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# On Bloch-Type Functions with Hadamard Gaps

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We give some sufficient and necessary conditions for an analytic function f on the unit ball B with Hadamard gaps, that is, for  $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{n_k}(z)$  (the homogeneous polynomial expansion of f) satisfying  $n_{k+1}/n_k \geq \lambda > 1$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , to belong to the space  $\mathfrak{B}_p^{\alpha}(B) = \{f|\sup_{0 < r < 1} (1-r^2)^{\alpha} \|\mathscr{R}f_r\|_p < \infty, f \in H(B)\}$ ,  $p=1,2,\infty$  as well as to the corresponding little space. A remark on analytic functions with Hadamard gaps on mixed norm space on the unit disk is also given.

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#### 1. Introduction

Let  $B = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n : |z| < 1\}$  be the open unit ball of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $\partial B = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n : |z| = 1\}$  its boundary,  $\mathbb{D}$  the unit disk in  $\mathbb{C}$ , dv the normalized Lebesgue measure of B (i.e., v(B) = 1), and  $d\sigma$  the normalized rotation invariant Lebesgue measure of S satisfying  $\sigma(\partial B) = 1$ . We denote the class of all holomorphic functions on the unit ball by H(B).

For  $f \in H(B)$  with the Taylor expansion  $f(z) = \sum_{|\beta| \ge 0} a_{\beta} z^{\beta}$ , let  $\mathscr{R} f(z) = \sum_{|\beta| \ge 0} |\beta| a_{\beta} z^{\beta}$  be the radial derivative of f, where  $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n)$  is a multi-index and  $z^{\beta} = z_1^{\beta_1} \cdots z_n^{\beta_n}$ . It is well known that  $\mathscr{R} f(z) = \sum_{j=1}^n z_j (\partial f/\partial z_j)(z) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty k P_k(z)$ , if  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^\infty P_k(z)$ . As usual, we write

$$||f_r||_p = \left(\int_{S} |f(r\zeta)|^p d\sigma(\zeta)\right)^{1/p} \tag{1.1}$$

if  $p \in (0, \infty)$ , and where  $f_r(\zeta) = f(r\zeta)$ . If  $p = \infty$ , then  $||f||_{\infty} = \sup_{z \in B} |f(z)|$ .

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Let  $\alpha > 0$ . The  $\alpha$ -Bloch space  $\Re^{\alpha} = \Re^{\alpha}(B)$  is the space of all holomorphic functions f on B such that

$$b_{\alpha}(f) = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \left( 1 - |z|^2 \right)^{\alpha} \left| \mathscr{R}f(z) \right| < \infty. \tag{1.2}$$

It is clear that  $\mathfrak{B}^{\alpha}$  is a normed space under the norm  $||f||_{\mathfrak{B}^{\alpha}} = |f(0)| + b_{\alpha}(f)$ , and  $\mathfrak{B}^{\alpha_1} \subset \mathfrak{B}^{\alpha_2}$  for  $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$ . Let  $\mathfrak{B}^{\alpha}_0$  denote the subspace of  $\mathfrak{B}^{\alpha}$  consisting of those  $f \in \mathfrak{B}^{\alpha}$  for which  $(1 - |z|^2)^{\alpha} |\mathfrak{R}f(z)| \to 0$  as  $|z| \to 1$ . This space is called the little  $\alpha$ -Bloch space. For  $\alpha = 1$ , the  $\alpha$ -Bloch space and the little  $\alpha$ -Bloch space become Bloch space  $\mathfrak{B}$  and the little Bloch space  $\mathfrak{B}_0$ . Some characterizations of these spaces can be found, for example, in the following papers [1-6].

We say that an analytic function f on the unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  has Hadamard gaps if  $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k z^{n_k}$  where  $n_{k+1}/n_k \ge \lambda > 1$ , for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

In [7], Yamashita proved the following result.

THEOREM 1.1. Assume that f is an analytic function on  $\mathbb{D}$  with Hadamard gaps. Then for  $\alpha > 0$ , the following two propositions hold:

- (a)  $f \in \mathcal{B}^{\alpha}(\mathbb{D})$  if and only if  $\limsup_{k \to \infty} |a_k| n_k^{1-\alpha} < \infty$ ;
- (b)  $f \in \mathcal{B}_0^{\alpha}(\mathbb{D})$  if and only if  $\lim_{k \to \infty} |a_k| n_k^{1-\alpha} = 0$ .

