# Operators on Lorentz Sequence Space II 

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## 1. Introduction

The classical inequalities of Hardy, Capson and Hilbert [HLP] describe the norms of certain matrix operators on the sequence space $\ell_{p}$. In the present paper, we address the problem of finding the norms of these operators when $\ell_{p}$ is replaced by the Lorentz sequence space $d(w, 1)$ determined by a weighting sequence $\left(w_{n}\right)$.

First we establish the conditions under which the norm of an operator on $d(w, 1)$ is determined by decreasing, non-negative sequences. For operators satisfying these conditions, a pleasantly simple general theorem is available. In fact, our problem reduce to the study of a certain sequence, as follows. Let the operator have ma$\operatorname{trix}\left(b_{i, j}\right)$, and let $u_{j}=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} w_{i} b_{i, j}$. Write $W_{n}=$ $w_{1}+\ldots+w_{n}$ (and $U_{n}$ similarly). Then the norm of $B$ is the supremum of $\frac{U_{n}}{W_{n}}$. This amount to saying that is determined by elements of the form $(1, \ldots, 1,0, \ldots)$.

However, evaluating these quantities in particular cases can be far from trivial, and we turn to the problem of doing so for the classical operators mentioned above. The problem is only complete when we have chosen the weighting sequence, and we consider two natural choices, defined respectively by $w_{n}=\frac{1}{n^{p}}$ and $W_{n}=n^{1-p}$. Each operator then presents the problem of evaluating specific suprema, usually concerning partial sums or tails of series.

Typical results are as follows. For $w_{n}=\frac{1}{n^{p}}$, the Cesaro operator has norm $\xi(1+p)$. By contrast, for $W_{n}=n^{1-p}$, the norm is $\frac{1}{p}$. For
the Copson operator, the norm is $\frac{1}{1-p}$ when $w_{n}=\frac{1}{n^{p}}$ or $W_{n}=n^{1-p}$. For the Hilbert operator, with $w_{n}=\frac{1}{n^{p}}$, the norm is $\frac{\pi}{\sin p \pi}$ (which is analogous to the $\ell_{p}$ case).

In certain cases, the bounds of $\left(\frac{U_{n}}{W_{n}}\right)$ coincide with those of $\left(\frac{u_{n}}{w_{n}}\right)$. Though the sequences in question are often increasing or decreasing, it can be substantially harder to prove this fact than t o show directly that the limit (or the first term) is the supremum. Also, small changes to the operator, or to $\left(w_{n}\right)$, are enough to change $\left(\frac{U_{n}}{W_{n}}\right)$ from an increasing sequence to a decreasing one, or (worse) to one that decrease first, then increase, with obvious implications for the supremum.

The case of $d(w, p)$, with $p>1$ presents substantial additional features. Some results for this case are given in [Lash] and [JL].

## 2. General Matrix Operators

For a sequence $x=\left(x_{n}\right)$, we define $|x|$ and the relation $x \leq y$ in the obvious pointwise way. We denote the $e_{j}$ the sequence having 1 in place $j$ and 0 elsewhere. Let $w=\left(w_{n}\right)$ be a decreasing, non-negative sequence with $\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} w_{n}=0$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} w_{n}$ divergent. Write $W_{n}=w_{1}+w_{2}+\ldots+w_{n}$. The Lorentz sequence space $d(w, 1)$ is the space of sequence $x$ with

$$
\|x\|_{w, 1}=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} w_{n} x_{n}^{*}
$$

finite, where $\left(x_{n}^{*}\right)$ is the decreasing rearrangement of $\left|x_{n}\right|$. For such $x$, one has $W_{n} x_{n}^{*} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and hence by Abel summation

$$
\|x\|_{w, 1}=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} W_{n}\left(x_{n}^{*}-x_{n+1}^{*}\right)
$$

By Abel summation, this equals

$$
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\left(w_{n}-w_{n+1}\right) X_{n}^{*}
$$

where $X_{n}^{*}=x_{1}^{*}+x_{2}^{*}+\ldots+x_{n}^{*}$ (this is where we need the condition $\left.w_{n} \rightarrow 0\right)$. Hence if $X_{n}^{*} \leq Y_{n}^{*}$ for all $n$, then $\|x\|_{w, 1} \leq\|y\|_{w, 1}$. (By Ky fan's Lemma [GK, III.3.1], the same is actually true for symmetric Banach sequence spaces generally.)

