

ON β -DUAL OF VECTOR-VALUED SEQUENCE SPACES OF MADDOX

SUTHEP SUANTAI and WINATE SANHAN

Received 13 April 2001 and in revised form 10 October 2001

The β -dual of a vector-valued sequence space is defined and studied. We show that if an X -valued sequence space E is a BK-space having AK property, then the dual space of E and its β -dual are isometrically isomorphic. We also give characterizations of β -dual of vector-valued sequence spaces of Maddox $\ell(X, p)$, $\ell_\infty(X, p)$, $c_0(X, p)$, and $c(X, p)$.

2000 Mathematics Subject Classification: 46A45.

1. Introduction. Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a Banach space and $p = (p_k)$ a bounded sequence of positive real numbers. Let \mathbb{N} be the set of all natural numbers, we write $x = (x_k)$ with x_k in X for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. The X -valued sequence spaces of Maddox are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} c_0(X, p) &= \left\{ x = (x_k) : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_k\|^{p_k} = 0 \right\}; \\ c(X, p) &= \left\{ x = (x_k) : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_k - a\|^{p_k} = 0 \text{ for some } a \in X \right\}; \\ \ell_\infty(X, p) &= \left\{ x = (x_k) : \sup_k \|x_k\|^{p_k} < \infty \right\}; \\ \ell(X, p) &= \left\{ x = (x_k) : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|x_k\|^{p_k} < \infty \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

When $X = \mathbb{K}$, the scalar field of X , the corresponding spaces are written as $c_0(p)$, $c(p)$, $\ell_\infty(p)$, and $\ell(p)$, respectively. All of these spaces are known as the sequence spaces of Maddox. These spaces were introduced and studied by Simons [7] and Maddox [3, 4, 5]. The space $\ell(p)$ was first defined by Nakano [6] and is known as the Nakano sequence space. Grosse-Erdmann [1] has investigated the structure of the spaces $c_0(p)$, $c(p)$, $\ell(p)$, and $\ell_\infty(p)$ and has given characterizations of β -dual of scalar-valued sequence spaces of Maddox.

In [8], Wu and Bu gave characterizations of Köthe dual of the vector-valued sequence space $\ell_p[X]$, where $\ell_p[X]$, $1 < p < \infty$, is defined by

$$\ell_p[X] = \left\{ x = (x_k) : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f(x_k)|^p < \infty \text{ for each } f \in X' \right\}. \tag{1.2}$$

In this paper, the β -dual of a vector-valued sequence space is defined and studied and we give characterizations of β -dual of vector-valued sequence spaces of Maddox

$\ell(X, p)$, $\ell_\infty(X, p)$, $c_0(X, p)$, and $c(X, p)$. Some results, obtained in this paper, are generalizations of some in [1, 3].

2. Notation and definitions. Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a Banach space. Let $W(X)$ and $\Phi(X)$ denote the space of all sequences in X and the space of all finite sequences in X , respectively. A sequence space in X is a linear subspace of $W(X)$. Let E be an X -valued sequence space. For $x \in E$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$ we write that x_k stand for the k th term of x . For $x \in X$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we let $e^{(k)}(x)$ be the sequence $(0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, x, 0, \dots)$ with x in the k th position and let $e(x)$ be the sequence (x, x, x, \dots) . For a fixed scalar sequence $u = (u_k)$, the sequence space E_u is defined as

$$E_u = \{x = (x_k) \in W(X) : (u_k x_k) \in E\}. \tag{2.1}$$

An X -valued sequence space E is said to be *normal* if $(y_k) \in E$ whenever $\|y_k\| \leq \|x_k\|$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $(x_k) \in E$. Suppose that the X -valued sequence space E is endowed with some linear topology τ . Then E is called a *K-space* if, for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, the k th coordinate mapping $p_k : E \rightarrow X$, defined by $p_k(x) = x_k$, is continuous on E . In addition, if (E, τ) is a *Fréchet (Banach) space*, then E is called an *FK-(BK)-space*. Now, suppose that E contains $\Phi(X)$, then E is said to have *property AK* if $\sum_{k=1}^n e^{(k)}(x_k) \rightarrow x$ in E as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for every $x = (x_k) \in E$.

