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THE ASSOCIATED TENSOR NORM TO (q, p) -ABSOLUTELY
SUMMING OPERATORS ON $C(K)$ -SPACES

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Abstract. We give an explicit description of a tensor norm equivalent on $\mathcal{C}(K) \otimes F$ to the associated tensor norm ν_{qp} to the ideal of (q, p) -absolutely summing operators. As a consequence, we describe a tensor norm on the class of Banach spaces which is equivalent to the left projective tensor norm associated to ν_{qp} .

As far as we know there is no explicit description for the tensor norm ν_{qp} associated to the ideal $\mathcal{P}_{(q,p)}$ of (q, p) -absolutely summing operators. The purpose of this note is to define explicitly a norm equivalent to this one in the case of tensor products of type $\mathcal{C}(K) \otimes F$. As a consequence, we shall be able to give an easy and direct definition of a tensor norm equivalent to the left projective tensor norm $\setminus \nu_{qp}$. The key of our results is the connection on $\mathcal{C}(K)$ spaces of $\mathcal{P}_{(q,p)}$ with the ideal $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}$ of (p, σ) -absolutely continuous operators defined by Matter in [4] and the knowledge of the tensor norm associated to $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}$, which was obtained by the authors in [3].

Throughout this note we use standard Banach space notation. The class of all Banach spaces will be denoted by BAN. If $E \in \text{BAN}$, B_E will be the unit ball of E and J_E will denote the canonical inclusion of E into E'' . K will be always a compact Hausdorff topological space and $\mathcal{C}(K)$ the Banach space of all scalar continuous functions on K . If $E \in \text{BAN}$, $B_{E'}$ will be considered as a compact space with the topology $\sigma(E', E)$. We define $I_E: E \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(B_{E'})$ to be the canonical isometric embedding. We refer the reader to [1] and [7] for all definitions concerning tensor norms and operator ideals respectively. If $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, p' is the extended real number satisfying $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$. (\mathcal{P}_p, Π_p) will be the normed ideal of p -absolutely summing

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operators on BAN. For every $E \in \text{BAN}$, $(x_i) \in E^{\mathbb{N}}$, $p \in [1, \infty]$ and $\sigma \in [0, 1[$ we define (changing Σ by sup when $p = \infty$)

$$\pi_p((x_i)) := \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|x_i\|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

and

$$\delta_{p\sigma}((x_i)) := \sup_{x' \in B_{E'}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (|\langle x_i, x' \rangle|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i\|^\sigma)^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}.$$

1. Definition. (Matter [4]): Let $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ and $E, F \in \text{BAN}$. We say that $T \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ is a (p, σ) -absolutely continuous operator if there exist $G \in \text{BAN}$ and an operator $S \in \mathcal{P}_p(E, G)$ such that

$$(1) \quad \|Tx\| \leq \|x\|^\sigma \|Sx\|^{1-\sigma} \quad \forall x \in E.$$

In such case, we put $\Pi_{p,\sigma}(T) = \inf \Pi_p(S)^{1-\sigma}$, taking the infimum over all G and $S \in \mathcal{P}_p(E, G)$ such that (1) holds. We denote by $(\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}, \Pi_{p,\sigma})$ the normed ideal of (p, σ) -absolutely continuous operators in BAN.

We have the following characterization of $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K), F)$:

2. Proposition. *Let $F \in \text{BAN}$ and let $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{C}(K), F)$. Then*

$$T \in \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K), F)$$

iff there are $C > 0$ and a Radon probability measure λ on K such that

$$(2) \quad \|Tx\| \leq C \|x\|^\sigma \|I_K(x)\|^{1-\sigma} \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{C}(K),$$

where I_K is the canonical map $I_K: \mathcal{C}(K) \rightarrow L_p(K, \lambda)$. In addition, $\pi_{p,\sigma}(T)$ is the infimum of numbers C for which (2) holds.

Proof. Let $T \in \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K), F)$. Then there is $G \in \text{BAN}$ and $S \in \mathcal{P}_p(\mathcal{C}(K), G)$ such that (1) holds. By Pietsch's factorization theorem (see [7], 17.3.5), there is a probability measure λ on K and $R \in \mathcal{L}(L_p(K, \lambda), G)$ such that $S = RI_K$ and $\Pi_p(S) = \inf \|R\|$ over all R and λ . Then (2) holds and $\inf C \leq \inf \|R\|^{1-\sigma} = \Pi_p(S)^{1-\sigma}$. Taking the infimum over all S in (1), we have $\inf C \leq \Pi_{p,\sigma}(T)$. Conversely, if (2) holds, the map $S = C^{1/(1-\sigma)} I_K \in \mathcal{P}_p(\mathcal{C}(K), L_p(K, \lambda))$ verifies (1) and hence $T \in \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K), F)$ and $\Pi_{p,\sigma}(T) \leq \Pi_p(S)^{1-\sigma} = C$. Then the conclusion follows. \square

The following result is due essentially to Pisier.

