

## INTERPOLATION OF NONCOMMUTATIVE SYMMETRIC MARTINGALE SPACES

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ABSTRACT. Let  $E_0, E_1$  be symmetric spaces on  $[0, \infty)$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$  and  $E = (E_0, E_1)_\theta$ . We prove that for the Hardy spaces and conditioned Hardy spaces of noncommutative martingales the analogue of this relationship holds under some conditions.

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### INTRODUCTION

Interpolation plays a fundamental role in the classical martingale theory and harmonic analysis (for example, see [6]). For more details on interpolation theory, see [3], [4]. Musat [21] studied the noncommutative BMO and its interpolation properties. She proved noncommutative analogues of the classical interpolation results between BMO and  $L_p$  spaces (respectively, Hardy spaces). In [2], the authors considered the interpolation of the conditioned Hardy spaces  $h_p$  and presented an extension of Musat's results to the conditioned case.

This paper is concerned to the study of interpolation of Hardy spaces of noncommutative martingales associated to symmetric spaces. We will present some extensions of interpolation results in [2], [21] to the symmetric space case. We prove the following result: let  $E_1, E_2$  be symmetric Banach spaces on  $[0, \infty)$  satisfying the Fatou property (respectively  $E_1, E_2$  be a fully symmetric Banach spaces on  $[0, \infty)$ ). Suppose that  $1 < p_{E_1} \leq q_{E_1} < 2$  and  $1 < p_{E_2} \leq q_{E_2} < 2$  (respectively  $2 < p_{E_1} \leq q_{E_1} < \infty$  and  $2 < p_{E_2} \leq q_{E_2} < \infty$ ). If  $0 < \theta < 1$  and  $E = (E_1, E_2)_\theta$ , then

$$h_E(\mathcal{M}) = (h_{E_0}(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_1}(\mathcal{M}))_\theta, \quad H_E(\mathcal{M}) = (H_{E_0}(\mathcal{M}), H_{E_1}(\mathcal{M}))_\theta$$

hold with equivalent norms.

We extend a classical result of Herz to the noncommutative symmetric space case, i.e., we define an equivalent norm of the conditioned Hardy space  $h_E^c(\mathcal{M})$  when the Boyd indices of  $E$  are strictly between 1 and 2 and  $E$  has some additional property (for the case  $E = L_p$  with  $p < 2$  see [2]).

The remainder of this paper is divided into three sections. In Section 1 we present some preliminaries and notations on the noncommutative symmetric spaces and various Hardy spaces of noncommutative martingales. In Section 2 we prove the interpolation results. Finally, we define equivalent norms for  $H_E^c(\mathcal{M})$  and  $h_E^c(\mathcal{M})$ , and discuss the description of the dual spaces of  $H_E^c(\mathcal{M})$  and  $h_E^c(\mathcal{M})$  in Section 3.

1. PREMIMINARIES

1.1. SYMMETRIC SPACES. Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, m)$  be a  $\sigma$ -measure space and  $L(\Omega)$  be the linear space of all measurable, a.e. finite functions on  $\Omega$ . Define  $L_0(\Omega)$  as the subspace of  $L(\Omega)$  which consists of all functions  $x$  such that  $m(\{\omega \in (0, \infty) : |x(\omega)| > s\})$  is finite for some  $s$ . Let  $x \in L_0(\Omega)$ . Recall that the decreasing rearrangement function of  $x$  is defined by

$$\mu_t(x) = \inf\{s > 0 : m(\{\omega \in \Omega : |x(\omega)| > s\}) \leq t\}, \quad t > 0.$$

For  $x, y \in L_0(\Omega)$  we say that  $x$  is *majorized* by  $y$  and write  $x \preceq y$ , if

$$\int_0^t \mu_s(x) ds \leq \int_0^t \mu_s(y) ds, \quad \text{for all } t > 0.$$

Recall the following terminology. Let  $I$  be one of the measure spaces  $[0, 1]$  or  $[0, \infty)$  (with the natural measure). A quasi Banach lattice  $E$  of measurable functions on  $I$  is called a *symmetric quasi Banach space* on  $I$  if  $E$  satisfies the following properties: if  $f \in E, g \in L_0(I)$  and  $\mu(g) \leq \mu(f)$  implies that  $g \in E$  and  $\|g\|_E \leq \|f\|_E$ .

Let  $E$  be a symmetric Banach space on  $I$ . If for every net  $(x_i)_{i \in I}$  in  $E$  satisfying  $0 \leq x_i \uparrow$  and  $\sup_{i \in I} \|x_i\|_E < \infty$  the supremum  $x = \sup_{i \in I} x_i$  exists in  $E$  and  $\|x_i\|_E \uparrow \|x\|_E$ , we say  $E$  has the Fatou property.

A symmetric Banach space  $E$  on  $I$  is called *fully symmetric* if, in addition, for  $x \in L_0(I)$  and  $y \in E$  with  $x \preceq y$  it follows that  $x \in E$  and  $\|x\|_E \leq \|y\|_E$ .

The Köthe dual of a symmetric Banach space  $E$  on  $I$  is the symmetric Banach space  $E^\times$  defined by

$$E^\times = \left\{ x \in L_0(I) : \sup \left\{ \int_I |x(t)y(t)| dt : \|y\|_E \leq 1 \right\} < \infty \right\};$$

$$\|y\|_{E^\times} = \sup \left\{ \int_I |x(t)y(t)| dt : \|x\|_E \leq 1 \right\}, \quad y \in E^\times.$$

A symmetric Banach space  $E$  on  $I$  is separable if and only if  $E = E^\times$  isometrically. Moreover, a symmetric Banach space which is separable or has the Fatou property is automatically fully symmetric.

