

IPER - DUAL SYSTEMS AND HILBERT TRIPLETS

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ABSTRACT

We introduce the concept of iper-dual systems . Beginning from the iper-dual system $[H^*, S >$, we construct the Hilbert triplet $S \subseteq H \subseteq S'$, where S is a pre-Hilbert space dense in the (real or complex) Hilbert space H and S' is a space of linear functionals on S wider than H . The couple $[S', S >$ so obtained is an iperdual system . Once having introduced the order-bounded nets, we prove that if every weak-convergent net is order-bounded, then $S = H$. Finally we study four examples of special triplet $S \subseteq H \subseteq S'$.

0. INTRODUCTION

In Section 1 we introduce the concept of iper-dual systems, as a class of couples of linear spaces placed between the class of dual systems [1], and the class of Hilbert spaces .

We construct a space of linear functionals X' by means of the X -weak Cauchy sequences so that $X \subseteq \hat{X} \subseteq X'$, where $[\hat{X}, X >$ is a iper-dual system .

In Section 2 we consider the iper-dual system $[H^*, S >$, where S is a pre-Hilbert space, H is the Hilbert space completion of S and H^* is the dual of H . We construct the triplet $S \subseteq H \subseteq S'$ from $[H^*, S >$, in such a way that $[S', S >$ is an iper-dual system, too. The main result obtained in this section is that if every weak convergent net is order-bounded, then $S = H$.

Finally in Section 3 we study four examples of triplet $S \subseteq H \subseteq S'$. In the example 1, H is a separable, complex Hilbert space with a fixed orthonormal basis $\{u_n\}$, $S := Sp(\{u_n\})$ is the linear manifold spanned by $\{u_n\}$ and S' is constructed as described in Section 1. In this context we show that S' is identifiable with C^N , the space of all complex sequences.

In the example 2, $H = L_2(R^n)$ and S is the space $S(R^n)$ of functions of rapid decrease in R^n . In this case S' coincides with the space of tempered distributions.

In the example 3, $H = l_2$ and $S = \left\{ \{a_n\} : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 (n+1)^m < \infty \forall m \in N \right\}$.

We show that $S' = \{ \{b_n\} : \exists c \in R \text{ and } \exists m \in N \text{ such that } |b_n| \leq c(1+n)^m \forall n \in N \}$, who coincides with the dual of S with respect to the topology of countably normed space that makes S isomorphic to $S(R)$.

In the example 4, H is the space of Hilbert-Schmidt operators on a separable Hilbert space \mathbf{H} and S is the space of finite rank operators on \mathbf{H} . If we denote with $K(\mathbf{H})$ and $B(\mathbf{H})$ the space of compact operators and the space of bounded operators on \mathbf{H} respectively, we show that $K(\mathbf{H}) \subseteq S' \subseteq B(\mathbf{H})$.

It is useful to observe that in all previous examples, S is not complete in the topology induced by inner product. The fact that S is not complete is the necessary and sufficient condition in order that we obtain an *actual* enlargement S' of H^* .

1. IPER-DUAL SYSTEMS AND WEAK CAUCHY SEQUENCES

Let \hat{X}, X be two linear spaces. We suppose that :

(IDS-1) X is a linear manifold of \hat{X} .

(IDS-2) There is a functional $[\cdot, \cdot] : \overset{\Delta}{X} \times X \rightarrow C$ such that

(a) the restriction of $[\cdot, \cdot]$ to $X \times X$ is an inner product on X denoted by $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$.

(b) $[\hat{x}, \cdot]$ is a linear functional for every $\hat{x} \in \overset{\Delta}{X}$

(c) $[\cdot, x]$ is an antilinear functional for every $x \in X$.

(d) $[\hat{x}, x] = 0 \quad \forall x \in X \Rightarrow \hat{x} = 0$.

Set $\bar{R} = R \cup \{+\omega\}$. We define the function (called infi-norm)

$\|\cdot\|_{\Delta} : \overset{\Delta}{X} \rightarrow \bar{R}$ in the following manner :

$$\|\hat{x}\|_{\Delta} = \sup \{ |[\hat{x}, y]| : y \in X, \|y\| = 1 \}$$

where, of course, $\|y\|^2 = \langle y | y \rangle$. Then we have

(N-1) $\|\hat{x}\|_{\Delta} = 0$ iff $\hat{x} = 0$

(N-2) $\|\lambda \hat{x}\|_{\Delta} = |\lambda| \|\hat{x}\|_{\Delta} \quad \forall \lambda \in C$

(N-3) $\|\hat{x} + \hat{y}\|_{\Delta} \leq \|\hat{x}\|_{\Delta} + \|\hat{y}\|_{\Delta}$

We remark that the generalized Schwartz inequality holds :

$$|[\hat{x}, x]| \leq \|\hat{x}\|_{\Delta} \|x\| \quad \forall \hat{x} \in \overset{\Delta}{X}, \forall x \in X.$$

(of course, $\|x\|_{\Delta} = \|x\| \quad \forall x \in X$).

