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Spreading sequences in  $JT$ 

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**Abstract.** We prove that a normalized non-weakly null basic sequence in the James tree space  $JT$  admits a subsequence which is equivalent to the summing basis for the James space  $J$ . Consequently, every normalized basic sequence admits a spreading subsequence which is either equivalent to the unit vector basis of  $l_2$  or to the summing basis for  $J$ .

**1. Introduction.** We study subsequences of normalized basic sequences  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  in the James tree space  $JT$ . Amemiya and Ito [1] proved that if  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \subset JT$  is weakly null then it has a subsequence which is equivalent to the unit vector basis of  $l_2$ .

We prove, following an idea of Hagler [7], that if  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is not weakly null then there is a subsequence equivalent to the summing basis for the James space  $J$ . In particular, this yields a classification of all the spreading models of  $JT$ , extending the work of Andrew [2] for the space  $J$ .

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We first introduce some necessary notation and recall the definitions of  $J$  and  $JT$  constructed by James in [8] and [9] respectively. Most of the material referring to these spaces used here can be found in [5].

**DEFINITION 1.** The James space  $J$  is the Banach space of real sequences  $b = (b_l)_{l=1}^{\infty}$  with the norm

$$\|b\| = \sup \left( \sum_{\nu=1}^M \left( \sum_{l=n(\nu)}^{\kappa(\nu)} b_l \right)^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

where the sup is taken over all finite collections  $S_1, \dots, S_M$  of disjoint intervals of natural numbers with  $S_{\nu} = \{n(\nu), n(\nu) + 1, \dots, \kappa(\nu)\}$ .

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It follows that the sequence  $\xi_n = \underbrace{(0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots)}_n$  is a boundedly complete monotone basis for  $J$  which is called the *summing basis*.

DEFINITION 2. Let  $\mathcal{Y} = \{(n, i) : n, i \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \leq n < \infty, 0 \leq i < 2^n\}$  be the standard binary tree. The elements of  $\mathcal{Y}$  are called *nodes*,  $n$  is the *level* of the node  $(n, i)$  and the nodes  $(n+1, 2i)$  and  $(n+1, 2i+1)$  are the *offspring* of  $(n, i)$ .

A set  $S = \{t_1, \dots, t_n\} \subset \mathcal{Y}$  is a *segment* if  $t_{j+1}$  is an offspring of  $t_j$  for  $1 \leq j < n$ . Any  $s \in S$  is called a *descendant* of  $t_1$ . If  $s, t \in \mathcal{Y}$  and there is no segment containing both of these nodes we say that they are *incomparable*. A *branch* is a set  $B = \{t_1, t_2, \dots\} \subset \mathcal{Y}$  where  $t_1 = (0, 0)$  and  $t_{j+1}$  is an offspring of  $t_j$  for all  $j$ .

DEFINITION 3. The *James tree space JT* is the Banach space of real sequences  $a = (a(n, i))_{(n, i) \in \mathcal{Y}}$  with the norm

$$\|a\| = \sup \left( \sum_{\nu=1}^M \left( \sum_{(n, i) \in S_\nu} a(n, i) \right)^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

where the sup is taken over all finite collections  $S_1, \dots, S_M$  of disjoint segments in  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

The sequence  $\{\eta(n, i)\}_{(n, i) \in \mathcal{Y}}$  with  $\eta(n, i) = (a(m, j))_{(m, j) \in \mathcal{Y}}$  where

$$a(m, j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (m, j) = (n, i), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

is a boundedly complete monotone basis for  $JT$ .

