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## On the theory of non-linear operator equations on conjugately similar spaces

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**1. Introduction.** It is the purpose of this paper to consider an eigenvalue problem for some operators  $F$  which map a Banach space  $R$  into the conjugate space  $\bar{R}$ . For this purpose, we take, as the Banach space  $R$ , a special kind of vector lattice, a *conjugately similar space* which has been introduced by Nakano [9]. Roughly speaking, this is a Banach space  $R$  such that a one-to-one correspondence  $T$  exists between  $R$  and  $\bar{R}$ . This correspondence  $T$  enables us to define a proper value  $\lambda$  and a proper element  $a \in R$  of the operator  $F$  from  $R$  into  $\bar{R}$  by the following equation:

$$Fa = \lambda Ta.$$

In the case of  $L_p$ -spaces ( $p > 1$ ), this definition agrees with that of E. S. Citlanadze [4].

The definitions and elementary properties of the conjugately similar spaces will be given in § 2. In the next section we will prove a theorem of L. A. Ljusternik in its special form. The simple proof may be interesting. In § 4 we will consider the eigenvalue problem of a non-linear operator. The last section contains an application.

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**2. Conjugately similar spaces.** Let  $R$  be a vector lattice which satisfies the following condition: for any system of positive elements  $x_\lambda$  ( $\lambda \in A$ ) there exists an "infimum" element  $\bigcap_{\lambda \in A} x_\lambda$ . The conjugate space  $\bar{R}$  of  $R$  is the totality of all linear (additive and homogeneous) functionals  $\bar{x}$  on  $R$  which satisfy the following condition: if  $x_\lambda \downarrow_{\lambda \in A} 0$  <sup>(1)</sup>, then

$$\inf_{\lambda \in A} |\bar{x}(x_\lambda)| = 0.$$

<sup>(1)</sup> We write  $x_\lambda \downarrow_{\lambda \in A} 0$  when  $\{x_\lambda (\lambda \in A)\}$  is a non-increasing directed system and  $\bigcap_{\lambda \in A} x_\lambda = 0$ .

By this notion of conjugate space we define the reflexivity of  $R$  ([9], p. 93).

Definition ([9], p. 258).  $R$  is said to be *conjugately similar* if  $R$  is reflexive and there exists a one-to-one correspondence  $T$  between  $R$  and  $\bar{R}$ :  $R \ni x \leftrightarrow Tx \in \bar{R}$  such that

- (1)  $T(-x) = -Tx$ ;
- (2)  $Tx \geq Ty$  if and only if  $x \geq y$ ;
- (3)  $(Tx, x) = 0$  <sup>(2)</sup>,  $x \geq 0$  implies  $x = 0$ .

The correspondence  $T$  is called the *conjugately similar correspondence*. By this correspondence  $T$  we define a functional  $m(x)$  on  $R$  by

$$m(x) = \int_0^1 (T\xi x, x) d\xi.$$

We have  $m(x) < +\infty$  for any  $x \in R$ , because  $m(x) \leq (Tx, x)$ . The functional  $m(x)$  satisfies the following conditions:

- 1)  $0 \leq m(x) < +\infty$ ;
- 2)  $m(x) = 0$  implies  $x = 0$ ;
- 3)  $|x| \geq |y|$  implies  $m(x) \geq m(y)$ ;
- 4)  $x \sim y$  <sup>(3)</sup> implies  $m(x+y) = m(x) + m(y)$ ;
- 5)  $m(\alpha x + \beta y) \leq \alpha m(x) + \beta m(y)$  if  $\alpha + \beta = 1$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ ;
- 6)  $0 \leq x_{\lambda \uparrow \lambda \in A} x$  implies  $\sup_{\lambda \in A} m(x_{\lambda}) = m(x)$  (see [9], p. 261).

Therefore, the space  $R$  is a modularized semi-ordered linear space in the sense of (9) <sup>(4)</sup>.

If we define  $\bar{m}(\bar{x})$  for  $\bar{x} \in \bar{R}$  by the relation

$$\bar{m}(\bar{x}) = \sup_{x \in \bar{R}} \{\bar{x}(x) - m(x)\},$$

then  $\bar{R}$  is also a modularized semi-ordered linear space. Moreover, we have

$$\bar{m}(\bar{x}) = \int_0^1 (\bar{x}, T^{-1} \xi \bar{x}) d\xi$$

and

$$(Tx, x) = m(x) + \bar{m}(Tx).$$

<sup>(2)</sup> For  $x \in R$  and  $\bar{x} \in \bar{R}$ ,  $(\bar{x}, x)$  means the value of  $\bar{x}$  at  $x$ , namely,  $\bar{x}(x)$ .

<sup>(3)</sup> Elements  $x$  and  $y$  are said to be *mutually orthogonal* if  $|x| \wedge |y| = 0$ .

<sup>(4)</sup> In [9] the modularized semi-ordered linear space has been defined by more general conditions. Namely, the conjugately similar space is a special class of modularized semi-ordered linear spaces.

By the modular, we define two kinds of norms:

$$\|x\| = \inf_{\xi > 0} \frac{1 + m(\xi x)}{\xi}; \quad |||x||| = \inf_{m(\xi x) \leq 1} \frac{1}{|\xi|},$$

which satisfy the following relation:

$$|||x||| \leq \|x\| \leq 2 |||x|||,$$

and  $m(x) = 1$  if and only if  $|||x||| = 1$  (see [9], p. 179 and [12]). By these norms,  $R$  is monotone complete <sup>(5)</sup>, and, therefore,  $R$  is a Banach space and the Banach dual of  $R$  is  $\bar{R}$  (see [1] and [13]).