DEFINITION.

We say that $[\overset{\Delta}{X}, X]$ is an inner-dual system if (IDS-1),

(IDS-2) hold and moreover

(IDS-3) $\bar{X} \subseteq \overset{\Delta}{X}$, where \bar{X} is the Hilbert space completion of

X with respect to the inner product $\langle 1 \rangle$.

Let $[X, X]$ be an inner-dual system. We say that a sequence

$\{\hat{x}_n\} \subseteq X$ is X -weak Cauchy iff $\exists \lim_n [\hat{x}_n, y] \forall y \in X$.

We say $\{\hat{x}_n\}$ is X -weak convergent to $\hat{x} \in X$ iff $\lim_n [\hat{x}_n, y] = [\hat{x}, y] \forall y \in X$.

We see immediately that the criterion of weak convergence defined on X is compatible with its linear structure [2].

Furthermore, we observe that there exist X -weak convergent sequences for which the corresponding sequences of inner-norms do not converge to the inner-norm of limit.

Let $L_w(X, X)$ denote the linear space of the X -weak Cauchy sequences in X . Every X -weak Cauchy sequence $\{\hat{x}_n\}$ defines a linear functional $t : X \rightarrow C$ by the law $\langle t, x \rangle := \lim_n [\hat{x}_n, x] \forall x \in X$.

The set of all linear functionals generated by some X -weak Cauchy sequence is denoted by X' . In the same way, generalizing the notion of X -weak Cauchy sequence, we shall say that a sequence $\{t_n\}$ in X' is a X -weak Cauchy sequence iff $\exists \lim_n \langle t_n, x \rangle \forall x \in X$.

Any X -weak convergent sequence in X' is a X -weak Cauchy sequence too. Now let $\{t_n\}$ be a X -weak Cauchy sequence in X' , then we can define the linear functional $l : X \rightarrow C$ as $\langle l, x \rangle = \lim_n \langle t_n, x \rangle \forall x \in X$ and we write $l = w - \lim t_n$.

In general l is not an element of X since it is not assured that there exists a sequence $\{\hat{x}_n\}$ in X which converges X -weak to l . In the next proposition we shall give a sufficient condition ensuring that $l \in X$;

PROPOSITION 1. Let $\{t_n\}$ be a X -weak Cauchy sequence in X' .

If any t_n is generated by a sequence $\{\hat{x}_{j(n)}^{(n)}\}_{j \in N}$ in \hat{X} which is uniformly weak convergent to t_n in the sense that for every $n \in N$ and every $y \in X$ there exists an integer $j = j(n)$ depending on n but not on y , such that

$$|\langle t_n, y \rangle - [\hat{x}_{j(n)}^{(n)}, y] \leq \frac{1}{n} \quad \forall y \in X$$

then $l = w\text{-lim } t_n$ is an element of X' .

PROOF. Considering the sequence $\{\hat{x}_{j(n)}^{(n)}\}$ in \hat{X} we get that it is a X -weak Cauchy sequence; indeed, from

$$\begin{aligned} & |[\hat{x}_{j(n)}^{(n)}, y] - [\hat{x}_{j(m)}^{(m)}, y]| \leq |\langle t_n, y \rangle - [\hat{x}_{j(n)}^{(n)}, y]| + \\ & |\langle t_n, y \rangle - \langle t_m, y \rangle| + |\langle t_m, y \rangle - [\hat{x}_{j(m)}^{(m)}, y]| \end{aligned}$$

it follows that $\exists \lim [\hat{x}_{j(n)}^{(n)}, y] \quad \forall y \in X$.

On the other hand, the relation

$$|\langle l, y \rangle - [\hat{x}_{j(n)}^{(n)}, y]| \leq |\langle l, y \rangle - \langle t_n, y \rangle| + |\langle t_n, y \rangle - [\hat{x}_{j(n)}^{(n)}, y]|$$

under our hypotheses gives the result $l \in X'$.

