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Using the concepts of Bochner measurability and Bochner space, we introduce a continuous version of (p, Y)-operator frames for a Banach space. We also define independent Bochner (p, Y)-operator frames for a Banach space and discuss some properties of Bochner (p, Y)-operator frames.

## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

The concept of frames was first introduced in the context of nonharmonic Fourier series [Duffin and Schaeffer 1952], and after the publication of [Daubechies et al. 1986] it has found broad application in signal processing, image processing, data compression and sampling theory. In this paper we introduce *Bochner* (p, Y)-operator frames, which are the continuous version of (p, Y)-operator frames for a Banach space, introduced in [Cao et al. 2008]. The new frames also generalize the *continuous p-frames* introduced in [Faroughi and Osgooei 2011].

Throughout this paper H will be a Hilbert space and X will be a Banach space.

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a sequence of elements of H. We say that  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a *frame* for H if there exist constants  $0 < A \le B < \infty$  such that for all  $h \in H$ 

$$A||h||^{2} \le \sum_{i \in I} |\langle f_{i}, h \rangle|^{2} \le B||h||^{2}.$$
 (1-1)

The constants A and B are called frame bounds. If A, B can be chosen so that A = B, we call this frame an A-tight frame and if A = B = 1 it is called a Parseval frame. If we only have the upper bound, we call  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  a Bessel sequence. If  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  is a Bessel sequence then the following operators are bounded:

$$T: l^2(I) \to H, \quad T(c_i) = \sum_{i \in I} c_i f_i,$$
 (1-2)

$$T^*: H \to l^2(I), \quad T^*(f) = \{\langle f, f_i \rangle\}_{i \in I},$$
 (1-3)

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called the *synthesis* and *analysis* operators, respectively. Hence the *frame operator S*, given by

$$Sf = TT^*f = \sum_{i \in I} \langle f, f_i \rangle f_i, \tag{1-4}$$

is also bounded.

The theory of frames has a continuous version, as follows.

**Definition 1.2** [Rahimi et al. 2006]. Let  $(\Omega, \mu)$  be a measure space. Let  $f: \Omega \to H$  be weakly measurable (i.e., for each  $h \in H$ , the mapping  $\omega \to \langle f(\omega), h \rangle$  is measurable). Then f is called a *continuous frame* or *c-frame* for H if there exist constants  $0 < A \le B < \infty$  such that for all  $h \in H$ 

$$A\|h\|^2 \le \int_{\Omega} |\langle f(\omega), h \rangle|^2 d\mu \le B\|h\|^2. \tag{1-5}$$

In this context the synthesis operator  $T_f: L^2(X, \mu) \to H$  is defined by

$$\langle T_f \phi, h \rangle = \int_X \phi(x) \langle f(x), h \rangle \, d\mu(x); \tag{1-6}$$

the analysis operator  $T_f^*: H \to L^2(X, \mu)$  by

$$(T_f^*h)(x) = \langle h, f(x) \rangle, \quad x \in X; \tag{1-7}$$

and the frame operator by

$$S_f = T_f T_f^*. (1-8)$$

By Theorem 2.5 in [Rahimi et al. 2006],  $S_f$  is positive, self-adjoint and invertible. Suppose  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a measure space, where  $\mu$  is a positive measure.

**Definition 1.3.** A function  $f: \Omega \to X$  is called *simple* if there exist  $x_1, \ldots, x_n \in X$  and  $E_1, \ldots, E_n \in \Sigma$  such that  $f = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \chi_{E_i}$ , where  $\chi_{E_i}(\omega) = 1$  if  $\omega \in E_i$  and  $\chi_{E_i}(\omega) = 0$  if  $\omega \in E_i^c$ . If  $\mu(E_i)$  is finite whenever  $x_i \neq 0$  then the simple function f is *integrable*, and the integral is then defined by

$$\int_{\Omega} f(\omega) d\mu(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu(E_i) x_i.$$

**Definition 1.4.** A function  $f: \Omega \to X$  is called *Bochner-measurable* if there exists a sequence of simple functions  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  such that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} ||f_n(\omega) - f(\omega)|| = 0, \quad \mu\text{-a.e.}$$