Finally, we must illustrate the notion of projection operators, which are indispensable in this paper. A subset  $N$  of  $R$  is said to be *normal* if every element  $x \in R$  can be decomposed into two orthogonal elements  $y$  and  $z$  such that

$$x = y + z, \quad y \in N \quad \text{and} \quad z \in N^{\perp}.$$

In this case, we define the projection operator  $[N]$  by

$$y = [N]x \quad (x \in R).$$

This operator  $[N]$  is linear and idempotent ([9], § 5). The set

$$\{p\}^{\perp} = \{x \in R : |p| \wedge |x| = 0\}$$

is normal for any element  $p \in R$ . We denote  $\{ \{p\}^{\perp} \}^{\perp}$  by  $[p]$  ([9], § 6).

Example 1.  $L_p$  is the totality of all measurable functions  $x(t)$  ( $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ) such that  $\int_0^1 |x(t)|^p dt < +\infty$ . If  $1 < p < +\infty$ , the conjugate space of  $L_p$  is  $L_q$ , where  $q = p/(p-1)$ . If we put

$$Tx(t) = |x(t)|^{p-1} \text{sign} x(t),$$

$T$  is a conjugately similar correspondence between  $L_p$  and  $L_q$ , and

$$m(x) = \frac{1}{p} \int_0^1 |x(t)|^p dt,$$

$$|||x||| = \left( \frac{1}{p} \int_0^1 |x(t)|^p dt \right)^{1/p}, \quad \|x\| = p^{1/p} q^{1/q} |||x|||.$$

<sup>(5)</sup>  $R$  is said to be *monotone complete* if  $0 \leq x_{\lambda \uparrow \lambda \in A}$  and  $\sup_{\lambda \in A} m(x_{\lambda}) < +\infty$  imply that  $\{x_{\lambda} (\lambda \in A)\}$  is order-bounded.

Example 2. Let  $L_\phi$  be an Orlicz space. We assume that the function  $\varphi(\xi)$  which appears in the integral

$$\Phi(\xi) = \int_0^\xi \varphi(\eta) d\eta$$

is strictly increasing and its strictly increasing inverse function  $\psi(\xi)$  generates the conjugate function  $\Psi(\xi)$  by the following relation:

$$\Psi(\xi) = \int_0^\xi \psi(\eta) d\eta.$$

Then,  $L_\Psi$  is the conjugate space of  $L_\phi$  and, if both spaces satisfy condition  $(\Delta_2)$  for large arguments<sup>(\*)</sup>, then

$$Tx(t) = \varphi(x^+(t)) - \varphi(x^-(t))$$

is a conjugately similar correspondence between  $L_\phi$  and  $L_\Psi$ . In this case

$$m(x) = \int_0^1 \Phi(|x(t)|) dt.$$

Example 3. For a measurable function  $p(t) \geq 1$  ( $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ), we define a function space  $L_{p(t)}$  as the totality of all measurable functions  $x(t)$  such that

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{p(t)} |\xi x(t)|^{p(t)} dt < +\infty \quad \text{for some } \xi > 0.$$

When

$$1 < \inf_{0 \leq t \leq 1} p(t) \leq \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} p(t) < +\infty,$$

the conjugate space of  $L_{p(t)}$  is  $L_{q(t)}$  where  $q(t) = p(t)/(p(t)-1)$ , and

$$Tx(t) = |x(t)|^{p(t)-1} \text{sign } x(t)$$

is a conjugately similar correspondence between  $L_{p(t)}$  and  $L_{q(t)}$ . We have

$$m(x) = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{p(t)} |x(t)|^{p(t)} dt.$$

<sup>(\*)</sup> Namely, we assume  $m(x) < +\infty$  for every  $x(t) \in L_\phi$ . For the condition  $(\Delta_2)$ , see [5].

In this paper  $R$  is assumed to be conjugately similar by the correspondence  $T$ , and the modular generated by  $T$  is denoted by  $m(x)$ .

3. Fréchet-derivatives and the Eigenvalue Problem. We will begin by the following

LEMMA 1. The functional of  $\xi$ :

$$m(x + \xi y),$$

is differentiable and

$$\frac{d}{d\xi} m(x + \xi y) = (T(x + \xi y), y).$$

Proof. Although there are shorter proofs, we adopt here the one which uses a simple inequality between the modular and the conjugate modular. Putting  $z = x + \xi y$  for any number  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} m(x + (\xi + \varepsilon)y) - m(x + \xi y) - (T(x + \xi y), \varepsilon y) \\ = m(z + \varepsilon y) - m(z) - (Tz, \varepsilon y) \\ = m(z + \varepsilon y) - \{(Tz, z) - \overline{m}(Tz)\} - (Tz, \varepsilon y) \\ = m(z + \varepsilon y) + \overline{m}(Tz) - (Tz, z + \varepsilon y) \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

and hence it follows that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{m(z + \varepsilon y) - m(z)}{\varepsilon} \geq (Tz, y).$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} m(z + \varepsilon y) - m(z) &= (T(z + \varepsilon y), z + \varepsilon y) - \overline{m}(T(z + \varepsilon y)) - m(z) \\ &= (T(z + \varepsilon y), z) - m(z) + (T(z + \varepsilon y), \varepsilon y) - \overline{m}(T(z + \varepsilon y)) \\ &\leq (T(z + \varepsilon y), \varepsilon y), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\overline{\lim}_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{m(z + \varepsilon y) - m(z)}{\varepsilon} \leq \overline{\lim}_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (T(z + \varepsilon y), y) = (Tz, y).$$

Therefore, the right-hand derivative of  $m(x + \xi y)$  is  $(T(x + \xi y), y)$ . Analogously, we can prove that the left-hand derivative is also  $(T(x + \xi y), y)$ .