On $L_w(\hat{X}, X)$ we can introduce the following equivalence relation, called the X -weak equiconvergence relation, defined as follows:

$$\{\hat{x}_n'\} \sim_w \{\hat{x}_n''\} \text{ iff } \lim_n [\hat{x}_n', y] = \lim_n [\hat{x}_n'', y] \quad \forall y \in X.$$

It is trivial to see that X' and $L_w(\hat{X}, X)/\sim_w$ are linearly isomorphic. Set $t \equiv [\{\hat{x}_n\}] \sim_w$. We suppose that $\|\hat{x}_n\|_\wedge < M$. If the sequence $\{y_k\} \subseteq X$ is norm-convergent to zero, then

$$0 \leq |\langle t, y_k \rangle| = \lim_n | \langle \hat{x}_n, y \rangle | \leq \sup_n \|\hat{x}_n\|_\wedge \cdot \|y_k\| \leq M \|y_k\|$$

so that $\lim_k \langle t, y_k \rangle = 0$. Thus t is sequentially continuous (and there-

fore continuous) with respect to the topology on X induced by the inner product. Hence there exists $x_0 \in \bar{X} \equiv \bar{X}^*$ such that $t = x_0$, where \bar{X}^* denotes the dual space of \bar{X} with respect to the topology induced by the inner product. Therefore we have proved that :

PROPOSITION 2.

If we denote by $L_w^b(\hat{X}, X)$ the linear subspace of $L_w(\hat{X}, X)$ of bounded sequences in infl-norm, then \bar{X} and $L_w^b(\hat{X}, X)/\sim_w$ are linearly isomorphic. In particular, it follows that

$$\|x\|_\wedge < \infty \quad \forall x \in \bar{X} \quad \text{and} \quad \|\hat{x}\|_\wedge = +\infty \quad \forall \hat{x} \in \hat{X} \setminus \bar{X}$$

2. HILBERT TRIPLETS AND WEAK CONVERGENT NETS

We shall construct now an iper-dual system by means of an other iper-dual system. In this Section, we denote by S a pre-Hilbert space with inner product $\langle 1 \rangle$. $(S, T_{\langle 1 \rangle}(S))$ denotes the locally convex topological vector space in which $T_{\langle 1 \rangle}(S)$ is the topology induced by the inner product. S^* denotes the dual space of $(S, T_{\langle 1 \rangle}(S))$ and H the Hilbert space completion of S . We denote by $D(S)$ the linear space antiisomorphic to S of all linear functionals $\langle x | : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, with $x \in S$, defined by $\langle x | : y \rightarrow \langle x | y \rangle \quad \forall y \in S$. We recall that $S = H$ iff $D(S) = S^*$. $[H^*, S]$ is an iper-dual system. We construct S' in the same manner as in the previous Section :

$$S' = \{t : S \rightarrow C : \exists \{x_n\} \in L_w(H^*, S), t = w\text{-}\lim_n \langle x_n \rangle\} .$$

We have that $S' \equiv L_w(H^*, S) / \sim_w$ and we have obtained the triplet

$$S \leq H \equiv H^* \equiv S^* \subseteq S'$$

$\langle S', S \rangle$ is an iper-dual system .

REMARK 1. It is easy to prove that the Hilbert space H^* is identifiable with $L_w^b(D(S), S) / \sim_w$ in which bounded S -weak Cauchy sequences from $D(S)$ are involved. We shall remember that a standard procedure for constructing the completion H^* of $D(S)$ is based on strong Cauchy sequences using the strong equiconvergence relation

$$\{x_n'\} \sim_s \{x_n''\} \text{ iff } \lim_n \|x_n' - x_n''\| = 0 .$$

The above quoted result could seem very surprising, since S -weak Cauchy sequences are "much more" than strong Cauchy sequences from $D(S)$. However, it must be remarked that the S -weak equiconvergence relation is weaker than the strong equiconvergence relation, so that S -weak equiconvergence classes are "larger" than strong equiconvergence classes .

REMARK 2. If $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence from H^* which is norm-bounded, then the existence of the $\lim_n \langle x_n | y \rangle \forall y \in S$ implies the existence of the

$\lim_n \langle x_n | t \rangle \forall t \in H$. However, the conditions

- (i) $\{x_n\} \sim_w \{x_n'\}$
- (ii) $\exists \lim_n \langle x_n | t \rangle \forall t \in H$
- (iii) $\|x_n\| \leq M$

do not imply either the norm boundedness of $\{x_n\}$ or the existence of the $\lim_n \langle x_n | t \rangle \forall t \in H$.

