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# PRODUCTS AND QUOTIENTS OF $(p, \sigma)$ -ABSOLUTELY CONTINUOUS OPERATOR IDEALS\*

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#### Abstract

We obtain a generalization of the ideal  $\mathcal{M}_{(q,p)}$  of (q,p)-mixing operators-in the sense of Pietsch- as a consequence of the study of the quotients of  $(p,\sigma)$ -absolutely continuous operator ideals  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}$  -in the sense of Jarchow and Matter-. Inclusions  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(E,F)\subset\mathcal{M}_{(q,s)}(E,F)$  are also investigated, specially for the cases  $E=\mathcal{C}(K)$  and  $E=L_1$ .

The ideal  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}$  of  $(p,\sigma)$ - absolutely continous operators -where  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$ — was defined by Matter [6] in order to give good characterizations of super-reflexivity and other properties of Banach spaces. It is closely related to the ideal of absolutely continuous operators defined by Niculescu [8], and it was introduced as an interpolated operator ideal between  $\mathcal{P}_p$ -the ideal of p-absolutely summing operators-and  $\mathcal{L}$ -the ideal of continuous operators-using an interpolative procedure ([4], [12]). This technique was motivated by the characterization of the uniform closure of the injective hull of an operator ideal proved by Jarchow and Pelczynski [3].

The ideal  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}$  satisfies intermediate properties between  $\mathcal{P}_p$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{(\frac{p}{1-\sigma},p)}$ -the ideal of  $(\frac{p}{1-\sigma},p)$ -absolutely summing operators- and its description generalizes the case  $\mathcal{P}_p$ . The aim of the first section of our work is to study those operators -that we call  $(q,p,\sigma)$ -mixing operators and we denote  $\mathcal{M}_{(q,p,\sigma)}$ - that satisfy  $\mathcal{P}_{q,\sigma}o\mathcal{M}_{(q,p,\sigma)}\subseteq \mathcal{P}_{q,\sigma}$ . We obtain in this way a generalization of (q,p)-mixing operators. The second part of this paper is devoted to find inclusions between the ideals of  $(p,\sigma)$ -absolutely continuous operators and the ideals of (q,p)-mixing operators. Special attention is paid to operators from  $\mathcal{C}(K)$ -spaces and  $L_1$ -spaces on arbitrary Banach spaces F. In this study we obtain some properties of operators belonging to  $\mathcal{L}(L_1,F)$  that factorize through Lorentz function spaces and spaces of Schatten-Von Neumann classes, that are closely related to a theorem due to Carl and Defant (see [1] and [2]). In the third section we obtain some results about products of  $(p,\sigma)$ -absolutely continuous operators.

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#### 0. Background and Notation

Throughout this paper we employ standard Banach space notation. We shall consider only operators on Banach spaces. E, F and G are Banach spaces and  $B_E$  is the unit ball of E.  $W(B_{E'})$  is the set of all regular Borel probabilities on  $B_{E'}$  in the weak  $^*$  topology. If  $(x_i) \in l_p(E)$ , we denote

$$W_p((x_i)) := \sup_{x' \in B_{E'}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\langle x_i, x' \rangle|^p \right)^{1/p}, \quad 1_p((x_i)) := \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|x_i\|^p \right)^{1/p}$$
and
$$\delta_{p,\sigma}((x_i)) := \sup_{x' \in B_{E'}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left( |\langle x_i, x' \rangle|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i\|^{\sigma} \right)^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}.$$

The following definition is due to Matter.

**Definition 0.1.** [6]. Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an operator ideal and let  $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ . An operator  $T: E \to F$  belongs to  $\mathcal{U}_{\sigma}$  if there exist a Banach space G and an operator  $S \in \mathcal{U}(E,G)$  such that  $||Tx|| \leq ||x|| ||Sx|| \quad \forall x \in E$ . If  $\mathcal{U}$  is a normed operator ideal and  $\alpha$  is its norm,  $\mathcal{U}_{\sigma}$  is a normed operator ideal with norm  $\inf_{\alpha}(S)^{1-\sigma}$ .

For the particular case  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{P}_p$ , the following theorem holds.

**Theorem 0.2** [6]. For every operator  $T: E \to F$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $T \in \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(E,F)$ .
- (ii) There is a constant C > 0 and a probability measure  $\mu$  on  $B_{E'}$  such that

$$\parallel Tx \parallel \leq C \Big( \int_{B_{E'}} \Big( \mid < x, x' > \mid^{1-\sigma} \parallel x \parallel^{\sigma} \Big)^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(x') \Big)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} \quad \forall x \in E.$$

(iii) There exist a constant C > 0 such that for every finite sequence  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in E  $1_{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}}((Tx_i)) \leq C\delta_{p,\sigma}((x_i))$ .