For any  $0 < a < \infty$ , let the dilation operator  $D_a$  on  $L_0(I)$  defined by

$$(D_a f)(s) = f(as)\chi_I(as) \quad (s \in I).$$

If  $E$  is a symmetric Banach space on  $I$ , then  $D_a$  is a bounded linear operator. Define the lower Boyd index  $p_E$  of  $E$  by

$$p_E = \sup \{ p > 0 : \exists c > 0 \forall 0 < a \leq 1 \|D_a f\|_E \leq ca^{-1/p} \|f\|_E \}$$

and the upper Boyd index  $q_E$  of  $E$  by

$$q_E = \inf \{ q > 0 : \exists c > 0 \forall a \geq 1 \|D_a f\|_E \leq ca^{-1/q} \|f\|_E \}.$$

It is clear from the definitions that

$$1 \leq p_E \leq q_E \leq \infty.$$

If  $E$  is a symmetric Banach space on  $I$ , then

$$(1.1) \quad \frac{1}{p_E} + \frac{1}{q_{E^\times}} = 1, \quad \frac{1}{p_{E^\times}} + \frac{1}{q_E} = 1.$$

For more details on symmetric Banach space we refer to [3], [5], [17], [19].

Let  $E_i$  be a quasi symmetric Banach space on  $I, i = 1, 2$ . We define the pointwise product space  $E_1 \odot E_2$  as

$$(1.2) \quad E_1 \odot E_2 = \{ x : x = x_1 x_2, x_i \in E_i, i = 1, 2 \}$$

with a functional  $\|x\|_{E_1 \odot E_2}$  defined by

$$\|x\|_{E_1 \odot E_2} = \inf \{ \|x_1\|_{E_1} \|x_2\|_{E_2} : x = x_1 x_2, x_i \in E_i, i = 1, 2 \}.$$

By Theorem 2 in [18], we know that if  $E_i$  is a quasi symmetric Banach space on  $I, i = 1, 2$  then  $E_1 \odot E_2$  is a quasi symmetric Banach space on  $I$ .

Let  $E$  and  $F$  be two Banach lattices on  $I$  and let  $0 < \theta < 1$ . Following Calderón, we define the lattice  $E^\theta F^{1-\theta}$  as the space of those  $z$  in  $L_0(I)$  such that for some  $x \in E, y \in F$  with  $\|x\|_E \leq 1, \|y\|_F \leq 1$  and for some  $\lambda > 0$ , we have

$$|z| \leq \lambda |x|^\theta |y|^{1-\theta} \quad \text{a.e. on } I.$$

We equip this space with the norm  $\|z\|_{E^\theta F^{1-\theta}} = \inf \{ \lambda \}$  where the infimum is over all such representations. The space  $E^\theta F^{1-\theta}$  is again a Banach lattice on  $I$  (see Section 13.5 of [7]).

1.2. NONCOMMUTATIVE SYMMETRIC SPACES. We use standard notation and notions from the theory of noncommutative  $L^p$ -spaces. Our main references are [23] and [13] (see also [23] for more historical references). Throughout this paper, we denote by  $\mathcal{M}$  a semi-finite (respectively finite) von Neumann algebra on the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  with a faithful normal semi-finite (respectively normalized finite) trace  $\tau$ . We denote by  $L_0(\mathcal{M})$  the linear space of all  $\tau$ -measurable operators. One can show that  $L_0(\mathcal{M})$  is a  $*$ -algebra with sum and product being the respective closure of the algebraic sum and product.

Let  $x \in L_0(\mathcal{M})$ , and let  $e_s^\perp(|x|) = 1_{(s,\infty)}(x)$  be the spectral projection of  $|x|$  corresponding to the interval  $(s, \infty)$ . Define

$$\lambda_s(x) = \tau(e_s^\perp(|x|)) \quad s > 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_t(x) = \inf\{s > 0 : \lambda_s(x) \leq t\} \quad t > 0.$$

The function  $s \mapsto \lambda_s(x)$  is called the *distribution function* of  $x$  and the  $\mu_t(x)$  the *generalized singular numbers (decreasing rearrangement)* of  $x$ . For more details on generalized singular value function of measurable operators we refer to [13].

Let  $E$  be a symmetric Banach space on  $I$ . We define

$$L_E(\mathcal{M}) = \{x \in L_0(\mathcal{M}) : \mu_\cdot(x) \in E\};$$

$$\|x\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M})} = \|\mu_\cdot(x)\|_E, \quad x \in L_E(\mathcal{M}).$$

Then  $(L_E(\mathcal{M}), \|\cdot\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M})})$  is a Banach space (cf. [10], [25], [26]).

In what follows, unless otherwise specified, we always denote by  $E$  a symmetric Banach space on  $I$ .

Let  $a = (a_n)_{n \geq 0}$  be a finite sequence in  $L_E(\mathcal{M})$ ; define

$$\|a\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M}, \ell_2^c)} = \left\| \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} |a_n|^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M})}, \quad \|a\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M}, \ell_2^*)} = \left\| \left( \sum_{n \geq 0} |a_n^*|^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M})}.$$