The spaces $c_0(p)$ and $c(p)$ are FK-spaces. In $c_0(X, p)$, we consider the function $g(x) = \sup_k \|x_k\|^{p_k/M}$, where $M = \max\{1, \sup_k p_k\}$, as a paranorm on $c_0(X, p)$, and it is known that $c_0(X, p)$ is an FK-space having property AK under the paranorm g defined as above. In $\ell(X, p)$, we consider it as a paranormed sequence space with the paranorm given by $\|(x_k)\| = (\sum_{k=1}^\infty \|x_k\|^{p_k})^{1/M}$. It is known that $\ell(X, p)$ is an FK-space under the paranorm defined as above.

For an X -valued sequence space E , define its Köthe dual with respect to the dual pair (X, X') (see [2]) as follows:

$$E^\times|_{(X, X')} = \left\{ (f_k) \subset X' : \sum_{k=1}^\infty |f_k(x_k)| < \infty \ \forall x = (x_k) \in E \right\}. \tag{2.2}$$

In this paper, we denote $E^\times|_{(X, X')}$ by E^α and it is called the α -dual of E .

For a sequence space E , the β -dual of E is defined by

$$E^\beta = \left\{ (f_k) \subset X' : \sum_{k=1}^\infty f_k(x_k) \text{ converges } \forall (x_k) \in E \right\}. \tag{2.3}$$

It is easy to see that $E^\alpha \subseteq E^\beta$.

For the sake of completeness we introduce some further sequence spaces that will be considered as β -dual of the vector-valued sequence spaces of Maddox:

$$M_0(X, p) = \left\{ x = (x_k) : \sum_{k=1}^\infty \|x_k\| M^{-1/p_k} < \infty \text{ for some } M \in \mathbb{N} \right\};$$

$$M_\infty(X, p) = \left\{ x = (x_k) : \sum_{k=1}^\infty \|x_k\| n^{1/p_k} < \infty \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \right\};$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_0(X, p) &= \left\{ x = (x_k) : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|x_k\|^{p_k} M^{-p_k} < \infty \text{ for some } M \in \mathbb{N} \right\}, \quad p_k > 1 \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}; \\ cs[X'] &= \left\{ (f_k) \subset X' : \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x) \text{ converges } \forall x \in X \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

When $X = \mathbb{K}$, the scalar field of X , the corresponding first two sequence spaces are written as $M_0(p)$ and $M_\infty(p)$, respectively. These two spaces were first introduced by Grosse-Erdmann [1].

3. Main results. We begin by giving some general properties of β -dual of vector-valued sequence spaces.

PROPOSITION 3.1. *Let X be a Banach space and let $E, E_1,$ and E_2 be X -valued sequence spaces. Then*

- (i) $E^\alpha \subseteq E^\beta$.
- (ii) If $E_1 \subseteq E_2$, then $E_2^\beta \subseteq E_1^\beta$.
- (iii) If $E = E_1 + E_2$, then $E^\beta = E_1^\beta \cap E_2^\beta$.
- (iv) If E is normal, then $E^\alpha = E^\beta$.

PROOF. Assertions (i), (ii), and (iii) are immediately obtained by the definitions. To prove (iv), by (i), it suffices to show only that $E^\beta \subseteq E^\alpha$. Let $(f_k) \in E^\beta$ and $x = (x_k) \in E$. Then $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x_k)$ converges. Choose a scalar sequence (t_k) with $|t_k| = 1$ and $f_k(t_k x_k) = |f_k(x_k)|$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Since E is normal, $(t_k x_k) \in E$. It follows that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f_k(x_k)|$ converges, hence $(f_k) \in E^\alpha$. \square

If E is a BK-space, we define a norm on E^β by the formula

$$\|(f_k)\|_{E^\beta} = \sup_{\|(x_k)\| \leq 1} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x_k) \right|. \tag{3.1}$$

It is easy to show that $\|\cdot\|_{E^\beta}$ is a norm on E^β .

Next, we give a relationship between β -dual of a sequence space and its continuous dual. Indeed, we need a lemma.

