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**On Bloch-Type Functions with Hadamard Gaps**

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We give some sufficient and necessary conditions for an analytic function  $f$  on the unit ball  $B$  with Hadamard gaps, that is, for  $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{n_k}(z)$  (the homogeneous polynomial expansion of  $f$ ) satisfying  $n_{k+1}/n_k \geq \lambda > 1$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , to belong to the space  $\mathcal{B}_p^\alpha(B) = \{f \mid \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^2)^\alpha \|\mathcal{R}f_r\|_p < \infty, f \in H(B)\}$ ,  $p = 1, 2, \infty$  as well as to the corresponding little space. A remark on analytic functions with Hadamard gaps on mixed norm space on the unit disk is also given.

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**1. Introduction**

Let  $B = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n : |z| < 1\}$  be the open unit ball of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\partial B = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n : |z| = 1\}$  its boundary,  $\mathbb{D}$  the unit disk in  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $dv$  the normalized Lebesgue measure of  $B$  (i.e.,  $v(B) = 1$ ), and  $d\sigma$  the normalized rotation invariant Lebesgue measure of  $S$  satisfying  $\sigma(\partial B) = 1$ . We denote the class of all holomorphic functions on the unit ball by  $H(B)$ .

For  $f \in H(B)$  with the Taylor expansion  $f(z) = \sum_{|\beta| \geq 0} a_\beta z^\beta$ , let  $\mathcal{R}f(z) = \sum_{|\beta| \geq 0} |\beta| a_\beta z^\beta$  be the radial derivative of  $f$ , where  $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n)$  is a multi-index and  $z^\beta = z_1^{\beta_1} \cdots z_n^{\beta_n}$ . It is well known that  $\mathcal{R}f(z) = \sum_{j=1}^n z_j (\partial f / \partial z_j)(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k P_k(z)$ , if  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P_k(z)$ .

As usual, we write

$$\|f_r\|_p = \left( \int_S |f(r\zeta)|^p d\sigma(\zeta) \right)^{1/p} \tag{1.1}$$

if  $p \in (0, \infty)$ , and where  $f_r(\zeta) = f(r\zeta)$ . If  $p = \infty$ , then  $\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{z \in B} |f(z)|$ .

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Let  $\alpha > 0$ . The  $\alpha$ -Bloch space  $\mathcal{B}^\alpha = \mathcal{B}^\alpha(B)$  is the space of all holomorphic functions  $f$  on  $B$  such that

$$b_\alpha(f) = \sup_{z \in B} (1 - |z|^2)^\alpha |\mathcal{R}f(z)| < \infty. \quad (1.2)$$

It is clear that  $\mathcal{B}^\alpha$  is a normed space under the norm  $\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}^\alpha} = |f(0)| + b_\alpha(f)$ , and  $\mathcal{B}^{\alpha_1} \subset \mathcal{B}^{\alpha_2}$  for  $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}_0^\alpha$  denote the subspace of  $\mathcal{B}^\alpha$  consisting of those  $f \in \mathcal{B}^\alpha$  for which  $(1 - |z|^2)^\alpha |\mathcal{R}f(z)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $|z| \rightarrow 1$ . This space is called the little  $\alpha$ -Bloch space. For  $\alpha = 1$ , the  $\alpha$ -Bloch space and the little  $\alpha$ -Bloch space become Bloch space  $\mathcal{B}$  and the little Bloch space  $\mathcal{B}_0$ . Some characterizations of these spaces can be found, for example, in the following papers [1–6].

We say that an analytic function  $f$  on the unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  has Hadamard gaps if  $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty a_k z^{n_k}$  where  $n_{k+1}/n_k \geq \lambda > 1$ , for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In [7], Yamashita proved the following result.

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Assume that  $f$  is an analytic function on  $\mathbb{D}$  with Hadamard gaps. Then for  $\alpha > 0$ , the following two propositions hold:*

- (a)  $f \in \mathcal{B}^\alpha(\mathbb{D})$  if and only if  $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} |a_k| n_k^{1-\alpha} < \infty$ ;
- (b)  $f \in \mathcal{B}_0^\alpha(\mathbb{D})$  if and only if  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |a_k| n_k^{1-\alpha} = 0$ .

An analytic function on  $B$  with the homogeneous expansion  $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty P_{n_k}(z)$  (here,  $P_{n_k}$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $n_k$ ) is said to have Hadamard gaps if  $n_{k+1}/n_k \geq \lambda > 1$ , for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . In [8], among others, Choa generalizes the main result in [9], proving the following result.

