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STRICTLY p -INTEGRAL AND p -NUCLEAR OPERATORS

ABSTRACT. In this note we present conditions under which every strictly p -integral operator is compact or p -nuclear, first independently of the range space and afterwards of the domain.

I. DEFINITIONS AND EXAMPLES

In all that follows X , Y and Z are Banach spaces and $L(X,Y)$, $K(X,Y)$ and $W(X,Y)$ denote respectively the spaces of all bounded linear operators, of the compact operators, and of the weakly compact operators from X into Y . Also, RNP and w RNP are shortenings for the Radon-Nikodym and the weak Radon-Nikodym properties, respectively.

DEFINITION I.1. A linear mapping $T : X \rightarrow Y$ is p -nuclear, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, if there are sequences $\{x_n^*\}$ in X^* and $\{y_n\}$ in Y such that

$$(i) \quad Tx = \sum_n \langle x_n^*, x \rangle y_n, \text{ for every } x \in X;$$

$$(ii) \quad \sum_n \|x_n^*\|^p < \infty, \text{ if } 1 \leq p < \infty,$$

and $\lim_n \|x_n^*\| = 0$, if $p = \infty$;

$$(iii) \quad \sup_n \{ \sup_{y^* \in B_{Y^*}} |\langle y^*, y_n \rangle| : y^* \in B_{Y^*} \} = \sup_n \|y_n\| < \infty, \text{ if } p = 1,$$

and $\sup_n \{ (\sum_n |\langle y^*, y_n \rangle|^q)^{1/q} : y^* \in B_{Y^*} \} < \infty$, if $1 < p \leq \infty$, where q is the conjugate exponent of p .

In this case, the p -nuclear norm of T is given by

$$n_1(T) = \inf_n \{ (\sum_n \|x_n^*\|) \sup_n \|y_n\| \}, \text{ if } p = 1,$$

$$n_p(T) = \inf_n \{ (\sum_n \|x_n^*\|^p)^{1/p} \sup_n (\sum_n |\langle y^*, y_n \rangle|^q)^{1/q} : y^* \in B_{Y^*} \}, \text{ if } 1 < p < \infty, \text{ and}$$

$$n_\infty(T) = \inf_n \{ (\sup_n \|x_n^*\|) \sup_n \{ \sum_n |\langle y^*, y_n \rangle| : y^* \in B_{Y^*} \} \}, \text{ if } p = \infty,$$

where the infima are taken over all possible representations of T as in (i), satisfying (ii) and (iii).

The set of p -nuclear linear mappings from X into Y is denoted by $N_p(X, Y)$.

DEFINITION I.2. A linear mapping $T : X \rightarrow Y$ is strictly p -integral, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, if there is a σ -additive vector measure $G : \mathcal{G}(B_{X^*}) \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$(i) \quad Tx = \int_{B_{X^*}} \langle x^*, x \rangle dG(x^*), \text{ for every } x \in X ;$$

(ii) If $p < \infty$, there exists $\mu \in ca^+(\mathcal{G}(B_{X^*}))$ such that

$$\left\| \int_{B_{X^*}} f dG \right\| \leq \left[\int_{B_{X^*}} |f|^p d\mu \right]^{1/p},$$

for every $f \in C(B_{X^*})$.

In this case, the strictly p -integral norm of T is given by

$$si_p(T) = \inf \{ \mu(B_{X^*})^{1/p} : G \text{ and } \mu \text{ satisfy (i) (ii)} \}, \text{ if } 1 \leq p < \infty, \text{ and}$$

$$si_\infty(T) = \inf \{ \|G\|(B_{X^*}) : G \text{ satisfies (i)} \}, \text{ if } p = \infty.$$

The set of strictly p -integral linear mappings from X into Y is denoted by $SI_p(X, Y)$.

DEFINITION I.3. A linear mapping $T : X \rightarrow Y$ is p -integral, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, if $J_Y \circ T : X \rightarrow Y^{**}$ is strictly p -integral, where J_Y is the canonical injection of Y into Y^{**} .

In this case, the p -integral norm of T is given by $i_p(T) = si_p(J_Y \circ T)$.

The set of p -integral linear mappings from X into Y is denoted by $I_p(X, Y)$.

REMARK. It can be shown that $N_p(X, Y) \subset SI_p(X, Y) \subset I_p(X, Y) \subset L(X, Y)$, with $\| \cdot \| \leq i_p(\cdot) \leq si_p(\cdot) \leq n_p(\cdot)$, and that all these sets of operators are Banach spaces when endowed with their respective norms.

Also, $N_p(X, Y)$, $SI_p(X, Y)$ and $I_p(X, Y)$ have an ideal structure, ie, the composition either on the left or on the right side of an arbitrary operator

with one in any of these classes produces a new element of the same class. For this reason they are usually referred as operator ideals.

It is worthy to note that $N_p(X, Y) \subset K(X, Y)$. Also, $SI_p(X, Y) \subset W(X, Y)$ and $SI_p(X, Y) \subset C(X, Y)$, where $C(X, Y)$ denotes the set of completely continuous operators from X into Y .

EXAMPLE I.4. Canonical p -nuclear operators, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$.

Let $\delta = \{\delta_n\} \in \ell_p$, if $1 \leq p < \infty$, and $\delta \in c_0$, if $p = \infty$, and define diagonal operators $\Delta_p : \ell_\infty \rightarrow \ell_p$, $1 \leq p < \infty$, and $\Delta_\infty : \ell_\infty \rightarrow c_0$ by

$$\Delta_p \{a_n\} = \{\delta_n a_n\}, \text{ for all } \{a_n\} \in \ell_\infty.$$

Then $\Delta_p \in N_p(\ell_\infty, \ell_p)$, $1 \leq p < \infty$, and $\Delta_\infty \in N_\infty(\ell_\infty, c_0)$, with $\|\Delta_p\| = \|\delta\|_p = n_p(\Delta_p)$.

They are called canonical because every p -nuclear operator admits Δ_p as a factor (Theorem I.7).

EXAMPLE I.5. Canonical strictly p -integral operators, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$.

Let K be a compact Hausdorff space, $\text{verca}^+(\mathcal{C}(K))$, (Ω, Σ, μ) be a finite measure space and J_p be either the inclusion of $C(K)$ into $L_p(K, \nu)$ or the inclusion of $L_\infty(\Omega, \mu)$ into $L_p(\Omega, \mu)$, for $1 \leq p < \infty$. Then J_p is a strictly p -integral operator, with $\|J_p\| = si_p(J_p)$. In the first case, $si_p(J_p) = \nu(K)^{1/p}$ and in the second one, $si_p(J_p) = \mu(\Omega)^{1/p}$. They are canonical because any strictly p -integral operator, $1 \leq p < \infty$, admits J_p as a factor, for some compact Hausdorff space K and some finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) (Theorem I.8).

