



Strongly (p, σ) -absolutely continuous Bloch maps

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Abstract. Given $1 < p, r < \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ such that $1/r + (1 - \sigma)/p^* = 1$, we study the Banach normalized Bloch ideal $(\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathbb{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X), d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathbb{B}})$ formed by all strongly (p, σ) -absolutely continuous Bloch maps from the complex unit open disc \mathbb{D} into a complex Banach space X . Characterizations of such Bloch maps are established in terms of: (i) Pietsch domination, (ii) linearisation on $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D})$ (the Bloch-free Banach space over \mathbb{D}), (iii) Bloch transposition, and (iv) Pietsch factorization. The invariance of such maps under Möbius transformations of \mathbb{D} and their relation with compact Bloch maps are also addressed. Furthermore, we show that such space can be identified with the dual of the tensor product space $\text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \widehat{\otimes} X^*$ equipped with a suitable Bloch reasonable crossnorm $\mathcal{L}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathbb{B}}$.

1. Introduction

Given $1 \leq p < \infty$ and its conjugate index p^* , the ideal of strongly p -summing operators was introduced by Cohen [6] to analyse the duality properties of the ideal of operators whose adjoints are absolutely p^* -summing. Given $1 \leq p < \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$, Matter [13] introduced the concept of (p, σ) -absolutely continuous operators. This notion serves as a crucial analytical tool for examining properties such as super reflexivity within Banach spaces (see [14]). Its development stems from an interpolation method pioneered by Jarchow and Matter [9]. The class of (p, σ) -absolutely continuous operators can be seen as an intermediate class situated between continuous operators and the well-known class of absolutely p -summing operators, offering a distinctive blend of characteristics from both.

The study of (p, σ) -absolute continuity of maps has been addressed by some authors: for example, by Achour, Rueda and Yahi [2] for Lipschitz maps, by López Molina and Sánchez Pérez [11, 12] and Sánchez Pérez [16] for operators, and, more recently, by the authors of this paper in [4] for Bloch maps. The research on strongly (p, σ) -continuous multilinear operators and strongly (p, σ) -Lipschitz operators has been dealt by Achour, Dahia, Rueda and Sánchez Pérez [1] and by Bougoutaia, Belacel and Macedo [3], respectively.

Let $1 \leq p, r < \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ be such that $1/r + (1 - \sigma)/p^* = 1$. The main objective in this paper is to present and establish the most remarkable properties of a Bloch version of the concept of strongly (p, σ) -continuous linear operator. To be more precise, we introduce (in terms of the concept of a p^* -summing

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operator) the notion of a strongly (p, σ) -absolutely continuous Bloch map from \mathbb{D} into a complex Banach space X .

The paper is divided into two sections. The first contains some definitions, results and notations used throughout the paper. The second is a complete study on strongly (p, σ) -absolutely continuous Bloch maps from \mathbb{D} into X . Our main result is a characterization of such Bloch maps in terms of a Pietsch domination. Our approach depends essentially on a linearisation process of Bloch maps developed in [10]. Using such a Pietsch domination, we show that strong (p, σ) -absolute continuity of a Bloch map on \mathbb{D} is transferred to its linearisation on $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D})$ (the Bloch-free Banach space over \mathbb{D}), and vice versa. This linearisation is applied to prove in an easy form that the class of strongly (p, σ) -absolutely continuous Bloch maps, denoted by $[\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}, d_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}]$, is an injective Banach normalized Bloch ideal. The invariance of such maps under Möbius group of \mathbb{D} and its inclusion (under a mild condition on X) in the space of compact Bloch maps are also studied. We also show that strong (p, σ) -absolute continuity of a Bloch map from \mathbb{D} to X is inherited by its Bloch transpose from X^* to the normalized Bloch space $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D})$, and vice versa. Another characterization of such Bloch maps is established by means of a Pietsch factorization. We conclude the paper introducing a Bloch reasonable crossnorm $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}$ on the tensor product space $\text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \widehat{\otimes}_{\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}} X^*$ and showing that the space $(\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X), d_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}})$ is isometrically isomorphic to the dual space $(\text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \widehat{\otimes}_{\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}} X^*)^*$.

2. Preliminaries

We will recall some concepts and results on the theory of linear operators and holomorphic mappings.

Throughout this paper, X and Y will denote complex Banach spaces and $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ will stand for the space of all continuous linear operators of X to Y , under the operator norm. As usual, B_X and X^* will denote the closed unit ball of X and the topological dual of X , respectively. The symbol $\mathcal{P}(B_{X^*})$ represents the set of all regular Borel probability measures μ on B_{X^*} with the topology w^* .

An operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ is called p -summing with $p \in [1, \infty)$ if there exists a constant $C \geq 0$ such that

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|T(x_i)\|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq C \sup_{x^* \in B_{X^*}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x^*(x_i)|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$. The infimum of such constants C is denoted by $\pi_p(T)$, and the Banach space of all p -summing operators of X to Y , under the norm π_p , by $\Pi_p(X, Y)$.

For any $1 < p < \infty$, p^* denotes the Hölder conjugate of p given by $1/p + 1/p^* = 1$. Let $1 < p, r < \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ such that $1/r + (1 - \sigma)/p^* = 1$. Following [1], an operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ is called *strongly (p, σ) -continuous* if there exist a constant $C > 0$, a Banach space Z , and an operator $S \in \Pi_{p^*}(Y^*, Z)$ such that

$$\|y^*(T(x))\| \leq C \|x\| \|y^*\|^\sigma \|S(y^*)\|^{1-\sigma}$$

for all $x \in X$ and $y^* \in Y^*$. The infimum of all the values $C\pi_{p^*}(S)^{1-\sigma}$ whenever C and S satisfy the inequality above is denoted by $d_{p,\sigma}(T)$ and it defines a complete norm on the linear space $\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}(X, Y)$ formed by all strongly (p, σ) -continuous linear operators from X into Y .

