

## PACKING, $w_n^*$ - SEPARATION AND NORMAL STRUCTURE IN BANACH SPACES

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**Abstract.** Let  $X$  and  $X^*$  be a Banach space and its dual, and let  $B(X)$  and  $S(X)$  be the unit ball and unit sphere of  $X$  respectively. In this paper, we introduce a new parameter of  $w_n^*$ - Separation,  $w_n^*(X^*)$ , in  $X^*$  and study the relation between this parameter and normal structure in  $X$ , and the relation between packing constant  $P(\alpha, X)$  introduced by Kottman and normal structure that implies the existence of fixed point for non-expansive mappings. Some new results about fixed points of non-expansive mapping are obtained.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $X$  be a normed linear space. Let  $B(X) = \{x \in X : \|x\| \leq 1\}$  and

$$S(X) = \{x \in X : \|x\| = 1\}$$

be the unit ball and the unit sphere of  $X$ , respectively. Let  $X^*$  be the dual space of  $X$ . Let  $B(x_0, r) = \{x \in X : \|x - x_0\| \leq r\}$  be the ball with center at  $x_0$ , and radius  $r$  in  $X$ .

Brodskiĭ and Mil'man [3] introduced the following geometric concepts in 1948:

**Definition 1.1.** A bounded and convex subset  $K$  of a Banach space  $X$  is said to have normal structure if every convex subset  $H$  of  $K$  that contains more than one point contains a point  $x_0 \in H$ , such that  $\sup\{\|x_0 - y\| : y \in H\} < d(H)$ , where  $d(H) = \sup\{\|x - y\| : x, y \in H\}$  denotes the diameter of  $H$ .

A Banach space  $X$  is said to have normal structure if every bounded and convex subset of  $X$  has normal structure.

A Banach space  $X$  is said to have weak normal structure if each weakly compact convex set  $K$  in  $X$  has normal structure.

A Banach space  $X$  is said to have uniform normal structure if there exists  $0 < c < 1$  such that for any bounded closed convex subset  $K$  of  $X$  that contains more than one point, there exists  $x_0 \in K$  such that  $\sup\{\|x_0 - y\| : y \in K\} \leq c \cdot d(K)$ .

For a reflexive Banach space, the normal structure and weak normal structure coincide.

Let  $C$  be a nonempty subset of a Banach space  $X$ . A mapping  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is called to be non-expansive whenever  $\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \|x - y\|$  for all  $x, y \in C$ . A Banach space has the fixed point property if for every nonempty bounded closed and convex subset  $C$  of  $X$  and for each non-expansive mapping  $T : C \rightarrow C$ , there is a point  $x \in C$  such that  $x = Tx$ . ([8]).

Kirk [8] proved that if a Banach space  $X$  has weak normal structure then it has the weak fixed point property, that is, every non-expansive mapping from a weakly compact and convex subset of  $X$  into itself has a fixed point.

In 1970, Kottman [11] introduced the following concept:

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $X$  be a Banach space. For each cardinal number  $\alpha$  let

$$P(\alpha, X) = \sup\{r : \text{there exist } \alpha \text{ disjoint balls of radius } r \text{ in } B(X)\}.$$

(In this setting we take  $\sup \emptyset = 0$ ).

**Definition 1.3.** A Banach space  $X$  is called P-convex, if  $P(n, X) < \frac{1}{2}$  for some positive integer  $n$ .

Kottman proved [11]:

**Theorem 1.4.** Let  $X$  be an infinite dimensional normed space and  $\alpha$  be a cardinal number greater than one but less than or equal to the density character of  $X$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{3} \leq P(\alpha, X) \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

**Definition 1.5.** ([4], [6]) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces. We say that  $Y$  is finitely representable in  $X$  if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and any finite dimensional subspace  $N \subseteq Y$  there is an isomorphism  $T : N \rightarrow T(N)$  such that for any  $y \in N$ ,

$$(1 - \varepsilon)\|y\| \leq \|Ty\| \leq (1 + \varepsilon)\|y\|.$$

The Banach space  $X$  is called super-reflexive if any space  $Y$  which is finitely representable in  $X$  is reflexive.