In addition, the operator norm  $\pi_{p,\sigma}(T)$  on  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(E,F)$  is the smallest number C for which (ii) and (iii) hold.

Let E be a Banach space and consider  $\mu$  a probability defined on  $B_{E'}$ . We denote by  $J_p$  the map  $E \to L_p(B_{E'}, \mu)$  given by  $J_p(x) = \langle x, . \rangle$ , and by  $N(J_p)$  the kernel of  $J_p$ . We write  $E_\mu$  for the quotient space  $E/N(J_p)$ , and  $\| \cdot \|_{\mu}$  for the quotient norm.

Consider an interpolation couple  $(E_0, E_1)_{1-\sigma,1}$ . The norm restricted to  $E_0$  is equivalent to

$$\inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \| x_i \|_{1}^{1-\sigma} \| x_i \|_{0}^{\sigma} : \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i = x, \ x_i \in E_0 \ \forall 1 \le i \le n \right\}$$

(see [7]). Throughout this paper we use this expression for the interpolation norm, since we only need its explicit formula for the elements  $x \in E_0$ .

#### 1. $(q, p, \sigma)$ -Mixing Operators

**Definition 1.1.** Let T be an operator. We say that T is  $(q, p, \sigma)$ -mixing if it belongs to the quotient operator ideal  $\mathcal{M}_{(q,p,\sigma)} := \mathcal{P}_{q,\sigma}^{-1} \circ \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}$ . We denote by  $M_{(q,p,\sigma)}$  the quotient ideal norm  $\sup \{\pi_{p,\sigma}(S \circ T) : \pi_{q,\sigma}(S) \leq 1\}$ .

Obviously, this definition and the following characterization can be adapted to the case  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\nu}$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{q,\sigma}$  when  $\sigma \neq \nu$ . We restrict our attention to the case  $\sigma = \nu$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** For every operator  $T: E \to F$  the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $T \in \mathcal{M}_{(q,p,\sigma)}(E,F)$ .
- (ii) There is a constant C > 0 such that for each probability measure  $\mu$  on  $B_{F'}$  there is a probability measure  $\nu$  on  $B_{F'}$  such that

$$\inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \int_{B_{F'}} \left( | \langle y_i, y' \rangle |^{1-\sigma} \parallel y_i \parallel^{\sigma} \right)^{\frac{q}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(y') \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{q}} : \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i = Tx \right\} \le C \text{ inf } \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \int_{B_{E'}} \left( | \langle x_i, x' \rangle |^{1-\sigma} \parallel x_i \parallel^{\sigma} \right)^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} d\nu(x') \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} : \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i = x \right\}$$

(iii) There exist a constant c > 0 such that for every finite sequence  $x_1, \dots, X_n$  in E

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{s_{j}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} | \langle y_{i}^{j}, y_{k}^{\prime} \rangle |^{q} \| y_{i}^{j} \|^{\frac{\sigma q}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} : \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{j}^{i} = Tx_{j} \right\}^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} \\
\leq C\delta_{p,\sigma}((x_{j})) l_{q}^{1-\sigma}((y_{k}^{\prime}))$$

In this case,  $M_{(q,p,\sigma)} = \inf C$ , where the infimun is taken over all C satisfying (ii) or all satisfying (iii).

**Proof.** (i)  $\to$  (ii) If  $T \in \mathcal{M}_{(q,p,\sigma)}(E,F)$  and  $\mu$  is a probability measure on  $B_{F'}$ , the canonical embedding  $I: F \to F_{\mu} \to (F_{\mu}, L_q(\mu))_{1-\sigma,1}$  is  $(p,\sigma)$ -absolutely continuous [7] and hence  $I_oT \in \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(E, (F_{\mu}, L_q(\mu))_{1-\sigma,1})$ . By theorem 0.2 there exists a probability measure  $\nu$  on  $B_{E'}$  such that for all  $x \in E$ 

$$|| IoTx || \le \pi_{p,\sigma}(IoT) \left( \int_{B_{E'}} \left( | < x, x' > |^{1-\sigma} || x ||^{\sigma} \right)^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} d\nu(x') \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}$$
 (1)

where  $\parallel IoTx \parallel$  is the norm of the element IoTx of the interpolated space  $(F_{\mu}, L_q(\mu))_{1-\sigma,1}$ , i.e.

$$\parallel IoTx \parallel = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \int_{B_{F'}} \left( \mid < y_i, y' > \mid^{1-\sigma} \parallel y_i \parallel_{\mu}^{\sigma} \right)^{\frac{q}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(y') \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{q}} : \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = Tx \right\}.$$