Remark. In this proof, we have used the following fact:

$$\text{if } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \|x\| = 0, \text{ then } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \|Tx - T\tilde{x}\| = 0.$$

This is true, because, since the norm is complete and continuous, the norm convergence is equivalent to the star-order-convergence (see [9], Theorems 33.4, 33.5), and  $T$  is order-continuous.

Definition. A functional  $f(x)$  on  $R$  is said to be *Fréchet-differentiable* at  $x$  if there exists an operator  $F \in (R \rightarrow \bar{R})$  such that

$$f(x+y) - f(x) = (Fx, y) + \gamma(x, y)$$

and

$$\lim_{\|y\| \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\gamma(x, y)|}{\|y\|} = 0.$$

The operator  $F$  is called the *gradient mapping* of  $f$ , and it is, in general, non-linear. Sometimes we write  $Fx$  as  $f'(x)$ . For various properties of the gradient mapping (see [5], [6], [10] and [11]).

THEOREM 1.  $m(x)$  is *Fréchet-differentiable* and

$$m(x+y) - m(x) = (Tx, y) + v(x, y)$$

for the conjugately similar correspondence  $T$ .

Proof. For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon, x) > 0$  such that  $\|x-y\| < \delta$  implies  $\|Tx - Ty\| < \varepsilon$ . Therefore for those  $\varepsilon, \delta$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |m(x+y) - m(x) - (Tx, y)| &= \left| \int_0^1 \{T(x + \xi y), y\} - (Tx, y) d\xi \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \|T(x + \xi y) - Tx\| \cdot \|y\| d\xi \leq \varepsilon \|y\| \end{aligned}$$

if  $\|y\| \leq \delta$ , because

$$\|x + \xi y - x\| \leq \xi \cdot \|y\| < \delta \quad (0 \leq \xi \leq 1).$$

Therefore we have

$$\lim_{\|y\| \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\gamma(x, y)|}{\|y\|} \leq \varepsilon,$$

which is to be proved.

Definition. Let  $F$  be an operator from  $R$  into  $\bar{R}$ . A proper value  $\lambda$  and a proper element  $a \in R$  of  $F$  are defined by

$$Fa = \lambda Ta.$$

In the case where  $R = L_p$  ( $1 < p < +\infty$ ), this definition agrees with that of Citlanadze [4]. In particular, for  $p = 2$ , we get the usual definition of the proper element in Hilbert spaces.

The following modification of a theorem of Ljusternik ([6], p. 239) is fundamental in our theory.

THEOREM 2. Let  $S = \{x \in R : m(x) = 1\}$  and let  $N$  be a normal manifold of  $R$  such that  $S \cap N$  is not empty. Let  $f(x)$  be a functional on  $R$ , which takes an extremum at  $a \in S \cap N$ , i. e.

$$f(a) \leq f(x) \quad (\text{or } f(a) \geq f(x)) \quad \text{for every } x \in S \cap N.$$

If  $f(x)$  is *Fréchet-differentiable* at  $a$ , then

$$f'(a)[N] = \lambda Ta,$$

where  $\lambda = (f'(a), a)/(Ta, a)$ . Therefore, if  $N = R$ , then the element  $a$  is a proper element of the gradient mapping  $f'(x)$  and the proper value, to which  $a$  belongs, is  $f'(a, a)/(Ta, a)$ .

Proof. Let us assume that  $f(a) \leq f(x)$  ( $x \in S \cap N$ ). Putting

$$g(x) = f(x) - \lambda \cdot m(x),$$

where  $\lambda = (f'(a), a)/(Ta, a)$ , we have

$$g(a) = f(a) - \lambda m(a) \leq f(x) - \lambda m(x) = g(x) \quad (x \in S \cap N),$$

which means that the function  $g(x)$  also takes its minimum at  $a$ . Since  $f(x)$  and  $m(x)$  are *Fréchet-differentiable*,  $g(x)$  is also *Fréchet-differentiable* and

$$(g'(a), a) = (f'(a), a) - \lambda(Ta, a) = 0.$$

Now, for any  $y \in R$  such that  $a + \xi[N]y \neq 0$  for any  $\xi$ , the elements

$$a(\xi) = a + \xi[N]y / \|a + \xi[N]y\| \quad (-\infty < \xi < +\infty)$$

belong to  $S \cap N$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} g(a(\xi)) &= g(a) + (g'(a), a(\xi) - a) + \gamma(a, a(\xi) - a) \\ &= g(a) + (g'(a), a(\xi)) + \gamma(a, a(\xi) - a). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $g(a) \leq g(a(\xi))$  ( $-\infty < \xi < +\infty$ ), if  $g(a(\xi))$  is right-hand differentiable at  $\xi = 0$ , then the right-hand derivative must be non-negative.

