

## POLYNOMIAL CHARACTERIZATION OF THE COMPACT RANGE PROPERTY

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ABSTRACT. Among other results it is proved that, for a Banach space  $F$  and an integer  $m$ , the following assertions are equivalent:

- (a)  $F$  has the compact range property;
- (b) for every Banach space  $E$ , each  $m$ -homogeneous Pietsch integral polynomial from  $E$  into  $F$  is compact;
- (c) every  $m$ -homogeneous 1-dominated polynomial from  $C([0, 1])$  into  $F$  is compact;
- (d) every  $m$ -homogeneous polynomial from  $L_1([0, 1])$  into  $F$  is completely continuous.

A Banach space  $F$  is said to have the *compact range property* (CRP, for short) if every  $F$ -valued countably additive measure of bounded variation has compact range [15]. Every Banach space with the weak Radon-Nikodým property has the CRP. A dual Banach space has the CRP if and only if its predual contains no copy of  $l_1$ . We refer to [9, 10, 15, 17] for more about the CRP.

We recall the following characterizations of the CRP in terms of (linear bounded) operators:

**Theorem 1.** *For a Banach space  $F$  the following facts are equivalent:*

- (a)  $F$  has the CRP;
- (b) for any compact Hausdorff space  $K$ , every absolutely summing operator from  $C(K)$  into  $F$  is compact;
- (c) every absolutely summing operator from  $C([0, 1])$  into  $F$  is compact;

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- (d) if  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a finite measure space then every operator from  $L_1(\mu)$  into  $F$  is completely continuous;
- (e) every operator from  $L_1([0, 1])$  into  $F$  is completely continuous;
- (f) for any Banach space  $E$ , every Pietsch integral operator from  $E$  into  $F$  is compact.

The equivalence (a)  $\iff$  (e) is stated in [17,7]. The other implications may be seen in [9, 10].

Here we extend this result to the polynomial setting.

Throughout,  $E$  and  $F$  denote Banach spaces, and  $B_E$  stands for the closed unit ball of  $E$ . By  $\mathbf{N}$  we represent the set of all natural numbers. Given  $m \in \mathbf{N}$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{P}(^m E, F)$  the space of all  $m$ -homogeneous (continuous) polynomials from  $E$  into  $F$ . Recall that to each  $P \in \mathcal{P}(^m E, F)$  we can associate a unique symmetric  $m$ -linear  $\widehat{P} : E \times \cdots \times E \rightarrow F$  so that

$$P(x) = \widehat{P}\left(x, \overset{(m)}{\cdot}, x\right), \quad x \in E.$$

For the general theory of polynomials on Banach spaces, we refer to [8] and [14].

We use the notation  $\otimes^m E := E \otimes \cdots \otimes E$  for the  $m$ -fold tensor product of  $E$ ,  $\otimes_\varepsilon^m E := E \otimes_\varepsilon \cdots \otimes_\varepsilon E$  for the  $m$ -fold injective tensor product of  $E$ , and  $\otimes_\pi^m E$  for the  $m$ -fold projective tensor product of  $E$  (see [7] for the theory of tensor products). By  $\otimes_s^m E := E \otimes_s \cdots \otimes_s E$  we denote the  $m$ -fold symmetric tensor product of  $E$ , i.e., the set of all elements  $u \in \otimes^m E$  of the form

$$u = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j x_j \otimes \cdots \otimes x_j, \quad n \in \mathbf{N}, \lambda_j \in \mathbf{K}, x_j \in E, 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

By  $\otimes_{\pi,s}^m E$  we denote the closure of  $\otimes_s^m E$  in  $\otimes_\pi^m E$ . For symmetric tensor products, we refer to [11]. For simplicity, we write  $\otimes^m x := x \otimes \cdots \otimes x$ .

Given  $P \in \mathcal{P}(^m E, F)$ , let

$$\widetilde{P} : \otimes^m E \longrightarrow F$$

be the linearization of  $\widehat{P}$ , defined by

$$\overline{P}\left(\sum_{j=1}^n x_{1j} \otimes \cdots \otimes x_{mj}\right) = \sum_{j=1}^n \widehat{P}(x_{1j}, \dots, x_{mj})$$

where  $x_{kj} \in E$  ( $1 \leq k \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$ ); and let

$$\overline{P} : \otimes_s^m E \longrightarrow F$$

be the linearization of  $P$ , given by

$$\overline{P}\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j x_j \otimes \overset{(m)}{\cdots} \otimes x_j\right) = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j P(x_j)$$

where  $x_j \in E$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ).