**Definition 1.5.** A Bochner-measurable function  $f: \Omega \to X$  is called *Bochner-integrable* if there exists a sequence of integrable simple functions  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \int_{\Omega} \|f_n(\omega) - f(\omega)\| \ d\mu(\omega) = 0.$$

In this case,  $\int_E f(\omega) d\mu(\omega)$  is defined by

$$\int_{E} f(\omega) d\mu(\omega) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \int_{E} f_n(\omega) d\mu(\omega), \quad E \in \Sigma.$$

**Definition 1.6.** A Banach space X has the  $Radon-Nikodym\ property$  if, for every finite measure space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  and every (finitely additive) X-valued measure  $\gamma$  on  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$  that has bounded variation and is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$ , there is a Bochner-integrable function  $g: \Omega \to X$  such that

$$\gamma(E) = \int_{E} g(\omega) \ d\mu(\omega)$$

for every measurable set  $E \in \Sigma$ .

**Remark 1.7.** Suppose that  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a measure space and  $X^*$  has the Radon–Nikodym property. Let  $1 \le p \le \infty$ . The *Bochner space*  $L^p(\mu, X)$  is defined to be the Banach space of (equivalence classes of) X-valued Bochner-measurable functions F on  $\Omega$  whose  $L^p$  norm is finite; here the  $L^p$  norm is defined by

$$||F||_p = \left(\int_{\Omega} ||F(\omega)||^p d\mu(\omega)\right)^{1/p}$$

if p is finite, and by the essential supremum of  $||F(\omega)||$  if  $p = \infty$ . In [Diestel and Uhl 1977; Cengiz 1998; Fleming and Jamison 2008, p. 51] it is proved that if q is such that  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , then  $L^q(\mu, X^*)$  is isometrically isomorphic to  $(L^p(\mu, X))^*$  if and only if  $X^*$  has the Radon–Nikodym property. This isometric isomorphism

$$\psi: L^q(\mu, X^*) \to (L^p(\mu, X))^*$$

takes  $g \in L^q(\mu, X^*)$  to  $\phi_g$ , the linear map defined by

$$\phi_g(f) = \int_{\Omega} g(\omega)(f(\omega)) d\mu(\omega), \quad f \in L^p(\mu, X).$$

So for all  $f \in L^p(\mu, X)$  and  $g \in L^q(\mu, X^*)$  we have

$$\psi(g)(f) = \langle f, \psi(g) \rangle = \int_{\Omega} g(\omega)(f(\omega)) \ d\mu(\omega) = \int_{\Omega} \langle f(\omega), g(\omega) \rangle \ d\mu(\omega).$$

In the following, we use the notation  $\langle f, g \rangle$  instead of  $\langle f, \psi(g) \rangle$ , so for all  $f \in L^p(\mu, X)$  and  $g \in L^q(\mu, X^*)$ 

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \langle f(\omega), g(\omega) \rangle d\mu(\omega).$$

Hilbert spaces have the Radon–Nikodym property, so in particular, if H is a Hilbert space then  $(L^p(\mu, H))^*$  is isometrically isomorphic to  $L^q(\mu, H)$ . So, for

all  $f \in L^p(\mu, H)$  and  $g \in L^q(\mu, H)$ , we have

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \langle f(\omega), g(\omega) \rangle d\mu(\omega),$$

in which  $\langle f(\omega), g(\omega) \rangle$  does not mean the inner product of elements  $f(\omega)$ ,  $g(\omega)$  in H, but

$$\langle f(\omega), g(\omega) \rangle = v(g(\omega))(f(\omega)),$$

where  $\nu: H \to H^*$  is the isometric isomorphism between H and  $H^*$ .

**Lemma 1.8.** Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measure space and suppose there exists k > 0 such that  $\mu(E) \ge k$  for every nonempty measurable set E of  $\Omega$ . For every  $\omega \in \Omega$ , define  $P_{\omega}: L^{p}(\mu, X) \to X$ ,  $P_{\omega}(G) = G(\omega)$ . Then  $\|P_{\omega}\| \le k^{-1/p}$ .

