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SOME RESULTS ON THE EXTENSION OF OPERATORS¹

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1. Introduction. The subject of the present note is closely related to questions treated in [6] and [7] (cf. also [8]). In §2 we state some results showing that certain extension properties for operators with a two-dimensional range imply extension properties for a much larger class of operators. Extension properties for operators with a two-dimensional range are, in a sense, the weakest possible, since by the Hahn Banach theorem operators with a one-dimensional range can always be extended in a norm preserving manner.

The results stated in §3 demonstrate the rôle of finite dimensional spaces whose unit cell is a polyhedron in some problems concerning norm preserving extension of operators. Proofs of the results stated here will be published elsewhere.

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NOTATIONS. All Banach spaces are assumed to be over the reals. S_X denotes the unit cell $\{x; ||x|| \leq 1\}$ of the Banach space X. By "cell" we mean a translate of $rS_X, r>0$. All operators are assumed to be linear and bounded.

2. Our first theorem complements the main result of [7] (cf. also [8, Theorem 1]).

THEOREM 1. Let X be a Banach space such that S_X has at least one extreme point. The following statements are equivalent.

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