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ON PROBLEMS CONCERNING UNIQUENESS OF THE EXTENSION OF
LINEAR OPERATIONS ON LINEAR SPACES

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The aim of this paper is the formulation of the so-called Φ -unique extensibility of linear operators (i.e. linear transformations of linear space into another one) which is a generalization of the traditional uniqueness of the extensibility of linear functionals preserving the norm (see [1]). The necessary and sufficient conditions for Φ -unique extensibility and for the uniqueness of the extensibility of bounded linear operators are proved. The paper further contains a generalization of the Phelps' result (see [1]).

This note follows the paper [2], and the same conventions are used here.

Definition 1. Let Φ be a mapping from P into $\text{exp } Q$ (i.e. the set of all subsets of the linear space Q). The operator will be called Φ -unique extensible, if there is one and only one operator B such that

$$\text{def } B = P ,$$

$$x \in \text{def } A \implies A(x) = B(x) ,$$

$$x \in P \implies B(x) \in \Phi(x) .$$

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Remark 1. It is true that every Φ -unique extension-able operator is a Φ -extensionable operator (see Definition 2 in [2]).

Definition 2. Let Φ be a mapping from P into $\exp Q$. The mapping is called a uniquely linearly covering P in respect to Q , if the following statement is satisfied:

Let A be a Φ -admissible operator (see Definition 1 in [2]), then for every $y \in P$ there is one and only one $a \in Q$ such that

$$A(x) + \alpha a \in \Phi(x + \alpha y)$$

for all $x \in \text{def } A$ and $\alpha \in K$.

Remark 2. It is true that every uniquely linearly covering mapping is a linearly covering mapping in respect to Q .

Theorem 1. Let Φ be a mapping from P into Q . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) Every Φ -admissible operator is a Φ -unique extensionable operator;
- (ii) The mapping Φ is a uniquely linearly covering P in respect to Q .

Proof. Let (i) be true, but (ii) untrue. From Remark 1 and Theorem 1 in [2] it follows that Φ is linearly covering P in respect to Q . Then there is also a Φ -admissible operator A and an element $y \in P$ as well as the different elements $a_1, a_2 \in Q$ such that

$$A(x) + \alpha a_1 \in \Phi(x + \alpha y),$$

$$A(x) + \alpha a_2 \in \Phi(x + \alpha y) \text{ for all } x \in \text{def } A \text{ and } \alpha \in K.$$

We define the operators B_1, B_2 as follows:

$$\text{def } B_1 = \text{def } B_2 = [\text{def } A \cup \eta],$$

if $x = x + \alpha \eta$, $x \in \text{def } A$, $\alpha \in K$, then

$$B_1(x) = A(x) + \alpha a_1,$$

$$B_2(x) = A(x) + \alpha a_2.$$

B_1 and B_2 are Φ -admissible operators. From Theorem 1 in [2] it follows that there are Φ -admissible operators B_3, B_4 which are the extensions of the operators B_1, B_2 and $\text{def } B_3 = \text{def } B_4 = P$. It is true that B_3 and B_4 are different operators being the extensions of the operator A . This gives a contradiction.

Let (ii) be true, but (i) untrue. According to Remark 2 and Theorem 1 in [2] it follows that every Φ -admissible operator is a Φ -extensionable operator and that there is also a Φ -admissible operator A such that it has two different extensions, i.e. there are B_1, B_2 such that

$$\text{def } B_1 = \text{def } B_2 = P,$$

$$x \in \text{def } A \Rightarrow A(x) = B_1(x) = B_2(x),$$

$$x \in P \Rightarrow B_1(x) \in \Phi(x), B_2(x) \in \Phi(x)$$

and there is $\eta \in P$ (resp. $\eta \in P - \text{def } A$) such that

$$B_1(\eta) \neq B_2(\eta).$$

If we denote $a_1 = B_1(\eta)$, $a_2 = B_2(\eta)$, it follows

$$A(x) + \alpha a_1 \in \Phi(x + \alpha \eta),$$

$$A(x) + \alpha a_2 \in \Phi(x + \alpha \eta) \text{ for all } x \in \text{def } A \text{ and } \alpha \in K.$$

This is a contradiction. The proof is complete.

Convention. In the following K will denote a field of real or complex numbers. Let P, Q be normed linear spaces. We denote the norm on P by the same way as in [2]

$^1\|\cdot\|$, the norm on Q . $^2\|\cdot\|$.

Analogously, the symbol $S(a; \varepsilon)$ is used for the set $\{b \in Q; ^2\|a - b\| \leq \varepsilon\}$, $\varepsilon \geq 0$.

Definition 3. Let $k \geq 0$. Let P, Q be normed linear spaces. The linear space Q is called k -productively uniquely centred in respect to P , if the following is satisfied:

Let A be such that

$S(A(x_1), k^1\|x_1 + y\|) \cap S(A(x_2), k^1\|x_2 + y\|) \neq \emptyset$
for all $x_1, x_2 \in \text{def } A$ and $y \in P$, then

$\bigcup_{x \in \text{def } A} S(A(x), k^1\|x + y\|)$ contains only one element for every $y \in P$.

