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**Necessary and sufficient conditions for a linearly compact simplex  $K$  to be uniquely decomposable at a face are given. If  $P$  is a cone having the Riesz decomposition property and if  $-f, g$  are subadditive homogeneous functions on  $P$  with  $f \geq g$  then it is shown that there is an additive homogeneous function  $h$  on  $P$  with  $f \geq h \geq g$ . If  $P$  is a lattice cone for the dual space of an ordered Banach space  $X$  and if  $-f, g$  are also  $w^*$ -continuous then, under certain conditions, it is possible to choose  $h \in X$ ; a consequence of this result is Andô's theorem, that an ordered Banach space has the Riesz decomposition property if its dual space is a lattice. A nonmeasure theoretic proof of Edwards' separation theorem for compact simplexes is also deduced from these results.**

Let  $K$  be a linearly compact simplex in a real vector space  $E$ . Without loss of generality we will assume that  $K$  is contained in a hyperplane  $e^{-1}(1)$  and that  $E = \text{lin } K$ , where  $\text{lin } K$  denotes the linear hull of  $K$ . Then it is well known that  $E$  is a vector lattice relative to the cone with base  $K$ , and that  $\text{co } (K \cup -K)$  is the closed unit ball for a norm making  $E$  a pre- $AL$ -space. In fact if  $K$  is compact for a locally convex Hausdorff topology on  $E$  then  $E$  is the Banach dual space of  $A(K)$ , the space of all affine continuous functions on  $K$  with supremum norm (cf. [5]). (We refer to [10] as a general reference for the lattice theory and terminology that is used.)

The set  $K$  is said to be *decomposable* at a face  $F$  if there exists a *complementary* face  $F'$  of  $K$  such that  $F \cap F' = \emptyset$  while  $\text{co } (F \cup F') = K$ . If a complementary face to  $F$  exists then it is evident that it is uniquely determined; moreover, in this case, Alfsen [1] has shown that the decomposition is *unique* in the sense that each  $k \in K$  has a unique decomposition  $k = \lambda x + (1 - \lambda) y$  with  $x \in F$ ,  $y \in F'$  and  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ . Alfsen has also given a necessary and sufficient condition for  $K$  to be decomposable at  $F$ ; we give here other necessary and sufficient conditions which are perhaps more closely tied to the order and norm structure of  $E$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $K$  be a linearly compact simplex and  $F, F'$  disjoint faces of  $K$ . Then  $F$  and  $F'$  are complementary faces for a*

(necessarily unique) decomposition of  $K$  if and only if  $E$  is the order-direct sum of  $\text{lin } F$  and  $\text{lin } F'$ . Consequently, if  $E$  is complete in its norm then  $K$  is uniquely decomposable at  $F$  if and only if  $F$  is norm-closed.

*Proof.* Since  $F$  is a face of  $K$  it is easily verified that  $\text{lin } F$  is a lattice ideal in  $E$  and that  $(\text{lin } F) \cap K = F$ . If  $E$  is the order-direct sum of  $\text{lin } F$  and  $\text{lin } F'$  then each  $x \in K$  has a unique decomposition  $x = y + z$  with  $y, z \geq 0$ ,  $y \in \text{lin } F$ ,  $z \in \text{lin } F'$ ; hence  $K = \text{co}(F \cup F')$ , and the decomposition is unique.

Suppose conversely that  $K = \text{co}(F \cup F')$ . Then, since  $E = \text{lin } F + \text{lin } F'$ , it will follow that  $E$  is the order-direct sum of  $\text{lin } F$  and  $\text{lin } F'$  if we prove that  $\text{lin } F' = (\text{lin } F)^\perp = \{y \in E : |x| \wedge |y| = 0, \forall x \in \text{lin } F\}$  (cf. [10, p. 38]). Since  $(\text{lin } F)^\perp$  is a lattice ideal the set  $G = K \cap (\text{lin } F)^\perp$  is a face of  $K$  disjoint from  $F$ , and hence  $G \subseteq F'$ . However if  $x \in F' \setminus G$  then there exists a  $y \in F$  such that  $x \wedge y = z \neq 0$ ; but, since  $F$  and  $F'$  are faces of  $K$  and  $x = z + (x - z)$ ,  $y = z + (y - z)$ , this implies that  $z/\|z\| \in F \cap F'$  which is impossible. Therefore we have  $(\text{lin } F)^\perp = \text{lin } G = \text{lin } F'$ .