We can endow the space S^* with the $\sigma(S^*, S)$ -topology generated by the basis of neighbourhoods of zero

$$U(x_1, \dots, x_n; \varepsilon) = \{l \in S^* : |\langle l, x_j \rangle| < \varepsilon \forall j=1, \dots, n\},$$

$$x_1, \dots, x_n \in S, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_+$$

so in this way $(S^*, \sigma(S^*, S))$ is an Hausdorff locally convex space whose topological dual is S . We recall that $\sigma(S^*, S)$ is the weakest topology for S^* with respect to which all the element of S are continuous. Hence we have that $\sigma(S^*, S) \leq T_{<1>}(S^*)$.

The most important properties of the Hilbert trip'et $S \subseteq H \equiv H^* \subseteq S'$ in relation to the corresponding iper-dual system ore summarized in the following statements :

- (a) $(S, \sigma(S, S'))$ is a nuclear space ;
- (b) the canonical embedding $i : (S, \sigma(S, S')) \rightarrow (H, \sigma(H, H^*))$ is continuous;
- (c) H^* is dense in $(S', \sigma(S', S))$.

PROOF. (a) The topology $\sigma(S, S')$ for S is the projective topology with respect to the family $\{(C_\alpha, L_\alpha) : C_\alpha = C, L_\alpha S\}$. Since each $C_\alpha = C$ is nuclear, then the space $(S, \sigma(S, S'))$ is nuclear too [3] ,

(c) We shall make the identification $H \equiv H^*$. Let $t \in S'$. Then $t = w\text{-}\lim_n x_n$, $\{x_n\} \in L_w(H^*, S)$. We shall define $t_k := w\text{-}\lim_n \langle x_n^{(k)} |$

where $\{x_n^{(k)}\}$ is the sequence in $L_w^b(H^*, S)$ defined by $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, x_k, x_k, \dots\}$. It results that $\langle t_k | y \rangle = \langle x_k | y \rangle$ and so

$$\lim_k \langle t_k, y \rangle = \langle t, y \rangle \forall y \in S.$$

For sake of completeness we give now briefly some definitions and results useful in the sequel .

A partially ordered set I is said to be directed if, given $\alpha, \beta \in I$ there exists $\gamma \in I$ such that $\alpha \in \gamma$ and $\beta \in \gamma$.

A generalized sequence or a net in a topological space T is a mapping $f : I \rightarrow T$, where I is a directed set. As in the case of sequences, we write $f(\alpha) = x_\alpha$ and we represent the net by its image $\{x_\alpha\}$.

Given the net $\{x_\alpha\}$ in the topological vector space T , we say that $x \in T$ is the limit of $\{x_\alpha\}$ (and we write $x = \lim x_\alpha$) or that x_α converges to x if for any neighbourhood U_x of x there exists $\alpha_0 \in I$ such that $x_\alpha \in U_x \forall \alpha \geq \alpha_0$. It is well known that a function f from a topological space S to a topological space T is continuous iff for every convergent net $\{x_\alpha\}$ in S , with $x_\alpha \rightarrow x$, the net $f(x_\alpha)$ converges in T to $f(x)$. A net $\{x_\alpha\}$ in S is said to be order-bounded if there exists $\alpha_0 \in I$ such that $\{x_\alpha : \alpha \geq \alpha_0\}$ is norm-bounded.

The main result of this section is the following

THEOREM. (a) $S = H \Rightarrow L_w(H^*, S) = L_w^c(H^*, S)$

(b) If every net $\sigma(S, D(S))$ -convergent is order-bounded, then $S = H$.

PROOF. (a) It is an obvious consequence of the Uniform Boundedness Principle [4].

(b) It is sufficient to prove that $D(S) = S^*$. Since the topological dual of $(S, \sigma(S, D(S)))$ is $D(S)$, it is sufficient to show that every $l \in S^*$ is $\sigma(S, D(S))$ -continuous on S . For this, let $l \in S^*$ and let $\{x_\alpha\}$ be a net $\sigma(S, D(S))$ -convergent to x . Since $l \in S^*$, there exists $\{y_k\} \subseteq D(S)$ such that $\|L \cdot y_k\| \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0$. Therefore