If $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ denotes the space of all holomorphic maps from the complex unit open disc \mathbb{D} into X , a map $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ is said to be *Bloch* if

$$\rho_{\mathcal{B}}(f) := \sup \{ (1 - |z|^2) \|f'(z)\| : z \in \mathbb{D} \} < \infty.$$

The linear space of all Bloch maps of \mathbb{D} to X , under the Bloch seminorm $\rho_{\mathcal{B}}$, is denoted by $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{D}, X)$, and the normalized Bloch space $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ is the closed subspace of $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ formed by all those maps f for which $f(0) = 0$, under the Bloch norm $\rho_{\mathcal{B}}$. For simplicity, we will write $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D})$ in place of $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{C})$. Also, $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{D})$ will denote the set of all holomorphic functions h from \mathbb{D} into itself for which $h(0) = 0$. We refer the reader to the book [17] by Zhu for a complete study on Bloch maps.

We may introduce a Bloch version of strongly (p, σ) -continuous linear operators.

Definition 2.1. Let $1 \leq p, r < \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ be such that $1/r + (1 - \sigma)/p^* = 1$, and let X be a complex Banach space. A map $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ is said to be strongly (p, σ) -absolutely continuous Bloch if there exist a constant $C > 0$, a complex Banach space Y and an operator $S \in \Pi_{p^*}(X^*, Y)$ such that

$$|x^*(f'(z))| \leq C \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2} \|x^*\|^\sigma \|S(x^*)\|^{1-\sigma}$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$ and $x^* \in X^*$. The linear space of all strongly (p, σ) -absolutely continuous Bloch maps from \mathbb{D} to X is denoted by $\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$, and its subspace consisting of all those mappings f so that $f(0) = 0$ by $\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$.

We denote by $d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f)$ the infimum of all values $C\pi_{p^*}(S)^{1-\sigma}$ whenever C and S vary over all the constants and all p^* -summing linear operators on X^* that fulfill the inequality above.

We also will need some results on the Bloch-free Banach space over \mathbb{D} , borrowed from [10].

For each $z \in \mathbb{D}$, a Bloch atom of \mathbb{D} is the function $\gamma_z: \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by $\gamma_z(f) = f'(z)$ for all $f \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D})$. Note that $\gamma_z \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D})^*$ with $\|\gamma_z\| = 1/(1 - |z|^2)$. The elements of the linear space $\text{lin}(\{\gamma_z : z \in \mathbb{D}\}) \subseteq \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D})^*$ are referred to as Bloch molecules of \mathbb{D} . The Bloch-free Banach space over \mathbb{D} is the Banach space $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}) := \overline{\text{lin}(\{\gamma_z : z \in \mathbb{D}\})} \subseteq \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D})^*$.

The following result gathers some needed properties of $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D})$.

Theorem 2.2. [10]

1. The map $\Gamma: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D})$, defined by $\Gamma(z) = \gamma_z$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$, is holomorphic.
2. The space $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D})$ is isometrically isomorphic to $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D})^*$, via $\Lambda: \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D})^*$ given by

$$\Lambda(f)(\gamma) = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k f'(z_k) \quad \left(f \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}), \gamma = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k \gamma_{z_k} \in \text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \right).$$

3. For each function $h \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{D})$, there exists a unique operator $\widehat{h} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}), \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}))$ such that $\widehat{h} \circ \Gamma = h' \cdot (\Gamma \circ h)$. Furthermore, $\|\widehat{h}\| \leq 1$.
4. For every complex Banach space X and every map $f \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$, there exists a unique operator $S_f \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}), X)$ such that $S_f \circ \Gamma = f'$. Moreover, $\|S_f\| = \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(f)$.
5. The map $f \mapsto S_f$ is an isometric isomorphism from $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ onto $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}), X)$.
6. For each $f \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$, the map $f^t: X^* \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D})$, defined by $f^t(x^*) = x^* \circ f$ if $x^* \in X^*$, is in $\mathcal{L}(X^*, \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}))$ with $\|f^t\| = \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(f)$ and $f^t = \Lambda^{-1} \circ (S_f)^*$, where $(S_f)^*: X^* \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D})^*$ denotes the adjoint operator of S_f . \square

3. The results

We first present some inclusion relations between $\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}$ -spaces. For two semi-normed spaces (X, ρ_X) and (Y, ρ_Y) , the inequality $(X, \rho_X) \leq (Y, \rho_Y)$ will mean that $X \subseteq Y$ and $\rho_Y(x) \leq \rho_X(x)$ for all $x \in X$.

Proposition 3.1. (Inclusions). Let $1 < p, q, r < \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ be such that $1/r + (1 - \sigma)/p^* = 1$ and $1/r + (1 - \sigma)/q^* = 1$, and let X be a complex Banach space. If $p < q$, then

$$(\mathcal{D}_{q,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X), d_{q,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}) \leq (\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X), d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}) \leq (\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{D}, X), \rho_{\mathcal{B}}).$$

Proof. If $1 < p < q < \infty$, it is immediate that $q^* < p^*$, and then the relation $(\Pi_{q^*}(X, Y), \pi_{q^*}) \leq (\Pi_{p^*}(X, Y), \pi_{p^*})$, established in [8, Theorem 2.8], yields the first inequality of the statement. For the second, if $f \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$, we can take a constant $C > 0$, a complex Banach space Y and an operator $S \in \Pi_{p^*}(X^*, Y)$ such that

$$|x^*(f'(z))| \leq C \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2} \|x^*\|^\sigma \|S(x^*)\|^{1-\sigma} \leq C \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2} \|S\|^{1-\sigma} \|x^*\|$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$ and $x^* \in X^*$. Applying the Hahn–Banach Theorem, we deduce that

$$\|f'(z)\| \leq C \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2} \|S\|^{1-\sigma}$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$. Hence $f \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ with $\rho_{\mathcal{B}}(f) \leq C \|S\|^{1-\sigma}$, and since $\|S\| \leq \pi_{p^*}(S)$ (see [8, p. 31]), taking infimum over all constants C and all operators S satisfying the first inequality above yields that $\rho_{\mathcal{B}}(f) \leq d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f)$. \square

Next result states a Pietsch domination for strongly (p, σ) -absolutely continuous Bloch maps.

