

# Greedy Bases in $L^p$ Spaces<sup>1</sup>

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We consider a weighted  $L^p$  space  $L^p(w)$  with a weight function  $w$ . It is known that the Haar system  $\mathcal{H}_p$  normalized in  $L^p$  is a greedy basis of  $L^p$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ . We study a question of when the Haar system  $\mathcal{H}_p^w$  normalized in  $L^p(w)$  is a greedy basis of  $L^p(w)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ . We prove that if  $w$  is such that  $\mathcal{H}_p^w$  is a Schauder basis of  $L^p(w)$ , then  $\mathcal{H}_p^w$  is also a greedy basis of  $L^p(w)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ . Moreover, we prove that a subsystem of the Haar system obtained by discarding finitely many elements from it is a Schauder basis in a weighted norm space  $L^p(w)$ ; then it is a greedy basis.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

We discuss greedy bases in different Banach spaces. In Sections 2 and 3 we consider weighted  $L^p$  spaces  $L^p(w)$ . We prove in Section 2 that for some weights  $w$  the Haar system and its biorthogonal system form a bidemocratic pair for  $L^p(w)$ . This result, combined with known results, implies that the Haar system is a greedy basis of  $L^p(w)$ . In Section 3 we consider some subsystems of the Haar system and prove that if those subsystems are Schauder bases in a space  $L^p(w)$ , then they are greedy bases. We begin with a general introduction to the subject.

Let  $X$  be an infinite-dimensional separable Banach space with a norm  $\|\cdot\| := \|\cdot\|_X$  and let  $\Psi := \{\psi_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  be a normalized basis for  $X$  ( $\|\psi_k\| = 1$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ). For a given  $f \in X$  we define the *best  $m$ -term approximation* with regard to  $\Psi$  as follows:

$$\sigma_m(f) := \sigma_m(f, \Psi)_X := \inf_{b_k, \Lambda} \left\| f - \sum_{k \in \Lambda} b_k \psi_k \right\|_X,$$

where the infimum is taken over coefficients  $b_k$  and sets  $\Lambda$  of indices with cardinality  $|\Lambda| = m$ . There is a natural algorithm of constructing an  $m$ -term approximant. For a given element  $f \in X$  we consider the expansion

$$f = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k(f) \psi_k.$$

We call a permutation  $\rho$ ,  $\rho(j) = k_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ , of the positive integers *decreasing* and write  $\rho \in D(f)$  if

$$|c_{k_1}(f)| \geq |c_{k_2}(f)| \geq \dots$$

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In the case of strict inequalities here  $D(f)$  consists of only one permutation. We define the  $m$ th greedy approximant of  $f$  with regard to the basis  $\Psi$  corresponding to a permutation  $\rho \in D(f)$  by the formula

$$G_m(f) := G_m(f, \Psi) := G_m(f, \Psi, \rho) := \sum_{j=1}^m c_{k_j}(f) \psi_{k_j}.$$

It is a simple algorithm which describes a theoretical scheme for  $m$ -term approximation of an element  $f$ . This algorithm is known in the theory of nonlinear approximation under the name of Thresholding Greedy Algorithm (TGA). The best we can achieve with the algorithm  $G_m$  is

$$\|f - G_m(f)\|_X = \sigma_m(f, \Psi)_X,$$

or a little weaker

$$\|f - G_m(f)\|_X \leq C \sigma_m(f, \Psi)_X$$

for all  $f \in X$  with a constant  $C$  independent of  $f$  and  $m$ . The following concept of a greedy basis was introduced in [4].

**Definition 1.1.** We call a basis  $\Psi$  a *greedy basis* if for every  $f \in X$  there exists a permutation  $\rho \in D(f)$  such that

$$\|f - G_m(f, \Psi, \rho)\|_X \leq C \sigma_m(f, \Psi)_X$$

with a constant  $C$  independent of  $f$  and  $m$ .

The reader can find a discussion of greedy bases in [5; 10; 11; 12, Ch. 1].