If  $E$  is complete in its norm then it is an  $AL$ -space. If  $F$  is norm-closed then the continuity of the lattice operations in  $E$  shows that  $\text{lin } F$  is also norm-closed, and hence is a band. Therefore, by a theorem of Riesz (cf. [10, p. 39]),  $\text{lin } F$  has an order-direct complement in  $E$ , and so  $K$  is uniquely decomposable at  $F$ . If, conversely,  $K$  is uniquely decomposable at  $F$  then there exists a natural affine function  $f$  on  $K$  such that  $F = f^{-1}(0)$ ,  $F' = f^{-1}(1)$ . The function  $f$  has an obvious extension to a continuous linear functional  $g$  on  $E$  and, since  $F = K \cap g^{-1}(0)$ , it follows that  $F$  is norm-closed.

If  $K$  is a compact simplex then  $E$  is certainly a Banach space, and so the following result is immediate.

**COROLLARY.** *If  $K$  is a compact simplex and  $F$  a face of  $K$ , then  $K$  is uniquely decomposable at  $F$  if and only if  $F$  is norm-closed.*

The corollary generalizes Alfsen's result that a compact simplex is uniquely decomposable at each closed (i.e., compact) face. When  $K$  is an arbitrary compact convex set Alfsen and Andersen [2] characterize the decomposable faces of  $K$ . However it is not true that every linearly compact simplex is decomposable at every norm-closed face, as the following example shows.

**Example.** Let  $K$  denote the continuous nonnegative functions  $f$  on

$[0, 1]$  such that  $\int_0^1 f(t)dt = 1$ , and let  $F = \{f \in K: \int_0^{1/2} f(t)dt = 0\}$ .

Then  $K$  is a base for the lattice cone in  $C[0, 1]$ , and hence is a linearly compact simplex, and it is clear that  $F$  is a face of  $K$ . The norm in  $C[0, 1]$  associated with  $K$  is the  $L_1[0, 1]$ -norm, and hence  $F$  is norm-closed. Suppose that there exists a face  $F'$  complementary to  $F$  in  $K$ . Then, since  $f(1/2) = 0$  for all  $f \in F$ , there exists a  $u \in F'$  such that  $u(1/2) > 0$ . However it is easy to decompose  $u$  nontrivially  $u = \lambda g + (1-\lambda)h$  with  $g \in F$ ,  $h \in F'$  and  $0 < \lambda < 1$ . Since  $F'$  is a face of  $K$  it follows that  $g \in F' \cap F$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $K$  is not decomposable at the norm-closed face  $F$ .

It has been shown by Asimow [4] that the state space of a function algebra is decomposable at every extreme point, and so such a property does not characterize simplexes among compact convex sets; this property does however characterize simplexes among finite-dimensional compact convex sets as the following slightly more general result shows.

**PROPOSITION.** *If  $K$  is a compact convex set which is decomposable at each extreme point  $x$ , and such that each complementary face  $\{x\}'$  is closed, then  $K$  is a finite-dimensional simplex.*

*Proof.* If the set  $K_e$  of extreme points of  $K$  is infinite then there exists an accumulation point  $u \in K$ . For each  $x \in K_e$  the set  $K_e$  consists of  $x$  together with the extreme points of the closed set  $\{x\}'$ . Consequently  $u \in \{x\}'$  for all  $x \in K_e$ . Therefore the intersection of the faces  $\{x\}'$  forms a closed face  $F$  of  $K$  which is not empty, since  $u \in F$ . However if  $y$  is an extreme point of  $F$  then  $y \in K_e$ , and also  $y \in \{y\}'$  which is impossible. Hence  $K_e$  is finite.