Remark 3. It is true that every k -productively uniquely centred linear space Q in respect to P is k -productively centred in respect to P (see Definition 4 in [2]).

Theorem 2. Let $k \geq 0$. Let P, Q be normed linear spaces. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i) The mapping Φ from linear space P to $\text{exp } Q$ defined by the following

$$x \in P \Rightarrow \Phi(x) = \{a \in Q; ^2\|a\| \leq k^1\|x\|\}$$

is uniquely linearly covering P in respect to Q ;

(ii) The linear space Q is k -productively uniquely centred in respect to P .

Proof. Let (i) be true, but (ii) untrue. From Remark 2 and Theorem 2 in [2] Q is k -productively centred in respect to Q and there is also A such that

$$S(A(x_1), k^1\|x_1 + y\|) \cap S(A(x_2), k^1\|x_2 + y\|) \neq \emptyset$$

for all $x_1, x_2 \in \text{def } A$ and $y \in P$ and there is at least one element $y \in P$ such that

$\bigcap_{x \in \text{def } A} S(A(x), k^{-1} \|x + y\|)$ contains at least two different elements. We denote these elements $-a_1, -a_2$.

It follows

$${}^2\|A(x) + a_1\| \leq k^{-1} \|x + y\| ,$$

$${}^2\|A(x) + a_2\| \leq k^{-1} \|x + y\| \text{ for all } x \in \text{def } A .$$

From there it follows that for all $\alpha \in K, \alpha \neq 0$

$${}^2\|A(x) + \alpha a_1\| \leq k^{-1} \|x + \alpha y\| ,$$

$${}^2\|A(x) + \alpha a_2\| \leq k^{-1} \|x + \alpha y\| ,$$

in other words

$$A(x) + \alpha a_1 \in \Phi(x + \alpha y) ,$$

$A(x) + \alpha a_2 \in \Phi(x + \alpha y)$ for all $x \in \text{def } A$ and $\alpha \in K$ (for $\alpha = 0$ trivially). However, this is a contradiction.

Let (ii) be true, but (i) untrue. From Remark 3 and Theorem 2 in [2] it follows that Φ is linearly covering P in respect to Q and there is also a Φ -admissible operator A and $y \in P$ and two different $-a_1, -a_2$ such that

$${}^2\|A(x) + \alpha a_1\| \leq k^{-1} \|x + \alpha y\| ,$$

$${}^2\|A(x) + \alpha a_2\| \leq k^{-1} \|x + \alpha y\|$$

for all $x \in \text{def } A$ and $\alpha \in K$.

From it

$$S(A(x_1), k^{-1} \|x_1 + y\|) \cap S(A(x_2), k^{-1} \|x_2 + y\|) \neq \emptyset$$

for all $x_1, x_2 \in \text{def } A$ and $y \in P$ because it follows

$$\begin{aligned} & \| \|x_1 + y\| + \|x_2 + y\| \| \geq \| \|x_1 - x_2\| \| \geq \\ & \geq {}^2\| A(x_1 - x_2) \| = {}^2\| A(x_1) - A(x_2) \| \end{aligned}$$

and that

$$-a_1, -a_2 \in \bigcap_{x \in \text{def } A} S(A(x), \|x + y\|).$$

This gives a contradiction. The proof is complete.

Definition 4. We call the linear space Q productively uniquely centred in respect to P if this linear space is \mathcal{K} -productively uniquely centred in respect to P for every Q .

Theorem 3. Let P, Q be normed linear spaces. Let P be productively uniquely centred in respect to P . Then every bounded operator from P into Q has only one extension on the whole P preserving the norm.

Proof. This theorem is a result of Theorem 1.2 and Definition 4.

Remark 4. In the following we shall be concerned with a slightly different problem formulated for linear functionals in [1]:

Let P, Q be normed linear spaces. Let R be a subspace of the space P . Let Q be productively centred in respect to P . We want to formulate a necessary and sufficient condition for the uniqueness of the extension preserving the norm of every bounded operator such that $\text{def } A = R$, more exactly, there is only one operator B such that

$$\text{def } B = P, x \in R \Rightarrow A(x) = B(x), {}^3\|A\| = {}^3\|B\|$$

(in this way we denote the norm on a linear space of all bounded operators from P into Q).

It follows from Theorem 2, Remark 1 from [2] respectively, that there is an extension of this operator. The problem lies in the uniqueness of such an extension.

Convention. Let P, Q be normed linear spaces. By the symbol \mathcal{L} we shall denote a normed linear space of all bounded operators from P into Q such that their domain is the whole P . Analogously, we denote by the symbol \mathcal{L}_R a normed linear space of all bounded operators from P into Q such that their domain is the subspace R .

Furthermore, let $A \in \mathcal{L}$. By the symbol A_R , we denote an operator such that $A_R \in \mathcal{L}_R, x \in R \Rightarrow A_R(x) = A(x)$. The set $\{B \in \mathcal{L}; x \in R \Rightarrow B(x) = 0\}$ we denote ${}_Q R^\perp$ and call Q - annihilator of the product R .