In Section 2 we study a question of when the Haar system is a greedy basis for a weighted space  $L^p(w)$ . Afterwards in Section 3 we study a similar question for some subsystems of the Haar system. Let  $w$  be a nonnegative integrable function on  $[0, 1]$ . Define for  $1 \leq p < \infty$

$$\|f\|_{p,w}^p := \int_0^1 |f(x)|^p w(x) dx, \quad \langle f, g \rangle := \int_0^1 f(x)g(x) dx, \quad \langle f, g \rangle_w := \int_0^1 f(x)g(x)w(x) dx.$$

Let  $\Delta$  be a collection of all dyadic intervals of  $[0, 1]$ ,

$$\Delta := \{I \subset [0, 1]: I = [2^{-n}(l-1), 2^{-n}l], n = 0, 1, \dots, l = 1, \dots, 2^n\} \cup \{[0, 1]\}.$$

For an interval  $I = [2^{-n}(l-1), 2^{-n}l]$  define

$$I_+ = [2^{-n}(l-1), 2^{-n}(l-1/2)), \quad I_- = [2^{-n}(l-1/2), 2^{-n}l).$$

Denote

$$w(I) := \int_I w(x) dx.$$

We now discuss weights from Muckenhoupt's dyadic class  $A_p^{(d)}$ . For  $1 < p < \infty$  define  $w_p(x) := w(x)^{-1/(p-1)}$ . We say that  $w \in A_p^{(d)}$  if there exists a constant  $B(p) > 0$  such that for any dyadic interval  $I$  we have

$$w(I)w_p(I)^{p-1} \leq B(p)|I|^p. \quad (1.1)$$

Let  $\mathcal{H} = \{h_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  be the Haar system in its natural enumeration. In some cases we are interested in identifying Haar functions by their support, except for the function  $h_0(x) \equiv 1$  if  $x \in [0, 1]$ . For any

$I \in \Delta$  denote by  $h_I$ ,  $h_I(x) = 1$  if  $x \in I_+$ ,  $h_I(x) = -1$  if  $x \in I_-$  and  $h_I(x) = 0$  if  $x \in I^c = [0, 1] \setminus I$ , the corresponding Haar function normalized in  $L^\infty$ . Haar functions normalized in the space  $L^p(w)$  are denoted as follows:

$$H_{I,p}^w := w(I)^{-1/p} h_I \quad \text{and} \quad H_{0,p}^w := w(I)^{-1/p} h_0.$$

A.S. Krantsberg [6] proved that the condition  $w \in A_p^{(d)}$  is a necessary and sufficient condition for the Haar system  $\mathcal{H}$  to be a basis of  $L^p(w)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ . In [2] it was pointed out that the condition  $w \in A_p^{(d)}$  guarantees that  $\mathcal{H}$  is an unconditional basis of  $L^p(w)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ . In this paper we prove that the condition  $w \in A_p^{(d)}$  implies that  $\mathcal{H}$  is a greedy basis of  $L^p(w)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ .

It was proved in [9] that the Haar basis  $\mathcal{H}_p$  normalized in  $L^p$  is a greedy basis of  $L^p$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ . The following characterization theorem of greedy bases is from [4].

**Theorem 1.1.** *A basis is greedy if and only if it is unconditional and democratic.*

We now give the definitions of unconditional and democratic bases.

**Definition 1.2.** A basis  $\Psi = \{\psi_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  of a Banach space  $X$  is said to be *unconditional* if, for every choice of signs  $\theta = \{\theta_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ ,  $\theta_k = 1$  or  $-1$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , the linear operators  $M_{\theta,N}$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , defined by

$$M_{\theta,N} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \psi_k \right) = \sum_{k=1}^N a_k \theta_k \psi_k$$

are uniformly bounded from  $X$  into  $X$ .

**Definition 1.3.** We say that a basis (system)  $\Psi = \{\psi_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  is a *democratic basis (system)* for  $X$  if there exists a constant  $D := D(X, \Psi) > 1$  such that, for any two finite sets of indices  $P$  and  $Q$  with the same cardinality  $|P| = |Q|$ , we have

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in P} \frac{\psi_k}{\|\psi_k\|_X} \right\| \leq D \left\| \sum_{k \in Q} \frac{\psi_k}{\|\psi_k\|_X} \right\|. \quad (1.2)$$

In [1] bidemocratic bases have been studied (see Section 2 below for a discussion). Observe that if  $w$  is a weight function and  $w_p$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , is integrable, then the Haar system  $\mathcal{H}$  is a complete minimal system in  $L^p(w)$  and its biorthogonal system  $\mathcal{H}_w^* = \{h_k^*\}_{k=0}^\infty$  is defined by the following equations:

$$h_k^*(x) = \frac{1}{w(x)} h_k(x), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