If  $K_e$  has  $m$  points and  $K$  has dimension  $n$  then, for each  $x \in K_e$ , it is clear that  $\{x\}'$  has  $m-1$  extreme points and has dimension  $n-1$ , and  $\{x\}'$  has a similar decomposition property to  $K$ . Reducing in this way we see eventually that  $m = n + 1$ , that is  $K$  is an  $n$ -dimensional simplex.

If  $K$  is a compact simplex then the above result shows that not all faces  $\{x\}'$  can be closed. For example, for the simplex  $\{x \in l_1: x \geq 0, \|x\| \leq 1\}$  all but one of the faces  $\{x\}'$  are closed, while for the simplex of probability measures on  $[0, 1]$  none of the faces  $\{x\}'$  are closed.

2. We prove an analogue for linearly compact simplexes of Edwards' separation theorem [6], which characterizes compact simplexes; this is a corollary of the following result.

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $P$  be a cone possessing the Riesz decomposition property, and let  $-f, g$  be subadditive homogeneous functionals on  $P$  with  $f \geq g$ . Then there exists an additive homogeneous functional  $h$  on  $P$  such that  $f \geq h \geq g$ .*

*Proof.* If we define  $h$  on  $P$  by

$$h(x) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) : x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, x_i \in P \right\}$$

then it is clear that  $f \geq h \geq g$ , and hence  $h$  is finite-valued. Moreover,  $h$  is positive-homogeneous and subadditive. If  $x = y + z$  with  $x, y, z \in P$ , and if  $\varepsilon > 0$  choose  $x_i \in P$  such that  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \leq h(x) + \varepsilon$ . Then there exist  $a_{ij} \in P$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_{i1} = y$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_{i2} = z$ ,  $a_{i1} + a_{i2} = x_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . We have

$$h(x) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) - \varepsilon \geq \sum_{i=1}^n f(a_{i1}) + \sum_{i=1}^n f(a_{i2}) - \varepsilon \geq h(y) + h(z) - \varepsilon,$$

so that  $h$  is additive and homogeneous.

In the corollary below  $K$  will denote a linearly compact subset of  $E$ , again contained in a hyperplane  $e^{-1}(1)$  and such that  $\text{lin } K = E$ . By  $A^b(K)$  we will denote the Banach space of all bounded real-valued affine functions on  $K$  with the supremum norm. If  $\text{co}(K \cup -K)$  is linearly bounded then its Minkowski functional is a norm in  $E$  and  $A^b(K)$  is simply the Banach dual space of  $E$  for this norm. In the particular case when  $K$  is compact for some locally convex Hausdorff topology on  $E$ ,  $A^b(K)$  is the second dual space of  $A(K)$ .

**COROLLARY.** *The following statements are equivalent.*

- (i)  $K$  is a linearly compact simplex.
- (ii)  $\text{co}(K \cup -K)$  is linearly compact and, if  $-f, g$  are bounded convex functions on  $K$  with  $f \geq g$ , there exists an  $h \in A^b(K)$  such that  $f \geq h \geq g$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii). That  $\text{co}(K \cup -K)$  is linearly compact was proved in [5, Th. 2]. If  $P$  is the cone generated by  $K$  as a base then  $P$  is a lattice-cone. If  $f$  and  $g$  are extended homogeneously to the rest of  $P$  then the existence of the required  $h \in A^b(K)$  follows from the theorem.