For $p = \infty$, we have $W(C(K), Y) = SI_\infty(C(K), Y)$ and $W(L_\infty(\mu), Y) = SI_\infty(L_\infty(\mu), Y)$, for any Banach space Y , and $\|\cdot\| = si_\infty(\cdot)$. Any strictly ∞ -integral operator $T : X \rightarrow Y$ is such that $T = B \circ A$, where $A \in L(X, C(K))$ and $B \in W(C(K), Y)$ for some compact Hausdorff space K , or $A \in L(X, L_\infty(\mu))$ and $B \in W(L_\infty(\mu), Y)$, for some finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) (Theorem I.8).

EXAMPLE I.6.

Let $i_r : \ell_1 \rightarrow \ell_r$, $2 \leq r < \infty$ and $i_0 : \ell_1 \rightarrow c_0$ be the canonical inclusions.

Then $i_r \in SI_p(\ell_1, \ell_r)$, for any p , $1 < p \leq \infty$, and $i_0 \in SI_p(\ell_1, c_0)$, for any p , $1 < p \leq \infty$.

Also, $i_2 \notin SI_1(\ell_1, \ell_2)$, but $K_{\ell_2} \circ i_2 \in SI_1(\ell_1, \ell_\infty(B_{\ell_2}))$, where $\ell_\infty(B_{\ell_2})$ is the canonical injective space associated to ℓ_2 and K_{ℓ_2} is the canonical injection of ℓ_2 into $\ell_\infty(B_{\ell_2})$. Recall that for a Banach space Z , $\ell_\infty(B_{Z^*})$ is the space of bounded families of scalars $\{a_{z^*}\}_{z^* \in Z^*}$, with norm $\|\{a_{z^*}\}\| = \sup\{|a_{z^*}| : z^* \in Z^*\}$ and that Z can be identified with a subspace of $\ell_\infty(B_{Z^*})$ through the mapping $K_Z : Z \rightarrow \ell_\infty(B_{Z^*})$, given by $K_Z(z) = \{z^*(z)\}_{z^* \in Z^*}$.

THEOREM I.7

I. Let $1 \leq p < \infty$. An operator T belongs to $N_p(X, Y)$ if and only if it admits a factorization as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{T} & Y \\ p \downarrow & & \uparrow Q \\ \ell_\infty & \xrightarrow{\Delta_p} & \ell_p \end{array}$$

where $P \in L(X, \ell_\infty)$, $Q \in L(\ell_p, Y)$ and Δ_p is a diagonal operator, ie, there is $\delta = \{\delta_n\} \in \ell_p$ such that $\Delta_p \{a_n\} = \{a_n \delta_n\}$, for $\{a_n\} \in \ell_\infty$.

II. An operator T belongs to $N_\infty(X, Y)$ if and only if it admits a factorization as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{T} & Y \\ p \downarrow & & \uparrow Q \\ \ell_\infty & \xrightarrow{\Delta_\infty} & c_0 \end{array}$$

where $P \in L(X, \ell_\infty)$, $Q \in L(c_0, Y)$ and Δ_∞ is a diagonal operator as in Example I.4.

Moreover, given $\epsilon > 0$, a factorization can be chosen in I or II such that $\|P\| \leq 1$, $\|Q\| \leq 1$ and $n_p(\Delta_p) \leq n_p(T) + \epsilon$.

THEOREM I.8.

I. Let $1 \leq p < \infty$. The following conditions are equivalent :

- (1) $T \in SI_p(X, Y)$;
- (2) T admits a factorization as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{T} & Y \\ A \downarrow & & \uparrow B \\ C(K) & \xrightarrow{J_p} & L_p(\mu) \end{array}$$

where K is a compact Hausdorff space, $\mu \in ca^+(\mathcal{B}(K))$, J_p is the canonical injection of $C(K)$ into $L_p(K, \mu)$, $A \in L(X, L_\infty(K, \mu))$ and $B \in L(L_p(\Omega, \mu), Y)$;

- (3) T admits a factorization as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{T} & Y \\ A \downarrow & & \uparrow B \\ L_\infty(\mu) & \xrightarrow{J_p} & L_p(\mu) \end{array}$$

where (Σ, Ω, μ) is a finite measure space, J_p is the canonical injection of $L_\infty(\Omega, \mu)$ into $L_p(\Omega, \mu)$, $A \in L(X, L_\infty(\Omega, \mu))$ and $B \in L(L_p(\Omega, \mu), Y)$.

In this case, given $\varepsilon > 0$, it is possible to choose a factorization as in (2) or (3) such that $\|A\| \leq 1$, $\|B\| \leq 1$ and $si_p(J_p) \leq si_p(T) + \varepsilon$.

II. The following conditions are equivalent :

- (1) $T \in SI_\infty(X, Y)$;
- (2) T admits a factorization as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{T} & Y \\ A \searrow & & \nearrow B \\ & C(K) & \end{array}$$

where K is a compact Hausdorff space, $A \in L(X, C(K))$ and $B \in W(C(K), Y)$;

- (3) T admits a factorization as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{T} & Y \\ A \searrow & & \nearrow B \\ & L_\infty(\mu) & \end{array}$$



where (Ω, Σ, μ) is a finite measure space, $A \in L(X, L_\infty(\Omega, \mu))$ and $B \in W(L_\infty(\Omega, \mu), Y)$.

In this case, given $\varepsilon > 0$, it is possible to choose a factorization as in (2) or (3) such that $\|A\| \leq 1$ and $\|B\| = si_\infty(B) \leq si_\infty(T) + \varepsilon$.

REMARK. More information about these operator ideals can be found in [PP] and [CA].

In this work, we present conditions under which $SI_p(X, \cdot) = N_p(X, \cdot)$ and $SI_p(\cdot, Y) = N_p(\cdot, Y)$, for $1 < p \leq \infty$. These problems were suggested by the following well-known results.

THEOREM A. X^* has RNP $\Leftrightarrow SI_1(X, \cdot) = N_1(X, \cdot)$, with $si_1 = n_1$.

THEOREM B. Y has RNP $\Leftrightarrow SI_1(\cdot, Y) = N_1(\cdot, Y)$, with $si_1 = n_1$.

