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Abstract. The main result of this paper asserts that each Dunford-Pettis operator on an AL-space having no discrete elements satisfies Daugavet's equation  $\|I + T\| = 1 + \|T\|$ ; this extends a result of Holub on weakly compact operators. The proof is based on some properties of orthomorphisms in a Banach lattice, which also yield a short proof of another result of Holub on Daugavet's equation for bounded operators on an arbitrary AL- or AM-space.

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## 1. Introduction

A linear operator  $T : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$  on a Banach space  $\mathbb{E}$  satisfies Daugavet's equation if

$$\|I + T\| = 1 + \|T\|$$

holds, where  $I : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$  denotes the identity operator. Daugavet's equation clearly fails for  $T := -I$ , but it holds under suitable conditions on  $\mathbb{E}$  and  $T$ .

The first results on Daugavet's equation were obtained by Daugavet [6] and Lozanovskii [13] who proved that the identity  $\|I + T\| = 1 + \|T\|$  holds for each compact operator on  $C[0,1]$  or  $L^1[0,1]$ . These results were subsequently extended into various directions [4,5,7-12,16]; in particular, it follows from results of Foias and Singer [8] and Holub [9,10] that Daugavet's equation remains valid for each weakly compact operator on  $C[0,1]$  or  $L^1[0,1]$ , and that each bounded operator on these spaces satisfies at least one of the identities  $\|I + T\| = 1 + \|T\|$  and  $\|I - T\| = 1 + \|T\|$ .

In the present paper we shall study Daugavet's equation for linear operators on a Banach lattice. Using some properties of orthomorphisms, we shall prove that Daugavet's equation holds for each Dunford-Pettis operator on an AL-space having no discrete elements, and that each bounded operator on an arbitrary AL- or AM-space satisfies at least one of the identities  $\|I + T\| = 1 + \|T\|$  and  $\|I - T\| = 1 + \|T\|$ . The first of these results extends a result of Holub [10] on weakly compact operators; the second is essentially due to Holub [9,10] and has recently been given a short proof by Abramovich [1], but the proof given here is equally short and avoids the use of representation theorems.

Throughout this paper, let  $\mathbb{E}$  be a Banach lattice, let  $L(\mathbb{E})$  denote the normed ordered vector space of all bounded operators  $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$ , and let  $I : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$  denote the identity operator. A linear operator  $Q : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$  is an orthomorphism if it is order bounded and if  $Q(B) \subseteq B$  holds for each band  $B$  of  $\mathbb{E}$ . Let  $\text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})$  denote the Riesz space [3; Theorem 8.9] of all orthomorphisms  $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$ . If  $\mathbb{E}$  is either an AL-space or an order complete AM-space with unit, then  $L(\mathbb{E})$  is an order complete Banach lattice [3; Theorem 15.3 and the remark preceding it] and  $\text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})$  agrees with the (projection) band generated by  $I$  in  $L(\mathbb{E})$  [3; Theorem 8.11]. This property of  $\text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})$  together with Lemma 2.3 below indicates a natural connection between Daugavet's equation and orthomorphisms on Banach lattices.

## 2. The results

We start with a simple but useful lemma on positive operators:

2.1. Lemma. Let  $\mathbb{E}$  be an AL- or AM-space. Then Daugavet's equation holds for each positive  $T \in L(\mathbb{E})$ .

*Proof.* Suppose first that  $\mathbb{E}$  is an AL-space and consider a positive operator  $T : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$ . Then

$$\| (I+T)z \| = \| z \| + \| Tz \|$$

holds for each  $z \in \mathbb{E}_+$ , and this yields

$$\| I + T \| = 1 + \| T \| .$$

In the case where  $\mathbb{E}$  is an AM-space, the assertion now follows by duality. □

Our next result concerns bounded operators which are not necessarily positive:

2.2. Theorem. Let  $\mathbb{E}$  be an AL- or AM-space. Then the identity

$$\max \{ \| I+T \| , \| I-T \| \} = 1 + \| T \|$$

holds for each  $T \in L(\mathbb{E})$ .

*Proof.* Let us first assume that  $\mathbb{E}$  is an order complete AM-space with unit  $e \in \mathbb{E}_+$ .