We will use the following notation:  $\Gamma$  will stand for the set of branches; for every node  $t \in \mathcal{Y}$ ,  $P_t : JT \rightarrow JT$  is the projection defined by

$$P_t z = \sum_{\{s \in \mathcal{Y} : s \geq t\}} \langle \eta_s^*, z \rangle \eta_s,$$

where  $\{\eta_s^*\}_{s \in \mathcal{Y}}$  is the biorthogonal sequence to  $\{\eta_s\}_{s \in \mathcal{Y}}$  and  $s \geq t$  means that  $s$  is a descendant of  $t$ . For every branch  $B \subset \mathcal{Y}$ ,  $f_B : JT \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $P_B : JT \rightarrow JT$  are the functional and projection, respectively, given by

$$f_B(z) = \sum_{t \in B} \langle \eta_t^*, z \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad P_B(z) = \sum_{t \in B} \langle \eta_t^*, z \rangle \eta_t$$

and for a segment  $S$ ,  $f_S$  is defined similarly. It is not difficult to show that for every branch  $B$ ,  $\{P_B(\eta_t)\}_{t \in B}$  is isometrically equivalent to  $\{\xi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ .

It is clear that  $\|f_B\| = \|f_S\| = \|P_B\| = \|P_t\| = 1$ .

Observe that if  $a = (a(n, i))_{(n, i) \in \mathcal{Y}}$  one can write

$$\|a\| = \sup \left( \sum_{\nu=1}^M (f_{S_\nu}(a))^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

where the sup is taken over all finite collections  $S_1, \dots, S_M$  of disjoint segments in  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

As we pointed out, we will need the following result due to Amemiya and Ito:

THEOREM 4. Suppose  $\{z_l\}_{l=1}^\infty$  is a normalized weakly null sequence in  $JT$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a subsequence  $\{z_{m_l}\}_{l=1}^\infty$  so that if  $\sum_{l=1}^\infty b_l^2 < \infty$ , then

$$(1 - \varepsilon) \sum_{l=1}^\infty b_l^2 \leq \left\| \sum_{l=1}^\infty b_l z_{m_l} \right\|^2 \leq (2 + \varepsilon) \sum_{l=1}^\infty b_l^2.$$

More recently, G. Berg [4] proved that  $2 + \varepsilon$  can be replaced by  $\sqrt{2} + \varepsilon$  and that this result is the best possible.

**2. Non-weakly null sequences in JT.** In this section we prove our main result:

THEOREM 5. Let  $\{\zeta_l\}_{l=1}^\infty \subset JT$  be a normalized sequence with no weakly convergent subsequences. Then  $\{\zeta_l\}_{l=1}^\infty$  has a subsequence equivalent to the summing basis  $\{\xi_l\}_{l=1}^\infty$  in  $J$ .

We start with proving a particular case from which the general case will follow.

PROPOSITION 6. Let  $\{z_l\}_{l=1}^\infty$  be a block basic sequence so that for every  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$(1) \quad \|z_l\| = 1, \quad z_l = \sum_{n=p_l}^{q_l} \sum_{i=0}^{2^n-1} a(n, i) \eta(n, i) \quad \text{where } p_l \leq q_l < p_{l+1}.$$

Suppose that there exist a sequence  $\{r_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$  in  $\mathbb{N}$  and for every  $l$  a finite sequence of different nodes of level  $p_l$ :

$$t_{11}^l, \dots, t_{1r_1}^l, t_{21}^l, \dots, t_{2r_2}^l, \dots, t_{l1}^l, \dots, t_{lr_l}^l,$$

so that for a fixed pair  $(j, i)$ , the set  $\{t_{ji}^l\}_{l=1}^\infty$  is contained in a branch  $B_{ji}$ . Suppose further that:

(i)  $z_l = z(l, 1) + \dots + z(l, l)$ ,  $l = 1, 2, \dots$ , where for  $j = 1, \dots, l$ ,

$$z(l, j) = \sum_{i=1}^{r_j} P_{t_{ji}^l}(z_l).$$

- (ii)  $|f_B(z(l, j))| \leq 1/2^{j-1}$  for every  $B \in \Gamma$ ,  $l = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, l$ .
- (iii)  $f_{B_{j,i}}(z_l) = c_{ji}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, l$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, r_j$ ,  $l = 1, 2, \dots$ .
- (iv) There exists a pair  $(j_0, i_0)$  such that  $c_{j_0 i_0} = c \neq 0$ .
- (v)  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} r_j / 2^{2j} \leq 1$ .