Theorem 3.2. (Pietsch domination). *Let $1 \leq p, r < \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ be such that $1/r + (1 - \sigma)/p^* = 1$. Given a complex Banach space X and $f \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$, the following are equivalent:*

1. $f \in \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$.
2. There exist a constant $C > 0$ and a measure $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(B_{X^{**}})$ such that

$$|x^*(f'(z))| \leq C \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2} \left(\int_{B_{X^{**}}} (|\varphi(x^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x^*\|^\sigma)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(\varphi) \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}}$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$ and $x^* \in X^*$.

3. There exists a constant $C > 0$ such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| |x_i^*(f'(z_i))| \leq C \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \right)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \sup_{\varphi \in B_{X^{**}}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (|\varphi(x_i^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}}$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$, $z_1, \dots, z_n \in \mathbb{D}$ and $x_1^*, \dots, x_n^* \in X^*$.

In such a case,

$$d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) = \inf \{C > 0 \text{ satisfying (ii)}\} = \inf \{C > 0 \text{ satisfying (iii)}\}.$$

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii): If $f \in \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$, then there exist a constant $C' > 0$, a complex Banach space Y and an operator $S \in \Pi_{p^*}(X^*, Y)$ such that

$$|x^*(f'(z))| \leq C' \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2} \|x^*\|^\sigma \|S(x^*)\|^{1-\sigma}$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$ and $x^* \in X^*$. Applying [8, Theorem 2.12] to S , we have a measure $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(B_{X^{**}})$ so that

$$\|S(x^*)\| \leq \pi_{p^*}(S) \left(\int_{B_{X^{**}}} |\varphi(x^*)|^{p^*} d\mu(\varphi) \right)^{\frac{1}{p^*}}$$

for all $x^* \in X^*$, and taking $C = C' \pi_{p^*}(S)^{1-\sigma}$, we obtain

$$|x^*(f'(z))| \leq C \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2} \left(\int_{B_{X^{**}}} (|\varphi(x^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x^*\|^\sigma)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(\varphi) \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}}$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$ and $x^* \in X^*$. Moreover, $d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) = C$, and so $\inf\{C > 0 \text{ satisfying (ii)}\} \leq d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f)$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii): If (ii) holds, given $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$, $z_1, \dots, z_n \in \mathbb{D}$ and $x_1^*, \dots, x_n^* \in X^*$, Hölder’s Inequality gives

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| |x_i^*(f'(z_i))| &\leq C \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| \frac{1}{1 - |z_i|^2} \left(\int_{B_{X^{**}}} (|\varphi(x_i^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(\varphi) \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}} \\ &\leq C \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \right)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \int_{B_{X^{**}}} (|\varphi(x_i^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(\varphi) \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}} \\ &\leq C \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \right)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (\|x_i^*\|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}} \\ &= C \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \right)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (|\varphi_i(x_i^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}} \\ &\leq C \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \right)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \sup_{\varphi \in B_{X^{**}}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (|\varphi(x_i^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have taken $\varphi_i \in B_{X^{**}}$ with $\varphi_i(x_i^*) = \|x_i^*\|$ for each $i = 1, \dots, n$ by the Hahn–Banach Theorem. Moreover, note that C (that was a constant satisfying the inequality in (ii)) now verifies the inequality in (iii), and thus $\inf\{C > 0 \text{ satisfying (iii)}\} \leq \inf\{C > 0 \text{ satisfying (ii)}\}$.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i): We will apply a general Pietsch domination theorem stated in [15, Theorem 4.6]. Define the functions

$$\begin{aligned} R_1: B_{X^{**}} \times \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow [0, \infty[, & R_1(\varphi, z, \lambda) &= \frac{|\lambda|}{1 - |z|^2}, \\ R_2: B_{X^{**}} \times \mathbb{D} \times X^* &\rightarrow [0, \infty[, & R_2(\varphi, z, x^*) &= |\varphi(x^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x^*\|^\sigma, \\ S: \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X) \times \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{R} \times X^* &\rightarrow [0, \infty[, & S(f, z, \lambda, x^*) &= |\lambda| |x^*(f'(z))|. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that R_1, R_2 and S satisfy the conditions (1) and (2) preceding to Definition 4.4 in [15]:

(1) For each $z \in \mathbb{D}$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x^* \in X^*$, the maps

$$\begin{aligned} (R_1)_{z,\lambda}: B_{X^{**}} &\rightarrow [0, \infty[& (R_1)_{z,\lambda}(\varphi) &= R_1(\varphi, z, \lambda), \\ (R_2)_{z,x^*}: B_{X^{**}} &\rightarrow [0, \infty[& (R_2)_{z,x^*}(\varphi) &= R_2(\varphi, z, x^*), \end{aligned}$$

are continuous.

(2) The equalities

$$\begin{aligned} R_1(\varphi, z, \beta_1 \lambda) &= \beta_1 R_1(\varphi, z, \lambda), \\ R_2(\varphi, z, \beta_2 x^*) &= \beta_2 R_2(\varphi, z, x^*), \\ S(f, z, \beta_1 \lambda, \beta_2 x^*) &= \beta_1 \beta_2 S(f, z, \lambda, x^*), \end{aligned}$$

hold for all $\varphi \in B_{X^{**}}$, $z \in \mathbb{D}$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, $x^* \in X^*$ and $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in [0, 1]$.