We will use also the notation

$$h_I^*(x) = \frac{1}{|I|w(x)} h_I(x), \quad I \in \Delta.$$

In Section 2 we prove that the pair of biorthogonal systems  $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_w^*)$  is bidemocratic for  $L^p(w)$  if and only if  $w \in A_p^{(d)}$ . Having in mind that for  $w \in A_p^{(d)}$  the Haar system is an unconditional basis for  $L^p(w)$  by Theorem 1.1, we get that  $\mathcal{H}$  is a greedy basis of  $L^p(w)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ . We can use the above results to construct for any  $1 \leq a < b < \infty$  a system of functions which is a greedy basis of  $L^p$  if and only if  $p \in (a, b)$ . Note that for  $1 < p < \infty$  a system  $\Psi = \{\psi_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  is a basis of  $L^p(w)$  if and only if  $\Psi^w := \{\psi_k w^{1/p}\}_{k=1}^\infty$  is a basis of  $L^p$ .

For  $1 < r < \infty$  let  $M_{\eta,r}(x) = x^{\eta/r}$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$  and  $\eta = \pm 1$ . It is easy to check that  $v_p(x) := M_{-1,r}^p(x) \in A_p^{(d)}$  if  $p \in [1, r)$  and  $v_p \notin A_r^{(d)}$  if  $p \geq r$  and  $u_p(x) := M_{1,r}^p(x) \in A_p^{(d)}$  if and

only if  $p \in (\frac{r}{r-1}, \infty)$ . Define  $M^{a,b}(x) = M_{-1,b}(x)(2x)$  if  $x \in [0, 1/2]$  and  $M^{a,b}(x) = M_{1,\frac{a}{a-1}}(2x - 1)$  if  $x \in (1/2, 1]$ . Then the following result holds.

**Proposition 1.1.** *For any  $r > 1$  the system  $\{M_{-1,r}h_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  is a greedy basis in  $L^p$  if and only if  $p \in (1, r)$ . For any  $r' > 1$  the system  $\{M_{1,r'}h_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$ ,  $r = \frac{r'}{r'-1}$ , is a greedy basis in  $L^p$  if and only if  $p \in (r', \infty)$ . For  $1 < a < b < \infty$  the system  $\{M^{a,b}h_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  is a greedy basis in  $L^p$  if and only if  $p \in (a, b)$ .*

2. THE HAAR SYSTEM IN  $L^p(w)$

We will say that the weight function  $w(x)$  satisfies condition  $(D_p)$  if there exists  $C(p) > 0$  such that for any sequence of dyadic intervals  $\mathcal{J} = \{J_k\}_{k=0}^\infty \subset \Delta$ ,  $J_0 \supset J_1 \supset \dots$ ,  $|J_k| = 2^{-k}$ , and for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\sum_{k=0}^m \left( \frac{w(J_m)}{w(J_k)} \right)^{1/p} \leq C(p). \tag{2.1}$$

Assume that the weight function  $w(x)$  satisfies the following condition: For any  $I \in \Delta$  we have

$$w(I_-) \leq qw(I), \quad w(I_+) \leq qw(I) \tag{2.2}$$

with some  $q \in (0, 1)$  independent of  $I$ ; then evidently  $w(x)$  satisfies condition  $(D_p)$  for any  $p > 0$ .

By the Hölder inequality we get that for any interval  $J$

$$w(J)w_p(J)^{p-1} \geq |J|^p. \tag{2.3}$$

Inequality (1.1) implies that for any  $I \in \Delta$

$$\frac{w(I_+)}{w(I_-)} \leq 2^p B(p), \quad \frac{w(I_-)}{w(I_+)} \leq 2^p B(p). \tag{2.4}$$

Indeed, by (1.1) we have

$$w(I_+)w_p(I_-)^{p-1} \leq B(p)|I|^p, \quad w(I_-)w_p(I_+)^{p-1} \leq B(p)|I|^p. \tag{2.5}$$

Combining (2.5) and (2.3) with  $J = I_+$  and  $J = I_-$ , we obtain (2.4).

