THE CONTINUOUS DUAL OF THE SEQUENCE SPACE $l_p(\Delta^n),$ $(1\leq p\leq \infty, n\in \mathbb{N})$

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ABSTRACT. The space $l_p(\Delta^m)$ consisting of all sequences whose m^{th} order differences are p-absolutely summable was recently studied by Altay [On the space of p-summable difference sequences of order m, $(1 \le p < \infty)$, Stud. Sci. Math. Hungar. **43(4)** (2006), 387–402]. Following Altay [2], we have found the continuous dual of the spaces $l_1(\Delta^n)$ and $l_P(\Delta^n)$. We have also determined the norm of the operator Δ^n acting from l_1 to itself and from l_∞ to itself, and proved that Δ^n is a bounded linear operator on the space $l_p(\Delta^n)$.

1. PRELIMINARIES, DEFINITIONS AND NOTATIONS

Let ω denote the space of all complex-valued sequences, i.e. $\omega = \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{N}}$ where $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$. Any vector subspace of ω which contains ϕ , the set of all finitely non-zero sequences, is called a sequence space. The continuous dual of a sequence space λ which is denoted by λ^* is the set of all bounded linear functionals on λ . Suppose Δ be the difference operator with matrix representation

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and suppose $x = (x_k)_{k=0}^{\infty} \in \omega$, then $\Delta x = (x_k - x_{k-1})_{k=0}^{\infty}$ and $\Delta^n x = \Delta(\Delta^{n-1}x)$ for all $n \geq 2$ where any x with negative index is zero. For every $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$,

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 Δ^n has a triangle matrix representation, so it is invertible and

If a normed sequence space λ contains a sequence (b_n) with the property that for every $x \in \lambda$, there is a unique sequence of scalars (α_n) such that

(1)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \|x - (\alpha_0 b_0 + \alpha_1 b_1 + \dots + \alpha_n b_n)\| = 0,$$

then (b_n) is called a Schauder basis for λ . The series $\sum \alpha_k b_k$ which has the sum x is then called the expansion of x with respect to (b_n) and written as $x = \sum \alpha_k b_k$.

2. The space $l_p(\Delta^n)$

Now we introduce an apparently new sequence space and denote it by $l_p(\Delta^n)$ like Kizmaz who defined and studied $l_{\infty}(\Delta)$, $c(\Delta)$ and $c_0(\Delta)$.

(2)
$$l_p(\Delta^n) = \{x \in \omega : \Delta^n x \in l_p\}$$

(3)
$$||x||_{l_p(\Delta^n)} = ||\Delta^n x||_{l_p}$$

Trivially $l_p(\Delta) = bv_p$.

Theorem 2.1. $l_p(\Delta^n)$ is a Banach space.

Proof. Since it is a routine verification to show that $l_p(\Delta^n)$ is a normed space with the norm defined by (3) and coordinate-wise addition and scalar multiplication we omit the details. To prove the theorem, we show that every Chauchy sequence in $l_p(\Delta^n)$ has a limit. Suppose $(x^{(m)})_{m=0}^{\infty}$ is a Chauchy sequence in $l_p(\Delta^n)$. So (4)

$$(\forall \varepsilon > 0) (\exists N \in \mathbb{N}) (\forall r, s \ge N) (\|\Delta^n x^{(r)} - \Delta^n x^{(s)}\|_{l_p} = \|x^{(r)} - x^{(s)}\|_{l_p(\Delta^n)} < \varepsilon)$$

So the sequence $(\Delta^n x^{(m)})_{m=0}^{\infty}$ in l_p is Chauchy and since l_p is Banach, there exists $x \in l_p$ such that

(5)
$$\|\Delta^n x^{(m)} - x\|_{l_n} \to 0$$
 as $m \to \infty$

But $x = (\Delta^n)(\Delta^n)^{-1}x$, so $\|\Delta^n x^{(m)} - \Delta^n (\Delta^n)^{-1}x\|_{l_p} = \|x^{(m)} - (\Delta^n)^{-1}x\|_{l_p(\Delta^n)} \to 0$ as $m \to \infty$. Now, since $(\Delta^n)^{-1}x \in l_p(\Delta^n)$ we are done. \Box

Theorem 2.2. $l_p(\Delta^n)$ is isometrically isomorphic to l_p .