We now prove that the map f is R_1, R_2 - S -abstract $(r, p^*/(1-\sigma))$ -summing. Indeed, let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$, $z_1, \dots, z_n \in \mathbb{D}$ and $x_1^*, \dots, x_n^* \in X^*$. By (iii), we have a constant $C > 0$ so that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| |x_i^*(f'(z_i))| \leq C \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \right)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \sup_{\varphi \in B_{X^{**}}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (|\varphi(x_i^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}},$$

and so we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n S(f, z_i, \lambda_i, x_i^*) &= \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| |x_i^*(f'(z_i))| \\ &\leq C \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \right)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \sup_{\varphi \in B_{X^{**}}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(|\varphi(x_i^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma \right)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}} \\ &= C \left(\sum_{i=1}^n R_1(\varphi_i, z_i, \lambda_i)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \sup_{\varphi \in B_{X^{**}}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n R_2(\varphi, z_i, x_i^*)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}} \\ &\leq C \sup_{\varphi \in B_{X^{**}}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n R_1(\varphi, z_i, \lambda_i)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \sup_{\varphi \in B_{X^{**}}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n R_2(\varphi, z_i, x_i^*)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}}. \end{aligned}$$

By [15, Theorem 4.6], we have measures $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in \mathcal{P}(B_{X^{**}})$ such that

$$S(f, z, \lambda, x^*) \leq C \left(\int_{B_{X^{**}}} R_1(\varphi, z, \lambda)^r d\mu_1(\varphi) \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left(\int_{B_{X^{**}}} R_2(\varphi, z, x^*)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} d\mu_2(\varphi) \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}}$$

for all $(z, \lambda, x^*) \in \mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{R} \times X^*$. It follows that

$$|x^*(f'(z))| \leq C \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2} \|x^*\|^\sigma \left(\int_{B_{X^{**}}} |\varphi(x^*)|^{p^*} d\mu_2(\varphi) \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}}$$

for all $(z, x^*) \in \mathbb{D} \times X^*$. Finally, take the Banach space $Y = L_{p^*}(\mu_2)$ and the operator $S = I_{\infty, p^*} \circ j_\infty \circ \iota_{X^*} : X^* \rightarrow Y$, where $I_{\infty, p^*} : L_\infty(\mu_2) \rightarrow L_{p^*}(\mu_2)$ and $j_\infty : C(B_{X^{**}}) \rightarrow L_\infty(\mu_2)$ are the formal inclusion operators and $\iota_{X^*} : X^* \rightarrow C(B_{X^{**}})$ is the isometric linear embedding given by

$$\iota_{X^*}(x^*)(\varphi) = \varphi(x^*) \quad (\varphi \in B_{X^{**}}, x^* \in X^*).$$

Then we can write

$$\begin{aligned} |x^*(f'(z))| &\leq C \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2} \|x^*\|^\sigma \left(\int_{B_{X^{**}}} |S(x^*)(\varphi)|^{p^*} d\mu_2(\varphi) \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}} \\ &= C \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2} \|x^*\|^\sigma \|S(x^*)\|^{1-\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

for all $(z, x^*) \in \mathbb{D} \times X^*$, and since $S \in \Pi_{p^*}(X^*, Y)$ with $\pi_{p^*}(S) \leq 1$ by [8, 2.4 and 2.9], we conclude that $f \in \mathcal{D}_{p, \sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ with $d_{p, \sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) \leq C$, and thus $d_{p, \sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) \leq \inf\{C > 0 \text{ satisfying (iii)}\}$. \square

We now show that strong (p, σ) -absolute continuity of a Bloch map on \mathbb{D} is transferred to its linearisation on $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D})$, and vice versa.

Theorem 3.3. (Linearisation). *Let $1 < p, r < \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ be such that $1/r + (1 - \sigma)/p^* = 1$, let X be a complex Banach space and let $f \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$. Then $f \in \mathcal{D}_{p, \sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ if and only if $S_f \in \mathcal{D}_{p, \sigma}(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}), X)$. In this case, $d_{p, \sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) = d_{p, \sigma}(S_f)$.*

Proof. Suppose that $f \in \mathcal{D}_{p, \sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$. Let $\gamma \in \text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D}))$ and $x^* \in X^*$. If $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \gamma_{z_i}$ is a representation of γ , Theorem 3.2 provides a measure $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(B_{X^{**}})$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} |x^*(S_f(\gamma))| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| |x^*(f'(z_i))| \\ &\leq d_{p, \sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| \frac{1}{1 - |z_i|^2} \left(\int_{B_{X^{**}}} \left(|\varphi(x^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x^*\|^\sigma \right)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(\varphi) \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the infimum over all such representations of γ and using [10, Lemma 3.1], we obtain

$$|x^*(S_f(\gamma))| \leq d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) \|\gamma\| \left(\int_{B_{X^{**}}} (|\varphi(x^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x^*\|^\sigma)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(\varphi) \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}}.$$

Since $\text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D}))$ is norm-dense in $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D})$, we deduce

$$|x^*(S_f(\gamma))| \leq d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) \|\gamma\| \left(\int_{B_{X^{**}}} (|\varphi(x^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x^*\|^\sigma)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(\varphi) \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}}$$

whenever $\gamma \in \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D})$. Now, Pietsch’s domination for operators in $\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}$ (see [1, Theorem 3.2]) shows that $S_f \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}), X)$ and $d_{p,\sigma}(S_f) \leq d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f)$.

