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# The Relationship between Weak almost Dunford-Pettis and Dunford-Pettis Operators

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#### Abstract

We give some necessary and sufficient conditions for which the class of weak almost Dunford-Pettis operators coincide with that of Dunford-Pettis. Next, we characterize Banach space X and Banach lattice F' topological dual of Banach lattice F for which each weak almost Dunford-Pettis operator  $T: X \to F'$  is Dunford-Pettis, and we derive some consequences.

**Keywords:** Weak almost Dunford-Pettis operator, Dunford-Pettis operator, Schur property, KB-space, AM-compactness property, Order continuous norm.

# 1 Introduction and Notation

An operator T from a Banach space X into another Y is called Dunford-Pettis if  $||T(x_n)|| \to 0$  for every weakly null sequence  $(x_n)$  in E [1]. A norm bounded subset A of a Banach lattice E is said to be almost Dunford-Pettis set, if every disjoint weakly null sequence  $(f_n)$  in E' converges uniformly to zero on A, that is,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sup_{x\in A} f_n(x) = 0$ . Recall from [5] an operator  $T : X \to F$  from a Banach space X into a Banach lattice F is called weak almost Dunford-Pettis if T carries each relatively weakly compact set in X to an almost Dunford-Pettis set in F, equivalently, whenever  $f_n(T(x_n)) \to 0$  for every weakly null

sequence  $(x_n)$  in X and every disjoint weakly null sequence  $(f_n)$  in F'. A Banach space X has

- the Schur property, if  $||x_n|| \to 0$  for every weakly null sequence  $(x_n) \subset E$ . - the Dunford-Pettis property (DP property for short), if  $x_n \stackrel{w}{\to} 0$  in X and  $f_n \stackrel{w}{\to} 0$  in X' imply  $f_n(x_n) \to 0$ .

A Banach lattice E has the weak Dunford-Pettis property (wDP property for short), if every relatively weakly compact set in E is almost Dunford-Pettis, equivalently, whenever  $f_n(x_n) \to 0$  for every weakly null sequence  $(x_n)$  in Eand for every disjoint weakly null sequence  $(f_n)$  in E' (see Corollary 2.6 of [5]).

A Banach lattice E is said to be a KB-space whenever every increasing norm bounded sequence of  $E^+$  is norm convergent [1]. For exemple, each reflexive Banach lattice is a KB-space, but  $\ell^{\infty}$  is not a KB-space.

It is clair that each KB-space has an order continuous norm, but a Banach lattice with order continuous norm is not necessary a KB-space. In fact, the Banach lattice  $c_0$  has an order continuous norm but it is not a KB-space. However, for each Banach lattice E, its topological dual E' is a KB-space if and only if its norm is order continuous (see Theorem 4.59 of [1]).

It follows from Proposition 3.1 of [3] that a Banach lattice E has the AMcompactness property if and only if for every weakly null sequence  $(f_n)$  of E', we have  $|f_n| \xrightarrow{w^*} 0$ . For exemple, the Banach lattice  $\ell^1$  has the AM-compactness property, but  $\ell^{\infty}$  does not have this property.

A linear mapping T from a vector lattice E into a vector lattice F is called a lattice homomorphism, if  $x \wedge y = 0$  in E implies  $T(x) \wedge T(y) = 0$  in F. An operator  $T : E \to F$  between two Banach lattices is a bounded linear mapping. It is positive if  $T(x) \ge 0$  in F whenever  $x \ge 0$  in E. If  $T : E \to F$  is a positive operator between two Banach lattices, then its adjoint  $T' : F' \to E'$ , defined by T'(f)(x) = f(T(x)) for each  $f \in F'$  and for each  $x \in E$ , is also positive. For the theory of Banach lattices and positive operators, we refer the reader to monographs [1, 7].