Proof. Let

(6)
$$T: l_p(\Delta^n) \to l_p$$

defined by $T(x) = \Delta^n x$. Since T is bijective and norm preserving, we are done. \Box

Theorem 2.3. Except the case p = 2, the space $l_p(\Delta^n)$ is not an inner product space and hence not a Hilbert space for $1 \le p < \infty$.

Proof. First we show that $l_2(\Delta^n)$ is a Hilbert space. It suffices to show that $l_2(\Delta^n)$ has an inner product. Since

(7)
$$||x||_{l_2(\Delta^n)} = ||\Delta^n x||_{l_2} = \langle \Delta^n x, \Delta^n x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

 $l_2(\Delta^n)$ is a Hilbert space. Now, we show that if $p \neq 2$, then $l_p(\Delta^n)$ is not Hilbert. Let

$$u = (\Delta^{n-1})^{-1} (1, 2, 2, 2, \cdots)$$

$$e = (\Delta^{n-1})^{-1} (1, 0, 0, 0, \cdots).$$

Then $||u||_{l_p(\Delta^n)} = ||e||_{l_p(\Delta^n)} = 2^{\frac{1}{p}}$ and $||u + e||_{l_p(\Delta^n)} = ||u - e||_{l_p(\Delta^n)} = 2$. So the parallelogram equality does not satisfy. Hence the space $l_p(\Delta^n)$ with $p \neq 2$ is not a Hilbert space.

Theorem 2.4. If $1 \le p < q < \infty$, then $l_p(\Delta^n) \subseteq l_q(\Delta^n) \subseteq l_\infty(\Delta^n)$.

Proof. We only point out that if $1 \le p < q < \infty$, then $l_p \subseteq l_q \subseteq l_\infty$.

Theorem 2.5. $l_p \subseteq l_p(\Delta) \subseteq l_p(\Delta^2) \subseteq l_p(\Delta^3) \subseteq \cdots$

Proof. Since $l_p \subseteq bv_p$, it is trivial that $l_p \subseteq l_p(\Delta)$. Now, if $x \in l_p(\Delta^n)$, then $\Delta^n x \in l_p \subseteq l_p(\Delta)$. So

$$\Delta^n x \in l_p(\Delta) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta(\Delta^n x) \in l_p \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta^{n+1} x \in l_p \quad \Rightarrow \quad x \in l_p(\Delta^{n+1}).$$

Theorem 2.6. $||x||_{l_p(\Delta^n)} \leq 2^n ||x||_{l_p}$

Proof. Since $||x||_{l_p(\Delta)} = ||x||_{bv_p} \le 2||x||_{l_p}$, $||x||_{l_p(\Delta^2)} \le 2||x||_{l_p(\Delta)} \le 2 \cdot 2 \cdot ||x||_{l_p} = 2^2 ||x||_{l_p}$. Now by induction, we are done.

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3. Schauder basis for space $l_p(\Delta^n)$

Suppose e^k is a sequence whose only nonzero term is 1 in the $(k + 1)^{\text{th}}$ place. The sequence $(\Delta^{-n}e^k)_{k=0}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of elements of $l_p(\Delta^n)$ since for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $e^k \in l_p$. We assert that this sequence is a Schauder basis for $l_p(\Delta^n)$. Suppose $x \in l_p(\Delta^n)$, $x^{[m]} = \sum_{k=0}^m (\Delta^n x)_k (\Delta^{-n}e^k) = \sum_{k=0}^m \Delta^{-n}((\Delta^n x)_k e^k)$. Then since $x \in l_p(\Delta^n)$, we have $\Delta^n x \in l_p$ such that

(8)
$$\left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} |(\Delta^n x)_i|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = s < \infty$$

(9)
$$\Rightarrow (\forall \varepsilon > 0) (\exists m_0 \in \mathbb{N}) \left(\sum_{i=m}^{\infty} |(\Delta^n x)_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \text{for all } m \ge m_0$$

(10)
$$\Rightarrow \|x - x^{[m]}\|_{l_p(\Delta^n)} = \|\Delta^n x - \Delta^n x^{[m]}\|_{l_p}$$
$$= \|\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\Delta^n x)_k e^k - \sum_{k=1}^{m} (\Delta^n x)_k e^k\|_{l_p}$$

