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We characterize Banach spaces E such that E and  $E^*$  have the Radon-Nikodym property in terms of relatively weakly compact sets of  $L^1[\lambda, E]$ .

**Introduction.** It is well known [1] that if  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \lambda)$  is a finite measure space and E is a Banach space, then a relatively weakly compact subset Kof  $L^{1}[\lambda, E]$  is bounded, uniformly integrable and for every  $B \in \Sigma$ , the set  $\{\int_{B} f d\lambda, f \in K\}$  is relatively weakly compact in E. Moreover, it was shown in [1] that if the Banach space E and its dual  $E^*$  have the Radon-Nikodym property, then relatively weakly compact subsets of  $L^{1}[\lambda, E]$  are completely characterized by the above three conditions. A question that arises naturally is the following: Are the conditions on E and  $E^*$  to have the Radon-Nikodym property necessary in order that relatively weakly compact subsets of  $L^{1}[\lambda, E]$  be exactly those bounded, uniformly integrable subsets K such that for any  $B \in \Sigma$ , the set  $\{\int_B f d\lambda, f \in K\}$  is relatively weakly compact in E? In [1], it was shown that the condition on E to have the Radon-Nikodym property is indeed necessary. The object of this paper is to show that the condition on  $E^*$  to have the Radon-Nikodym property is also necessary. This gives a new characterization of Banach spaces E such that E and  $E^*$  have the Radon-Nikodym property. We also study bounded linear operators T between Banach spaces such that T and its adjoint  $T^*$  are strong Radon-Nikodym operators.

#### **Definitions and Preliminaries.**

DEFINITION 1. A closed bounded convex subset C of a Banach space E is a Radon-Nikodym (R.N.P) set if for every finite measure space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \lambda)$  and any vector measure  $G: \Sigma \to E$  such that the set  $\{G(B)/\lambda(B), B \in \Sigma, \lambda(B) > 0\}$  is contained in C, there exists a Bochner integrable Radon-Nikodym derivative  $f: \Omega \to C$  such that  $G(B) = \int_B f d\lambda$ , for every  $B \in \Sigma$ .

For more on (R.N.P) sets see [3] and [4].

DEFINITION 2. A bounded linear operator T from a Banach E into a Banach space F is called a *strong Radon-Nikodym operator* if the closure of  $\{Tx, x \in E, ||x|| \le 1\}$  is an (R.N.P) set in E.

Accordingly, a Banach space E has the Radon-Nikodym property (R.N.P) iff its closed unit ball is an (R.N.P) set or equivalently if the identity operator on E is a strong Radon-Nikodym operator.

If  $T: E \to F$  is a strong Radon-Nikodym operator then T is an (R.N.P) operator see [2] i.e., for every vector measure  $G: \Sigma \to E$  with  $||G(B)|| \le \lambda(B)$  for all  $B \in \Sigma$ , there exists a Bochner integrable function  $f: \Omega \to F$  such that  $TG(B) = \int_B f d\lambda$  for all  $B \in \Sigma$ . The converse is not true as any quotient map Q from  $l^1$  onto  $c_0$  is an (R.N.P) operator but is not a strong Radon-Nikodym operator. But it follows from [4] if  $T: E \to F$  is a bounded linear operator, then its adjoint  $T^*$  is a strong Radon-Nikodym operator.

Finally, given a finite measure space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \lambda)$  *E* and *F* two Banach spaces and *T*:  $E \to F$  a bounded linear operator, we shall denote by  $\tilde{T}$  the natural extension of *T* to a bounded linear operator from  $L^1[\lambda, E]$  to  $L^1[\lambda, F]$ .

For all undefined statements and notations we refer the reader to [1].

The following theorem extends the result of [1, p. 101] to operators T:  $E \rightarrow F$  such that T and T\* are strong Radon-Nikodym operators.