$|\langle l, x_\alpha - x \rangle| = |\langle l \pm y_k, x_\alpha - x \rangle| \leq \|l - y_k\| (\|x_\alpha\| + \|x\|) + |\langle y_k, x_\alpha - x \rangle|$.
 Since $\{x_\alpha\}$ is order-bounded, there exist an $\alpha_0 \in I$ and a real number $M > 0$ such that $\|x_\alpha\| < M$ for every $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$. So, $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $k_0 \in N$ such that $\|y_{k_0} - l\| < \varepsilon / 2 (M + \|x\|)$. Moreover, as $\{x_\alpha\}$ is $\sigma(S, D(S))$

- convergent to x , there exists $\bar{\alpha} \in I$ such that $|\langle y_{k0} | x_\alpha - x \rangle| < \varepsilon/2$ for every $\alpha \geq \bar{\alpha}$.

Let $\alpha_1 \geq \{ \alpha_0, \bar{\alpha} \}$. Then for every $\alpha \geq \alpha_1$ we have

$$|\langle l, x_\alpha - x \rangle| \leq \|l - y_{k0}\|(\|x_\alpha\| + \|x\|) + |\langle y_{k0} | x_\alpha - x \rangle| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2(M + \|x\|)}(M + \|x\|) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon, \text{ i.e. } \lim \langle l, x_\alpha \rangle = \langle l, x \rangle.$$

REMARK. The statment (b) has a converse when H is finite-dimensional (i.e. in a finite-dimensional Hilbert space every weakly convergent net is order-bounded), but the author ignores whether this property characterizes any Hilbert space.

3. EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE 1. We denote by H a separable, infinite-dimensional complex Hilbert space, by $\{u_n\}$ an orthonormal basis fixed in H and by $S = Sp(\{u_n\})$ the linear manifold spanned by $\{u_n\}$.

Let $E_k : H \rightarrow H$ be the projection on the finite-dimensional subspace $S^k := Sp(u_1, \dots, u_k)$:

$$E_k x := \sum_{j=1}^k \langle u_j | x \rangle u_j \quad \forall x \in H.$$

It is straightforward to verify that the functional $\langle l \rangle_k : S \times S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by

$$\langle x | y \rangle_k := \langle E_k x | E_k y \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^k \langle x | u_j \rangle \langle u_j | y \rangle$$

is a degenerate inner-product on S . We shall denote S_k the space S endowed with the degenerate inner product $\langle l \rangle_k$.

The function $p_k : x \rightarrow p_k(x) := \left(\sum_{j=1}^k |\langle u_j | x \rangle|^2 \right)^{1/2}$ is a seminorm on S .

Of course for the family of seminorms $F(\{u_n\}) = \{p_k : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ holds $p_k(x) \leq p_{k+1}(x) \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\forall x \in S$. In the previous Section we have endowed the pre-Hilbert space S with the weak topology $\sigma(S, D(S))$, that is of the topology generated by the family of seminorms $F(D(S)) = \{q_k : = |\langle x | \cdot \rangle|, k \in S\}$.

We show now that in the present example we have that

$F(D(S))$ is equivalent to the totally ordered family of seminorms $F(\{u_n\})$.

PROOF. For every $q_x, x \in S$, we can write $x = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j u_j$ and so for every $y \in S$,

$$q_x(y) = \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j u_j | y \right| \leq \sum_{j=1}^n |\alpha_j| |\langle u_j | y \rangle|.$$

If $A = \max(|\alpha_j|)$, we have that $q_x(y) \leq A \sum_{j=1}^n |\langle u_j | y \rangle| \leq A \sum_{j=1}^n p_j(y)$.

Moreover, $(p_k(x))^2 = \sum_{j=1}^k |\langle u_j | x \rangle|^2 \leq \left(\sum_{j=1}^k |\langle u_j | x \rangle| \right)^2$

$$= \left(\sum_{j=1}^k q_{u_j}(x) \right)^2 \Rightarrow p_x(x) \leq \sum_{j=1}^n q_{u_j}(x).$$

Finally, we construct S' . We recall that

$S' = \{ t : S \rightarrow C : \exists \{x_n\} \in L_w(H^*, S) \text{ such that}$

$$\langle t, y \rangle = \lim_n \langle x_n | y \rangle \forall y \in S \}.$$

Since $S = Sp(\{u_n\})$, we have that

Let $t \in S'$. If $\alpha_j = \langle t | u_j \rangle \forall j \in N$ and $y \in S$, $y = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i u_i$, then

$$\langle t, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i \alpha_i.$$

The (*)¹ suggest to put, formally; $t = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \alpha_j u_j$, so we can identify t with the sequence $\{\alpha_j\}$.