Then  $\{z_l\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$  has a subsequence equivalent to the summing basis  $\{\xi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of  $J$ .

Proof. For  $\nu = 1, \dots, M$  let  $\lambda(\nu) \leq \mu(\nu) < \lambda(\nu + 1)$ . Define

$$S_\nu = \{t \in B_{j_0 i_0} : p_{\lambda(\nu)} \leq \text{level}(t) \leq q_{\mu(\nu)}\}.$$

Then  $\{S_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^M$  is a collection of disjoint segments in  $JT$  and we have, for  $\sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l z_l \in JT$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} c^2 \sum_{\nu=1}^M \left( \sum_{l=\lambda(\nu)}^{\mu(\nu)} b_l \right)^2 &= \sum_{\nu=1}^M \left( f_{B_{j_0 i_0}} \left( \sum_{l=\lambda(\nu)}^{\mu(\nu)} b_l z_l \right) \right)^2 \\ &= \sum_{\nu=1}^M \left( f_{S_\nu} \left( \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l z_l \right) \right)^2 \leq \left\| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l z_l \right\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus by the definition of the norms in  $J$  and  $JT$ ,

$$|c| \left\| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l \xi_l \right\| \leq \left\| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l z_l \right\|.$$

Furthermore, the same estimate holds for every subsequence of  $\{z_l\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$ .

To get the other inequality, we choose a sequence  $1 = m_0 < m_1 < \dots$  so that for  $l \geq 1$ ,

$$(2) \quad \sum_{j=m_l}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{2j}} \leq \frac{1}{2^{2m_{l-1}}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^l}$$

and

$$(3) \quad \sum_{j=m_l}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{r_j} c_{ij}^2 \leq \frac{1}{2^{2m_{l-1}}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^l}.$$

The latter is possible, since for every  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$(4) \quad \sum_{j=1}^l \sum_{i=1}^{r_j} c_{ij}^2 = \sum_{j=1}^l \sum_{i=1}^{r_j} |f_{B_{ji}}(z_l)|^2 \leq \|z_l\|^2 = 1.$$

We will show that  $\left\| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l z_{m_l} \right\|^2 \leq 90 \left\| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l \xi_l \right\|^2$ , which will complete the proof. (Clearly, this estimate is not the best possible).

To this end let  $S_1, \dots, S_M$  be disjoint segments in  $\mathcal{Y}$  and for  $\nu = 1, \dots, M$  let  $n(\nu)$  and  $\kappa(\nu)$  be such that  $n(\nu) \leq \kappa(\nu)$  and  $S_\nu$  intersects the supports of  $z_{m_n(\nu)}$  and of  $z_{m_{\kappa(\nu)}}$ , but  $S_\nu$  does not intersect the support of  $z_{m_l}$  if  $l < n(\nu)$

or  $l > \kappa(\nu)$ . Here by the *support* of  $z_l$  we mean the set of nodes  $t$  such that  $\langle \eta_t^*, z_l \rangle \neq 0$ , and we will denote it by  $\text{supp } z_l$ .

We will use the following decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned} \left( f_{S_\nu} \left( \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l z_{m_l} \right) \right)^2 &\leq 3b_{m_n(\nu)}^2 (f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_n(\nu)}))^2 \\ &\quad + 3 \left( \sum_{l=n(\nu)+1}^{\kappa(\nu)-1} b_l f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_l}) \right)^2 + 3b_{m_{\kappa(\nu)}}^2 (f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_{\kappa(\nu)}}))^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since the  $S_\nu$ 's are all disjoint, by the definition of the norm in  $JT$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\nu=1}^M b_{m_n(\nu)}^2 (f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_n(\nu)}))^2 &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2 \sum_{\{\nu: n(\nu)=n\}} (f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_n}))^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2 \|z_{m_n}\|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2. \end{aligned}$$

One obtains a similar inequality for  $\sum_{\nu=1}^M b_{m_{\kappa(\nu)}}^2 (f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_{\kappa(\nu)}}))^2$ . Thus

$$(5) \quad 3 \sum_{\nu=1}^M (b_{m_n(\nu)}^2 (f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_n(\nu)}))^2 + b_{m_{\kappa(\nu)}}^2 (f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_{\kappa(\nu)}}))^2) \leq 6 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2.$$

It remains to estimate the term  $(\sum_{l=n(\nu)+1}^{\kappa(\nu)-1} b_l f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_l}))^2$ .