LEMMA 3.2. *Let E be an X -valued sequence space which is an FK-space containing $\Phi(X)$. Then for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, the mapping $T_k : X \rightarrow E$, defined by $T_k x = e^k(x)$, is continuous.*

PROOF. Let $V = \{e^k(x) : x \in X\}$. Then V is a closed subspace of E , so it is an FK-space because E is an FK-space. Since E is a K -space, the coordinate mapping $p_k : V \rightarrow X$ is continuous and bijective. It follows from the open mapping theorem that p_k is open, which implies that $p_k^{-1} : X \rightarrow V$ is continuous. But since $T_k = p_k^{-1}$, we thus obtain that T_k is continuous. \square

THEOREM 3.3. *If E is a BK-space having property AK, then E^β and E' are isometrically isomorphic.*

PROOF. We first show that for $x = (x_k) \in E$ and $f \in E'$,

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f(e^k(x_k)). \tag{3.2}$$

To show this, let $x = (x_k) \in E$ and $f \in E'$. Since E has property AK,

$$x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n e^{(k)}(x_k). \tag{3.3}$$

By the continuity of f , it follows that

$$f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(e^{(k)}(x_k)) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f(e^{(k)}(x_k)), \tag{3.4}$$

so (3.2) is obtained. For each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, let $T_k : X \rightarrow E$ be defined as in Lemma 3.2. Since E is a BK-space, by Lemma 3.2, T_k is continuous. Hence $f \circ T_k \in X'$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. It follows from (3.2) that

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (f \circ T_k)(x_k) \quad \forall x = (x_k) \in E. \tag{3.5}$$

It implies, by (3.5), that $(f \circ T_k)_{k=1}^{\infty} \in E^\beta$. Define $\varphi : E' \rightarrow E^\beta$ by

$$\varphi(f) = (f \circ T_k)_{k=1}^{\infty} \quad \forall f \in E'. \tag{3.6}$$

It is easy to see that φ is linear. Now, we show that φ is onto. Let $(f_k) \in E^\beta$. Define $f : E \rightarrow K$, where K is the scalar field of X , by

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x_k) \quad \forall x = (x_k) \in E. \tag{3.7}$$

For each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, let p_k be the k th coordinate mapping on E . Then we have

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (f_k \circ p_k)(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n (f_k \circ p_k)(x). \tag{3.8}$$

Since f_k and p_k are continuous linear, so is also continuous $f \circ p_k$. It follows by Banach-Steinhaus theorem that $f \in E'$ and we have by (3.7) that; for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and each $z \in X$, $(f \circ T_k)(z) = f(e^{(k)}(z)) = f_k(z)$. Thus $f \circ T_k = f_k$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, which implies that $\varphi(f) = (f_k)$, hence φ is onto.

Finally, we show that φ is linear isometry. For $f \in E'$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\| &= \sup_{\|(x_k)\| \leq 1} |f((x_k))| \\ &= \sup_{\|(x_k)\| \leq 1} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f(e^{(k)}(x_k)) \right| \quad (\text{by (3.2)}) \\ &= \sup_{\|(x_k)\| \leq 1} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (f \circ T_k)(x_k) \right| \\ &= \|(f \circ T_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}\|_{E^\beta} \\ &= \|\varphi(f)\|_{E^\beta}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

Hence φ is isometry. Therefore, $\varphi : E' \rightarrow E^\beta$ is an isometrically isomorphism from E' onto E^β . This completes the proof. \square

We next give characterizations of β -dual of the sequence space $\ell(X, p)$ when $p_k > 1$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

THEOREM 3.4. *Let $p = (p_k)$ be a bounded sequence of positive real numbers with $p_k > 1$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\ell(X, p)^\beta = \ell_0(X', q)$, where $q = (q_k)$ is a sequence of positive real numbers such that $1/p_k + 1/q_k = 1$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$.*

PROOF. Suppose that $(f_k) \in \ell_0(X', q)$. Then $\sum_{k=1}^\infty \|f_k\|^{q_k} M^{-q_k} < \infty$ for some $M \in \mathbb{N}$. Then for each $x = (x_k) \in \ell(X, p)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^\infty |f_k(x_k)| &\leq \sum_{k=1}^\infty \|f_k\| M^{-1/p_k} M^{1/p_k} |x_k| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^\infty (\|f_k\|^{q_k} M^{-q_k/p_k} + M |x_k|^{p_k}) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^\infty \|f_k\|^{q_k} M^{-(q_k-1)} + M \sum_{k=1}^\infty |x_k|^{p_k} \\ &= M \sum_{k=1}^\infty \|f_k\|^{q_k} M^{-q_k} + M \sum_{k=1}^\infty |x_k|^{p_k} \\ &< \infty, \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

which implies that $\sum_{k=1}^\infty f_k(x_k)$ converges, so $(f_k) \in \ell(X, p)^\beta$.

