

## ON THE JAMES CONSTANTS OF TWO-DIMENSIONAL LORENTZ SEQUENCE SPACES AND ITS DUAL

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ABSTRACT. Let  $J(X)$  denote the James constant of a Banach space  $X$ . Then, for a Banach space  $X$  and its dual  $X^*$ , it is known that  $J(X) \neq J(X^*)$  in general. In this paper, we show that  $J(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)) = J(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)^*)$  for all  $1 < q < \infty$  and  $0 < \omega < 1$ , where  $d^{(2)}(\omega, q)$  is a two-dimensional Lorentz sequence space. We also give some remarks on the James constant of  $J(d^{(2)}(\omega, q))$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Let  $S_X$  be the unit sphere of a Banach space  $X$ . The *James constant*  $J(X)$  of a Banach space  $X$  is defined by

$$J(X) = \sup\{\min\{\|x + y\|, \|x - y\|\} : x, y \in S_X\}$$

(Gao and Lau [2]). It is well-known that  $\sqrt{2} \leq J(X) \leq 2$  for any Banach space  $X$ , and  $J(X) < 2$  if and only if  $X$  is uniformly non-square ([2, 4]).

A norm  $\|\cdot\|$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is said to be absolute if  $\|(z, w)\| = \|(|z|, |w|)\|$  for all  $(z, w) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , and normalized if  $\|(1, 0)\| = \|(0, 1)\| = 1$ . The  $\ell_p$ -norms  $\|\cdot\|_p$  are such examples;

$$\|(z, w)\|_p = \begin{cases} (|z|^p + |w|^p)^{1/p} & \text{if } 1 \leq p < \infty, \\ \max\{|z|, |w|\} & \text{if } p = \infty. \end{cases}$$

Let  $AN_2$  be the set of all absolute normalized norms on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $\Psi_2$  the set of all convex functions  $\psi$  on  $[0, 1]$  satisfying  $\max\{1 - t, t\} \leq \psi(t) \leq 1$  ( $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ). As in Bonsall and Duncan [1] (cf. [10]),  $AN_2$  and  $\Psi_2$  are in 1-1 correspondence under the equation

$$(1.1) \quad \psi(t) = \|(1 - t, t)\| \quad (0 \leq t \leq 1).$$

Indeed, for all  $\psi \in \Psi_2$  let

$$\|(z, w)\|_\psi = \begin{cases} (|z| + |w|)\psi\left(\frac{|w|}{|z| + |w|}\right) & \text{if } (z, w) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (z, w) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

Then  $\|\cdot\|_\psi \in AN_2$ , and  $\|\cdot\|_\psi$  satisfies (1.1). From this result, we can consider many non  $\ell_p$ -type norms easily. Now let  $\psi_p(t) = \{(1 - t)^p + t^p\}^{1/p} \in \Psi_2$ . As is easily seen, the  $\ell_p$ -norm  $\|\cdot\|_p$  is associated with  $\psi_p$ .

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An important example of absolute normed spaces is the following 2-dimensional Lorentz sequence space  $d^{(2)}(\omega, q)$ . Let  $0 < \omega < 1$  and  $1 \leq q < \infty$ . The space  $d^{(2)}(\omega, q)$  is  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the norm

$$\|(x, y)\|_{\omega, q} = (x^{*q} + \omega y^{*q})^{1/q},$$

where  $(x^*, y^*)$  is the non-increasing rearrangement of  $(|x|, |y|)$ , that is,  $x^* \geq y^*$  (cf. [3]).

In [3], Kato and Maligranda considered the James constant of  $d^{(2)}(\omega, q)$  and calculated it in the case where  $q \geq 2$ . For  $1 \leq q < 2$  it was completely determined by Mitani, Saito and Suzuki [8]. Furthermore, we completely computed the James constant of the dual space  $d^{(2)}(\omega, q)^*$  of  $d^{(2)}(\omega, q)$  as in Mitani and Saito [6]; see also [11, 12].

As an important remark on James constants, it is known that  $J(X) \neq J(X^*)$  in general (cf. [4]). However, the equality holds if  $X = \ell_p$ , that is,  $J(\ell^p) = J(\ell^q)$  for each  $1 < p, q < \infty$  satisfying  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ . Motivated by these observation, we consider the following problem in this paper.