Let  $\nu$  be fixed and  $n(\nu) + 1 \leq l(1) < \dots < l(k)$  be such that for  $r = 1, \dots, k$ , there exists  $t_{j(r)i(r)}^{m_{l(r)}}$  in  $S_\nu$  but  $S_\nu \cap \text{supp } z_{m_{l(r)}}$  is not contained in  $B_{j(r)i(r)}$ , and so that for  $l(r) < l < l(r+1)$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, k-1$ , or  $l > l(k)$ ,  $S_\nu \cap \text{supp } z_{m_l}$  is either empty or contained in  $B_{ji}$  for some  $(j, i)$ .

Let  $n(\nu) + 1 \leq \varrho(1) \leq \mu(1) < \varrho(2) \leq \mu(2) \dots < \varrho(u) \leq \mu(u)$  be so that for  $\sigma = 1, \dots, u$  there is  $(j(\sigma), i(\sigma))$  with  $S_\nu \cap \text{supp } z_{m_l} \subset B_{j(\sigma)i(\sigma)}$  if  $\varrho(\sigma) \leq l \leq \mu(\sigma)$ ,  $B_{j(\sigma)i(\sigma)} \neq B_{j(\sigma')i(\sigma')}$  if  $\sigma \neq \sigma'$  and for  $\mu(\sigma) < l < \varrho(\sigma+1)$  or  $\mu(u) < l$ ,  $S_\nu \cap \text{supp } z_{m_l}$  is not contained in  $B_{ji}$  for any  $j$ .

Thus for  $n(\nu) + 1 \leq l \leq \kappa(\nu) - 1$  either there exists  $\sigma$  with  $\varrho(\sigma) \leq l \leq \mu(\sigma)$  or there is  $1 \leq r \leq k$  with  $l = l(r)$ .

For  $\varrho(\sigma) \leq l \leq \mu(\sigma)$  it follows that  $|f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_l})| = |c_{j(\sigma)i(\sigma)}|$  and since  $t_{11}^{m_{\mu(\sigma)}}, \dots, t_{m_{\mu(\sigma)}r_{\mu(\sigma)}}^{m_{\mu(\sigma)}}$  are all of level  $p_{m_{\mu(\sigma)}}$ , we see that for  $\sigma < u$ ,

$$(6) \quad j(\sigma+1) > m_{\mu(\sigma)}.$$

Also observe that if  $t_{j_1 i_1}^{l_1}$  is a descendant of  $t_{j_0 i_0}^{l_0}$  and  $(j_1, i_1) \neq (j_0, i_0)$ , then  $t_{j_1 i_1}^{l_1} \notin B_{ji}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, r_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, l_0$  and thus  $j_1 \geq l_0 + 1$ , and so by (ii),

$$(7) \quad |f_B(P_{t_{j_1 i_1}^{l_1}}^{l_1}(z_{l_1}))| \leq 1/2^{l_0} \quad \text{for every } B \in \Gamma.$$