We will prove that  $g(a(\xi))$  is right-hand differentiable at  $\xi = 0$ . For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$g(a(\varepsilon)) - g(a) = (g'(a), a(\varepsilon)) + \gamma(a, a(\varepsilon) - a),$$

and

$$(g'(a), a(\varepsilon)) = \left( g'(a), \frac{a + \varepsilon[N]y}{\|a + \varepsilon[N]y\|} \right) = \frac{\varepsilon}{\|a + \varepsilon[N]y\|} (g'(a), [N]y).$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{g(a(\varepsilon)) - g(a)}{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{\|a + \varepsilon[N]y\|} (g'(a), [N]y) + \frac{\gamma(a, a(\varepsilon) - a)}{\varepsilon}.$$

On the other hand, since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|a(\varepsilon) - a\|}{\varepsilon} &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left\| \left\{ \frac{1}{\|a + \varepsilon[N]y\|} - 1 \right\} a + \frac{\varepsilon[N]y}{\|a + \varepsilon[N]y\|} \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left| \frac{\|a + \varepsilon[N]y\| - 1}{\|a + \varepsilon[N]y\|} \right| + \frac{\|[N]y\|}{\|a + \varepsilon[N]y\|}, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\lim}_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\gamma(a, a(\varepsilon) - a)|}{\varepsilon} &= \overline{\lim}_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\gamma(a, a(\varepsilon) - a)}{\|a(\varepsilon) - a\|} \cdot \frac{\|a(\varepsilon) - a\|}{\varepsilon} \\ &\leq \overline{\lim}_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\gamma(a, a(\varepsilon) - a)|}{\|a(\varepsilon) - a\|} \cdot \left| \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|a + \varepsilon[N]y\| - \|a\|}{\varepsilon} + \|[N]y\| \right| = 0, \end{aligned}$$

because, by a result of S. Mazur [7],

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|a + \varepsilon[N]y\| - \|a\|}{\varepsilon} < +\infty,$$

and, by the definition of Fréchet-differentiation,

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\gamma(a, a(\varepsilon) - a)|}{\|a(\varepsilon) - a\|} = 0.$$

Therefore we have

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(a(\varepsilon)) - g(a)}{\varepsilon} = (g'(a), [N]y) = (g'(a)[N], y).$$

Hence it follows that

$$(g'(a)[N], y) \geq 0 \quad (y \in R),$$

which means that

$$g'(a)[N] = 0.$$

Thus we obtain

$$f'(a)[N] = \lambda Ta[N] = \lambda Ta.$$

Remark. In the definition of  $S$  the condition that  $m(x) = 1$  is not essential. Namely, for

$$S_\lambda = \{x \in R : m(x) = \lambda\},$$

the modular

$$m_\lambda(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda} m(x)$$

enables us to get the same conclusion. By that  $m_\lambda$  we can define a conjugately similar correspondence  $T_\lambda$  which satisfies

$$T_\lambda x = \frac{1}{\lambda} T x.$$

Therefore

$$f'(a)[N] = \frac{(f'(a), a)}{(T_\lambda a, a)} T_\lambda a = \frac{(f'(a), a)}{(Ta, a)} Ta.$$

For the properties of  $m_\lambda$ , we refer to [12].

LEMMA 2. Let us suppose that  $f(x)$  ( $x \in R$ ) satisfies the following two conditions:

- i)  $f(x)$  is weakly continuous;
- ii) there exists a number  $\alpha \geq 0$  such that  $f(\xi x) \geq \xi^\alpha f(x)$  for any number  $\xi \geq 1$  and element  $x \in R$ .

Then, there exists an element  $a \in R$  such that

$$m(a) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{m(x)=1} |f(x)| = |f(a)|.$$

Proof. The existence of such an element  $a \in R$  that

$$\sup_{m(x)=1} |f(x)| = |f(a)|$$

follows from the facts that the unit sphere is weakly compact<sup>(7)</sup> and that  $f(x)$  is weakly continuous. The norm of the element  $a$  is not greater than one. If  $m(a) < 1$ , then

$$|f(a)| \geq \left| f\left(\frac{a}{\|a\|}\right) \right| \geq \left(\frac{1}{\|a\|}\right)^\alpha |f(a)|,$$

which shows that the element  $a/\|a\|$  is our solution.

THEOREM 3. Let us assume that:

- i)  $f(x)$  is Fréchet-differentiable;
- ii) there exists a number  $\alpha \geq 0$  such that  $f(\xi x) \geq \xi^\alpha f(x)$  for any number  $\xi \geq 1$  and element  $x \in R$ ;
- iii)  $f(x)$  is positive:  $f(x) \geq 0$  ( $x \in R$ );
- iv) the gradient mapping  $F$  of  $f(x)$  is completely continuous.

(7)  $R$  is reflexive as a Banach space.

Then, there exists an element  $a \in R$  such that  $m(a) = 1$  and

$$Fa = \frac{(Fa, a)}{(Ta, a)} Ta,$$

namely,  $a$  is a proper element of  $F$  and the proper value to which  $a$  belongs is  $(Fa, a)/(Ta, a)$ .

Proof. By the assumptions ii), iii) and Lemma 2, we can find  $a \in R$  such that

$$m(a) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{m(x)=1} f(x) = f(a),$$

because the complete continuity of  $F$  implies the weak continuity of  $f(x)$  (see [10], Theorem 3.2). Therefore, by Theorem 2, we can complete this proof.

Before proceeding to the next theorem, we need the following

Definition. A subset  $A$  of  $R$  is said to be complete if  $x \perp A$  implies  $x = 0$ . An element is said to be complete if it is complete as a one-point set.

THEOREM 4. We assume the conditions i)-iv) of Theorem 3. Moreover, we suppose that

v) there exists a complete element;

vi)  $f(x) \leq f(|x|)$  for every  $x \in R$ .