(ii)  $\rightarrow$  (i). If  $u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2 \in A^b(K)$  and  $u_1, u_2 \leq v_1, v_2$  then, putting  $g(x) = \max [u_1(x), u_2(x)]$ ,  $f(x) = \min [v_1(x), v_2(x)]$  for all  $x \in K$ , we obtain a function  $h \in A^b(K)$  such that  $u_1, u_2 \leq h \leq v_1, v_2$ . The  $w^*$ -compactness of order intervals in  $A^b(K)$  now shows that  $A^b(K)$  is a vector lattice, in fact an  $AM$ -space. Therefore  $E$  is an  $AL$ -space and, in

particular, each  $\eta \in E$  has a unique decomposition  $\eta = \eta_1 - \eta_2$  with  $\eta_i \geq 0$  and  $\|\eta\| = \|\eta_1\| + \|\eta_2\|$ , namely for  $\eta_1 = \eta^+$ ,  $\eta_2 = \eta^-$ . Since, by hypothesis,  $\text{co}(K \cup -K)$  is the closed unit ball of  $E$  it follows that  $E$  is a sublattice of  $E$ . Therefore  $K$  is a linearly compact simplex.

It is perhaps surprising that the linear compactness condition on  $\text{co}(K \cup -K)$  cannot be dropped, as the following two simple examples show.

Examples. (i) Let  $E$  be the linear subspace of  $l_1$  spanned by those elements with only finitely many nonzero coordinates, together with the two elements  $\{2^{-n}\}$ ,  $\{(-3)^{-n}\}$ , and let  $K = \{x \in E : x \geq 0, \|x\|_1 \leq 1\}$ . If  $S = \{x \in E : \|x\|_1 \leq 1\}$  then it is obvious that for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  we have  $\text{co}(K \cup -K) \subseteq S \subseteq (1 + \varepsilon) \text{co}(K \cup -K)$ . If  $x = \{(-3)^{-n}\}$  then  $x^+ \notin E$ , so that  $2x \in S$  but  $2x \notin \text{co}(K \cup -K)$ . Therefore  $\text{co}(K \cup -K)$  is not linearly closed; in other terminology  $E$  has a  $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -generating cone for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  but not a 1-generating cone. However, a straightforward verification shows that  $E$  has the Riesz decomposition property and hence, by Theorem 2,  $K$  has the separation property stated in part (ii) of the Corollary. However  $K$  is not a simplex.

(ii) Let  $K$  denote the polynomials  $p$  nonnegative on  $[0, 1]$  and such that  $\int_0^1 p(x) dx = 1$ . It is clear that  $\text{co}(K \cup -K)$  is not linearly compact because the polynomials do not constitute a sublattice of  $L_1[0, 1]$ . It is true, but less obvious, that  $\text{lin } K$  has the Riesz decomposition property (cf. [7]). We are grateful to Professor W. A. J. Luxemburg for bringing this fact and reference to our notice.

By an *ordered Banach space* we shall mean a partially ordered Banach space which has a closed, normal, generating cone. If  $X$  is an ordered Banach space then so is  $X^*$  (cf. [8]). The following lemma now follows from a result of Kadison ([9, Lemma 4.3]).

LEMMA 1. *Let  $X$  be an ordered Banach space and let*

$$K = \{f \in X^* : f \geq 0, \|f\| \leq 1\},$$

*equipped with the  $w^*$ -topology. Then  $X$  is order and topologically isomorphic to*

$$A_0(K) \equiv \{f \in A(K) : f(0) = 0\}.$$

LEMMA 2. *Let  $C$  be a cone in a vector space  $V$ , let  $p$  be a function homogeneous on  $C$  and let  $f$  be a function affine on  $V$  such that  $f(x) \leq p(x)$  for all  $x \in C$ . Then the linear function  $g = f - f(0)$  satisfies  $g(x) \leq p(x)$  for all  $x \in C$ .*

*Proof.* It is simple to check that  $g$  is linear on  $V$ . Suppose that there is a point  $x \in C$  such that  $g(x) > p(x)$ . Then if  $\varepsilon = -f(0)$  and  $\delta = f(x) - p(x)$  we have  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  and  $g(x) - p(x) = \delta + \varepsilon > 0$ . Hence there exists an  $r \geq 1$  such that  $r(\delta + \varepsilon) > \varepsilon$ , and we have

$$f(x) = r^{-1}f(rx) + (1 - r^{-1})f(0) .$$

Therefore

$$f(rx) - p(rx) = r(f(x) - p(x)) + (r - 1)\varepsilon = r(\delta + \varepsilon) - \varepsilon > 0 ,$$

which gives a contradiction.