Now consider the operator $B$ defined by $B x=$ $y$, where $y_{i}=\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_{i, j} x_{j}$. We denote by $\|B\|_{w, 1}$, the norm of $B$ as an operator from $d(w, 1)$ into itself. We assume throughout that
(1) $b_{i, j} \geq 0$ for all $i, j$.

This implies that $|B(x)| \leq B(|x|)$ for all $x$, and hence the non-negative sequence $x$ are sufficient to determine $\|B\|_{w, 1}$. A much more delicate problem is to find conditions under which the norm is determined by decreasing sequence $x$. The next result gives a theoretical answer to this question. However, for the particular operators considered below, the required property is very easily seen directly, whithout this result.

Proposition 1: Suppose that (1) holds, and that
(2) for all subsets $M, N$ of $\mathbb{N}$ having $m, n$ elements respectively, we have

$$
\sum_{i \in M} \sum_{j \in N} b_{i, j} \leq \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} b_{i, j}
$$

Then $\|B(x)\|_{w, 1} \leq\left\|B\left(x^{*}\right)\right\|_{w, 1}$ for all nonnegative elements $x$ of $d(w, 1)$. Hence decreasing, non-negative elements are sufficient to detemine $\|B\|_{w, 1}$.

Proof. Let $y=B x, z=B x^{*}$. We show that

$$
y_{1}^{*}+\ldots+y_{m}^{*} \leq z_{1}+\ldots+z_{m} . \quad(\forall m)
$$

As remarked above, it follows (in any symmetric Banach sequence space) that $\|y\| \leq\|z\|$. (For this, we do not need to know that $z_{j}$ are in decreasing order, though we shall see that this is
in fact implied by $(2))$. Let $y_{i}^{*}=y_{\sigma(i)}$ and let $M=\{\sigma(i): 1 \leq i \leq m\}$. Also, let $x_{j}^{*}=x_{\tau(j)}$. Then
$\sum_{i=1}^{m} y_{i}^{*}=\sum_{i \in m} g_{i}=\sum_{i \in m} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_{i, \tau(j)} x_{j}^{*}=\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left(\sum_{i \in m} b_{i, \tau(j)}\right) x_{j}^{*}$.
By Abel summation (since $x_{n}^{*} \rightarrow 0$ ), this equals

$$
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\left(\sum_{i \in m} \sum_{j \in N(n)} b_{i, j}\right)\left(x_{n}^{*}-x_{n+1}^{*}\right)
$$

where $N(n)=\{\tau(j): 1 \leq j \leq n\}$. Meanwhile,
$\sum_{i=1}^{m} z_{i}=\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} b_{i, j} x_{j}^{*}=\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} b_{i, j}\right)\left(x_{n}^{*}-x_{n+1}^{*}\right)$,
the required inequality follows from (2).
Note that condition (2) implies, in particular, that $b_{i, j} \leq b_{1,1}$ for all $i, j$. However, matrices satisfying condition (2) are by no means instantly recognisable. The next result provides sufficient conditions that are transparently satisfied in many cases of interest, including those considered below. Write

$$
r_{i, n}=\sum_{j=1}^{n} b_{i, j} \quad, \quad c_{m, j}=\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i, j}
$$

the partial sums along row $i$ and column $j$ respectively. Consider the following conditions:
(3) $r_{i, n}$ decreases with $i$ for each $n$.
$\left(3^{*}\right) b_{i, j}$ decreases with $i$ for each $j$.
(4) $c_{m, j}$ decreases with $j$ for each $m$.
(4*) $b_{i, j}$ decreases with $j$ for each $i$.
Clearly, (3*) is stronger than (3), and (4*) is stronger than (4).

Proposition 2: Condition (2) implies (3) and (4). Conversely (3) and (4*), or (4) and $\left(3^{*}\right)$, imply (2).

