

## THE $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -APPROXIMATION PROPERTY AND ITS DUALITY

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### Abstract

We introduce an approximation property ( $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ), which is weaker than the classical approximation property, and discover the duality relationship between the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP and the  $\mathcal{K}_p$ -AP. More precisely, we prove that for every  $1 < p < \infty$ , if the dual space  $X^*$  of a Banach space  $X$  has the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP, then  $X$  has the  $\mathcal{K}_p$ -AP, and if  $X^*$  has the  $\mathcal{K}_p$ -AP, then  $X$  has the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP. As a consequence, it follows that every Banach space has the  $\mathcal{K}_{u2}$ -AP and that for every  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $p \neq 2$ , there exists a separable reflexive Banach space failing to have the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP.

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### 1. Introduction and main results

A Banach space  $X$  is said to have the *approximation property* (AP) if for every compact subset  $K$  of  $X$  and every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a finite rank and continuous linear map (operator)  $S$  on  $X$  such that  $\sup_{x \in K} \|Sx - x\| \leq \varepsilon$ . Grothendieck [G] proved that a Banach space  $X$  has the AP if and only if for every Banach space  $Y$ ,  $\mathcal{K}(Y, X) = \overline{\mathcal{F}(Y, X)}^{\|\cdot\|}$ , where  $\mathcal{K}(Y, X)$  and  $\mathcal{F}(Y, X)$  respectively are the spaces of all compact operators and finite rank operators from  $Y$  to  $X$ . Oja [O] extended the criterion to an arbitrary Banach operator ideal  $[\mathcal{B}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{B}}]$ . A Banach space  $X$  is said to have the  *$\mathcal{B}$ -approximation property* ( $\mathcal{B}$ -AP) if for every Banach space  $Y$ ,  $\mathcal{B}(Y, X) = \overline{\mathcal{F}(Y, X)}^{\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{B}}}$ . Delgado *et al.* [DPS1] investigated the  $\mathcal{K}_p$ -AP, where  $\mathcal{K}_p$  is the ideal of  $p$ -compact operators for  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ .

The notion of the  $p$ -compact operator was introduced by Sinha and Karn [SK], and stems from Grothendieck's description [G] of compactness in Banach spaces. It was shown in [G] that a subset  $K$  of a Banach space  $X$  is relatively compact if and only if

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there exists a null sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  such that

$$K \subset \left\{ \sum_n \alpha_n x_n : (\alpha_n) \in B_{\ell_1} \right\},$$

where  $B_Z$  is the unit ball of a Banach space  $Z$ . This criterion was extended in [SK] as follows. For  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , a subset  $K$  of  $X$  is said to be relatively  $p$ -compact if there exists an  $(x_n) \in \ell_p(X)$  ( $c_0(X)$  if  $p = \infty$ ) such that

$$K \subset p\text{-co}(\{x_n\}) := \left\{ \sum_n \alpha_n x_n : (\alpha_n) \in B_{\ell_{p^*}} \right\},$$

where  $1/p + 1/p^* = 1$  and  $\ell_p(X)$  (respectively,  $c_0(X)$ ) is the Banach space with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_p$  (respectively,  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ ) of all  $X$ -valued absolutely  $p$ -summable (respectively, null) sequences.

For  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , a linear map  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be  $p$ -compact if  $T(B_X)$  is a relatively  $p$ -compact subset of  $Y$ . Delgado *et al.* [DPS1] defined a norm on the space  $\mathcal{K}_p(X, Y)$  of all  $p$ -compact operators from  $X$  to  $Y$ . For  $T \in \mathcal{K}_p(X, Y)$ , let

$$\kappa_p(T) := \inf \{ \|(y_n)\|_p : (y_n) \in \ell_p(Y) \text{ and } T(B_X) \subset p\text{-co}(\{y_n\}) \}.$$

Then  $[\mathcal{K}_p, \kappa_p]$  is a Banach operator ideal (see the note preceding [DPS2, Proposition 3.11]).

