

Some results on duality of spaces of vector-valued Lipschitz functions

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Notice that if M is separable and metrically convex then $\mathcal{F}(M)$ is a separable space without the RNP. Thus, it is not isomorphic to a dual Banach space.

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Corollary (Kalton, 2004)

Let X be a separable Banach space and $0 < \alpha < 1$. Then $lip_{\omega^}(B_{X^*}, \|\cdot\|^\alpha)$ is a predual of $\mathcal{F}(B_{X^*}, \|\cdot\|^\alpha)$.*

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We will give a partial answer to the above question by using the notion of almost squareness.

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Let X be a Banach space. We will say that X is *unconditionally almost square (UASQ)* if, for each $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a subset $\{x_\gamma\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \subseteq S_X$ such that

- 1 For each $\{y_1, \dots, y_k\} \subseteq S_X$ and $\delta > 0$ the set

$$\{\gamma \in \Gamma : \|y_i \pm x_\gamma\| \leq 1 + \delta \ \forall i \in \{1, \dots, k\}\}$$

is non-empty.

- 2 For every F finite subset of Γ and every choice of signs $\xi_\gamma \in \{-1, 1\}$, $\gamma \in F$, it follows $\|\sum_{\gamma \in F} \xi_\gamma x_\gamma\| \leq 1 + \varepsilon$.

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