Proof. Suppose that (3) is false, so that $r_{m, n}<r_{m+1, n}$ for some $m, n$. Let $M=$ $\{1,2, \ldots, m-1, m+1\}, N=\{1,2, \ldots, n\}$. Then

$$
\sum_{i \in M} \sum_{j \in N} b_{i, j}=\sum_{i \in M} r_{i, n}>\sum_{i=1}^{m} r_{i, n}=\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} b_{i, j}
$$

so (2) fails. Similarly for (4).
Now assume that (3) and (4*) hold, and consider $M, N$ as in (2). For fixed $i$, the largest $n$ terms $b_{i, j}$ are the first $n$ terms, so

$$
\sum_{j \in N} b_{i, j} \leq \sum_{j=1}^{n} b_{i, j}=r_{i, n}
$$

In the same way, by (3),

$$
\sum_{i \in M} r_{i, n} \leq \sum_{i=1}^{m} r_{i, n}=\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} b_{i, j}
$$

Note. A diagonal matrix, decreasing along the diagonal, satisfies (2) but not ( $3^{*}$ ) or ( $4^{*}$ ). A matrix that satisfies (3) and (4), but not (2), is

$$
\left(\begin{array}{lll}
1 & 1 & 0 \\
1 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 2
\end{array}\right)
$$

For this matrix, if $x=e_{3}$, then $x^{*}=e_{1}$, and (with the above notation) $y_{1}^{*}=2$ while $z_{1}=1$.

Condition ( $3^{*}$ ) clearly implies that $B(x)$ is decreasing for any non-negative $x$, while (3) implies that $B(x)$ is decreasing for decreasing, nonnegative $x$, since by Abel summation again,

$$
y_{i}=\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} r_{i, j}\left(x_{j}-x_{j+1}\right)
$$

(Hence the $z_{j}$ in Proposition 1 are decreasing.)
We need one more condition ensuring that at least finite sequences are mapped into $d(w, 1)$. Now $b_{i, 1}=y_{i}$, where $y=B\left(e_{1}\right)$. Assuming (3), this decreases with $i$, so the following condition is equivalent to $B\left(e_{1}\right)$ being in the space $d(w, 1)$ : (5) $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} w_{i} b_{i, 1}$ is convergent.

By Abel summation, this series can be rewritten $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} c_{m, 1}\left(w_{m}-w_{m+1}\right)$. Given (4), the same is true with $c_{m, j}$ replacing $c_{m, 1}$, so that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} w_{i} b_{i, j}$ is convergent for each $j$. We define

$$
u_{j}=u_{j}(B, w)=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} w_{i} b_{i, j}
$$

Formally, $\left(u_{j}\right)$ is the sequence $B^{*}(w)$. Condition (4) implies that it is decreasing. Note that $u_{1}=\left\|B\left(e_{1}\right)\right\|_{w, 1}$, but for $j>1$, $u_{j}$ need not equal $\left\|B\left(e_{j}\right)\right\|_{w, 1}$ unless ( $3^{*}$ ) holds. The correct interpretation of $u_{j}$ (or rather $U_{j}$ ) emerges in the proof of the next result, our basic theorem on general matrix operators.

Theorem 3. Suppose that $B$ satisfies conditions (1), (2), (5). Let $u_{j}=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} w_{i} b_{i, j}$ and
$U_{n}=u_{1}+\ldots+u_{n}$. Then $B$ is a bounded operator on $d(w, 1)$ if and only if $\left(\frac{U_{n}}{W_{n}}\right)$ is bounded above, and

$$
\|B\|_{w, 1}=\sup _{n \geq 1} \frac{U_{n}}{W_{n}}
$$

This norm can be evaluated by considering only elements of the form $e_{1}+\ldots+e_{n}$.
Proof: Let $\left(x_{j}\right)$ be a decreasing, non-negative sequence. Then $\left(y_{i}\right)$ is also decreasing, so

$$
\begin{aligned}
\|B x\|_{w, 1} & =\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} w_{i} y_{i} \\
& =\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} w_{i} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_{i, j} x_{j} \\
& =\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} u_{j} x_{j} \\
& =\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} U_{j}\left(x_{j}-x_{j+1}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

while

$$
\|x\|_{w, 1}=\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} W_{j}\left(x_{j}-x_{j+1}\right)
$$