Thus, since for  $r = 2, \dots, k$ ,  $t_{j(r)i(r)}^{m_i(r)}$  is a descendant of  $t_{j(r-1)i(r-1)}^{m_i(r-1)}$ , we have

$$(8) \quad |f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_i(r)})| \leq 1/2^{m_i(r-1)}.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{l=n(\nu)+1}^{\kappa(\nu)-1} b_l f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_l}) \right)^2 &\leq 4b_{l(1)}^2 (f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_{l(1)}}))^2 \\ &+ 4 \left( \sum_{r=2}^k b_{l(r)} f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_{l(r)}}) \right)^2 \\ &+ 4 \left( \sum_{l=\varrho(1)}^{\mu(1)} b_l f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_l}) \right)^2 \\ &+ 4 \left( \sum_{\sigma=2}^u \sum_{l=\varrho(\sigma)}^{\mu(\sigma)} b_l f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_l}) \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Using (2) and (8) since  $l(1) > n(\nu)$ , we get

$$(9) \quad \begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{r=2}^k b_{l(r)} f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_{l(r)}}) \right)^2 &\leq \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l^2 \sum_{r=2}^k \frac{1}{2^{2m_{l(r-1)}}} \\ &\leq \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l^2 \sum_{j=m_n(\nu)+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{2j}} \leq \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l^2 \frac{1}{2^{q_{m_n(\nu)}}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n(\nu)+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

By (3), (6) and the definition of the norm in  $J$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( \sum_{l=\varrho(1)}^{\mu(1)} b_l f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_l}) \right)^2 + \left( \sum_{\sigma=2}^u \sum_{l=\varrho(\sigma)}^{\mu(\sigma)} b_l f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_l}) \right)^2 \\ &\leq c_{j(1)i(1)}^2 \left( \sum_{l=\varrho(1)}^{\mu(1)} b_l \right)^2 + \sum_{\sigma=2}^u c_{j(\sigma)i(\sigma)}^2 \sum_{\sigma=2}^u \left( \sum_{l=\varrho(\sigma)}^{\mu(\sigma)} b_l \right)^2 \\ &\leq c_{j(1)i(1)}^2 \left( \sum_{l=\varrho(1)}^{\mu(1)} b_l \right)^2 + \sum_{j=m_n(\nu)+1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{r_j} c_{ji}^2 \left\| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l \xi_l \right\|^2 \\ &\leq c_{j(1)i(1)}^2 \left( \sum_{l=\varrho(1)}^{\mu(1)} b_l \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2^{q_{m_n(\nu)}}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n(\nu)+1}} \left\| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l \xi_l \right\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus by (ii), (2), (9) and the above, if we write  $l(\nu)$ ,  $\varrho(\nu)$ ,  $\mu(\nu)$ ,  $j(\nu)$  and

$i(\nu)$  instead of  $l(1)$ ,  $\varrho(1)$ ,  $\mu(1)$ ,  $j(1)$  and  $i(1)$  respectively, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( \sum_{l=n(\nu)+1}^{\kappa(\nu)-1} b_l f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_l}) \right)^2 \\ &\leq 4b_{l(\nu)}^2 \frac{1}{2^{2(j(\nu)-1)}} + 4 \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l^2 \frac{1}{2^{q_{m_n(\nu)}}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n(\nu)+1}} \\ &+ 4c_{j(\nu)i(\nu)}^2 \left( \sum_{l=\varrho(\nu)}^{\mu(\nu)} b_l \right)^2 \\ &+ 4 \frac{1}{2^{q_{m_n(\nu)}}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n(\nu)+1}} \left\| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l \xi_l \right\|^2 \leq 4b_{l(\nu)}^2 \frac{1}{2^{2(j(\nu)-1)}} \\ &+ 8 \frac{1}{2^{q_{m_n(\nu)}}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n(\nu)+1}} \left\| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l \xi_l \right\|^2 + 4c_{j(\nu)i(\nu)}^2 \left( \sum_{l=\varrho(\nu)}^{\mu(\nu)} b_l \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since for every  $n$  the only possible nodes such that  $t_{j(\nu)i(\nu)}^{m_i(\nu)} \in S_\nu$  with  $l(\nu) = n$  are

$$t_{11}^{m_n}, \dots, t_{1r_1}^{m_n}, t_{21}^{m_n}, \dots, t_{2r_2}^{m_n}, \dots, t_{m_n 1}^{m_n}, \dots, t_{m_n r_{m_n}}^{m_n},$$

