

A Remark on the Duality Mapping on l^∞

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Here we answer a question raised in [1]. In order to formulate this question we are to recall some notations and facts from [1]. We work with the dual $l^{\infty*}$ of l^∞ , which can be written as the direct sum $l^1 + c_0^\perp$. S denotes the unit sphere in l^∞ and $\text{sm } S$ the set of the smooth points of S . The duality mapping $F_0: S \rightarrow 2^{l^{\infty*}}$ is defined as follows

$$F_0(v) = \{\lambda \in l^{\infty*}: \lambda(u) = 1 = \|\lambda\|\}, \quad v \in S.$$

$\text{ext } F_0(v)$ denotes the set of extremal points of $F_0(v)$. The mentioned question sounds as:

"Given $v \in S \setminus \text{sm } S$ and $\lambda \in \text{ext } F_0(v)$, does there exist a sequence $\{v_n\} \subset \text{sm } S$ such that $\|v_n - v\| \rightarrow 0$ and that λ is a w^* -cluster point of the sequence $\{F_0(v_n)\}$?"

The answer is negative in general as it follows from Propositions 1 and 2. Owing to some reasons from [1] we may and do restrict ourselves to the situation when $v \geq 0$ and $\lambda \in c_0^\perp$.

We recall that (see [1]) there is a one-to-one correspondence between *ultrafilters* and *0-1-measures*, namely, given an ultrafilter $\mathcal{U}$ on the set of natural numbers N we can define the measure on N as

$$(*) \quad \lambda(A) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{iff } A \in \mathcal{U} \\ 0 & A \notin \mathcal{U} \end{cases}$$

and conversely. Also, a 0-1-measure λ is in $c_0^\perp$ if and only if the corresponding $\mathcal{U}$ is free (non-principal), i.e., $\mathcal{U}$ contains no finite sets. It is known [1] that, for $v \in S$, $v \geq 0$, $\text{ext } F_0(v)$ consists only of 0-1-measures.

PROPOSITION 1. *Let $v \in S \setminus \text{sm } S$, $v \geq 0$, $\lambda \in \text{ext } F_0(v) \cap c_0^\perp$ and $\mathcal{U}$ be the ultrafilter associated with λ by (*). Then the following assertions are equivalent:*