Then there exists a sequence of projection operators  $P_\nu$  in  $\bar{R}$  such that

1)  $P_\nu \downarrow_{\nu=1}^\infty 0$  and  $P_1 = \bar{I}$  (the identity in  $\bar{R}$ );

2) there exist  $a_\nu \geq 0$  and  $\lambda_\nu \geq 0$  such that

$$m(a_\nu) = 1, \quad P_\nu Fa_\nu = \lambda_\nu Ta_\nu \quad \text{and} \quad P_\nu^R a_\nu = a_\nu^{(*)};$$

3) the sequence  $a_\nu$  ( $\nu = 1, 2, \dots$ ) is complete in  $R$ ;

4) if  $\lambda_\nu \neq 0$  ( $\nu = 1, 2, \dots$ ), then

$$\inf_{\nu \geq 1} \lambda_\nu \|Ta_\nu\| = 0.$$

Proof. We start by the proper element  $a$  of the preceeding theorem. By vi), we can take positive  $a$ . We denote it by  $a_1$ . When  $a_1$  is not a complete element, then the non-empty set

$$N_{a_1} = \{x \in R : (Ta_1, |x|) = 0\}$$

is normal and

$$[N_{a_1}] + [a_1] = \bar{I} \quad (\text{the identity of } R).$$

(\*) For the definition of  $P_\nu^R$ , see [9], p. 82.

By the same method as in the proof of Lemma 2, we can find  $a_2 \in R$  such that  $m(a_2) = 1$ ,  $a_2 \in [Na_1]$  and

$$\sup_{m(x)=1, x \in Na_1} f(x) = f(a_2).$$

Then, by Theorem 3, we have

$$Fa_2[Na_1] = \lambda_2 Ta_2,$$

where

$$\lambda_2 = (Fa_2, a_2)/(Ta_2, a_2) = (Fa_2, a_2)/\|Ta_2\|.$$

Suppose that we could find an orthogonal  $a_\nu > 0$  ( $\nu = 1, 2, \dots, \mu$ ) such that

$$m(a_\nu) = 1, \quad a_\nu \in Na_1 \cap Na_2 \cap \dots \cap Na_{\nu-1}$$

and

$$Fa_\nu [Na_1][Na_2] \dots [Na_{\nu-1}] = \lambda_\nu Ta_\nu \quad \text{where} \quad \lambda_\nu = (Fa_\nu, a_\nu)/\|Ta_\nu\|.$$

If  $\{a_\nu (\nu = 1, 2, \dots, \mu)\}$  is not complete, we can continue this process. Since  $R$  is superuniversally continuous, the set of such elements must be at most countable. Therefore, 3) is true.

Now, since

$$[Na_\nu] = I - [a_\nu] = I - [Ta_\nu]^R,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} Fa_\nu [Na_1][Na_2] \dots [Na_{\nu-1}] &= Fa_\nu (I - [Ta_1]^R) \dots (I - [Ta_{\nu-1}]^R) \\ &= (\bar{I} - [Ta_1]) \dots (\bar{I} - [Ta_{\nu-1}]) Fa_\nu. \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $P_1 = \bar{I}$  and

$$P_\nu = (\bar{I} - [Ta_1]) \dots (\bar{I} - [Ta_{\nu-1}]) \quad (\nu = 2, 3, \dots),$$

we have

$$P_\nu Fa_\nu = \lambda_\nu Ta_\nu \quad (\nu = 1, 2, \dots)$$

and

$$P_\nu^R a_\nu = [Na_1] \dots [Na_{\nu-1}] a_\nu = a_\nu \quad (\nu = 2, 3, \dots).$$

Thus, we could prove 2).

It is evident that  $P_1 \geq P_2 \geq \dots$ . We will prove that  $\bigcap_{\nu=1}^\infty P_\nu = 0$  (the projection operator defined by  $0 \cdot \bar{x} = 0$ ). Since

$$P_\nu^R = [Na_1] \dots [Na_{\nu-1}],$$

we have only to prove that

$$\bigcap_{v=2}^{\infty} [Na_1] \dots [Na_{v-1}] = 0.$$

Suppose, on the contrary, that

$$\bigcap_{v=2}^{\infty} [Na_1] \dots [Na_{v-1}] \neq 0.$$

Then there exists a projector  $[p] \neq 0$  such that

$$[p] \leq [Na_1] \dots [Na_{v-1}] \quad (v = 2, 3, \dots),$$

which shows that

$$[p][a_v] = 0 \quad (v = 1, 2, \dots).$$

This contradicts the fact that  $\{a_v \ (v = 1, 2, \dots)\}$  is complete.

Finally, we will prove that 4) is true. If

$$\inf_{v \geq 1} \lambda_v \|Ta_v\| \neq 0,$$

we can take a subsequence (we denote it also by  $\lambda_v \|Ta_v\|$ ) such that  $\lambda_v \|Ta_v\| > \varepsilon \ (v = 1, 2, \dots)$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then the elements  $a_v / \lambda_v \|Ta_v\| \ (v = 1, 2, \dots)$  are norm-bounded. Therefore, by iv), the set

$$\left\{ \frac{Fa_v}{\lambda_v \|Ta_v\|} \quad (v = 1, 2, \dots) \right\}$$

is compact, and hence it follows that

$$\left\{ \frac{P_v Fa_v}{\lambda_v \|Ta_v\|} = \frac{Ta_v}{\|Ta_v\|} \quad (v = 1, 2, \dots) \right\}$$

is compact. But this is impossible, because, as  $a_v \ (v = 1, 2, \dots)$  are mutually orthogonal, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{m} \left( \frac{Ta_v}{\|Ta_v\|} - \frac{Ta_\mu}{\|Ta_\mu\|} \right) &= \overline{m} \left( \frac{Ta_v}{\|Ta_\mu\|} + \frac{Ta_\mu}{\|Ta_\mu\|} \right) \\ &\geq \overline{m} \left( \frac{Ta_v}{2\|Ta_v\|} \right) + \overline{m} \left( \frac{Ta_\mu}{2\|Ta_\mu\|} \right) \geq 2 \inf_{\overline{m}(\tilde{x})=1} \overline{m}(\tfrac{1}{2}\tilde{x}) > 0, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\bar{R}$  is uniformly simple ([13], Lemma 2.1). Thus 4) is established.