(11)
$$= \|\sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} (\Delta^n x)_k e^k\|_{l_p} = \left(\sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} |\Delta^n x|_k^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$
$$\leq \left(\sum_{k=m_0}^{\infty} |\Delta^n x|_k^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

So $x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\Delta^n x)_k (\Delta^{-n} e^k) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Delta^{-n} ((\Delta^n x)_k e^k)$. Now, we show the uniqueness of this representation. Suppose $x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mu_k (\Delta^{-n} e^k) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Delta^{-n} (\mu_k e^k)$, so $\Delta^n x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mu_k e^k$. On the other hand $\Delta^n x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\Delta^n x)_k e^k$. Hence $\mu_k = (\Delta^n x)_k$, for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. So this representation is unique.

4. Continuous dual of $l_p(\Delta^n)$

Sequence space bv_p is $l_p(\Delta)$ so $l_p(\Delta^n)$ is an extension of this space. In [1] the continuous dual of bv_p was studied. The idea was wrong. We showed a counter example and then corrected it in [4]. Now, we introduce the continuous dual of $l_p(\Delta^n)$.

Suppose $1 \leq q < \infty$ and let

(12)
$$d_q^n = \left\{ a \in \omega : \|a\|_{d_q^n} = \left\| D^{(n)}a \right\|_{l_q} = \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)}a_j \right|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} < \infty \right\}$$

(13)
$$d_{\infty}^{n} = \left\{ a \in \omega : \|a\|_{d_{\infty}^{n}} = \left\| D^{(n)}a \right\|_{l_{\infty}} = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)}a_{j} \right| < \infty \right\},$$

where

$$(14) D^{(n)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \binom{n}{1} & \binom{n+1}{2} & \binom{n+2}{3} & \binom{n+3}{4} & \binom{n+4}{5} & \cdots \\ 0 & 1 & \binom{n}{1} & \binom{n+1}{2} & \binom{n+3}{3} & \binom{n+4}{4} & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \binom{n}{1} & \binom{n+1}{2} & \binom{n+3}{3} & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \binom{n}{1} & \binom{n+1}{2} & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \binom{n}{1} & \binom{n+1}{2} & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \binom{n}{1} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

since $D^{(n)}$ is triangle, then $D^{(n)^{-1}}$ exists. Trivially d_q^n and d_{∞}^n are normed spaces with respect to coordinate-wise addition and scalar multiplication. d_q^n and d_{∞}^n are Banach spaces since if $(x^{(m)})_{m=0}^{\infty}$ is a Chauchy sequence in d_q^n , then

$$(15) \ (\forall \varepsilon > 0) (\exists N \in \mathbb{N}) (\forall r, s > N) \| D^{(n)} (x^{(r)} - x^{(s)}) \|_{l_q} = \| x^{(r)} - x^{(s)} \|_{d_q^n} < \varepsilon$$

so the sequence $(D^{(n)}(x^{(m)}))_{m=0}^{\infty}$ is Chauchy in l_q and since l_q is Banach, there exists y in l_q such that $\|D^{(n)}x^{(m)} - y\|_{l_q} \to 0$ as $m \to \infty$. But $y = D^{(n)}D^{(n)^{-1}}y$, so $\|D^{(n)}x^{(m)} - D^{(n)}D^{(n)^{-1}}y\|_{l_q} = \|x^{(m)} - D^{(n)^{-1}}y\|_{d_q^n} \to 0$ as $m \to \infty$. On the other hand $D^{(n)^{-1}}y \in d_q^n$. So d_q^n is Banach. In a similar way d_∞^n is Banach.

Theorem 4.1. $l_1(\Delta^n)^*$ is isometrically isomorphic to d_{∞}^n .

