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In the paper that John and Nirenberg (1961) introduced the BMO space and characterized functions in the space in terms of a related distribution inequality, they also discussed the corresponding issues for functions f being integrable in a given cube Q_0 and satisfying

$$K_f := \sup \left\{ \sum_i |Q_i|^{1-p} \left[\int_{Q_i} |f - f_{Q_i}| d\mu \right]^p \right\}^{1/p} < \infty \quad (1)$$

where the supremum is taken over all collections $\{Q_i\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$ with Q_i being subcubes of Q_0 such that $\bigcup Q_i = Q_0$ with disjoint interiors. We call the space with the norm defined by (??) the John-Nirenberg space with exponent p and denote it by $JN_p(Q_0)$.

The John-Nirenberg lemma II claims that if f is a function in $JN_p(Q_0)$, then $f - f_{Q_0}$ is in weak $L^p(Q_0)$.

We discuss the space JN_p and the lemma in the context of a doubling metric measure space.

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