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## On the structure of invariant Banach limits

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## ABSTRACT

A functional  $B$  on the space of bounded real sequences  $\ell_\infty$  is said to be a Banach limit if  $B \geq 0$ ,  $B(1, 1, \dots) = 1$  and  $B(Tx) = B(x)$  for every  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in \ell_\infty$ , where  $T$  is a translation operator. The set of all Banach limits  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a closed convex set on the unit sphere of  $\ell_\infty^*$ . Let  $C$  be Cesàro operator  $(Cx)_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Denote  $\mathfrak{B}(C) = \{B \in \mathfrak{B} : B = BC\}$ .

The cardinality of the set of extreme points  $\text{ext} \mathfrak{B}(C)$  is  $2^c$ , where  $c$  is the cardinality of continuum. A subspace generated by any countable collection from  $\text{ext} \mathfrak{B}(C)$  is isometric to  $\ell_1$ . For given  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ ,  $r \in (0, 2]$ , we denote

$$S_{B,r} = \{D \in \mathfrak{B} : \|D - B\|_{\ell_\infty^*} = r\}.$$

We prove that  $B \in \text{ext} \mathfrak{B}$  if and only if the sphere  $S_{B,r}$  is convex for every  $r \in (0, 2)$ .

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## R É S U M É

Une forme linéaire  $B$  sur l'espace  $\ell_\infty$  des suites bornées est appelée une limite de Banach si  $B \geq 0$ ,  $B(1, 1, \dots) = 1$  et  $B(Tx) = B(x)$  pour tout  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in \ell_\infty$ ,  $T$  désignant l'opérateur de translation. L'ensemble  $\mathfrak{B}$  des limites de Banach est un sous-ensemble convexe fermé de la sphère unité de  $\ell_\infty^*$ . Soit  $C$  l'opérateur de Cesàro,  $(Cx)_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Posons  $\mathfrak{B}(C) = \{B \in \mathfrak{B} : B = BC\}$ .

La cardinalité de l'ensemble des points extrémaux  $\text{ext} \mathfrak{B}(C)$  est  $2^c$ , où  $c$  désigne la cardinalité du continuum. Un sous-espace engendré par une famille dénombrable de  $\text{ext} \mathfrak{B}(C)$  est isométrique à  $\ell_1$ . Étant donnés  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$  et  $r \in (0, 2]$ , notons

$$S_{B,r} = \{D \in \mathfrak{B} : \|D - B\|_{\ell_\infty^*} = r\}.$$

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Nous montrons que  $B \in \text{ext } \mathfrak{B}$  si et seulement si la sphère  $S_{B,r}$  est convexe pour tout  $r \in (0, 2)$ .

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## Version française abrégée

Nous introduisons la notion d'opérateur  $\mathfrak{B}$ -propre et étudions les propriétés de l'ensemble des limites de Banach invariantes par un opérateur  $\mathfrak{B}$ -propre. Nous donnons un critère aisément vérifiable pour qu'un opérateur soit  $\mathfrak{B}$ -propre.

**Proposition 0.1.** *Un opérateur linéaire borné  $W$  agissant sur  $\ell_\infty$  est  $\mathfrak{B}$ -propre si et seulement si la suite  $W\mathbf{1}$  est presque convergente vers 1,  $q(Wx) \geq 0$  pour tout  $x \geq 0$  et l'espace  $ac_0$  est  $W$ -invariant.*

Il est facile de voir que l'opérateur de Cesàro

$$(Cx)_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

et l'opérateur de dilatation

$$\sigma_n(x_1, x_2, \dots) = (\underbrace{x_1, x_1, \dots, x_1}_n, \underbrace{x_2, x_2, \dots, x_2}_n, \dots), \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

vérifient les hypothèses de la proposition ci-dessus ; ce sont par conséquent des opérateurs  $\mathfrak{B}$ -propres.

Nous généralisons des résultats de [11] en montrant que, pour tout opérateur  $\mathfrak{B}$ -propre  $W$  qui, soit préserve les intervalles, soit est positif et contractant, et pour toute suite  $\{B_n\}$  de points extrémaux distincts de l'ensemble des limites de Banach  $W$ -invariantes, la fermeture  $[B_n]$  de l'espace vectoriel engendré par cette suite est isométriquement isomorphe à  $\ell_1$ .

Désignant par  $\mathfrak{B}(C)$  l'ensemble des limites de Banach invariantes par l'opérateur de Cesàro, on démontre les résultats suivants.

**Théorème 0.2.** *On a*

$$\mathfrak{B}(C) \subset \mathfrak{B} \setminus \text{conv}^n(\text{ext } \mathfrak{B}),$$

où  $\text{conv}^n(\text{ext } \mathfrak{B})$  désigne la fermeture de l'enveloppe convexe de  $\text{ext } \mathfrak{B}$  pour la topologie de la norme de  $\ell_\infty^*$ .

