

# $\ell^p$ -type Dirichlet Spaces

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## Abstract

In this paper we consider a class of Banach spaces  $B_p$  extending the classical Dirichlet space through the growth behaviour of the Taylor coefficients. We focus on the boundary behaviour of functions in  $B_p$  and of the sequence of partial sums of their Taylor series.

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## 1 Introduction and preliminaries

Let  $\mathbb{D}$ ,  $\mathbb{T}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  denote the open unit disc, its boundary and the complex plane, respectively. We will write  $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$  for an analytic function in  $\mathbb{D}$ , so that we can represent

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k.$$

Given  $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$ , it is said to belong to the classical Dirichlet space  $D$  if its Dirichlet integral is finite, that is

$$D := \{f \in H(\mathbb{D}) : \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f'|^2 dm_2 < \infty\},$$

where  $dm_2$  denotes integration with respect to the normalized Lebesgue area measure on  $\mathbb{D}$ . From  $f'(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k z^{k-1}$  it is easily seen that

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}} |f'|^2 dm_2 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k |a_k|^2,$$

which implies, in particular, that  $D$  is a subspace of the Hardy space  $H^2$  (see [11] for Hardy spaces). The Dirichlet space turns into a Banach space by considering

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the norm

$$\|f\|_D := \left( |f(0)|^2 + \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f'|^2 dm_2 \right)^{1/2} = \left( |a_0|^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k |a_k|^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

which is induced by the scalar product  $\langle f, g \rangle := f(0)\overline{g(0)} + \int_{\mathbb{D}} f'\overline{g'} dm_2$ .

The Dirichlet space has attracted much attention in the last decades. Recommended introductions are the monography [13] and the expository article [27]. It can be actually shown that  $D$  is contained in all Hardy spaces  $H^r$ , for  $r < \infty$ , and it turns out that the situation concerning the boundary behaviour of  $f \in D$  and, accordingly, of the partial sums  $S_n f$  of the Taylor series, is significantly more favourable than in the case of the Hardy spaces: By Beurling's theorem (see e.g. [13] or [27]), the non-tangential limit function of  $f$  exists quasi everywhere, that is, up to a set of vanishing (outer) logarithmic capacity, and, by Abel's theorem and Fejér's Tauberian theorem (see e.g. [22], [20, Remarks I.5.5]), the partial sums  $S_n f$  converge exactly in the points  $\zeta$  on the unit circle  $\mathbb{T}$  where the non-tangential limit exists. This implies, in particular, that the sequence  $(S_n f)_n$  converges to the non-tangential limit function quasi everywhere.

Let now  $1 < p \leq \infty$ . Several ways of extending the Hilbert space case  $D$  to more general  $L^p$ -type Banach spaces cases are quite natural.

On the one hand, extending the definition via the area integral leads to the analytic Besov spaces

$$B^p := \{f \in H(\mathbb{D}) : \varphi f' \in L^p(\mathbb{D}, \tau)\},$$

with  $\varphi(z) := 1 - |z|^2$  and  $d\tau := \varphi^{-2} dm_2$ , completely normed by

$$\|f\|_{B^p} := \left( |f(0)|^p + \|\varphi f'\|_{L^p(\mathbb{D}, \tau)}^p \right)^{1/p}$$

(see e.g. [30], [33]). It can be shown that  $f \in B^p$  if and only if  $\varphi f'' \in L^p(\mathbb{D}, \varphi^{-1} m_2)$  (see e.g. [3, Example 5, p. 18]). With that in mind,

$$B^1 := \{f \in H(\mathbb{D}) : \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f''| dm_2 < \infty\}$$

extends the family  $(B^p)_{p>1}$  in a natural way. According to [2], the Besov spaces  $B^p$  are increasing in  $p$ , with  $B^\infty$  being the classical Bloch space.

On the other hand, extending the characterisation of the Dirichlet space via convergence of the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k |a_k|^2$  leads to considering, here for  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , the  $\ell^p$ -type spaces

$$B_p := \{f \in H(\mathbb{D}) : (ka_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell^p(\mathbb{N}, \nu)\},$$

where  $\varphi(k) = k$  and  $d\nu := \varphi^{-1}d\mu$  with  $\mu$  denoting the counting measure on  $\mathbb{N}$ . For  $1 \leq p < \infty$  we have

$$B_p = \left\{ f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k \in H(\mathbb{D}) : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{p-1} |a_k|^p < +\infty \right\}$$

with the complete norm

$$\|f\|_{B_p} := \left( |a_0|^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{p-1} |a_k|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

With these notations,  $D = B^2 = B_2$ . We also note that  $B_\infty$  is the space of all  $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$  with  $a_k = O(1/k)$  (normed by  $\|f\|_{B_\infty} := |a_0| + \sup_k k|a_k|$ ) and that  $B_1$  is isomorphic to the analytic Wiener algebra.

For  $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$ , let  $(S_n f)(z) := \sum_{k=0}^n a_k z^k$  denote the  $n$ -th partial sum of the Taylor series  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k$ . From the definition of  $\|\cdot\|_{B_p}$  it follows that, for  $f \in B_p$ , the partial sums are norm-convergent to  $f$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . In particular, the polynomials are dense in  $B_p$ .

While the Besov spaces  $B^p$  are quite well understood, less is known about the spaces  $B_p$ , for  $p > 1$ . The aim of this paper is to study the boundary behaviour of functions  $f \in B_p$  and of the corresponding sequences of partial sums  $(S_n f)_n$  on  $\mathbb{T}$  (see Sections 2 and 3). Before that, we investigate several basic properties of the spaces  $B_p$ .