3. Proposition. For all $F \in \text{BAN}$, $1 \leq p < \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ we have

$$\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K), F) = \mathcal{P}_{(\frac{p}{1-\sigma}, p)}(\mathcal{C}(K), F).$$

Moreover,

$$\Pi_{(\frac{p}{1-\sigma}, p)}(T) \leq \Pi_{p,\sigma}(T) \leq \left(\frac{p}{1-\sigma} \right)^{(1-\sigma)/p} \Pi_{(\frac{p}{1-\sigma}, p)}(T).$$

Proof. The inclusion $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma} \subset \mathcal{P}_{(\frac{p}{1-\sigma}, p)}$ and the first inequality are immediate from theorem 4.1 of Matter in [4]. On the other hand, by theorem 2.4 of Pisier in [8], every $T \in \mathcal{P}_{(\frac{p}{1-\sigma}, p)}(\mathcal{C}(K), F)$ verifies our proposition 2 and the second inequality. \square

It is well known that $\mathcal{P}_{(q,p)}(\mathcal{C}(K), F)$ does not depend on the parameter p (see [6] and [8]). From proposition 3 we get

4. Corollary. Let $F \in \text{BAN}$, $1 \leq p < \infty$, $0 < \sigma < 1$ and $q = \frac{p}{1-\sigma}$. Then for every $1 \leq s < \infty$ and $0 < \tau < 1$ such that $\frac{s}{1-\tau} = q$, $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K), F) = \mathcal{P}_{s,\tau}(\mathcal{C}(K), F)$. Moreover, if $\tau \geq \sigma$ there is a $C \geq 1$ such that $\Pi_{s,\tau}(T) \leq \Pi_{p,\sigma}(T) \leq C\Pi_{s,\tau}(T)$ for every $T \in \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(C(K), F)$.

Proof. It follows from theorem 4.1 in [4], the fact that $g(\sigma) = a^{1-\sigma}b^\sigma$ is an increasing function on $[0, 1[$ for $0 \leq a \leq b < \infty$ and the open mapping theorem. \square

We have defined in [3] a family $\alpha_{q,\nu,q,\sigma}$ of tensor norms on BAN which generalizes the known tensor norms α_{pq} of Lapresté (see [2] and [1]). In particular, choosing $\nu = 0$ and $q = 1$ we get the following:

5. Definition. Let $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ and $0 \leq \sigma < 1$. The tensor norm $d_{p,\sigma}$ on BAN is defined by

$$d_{p,\sigma}(z; E \otimes F) := \inf \left\{ \delta_{p',\sigma}((x_i)) \pi_{(\frac{p'}{1-\sigma})}'((y_i)) \mid z = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \otimes y_i \right\} \quad \forall z \in E \otimes F.$$

It is proved in [3] that $d'_{p,\sigma}$ is the associated tensor norm to the deal $\mathcal{P}_{p',\sigma}$, i.e. $(E \hat{\otimes}_{d_{p,\sigma}} F)' = \mathcal{P}_{p',\sigma}(E, F')$. Hence

6. Corollary. If $F \in \text{BAN}$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ and $q = \frac{p}{1-\sigma}$, then $(\mathcal{C}(K) \otimes_{d_{p,\sigma}} F)'$ is isomorphic to $\mathcal{P}_{(q,p)}(\mathcal{C}(K), F')$, i.e. on $\mathcal{C}(K) \otimes F$, the associated tensor norm to $\mathcal{P}_{(q,p)}$ is equivalent to $d'_{p',\sigma}$.

7. Definition. Let (\mathcal{U}, U) be a normed operator ideal in BAN and $E, F \in \text{BAN}$. We say that $T \in \mathcal{U}(E, F)$ has the extension property if there is $\bar{T} \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), F'')$ such that $J_F T = \bar{T} I_E$.

Note that this definition is not coincident with the given one by Matter in [4] section 5. We denote by $\mathcal{U}^{\text{ext}}(E, F)$ the set of all operators $T \in \mathcal{U}(E, F)$ with the extension property. It is easy to see that

$$U^{\text{ext}}(T) = \inf \{U(\bar{T}) \mid \bar{T}|_E = T \text{ and } \bar{T} \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), F'')\}$$

is a norm in $\mathcal{U}^{\text{ext}}(E, F)$.