Conversely, suppose that $S_f \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}), X)$. By [1, Theorem 3.2], there exists a measure $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(B_{X^{**}})$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} |x^*(f'(z))| &= |x^*(S_f(\gamma_z))| \\ &\leq d_{p,\sigma}(S_f) \|\gamma_z\| \left(\int_{B_{X^{**}}} (|\varphi(x^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x^*\|^\sigma)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(\varphi) \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}} \\ &= d_{p,\sigma}(S_f) \frac{1}{1-|z|^2} \left(\int_{B_{X^{**}}} (|\varphi(x^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x^*\|^\sigma)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(\varphi) \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}} \end{aligned}$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$ and $x^* \in X^*$. Hence $f \in \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ with $d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) \leq d_{p,\sigma}(S_f)$ by Theorem 3.2. \square

We now present new examples of Banach normalized Bloch ideal (see [10, Definition 5.11]).

Proposition 3.4. (Banach Bloch ideal property). *Let $1 < p, r < \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ be such that $1/r + (1 - \sigma)/p^* = 1$. Then $[\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}, d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}]$ is an injective Banach normalized Bloch ideal.*

Proof. Let X be a complex Banach space.

(N1): $(\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X), d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}})$ is a Banach space and $\rho_{\mathcal{B}}(f) \leq d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f)$ for all $f \in \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$.

Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ and $f, g \in \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\lambda f) &= d_{p,\sigma}(S_{\lambda f}) = d_{p,\sigma}(\lambda S_f) = |\lambda| d_{p,\sigma}(S_f) = |\lambda| d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f), \\ d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f + g) &= d_{p,\sigma}(S_{f+g}) = d_{p,\sigma}(S_f + S_g) \leq d_{p,\sigma}(S_f) + d_{p,\sigma}(S_g) = d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) + d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(g), \\ d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) = 0 &\Rightarrow d_{p,\sigma}(S_f) = 0 \Rightarrow S_f = 0 \Rightarrow f' = S_f \circ \Gamma = 0 \Rightarrow f = 0, \end{aligned}$$

by using Theorem 2.2 and 3.3. Applying also both theorems, it is immediate that $f \mapsto S_f$ is an isometric isomorphism of $(\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X), d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}})$ onto $(\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}), X), d_{p,\sigma})$, and

$$\rho_{\mathcal{B}}(f) = \|S_f\| \leq d_{p,\sigma}(S_f) = d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f)$$

by using also that $[\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}, d_{p,\sigma}]$ is a Banach operator ideal.

(N2): Let $g \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D})$ and $x \in X$. Then $g \cdot x \in \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ with $d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(g \cdot x) = \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g) \|x\|$.

Since $\Lambda(g) \cdot x \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}), X)$ and

$$(g \cdot x)'(z) = g'(z)x = \Lambda(g)(\gamma_z)x = (\Lambda(g) \cdot x)(\gamma_z) = (\Lambda(g) \cdot x \circ \Gamma)(z)$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$, Theorem 2.2 gives $S_{g \cdot x} = \Lambda(g) \cdot x$. By the operator ideal property of $[\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}, d_{p,\sigma}]$ (see [1, Corollary 4.6]), it follows that $S_{g \cdot x} \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}), X)$ with $d_{p,\sigma}(S_{g \cdot x}) = \|\Lambda(g)\| \|x\| = \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g) \|x\|$. Hence $g \cdot x \in \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ with $d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(g \cdot x) = \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g) \|x\|$ by Theorem 3.3.

(N3): Let $f \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$, $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ and $h \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{D})$. Then $T \circ f \circ h \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, Y)$ with $d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(T \circ f \circ h) \leq \|T\| d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f)$.

Since $T \circ S_f \circ \widehat{h} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}), Y)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} (T \circ f \circ h)' &= T \circ [h' \cdot (f' \circ h)] = T \circ [h' \cdot (S_f \circ \Gamma \circ h)] \\ &= T \circ [S_f(h' \cdot (\Gamma \circ h))] = T \circ [S_f \circ (\widehat{h} \circ \Gamma)] \\ &= (T \circ S_f \circ \widehat{h}) \circ \Gamma \end{aligned}$$

we deduce that $S_{T \circ f \circ h} = T \circ S_f \circ \widehat{h}$ by Theorem 2.2. Since $S_f \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}), X)$ by Theorem 3.3, we get that $S_{T \circ f \circ h} \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}), Y)$ with $d_{p,\sigma}(S_{T \circ f \circ h}) \leq \|T\| d_{p,\sigma}(S_f) \|\widehat{h}\|$ by the operator ideal property of $[\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}, d_{p,\sigma}]$, and thus $T \circ f \circ h \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, Y)$ with $d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(T \circ f \circ h) \leq \|T\| d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f)$ by Theorem 3.3.

(I): Let $f \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ and let $\iota: X \rightarrow Y$ be a linear isometry so that $\iota \circ f \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, Y)$. Then $f \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ with $d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) = d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\iota \circ f)$.

Note that $\iota \circ S_f = S_{\iota \circ f} \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}), Y)$. Since the operator ideal $[\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}, d_{p,\sigma}]$ is injective, it follows that $S_f \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}), X)$ with $\|S_f\| = \|\iota \circ S_f\|$ or, equivalently, $f \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ with $d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) \leq d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\iota \circ f)$. The reverse inequality follows from (N3). \square

The Möbius group of \mathbb{D} , denoted $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{D})$, consists of all biholomorphic bijections from \mathbb{D} onto itself. Let us recall that a linear space $\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{D}, X) \subseteq \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{D}, X)$, under a seminorm $\rho_{\mathcal{A}}$, is Möbius-invariant if: (i) there is $C > 0$ such that $\rho_{\mathcal{B}}(f) \leq C \rho_{\mathcal{A}}(f)$ for all $f \in \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{D}, X)$; and (ii) $f \circ \phi \in \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ with $\rho_{\mathcal{A}}(f \circ \phi) = \rho_{\mathcal{A}}(f)$ for all $\phi \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{D})$ and $f \in \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{D}, X)$.