The map $\phi : S' \rightarrow C^N$, defined for every $t = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \alpha_j u_j$ in S' by $\phi(t) = \{\alpha_j\}$ is a linear isomorphism between S' and C^N .

In fact it is easy to verify that ϕ is linear and injective. If $\{\alpha_j\} \in C^N$

we consider the sequence $\{x_n\} \subseteq S$ defined by $x_n = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j u_j$. It is easy

to see that $\{x_n\} \in L_w(H^*, S)$ and if $t = w\text{-lim}_n x_n$, then $\phi(t) = \{\alpha_j\}$, thus ϕ is surjective.

EXAMPLE 2. If H is the Hilbert space $L_2(R^n)$ of square Lebesgue-integrable complex-valued functions on R^n and S is the space $T(R^n)$ dense in $L_2(R^n)$ of the functions of rapid decrease on R^n , then S is the space of tempered distributions $T'(R^n)$ according to the definition in [5]. We have so obtained the iper-dual system $[T'(R^n), T(R^n)]$ and the Hilbert triplet $T(R^n) \subseteq L_2(R^n) \subseteq T'(R^n)$.

EXAMPLE 3. Let $H = l_2$ and $S = T$, where

$$T = \{ \{a_n\} \in l_2 : \sum |a_n|^2 (n+1)^m < \infty \forall m \in N \}.$$

We show that S' coincides with the pual of T endowed with a suitable topology. If $m \in N$ is fixed, we define the norm $\| \cdot \|_m$ with

$$\| \underline{a} \|_m := (\sum |a_n|^2 (n+1)^{2m})^{1/2} \forall \underline{a} = \{a_n\} \in T.$$

The family of norms $(\| \cdot \|_m)_{m \in N}$ is a directed family of norms, that is, $\forall k_1, \dots, k_r \in N, \exists k \in N$ and $\exists c \in R_+$ such that $\| \underline{a} \|_{k_1} + \dots + \| \underline{a} \|_{k_r} \leq c \| \underline{a} \|_k \forall \underline{a} \in T$ since, put $k = \max(k_1, \dots, k_r)$, we have $\| \underline{a} \|_{k_1} + \dots + \| \underline{a} \|_{k_r} \leq r \| \underline{a} \|_k$.

We consider now the countably normed space $(T, \| \cdot \|_m)$. It is well known that a sequence $(\underline{a}^{(n)})_{n \in N}$ in $(T, \| \cdot \|_m)$ converges to zero iff $\lim_n \| \underline{a}^{(n)} \|_m = 0 \forall m \in N$. It is also easy to prove that $(T, \| \cdot \|_m)$ is a complete countably normed space.

The proof of following lemmas 1 and 2 are in [6]:

LEMMA 1. A linear functional $t : (T, \| \cdot \|_m) \rightarrow C$ is continuous iff $\exists c \in R_+$ and $\exists k \in N$ such that

$$| t(\underline{a}) | \leq c \| \underline{a} \|_k \quad \forall \underline{a} \in T.$$

LEMMA 2. (UNIFORM BOUNDEDNESS PRINCIPLE IN COUNTABLY NORMED SPACES). Let X be a complete countably normed space with $\| \cdot \|_r$ a directed sequence of norms. Let F be a set in X^* , the dual of X . If $\{ F(f) : F \in F \}$ is bounded for each $f \in X$ then there is a $c \in R_+$ and an $r \in N$ so that, for all $f \in X$ and all $F \in F$,

$$| F(f) | \leq c \| f \|_r.$$

Utilizing the Lemmas 1 and 2 it is now easy to prove the

LEMMA 3. Let $(\underline{x}^{(n)}) \subseteq l_2$ be a sequence in l_2 such that $\exists \lim_n \langle \underline{a}, \underline{x}^{(n)} \rangle \forall \underline{a} \in T$. Then, if $t = w\text{-}\lim_n \langle \underline{x}^{(n)} \rangle$, we have that $t \in (T, \| \cdot \|_m)'$, where $(T, \| \cdot \|_m)'$ is the topological dual of the countably normed space $(T, \| \cdot \|_m)$.

LEMMA 4. Let $(\underline{e}^{(n)})$ be the canonical basis in l_2 ($\underline{e}^{(n)} = \{ \delta_{kn} \}_{k \in N}$).