Note that every Dunford-Pettis operator  $T : X \to F$  is weak almost Dunford-Pettis, but the converse is not always true. In fact, the identity operator of the Banach lattice  $\ell^{\infty}$  is weak almost Dunford-Pettis (because  $\ell^{\infty}$ has the weak Dunford-Property ) but it is not Dunford-Pettis (because  $\ell^{\infty}$ does not have the Schur property).

In this paper, we establish a necessary and sufficient conditions for which each weak almost Dunford-Pettis operator is Dunford-Pettis (Theorem 2.2, Theorem 2.5 and Theorem 2.8). Also, we deduce that if X be a Banach space and F be a Banach lattice such that F has the AM-compactness property, then each weak almost Dunford-Pettis operator  $T: X \to F'$  is Dunford-Pettis if and only if X has the Schur property or F' is a KB-space (Corollary 2.9). As consequences, we derive some interesting results (Corollaries 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.10 and 2.11).

### 2 Main Results

The proof of the next Theorem is based on the following Proposition.

**Proposition 2.1** Let X be a Banach space and F be a Banach lattice. Then, each operator  $T : X \to F$  that admits a factorization through the Banach lattice  $\ell^{\infty}$ , is weak almost Dunford-Pettis.

Let  $P: X \to \ell^{\infty}$  and  $Q: \ell^{\infty} \to F$  be two operators such that  $T = Q \circ P$ . Let  $(x_n)$  be a weakly null sequence in X and let  $(f_n)$  be a disjoint weakly null sequence in F'. It is clear that  $P(x_n) \xrightarrow{w} 0$  in  $\ell^{\infty}$  and  $Q'(f_n) \xrightarrow{w} 0$  in  $(\ell^{\infty})'$ . Since  $\ell^{\infty}$  has the Dunford-Pettis property, then

$$f_n(Tx_n) = f_n(Q \circ P(x_n)) = (Q'f_n)(P(x_n)) \to 0.$$

This prove that, T is weak almost Dunford-Pettis.

The following Theorem gives some necessary conditions of a Banach lattices E and F under which each positive weak almost Dunford-Pettis operator from E into F is Dunford-Pettis.

**Theorem 2.2** Let E and F be two Banach lattices such that F is Dedekind  $\sigma$ -complete. If each positive weak almost Dunford-Pettis operator  $T : E \to F$  is Dunford-Pettis then one of the following assertions is valid:

- 1. E has the Schur property.
- 2. The norm of F is order continuous.

Assume by way of contradiction that E does not have the Schur property and F does not have the order continuous norm. We have to construct a positive weak almost Dunford-Pettis operator which is not Dunford-Pettis. As E does not have the Schur property, then there exists a weakly null sequence  $(x_n)$  in E which is not norm convergent to 0. As  $||x_n|| =$  $\sup \{|f(x_n)| : f \in (E')^+, ||f|| = 1\}$ , there exist a sequence  $(f_n)$  in  $(E')^+$  with  $||f_n|| = 1$ , some  $\epsilon > 0$  and a subsequence  $(y_n)$  of  $(x_n)$  such that  $|f_n(y_n)| \ge \epsilon$ for all n.

Now, consider the operator  $P: E \to \ell^{\infty}$  defined by

$$P(x) = (f_k(x))_{k=1}^{\infty}$$

Clearly, that P is positive. Also, since the norm of the Dedekind  $\sigma$ -complete Banach lattice F is not order continuous, it follows from Theorem 4.51 of [1] that  $\ell^{\infty}$  is lattice embeddable in F. Let  $Q : \ell^{\infty} \to F$  be a lattice embedding, then there exists m > 0 and M > 0 such that

$$m. \| ((\lambda)_{k=1}^{\infty}) \|_{\infty} \le \| Q((\lambda)_{k=1}^{\infty}) \| \le M. \| ((\lambda)_{k=1}^{\infty}) \|_{\infty}$$

for all  $((\lambda)_{k=1}^{\infty}) \in \ell^{\infty}$ .