This gives two norms on the family of all finite sequences in  $L_E(\mathcal{M})$ . To see this, denoting by  $\mathcal{B}(\ell_2)$  the algebra of all bounded operators on  $\ell_2$  with its usual trace  $\text{tr}$ , let us consider the von Neumann algebra tensor product  $\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2)$  with the product trace  $\tau \otimes \text{tr}$  where  $\tau \otimes \text{tr}$  is a semi-finite normal faithful trace, and the associated noncommutative  $L_E$  space is denoted by  $L_E(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2))$ . Now, any finite sequence  $a = (a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  in  $L_E(\mathcal{M})$  can be regarded as an element in  $L_E(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2))$  via the following map

$$a \longmapsto T(a) = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 0 & \dots \\ a_2 & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix},$$

that is, the matrix of  $T(a)$  has all vanishing entries except those in the first column which are the  $a_n$ 's. Such a matrix is called a *column matrix*, and the closure in  $L_E(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2))$  of all column matrices is called the *column subspace* of  $L_E(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2))$ . Then

$$\|a\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M}, \ell_2^c)} = \|T(a)\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2))} = \|T(a)\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2))}.$$

Therefore,  $\|\cdot\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M}, \ell_c^2)}$  defines a norm on the family of all finite sequences of  $L_E(\mathcal{M})$ . The corresponding completion is a Banach space, denoted by  $L_E(\mathcal{M}, \ell_c^2)$ . Similarly, we may show that  $\|\cdot\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M}, \ell_r^2)}$  is a norm on the family of all finite sequence in  $L_E(\mathcal{M})$ . As above, it defines a Banach space  $L_E(\mathcal{M}, \ell_r^2)$ , which now is isometric to the row subspace of  $L_E(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2))$  consisting of matrices whose nonzero entries lie only in the first row.

We also need  $L_E^d(\mathcal{M})$ , the space of all sequences  $a = (a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  in  $L_E(\mathcal{M})$  such that

$$\|a\|_{L_E^d(\mathcal{M})} = \|\text{diag}(a_n)\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2))} < \infty,$$

where  $\text{diag}(a_n)$  is the matrix with the  $a_n$  on the diagonal and zeroes elsewhere.

**1.3. NONCOMMUTATIVE MARTINGALES.** Let us now recall the general setup for noncommutative martingales. In the sequel, we always denote by  $(\mathcal{M}_n)_{n \geq 1}$  an increasing sequence of von Neumann subalgebras of  $\mathcal{M}$  whose union  $\bigcup_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{M}_n$  generates  $\mathcal{M}$  (in the  $w^*$ -topology).  $(\mathcal{M}_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is called a *filtration* of  $\mathcal{M}$ . For  $n \geq 1$ , we assume that there exists a trace preserving conditional expectation  $\mathcal{E}_n$  from  $\mathcal{M}$  onto  $\mathcal{M}_n$ . The restriction of  $\tau$  to  $\mathcal{M}_n$  is still denoted by  $\tau$ . It is well-known that  $\mathcal{E}_n$  extends to a contractive projection from  $L_p(\mathcal{M}, \tau)$  onto  $L_p(\mathcal{M}_n, \tau_n)$  for all  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . More generally, if  $E$  is a symmetric Banach function space on  $I$  then  $\mathcal{E}_n$  is a contraction from  $L_E(\mathcal{M}, \tau)$  onto  $L_E(\mathcal{M}_n, \tau)$ .

A noncommutative  $L_E$ -martingale with respect to  $(\mathcal{M}_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is a sequence  $x = (x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  such that  $x_n \in L_E(\mathcal{M}_n)$  and

$$\mathcal{E}_n(x_{n+1}) = x_n$$

for any  $n \geq 1$ . Set  $\|x\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M})} = \sup_{n \geq 1} \|x_n\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M}_n)}$ . If  $\|x\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M})} < \infty$ , then  $x$  is said to be a bounded  $L_E$ -martingale.

Let  $x$  be a noncommutative martingale. The martingale difference sequence of  $x$ , denoted by  $dx = (dx_n)_{n \geq 1}$ , is defined as

$$dx_1 = x_1, \quad dx_n = x_n - x_{n-1}, \quad n \geq 2.$$

For any finite martingale  $x = (x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  in  $L_E(\mathcal{M})$ , we set

$$S^c(x) = \left( \sum_{k \geq 1} |dx_k|^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad \text{and} \quad S^r(x) = \left( \sum_{k \geq 1} |dx_k^*|^2 \right)^{1/2},$$

and define

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_{H_E^c(\mathcal{M})} &= \|S^c(x)\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M})} = \|dx\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M}, \ell_c^2)} \\ (\text{respectively } \|x\|_{H_E^r(\mathcal{M})} &= \|S^r(x)\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M})} = \|dx\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M}, \ell_r^2)}). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $H_E^c(\mathcal{M})$  (respectively  $H_E^r(\mathcal{M})$ ) be the corresponding completions. Then  $H_E^c(\mathcal{M})$  (respectively  $H_E^r(\mathcal{M})$ ) is a Banach space.

We now consider the conditioned versions of square functions and Hardy spaces developed in [15]. Let  $a = (a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a finite sequence in  $\mathcal{M}$ . We define (recalling  $\mathcal{E}_0 = \mathcal{E}_1$ )

$$\|a\|_{L_E^{\text{cond}}(\mathcal{M}, \ell_c^2)} = \left\| \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(|a_n|^2) \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M})}.$$

It is shown in [24] that  $\|\cdot\|_{L_E^{\text{cond}}(\mathcal{M}, \ell_c^2)}$  is a norm on the vector space of all finite sequences in  $\mathcal{M}$ . We define  $L_E^{\text{cond}}(\mathcal{M}, \ell_c^2)$  to be the corresponding completion. Similarly, we define the conditioned row space  $L_E^{\text{cond}}(\mathcal{M}, \ell_r^2)$ . Note that  $L_E^{\text{cond}}(\mathcal{M}, \ell_c^2)$  (respectively  $L_E^{\text{cond}}(\mathcal{M}, \ell_r^2)$ ) is the conditioned version of  $L_E(\mathcal{M}, \ell_c^2)$  (respectively  $L_E(\mathcal{M}, \ell_r^2)$ ). The space  $L_E^{\text{cond}}(\mathcal{M}, \ell_c^2)$  (respectively  $L_E^{\text{cond}}(\mathcal{M}, \ell_r^2)$ ) can be viewed as a closed subspace of the column (respectively row) subspace of  $L_E(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2(\mathbb{N}^2)))$ . We refer to [14], [15], [24] for more details on this.