*Proof.* For a fix  $\omega_0 \in \Omega$ , put

$$\Delta = \{ \omega \in \Omega \mid ||G(\omega)|| \ge ||G(\omega_0)|| \}.$$

Then

$$\|G\|_p^p = \int_{\Omega} \|G(\omega)\|^p d\mu(\omega) \ge \int_{\Lambda} \|G(\omega)\|^p d\mu(\omega) \ge \mu(\Delta) \|G(\omega_0)\|^p \ge k \|G(\omega_0)\|^p.$$

Hence

$$\|P_{\omega_0}\| = \sup_{\|G\|_p \le 1} \|P_{\omega_0}(G)\| = \sup_{\|G\|_p \le 1} \|G(\omega_0)\| \le \sup_{\|G\|_p \le 1} k^{-1/p} \|G\|_p = k^{-1/p}. \quad \Box$$

### 2. Bochner (p, Y)-Bessel mappings for X

Throughout this section and the next we will work with a second Banach space Y in addition to X. We denote by B(X, Y) the space of bounded operators from X to Y.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $1 , and let <math>F : \Omega \to B(X, Y)$  be a map; we write  $F_{\omega}$  for  $F(\omega)$ . We say that F is a *Bochner* (p, Y)-Bessel mapping for X if the following conditions are met:

- (i) For each  $x \in X$ , the mapping  $\omega \mapsto F_{\omega}(x)$  from  $\Omega$  into Y is Bochner-measurable.
- (ii) There exists a positive constant B such that

$$||F_{\cdot}(x)||_{p} \le B||x|| \quad \text{for all } x \in X,$$
 (2-1)

where

$$||F_{\cdot}(x)||_{p} = \left(\int_{\Omega} ||F_{\omega}(x)||^{p} d\mu\right)^{1/p}.$$
 (2-2)

We denote by  $B_X^p(Y)$  the set of all Bochner (p, Y)-Bessel mappings for X. It

is easy to see that this set is closed under addition (defined in the obvious way: for  $F, K \in B_X^p(Y)$ , the sum F + K satisfies  $(F + K)_{\omega}(x) = F_{\omega}(x) + K_{\omega}(x)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$ ) and under multiplication by scalars. Thus  $B_X^p(Y)$  is a vector space. We give it a norm as follows. The *Bessel bound of*  $F \in B_X^p(Y)$  is the number

$$B_F = \inf\{B > 0 : B \text{ satisfies } (2-1)\}.$$

For every  $F \in B_X^p(Y)$ , define  $R_F : X \to L^p(\mu, Y)$  by  $x \mapsto F(x)$ . This is clearly a linear map; we should that it is also bounded. For every  $F \in B_X^p(Y)$ ,

$$||R_F(x)||_p = ||F_{\cdot}(x)||_p \le B||x||,$$
 (2-3)

for any B satisfying (2-1). Together with the linearity of  $R_F$  this implies that

$$||R_F|| \le B_F; \tag{2-4}$$

that is,  $R_F \in B(X, L^p(\mu, Y))$ . Now set

$$||F||_p = ||R_F||. (2-5)$$

By (2-4),  $||F||_p \le B_F$ . It is easy to show that this gives a norm on  $B_X^p(Y)$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measure space and suppose there exists k > 0 such that  $\mu(E) \ge k$  for every nonempty measurable set E of  $\Omega$ . For every 1 , the mapping

$$\Lambda: B_X^p(Y) \to B(X, L^p(\mu, Y))$$

given by  $\Lambda(F) = R_F$  is a linear isometric isomorphism, and  $B_X^p(Y)$  is a Banach space over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

*Proof.* Clearly, the mapping  $\Lambda$  is a linear isometry from  $B_X^p(Y)$  into  $B(X, L^p(\mu, Y))$ . Next we prove that  $\Lambda$  is surjective.

Choose  $\omega \in \Omega$ . For every  $A \in B(X, L^p(\mu, Y))$ , define  $F_\omega^A: X \to Y$  by

$$F_{\omega}^{A}(x) = P_{\omega}(A(x)) = A(x)(\omega), \quad x \in X.$$

By Lemma 1.8, we have  $||P_{\omega}|| \le k^{-1/p}$ ; hence  $F_{\omega}^A \in B(X, Y)$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Now, consider the mapping

$$F^A:\Omega\to B(X,Y)$$

given by  $\omega \mapsto F_{\omega}^{A}$ . Since  $F_{\omega}^{A}(x) = A(x)(\cdot) : \Omega \to Y$  for each  $x \in X$ , the mapping  $\omega \mapsto F_{\omega}^{A}(x)$  from  $\Omega$  into Y is Bochner-measurable and

$$||A(x)||_{p} = \int_{\Omega} ||A(x)(\omega)||^{p} d\mu(\omega) = \int_{\Omega} ||F_{\omega}^{A}(x)||^{p} d\mu(\omega) = ||F_{\cdot}^{A}(x)||_{p}.$$