It is easy to see that inequalities (2.4) imply (2.2). Thus any  $w \in A_p^{(d)}$  satisfies (2.2). It is easily checked that if  $w \in A_p^{(d)}$ , then  $w_p \in A_{p'}^{(d)}$ .

Following [1] we denote

$$\varphi(N) = \sup_{|P|=N} \left\| \sum_{k \in P} \frac{\psi_k}{\|\psi_k\|_X} \right\|_X, \quad \varphi^*(N) = \left\| \sum_{k \in P} \|\psi_k\|_X \psi_k^* \right\|_{X^*}$$

and will say that a pair  $(\Psi, \Psi^*)$  of biorthogonal systems  $\Psi = \{\psi_k\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset X$ ,  $\Psi^* = \{\psi_k^*\}_{k=1}^\infty \subset X^*$  is *bidemocratic for  $X$*  if there exists  $C > 0$  such that for any  $N \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\varphi(N)\varphi^*(N) \leq CN. \tag{2.6}$$

Evidently we have

**Remark 2.1.** If a pair  $(\Psi, \Psi^*)$ , where  $\Psi \subset X$  and  $\Psi^* \subset X^*$ , of biorthogonal systems is bidemocratic for  $X$ , then

$$\limsup_k \|\psi_k\|_X \|\psi_k^*\|_{X^*} \leq C.$$

It is proved in [1] that a bidemocratic basis is a democratic basis. The above definition of bidemocratic system is given for minimal systems which are not necessarily bases. However, the proof given in [1] for bases also works in our case of minimal systems. Hence, we skip the proof of the following

**Proposition 2.1.** *Let  $(\Psi, \Psi^*)$ , where  $\Psi \subset X$  and  $\Psi^* \subset X^*$ , be a pair of biorthogonal systems that is bidemocratic for  $X$ . Then the system  $\Psi$  is democratic for  $X$ .*

We prove the following result.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and let  $w$  be a weight function so that  $w_p \in L^1$ . Then the pair of biorthogonal systems  $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_w^*)$  is bidemocratic for  $L^p(w)$  if and only if  $w \in A_p^{(d)}$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}_w^*)$  is bidemocratic for  $L^p(w)$ . Then, writing conditions (2.6) for  $N = 1$ , we find that for any  $I \in \Delta$

$$\left( \int_I |I|^{-p/2} w(x) dx \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_I |I|^{-p'/2} w(x)^{-p'} w(x) dx \right)^{1/p'} \leq C,$$

where  $1/p + 1/p' = 1$ . It is easily checked that the above inequality is the same as (1.1) with  $B(p) = C^p$ . Hence the necessity is proved. The proof of sufficiency begins with the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $w$  satisfy condition  $(D_p)$  and*

$$f := \sum_{I \in P^*} H_{I,p}^w, \quad |P^*| = N. \quad (2.7)$$

Then

$$\|f\|_{p,w} \leq C_1(p)N^{1/p}.$$

**Proof.** We prove this lemma by induction. For  $N = 1$  it follows from normalization of the system  $\{H_{I,p}^w\}$  in  $L^p(w)$ . Suppose that the statement of Lemma 2.1 holds for  $|P^*| = N - 1$ . We will prove it for  $|P^*| = N$ . We have

$$\|f\|_{p,w}^p = \int_0^1 \left| \sum_{I \in P^*} H_{I,p}^w(x) \right|^p w(x) dx \leq \int_0^1 \left( \sum_{I \in P^*} w(I)^{-1/p} |h_I(x)| \right)^p w(x) dx.$$

Let  $I_0 \in P^*$  be one of the intervals of minimal length. Denote  $P_1^* := P^* \setminus \{I_0\}$ . If  $I_0 \cap J = \emptyset$  for all  $J \in P_1^*$ , then

$$\|f\|_{p,w}^p = 1 + \left\| \sum_{J \in P_1^*} H_{J,p}^w \right\|_{p,w}^p \leq 1 + C_1(p)^p(N-1) \leq C_1(p)^p N$$

provided  $C_1(p) \geq 1$ .

