let r be a sufficiently small radius and $\{z_n\}$ be an r -lattice in the pseudo-hyperbolic metric. By Corollary 2.3, the sequence $|\mu|_r(z_n)$ is in l^p . Now, if

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{z - w}{1 - z\bar{w}} d\mu(w), \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

then

$$f^{(k)}(z) = k! \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{(1 - |w|^2) \bar{w}^{k-1}}{(1 - z\bar{w})^{k+1}} d\mu(w), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

We use Lemma 2.1 to decompose \mathbb{D} into the disjoint union of $\{D_n\}$ and rewrite

$$f^{(k)}(z) = k! \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{D_n} \frac{(1 - |w|^2) \bar{w}^{k-1}}{(1 - z\bar{w}_n)^{k+1}} d\mu(w),$$

so that

$$|f^{(k)}(z)| \leq k! \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{D_n} \frac{1 - |w|^2}{|1 - z\bar{w}|^{k+1}} d|\mu|(w).$$

For each $n \geq 1$ and $z \in \mathbb{D}$, there is some point $w_n(z) \in D_n$ such that

$$\frac{1 - |w_n(z)|^2}{|1 - z\bar{w}_n(z)|^{k+1}} = \sup_{w \in D_n} \frac{1 - |w|^2}{|1 - z\bar{w}|^{k+1}}.$$

Thus,

$$|f^{(k)}(z)| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \frac{1 - |w_n(z)|^2}{|1 - z\bar{w}_n(z)|^{k+1}}$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$, where $c_n = k! |\mu|(D_n)$ is a sequence in l^p as $|\mu|(D_n) \leq |\mu|(D(z_n, r))$. By [11, Lemma 4.30], there exists a constant $C > 0$ (independent of n and z) such that

$$\frac{1 - |w_n(z)|^2}{|1 - z\bar{w}_n(z)|^{k+1}} \leq C \frac{1 - |z_n|^2}{|1 - z\bar{z}_n|^{k+1}}$$

for all $n \geq 1$ and all $z \in \mathbb{D}$. Therefore,

$$|f^{(k)}(z)| \leq C \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \frac{1 - |z_n|^2}{|1 - z\bar{z}_n|^{k+1}}$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$. Since $0 < p \leq 1$, we apply Hölder’s inequality:

$$|f^{(k)}(z)|^p \leq C^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n|^p \frac{(1 - |z_n|^2)^p}{|1 - z\bar{z}_n|^{p(k+1)}}.$$

Integrate term by term and apply [7, Proposition 1.4.10]. We obtain another constant $C > 0$ (independent of f) such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}} |f^{(k)}(z)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^{pk-2} dA(z) \leq C \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n|^p < \infty,$$

which shows that $f \in B_p$ and completes the proof of Theorem A.

It is clear that Theorem A cannot possibly be true when $p > 1$. This is because any function f represented by the integral in Theorem A must be bounded, while there are unbounded functions in B_p when $p > 1$.

4. Bergman-type spaces on the unit ball

In this section we show how to extend Theorem A to Bergman-type spaces on the unit ball \mathbb{B}_n in \mathbb{C}^n . The main reference for this section is [9]. When $\alpha > -1$, all background information can also be found in [10].

For any real parameter α , we consider the weighted volume measure

$$dv_\alpha(z) = (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha dv(z),$$

where dv is the Lebesgue volume measure on \mathbb{B}_n .

For real α and $0 < p < \infty$, we use A_α^p to denote the space of holomorphic functions f in \mathbb{B}_n such that $(1 - |z|^2)^k R^k f(z)$ is in $L^p(\mathbb{B}_n, dv_\alpha)$, where k is a nonnegative integer satisfying $pk + \alpha > -1$ and Rf is the standard radial derivative defined by

$$Rf(z) = z_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1} + \cdots + z_n \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_n}.$$

It is well known that the space A_α^p is independent of the integer k used in the definition.

Various names exist in the literature for the spaces A_α^p : Bergman spaces, Besov spaces, and Sobolev spaces, among others. We follow [9] and call them Bergman spaces here. When $\alpha > -1$, A_α^p are indeed the weighted Bergman spaces with standard weights. For $\alpha = -(n + 1)$, A_α^p become the so-called diagonal Besov spaces.