Just by using the triangle inequality, we find that the second part of (1) can be replaced by

$$\pi_{p,\sigma}(IoT)\inf\left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(\int_{B_{E'}}\left(|< x_{i}, x'>|^{1-\sigma}\parallel x_{i}\parallel^{\sigma}\right)^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}}d\nu(x')\right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}:\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i}=x\right\}.$$

Now we claim that  $\| \|_{\mu}$  in (1) can also be replaced by  $\| \|_{F}$ ; consider a representation  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i}$  of Tx and suppose that  $\| y_{1} \|_{\mu} < \| y_{1} \|$ . For each  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $y_{0} \in N(J_{p})$  verifying  $\| y_{0} + y_{1} \| < (1 + \epsilon) \| y_{1} \|_{\mu}$ . Obviously,

$$\begin{split} & \left( \int_{B_{F'}} \left( | < y_0 + y_1, y' > |^{1-\sigma} \parallel y_0 + y_1 \parallel^{\sigma} \right)^{\frac{q}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(y') \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{q}} + \\ & + \left( \int_{B_{F'}} \left( | < y_0, y' > |^{1-\sigma} \parallel y_0 \parallel^{\sigma} \right)^{\frac{q}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(y') \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{q}} \leq \\ & \leq (1+\epsilon)^{\sigma} \left( \int_{B_{F'}} \left( | < y_1, y' > |^{1-\sigma} \parallel y_1 \parallel^{\sigma}_{\mu} \right)^{\frac{q}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(y') \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{q}} \end{split}$$

Thus, it is enough to consider the new representation  $\sum_{i=2}^{n} y_i + (y_1 + y_o) - y_o = Tx$ . The result is obtained by repeating the argument for all  $2 \le i \le n$  and let  $\epsilon \to 0$ . Finally, since  $\pi_{q,\sigma}(I) \le 1, \pi_{p,\sigma}(IoT) \le M_{(q,p,\sigma)}(T)$ .

(ii)  $\to$  (iii) Let  $(y'_k)_{k=1}^n \subset F'$  and consider the probability measure on  $B_{F'}$  given by  $\mu = (\sum_{k=1}^n \| y'_k \|^q \delta_k)(\sum_{i=1}^n \| y'_k \|^q)^{-1}$ , where  $\delta_k$  is the Dirac measure  $\delta$  at the point  $\frac{1}{\|y'_k\|}y'_k$ . Then

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m}\inf\left\{\sum_{k=1}^{s_{j}}\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n}|< y_{i}^{j}, y_{k}^{\prime}>|^{q}\parallel y_{i}^{j}\parallel^{\frac{\sigma q}{1-\sigma}}\right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{q}}:\sum_{i=1}^{n}y_{j}^{i}=Tx_{j}\right\}^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}}\right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}=$$

$$= 1_q^{1-\sigma}((y_k')) \Big( \sum_{j=1}^m \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{s_j} \Big( \int_{B_{F'}} | < y_i^j, y' > |^q \parallel y_i^j \parallel^{\frac{\sigma q}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(y') \Big)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{q}} :$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n y_j^i = Tx_j \Bigg\}^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \Big)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} \le$$

$$\le C1_q^{1-\sigma}((y_k')) \Big( \sum_{i=1}^m \Big( \int_{B_{F'}} | < x_j, x' > |^p \parallel x_j \parallel^{\frac{\sigma p}{1-\sigma}} d\nu(x') \Big) \Big)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} \le C\delta_{p,\sigma}((x_j)) 1_q^{1-\sigma}((y_k')).$$

(iii)  $\rightarrow$  (i) Condition (iii) means that all discrete probability measures  $\mu$  on  $B_{F'}$  satisfy for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n \subset E$ 

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{s_{j}} \left( \int_{B_{F'}} |\langle y_{i}^{j}, y' \rangle|^{q} \| y_{i}^{j} \|^{\frac{\sigma q}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(y') \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{q}} : \sum_{i=1}^{s_{j}} y_{j}^{i} = Tx_{j} \right\}^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} \\
\leq C\delta_{p,\sigma}((x_{j})) \tag{2}$$

Since the set of all discrete probabilities is dense in  $W(B_{F'})$  with respect to the weak  $C(B_{F'})$ -topology, we only need to verify that the function  $f(\lambda)$  defined on  $B_{F'}$  by

$$f(\lambda) := \Big( \sum_{j=1}^m \inf \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{s_j} \Big( \int_{B_{F'}} | < y_i^j, y' > |^q \parallel y_i^j \parallel^{\frac{\sigma q}{1-\sigma}} \, d\lambda(y') \Big)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{q}} : \sum_{i=1}^{s_j} y_j^i = Tx_j \right\}^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \Big)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}$$

is continuous with respect to this topology to see that inequality (2) holds for every  $\lambda \in W(B_{F'})$ . But this holds since  $\int_{B_{F'}} |< y, y'>|^q \parallel y \parallel^{\frac{\sigma q}{1-\sigma}} d\lambda(y')$  is continuous for each  $y \in F$ .