Assume now that there are intervals  $J \in P_1^*$  such that  $I_0 \cap J \neq \emptyset$ . Our assumption that  $I_0$  has the minimal length implies that  $I_0 \subset J$ . Let  $I_k \in P_1^*$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, s$ , be such that  $I_0 \subset I_k$  and  $|I_0| < |I_1| < \dots < |I_s|$ . Then for  $x \in I_0$  we have

$$|f(x)| \leq \sum_{k=0}^s w(I_k)^{-1/p} \leq w(I_0)^{-1/p} \sum_{k=0}^s \left( \frac{w(I_0)}{w(I_k)} \right)^{1/p} \leq C(p)w(I_0)^{-1/p}. \quad (2.8)$$

Let  $f_1 := f - H_{I_0, p}^w$ . Inequality (2.8) implies

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 |f(x)|^p w(x) dx &= \int_{I_0} |f(x)|^p w(x) dx + \int_{[0,1] \setminus I_0} |f(x)|^p w(x) dx \leq C(p)^p + \int_0^1 |f_1(x)|^p w(x) dx \\ &\leq C(p)^p + C_1(p)^p(N - 1) \leq C_1(p)^p N \end{aligned}$$

provided  $C_1(p) \geq C(p)$ .  $\square$

We have not included the first Haar function in the sum  $f$  in order to avoid complicated notation. Evidently Lemma 2.1 is true if in the sum  $f$  we have the term  $H_{0,p}^w$ .

**Remark 2.2.** If condition (2.1) holds for any sequence of dyadic intervals except for a fixed sequence of dyadic intervals  $\mathcal{I} = \{I_k\}_{k=0}^\infty \subset \Delta$ ,  $I_0 \supset I_1 \supset \dots$ ,  $|I_k| = 2^{-k}$ , then the assertion of Lemma 2.1 holds if  $P^* \cap \mathcal{I} = \emptyset$ .

By Lemma 2.1 we have

$$\left\| \sum_{I \in P^*} H_{I, p'}^{w_p} \right\|_{p', w_p} \leq C_1(p') N^{1/p'}. \tag{2.9}$$

In order to prove inequalities (2.6) for the Haar system in the space  $L^p(w)$ , we write

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{k \in P} \|h_k\|_{p, w} h_k^* \right\|_{p', w} &= \left\| \sum_{I \in P^*} w(I)^{1/p} |I|^{-1} h_I \right\|_{p', w_p} = \left\| \sum_{I \in P^*} |I|^{-1} w(I)^{1/p} w_p(I)^{1/p'} H_{I, p'}^{w_p} \right\|_{p', w_p} \\ &\leq B(p)^{1/p} C_2(p') \left\| \sum_{I \in P^*} H_{I, p'}^{w_p} \right\|_{p', w_p}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows by (1.1) from the well-known fact about the unconditional bases (see, e.g., [7, p. 19]) and from the above cited result (see [2]) that the Haar system is an unconditional basis for the space  $L^{p'}(w_p)$  with unconditional basis constant  $C_2(p')$ . By (2.9)

$$\left\| \sum_{k \in P} \|h_k\|_{p, w} h_k^* \right\|_{p', w} \leq B(p)^{1/p} C_1(p') N^{1/p'}.$$

Hence, by Lemma 2.1 we finish the proof.  $\square$

Theorem 2.1 and Proposition 2.1 imply

**Corollary 2.1.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and let  $w \in A_p^{(d)}$ . Then the Haar system  $\mathcal{H}$  normalized in  $L^p(w)$  is a democratic system of  $L^p(w)$ .*

Democratic bases in weighted norm spaces with the weight functions satisfying the  $A_p$  condition have been studied by other authors (see, e.g., [8]).

In the introduction we have commented that if  $w \in A_p^{(d)}$ , then the Haar system  $\mathcal{H}$  is an unconditional basis for  $L^p(w)$ . Hence, by Corollary 2.1 and Theorem 1.1 we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Assume that  $w \in A_p^{(d)}$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ . Then  $\mathcal{H}_p^w$  is a greedy basis of  $L^p(w)$ .*

We formulate one more theorem that is a simple corollary of Theorem 2.2 and Krantsberg's result [6].

**Theorem 2.3.** *Assume that a weight  $w$  is such that  $\mathcal{H}_p^w$  is a basis of  $L^p(w)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ . Then  $\mathcal{H}_p^w$  is a greedy basis of  $L^p(w)$ .*

3. SUBSYSTEMS OF THE HAAR SYSTEM IN  $L^p(w)$ 

Let us consider the Haar system without the first function. We put  $\overline{\mathcal{H}} := \{H_{I,p}^w, I \in \Delta\}$ . In [2] the class of weight functions  $w$  such that the system  $\overline{\mathcal{H}}$  is a basis and unconditional basis in  $L^p(w)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , was described.