Note that functions in  $B_1$  extend continuously to  $\overline{\mathbb{D}}$ . On the other hand,

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k \log(k)} z^k \quad (z \in \mathbb{D})$$

belongs to  $B_p$  for all  $p > 1$  and

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow 1^-} f(r) \geq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k \log(k)} = \infty.$$

In particular,  $f$  is unbounded in  $\mathbb{D}$ , that is,  $f$  does not belong to  $H^\infty$ . According to the prime number theorem, the same holds for  $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} z^k / p_k$ , where  $p_k$  denotes the  $k$ -th prime number.

Let in the sequel  $q$  always denote the conjugate exponent of  $p$ , that is

$$pq = p + q.$$

As a consequence of Hölder's inequality and the Hausdorff-Young theorem we get

**Proposition 1.1.** *If  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k \in B_p$ , for some  $p$ , then  $(a_k)_k \in \ell^s$  for all  $s > 1$ , and  $f \in \bigcap_{r < \infty} H^r$ .*

*Proof.* We may assume that  $1 < p < \infty$ . For any  $p' > q$  (or, equivalently  $q' < p$ ) we have that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|^{q'} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{q'/q} \frac{1}{k^{q'/q}} |a_k|^{q'} \leq \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{p-1} |a_k|^p \right)^{q'/p} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{\frac{pq'}{q(p-q')}}} \right)^{\frac{p-q'}{p}}$$

A calculation shows that the exponent of the second series being greater than 1 is equivalent to  $q' > 1$ , and so we obtain the convergence of the geometric series on the right hand side. Now,  $f \in B_p$  implies the convergence of the series on the left hand side. With that, the Hausdorff-Young theorem ([12, Theorem A, p. 76]) allows us to conclude that  $f \in H^r$  for all  $r < \infty$ .  $\square$

As mentioned above, the Besov spaces are increasing in  $p$ . In contrast, the spaces  $B_p$  are neither increasing nor decreasing:

**Remark 1.2.** Let  $1 < p < p' \leq \infty$ . On the one hand, for  $0 < \alpha < \infty$ , the function

$$f_\alpha(z) = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k \log^\alpha(k)} z^k$$

belongs to  $B_p$  if and only if  $\alpha > 1/p$ . If we choose  $1/p' < \alpha < 1/p$ , we obtain that  $f_\alpha \in B_{p'}$  but  $f_\alpha \notin B_p$ . In particular, the spaces  $B_p$  are not decreasing in  $p$ . On the other hand, let  $r, s \in \mathbb{N}$  be so that  $q' \leq s/r < q$ . A simple calculation yields that the function  $f_{r,s}$  given by the lacunary series

$$f_{r,s}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}),$$

where  $a_k = 1/2^{j \cdot r}$  if  $k = 2^{j \cdot s}$  for some  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , and zero otherwise, belongs to  $B_p$  but not to  $B_{p'}$ . In particular, the spaces  $B_p$  are neither increasing in  $p$ . Moreover, if  $1 < p < 2$ , by choosing  $p' = 2$  it is seen that  $f_{r,s}$  does not belong to  $B^t$  for any  $t < 2$ , since otherwise, by Theorems A and C from [32], we would have  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k |a_k|^t < \infty$ , and thus  $f_{r,s}$  would also belong to  $\bigcap_{t \leq u \leq 2} B_u$ . In particular,  $B_p$  is not included in  $\bigcup_{1 < t < 2} B^t$ .

The functions  $f_\alpha$  also show that, for  $1 < p \leq \infty$ , the space  $B_p$  with pointwise multiplication of functions is not an algebra: By choosing  $1/p < \alpha < (1+1/p)/2$  we have  $(f_\alpha)^2(z) = \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} c_k z^k$  where the coefficients  $c_k$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} c_k &= \sum_{j=2}^{k-2} \frac{1}{j \log^\alpha(j)(k-j) \log^\alpha(k-j)} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{k \log^\alpha(k)} \sum_{j=2}^{k-2} \frac{1}{j \log^\alpha(j)} \geq \frac{1}{k \log^\alpha(k)} \cdot \frac{C}{\log^{\alpha-1}(k)} = \frac{C}{k \log^{2\alpha-1}(k)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we obtain that

$$\sum_{k=4}^{\infty} k^{p-1} |c_k|^p \geq C^p \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k \log^{p(2\alpha-1)}(k)} > \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k \log(k)} = \infty.$$

For  $f, g \in H(\mathbb{D})$  with  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k$  and  $g(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k z^k$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , the Hadamard product  $f * g$  is defined by

$$(f * g)(z) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}).$$

With respect to the Hadamard product,  $B_p$  becomes an algebra. Actually, more generally we have that  $f * g \in B_p$  if  $f \in B_p$  and  $(b_k)_k$  is bounded. Moreover, from the definition it turns out that

$$B_{2p} = \{f \in H(\mathbb{D}) : f * f' = (f * f)'\} \in B_p\}$$

for  $p < \infty$ .