Hence if  $S \in \mathcal{P}_{q,\sigma}(F,)$ , theorem 0.2 gives

$$\begin{split} &1_{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}}((SoTx_{j}))\\ &\leq \pi_{q,\sigma}(S) \Big(\sum_{j=1}^{m}\inf\left\{\sum_{i=1}^{s_{j}} \Big(\int_{B_{F'}}|< y_{i}^{j}, y'>|^{q}\parallel y_{i}^{j}\parallel^{\frac{\sigma q}{1-\sigma}} \ d\mu(y')\Big)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{q}}: \sum_{i=1}^{s_{j}} y_{j}^{i} = Tx_{j}\right\}^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}}\Big)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}\\ &\leq C\pi_{q,\sigma}(S)\delta_{p,\sigma}((x_{j})). \end{split}$$

This means that  $\pi_{p,\sigma}(SoT) \leq C\pi_{q,\sigma}(T)$  which completes the proof.

**Definition 1.3.** Consider  $1 \le p \le q \le \infty$  such that  $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p}$ . For any finite collection of vectors  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in E$  we set

$$m_{(q,p,\sigma)}((x_i)) := \inf \left\{ 1_{\frac{r}{1-\sigma}}((\tau_i))\delta_{q,\sigma}((x_i^0)) : \forall i, x_i = \tau_i x_i^0, x_i^0 \in E \right\}$$

We are going to use this expression to characterize when a Banach space operator belongs to  $\mathcal{M}_{(q,p,\sigma)}$ . We need the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.4.** For every  $(x_i)_{i=1}^n \subset E$ ,

$$m_{(q,p,\sigma)}((x_i)) = \sup \left\{ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \int_{B_{E'}} | \langle x_i, x' \rangle |^q \| x_i \|^{\frac{\sigma q}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(x') \right)^{\frac{p}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} : \mu \in W(B_{E'}) \right\}.$$

**Proof.** For every set of factorizations  $x_i = \tau_i x_i^0$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$ , and every  $\mu \in W(B_{E'})$  the following inequalities hold, just by applying Hölder's inequality with indexes r/p and q/p.

$$\begin{split} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\int_{B_{E'}} |< x_i, x'>|^{q} \parallel x_i \parallel^{\frac{\sigma q}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(x')\right)^{\frac{p}{q}}\right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} = \\ = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(|\tau_i| \left(\int_{B_{E'}} |< x_i^0, x'>|^{q} \parallel x_i^0 \parallel^{\frac{\sigma q}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(x')\right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{q}}\right)^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}}\right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} \le \\ \le \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} |\tau_i|^{\frac{r}{1-\sigma}}\right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{r}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \int_{B_{E'}} |< x_i^0, x'>|^{q} \parallel x_i^0 \parallel^{\frac{\sigma q}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(x')\right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{q}} \le 1_{\frac{r}{1-\sigma}}((\tau_i))\delta_{q,\sigma}((x_i^0)) \end{split}$$

The other inequality holds in the same way that on proposition [9]16.4.3. using the set  $\mathcal{F}$  of continuous convex function as

$$\phi_{\mu,\epsilon}((\xi_i)) := \sum_{i=1}^n (\xi_i + \epsilon)^{-\frac{q}{p}} \int_{B_{E'}} |\langle x_i, x' \rangle|^q \| x_i \|^{\frac{\sigma q}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(x')$$

defined on

$$\mathcal{K} := \left\{ (\xi_i) \in K^n : \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i^{\frac{r}{p}} \le \theta^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}}, \xi \ge 0 \right\}$$

where 
$$\theta := \sup \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \int_{B_{E'}} |\langle x_i, x' \rangle|^q \parallel x_i \parallel^{\frac{\sigma q}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(x') \right)^{\frac{p}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}$$

for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . Taking  $\xi_i = \left( \int_{B_{E'}} | \langle x_i, x' \rangle |^q \parallel x_i \parallel^{\frac{\sigma q}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(x') \right)^{\frac{p}{r+q}}$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , we obtain  $\phi_{\mu,\epsilon}((\xi_i)) \leq \theta^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}}$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i^{\frac{r}{p}} \leq \theta^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}}$ , since  $\frac{r+q}{r} = \frac{q}{p}$  and