We need another vector-valued sequence to introduce the main notion of the paper. For  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , the space  $\ell_p^u(X)$ , which is a closed subspace of the Banach space  $\ell_p^w(X)$  with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_p^w$  of all  $X$ -valued weakly  $p$ -summable sequences, consists of all sequences  $(x_n)$  satisfying

$$\|(0, \dots, 0, x_m, x_{m+1}, \dots)\|_p^w \rightarrow 0$$

as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . In [K1], this sequence was called the *unconditionally  $p$ -summable sequence*, and the relatively *unconditionally  $p$ -compact* ( $u$ - $p$ -compact) set and the  $u$ - $p$ -compact operator were defined by replacing the space  $\ell_p(X)$ , in the definition of  $p$ -compactness, by the space  $\ell_p^u(X)$ . The space of all  $u$ - $p$ -compact operators from  $X$  to  $Y$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{K}_{up}(X, Y)$  and the norm  $u_p$  on  $\mathcal{K}_{up}(X, Y)$  is defined by

$$u_p(T) := \inf \{ \|(y_n)\|_p^w : (y_n) \in \ell_p^u(Y) \text{ and } T(B_X) \subset p\text{-co}(\{y_n\}) \}.$$

Then  $[\mathcal{K}_{up}, u_p]$  is a Banach operator ideal [K1, Theorem 2.1]. The main goal of this paper is to study the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP, and the principal result is the following theorem.

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . If the dual space  $X^*$  of a Banach space  $X$  has the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP, then  $X$  has the  $\mathcal{K}_p$ -AP, and if  $X^*$  has the  $\mathcal{K}_p$ -AP, then  $X$  has the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP.*

We do not know whether Theorem 1.1 would be also true for the case  $p = 1$ . We prove Theorem 1.1 in Section 4 after studying the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP and the  $\mathcal{K}_p$ -AP. First, we present some applications of Theorem 1.1. Since every Banach space has the  $\mathcal{K}_2$ -AP (see [DPS1, Corollary 3.6]), from Theorem 1.1, we have the following corollaries.

**COROLLARY 1.2.** *Every Banach space has the  $\mathcal{K}_{u2}$ -AP.*

**COROLLARY 1.3.** *For every  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $p \neq 2$ , there exists a separable reflexive Banach space failing to have the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP.*

**PROOF.** Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $p \neq 2$ . Then the dual space  $S^*$  of the Szankowski space  $S$  [S], failing to have the AP, which is a subspace of  $\ell_p$ , does not have the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP. Indeed, if  $S^*$  had the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP, then, by Theorem 1.1,  $S$  would have the  $\mathcal{K}_p$ -AP. Since the  $\mathcal{K}_p$ -AP is equivalent to the AP for subspaces of  $\ell_p$  (see [O, Theorem 1]), we have a contradiction.  $\square$

We do not know whether Corollary 1.3 would be also true for the case  $p = 1$ . Moreover, we ask:

**PROBLEM.** Is there any Banach space failing to have the  $\mathcal{K}_{u1}$ -AP?

The final application shows that the converses of the duality results between the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP and the  $\mathcal{K}_p$ -AP do not hold in general.

**COROLLARY 1.4.** *For every  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $p \neq 2$ , there exists a Banach space  $Y_p$  (respectively,  $Z_p$ ) such that  $Y_p^{**}$  (respectively,  $Z_p^{**}$ ) has a boundedly complete basis but  $Y_p^{***}$  (respectively,  $Z_p^{***}$ ) is separable and does not have the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP (respectively,  $\mathcal{K}_p$ -AP).*

**PROOF.** Let  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $p \neq 2$ . Then by Corollary 1.3 there exists a separable reflexive Banach space  $X_p$  failing to have the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP. Since  $X_p^*$  is separable, by a result of Lindenstrauss [L] (cf. [C, Proposition 1.3]) there exists a Banach space  $Y_p$  such that  $Y_p^{**}$  has a boundedly complete basis and  $Y_p^{***}$  is isomorphic to  $Y_p^* \oplus X_p^{**}$ . Suppose that  $Y_p^{***}$  had the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP. Then we see that  $X_p$  would have the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP, which is a contradiction. One may take the dual space  $X_p^*$  in the above procedure to show the other part using Theorem 1.1.  $\square$

## 2. Reformulations of the $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP and $\mathcal{K}_p$ -AP

We define two vector topologies  $\tau_{up}$  and  $\tau_{kp}$  on the space  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  of all operators from  $X$  to  $Y$  by the convergence of nets. Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . For a  $T$  and a net  $(T_\alpha)$  in  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ , we say that  $T_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau_{up}} T$  if  $\lim_\alpha \|((T_\alpha - T)x_n)\|_p^w = 0$  for every  $(x_n) \in \ell_p^u(X)$ . For  $\hat{x} := (x_n) \in \ell_p(X)$  ( $c_0(X)$  if  $p = \infty$ ) and  $R \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ , the  $p$ -compact operator  $E_{\widehat{R\hat{x}}} : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow Y$  is defined by

$$E_{\widehat{R\hat{x}}}(\alpha_n) = \sum_n \alpha_n R x_n.$$

We say that  $T_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau_{kp}} T$  if  $\lim_\alpha \kappa_p(E_{(\widehat{T_\alpha - T})\hat{x}}) = 0$  for every  $(x_n) \in \ell_p(X)$ . We see that the topologies  $\tau_{up}$  and  $\tau_{kp}$  are Hausdorff locally convex. We denote by  $\tau_c$  the topology of uniformly compact convergence on  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  and recall the topology  $\tau_p$  of uniformly  $p$ -compact convergence for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  (see [SK, CK]).