Therefore

$$||F_{\cdot}^{A}(x)||_{p} = ||A(x)||_{p} \le ||A|| ||x||.$$

Hence  $F^A \in B_X^p(Y)$ . Also, for all  $\omega \in \Omega$  we have  $R_{F^A}(x)(\omega) = F_\omega^A(x) = A(x)(\omega)$ . Thus  $R_{F^A}(x) = A(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . This shows that  $\Lambda(F^A) = R_{F^A} = A$ ; thus  $\Lambda$  is surjective and so bijective. Consequently,  $B_X^p(Y)$  is isometrically isomorphic to the Banach space  $B(X, L^p(\mu, Y))$ . Therefore,  $B_X^p(Y)$  is a Banach space over  $\mathbb{C}$ .  $\square$ 

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $1 and <math>F \in B_X^p(Y)$ . Then, for every  $y^* \in Y^*$ , the mapping  $F_{\cdot}^*(y^*): \Omega \to X^*$ ,  $F_{\cdot}^*(y^*)(\omega) = F_{\omega}^p(y^*)$  is a Bochner pg-Bessel mapping for X with respect to  $\mathbb{C}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $y^* \in Y^*$  and  $x \in X$ . Clearly for each  $x \in X$  the map  $\omega \mapsto \langle x, F_{\omega}^*(y^*) \rangle$  from  $\Omega$  into  $\mathbb C$  is measurable and

$$\int_{\Omega} |\langle x, F_{\omega}^{*}(y^{*})\rangle|^{p} d\mu(\omega) = \int_{\Omega} |\langle F_{\omega}(x), y^{*}\rangle|^{p} d\mu(\omega)$$

$$\leq (\|y^{*}\|^{p}) \left( \int_{\Omega} \|F_{\omega}(x)\|^{p} d\mu(\omega) \right)$$

$$\leq \|y^{*}\|^{p} B_{F}^{p} \|x\|^{p}.$$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $(\Omega, \mu)$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space with positive measure  $\mu$  and let  $\Omega = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} K_n$  with  $K_n \subseteq K_{n+1}$ . Let  $1 , <math>\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  and  $F : \Omega \to B(X, Y)$ . The following assertions are equivalent:

- (i)  $F \in B_X^p(Y)$ .
- (ii) For each  $x \in X$ ,  $\int_{\Omega} ||F_{\omega}(x)||^p d\mu(\omega) < \infty$ .
- (iii) For each  $G \in L^q(Y^*)$ ,  $\sup_{\|x\| \le 1} |\int_{\Omega} \langle x, F_{\omega}^*(G(\omega)) \rangle \ d\mu(\omega)| < \infty$ .
- (iv) The operator  $S_F: L^q(Y^*) \to X^*$  defined by

$$\langle x, S_F(G) \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \langle x, F_{\omega}^*(G(\omega)) \rangle \ d\mu(\omega) \quad for \ x \in X$$

is well defined and bounded.

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) This is obvious.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Define  $A_n: X \to L^p(Y)$  by  $A_n(x)(\omega) = \chi_{K_n}(\omega) F_{\omega}(x)$ . For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$||A_n|| = \sup_{||x|| \le 1} ||A_n(x)||_p \le ||F_{\omega}||.$$

Hence, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $A_n \in B(X, L^p(Y))$ . By the definition of  $R_F$ , for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\|(R_F - A_n)(x)\|_p^p = \int_{\Omega} \|R_F(x)(\omega) - A_n(x)(\omega)\|^p d\mu(\omega)$$

$$= \int_{\Omega} \|F_{\omega}(x) - \chi_{K_n}(\omega)F_{\omega}(x)\|^p d\mu(\omega)$$

$$= \int_{\Omega - K_n} \|F_{\omega}(x)\|^p d\mu(\omega).$$

This converges to 0 as  $n \to \infty$ , proving that  $\lim_{n \to \infty} A_n(x) = R_F(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . By the Banach–Steinhaus theorem,  $R_F \in B(X, L^p(Y))$  and  $||R_F|| = \sup ||A_n|| < \infty$ . Hence  $F \in B_X^p(Y)$ .