II. SPACES X SUCH THAT $SI_p(X, \cdot) = N_p(X, \cdot)$

Our first result is a characterization of the spaces X for which $SI_p(X, \cdot) \subset K(X, \cdot)$, for one or all p , $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. It is interesting to note that the characterization does not depend on p , and that it is equivalent to $I_p(X, \cdot) \subset K(X, \cdot)$.

THEOREME II.1. The following conditions on X are equivalent :

- (1) X^* has the weak Radon-Nikodym property ;
- (2) $X \not\cong \ell_1$;
- (3) for every p , $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, $SI_p(X, \cdot) \subset K(X, \cdot)$;
- (4) there exists p , $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, such that $SI_p(X, \cdot) \subset K(X, \cdot)$;
- (5) for every p , $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, $I_p(X, \cdot) \subset K(X, \cdot)$;
- (6) there exists p , $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, such that $I_p(X, \cdot) \subset K(X, \cdot)$.

PROOF. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) It is well-known [DUP-page 151].

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Let p , $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, Y and $T \in SI_p(X, Y)$ be given.

Then $T = B \circ A$ where $A \in L(X, C(K))$ and $B \in W(C(K), Y)$, for some compact Hausdorff space K .

Let $\{x_n\}$ be a bounded sequence in X . Since $X \not\hookrightarrow \ell_1$, from Rosenthal's Theorem it follows that $\{x_n\}$ has a weakly Cauchy subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}$, so that $\{Ax_{n_k}\}$ is a weakly Cauchy sequence in $C(K)$. But $W(C(K), Y) = C(C(K), Y)$ [DU-VI.2.17] and then $\{Tx_{n_k}\} = \{B(Ax_{n_k})\}$ is norm convergent in Y because B is completely continuous. Hence T is a compact operator.

(3) \Rightarrow (4) It is obvious.

(4) \Rightarrow (2) From Example I.6, for any $p, 1 \leq p \leq \infty$, there are a space Y and an operator $T : \ell_1 \rightarrow Y$ such that $T \in SI_p(\ell_1, Y)$ but $T \notin K(\ell_1, Y)$. Namely, $Y = \ell_2$ and $T = i_2$, if $1 < p \leq \infty$, and $Y = \ell_\infty(B_{\ell_2})$ and $T = K_{\ell_2} \circ i_2$, if $p = 1$.

Then T admits a factorization $T = B \circ A$, with $A \in L(\ell_1, L_\infty(\mu))$ and $B \in L(L_\infty(\mu), Y)$, for some finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) .

Suppose $X \not\hookrightarrow \ell_1$. By the extension property of $L_\infty(\mu)$, there is an operator $\tilde{A} \in L(X, L_\infty(\mu))$, such that $\tilde{A}|_{\ell_1} = A$.

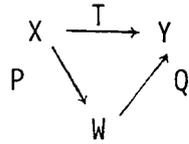
The operator $\hat{T} = B \circ \tilde{A} : X \rightarrow Y$ is strictly p -integral because B is, and is not compact, otherwise $\hat{T}|_{\ell_1} = T$ would be compact, too.

This contradicts (4). Hence $X \not\hookrightarrow \ell_1$.

(3) \Leftrightarrow (5) and (4) \Leftrightarrow (6) Since $T \in I_p(X, Y)$ if and only if $J_Y \circ T \in SI_p(X, Y^{**})$, for any $p, 1 \leq p \leq \infty$, and $T \in K(X, Y)$ if and only if $J_Y \circ T \in K(X, Y^{**})$ for J_Y is an isometry, it follows that $I_p(X, \cdot) \subset K(X, \cdot)$ if and only if $SI_p(X, \cdot) \subset K(X, \cdot)$. \square

While a necessary condition for $SI_p(X, \cdot) = N_p(X, \cdot)$ is given by Theorem II.1, we have a sufficient condition in Theorem II.4, as a consequence of a multiplication theorem.

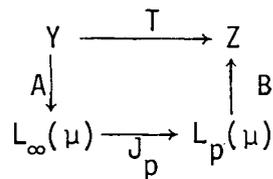
DEFINITION II.2. An operator $T : X \rightarrow Y$ is an Asplund operator if it admits a factorization as



where $P \in L(X, W)$, $Q \in L(W, Y)$ and W^* has RNP (ie, W is an Asplund space).

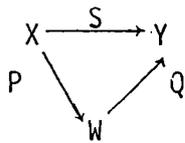
THEOREM II.3. Let $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. If $S \in L(X, Y)$ is an Asplund operator, and $T \in SI_p(Y, Z)$, then $T \circ S \in N_p(X, Z)$ and $n_p(T \circ S) \leq \|S\| si_p(T)$.

PROOF. Let $p < \infty$. If $T \in SI_p(Y, Z)$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ are given, choose a factorization



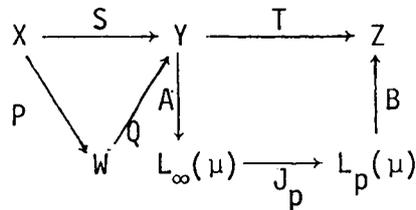
where (Ω, Σ, μ) is a finite measure space, $A \in L(Y, L_\infty(\mu))$; $\|A\| \leq 1$, $B \in L(L_p(\mu), Z)$, $\|B\| \leq 1$ and $\mu(\Omega)^{1/p} \leq si_p(T) + \varepsilon$.

Since S is an Asplund operator, it admits a factorization



where W^* has RNP, $P \in L(X, W)$, $Q \in L(W, Y)$, $\|Q\| \leq 1$ and $\|P\| \leq \|S\| + \varepsilon$.

Then



Consider $A \circ Q : W \rightarrow L_\infty(\mu)$ and $(A \circ Q)^* : L_\infty(\mu)^* \rightarrow W^*$. Let $R = (A \circ Q)^*|_{L_1(\mu)}$. Since W^* has RNP, R is representable by a bounded μ -mesurable function $g : \Omega \rightarrow W^*$,

$$Rf = \int_{\Omega} f(t)g(t)d\mu(t), \text{ for } f \in L_1(\mu),$$

with $\|g\|_\infty = \|R\| \leq \| (A_0 Q)^\star \| = \|A_0 Q\| \leq 1$.

Defining $F : \Omega \rightarrow W^\star$ by

$$\langle F(t), w \rangle = [(A_0 Q)w](t), \text{ for } t \in \Omega \text{ and } w \in W,$$

one has $\langle F(\cdot), w \rangle \in L_\infty(\mu)$ for every $w \in W$, so that the integral $\int_\Omega f(t) \langle F(t), w \rangle d\mu(t)$ exists, for every $f \in L_1(\mu)$ and $w \in W$.