Using results of Zhu for the Besov spaces we show:

**Theorem 1.3.** *For  $1 \leq p \leq 2$  the space  $B^p$  is continuously embedded in  $B_p$  and, conversely, for  $2 \leq p \leq \infty$  the space  $B_p$  is continuously embedded in  $B^p$ .*

*Proof.* Consider the linear mapping  $T : B^1 + B^2 = B^2 \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{N}, \nu)$  given by  $Tf = (a_k)_k$ , where  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k$ . From Theorem C in [30] it follows that  $B^1 \subset B_1$  with continuous inclusion map. Hence,  $T|_{B^1}$  maps  $B^1$  continuously into  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N}, \nu)$ . Since  $B^2 = B_2$  with norm equivalence, an application of the complex interpolation theorem (see [33, Theorem 1.32] or [5]) together with Theorem 6.12 in [33] shows that  $B^p \subset B_p$  for  $1 < p < 2$ , with continuous inclusion map.

Now, if  $(b_k)_k \in \ell^\infty(\mathbb{N}, \nu)$ , that is  $(b_k)_k$  is bounded, we have

$$\left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k z^k \right| \leq \sup_k |b_k| \frac{1}{1 - |z|}$$

and so  $\varphi g \in L^\infty(\mathbb{D}, \tau)$ , where  $g(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k z^k$ . Also,  $g$  belongs to the Bergman space

$$A^2 = \{g \in H(\mathbb{D}) : \int_{\mathbb{D}} |g|^2 dm_2 < \infty\}$$

if and only if  $(b_k)_k \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N}, \nu)$ . This shows that  $T((b_k)_k) := \varphi g$  defines a (bounded) linear mapping  $T : \ell^2(\mathbb{N}, \nu) + \ell^\infty(\mathbb{N}, \nu) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{D}, \tau) + L^\infty(\mathbb{D}, \tau)$ . An application of the Riesz-Thorin interpolation theorem shows that  $T$  maps  $\ell^p(\mathbb{N}, \nu)$  boundedly to  $L^p(\mathbb{D}, \tau)$  for  $2 < p < \infty$ . Now, if  $f \in B_p$ , then  $(b_k)_k = (ka_k)_k \in \ell^p(\mathbb{N}, \nu)$ , and so  $\varphi f'$  belongs to  $L^p(\mathbb{D}, \tau)$ , which means that  $f \in B^p$ .  $\square$

## 2 Growth and boundary behaviour

Note that functions in  $B_\infty$  belong to the Bloch space  $B^\infty$ , which means that

$$f(z) = O\left(\log\left(\frac{1}{1-|z|}\right)\right) \quad (|z| \rightarrow 1^-)$$

for  $f \in B_\infty$ . We shall prove that for functions in  $B_p$  the growth is restricted by  $\log^{1/q}(1/(1-|z|^q))$  (cf. [13, Theorem 1.2.1] for the case  $p = 2$ ). To this aim, for each  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ , we compute the norm of the evaluation functional  $\Lambda_w : B_p \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  given by  $\Lambda_w f := f(w)$ .

Note first that

$$\langle f, g \rangle := a_0 \bar{b}_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k \bar{b}_k, \quad (1)$$

where  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k \in B_p$ ,  $g(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k z^k$ , defines a linear-antilinear pairing for the spaces  $B_p$  and  $B_q$ . Indeed, by the Hölder-Young inequality, and writing  $k = k^{1/p} k^{1/q}$ , we obtain that

$$|a_0 \bar{b}_0| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k |a_k \bar{b}_k| \leq \left( |a_0|^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{p-1} |a_k|^p \right)^{1/p} \left( |b_0|^q + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{q-1} |b_k|^q \right)^{1/q}$$

Since  $(kz^{k-1})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is an orthonormal system in  $L^2(\mathbb{D}, m_2)$ , it is easily seen that

$$\langle f - a_0, g - b_0 \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{D}} f' \bar{g}' dm_2$$

(cf. [8, Proposition 6.4.2], [2]).

In particular,  $\phi_g(f) := \langle f, g \rangle$  defines a bounded linear functional on  $B_p$ , that is,  $\phi_g \in (B_p)'$ , with  $\|\phi_g\|_{(B_p)'} \leq \|g\|_{B_q}$ . Actually, every functional of  $(B_p)'$  admits such a representation:

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . Then  $g \mapsto \phi_g$  maps  $B_q$  isometrically isomorphic to  $(B_p)'$ .*

*Proof.* According to the preliminary considerations, it suffices to show that each  $\phi \in (B_p)'$  is of the form  $\phi_g$  and that  $\|g\|_{B_q} \leq \|\phi\|_{(B_p)'}$ . So let  $\phi \in (B_p)'$  be given and let  $g(z) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k z^k$  where  $b_0 := \phi(1)$  and  $b_k := \phi(z^k)/k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now, consider the sequence  $(c_k)_k$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 &:= |b_0|^{q-2} \bar{b}_0, \\ c_k &:= k^{q-2} |b_k|^{q-2} \bar{b}_k, \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}), \end{aligned}$$

with  $|b_k|^{q-2} \bar{b}_k := 0$  if  $b_k = 0$ . Then, we have that  $c_0 b_0 = |b_0|^q$  and  $c_k b_k = k^{q-2} |b_k|^q$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ), while on the other hand  $|c_0|^p = |b_0|^q$  and  $k^{p-1} |c_k|^p =$

$k^{q-1}|b_k|^q$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ). If we fix an arbitrary  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , from the boundedness of  $\phi$  we obtain that

$$|b_0|^q + \sum_{k=1}^N k^{q-1}|b_k|^q = \phi \left( \sum_{k=0}^N c_k z^k \right) \leq \|\phi\|_{(B_p)'} \left( |c_0|^p + \sum_{k=1}^N k^{p-1}|c_k|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