On the other hand, assume that $(f_k) \in \ell(X, p)^\beta$, then $\sum_{k=1}^\infty f_k(x_k)$ converges for all $x = (x_k) \in \ell(X, p)$. For each $x = (x_k) \in \ell(X, p)$, choose scalar sequence (t_k) with $|t_k| = 1$ such that $f_k(t_k x_k) = |f_k(x_k)|$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $(t_k x_k) \in \ell(X, p)$, by our assumption, we have $\sum_{k=1}^\infty f_k(t_k x_k)$ converges, so that

$$\sum_{k=1}^\infty |f_k(x_k)| < \infty \quad \forall x \in \ell(X, p). \tag{3.11}$$

We want to show that $(f_k) \in \ell_0(X', q)$, that is, $\sum_{k=1}^\infty \|f_k\|^{q_k} M^{-q_k} < \infty$ for some $M \in \mathbb{N}$. If it is not true, then

$$\sum_{k=1}^\infty \|f_k\|^{q_k} m^{-q_k} = \infty \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{3.12}$$

It implies by (3.12) that for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\sum_{i>k} \|f_i\|^{q_i} m^{-q_i} = \infty \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{3.13}$$

By (3.12), let $m_1 = 1$, then there is a $k_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\sum_{k \leq k_1} \|f_k\|^{q_k} m_1^{-q_k} > 1. \tag{3.14}$$

By (3.13), we can choose $m_2 > m_1$ and $k_2 > k_1$ with $m_2 > 2^2$ such that

$$\sum_{k_1 < k \leq k_2} \|f_k\|^{q_k} m_2^{-q_k} > 1. \tag{3.15}$$

Proceeding in this way, we can choose sequences of positive integers (k_i) and (m_i) with $1 = k_0 < k_1 < k_2 < \dots$ and $m_1 < m_2 < \dots$, such that $m_i > 2^i$ and

$$\sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} \|f_k\|^{q_k} m_i^{-q_k} > 1. \tag{3.16}$$

For each $i \in \mathbb{N}$, choose x_k in X with $\|x_k\| = 1$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i$ such that

$$\sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} |f_k(x_k)|^{q_k} m_i^{-q_k} > 1 \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{3.17}$$

Let $a_i = \sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} |f_k(x_k)|^{q_k} m_i^{-q_k}$. Put $y = (y_k)$, $y_k = a_i^{-1} m_i^{-q_k} |f_k(x_k)|^{q_k - 1} x_k$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$ with $k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i$. By using the fact that $p_k q_k = p_k + q_k$ and $p_k(q_k - 1) = q_k$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we have that for each $i \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} \|y_k\|^{p_k} &= \sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} \left\| a_i^{-1} m_i^{-q_k} |f_k(x_k)|^{q_k - 1} x_k \right\|^{p_k} \\ &= \sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} a_i^{-p_k} m_i^{-p_k q_k} |f_k(x_k)|^{q_k} \\ &= \sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} a_i^{-p_k} m_i^{-p_k} m_i^{-q_k} |f_k(x_k)|^{q_k} \\ &\leq a_i^{-1} m_i^{-1} \sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} m_i^{-q_k} |f_k(x_k)|^{q_k} \\ &\leq a_i^{-1} m_i^{-1} a_i \\ &= m_i^{-1} \\ &< \frac{1}{2^i}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.18}$$

so we have that $\sum_{k=1}^\infty \|y_k\|^{p_k} \leq \sum_{i=1}^\infty 1/2^i < \infty$. Hence, $y = (y_k) \in \ell(X, p)$. For each $i \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} |f_k(y_k)| &= \sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} \left| f_k \left(a_i^{-1} m_i^{-q_k} |f_k(x_k)|^{q_k - 1} x_k \right) \right| \\ &= \sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} a_i^{-1} m_i^{-q_k} |f_k(x_k)|^{q_k} \\ &= a_i^{-1} \sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} m_i^{-q_k} |f_k(x_k)|^{q_k} \\ &= 1, \end{aligned} \tag{3.19}$$

so that $\sum_{k=1}^\infty |f_k(y_k)| = \infty$, which contradicts (3.11). Hence $(f_k) \in \ell_0(X', q)$. The proof is now complete. \square

The following theorem gives a characterization of β -dual of $\ell(X, p)$ when $p_k \leq 1$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. To do this, the following lemma is needed.