Let  $T = Q \circ P : E \to \ell^{\infty} \to F$ . It follows From Proposition 2.1 that T be a positive weak almost Dunford-Pettis but is not Dunford-Pettis. In fact, note that  $(y_n)$  is a weakly null sequence in E and for every n we have

 $||T(y_n)|| = ||Q((f_k(y_n))_{k=1}^{\infty})||_{\infty} \ge m. ||(f_k(y_n))_{k=1}^{\infty}||_{\infty} \ge m. |f_n(y_n)| \ge m.\epsilon$ 

This show that T is not Dunford-Pettis.

If we put E = F in Theorem 2.2, we give a condition sufficient for which a Banach lattice Dedekind  $\sigma$ -complete E has a order continuous norm.

**Corollary 2.3** Let E a Banach lattice Dedekind  $\sigma$ -complete. If each positive weak almost Dunford-Pettis operator  $T : E \to E$  is Dunford-Pettis then the norm of E is order continuous.

As a consequence of Theorem 2.2, we obtain an operator characterization of the Schur property of a Banach lattice.

**Corollary 2.4** Let E be a Banach lattice. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- 1. Every operator  $T: E \to \ell^{\infty}$  is Dunford-Pettis.
- 2. Every positive operator  $T: E \to \ell^{\infty}$  is Dunford-Pettis.
- 3. Every positive weak almost Dunford-Pettis operator  $T : E \to \ell^{\infty}$  is Dunford-Pettis.
- 4. E has the Schur property.

 $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  Obvious.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  Obvious.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) It follows from Theorem 2.5 by noting that  $\ell^{\infty}$  is Dedekind  $\sigma$ complete and its norm is not order continuous.

 $(4) \Rightarrow (1)$  Obvious.

By a similar proof as the previous Theorem, we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 2.5** Let X be a Banach space and F be a Dedekind  $\sigma$ -complete Banach lattice. If each weak almost Dunford-Pettis operator  $T: X \to F$  is Dunford-Pettis then one of the following assertions is valid:

- 1. X has the Schur property.
- 2. The norm of F is order continuous.

**Remark 1** The assumption "F Dedekind  $\sigma$ -complete" is essential in Theorem 2.2 (resp, Theorem 2.5). In fact, if we consider  $E = \ell^{\infty}$  (resp,  $X = \ell^{\infty}$ ) and F = c the Banach lattice of all convergent sequences, it is clear that F = c is not Dedekind  $\sigma$ -complete, and it follows from the proof of Proposition 1 of [10] and Theorem 5.99 of [1] that each operator from  $\ell^{\infty}$  into c is Dunford-Pettis. But  $\ell^{\infty}$  does not have the Schur property and the norm of c is not order continuous.

**Remark 2** The second necessary condition of Theorem 2.2 (resp. Theorem 2.5) is not sufficient. In fact, the identity operator  $I_{c_0} : c_0 \to c_0$  is positive weak almost Dunford-Pettis (resp. weak almost Dunford-Pettis) (because  $c_0$  has the weak Dunford-Pettis property) but is not Dunford-Pettis (because  $c_0$  does not have the Schur property). However the norm of  $c_0$  is order continuous.

As a consequence of Theorem 2.5, we obtain an operator characterization of the Schur property of a Banach space.

**Corollary 2.6** Let X be a Banach space. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- 1. Every operator  $T: X \to \ell^{\infty}$  is Dunford-Pettis.
- 2. Every weak almost Dunford-Pettis operator  $T : X \to \ell^{\infty}$  is Dunford-Pettis.
- 3. X has the Schur property.

 $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  Obvious.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) It follows from Theorem 2.5 by noting that  $\ell^{\infty}$  is Dedekind  $\sigma$ complete and its norm is not order continuous.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  Obvious.

For proof of the next Theorem, we need the following Lemma which is just Corollary 2.7 of Dodds and Fremlin in [4]

**Lemma 2.7** Let E be a Banach lattice and let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence of E'. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- 1.  $||f_n|| \to 0.$
- 2.  $|f_n| \xrightarrow{w^*} 0$  and  $f_n(x_n) \to 0$  for every norm bounded disjoint sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $E^+$ .