Putting all together we obtain that

$$\left( |b_0|^q + \sum_{k=1}^N k^{q-1}|b_k|^q \right)^{1/q} \leq \|\phi\|_{(B_p)'}$$

Finally, letting  $N \rightarrow \infty$  gives us  $\|g\|_{B_q} \leq \|\phi\|_{(B_p)'}$ , and from the definition of  $(b_k)_k$  we have  $\phi = \phi_g$ .  $\square$

Now, for  $w \in \mathbb{D}$  we consider the function  $k_w \in H(|w|^{-1}\mathbb{D})$  given by

$$k_w(z) := 1 + \log \left( \frac{1}{1 - \bar{w}z} \right) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\bar{w}^k}{k} z^k.$$

Then

$$\|k_w\|_{B_q}^q = 1 + \log \left( \frac{1}{1 - |w|^q} \right) = \log \left( \frac{e}{1 - |w|^q} \right),$$

and for  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k$  we have

$$\Lambda_w f = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k \frac{w^k}{k} = \langle f, k_w \rangle.$$

So, we can view the functions  $k_w \in B_q$  as a kind of reproducing kernel in  $B_p$ . From Proposition 2.1 we obtain

$$\|\Lambda_w\|_{(B_p)'} = \|k_w\|_{B_q} = \log^{1/q} \left( \frac{e}{1 - |w|^q} \right),$$

and as a consequence, we have:

**Theorem 2.2.** *If  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $f \in B_p$ , then*

$$|f(z)| \leq \log^{1/q} \left( \frac{e}{1 - |z|^q} \right) \|f\|_{B_p} \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}).$$

**Remark 2.3.** Let  $\varepsilon : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be a function such that  $\liminf_{|z| \rightarrow 1^-} \varepsilon(z) = 0$ . Then, there exists  $f \in B_p$  such that

$$f(z) \neq O \left( \varepsilon(z) \log^{1/q} \left( \frac{e}{1 - |z|^q} \right) \right) \quad (|z| \rightarrow 1^-).$$

Indeed: Let  $(w_n)_n$  be a sequence in  $\mathbb{D}$  with  $\varepsilon(w_n) \rightarrow 0$ . Consider the sequence of functions  $(g_n)_n$  in  $B_q$  given by

$$g_n(z) := \varepsilon(w_n)^{-1} \log^{-1/q} \left( \frac{e}{1 - |w_n|^q} \right) k_{w_n}(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}).$$

Since

$$\|g_n\|_{B_q} = \varepsilon(w_n)^{-1} \log^{-1/q} \left( \frac{e}{1 - |w_n|^q} \right) \|k_{w_n}\|_{B_q} = \varepsilon(w_n)^{-1} \rightarrow \infty$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the sequence  $(g_n)_n$  is unbounded in  $B_q$ . By the Banach-Steinhaus theorem, there exists  $f \in B_p$  such that  $\sup_{n \geq 1} |\langle f, g_n \rangle| = \infty$ .

In the sequel we investigate the boundary functions and the behaviour of the partial sums  $S_n f$  of  $B_p$ -functions. We start with an extension of Fejér's Tauberian theorem mentioned in the introduction. It is formulated in [20, Remark 5.5] with the comment that the proof follows along the same lines as the proof of Fejér's theorem. Since it is basic for our purposes, we include a proof. For  $p = \infty$  the result also holds, and is the classical Littlewood's theorem (see [34, Vol I, Theorem III 1.38]).

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $f \in B_p$ , where  $1 < p \leq \infty$ . Then, the sequence of partial sums of the Taylor series  $(S_n f(\zeta))_n$  converges at every point  $\zeta \in \mathbb{T}$  at which the radial limit of  $f$  exists.*

*Proof.* Let  $p < \infty$  and  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k$ . We put  $\varepsilon_n := \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} k^{p-1} |a_k|^p$  and take  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $r_n := 1 - \varepsilon_n^{1/p}/n > 0$ . Then, for all  $\zeta \in \mathbb{T}$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k \zeta^k - f(r_n \zeta) \right| &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k \zeta^k (1 - r_n^k) - \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a_k r_n^k \zeta^k \right| \\ &\leq (1 - r_n) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k |a_k| + \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} |a_k| r_n^k \end{aligned}$$

Applying the Hölder inequality and  $k = k^{1/p} k^{1/q}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - r_n) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k |a_k| &\leq (1 - r_n) \left( \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k^{p-1} |a_k|^p \right)^{1/p} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k^{q/p} \right)^{1/q} \\ &\leq (1 - r_n) \varepsilon_0^{1/p} n = \varepsilon_0^{1/p} \varepsilon_n^{1/p} \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} |a_k| r_n^k &\leq \frac{1}{n^{1/q}} \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} k^{1/q} |a_k| r_n^k \leq \frac{1}{n^{1/q}} \left( \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} k^{p-1} |a_k|^p \right)^{1/p} \left( \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} r_n^{kq} \right)^{1/q} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{n^{1/q}} \varepsilon_n^{1/p} \frac{1}{(1 - r_n)^{1/q}} = \varepsilon_n^{1/p^2} \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty) \end{aligned}$$



□

In combination with Abel's limit theorem, the above Tauberian result shows that, for functions in  $B_p$ , convergence of the partials sum  $(S_n f)(\zeta)$  and existence of a radial limit of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  are equivalent. In order to get information about sets of convergence on  $\mathbb{T}$  we relate the spaces  $B_p$  (and  $B^p$ ) to other Banach spaces of holomorphic functions in the disc.