**THEOREM 1.2.** *Assume that  $p \in (0, \infty)$  and  $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty P_{n_k}(z)$  is an analytic function on  $B$  with Hadamard gaps. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (a)  $\|f\|_{X_p} = \left( \int_B |\mathcal{R}f(z)|^p (1 - |z|^2)^{p-1} d\nu(z) \right)^{1/p} < \infty$ ;
- (b)  $\sum_{k=1}^\infty \|P_{n_k}\|_p^p < \infty$ .

This result motivates us to find some characterizations for certain function spaces of analytic functions on the unit ball, in terms of the sequence  $(\|P_{n_k}\|_p)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

Now note that the quantity  $b_\alpha$  in the definition of the  $\alpha$ -Bloch spaces can be written in the following form:

$$b_\alpha(f) = \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^2)^\alpha \sup_{\zeta \in S} |\mathcal{R}f(r\zeta)| = \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^2)^\alpha M_\infty(\mathcal{R}f, r). \quad (1.3)$$

On the other hand, the quantity  $b_\alpha$  can be considered as the limit case of the following quantities:

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_p^\alpha} = \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^2)^\alpha \|\mathcal{R}f_r\|_p, \quad (1.4)$$

as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . Note that for every  $f \in H(B)$  and  $p \in (0, \infty)$ ,

$$\sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^2)^\alpha \|\mathcal{R}f_r\|_p \leq \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^2)^\alpha \|\mathcal{R}f_r\|_\infty. \quad (1.5)$$

Hence, in this paper we also consider analytic functions with Hadamard gaps on the following spaces:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}_p^\alpha &= \left\{ f \mid \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^2)^\alpha \|\mathcal{R}f_r\|_p < \infty, f \in H(B) \right\}, \\ \mathcal{B}_{p,0}^\alpha &= \left\{ f \mid \lim_{r \rightarrow 1} (1 - r^2)^\alpha \|\mathcal{R}f_r\|_p = 0, f \in H(B) \right\}.\end{aligned}\tag{1.6}$$

Motivated by Theorem 1.1 in this paper, we study analytic functions with Hadamard gaps, which belong to  $\mathcal{B}_p^\alpha$  or  $\mathcal{B}_{p,0}^\alpha$  space when  $p = 1, 2, \infty$ . Some characterizations for these classes of functions on the unit ball are given in terms of the sequence  $(\|P_{n_k}\|_p)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ . The following are the main results.

**THEOREM 1.3.** *Assume that  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $p = 1, 2, \infty$ , and  $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{n_k}(z)$  is an analytic function on  $B$  with Hadamard gaps. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (a)  $f \in \mathcal{B}_p^\alpha$ ;
- (b)  $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|P_{n_k}\|_p n_k^{1-\alpha} < \infty$ .

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- (a)  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{p,0}^\alpha$ ;
- (b)  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|P_{n_k}\|_p n_k^{1-\alpha} = 0$ .

Throughout this paper, constants are denoted by  $C$ , they are positive and may differ from one occurrence to the other. The notation  $A \asymp B$  means that there is a positive constant  $C$  such that  $B/C \leq A \leq CB$ .

## 2. Proof of main results

Before proving the main results of this paper we quote two auxiliary results which are incorporated in the lemmas which follow (see [9, 10]).

**LEMMA 2.1.** *Assume that  $p \in (0, \infty)$ . If  $(n_k)$  is an increasing sequence of positive integers satisfying  $n_{k+1}/n_k \geq \lambda > 1$ , for all  $k$ , then there is a positive constant  $A$  depending only on  $p$  and  $\lambda$  such that*

$$\frac{1}{A} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k e^{in_k \theta} \right|^p d\theta \right)^{1/p} \leq A \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|^2 \right)^{1/2}\tag{2.1}$$

for any number  $a_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**LEMMA 2.2.** *Assume that  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $p > 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  is the sequence of nonnegative numbers,  $I_n = \{k \mid 2^n \leq k < 2^{n+1}, k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $t_n = \sum_{k \in I_n} a_k$ , and  $g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^{2^n}$ . Then there is a positive constant  $K$  depending only on  $p$  and  $\alpha$  such that*

$$\frac{1}{K} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t_n^p}{2^{n\alpha}} \leq \int_0^1 (1-x)^{\alpha-1} g^p(x) dx \leq K \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t_n^p}{2^{n\alpha}}.\tag{2.2}$$

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*Proof of Theorem 1.3.* (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b) (Case  $p = 1$ ). Let  $f \in \mathcal{B}_1^\alpha$ . Let  $f_\zeta(w) = f(\zeta w)$ ,  $\zeta \in S$ , where  $\zeta$  is fixed and  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ , be a slice function. By some calculation we see that

$$f'_\zeta(w) = \zeta_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1}(w\zeta) + \cdots + \zeta_n \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_n}(w\zeta) = \frac{1}{w} \mathcal{R}f(w\zeta). \quad (2.3)$$