summing these estimates over the segments  $S_1, \dots, S_M$  using (v) and (4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\nu=1}^M \left( \sum_{l=n(\nu)+1}^{\kappa(\nu)-1} b_l f_{S_\nu}(z_{m_l}) \right)^2 &\leq 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\{\nu: l(\nu)=n\}} b_{l(\nu)}^2 \frac{1}{2^{2(j(\nu)-1)}} \\ &+ 8 \sum_{\nu=1}^M \frac{1}{2^{q_{m_n(\nu)}}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n(\nu)+1}} \left\| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l \xi_l \right\|^2 \\ &+ 4 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{r_j} \sum_{\{\nu: (j(\nu), i(\nu))=(j, i)\}} c_{ji}^2 \left( \sum_{l=\varrho(\nu)}^{\mu(\nu)} b_l \right)^2 \\ &\leq 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2 \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{r_j}{2^{2(j-1)}} \right) \\ &+ 8 \left\| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l \xi_l \right\|^2 + 4 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{r_j} c_{ji}^2 \left\| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l \xi_l \right\|^2 \\ &\leq 28 \left\| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l \xi_l \right\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, using (5) we have

$$\left\| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l z_{m_l} \right\|^2 \leq 90 \left\| \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l \xi_l \right\|^2,$$

as desired.

**Proof of Theorem 5.** Since the basis  $\{\eta_t\}_{t \in \mathcal{T}}$  is boundedly complete, using a standard perturbation argument we may assume that  $\{\zeta_l\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$  has a subsequence equivalent to  $\{z + z_l\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$  for some  $z \in JT$  where  $\{z_l\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$  is a block basic sequence which is not weakly null. It is readily seen that we need only prove the following: if  $\{z_l\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$  is a normalized block basis of  $\{\eta_t\}_{t \in \mathcal{T}}$  with  $\lim_l f_B(z_l) = c \neq 0$  for some  $B \in \Gamma$  then a subsequence of  $\{z_l\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$  is equivalent to the summing basis of  $J$  and thus the corresponding subsequence of  $\{z + z_l\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$  is equivalent to the summing basis of  $J$  as well. We may also assume that  $\{z_l\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$  is of the form (1) as in Proposition 6.

Let  $B_t$  denote any  $B \in \Gamma$  with  $t \in B_t$  and let

$$A(l, 0) = \{t \in \mathcal{T} : \text{level}(t) = p_l \text{ and } f_{B_t}(z_l) = 0 \text{ for all } B_t \in \Gamma\},$$

$$A(l, j) = \{t \in \mathcal{T} : \text{level}(t) = p_l \text{ and } |f_{B_t}(z_l)| \leq 1/2^{j-1} \text{ for all } B_t \in \Gamma$$

$$\text{and } \exists B_t \in \Gamma \text{ so that } |f_{B_t}(z_l)| > 1/2^j \} \quad \text{for } j \geq 1.$$

Then  $\bigcup_{j=0}^{\infty} A(l, j) = \{t \in \mathcal{T} : \text{level}(t) = p_l\}$  and for  $j \geq 1$  the cardinality of  $A(l, j)$ , denoted by  $\#A(l, j)$ , is less than or equal to  $2^{2^j}$ . In fact, if  $j \geq 1$ ,  $t_1, \dots, t_r \in A(l, j)$  are different nodes and  $B_{t_1}, \dots, B_{t_r} \in \Gamma$  are such that  $|f_{B_{t_i}}(z_l)| > 1/2^j$ , then

$$\frac{r}{2^{2^j}} < \sum_{i=1}^r |f_{B_{t_i}}(z_l)|^2 \leq \|z_l\|^2 \leq 1.$$

Now we will apply repeatedly the fact that if  $\{t_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of different nodes in  $\mathcal{T}$ , then either there exists a subsequence contained in a branch or there is a subsequence  $\{t_{m_n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  so that  $t_{m_n}$  is incomparable with  $t_{m_{n'}}$  if  $n \neq n'$ .