**Theorem 3.1.** *The system  $\overline{\mathcal{H}}$  is a basis in  $L^p(w)$  for  $1 < p < \infty$  if and only if there exists a sequence of dyadic intervals  $\mathcal{I} = \{I_k\}_{k=0}^\infty \subset \Delta$ ,  $I_0 \supset I_1 \supset \dots$ ,  $|I_k| = 2^{-k}$ , such that*

$$w_p(I_k^c) < +\infty, \quad w_p(I_k) = +\infty \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (3.1)$$

there exists  $C(p) > 0$  such that

$$w(I_k)w_p(I_k^c)^{p-1} \leq C(p)|I_k|^p \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (3.2)$$

and for any  $I \in \Delta \setminus \mathcal{I}$  inequality (1.1) holds.

The following lemma was proved in [3].

**Lemma 3.1.** *The system  $\overline{\mathcal{H}}$  is a complete minimal system in  $L^p(w)$  for  $1 < p < \infty$  if and only if there exists a sequence of dyadic intervals  $\mathcal{I} = \{I_k\}_{k=0}^\infty \subset \Delta$ ,  $I_0 \supset I_1 \supset \dots$ ,  $|I_k| = 2^{-k}$ , such that conditions (3.1) hold.*

Let  $G := \{g_I\}$  be the system dual to  $\overline{\mathcal{H}}$ . Let  $\{i_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  be a sequence defined according to the following rule:  $i_k = 1$  if  $I_{k+1}$  is the left half of the interval  $I_k$  and  $i_k = 2$  otherwise. As it was shown in [2],

$$g_{I_k}(x) = w(x)^{-1} [2^k w(I_k)^{1/p} h_{I_k}(x) + (-1)^{i_k} \cdot 2^k w(I_k)^{1/p}], \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

and for any  $I \in \Delta$ ,  $I \notin \mathcal{I}$ ,

$$g_I(x) = w(x)^{-1} w(I)^{1/p} |I|^{-1} h_I(x).$$

We prove the following

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and let  $w$  be a weight function so that there exists a sequence of dyadic intervals  $\mathcal{I} = \{I_k\}_{k=0}^\infty \subset \Delta$ ,  $I_0 \supset I_1 \supset \dots$ ,  $|I_k| = 2^{-k}$ , such that conditions (3.1) hold. Then the pair of biorthogonal systems  $(\overline{\mathcal{H}}, G)$  is bidemocratic for  $L^p(w)$  if and only if there exists  $C(p) > 0$  such that conditions (3.2) hold.*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $(\overline{\mathcal{H}}, G)$  is bidemocratic for  $L^p(w)$ . Then, writing conditions (2.6) for  $N = 1$ , for any  $I_k \in \mathcal{I}$  we obtain

$$w(I_k)^{1/p} |I_k|^{-1} w_p(I_k^c)^{1/p'} \leq C.$$

If  $I \in \Delta$ ,  $I \notin \mathcal{I}$ , then we find that (1.1) holds with  $B(p) = C^p$  as in the proof of Theorem 2.1. For the proof of sufficiency we denote by  $\Lambda_1$  the subspace of  $L^p(w)$  spanned by the system  $\{h_{I_j}\}_{j=0}^\infty \subset \overline{\mathcal{H}}$ . Having in mind the definition of the system  $G$ , by Theorem 2.1 and Remark 2.2 we see that the theorem will be proved if we prove the following

**Lemma 3.2.** *The pair of biorthogonal systems  $(\{h_{I_j}\}_{j=0}^\infty, \{g_{I_j}\}_{j=0}^\infty)$  is bidemocratic for  $\Lambda_1$ .*

For the proof of Lemma 3.2 we have to prove some lemmas.

**Lemma 3.3.** *If  $w$  is a weight function which satisfies the conditions of Theorem 3.1, then there exists  $S > 1$  such that for any  $1 \leq j < k$*

$$\frac{w(I_k)}{w(I_j)} \leq C(p) \cdot 2^{p(j+1-k)} S^{p(j+1-k)} \quad (3.3)$$

where  $C(p) > 0$  is the constant from (3.2).