Let $M=\sup _{n \geq 1} \frac{U_{n}}{W_{n}}$. Then, clearly,

$$
\|B x\|_{w, 1} \leq M\|x\|_{w, 1}
$$

Further, if $x=e_{1}+\ldots+e_{n}$, then $\|x\|_{w, 1}=W_{n}$ and $\|B x\|_{w, 1}=U_{n}$, so such elements suffice to show that $\|B\|_{w, 1}=M$.
In certain cases, it is enough to consider the sequence $\left(\frac{u_{n}}{w_{n}}\right)$ instead of $\left(\frac{U_{n}}{W_{n}}\right)$, because of the well-known facts listed in the following lemma.
Lemma 1. (i) If $m \leq \frac{u_{n}}{w_{n}} \leq M$ for all $n$, then $m \leq \frac{U_{n}}{W_{n}} \leq M$ for all $n$.
(ii) If $\left(\frac{u_{n}}{w_{n}}\right)$ is increasing (or decreasing), then so is $\left(\frac{U_{n}}{W_{n}}\right)$.
(iii) If $\frac{u_{n}}{w_{n}} \rightarrow M$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then $\frac{U_{n}}{W_{n}} \rightarrow M$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ (also with $L=\infty$ ).

## Proof: Elementary.

Hence, for example, if $\left(\frac{u_{n}}{w_{n}}\right)$ is increasing and tends to the limit $M$, then $\|B\|_{w, 1}=M$. The
same conclusion holds provided that we can show that $\frac{u_{1}}{w_{1}} \leq \frac{u_{n}}{w_{n}} \leq M$ for all $n$. We shall see that is some cases, this is much easier than showing that the sequence is increasing.

## 3. Partial Sums and Tails of $\sum \frac{1}{n^{p}}$

The following mostly well-known facts will be used repeatedly in evaluating the suprema and infima arising in our chosen particular cases. Let $p>0$, and write

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{n}=\frac{1}{n^{p}} \\
& y_{n}=\int_{n-1}^{n} \frac{1}{t^{p}} d t
\end{aligned}
$$

and as usual $X_{n}=x_{1}+\ldots+x_{n}$, etc. For $p<1$, the usual integral comparison gives

$$
y_{2}+\ldots+y_{n} \leq X_{n} \leq Y_{n}
$$

or

$$
\frac{1}{1-p}\left(n^{1-p}-1\right) \leq X_{n} \leq \frac{n^{1-p}}{1-p}
$$

hence $\frac{X_{n}}{Y_{n}} \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. We need to know also that $\frac{X_{n}}{Y_{n}}$ is increasing. The following is the key lemma.

Lemma 2: With $y_{n}$ as above (for any $p>0$ ), $n^{p} y_{n}$ decreases with $n$ and $n^{p} y_{n+1}$ increases with $n$.

Proof: Write $s_{n}=n^{p} y_{n}$. Then
$s_{n+1}=(n+1)^{p} \int_{n}^{n+1} \frac{1}{t^{p}} d t=(n+1)^{p} \int_{n-1}^{n} \frac{d t}{(t+1)^{p}}$.
For $n-1 \leq t \leq n$, we have $\frac{(n+1)}{n} \leq \frac{(t+1)}{t}$, hence $\frac{(n+1)^{p}}{(t+1)^{p}} \leq \frac{n^{p}}{t^{p}}$. Hence $s_{n+1} \leq s_{n}$. Similarly for the second statement.

Proposition 4. Let $0<p<1$ and let $X_{n}=$ $\sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{1}{j^{p}}$. Then $\frac{X_{n}}{n^{1-p}}$ increases and tends to $\frac{1}{1-p}$.

Proof: By Lemma 2, $\frac{x_{n}}{y_{n}}$ increases. Hence, by Lemma 1 (ii), $\frac{X_{n}}{Y_{n}}$ increases. The limit follows from the inequalities above.

We now consider the tail of the series for $\xi(1+$ $p)$. For the tail of a series, the analogous result to Lemma 1 (ii) is the following.

Lemma 3: Suppose that $x_{n}>0, y_{n}>0$ for all $n$ and that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_{n}$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_{n}$ are convergent. Let $X_{(n)}=\sum_{j=n}^{\infty} x_{j}$, similarly $Y_{(n)}$. If $\left(\frac{x_{n}}{y_{n}}\right)$ is increasing (or decreasing), then so is $\left(\frac{X_{(n)}}{Y_{(n)}}\right)$.