**Theorem 1.6.**  $X$  is super-reflexive if and only if  $X^*$  is super-reflexive.

**Theorem 1.7.** ([2], [11]) If a Banach space  $X$  is P-convex, then  $X$  is super-reflexive.

The following  $n$ -dimensional modulus was introduced by Jiménez-Melado [7] and Mazcuñán-Navarro [12]:

**Definition 1.8.** For a Banach space  $X$ , let

$$s_n(X) := \sup\{\varepsilon \in [0, 2] : \exists x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1} \in B(X), \text{ such that} \\ \min_{i \neq j} \|x_i - x_j\| \geq \varepsilon\}.$$

In this paper, we introduce a new parameter of  $w_n^*$ -Separation,  $w_n^*(X^*)$ , in  $X^*$  and study the relation between this parameter and normal structure in  $X$ , and the relation between packing constant  $P(\alpha, X)$  introduced by Kottman above and normal structure that implies the existence of fixed point for non expansive mappings. Some

new results about fixed points of non-expansive mapping are obtained. In section 3 we prove that if  $X$  is an infinite dimensional normed space with  $P(\aleph_0, X^*) < \frac{1}{2}$  then  $X$  has uniformly normal structure, where  $\aleph_0$  is the cardinal number of all natural numbers.

2. PRELIMINARY AND MAIN RESULTS

We define the following two  $n$ -dimensional modules:

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $X$  and  $X^*$  be a Banach space and its dual, and  $B(X)$  and  $B(X^*)$  be the unit ball of  $X$  and  $X^*$  respectively. We define

$$w_n(X) := \sup\{\varepsilon \in [0, 2] : \exists x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1} \in B(X), \text{ such that} \\ \min_{i \neq j}(\sup_{f \in B(X^*)} \langle x_i - x_j, f \rangle) \geq \varepsilon\};$$

and

$$w_n^*(X^*) := \sup\{\varepsilon \in [0, 2] : \exists f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{n+1} \in B(X^*), \text{ such that} \\ \min_{i \neq j}(\sup_{x \in B(X)} \langle x, f_i - f_j \rangle) \geq \varepsilon\}.$$

It is easy to show that:

**Corollary 2.2.** For a Banach space  $X$ ,  $w_n(X) \leq s_n(X) \leq 2$ , and for  $X^*$ ,

$$w_n^*(X^*) \leq s_n(X^*) \leq 2.$$

**Example 2.3.** Let  $X = c_0$ , and  $X^* = l_1$ , then  $w_n^*(l_1) = s_n(l_1) = 2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x = (0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0, -1, 0, \dots, 0, 0, 0, \dots) \in S(c_0)$ , where  $i$ -th position of  $x$  is 1,  $j$ -th position of  $x$  is -1, others are 0 and  $i < j$ .

Let  $f_i = (0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0, 0, 0, \dots) \in S(l_1)$ , where  $i$ -th position of  $f_i$  is 1 and others are 0.

And  $f_j = (0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots) \in S(l_1)$ , where  $j$ -th position of  $f_j$  is 1 and others are 0. We have  $\langle x, f_i - f_j \rangle = 2$ .

From the definition of  $w_n^*(X^*)$ ,  $w_n^*(l_1) = s_n(l_1) = 2$ .

The following three results refer to a Banach space with weak\* sequentially compact unit ball of the dual. Notice that this property is satisfied by reflexive or separable Banach spaces, and by those that admit an equivalent smooth norm (see [5], Ch. XIII).

**Lemma 2.4.** [13] If  $X$  is a Banach space with  $B(X^*)$  weak\* sequentially compact and fails to have weak normal structure, then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there are a sequence  $\{x_n\} \subseteq S(X)$  and a sequence  $\{f_n\} \subseteq S(X^*)$  such that

- (a)  $|\|x_i - x_j\| - 1| < \varepsilon$ , whenever  $i \neq j$ ;
- (b)  $\langle x_i, f_i \rangle = 1$ , whenever  $1 \leq i \leq \infty$ ;
- (c)  $|\langle x_j, f_i \rangle| < \varepsilon$ , whenever  $i \neq j$ ; and
- (d)  $\|f_i - f_j\| > 2 - \varepsilon$ , whenever  $i \neq j$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** *If  $X$  is a Banach space with  $B(X^*)$  weak\* sequentially compact and  $w_n^*(X^*) < 2$ , then  $X$  have weak normal structure.*

*Proof.* From the proof of Lemma 2.27 of [13], if  $X$  fails to have weak normal structure, then for any  $\eta > 0$  there are a sequence  $\{x_n\} \subseteq S(X)$  and a sequence  $\{f_n\} \subseteq S(X^*)$  such that  $|\|x_i - x_j\| - 1| < \eta$  and  $|\langle x_j, f_i \rangle| < \eta$ , if  $i \neq j$ .