It is well-known that, for  $1 < p < \infty$ , functions in  $H^p$  are the Cauchy integral of their boundary function belonging to  $L^p(\mathbb{T}, m_1)$ , with  $m_1$  denoting the arc length measure on  $\mathbb{T}$ . For  $p > 1$  and  $0 < \beta < 1$ , the space  $H_\beta^p$  is the space of all  $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$  for which there exists  $F \in L^p(\mathbb{T}, m_1)$  such that

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{F(\zeta)}{(1 - z\bar{\zeta})^{1-\beta}} dm_1(\zeta), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

The boundary behaviour of functions in the latter spaces was studied in [19] and [26]. By considering an arbitrary exponent  $\alpha$  of the weight function  $\varphi$ , the class  $B^p$  can be extended into the more general Dirichlet-type spaces  $D_\alpha^p$ , defined by

$$D_\alpha^p := \{f \in H(\mathbb{D}) : \int_{\mathbb{D}} \varphi^\alpha |f'|^p dm_2 < \infty\}$$

for  $p > 1$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . In particular, we have  $B^p = D_{p-2}^p$  for  $1 < p < \infty$ . The spaces  $D_\alpha^p$  were studied e.g. in [14], [28], [29]. The approach in these papers is to represent functions in  $D_\alpha^p$  through the class  $H_\beta^p$ . Among others, Girela and Peláez ([14]) showed that the inclusion

$$D_\alpha^p \subset H_{(p-\alpha-1)/p}^p$$

holds true whenever  $-1 < \alpha < p - 1$  and  $1 < p \leq 2$ , and the converse inclusion was proved by Twomey (see [28]) if  $p \geq 2$ . So, in particular,  $B^p \subset H_{1/p}^p$  for  $1 < p \leq 2$ . In [29] also the spaces  $B_p$  are considered. It is shown that  $B_p \subset H_{1/q}^q$  for  $1 < p \leq 2$ , while  $B_p \subset H_{1/p}^p$  for  $p \geq 2$ .

Let  $C_{\alpha,p}$  denote the Bessel capacity (see [23], [1]; cf. [29]). The capacities  $C_{1/p,p}$  are ordered in the sense that  $C_{1/r,r}(E) = 0$  implies  $C_{1/s,s}(E) = 0$  for  $1 < r < s < \infty$  (see [23], cf. [29]). Moreover,  $C_{1/2,2}$ -capacity is equivalent to logarithmic capacity in the sense that  $C_{1/2,2}(E) = 0$  if and only if the logarithmic capacity of  $E$  vanishes. Thus, in particular, if  $C_{1/r,r}(E) = 0$  for some  $1 < r < 2$ , then the logarithmic capacity of  $E$  vanishes.

**Remark 2.5.** As a consequence of [29, Theorem 1 and Lemma], it follows that, for  $1 < p \leq 2$  and for any  $f \in B_p$ , the sequence  $(S_n f)_n$  converges  $C_{1/q,q}$ -quasi everywhere on  $\mathbb{T}$ , and, for any  $f \in B^p$ , convergence holds  $C_{1/p,p}$ -quasi everywhere. Moreover, if  $p \geq 2$ , then  $C_{1/p,p}$ -quasi everywhere convergence of the sequence  $(S_n f)_n$  holds for all  $f \in B_p$ .

From Theorem 2.4 and the fact that Cesaro summability at  $\zeta \in \mathbb{T}$  implies the existence of the non-tangential limit at  $\zeta$  (see [34, Vol I, Theorem III 1.34]) we finally obtain:

**Theorem 2.6.** *For  $1 < p \leq \infty$ ,  $f \in B_p$  and  $\zeta \in \mathbb{T}$  the following statements are equivalent:*

1.  $(S_n f(\zeta))_n$  converges.
2.  $(S_n f(\zeta))_n$  is Cesaro summable.
3.  $f$  has a non-tangential limit at  $\zeta$ .
4.  $f$  has a radial limit at  $\zeta$ .

*The conditions hold  $C_{1/q,q}$ -quasi everywhere for  $1 < p \leq 2$  and  $C_{1/p,p}$ -quasi everywhere for  $2 < p < \infty$ .*

### 3 Sets of universality

In the last decades, universality properties of various forms have been investigated. We consider universality of the sequence of partial sums  $S_n f$ . For  $f$  holomorphic in  $\mathbb{D}$ ,  $\Lambda$  an infinite subset of  $\mathbb{N}_0$  and  $E$  a closed subset of  $\mathbb{T}$  we say that the sequence of partial sums  $(S_n f)_{n \in \Lambda}$  is universal, if  $\{S_n f : n \in \Lambda\}$  is a dense set in  $C(E)$ , where  $C(E)$  denotes the space of all continuous functions on  $E$  endowed with the uniform norm. For  $X$  a Banach space of functions holomorphic in  $\mathbb{D}$ , we call the closed set  $E \subset \mathbb{T}$  a set of universality for  $X$  if for all infinite sets  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{N}_0$  a residual set of functions in  $X$  exists with the property that  $(S_n f)_{n \in \Lambda}$  is universal on  $E$ .