Consider the sequence  $\{A(l, 1)\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$ . Since  $\#A(l, 1) \leq 4$  for  $l = 1, 2, \dots$ , there exist  $r_1 \leq 4$  and an infinite set  $N_1$  such that  $N_1 \subset \mathbb{N}$  and  $\#A(l, 1) = r_1$  for every  $l \in N_1$ .

If  $r_1 = 0$ , let  $N_1'' = N_1' = N_1$ .

If  $r_1 > 0$ , then let  $\{t_{11}, \dots, t_{1r_1}\} = A(l, 1)$  for every  $l \in N_1$ . Now let  $N_1' \subset N_1$  be an infinite set such that for every fixed  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq r_1$ , either the sequence  $\{t_{1i}\}_{l \in N_1'}$  is contained in a branch called  $B_{1i}$  or  $t_{1i}$  is incomparable with  $t_{1i'}$  if  $l, l' \in N_1'$  and  $l \neq l'$ . Let further

$$I_1 = \{1 \leq i \leq r_1 : \exists B_{1i} \in \Gamma, \{t_{1i}\}_{l \in N_1'} \subset B_{1i}\}.$$

If  $I_1 = \emptyset$ , let  $N_1'' = N_1'$ .

If  $I_1 \neq \emptyset$ , let  $N_1''$  be an infinite subset of  $N_1'$  such that for  $i \in I_1$ ,  $\lim_{l \in N_1''} f_{B_{1i}}(z_l) = c_{1i}$  exists. This is possible because  $\{f_{B_{1i}}(z_l)\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$  is a bounded sequence.

Proceeding inductively we construct a sequence  $\{r_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{N}$  and sets  $N_k, N_k', N_k'', k = 1, 2, \dots, I_1, I_2, \dots \subset \mathbb{N}$ , so that

(a)  $\mathbb{N} \supset N_1 \supset N_1' \supset N_1'' \supset N_2 \supset \dots, N_k$  is infinite for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

(b) For  $l \in N_k, k = 1, 2, \dots$ , either  $A(l, k) = \emptyset$  or we may write  $A(l, k) = \{t_{k1}^l, \dots, t_{kr_k}^l\}$ .

(c) If  $A(l, k) \neq \emptyset$  and  $1 \leq i \leq r_k$ , then either  $\{t_{ki}^l\}_{l \in N_k'}$  is contained in a branch  $B_{ki}$  or  $t_{ki}^l$  is incomparable with  $t_{ki}^{l'}$  for  $l, l' \in N_k'$  and  $l \neq l'$ .

(d)  $I_k = \{1 \leq i \leq r_k : \{t_{ki}^l\}_{l \in N_k'} \subset B_{ki}\}$ .

(e) If  $i \in I_k$ , then

$$\lim_{\substack{l \rightarrow \infty \\ l \in N_k''}} f_{B_{ji}}(z_l) = c_{ji} \quad \text{exists}$$

for  $j = 1, \dots, k, i \in I_j$ .

Let  $m_1 < m_2 < \dots$  where  $m_l \in N_l''$  for all  $l$ . By passing to a subsequence of  $\{z_{m_l}\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$  and perturbing we may assume that

$$z_{m_l} = w_l + u_l$$

where  $w_l = w(l, 1) + \dots + w(l, l)$  and for  $j = 1, \dots, l$ ,

$$(i) w(l, j) = \sum_{\{i \leq r_j : i \in I_j\}} P_{t_{ji}^{m_l}}(z_{m_l}) = \sum_{\{t = t_{ji}^{m_l} \in A(m_l, j) : i \in I_j\}} P_t(z_{m_l}).$$

$$(ii) |f_B(w(l, j))| \leq 1/2^{j-1} \text{ for every } B \in \Gamma.$$

$$(iii) f_{B_{ji}}(w_l) = c_{ji} \text{ for } j = 1, 2, \dots, l, i \in I_j, l = 1, 2, \dots$$