If p is fixed, all the spaces A_α^p are isomorphic as Banach spaces for $1 \leq p < \infty$ and as complete metric spaces for $0 < p < 1$. The isometry can be realized by certain fractional radial differential operators. Because of this, it is often enough for us just to consider the case $\alpha = 0$ and obtain the other cases by fractional differentiation or fractional integration.

On the unit ball there exists a unique family of involutive automorphisms $\varphi_a(z)$ that are high-dimensional analogs of the Möbius maps

$$\varphi_a(z) = \frac{a - z}{1 - \bar{a}z}$$

on the unit disk. See [7] and [10]. The pseudo-hyperbolic metric on \mathbb{B}_n is still the metric defined by $d(z, w) = |\varphi_z(w)|$. For any complex Borel measure μ on \mathbb{B}_n , the localized function μ_r and the averaging function $\widehat{\mu}_r$ are defined in exactly the same way as before.

We can now extend Theorem A to all the spaces A_α^p , as follows.

THEOREM 4.1. *Suppose that α is real, $0 < p < \infty$, $0 < r < 1$, and*

$$b > \max\left(1, \frac{1}{p}\right) + \frac{\alpha + 1}{p}.$$

Then a function $f \in H(\mathbb{B}_n)$ belongs to A_α^p if and only if

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{(pb-n-1-\alpha)/p}}{(1 - \langle z, w \rangle)^b} d\mu(w) \quad (4.1)$$

for some complex Borel measure μ on \mathbb{B}_n with the localized function $|\mu|_r(z)$ belonging to $L^p(\mathbb{D}, d\lambda)$, where

$$d\lambda(z) = \frac{dv(z)}{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1}}$$

is the Möbius invariant volume measure on \mathbb{B}_n .

PROOF. That every function $f \in A_\alpha^p$ has the desired integral representation in (4.1), with μ being atomic, follows from [9, Theorem 32], which is the atomic decomposition for these spaces.

On the other hand, if f is a function represented by (4.1), we follow the second half of the proof of Theorem A to obtain the following estimate:

$$|R^N f(z)| \leq C \sum_{k=1}^\infty c_k \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^{(pb-n-1-\alpha)/p}}{|1 - \langle z, z_k \rangle|^{b+N}}, \quad z \in \mathbb{B}_n,$$

where C is some positive constant, $\{c_k\} \in l^p$, and N is a sufficiently large positive integer. Using the arguments on [11, pages 92–93] (the proof for atomic decomposition of Bergman spaces), we can then show that $R^N f$ belongs to the Bergman space $A_{Np+\alpha}^p$, which means that $f \in A_\alpha^p$. \square

One particular case is worth mentioning. If $p = 1$ and μ is a positive Borel measure on \mathbb{B}_n , then we use Fubini’s theorem, the fact that $\chi_{D(z,r)}(w) = \chi_{D(w,r)}(z)$, and the Möbius invariance of $d\lambda$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \mu_r(z) d\lambda(z) &= \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \frac{\mu(D(z,r)) dv(z)}{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1}} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \frac{dv(z)}{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1}} \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \chi_{D(z,r)}(w) d\mu(w) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} d\mu(w) \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \frac{\chi_{D(w,r)}(z) dv(z)}{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1}} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} d\mu(w) \int_{D(w,r)} \frac{dv(z)}{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1}} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} d\mu(w) \int_{D(0,r)} \frac{dv(z)}{(1 - |z|^2)^{n+1}} \\ &= C_r \mu(\mathbb{B}_n). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for general complex Borel measures μ on \mathbb{B}_n , the condition that $|\mu|_r \in L^1(\mathbb{B}_n, d\lambda)$ is equivalent to the condition that $\mu(\mathbb{B}_n) < \infty$. This is the original condition for μ in the integral representation of the minimal Besov space B_1 .

It is also interesting to note that there exist many integral representations of Bergman-type spaces in terms of L^p functions when $p \geq 1$. See [9] for example. But there is no integral representation in terms of general L^p functions when $p < 1$, because the integrals cannot even be properly set up in this case. But Theorem 4.1 above tells us that we can still obtain integral representations in terms of measures when $0 < p < 1$. This allows us to recover some special integral representation formulas in [3] in terms of certain special functions in the case $0 < p < 1$.