Invariance of strongly (p, σ) -absolutely continuous Bloch maps by Möbius transformations over \mathbb{D} can be now derived.

Proposition 3.5. (Möbius invariance). *Let $1 < p, r < \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ be such that $1/r + (1 - \sigma)/p^* = 1$, and let X be a complex Banach space. Then $(\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X), d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}})$ is Möbius-invariant.*

Proof. (i) Proposition 3.1 yields $(\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X), d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}) \leq (\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{D}, X), \rho_{\mathcal{B}})$.

(ii) A reading of the proof of (N3) above shows that $f \circ \phi \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ with $d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f \circ \phi) \leq d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f)$ if $f \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ and $\phi \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{D})$, and from this we also deduce that $d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) = d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}((f \circ \phi) \circ \phi^{-1}) \leq d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f \circ \phi)$. \square

In clear parallelism with Theorem 3.3, strong (p, σ) -absolute continuity of a Bloch map from \mathbb{D} to X is inherited by its Bloch transpose from X^* to $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D})$, and vice versa.

Proposition 3.6. (Bloch transposition). *Let $1 < p, r < \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ be such that $1/r + (1 - \sigma)/p^* = 1$, let X be a complex Banach space and let $f \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$. Then $f \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ if and only if $f^t \in \Pi_{p^*,\sigma}(X^*, \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}))$. In this case, $d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) = \pi_{p^*,\sigma}(f^t)$.*

Proof. Applying Theorem 3.3, [1, Remark 3.3] and [8, Theorem 2.4], we have

$$\begin{aligned} f \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X) &\Leftrightarrow S_f \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}), X) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (S_f)^* \in \Pi_{p^*,\sigma}(X^*, \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D})^*) \\ &\Leftrightarrow f^t = \Lambda^{-1} \circ (S_f)^* \in \Pi_{p^*,\sigma}(X^*, \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D})), \end{aligned}$$

with

$$d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) = d_{p,\sigma}(S_f) = \pi_{p^*,\sigma}((S_f)^*) = \pi_{p^*,\sigma}(f^t).$$

\square

We now relate strong (p, σ) -absolute continuity and compactness of Bloch maps. Following [10, Definition 5.1], a map $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ is called *compact Bloch* if its Bloch range

$$\text{rang}_{\mathcal{B}}(f) := \left\{ (1 - |z|^2)f'(z) : z \in \mathbb{D} \right\}$$

is a relatively compact subset of X .

Proposition 3.7. (Bloch compactness). *Let $1 < p, r < \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ be such that $1/r + (1 - \sigma)/p^* = 1$ and let X be a reflexive complex Banach space. Every strongly (p, σ) -absolutely continuous Bloch map $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow X$ is compact Bloch.*

Proof. Let $f \in \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$. Then $f^t \in \Pi_{p^*,\sigma}(X^*, \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}))$ by Proposition 3.6. Hence f^t is a compact linear operator by [7, Corollary 5.2] and, equivalently, f is compact Bloch by [10, Theorem 5.19]. \square

Our next goal is to get a result on Pietsch factorization for strongly (p, σ) -absolutely continuous Bloch maps. Its proof is based on some results of [7, Section 3.2] which we recall next.

Given a complex Banach space X , let $\iota_X : X \rightarrow C(B_{X^*})$ be the isometric linear embedding defined by

$$\iota_X(x)(\varphi) = \varphi(x) \quad (\varphi \in B_{X^*}, x \in X).$$

Given $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(B_{X^*})$, define the seminorm

$$\|f\|_{p,\sigma} = \inf \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n \|f_k\|_{\iota_X(X)}^\sigma \left(\int_{B_{X^*}} |f_k(\varphi)|^p d\mu(\varphi) \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} \right\} \quad (f \in \iota_X(X)),$$

being the infimum taken over all decompositions of f as $f = \sum_{k=1}^n f_k$ in $\iota_X(X)$. Let $L_{p,\sigma}(\mu)$ be the completion of the quotient normed space $\iota_X(B_X)/\|\cdot\|_{p,\sigma}^{-1}(\{0\})$ with the quotient norm $\|\cdot\|_{p,\sigma}$, let $J_{p,\sigma} : \iota_X(X) \rightarrow L_{p,\sigma}(\mu)$ be the canonical projection, and let $\widetilde{J}_{p,\sigma}$ denote the operator $J_{p,\sigma}$ considered from $C(B_{X^*})$ into $L_{p,\sigma}(\mu)$.

Theorem 3.8. (Pietsch factorization). *Let $1 < p, r < \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ be such that $1/r + (1 - \sigma)/p^* = 1$, let X be a complex Banach space and let $f \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$. Then $f \in \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ if and only if there exist a measure $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(B_{\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D})^*})$, a map $g \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, L_{p,\sigma}(\mu))$ and an operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(L_{p,\sigma}(\mu), X)$ such that $f' = T \circ g'$.*

Furthermore, $d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) = \inf \{\|T\| \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g)\}$, the infimum being taken over all such factorizations of f' as above, and this infimum is attained.