 $(\frac{p}{r+q})\frac{r}{p} = \frac{p}{q}$ . Since the set  $\mathcal{F}$  is concave and for each function  $\phi_{\mu,\epsilon}$  there is an element  $(\xi_i) \in \mathcal{K}$  such that  $\phi_{\mu,\epsilon}((\xi_i)) \leq \theta^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}}$  we can apply Ky Fan's lemma (see for example E.4.[9]) in order to obtain an element  $(\xi_i^0) \in \mathcal{K}$  verifying  $\phi_{\mu,\epsilon}((\xi_i^0)) \leq \theta^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}}$  for all  $\phi_{\mu,\epsilon}$  simultaneously. Now, if we define  $\tau_i = |\xi_i^0|^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}$  and  $x_i^0 = \tau_i^{-1}x_i$  the inequality  $1_{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}}((\tau_i))\delta_{q,\sigma}((x_i^0)) \leq \theta$  holds, using the fact that

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} | < x_{i}^{0}, x' > |^{q} \parallel x_{i}^{0} \parallel^{\frac{\sigma q}{1-\sigma}} d\mu(x') \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{q}} = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\xi_{i} + \epsilon)^{-\frac{q}{r}} | < x_{i}, x' > |^{q} \parallel x_{i} \parallel^{\frac{\sigma q}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{q}} < \theta^{q}^{\frac{1-\sigma}{r}}$$

for each  $x' \in E'$  verifying  $||x'|| \le 1$  as can be deduced from  $\phi_{\delta_{x'},\epsilon}((\xi_i^0)) \le \theta^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}}$ , where  $\delta_{x'}$  is the Dirac measure at the point x'. This proves the lemma.

Proposition 1.5. Let  $T \in L(E, F)$ . The following two statements are equivalent:

(i) There is a C<sub>1</sub> > 0 such that for every (x<sub>i</sub>)<sup>n</sup><sub>i=1</sub> ⊂ E,

$$m_{(q,p,\sigma)}((Tx_i)) \le C_1 \delta_{p,\sigma}((x_i)).$$

(ii) There is a C<sub>2</sub> > 0 such that for every (x<sub>i</sub>)<sup>n</sup><sub>i=1</sub> ⊂ E and (y'<sub>k</sub>)<sup>m</sup><sub>k=1</sub> ⊂ F' the following inequality holds

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} | < Tx_{i}, y'_{k} > |^{q} \| Tx_{i} \|^{\frac{\sigma q}{1-\sigma}}\right)^{\frac{p}{q}}\right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} \le C_{2} \delta_{p,\sigma}((x_{i})) 1_{q}^{1-\sigma}((y'_{k})).$$

Moreover, if T verifies these conditions,  $\inf C_1 = \inf C_2$ .

**Proof.** (i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ . Given  $y'_1, \dots, y'_k \in F'$  we define the discrete probability  $\mu$  as in theorem  $1.2((ii) \rightarrow (iii))$ . We obtain in this way an integral expression of

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{m} | < Tx_i, y'_k > |^q \| Tx_i \|^{\frac{x_q}{1-\sigma}}\right)^{\frac{p}{q}}\right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}$$

for every  $(x_i)_{i=1}^n$ . Using the previous lemma the result holds.  $(ii) \rightarrow (i)$  Take  $(x_i)_{i=1}^n \subset E$ . As in the case  $(iii) \rightarrow (i)$  of theorem 1.2,  $\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\int_{B_{E'}} | < Tx_i, y'_k > |^q \parallel Tx_i \parallel^{\frac{\sigma_q}{1-\sigma_q}}\right)\right)$ 

 $d\nu$  $\Big|_{q}^{\frac{p}{q}}\Big|_{p}^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} \le C_2\delta_{p,\sigma}((x_i))$  holds for each discrete probability on  $W(B_{F'})$ . The fact that these probabilities are dense in  $W(B_{F'})$  and lemma 1.4 complete the proof.

Corollary 1.6 Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ . If T verifies (i) (and (ii)) of proposition 1.5, then  $T \in \mathcal{M}_{(q,p,\sigma)}$ .

As inmediate consequences of the characterization given in theorem 1.2, the following corollaries hold.

Corollary 1.7. Let  $1 \le p \le q \le r \le \infty$  and  $0 \le \sigma < 1$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}_{(r,q,\sigma)} \circ \mathcal{M}_{(q,p,\sigma)} \subset \mathcal{M}_{(r,p,\sigma)}$ .