LEMMA 3.5. *Let $p = (p_k)$ be a bounded sequence of positive real numbers. Then $\ell_\infty(X, p) = \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty \ell_\infty(X)_{(n^{-1/p_k})}$.*

PROOF. Let $x \in \ell_\infty(X, p)$, then there is some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $\|x_k\|^{p_k} \leq n$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence $\|x_k\| n^{-1/p_k} \leq 1$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, so that $x \in \ell_\infty(X)_{(n^{-1/p_k})}$. On the other hand, if $x \in \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty \ell_\infty(X)_{(n^{-1/p_k})}$, then there are some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $M > 1$ such that $\|x_k\| n^{-1/p_k} \leq M$ for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then we have $\|x_k\|^{p_k} \leq nM^{p_k} \leq nM^\alpha$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, where $\alpha = \sup_k p_k$. Hence $x \in \ell_\infty(X, p)$. \square

THEOREM 3.6. *Let $p = (p_k)$ be a bounded sequence of positive real numbers with $p_k \leq 1$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\ell(X, p)^\beta = \ell_\infty(X', p)$.*

PROOF. If $(f_k) \in \ell(X, p)^\beta$, then $\sum_{k=1}^\infty f_k(x_k)$ converges for every $x = (x_k) \in \ell(X, p)$, using the same proof as in [Theorem 3.4](#), we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^\infty |f_k(x_k)| < \infty \quad \forall x = (x_k) \in \ell(X, p). \tag{3.20}$$

If $(f_k) \notin \ell_\infty(X', p)$, it follows by [Lemma 3.5](#) that $\sup_k \|f_k\| m^{-1/p_k} = \infty$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$. For each $i \in \mathbb{N}$, choose sequences (m_i) and (k_i) of positive integers with $m_1 < m_2 < \dots$ and $k_1 < k_2 < \dots$ such that $m_i > 2^i$ and $\|f_{k_i}\| m_i^{-1/p_{k_i}} > 1$. Choose $x_{k_i} \in X$ with $\|x_{k_i}\| = 1$ such that

$$|f_{k_i}(x_{k_i})| m_i^{-1/p_{k_i}} > 1. \tag{3.21}$$

Let $y = (y_k)$, $y_k = m_i^{-1/p_{k_i}} x_{k_i}$ if $k = k_i$ for some i , and 0 otherwise. Then $\sum_{k=1}^\infty \|y_k\|^{p_k} = \sum_{i=1}^\infty 1/m_i < \sum_{i=1}^\infty 1/2^i = 1$, so that $(y_k) \in \ell(X, p)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^\infty |f_k(y_k)| &= \sum_{i=1}^\infty |f_{k_i}(m_i^{-1/p_{k_i}} x_{k_i})| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^\infty m_i^{-1/p_{k_i}} |f_{k_i}(x_{k_i})| \\ &= \infty \quad (\text{by (3.21)}), \end{aligned} \tag{3.22}$$

and this is contradictory to [\(3.20\)](#), hence $(f_k) \in \ell_\infty(X', p)$.

Conversely, assume that $(f_k) \in \ell_\infty(X', p)$. By [Lemma 3.5](#), there exists $M \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\sup_k \|f_k\| M^{-1/p_k} < \infty$, so there is a $K > 0$ such that

$$\|f_k\| \leq KM^{1/p_k} \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{3.23}$$

