

## SOME ANALOGUES OF KNOPP'S CORE THEOREM

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ABSTRACT. Inequalities between certain functionals on the space of bounded real sequences are considered. Such inequalities being analogues of the classical theorem of Knopp on the core of a sequence. Also, a result is given on infinite matrices of bounded linear operators acting on bounded sequences in a Banach space.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION.

For a real sequence  $x = (x_k)$  we write

$$l(x) = \liminf x_k, \quad L(x) = \limsup x_k,$$

$$y(x) = \liminf \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k}{k},$$

$$Y(x) = \limsup \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k}{k},$$

$$w(x) = \inf \{L(x + z) : z \in bs\},$$

$$S(x) = \sup x_k, \quad ||x|| = \sup |x_k|,$$

$$p(x) = \limsup |x_k|, \quad q(x) = \liminf |x_k|.$$

In the definition of  $w$  we use  $bs$  to denote the space of all 'bounded series', more precisely:

$$bs = \{z : \sup_n \left| \sum_{k=1}^n z_k \right| < \infty\}.$$

If  $A = (a_{nk})$  is an infinite matrix of real, or complex, numbers, we write

$$Ax = (\sum_{nk} a_{nk} x_k),$$

where all sums are from  $k = 1$  to  $k = \infty$ , unless otherwise indicated.

Let  $X$  be a Banach space with norm  $||x||$  and let  $B(X)$  be the Banach space of bounded linear operators on  $X$  into  $X$  with the usual operator norm. The space of bounded  $X$ -valued sequences is denoted by  $\ell_\infty(X)$ , with  $||x|| = \sup_n ||x_n||$ , for each  $x \in \ell_\infty(X)$ . By  $c(X)$  we denote the space of convergent  $X$ -valued sequences.

If  $G$  and  $H$  are real functionals on  $\ell_\infty(X)$ , and  $M \geq 0$  is a real number, then  $G \leq MH$  means that  $G(x) \leq MH(x)$  for all  $x \in \ell_\infty(X)$ .

In connection with a real matrix  $A$ , we shall write, for example,  $LA \leq L$  to mean that  $Ax$  exists for all  $x \in \ell_\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and that  $L(Ax) \leq L(x)$  for all  $x \in \ell_\infty(\mathbb{R})$ .

Devi [1] refers to the result that: " $LA \leq L$  if and only if  $A$  is regular and almost positive", as Knopp's core theorem, and refers to Cooke [2] for the proof. Strictly speaking the result as stated does not seem to be given

by Cooke, though the ingredients for a proof are there. In Section 2 below we indicate, for completeness, a brief proof of the result.

Using Knopp's core theorem, Devi [1] proves that  $LA \leq w$  if and only if  $A$  is strongly regular and almost positive. To say that  $A$  is strongly regular is to say that  $A$  is regular and

$$\sum |a_{nk} - a_{n,k+1}| \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty).$$

In Section 2 we prove that  $LA \leq y$  is impossible, and that  $LA \leq l$  is impossible. Also, necessary and sufficient conditions are given for  $pA \leq q$ .

In Section 3 we give a theorem involving  $pA$  for bounded sequences from  $X$ , and infinite matrices  $(A_{nk})$  from  $B(X)$ .

## 2. REAL BOUNDED SEQUENCES.

We first give exact conditions for  $LA \leq L$ , as mentioned in Section 1.

**THEOREM 1.**  $LA \leq L$  if and only if  $A$  is regular and

$$\sum |a_{nk}| \rightarrow 1 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty). \quad (2.1)$$

**PROOF.** For the necessity, let  $x \in c(R)$ . Then  $\ell(x) = L(x) = \lim x_n$  and  $L(A(-x)) \leq L(-x)$ , whence

$$\lim x_n \leq \ell(Ax) \leq L(Ax) \leq L(x) = \lim x_n,$$

and so  $Ax \in c(R)$  with  $\lim (Ax)_n = \lim x_n$ , which implies  $A$  is regular. By the Silverman-Toeplitz theorem, see e.g. Maddox [3], p.165, it follows that

$$H = \limsup_n \sum |a_{nk}| < \infty, \quad (2.2)$$

$$\sum a_{nk} \rightarrow 1 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty), \quad (2.3)$$

$$a_{nk} \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ each fixed } k). \quad (2.4)$$

From (2.2), (2.4), e.g. Agnew [4], there exists  $y \in \ell_\infty(R)$  such that  $\|y\| = 1$  and  $L(Ay) = H$ . Hence, by (2.3),

$$1 \leq \liminf_n \sum |a_{nk}| \leq \limsup_n \sum |a_{nk}| \leq L(y) \leq \|y\| \leq 1,$$

which implies (2.1).

For the sufficiency, let  $x \in \ell_\infty(R)$ ,  $A$  be regular and let (2.1) hold. If  $m > 1$  then

$$\sum a_{nk} x_k \leq \|x\| \sum_{k < m} |a_{nk}| + \left( \sup_{k \geq m} x_k \right) \sum |a_{nk}| + \|x\| \sum (|a_{nk}| - a_{nk}).$$

Applying the operator  $\lim_m \limsup_n$  we obtain  $L(Ax) \leq L(x)$ , which completes the proof.