Also, since  $\|w_l\| \leq 1$ , if  $s_j = \#\{i : i \in I_j\} = \#\{t_{ji}^{m_l} \in A(m_l, j) : i \in I_j\}$  then we have

$$(iv) \sum_{j=1}^l \frac{s_j}{2^{2^j}} \leq \|w_l\|^2 \leq 1.$$

From our construction we infer that  $\{u_l\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$  is a bounded block basis of  $\{\eta_t\}_{t \in \mathcal{T}}$  which satisfies, for all  $B \in \Gamma$ ,

$$\lim_l f_B(u_l) = 0.$$

Since it is known that a bounded block basis  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of  $\{\eta_t\}_{t \in \mathcal{T}}$  is weakly null if and only if  $\lim_i f_B(x_i) = 0$ , it follows that  $\{u_l\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$  is weakly null.

By Proposition 6 and Theorem 4 there exists a further subsequence  $\{z'_{m_l}\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$  with  $z'_{m_l} = w'_l + u'_l$  so that  $\{w'_l\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$  is equivalent to the summing basis for  $J$  and  $\{u'_l\}_{l=1}^{\infty}$  is either norm null or equivalent to the unit vector basis of  $l_2$ . The theorem now follows easily.

As an application we are able to describe the spreading basic sequences in  $JT$  and its spreading models.

Recall that a basic sequence is *spreading* if it is equivalent to all of its subsequences. The theory of spreading models can be found in [3].

**COROLLARY 7.** *Let  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  be a normalized basic sequence in  $JT$ . Then  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  has a subsequence which is equivalent to either the summing basis for  $J$  or to the unit vector basis of  $l_2$ . In particular, these two spaces are the only spreading models of  $JT$  and every normalized basic sequence in  $JT$  admits a spreading subsequence.*

Theorem 5 and the corollary apply to the space  $(J \oplus J \oplus \dots)_{l_2}$  since the latter is a subspace of  $JT$ . Thus the above results improve those previously proved by the authors in [6].

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#### Estimates of Fourier transforms in Sobolev spaces

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**Abstract.** We investigate the Fourier transforms of functions in the Sobolev spaces  $W_1^{r_1, \dots, r_n}$ . It is proved that for any function  $f \in W_1^{r_1, \dots, r_n}$  the Fourier transform  $\hat{f}$  belongs to the Lorentz space  $L^{n/r, 1}$ , where  $r = n(\sum_{j=1}^n 1/r_j)^{-1} \leq n$ . Furthermore, we derive from this result that for any mixed derivative  $D^s f$  ( $f \in C_0^\infty$ ,  $s = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$ ) the weighted norm  $\|(D^s f)^\wedge\|_{L^1(w)}$  ( $w(\xi) = |\xi|^{-n}$ ) can be estimated by the sum of  $L^1$ -norms of all pure derivatives of the same order. This gives an answer to a question posed by A. Pełczyński and M. Wojciechowski.

**1. Introduction.** For any function  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$  its Fourier transform is the function  $\hat{f}$  defined by

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(x) e^{-2\pi i x \cdot \xi} dx, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

For the Fourier transform of a function  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq 2$  (see [13], Ch. 1), we have the following classical inequalities ([2], Ch. 1):

• *the Hausdorff–Young inequality*

$$(1) \quad \|\hat{f}\|_{p'} \leq \|f\|_p, \quad 1 \leq p \leq 2, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1;$$

• *the Hardy–Littlewood–Paley inequality*

$$(2) \quad \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\xi|^{n(p-2)} |\hat{f}(\xi)|^p d\xi \right)^{1/p} \leq c \|f\|_p, \quad 1 < p \leq 2.$$

It is well known that (2) is not true for  $p = 1$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . On the other hand, by Hardy's inequality we know that for any  $f \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$(3) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\hat{f}(\xi)|}{|\xi|^n} d\xi \leq c \|f\|_{H^1}.$$

Furthermore, the inequality (2) can be strengthened in terms of rearrangements.

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