Let $T \in (\mathbf{T}, \|\cdot\|_m)'$, $b_n = T(\underline{e}^{(n)})$. Then there is a $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and a $k \in \mathbb{N}$ so that $|b_n| \leq c(1+n)^m$ and

$$(*)^3 \quad T \underline{a} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n b_n \quad \forall \underline{a} \in \mathbf{T},$$

Conversely, if $\|b_n\| \leq c(1+n)^m$, then $(*)^3$ defines an element of $(\mathbf{T}, \|\cdot\|_m)'$.

PROOF. If $T \in (\mathbf{T}, \|\cdot\|_m)'$, then from lemma 1 follows $|b_n| \leq c(1+n)^m$ and moreover the $(*)^3$ is trivial, Conversely, if $|b_n| \leq c(1+n)^m$ then

$$\begin{aligned} |\sum a_n b_n|^2 &\leq (\sum |a_n|^2 (n+1)^{2m+2}) (\sum |b_n|^2 (n+1)^{-(2m+2)}) \\ &\leq 1/6 c^2 \pi^2 \|\underline{a}\|_{2m+2}^2 \end{aligned}$$

and so, still from lemma 1, the $(*)^3$ defines an element of $(\mathbf{T}, \|\cdot\|_m)'$

THEOREM. In the previous notations, we have $S' = (\mathbf{T}, \|\cdot\|_m)'$,

PROOF. $S' \subseteq (\mathbf{T}, \|\cdot\|_m)'$ is the Lemma 3.

Conversely, if $T \in (\mathbf{T}, \|\cdot\|_m)'$, then from Lemma 4, if $b_n = T(\underline{e}^{(n)})$,

it results $|b_n| \leq c(1+n)^m$ and $T(\underline{a}) = \sum a_n b_n$. But then, put

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{x}^{(n)} &= (b_1, \dots, b_n, 0, 0, \dots) \text{ we have that } \forall \underline{a} \in \mathbf{T}, \exists \lim_n \langle \underline{x}^{(n)} | \underline{a} \rangle \\ &= \sum b_n a_n = T(\underline{a}) \end{aligned}$$

We have thus obtained the iper-dual system $[(\mathbf{T}, \|\cdot\|_m)', \mathbf{T}]$ and the Hilbert triplet $\{\{a_n\} : \sum |a_n|^2 (n+1)^n < \infty \forall m\}$

$\subseteq \{\{a_n\} : \sum |a_n|^2 < \infty\} \subseteq \{\{a_n\} : \exists c \in \mathbb{R}_+, \exists m \in \mathbb{N}, |a_n| \leq c(1+n)^m\}$.

REMARK. If $(\mathbf{T}(R), \|\cdot\|_{b,h})$ denotes the countably normed space of functions of rapid decrease on R with $\|\cdot\|_{b,h}$ defined by $\|\Phi\|_{b,h} := \|x^k \Phi^{(h)}(x)\|_{\infty}$, where $\|\Phi\|_{\infty} := \sup_{x \in R} |\Phi(x)|$, it is well known that

the countably normed space $(\mathbf{T}(R), \|\cdot\|_{k,h})$ and $(\mathbf{T}, \|\cdot\|_m)$ are isomorphic ([6]). This provides, "en passant", a proof of equivalence of definitions of tempered distributions via linear functionals ($[f]$) and via weakly Cauchy sequences [5].

EXAMPLE 4. Let \mathbf{H} be a separable Hilbert space, Let $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{H})$ be the space of bounded operators on \mathbf{H} . We are interested to the following linear varieties of $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{H})$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{H}) &:= \{ \text{finite rank operators} \} \\ \mathbf{HS}(\mathbf{H}) &:= \{ \text{Hilbert-Schmidt operators} \} \\ \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{H}) &:= \{ \text{compact operators} \} \end{aligned}$$

We recall that [8]:

- (1) $F \in \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{H})$ iff the range $R(F)$ of F is finite-dimensional.
- (2) $K \in \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{H})$ iff $\exists \{v_i\}, \{w_i\}$ orthonormal bases of \mathbf{H} and $\exists \{\mu_i\} \subseteq \mathbf{R}_+$ with $\mu_1 \geq \mu_i \forall i \in \mathbf{N}$ and $\lim_i \mu_i = 0$, so that

$$(*)_1^4 \quad Kx = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu_i \langle x | v_i \rangle w_i \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{H}.$$