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Let  $G \in L^q(\mu, Y^*)$  be arbitrary. By the Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{split} \sup_{\|x\| \le 1} \left| \int_{\Omega} \langle x, F_{\omega}^{*}(G(\omega)) \rangle \ d\mu(\omega) \right| \\ &= \sup_{\|x\| \le 1} \left| \int_{\Omega} \langle F_{\omega}(x), G(\omega) \rangle \ d\mu(\omega) \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{\|x\| \le 1} \left( \int_{\Omega} \|F_{\omega}(x)\|^{p} d\mu(\omega) \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_{\Omega} \|G\omega\|^{q} d\mu(\omega) \right)^{1/q} \le B_{F} \|G\|_{q} < \infty. \end{split}$$

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) Clearly  $S_F$  is well defined and by the proof of (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) we have

$$||S_F|| = \sup_{||G||_q \le 1} ||S_F(G)|| = \sup_{||G||_q \le 1} \sup_{||x|| \le 1} \langle S_F(G), x \rangle \le B_F < \infty.$$

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Take  $G \in L^q(\mu, Y^*)$  such that  $||G(\omega)|| = 1$  for every  $\omega \in \Omega$  and

$$||F_{\omega}(x)|| = \langle F_{\omega}(x), G(\omega) \rangle = \langle x, F_{\omega}^{*}(G(\omega)) \rangle$$
 for all  $x \in X$ .

Define  $\alpha_n : \Omega \to Y^*$  by  $\alpha_n(\omega) = \chi_{K_n}(\omega) ||F_{\omega}(x)||^{p-1} G(\omega)$ . Then

$$\|\alpha_n\|_q = \left(\int_{\Omega} \|\chi_{K_n}(\omega)\|F_{\omega}(x)\|^{p-1}G(\omega)\|^q d\mu(\omega)\right)^{1/q}$$

$$= \left(\int_{K_n} \|F_{\omega}(x)\|^{q(p-1)} d\mu(\omega)\right)^{1/q} = \left(\int_{K_n} \|F_{\omega}(x)\|^p d\mu(\omega)\right)^{1/q}.$$

Now, we have

$$\int_{K_{n}} \|F_{\omega}(x)\|^{p} d\mu(\omega) = \int_{K_{n}} \langle x, \|F_{\omega}(x)\|^{p-1} F_{\omega}^{*}(G(\omega)) \rangle d\mu(\omega) 
= \int_{\Omega} \langle x, \chi_{K_{n}}(\omega) \|F_{\omega}(x)\|^{p-1} F_{\omega}^{*}(G(\omega)) \rangle d\mu(\omega) = \langle x, S_{F}(\alpha_{n}) \rangle 
\leq \|x\| \|S_{F}\| \|\alpha_{n}\|_{q} = \|x\| \|S_{F}\| \left( \int_{K_{n}} \|F_{\omega}(x)\|^{p} d\mu(\omega) \right)^{1/q}.$$

Thus

$$\left(\int_{K_n} \|F_{\omega}(x)\|^p d\mu(\omega)\right)^{1/p} \le \|x\| \|S_F\|. \tag{2-6}$$

By letting  $n \to \infty$  in (2-6), we get  $F \in B_X^p(Y)$ .

## 3. Bochner (p, Y)-operator frames

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $1 . A mapping <math>F : \Omega \to B(X, Y)$  is called a *Bochner* (p, Y)-operator frame for X if the following conditions hold:

- (i) For each  $x \in X$ , the mapping  $\omega \mapsto F_{\omega}(x)$  from  $\Omega$  into Y is Bochner-measurable.
- (ii) There exist positive constants A and B such that

$$A||x|| \le ||F_{\cdot}(x)||_p \le B||x|| \quad \text{for all } x \in X,$$
 (3-1)

where  $||F_{\cdot}(x)||_p$  is as in (2-2). The *lower* and *upper bounds* of F are then given by

$$A_F = \sup\{A > 0 : A \text{ satisfies (3-1)}\}, \quad B_F = \inf\{B > 0 : B \text{ satisfies (3-1)}\},$$

We denote by  $F_X^p(Y)$  the set of all Bochner (p, Y)-operator frames for X.