Remark. It is possible that, for an  $\alpha$ , there exist infinite  $x_\lambda \geq 0 \ (\lambda \in A)$  such that

$$F_{x_\lambda} = \alpha T x_\lambda \quad \text{and} \quad m(x_\lambda) = 1.$$

But the set  $\{x_\lambda \ (\lambda \in A)\}$  contains only a finite number of mutually orthogonal elements because of the complete continuity of  $F$ . It is evident that mutually orthogonal elements are linearly independent. But the inverse is not always true.

**4. Symmetric operators.** In this section we will introduce the notion of symmetric operators on Banach spaces and apply the results of the preceding section.

**Definition.** An operator  $F \in (R \rightarrow \bar{R})^{(0)}$  is said to be *symmetric* if  $(Fx, y) = (Fy, x) \ (x, y \in R)$ .

Obviously the symmetric operator is additive and homogeneous. The conjugately similar correspondence  $T$  is symmetric if and only if the space  $R$  is an *abstract  $L_2$ -space* <sup>(14)</sup>.

For a symmetric operator  $F$ , we put

$$(*) \quad f_F(x) = \tfrac{1}{2}(Fx, x).$$

Then  $f_F(x)$  is homogeneous of order 2, that is, a quadratic form. Moreover, we have

**LEMMA 3.** If  $F$  is continuous and symmetric,  $f_F(x)$  is Fréchet-differentiable and  $f'_F(x) = Fx$ .

**Proof.** By (\*), we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_F(x+y) - f_F(x) &= \tfrac{1}{2}\{(F(x+y), x+y) - (Fx, x)\} \\ &= (Fx, y) + \tfrac{1}{2}(Fy, y), \end{aligned}$$

and  $|(Fy, y)| \leq \|Fy\| \cdot \|y\|$ . Therefore

$$\lim_{\|y\| \rightarrow 0} \frac{|(Fy, y)|}{\|y\|^2} = 0,$$

because  $F$  is continuous. Thus we have

$$(f'(x), y) = (Fx, y) \quad (y \in R).$$

<sup>(9)</sup> We will denote by  $(R \rightarrow \bar{R})$  the set of all operators from  $R$  into  $\bar{R}$ .

<sup>(10)</sup> If  $F$  is symmetric, it is homogeneous. Therefore

$$m(\xi x) = \int_0^\xi (T\eta x, x) d\eta = \frac{\xi^2}{2} (Tx, x),$$

which means that  $m(\xi x) = \xi^2 m(x)$ . Hence it follows that  $\|x+y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2$  if  $x \wedge y = 0$ . See [3].



Remark. If a function  $f(x)$  is Fréchet-differentiable and its gradient mapping  $F$  is symmetric, then

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(Fx, x) + f(0).$$

In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) - f(0) &= \int_0^1 (F(\xi x), x) d\xi \\ &= \int_0^1 \xi (Fx, x) d\xi = \frac{1}{2}(Fx, x). \end{aligned}$$

Definition. An operator  $F \in (R \rightarrow \bar{R})$  is said to be *positive definite*, if  $(Fx, x) \geq 0$  ( $x \in R$ ).  $F$  is said to be *positive* if  $x \geq 0$  implies  $Fx \geq 0$ . Obviously, these two notions are independent.

LEMMA 3. If  $F$  is positive, then  $f_F(x) \leq f_F(|x|)$ .

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} 2f_F(x) &= (Fx, x) \\ &= (F(x^+ - x^-), x^+ - x^-) \\ &= (Fx^+, x^+) - 2(Fx^+, x^-) + (Fx^-, x^-) \\ &\leq (Fx^+, x^+) + 2(Fx^+, x^-) + (Fx^-, x^-) \\ &= (F|x|, |x|) = 2f_F(|x|) \quad (11). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can easily see that the following theorem is true:

THEOREM 5. If  $F$  is symmetric, completely continuous, positive and positive definite, then the functional  $f_F(x)$  satisfies the conditions i)-iv) and vi) of Theorem 3 and Theorem 4. Therefore we can apply Theorem 4. In this case we can replace 4) of Theorem 4 by

4') if  $\lambda_r > 0$ , then  $\lambda_1 \|Ta_1\| \geq \lambda_2 \|Ta_2\| \geq \dots$  and

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_r \|Ta_r\| = 0.$$

In fact,  $\lambda_r \|Ta_r\| = (Fa_r, a_r) = 2f_F(a_r)$ .

Remark. If a symmetric operator  $F$  is positive definite, we can easily prove the following equality:

$$\|F\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|Fx\| = \sup_{m(x)=1} (Fx, x).$$

(11)  $|x| = x^+ + x^-$ ,  $x^+ = x \vee 0$  and  $x^- = (-x)^+$ .

5. An integral operator on modular function spaces. For  $\xi > 0$  and  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ , we consider a finite function  $\varphi(\xi, t)$ , which is assumed to be strictly increasing with respect to  $\xi > 0$ , measurable with respect to  $t$  and  $\varphi(0, t) = 0$  for almost all  $t$ . Let the inverse function of  $\varphi(\xi, t)$  as a function of  $\xi$  be  $\psi(\xi, t)$ , which is also a finite, strictly increasing function of  $\xi > 0$  and measurable with respect to  $t$ .