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *For every  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $\tau_c \geq \tau_{up} \geq \tau_p$  and  $\tau_c \geq \tau_{kp} \geq \tau_p$ .*

**PROOF.**  $\tau_{up}$  is actually the topology of uniformly  $u$ - $p$ -compact convergence because, if  $K$  is a  $u$ - $p$ -compact subset of  $X$ , then we may assume that  $K = p\text{-co}(\{x_n\})$  for some  $(x_n) \in \ell_p^u(X)$ , and for every  $R \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  it is easily seen that  $\sup_{x \in K} \|Rx\| = \|(Rx_n)\|_p^w$ . Thus  $\tau_{up} \geq \tau_p$  follows.

For every  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $(x_n) \in \ell_p^u(X)$ , one may check that the above map  $E_{\hat{x}} : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow X$  is a compact operator. Thus every relatively  $u$ - $p$ -compact set is relatively compact and so  $\tau_c \geq \tau_{up}$  follows.

Now let  $(T_\alpha)$  be a net in  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ . Suppose that  $T_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau_c} 0$ . To show that  $T_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau_{kp}} 0$ , let  $(x_n) \in \ell_p(X)$ . Choose a sequence  $(\beta_n)$  of positive numbers with  $\beta_n \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $\sum_n \beta_n^p \|x_n\|^p < \infty$ . Consider the relatively compact subset  $\{x_n / (\beta_n \|x_n\|)\}$  of  $X$ . Since for every  $\alpha$ ,  $E_{T_\alpha x}(\mathcal{B}_{\ell_{p^*}}) = p\text{-co}(\{T_\alpha x_n\})$ ,

$$\kappa_p(E_{T_\alpha x}) \leq \|(T_\alpha x_n)\|_p \leq \|(\beta_n \|x_n\|)\|_p \sup_n \|T_\alpha(x_n / (\beta_n \|x_n\|))\| \rightarrow 0.$$

Hence  $T_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau_{kp}} 0$ .

Suppose that  $T_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau_{kp}} 0$ . To show that  $T_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau_p} 0$ , let  $(x_n) \in \ell_p(X)$  and let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Let  $\beta$  be such that  $\alpha \geq \beta$  implies that  $\kappa_p(E_{T_\alpha x}) \leq \varepsilon/2$ . Now for every  $\alpha$ , there exists a  $(y_n^\alpha) \in \ell_p(Y)$  such that  $E_{T_\alpha x}(\mathcal{B}_{\ell_{p^*}}) \subset p\text{-co}(\{y_n^\alpha\})$  and  $\|(y_n^\alpha)\|_p \leq \kappa_p(E_{T_\alpha x}) + \varepsilon/2$ . Hence  $\alpha \geq \beta$  implies that

$$\|(T_\alpha x_n)\|_p^w \leq \|(y_n^\alpha)\|_p \leq \kappa_p(E_{T_\alpha x}) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq \varepsilon. \quad \square$$

The purpose of this section is to characterize the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP (respectively,  $\mathcal{K}_p$ -AP) in terms of the topology  $\tau_{up}$  (respectively,  $\tau_{kp}$ ). The following lemma is well known and easily verified by a standard argument.

**LEMMA 2.2.** *Let  $K$  be a collection of sequences of positive numbers. If*

$$\lim_l \sup_{(k_j) \in K} \sum_{j \geq l} k_j = 0,$$

*then there exists a sequence  $(b_j)$  of real numbers with  $b_j \nearrow \infty$  and  $b_j > 1$  for all  $j$  such that*

$$\lim_l \sup_{(k_j) \in K} \sum_{j \geq l} k_j b_j = 0.$$

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X) := \mathcal{L}(X, X)$  and let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . The following statements are equivalent.*

- (a)  $T \in \overline{\mathcal{F}(X)}^{\tau_{up}}$ .
- (b) For every Banach space  $Y$  and every  $R \in \mathcal{K}_{up}(Y, X)$ ,

$$TR \in \overline{\{SR : S \in \mathcal{F}(X)\}}^{u_p}.$$

- (c) For every quotient space  $Y$  of  $\ell_{p^*}$  and every injective  $u$ - $p$ -compact operator  $R : Y \rightarrow X$ , we have  $TR \in \overline{\mathcal{F}(Y, X)}^{\tau_{up}}$ .