For a finite noncommutative  $L_E$ -martingale  $x = (x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  define (with  $\mathcal{E}_0 = \mathcal{E}_1$ )

$$\|x\|_{h_E^c(\mathcal{M})} = \|dx\|_{L_E^{\text{cond}}(\mathcal{M}, \ell_c^2)} \quad \text{and} \quad \|x\|_{h_E^r(\mathcal{M})} = \|dx\|_{L_E^{\text{cond}}(\mathcal{M}, \ell_r^2)}.$$

Let  $h_E^c(\mathcal{M})$  and  $h_E^r(\mathcal{M})$  be the corresponding completions. Then  $h_E^c(\mathcal{M})$  and  $h_E^r(\mathcal{M})$  are Banach spaces. We define the column and row conditioned square functions as follows. For any finite martingale  $x = (x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  in  $L_E(\mathcal{M})$ , we set

$$s^c(x) = \left( \sum_{k \geq 1} \mathcal{E}_{k-1}(|dx_k|^2) \right)^{1/2} \quad \text{and} \quad s^r(x) = \left( \sum_{k \geq 1} \mathcal{E}_{k-1}(|dx_k^*|^2) \right)^{1/2}.$$

Then

$$\|x\|_{h_E^c(\mathcal{M})} = \|s^c(x)\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M})} \quad \text{and} \quad \|x\|_{h_E^r(\mathcal{M})} = \|s^r(x)\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M})}.$$

Let  $x = (x_n)_{n \geq 0}$  be a finite  $L_E$ -martingale, we set

$$s^d(x) = \text{diag}(|dx_n|)$$

We note that

$$\|s^d(x)\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2))} = \|dx_n\|_{L_E^d(\mathcal{M})}$$

Let  $h_E^d(\mathcal{M})$  be the subspace of  $L_E^d(\mathcal{M})$  consisting of all martingale difference sequences.

Using Lemma 6.4 in [15], Theorem 2.3 in [22] and Theorem 3.4 in [11] we obtain the following result.

**PROPOSITION 1.1.** *Let  $E$  be a separable symmetric Banach space on  $I$  with  $1 < p_E \leq q_E < \infty$ . Then we have:*

- (i)  $h_E^c(\mathcal{M}), h_E^r(\mathcal{M})$  are complemented in  $L_E(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2(\mathbb{N}^2)))$ ;
- (ii)  $H_E^c(\mathcal{M}), H_E^r(\mathcal{M})$  are complemented in  $L_E(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2))$ .

By Theorem 5.6 in [12] and Proposition 1.1, it follows the following proposition.

**THEOREM 1.2.** *Let  $E$  be a separable symmetric Banach space on  $[0, 1]$  with  $1 < p_E \leq q_E < \infty$ . Then we have:*

- (i)  $(h_E^c(\mathcal{M}))^* = h_{E^\times}^c(\mathcal{M})$  with equivalent norms;
  - (ii)  $(H_E^c(\mathcal{M}))^* = H_{E^\times}^c(\mathcal{M})$  with equivalent norms.
- Similarly,  $(H_E^r(\mathcal{M}))^* = h_{E^\times}^r(\mathcal{M})$  and  $(H_E^r(\mathcal{M}))^* = H_{E^\times}^r(\mathcal{M})$  with equivalent norms.

2. INTERPOLATION

In this section  $(\mathcal{M}; \tau)$  always denotes a semi-finite von Neumann algebra equipped with a faithful semi-finite trace, and  $(\mathcal{M}_n)_{n \geq 1}$  an increasing filtration of subalgebras of  $M$  which generate  $\mathcal{M}$ . We keep all notations introduced in the first section.

We recall interpolation of noncommutative symmetric spaces. Let  $E_1, E_2$  be fully symmetric spaces on  $[0, \infty)$  and  $0 < \theta < 1$ . If  $E$  is complex interpolation of  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ , i.e.  $E = (E_1, E_2)_\theta$ , then

$$(2.1) \quad L_E(\mathcal{M}) = (L_{E_1}(\mathcal{M}), L_{E_2}(\mathcal{M}))_\theta.$$

Since  $\{\text{diag}(a_n) : (a_n) \subset \mathcal{M}\}$  is a von Neumann subalgebra of  $\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2)$ , we have that

$$(2.2) \quad L_E^d(\mathcal{M}) = (L_{E_1}^d(\mathcal{M}), L_{E_2}^d(\mathcal{M}))_\theta.$$

For more details on interpolation of noncommutative symmetric spaces we refer to [11].

This section is devoted to showing the analogue of (2.1) for the Hardy spaces and conditioned Hardy spaces of noncommutative martingales.