An analytic function on B with the homogeneous expansion  $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{n_k}(z)$  (here,  $P_{n_k}$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $n_k$ ) is said to have Hadamard gaps if  $n_{k+1}/n_k \ge \lambda > 1$ , for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . In [8], among others, Choa generalizes the main result in [9], proving the following result.

THEOREM 1.2. Assume that  $p \in (0, \infty)$  and  $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{n_k}(z)$  is an analytic function on B with Hadamard gaps. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $||f||_{X_p} = (\int_B |\mathcal{R}f(z)|^p (1-|z|^2)^{p-1} d\nu(z))^{1/p} < \infty;$
- (b)  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ||P_{n_k}||_p^p < \infty$ .

This result motivates us to find some characterizations for certain function spaces of analytic functions on the unit ball, in terms of the sequence  $(\|P_{n_k}\|_p)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$ .

Now note that the quantity  $b_{\alpha}$  in the definition of the  $\alpha$ -Bloch spaces can be written in the following form:

$$b_{\alpha}(f) = \sup_{0 < r < 1} \left( 1 - r^2 \right)^{\alpha} \sup_{\zeta \in S} \left| \mathcal{R}f(r\zeta) \right| = \sup_{0 < r < 1} \left( 1 - r^2 \right)^{\alpha} M_{\infty}(\mathcal{R}f, r). \tag{1.3}$$

On the other hand, the quantity  $b_{\alpha}$  can be considered as the limit case of the following quantities:

$$||f||_{\mathfrak{B}_{p}^{\alpha}} = \sup_{0 \le r \le 1} (1 - r^{2})^{\alpha} ||\mathscr{R}f_{r}||_{p},$$
 (1.4)

as  $p \to \infty$ . Note that for every  $f \in H(B)$  and  $p \in (0, \infty)$ ,

$$\sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^2)^{\alpha} ||\mathscr{R}f_r||_{p} \le \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^2)^{\alpha} ||\mathscr{R}f_r||_{\infty}. \tag{1.5}$$

Hence, in this paper we also consider analytic functions with Hadamard gaps on the following spaces:

$$\mathcal{B}_{p}^{\alpha} = \left\{ f | \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^{2})^{\alpha} || \mathcal{R}f_{r}||_{p} < \infty, \ f \in H(B) \right\},$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{p,0}^{\alpha} = \left\{ f | \lim_{r \to 1} (1 - r^{2})^{\alpha} || \mathcal{R}f_{r}||_{p} = 0, \ f \in H(B) \right\}.$$
(1.6)

Motivated by Theorem 1.1 in this paper, we study analytic functions with Hadamard gaps, which belong to  $\mathcal{B}_p^{\alpha}$  or  $\mathcal{B}_{p,0}^{\alpha}$  space when  $p = 1, 2, \infty$ . Some characterizations for these classes of functions on the unit ball are given in terms of the sequence  $(\|P_{n_k}\|_p)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ . The following are the main results.

THEOREM 1.3. Assume that  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $p = 1, 2, \infty$ , and  $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{n_k}(z)$  is an analytic function on B with Hadamard gaps. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{p}^{\alpha}$ ;
- (b)  $\limsup_{k\to\infty} \|P_{n_k}\|_p n_k^{1-\alpha} < \infty$ .

THEOREM 1.4. Assume that  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $p = 1, 2, \infty$ , and  $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{n_k}(z)$  is an analytic function on B with Hadamard gaps. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{p,0}^{\alpha}$ ;
- (b)  $\lim_{k\to\infty} ||P_{n_k}||_p n_k^{1-\alpha} = 0.$

Throughout this paper, constants are denoted by C, they are positive and may differ from one occurrence to the other. The notation  $A \times B$  means that there is a positive constant C such that  $B/C \le A \le CB$ .

#### 2. Proof of main results

Before proving the main results of this paper we quote two auxiliary results which are incorporated in the lemmas which follow (see [9, 10]).