**PROOF.** (b) implies (c) is trivial.

(a) implies (b). Let  $Y$  be a Banach space and let  $R \in \mathcal{K}_{up}(Y, X)$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Then there exists an  $(x_n) \in \ell_p^u(X)$  such that  $R(B_Y) \subset p\text{-co}(\{x_n\})$ . By (a) there exists an  $S \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  such that

$$\|(S - T)x_n\|_p^w \leq \varepsilon.$$

Since  $(SR - TR)(B_Y) \subset p\text{-co}(\{(S - T)x_n\})$  and  $((S - T)x_n) \in \ell_p^u(X)$ ,

$$u_p(SR - TR) \leq \|((S - T)x_n)\|_p^w \leq \varepsilon.$$

Hence  $TR \in \overline{\{SR : S \in \mathcal{F}(X)\}}^{u_p}$ .

(c) implies (a). This proof is essentially due to that of [DOPS, Theorem 2.1]. Let  $(x_n) \in \ell_p^u(X)$  and let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Then by Lemma 2.2 there exists a sequence  $(\beta_n)$  of positive numbers with  $\beta_n \rightarrow 0$  such that  $(z_n) := (x_n/\beta_n) \in \ell_p^u(X)$ . Define the operators  $D_\beta : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow \ell_{p^*}$  and  $E_z : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow X$  by  $D_\beta \alpha = (\alpha_n \beta_n)$  and  $E_z \alpha = \sum_n \alpha_n z_n$ , respectively. The injective operator  $\hat{E}_z : \ell_{p^*}/\ker(E_z) \rightarrow X$  is defined by  $\hat{E}_z[\alpha] = E_z \alpha$ . A simple verification shows that the operators  $D_\beta$  and  $\hat{E}_z$  are  $u$ - $p$ -compact. Let  $\pi : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow \ell_{p^*}/\ker(E_z)$  be the quotient operator. Then  $\pi D_\beta(B_{\ell_{p^*}})$  is a relatively  $u$ - $p$ -compact subset of  $\ell_{p^*}/\ker(E_z)$ :

$$\ell_{p^*} \xrightarrow{D_\beta} \ell_{p^*} \xrightarrow{\pi} \ell_{p^*}/\ker(E_z) \xrightarrow{\hat{E}_z} X.$$

Then by (c) there exists an  $S \in \mathcal{F}(\ell_{p^*}/\ker(E_z), X)$  such that

$$\sup_{y \in \pi D_\beta(B_{\ell_{p^*}})} \|S y - T \hat{E}_z y\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

We may write  $S = \sum_{k=1}^m y_k^* \otimes x_k$ , where  $y_k^* \in (\ell_{p^*}/\ker(E_z))^*$ ,  $x_k \in X$  for each  $k = 1, \dots, m$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^m \|x_k\| = 1$ . Since  $\hat{E}_z$  is injective,  $(\ell_{p^*}/\ker(E_z))^* = \overline{\hat{E}_z^*(X^*)}^{weak^*} = \overline{\hat{E}_z^*(X^*)}^{\tau_c}$ . The second equality follows from  $(Z^*, weak^*)^* = (Z^*, \tau_c)^*$  for every Banach space  $Z$  (cf. [M, Theorem 2.7.8]). Thus for each  $k = 1, \dots, m$ , there exists an  $x_k^* \in X^*$  such that

$$\sup_{y \in \pi D_\beta(B_{\ell_{p^*}})} |y_k^*(y) - \hat{E}_z^*(x_k^*)(y)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Consider the operator  $\sum_{k=1}^m x_k^* \otimes x_k \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ . Then as in the proof of [K2, Theorem 5.5(d) implies (a)], for every  $(\alpha_n) \in B_{\ell_{p^*}}$ ,

$$\left\| \sum_{k=1}^m x_k^* \left( \sum_n \alpha_n x_n \right) x_k - T \left( \sum_n \alpha_n x_n \right) \right\| \leq \varepsilon.$$

Hence  $T \in \overline{\mathcal{F}(X)}^{\tau_{up}}$ . □

**THEOREM 2.4.** *Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  and let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . The following statements are equivalent.*

- (a)  $T \in \overline{\mathcal{F}(X)}^{\tau_{kp}}$ .
- (b) For every Banach space  $Y$  and every  $R \in \mathcal{K}_p(Y, X)$ ,

$$TR \in \overline{\{SR : S \in \mathcal{F}(X)\}}^{k_p}.$$

- (c) For every quotient space  $Y$  of  $\ell_{p^*}$  and every injective  $p$ -compact operator  $R : Y \rightarrow X$ , we have  $TR \in \overline{\mathcal{F}(Y, X)}^{k_p}$ .