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *Let  $E_j$  be a fully symmetric Banach spaces on  $[0, \infty)$  with  $1 < p_{E_j} \leq q_{E_j} < 2$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ). If  $0 < \theta < 1$  and  $E = (E_1, E_2)_\theta$ , then:*

- (i)  $h_E^c(\mathcal{M}) = (h_{E_1}^c(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}^c(\mathcal{M}))_\theta, h_E^r(\mathcal{M}) = (h_{E_1}^r(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}^r(\mathcal{M}))_\theta$ ;
- (ii)  $H_E^c(\mathcal{M}) = (H_{E_1}^c(\mathcal{M}), H_{E_2}^c(\mathcal{M}))_\theta, H_E^r(\mathcal{M}) = (H_{E_1}^r(\mathcal{M}), H_{E_2}^r(\mathcal{M}))_\theta$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.4 in [11], we have that

$$L_E(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2(\mathbb{N}^2))) = (L_{E_1}(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2(\mathbb{N}^2))), L_{E_2}(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2(\mathbb{N}^2))))_\theta \quad \text{and}$$

$$L_E(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2)) = (L_{E_1}(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2)), L_{E_2}(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{B}(\ell_2)))_\theta.$$

Using Proposition 1.1 we obtain the desired result. ■

**LEMMA 2.2.** *Let  $E_j$  be a symmetric Banach space on  $[0, \infty)$  with  $1 < p_{E_j} \leq q_{E_j} < \infty$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) and  $0 < \theta < 1$ . Suppose that  $E = (E_1, E_2)_\theta$ , then the following holds with equivalent norms:*

$$(h_{E_1}^d(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}^d(\mathcal{M}))_\theta = h_E^d(\mathcal{M}).$$

*Proof.* Since  $h_E^d(\mathcal{M})$  consists of martingale difference sequences in  $L_E^d(\mathcal{M})$ ,  $h_E^d(\mathcal{M})$  is 2-complemented in  $L_E^d(\mathcal{M})$  via the projection

$$P : \begin{cases} L_E^d(\mathcal{M}) & \longrightarrow & h_E^d(\mathcal{M}), \\ (a_n)_{n \geq 1} & \longmapsto & (\mathcal{E}_n(a_n) - \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a_n))_{n \geq 1}. \end{cases}$$

By (2.2), we obtain  $(h_{E_1}^d(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}^d(\mathcal{M}))_\theta = h_E^d(\mathcal{M})$ . ■

We define the Hardy space of noncommutative martingales and its conditioned version as follows. For  $1 \leq p_E \leq q_E < 2$ ,

$$H_E(\mathcal{M}) = H_E^c(\mathcal{M}) + H_E^r(\mathcal{M}),$$

equipped with the norm

$$\|x\|_{H_E(\mathcal{M})} = \inf\{\|y\|_{H_E^c(\mathcal{M})} + \|z\|_{H_E^r(\mathcal{M})} : x = y + z, y \in H_E^c(\mathcal{M}), z \in H_E^r(\mathcal{M})\} \quad \text{and} \\ h_E(\mathcal{M}) = h_E^c(\mathcal{M}) + h_E^r(\mathcal{M}) + h_E^d(\mathcal{M}),$$

equipped with the norm

$$\|x\|_{h_E(\mathcal{M})} = \inf\{\|y\|_{h_E^c(\mathcal{M})} + \|z\|_{h_E^r(\mathcal{M})} + \|w\|_{h_E^d(\mathcal{M})} : \\ x = y + z + w, y \in h_E^c(\mathcal{M}), z \in h_E^r(\mathcal{M}), w \in h_E^d(\mathcal{M})\}.$$

For  $2 \leq p_E \leq q_E < \infty$ ,

$$H_E(\mathcal{M}) = H_E^c(\mathcal{M}) \cap H_E^r(\mathcal{M}),$$

equipped with the norm

$$\|x\| = \max\{\|x\|_{H_E^c(\mathcal{M})}, \|x\|_{H_E^r(\mathcal{M})}\} \quad \text{and} \quad h_E(\mathcal{M}) = h_E^c(\mathcal{M}) \cap h_E^r(\mathcal{M}) \cap h_E^d(\mathcal{M}),$$

equipped with the norm

$$\|x\|_{h_E(\mathcal{M})} = \max\{\|x\|_{h_E^c(\mathcal{M})}, \|x\|_{h_E^r(\mathcal{M})}, \|x\|_{h_E^d(\mathcal{M})}\}.$$

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $E_j$  be a symmetric Banach space on  $[0, \infty)$  satisfying the Fatou property, and let  $1 < p_{E_j} \leq q_{E_j} < 2$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ). Suppose that either  $E_1$  or  $E_2$  has order continuous norm. If  $0 < \theta < 1$  and  $E = (E_1, E_2)_\theta$ , then:*

- (i)  $h_E(\mathcal{M}) = (h_{E_1}(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}(\mathcal{M}))_\theta$  holds with equivalent norms;
- (ii)  $H_E(\mathcal{M}) = (H_{E_1}(\mathcal{M}), H_{E_2}(\mathcal{M}))_\theta$  holds with equivalent norms.

*Proof.* We prove only the first equivalence. The proof of the second one is similar. From the definition of complex interpolation, it follows that

$$(h_{E_1}^d(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}^d(\mathcal{M}))_\theta + (h_{E_1}^c(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}^c(\mathcal{M}))_\theta + (h_{E_1}^r(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}^r(\mathcal{M}))_\theta \\ \subset (h_{E_1}^d(\mathcal{M}) + h_{E_1}^c(\mathcal{M}) + h_{E_1}^r(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}^d(\mathcal{M}) + h_{E_2}^c(\mathcal{M}) + h_{E_2}^r(\mathcal{M}))_\theta.$$

By Proposition 2.1 and Lemma 2.2, we deduce that

$$h_E(\mathcal{M}) = h_E^d(\mathcal{M}) + h_E^r(\mathcal{M}) + h_E^c(\mathcal{M}) \subset (h_{E_1}(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}(\mathcal{M}))_\theta.$$