Let $x = (x_k) \in \ell(X, p)$. Then there is a $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $M^{1/p_k} \|x_k\| \leq 1$ for all $k \geq k_0$. By $p_k \leq 1$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we have that, for all $k \geq k_0$,

$$M^{1/p_k} \|x_k\| \leq (M^{1/p_k} \|x_k\|)^{p_k} = M \|x_k\|^{p_k}. \tag{3.24}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f_k(x_k)| &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{k_0} \|f_k\| \|x_k\| + \sum_{k=k_0+1}^{\infty} \|f_k\| \|x_k\| \\
&\leq \sum_{k=1}^{k_0} \|f_k\| \|x_k\| + K \sum_{k=k_0+1}^{\infty} M^{1/p_k} \|x_k\| \quad (\text{by (3.23)}) \\
&\leq \sum_{k=1}^{k_0} \|f_k\| \|x_k\| + KM \sum_{k=k_0+1}^{\infty} \|x_k\|^{p_k} \quad (\text{by (3.24)}) \\
&< \infty.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.25}$$

This implies that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x_k)$ converges, hence $(f_k) \in \ell(X, p)^\beta$. \square

THEOREM 3.7. *Let $p = (p_k)$ be a bounded sequence of positive real numbers. Then $\ell_\infty(X, p)^\beta = M_\infty(X', p)$.*

PROOF. If $(f_k) \in M_\infty(X', p)$, then $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|f_k\| m^{1/p_k} < \infty$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$, we have that for each $x = (x_k) \in \ell_\infty(X, p)$, there is $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\|x_k\| \leq m_0^{1/p_k}$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, hence $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f_k(x_k)| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|f_k\| \|x_k\| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|f_k\| m_0^{1/p_k} < \infty$, which implies that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x_k)$ converges, so that $(f_k) \in \ell_\infty(X, p)^\beta$.

Conversely, assume that $(f_k) \in \ell_\infty(X, p)^\beta$, then $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(x_k)$ converges for all $x = (x_k) \in \ell_\infty(X, p)$, by using the same proof as in [Theorem 3.4](#), we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f_k(x_k)| < \infty \quad \forall x = (x_k) \in \ell_\infty(X, p). \tag{3.26}$$

If $(f_k) \notin M_\infty(X', p)$, then $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|f_k\| M^{1/p_k} = \infty$ for some $M \in \mathbb{N}$. Then we can choose a sequence (k_i) of positive integers with $0 = k_0 < k_1 < k_2 < \dots$ such that

$$\sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} \|f_k\| M^{1/p_k} > i \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{3.27}$$

And we choose x_k in X with $\|x_k\| = 1$ such that for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} |f_k(x_k)| M^{1/p_k} > i. \tag{3.28}$$

Put $y = (y_k)$, $y_k = M^{1/p_k} x_k$. Clearly, $y \in \ell_\infty(X, p)$ and

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f_k(y_k)| \geq \sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} |f_k(x_k)| M^{1/p_k} > i \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{3.29}$$

Hence $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |f_k(y_k)| = \infty$, which contradicts (3.26). Hence $(f_k) \in M_\infty(X', p)$. The proof is now complete. \square

THEOREM 3.8. *Let $p = (p_k)$ be a bounded sequence of positive real numbers. Then $c_0(X, p)^\beta = M_0(X', p)$.*

PROOF. Suppose $(f_k) \in M_0(X', p)$, then $\sum_{k=1}^\infty \|f_k\| M^{-1/p_k} < \infty$ for some $M \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $x = (x_k) \in c_0(X, p)$. Then there is a positive integer K_0 such that $\|x_k\|^{p_k} < 1/M$ for all $k \geq K_0$, hence $\|x_k\| < M^{-1/p_k}$ for all $k \geq K_0$. Then we have

$$\sum_{k=K_0}^\infty |f_k(x_k)| \leq \sum_{k=K_0}^\infty \|f_k\| \|x_k\| \leq \sum_{k=K_0}^\infty \|f_k\| M^{-1/p_k} < \infty. \tag{3.30}$$

It follows that $\sum_{k=1}^\infty f_k(x_k)$ converges, so that $(f_k) \in c_0(X, p)^\beta$.

