# ON THE RELATION BETWEEN ABSOLUTELY SUMMING OPERATORS AND NUCLEAR OPERATORS

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Abstract. It is known that every absolutely summing operator acting between  $C(\Omega)$ , where  $\Omega$  is an arbitrary compact set, and a space, F, with the Radon-Nikodym property is nuclear.

The purpose of this paper is to show that composing a weakly compact operator with an absolutely summing one we obtain a nuclear operator even the space, F, has not the Radon-Nikodym property.

We give, also, a proof for the "factorisation" theorem and we put an interesting problem.

#### 1. Preliminaries

1.1. Notations. Let E, F be Banach spaces over the field  $\Gamma$ .  $\Gamma$  is the set of real, or complex, numbers.

- 1)  $L(E, F) := \{T : E \to F : T \text{ is linear and bounded}\}$ .
- 2)  $E^* := L(E, \Gamma)$ .
- 3)  $U_E := \{x \in E : ||x|| \le 1\}$ .
- 4) Let  $e^* \in E^*$  and  $e \in E$ ,  $\langle e, e^* \rangle := e^*(e)$ .
- 5) Let  $e^* \in E^*$  and  $f \in F$ . We denote by  $e^* \otimes f$  the following operator:
- $e^* \otimes f : E \to F, (e^* \otimes f) (e) = \langle e, e^* \rangle \cdot f.$

1.2. Definition [5]. Let E be a Banach space. A subset  $A \subset E$  is said to be weakly compact if it is compact in the weak topology,  $\sigma(E, E^*)$ .

1.3. Definition [5]. Let E, F be Banach spaces and  $T \in L(E, F)$ . T is said to be weakly compact if  $TU_E$  is relatively weakly compact.

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1.4. Definition [3]. Let E, F be Banach spaces. An operator  $T \in L(E, F)$  is called absolutely summing  $(T \in ABS(E, F))$  if there is a constant  $c \ge 0$  such that:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n ||Tx_i|| \le c \cdot \sup \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle x_i, x^* \rangle| : x^* \in U_{E^*} \right\},\$$

for every finite family of elements  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \in E$ .

For every  $T \in ABS(E, F)$  we define:  $\pi(T) := \inf c$ .

1.5. Definition [3]. Let E, F be Banach spaces. An operator  $T \in L(E, F)$  is said to be nuclear if there is a representation:

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e_i^* \otimes f_i,$$

where  $e_i^* \in E^*$  and  $f_i \in F$ , for every natural *i*.

We write  $T \in N(E, F)$ .

1.6. Definition [1]. Let  $(\Omega, \sum, \mu)$  be a finite real measure space and E a Banach space.

We say that E has the **Radon-Nikodym property** with respect to  $(\Omega, \sum, \mu)$ if, for each  $\mu$ -continuously vector measure  $\vartheta : \sum \to E$  of bounded variation, there is  $g \in L_1(\mu, E)$  such that  $\vartheta(A) = \int_A g d\mu$  for every  $A \in \sum$ :

We say that E has the **Radon -Nikodym property** (E has the **R.N.p**) if E has the Radon -Nikodym property with respect to every finite real measure space.

1.7. Examples of spaces with the R.N.p.[1]. 1) Every reflexive space. (Phillips' theorem)

2) Let F be a Banach space. If  $E = F^*$  and, in addition, E is separable then E has the R.N.p.

3) Let I be an arbitrary set,  $I \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $l_1(I)$  has the R.N.p.

4) Let  $1 and X be a space with the R.N.p. Then <math>L_p(X, \mu)$  has the R.N.p.

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1.8. Examples of spaces without the R.N.p.[1]. 1)  $(c_0, \|\cdot\|_{\infty})$ , where  $c_0 := \{x = \{x_n\}_n : x_n \in \Gamma \text{ and } x_n \to 0\}$ ,  $\|x\|_{\infty} := \sup_n |x_n|$ .

2)  $L_1(\mu)$ , where  $\mu$  is a finite and non-purely atomic measure.

1.9. Definition [7]. The Banach space  $\tilde{F}$  is said to have the extension property if every  $T \in L(E, \tilde{F})$ , where E is an arbitrary Banach space, can be extended to any Banach space  $\tilde{E}$  containing E as a suspace, where the extension  $\tilde{T}: \tilde{E} \to \tilde{F}$  is linear and bounded.

1.10. **Example [7].** The Banach space  $(l_{\infty}(\Gamma), ||\cdot||_{\infty})$  has the metric extension theory.

1.11. Theorem (the "Domination" theorem)[3]. Let  $T \in L(E, F)$ .  $T \in ABS(E, F)$  if and only if there is a regular normalized measure  $\mu$  on  $U_{E^*}$  such that:

$$||Tx|| \leq \pi (T) \cdot \int_{U_{E^*}} |\langle x, x^* \rangle| \, d\mu (x^*) \, ,$$

for every  $x \in E$ .