On the other hand, it was shown by Calderón [7] (see also [17], Theorem 4.1.14) that

$$(E_1, E_2)_\theta = E_1^{1-\theta} E_2^\theta$$

holds with equality of norms. Using the result in [20] we obtain that

$$E^{\times \times} = ((E_1^{1-\theta} E_2^\theta)^\times)^\times = ((E_1^\times)^{1-\theta} (E_2^\times)^\theta)^\times = (E_1^{\times \times})^{1-\theta} (E_2^{\times \times})^\theta = E.$$

i.e.,  $E$  has the Fatou property. By definition of the Boyd indices and interpolation, we deduce that  $1 < p_E \leq q_E < 2$ . Hence, by Theorem 3.1 in [24], it follows that  $h_E(\mathcal{M}) = L_E(\mathcal{M})$ . Therefore, (2.1) gives the reverse inclusion

$$(h_{E_1}(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}(\mathcal{M}))_\theta \subset h_E(\mathcal{M}). \quad \blacksquare$$

**THEOREM 2.4.** *Let  $E_j$  be a fully symmetric Banach space on  $[0, \infty)$  with  $2 < p_{E_j} \leq q_{E_j} < \infty$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ). If  $0 < \theta < 1$  and  $E = (E_1, E_2)_\theta$ , then*

- (i)  $h_E(\mathcal{M}) = (h_{E_1}(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}(\mathcal{M}))_\theta$  holds with equivalent norms;
- (ii)  $H_E(\mathcal{M}) = (H_{E_1}(\mathcal{M}), H_{E_2}(\mathcal{M}))_\theta$  holds with equivalent norms.

*Proof.* (i) By definition, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & (h_{E_1}(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}(\mathcal{M}))_\theta \\ & \subset (h_{E_1}^d(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}^d(\mathcal{M}))_\theta \cap (h_{E_1}^c(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}^c(\mathcal{M}))_\theta \cap (h_{E_1}^r(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}^r(\mathcal{M}))_\theta. \end{aligned}$$

Using Proposition 2.1 and Lemma 2.2 we obtain that

$$(h_{E_1}(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}(\mathcal{M}))_\theta \subset h_E^d(\mathcal{M}) \cap h_E^r(\mathcal{M}) \cap h_E^c(\mathcal{M}) = h_E(\mathcal{M}).$$

On the other hand, by Theorem 6.2 in [9] we have  $h_{E_j}(\mathcal{M}) = L_{E_j}(\mathcal{M})$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ). Hence (2.1) gives the reverse inclusion  $(h_{E_1}(\mathcal{M}), h_{E_2}(\mathcal{M}))_\theta \supset h_E(\mathcal{M})$ .  $\blacksquare$

### 3. AN EQUIVALENT QUASI-NORM

In this section  $\mathcal{M}$  always denotes a finite von Neumann algebra equipped with a normalized faithful trace  $\tau$ , and  $(\mathcal{M}_n)_{n \geq 1}$  an increasing filtration of subalgebras of  $M$  which generate  $\mathcal{M}$ . We keep all notations introduced in the first section.

Let  $E$  be a symmetric quasi Banach space on  $[0, 1]$ . For  $0 < p < \infty$ , we define

$$E^{(p)} = \{x : |x|^p \in E\},$$

equipped with the quasi-norm

$$\|x\|_{E^{(p)}} = \||x|^p\|_E^{1/p},$$

then  $E^{(p)}$  is a symmetric quasi Banach space on  $[0, 1]$  (see [19]).

We need the following results ([1], Lemma 2.1).

LEMMA 3.1. *Let  $E, E_1, E_2$  be symmetric Banach spaces on  $[0, 1]$  such that  $E = E_1 \odot E_2$ . If  $x \in L_E(\mathcal{M})^+$ , then for  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist  $a \in L_{E_1}^+(\mathcal{M})$  and  $b \in L_{E_2}^+(\mathcal{M})$  such that  $x = ab = ba$ ,  $\|a\|_{L_{E_1}(\mathcal{M})} \|b\|_{L_{E_2}(\mathcal{M})} < \|x\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M})} + \varepsilon$  and  $a$  is invertible with bounded inverse.*

Let  $E$  be a separable symmetric Banach space on  $[0, 1]$  with  $1 < p_E \leq q_E < 2$  and suppose that  $F = (E^{\times(1/2)})^\times$  is separable. From the proof of Proposition 1.3 in [1], it follows that  $E = F \odot E^\times$ .

For an  $L_2$ -martingale  $x$  we set

$$n_E^c(x) = \inf \left\{ \left[ \tau \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{-1} |dx_n|^2 \right) \right]^{1/2} : a \in L_F(\mathcal{M})^+, \|a\|_{L_F(\mathcal{M})} \leq 1 \right. \\ \left. \text{and } a \text{ is invertible with bounded inverse} \right\} \quad \text{and} \\ n_E^r(x) = \inf \left\{ \left[ \tau \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{-1} |dx_n^*|^2 \right) \right]^{1/2} : a \in L_F(\mathcal{M})^+, \|a\|_{L_F(\mathcal{M})} \leq 1 \right. \\ \left. \text{and } a \text{ is invertible with bounded inverse} \right\}.$$

PROPOSITION 3.2. *Let  $E$  be a separable symmetric Banach space on  $[0, 1]$  with  $1 < p_E \leq q_E < 2$  and suppose that  $F = (E^{\times(1/2)})^\times$  is separable. Then for any  $x \in L_2(M)$  we have  $n_E^c(x) \approx \|x\|_{h_E^c(\mathcal{M})}$ . A similar statement holds for  $n_E^r(x)$  and  $h_E^r(\mathcal{M})$ .*