**Definition 3.2.** A Bochner (p, Y)-operator frame F is called *tight* if  $A_F = B_F$ . If  $A_F = B_F = 1$ , we call F normalized. We denote by  $TF_X^p(Y)$  and  $NF_X^p(Y)$ , respectively, the sets of all tight and normalized Bochner (p, Y)-operator frames for X.

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $F \in B_X^p(Y)$ .

- (i)  $F \in F_X^p(Y)$  if and only if  $R_F$  is bounded below if and only if  $R_F^*$  is surjective.
- (ii)  $F \in TF_X^p(Y)$  if and only if  $R_F$  is a scaled isometry.

**Lemma 3.4.** (i) If  $F \in B_X^p(Y)$  then  $R_F^* \psi = S_F$ .

(ii) If Y is reflexive then  $L^p(\mu, Y)$  is reflexive.

*Proof.* (i) For all  $g \in L^q(\mu, Y^*)$  and  $x \in X$ , we have

$$\langle x, R_F^* \psi(g) \rangle = \langle R_F x, \psi(g) \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \langle F_{\omega}(x), g(\omega) \rangle \, d\mu(\omega)$$
$$= \int_{\Omega} \langle x, F_{\omega}^*(g(\omega)) \rangle \, d\mu(\omega) = \langle x, S_F g \rangle.$$

(ii) Let  $J_Y: Y \to Y^{**}$  be the canonical mapping. Suppose that Y is reflexive, that is  $J_Y(Y) = Y^{**}$ . For every  $f \in L^p(\mu, Y)$ , define  $L^p(J_Y)(f(\omega)) = J_Y f(\omega)$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$ . This gives a bijection  $L^p(J_Y): L^p(\mu, Y) \to L^p(\mu, Y^{**})$ . By using Remark 1.7, we know that the mapping  $\psi: L^q(\mu, Y^*) \to (L^p(\mu, Y))^*$  is a bijective bounded operator and so the adjoint  $\psi^*: (L^p(\mu, Y))^{**} \to (L^q(\mu, Y^*))^*$  is bijective. By using Remark 1.7 again, we obtain a bijective bounded operator

$$\psi': L^p(\mu, Y^{**}) \to (L^q(\mu, Y^*))^*$$

such that for all  $f \in L^p(\mu, Y^{**})$  and  $g \in L^q(\mu, Y^*)$ 

$$\langle f, \psi' g \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \langle f(\omega), g(\omega) \rangle d\mu(\omega).$$

For all  $f \in L^p(\mu, Y)$ ,  $g \in L^q(\mu, Y^*)$  we have

$$\langle g, (\psi^* \circ J_{L^p(\mu, Y)}) f \rangle = \langle \psi(g), J_{L^p(\mu, Y)} f \rangle = \langle f, \psi(g) \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \langle f(\omega), g(\omega) \rangle d\mu(\omega)$$

and

$$\langle g, (\psi' \circ L^p(J_Y)) f \rangle = \langle g, (\psi'(J_Y f(\cdot))) \rangle$$

$$= \int_{\Omega} \langle g(\omega), J_Y f(\omega) \rangle d\mu(\omega)$$

$$= \int_{\Omega} \langle f(\omega), g(\omega) \rangle d\mu(\omega).$$

Therefore,  $\psi^* \circ J_{L^p(\mu,Y)} = \psi' \circ L^p(J_Y)$  and hence  $J_{L^p(\mu,Y)} = (\psi^*)^{-1} \circ \psi' \circ L^p(J_Y)$ , which is a bijection. Hence  $L^p(\mu,Y)$  is reflexive.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $F \in B_X^p(Y)$ ,  $G \in F_X^p(Y)$  and  $||F||_p \leq A_G$ . Then

$$F\pm G\in F_X^p(Y).$$

*Proof.* For each  $x \in X$ , we have

 $\|(F \pm G)_{\cdot}(x)\|_{p} = \|F_{\cdot}(x) \pm G_{\cdot}(x)\|_{p} \ge \|G_{\cdot}(x)\|_{p} - \|F_{\cdot}(x)\|_{p} \ge (A_{G} - \|F\|_{p})\|x\|$  and

$$||(F \pm G)(x)||_p \le (||F||_p + ||G||_p)||x||.$$

So 
$$F \pm G \in F_X^p(Y)$$
.