**PROOF.** (b) implies (c) is trivial.

(a) implies (b). Let  $Y$  be a Banach space and let  $R \in \mathcal{K}_p(Y, X)$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. There exists an  $(x_n) \in \ell_p(X)$  such that  $R(B_Y) \subset p\text{-co}(\{x_n\})$ . By (a) there exists an  $S \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  such that  $\kappa_p(E_{(S-\widehat{T})X}) \leq \varepsilon/2$ . Now let  $(z_n) \in \ell_p(X)$  such that  $E_{(S-\widehat{T})X}(B_{\ell_{p^*}}) \subset p\text{-co}(\{z_n\})$  and  $\|(z_n)\|_p \leq \kappa_p(E_{(S-\widehat{T})X}) + \varepsilon/2$ . Since  $(SR - TR)(B_Y) \subset p\text{-co}(\{(S - T)x_n\}) \subset p\text{-co}(\{z_n\})$ ,

$$\kappa_p(SR - TR) \leq \|(z_n)\|_p \leq \kappa_p(E_{(S-\widehat{T})X}) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \leq \varepsilon.$$

Hence  $TR \in \overline{\{SR : S \in \mathcal{F}(X)\}}^{k_p}$ .

(c) implies (a). This proof comes from a combination of those of [DOPS, Theorem 2.1] and [DPS1, Proposition 2.1]. Let  $(x_n) \in \ell_p(X)$  and let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. We should find an  $S \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  such that  $\kappa_p(E_{(S-\widehat{T})X}) \leq \varepsilon$ . Choose a sequence  $(\beta_n)$  of positive numbers with  $\beta_n \leq 1$  and  $\beta_n \rightarrow 0$  such that  $(z_n) := (x_n/\beta_n) \in \ell_p(X)$ .

Now let  $D_\beta : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow \ell_{p^*}$ ,  $E_z : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow X$ ,  $\hat{E}_z : \ell_{p^*}/\ker(E_z) \rightarrow X$ , and  $\pi : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow \ell_{p^*}/\ker(E_z)$  be the operators in the proof of Theorem 2.3(c) implies (a). Since the map  $\hat{E}_z$  is an injective  $p$ -compact operator, by (c) there exists a  $U \in \mathcal{F}(\ell_{p^*}/\ker(E_z), X)$  such that

$$\kappa_p(U - T\hat{E}_z) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Put  $U = \sum_{k=1}^m y_k^* \otimes x_k$ , where  $y_k^* \in (\ell_{p^*}/\ker(E_z))^*$  and  $x_k \in X$  for each  $k = 1, \dots, m$ . We may assume that  $(\sum_{k=1}^m \|x_k\|^p)^{1/p} = \varepsilon/2$ . Since  $\hat{E}_z$  is injective,  $(\ell_{p^*}/\ker(E_z))^* = \overline{\hat{E}_z^*(X^*)}^{\tau_c}$ . Thus for each  $k = 1, \dots, m$ , there exists an  $x_k^* \in X^*$  such that

$$\sup_{y \in \pi D_\beta(B_{\ell_{p^*}})} |y_k^*(y) - \hat{E}_z^*(x_k^*)(y)| \leq \frac{1}{m^{1/p^*}}.$$

We show that  $S := \sum_{k=1}^m x_k^* \otimes x_k$  is the desired operator.

Now, for every  $(\alpha_n) \in B_{\ell_{p^*}}$ ,

$$(S\hat{E}_z\pi D_\beta - U\pi D_\beta)(\alpha_n) = \sum_{k=1}^m (((\hat{E}_z^* x_k^*)\pi D_\beta - y_k^*\pi D_\beta)(\alpha_n))x_k$$

and

$$\sum_{k=1}^m |((\hat{E}_z^* x_k^*)\pi D_\beta - y_k^*\pi D_\beta)(\alpha_n)|^{p^*} \leq 1.$$

Thus  $(S\hat{E}_z\pi D_\beta - U\pi D_\beta)(B_{\ell_{p^*}}) \subset p\text{-co}(\{x_1, \dots, x_m, 0, \dots\})$  and so

$$\kappa_p(S\hat{E}_z\pi D_\beta - U\pi D_\beta) \leq \left( \sum_{k=1}^m \|x_k\|^p \right)^{1/p} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_p(E_{(\widehat{S-T})_X}) &= \kappa_p(SE_zD_\beta - TE_zD_\beta) \\ &= \kappa_p(S\hat{E}_z\pi D_\beta - T\hat{E}_z\pi D_\beta) \\ &\leq \kappa_p(S\hat{E}_z\pi D_\beta - U\pi D_\beta) + \kappa_p(U\pi D_\beta - T\hat{E}_z\pi D_\beta) \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \kappa_p(U - T\hat{E}_z) \leq \varepsilon. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