*Proof.* Applying Corollary 2.3 of [8] we obtain that  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a^{-1}) \geq \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{-1}$ , for all  $n \geq 1$ . Hence

$$n_E^c(x) = \inf_a \left[ \tau \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{-1} |dx_n|^2 \right) \right]^{1/2} \leq \inf_a \left[ \tau \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} a^{-1} \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(|dx_n|^2) \right) \right]^{1/2}.$$

By Lemma 3.1, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist  $a \in L_F^+(\mathcal{M})$  and  $b \in L_{E^\times}^+(\mathcal{M})$  such that  $s^c(x) = ab$ ,  $\|a\|_{L_F(\mathcal{M})} = 1$ ,  $\|b\|_{L_{E^\times}(\mathcal{M})} < \|s^c(x)\|_{L_E(\mathcal{M})} + \varepsilon$  and  $a$  is invertible with bounded inverse. Using Hölder inequality we find that

$$n_E^c(x) \leq \left[ \tau \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} a^{-1} \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(|dx_n|^2) \right) \right]^{1/2} = \left[ \tau \left( a^{-1} \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(|dx_n|^2) \right) \right]^{1/2} \\ = [\tau(a^{-1}(s^c(x))^2)]^{1/2} = [\tau(ab^2)]^{1/2} \leq [\|a\|_{L_F(\mathcal{M})} \|b^2\|_{L_{E^\times(1/2)}(\mathcal{M})}]^{1/2} \\ = \|a\|_{L_F(\mathcal{M})}^{1/2} \|b\|_{L_{E^\times}(\mathcal{M})} \leq \|x\|_{h_E^c(\mathcal{M})} + \varepsilon.$$

Applying Theorem 1.2 we obtain that

$$(3.1) \quad \|x\|_{h_E^c(\mathcal{M})} \lesssim \sup_{\|y\|_{h_{E^\times}^c(\mathcal{M})} \leq 1} |\tau(y^*x)|.$$

By the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality and the tracial property of  $\tau$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\tau(y^*x)| &= \left| \sum_{n \geq 1} \tau(dy_n^* dx_n) \right| = \left| \sum_{n \geq 1} \tau(\mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{1/2} dy_n^* dx_n \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{-1/2}) \right| \\ &\leq \left[ \sum_{n \geq 1} \tau(\mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{1/2} |dy_n|^2 \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{1/2}) \right]^{1/2} \\ &\quad \cdot \left[ \sum_{n \geq 1} \tau(\mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{-1/2} |dx_n|^2 \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{-1/2}) \right]^{1/2} \\ &= \left[ \sum_{n \geq 1} \tau(a \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(|dy_n|^2)) \right]^{1/2} \left[ \sum_{n \geq 1} \tau(\mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{-1} |dx_n|^2) \right]^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by Theorem 5.6 in [12], we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \geq 1} \tau(a \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(|dy_n|^2)) &= \tau\left(a \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(|dy_n|^2)\right) \\ &\leq \|a\|_{L_F(\mathcal{M})} \left\| \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(|dy_n|^2) \right\|_{L_{E \times (1/2)}(\mathcal{M})} \\ &= \|a\|_{L_F(\mathcal{M})} \left\| \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(|dy_n|^2) \right)^{1/2} \right\|_{L_{E \times}(\mathcal{M})}^2 \\ &= \|a\|_{L_F(\mathcal{M})} \|y\|_{h_{E \times}^c(\mathcal{M})}^2 \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\|x\|_{h_E^c(\mathcal{M})} \lesssim n_E^c(x)$ . Passing to adjoints yields  $n_E^r(x) \approx \|x\|_{h_E^r(\mathcal{M})}$ . ■

For an  $L_2$ -martingale  $x$  we define two norms:

$$\begin{aligned} m_E^c(x) &= \sup \left\{ \left[ \tau \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a) |dx_n|^2 \right) \right]^{1/2} : a \in L_F(\mathcal{M})^+, \|a\|_{L_F(\mathcal{M})} \leq 1 \right\} \quad \text{and} \\ m_E^r(x) &= \sup \left\{ \left[ \tau \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a) |dx_n^*|^2 \right) \right]^{1/2} : a \in L_F(\mathcal{M})^+, \|a\|_{L_F(\mathcal{M})} \leq 1 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

The space

$$w_E^c(\mathcal{M}) = \{x \in L_2(\mathcal{M}) : m_E^c(x) < \infty\}$$

equipped with the norm  $m_E^c$  is a Banach space. Similarly, we set

$$w_E^r(\mathcal{M}) = \{x : x^* \in w_E^c(\mathcal{M})\}$$

equipped with the norm  $m_E^r$ .

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $E$  be a separable symmetric Banach space on  $[0, 1]$  with  $1 < p_E \leq q_E < 2$  and suppose that  $F = (E^{\times(1/2)})^\times$  is separable. Then we have:*

- (i)  $(h_E^c(\mathcal{M}))^* = w_E^c(\mathcal{M})$  with equivalent norms;
- (ii)  $(h_E^r(\mathcal{M}))^* = w_E^r(\mathcal{M})$  with equivalent norms.