Proof: Elementary.
Proposition 5. Let $p>0$ and let $X_{(n)}=$ $\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{1+p}}$. Then $n^{p} X_{(n)}$ is decreasing, ( $n-$ 1) ${ }^{p} X_{(n)}$ increasing. Both tend to $\frac{1}{p}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof: Let $x_{n}=\frac{1}{n^{1+p}}$ and

$$
y_{n}=\int_{n-1}^{n} \frac{1}{t^{1+p}} d t
$$

Then $Y_{(n+1)}=\frac{1}{p n^{p}}$. By the usual integral comparison,

$$
\frac{1}{p n^{p}} \leq X_{(n)} \leq \frac{1}{p(n-1)^{p}}
$$

which implies the stated limits. By Lemma 2, $\left(\frac{x_{n}}{y_{n+1}}\right)$ is decreasing, so by Lemma $3, \frac{X_{(n)}}{Y_{(n+1)}}=$ $p n^{p} X_{(n)}$ is decreasing. Similarly, $\left(\frac{X_{(n)}}{Y_{(n)}}\right)$ is increasing.

Remark. This is stated without proof in [Benn 2], Remark 4.10.

## 4. The Cesaro Operator and Its Transpose (Copson Operator)

The Cesaro operator $A$ is dedined by $y=A x$, where

$$
y_{n}=\frac{1}{n}\left(x_{1}+x_{2}+\ldots+x_{n}\right)
$$

It is given by the Cesaro matrix:

$$
a_{i, j}= \begin{cases}\frac{1}{i} & \text { for } j \leq i \\ 0 & \text { for } j>i\end{cases}
$$

This is a lower triangular matrix. In our terms, it satisfies conditions (3) and $\left(4^{*}\right)$. When $A$ is regarded as an operator on $\ell_{p}$ (where $p>1$ ), Hardy's inequality (see e.g. [HLP], [Benn 1] and $[\mathrm{LD}])$ states that $\|A\|_{p}=\frac{p}{p-1}$. (The element $e_{1}$ is enough to show that $A$ does not map $\ell_{1}$ into $\ell_{1}$.)

Condition (50 requires convergence of $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{w_{n}}{k}$, and $u_{n}$ is given by

$$
u_{n}=\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{w_{k}}{k}
$$

For the weighting sequence $w_{n}=\frac{1}{n^{p}}$, our earlier results provid an immediate solution to our problem.

Theorem 6: Let $A$ be the Cesaro operator, and let $w_{n}=\frac{1}{n^{p}}$, where $0<p<1$. Then

$$
\|A\|_{w, 1}=\xi(1+p)
$$

Proof: We now have $\frac{w_{k}}{k}=\frac{1}{k^{1+p}}$, so $u_{n}=$ $X_{(n)}$ in the notation of Proposition 5, which tells us that $n^{p} u_{n}\left(=\frac{u_{n}}{w_{n}}\right)$ is decreasing and tends to $\frac{1}{p}$. By Lemma 1, it follows that

$$
\|A\|_{w, 1}=\frac{u_{1}}{w_{1}}=\xi(1+p)
$$

The Capson operator $C$ is defined by $y=C x$, where

$$
y_{n}=\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{x_{k}}{k}
$$

It is given by the transpose of the matrix of the Cesaro operator:

$$
c_{i, j}= \begin{cases}\frac{1}{j} & \text { for } i \leq j \\ 0 & \text { for } i>j\end{cases}
$$

This is an upper triangular matrix satisfying (4) and $\left(3^{*}\right)$. The classical inequality of Copson [Cop] states that $\|C\|_{p}=p$ as an operator on $\ell_{p}$.

A pleasantly simple statements can be made about the norm of $C$ for general $\left(w_{n}\right)$. With the notation of section 2 ,

$$
u_{n}=\frac{1}{n}\left(w_{1}+\ldots+w_{n}\right)=\frac{W_{n}}{n}
$$

Following $[R]$, we define the 1-regularity constant of $\left(w_{n}\right)$ to be

$$
r_{1}(w)=\sup _{n \geq 1} \frac{W_{n}}{n w_{n}}
$$

and say that $w=\left(w_{n}\right)$ is 1-regular if this is finite.
Proposition 7. If $w=\left(w_{n}\right)$ is 1-regular, then $C$ maps $d(w, 1)$ into itself. Also, we have

$$
\|C\|_{w, 1} \leq r_{1}(w)
$$

Proof. Since

$$
u_{n}=\frac{W_{n}}{n} \leq r_{1}(w) w_{n} \quad(\forall n)
$$

then by Theorem 3 and Lemma 1 (i), it follows that $\|C\|_{w, 1} \leq r_{1}(w)$.