- (3) $T \in \mathbf{HS}(\mathbf{H})$ iff $T \in \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{H})$ and the sequence $\{\mu_i\}$ of $(*)_1^4$ is in l_2 ,
- (4) $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{H}) \subset \mathbf{HS}(\mathbf{H}) \subset \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{H}) \subset \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{H})$.
- (5) If $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbf{HS}(\mathbf{H})$ and $\{u_i\}$ is an orthonormal basis of \mathbf{H} , the numerical series $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle T_1 u_i | T_2 u_i \rangle$ is absolutely convergent and the sum is independent from the orthonormal basis $\{u_i\}$.
- (6) $\mathbf{HS}(\mathbf{H})$ can be endowed with the inner product $\langle T_1 | T_2 \rangle := \sum \langle T_1 u_i | T_2 u_i \rangle$ where $\{u_i\}$ is any orthonormal basis in \mathbf{H} . With respect to this inner product, $\mathbf{HS}(\mathbf{H})$ is a separable Hilbert space, which we denote by H .

(7) If we denote with S the space $F(H)$, it results that S is dense in H . So we can construct S' as in Section 2 .

On the contrary of example 1 in which beginning from the space S of finite sequences we have obtained that S' is the space of *all* sequences, now, beginning from the space S of finite rank operators, we obtain that $S' \subseteq B(H)$ and so it is not made up of *all* linear operators on H , as it results from the following theorem :

THEOREM In the previous notations, we have $K(H) \subseteq S' \subseteq B(H)$.

PROOF. Let $K \in K(H)$. Then $Kx = \sum_1^{\infty} \mu_i \langle x | v_i \rangle w_i$, $\forall x \in H$. We

can look to K as a functional on S defined by

$$K(F) := \sum_{i=1}^s \lambda_i \langle K v_i | \tilde{w}_i \rangle \quad \forall F \in S, \quad Fx = \sum_{i=1}^s \lambda_i \langle x | \tilde{v}_i \rangle \tilde{w}_i .$$

For each $n \in N$ we define $K_n \in H$ with

$$K_n X = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i \langle x | v_i \rangle w_i ,$$

and we show that $K = w \lim \langle K_n | \cdot \rangle$.

Indeed if $F \in S$, $Fx = \sum_{i=1}^s \lambda_i \langle x | \tilde{v}_i \rangle \tilde{w}_i$,

$$(*)_2^4 \quad \langle K_n | F \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle K_n v_i | F v_i \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^s \lambda_i \langle K_n v_i | \tilde{w}_i \rangle$$

and so $\lim_n \langle K_n | F \rangle = K(F)$. In this way we have proved that $K(H) \subseteq S'$.

We show now that $S' \subseteq B(H)$. Let $t = w \lim_n \langle T_n \in HS(H) \rangle$. From $(*)_2^4$

it is easy to see that

$$(*)_3^4 \quad \exists \lim_n \langle T_n x | y \rangle \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbf{H}$$

(in effect this is a necessary and sufficient condition in order that $\exists \lim_n \langle T_n | F \rangle \quad \forall F \in S$).

Of course the $(*)_3^4$ is equivalent to

$$(*)_4^4 \quad \exists \lim_n \langle T_n^* x | y \rangle \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbf{H}$$

(we recall that $T \in HS(\mathbf{H}) \Rightarrow T^* \in HS(\mathbf{H})$. where T^* denotes the adjoint of T).

Now from $(*)_3^4$, once fixed x , from the Uniform Boundedness Principle and from the Fréchet-Riesz theorem, it follows that $\exists ! T x \in \mathbf{H}$ such that

$$\lim_n \langle T_n x | y \rangle = \langle T x | y \rangle \quad \forall y \in \mathbf{H} .$$

As x run over \mathbf{H} , we obtain a map $T : \mathbf{H} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$ which is linear, as it is easy to verify .

Analogously from $(*)_4^4$ we obtain a linear mapping T satisfying

$$(*)_5^4 \quad \lim_n \langle T_n^* x | y \rangle = \langle \widetilde{T} x | y \rangle \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbf{H}$$

There remain to prove that $T \in B(\mathbf{H})$. We recall that is sufficient to prove that T has an adjoint operator defined on \mathbf{H} , [4] .

This is immediately verified once noted that the adjoint of T is the

$$\begin{aligned} \text{operator } \widetilde{T} \text{ since } \langle T x | y \rangle &= \lim_n \langle T_n x | y \rangle = \lim_n \langle x | T_n^* y \rangle \\ &= \langle x | \widetilde{T} y \rangle \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbf{H} . \end{aligned}$$

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