LEMMA 2.1. Assume that  $p \in (0, \infty)$ . If  $(n_k)$  is an increasing sequence of positive integers satisfying  $n_{k+1}/n_k \ge \lambda > 1$ , for all k, then there is a positive constant A depending only on p and  $\lambda$  such that

$$\frac{1}{A} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|^2 \right)^{1/2} \le \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k e^{in_k \theta} \right|^p d\theta \right)^{1/p} \le A \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|^2 \right)^{1/2} \tag{2.1}$$

*for any number*  $a_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

LEMMA 2.2. Assume that  $\alpha > 0$ , p > 0,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  is the sequence of nonnegative numbers,  $I_n = \{k \mid 2^n \le k < 2^{n+1}, k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $t_n = \sum_{k \in I_n} a_k$ , and  $g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ . Then there is a positive constant K depending only on p and  $\alpha$  such that

$$\frac{1}{K} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t_n^p}{2^{n\alpha}} \le \int_0^1 (1-x)^{\alpha-1} g^p(x) dx \le K \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t_n^p}{2^{n\alpha}}.$$
 (2.2)

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*Proof of Theorem 1.3.* (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b) (Case p=1). Let  $f \in \mathcal{B}_1^{\alpha}$ . Let  $f_{\zeta}(w) = f(\zeta w)$ ,  $\zeta \in S$ , where  $\zeta$  is fixed and  $w \in \mathbb{D}$ , be a slice function. By some calculation we see that

$$f'_{\zeta}(w) = \zeta_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1}(w\zeta) + \dots + \zeta_n \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_n}(w\zeta) = \frac{1}{w} \mathcal{R} f(w\zeta). \tag{2.3}$$

From (2.3) and since  $f'_{\zeta}(w) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n_k P_{n_k}(\zeta) w^{n_k-1}$ , we have that

$$\int_{S} n_{k} \left| P_{n_{k}}(\zeta) \right| d\sigma(\zeta) = \int_{S} \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial r \mathbb{D}} \frac{\eta f_{\zeta}'(\eta)}{\eta^{n_{k}+1}} d\eta \right| d\sigma(\zeta)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial r \mathbb{D}} \int_{S} \frac{\left| \mathcal{R} f(\zeta \eta) \right|}{\left| \eta^{n_{k}+1} \right|} d\sigma(\zeta) |d\eta|$$

$$\leq \frac{\left| \left| f_{r} \right| \right|_{\mathfrak{B}_{1}^{\alpha}}}{(1-r)^{\alpha} r^{n_{k}}}, \tag{2.4}$$

which implies that

$$n_k r^{n_k} ||P_{n_k}||_1 \le \frac{||f||_{\mathfrak{B}_1^{\alpha}}}{(1-r)^{\alpha}},$$
 (2.5)

for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r \in (0,1)$ . Choosing  $r = 1 - (1/n_k)$ , we obtain  $n_k^{1-\alpha} ||P_{n_k}||_1 \le C$ , as desired.

(b)⇒(a) (Case p=1). Assume  $\limsup_{k\to\infty} \|P_{n_k}\|_1 n_k^{1-\alpha} < \infty$ . We have that

$$||f||_{\mathfrak{B}_{1}^{\alpha}} = \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^{2})^{\alpha} \int_{S} |\mathscr{R}f(r\zeta)| d\sigma(\zeta)$$

$$= \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^{2})^{\alpha} \int_{S} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n_{k} P_{n_{k}}(\zeta) r^{n_{k}} \right| d\sigma(\zeta)$$

$$\leq \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^{2})^{\alpha} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n_{k} ||P_{n_{k}}||_{1} r^{n_{k}}$$

$$\leq \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^{2})^{\alpha + 1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{n_{k} \le n} n_{k} ||P_{n_{k}}||_{1} \right) r^{n}$$

$$\leq C \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^{2})^{\alpha + 1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{n_{k} \le n} n_{k}^{\alpha} \right) r^{n}$$

$$\leq C \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^{2})^{\alpha + 1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{\alpha} r^{n} \leq C,$$

$$\leq C \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^{2})^{\alpha + 1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{\alpha} r^{n} \leq C,$$

where we have used the fact that there is a positive constant C independent of n such that  $\sum_{n_k \le n} n_k^{\alpha} \le C n^{\alpha}$  (here is used the assumption that  $n_{k+1}/n_k \ge \lambda > 1$ ) and the following well-known estimate:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{\alpha} r^n \le C(1-r)^{-(\alpha+1)},\tag{2.7}$$

 $\alpha > 0$ ,  $r \in [0,1)$ ; see, for example, [11].