The following theorem is the main result of this section and is a topological version of Theorem 2.

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $X$  be an ordered Banach space such that the dual cone  $P^*$  is a lattice cone in  $X^*$ , and let  $-f, g$  be  $w^*$ -continuous sub-additive homogeneous functionals on  $P^*$  with  $f \geq g$ . If either (i)  $f = u_1 \wedge u_2$ ,  $g = v_1 \vee v_2$ , where  $u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2 \in X$ , or (ii) the dual cone in  $X^{**}$  possesses an interior point, then there exists an  $h \in X$  such that  $f \geq h \geq g$ .*

*Proof.* If  $K = \{x \in P^* : \|x\| \leq 1\}$  then Lemma 1 shows that we can assume that  $X = A_0(K)$ , and it is sufficient to find an  $h \in X$  such that  $f(x) \geq h(x) \geq g(x)$  for all  $x \in K$ .

Let  $G$  denote the  $w^*$ -closed convex hull of the graph of  $f$  in  $K \times R$  and define  $\hat{f}(x) = \sup \{u(x) : u \in A(K), u \leq f\}$  for all  $x \in K$ . A straightforward calculation shows that  $\hat{f}(x) \leq \inf \{r : (x, r) \in G\}$  for each  $x \in K$ . If  $\mu < \inf \{r : (x, r) \in G\}$  then by separating  $(x, \mu)$  from  $G$  we obtain a  $v \in A(K)$  such that  $v \leq f$  while  $v(x) > \mu$ ; therefore  $\hat{f}(x) = \inf \{r : (x, r) \in G\}$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , for each  $x \in K$  let  $N_x$  be a  $w^*$ -compact convex neighbourhood of  $x$  such that  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$  for each  $y \in N_x$ , and let  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n N_{x_i}$ . For each  $x \in K$  we therefore have

$$(x, \hat{f}(x)) \subseteq \text{co} \bigcup_{i=1}^n \{N_{x_i} \times [f(x_i) - \varepsilon, f(x_i) + \varepsilon]\} ,$$

and so we can write  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i y_i$ ,  $\hat{f}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i r_i$  with  $y_i \in N_{x_i}$  and  $r_i \in [f(x_i) - \varepsilon, f(x_i) + \varepsilon]$  for each  $i$ . If we now define for each  $x \in P^*$

$$\bar{f}(x) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) : x_i \in P^*, \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = x \right\}$$

then, for each  $x \in K$ ,

$$\bar{f}(x) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i f(y_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i f(x_i) + \varepsilon \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i r_i + 2\varepsilon = \hat{f}(x) + 2\varepsilon .$$

Therefore  $\bar{f}(x) \leq \hat{f}(x)$  for each  $x \in K$ . If  $\alpha > 0$  and if  $\hat{f}_\alpha(x) = \sup \{u(x) : u \in A(\alpha K), u \leq f\}$  then the argument shows that  $\bar{f}(x) \leq \hat{f}_\alpha(x)$  for all  $x \in \alpha K$ ; in particular  $\hat{f}_\alpha(0) = 0 = \bar{f}(0)$ .

If condition (i) holds then we have

$$\bar{f}(x) = \inf \{u_1(x_1) + u_2(x_2) : x = x_1 + x_2, x_i \in P^*\}.$$

Since  $P^*$  is a normal cone we can choose  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $\|x_1\| + \|x_2\| \leq \alpha \|x\|$  whenever  $x = x_1 + x_2$  with  $x_i \in P^*$ .