Recall that  $P \in \mathcal{P}(^m E, F)$  is *completely continuous* if, for every sequence  $(x_n) \subset E$  weakly convergent to  $x$ , we have that  $(P(x_n))$  converges in norm to  $P(x)$ ;  $P$  is *compact* if  $P(B_E)$  is relatively compact in  $F$ .

Given  $1 \leq r < \infty$ , a polynomial  $P \in \mathcal{P}(^m E, F)$  is *r-dominated* (see, e.g., [12, 13]) if there exists a constant  $k > 0$  such that, for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  and  $(x_i)_{i=1}^n \subset E$ , we have

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \|P(x_i)\|^{r/m}\right)^{m/r} \leq k \sup_{x^* \in B_{E^*}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x^*(x_i)|^r\right)^{m/r}.$$

For  $m = 1$  we obtain the absolutely  $r$ -summing operators.

A polynomial  $P \in \mathcal{P}(^m E, F)$  is *Pietsch integral* if it can be written in the form

$$P(x) = \int_{B_{E^*}} [x^*(x)]^m d\mathcal{G}(x^*), \quad x \in E$$

where  $\mathcal{G}$  is an  $F$ -valued regular countably additive Borel measure, of bounded variation, defined on  $B_{E^*}$ , where  $B_{E^*}$  is endowed with the weak-star topology. A similar definition may be given for the Pietsch integral multilinear mappings (see [1]).

We refer to [6, 7] for the theory of absolutely summing and Pietsch integral operators between Banach spaces.

We first give a characterization of the CRP in terms of polynomials on  $L_1(\mu)$  spaces.

**Theorem 2.** *Given a Banach space  $F$ , the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (a)  $F$  has the CRP;
- (b) for all  $m \in \mathbf{N}$  and any finite measure  $\mu$ , every  $m$ -homogeneous polynomial from  $L_1(\mu)$  into  $F$  is completely continuous;
- (c) there is  $m \in \mathbf{N}$  such that for any finite measure  $\mu$ , every  $m$ -homogeneous polynomial from  $L_1(\mu)$  into  $F$  is completely continuous;
- (d) there is  $m \in \mathbf{N}$  such that every  $m$ -homogeneous polynomial from  $L_1([0, 1])$  into  $F$  is completely continuous.

*Proof.* (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). Let  $P \in \mathcal{P}(^m L_1(\mu), F)$ . Choose a sequence  $(f_n) \subset L_1(\mu)$  weakly convergent to some  $f$ . By the Dunford-Pettis property of  $L_1(\mu)$ , the sequence  $(\otimes^m f_n)_n$  converges weakly to  $\otimes^m f$  in  $\otimes_\pi^m L_1(\mu)$  [5, Theorem 16]. Since  $\otimes_\pi^m L_1(\mu)$  is an  $L_1(\nu)$  space with  $\nu$  finite, the operator

$$\overline{P} : \otimes_\pi^m L_1(\mu) \longrightarrow F$$

is completely continuous, Theorem 1. Therefore, we have

$$P(f_n) = \overline{P}(\otimes^m f_n) \xrightarrow{\text{norm}} \overline{P}(\otimes^m f) = P(f),$$

so  $P$  is completely continuous.

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d) are obvious.

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Let  $T : L_1([0, 1]) \rightarrow F$  be an operator. Suppose  $(f_n) \subset L_1([0, 1])$  is weakly convergent to some  $f$ , and  $\|Tf_n - Tf\| > 4\varepsilon > 0$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume  $f \neq 0$ . Choose  $\varphi \in L_\infty([0, 1])$  with  $\varphi(f) = 1$ .