So,  $|\langle x_i - x_j, f_i - f_j \rangle| = |2 - \langle x_j, f_i \rangle - \langle x_i, f_j \rangle| \geq 2 - 2\eta$  for any  $i \neq j$ .

Since  $\eta$  can be arbitrarily small, we have  $w_n^*(X^*) = 2$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** *If  $X$  is a Banach space with  $B(X^*)$  weak\* sequentially compact and  $P(\aleph_0, X^*) < \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $X$  has weak normal structure.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $X$  does not have weak normal structure. From Lemma 2.4, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a sequence  $\{f_n\} \subseteq S(X^*)$  such that  $\|f_i - f_j\| > 2 - \varepsilon$ , whenever  $i \neq j$ .

Considering the sequence  $\{\frac{f_n}{2}\}$ , we have  $B\left(\frac{f_m}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}\right) \cap B\left(\frac{f_n}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}\right) = \emptyset$  if  $m \neq n$ , and  $B\left(\frac{f_n}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}\right) \subseteq B(X^*)$  for all  $n$ .

We have  $P(\aleph_0, X^*) > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$ . Since  $\varepsilon$  can be arbitrarily small, we have  $P(\aleph_0, X^*) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Definition 2.7.** A Banach space  $X$  is called G-convex, if  $P(\aleph_0, X) < \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Proposition 2.8.** If the Banach space  $X$  is P-convex, then  $X$  is G-convex.

From Theorem 1.7 and Theorem 2.6, we have:

**Theorem 2.9.** *If the Banach space  $X^*$  is P-convex, then  $X$  has normal structure.*

*Proof.* From Theorem 1.7,  $X^*$  is P-convex implies that  $X^*$  and therefore  $X$  is super-reflexive, so weak normal structure and normal structure coincide. Then from Theorem 2.6,  $X^*$  is P-convex implies  $X$  has weak normal structure, therefore normal structure.

### 3. UNIFORM NORMAL STRUCTURE

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a filter on an index set  $I$ , and let  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a subset in a Hausdorff topological space  $X$ ,  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$  is said to converge to  $x$  with respect to  $\mathcal{F}$ , denote by  $\lim_{\mathcal{F}} x_i = x$ , if for each neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$ ,  $\{i \in I : x_i \in V\} \in \mathcal{F}$ . A filter  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $I$  is called an ultrafilter if it is maximal with respect to the ordering of the set inclusion. An ultrafilter is called trivial if it is of the form  $\{A : A \subseteq I, i_0 \in A\}$  for some  $i_0 \in I$ . We will use the fact that if  $\mathcal{U}$  is an ultrafilter, then

- (i) for any  $A \subseteq I$ , either  $A \in \mathcal{U}$  or  $I \setminus A \in \mathcal{U}$ ;
- (ii) if  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$  has a cluster point  $x$ , then  $\lim_{\mathcal{U}} x_i$  exists and equals to  $x$ .

Let  $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$  be a family of Banach spaces and let  $l_\infty(I, X_i)$  denote the subspace of the product space equipped with the norm  $\|(x_i)\| = \sup_{i \in I} \|x_i\| < \infty$ .

**Definition 3.1.** ([1], [10], [14]) Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an ultrafilter on  $I$  and let

$$N_{\mathcal{U}} = \{(x_i) \in l_\infty(I, X_i) : \lim_{\mathcal{U}} \|x_i\| = 0\}.$$

The ultra-product of  $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$  is the quotient space  $l_\infty(I, X_i)/N_{\mathcal{U}}$  equipped with the quotient norm.