From (2.3) and since  $f'_\zeta(w) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty n_k P_{n_k}(\zeta) w^{n_k-1}$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S n_k |P_{n_k}(\zeta)| d\sigma(\zeta) &= \int_S \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial r\mathbb{D}} \frac{\eta f'_\zeta(\eta)}{\eta^{n_k+1}} d\eta \right| d\sigma(\zeta) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial r\mathbb{D}} \int_S \frac{|\mathcal{R}f(\zeta\eta)|}{|\eta^{n_k+1}|} d\sigma(\zeta) |d\eta| \\ &\leq \frac{\|f_r\|_{\mathcal{B}_1^\alpha}}{(1-r)^\alpha r^{n_k}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

which implies that

$$n_k r^{n_k} \|P_{n_k}\|_1 \leq \frac{\|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_1^\alpha}}{(1-r)^\alpha}, \quad (2.5)$$

for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r \in (0, 1)$ . Choosing  $r = 1 - (1/n_k)$ , we obtain  $n_k^{1-\alpha} \|P_{n_k}\|_1 \leq C$ , as desired.

(b) $\Rightarrow$ (a) (Case  $p = 1$ ). Assume  $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|P_{n_k}\|_1 n_k^{1-\alpha} < \infty$ . We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{\mathcal{B}_1^\alpha} &= \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1-r^2)^\alpha \int_S |\mathcal{R}f(r\zeta)| d\sigma(\zeta) \\ &= \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1-r^2)^\alpha \int_S \left| \sum_{k=1}^\infty n_k P_{n_k}(\zeta) r^{n_k} \right| d\sigma(\zeta) \\ &\leq \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1-r^2)^\alpha \sum_{k=1}^\infty n_k \|P_{n_k}\|_1 r^{n_k} \\ &\leq \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1-r^2)^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left( \sum_{n_k \leq n} n_k \|P_{n_k}\|_1 \right) r^n \\ &\leq C \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1-r^2)^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left( \sum_{n_k \leq n} n_k^\alpha \right) r^n \\ &\leq C \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1-r^2)^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=1}^\infty n^\alpha r^n \leq C, \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

where we have used the fact that there is a positive constant  $C$  independent of  $n$  such that  $\sum_{n_k \leq n} n_k^\alpha \leq Cn^\alpha$  (here is used the assumption that  $n_{k+1}/n_k \geq \lambda > 1$ ) and the following well-known estimate:

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty n^\alpha r^n \leq C(1-r)^{-(\alpha+1)}, \quad (2.7)$$

$\alpha > 0$ ,  $r \in [0, 1)$ ; see, for example, [11].

Case  $p = 2$ . Since

$$\|f\|_{\mathfrak{B}_2^\alpha} = \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^2)^\alpha \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n_k^2 \|P_{n_k}\|_2^2 r^{2n_k} \right)^{1/2} \quad (2.8)$$

we have that

$$\sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^2)^\alpha n_k \|P_{n_k}\|_2 r^{n_k} \leq \|f\|_{\mathfrak{B}_2^\alpha} \leq \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^2)^\alpha \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n_k \|P_{n_k}\|_2 r^{n_k}, \quad (2.9)$$

from which the result follows similar to the case  $p = 1$ .

Now we show that (a)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (b) for case  $p = \infty$ . As above, the function  $f_\zeta(w) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{n_k}(\zeta) w^{n_k}$ , where  $w = re^{i\theta}$ , is a lacunary series in  $\mathbb{D}$  and

$$(1 - r^2)^\alpha \mathcal{R}f(r\zeta) = re^{i\theta} (1 - r^2)^\alpha f'_{\zeta e^{-i\theta}}(re^{i\theta}), \quad (2.10)$$

from which by Theorem 1.1 the equivalence follows.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.4.* (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b) (Case  $p = 1$ ). Let  $f \in \mathfrak{B}_{1,0}^\alpha$ , then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$(1 - r^2)^\alpha \int_S |\mathcal{R}f(r\zeta)| d\sigma(\zeta) < \varepsilon, \quad (2.11)$$

whenever  $\delta < r < 1$ . From (2.4), (2.11), and rotational invariance of  $d\sigma$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S n_k |P_{n_k}(\zeta)| d\sigma(\zeta) &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial r\mathbb{D}} \int_S \frac{|\mathcal{R}f(\zeta\eta)|}{|\eta^{n_k+1}|} d\sigma(\zeta) |d\eta| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial r\mathbb{D}} \int_S \frac{(1 - r^2)^\alpha |\mathcal{R}f(\zeta\eta)|}{(1 - r^2)^\alpha r^{n_k+1}} d\sigma(\zeta) |d\eta| \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{(1 - r)^\alpha r^{n_k}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

which implies that

$$n_k r^{n_k} \|P_{n_k}\|_1 \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{(1 - r)^\alpha} \quad (2.13)$$

for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r \in (\delta, 1)$ . Choosing  $r = 1 - (1/n_k)$ , we obtain

$$n_k \|P_{n_k}\|_1 \leq C\varepsilon n_k^\alpha, \quad (2.14)$$

from which (b) follows in this case.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) (Case  $p = 1$ ). Assume that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|P_{n_k}\|_1 n_k^{1-\alpha} = 0$ , then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\|P_{n_k}\|_1 \leq \varepsilon n_k^{\alpha-1}, \quad \text{for } k \geq k_0. \quad (2.15)$$