When \mathcal{U} is a maximal operator ideal with associated tensor norm α , we denote by $\setminus\mathcal{U}$ the maximal operator ideal associated to the left projective tensor norm $\setminus\alpha$. The following characterization shows, in particular, that $(\mathcal{U}^{\text{ext}}, U^{\text{ext}})$ is a normed operator ideal in BAN and gives us an easy description of the ideal $\setminus\mathcal{U}$:

8. Proposition. *The following are equivalent:*

- 1) $T \in \mathcal{U}^{\text{ext}}(E, F)$
- 2) $T \in \setminus\mathcal{U}(E, F)$
- 3) *There are a compact space K , a Radon measure μ on K and operators $R \in \mathcal{L}(E, L_\infty(K, \mu))$ and $\bar{T} \in \mathcal{U}(L_\infty(K, \mu), F'')$ such that $J_F T = \bar{T} R$.*

Moreover $U^{\text{ext}}(T) = \setminus U(T) = \inf \|R\|U(\bar{T})$, taking the infimum over all factorizations as in 3).

Proof. 1) \Rightarrow 2). This implication and the inequality $\setminus U(T) \leq U^{\text{ext}}(T)$ follow from proposition 20.12 in [1].

2) \Rightarrow 3). Use again proposition 20.12 in [1].

3) \Rightarrow 1). Suppose that $J_F T$ admits a factorization as in 3). Since $L_\infty(K, \mu)$ is isometric to some $\mathcal{C}(W)$ where W is a compact Stonean space (see for instance the section 3.10 of [1]), R has a norm preserving extension $H \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), L_\infty(\mu))$. Thus $U^{\text{ext}}(T) \leq U(\bar{T}H) \leq \|H\|U(\bar{T}) \leq \|R\|U(\bar{T})$ and $U^{\text{ext}}(T) \leq \setminus U(T)$. \square

9. Corollary. *Let $q \geq p$ and $\sigma \in [0, 1[$ such that $q = \frac{p}{1-\sigma}$. For all $E, F \in \text{BAN}$, $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}^{\text{ext}}(E, F)$ is isomorphic to $\mathcal{P}_{q,p}^{\text{ext}}(E, F)$.*

When $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}$ we can determine explicitly the tensor norm associated with $\mathcal{U}^{\text{ext}} = \setminus\mathcal{U}$. Given $E, F \in \text{BAN}$, let $\alpha_{p,\sigma}$ be the norm on $E \otimes F$

$$\alpha_{p,\sigma}(z; E \otimes F) = d_{p,\sigma}((I_E \otimes \text{Id}_F)(z); \mathcal{C}(B_{E'}) \otimes F).$$

$\alpha_{p,\sigma}$ is a tensor norm in BAN as consequence of the following theorem:

10. Theorem. *Given $q \geq p$, let $\sigma \in [0, 1[$ be such that $q = \frac{p}{1-\sigma}$. Then*

$$(E \otimes_{\alpha_{p',\sigma}} F)' = \mathcal{P}_{(q,p)}^{\text{ext}}(E, F')$$

i.e. $\alpha'_{p',\sigma}$ is equivalent to the tensor norm associated to $\mathcal{P}_{(q,p)}^{\text{ext}}$.

Proof. $E \otimes_{\alpha'_{p',\sigma}} F$ is a topological subspace of $\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}) \otimes_{d_{p',\sigma}} F$. Then

$$(E \otimes_{\alpha'_{p',\sigma}} F)' = (\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}) \otimes_{d_{p',\sigma}} F)' / (E \otimes F)^\perp = \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), F') / (E \otimes F)^\perp$$

where $(E \otimes F)^\perp$ is the orthogonal to $E \otimes F$ in $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), F')$. Let $\|\cdot\|_0$ be the norm on $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), F') / (E \otimes F)^\perp$. It is clear that every element \widehat{T} of this quotient ($\widehat{\cdot}$ denotes the classes in the quotient) defines a unique operator T in $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}^{\text{ext}}(E, F')$ such that

$$\Pi_{p,\sigma}^{\text{ext}}(T) \leq \inf\{\Pi_{p,\sigma}(S) \mid S \in \widehat{T}\} = \|\widehat{T}\|_0.$$

Conversely, since there is a projection P from F''' onto F' of norm 1, every $T \in \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}^{\text{ext}}(E, F')$ has an extension $S \in \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), F''')$. If $T_0 = PS$, then $\widehat{T}_0 \in \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), F') / (E \otimes F)^\perp$ and $\|\widehat{T}_0\|_0 \leq \Pi_{p,\sigma}(PS) \leq \Pi_{p,\sigma}(S)$. Hence $\|\widehat{T}_0\|_0 \leq \Pi_{p,\sigma}^{\text{ext}}(T)$ and $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), F') / (E \otimes F)^\perp$ is isometric with $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}^{\text{ext}}(E, F')$. Corollary 9 gives the conclusion. \square

11. Corollary. *If $q \geq p \in [1, \infty[$, and $\sigma \in [0, 1[$ is such that $q = \frac{p}{1-\sigma}$, then $\alpha'_{p',\sigma}$ is equivalent to ν_{qp} .*

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