Definition 5. Let P be a normed linear space. Let R be a subspace of the space P . We say that R has the Haar's characteristic (see [1]), if the following is valid:

if $x \in P$, then there is at most one element $y \in R$ such that

$${}^1\|x - y\| = \inf \{ {}^1\|x - z\| \mid z \in R \}.$$

Lemma 1. Let P be a normed linear space. Let R be a subspace of the space P . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) R has not the Haar's characteristic;
- (ii) there are $x \in P$ and $y \in R, y \neq 0$ such that ${}^1\|x\| = {}^1\|x - y\| = {}^1\|x - z\|$ for all $z \in R$.

Proof. Let (i) be true. Thus, there are $x_0 \in P$,

different $\psi_1, \psi_2 \in R$ so that

$${}^1\|x_0 - \psi_1\| = {}^1\|x_0 - \psi_2\| = \inf \{ {}^1\|x - z\|; z \in R \}.$$

We denote $x = x_0 - \psi_1$, $y = \psi_2 - \psi_1$. It follows

$${}^1\|x\| = {}^1\|x - y\|, \quad y \in R, \quad y \neq 0.$$

Let $z \in R$, then $z + \psi_1 \in R$ and further

$${}^1\|x_0 - (z + \psi_1)\| \geq {}^1\|x_0 - \psi_1\|;$$

in other words,

$${}^1\|x\| \leq {}^1\|x - z\|. \quad \text{Thus, (ii) is satisfied.}$$

If (ii) is true, then (i) is trivially satisfied. The proof is complete.

Lemma 2. Let P, Q be normed linear spaces. Let Q be productively centred in respect to P . Let R be a subspace of the space P . Let $A \in \mathcal{L}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} {}^3\|A_R\| &= \inf \{ \mathfrak{K}; {}^2\|A(x)\| \leq \mathfrak{K} {}^1\|x\|, x \in R \} = \\ &= \inf \{ {}^3\|A - B\|, B \in {}_Q R^\perp \}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. If $B \in {}_Q R^\perp$, then

$${}^3\|A_R\| = \inf \{ \mathfrak{K}; {}^2\|(A-B)(x)\| \leq \mathfrak{K} {}^1\|x\|, x \in R \} \geq {}^3\|A - B\|.$$

Also, it follows that: ${}^3\|A_R\| \leq \inf \{ {}^3\|A - B\|, B \in {}_Q R^\perp \}$.

According to the assumption that Q is productively centred in respect to P , from Remark 1 in [2] it follows that there is an operator C such that

$${}^3\|A_R\| = {}^3\|C\|, \quad x \in R \Rightarrow A_R(x) = C(x).$$

Since

$${}^3\|A_R\| = {}^3\|C\| = {}^3\|A - (A - C)\|, \quad \text{and } A - C \in {}_Q R^\perp,$$

the proof is complete.

Theorem 4. Let P, Q be normed linear spaces. Let

\mathcal{Q} be productively centred in respect to P . Let R be a subspace of the space P . Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i) For every $B \in \mathcal{L}_R$ there is one and only one $C \in \mathcal{L}$ such that

$$x \in R \implies B(x) = C(x), \quad {}^3\|B\| = {}^3\|C\|.$$

(ii) The linear space ${}_{\mathcal{Q}}R^\perp$ has the Haar's characteristic ("in respect to the linear space \mathcal{L} ").

Proof. Let (i) be true, but (ii) untrue. From Lemma 1 it follows that there is $C \in \mathcal{L}$ and $D \in {}_{\mathcal{Q}}R^\perp$, $D \neq 0$ such that

$${}^3\|C\| = {}^3\|C - D\| = \inf \{ {}^3\|C - E\|; E \in {}_{\mathcal{Q}}R^\perp \}.$$

From Lemma 2 it follows that

$${}^3\|C_R\| = \inf \{ {}^3\|C - E\|; E \in {}_{\mathcal{Q}}R^\perp \}.$$

Also, the operator $C_R \in \mathcal{L}_R$ has two different extensions, i.e. C and $C - D$, on the whole P preserving the norm but this is a contradiction.

Let (ii) be true, but (i) untrue. There is an operator $B \in \mathcal{L}_R$ having at least two different extensions on the whole P preserving the norm. We denote these extensions C_1, C_2 . It is true that $C_1 - C_2 \in {}_{\mathcal{Q}}R^\perp$, and, further, from Lemma 2 it follows that

$${}^3\|C_1\| = {}^3\|C_1 - (C_1 - C_2)\| = {}^3\|B\| = \inf \{ {}^3\|C_1 - D\|, D \in {}_{\mathcal{Q}}R^\perp \},$$

however, it is a contradiction (see Lemma 1).

The proof is complete.

Theorem 5. Let P, \mathcal{Q} be normed linear spaces. Let

\mathcal{Q} be productively centred in respect to P . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i) Every bounded operator is uniquely extensionable on the whole P preserving the norm;
- (ii) Q -annihilator of every subspace of the space F has the Haar's characteristic.
- The proof is easy.

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