For each  $U \in \text{Crth}(\mathbb{E})$ , we have

$$|I + \square| \vee |I - U| = I + |U|$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad \max \{ \| I+U \| , \| I-U \| \} &= \| |I+U| \vee |I-U| \| \\ &= \| I + |U| \| \\ &= 1 + \| U \| , \end{aligned}$$

by [3; Theorem 15.5] and Lemma 2.1.

Consider now  $T \in L(\mathbb{E})$  and choose  $S \in \text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})$  and  $R \in \text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})^\perp$  satisfying

$$T = S + R .$$

Since  $|R|e$  is dominated by a scalar multiple of  $e$ , there exists a positive  $Q \in \text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})$  satisfying

$$Qe = |R|e ,$$

by [3; Theorem 8.15]. Moreover, for each  $P \in \text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})$ , we have

$$|P+Q|v|P-Q| = |P| + Q$$

and

$$|P| + |R| = |P+R| = |P-R| ,$$

hence

$$(|P+Q|v|P-Q|)e = |P+R|e = |P-R|e ,$$

and thus

$$(2) \quad \max \{ \|P+Q\| , \|P-Q\| \} = \|P+R\| = \|P-R\| .$$

Replacing  $P$  by  $S$ ,  $I+S$ , and  $I-S$  in (2), we obtain

$$\max \{ \|S+Q\| , \|S-Q\| \} = \|T\|$$

$$\max \{ \|I+S+Q\| , \|I+S-Q\| \} = \|I+T\|$$

$$\max \{ \|I-S+Q\| , \|I-S-Q\| \} = \|I-T\| ;$$

similarly, replacing  $U$  by  $S+Q$  and  $S-Q$  in (1), we obtain

$$\max \{ \|I+S+Q\| , \|I-S-Q\| \} = 1 + \|S+Q\|$$

$$\max \{ \|I+S-Q\| , \|I-S+Q\| \} = 1 + \|S-Q\| .$$

This yields

$$\max \{ \|I+T\| , \|I-T\| \}$$

$$= \max \{ \|I+S+Q\| , \|I+S-Q\| , \|I-S+Q\| , \|I-S-Q\| \}$$

$$= 1 + \|T\| .$$

In the case where  $\mathbb{E}$  is an AL-space or an arbitrary AM-space, the assertion now follows by duality.  $\square$

The following result is another consequence of Lemma 2.1:

2.3. Lemma. Let  $\mathbb{E}$  be an AL-space of an order complete AM-space with unit. Then Daugavet's equation holds for each  $T \in L(\mathbb{E})$  satisfying  $I \wedge |T| = 0$ .

Proof. By assumption, we have

$$|I+T| = I + |T|$$

and thus

$$\|I+T\| = \|I+|T|\| = 1 + \|T\| ,$$

by Lemma 2.1. □

We now turn to the main result of this paper. Recall that a linear operator  $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$  is a Dunford-Pettis operator if it maps the weakly convergent sequences of  $\mathbb{E}$  into the norm convergent sequences of  $\mathbb{E}$ , and that every Dunford-Pettis operator is bounded. Let  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{E})$  denote the subspace of  $L(\mathbb{E})$  consisting of all Dunford-Pettis operators  $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$ . Also, recall that an element  $u \in \mathbb{E}_+ \setminus \{0\}$  is discrete if the ideal generated by  $u$  in  $\mathbb{E}$  agrees with the subspace generated by  $u$  in  $\mathbb{E}$ .

2.4. Theorem. Let  $\mathbb{E}$  be an AL-space having no discrete elements. Then Daugavet's equation holds for each  $T \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{E})$ .

Proof. Consider  $T \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{E})$  and define  $S := I \wedge |T|$ . Since  $\text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})$  as well as  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{E})$  are bands of  $L(\mathbb{E})$  [3; Theorems 15.5 and 19.1E], we have  $S \in \text{Orth}(\mathbb{E}) \cap \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{E})$ .

Consider now  $z \in \mathbb{E}_+$ . For each  $y \in [0, Sz]$ , there exists some  $Q \in \text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})$  satisfying

$$y = QSz$$

and  $Qz \in [0, z]$ , by [3; Theorem 8.15 and its proof]. Since  $S$  is an orthomorphism, we obtain

$$y = QSz = SQz \in S[0, z],$$

by [3; Theorems 8.24 and 8.21]. This yields

$$[0, Sz] = S[0, z].$$

Since  $S$  is also a Dunford-Pettis operator, the set  $S[0, z]$  is compact [3; Theorem 19.18]. Thus, the order interval  $[0, Sz]$  is compact, hence  $Sz$  belongs to the band generated by the collection of all discrete elements of  $\mathbb{E}$  [2; Theorem 21.12], and the assumption on  $\mathbb{E}$  yields  $Sz = 0$ .