5. Lipschitz spaces on the unit ball

For any real number t , the holomorphic Lipschitz space Λ_t on \mathbb{B}_n consists of functions $f \in H(\mathbb{B}_n)$ such that $(1 - |z|^2)^{k-t} R^k f(z)$ is bounded, where k is any nonnegative integer greater than α . It is known that the space Λ_t is independent of the integer k used in the definition. See [9] for this and other background information about these spaces.

When $0 < t < 1$, Λ_t consists of functions $f \in H(\mathbb{B}_n)$ such that

$$|f(z) - f(w)| \leq C|z - w|^t.$$

When $t = 0$, we can take $k = 1$ in the definition of Λ_0 and obtain the Bloch space \mathcal{B} of functions $f \in H(\mathbb{B}_n)$ such that

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{B}_n} (1 - |z|^2) |Rf(z)| < \infty.$$

When $t = 1$, the resulting Lipschitz space Λ_1 is usually called the Zygmund class.

We can define a family of Carleson measures on the unit ball in exactly the same way as on the unit disk. Thus, for any $t > 0$, we say that a positive Borel measure μ on \mathbb{B}_n is a t -Carleson measure if for some (or every) $r \in (0, 1)$

$$\sup_{z \in \mathbb{B}_n} \frac{\mu(D(z, r))}{(1 - |z|^2)^t} < \infty.$$

If $\{z_k\}$ is an r -lattice in the pseudo-hyperbolic metric of \mathbb{B}_n , then μ is t -Carleson if and only if

$$\sup_{n \geq 1} \frac{\mu(D(z_n, r))}{(1 - |z_n|^2)^t} < \infty.$$

If $t > n$, then μ is a t -Carleson measure if and only if

$$\int_{\mathbb{B}_n} |f(z)|^p d\mu(z) \leq C \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} |f(z)|^p dv_{t-n-1}(z) \tag{5.1}$$

for some constant $C = C_p > 0$ and all $f \in H(\mathbb{B}_n)$.

The following theorem is modeled on the atomic decomposition for holomorphic Lipschitz spaces. See [9, Theorem 33].

THEOREM 5.1. *Suppose that t and b are two real parameters satisfying:*

- (a) $b + t > n$;
- (b) b is neither 0 nor a negative integer.

Then a function $f \in H(\mathbb{B}_n)$ is in the Lipschitz space Λ_t if and only if there exists a complex Borel measure μ such that the localized function $|\mu|_r(z)$ is bounded and

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{b+t}}{(1 - \langle z, w \rangle)^b} d\mu(w) \tag{5.2}$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{B}_n$.

PROOF. If f admits the representation in (5.2), where the localized function $|\mu|_r$ is bounded, then differentiating under the integral sign gives

$$|R^k f(z)| \leq C \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{b+t}}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{b+k}} d|\mu|(w), \quad z \in \mathbb{B}_n,$$

where k is a nonnegative integer greater than t and C is a positive constant independent of z . Let

$$d\nu(z) = (1 - |z|^2)^{b+t} d|\mu|(z).$$

Then the boundedness of the localized function $|\mu|_r(z)$ is equivalent to the measure ν being $(b + t)$ -Carleson. Since $b + t > n$, it follows from (5.1) that there is another constant $C > 0$, independent of z , such that

$$|R^k f(z)| \leq C \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{b+t-n-1}}{|1 - \langle z, w \rangle|^{b+k}} d\nu(w)$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{B}_n$. Since $b + t - n - 1 > -1$, $k > t$, and

$$b + k = n + 1 + (b + t - n - 1) + (k - t),$$

it follows from [7, Proposition 1.4.10] that there is another constant $C > 0$, independent of z , such that

$$|R^k f(z)| \leq \frac{C}{(1 - |z|^2)^{k-t}}, \quad z \in \mathbb{B}_n.$$

This shows that $f \in \Lambda_t$.