But

$$\begin{aligned} \int_\Omega f(t) \langle F(t), w \rangle d\mu(t) &= \int_\Omega f(t) \langle (A_0 Q)w \rangle(t) d\mu(t) \\ &= \langle f, (A_0 Q)w \rangle = \langle Rf, w \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

for every $f \in L_1(\mu)$ and $w \in W$.

Then $\langle F(t), w \rangle = \langle g(t), w \rangle$, μ -a.e. in Ω , for every $w \in W$. Hence $F = g$ μ -a.e. and $F \in L_\infty(\mu, W^\star)$.

Case 1. F has countable range.

Let $\{u_n^\star : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be the set of distinct nonzero essential values of F . Defining, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $E_n = F^{-1}\{u_n^\star\}$, one has that E_n is μ -measurable and $\mu(E_n) > 0$. Moreover, $\{E_n\}$ is a pairwise disjoint sequence in Σ .

Let the sequences $\{w_n^\star\}$ in W^\star and $\{f_n\}$ in $L_p(\mu)$ be given by

$$w_n^\star = \mu(E_n)^{1/p} u_n^\star \text{ and } f_n = \mu(E_n)^{-1/p} \chi_{E_n},$$

for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

$$\sum_n \|w_n^\star\|^p = \sum_n \|u_n^\star\|^p \mu(E_n) = \|F\|_p^p \leq \|F\|_\infty^p \mu(\Omega),$$

and, for $h \in L_q(\mu) = L_p(\mu)^\star$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_n |\langle h, f_n \rangle|^q &= \sum_n \mu(E_n)^{-q/p} \left| \int_{E_n} h d\mu \right|^q \\ &\leq \sum_n \mu(E_n)^{-q/p} \left[\left(\int_{E_n} 1^p d\mu \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_{E_n} |h|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \right]^q \\ &= \sum_n \int_{E_n} |h|^q d\mu \leq \|h\|_q^q, \text{ if } 1 < q < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sup_n |\langle h, f_n \rangle| = \sup_n \mu(E_n)^{-1} \left| \int_{E_n} h d\mu \right| \leq \|h\|_\infty, \text{ if } q = \infty.$$

Hence

$$\sup_n \{ (\sum_n |\langle h, f_n \rangle|^q)^{1/q} : h \in B_{L_q} \} \leq 1, \text{ if } 1 < q < \infty,$$

and

$$\sup_n \{ \sup_n |\langle h, f_n \rangle| : h \in B_{L_\infty} \} \leq 1, \text{ if } q = \infty,$$

so that $\{w_n^*\}$ and $\{f_n\}$ satisfy (ii) and (iii) of Definition I.1.

Since, for $w \in W$,

$$(J_p \circ A \circ Q)w = \langle F(\cdot), w \rangle = \sum_n \langle u_n^*, w \rangle \chi_{E_n}(\cdot) = \sum_n \langle w_n^*, w \rangle f_n,$$

it follows that $J_p \circ A \circ Q \in N_p(W, L_p(\mu))$, with $n_p(J_p \circ A \circ Q) \leq \|F\|_\infty \mu(\Omega)^{1/p} \leq si_p(T) + \epsilon$, for $\|F\|_\infty = \|g\|_\infty \leq 1$.

Then $T \circ S = B \circ J_p \circ A \circ Q \circ P \in N_p(X, Z)$ and $n_p(T \circ S) \leq (\|S\| + \epsilon)(si_p(T) + \epsilon)$. Since ϵ is arbitrary, $n_p(T \circ S) \leq \|S\| si_p(T)$.

Case 2. F does not have necessarily countable range.

Since F is μ -measurable, there is a sequence $\{F_n\}$ in $L_\infty(\mu, W^*)$, each F_n with countable range, such that $\|F_n - F\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$ [DU-II.1.3].

Defining $R_n : W \rightarrow L_\infty(\mu)$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ by

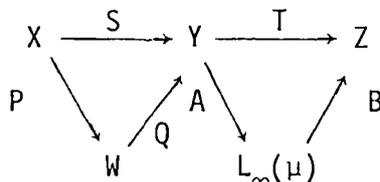
$$R_n w = \langle F_n(\cdot), w \rangle, \text{ for } w \in W,$$

one has $\|R_n\| = \|F_n\|_\infty$ and $J_p \circ R_n \in N_p(W, L_p(\mu))$, with $n_p(J_p \circ R_n) \leq \|F_n\|_\infty \mu(\Omega)^{1/p}$, from Case 1. Also, $J_p \circ (R_n - R_m) \in N_p(W, L_p(\mu))$, with $n_p(J_p \circ (R_n - R_m)) \leq \|F_n - F_m\|_\infty \mu(\Omega)^{1/p}$, for any $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$, for the same reason, so that $\{J_p \circ R_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in $N_p(W, L_p(\mu))$, thus n_p -norm convergent to some element in this space of operators. But $\{J_p \circ R_n\}$ is norm convergent to $J_p \circ A \circ Q$ and since $\|\cdot\| \leq n_p(\cdot)$, $\{J_p \circ R_n\}$ converges in norm to $J_p \circ A \circ Q$.

Hence, $J_p \circ A \circ Q \in N_p(W, L_p(\mu))$ and $n_p(J_p \circ A \circ Q) \leq \|F\|_\infty \mu(\Omega)^{1/p} \leq si_p(T) + \epsilon$.

As before, it follows that $T \circ S \in N_p(X, Z)$ and $n_p(T \circ S) \leq \|S\| si_p(T)$.

Now let $p = \infty$. Given $\epsilon > 0$, choose factorizations for S and T



where W^* has RNP, $P \in L(X, W)$, $Q \in L(X, Y)$, $\|Q\| \leq 1$, $\|P\| \leq \|S\| + \epsilon$, (Ω, Σ, μ) is a finite measure space, $A \in L(Y, L_\infty(\mu))$, $\|A\| \leq 1$, and $B \in W(L_\infty(\mu), Z)$ is represented by a σ -additive vector measure $G : \Sigma \rightarrow Z$, with $\|G\|(\Omega) \leq \text{si}_\infty(T) + \epsilon$.

As before, the operator $R = (A \circ Q)^*|_{L_1(\mu)}$ is representable by a function $F \in L_\infty(\mu, W^*)$ given by

$$\langle F(t), w \rangle = [(A \circ Q)w](t), \text{ for } t \in \Omega \text{ and } w \in W,$$

through

$$\int_{\Omega} f(t) \langle F(t), w \rangle d\mu(t) = \langle f, (A \circ Q)w \rangle = \langle Rf, w \rangle,$$

for every $f \in L_1(\mu)$ and $w \in W$.

