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If f is an almost-periodic (a.p.) function, then for $s \in \mathbb{R}$ there exists the mean value

$$a(s) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n} \int_{-n}^n f(t) e^{-ist} dt.$$

We denote by $S(f) = \{s; a(s) \neq 0\}$ the spectrum of f . A Banach space valued function $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X$ is called weakly a.p. if for every $\varphi \in X^*$ $\varphi \circ F$ is a.p. The spectrum of F is the union $\bigcup S(\varphi \circ F)$ where φ runs over X^* . The following theorem was proved by M.I. Kadec and K.D. Kürsten /2/.

Theorem: The spectrum of every Banach space valued weakly a.p. function is countable.

Let us consider the space AP of a.p. functions as a subspace of $L_\infty(\mathbb{R}, dt)$.

Lemma 1: A subset $M \subset AP$ is norm separable iff the union $\bigcup S(f)$ where f runs over M is countable.

This follows immediately from well known properties of a.p. function

Lemma 2: Every $\sigma(L_\infty, L_1)$ -compact convex subset of AP is norm separable.

Sketch of proof: If $M \subset AP$ is convex, w^* -compact and nonseparable, then using methods of /5/ one obtains a subset $\Delta \subset M$ such that every norm separable subset of Δ is countable and such that (Δ, w^*) is homeomorphic to $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$. Transforming the Haar measure of $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ we obtain a measure m on Δ . The set of a.p. functions $\{w^* - \int g(f) f dm(f); g \in L_1(m)\}$ is norm separable and it follows from Bochner's approximation theorem (see /3/) that this set is contained in the image of a separable norm one projection in AP. This Projection P can be given as a limit of a double sequence of w^* -continuous operators and this allows us to show, that for m -almost all $f \in \Delta$ $Pf=f$, what is impossible.

Proof of theorem: Given a weakly a.p. function $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X$. We consider the operator B defined by

$$L_1(\mathbb{R}) \ni h \rightarrow B(h) = \text{Pettis-} \int F(t) h(t) dt \in X.$$

Then $B^* \varphi = \varphi \circ F \in AP$. By Lemma 2 B^* has separable range and the theorem follows from lemma 1.

Let us give some examples to the following question, connected with lemma 2: For which Banach spaces X and subspaces $Y \subset X^*$ every w^* -compact (convex) subset of Y is norm separable?

- 1.) Let $l_1[0,1] \subset C[0,1]^*$ be the closed linear hull of point - measures. Then every w^* -compact convex subset of $l_1[0,1]$ is separable.
- 2.) V.I.Rybakov /4/ proved (using some special set - theoretic constructions) that there exist a Banach space $C(K)$ and an uncountable set Λ such that $l_1(\Lambda) \subset C(K)^*$ and such that every w^* -compact subset of $l_1(\Lambda)$ is separable. He also proved, that in such situation the identity map $(l_1(\Lambda), w^*) \rightarrow (l_1(\Lambda), \|\cdot\|)$ is universally measurable.
- 3.) Using some modifications of methods of /5/ it can be proved, that there is a subset $\Gamma \subset [0,1]$ of cardinality continuum such that every $\mathcal{G}(l_1(\Gamma), C[0,1])$ -compact subset of $l_1(\Gamma)$ is norm - separable.

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