On the other hand, if $f \in \Lambda_t$, then by the atomic decomposition theorem for Lipschitz spaces (see [9, Theorem 33]) there exist an r -lattice $\{z_k\}$ in the pseudo-hyperbolic metric and a sequence $\{c_k\} \in l^\infty$ such that

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty c_k \frac{(1 - |z_k|^2)^{b+t}}{(1 - \langle z, z_k \rangle)^b}$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{B}_n$. Let

$$\mu = \sum_{k=1}^\infty c_k \delta_{z_k}.$$

Then

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{b+t}}{(1 - \langle z, w \rangle)^b} d\mu(w), \quad z \in \mathbb{B}_n,$$

and the measure μ has the property that $|\mu|_r(z)$ is a bounded function. This completes the proof of the theorem. □

We want to write down an equivalent form of the above theorem which may be more useful in certain situations. More specifically, if we write $b = n + 1 + \alpha - t$, then the condition $b + t > n$ becomes $\alpha > -1$. If we combine the factor $(1 - |w|^2)^{b+t}$ with the measure μ in Theorem 5.1, we obtain the following equivalent form.

THEOREM 5.2. *Suppose that t is real, $\alpha > -1$, and the number $n + 1 + \alpha - t$ is neither 0 nor a negative integer. Then a function $f \in H(\mathbb{B}_n)$ belongs to the Lipschitz space Λ_t if and only if we can represent f by*

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \frac{d\mu(w)}{(1 - \langle z, w \rangle)^{n+1+\alpha-t}}, \tag{5.3}$$

where $|\mu|$ is $(n + 1 + \alpha)$ -Carleson, namely,

$$\int_{\mathbb{B}_n} |g(z)|^p d|\mu|(z) \leq C \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} |g(z)|^p dv_\alpha(z)$$

for some constant $C = C(p, \alpha)$ and all $g \in H(\mathbb{B}_n)$.

In this equivalent form, the second half of the proof of Theorem 5.1 can be replaced by an argument based on absolutely continuous measures instead of atomic measures (and so avoiding the use of atomic decomposition). In fact, if $f \in \Lambda_t$, then, by [9, Theorem 17], there exists a function $g \in L^\infty(\mathbb{B}_n)$ such that

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{B}_n} \frac{g(w) dv_\alpha(w)}{(1 - \langle z, w \rangle)^{n+1+\alpha-t}}, \quad z \in \mathbb{B}_n.$$

Setting $d\mu(w) = g(w) dv_\alpha(w)$ leads to the representation in (5.3) with $|\mu|$ being an $(n + 1 + \alpha)$ -Carleson measure.

We now use Theorem 5.1 to prove Theorem B.

First assume that $t > 1$, $|\mu|$ is t -Carleson, and

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{z - w}{1 - \bar{z}w} d\mu(w), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

Then

$$|f^{(k)}(z)| \leq \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{1 - |w|^2}{|1 - \bar{z}w|^{k+1}} d|\mu|(w), \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

where k is any positive integer greater than t . Let

$$dv(w) = (1 - |w|^2) d|\mu|(w).$$

Then ν is $(t + 1)$ -Carleson, so there exists a positive constant C such that

$$|f^{(k)}(z)| \leq C \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{t-1}}{|1 - \bar{z}w|^{k+1}} dA(w)$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$. An application of [7, Proposition 1.4.10] then produces another positive constant C such that

$$|f^{(k)}(z)| \leq \frac{C}{(1 - |z|^2)^{k-t}}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

which means that $f \in \Lambda_t$.

Next assume that $t > 1$ and $f \in \Lambda_t$. Since

$$(1 - |z|^2)^{k-t} f^{(k)}(z) = (1 - |z|^2)^{(k-1)-(t-1)} (f')^{(k-1)}(z),$$

where k is sufficiently large, we see that $f' \in \Lambda_{t-1}$. We apply Theorem 5.1 to the function f' to obtain a complex Borel measure ν such that

$$f'(z) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{(1 - |w|^2)^{t+1}}{(1 - z\bar{w})^2} d\nu(w), \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

where the localized function $|\nu|_r(z)$ is bounded. Let

$$d\mu(z) = (1 - |z|^2)^t d\nu(z).$$

Then $|\mu|$ is t -Carleson and

$$f'(z) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{1 - |w|^2}{(1 - z\bar{w})^2} d\mu(w), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

Integrate both sides, note that μ is a finite measure on \mathbb{D} (any t -Carleson measure is finite when $t > 1$), and take care of the integration constant using Lemma 3.2. We obtain the integral representation for f in Theorem B.