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $F \in F_X^p(Y)$ . Then for each  $x^* \in X^*$ , there exists an element  $G \in L^p(\mu, Y^*)$  such that

$$\langle y, x^* \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \langle y, F_{\omega}^*(G(\omega)) \rangle d\mu(\omega), \quad y \in X.$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.4, we have  $R_F^*\psi = S_F$ . Since  $F \in F_X^p(Y)$ , it follows from Corollary 3.3 that  $R_F^*$  is surjective. Thus the operator  $S_F : L^q(\mu, Y^*) \to X^*$  is a surjection. Let  $x^* \in X^*$ ; then there exists a  $G \in L^p(\mu, Y^*)$  such that  $x^* = S_F(G)$ , so

$$\langle y, x^* \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \langle y, F_{\omega}^*(G(\omega)) \rangle d\mu(\omega), \quad y \in X.$$

**Definition 3.7.** A Bochner (p, Y)-operator frame for X is called *independent* if the operator  $S_F$  is injective, i.e., if for every  $f \neq 0$  there exists  $x \in X$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \langle x, F_{\omega}^*(f(\omega)) \rangle d\mu(\omega) \neq 0.$$

We denote by  $IF_X^p(Y)$  the set of all independent Bochner (p, Y)-operator frames for X.

**Theorem 3.8.** Let F be an independent Bochner (p, Y)-operator frame for X. Then  $R_F$  is invertible.

*Proof.* We already know that  $S_F$  is injective. By Lemma 3.4 and Corollary 3.3, we know that  $R_F^*$  is bijective. Hence  $R_F$  is invertible.

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measure space and suppose there exists k > 0 such that  $\mu(E) \ge k$  for every nonempty measurable set E of  $\Omega$ . For each  $F \in IF_X^p(Y)$ , there exists a unique Bochner  $(q, Y^*)$ -operator frame Q for  $X^*$  such that for all  $y \in X$ 

$$\langle y, x^* \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \langle y, F_{\omega}^* R_Q x^*(\omega) \rangle \ d\mu(\omega).$$

*Proof.* Let F be an independent Bochner (p,Y)-operator frame for X. Then Theorem 3.8 yields that the operator  $R_F$  is invertible, so by Lemma 3.4,  $S_F$  is invertible. We can define  $Q_\omega = P_\omega S_F^{-1}$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$ , where  $P_\omega : L^q(\mu, Y^*) \to Y^*$  is defined by  $P_\omega(G) = G(\omega)$ . By Lemma 1.8,  $P_\omega$  is bounded. Therefore  $Q_\omega \in B(X^*, Y^*)$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$ . For each  $x^* \in X^*$ , we have  $Q_\cdot(x^*) = S_F^{-1}(x^*)$ , so for each  $x^* \in X^*$ , the mapping  $\omega \mapsto Q_\omega(x^*)$  is Bochner-measurable and

$$\frac{1}{\|S_F\|} \|x^*\| \le \left( \int_{\Omega} \|Q_{\omega}(x^*)\|^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} = \|S_F^{-1}(x^*)\| \le \|S_F^{-1}\| \|x^*\|.$$

Hence, Q is a Bochner  $(q, Y^*)$ -operator frame for  $X^*$  with bounds  $||S_F||^{-1}$  and  $||S_F^{-1}||$ . By the definition of Q, we obtain that  $R_Q = S_F^{-1}$  and so  $x^* = S_F R_Q x^*$ ,  $x^* \in X^*$ . Thus

$$\langle y, x^* \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \langle y, F_{\omega}^* R_{Q} x^*(\omega) \rangle \ d\mu(\omega), \quad y \in X.$$

Next, we will show the uniqueness of Q. Let W be a Bochner  $(q, Y^*)$ -operator frame for  $X^*$  such that for all  $y \in X$ 

$$\langle y, x^* \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \langle y, F_{\omega}^* R_W x^*(\omega) \rangle d\mu(\omega), \quad x^* \in X^*.$$

Thus  $S_F R_W = I_{X^*}$ , or  $R_W = S_F^{-1} = R_Q$ . Therefore, W = Q.

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