**Problem.** *Does the equality  $J(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)) = J(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)^*)$  hold for all  $1 < q < \infty$  and  $0 < \omega < 1$ ?*

In fact, this problem is partially solved by some results in [3, 7, 8], that is, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $1 < q < \infty$ . Then*

$$J(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)) = 2 \left( \frac{1}{1 + \omega} \right)^{1/q} = J(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)^*)$$

*if either  $q \geq 2$  or  $1 < q < 2$  and  $0 < \omega \leq (\sqrt{2} - 1)^{2-q}$ .*

Thus, throughout this paper, we consider the case of  $1 < q < 2$  and  $(\sqrt{2} - 1)^{2-q} < \omega < 1$  unless otherwise stated.

## 2. JAMES CONSTANT OF ABSOLUTE NORMS ON $\mathbb{R}^2$

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $x, y \in X$ . We say that  $x$  is isosceles orthogonal to  $y$ , denoted by  $x \perp_I y$ , if  $\|x + y\| = \|x - y\|$ . We define the function  $\beta(x)$  on  $X$  by

$$\beta(x) = \sup\{\min\{\|x + y\|, \|x - y\|\} : y \in S_X\}.$$

To calculate the constant  $J((\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_\psi))$ , we need the following lemma given in Gao and Lau [2].

**Lemma 2.1** ([2]). *Let  $\psi \in \Psi_2$  and  $x \in S_{(\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_\psi)}$ . Then there exists a unique (up to the sign) vector  $y_0 \in S_{(\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_\psi)}$  with  $x \perp_I y_0$ . Moreover,  $\beta(x) = \|x + y_0\|_\psi$ .*

From Lemma 2.1 we can write

$$J((\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_\psi)) = \sup\{\|x + y\|_\psi : x, y \in S_{(\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_\psi)} \text{ with } x \perp_I y\}.$$

We recall that an absolute normalized norm  $\|\cdot\|$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is symmetric in the sense that  $\|(x, y)\| = \|(y, x)\|$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  if and only if the corresponding function  $\psi$  is symmetric with respect to  $t = 1/2$ , that is,  $\psi(1 - t) = \psi(t)$  for every  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

Using Lemma 2.1 we gave the following formula for the case where  $\psi$  is symmetric with respect to  $t = 1/2$ .

**Theorem 2.2** ([6]). *Let  $\psi \in \Psi_2$ . If  $\psi$  is symmetric with respect to  $t = 1/2$ , then*

$$J((\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_\psi)) = \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1/2} \frac{2-2t}{\psi(t)} \psi\left(\frac{1}{2-2t}\right).$$

We consider a function in the theorem above:

$$f(t) = \frac{2-2t}{\psi(t)} \psi\left(\frac{1}{2-2t}\right) \text{ for all } t \in [0, 1/2].$$

Since  $f(0) = 2\psi(1/2)$  and  $f(1/2) = 1/\psi(1/2)$ , we always have the inequality

$$J((\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_\psi)) \geq \max\{2\psi(1/2), 1/\psi(1/2)\}.$$

As a direct consequence of Theorem 2.2, we have

**Proposition 2.3** ([6]). *Let  $\psi \in \Psi_2$ . Assume that  $\psi$  is symmetric with respect to  $t = 1/2$ .*

(i) *If  $\psi \geq \psi_2$  and  $M_1 = \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \psi(t)/\psi_2(t)$  is taken at  $t = 1/2$ , then*

$$J((\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_\psi)) = 2\psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right).$$

(ii) *If  $\psi \leq \psi_2$  and  $M_2 = \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \psi_2(t)/\psi(t)$  is taken at  $t = 1/2$ , then*

$$J((\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_\psi)) = \frac{1}{\psi(1/2)}.$$

**Example 2.4.** Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and  $1/p + 1/p' = 1$ .

(i) If  $1 \leq p \leq 2$ , then  $J((\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_p)) = 2\psi_p(1/2) = 2^{1/p}$ .

(ii) If  $2 \leq p \leq \infty$ , then  $J((\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_p)) = 1/\psi_p(1/2) = 2^{1/p'}$ .