It is clear that the conclusion in Theorem B is false if $t \leq 1$. In fact, if

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{D}} \frac{z - w}{1 - z\bar{w}} d\mu(w), \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

for some measure μ , then μ must be finite and f must be bounded. Although every function in Λ_t is bounded when $t > 0$, not every t -Carleson measure is finite when $t \leq 1$. So, the assumption that $t > 1$ in Theorem B is best possible.

6. Fock spaces in \mathbb{C}^n

We now consider Fock spaces in \mathbb{C}^n . Throughout this section, we let α denote a positive weight parameter and define

$$d\lambda_\alpha(z) = c_\alpha e^{-\alpha|z|^2} d\nu(z),$$

where $d\nu$ is volume measure in \mathbb{C}^n and c_α is a positive normalizing constant so that $\lambda_\alpha(\mathbb{C}^n) = 1$. These are called (weighted) Gaussian measures.

For $0 < p \leq \infty$, let F_α^p denote the space of entire functions f in \mathbb{C}^n such that the function $f(z)e^{-\alpha|z|^2/2}$ belongs to $L^p(\mathbb{C}^n, d\nu)$. These are called Fock spaces. Sometimes they are also called Bargmann or Segal–Bargmann spaces.

In place of the pseudo-hyperbolic metric for \mathbb{B}_n , we use the Euclidean metric in this context. It is even easier to define the notion of lattices in the Euclidean metric. So, we will not elaborate on such details.

The following result is well known and is usually referred to as the atomic decomposition for Fock spaces. See [6] for the case $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ and [8] for the case $0 < p < 1$. See [12] for more background information about Fock spaces.

THEOREM 6.1. *For any $0 < p \leq \infty$, there exists a constant $\delta = \delta(p, \alpha) > 0$ with the following property: if $r \in (0, \delta)$ and $\{z_k\}$ is any r -lattice in \mathbb{C}^n in the Euclidean metric, then an entire function f belongs to F_α^p if and only if*

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k e^{\alpha\langle z, z_k \rangle - (\alpha/2)|z_k|^2}$$

for some sequence $\{c_k\} \in l^p$.

The integral representation of Fock spaces in terms of complex Borel measures then takes the following form.

THEOREM 6.2. *Let $0 < p \leq \infty$, $r > 0$, and f be an entire function. Then $f \in F_\alpha^p$ if and only if there exists a complex Borel measure μ on \mathbb{C}^n such that the localized function $|\mu|_r(z) = |\mu|(D(z, r))$ belongs to $L^p(\mathbb{C}^n, dv)$ and*

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{C}^n} e^{\alpha\langle z, w \rangle - (\alpha/2)|w|^2} d\mu(w)$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$.

PROOF. One direction actually follows from the atomic decomposition when we use atomic measures. The other direction follows from the proof of the atomic decomposition theorem, as adapted in the previous sections. We omit the details. \square

It is well known that for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, an entire function f in \mathbb{C}^n belongs to the Fock space F_α^p if and only if there exists a function g such that the function $g(z)e^{-\alpha|z|^2/2}$ is in $L^p(\mathbb{C}^n, dv)$ and

$$f(z) = \int_{\mathbb{C}^n} e^{\alpha\langle z, w \rangle} g(w) d\lambda_\alpha(w)$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$. It is clear that Theorem 6.2 above is an extension of this integral representation to the case of measures.

More interesting to us here is when $0 < p < 1$. In this case, there is no integral representation of F_α^p in terms of general L^p functions. But Theorem 6.2 tells us that we can still obtain an integral representation using measures.

Finally we mention that, just as in the case of Bergman and Besov spaces, the condition that $|\mu|_r \in L^1(\mathbb{C}^n, dv)$ is the same as $|\mu|(\mathbb{C}^n) < \infty$. Also, the condition that $|\mu|_r \in L^\infty(\mathbb{C}^n)$ is the same as

$$\int_{\mathbb{C}^n} |f(z)e^{-(\alpha/2)|z|^2}|^p d|\mu|(z) \leq C_p \int_{\mathbb{C}^n} |f(z)e^{-(\alpha/2)|z|^2}|^p dv(z),$$

so it is reasonable to call $|\mu|$ an F_α^p -Carleson measure in this case.

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