THEOREM 1. Let E and F be two Banach spaces and let  $T: E \to F$  be a bounded linear operator such that T and T<sup>\*</sup> are strong Radon-Nikodym operators. Then for any finite measure space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \lambda)$ , the operator  $\tilde{T}$ :  $L^1[\lambda, E] \to L^1[\lambda, F]$  sends into relatively weakly compact subsets of  $L^1[\lambda, F]$ any bounded, uniformly integrable subsets K of  $L^1[\lambda, E]$  such that for every  $B \in \Sigma$  the set  $\{\int_B f d\lambda, f \in K\}$  is relatively weakly compact in E.

*Proof.* Let  $T: E \to F$  be a bounded linear operator such that T and  $T^*$  are strong Radon-Nikdoym operators. Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \lambda)$  be a finite measure space and let  $K \subseteq L^1[\lambda, E]$  be a bounded and uniformly integrable subset of  $L^1[\lambda, E]$  such that for any  $B \in \Sigma$  the set  $\{\int_B f d\lambda, f \in K\}$  is relatively weakly compact in E. Let  $(f_n)_n$  be a sequence in K. Proceed now as in [1, p. 101] to get a countably generated  $\sigma$ -field  $\Sigma_1$ , such that each  $f_n$  is measurable with respect to  $\Sigma_1$ , find a subsequence  $(f_{n_k})_k$  of  $(f_n)_n$  and define a countably additive vector measure  $G: \Sigma_1 \to E$  of bounded variation by

$$G(B) = \operatorname{weak}_{k} \operatorname{limit} \int_{B} f_{n_{k}} d\lambda$$
, for every  $B \in \Sigma_{1}$ .

Since  $T^*$  is a Radon-Nikodym operator, it follows from [4] that there exist a Banach space Z, such that  $Z^*$  has RNP, and bounded linear operators  $T_1: E \to Z$  and  $T_2: Z \to F$  such that the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \stackrel{T}{\rightarrow} & F \\ T_1 \searrow & & \nearrow T_2 \\ & & Z \end{array}$$

Case 1. Assume that for some  $\alpha > 0 ||G(B)|| \le \alpha\lambda(B)$ , for all  $B \in \Sigma_1$ . It follows that the set  $\{T_1G(B)/\lambda(B), \lambda(B) > 0, B \in \Sigma_1\}$  is contained in the closure C in Z of the set  $\{T_1x, x \in E, ||x|| \le \alpha\}$ . But a glance at the construction of [4] reveals that the set C is affinely homeomorphic to the closure in F of the set  $\{Tx, x \in E, ||x|| \le \alpha\}$ , and one can show that the set C is an R.N.P. set. Therefore there exists a Bochner integrable function  $h: \Omega \to C$  such that

$$T_1G(B) = \int_B h \, d\lambda$$
, for all  $B \in \Sigma_1$ .

Moreover since  $Z^*$  has R.N.P and since  $(\int_B T_1 f_{n_k} d\lambda)_k$  converges weakly to  $\int_B h d\lambda$  in Z for every  $B \in \Sigma_1$ , it follows that the sequence  $(\tilde{T}_1 f_{n_k})_k$ converges weakly to h in  $L^1[\Sigma_1, \lambda, Z]$ , thus  $(\tilde{T}f_{n_k})_k$  converges weakly to  $\tilde{T}_2 h$  in  $L^1[\Sigma_1, \lambda, F]$ , and hence in  $L^1[\lambda, F]$ . An appeal to Eberlein's theorem shows that  $\{\tilde{T}f, f \in K\}$  is relatively weakly compact in  $L^1[\lambda, F]$ and completes the proof of Case 1.