**Example 2.5.** Let  $1/2 \leq \beta \leq 1$ , and let  $\psi_\beta(t) = \max\{1-t, t, \beta\}$ . Then

$$J((\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_{\psi_\beta})) = \begin{cases} 1/\beta = 1/\psi_\beta(1/2) & \text{if } 1/2 \leq \beta \leq 1/\sqrt{2}, \\ 2\beta = 2\psi_\beta(1/2) & \text{if } 1/\sqrt{2} \leq \beta \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Here, we propose the following problem: Does there exist a function  $\psi \in \Psi_2$  satisfying

$$J((\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_\psi)) > \max\{2\psi(1/2), 1/\psi(1/2)\}?$$

In Section 4, we discuss the case of two dimensional Lorentz sequence spaces.

### 3. JAMES CONSTANT OF $d^{(2)}(w, q)$

Let  $X$  be a normed space. As in [2], the Schäffer constant  $g(X)$  of  $X$  is defined by

$$g(X) = \inf\{\max\{\|x+y\|, \|x-y\|\} : x, y \in S_X\}.$$

By [2, Theorem 2.5], we have

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $X$  be a normed space. Then  $1 \leq g(X) \leq \sqrt{2} \leq J(X) \leq 2$  and  $g(X)J(X) = 2$ .*

Note here that the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\omega,q}$  of  $d^{(2)}(\omega, q)$  is a symmetric absolute normalized norm on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and the corresponding convex function is given by

$$\psi_{\omega,q}(t) = \begin{cases} ((1-t)^q + \omega t^q)^{1/q} & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq 1/2, \\ (t^q + \omega(1-t)^q)^{1/q} & \text{if } 1/2 \leq t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 3.2** ([8]). *Let  $1 < q < 2$  and  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ . If  $(\sqrt{2} - 1)^{2-q} < \omega < 1$ , then there exists a unique pair of real numbers  $s_0, s_1$  such that*

$$\left(\frac{1-\omega}{\omega(1+\omega)}\right)^{p-1} < s_0 < \omega^{1/(2-q)} < s_1 < 1$$

and  $(1 + s_i)^{q-1}(1 - \omega s_i^{q-1}) = \omega(1 - s_i)^{q-1}(1 + \omega s_i^{q-1})$  for  $i = 0, 1$ .

(i) *If  $(\sqrt{2} - 1)^{2-q} < \omega \leq \sqrt{2}^q - 1$ , then*

$$J(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)) = \max \left\{ \left(\frac{2(1+s_0)^{q-1}}{1+\omega s_0^{q-1}}\right)^{1/q}, 2\left(\frac{1}{1+\omega}\right)^{1/q} \right\}$$

and

$$g(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)) = \min \left\{ \left(\frac{2(1+s_1)^{q-1}}{1+\omega s_1^{q-1}}\right)^{1/q}, (1+\omega)^{1/q} \right\}.$$

(ii) *If  $\sqrt{2}^q - 1 < \omega < 1$ , then*

$$J(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)) = \left(\frac{2(1+s_0)^{q-1}}{1+\omega s_0^{q-1}}\right)^{1/q}$$

and

$$g(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)) = \left(\frac{2(1+s_1)^{q-1}}{1+\omega s_1^{q-1}}\right)^{1/q}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be a real-valued function on  $[0, 1/2]$  given by

$$f(t) = \frac{2-2t}{\psi_{\omega,q}(t)} \psi_{\omega,q}\left(\frac{1}{2-2t}\right) = \left(\frac{\omega(1-2t)^q + 1}{(1-t)^q + \omega t^q}\right)^{1/q}$$

for all  $t \in [0, 1/2]$ . We also put

$$g(s) = f\left(\frac{s}{1+s}\right) = \left(\frac{(1+s)^q + \omega(1-s)^q}{1+\omega s^q}\right)^{1/q}$$

for all  $s \in [0, 1]$ . Then the derivative of  $g$  is

$$g'(s) = \frac{((1+s)^q + \omega(1-s)^q)^{1/q-1}}{(1+\omega s^q)^{1/q+1}} \times \{(1+s)^{q-1}(1-\omega s^{q-1}) - \omega(1-s)^{q-1}(1+\omega s^{q-1})\}.$$

We put  $\alpha = q - 1$  and define a function  $g_1$  from  $[0, 1]$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  by

$$g_1(s) = (1+s)^\alpha(1-\omega s^\alpha) - \omega(1-s)^\alpha(1+\omega s^\alpha)$$

for  $s$  with  $0 \leq s \leq 1$ . If  $(\sqrt{2} - 1)^{2-q} < \omega < 1$ , then  $\omega^{1/(2-q)} > \sqrt{2} - 1$ . Thus we have

$$\omega^{1/(2-q)} > \frac{1 - \omega^{1/(2-q)}}{1 + \omega^{1/(2-q)}} > \frac{1 - \omega}{1 + \omega}.$$