Proof. Assume that $f \in \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$. Then $S_f \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}), X)$ with $d_{p,\sigma}(S_f) = d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f)$ by Theorem 3.3. By a version of the Pietsch factorization theorem for (p, σ) -absolutely continuous linear operators [7, Theorem 3.5], there exist a measure $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(B_{\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D})^*})$, an operator $\widetilde{J}_{p,\sigma} \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}(C(B_{\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D})}), L_{p,\sigma}(\mu))$ with $\pi_{p,\sigma}(\widetilde{J}_{p,\sigma}) \leq 1$ (see Lemma 3.4 and the comment which follows in [7]) and an operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(L_{p,\sigma}(\mu), X)$ with $\|T\| \leq d_{p,\sigma}(S_f)$ such that $S_f = T \circ \widetilde{J}_{p,\sigma} \circ \iota_{\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D})}$. Although in [7, Theorem 3.5] the factorization is given through a subspace $X_{p,\sigma}$ of $L_{p,\sigma}(\mu)$, a quick look to the proof shows that $X_{p,\sigma} = L_{p,\sigma}(\mu)$ (see comment in [1, p. 14]). By [5, Lemma 1.5], we can find a map $g \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, L_{p,\sigma}(\mu))$ with $\rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g) = 1$ such that $g' = \widetilde{J}_{p,\sigma} \circ \iota_{\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D})} \circ \Gamma$. Hence $f' = S_f \circ \Gamma = T \circ g'$ with $\|T\| \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g) \leq d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f)$.

Conversely, assume that there are a measure $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(B_{\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D})^*})$, a map $g \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, L_{p,\sigma}(\mu))$ and an operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(L_{p,\sigma}(\mu), X)$ such that $f' = T \circ g'$. We can assume $g \neq 0$. For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$, $z_1, \dots, z_n \in \mathbb{D}$

and $x_1^*, \dots, x_n^* \in X^*$, Hölder’s Inequality yields

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| |x_i^*(f'(z_i))| &= \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| |x_i^*(T(g'(z_i)))| \\ &\leq \|T\| \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| \|x_i^*\| \|g'(z_i)\| \\ &\leq \|T\| \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \right)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\|x_i^*\|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma \right)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}} \\ &= \|T\| \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \right)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(|\varphi_i(x_i^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma \right)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}} \\ &\leq \|T\| \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \right)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \sup_{\varphi \in B_{X^{**}}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(|\varphi(x_i^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma \right)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}}, \end{aligned}$$

by taking $\varphi_i \in B_{X^{**}}$ with $\varphi_i(x_i^*) = \|x_i^*\|$ for each $i = 1, \dots, n$ by the Hahn–Banach Theorem. Hence $f \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ with $d_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(f) \leq \|T\| \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g)$ by Theorem 3.2. Taking the infimum over all such factorizations of f' , we deduce that $d_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(f) \leq \inf \{ \|T\| \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g) \}$. \square

We now introduce a Bloch reasonable crossnorm $\widehat{\rho}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}$ on $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}) \widehat{\otimes} X^*$ (the completion of the tensor product space $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{D}) \otimes X^*$) whose dual represents the space $(\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X), d_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}})$.

Towards this end, consider the space

$$\text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \otimes X^* := \text{lin}(\{\gamma_z \otimes x^* : z \in \mathbb{D}, x^* \in X^*\}) \subseteq \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)^*,$$

where $\gamma_z \otimes x^* : \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is the functional given by

$$(\gamma_z \otimes x^*)(f) = x^*(f'(z)) \quad (f \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)).$$

Each element $\gamma \in \text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \otimes X^*$ is of the form $\gamma = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \gamma_{z_i} \otimes x_i^*$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{C}$, $z_i \in \mathbb{D}$ and $x_i^* \in X^*$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, and its action comes given as

$$\gamma(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i^*(f'(z_i)) \quad (f \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)).$$

Definition 3.9. Let $1 < p, r < \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ be such that $1/r + (1 - \sigma)/p^* = 1$, and let X be a complex Banach space. For each $\gamma \in \text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \otimes X^*$, we set

$$\widehat{\rho}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\gamma) = \inf \left\{ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \right)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \sup_{\varphi \in B_{X^{**}}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(|\varphi(x_i^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma \right)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}} \right\},$$

where the infimum is taken over all representations of γ as $\gamma = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \gamma_{z_i} \otimes x_i^*$.

According to [5, Definition 2.5], a norm α on $\text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \otimes X$ is a Bloch reasonable crossnorm if it holds: (i) $\alpha(\gamma_z \otimes x) \leq \|\gamma_z\| \|x\|$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$ and $x \in X$; and (ii) Given $g \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D})$ and $x^* \in X^*$, the linear functional $g \otimes x^* : \text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \otimes X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ given by $(g \otimes x^*)(\gamma_z \otimes x) = g'(z)x^*(x)$ is bounded on $\text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \otimes X$ with $\|g \otimes x^*\| \leq \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g) \|x^*\|$.

Proposition 3.10. Let $1 < p, r < \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ be such that $1/r + (1 - \sigma)/p^* = 1$, and let X be a complex Banach space. Then $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}$ is a Bloch reasonable crossnorm on $\text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \otimes X^*$.

Proof. Using a standard reasoning (see, for example, the proof of [4, Theorem 6.2]), it can be shown that $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}$ is a norm on $\text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \otimes X^*$, but to be safe, we check that $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}$ is a Bloch reasonable crossnorm on $\text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \otimes X^*$:

(i) Given $z \in \mathbb{D}$ and $x^* \in X^*$, we have

$$\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\gamma_z \otimes x^*) \leq \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2} \sup_{\varphi \in B_{X^{**}}} \left(\left(|\varphi(x^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x^*\|^\sigma \right)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}} = \frac{\|x^*\|}{1 - |z|^2} = \|\gamma_z\| \|x^*\|.$$