Proof. Let

(16)
$$T: l_1(\Delta^n)^* \to d_{\circ}^n$$

defined by $Tf = (f(e^0), f(e^1), f(e^2), f(e^3), \cdots)$. Trivially T is linear and since $x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\Delta^n x)_k (\Delta^{-n} e^k)$ we have $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\Delta^n x)_k f(\Delta^{-n} e^k)$. But

(17)
$$\Delta^{-n}e^{k} = (\underbrace{0, 0, \cdots, 0}_{k \text{ term}}, 1, \binom{n}{1}, \binom{n+1}{2}, \binom{n+2}{3}, \binom{n+3}{4}, \cdots) = e^{k} + \binom{n}{1}e^{k+1} + \binom{n+1}{2}e^{k+2} + \binom{n+2}{3}e^{k+3} + \cdots$$

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(18)
$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[(\Delta^n x)_k \cdot (f(e^k) + {n \choose 1} f(e^{k+1}) + {n+1 \choose 2} f(e^{k+2}) + \cdots) \right]$$

If $f_j = f(e^j)$, then with respect to (14), we have

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[(\Delta^n x)_k \cdot (D_{kk}^{(n)} f_k + D_{k(k+1)}^{(n)} f_{k+1} + D_{k(k+2)}^{(n)} f_{k+2} + \cdots) \right]$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[(\Delta^n x)_k \cdot \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)} f_j \right]$$

So $|f(x)| \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\Delta^n x|_k \cdot \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} |\sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)} f_j| = \|(f_0, f_1, f_2, \cdots)\|_{d_{\infty}^n} \cdot \|x\|_{l_1(\Delta^n)}.$ So $\|f\| \leq \|(f_0, f_1, f_2, \cdots)\|_{d_{\infty}^n}$. So *T* is surjective. *T* is injective since T(f) = 0

implies f = 0. Finally T is norm preserving since

(19)
$$|f(x)| \le \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\Delta^n x|_k \cdot \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)} f_j \right| = ||x||_{l_1(\Delta^n)} \cdot ||Tf||_{d_{\infty}^n}$$

So

$$(20) ||f|| \le ||Tf||_{d^n_\infty}$$

On the other hand,

(21)
$$\left|\sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)} f_j\right| = |f(\Delta^{-n} e^k)| \le ||f|| \cdot ||\Delta^{-n} e^k||_{l_1(\Delta^n)} = ||f|| \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N}$$

So

(22)
$$||Tf||_{d_{\infty}^{n}} = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)} f_{j} \right| \le ||f||$$

From (20) and (22), we have

$$||Tf||_{d_{\infty}^{n}} = ||f||$$

So T is norm preserving and it completes the proof.

Theorem 4.2. If $1 , <math>\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, then $l_p(\Delta^n)^*$ is isometrically isomorphic to d_q^n .

Proof. Let

(23)
$$T: l_p(\Delta^n)^* \to d_q^n$$

defined by $Tf = (f(e^0), f(e^1), f(e^2), f(e^3), \cdots)$. Trivially T is linear and (18) implies that

$$\begin{split} |f(x)| &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[(\Delta^n x)_k \cdot \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)} f_j \right] \right| \leq \left[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\Delta^n x|_k^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)} f_j \right|^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \|x\|_{l_p(\Delta^n)} \cdot \|(f_0, f_1, f_2, \cdots)\|_{d_q^n}. \end{split}$$

The above computations show that T is surjective. Moreover T is injective since Tf = 0 implies f = 0. T is norm preserving since $|f(x)| \leq ||x||_{l_p(\Delta^n)} \cdot ||(f_0, f_1, f_2, \cdots)||_{d_q^n} = ||x||_{l_p(\Delta^n)} \cdot ||Tf||_{d_q^n}$. So

$$\|f\| \le \|Tf\|_{d_q^n}.$$

On the other hand, let $x^{(m)} = (x_k^{(m)})$ where

(25)
$$(\Delta^n x^{(m)})_k = \begin{cases} \left| \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)} f_j \right|^{q-1} \operatorname{sgn} \left(\sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)} f_j \right) & 0 \le k \le m \\ 0 & k > m \end{cases}$$

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Then $x^{(m)} \in l_p(\Delta^n)$ since $\Delta^n x^{(m)} \in l_p$. So

$$f(x^{(m)}) = f\left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\Delta^n x^{(m)})_k \cdot (\Delta^{-n} e^k)\right) = f\left(\sum_{k=0}^m (\Delta^n x^{(m)})_k \cdot (\Delta^{-n} e^k)\right)$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^m (\Delta^n x^{(m)})_k f(\Delta^{-n} e^k) = \sum_{k=0}^m (\Delta^n x^{(m)})_k \sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)} f_j$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^m \left|\sum_{j=k}^\infty D_{kj}^{(n)} f_j\right|^{q-1} \operatorname{sgn}\left(\sum_{j=k}^\infty D_{kj}^{(n)} f_j\right) \left(\sum_{j=k}^\infty D_{kj}^{(n)} f_j\right)$$
$$= \sum_{k=0}^m \left|\sum_{j=k}^\infty D_{kj}^{(n)} f_j\right|^q \le \|f\| \cdot \|x^{(m)}\|_{l_p(\Delta^n)}.$$

