SOME INTERESTING BANACH SPACES

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ABSTRACT. If a Banach space X has an unconditionally basic skipped-blocking finite-dimensional decomposition (UBSBFDD), then each of the properties RNP, KMP, PCP, and CPCP is equivalent to X not having a subspace isomorphic with c_0 . If X fails PCP and is a subspace of a space with a UBSBFDD, then X has a subspace isomorphic with c_0 . Many examples are described that have no c_0 -subspaces and fail RNP. Some of these have PCP. Some fail PCP and have CPCP. Some are not contained in a space with an unconditional basis, but this remains an open question for others. Sufficient conditions are given for a boundedly complete skipped-blocking decomposition to imply CPCP.

Introduction. A bounded closed convex subset K of a Banach space X has the $Radon\text{-}Nikodým\ property\ (RNP)}$ if, for any finite-measure space (S, Σ, μ) and any $\mu\text{-}continuous\ measure\ \lambda: \Sigma \to X$ with $\lambda(E)/\mu(E) \in K$ for each $E \in \Sigma$, there is a Bochner-integrable function $f: S \to X$ such that $\lambda(E) = \int_E f\ d\mu$ for each $E \in \Sigma$. For X to have RNP means that the unit ball has RNP.

A bounded closed convex subset K of a Banach space X has the $Krein\text{-}Milman\ property\ (KMP)$ if each closed convex subset of K is the closure of the convex span of its extreme points. For X to have KMP means that the unit ball has KMP. A Banach space has KMP if it has RNP [18], but whether the converse is true remains an important unsolved problem.

A bounded closed convex subset K of a Banach space X has the point-of-continuity property (PCP) if, for each nonempty closed subset C of K, there is a point x of C such that the weak and norm topologies (restricted to C) coincide at x; K has the convex-point-of-continuity property (CPCP) if this condition is satisfied for all nonempty closed convex subsets of K. For K to have PCP (CPCP) means that the unit ball has PCP (CPCP). The CPCP was introduced in [3] to aid in

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