Corollary 1.8. Let  $1 \le p_1 \le p_2 \le q_2 \le q_1 \le \infty$  and  $0 \le \sigma < 1$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}_{(q_1,p_1,\sigma)} \subset \mathcal{M}_{(q_2,p_2,\sigma)}$ .

Remark 1.9. Let  $1 \le p \le q \le r \le \infty$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  an operator ideal such that  $\mathcal{P}_q o \mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{P}_p$ . Consider an operator  $T \in \mathcal{U}(E, F)$ ,  $0 \le \sigma < 1$  and  $S \in \mathcal{P}_{q,\sigma}(F, G)$ . By definition 0.1, there exists an  $S_0 \in \mathcal{P}_q$  satisfying  $||Sy|| \le ||y||^{\sigma} ||S_0y||^{1-\sigma}$  for every  $y \in F$ . Thus

$$\parallel STx\parallel \leq \parallel Tx\parallel^{\sigma} \parallel S_{0}Tx\parallel^{1-\sigma} \leq \parallel T\parallel^{\sigma} \parallel x\parallel^{\sigma} \parallel S_{0}Tx\parallel^{1-\sigma}$$

for every  $x \in E$  and  $S_0T \in P_p$ . This means that  $ST \in P_{p,\sigma}$ . Hence

$$U \subset M_{(q,p)}$$
 implies  $U \subset M(q,p,\sigma)$ 

As an immediate consequence, if r verifies  $\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}$ , then

$$\mathcal{P}_r \subset \mathcal{M}_{(q,p)} \subset \mathcal{M}_{(q,p,\sigma)}$$

### The Inclusion P<sub>p,σ</sub>(E, F) ⊂ M<sub>(q,p,σ)</sub>.

The purpose of this section is to study sufficient conditions to assure  $P_{p,\sigma}(E, F) \subset \mathcal{M}_{(q,p)}(E, F)$ . We obtain special results in this direction in the case E = C(K) and  $E = L_1$ . The following assertion gives the best q verifying  $P_{p,\sigma} \subset \mathcal{M}_{(q-\epsilon,p)}$  for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and a fixed  $\sigma$ .

Proposition 2.1. Let  $p \ge 1$ ,  $0 \le \sigma < 1$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then  $P_{p,\sigma} \subset \mathcal{M}_{(p/(\sigma(1+\epsilon)),p)}$  for each  $\epsilon > 0$ .

Moreover, 
$$\frac{p}{\sigma} = \sup \{q : P_{p,\sigma} \subset M_{(q,p)}\}.$$

**Proof.** By [6] the minimum q satisfying  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma} \subset \mathcal{P}_{(q,p)}$  is  $\frac{p}{1-\sigma}$ . On the other hand, if  $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{s}$  then  $\mathcal{P}_{(q,p)} \subset \mathcal{M}_{(s-\epsilon,p)} \forall \epsilon > 0$ . Thus  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma} \subset \mathcal{M}_{(p/(\sigma(1+\epsilon)),p)}$  for each  $\epsilon > 0$ . Since  $\mathcal{M}_{(s,p)} \subset \mathcal{P}_{(q,p)}$  if  $\frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{s}$ , if we take a  $s > p/\sigma$  then  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma} \subset \mathcal{P}_{(\frac{p}{1-\sigma}-\epsilon,p)}$ , a contradiction.

There are many examples of Banach spaces F such that this inclusion is satisfied for  $\epsilon = 0$ . For example, if either  $F \in \text{space } (\mathcal{M}_{(p/\sigma,p)})$  or  $E \in \text{space } (\mathcal{M}_{(p/\sigma,p)})$  (see [9] for notation) then  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(E,F) \subset \mathcal{M}_{(p/\sigma,p)}(E,F)$  is easily verified.

Even equality is available in certain cases:

Let  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  with  $\frac{1}{q} = |\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}|$ . Carl and Defant proved that  $\mathcal{L}(l_1, l_p) = \mathcal{M}_{(q,1)}(l_1, l_p)$  for these p and q. This also means that  $\mathcal{L}(l_1, L_p) = \mathcal{M}_{(q,2)}(L_1, L_p)$ , since  $\mathcal{M}_{(q,1)} \subset \mathcal{M}_{(q,2)}$  [9]. on the other hand, Matter obtained the equality  $\mathcal{L}(L_1, L_p) = \mathcal{P}_{2,\sigma}(L_1, L_p)$  for  $\frac{2}{1+\sigma} \leq p \leq \frac{2}{1-\sigma}$  (Theorem 9.1.(i) [6]). In particular, this means that  $\mathcal{P}_{2,\sigma}(L_1, L_p) = \mathcal{M}_{(2/\sigma,2)}(L_1, L_p)$ .