**REMARK 2.5.** Let  $T = id_X$ , the identity map, in Theorems 2.3 and 2.4. It follows from Proposition 2.1 that

$$\text{AP} \implies \mathcal{K}_{up}\text{-AP}, \quad \mathcal{K}_p\text{-AP} \implies p\text{-AP}.$$

In view of Theorem 2.3(c), we also see that every Banach space has the  $\mathcal{K}_{u2}$ -AP because every Hilbert space has the AP.

### 3. Dual spaces of $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$

The purpose of this section is to establish some representations of dual spaces of  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  endowed with the topologies  $\tau_{up}$  and  $\tau_{\kappa p}$ , which are crucial tools in the proof of Theorem 1.1. We need the following lemma, which is a consequence of [DPS1, Proposition 3.3] and [P, Corollary 1], to obtain a representation of  $(\mathcal{L}(X, Y), \tau_{\kappa p})^*$ .

**LEMMA 3.1.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . The space  $\mathcal{N}_{p^*}(\ell_p, X^*)$  of  $p^*$ -nuclear operators from  $\ell_p$  to  $X^*$  is isometrically isomorphic to  $(\mathcal{K}_p(\ell_{p^*}, X), \kappa_p)^*$  via  $S \mapsto \text{trace}(R^*S)$  for all  $R \in \mathcal{K}_p(\ell_{p^*}, X)$ .*

Note that  $f \in (\mathcal{L}(X, Y), \tau_{\kappa p})^*$  if and only if there exist  $C > 0$  and  $(x_n) \in \ell_p(X)$  such that  $|f(T)| \leq C\kappa_p(E_{\widehat{T}_X})$  for every  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ .

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . Then the dual space  $(\mathcal{L}(X, Y), \tau_{\kappa p})^*$  consists of all functionals of the form*

$$f(T) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n^j y_j^*(Tx_n),$$

where  $(x_n) \in \ell_p(X)$ ,  $((\lambda_n^j)_n)_{j=1}^{\infty} \in \ell_{p^*}(\ell_{p^*})$  and  $(y_j^*) \in \ell_p^w(Y^*)$ .

**PROOF.** Suppose that  $f$  is of the above form. Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ . Consider the operators  $\sum_j (\lambda_n^j)_n \otimes y_j^* \in \mathcal{N}_{p^*}(\ell_p, Y^*)$  and  $\sum_n e_n \otimes T x_n = E_{\widehat{T_x}} \in \mathcal{K}_p(\ell_{p^*}, Y)$ . Then by Lemma 3.1,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(T)| &= \left| \text{trace} \left( \left( \sum_n e_n \otimes T x_n \right)^* \left( \sum_j (\lambda_n^j)_n \otimes y_j^* \right) \right) \right| \\ &\leq \nu_{p^*} \left( \sum_j (\lambda_n^j)_n \otimes y_j^* \right) \kappa_p(E_{\widehat{T_x}}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f \in (\mathcal{L}(X, Y), \tau_{\kappa p})^*$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $f \in (\mathcal{L}(X, Y), \tau_{\kappa p})^*$ . Then there exist  $C > 0$  and  $(x_n) \in \ell_p(X)$  such that  $|f(T)| \leq C \kappa_p(E_{\widehat{T_x}})$  for every  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ . Consider the linear subspace  $\mathcal{Y} := \{E_{\widehat{T_x}} : T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)\}$  of  $\mathcal{K}_p(\ell_{p^*}, Y)$  and the functional  $\varphi$  on  $\mathcal{Y}$  given by  $\varphi(E_{\widehat{T_x}}) = f(T)$ . We see that  $\varphi$  is well defined and linear, and  $\|\varphi\|_{(\mathcal{Y}, \kappa_p)^*} \leq C$ . Thus there exists a Hahn–Banach extension  $\hat{\varphi} \in (\mathcal{K}_p(\ell_{p^*}, Y), \kappa_p)^*$  of  $\varphi$  such that  $f(T) = \varphi(E_{\widehat{T_x}}) = \hat{\varphi}(E_{\widehat{T_x}})$  for every  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ . By Lemma 3.1 there exist  $((\lambda_n^j)_n)_{j=1}^\infty \in \ell_{p^*}(\ell_{p^*})$  and  $(y_j^*) \in \ell_p^w(Y^*)$  such that for every  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ ,

$$f(T) = \hat{\varphi}(E_{\widehat{T_x}}) = \text{trace} \left( (E_{\widehat{T_x}})^* \left( \sum_j (\lambda_n^j)_n \otimes y_j^* \right) \right) = \sum_{j=1}^\infty \sum_{n=1}^\infty \lambda_n^j y_j^*(T x_n). \quad \square$$