**THEOREM 2.** We have, on  $\ell_\infty(R)$ ,

$$\ell \leq y \leq Y \leq w \leq L \leq S \leq \|\cdot\|.$$

**PROOF.** By Theorem 1, letting  $A$  be the  $(C,1)$  matrix, we have  $\ell \leq \ell A$ , i.e.  $\ell \leq y$ . It is trivial that  $y \leq Y$ .

Now take  $x \in \ell_\infty(R)$  and  $z \in bs$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k x_i = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k (x_i + z_i) + \epsilon_k, \quad (2.5)$$

where  $\lim \epsilon_k = 0$ . Taking  $\limsup_k$  in (2.5), and applying Theorem 1 with  $A = (C,1)$ , we get  $Y(x) \leq L(x + z)$ , whence  $Y \leq w$  by the definition of  $w$ .

Since  $\theta = (0,0,0,\dots) \in bs$  it is immediate that  $w \leq L$ , and the remaining inequalities are trivial.

The facts that  $LA \leq y$ , and  $LA \leq l$  are impossible are special cases of the following result.

**THEOREM 3.** Let B be any regular almost positive matrix. Then there is no matrix A such that  $LA \leq lB$ .

**PROOF.** Suppose, if possible, there exists such an A. Theorem 1 implies  $LB \leq L$ , and so  $LA \leq lB \leq LB \leq L$ , whence A is regular.

By the theorem of Steinhaus, see e.g. Cooke [2], p.75, there exists  $z \in l_\infty(R)$  such that  $l(Az) < L(Az)$ . Since  $LA \leq LB$  we have  $l(Bz) \leq l(Az)$ , and so

$$l(Bz) < L(Az) \leq l(Bz),$$

a contradiction. This proves the theorem.

The statement prior to Theorem 3 follows on taking B to be either the (C,1) matrix, or the unit matrix.

**THEOREM 4.** The following are equivalent:

$$pA \leq q, \tag{2.6}$$

$$A \text{ maps bounded sequences into null sequences,} \tag{2.7}$$

$$\sum |a_{nk}| \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty). \tag{2.8}$$

**PROOF.** The equivalence of (2.7) and (2.8) is well-known, see e.g. Maddox [3], p.169. We shall prove that (2.6) is equivalent to (2.8).

If (2.8) holds then, for all  $x \in l_\infty(R)$ ,

$$\limsup_n \left| \sum_{nk} a_{nk} x_k \right| = 0,$$

which implies (2.6). Conversely, let (2.6) hold. Then  $\sum a_{nk} x_k$  is bounded on the Banach space  $\ell_\infty(R)$  whence  $\sup_n \sum |a_{nk}| < \infty$  by the Banach-Steinhaus theorem.

Also, choosing  $x_k = 1$ ,  $x_n = 0$  otherwise, we must have (2.4).

Suppose, if possible, that  $\limsup_n \sum |a_{nk}| = d > 0$ . Choose  $m(1) > 1$  such that  $|a_{m(1)1}| < d/10$  and

$$|\sum |a_{m(1)k}| - d| < d/10.$$

Define  $k(1) = 1$  and choose  $k(2) > 2 + k(1)$  such that

$$\sum_{k(2)}^{\infty} |a_{m(1)k}| < d/10.$$

Next choose  $m(2) > m(1)$  such that

$$\sum_1^{k(2)} |a_{m(2)k}| < d/10, \quad |\sum |a_{m(2)k}| - d| < d/10,$$

and choose  $k(3) > 2 + k(2)$  such that

$$\sum_{k(3)}^{\infty} |a_{m(2)k}| < d/10.$$

Proceeding inductively we now define a sequence  $x$  by

$$x_k = \operatorname{sgn} a_{m(r)k} \quad \text{for } k(r) < k < k(r+1), \quad r \geq 1,$$

$$x_k = 0 \quad \text{for } k = k(r+1), \quad r \geq 0.$$

Then  $\|x\| \leq 1$  and  $\liminf |x_k| = 0$ , so (2.6) implies

$$p(Ax) = 0. \tag{2.9}$$

But for  $m = m(r)$ , with  $r > 1$ , we have

$$|\Sigma a_{mk} x_k| > \Sigma_1 |a_{mk}| - d/5,$$

where  $\Sigma_1$  denotes a sum over  $k(r) < k < k(r+1)$ . Also, we have

$$|\Sigma_1 |a_{mk}| - d| < 3d/10,$$

and so

$$|\Sigma a_{mk} x_k| > d - 3d/10 - d/5 = d/2. \quad (2.10)$$

Since (2.10) holds for infinitely many  $m$  it follows that

$$p(Ax) \geq d/2. \quad (2.11)$$

But (2.11) contradicts (2.9), so  $d = 0$ , and the proof is complete.