**Proof.** In [2, (43)] it was proved that there exists  $S > 1$  such that for any  $l \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\frac{w_p(I_l^c)^{p-1}}{w_p(I_{l-1}^c)^{p-1}} \geq S^p. \tag{3.4}$$

We have

$$\frac{w(I_k)}{w(I_j)} \leq \frac{C(p)|I_k|^p w_p(I_k^c)^{1-p}}{w(I_j \setminus I_{j+1})} \leq \frac{C(p)|I_k|^p w_p(I_k^c)^{1-p}}{|I_j \setminus I_{j+1}|^p w_p(I_j \setminus I_{j+1})^{1-p}} \leq C(p) \cdot 2^{p(j+1-k)} \frac{w_p(I_{j+1}^c)^{p-1}}{w_p(I_k^c)^{p-1}}.$$

By (3.4) we finish the proof.  $\square$

Lemma 3.3 yields the following assertion.

**Proposition 3.1.** *If  $w \geq 0$  satisfies the conditions of Theorem 3.1, then  $w \in (D_p)$ .*

Let  $0 \leq k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_N$  and let

$$\psi(x) = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{w(I_{k_j})^{1/p}} h_{I_{k_j}}(x). \tag{3.5}$$

By Lemma 2.1 and Proposition 3.1 we have

$$\|\psi\|_{p,w} \leq C_1(p)N^{1/p}. \tag{3.6}$$

By a well-known result from the general theory of bases, for some  $C > 1$  we have

$$C^{-1} \leq \|g_I\|_{p',w} \leq C.$$

Let  $\{\alpha_k\}_{k=0}^\infty$  be a sequence of positive numbers such that  $\|\alpha_k g_{I_k}\|_{p',w} = 1$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ . Evidently,  $C^{-1} \leq \alpha_k \leq C$  for all  $k$ .

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and let  $w \geq 0$  satisfy the conditions of Theorem 3.1. Then for the function  $\phi$  defined as*

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{j=1}^N g_{I_{k_j}}(x) \tag{3.7}$$

the following inequality holds:

$$\|\phi\|_{p',w} \leq C_3(p)N^{1/p'}. \tag{3.8}$$

**Proof.** By induction one can easily check that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x) &= [w(x)]^{-1} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N (-1)^{i_{k_j}} w(I_{k_j})^{1/p} \cdot 2^{k_j} \right] && \text{if } x \in I_{k_1}^c, \\ \phi(x) &= [w(x)]^{-1} \left[ (-1)^{i_{k_1}} w(I_{k_1})^{1/p} \cdot 2^{k_1+1} + \sum_{j=2}^N (-1)^{i_{k_j}} w(I_{k_j})^{1/p} \cdot 2^{k_j} \right] && \text{if } x \in I_{k_1} \setminus I_{k_1+1}, \end{aligned}$$

for any  $1 < m \leq N$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x) &= [w(x)]^{-1} \left[ \sum_{j=m}^N (-1)^{i_{k_j}} w(I_{k_j})^{1/p} \cdot 2^{k_j} \right] && \text{if } x \in I_{k_{m-1}+1} \setminus I_{k_m}, \\ \phi(x) &= [w(x)]^{-1} \left[ (-1)^{i_{k_m}} w(I_{k_m})^{1/p} \cdot 2^{k_m+1} + \sum_{j=m+1}^N (-1)^{i_{k_j}} w(I_{k_j})^{1/p} \cdot 2^{k_j} \right] && \text{if } x \in I_{k_m} \setminus I_{k_m+1} \end{aligned}$$

and  $\phi(x) = 0$  if  $x \in I_{k_N+1}$ .