We may assume that  $k_0 = 1$ . From this and by the proof of Theorem 1.3, (b) $\Rightarrow$ (a) (Case  $p = 1$ ), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} (1-r^2)^\alpha \|\mathcal{R}f_r\|_1 &\leq \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1-r^2)^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left( \sum_{n_k \leq n} n_k \|P_{n_k}\|_1 \right) r^n \\ &\leq C\varepsilon \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1-r^2)^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left( \sum_{n_k \leq n} n_k^\alpha \right) r^n \\ &\leq C\varepsilon \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1-r^2)^{\alpha+1} \sum_{n=1}^\infty n^\alpha r^n \leq C\varepsilon, \end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

from which the implication follows.

Case  $p = 2$ . By using (2.9) the result follows similar to the Case  $p = 1$ . The proof is omitted.

Finally, in view of (2.10) and employing Theorem 1.1(b) it is easy to see that (a) $\Leftrightarrow$ (b) for case  $p = \infty$ . □

### 3. The case of mixed norm space

In this section, we give a note concerning analytic functions with Hadamard gaps on the mixed norm space. The mixed norm space  $H_{p,q,\alpha}(B)$ ,  $p, q > 0$ , and  $\alpha \in (-1, \infty)$ , consists of all  $f \in H(B)$  such that

$$\|f\|_{p,q,\alpha} = \left( \int_0^1 \|f(r\zeta)\|_p^q (1-r)^\alpha dr \right)^{1/q} < \infty. \tag{3.1}$$

From [12, Theorem 4] the following result holds.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Assume that  $p \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $\alpha > -1$  and  $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty a_k z^{n_k}$  is an analytic function on  $\mathbb{D}$  with Hadamard gaps. Then  $f^{(m)} \in H_{p,q,\alpha}(\mathbb{D})$  if and only if  $\sum_{k=0}^\infty n_k^{qm-\alpha-1} |a_k|^q < \infty$ .*

*Proof.* First we consider the case  $m = 0$ . Similar to the proof of [12, Theorem 4] and by Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{H_{p,q,\alpha}}^q &= \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \sum_{k=1}^\infty a_k r^{n_k} e^{in_k\theta} \right|^p d\theta \right)^{q/p} (1-r)^\alpha dr \\ &\asymp \int_0^1 \left( \sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_k|^2 r^{2n_k} \right)^{q/2} (1-r)^\alpha dr \\ &\asymp \int_0^1 \left( \sum_{k=1}^\infty |a_k|^2 \rho^{n_k} \right)^{q/2} (1-\rho)^\alpha d\rho \\ &\asymp \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{1}{2^{(\alpha+1)k}} \left( \sum_{m \in I_k} |a_m|^2 \right)^{q/2} \asymp \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{|a_k|^q}{n_k^{\alpha+1}}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

from which the result follows in this case.

Since  $f$  has Hadamard gaps and  $f^{(m)}(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k n_k (n_k - 1) \cdots (n_k - m + 1) z^{n_k - m}$ , it follows that  $f^{(m)}$  has Hadamard gaps too. Applying the just proved result to the function  $f^{(m)}$ , we obtain that  $f^{(m)} \in H_{p,q,\alpha}(\mathbb{D})$  if and only if

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{|n_k (n_k - 1) \cdots (n_k - m + 1) a_k|^q}{n_k^{\alpha+1}} \asymp \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{|a_k|^q}{n_k^{\alpha+1-mq}} < \infty, \tag{3.3}$$

finishing the proof. □

*Remark 3.2.* Motivated by [12, Theorems 3 and 4], we can conjecture that if  $p \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $\alpha > -1$ , and  $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{n_k}(z)$  is an analytic function on  $B$  with Hadamard gaps, then  $\mathcal{R}^{(m)} f \in H_{p,q,\alpha}(B)$  if and only if  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} n_k^{qm-\alpha-1} \|P_{n_k}\|_p^q < \infty$ . Note that the result is true for the case of the weighted Bergman space, that is, when  $p = q$ , see [12, Corollary 1]. It is also expected that Theorems 1.3 and 1.4 hold for every  $p \in [1; \infty]$  (for the case  $n = 1$ , see [13]).

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