### 3. BOUNDED SEQUENCES IN A BANACH SPACE.

Define, for each  $x = (x_k) \in \ell_\infty(X)$ ,

$$G(X) = \limsup ||x_k||,$$

$$H(x) = \inf \{G(x+z) : z \in bs(X)\},$$

where

$$bs(X) = \{z : \sup_n ||\sum_{k=1}^n z_k|| < \infty\}.$$

Thus  $G$  and  $H$  may be regarded as the Banach space analogues of  $p$  and  $w$  which appeared earlier.

By  $GA \leq MH$  we mean that  $G(Ax) \leq MH(x)$  for all  $x \in \ell_\infty(X)$ , where

$$Ax = (\Sigma A_{nk} x_k),$$

with  $A_{nk} \in B(X)$ .

It is clear that  $bs(X) \subset \ell_\infty(X)$ , and that  $0 \leq H(x) \leq G(x) < \infty$  for all  $x \in \ell_\infty(X)$ .

Also, since  $-x \in bs(X)$  whenever  $x \in bs(X)$  we have that

$$H(x) = 0 \text{ on } bs(X).$$

In the following theorem we need the ideas of the group norm of a sequence  $(B_k)$  from  $B(X)$ , see e.g. Lorentz and Macphail [5]:

$$|| (B_k) || = \sup || \sum_{k=1}^n B_k x_k ||$$

where the supremum is over  $n \geq 1$  and  $x_k$  in the closed unit sphere of  $X$ .

We write

$$R_{nm} = (A_{nm}, A_{n,m+1}, \dots)$$

for the  $m$ th tail of the  $n$ th row of  $A = (A_{nk})$ . Also, we define

$$\Delta A_{nk} = A_{nk} - A_{n,k+1}, \text{ and}$$

$$\Delta R_{nm} = (\Delta A_{n,m}, \Delta A_{n,m+1}, \dots).$$

We now prove

**THEOREM 5.** Let  $M \geq 0$ . Then  $GA \leq MH$  if and only if

$$A_{nk} \rightarrow 0 \text{ (} n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ each } k \text{),} \quad (2.12)$$

$$||R_{n1}|| < \infty \text{ and } ||R_{nm}|| \rightarrow 0 \text{ (} m \rightarrow \infty, \text{ each } n \text{),} \quad (2.13)$$

$$\lim_m \limsup_n ||R_{nm}|| \leq M, \quad (2.14)$$

$$\lim_m \limsup_n ||\Delta R_{nm}|| = 0 \quad (2.15)$$

**PROOF.** We remark that, in (2.12), the convergence refers to the topology



of pointwise convergence.

For the sufficiency, let  $x \in \ell_\infty(X)$ , and  $z \in bs(X)$ . By Maddox [6, THEOREM 1] the conditions (2.12), (2.13), (2.14) imply  $GA \leq MG$ , whence  $GA(x+z) \leq MG(x+z)$ , and so

$$G(Ax) \leq MG(x+z) + G(Az). \quad (2.16)$$

Now

$$\sum_{k=1}^r A_{nk} z_k = A_{nr} s_r + \sum_{k=1}^{r-1} \Delta A_{nk} s_k, \quad (2.17)$$

where  $s_k = z_1 + z_2 + \dots + z_k$ . Since  $\|A_{nr} s_r\| \leq \|A_{nr}\| \|s_r\|$ , and since  $s \in \ell_\infty(X)$ , it follows from (2.13) and (2.17) that, for each  $n$ ,

$$\sum A_{nk} z_k = \sum \Delta A_{nk} s_k. \quad (2.18)$$

By Maddox [6, COROLLARY to THEOREM 1], the conditions (2.12) - (2.15) imply that  $\Delta A : \ell_\infty(X) \rightarrow c_0(X)$ , where  $c_0(X)$  denotes the null  $X$ -valued sequences. Hence from (2.18) we have  $G(Az) = 0$ , whence (2.16) yields  $G(Ax) \leq MG(x+z)$ . It follows that  $G(Ax) \leq MH(x)$ , which proves the sufficiency.

For the necessity, if  $GA \leq MH$  then  $GA \leq MG$  so that (2.12) - (2.14) hold by Maddox [6, THEOREM 1].

Now take any  $y \in \ell_\infty(X)$  and define  $x_1 = y_1$ ,  $x_2 = y_2 - y_1$ , ..., so that

$$x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = y_n.$$

Thus  $x \in bs(X)$  and

$$\sum A_{nk} x_k = \sum \Delta A_{nk} y_k.$$

Hence  $G(\Delta Ay) = G(Ax) \leq MH(x) = 0$ , since  $H(x) = 0$  on  $\ell_\infty(X)$ . Consequently,  $G(\Delta Ay) = 0$  on  $\ell_\infty(X)$ , which implies  $\Delta A : \ell_\infty(X) \rightarrow c_0(X)$ , whence (2.15) holds by [6, COROLLARY TO THEOREM 1]. This proves the theorem.

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