We consider a function  $h(s) = \omega^{1-p} s^{p-1}$  on  $[0, 1]$ . Since  $h$  is an increasing function on  $[0, 1]$ ,

$$\left(\frac{1 - \omega}{\omega(1 + \omega)}\right)^{p-1} = h\left(\frac{1 - \omega}{1 + \omega}\right) < h(\omega^{1/(2-q)}) = \omega^{1/(2-q)}.$$

Thus we have

$$\left(\frac{1 - \omega}{\omega(1 + \omega)}\right)^{p-1} < \omega^{1/(2-q)}.$$

Now, since  $(p - 1)(q - 1) = 1$ , one has that

$$\begin{aligned} &g_1\left(\left(\frac{1 - \omega}{\omega(1 + \omega)}\right)^{p-1}\right) \\ &= \frac{2\omega}{1 + \omega} \left[ \left\{1 + \left(\frac{1 - \omega}{\omega(1 + \omega)}\right)^{p-1}\right\}^{q-1} - \left\{1 - \left(\frac{1 - \omega}{\omega(1 + \omega)}\right)^{p-1}\right\}^{q-1} \right] \\ &> 0. \end{aligned}$$

These observation and [8, Table 1] together show that there uniquely exists a pair of real numbers  $s_0, s_1$  such that

$$\left(\frac{1 - \omega}{\omega(1 + \omega)}\right)^{p-1} < s_0 < \omega^{1/(2-q)} < s_1 < 1$$

and  $g_1(s_0) = g_1(s_1) = 0$ . For  $i = 0, 1$ , we have

$$f\left(\frac{s_i}{1 + s_i}\right) = g(s_i) = \left(\frac{2(1 + s_i)^{q-1}}{1 + \omega s_i^{q-1}}\right)^{1/q}.$$

We now remark that

$$f\left(\frac{s}{1 + s}\right) f\left(\frac{1 - s}{2}\right) = 2$$

for any  $s \in [0, 1]$ . Then, as was shown in [8], the function  $g(s) = f(s/(1 + s))$  has a maximal at  $s_0$  and a minimal at  $s_1$ , and so, the function  $f((1 - s)/2) = 2/f(s/(1 + s))$  has a minimal at  $s_0$  and a maximal at  $s_1$ .

|                                 |   |   |       |   |       |   |   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|-------|---|-------|---|---|
| $s$                             | 0 |   | $s_0$ |   | $s_1$ |   | 1 |
| $f\left(\frac{s}{1 + s}\right)$ |   | ↗ |       | ↘ |       | ↗ |   |
| $f\left(\frac{1 - s}{2}\right)$ |   | ↘ |       | ↗ |       | ↘ |   |

This implies that  $f((1 - s_0)/2) = f(s_1/(1 + s_1))$  and  $f((1 - s_1)/2) = f(s_0/(1 + s_0))$ . Hence it must be  $s_1/(1 + s_1) = (1 - s_0)/2$ , which implies that

$$f\left(\frac{s_0}{1 + s_0}\right) f\left(\frac{s_1}{1 + s_1}\right) = 2.$$

Thus we finally have this theorem by Proposition 3.1. This completes the proof.  $\square$

4. JAMES CONSTANT OF  $d^{(2)}(\omega, q)^*$

For  $\psi \in \Psi_2$  let  $\|\cdot\|_\psi^*$  be the dual of the norm  $\|\cdot\|_\psi$ . Namely,

$$\|x\|_\psi^* = \sup \left\{ |\langle x, y \rangle| : y \in S_{(\mathbb{R}^2, \|\cdot\|_\psi)} \right\}$$

for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . From [5] we have  $\|\cdot\|_\psi^* \in AN_2$  and the corresponding convex function  $\psi^*$  in  $\Psi_2$  is

$$\psi^*(t) = \sup_{0 \leq s \leq 1} \frac{(1-s)(1-t) + st}{\psi(s)}$$

for  $t$  with  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ .

To obtain the dual norm of  $\|\cdot\|_{\omega, q}$  we first determine the function  $\psi_{\omega, q}^*$ .