We can use the proof of [CK, Theorem 2.5] by replacing  $\ell_p(X)$  by  $\ell_p^u(X)$  to obtain the following representation of  $(\mathcal{L}(X, Y), \tau_{up})^*$ .

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . Then the dual space  $(\mathcal{L}(X, Y), \tau_{up})^*$  consists of all functionals of the form*

$$f(T) = \sum_{j=1}^\infty \sum_{n=1}^\infty \lambda_n^j y_j^*(T x_n),$$

where  $(x_n) \in \ell_p^u(X)$ ,  $z_j := (\lambda_n^j)_{n=1}^\infty \in \ell_{p^*}$  for each  $j \in \mathbf{N}$  and  $(y_j^*)$  in  $Y^*$  with  $\sum_{j=1}^\infty \|z_j\|_{p^*} \|y_j^*\| < \infty$ .

**COROLLARY 3.4.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . Then the dual space  $(\mathcal{L}(X, Y), \tau_{up})^*$  consists of all functionals of the form*

$$f(T) = \sum_{j=1}^\infty \sum_{n=1}^\infty \lambda_n^j y_j^*(T x_n),$$

where  $(x_n) \in \ell_p^w(X)$ ,  $((\lambda_n^j)_n)_{j=1}^\infty \in \ell_{p^*}(\ell_{p^*})$  and  $(y_j^*) \in \ell_p(Y^*)$ .

**PROOF.** Let  $f$  be of the above form. Since  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \sum_{j=1}^\infty |\lambda_n^j|^{p^*} < \infty$ , there exists a sequence  $(\beta_n)_n$  of positive numbers with  $\beta_n \rightarrow 0$  such that

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \left( \sum_{j=1}^\infty |\lambda_n^j|^{p^*} \right) / \beta_n^{p^*} < \infty.$$

Then we see that  $(\beta_n x_n) \in \ell_p^u(X)$  and  $((\lambda_n^j / \beta_n)_n)_{j=1}^\infty \in \ell_{p^*}(\ell_{p^*})$ . For each  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , put  $z_j := (\lambda_n^j / \beta_n)_n$ . Since  $\sum_{j=1}^\infty \|z_j\|_{p^*} \|y_j^*\| < \infty$ , we obtain a representation of  $f$  in Theorem 3.3.

Now, let  $f$  be of the form in Theorem 3.3. We may assume that  $\sum_{j=1}^\infty \|z_j\|_{p^*} < \infty$  and  $\|y_j^*\| = 1$  for every  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Consider

$$\|z_j\|_{p^*}^{-1/p} z_j \quad \text{and} \quad \|z_j\|_{p^*}^{1/p} y_j^*$$

for each  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then it follows that  $(\|z_j\|_{p^*}^{-1/p} z_j) \in \ell_{p^*}(\ell_{p^*})$  and  $(\|z_j\|_{p^*}^{1/p} y_j^*) \in \ell_p(Y^*)$ . Hence we obtain the desired representation of  $f$ .  $\square$

We can also use the proof of Corollary 3.4 using [CK, Theorem 2.5] to obtain an analogue of Corollary 3.4 for  $(\mathcal{L}(X, Y), \tau_p)^*$  by only replacing  $\ell_p^w(X)$  by  $\ell_p(X)$ .

### 4. Proof of Theorem 1.1

We need the following lemmas which were motivated by [K2, Theorem 3.1].

**LEMMA 4.1.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . Let  $(S_\beta)_{\beta \in I}$  be a net in  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  and let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ . If  $S_\beta^* \xrightarrow{\tau_{up}} T^*$  in  $\mathcal{L}(Y^*, X^*)$ , then there exists a net  $(T_\alpha)$  in the convex hull  $co(\{S_\beta\}_{\beta \in I})$  of the set  $\{S_\beta\}_{\beta \in I}$  such that*

$$T_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau_{kp}} T \quad \text{and} \quad T_\alpha^* \xrightarrow{\tau_{up}} T^*.$$

**PROOF.** If  $S_\beta^* \xrightarrow{\tau_{up}} T^*$  in  $\mathcal{L}(Y^*, X^*)$ , then  $g(S_\beta^*) \rightarrow g(T^*)$  for every  $g \in (\mathcal{L}(Y^*, X^*), \tau_{up})^*$ . Let  $\overline{\tau_{kp}}$  be the topology on  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  induced by  $(\mathcal{L}(X, Y), \tau_{kp})^*$  in Theorem 3.2. We show that  $S_\beta \xrightarrow{\overline{\tau_{kp}}} T$ . Then by passing to convex combinations, we complete the proof.