**Théorème 0.3.** *La cardinalité de  $\text{ext } \mathfrak{B}(C)$  est égale à  $2^c$ .*

Nous terminons cette note par une caractérisation des points extrémaux des limites de Banach en termes de convexité des sphères centrées en celles-ci :

**Théorème 0.4.**

- (i) *Pour tout  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ , la sphère  $S_{B,2}$  est un sous-ensemble convexe de  $\mathfrak{B}$  ;*
- (ii) *étant donné  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ , la sphère  $S_{B,r}$  est convexe pour tout  $r \in (0, 2)$  si et seulement si  $B \in \text{ext } \mathfrak{B}$  ;*
- (iii) *pour tout  $r \in (0, 2)$  il existe  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$  tel que la sphère  $S_{B,2}$  n'est pas convexe.*

## English version

### 1. Introduction

Throughout the paper, we denote by  $\ell_\infty$  the space of all bounded real sequences  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  equipped with the norm

$$\|x\|_{\ell_\infty} = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_n|,$$

and the usual partial order. Here  $\mathbb{N}$  stands for the set of natural numbers.

A linear functional  $B \in \ell_\infty^*$  is said to be a Banach limit (some authors use the term Banach–Mazur limit or extended limits) if

- (1)  $B \geq 0$ , that is  $Bx \geq 0$  for every  $x \geq 0$ ,
- (2)  $B\mathbb{1} = 1$ , where  $\mathbb{1} = (1, 1, \dots)$ ,
- (3)  $B(Tx) = B(x)$  for every  $x \in \ell_\infty$ , where  $T$  is a translation operator, that is  $T(x_1, x_2, \dots) = (0, x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots)$ .

The existence of Banach limits was established by S. Mazur and then the proof appeared in the book of S. Banach [3]. We denote the set of all Banach limits by  $\mathfrak{B}$ . It follows from the definition that  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a closed convex set on the unit sphere of  $\ell_\infty^*$ ,  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq Bx \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  for every  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in \ell_\infty$ ,  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ . In particular,  $Bx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$  for every convergent sequence  $x \in \ell_\infty$ .

G.G. Lorentz [8] proved that for every  $x \in \ell_\infty$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}^1$ , the equality  $Bx = a$  holds for all  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$  if and only if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=m+1}^{m+n} x_k = a$$

uniformly in  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . In this case,  $x_k$  is said to be almost convergent to  $a$ . The set of all almost convergent sequences is denoted by  $ac$ . For example,  $B((-1)^k) = 0$  for all  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ . Lorentz’s result was strengthened by L. Sucheston [13], who proved that for every  $x \in \ell_\infty$ , one has

$$\{Bx : B \in \mathfrak{B}\} = [q(x), p(x)],$$

where

$$q(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=m+1}^{m+n} x_k, \quad p(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=m+1}^{m+n} x_k.$$

Two years after Lorentz’s fundamental paper [8] was published, an interesting paper by W. Eberlein [7] appeared. In this paper, he established the existence of Banach limits invariant under Hausdorff transformations. In [6,12], analogous results were proved for the dilation operator and the Cesàro operator. Eberlein’s approach was further extended in [10].

Let  $\Gamma$  denote the set of all linear operators  $H \in \mathcal{L}(\ell_\infty)$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $H \geq 0$  and  $H\mathbb{1} = 1$ ,
- (ii)  $Hc_0 \subset c_0$ ,
- (iii)  $\limsup_{j \rightarrow \infty} (A(I - T)x)_j \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \ell_\infty$ ,  $A \in R(H)$ , where  $R(H) = \text{conv}\{H^k, k \geq 0\}$ .

For example, conditions (i), (ii), (iii) are satisfied by the Cesàro operator

$$(Cx)_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

and the dilation operator

$$\sigma_n(x_1, x_2, \dots) = (\underbrace{x_1, x_1, \dots, x_1}_n, \underbrace{x_2, x_2, \dots, x_2}_n, \dots), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

It was proved in [10] that, for every  $H \in \Gamma$ , there exists  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$  such that  $Bx = BHx$  for all  $x \in \ell_\infty$ . Denote the set of Banach limits invariant under  $H$  by  $\mathfrak{B}(H)$ . Clearly,  $\mathfrak{B}(H)$  is a closed convex subset of  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Under some additional assumptions on  $H \in \Gamma$ , the diameter of  $\mathfrak{B}(H)$ , that is the number  $\sup_{B_1, B_2 \in \mathfrak{B}(H)} \|B_1 - B_2\|_{\ell_\infty^*}$ , coincide with the diameter of  $\mathfrak{B}$  and is equal to 2. In particular, the operators  $C$  and  $\sigma_n$  satisfy the assumptions mentioned above. Also, invariant Banach limits were considered in [4,11]. The present paper continues the study of the sets  $\mathfrak{B}(C)$  and  $\mathfrak{B}(\sigma_n)$ .