We will use  $(x_i)_U$  to denote an element of the ultra-product. It follows from the assertion (ii) above, and the definition of quotient norm that

$$\|(x_i)_U\| = \lim_U \|x_i\|.$$

In the following we will restrict our index set  $I$  to be  $\mathbb{N}$ , the set of natural numbers, and let  $X_i = X$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  for some Banach space  $X$ . For an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$ , we use  $X_U$  to denote the corresponding ultra-product, called an ultra-power of  $X$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** ([1], [10] [14]) *Suppose that  $\mathcal{U}$  is an ultrafilter on  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $X$  is a Banach space. Then  $(X^*)_U \cong (X_U)^*$  if and only if  $X$  is super-reflexive; and in this case, the mapping  $J$  defined by*

$$\langle (x_i)_U, J((f_i)_U) \rangle = \lim_U \langle x_i, f_i \rangle, \quad \text{for all } (x_i)_U \in X_U$$

is the canonical isometric isomorphism from  $(X^*)_U$  onto  $(X_U)^*$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Then for any nontrivial ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$ , we have  $P(n, X_U) = P(n, X)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $X$  can be embedded into  $X_U$  isometrically, we may consider  $X$  as a subspace of  $X_U$ . From the definition of  $P(n, X)$ , we have  $P(n, X_U) \leq P(n, X)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

We prove the reverse inequality.

Suppose  $P(n, X_U) = a$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then for any set of  $n$  balls in  $B(X_U)$  centering inside of  $B(X_U)$  with radius  $a + \varepsilon$ , there must be at least two balls  $B((f_i)_U, a + \varepsilon)$  and  $B((g_i)_U, a + \varepsilon)$ , such that  $B((f_i)_U, a + \varepsilon) \cap B((g_i)_U, a + \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $(h_i)_U \in B((f_i)_U, a + \varepsilon) \cap B((g_i)_U, a + \varepsilon)$ .

We have  $\|((f_i) - (h_i))_U\| < a + \varepsilon$  and  $\|((g_i) - (h_i))_U\| < a + \varepsilon$ .

Without of generality, from definition of ultra-product, we may assume the following sets:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{i : \|f_i\| < 1 + \varepsilon\}, \\ B &= \{i : \|g_i\| < 1 + \varepsilon\}, \\ C &= \{i : \|h_i\| < 1 + \varepsilon\}, \\ P &= \{i : \|f_i - h_i\| < a + \varepsilon\}, \text{ and} \\ Q &= \{i : \|g_i - h_i\| < a + \varepsilon\} \end{aligned}$$

are all in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

So the intersection  $A \cap B \cap C \cap P \cap Q$  is in  $\mathcal{U}$  too, and is hence not empty.

Let  $i \in A \cap B \cap C \cap P \cap Q$ . For this fixed  $i$ , we have

$$\|f_i\| < 1 + \varepsilon, \|g_i\| < 1 + \varepsilon, \|h_i\| < 1 + \varepsilon, \|f_i - h_i\| < a + \varepsilon, \text{ and } \|g_i - h_i\| < a + \varepsilon.$$

These imply that  $f_i, g_i \in (1 + \varepsilon)B(X)$ , and  $B(f_i, a + \varepsilon) \cap B(g_i, a + \varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ .

Since  $\varepsilon$  can be arbitrarily small, we have  $P(n, X_U) \geq P(n, X)$ .

**Lemma 3.4.** [9] *If  $X$  is a super-reflexive Banach space, then  $X$  has uniform normal structure if and only if  $X_U$  has normal structure.*

**Theorem 3.5.** *For a Banach space  $X$ , if  $P(n, X^*) < \frac{1}{2}$  for some positive integer  $n$ , then  $X$  has uniform normal structure.*

*Proof.* From Definition 1.3 and Theorem 1.7,  $P(n, X^*) < \frac{1}{2}$  implies  $X$  is super-reflexive. From Theorem 3.3,  $X_{\mathcal{U}}$  has normal structure. Then from Theorem 2.9 and Theorem 3.4,  $X$  has uniform normal structure.

We proved that if  $X^*$  is P-convex, then  $X$  has uniform normal structure.

Since  $n$  is an arbitrary integer, we proved that:

**Theorem 3.6.** *If  $X$  is an infinite dimensional normed space with  $P(\aleph_0, X^*) < \frac{1}{2}$  then  $X$  has uniformly normal structure, where  $\aleph_0$  is the cardinal number of all natural numbers.*

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