We define Young's functions as follows:

$$\Phi(\xi, t) = \int_0^\xi \varphi(\eta, t) d\eta \quad \text{and} \quad \Psi(\xi, t) = \int_0^\xi \psi(\eta, t) d\eta.$$

Then it is easy to see that

$$\xi\eta \leq \Phi(\xi, t) + \Psi(\eta, t),$$

and

$$a\beta = \Phi(a, t) + \Psi(\beta, t) \quad \text{if} \quad \beta = \varphi(a, t) \quad \text{or} \quad a = \psi(\beta, t).$$

Let  $L_\Phi$  be the totality of all measurable functions  $x(t)$  ( $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ) such that

$$m(\xi x) = \int_0^1 \Phi(\xi |x(t)|, t) dt < +\infty \quad \text{for some} \quad \xi > 0.$$

Then the functional  $m(x)$  satisfies the "modular conditions" of [9], p. 153. This space  $L_\Phi$  is reflexive and its conjugate space is  $L_\Psi$ . Every element  $\bar{x} \in \bar{L}_\Phi$  takes the form of

$$\bar{x}(x) = \int_0^1 x(t) \bar{x}(t) dt \quad (x(t) \in L_\Phi)$$

for some  $\bar{x}(t) \in L_\Psi$ .

Throughout this section we assume that  $m(x) < +\infty$  for every  $x(t) \in L_\Phi$ .

LEMMA 4. The transformation

$$Tx(t) = \varphi(x^+(t), t) - \varphi(x^-(t), t)$$

is a conjugately similar correspondence between  $L_\Phi$  and  $L_\Psi$ .

Proof. At first, we prove that  $T \in (L_\Phi \rightarrow L_\Psi)$ . Let  $0 \leq x(t) \in L_\Phi$ . Then

$$\int_0^1 x(t) \cdot \varphi(x(t), t) dt = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{m((1+\varepsilon)x) - m(x)}{\varepsilon} < +\infty.$$



Therefore we have

$$\int_0^1 \Psi(\varphi(x(t), t)) dt = \int_0^1 x(t) \cdot \varphi(x(t), t) dt - \int_0^1 \Phi(x(t), t) dt < +\infty,$$

which means that

$$Tx(t) \in L_{\Psi} \quad \text{if} \quad 0 \leq x(t) \in L_{\Phi}.$$

For arbitrary  $x(t) \in L_{\Phi}$  we have

$$Tx(t) = Tx^+(t) - Tx^-(t) \in L_{\Psi}.$$

Next we prove that

$$Tx = Ty \quad \text{implies} \quad x = y.$$

We can assume that  $x(t), y(t)$  are positive. If  $x(t) \neq y(t)$ , then, for example,

$$x(t) > y(t)$$

on a set of positive measure. Therefore, we can find  $\alpha > \beta > 0$  such that the set

$$\{t: x(t) > \alpha > \beta > y(t)\}$$

is of positive measure. Since  $\varphi(\xi, t)$  is strictly increasing, we have  $\varphi(x(t), t) \neq \varphi(y(t), t)$ .

To show that  $T$  is one-to-one, we have only to prove that for any  $0 \leq y \in L_{\Psi}$  there exists  $0 \leq x \in L_{\Phi}$  such that  $Tx = y$ . But this is obvious, because, for that  $y(t) \in L_{\Psi}$ , we have

$$x(t) = \varphi(y(t), t) \in L_{\Phi} \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(x(t), t) = y(t).$$

We find no difficulty in proving the following conditions: (1)  $T(-x) = -Tx$ ; (2)  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $Tx \leq Ty$ ; (3)  $(Tx, x) = 0, x \geq 0$  implies  $x = 0$ .

Thus the proof is established.

Next we will consider the following integral operator:

$$(**) \quad Fx = y(s) = \int_0^1 K(s, t)x(t) dt.$$

Using a method of A. C. Zaanen [14], we can prove the following

THEOREM 6. If

$$\int_0^1 \Psi \left[ \int_0^1 \Psi(|K(s, t)|, t) dt, s \right] ds < +\infty,$$

then the operator  $(**)$  is completely continuous as an operator from  $L_{\Phi}$  into  $L_{\Psi}$ .

Proof. At first, we prove that  $F \in (L_{\Phi} \rightarrow L_{\Psi})$ . For  $Fx = y$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \Psi \left( \frac{1}{2} |y(s)|, s \right) ds &= \int_0^1 \Psi \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left| \int_0^1 K(s, t)x(t) dt \right|, s \right] ds \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \Psi \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \Psi(|K(s, t)|, t) dt + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \Phi(|x(t)|, t) dt, s \right] ds \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \Psi \left[ \int_0^1 \Psi(|K(s, t)|, t) dt, s \right] ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \Psi \left[ \int_0^1 \Phi(|x(t)|, t) dt, s \right] ds < +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

which shows that  $Fx \in L_{\Psi}$ .

To prove that  $F$  is completely continuous, we note that in this case the norm convergence and the convergence by modular <sup>(12)</sup> coincide ([13], Lemma 2.1).