On the other hand, assume that $(f_k) \in c_0(X, p)^\beta$, then $\sum_{k=1}^\infty f_k(x_k)$ converges for all $x = (x_k) \in c_0(X, p)$. For each $x = (x_k) \in c_0(X, p)$, choose scalar sequence (t_k) with $|t_k| = 1$ such that $f_k(t_k x_k) = |f_k(x_k)|$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $(t_k x_k) \in c_0(X, p)$, by our assumption, we have $\sum_{k=1}^\infty f_k(t_k x_k)$ converges, so that

$$\sum_{k=1}^\infty |f_k(x_k)| < \infty \quad \forall x \in c_0(X, p). \tag{3.31}$$

Now, suppose that $(f_k) \notin M_0(X', p)$. Then $\sum_{k=1}^\infty \|f_k\| m^{-1/p_k} = \infty$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Choose $m_1, k_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\sum_{k \leq k_1} \|f_k\| m_1^{-1/p_k} > 1 \tag{3.32}$$

and choose $m_2 > m_1$ and $k_2 > k_1$ such that

$$\sum_{k_1 < k \leq k_2} \|f_k\| m_2^{-1/p_k} > 2. \tag{3.33}$$

Proceeding in this way, we can choose $m_1 < m_2 < \dots$, and $0 = k_1 < k_2 < \dots$ such that

$$\sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} \|f_k\| m_i^{-1/p_k} > i. \tag{3.34}$$

Take x_k in X with $\|x_k\| = 1$ for all $k, k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i$ such that

$$\sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} |f_k(x_k)| m_i^{-1/p_k} > i \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{3.35}$$

Put $y = (y_k)$, $y_k = m_i^{-1/p_k} x_k$ for $k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i$, then $y \in c_0(X, p)$ and

$$\sum_{k=1}^\infty |f_k(y_k)| \geq \sum_{k_{i-1} < k \leq k_i} |f_k(x_k)| m_i^{-1/p_k} > i \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{3.36}$$

Hence we have $\sum_{k=1}^\infty |f_k(y_k)| = \infty$, which contradicts (3.31), therefore $(f_k) \in M_0(X', p)$. This completes the proof. \square

THEOREM 3.9. Let $p = (p_k)$ be a bounded sequence of positive real numbers. Then $c(X, p)^\beta = M_0(X', p) \cap cs[X']$.

PROOF. Since $c(X, p) = c_0(X, p) + E$, where $E = \{e(x) : x \in X\}$, it follows by Proposition 3.1(iii) and Theorem 3.8 that $c(X, p)^\beta = M_0(X', p) \cap E^\beta$. It is obvious by definition that $E^\beta = \{(f_k) \subset X' : \sum_{k=1}^\infty f_k(x)$ converges for all $x \in X\} = cs[X']$. Hence we have the theorem. \square

ACKNOWLEDGMENT. The author would like to thank the Thailand Research Fund for the financial support.

REFERENCES

- [1] K.-G. Grosse-Erdmann, *The structure of the sequence spaces of Maddox*, *Canad. J. Math.* **44** (1992), no. 2, 298-302.
- [2] M. Gupta, P. K. Kamthan, and J. Patterson, *Duals of generalized sequence spaces*, *J. Math. Anal. Appl.* **82** (1981), no. 1, 152-168.
- [3] I. J. Maddox, *Spaces of strongly summable sequences*, *Quart. J. Math. Oxford Ser. (2)* **18** (1967), 345-355.
- [4] ———, *Paranormed sequence spaces generated by infinite matrices*, *Math. Proc. Cambridge Philos. Soc.* **64** (1968), 335-340.
- [5] ———, *Elements of Functional Analysis*, Cambridge University Press, London, 1970.
- [6] H. Nakano, *Modulated sequence spaces*, *Proc. Japan Acad.* **27** (1951), 508-512.
- [7] S. Simons, *The sequence spaces $l(p_\nu)$ and $m(p_\nu)$* , *Proc. London Math. Soc. (3)* **15** (1965), 422-436.
- [8] C. X. Wu and Q. Y. Bu, *Köthe dual of Banach sequence spaces $l_p[X]$ ($1 \leq p < \infty$) and Grothendieck space*, *Comment. Math. Univ. Carolin.* **34** (1993), no. 2, 265-273.

SUTHEP SUANTAI: DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS, FACULTY OF SCIENCE, CHIANG MAI UNIVERSITY, CHIANG MAI 50200, THAILAND

E-mail address: malsuthe@science.cmu.ac.th

WINATE SANHAN: DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS, FACULTY OF SCIENCE, CHIANG MAI UNIVERSITY, CHIANG MAI 50200, THAILAND