If condition (ii) holds and if  $\zeta$  is an interior point of the dual cone in  $X^{**}$  then the order interval  $[-\zeta, \zeta]$  is the unit ball for an equivalent norm in  $X^{**}$ , and hence  $X^*$  has an equivalent norm which is additive on  $P^*$ . Therefore there exists an  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\| \leq \alpha \|\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\|$  whenever  $x_i \in P^*$ .

Now let  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \neq 0$ , where  $x_i \in P^*$ , and with  $n = 2$  if (i) holds. If  $\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|$ , and if  $y_i = 0$  when  $x_i = 0$ ,  $y_i = \lambda x_i / \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|$  when  $x_i \neq 0$ , then  $y_i \in \alpha K$  for each  $i$ . Since  $\hat{f}_\alpha$  is convex on  $\alpha K$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}_\alpha(x) &= \hat{f}_\alpha\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|x_i\|}{\lambda} y_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|x_i\|}{\lambda} \hat{f}_\alpha(y_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\|x_i\|}{\lambda} f(y_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i). \end{aligned}$$

In case (ii) this inequality gives  $\hat{f}_\alpha(x) \leq \bar{f}(x)$  for each  $x \in K$ , while in case (i) we have  $\hat{f}_\alpha(x) \leq u_1(x_1) + u_2(x_2)$  which again gives  $\hat{f}_\alpha(x) \leq \bar{f}(x)$ ; in either case therefore we have proved that  $\bar{f}(x) = \hat{f}_\alpha(x)$  for each  $x \in K$ . If we define  $\|f\| = \sup \{|f(x)| : x \in K\}$ , and  $\|\bar{f}\|$  similarly, then we have  $|\bar{f}(x)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \|f\| \|x_i\| \leq \alpha \|f\| \|x\|$  for each  $x \in K$ , so that  $\|\bar{f}\| \leq \alpha \|f\|$ .

By Theorem 2  $\bar{f}$  is additive on  $P^*$  and the above argument shows that  $\bar{f}$  is  $w^*$ -l. s. c. on  $\beta K$  for each  $\beta > 0$ . The set  $\{x \in P^* : \bar{f}(x) \leq r\}$  is convex and its intersection with each multiple of the unit ball of  $X^*$  is  $w^*$ -closed; hence  $\bar{f}$  is  $w^*$ -l. s. c. on  $P^*$ . If we write  $\bar{g}$  for  $-(\bar{g})$  then  $\bar{g}$  is  $w^*$ -u. s. c. on  $P^*$  and is additive, homogeneous and satisfies  $g \leq \bar{g} \leq \bar{f} \leq f$ . If  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $r > \alpha$  then, by separating the sets  $\{(x, t) \in P^* \times R : t > \bar{f}(x)\}$  and  $\{(y, s - \varepsilon/r) \in K \times R : s \leq \bar{g}(y)\}$  and applying Lemma 2, we obtain a  $w_\varepsilon \in X$  such that  $w_\varepsilon \leq f$  and  $w_\varepsilon(x) > g(x) - \varepsilon/r$  for all  $x \in K$ . Hence if  $z_\varepsilon = (g - w_\varepsilon) \vee 0$ ,  $z_\varepsilon$  is homogeneous, subadditive and  $w^*$ -continuous on  $P^*$  with  $\|z_\varepsilon\| < \varepsilon/r$ . The above argument shows that  $\bar{z}_\varepsilon$  is  $w^*$ -u. s. c. on  $P^*$  and that  $\|\bar{z}_\varepsilon\| \leq \alpha \|z_\varepsilon\| < \varepsilon$ . Since the set  $K \times \{\varepsilon/r\}$  is disjoint from the  $w^*$ -closed cone  $\{(x, t) : x \in P^*, t \leq \bar{z}_\varepsilon(x)\}$  the separation theorem gives a  $p_\varepsilon \in X$  such that  $p_\varepsilon \geq \bar{z}_\varepsilon \geq g - w_\varepsilon$ , 0 and  $\|p_\varepsilon\| \leq \varepsilon$ .