Again, there are two cases.

Case 1'. F has countable range.

Let $\{u_n^* : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be the set of distinct nonzero essential values of F . Defining, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $E_n = F^{-1}\{u_n^*\}$, one has that $\{E_n\}$ is a pairwise disjoint sequence in Σ , with $\mu(E_n) > 0$, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

For $w \in W$,

$$\begin{aligned} (B \circ A \circ Q)w &= \int_{\Omega} [(A \circ Q)w](t) dG(t) = \int_{\Omega} \langle F(t), w \rangle dG(t) \\ &= \sum_n \langle u_n^*, w \rangle G(E_n), \end{aligned}$$

and $\sup_n \|u_n^*\| = \|F\|_\infty \leq \|A \circ Q\| \leq 1$.

Since G is σ -additive, and $\{E_n\}$ is a pairwise disjoint sequence,

$$\sup_n \{ \sum |\langle z^*, G(E_n) \rangle| : z^* \in B_{Z^*} \} \leq \|G\|(\Omega) < \infty$$

and

$$\lim_n \sum_{m > n} |\langle z^*, G(E_m) \rangle| = 0, \text{ uniformly in } z^* \in B_{Z^*}$$

[DU-I.1.18]. Let $\delta > 0$ be given and choose $1 \leq n_1 < n_2 < \dots$ such that

$$\sum_{n > n_k} |\langle z^*, G(E_n) \rangle| \leq \delta / 2^k, \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } z^* \in B_{Z^*}.$$

Defining sequence $\{w_n^*\}$ in W^* and $\{z_n\}$ in Z by

$$w_n^\star = \begin{cases} u_n^\star, & \text{if } 1 \leq n \leq n_1, \\ k^{-1} u_n^\star, & \text{if } n_k < n \leq n_{k+1}, \text{ for } k \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

and

$$z_n = \begin{cases} G(E_n), & \text{if } 1 \leq n \leq n_1, \\ kG(E_n), & \text{if } n_k < n \leq n_{k+1}, \text{ for } k \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

one has $\lim_n \|w_n^\star\| = 0$, $\sup_n \|w_n^\star\| \leq 1$, because

$$\|w_n^\star\| \leq \begin{cases} \|F\|_\infty, & \text{if } 1 \leq n \leq n_1, \\ k^{-1} \|F\|_\infty, & \text{if } n_k < n \leq n_{k+1}, \text{ for } k \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

and $\|F\|_\infty \leq 1$; also, for each $z^\star \in B_{Z^\star}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_n |\langle z^\star, z_n \rangle| &= \sum_{n=1}^{n_1} |\langle z^\star, G(E_n) \rangle| + \sum_k \sum_{n=n_k+1}^{n_{k+1}} |\langle z^\star, G(E_n) \rangle| \\ &\leq \sum_n |\langle z^\star, G(E_n) \rangle| + \sum_k k \left(\sum_{n > n_k} |\langle z^\star, G(E_n) \rangle| \right) \\ &\leq \|G\|(\Omega) + \sum_k k\delta / k2^k = \|G\|(\Omega) + \delta. \end{aligned}$$

Then $\{w_n^\star\}$ and $\{z_n\}$ satisfy (ii) and (iii) of Definition I.1 and since $(B \circ A \circ Q)w = \sum_n \langle u_n^\star, w \rangle G(E_n) = \sum_n \langle w_n^\star, w \rangle z_n$, for $w \in W$, it follows that $B \circ A \circ Q \in N_\infty(W, Z)$ with $n_\infty(B \circ A \circ Q) \leq \|F\|_\infty \|G\|(\Omega)$, since δ is arbitrary.

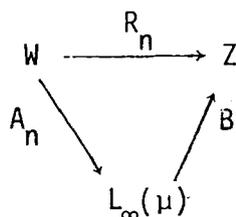
It follows that $T \circ S = B \circ A \circ Q \circ P \in N_\infty(X, Z)$ and $n_\infty(T \circ S) \leq \|P\| n_\infty(B \circ A \circ Q) \leq (\|S\| + \varepsilon)(s_{i_\infty}(T) + \varepsilon)$. Since ε is arbitrary, $n_\infty(T \circ S) \leq \|S\| s_{i_\infty}(T)$.

Case 2'. F does not have necessarily countable range.

Again, from [DU.II.1.3] there is a sequence $\{F_n\}$ in $L_\infty(\mu, W^\star)$, each F_n with countable range, such that $\|F_n - F\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define $R_n : W \rightarrow Z$ by

$$R_n w = \int_\Omega \langle F_n(t), w \rangle dG(t), \text{ for } w \in W,$$

so that



where $A_n w = \langle F_n(\cdot), w \rangle$, for $w \in W$.

From Case 1', for any $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$, $R_n \in N_\infty(W, Z)$ and $R_n - R_m \in N_\infty(W, Z)$, with $n_\infty(R_n) \leq \|F_n\|_\infty \|G\|(\Omega)$ and $n_\infty(R_n - R_m) \leq \|F_n - F_m\|_\infty \|G\|(\Omega)$. Then $\{R_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in $N_\infty(W, Z)$ that converges in n_∞ -norm to some element $U \in N_\infty(W, Z)$, with $n_\infty(U) \leq \|F\|_\infty \|G\|(\Omega)$. But $\{R_n\}$ converges in norm to $B \circ A \circ Q$ and $\|\cdot\| \leq n_\infty(\cdot)$, so that $U = B \circ A \circ Q$. Then $T \circ S = B \circ A \circ Q \circ P \in N_\infty(X, Z)$, with $n_\infty(T \circ S) \leq \|P\| \|G\|(\Omega) \leq (si_\infty(T) + \epsilon)(\|S\| + \epsilon)$. Since ϵ is arbitrary, $n_\infty(T \circ S) \leq \|S\| si_\infty(T)$. \square

THEOREM II.4. If X^\star has RNP, then $SI_p(X, \cdot) = N_p(X, \cdot)$, for every p , $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, with $si_p(\cdot) = n_p(\cdot)$.

PROOF. Since X^\star has RNP, Id_X is an Asplund operator and the result follows from Theorem II.3. \square

REMARK. When X^\star is complemented in a Banach lattice, RNP and wRNP coincide in X^\star and in this case Theorems II.1 and II.4 give a complete description of $SI_p(X, \cdot) = N_p(X, \cdot)$. Important classes of spaces are included in this situation, such as $C(K)$ -spaces, L_p -spaces, Lorentz spaces, Orlicz spaces, Marcinkiewicz spaces, and Banach spaces with unconditional basis.