**Theorem 4.1** ([6]). *Let  $0 < \omega < 1$ . If  $1 < q < \infty$ , then*

$$\psi_{\omega, q}^*(t) = \begin{cases} ((1-t)^p + \omega^{1-p}t^p)^{1/p} & \text{if } 0 \leq t < \omega/(1+\omega), \\ (1+\omega)^{1/p-1} & \text{if } \omega/(1+\omega) \leq t < 1/(1+\omega), \\ (t^p + \omega^{1-p}(1-t)^p)^{1/p} & \text{if } 1/(1+\omega) \leq t \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ .

Hence  $d^{(2)}(\omega, q)^*$  is isometrically isomorphic to the space  $\mathbb{R}^2$  endowed with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\omega, q}^*$  defined by

$$\|(x, y)\|_{\omega, q}^* = \begin{cases} (|x|^p + \omega^{1-p}|y|^p)^{1/p} & \text{if } |y| \leq \omega|x|, \\ (1+\omega)^{1/p-1}(|x| + |y|) & \text{if } \omega|x| \leq |y| \leq \omega^{-1}|x|, \\ (\omega^{1-p}|x|^p + |y|^p)^{1/p} & \text{if } \omega^{-1}|x| \leq |y|, \end{cases}$$

where  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ .

We now suppose that  $1 < q < 2$  and  $(\sqrt{2}-1)^{2-q} < \omega < 1$ . Since  $\psi_{\omega, q}^*$  is symmetric with respect to  $t = 1/2$ , we define a function  $f^*$  from  $[0, 1/2]$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  by

$$f^*(t) = \frac{2-2t}{\psi_{\omega, q}^*(t)} \psi_{\omega, q}^* \left( \frac{1}{2-2t} \right) = \frac{((1+s)^p + \omega^{1-p}(1-s)^p)^{1/p}}{(1 + \omega^{1-p}s^p)^{1/p}}.$$

As in the proof of [6, Theorem 13], we only calculate the maximum of  $f^*$  on  $[(1-\omega)/2, \omega/(1+\omega)]$  to calculate the maximum of  $f^*$  on  $[0, 1]$ . To do this, we define a function  $g$  from  $[(1-\omega)/(1+\omega), \omega]$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  by

$$g^*(s) = f^* \left( \frac{s}{1+s} \right) = \frac{((1+s)^p + \omega^{1-p}(1-s)^p)^{1/p}}{(1 + \omega^{1-p}s^p)^{1/p}}.$$

Since

$$\max \left\{ g^*(s) : \frac{1-\omega}{1+\omega} \leq s \leq \omega \right\} = \max \left\{ f^*(t) : \frac{1-\omega}{2} \leq t \leq \frac{\omega}{1+\omega} \right\},$$

it is enough to calculate the maximum of  $g^*$  on  $[(1-\omega)/(1+\omega), \omega]$ . The derivative

of  $g^*$  is

$$\begin{aligned} &(g^*)'(s) \\ &= \frac{((1+s)^p + \omega^{1-p}(1-s)^p)^{1/p-1}}{(1 + \omega^{1-p}s^p)^{1/p+1}} \\ &\quad \times \{(1+s)^{p-1}(1 - \omega^{1-p}s^{p-1}) - \omega^{1-p}(1-s)^{p-1}(1 + \omega^{1-p}s^{p-1})\}. \end{aligned}$$

We define

$$g_1^*(s) = (1+s)^{p-1}(1 - \omega^{1-p}s^{p-1}) - \omega^{1-p}(1-s)^{p-1}(1 + \omega^{1-p}s^{p-1}).$$

Since  $\omega > (\sqrt{2} - 1)^{2-q}$ , it follows that

$$\omega^{1/(2-q)} > \frac{1 - \omega^{1/(2-q)}}{1 + \omega^{1/(2-q)}} > \frac{1 - \omega}{1 + \omega}$$

and so  $(1 - \omega)/(1 + \omega) < \omega^{1/(2-q)} < \omega$ . As in the Table 3 of [6], there uniquely exists a pair of real numbers  $s_0^*, s_1^*$  such that

$$\frac{1 - \omega}{1 + \omega} < s_0^* < \omega^{1/(2-q)} < s_1^* < \omega$$

and  $g_1^*(s_0^*) = g_1^*(s_1^*) = 0$ . By Theorem 3.2,  $s_0$  and  $s_1$  satisfy the equation

$$(1 + s_i)^{q-1}(1 - \omega s_i^{q-1}) = \omega(1 - s_i)^{q-1}(1 + \omega s_i^{q-1}) \quad (i = 0, 1).$$