Proposition 8. If

$$
\sup \frac{1}{W_{n}} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{W_{k}}{k}<\infty
$$

then the Capson operator $C$ is a bounded operator from $d(w, 1)$ into itself. Also, we have

$$
\|C\|_{w, 1}=\sup _{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{W_{n}} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{W_{k}}{k}
$$

Proof: Since

$$
u_{n}=\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} c_{j, n} w_{j}=\frac{1}{n}\left(w_{1}+\ldots+w_{n}\right)=\frac{W_{n}}{n}
$$

then, by hypothesis and Theorem 3, it follows that

$$
\|C\|_{w, 1}=\sup \frac{1}{W_{n}} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{W_{k}}{k} .
$$

Theorem 9. Let $C$ be the Capson operator, and let $w_{n}=\frac{1}{n^{p}}$, where $0<p<1$. Then

$$
\|C\|_{w, 1}=\frac{1}{1-p}
$$

Proof: With our standing notation,

$$
\frac{u_{n}}{w_{n}}=\frac{W_{n}}{n w_{n}}=\frac{W_{n}}{n^{1-p}}
$$

Our $W_{n}$ is the $X_{n}$ of Proposition 4, which tells us that $\frac{W_{n}}{n^{1-p}}$ increases and tends to $\frac{1}{1-p}$. The
statement follows by (ii) and (iii) of Lemma 1. (Of course, this also shows that $r_{1}(w)=\frac{1}{1-p}$ ).

Remark. When $p=1$, so that $w_{n}=\frac{1}{n}$, we have

$$
\frac{u_{n}}{w_{n}}=W_{n} \rightarrow \infty \quad \text { as } \quad n \rightarrow \infty
$$

so $C$ is not a bounded operator on $d(w, 1)$, although of course it satisfies condition (5).

## 5. The Hilbert Operator

Two versions of the Hilbert operator, which we denote by $H_{1}$ and $H_{0}$ respectively, are given by the matrices

$$
h_{i, j}=\frac{1}{i+j} \quad, \quad h_{i, j}=\frac{1}{i+j-1}
$$

These are Hankel matrices satisfying ( $3^{*}$ ) and $\left(4^{*}\right)$. Hilbert's inequality (see e.g. [HLP]) gives the norm of both operators on $\ell_{p}$ (for $p>1$ ) as $\pi / \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{p}\right)$.

We start by considering $H_{1}$, with $w_{n}=\frac{1}{n^{p}}$. In our usual notation, we have

$$
u_{n}=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^{p}(i+n)}
$$

Theorem 10. With $u_{n}$ defined in this way, we have $\sup _{n \geq 1} n^{p} u_{n}=\frac{\pi}{\sin p \pi}$. Hence if $w_{n}=\frac{1}{n^{p}}$, where $0<p<1$, then

$$
\left\|H_{1}\right\|_{w, 1}=\frac{\pi}{\sin p \pi}
$$

Proof: By Comparison with the well-known integral

$$
\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{d t}{t^{p}(t+c)}=\frac{\pi}{c^{p} \sin p \pi} \quad(0<p<1)
$$

we have $u_{n} \leq \frac{\pi}{n^{p} \sin p \pi}$, hence

$$
n^{p} u_{n} \leq \frac{\pi}{\sin p \pi}
$$

Also, we have

$$
u_{n}=\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{d t}{t^{p}(t+n)}
$$

and

$$
\int_{0}^{1} \frac{d t}{t^{p}(t+n)} \leq \int_{0}^{1} \frac{d t}{n t^{p}}=\frac{1}{(1-p) n}
$$

Hence

$$
n^{p} u_{n} \geq \frac{\pi}{\sin p \pi}-\frac{1}{(1-p) n^{1-p}}
$$

which proves the stated supremum. Then by Lemma 1, we have

$$
\|H\|_{w, 1}=\frac{\pi}{\sin p \pi}
$$

Remark 1. When $p=1$, we have

$$
u_{n}=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i(i+n)}=\frac{1}{n}\left(1+\frac{1}{2}+\ldots+\frac{1}{n}\right)
$$

hence $n u_{n} \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and $H_{1}$ is not a bounded operator on $d(w, 1)$.