General case. Let  $(\Omega_m)_m$  be a partition of  $\Omega$  of elements of  $\Sigma_1$  and such that

$$\|G(B)\| \le m\lambda(B)$$

for all elements B of  $\Sigma_1$  contained in  $\Omega_m$ . By restricting the sequence  $(f_{n_k})_k$  to each of the sets  $\Omega_m$ , by Case 1, and by an appropriate diagonal process, one can produce a subsequence  $(h_j)_j$  of  $(f_{n_k})_k$  and a sequence  $(g_m)_m$  of Bochner integrable functions  $g_m: \Omega_m \to F$  such that:

(i) the sequence  $(\tilde{T}h_{i|\Omega_m})_m$  converges weakly to  $g_m$  in  $L^1[\Omega_m, \lambda, F]$ ,

(ii)  $TG(B \cap \Omega_m) = \int_{B \cap \Omega_m}^{\infty} g_m d\lambda$ , for  $B \in \Sigma_1$ .

Let  $g: \Omega \to F$  be defined as follows:

$$g(w) = g_m(w)$$
 if  $w \in \Omega_m$ .

It is clear that  $g \in L^1[\lambda, F]$  for g is obviously measurable and it follows from (ii) that

$$\int_{\Omega} \|g(w)\| d\lambda \leq \sum_{m} |TG|(\Omega_{m})| = |TG|(\Omega) < \infty.$$

The proof will be complete when we show that the sequence  $(\tilde{T}h_j)_j$  converges weakly to g in  $L^1[\lambda, F]$ . For this let  $L \in (L^1[\lambda, F])^*$ . For each  $m \ge 1$  let  $L_m$  be the restriction of L to  $L^1[\Omega_m, \lambda, F]$ . For every  $m \ge 1$  we have

$$\left|L\left(\tilde{T}h_{j}-g\right)\right| \leq \left|\sum_{i=1}^{m} L_{i}\left(\tilde{T}h_{j\mid\Omega_{i}}-g_{i}\right)\right|+\left\|L\right\|\int_{U\Omega_{i};\,i>m}\left\|\tilde{T}h_{i}-g\right\|d\lambda$$

Since the sequence  $(h_j)_j$  is uniformly integrable, there exists  $m \ge 1$  such that  $\int_{U\Omega_i; i\ge m} \|\tilde{T}h_j - g\| d\lambda$  is arbitrary small for all  $j \ge 1$ . Since  $\tilde{T}h_{j|\Omega_i}$  converges weakly to  $g_i$ , it follows that  $|\sum_{i=1}^m L(\tilde{T}h_{j|\Omega_i} - g_i)|$  is arbitrary small as  $j \to \infty$ . Hence  $L(\tilde{T}h_j - g) \to 0$  as  $j \to \infty$ . This completes the proof.

The following proposition establishes the fact that if  $T^*$  fails to be a strong Radon-Nikodym operator, then the conclusion of Theorem 1 is no more valid.

PROPOSITION. If T is a bounded linear operator from a Banach space E into a Banach space F such that T\* fails to be a strong Radon-Nikodym operator, then there exists a finite measure space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \lambda)$ , a bounded uniformly integrable subset K of  $L^1[\lambda, E]$  such that the set  $\{\int_B f d\lambda, f \in K\}$ is relatively weakly compact in E for any  $B \in \Sigma$ , but the set  $\{\tilde{T}f, f \in K\}$  is not relatively weakly compact in  $L^1[\lambda, F]$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $T^*$  fails to be a strong Radon-Nikodym operator. Let  $\Delta = \{-1, 1\}^N$  denote the Cantor group with Haar measure *m* and let  $\{\Delta_{n,i}, 1 \leq i \leq 2^n\}$  denote the standard *n*th partition of  $\Delta$  with  $\Delta_{01} = \Delta$ ,  $\Delta_{n,i} = \Delta_{n+1,2i-1} \cup \Delta_{n+1,2i}, \Delta_{n,i}$  is clopen, and  $m(\Delta_{n,i}) = 1/2^n$ . It follows from the dichotomy theorem of Stegall [4] that the operator *T* must factor the Haar operator *H*:  $l^1 \to L_{\infty}(m)$  which takes the basis of  $l^1$  into the usual Haar basis of  $C(\Delta)$  considered as a subspace of  $L_{\infty}(m)$ . Indeed the Haar operator is defined as follows:

if 
$$h_{ni} = \chi_{\Delta_{n+1,2i-1}} - \chi_{\Delta_{n+1,2i}}, \quad n \ge 0, \ 1 \le i \le 2^n$$
 then  $He_{ni} = h_{ni},$ 

here  $\{e_{ni}, n \ge 0, 1 \le i \le 2^n\}$  is an enumeration of the usual  $l^1$  basis. Let  $U: l^1 \to E$  and  $V: F \to L_{\infty}(m)$  be bounded linear operators such that  $H = V \circ T \circ U$  as illustrated in the following diagram.



Consider the following sequence  $(f_n)_n$  in  $L^1[m, l^1]$  with

$$f_n(t) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{2^j} h_{ji}(t) e_{ji}, \text{ for } t \in \Delta.$$

The sequence  $(f_n)_n$  is easily seen [2] to have the following properties

(i)  $\sup_n ||f_n(t)|| = 1$  m.a.e.

(ii)  $\sup_{\|x^*\|\leq 1} \int |x^* \circ f_n| dm$  approaches zero as  $n \to \infty$ .

It follows that for every Borel B set in  $\Delta$  the sequence  $(|| \int_B f_n dm ||)_n$ approaches zero as  $n \to \infty$ . The sequence  $(f_n)_n$  is bounded and uniformly integrable in  $L^1[m, l^1]$  and  $(\int_B fn dm)_n$  is a null sequence in  $l^1$ . We claim that the sequence  $(\tilde{H}f_n)$  is not relatively weakly compact in  $L^1[m, L_{\infty}(m)]$ . For this note that for each  $n \ge 1$ 

$$\tilde{H}f_n(t) = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{j=1}^n\sum_{i=1}^{2^j}h_{ji}(t)h_{ji}, \quad t \in \Delta;$$

therefore  $\tilde{H}f_n(t)$  takes its values in  $C(\Delta)$ , to prove the claim all we need to show is that  $(\tilde{H}f_n)_n$  is not relatively weakly compact in  $L^1[m, C(\Delta)]$ . To this end note that since for every Borel set *B* the sequence  $(\int_B \tilde{H}f_n dm)_n$ converges to zero in  $C(\Delta)$ , it follows that every weakly convergent subsequence of  $(\tilde{H}f_n)_n$  in  $L^1[m, C(\Delta)]$  must converge to zero. Let  $L \in (L^1[m, C(\Delta)])^*$  be defined as follows: for  $\psi \in L^1[m, C(\Delta)]$ 

$$L(\psi) = \int_{\Delta} \psi(t)(t) \, dm$$

then

$$L(\tilde{H}f_n) = \frac{1}{n} \int_{\Delta} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{2^j} h_{ji}(t) h_{ji}(t) \, dm = 1.$$

This shows that the sequence  $(\tilde{H}f_n)_n$  has no weakly convergent subsequence in  $L^1[m, C(\Delta)]$ . The sequence  $(\tilde{U}f_n)_n$  is bounded and uniformly integrable in  $L^1[m, E]$  and the set  $\{\int_B \tilde{U}f_n d\lambda, n \ge 1\}$  is relatively weakly compact in E for all Borel sets B of  $\Delta$ , yet since T factors the Haar operator H, the sequence  $(\tilde{T}\tilde{U}f_n)_n$  cannot have a weakly convergent subsequence in  $L^1[m, F]$ . This completes the proof.

COROLLARY 3. A Banach space E and its dual  $E^*$  have (R.N.P) if and only if for every finite measure space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \lambda)$ , any bounded and uniformly integrable subset K of  $L^1[\lambda, E]$  is relatively weakly compact whenever for every  $B \in \Sigma$ , the set  $\{\int_B f d\lambda, f \in K\}$  is relatively weakly compact in E.

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