## 2. Main section

By Krein–Milman’s theorem, the set  $\mathfrak{B}$  is compact in  $\sigma(\ell_\infty^*, \ell_\infty)$  topology and  $B = \overline{\text{conv}} \text{ext } \mathfrak{B}$ , where  $\text{ext } \mathfrak{B}$  is the set of extreme points of  $\mathfrak{B}$  and the closure is taken in weak-\* topology of the space  $\ell_\infty^*$ . Similar facts hold for the sets  $\mathfrak{B}(C)$  and  $\mathfrak{B}(\sigma_n)$ , that is,

$$\mathfrak{B}(C) = \overline{\text{conv}} \text{ext } \mathfrak{B}(C),$$

$$\mathfrak{B}(\sigma_n) = \overline{\text{conv}} \text{ext } \mathfrak{B}(\sigma_n).$$

Consider a more general case.

**Definition 2.1.** A linear bounded operator  $W$  acting on  $\ell_\infty$  is called  $\mathfrak{B}$ -proper if its adjoint  $W^*$  maps the set  $\mathfrak{B}$  into itself, that is,  $W^*\mathfrak{B} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}$ .

If  $W$  is  $\mathfrak{B}$ -proper, then by the Brouwer–Schauder–Tychonoff Theorem [2, Corollary 17.56], the set  $\mathfrak{B}(W)$  is non-empty. Since it is easily seen to be compact and convex, by the Krein–Milman theorem the set  $\text{ext}\mathfrak{B}(W)$  is non-empty too. We state an easily verifiable criterion for an operator to be  $\mathfrak{B}$ -proper.

**Proposition 2.2.** A linear bounded operator  $W$  acting on  $\ell_\infty$  is  $\mathfrak{B}$ -proper if and only if the sequence  $W\mathbb{1}$  is almost converging to 1,  $q(Wx) \geq 0$  for all  $x \geq 0$ , and the space  $a_{C_0}$  is  $W$ -invariant.

It is easy to see that the operators  $\sigma_n$  and  $C$  satisfy the assumptions of the proposition above and, thus, are  $\mathfrak{B}$ -proper operators.

In the next theorem, we consider conditions that guarantee that two distinct functionals  $B, D \in \text{ext}\mathfrak{B}(W)$  are disjoint in the Banach lattice  $\ell_\infty^*$ , that is,  $B \wedge D = 0$ . Recall that a positive operator  $W$  acting in a Banach lattice  $E$  is called (see, e.g., [9, Definition 1.4.18]) *interval preserving* (almost interval preserving, resp.) if  $W[0, x] = [0, Wx]$  ( $W[0, x]$  is dense in  $[0, Wx]$ , resp.) for all  $x \in E^+$ . An operator  $W$  is called a *lattice homomorphism* (see, e.g., [9, Definition 1.3.10]) if it preserves the lattice operations. By Ando's Theorem [9, Theorem 1.4.19], an operator  $W$  acting in a Banach lattice  $E$  is almost interval preserving if and only if  $W^*$  is a lattice homomorphism. Clearly, the translation operator  $T$  is interval preserving. Thus, an operator  $T^*$  is a lattice homomorphism. In particular, for  $B, D \in \mathfrak{B}$ , we have  $T^*(B \wedge D) = B \wedge D$ . Hence,  $B \wedge D > 0$  implies  $\frac{B \wedge D}{\|B \wedge D\|_{\ell_\infty^*}} \in \mathfrak{B}$  (this also follows from the fact that  $T$  is non-expansive, that is  $\|T\|_{\mathcal{L}(\ell_\infty)} \leq 1$ ). On the other hand, the dilation operator  $\sigma_n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  and the Cesàro operator  $C$  are not interval preserving. However, the generalised Cesàro operator  $Q : \ell_\infty \rightarrow \ell_\infty$ , defined by the formula

$$Qx = (x_1, \frac{x_2 + x_3}{2}, \frac{x_4 + x_5 + x_6}{3}, \dots)$$

is interval preserving.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $W$  be a  $\mathfrak{B}$ -proper operator and let  $B, D \in \text{ext}\mathfrak{B}(W)$ ,  $B \neq D$ . The functional  $B \wedge D$  is  $W$ -invariant if and only if  $B \wedge D = 0$ . In particular, if either

- (i)  $W$  is interval preserving or
- (ii)  $W$  is positive and non-expansive,

then  $B \wedge D = 0$  for all distinct  $B, D \in \text{ext}\mathfrak{B}(W)$ . In this case  $\|B - D\|_{\ell_\infty^*} = 2$ .