III. SPACES Y SUCH THAT $SI_p(\cdot, Y) = N_p(\cdot, Y)$.

The problem $SI_p(\cdot, Y) = N_p(\cdot, Y)$ defines completely different situations for $p = 1$ and $p > 1$. As example I.6 shows, when $p > 1$, wRNP, RNP, reflexive or even Hilbert spaces can fail to satisfy $SI_p(\cdot, Y) = N_p(\cdot, Y)$. Moreover, RNP is not a necessary condition, either, since the space JH^\star , where JH is Hagler's space, is not a RNP space, but it has Schur property, so

that $SI_p(\cdot, JH^*) = N_p(\cdot, JH^*)$ (Theorem III.3).

Let us present first a sufficient condition for $1 < p \leq \infty$. For $p = \infty$ we will need the following Lemma.

LEMMA III.1.

(a) $N_\infty(C(K), \cdot) = K(C(K), \cdot)$, with $n_\infty(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|$, for every compact Hausdorff space K ;

(b) $N_\infty(L_\infty(\cdot), \cdot) = K(L_\infty(\cdot), \cdot)$, with $n_\infty(\cdot) = \|\cdot\|$, for every finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) .

PROOF.

(a) It is known that $N_\infty(C(K), \cdot) \subset K(C(K), \cdot)$, with $\|\cdot\| \leq n_\infty(\cdot)$.

For the reverse inclusion and inequality, let $T \in K(C(K), Y)$ be given, where Y is any Banach space. Since $C(K)^*$ has the approximation property, there is a sequence $\{T_n\}$ of finite rank operators from $C(K)$ into Y such that $\|T_n - T\| \rightarrow 0$. Also, $C(K)^*$ has the metric approximation property, so that for any $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$, $si_\infty(T_n) = n_\infty(T_n)$ and $si_\infty(T_n - T_m) = n_\infty(T_n - T_m)$ [PP-Lemma 11].

From Example I.5 one has $si_\infty(T_n) = \|T_n\|$ and $si_\infty(T_n - T_m) = \|T_n - T_m\|$, for any $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\{T_n\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in $N_\infty(C(K), Y)$ that converges in norm to T . Therefore, T is also the limit in n_∞ -norm of $\{T_n\}$, so that $T \in N_\infty(C(K), Y)$ and $n_\infty(T) = \|T\|$.

(b) It follows from (a) and the identification of any $L_\infty(\mu)$, for a finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) , with $C(K)$, for a convenient compact Hausdorff space K . \square

THEOREME III.2. Let $1 < p \leq \infty$. If $T \in SI_p(X, Y)$ and $S \in C(Y, Z)$, then $S \circ T \in N_p(X, Z)$, with $n_p(S \circ T) \leq \|S\| si_p(T)$.

PROOF. Let $p < \infty$. Given $T \in SI_p(X, Y)$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, choose a factorization of T as

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{T} & Y \\
 A \downarrow & & \uparrow B \\
 C(K) & \xrightarrow{J_p} & L_p(\mu)
 \end{array}$$

where K is a compact Hausdorff space, $\mu \in ca^+(\mathcal{B}(C(K)))$, J_p is the inclusion, $A \in L(X, C(K))$, $B \in L(L_p(\mu), Y)$, $\|A\| \leq 1$, $\|B\| \leq 1$ and $si_p(J_p) \leq si_p(T) + \epsilon$.

Hence $S \circ T$ has a factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{S \circ T} & Z \\
 A \downarrow & & \uparrow S \circ B \\
 C(K) & \xrightarrow{J_p} & L_p(\mu)
 \end{array}$$

Since S is completely continuous and B is weakly compact, $S \circ B$ is a compact operator. By the approximation property of $L_q(\mu) = L_p(\mu)^*$ there is a sequence $\{R_n\}$ of finite rank operators in $L(L_p(\mu), Z)$, with $\|R_n - S \circ B\| \rightarrow 0$.

Then $\{R_n \circ J_p\}$ is a sequence of strictly p -integral finite rank operators from $C(K)$ into Z . The metric approximation property of $C(K)^*$ and [PP-Lemma 7] give, for any $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$n_p(R_n \circ J_p) \leq si_p(R_n \circ J_p) \leq \|R_n\| si_p(J_p),$$

and

$$n_p[(R_n - R_m) \circ J_p] \leq si_p[(R_n - R_m) \circ J_p] \leq \|R_n - R_m\| si_p(J_p)$$

so that $\{R_n \circ J_p\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in n_p -norm, thus convergent to some element in $N_p(C(K), Z)$.

But $\{R_n \circ J_p\}$ converges in norm to $S \circ B \circ J_p$, and $\|\cdot\| \leq n_p(\cdot)$, so that $S \circ B \circ J_p \in N_p(C(K), Z)$, with $n_p(S \circ B \circ J_p) \leq \|S \circ B\| si_p(J_p) \leq \|S\| (si_p(T) + \epsilon)$. Hence $S \circ T = S \circ B \circ J_p \circ A \in N_p(X, Z)$ and $n_p(S \circ T) \leq \|S\| si_p(T)$, since $\|A\| \leq 1$ and ϵ is arbitrary.

Now let $p = \infty$. For given $T \in SI_\infty(X, Y)$ and $\epsilon > 0$, choose a factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{T} & Y \\
 A \searrow & & \nearrow B \\
 & C(K) &
 \end{array}$$

where K is a compact Hausdorff space, $A \in L(X, C(K))$, $\|A\| \leq 1$, and $B \in W(C(K), Y)$ is given by $Bf = \int_K fdG$, with $\|B\| = \|G\|(K) \leq si_\infty(T) + \epsilon$.

Since B is weakly compact and S is completely continuous, $S \circ B \in K(C(K), Z)$. From Lemma III.1, $S \circ B \in N_\infty(C(K), Z)$ and $n_\infty(S \circ B) = \|S \circ B\| \leq \|S\|(si_\infty(T) + \epsilon)$.

Hence $S \circ T = S \circ B \circ A \in N_\infty(X, Z)$ with $n_\infty(S \circ T) \leq \|S\|si_\infty(T)$, since $\|A\| \leq 1$ and ϵ is arbitrary. \square

A moment of reflection about the preceding proof shows that the essential hypothesis was the compactness of $S \circ B$. When $p = \infty$, a $L_\infty(\mu)$ -space could have been used instead of a $C(K)$ -space. These remarks lead us to the following theorem.