Case p = 2. Since

$$||f||_{\mathfrak{B}_{2}^{\alpha}} = \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^{2})^{\alpha} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n_{k}^{2} ||P_{n_{k}}||_{2}^{2} r^{2n_{k}} \right)^{1/2}$$
(2.8)

we have that

$$\sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^2)^{\alpha} n_k ||P_{n_k}||_2 r^{n_k} \le ||f||_{\mathfrak{B}_2^{\alpha}} \le \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^2)^{\alpha} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n_k ||P_{n_k}||_2 r^{n_k}, \tag{2.9}$$

from which the result follows similar to the case p = 1.

Now we show that  $(a) \Leftrightarrow (b)$  for case  $p = \infty$ . As above, the function  $f_{\zeta}(w) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{n_k}(\zeta) w^{n_k}$ , where  $w = re^{i\theta}$ , is a lacunary series in  $\mathbb{D}$  and

$$(1-r^2)^{\alpha} \mathcal{R} f(r\zeta) = re^{i\theta} (1-r^2)^{\alpha} f'_{\zeta_{\rho-i\theta}}(re^{i\theta}), \tag{2.10}$$

from which by Theorem 1.1 the equivalence follows.

*Proof of Theorem 1.4.* (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b) (Case p=1). Let  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{1,0}^{\alpha}$ , then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$(1-r^2)^{\alpha} \int_{S} \left| \mathcal{R}f(r\zeta) \right| d\sigma(\zeta) < \varepsilon, \tag{2.11}$$

whenever  $\delta < r < 1$ . From (2.4), (2.11), and rotational invariance of  $d\sigma$ , we have that

$$\int_{S} n_{k} \left| P_{n_{k}}(\zeta) \right| d\sigma(\zeta) \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial r \mathbb{D}} \int_{S} \frac{\left| \mathscr{R} f(\zeta \eta) \right|}{\left| \eta^{n_{k}+1} \right|} d\sigma(\zeta) |d\eta| 
\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\partial r \mathbb{D}} \int_{S} \frac{\left(1 - r^{2}\right)^{\alpha} \left| \mathscr{R} f(\zeta \eta) \right|}{\left(1 - r^{2}\right)^{\alpha} r^{n_{k}+1}} d\sigma(\zeta) |d\eta| 
\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{(1 - r)^{\alpha} r^{n_{k}}},$$
(2.12)

which implies that

$$n_k r^{n_k} ||P_{n_k}||_1 \le \frac{\varepsilon}{(1-r)^{\alpha}}$$
(2.13)

for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r \in (\delta, 1)$ . Choosing  $r = 1 - (1/n_k)$ , we obtain

$$|n_k||P_{n_k}||_1 \le C\varepsilon n_k^{\alpha},\tag{2.14}$$

from which (b) follows in this case.

(b) $\Rightarrow$ (a) (Case p=1). Assume that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \|P_{n_k}\|_1 n_k^{1-\alpha} = 0$ , then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$||P_{n_k}||_1 \le \varepsilon n_k^{\alpha-1}, \quad \text{for } k \ge k_0.$$
 (2.15)

We may assume that  $k_0 = 1$ . From this and by the proof of Theorem 1.3, (b) $\Rightarrow$ (a) (Case p = 1), we have that

$$(1 - r^{2})^{\alpha} || \mathcal{R}f_{r}||_{1} \leq \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^{2})^{\alpha + 1} \sum_{n = 1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{n_{k} \le n} n_{k} || P_{n_{k}} ||_{1} \right) r^{n}$$

$$\leq C \varepsilon \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^{2})^{\alpha + 1} \sum_{n = 1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{n_{k} \le n} n_{k}^{\alpha} \right) r^{n}$$

$$\leq C \varepsilon \sup_{0 < r < 1} (1 - r^{2})^{\alpha + 1} \sum_{n = 1}^{\infty} n^{\alpha} r^{n} \leq C \varepsilon,$$

$$(2.16)$$

from which the implication follows.

