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About the space  $\cap l_p$ ,  $p > 0$ .

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**Abstract.** We give a few properties of the space of sequences  $(a_n)$  such that  $\sum |a_n|^p$  converges for all  $p > 0$ . The fact that the algebra of continuous linear transformations of this space has a natural, locally pseudo-convex, locally multiplicatively convex, Fréchet topology is rather unexpected. This space also provides a negative answer to a question of W. Zelazko.

$l_{+0}$  is the space of sequences  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $\sum |a_n|^p = v_p(a)$  is finite for all positive  $p$ , with the Fréchet locally pseudo-convex topology determined by the pseudo norms  $v_p$ . The reader may find the following observations about this space amusing.

The elements of  $l_{+0}$  are the sequences whose decreasing rearrangements belong to the space  $s$  of rapidly decreasing sequence. If we equip  $s$  with the usual topology determined by the norms  $\sup n^k |a_n|$ , the identity mapping  $s \rightarrow l_{+0}$  is continuous. Permutations of  $\mathbb{N}$  induce on  $l_{+0}$  an equicontinuous family of linear transformations. A translation invariant topology  $\mathcal{T}$ , on  $l_{+0}$  is weaker than the given one if it induces on  $s$  a weaker topology than its usual one, and if permutations of  $\mathbb{N}$  induce on  $l_{+0}$  a  $\mathcal{T}_1$ -equicontinuous system of transformations at the origin.

These facts are either trivial, well known, or follow from the observation that  $|a'_n| < \varepsilon n^{-1/p}$  if  $(a'_n)$  is the decreasing rearrangement of  $(a_n)$  and  $\sum |a_n|^p < \varepsilon^p$ .

Let  $T: l_{+0} \rightarrow l_{+0}$  be a continuous linear transformation. Let  $B_p$  be the set of sequences  $(a_n) \in l_{+0}$  such that  $v_p((a_n)) \leq 1$ . Then  $B_p$  is closed, absolutely  $p$ -convex, and a neighbourhood of the origin.  $T(B_p)$  is then also a closed, absolutely  $p$ -convex neighbourhood of the origin in  $l_{+0}$ . Being a neighbourhood of the origin, it contains  $\varepsilon B_{p'}$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $p' > 0$ . Further, the closed, absolutely  $p$ -convex hull of  $B_{p'}$  when  $p' < p$ , so that  $T B_p \supseteq \varepsilon B_{p'}$ .

In other words,  $T$  extends to a continuous linear transformation of  $l_p$ , for all  $p$ ,  $0 < p \leq 1$ . We can define  $\tilde{v}_p(T)$  by

$$\tilde{v}_p(T) = \sup \{v_p(Tx) | v_p(x) \leq 1\}.$$

$\tilde{\nu}_p$  is a submultiplicative  $p$ -norm on  $\mathcal{L}(l_{+0})$ . With these  $p$ -norms, the algebra of continuous linear transformations of  $l_{+0}$  is in a natural way a locally pseudo-convex, locally multiplicatively convex Fréchet algebra.

The following is an observation of S. Rolewicz. W. Żelazko has proved (unpublished) that  $E$  is a normed space if  $E$  is locally convex and if there is a topology on  $\mathcal{L}(E)$ , the algebra of continuous linear operators on  $E$  which makes substitution  $(u, e) \rightarrow u(e)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(E) \times E \rightarrow E$  continuous. Żelazko's result does not extend to the locally pseudo-convex case, nor even to the locally  $p$ -convex case. The space  $l_{+0}$  described above is a locally pseudo-convex counter-example. And the considerations above apply clearly to the space  $l_{p+0} = \cap_{p' > p} l_{p'}$  with its obvious Fréchet topology. An algebra topology is defined in this way on  $\mathcal{L}(l_{p+0})$ . Substitution is again a continuous operation  $\mathcal{L}(l_{p+0}) \times l_{p+0} \rightarrow l_{p+0}$ . But  $l_{p+0}$  is locally  $p$ -convex and not locally bounded.

The last result is trivial. We have the inclusion  $l_{+0} \subseteq l_1$ , the identity  $i: l_{+0} \rightarrow l_1$  is continuous. A linear mapping  $T: l_{+0} \rightarrow l_{+0}$  is continuous if  $i \circ T: l_{+0} \rightarrow l_1$  is. This is clear, the graph of  $T$  is closed in  $l_{+0} \times l_1$  and a fortiori in  $l_{+0} \times l_{+0}$ .

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## Decompositions of non-contractive operator-valued representations of Banach algebras

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**Abstract.** The present paper deals with some decompositions of non-contractive operator-valued representations of Banach algebras. These decompositions are closely related to the abstract F. and M. Riesz property. An examination of the Boolean character of this property is basic for our purposes. This, when combined with the Sz.-Nagy-Dixmier theorem concerning similarity of certain Boolean algebras of projections shows that the representation in question is similar to a suitable orthogonally decomposed representation.

Let  $T$  be the Hilbert space representation of a function algebra  $A$ . There are results of Sarason [14] and of Mlak [7], [8] that to every Gleason part of  $A$  or intersection of peak sets of  $A$  there corresponds a projection which commutes with  $T$ . This projection is orthogonal for contractive  $T$ . In this case a full decomposition of  $T$  with respect to the totality of all Gleason parts or to the Bishop decomposition of  $A$  is available.

In both cases an essential role is played by the F. and M. Riesz property. The point is that this property in an abstract form [13] gives rise to a homomorphism of a certain Boolean algebra of projections in the dual space onto a Boolean algebra of projections commuting with  $T$ . It seems that this is one of the real reasons why such decompositions as in [7], [8], [14] are available.

Although our theory concerns representations of general non-commutative algebras, the examples of applications we give in the present paper are commutative. Non-commutative cases will be treated elsewhere.

1. Let  $B$  be a (not necessarily commutative) Banach algebra with the unit 1. The norm of  $u \in B$  is denoted by  $\|u\|$ .  $B^*$  is the dual of  $B$ . For  $u \in B$  and  $\mu \in B^*$  we write  $\langle \mu, u \rangle$  for  $\mu(u)$ .  $I$  stands for the identity operator in  $B^*$ .

Let  $A$  be a closed subalgebra of  $B$  and assume  $1 \in A$ . If  $\langle \mu, u \rangle = 0$  (for all  $u \in A$ ) for  $\mu \in B^*$  then we write  $\mu \perp A$ . For  $v \in B$  and  $\mu \in B^*$  we define  $v\mu$  and  $\mu v$  as the elements of  $B^*$  given by the formulae:  $\langle v\mu, u \rangle = \langle \mu, vu \rangle$ ,  $\langle \mu v, u \rangle = \langle \mu, uv \rangle$ ,  $u \in B$ .