THEOREM III.3.

(a) Let $1 < p < \infty$. If $L(L_p(\mu), Y) = K(L_p(\mu), Y)$ for every finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) , then $SI_p(\cdot, Y) = N_p(\cdot, Y)$, with $si_p(\cdot) = n_p(\cdot)$.

(b) If $W(C(K), Y) = K(C(K), Y)$ for every compact Hausdorff space K or $W(L_\infty(\mu), Y) = K(L_\infty(\mu), Y)$ for every finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) , then $SI_\infty(\cdot, Y) = N_\infty(\cdot, Y)$, with $si_\infty(\cdot) = n_\infty(\cdot)$.

PROOF. It follows as in Theorem III.2. \square

The next theorem gives a necessary condition to $SI_p(\cdot, Y) \subset K(\cdot, Y)$ and, in particular, to $SI_p(\cdot, Y) = N_p(\cdot, Y)$, since p -nuclear operators are compact.

THEOREM III.4. If for some r , $1 < r \leq \infty$, $SI_r(\cdot, Y) \subset K(\cdot, Y)$, then

$L(L_p(\mu), Y) = K(L_p(\mu), Y)$, for every p , $2 \leq p < \infty$, and every finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) .

PROOF. Let (Ω, Σ, μ) be a finite measure space and p , $2 \leq p < \infty$, be a fixed index.

Suppose that there is a non-compact operator $T : L_p(\mu) \rightarrow Y$. Then there is a bounded sequence $\{f_n\}$ in $L_p(\mu)$ such that $\{Tf_n\}$ has no

norm convergent subsequence. Taking subsequence, translating and/or normalizing, one can assume that

- (i) $\{f_n\}$ is weakly convergent to zero, since $L_p(\mu)$ is reflexive ;
- (ii) there is an $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that $\|f_n\|_p \geq \varepsilon_0$, for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, condition that holds for some subsequence of $\{f_n\}$, otherwise $\|f_n\| \rightarrow 0$ and $Tf_n \rightarrow 0$;
- (iii) $\|f_n\|_p = 1$, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, otherwise consider $g_n = f_n / \|f_n\|_p$, so that $\|g_n\|_p = 1$, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and still $g_n \xrightarrow{w} 0$.

By Bessaga-Pelczynski Selection Principle [DI-page 42], there is a subsequence of $\{f_n\}$, which can still be called $\{f_n\}$, that is a basic sequence, ie, it is a basis for the subspace it generates. Let Z be this subspace of $L_p(\mu)$, $Z = [f_n]$.

If $p = 2$, Z is isomorphic to ℓ_2 , because Z is a separable Hilbert space. Moreover, the isomorphism takes the canonical basis of ℓ_2 into the basis of Z .

If $2 < p < \infty$, Z contains a subspaces that is isomorphis to ℓ_2 or ℓ_p [KP-Corollary 6], and the isomorphism takes the canonical basis of ℓ_2 or ℓ_p into a sequence $\{f_{n_k}\}$, still a basic sequence. Although Kadec and Pelczynski work only with $L_p[0,1]$, they remark that their results hold for any measure space [KP-page 162].

In any case, there is an isomorphism $R: \ell_2 \rightarrow L_p(\mu)$ or $R: \ell_p \rightarrow L_p(\mu)$ such that $Re_k = f_{n_k}$, for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, where $\{e_k\}$ is the basis of ℓ_2 or ℓ_p .

Defining an operator $S: \ell_1 \rightarrow Y$ by $S = T \circ R \circ i_p$, one has, for $1 < r \leq \infty$, that $S \in SI_r(\ell_1, Y)$, since $i_p \in SI_r(\ell_1, \ell_p)$, for $p \geq 2$. But S is not a compact operator, because $\{Se_k\} = \{Tf_{n_k}\}$ and no subsequence of $\{Tf_n\}$ is norm convergent.

This contradicts the hypothesis that there is r , $1 < r \leq \infty$, such that $SI_r(\cdot, Y) \subset K(\cdot, Y)$, so that there is no non-compact operator $T: L_p(\mu) \rightarrow Y$, or $L(L_p(\mu), Y) = K(L_p(\mu), Y)$. \square

REMARK. Other necessary conditions to $SI_p(\cdot, Y) = N_p(\cdot, Y)$, for any p , $1 < p \leq \infty$, are that $Y \not\subset C_0$ and $Y \not\subset \ell_r$, $r \geq 2$, shown by Example I.6, and that $Y \not\subset L_1[0,1]$, because J_1 is strictly p -integral for any p , $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, but it is not compact.

We have the following characterization of the spaces Y such that $SI_p(\cdot, Y) = N_p(\cdot, Y)$, when $p \geq 2$.

THEOREM III.5.

I. The following conditions on Y are equivalent :

- (1) for every p , $2 \leq p < \infty$, $SI_p(\cdot, Y) = N_p(\cdot, Y)$, with $si_p(\cdot) = n_p(\cdot)$;
- (2) there exists p , $2 \leq p < \infty$, such that $SI_p(\cdot, Y) = N_p(\cdot, Y)$, with $si_p(\cdot) = n_p(\cdot)$;
- (3) for every p , $2 \leq p < \infty$, $SI_p(\cdot, Y) = N_p(\cdot, Y)$;
- (4) there exists p , $2 \leq p < \infty$, such that $SI_p(\cdot, Y) = N_p(\cdot, Y)$;
- (5) for every p , $1 < p < \infty$, $SI_p(\cdot, Y) \subset K(\cdot, Y)$;
- (6) there exists p , $1 < p < \infty$, such that $SI_p(\cdot, Y) \subset K(\cdot, Y)$;
- (7) $L(\ell_2, Y) = K(\ell_2, Y)$;
- (8) $L(L_2(\mu), Y) = K(L_2(\mu), Y)$, for every finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) ;
- (9) for every p , $2 \leq p < \infty$, $L(L_p(\mu), Y) = K(L_p(\mu), Y)$, for every finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) ;
- (10) there exists p , $2 \leq p < \infty$, such that $L(L_p(\mu), Y) = K(L_p(\mu), Y)$, for every finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) .

II. If $Y = Z^*$ for some space Z , the conditions (1) to (10) imply

- (11) for every q , $1 < q \leq 2$, $L(Z, L_q(\mu)) = K(Z, L_q(\mu))$, for every finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) ;
- (12) there exists q , $1 < q \leq 2$, such that $L(Z, L_q(\mu)) = K(Z, L_q(\mu))$, for every finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) ;
- (13) $L(Z, \ell_2) = K(Z, \ell_2)$.