Using the procedure of the preceding paragraph choose  $f_i, g_i \in X$



such that  $f_1 \leq f$ ,  $g_1 \geq 0$ ,  $g \leq f_1 + g_1$  and  $\|g_1\| < 1/2$ , in particular we have  $f \wedge (f_1 + g_1) \geq g \vee f_1$ . By induction there exist sequences  $\{f_n\}$  and  $\{g_n\}$  in  $X$  such that (a)  $g_n \geq 0$ ,  $\|g_n\| < 2^{-n}$ , (b)  $g \vee f_n \leq f_{n+1} + g_{n+1}$ , (c)  $f_{n+1} \leq f \wedge (f_n + g_n)$ . Properties (b) and (c) give  $-g_{n+1} \leq f_{n+1} - f_n \leq g_n$  so that  $\|f_{n+1} - f_n\| < 2^{-n}$ . Therefore  $\{f_n\}$  converges to  $h \in X$  such that  $h \leq f$  by (c), and  $h \geq g$  by (b).

**COROLLARY 1** (Andô [3]). *If  $X$  is an ordered Banach space such that  $X^*$  is a lattice for the dual ordering then  $X$  has the Riesz decomposition property.*

**COROLLARY 2** (Edwards [6]). *If  $K$  is a compact simplex and if  $-f, g$  are u. s. c. convex functions on  $K$  with  $f \geq g$  then there exists an  $h \in A(K)$  such that  $f \geq h \geq g$ .*

*Proof.* By truncating if necessary we may assume that  $f$  and  $g$  are bounded, say  $|f(x)|, |g(x)| \leq \lambda$  for all  $x \in K$ . First suppose that the strict inequality  $f > g$  holds; then the set  $G = \{(x, t) : \lambda \leq t \leq g(x)\}$  is compact in  $K \times R$  and is a subset of the convex set  $H = \{(y, s) : s < f(y)\}$  which is relatively open in  $K \times R$ . Therefore, taking the convex hull of a finite covering of  $G$  by compact convex neighbourhoods in  $H$ , we see that  $H$  contains the closed convex hull of  $G$ . Hence for each  $x \in K$  there is an  $f_x \in A(K)$  and a neighbourhood  $U_x$  of  $x$  such that  $g < f_x$  while  $f_x(y) < f(y)$  for all  $y \in U_x$ . If  $K \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_{x_i}$  and if  $f' = f_{x_1} \wedge \dots \wedge f_{x_n}$  then  $f'$  is continuous and concave on  $K$  with  $g < f' < f$ . Similarly we can construct a continuous convex function  $g'$  on  $K$  such that  $g < g' < f' < f$ . The functions  $-f', g'$  have natural extensions to  $w^*$ -continuous subadditive homogeneous functions on the positive cone  $P^*$  of  $A(K)^*$  such that  $g' \leq f'$ , and so Theorem 3 gives an  $h' \in A(K)$  such that  $g < g' \leq h' \leq f' \leq f$ .

In the general case  $f \geq g$  there exists an  $h_1 \in A(K)$  such that  $f + 1 > h_1 > g - 1$ . By considering the functions  $(f \wedge h_1) + 1/2$  and  $(g \vee h_1) - 1/2$  we similarly obtain an  $h_2 \in A(K)$  such that  $f + 1/2 > h_2 > g - 1/2$  while  $\|h_2 - h_1\| < 1/2$ . Proceeding in this way we obtain a sequence  $\{h_n\}$  which converges in  $A(K)$  to  $h$  such that  $g \leq h \leq f$ .

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