Let a set  $A \subset L_{\Phi}$  be bounded, namely,

$$|||x||| \leq \gamma \quad (x \in A)$$

for some  $\gamma > 0$ . This is equivalent to

$$m\left(\frac{1}{\gamma}x\right) \leq 1 \quad (x \in A).$$

Since  $A$  is weakly compact, there exist  $x_r$  ( $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) such that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} x_r = x_0 \quad \text{weakly and} \quad m(2x_r) \leq 1,$$

where  $2\gamma x_r \in A$ . Therefore, for every  $y(t) \in L_{\Psi}$ , we have

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 x_r(t)y(t) dt = \int_0^1 x_0(t)y(t) dt.$$

The assumption on  $K(s, t)$  shows that  $K(s, t) \in L_{\Psi}$  as a function of  $t$  for almost all  $s$ . Hence it follows that for

$$y_r(s) = \int_0^1 K(s, t)x_r(t) dt$$

<sup>(12)</sup> A sequence  $x_r$  is said to be convergent by modular to  $x_0$  if  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} m(x_r - x_0) = 0$ .

we have

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} |y_s(s) - y_0(s)| = 0 \quad \text{almost everywhere,}$$

which implies

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \Psi(|y_s(s) - y_0(s)|, s) = 0 \quad \text{almost everywhere.}$$

On the other hand, since

$$\begin{aligned} |y_s(s) - y_0(s)| &\leq \int_0^1 |K(s, t)| \cdot |x_s(t) - x_0(t)| dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \Psi(|K(s, t)|, t) dt + \int_0^1 \Phi(|x_s(t) - x_0(t)|, t) dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \Psi(|K(s, t)|, t) dt + 1, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\Psi(|y_s(s) - y_0(s)|, s) \leq \Psi \left[ \int_0^1 \Psi(|K(s, t)|, t) dt + 1, s \right],$$

and the right-hand function of  $s$  is integrable. Therefore, by a theorem of Lebesgue, we have

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 \Psi(|y_s(s) - y_0(s)|, s) ds = 0.$$

This means that  $Fx_s$  converges to  $Fx_0$  by the modular convergence. Therefore,

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \|Fx_s - Fx_0\| = 0$$

by the norms defined by the modular. Since  $2\gamma x_s \in A$  and  $F$  is linear,  $F(A)$  is compact.

Remark. If  $\Phi(\xi, t) = \Phi(\xi)$ , i. e. if  $\Phi(\xi, t)$  is a function of only  $\xi > 0$ ,  $L_\Phi$  is an Orlicz space. If  $\Phi(\xi, t) = \xi^{p(t)}$  for a measurable function  $p(t) \geq 1$ ,  $L_\Phi$  is  $L_{p(t)}$ . But in those cases we cannot always obtain the exact forms of their norms that make them Banach spaces. It is easy to see that in the case where

$$\Phi(\xi, t) = \xi^p \quad \text{for } p > 1,$$

i. e. in the case of  $L_p$  ( $p > 1$ ), the condition on  $K(s, t)$  of the above theorem can be replaced by a better one:

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^1 |K(s, t)|^{p/(p-1)} ds dt < +\infty.$$

By Theorem 4 and 6, we can ensure the existence of a positive proper element of the operator (\*\*). Namely,

THEOREM 7. Let us suppose that the operator (\*\*) satisfies the following conditions:

- i)  $\int_0^1 \Psi \left[ \Psi \int_0^1 (|K(s, t)| dt), s \right] ds < +\infty$ ;
- ii)  $K(s, t) \geq 0$  for every  $s, t$ ;
- iii)  $K(s, t) = K(t, s)$ .

Then, there exist a positive number  $\alpha$  and a function  $a(t) \in L_\Phi$  such that

$$\int_0^1 K(s, t) a(t) dt = \lambda \varphi(a(s), s).$$

If, moreover,  $F$  is positive definite, then there exists a sequence of measurable sets  $E_\nu$  ( $\nu = 1, 2, \dots$ ) such that:

- 1)  $[0, 1] = E_1 \supset E_2 \supset \dots$  and  $\lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} |E_\nu| = 0$ ;
- 2) there exist  $a_\nu(t) \geq 0$  and  $\lambda_\nu \geq 0$  such that

$$\int_0^1 \Phi(a_\nu(t), t) dt = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{E_\nu} K(s, t) a_\nu(t) dt = \lambda_\nu \varphi(a_\nu(s), s);$$

- 3) if  $a_\nu(t) \cdot x(t) = 0$  ( $\nu = 1, 2, \dots$ ) and  $x(t) \geq 0$ , then  $x = 0$ ;
- 4) if  $\lambda_\nu > 0$  ( $\nu = 1, 2, \dots$ ), then  $\lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_\nu = 0$ .

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# Remarks to the paper of L. Kubik "The limiting distributions of cumulative sums of independent two-valued random variables"

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In the definition of class  $\mathcal{R}$  it is necessary to assume additionally that the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n / \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^n D^2(X_k)}$$

exists and in the definition of class  $\mathcal{K}$  (and in the proof of theorem) it is necessary to assume that  $A = -B$ ,  $v + \mu = 1$ . In the proof of theorem,  $\mathcal{P}(n)$  and  $\mathcal{Q}(n)$  should be defined as  $\mathcal{P}(n) = \mathcal{P} \cap \mathcal{R}(n)$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}(n) = \mathcal{Q} \cap \mathcal{R}(n)$  where  $\mathcal{P}$  (respectively  $\mathcal{Q}$ ) denotes the set of positive integers  $k$  such that  $\min(p_k, q_k) = p_k$  (respectively  $\min(p_k, q_k) < p_k$ ).

The theorem on page 296 should be formulated as follows:

*The class  $\mathcal{R}$  coincides with the class of all distributions which are of the same type as any element of  $\mathcal{K}$ .*

The elements of  $\mathcal{R}$  which do not belong to  $\mathcal{K}$  can be obtained by replacing  $B_n = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^n D^2(X_k)}$  by  $B'_n = B_n/\sigma$ .

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