Let  $P : L_1([0, 1]) \rightarrow F$  be the polynomial given by

$$P(g) := (\varphi(g))^{m-1} Tg \quad (g \in L_1([0, 1])).$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \|P(f_n) - P(f)\| &= \|(\varphi(f_n))^{m-1}Tf_n - (\varphi(f))^{m-1}Tf\| \\ &\geq \|(\varphi(f_n))^{m-1}Tf_n - (\varphi(f_n))^{m-1}Tf\| \\ &\quad - \|(\varphi(f_n))^{m-1}Tf - (\varphi(f))^{m-1}Tf\| \\ &= |\varphi(f_n)|^{m-1} \cdot \|Tf_n - Tf\| \\ &\quad - \left| (\varphi(f_n))^{m-1} - (\varphi(f))^{m-1} \right| \cdot \|Tf\| \\ &> \frac{1}{2} \cdot 4\varepsilon - \varepsilon = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

for  $n$  large enough, which contradicts (d).  $\square$

We now give the characterization of the CRP in terms of polynomials on  $C(K)$  spaces.

**Theorem 3.** *Given a Banach space  $F$ , the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (a)  $F$  has the CRP;
- (b) for all  $m \in \mathbf{N}$  and any Banach space  $E$ , every  $m$ -homogeneous Pietsch integral polynomial from  $E$  into  $F$  is compact;
- (c) for all  $m \in \mathbf{N}$ , every  $m$ -homogeneous Pietsch integral polynomial from a  $C(K)$  space into  $F$  is compact;
- (d) for all  $m \in \mathbf{N}$ , every  $m$ -homogeneous 1-dominated polynomial from a  $C(K)$  space into  $F$  is compact;
- (e) there is  $m \in \mathbf{N}$  such that every  $m$ -homogeneous 1-dominated polynomial from a  $C(K)$  space into  $F$  is compact;
- (f) there is  $m \in \mathbf{N}$  such that every  $m$ -homogeneous 1-dominated polynomial from  $C([0, 1])$  into  $F$  is compact.

*Proof.* (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). Let  $P \in \mathcal{P}(^m E, F)$  be Pietsch integral. By [1], so is  $\widehat{P}$ . By [18], the operator

$$\overline{\widehat{P}} : \otimes_{\varepsilon}^m E \longrightarrow F$$

is well-defined and Pietsch integral. By Theorem 1,  $\overline{\widehat{P}}$  is compact. Letting  $i : \otimes_{\pi, s}^m E \rightarrow \otimes_{\varepsilon}^m E$  be the natural inclusion, we have that  $\overline{\widehat{P}} \circ i$

is compact. Since  $\overline{P} \circ i$  is the linearization of  $P$ , we conclude that  $P$  is compact [16, Lemma 4.1].

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) and (d)  $\Rightarrow$  (e)  $\Rightarrow$  (f) are obvious.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d) is clear, since every 1-dominated polynomial on a  $C(K)$  space is Pietsch integral [4].

(f)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Let  $T : C([0, 1]) \rightarrow F$  be an absolutely summing operator. For each  $1 \leq i \leq m - 1$  there are operators

$$j_i : \otimes_{\pi, s}^i C([0, 1]) \longrightarrow \otimes_{\pi, s}^{i+1} C([0, 1])$$

and

$$\pi_i : \otimes_{\pi, s}^{i+1} C([0, 1]) \longrightarrow \otimes_{\pi, s}^i C([0, 1])$$

such that  $\pi_i \circ j_i$  is the identity map on  $\otimes_{\pi, s}^i C([0, 1])$  (see [2, p. 168]).

Consider the polynomial

$$P := T \circ \pi_1 \circ \cdots \circ \pi_{m-1} \circ \delta_m : C([0, 1]) \longrightarrow F$$

where  $\delta_m : C([0, 1]) \rightarrow \otimes_{\pi, s}^m C([0, 1])$  is the polynomial given by  $\delta_m(f) := \otimes^m f$ . Then  $P$  is 1-dominated (see details in [3], p. 910). Hence, by (f),  $P$  is compact. Since

$$T \circ \pi_1 \circ \cdots \circ \pi_{m-1} : \otimes_{\pi, s}^m C([0, 1]) \longrightarrow F$$

is the linearization of  $P$ , it is compact as well [16, Lemma 4.1]. Therefore, the operator

$$T = T \circ \pi_1 \circ \cdots \circ \pi_{m-1} \circ j_{m-1} \circ \cdots \circ j_1$$

is compact and, by Theorem 1, we conclude that  $F$  has the CRP.  $\square$

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