The dilation operator  $\sigma_n$  and the Cesàro operator  $C$  are positive and non-expansive. Thus, the part (i) of the preceding theorem implies the following result.

**Corollary 1.** If either  $B, D \in \text{ext}\mathfrak{B}(C)$  or  $B, D \in \text{ext}\mathfrak{B}(\sigma_n)$  and  $B \neq D$ , then  $B \wedge D = 0$ .

We will need the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.** For every disjoint bounded sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $AL$ -space  $E$  such that  $x_n \neq 0$  for all  $n$ , the closure  $[x_n]$  of a linear hull of the set  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$  is isometric to  $l_1$ . If, additionally  $x_n \geq 0$  for all  $n$ , then this isometry can be chosen to be an order isometry.

The preceding lemma and Theorem 2.3 imply the following result.

**Corollary 3.** Let  $W$  be a  $\mathfrak{B}$ -proper operator and let  $\{B_n\}$  be a sequence of distinct elements from  $\text{ext}\mathfrak{B}(W)$ . If  $W^*(B_i \wedge B_j) = B_i \wedge B_j$  for all  $i, j$ , then the space  $[B_n]$  is isometrically isomorphic to  $l_1$ .

In particular, if  $W$  satisfies either condition (i) or (ii) of Theorem 2.3, then  $[B_n]$  is isometrically isomorphic to  $l_1$  for every sequence  $\{B_n\}$  of distinct elements from  $\text{ext}\mathfrak{B}(W)$ .

Sets  $\text{ext}\mathfrak{B}$  and  $\text{ext}\mathfrak{B}(C)$  are disjoint. Moreover, we have the following result.

**Theorem 2.4.** One has

$$\mathfrak{B}(C) \subset \mathfrak{B} \setminus \text{conv}^n(\text{ext}\mathfrak{B}),$$

where  $\text{conv}^n(\text{ext}\mathfrak{B})$  denotes the closure of a convex hull of  $\text{ext}\mathfrak{B}$  in norm topology of  $l_\infty^*$ .

The proof of [Theorem 2.4](#) follows directly from [[11, Theorem 14](#)].

The cardinality of the set  $\text{ext } \mathfrak{B}$  is equal to  $2^c$ , where  $c$  is the cardinality of the continuum [[5](#)]. We complement this result.

**Theorem 2.5.** *The cardinality of  $\text{ext } \mathfrak{B}(C)$  equals to  $2^c$ .*

It follows from [Theorems 2.3 and 2.5](#) that the cardinalities of extreme points and between any two extreme points of  $\mathfrak{B}$  and of  $\mathfrak{B}(C)$  are the same. Loosely speaking,  $\mathfrak{B}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}(C)$  are simplices of dimension  $2^c$ . However,  $\mathfrak{B}(C) \subset \mathfrak{B}$ , and [Theorem 2.4](#) describes the location of  $\mathfrak{B}(C)$  in  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

Interrelations between sets  $\mathfrak{B}(\sigma_n)$  for different  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$  were considered in [[1](#)]. Now we consider the relation between  $\mathfrak{B}(\sigma_n)$  and  $\mathfrak{B}(C)$ . Note that it was proved in [[6](#)] that there exists  $B \in \mathfrak{B}(C)$  such that  $B \in \mathfrak{B}(\sigma_n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** *If  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \geq 2$ , then there exists  $B \in \mathfrak{B}(\sigma_m)$  such that  $B \in \mathfrak{B}(C)$ .*

We finish this note with a result concerning the spheres in  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Clearly, in every Banach space, every sphere of strictly positive radius is a non-convex set. For given  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ ,  $r \in (0, 2]$ , we denote

$$S_{B,r} = \{D \in \mathfrak{B} : \|D - B\|_{\ell_\infty^*} = r\}.$$

Clearly,  $S_{B,r}$  is a non-empty subset of  $\mathfrak{B}$  for all  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ ,  $r \in (0, 2]$ .

**Theorem 2.7.**

- (i) For every  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$  a sphere  $S_{B,2}$  is a convex subset of  $\mathfrak{B}$ ;
- (ii) for given  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ , a sphere  $S_{B,r}$  is convex for every  $r \in (0, 2)$  if and only if  $B \in \text{ext } \mathfrak{B}$ ;
- (iii) for every  $r \in (0, 2)$ , there exists  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$  such that a sphere  $S_{B,2}$  is non-convex.

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