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\phi\|_{p',w}^{p'} &\leq \left| \sum_{j=1}^N w(I_{k_j})^{1/p} \cdot 2^{k_j} \right|^{p'} w_p(I_{k_1}^c) \\
 &+ \sum_{m=2}^N \left| 2w(I_{k_{m-1}})^{1/p} \cdot 2^{k_{m-1}} + \sum_{j=m}^N w(I_{k_j})^{1/p} \cdot 2^{k_j} \right|^{p'} w_p(I_{k_{m-1}} \setminus I_{k_{m-1}+1}) \\
 &+ |2w(I_{k_N})^{1/p} \cdot 2^{k_N}|^{p'} w_p(I_{k_N} \setminus I_{k_N+1}) + \sum_{m=2}^N \left| \sum_{j=m}^N w(I_{k_j})^{1/p} \cdot 2^{k_j} \right|^{p'} w_p(I_{k_{m-1}} \setminus I_{k_{m-1}}) \\
 &\leq C(p)^{1/(p-1)} \sum_{m=1}^N \left| 1 + \sum_{j=m+1}^N \frac{w(I_{k_j})^{1/p}}{w(I_{k_m})^{1/p}} \cdot 2^{k_j-k_m} \right|^{p'} \\
 &+ \sum_{m=2}^N C(p)^{1/(p-1)} \left| 1 + \sum_{j=m}^N \frac{w(I_{k_j})^{1/p}}{w(I_{k_{m-1}})^{1/p}} \cdot 2^{k_j-k_{m-1}-1} \right|^{p'} \frac{w(I_{k_{m-1}})^{1/(p-1)}}{w(I_{k_{m-1}} \setminus I_{k_{m-1}+1})^{1/(p-1)}} \\
 &+ C(p)^{1/(p-1)} \frac{w(I_{k_{N-1}})^{1/(p-1)}}{w(I_{k_{N-1}} \setminus I_{k_{N-1}+1})^{1/(p-1)}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.3 we have

$$\sum_{j=m+1}^N \frac{w(I_{k_j})^{1/p}}{w(I_{k_m})^{1/p}} \cdot 2^{k_j-k_m} \leq C(p)^{1/p} \sum_{j=m+1}^N S^{k_m-k_j} \leq C(p)^{1/p} \frac{S}{S-1}.$$

We easily estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{w(I_{k_{m-1}})}{w(I_{k_{m-1}} \setminus I_{k_{m-1}+1})} &= 1 + \frac{w(I_{k_{m-1}+1})}{w(I_{k_{m-1}} \setminus I_{k_{m-1}+1})} \\
 &\leq 1 + 2^{(k_{m-1}+1)p} w(I_{k_{m-1}+1}) w_p(I_{k_{m-1}} \setminus I_{k_{m-1}+1})^{p-1} \leq 1 + C(p).
 \end{aligned}$$

Putting together the obtained inequalities, we obtain (3.8).  $\square$

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and let the weight function  $w \geq 0$  satisfy the conditions of Theorem 3.1. Then for the function  $\psi$  defined by (3.5) the following inequality holds:*

$$\|\psi\|_{p,w} \geq C_4(p) N^{1/p}. \tag{3.9}$$

**Proof.** We have

$$N = |\langle \phi, \psi \rangle_w| \leq \|\psi\|_{p,w} \|\phi\|_{p',w} \leq C_3(p) N^{1/p'} \|\psi\|_{p,w},$$

which yields inequality (3.9).  $\square$

By Lemmas 3.4 and 3.5 we finish the proof of Lemma 3.2.  $\square$

By Theorem 2.1, as in [2], we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and let  $\overline{\mathcal{H}}_N$  be the subsystem of the Haar system obtained by deleting its first  $N$  elements. Then  $\overline{\mathcal{H}}_N$  is a greedy basis in any space  $L^p(w)$  where it is a Schauder basis.*

Let  $\Omega(N)$  be any set of  $N$  distinct nonnegative integers and let  $\overline{\mathcal{H}}_{\Omega(N)}$  be the subsystem of the Haar system obtained by deleting Haar functions with the indices  $\Omega(N)$ . In [3] necessary and sufficient conditions were found on the weight function  $w$  for which the system  $\overline{\mathcal{H}}_{\Omega(N)}$  is complete minimal in  $L^p(w)$ . Those conditions can be interpreted as follows: for any  $\Omega(N)$  there exist  $N$  dyadic open intervals which are mutually disjoint and on any of those intervals  $w$  satisfies conditions similar to (3.1). The following theorem can be proved in the same way as the above theorem with some technical modifications.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and let  $\Omega(N)$  be any set of  $N$  distinct nonnegative integers. Then  $\overline{\mathcal{H}}_{\Omega(N)}$  is a greedy basis in any space  $L^p(w)$  where it is a Schauder basis.*

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