Let  $f \in (\mathcal{L}(X, Y), \tau_{kp})^*$  in Theorem 3.2. Then there exist  $(x_n) \in \ell_p(X)$ ,  $((\lambda_n^j)_n)_{j=1}^\infty \in \ell_{p^*}(\ell_{p^*})$  and  $(y_j^*) \in \ell_p^w(Y^*)$  such that

$$f(R) = \sum_{j=1}^\infty \sum_{n=1}^\infty \lambda_n^j y_j^*(R x_n)$$

for every  $R \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ . By Corollary 3.4,

$$g := \sum_{n=1}^\infty \sum_{j=1}^\infty \lambda_n^j i_X(x_n)(\cdot y_j^*) \in (\mathcal{L}(Y^*, X^*), \tau_{up})^*,$$

where  $i_X : X \rightarrow X^{**}$  is the canonical isometry. Hence we have

$$f(S_\beta) = \sum_{j=1}^\infty \sum_{n=1}^\infty \lambda_n^j y_j^*(S_\beta x_n) = g(S_\beta^*) \rightarrow g(T^*) = f(T). \quad \square$$

**LEMMA 4.2.** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . Let  $(S_\beta)_{\beta \in I}$  be a net in  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  and let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ . If  $S_\beta^* \xrightarrow{\tau_{kp}} T^*$  in  $\mathcal{L}(Y^*, X^*)$ , then there exists a net  $(T_\alpha)$  in  $co(\{S_\beta\}_{\beta \in I})$  such that*

$$T_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau_{up}} T \quad \text{and} \quad T_\alpha^* \xrightarrow{\tau_{kp}} T^*.$$

**PROOF.** If  $S_\beta^* \xrightarrow{\tau_{kp}} T^*$  in  $\mathcal{L}(Y^*, X^*)$ , then  $g(S_\beta^*) \rightarrow g(T^*)$  for every  $g \in (\mathcal{L}(Y^*, X^*), \tau_{kp})^*$ . Let  $\overline{\tau_{up}}$  be the topology on  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  induced by  $(\mathcal{L}(X, Y), \tau_{up})^*$  in Corollary 3.4. We should show that  $S_\beta \xrightarrow{\overline{\tau_{up}}} T$ . Let  $f \in (\mathcal{L}(X, Y), \tau_{up})^*$ . Then there exist  $(x_n) \in \ell_p^w(X)$ ,  $((\lambda_n^j)_{j=1}^\infty) \in \ell_{p^*}(\ell_{p^*})$  and  $(y_j^*) \in \ell_p(Y^*)$  such that

$$f(R) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n^j y_j^*(R x_n)$$

for every  $R \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ . Since  $((\lambda_n^j)_{n=1}^\infty) \in \ell_{p^*}(\ell_{p^*})$ , by Theorem 3.2,

$$g := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n^j i_X(x_n)(\cdot y_j^*) \in (\mathcal{L}(Y^*, X^*), \tau_{kp})^*.$$

Hence

$$f(S_\beta) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n^j y_j^*(S_\beta x_n) = g(S_\beta^*) \rightarrow g(T^*) = f(T). \quad \square$$

We are now ready to prove Theorem 1.1.

**PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1.** We only prove the first part because the second part has essentially the same proof. If  $X^*$  has the  $\mathcal{K}_{up}$ -AP, then, by Theorem 2.3,  $id_{X^*} \in \overline{\mathcal{F}(X^*)}^{\tau_{up}}$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}(X^*) \subset \overline{\{S^* : S \in \mathcal{F}(X)\}}^{\tau_c}$  (cf. [LT, Lemma 1.e.17]) and  $\tau_c \geq \tau_{up}$  (see Proposition 2.1), we have  $id_{X^*} \in \overline{\{S^* : S \in \mathcal{F}(X)\}}^{\tau_{up}}$ . By Lemma 4.1,  $id_X \in \overline{\mathcal{F}(X)}^{\tau_{kp}}$ . It follows from Theorem 2.4 that  $X$  has the  $\mathcal{K}_p$ -AP.  $\square$

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