III. If Y is a reflexive space, conditions (1) to (13) are equivalent, where, in (11) to (13), $Z = Y^*$.

PROOF.

I. The chains (1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (4) \Rightarrow (6) and (1) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (4) \Rightarrow (6) and the implications (5) \Rightarrow (6) and (9) \Rightarrow (10) are trivial.

(6) \Rightarrow (9) This is Theorem III.4.

(10) \Rightarrow (7) From Theorem III.3 it follows that, for such a p , $SI_p(\cdot, Y) \subset K(\cdot, Y)$. The result follows then from Theorem III.4, applied to $L_2[0,1]$, which is isomorphic to ℓ_2 .

(7) \Rightarrow (8) If there is a finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) and a non-compact operator $T : L_2(\mu) \rightarrow Y$, the same argument of Theorem III.4 says that there is a normalized weakly convergent basic sequence $\{f_n\}$ in $L_2(\mu)$ such that $\{Tf_n\}$ has no norm convergent subsequence and, moreover, $Z = [f_n]$ is isomorphic to ℓ_2 . Hence the operator $S : \ell_2 \rightarrow Y$ given by $S = T|_Z$ is not compact, which contradicts the hypothesis.

(8) \Rightarrow (5) From Theorem III.3 $SI_2(\cdot, Y) \subset K(\cdot, Y)$. If $1 < p < 2$, $SI_p(\cdot, Y) \subset K(\cdot, Y)$, since $SI_p \subset SI_2$. On the other hand, for $2 \leq p < \infty$, it follows that $L(L_p(\mu), Y) = K(L_p(\mu), Y)$, from Theorem III.4. Hence $SI_p(\cdot, Y) \subset K(\cdot, Y)$, $2 \leq p < \infty$ [Theorem III.3].

It remains to show that (6) \Rightarrow (1). But (6) is equivalent to (9), that implies (1), as seen in Theorem III.4.

II. Assume $Y = Z^*$.

To show (9) \Rightarrow (11), let q , $1 < q \leq 2$, a finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) and $T \in L(Z, L_q(\mu))$ be given. Then $T^* \in K(L_p(\mu), Y)$, by hypothesis, because p , the conjugate exponent of q , is such that $2 \leq p < \infty$. Hence T is compact.

The same argument shows that (7) implies (13), and the implication (11) \Rightarrow (12) is obvious.

III. Assume that Y is reflexive.

From II, it follows that the equivalent conditions (1) to (10) imply

(11) to (13), with $Z = Y^*$.

To show that (12) implies (10), let a finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) be given and p be the conjugate exponent of the index q , $1 < q \leq 2$, that exists by hypothesis. If $T \in L(L_p(\mu), Y)$, then $T^* \in L(Y^*, L_q(\mu))$, so that T^* is compact. Hence $T \in K(L_p(\mu), Y)$.

The implication (13) \Rightarrow (7) follows the same pattern and it is obvious that (11) \Rightarrow (12). \square

REMARKS. Conditions (9) and (10) in Theorem III.5 can not be extended to $1 < p < 2$. Indeed, for these indices p , we do have $L(\ell_2, \ell_p) = K(\ell_2, \ell_p)$, but $L(L_p[0,1], \ell_p) \neq K(L_p[0,1], \ell_p)$, since ℓ_p is complemented in $L_p[0,1]$ and the corresponding projection can not be compact.

When $1 < p < 2$, we do not know a necessary and sufficient condition for $SI_p(\cdot, Y) = N_p(\cdot, Y)$ yet.

For $p = \infty$, we have the following result.

THEOREM III.6.

I. The following conditions on Y are equivalent :

- (1) $SI_\infty(\cdot, Y) = N_\infty(\cdot, Y)$, with $si_\infty(\cdot) = n_\infty(\cdot)$;
- (2) $SI_\infty(\cdot, Y) = N_\infty(\cdot, Y)$;
- (3) $SI_\infty(\cdot, Y) \subset K(\cdot, Y)$;
- (4) $L(C(K), Y) = K(C(K), Y)$, for every compact Hausdorff space K ;
- (5) $W(C(K), Y) = K(C(K), Y)$, for every compact Hausdorff space K ;
- (6) $L(L_\infty(\mu), Y) = K(L_\infty(\mu), Y)$, for every finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) ;
- (7) $W(L_\infty(\mu), Y) = K(L_\infty(\mu), Y)$, for every finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) .

II. If $Y = Z^*$ for some space Z , the conditions (1) to (7) imply

- (8) $L(Z, L_1(\mu)) = K(Z, L_1(\mu))$, for every finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) ;
- (9) $W(Z, L_1(\mu)) = K(Z, L_1(\mu))$, for every finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) .

III. If Y is reflexive, conditions (1) to (9) are equivalent, where, in (8) and (9), $Z = Y^*$.

PROOF.

I. The chain (1) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (3) and the implications (4) \Rightarrow (5) and (6) \Rightarrow (7) are trivial.

(3) \Rightarrow (4) Let $X = C(K)$ in the hypothesis to get the inclusion $W(C(K), Y) \subset K(C(K), Y)$, since $SI_\infty(C(K), Y) = W(C(K), Y)$, as seen in Example I.5. Moreover, $Y \notin c_0$, by the remark before Theorem III.5, so that $L(C(K), Y) = W(C(K), Y)$ [DU-VI.2.1.5].

(3) \Rightarrow (6) Use the preceding argument with $X = L_\infty(\mu)$.

(5) \Rightarrow (7) It follows from the identification of $L_\infty(\mu)$ with $C(K)$, for a convenient compact Hausdorff space K .

(7) \Rightarrow (1) This is just Theorem III.3.

II. Assume $Y = Z^\star$.

(8) \Rightarrow (9) It is trivial.

(6) \Rightarrow (9) Let a finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) be given. If $T \in L(Z, L_1(\mu))$, then $T^\star \in L(L_\infty(\mu), Y) = K(L_\infty(\mu), Y)$, by hypothesis. Hence T is compact.

III. Assume Y reflexive.

From II, the equivalent conditions (1) to (7) imply (8) and (9) and (8) \Rightarrow (9), with $Z = Y^\star$.

To show that (9) implies (5), let a compact Hausdorff space K and $T \in W(C(K), Y)$ be given. Then $T^\star \in L(Y^\star, L_1(\mu))$, for some finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) . By hypothesis, T^\star is compact and so is T . \square

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