We put  $s'_i = \omega s_i^{q-1}$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ). Then we obtain

$$\frac{1 - \omega}{1 + \omega} < s'_0 < \omega^{1/(2-q)} < s'_1 < \omega.$$

Furthermore, we have for  $i = 0, 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} g_1^*(s'_i) &= (1 + \omega s_i^{q-1})^{p-1}(1 - s_i) - \omega^{1-p}(1 - \omega s_i^{q-1})^{p-1}(1 + s_i) \\ &= \{(1 - s_i)^{q-1}(1 + \omega s_i^{q-1})\}^{p-1} - \{\omega^{-1}(1 + s_i)^{q-1}(1 - \omega s_i^{q-1})\}^{p-1} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

since  $(p - 1)(q - 1) = 1$ . By the uniqueness of  $\{s_0^*, s_1^*\}$ , one has  $s_i^* = s'_i = \omega s_i^{q-1}$  for  $i = 0, 1$ . Since  $s_2^* = \omega s_2^{q-1}$ , we have

$$\left(\frac{2(1 + s_1)^{q-1}}{1 + \omega s_1^{q-1}}\right)^{1/q} \left(\frac{2(1 + s_1^*)^{p-1}}{1 + \omega^{1-p}s_1^{*p-1}}\right)^{1/p} = 2.$$

On the other hand, as in the proof of Theorem 3.2,

$$\left(\frac{2(1 + s_0)^{q-1}}{1 + \omega s_0^{q-1}}\right)^{1/q} \left(\frac{2(1 + s_1)^{q-1}}{1 + \omega s_1^{q-1}}\right)^{1/q} = 2.$$

Therefore, it follows that

$$\left(\frac{2(1 + s_0)^{q-1}}{1 + \omega s_0^{q-1}}\right)^{1/q} = \left(\frac{2(1 + s_1^*)^{p-1}}{1 + \omega^{1-p}s_1^{*p-1}}\right)^{1/p}.$$

By the argument in above and [6, Theorem 13], we have the following result on the James and Schäffer constants of  $d^{(2)}(\omega, q)^*$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $1 < q < 2$  and  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ . If  $(\sqrt{2} - 1)^{2-q} < \omega < 1$ , then there exists a unique pair of real numbers  $s_0, s_1$  such that*

$$\left( \frac{1 - \omega}{\omega(1 + \omega)} \right)^{p-1} < s_0 < \omega^{1/(2-q)} < s_1 < 1$$

and  $(1 + s_i)^{q-1}(1 - \omega s_i^{q-1}) = \omega(1 - s_i)^{q-1}(1 + \omega s_i^{q-1})$  for  $i = 0, 1$ .

(a) *If  $(\sqrt{2} - 1)^{2-q} < \omega \leq \sqrt{2}^q - 1$ , then*

$$J(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)^*) = \max \left\{ \left( \frac{2(1 + s_0)^{q-1}}{1 + \omega s_0^{q-1}} \right)^{1/q}, 2 \left( \frac{1}{1 + \omega} \right)^{1/q} \right\}$$

and

$$g(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)^*) = \min \left\{ \left( \frac{2(1 + s_1)^{q-1}}{1 + \omega s_1^{q-1}} \right)^{1/q}, (1 + \omega)^{1/q} \right\}.$$

(b) *If  $\sqrt{2}^q - 1 < \omega < 1$ , then*

$$J(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)^*) = \left( \frac{2(1 + s_0)^{q-1}}{1 + \omega s_0^{q-1}} \right)^{1/q}$$

and

$$g(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)^*) = \left( \frac{2(1 + s_1)^{q-1}}{1 + \omega s_1^{q-1}} \right)^{1/q}.$$

As an immediate consequence of Theorems 3.2 and 4.2, one has

$$J(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)^*) = J(d^{(2)}(\omega, q))$$

and

$$g(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)^*) = g(d^{(2)}(\omega, q))$$

for all  $1 < q < 2$  and  $(\sqrt{2} - 1)^{2-q} < \omega < 1$ . Thus we finally have the following result.

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $1 < q < 2$  and  $0 < \omega < 1$ . Then*

$$J(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)^*) = J(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)) \quad \text{and} \quad g(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)^*) = g(d^{(2)}(\omega, q)).$$

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