An application of proposition 2.1 to another results of Matter allows us to obtain the following corollary about operators on  $L_1$  factoring through spaces of Schatten-Von Neumann classes  $S_{p,q}$  and Lorentz spaces  $L_{p,q}$ . It holds just by applying 2.1 to theorem 9.2 of Matter [6] and Grothendieck's theorem.

Corollary 2.2. Let F a Banach space,  $p,q \leq 1$  and  $q \leq \sigma < 1$  such that  $\frac{2}{1+\sigma} < p,q < \frac{2}{1-\sigma}$ . Suppose that  $T \in \mathcal{L}(L_1,F)$  admites a factorization  $T = T_1 \circ T_0$  through  $B = L_{p,q}$  or  $S_{p,q}$  verifying  $T_1 \in \mathcal{P}_{\frac{2}{\sigma}}(B,F)$ . Then  $T \in \mathcal{P}_1(L_1,F)$ .

However, the inclusion  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K),F)\subset\mathcal{M}_{(p/\sigma,p)}$  does not hold for the general case. The following proposition characterizes those Banach those Banach spaces F such that the inclusion

$$\mathcal{P}_{1,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K),F)\subset (\mathcal{M}_{1/\sigma,1_)}(\mathcal{C}(K),F)\quad \text{holds}.$$

Using this result we find a Banach space F such that inclusion is not true.

**Proposition 2.3** Let F be a Banach space and K compact set. The following assertions are equivalent for  $0 < \sigma < 1$ .

- (i)  $\mathcal{P}_{1,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K),F) \subset \mathcal{M}_{(1/\sigma,1)}(\mathcal{C}(K),F)$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{P}_{(\frac{1}{1-\sigma},1)}(\mathcal{C}(K),F) = \mathcal{P}_{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}(\mathcal{C}(K),F).$
- (iii) For every Banach space G and every  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{C}(K), F)$ , if T verifies that there is a probability measure  $\lambda$  on K such that there exist a factorization  $T = T_1 o \bar{T} o I$  where I is the canonical injection  $\mathcal{C}(K) \to L_{\frac{1}{1-\sigma},1}(\lambda)$ ,  $\bar{T} \in \mathcal{L}(L_{\frac{1}{1-\sigma},1}(\lambda), F)$  and  $T_1 \in \mathcal{P}_{\frac{1}{\sigma}}(F,G)$ , then  $T \in \mathcal{P}_1(\mathcal{C}(K),G)$ .

Proof. (i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii) For every Banach space F,  $\mathcal{M}_{(1/\sigma,1)}(C(K), F) = \mathcal{P}_{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}(C(K), F)$ holds (see [2] ex. 32.3). If  $\mathcal{P}_{1,\sigma}(C(K), F) \subset \mathcal{M}_{(1/\sigma,1)}(C(K), F)$  then (ii) holds, since for C(K)-spaces  $\mathcal{P}_{(\frac{1}{1-\sigma},1)}(C(K), F) = \mathcal{P}_{1,\sigma}(C(K), F)$  is satisfied (see [7] and [11]). (ii)  $\rightarrow$  (i) The inclusion  $\mathcal{P}_{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}(C(K), F) \subset \mathcal{P}_{(\frac{1}{1-\sigma},1)}(C(K), F)$  and (ii) imply (i). (iii)  $\rightarrow$  (i) By (iv) of theorem 2.4 of [11],  $\bar{T}oI \in \mathcal{P}_{1,\sigma}(C(K), F)$ , and every  $R \in \mathcal{P}_{1,\sigma}(C(K), F)$  can be factored in this way. On the other hand (iii) means that  $R = \bar{T}oI$  also belongs to  $\mathcal{M}_{(1/\sigma,1)}(C(K), F)$ .

Observe that  $(ii) \rightarrow (i)$  holds for every space E, and not only for E = C(K).

Counterexaple 2.4 The equality (ii) is not valid for all F. Let  $F = L_p([0,1])$  for  $p = \frac{1}{1-\sigma} > 2$  and  $E = L_{\infty}([0,1])$ . Then by theorem 7 of [5],  $\mathcal{L}(E,F) \neq \mathcal{P}_{\frac{1}{1-\sigma}}(E,F)$ . However, by a theorem of Orlicz,  $\mathcal{L}(E,F) = \mathcal{P}_{(\frac{1}{1-\sigma},1)}(E,F)$  (see e.g. 22.6.2 [9]).