Therefore, we have  $I \wedge |T| = S = 0$ , and the assertion follows from Lemma 2.3. □

Under the assumption of Theorem 2.4, every weakly compact operator on  $\mathbb{E}$  is a Dunford-Pettis operator, but the converse is not true; see [3; Theorems 19.6 and 19.23].

We finally note that Theorem 2.4 cannot be extended to arbitrary AL-spaces: In fact, if  $\mathbb{E}$  is an AL-space having a discrete element  $u \in \mathbb{E}_+ \setminus \{0\}$ , then the band  $B(\{u\})$  generated by  $u$  is a one-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{E}$ , by [14; Proposition 8.3]; consequently, the band projection  $P : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow B(\{u\})$  is compact, but Daugavet's equation fails for  $T := -P$ .



3. Remarks.

The following results can be proven in the same way as Lemmas 2.1 and 2.3:

3.1. Lemma. Let  $\mathbb{E}$  be a Banach lattice satisfying  $\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p = \|x+y\|^p$  for some  $p \in [1, \infty)$  and all  $x, y \in \mathbb{E}_+$ .

If  $J \in L(\mathbb{E})$  is a positive isometry, the

$$\|J+T\| = 1 + \|T\|$$

holds for each positive  $T \in L(\mathbb{E})$ .

3.2. Lemma. Let  $\mathbb{E}$  be an AL-space. If  $J \in L(\mathbb{E})$  is a positive isometry, then

$$\|J+T\| = 1 + \|T\|$$

holds for each  $T \in L(\mathbb{E})$  satisfying  $J \wedge |T| = 0$ .

Corresponding results hold in an AM-space or an order complete AM-space with unit, respectively, if in Lemmas 2.1 and 2.3 the identity operator is replaced by a surjective positive isometry.

Obviously, Daugavet's equation holds for  $T := I$ , and this implies that the condition of Lemma 2.3 is only sufficient, but not necessary, for Daugavet's equation to hold. Also, the fact that Daugavet's equation fails for  $T := -I$  can be generalized as follows: If  $T \in L(\mathbb{E})$  satisfies  $0 < T \leq I$ , then  $\|I - T\|$  is strictly smaller than  $1 + \|T\|$ .

We conclude with a brief discussion of Daugavet's equation for almost integral and absolute kernel operators:

Let  $\mathbb{E}$  be an AL-space or an order complete AM-space with unit. A linear operator  $T : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$  is an almost integral operator if it is contained in the band of  $L(\mathbb{E})$  which is generated by the linear operators  $S : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$  satisfying  $Sz = x'(z)y$  for some  $x' \in \mathbb{E}$  and  $y \in \mathbb{E}$  depending on  $S$  and all  $z \in \mathbb{E}$ . Synnatzschke [15] proved that  $\mathbb{E}$  has no discrete elements if and only if each almost integral operator  $T : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$  satisfies  $I \wedge |T| = 0$ , and in this case it follows from Lemma 2.3 that  $T$  satisfies Daugavet's equation. In the case where  $\mathbb{E}$  is an AL-space, this result can also be deduced from [17; Theorem 123.5(ii)], [3; Theorem 19.18], and Theorem 2.4; in the case where  $\mathbb{E}$  is an order complete AM-space with unit, it is due to Synnatzschke [16].

Consider now a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  and  $p \in [1, \infty]$ . A linear operator  $T : L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  is an absolute kernel operator if there exists an  $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ -measurable function

$t : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying

$$\int_{\Omega} |t(\cdot, \omega)| f(\omega) \, d\mu(\omega) \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$$

and

$$(Tf)(\cdot) = \int_{\Omega} t(\cdot, \omega) f(\omega) \, d\mu(\omega)$$

for all  $f \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ . If  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  has no atoms, then  $L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  has no discrete elements and a linear operator  $L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  is an absolute kernel operator if and only if it is an almost integral operator [17; Theorem 94.7]. Thus, for  $p \in \{1, \infty\}$ , Daugavet's equation holds for each absolute kernel operator  $L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  whenever  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  has no atoms.

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