In [4] it was proved that each closed set of vanishing arc length measure is a set of universality for all Hardy spaces  $H^p$ , where  $p < \infty$ . According to Twomey's results (Remark 2.5), this cannot be the case for any of the spaces  $B_p$ , where  $p < \infty$ , or  $B^p$  with  $p \leq 2$ . Khrushchev ([17, Theorem 3.2]) recently showed that, for each closed  $E \subset \mathbb{T}$  with  $\text{cap}_p(E) = 0$ , where the capacity  $\text{cap}_p$  is determined by an appropriate Besov space norm (see also [18, p. 124]), there are functions in the Besov space  $B^p$  so that  $(S_n f)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is universal on  $E$ . Since  $\text{cap}_p(E) = 0$  if and only if the logarithmic capacity of  $E$  vanishes, this shows in particular that functions in the Dirichlet space  $D$  with universal Taylor series on  $E$  exist.

The universality result turns out to be a consequence of a result on simultaneous approximation by polynomials. We will show that a similar approximation result holds for  $B_p$  on appropriate small closed sets  $E \subset \mathbb{T}$ , and with that we also prove the existence of universal Taylor series.

**Remark 3.1.** If  $F, G \subset \mathbb{T}$  are closed sets, then the product set  $F \cdot G := \{z_1 \cdot z_2 : z_1 \in F, z_2 \in G\}$  is easily seen to be also closed in  $\mathbb{T}$ . In particular, if  $E \subset \mathbb{T}$  is closed, then the product set  $E^d := \{z_1 \cdots z_d : z_1, \dots, z_d \in E\}$  ( $d \in \mathbb{N}$ ) of  $E$  is also closed in  $\mathbb{T}$ . On the other hand, if  $F, G \subset \mathbb{T}$  are closed sets with logarithmic capacity zero, this does not imply that the product set  $F \cdot G$  has also logarithmic capacity zero (see [24, Section 6]).

We write  $p_0 := \infty$  and  $p_d := 2d/(2d - 1)$  for  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $p_d \leq p < p_{d-1}$ . Then, each closed set  $E \subset \mathbb{T}$  so that  $E^d$  has logarithmic capacity zero is a set of universality for  $B_p$ .*

As a consequence of Theorem 3.2 and the Tauberian theorem 2.4, we obtain the following extension of the converse of Beurling's theorem for the Dirichlet space due to Carleson (see e.g. [7], [27, Theorem 5.4], and [13, Theorem 3.4.1] for a strengthened version).

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $p_d \leq p < p_{d-1}$ . If  $E \subset \mathbb{T}$  is closed and so that  $E^d$  has logarithmic capacity zero, then for a residual set of functions  $f \in B_p$  radial limits do not exist in any point of  $E$ .*

As formulated in [10, Lemma 2.5] (cf. also the proof of Theorem 1.1 in [4]), an application of the Universality Criterion (see [15] or [16]) shows that, for Theorem 3.2, it suffices to prove the following result on simultaneous approximation by polynomials in  $B_{p_d}$  and  $C(E)$ , where  $C(E)$  is endowed with the uniform norm  $\|\cdot\|_E$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $p_d \leq p < p_{d-1}$ . If  $E \subset \mathbb{T}$  is a closed set such that  $E^d$  has logarithmic capacity zero, then for all  $(f, g) \in B_p \times C(E)$  and all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a polynomial  $P$  such that  $\|f - P\|_{B_p} < \varepsilon$  and  $\|g - P\|_{C(E)} < \varepsilon$ .*

**Remark 3.5.** For the Besov spaces  $B^p$  a similar result on simultaneous approximation holds for sets with  $\text{cap}_p(E) = 0$  (see [17, proof of Theorem 3.2]). Note, however, that, due to the lack of a corresponding Tauberian theorem, in contrast to the case of functions  $B_p$  this does not give information on the non-existence of radial limits on sets  $E$  with  $\text{cap}_p(E) = 0$ . For the disc algebra it turns out that  $E$  is a set of universality if and only if  $E$  is finite (see [6]). Note that here unrestricted limits exist in all points of  $\mathbb{T}$ . Also, this shows that a simultaneous approximation property as above is not necessary for having universality.

We turn to the proof of the central Theorem 3.4, and start with several notions and preliminary results.

Let  $X = (X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  be a Banach space of holomorphic functions on  $\mathbb{D}$  or of continuous functions on a subset of  $\mathbb{T}$  so that the polynomials are dense in  $X$ , and that

$$r_X := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|P_n\|_X^{1/n} < \infty$$

with  $P_n(z) := z^n$ . In this case we will say that  $X$  is regular. In particular, regular spaces are separable since the polynomials with (Gaussian) rational coefficients also form a dense subset. By  $X'$  we denote the norm dual of  $X$ , that is, the space of bounded linear functionals on  $X$ , and by  $H(0)$  the linear space of germs of functions holomorphic at 0. Then, the Cauchy transform  $C_X : X' \rightarrow H(0)$  with respect to  $X$  is defined by

$$(C\phi)(w) := (C_X\phi)(w) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \phi(P_k)w^k$$

for  $|w| < 1/r_X$  and  $\phi \in X'$ . Since the polynomials form a dense set in  $X$ , the Hahn-Banach theorem implies that  $C_X$  is injective. By definition, the range  $R_X$  of  $C_X$  is the Cauchy dual of  $X$ . For closed  $E \subset \mathbb{T}$ , the norm dual of  $C(E)$  is the space of Borel measures supported on  $E$  (with the total variation norm), and the Cauchy dual is the set of all restrictions to  $\mathbb{D}$  of Cauchy integrals

$$\widehat{\mu}(w) := \int \frac{1}{1-w\bar{\zeta}} d\mu(\zeta) \quad (w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus E)$$

of a complex Borel measure with support in  $E$ .