*Proof.* (i) Let  $x \in w_E^c(\mathcal{M})$ . Then  $x$  defines a continuous linear functional on  $h_E^c(\mathcal{M})$  by  $\phi_x(y) = \tau(yx^*)$  for  $y \in L_2(\mathcal{M})$ . To see this let  $a \in L_F(\mathcal{M})^+$ ,

$\|a\|_{L_F(\mathcal{M})} \leq 1$  and  $a$  be invertible with bounded inverse. We fix it and the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality gives

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi_x(y)| &= \left| \sum_{n \geq 1} \tau(dy_n dx_n^*) \right| = \left| \sum_{n \geq 1} \tau(\mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{-1/2} dy_n^* dx_n) \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{1/2} \right| \\ &\leq \left[ \sum_{n \geq 1} \tau(\mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{-1} |dy_n|^2) \right]^{1/2} \left[ \sum_{n \geq 1} \tau(\mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a) |dx_n|^2) \right]^{1/2} \\ &\leq \left[ \sum_{n \geq 1} \tau(\mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{-1} |dy_n|^2) \right]^{1/2} m_E^c(x). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the infimum over  $a$  we obtain  $|\phi_x(y)| \leq n_E^c(y) m_E^c(x)$ . Conversely, let  $\phi \in h_E^c(\mathcal{M})^*$  of norm one. As  $L_2(\mathcal{M}) \subset h_E^c(\mathcal{M})$ , it follows that  $\phi$  induces a continuous functional  $\tilde{\phi}$  on  $L_2(\mathcal{M})$ . Consequently,  $\tilde{\phi}$  is given by an element  $x$  of  $L_2(\mathcal{M})$ ,

$$\tilde{\phi}(y) = \tau(yx^*), \quad \forall y \in L_2(\mathcal{M}).$$

By the density of  $L_2(\mathcal{M})$  in  $h_E^c(\mathcal{M})$ , we have  $\|\phi\|_{h_E^c(\mathcal{M})^*} = \sup_{y \in L_2(\mathcal{M}), \|y\|_{h_E^c(\mathcal{M})} \leq 1} |\tau(yx^*)|$

$= 1$ . Hence, by Proposition 3.2 we have

$$(3.2) \quad \|\phi\|_{h_E^c(\mathcal{M})^*} = \sup_{y \in L_2(\mathcal{M}), m_E^c(y) \leq 1} |\tau(yx^*)| \lesssim 1.$$

We want to show that  $m_E^c(x) \lesssim 1$ . Let  $a \in L_F(\mathcal{M})^+$ ,  $\|a\|_{L_F(\mathcal{M})} \leq 1$  and  $a$  be invertible with bounded inverse. We fix  $a$ , and let  $y$  be the martingale defined by  $dy_n = \mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{-1} dx_n$ . By (3.2), it follows that

$$\tau(yx^*) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \tau(\mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{-1} |dx_n|^2) \leq n_E^r(y) \leq \left[ \sum_{n \geq 1} \tau(\mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{-1} |dx_n|^2) \right]^{1/2}.$$

Hence  $\left[ \sum_{n \geq 1} \tau(\mathcal{E}_{n-1}(a)^{-1} |dx_n|^2) \right]^{1/2} \leq 1$ . Taking the supremum over  $a$  we obtain  $m_E^c(x) \lesssim 1$ .

(ii) Passing to adjoint, we obtain the desired result. ■

Similarly, for the Hardy spaces of noncommutative martingales  $H_E$ , we have the following results: for an  $L_2$ -martingale  $x$  we set

$$N_E^c(x) = \inf \left\{ \left[ \tau \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{E}_n(a)^{-1} |dx_n|^2 \right) \right]^{1/2} : a \in L_F(\mathcal{M})^+, \|a\|_{L_F(\mathcal{M})} \leq 1 \right.$$

and  $a$  is invertible with bounded inverse } and

$$N_E^r(x) = \inf \left\{ \left[ \tau \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{E}_n(a)^{-1} |dx_n^*|^2 \right) \right]^{1/2} : a \in L_F(\mathcal{M})^+, \|a\|_{L_F(\mathcal{M})} \leq 1 \right.$$

and  $a$  is invertible with bounded inverse }.

PROPOSITION 3.4. *Let  $E$  be a separable symmetric Banach space on  $[0, 1]$  with  $1 < p_E \leq q_E < 2$  and suppose that  $F = (E^{\times(1/2)})^\times$  is separable. Then for any  $x \in L_2(\mathcal{M})$  we have  $N_E^c(x) \approx \|x\|_{h_E^c(\mathcal{M})}$ . A similar statement holds for  $N_E^r(x)$  and  $H_E^r(\mathcal{M})$ .*

The proof is similar to the proof of Proposition 3.2.

For an  $L_2$ -martingale  $x$  we define two norms:

$$M_E^c(x) = \sup \left\{ \left[ \tau \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{E}_n(a) |dx_n|^2 \right) \right]^{1/2} : a \in L_F(\mathcal{M})^+, \|a\|_{L_F(\mathcal{M})} \leq 1 \right\} \quad \text{and}$$

$$M_E^r(x) = \sup \left\{ \left[ \tau \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{E}_n(a) |dx_n^*|^2 \right) \right]^{1/2} : a \in L_F(\mathcal{M})^+, \|a\|_{L_F(\mathcal{M})} \leq 1 \right\}.$$

The space

$$W_E^c(\mathcal{M}) = \{x \in L_2(\mathcal{M}) : M_E^c(x) < \infty\}$$

equipped with the norm  $M_E^c$  is a Banach space. Similarly, we set

$$W_E^r(\mathcal{M}) = \{x : x^* \in W_E^c(\mathcal{M})\}$$

equipped with the norm  $M_E^r$ .

We use Proposition 3.4 and the same method as in the proof Theorem 3.3 to obtain the following result.

THEOREM 3.5. *Let  $E$  be a separable symmetric Banach space on  $[0, 1]$  with  $1 < p_E \leq q_E < 2$  and suppose that  $F = (E^{\times(1/2)})^\times$  is separable. Then we have:*

- (i)  $(H_E^c(\mathcal{M}))^* = W_E^c(\mathcal{M})$  with equivalent norms;
- (ii)  $(H_E^r(\mathcal{M}))^* = W_E^r(\mathcal{M})$  with equivalent norms.

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