

ON AN EQUIVALENCE RELATION ON SEMI-ORDERED LINEAR SPACES

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§ 1. Let (E, Ω, μ) be a finite measure space with a countably additive non-negative measure μ defined on a σ -field Ω . Two real-valued μ -measurable functions $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ on E are called *mutually equi-measurable* [14], if $\mu\{t; f(t) > r\} = \mu\{t; g(t) > r\}$ holds for each real number r . If we write $f \sim g$, when f and g are mutually equi-measurable, it is observed easily that the relation \sim is an equivalence relation on the space \mathfrak{M} of all measurable functions on E . As is shown in [14], the concept of equi-measurability plays an important rôle in the theory of functions of real variables. Now let \mathbf{X} be a linear space consisting of real-valued measurable functions, which is *semi-normal* in the sense of Nakano [11], i. e.

$$(1.1) \quad 0 \leq f \in \mathbf{X}, \quad |g| \leq f, \quad g \in \mathfrak{M} \text{ implies } g \in \mathbf{X},$$

where $0 \leq f$ means that $0 \leq f(t)$ holds almost everywhere. Evidently the function space \mathbf{X} is considered as a universally continuous semi-ordered linear space¹⁾ by this order.

We say that a function space \mathbf{X} has the *weak rearrangement invariant property* (*w-RIP*), if $f \in \mathbf{X}$, $f \sim g$ always implies $g \in \mathbf{X}$, i. e. \mathbf{X} is closed under the relation defined by equi-measurability. In the sequel, a function space \mathbf{X} on E is termed to be a *Banach function space*²⁾ on E , if it is semi-normal and has a complete norm satisfying

$$(1.2) \quad \|f\| = \sup_{\lambda \in \mathcal{A}} \|f_\lambda\|, \quad \text{whenever } 0 \leq f_\lambda \uparrow_{\lambda \in \mathcal{A}} f.$$

A Banach function space \mathbf{X} is said to have the *strong rearrangement invariant property* (*s-RIP*), if $f \in \mathbf{X}$, $f \sim g$ implies $g \in \mathbf{X}$ and $\|g\| \leq A\|f\|$, where A is a fixed constant independent on f and g . $L^p(E)$ spaces with $1 \leq p$, Orlicz spaces $L_\phi(E)$ and $\Lambda(\phi)$ -spaces established by G. G. Lorentz [5, 6] and I. Halperin

1) A semi-ordered linear space R is called *universally continuous*, if $0 \leq a_\lambda$ ($\lambda \in \mathcal{A}$) implies $\bigcap_{\lambda \in \mathcal{A}} a_\lambda \in R$, i. e. a conditionally complete vector lattice in Birkhoff's sense or a K -space in the sense of Vulich [12].

2) For the detailed properties of Banach function spaces see [7] or [13].