The following consequence of the Hahn-Banach theorem (see [18, Theorem 1.2], [10, Lemma 2.7]) is the basis for our subsequent considerations.

**Lemma 3.6.** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be regular. Then,  $R_X \cap R_Y = \{0\}$  if and only if the pairs  $(P, P)$ , where  $P$  ranges over the set of polynomials, form a dense set in the sum  $X \oplus Y$ .*

**Remark 3.7.** Using Lemma 3.6, the statement on simultaneous approximation from Theorem 3.4 can be transformed into an equivalent one saying that no non-zero function in the Cauchy dual of  $B_{p,d}$  can coincide on  $\mathbb{D}$  with some Cauchy transform  $\widehat{\mu}$  for a measure  $\mu$  supported on  $E$  (cf. [4, Lemma 2.1]).

For  $p > 1$  and  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  we consider the two parameter family of spaces  $B_{p,\gamma}$ , given by

$$B_{p,\gamma} := \left\{ f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k \in H(\mathbb{D}) : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^\gamma |a_k|^p < +\infty \right\},$$

which become Banach spaces when endowed with the norm

$$\|f\|_{B_{p,\gamma}} := \left( |a_0|^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^\gamma |a_k|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

In particular,  $B_{2,-1}$  is the classical Bergman space  $A^2$ .

Hölder's inequality shows that for  $\gamma > p - 1$  the spaces  $B_{p,\gamma}$  are contained in the analytic Wiener algebra. In [29], results on the convergence of  $(S_n f)$  for

$0 < \gamma \leq p - 1$  and functions  $f \in B_{p,\gamma}$  were obtained by relating the spaces  $B_{p,\gamma}$  to appropriate  $H_\beta^p$ . In the limiting case  $B_p = B_{p,p-1}$ , Theorem 3.2 provides a result in the converse direction. The proof relies mainly on the fact that the Cauchy dual is of a certain Bergman type:

**Proposition 3.8.** *Let  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $1 < p < \infty$ . Then, the Cauchy dual of  $B_{p,\gamma}$  equals  $B_{1,-\gamma q/p}$  with  $\|\phi\|_{(B_{p,\gamma})'} = \|C\phi\|_{B_{q,-\gamma q/p}}$  for each  $\phi \in (B_{p,\gamma})'$ . In particular, the Cauchy dual of  $B_p$  is  $B_{q,-1}$ .*

*Proof.* Given  $g(w) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k w^k \in B_{q,-\gamma q/p}$  and  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k \in B_{p,\gamma}$ , Hölder's inequality yields

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k b_k| = |a_0 b_0| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |k^{\gamma/p} a_k k^{-\gamma/p} b_k| \leq \|f\|_{B_{p,\gamma}} \|g\|_{B_{q,-\gamma q/p}}.$$

Hence,  $\phi_g(f) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k b_k$  defines a bounded linear functional on  $B_{p,\gamma}$  with  $\|\phi_g\|_{(B_{p,\gamma})'} \leq \|g\|_{B_{q,-\gamma q/p}}$ , and  $C\phi_g = g$ .

On the other hand, for  $\phi \in (B_{p,\gamma})'$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $g := C\phi$  be the Cauchy transform of  $\phi$ , and  $b_k := \phi(P_k)$ . By considering the sequence  $(c_k)_k$  defined by  $c_0 := |b_0|^{q-2} b_0$  and  $c_k := k^{-\gamma q/p} |b_k|^{q-2} b_k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , in a similar way as in the proof of Proposition 2.1 it can be shown that  $\|g\|_{B_{q,-\gamma q/p}} \leq \|\phi\|_{(B_{p,\gamma})'}$ .  $\square$

If  $f \in H(\mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus E_1)$  and  $g \in H(\mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus E_2)$  with  $E_1, E_2$  compact subsets of  $\mathbb{T}$  and  $\mathbb{C}_\infty$  the extended plane, then  $E_1 \cdot E_2$  is compact, and if  $E_1 \cdot E_2 \neq \mathbb{T}$ , the Hadamard multiplication theorem implies that  $f * g \in H(\mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus (E_1 \cdot E_2))$  with

$$(f * g)(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{-k} b_{-k} / z^{k+1}$$

in  $\mathbb{D}_e = \mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus \overline{\mathbb{D}}$  if  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_{-k} / z^{k+1}$  and  $g(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{-k} / z^{k+1}$  in  $\mathbb{D}_e$  (see [25, Theorem 2.7, Example 2.8]).

Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f \in H(\mathbb{D})$  with  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k$ . We write  $f^{*d}$  for the  $d$ -times iterated Hadamard product

$$f^{*d}(z) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k^d z^k.$$

With that we have

$$B_{2d,-1} = \{f \in H(\mathbb{D}) : f^{*d} \in A^2\}.$$

So far we have worked with the spaces  $B_{p,\gamma}$  on the unit disc. We need to take into consideration the analogous spaces on the complement of the closed unit disc with respect to  $\mathbb{C}_\infty$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $1 < p < \infty$ . We write  $\mathbb{D}_e = \mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus \overline{\mathbb{D}}$  and define  $B_{p,\gamma,e}$  as the space of all functions  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k/z^{k+1} \in H(\mathbb{D}_e)$  such that

$$\|f\|_{B_{p,\gamma,e}}^p := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^\gamma |b_k|^p < \infty.$$

Moreover, for closed subsets  $E$  of  $\mathbb{T}$  we write

$$B_{p,\gamma}(\mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus E) := \{f \in H(\mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus E) : f|_{\mathbb{D}_e} \in B_{p,\gamma,e}, f|_{\mathbb{D}} \in B_{p,\gamma}\}.$$

**Remark 3.9.** A classical theorem on removable singularities for functions in Bergman spaces (see, e.g. [13, p. 178] or [9]) says that  $B_{2,-1}(\mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus E)$  reduces to the zero space if  $E$  is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{T}$  of vanishing logarithmic capacity. Now, if  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ , according to the Hadamard multiplication theorem, for  $f \in B_{2d,-1}(\mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus E)$  we have  $f^{*d} \in B_{2,-1}(\mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus E^{*d})$ . So, if  $E$  is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{T}$  so that  $E^d$  is of logarithmic capacity zero, then

$$B_{2d,-1}(\mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus E) = \{0\}.$$

We finally highlight a remarkable result of Khrushchev and Peller (Remark after Corollary 3.8 in [18]; see also [21] for a very nice and simple proof).

**Lemma 3.10.** *Let  $\mu$  be a complex measure supported on  $\mathbb{T}$  and let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\hat{\mu}|_{\mathbb{D}} \in B_{2d,-1}$  implies  $\hat{\mu} \in B_{2d,-1}(\mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus \mathbb{T})$*

With that we are in a position to give the proof of Theorem 3.4, and with that in particular of Theorem 3.2:

*Proof of Theorem 3.4.* For  $p_d \leq p < p_{d-1}$  we have  $2d - 2 < q \leq 2d$ . Let

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k \in B_{q,-1}$$

be so that  $f = \hat{\mu}$  for some complex measure  $\mu$  supported on  $E$ . Then,

$$a_k = \int \bar{\zeta}^k d\mu(\zeta)$$

for  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and with that  $|a_k| \leq |\mu|(F)$  for all  $k$ . Since  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k|^q / (k+1) < \infty$ , the boundedness of  $(a_k)_k$  implies that also  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k|^{2d} / (k+1) < \infty$ . Now, Lemma 3.10 shows that  $\hat{\mu}$  belongs to  $B_{2d,-1}(\mathbb{C}_\infty \setminus E)$ . But then Remark 3.9 implies that  $f = 0$ . As an application of Lemma 3.6 with  $X = B_p$  and  $Y = C(E)$ , the statement of Theorem 3.4 holds.  $\square$

**Remark 3.11.** Let  $E \subset \mathbb{T}$  be closed set having positive logarithmic capacity. Then Beurling's Theorem implies that simultaneous approximation as in Theorem 3.4 does not hold for  $D = B_2$ , and thus Lemma 3.6 implies the existence of

a non-zero function  $f \in A^2$  that coincides with the Cauchy transform  $\widehat{\mu}$  of some complex measure  $\mu$  supported on  $E$ . The proof of Theorem 3.4 yields then that  $f$  also belongs to  $B_{q,-1}$ , for all  $q \geq 2$ . Lemma 3.6 now shows that simultaneous approximation as in Theorem 3.4 does not hold for any of the spaces  $B_p$ , where  $1 < p \leq 2$ .

Let  $A(\mathbb{D}) = \{f \in C(\overline{\mathbb{D}}) : f \text{ holomorphic in } \mathbb{D}\}$  denote the disc algebra, and let  $E \subset \mathbb{T}$  be closed. The Rudin-Carleson theorem states that for every  $f \in C(E)$  there exists  $g \in A(\mathbb{D})$  such that  $f = g$  on  $E$  if  $E$  has arc length measure zero. Khrushchev and Peller proved that a similar result holds for  $A(\mathbb{D}) \cap D$  if the logarithmic capacity of  $E$  vanishes and, more generally, for  $A(\mathbb{D}) \cap B^p$  if  $\text{cap}_p(E) = 0$  (see [18, Theorem 3.17], [21], cf. [13, Section 4.3]). According to results of Wallin and Sjödin, the corresponding conditions turn out to be also necessary (see [18], [21]).

The main ingredient for the proof of the Khrushchev-Peller theorem is Theorem 3.8 from [18], which has Lemma 3.10 as corollary. A second important fact is that for complex measures on  $\mathbb{T}$  with finite  $p$ -energy and closed sets  $E \subset \mathbb{T}$  with  $\text{cap}_p(E) = 0$  the measure  $\mu$  vanishes on all closed subsets of  $E$  (see [18, Lemma 3.7], cf. [21, Lemma 1]). By observing that  $\mu$  vanishes on all closed subsets  $F$  of  $E$  if the  $d$ -fold convolution  $\mu^{*d}$  vanishes on all  $F^d$ , and by following and adapting the proof of [18, Theorem 3.17] (or again [21]) one can deduce:

**Theorem 3.12.** *Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $E \subset \mathbb{T}$  be a closed set such that  $E^d$  has logarithmic capacity zero. Then each function in  $C(E)$  is the restriction to  $E$  of a function in  $A(\mathbb{D}) \cap B_{pd}$ .*

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