Case p = 2. By using (2.9) the result follows similar to the Case p = 1. The proof is omitted.

Finally, in view of (2.10) and employing Theorem 1.1(b) it is easy to see that  $(a) \Leftrightarrow (b)$  for case  $p = \infty$ .

#### 3. The case of mixed norm space

In this section, we give a note concerning analytic functions with Hadamard gaps on the mixed norm space. The mixed norm space  $H_{p,q,\alpha}(B)$ , p,q > 0, and  $\alpha \in (-1,\infty)$ , consists of all  $f \in H(B)$  such that

$$||f||_{p,q,\alpha} = \left( \int_0^1 ||f(r\zeta)||_p^q (1-r)^\alpha dr \right)^{1/q} < \infty.$$
 (3.1)

From [12, Theorem 4] the following result holds.

THEOREM 3.1. Assume that  $p \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $\alpha > -1$  and  $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k z^{n_k}$  is an analytic function on  $\mathbb D$  with Hadamard gaps. Then  $f^{(m)} \in H_{p,q,\alpha}(\mathbb D)$  if and only if  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} n_k^{qm-\alpha-1} |a_k|^q < \infty$ .

*Proof.* First we consider the case m = 0. Similar to the proof of [12, Theorem 4] and by Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2, we have that

$$||f||_{H_{p,q,\alpha}}^{q} = \int_{0}^{1} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k} r^{n_{k}} e^{in_{k}\theta} \right|^{p} d\theta \right)^{q/p} (1-r)^{\alpha} dr$$

$$\approx \int_{0}^{1} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_{k}|^{2} r^{2n_{k}} \right)^{q/2} (1-r)^{\alpha} dr$$

$$\approx \int_{0}^{1} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_{k}|^{2} \rho^{n_{k}} \right)^{q/2} (1-\rho)^{\alpha} d\rho$$

$$\approx \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{(\alpha+1)k}} \left( \sum_{m \in I_{k}} |a_{m}|^{2} \right)^{q/2} \approx \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{|a_{k}|^{q}}{n_{k}^{\alpha+1}},$$
(3.2)

from which the result follows in this case.

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Since f has Hadamard gaps and  $f^{(m)}(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k n_k (n_k - 1) \cdots (n_k - m + 1) z^{n_k - m}$ , it follows that  $f^{(m)}$  has Hadamard gaps too. Applying the just proved result to the function  $f^{(m)}$ , we obtain that  $f^{(m)} \in H_{p,q,\alpha}(\mathbb{D})$  if and only if

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{|n_k(n_k-1)\cdots(n_k-m+1)a_k|^q}{n_k^{\alpha+1}} \approx \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{|a_k|^q}{n_k^{\alpha+1-mq}} < \infty,$$
 (3.3)

finishing the proof.

*Remark 3.2.* Motivated by [12, Theorems 3 and 4], we can conjecture that if  $p \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $\alpha > -1$ , and  $f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{n_k}(z)$  is an analytic function on B with Hadamard gaps, then  $\mathscr{R}^{(m)} f \in H_{p,q,\alpha}(B)$  if and only if  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} n_k^{qm-\alpha-1} \|P_{n_k}\|_p^q < \infty$ . Note that the result is true for the case of the weighted Bergman space, that is, when p = q, see [12, Corollary 1]. It is also expected that Theorems 1.3 and 1.4 hold for every  $p \in [1; \infty]$  (for the case n = 1, see [13]).

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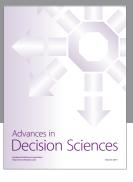
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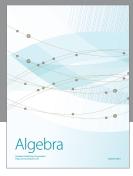
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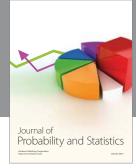
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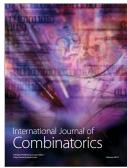






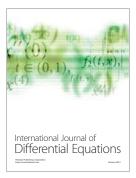


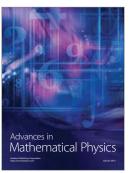


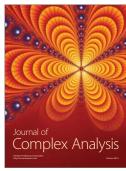


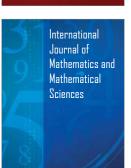


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