Now, we give some sufficient conditions for which every weak almost Dunford-Pettis operator T from a Banach space X into a dual topological F' of a Banach lattice F is Dunford-Pettis.

**Theorem 2.8** Let X be a Banach space and F be a Banach lattice. Then every weak almost Dunford-Pettis operator  $T : X \to F'$  is Dunford-Pettis if one of the following assertions is valid:

- 1. X has the Schur property.
- 2. F' has the Schur property.
- 3. F' is a KB-space and F has the AM-compactness property.
- (1) Obvious.
- (2) Obvious.

(3) Let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence in X such that  $x_n \xrightarrow{w} 0$  in X. We show that  $||T(x_n)|| \to 0$ . By Lemma 2.7, it suffices to prove that  $|T(x_n)| \xrightarrow{w^*} 0$  in F' and  $T(x_n)(y_n) \to 0$  for each norm bounded disjoint sequence  $(y_n)$  in  $F^+$ . It is clear that  $(T(x_n))$  be a weakly null sequence in F', as F has the AM-compactness property then  $|T(x_n)| \xrightarrow{w^*} 0$  in F'.

On the other hand, let  $(y_n)$  be a norm bounded disjoint sequence in  $F^+$ , Since F' is a KB-space then its norm is order continuous, it follows from Corollary 2.9 of Dodds and Fremlin [4] that  $(y_n) \xrightarrow{w} 0$  in F. Now, we have the canonical injection  $\tau : F \to F''$  is a lattice homomorphism, we obtain that  $\tau(y_n)$  is a disjoint weakly null sequence in F''. Finally, as T is weak almost Dunford-Pettis, then  $\tau(y_n)(T(x_n)) \to 0$ . Also by the equality

$$\tau(y_n)(T(x_n)) = T(x_n)(y_n)$$

for each n, we deduce that  $T(x_n)(y_n) \to 0$ , and this complete the proof. Our major result is given by the following characterization.

**Corollary 2.9** Let X be a Banach space and F be a Banach lattice such that F has the AM-compactness property. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

- (1) Every weak almost Dunford-Pettis operator  $T: X \to F'$  is Dunford-Pettis, (2) One of the following expections is well defined.
- (2) One of the following assertions is valid:
  - (a) X has the Schur property,
  - (b) F' is a KB-space.

 $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  Immediately from Theorem 2.5 by noting that if the norm of F' is order continuous then F' is a KB-space (see Theorem 2.4.14 of [7]). (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) It follows from Theorem 2.8.

**Remark 3** The assertion "Each weak almost Dunford-Pettis operator T:  $X \to F$  is Dunford-Pettis" is not equivalent to the assertion "X has the Schur property or F is a KB-space". In fact, if we put  $X = \ell^{\infty}$  and  $F = c_0$ , then by Proposition 2.1 every operator from  $\ell^{\infty}$  into  $c_0$  is weak almost Dunford-Pettis. But  $\ell^{\infty}$  does not have the Schur property and  $c_0$  is not a KB-space.

As a consequences of Theorem 2.2 and Corollary 2.9, we obtain

**Corollary 2.10** Let E and F be two Banach lattices such that F has the AMcompactness property. Then the following assertions are equivalent: (1) Every positive weak almost Dunford-Pettis operator  $T : E \to F'$  is Dunford-Pettis.

- (2) One of the following assertions is valid:
  - (a) E has the Schur property,
  - (b) F' is a KB-space.

Another consequence of Corollary 2.9 is the following result.

**Corollary 2.11** Let F be a Banach lattice such that F has the AM-compactness property.

F' is a KB-space if and only if every weak almost Dunford-Pettis operator  $T: \ell^{\infty} \to F'$  is Dunford-Pettis.

It follows from Corollary 2.9 by noting that  $\ell^{\infty}$  does not have the Schur property.

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