1.12. Corolar [3]. Let J be the inclusion from  $C(\Omega)$  into  $L_1(\mu)$ , where  $\Omega$  is a compact set and  $\mu$  is a measure with the properties from the "domination" theorem. Then:

$$J \in ABS(C(\Omega), L_1(\mu)).$$

1.13. Theorem (the "Factorization" theorem) [3]. Let E, F be Banach spaces, F having the extension property, and  $T \in ABS(E, F)$ . Then there exist the operators:

1)  $A \in L(E, C(U_{E^{\bullet}}))$ ,

2)  $Y \in L(L_1(\mu), F)$ , where  $\mu$  is a regular, positive, normalised, Borel measure on  $U_{E^{\bullet}}$ , likewise in the "domination" theorem,

such that:  $T = Y \circ J \circ A$ , where J is the inclusion from  $C(U_{E^*})$  into  $L_1(\mu)$ .

Proof. (authors'adaptation)

## Construction

1) Let  $A : E \to C(U_{E^*})$  be defined, for every  $x \in E$ , by:  $Ax := J_x$ , where  $J_x : E^* \to \Gamma, J_x(x^*) = \langle x, x^* \rangle$ , for every  $x^* \in E^*$ .

From the definition it follows that  $A \in L(E, C(U_{E^{\bullet}}))$ ,  $||Ax|| = ||J_x|| = ||x||$ , the corolar of the Hahn-Banach teorem, and further ||A|| = 1.

2) We consider now the inclusion, J, from  $C(U_{E^*})$  into  $L_1(\mu)$ . From the corolar 1.12 we obtain that  $J \in ABS(C(U_{E^*}), L_1(\mu))$ .

3) Let  $\widetilde{Y} : Im(J \circ A) \to F$  be defined by  $\widetilde{Y}((J \circ A)x) := Tx$ .

We prove now that  $\widetilde{Y} \in L(Im(J \circ A), F)$ .

a) The linearity is obvious

b) 
$$\|\widetilde{Y}((J \circ A) x)\| = \|Tx\| \le \pi (T) \cdot \int_{U_{E^*}} |\langle x, x^* \rangle| d\mu (x^*) =$$
  
=  $\pi (T) \cdot \int_{U_{E^*}} |J_x (x^*)| d\mu (x^*) = \pi (T) \cdot ||J_x|| = \pi (T) \cdot ||(J \circ A) x||.$   
So  $\widetilde{Y}$  is bounded on  $Im (J \circ A)$ .

F has the extension property so  $\tilde{Y}$  can be extended to Y defined on  $L_1(\mu)$ . In conclusion we obtain the announced factorization of T.

1.14. **Remark** [3]. If F has not the extension property the factorization of an operator

 $T \in ABS(E, F)$  is as follows:

 $T = Y \circ J \circ A, \text{ where } A \in L(E, C(U_{E^*})), J \text{ is the inclusion from } C(U_{E^*})$ into  $\overline{Im(J \circ A) E} \subset L_1(\mu) \text{ and } Y \in L(\overline{Im(J \circ A) E}, F).$ 

1.15. Theorem (Davies, Figiel, Johnson, Pelczynski) [5]. Let E, F be Banach spaces. Every weak compact operator  $S: E \to F$  can be factorised through a reflexive Banach space.

1.16. Theorem [3]. Let  $\Omega$  be a compact set and F a space with the R.N.p. Then every  $T \in ABS(C(\Omega), F)$  is nuclear.

#### 2. Result

2.1. **Theorem.** Let E, F, G be Banach spaces, F having, in addition, the extension property.

If  $S: F \to G$  is weak compact and  $T \in ABS(E, F)$  then  $S \circ T$  is nuclear.

*Proof.* From the factorisation theorem it follows that  $T = Y \circ J \circ A$ , likewise the factorization theorem, and from teorem 1.15 it follows that  $S = U \circ V$ , where  $V \in L(F, R)$ , R being a reflexive space, and  $U \in L(R, G)$ .

Further  $S \circ T = U \circ V \circ Y \circ J \circ A$ .

From the following facts  $V \circ Y \circ J \in ABS(C(U_{E^*}, R))$  and R is a space with the R.N.p. we obtain that  $V \circ Y \circ J$  is nuclear.

In conclusion  $S \circ T = U \circ V \circ Y \circ J \circ A$  is nuclear.

## 3. Open Problem

Let E, F be Banach spaces, F having, in addition, the R.N.p. Any  $T \in ABS(E, F)$  admits a factorisation, likewise in the "factorization" theorem. So:

 $T = Y \circ J \circ A, \text{ where } A : E \to C(U_{E^*}), J : C(U_{E^*}) \to \overline{Im(J \circ A)} \subset L_1(\mu),$  $Y : \overline{Im(J \circ A)} \to F.$ 

From the facts that  $Y \circ J \in ABS(C(U_{E^*}), F)$  and F is a space with the R.N.p it follows that  $Y \circ J$  is nuclear.

In conclusion  $T = Y \circ J \circ A$  must be nuclear.

But it is false because we can give a contraexample.

If we consider the identity from  $l_1$  to  $l_2$ ,  $I : l_1 \to l_2$ , this operator is ABS and  $l_2$ , being a Hilbert space, is a space with the R.N.p., it follows that  $I : l_1 \to l_2$  must be nuclear. But it is false because  $I : l_1 \to l_2$  isn't even compact.

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