Remark 2.5. Consider the canonical map  $J_{p,\sigma}: E_{\mu} \to (E_{\mu}, L_p(B_{E'}, \mu))_{1-\sigma,1}$  for a given probability  $\mu$  defined on  $B_{E'}$ . The canonical inclusion  $J_p: E_{\mu} \to L_p(B_{E'}\mu)$  is p-absolutely summing and thus  $J_p \in \mathcal{M}_{(\infty,p)}$ . Obviously the identity map of  $E_{\mu}$  is continuous and thus belongs to  $\mathcal{L}(E_{\mu}, E_{\mu}) = \mathcal{M}_{(p,p)}(E_{\mu}, E_{\mu})$ . Taking  $s = p/\sigma$ ,  $s_o = p$  and  $s_1 = \infty$ , and applying 20.1.13 [9] we obtain that

$$J_{p,\sigma} \in \mathcal{M}_{(p/\sigma,p)}(E_{\mu}, L_p(B_{E'}, \mu))_{1-\sigma,1}).$$

This implies that for every couple of Banach spaces (E, F),  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(E, F) \subset \mathcal{M}_{(p/\sigma,p)}(E, F)$ , a contradiction. These arguments show that there is a flow in [9] 20.1.13. However, there is no problem with the application of proposition 20.1.13 in the proof of theorem 20.1.15 [9], since 20.1.13 is only used there for the case  $F_0 = F_1 = F$ .

#### Products of (p, σ)-Absolutely Continuous Operators.

The following proposition extends in a certain sense the classical Pietsch result about products of p-absolutely summing operators [9]:  $P_q o P_p \subset P_r$  if  $\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}$  and  $p, q, r \ge 1$ .

Proposition 3.1. Let  $0 \le \sigma < 1$  and  $1 \le r, p, q \le \infty$  such that  $\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}$ . Then

$$P_{q,\sigma}oP_{\frac{p}{\sigma(1+\epsilon)}}oP_{r,\sigma}$$
 for each  $\epsilon > 0$ .

Moreover, this inclusion is also valid for  $\epsilon = 0$  for couples (E, F) of Banach spaces which satisfy  $P_{p,\sigma}(E, F) \subset \mathcal{M}_{(p/\sigma,p)}(E, F)$ .

**Proof.** If  $\sigma = 0$  then  $\mathcal{P}_{\frac{p}{\sigma(1+\epsilon)}} = \mathcal{L}$  and nothing is to prove. If  $\sigma > 0$ , proposition 2.1 and remark 1.9 give the result.

Finally, we give some results for the case  $E = \mathcal{C}(K)$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $1 \le r, q \le \infty$  such that  $\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\frac{1}{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} + \frac{1}{(\frac{p}{1-\sigma})}$ , = 1. The following inclusions hold for all compact K and for all couple of Banach spaces (F,G).

i) 
$$\mathcal{P}_{\frac{q}{1-\sigma},\sigma}(F,G)o\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K),F)\subset\mathcal{P}_{\frac{r}{1-\sigma}+\epsilon,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K),G)$$

ii) 
$$\mathcal{P}_{(\frac{p}{1-\epsilon})'-\epsilon,\sigma}(F,G) \circ \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K),F) \subset \mathcal{P}_{1,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K),G).$$

**Proof.**  $\mathcal{P}_{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}}(\mathcal{C}(K),F) \subset \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K),F) \subset \bigcap_{\epsilon>0} \mathcal{P}_{\frac{r}{1-\sigma}+\epsilon}(\mathcal{C}(K),F)$  are satisfied (see [6]

5.2). This means that the inclusion

$$\mathcal{P}_{\frac{q}{1-\sigma}}(F,G)o\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K),F)\subset\mathcal{P}_{\frac{r}{1-\sigma}+\epsilon}(\mathcal{C}(K),G)$$

holds, and by remark 1.9, i) holds.

On the hand, since for each  $\epsilon > 0$ 

$$\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K),G) = \mathcal{P}_{(\frac{p}{1-\sigma},1)}(\mathcal{C}(K),G) \subset \mathcal{M}_{((\frac{p}{1-\sigma})'-\epsilon,1)}(\mathcal{C}(K),G)$$

(see [10], [11], [6] or [7], and [9]), we also have the inclusion ii) just by an application of remark 1.9.  $\Box$ 

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## $(p,\sigma)$ MUTLAK SÜREKLİ OPERATÖR İDEALLERİN ÇARPIMLARI VE BÖLÜMLERİ ÜZERİNE

#### Özet

Bu makalede A. Pietsch in tanımladığı  $M_{(q,p)}$  operatör ideallerin bir genelleştirilmesi tanımlanım, bu kavramın çeşitli uygulamaları ele alınmıştır.

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