(ii) For any $g \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D})$ and $x^{**} \in X^{**}$, an application of Hahn–Banach Theorem and Hölder’s Inequality yield

$$\begin{aligned} |(g \otimes x^{**})(\gamma)| &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i (g \otimes x^{**})(\gamma_{z_i} \otimes x_i^*) \right| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i g'(z_i) x^{**}(x_i^*) \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| |g'(z_i)| |x^{**}(x_i^*)| \leq \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g) \|x^{**}\| \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \|x_i^*\| \\ &= \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g) \|x^{**}\| \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} |\varphi_i(x_i^*)| = \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g) \|x^{**}\| \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} |\varphi_i(x_i^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma \\ &\leq \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g) \|x^{**}\| \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \right)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(|\varphi_i(x_i^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma \right)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}} \\ &\leq \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g) \|x^{**}\| \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \right)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \sup_{\varphi \in B_{X^{**}}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(|\varphi(x_i^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma \right)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}}, \end{aligned}$$

where, for each $i = 1, \dots, n$, we have taken a functional $\varphi_i \in B_{X^{**}}$ such that $|\varphi_i(x_i^*)| = \|x_i^*\|$. Passing to the infimum over all the representations of γ , we obtain

$$|(g \otimes x^{**})(\gamma)| \leq \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g) \|x^{**}\| \widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(\gamma).$$

Hence $g \otimes x^{**} \in (\text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \otimes_{\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}} X^*)^*$ and $\|g \otimes x^{**}\| \leq \rho_{\mathcal{B}}(g) \|x^{**}\|$. \square

We are now ready to study the duality of the space of strongly (p, σ) -absolutely continuous Bloch maps from \mathbb{D} into a complex Banach space X .

Theorem 3.11. (Duality). Let $1 < p, r < \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ be such that $1/r + (1 - \sigma)/p^* = 1$, and let X be a complex Banach space. Then the space $(\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X), d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}})$ is isometrically isomorphic to $(\text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \otimes_{\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}} X^*)^*$.

Proof. It is easy to see that the map $\Lambda: (\mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X), d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}) \rightarrow (\text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \otimes_{\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}} X^*)^*$, defined by

$$\Lambda(f)(\gamma_z \otimes x^*) = x^*(f'(z)) \quad \left(f \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X), z \in \mathbb{D}, x^* \in X^* \right),$$

is linear and injective. Fix $f \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$. For $\gamma = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \gamma_{z_i} \otimes x_i^* \in \text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \otimes X^*$, an application of Theorem 3.2 gives

$$\begin{aligned} |\Lambda(f)(\gamma)| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| |x_i^*(f'(z_i))| \\ &\leq d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \right)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \sup_{\varphi \in B_{X^{**}}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(|\varphi(x_i^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma \right)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the infimum over all the representation of γ , we get $|\Lambda(f)(\gamma)| \leq d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f) \varrho_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\gamma)$, and therefore $\|\Lambda(f)\| \leq d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f)$.

In order to establish the reverse inequality and the surjectivity of Λ , let $\phi \in \left(\text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \widehat{\otimes}_{\varrho_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}} X^* \right)^*$. Define $F_\phi: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow X$ by

$$x^*(F_\phi(z)) = \phi(\gamma_z \otimes x^*) \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}, x^* \in X^*).$$

A look at the proof of [5, Proposition 2.4] shows that $F_\phi \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ and $F_\phi = f'_\phi$ for a convenient map $f_\phi \in \widehat{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ with $\rho_{\mathcal{B}}(f_\phi) \leq \|\phi\|$.

To prove that $f_\phi \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$, let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{C}$ and $z_i \in \mathbb{D}$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$. For each $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, we can take a functional $x_i^* \in X^*$ with $\|x_i^*\| = 1$ so that $|x_i^*(f'_\phi(z_i))| = \|f'_\phi(z_i)\|$. Obviously, the function $T: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by

$$T(t_1, \dots, t_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \lambda_i \|f'_\phi(z_i)\|, \quad (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n,$$

is in $(\mathbb{C}^n, \|\cdot\|_\infty)^*$ and $\|T\| = \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| \|f'_\phi(z_i)\|$. For any $(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$ with $\|(t_1, \dots, t_n)\|_\infty \leq 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |T(t_1, \dots, t_n)| &= \left| \phi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n t_i \lambda_i \gamma_{z_i} \otimes x_i^* \right) \right| \leq \|\phi\| \varrho_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \gamma_{z_i} \otimes t_i x_i^* \right) \\ &\leq \|\phi\| \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \right)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \sup_{\varphi \in B_{X^{**}}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(|\varphi(x_i^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|t_i x_i^*\|^\sigma \right)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}} \\ &\leq \|\phi\| \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \right)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \sup_{\varphi \in B_{X^{**}}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(|\varphi(x_i^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma \right)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}}, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| |x_i^*(f'_\phi(z_i))| \leq \|\phi\| \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{|\lambda_i|}{1 - |z_i|^2} \right)^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \sup_{\varphi \in B_{X^{**}}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(|\varphi(x_i^*)|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i^*\|^\sigma \right)^{\frac{p^*}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p^*}}.$$

Hence Theorem 3.2 assures that $f_\phi \in \mathcal{D}_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}(\mathbb{D}, X)$ and $d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f_\phi) \leq \|\phi\|$.

Now, for any $\gamma = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \gamma_{z_i} \otimes x_i^* \in \text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \otimes X^*$, we have

$$\Lambda(f_\phi)(\gamma) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i^*(f'_\phi(z_i)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \phi(\gamma_{z_i} \otimes x_i^*) = \phi \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \gamma_{z_i} \otimes x_i^* \right) = \phi(\gamma),$$

and so $\Lambda(f_\phi) = \phi$ on $\text{lin}(\Gamma(\mathbb{D})) \widehat{\otimes}_{\varrho_{p,\sigma}^{\widehat{\mathcal{B}}}} X^*$. Hence $d_{p,\sigma}^{\mathcal{B}}(f_\phi) \leq \|\Lambda(f_\phi)\|$ and the proof is complete. \square

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