Remark 2. The operator $H_{0}$ (with $w_{n}=$ $\left.\frac{1}{n^{p}}\right)$ is much harder to deal with. Clearly, $u_{n}\left(H_{0}, w\right)=u_{n-1}\left(H_{1}, w\right)$ for $n \geq 2$, and $u_{1}\left(H_{0}, w\right)=\xi(1+p)$. The limit of $n^{p} u_{n}$ is still $\frac{\pi}{\sin p \pi}$, but this less than $\xi(1+p)$ when $p$ is less than approximately 0.32. It is quite easy to show that $n^{p} u_{n} \leq \frac{\pi}{\sin p \pi}$ for large enough $n$. Computation indicate that $n^{p} u_{n}$ either increase throughout, or decreases for a certain number of terms and then increases. This, if proved, would imply that $\left\|H_{0}\right\|_{w, 1}$ is the greater of $\xi(1+p)$ and $\frac{\pi}{\sin p \pi}$.

We turn to the case where $w_{n}$ is defined by $W_{n}=n^{1-p}$ (where $0<p<1$, so that

$$
w_{n}=n^{1-p}-(n-1)^{1-p}=\int_{n-1}^{n} \frac{1-p}{t^{p}} d t
$$

Note first that, with the notation of section 2,

$$
U_{n}=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} r_{i, n} w_{i}=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} W_{i}\left(r_{i, n}-r_{i+1, n}\right)
$$

This time, we consider $H_{0}$ first, since it turns out (in the same way as in Theorem 9) that we have solved the problem for this operator already! For $H_{0}$, we have:

Theorem 11. With $w_{n}$ defined by $W_{n}=$ $n^{1-p}$, we have

$$
\left\|H_{0}\right\|_{w, 1}=\frac{\pi}{\sin p \pi}
$$

Proof: We have

$$
r_{i, n}=\frac{1}{i}+\ldots+\frac{1}{i+n-1}
$$

hence

$$
r_{i, n}-r_{i+1, n}=\frac{1}{i}-\frac{1}{i+n}=\frac{n}{i(i+n)}
$$

and by the above
$\frac{U_{n}}{W_{n}}=\frac{1}{n^{1-p}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{1-p} \frac{n}{k(k+n)}=n^{p} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{p}(k+n)}$.
This is previsly the $\frac{u_{n}}{w_{n}}$ of Theorem 10 , so we have

$$
\left\|H_{0}\right\|_{w, 1}=\frac{\pi}{\sin p \pi}
$$

For $H_{1}$, we have instead
$r_{i, n}-r_{i+1, n}=\frac{1}{i+1}-\frac{1}{i+n+1}=\frac{n}{(i+1)(i+n+1)}$,
so that

$$
\frac{U_{n}}{W_{n}}=n^{p} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{i^{1-p}}{(i+1)(i+n+1)}
$$

Theorem 12. With $w_{n}$ defined by $W_{n}=$ $n^{1-p}$, we have

$$
\left\|H_{0}\right\|_{w, 1}=\frac{\pi}{\sin p \pi}
$$

Proof: The norm estimation only requires slight adaptations to the proof of Theorem 10. Clearly,

$$
\frac{U_{n}}{W_{n}} \leq n^{p} \frac{1}{i^{p}(i+n)}
$$

As seen in Theorem 10, this is not greater that $\frac{\pi}{\sin p \pi}$. For an $N \geq 2$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=N-1}^{\infty} \frac{i^{1-p}}{(i+1)(i+n+1)} & \geq\left(\frac{N-1}{N}\right)^{1-p} \sum_{i=N-1}^{\infty} \frac{(i+1)^{1-p}}{(i+1)(i+n+1)} \\
& \geq\left(\frac{N-1}{N}\right)^{1-p} \sum_{i=N}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i^{p}(i+n)} .
\end{aligned}
$$

As in Theorem 10, we see that

$$
n^{p} \int_{N}^{\infty} \frac{1}{t^{p}(t+n)} d t \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{\sin p \pi} \quad \text { as } \quad n \rightarrow \infty
$$

from which it follows that $\left\|H_{1}\right\|_{w, 1}=\frac{\pi}{\sin p \pi}$.