 So

$$\begin{split} \|x^{(m)}\|_{l_{p}(\Delta^{n})} &= \|\Delta^{n}x^{(m)}\|_{l_{p}} = \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |\Delta^{n}x^{(m)}|_{k}^{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \left(\sum_{k=0}^{m} |\Delta^{n}x^{(m)}|_{k}^{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left(\sum_{k=0}^{m} \left|\sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)}f_{j}\right|^{p(q-1)} \left|\operatorname{sgn}\left(\sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)}f_{j}\right)\right|^{p}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left(\sum_{k=0}^{m} \left|\sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)}f_{j}\right|^{q}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \end{split}$$

 So

$$\left(\sum_{k=0}^{m} \left|\sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)} f_{j}\right|^{q}\right)^{1} \leq \|f\| \cdot \left(\sum_{k=0}^{m} \left|\sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)} f_{j}\right|^{q}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

 So

(26)
$$||f|| \ge \left(\sum_{k=0}^{m} \left|\sum_{j=k}^{\infty} D_{kj}^{(n)} f_{j}\right|^{q}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} = ||Tf|| d_{q}^{n}.$$

From (24) and (26), we have

$$||Tf||_{d_a^n} = ||f||.$$

So T is norm preserving and this completes the proof.

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5. Continuity of Δ^n on some sequence spaces

Lemma 5.1. The matrix $A = (a_{nk})$ gives rise to a bounded linear operator $T \in B(l_1)$ if and only if the supremum of l_1 norms of the columns of A is bounded. In fact, $||A||_{(l_1,l_1)} = \sup_n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_{nk}|$.

Corollary 5.2. $\|\Delta^n\|_{(l_1,l_1)} = 2^n$.

Lemma 5.3. The matrix $A = (a_{nk})$ gives rise to a bounded linear operator $T \in B(l_{\infty})$ if and only if the supremum of l_1 norms of the rows of A is bounded. In fact, $||A||_{(l_{\infty},l_{\infty})} = \sup_k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_{nk}|$.

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Corollary 5.4. $\|\Delta^n\|_{(l_{\infty}, l_{\infty})} = 2^n$.

Lemma 5.5. Let $1 and let <math>A \in (l_{\infty}, l_{\infty}) \cap (l_1, l_1)$. Then $A \in (l_p, l_p)$.

Corollary 5.6. For every integer n and $1 holds <math>\Delta^n \in B(l_p)$.

Proof. With respect to the matrix representation of Δ^n and Lemma 5.1 and 5.3 $\Delta^n \in (l_\infty, l_\infty) \bigcap (l_1, l_1)$ and so by Lemma 5.5, $\Delta^n \in (l_p, l_p)$.

Theorem 5.7. $\Delta^n \in B(l_p(\Delta^n)).$

Proof. Suppose $\Delta^n : l_p \to l_p$ and $x \in l_p$. Then by Corollary 5.6, there exists $M_n^p \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\|\Delta^n x\|_{l_p} \leq M_n^p \|x\|_{l_p}$. So if $\Delta^n : l_p(\Delta^n) \to l_p(\Delta^n)$ and $x \in l_p(\Delta^n)$, then $\|\Delta^n x\|_{l_p(\Delta^n)} = \|\Delta^n(\Delta^n x)\|_{l_p} \leq M_n^p \cdot \|\Delta^n x\|_{l_p} = M_n^p \cdot \|x\|_{l_p(\Delta^n)}$. So $\|\Delta^n\|_{(l_p(\Delta^n), l_p(\Delta^n))} \leq M_n^p$ and it completes the proof. \Box

In [1, Theorem 3.2] claims that the norm of operator Delta is 2 i.e. Δ is a bounded operator on $l_p(\Delta)$ which confirms Theorem 5.7 in case n = 1.

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