

## LIFTING OF ROTUNDITY PROPERTIES FROM $E$ TO $L^p(\mu, E)$

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**ABSTRACT.** We consider some rotundity properties which are extensions of the uniform rotundity and show that these properties lift from the Banach space  $E$  (or from the conjugate Banach space  $E^*$ ) to the Lebesgue–Bochner function space  $L^p(\mu, E)$  (or to  $(L^p(\mu, E))^*$ ),  $1 < p < \infty$ . We make no assumption on  $E^*$ ; in particular, we do not assume that  $E^*$  has the Radon–Nikodym property.

**0. Introduction.** In their paper [16] Smith and Turett give several interesting results about the geometry of the Lebesgue–Bochner function spaces  $L^p(\mu, E)$ . In particular they show that the following statement holds.

**THEOREM 0.** *Let  $(S, \Sigma, \mu)$ , a finite measure space, and  $E$ , a Banach space, be given. Assume that  $E^*$ , the conjugate space of  $E$ , satisfies the Radon–Nikodym property. Then  $L^p(\mu, E)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , is weakly uniformly rotund if and only if  $E$  is.*

One of the purposes of this paper is to prove the above result without any assumption on  $E^*$ . (By the way, it is unknown up to now whether the weak uniform rotundity of a Banach space  $E$  implies that  $E^*$  has the Radon–Nikodym property). Moreover, we consider three other geometric properties, namely *weak local uniform rotundity*, *weak\* uniform rotundity* (in a conjugate space) and *weak\* local uniform rotundity*, and we show that they lift from  $E$  (or  $E^*$ ) to  $L^p(\mu, E)$  (or  $(L^p(\mu, E))^*$ ). Also for these properties we will make no assumption on  $E^*$ . It is worth noting that assuming the Radon–Nikodym property for  $E^*$  would be an effective restriction in this case (see Remark 4 at the end of the paper).

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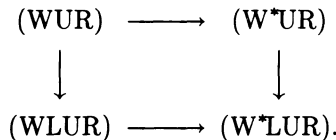
Th question of whether certain properties of a Banach space  $E$  are inherited by  $L^p(\mu, E)$  has been studied extensively (see Day [3], Diestel [4], Leonard and Sundaresan [10] and [11], Mc Shane [13], Smith and Turett [16], Sundaresan [17], Turett and Uhl [18]).

**1. Definitions.** To begin with, let us recall the cited geometric properties. Two of them ((WUR) and (W\*UR)) are directionalizations of the *uniform rotundity* (a property introduced by Clarkson in the famous paper [1]), as underlined by Smith [14]. The remaining properties are localizations of the preceding ones, as it is easily realized. Throughout  $E$  will be Banach space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $E^*$  will be the conjugate space of  $E$  with norm  $\|\cdot\|_*$ .

DEFINITION 1. (see [2]).  $E$  (resp.  $E^*$ ) is said to be *weakly uniformly rotund* (WUR) (resp. *weakly\* uniformly rotund* (W\*UR)) provided that  $\|x_n\| = \|y_n\| = 1$  for every  $n \in N$  and  $\|x_n + y_n\| \xrightarrow{w} 2$  imply that  $x_n - y_n \xrightarrow{w} 0$  (resp.  $\|f_n\|_* = \|g_n\|_* = 1$  for every  $n \in N$  and  $\|f_n + g_n\|_* \rightarrow 2$  imply that  $f_n - g_n \xrightarrow{w^*} 0$ ).

DEFINITION 2. (see [12] and [9]).  $E$  (resp.  $E^*$ ) is said to be *weakly locally rotund* (WLUR) (resp. *weakly\* locally uniformly rotund* (W\*LUR)) provided that  $\|x\| = \|y_n\| = 1$  for every  $n \in N$  and  $\|x + y_n\| \rightarrow 2$  imply that  $y_n \xrightarrow{w} x$  (resp.  $\|f\|_* = \|g_n\|_* = 1$  for every  $n \in N$  and  $\|f + g_n\|_* \rightarrow 2$  imply that  $g_n \xrightarrow{w^*} f$ ).

The connections among the above rotundity properties (for a conjugate space) are contained in the chart below where an arrow denotes implication:



Obviously, for a general Banach space, this chart reduces to: (WUR)  $\rightarrow$  (WLUR). No implication can be reversed (see §4).

Let  $(S, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measure space. We will denote by  $L^p(\mu, E)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , the Lebesgue–Bochner function space of  $\mu$ -equivalence classes of strongly measurable functions  $f : S \rightarrow E$  with  $\int_S \|f(s)\|^p d\mu < \infty$ ,

endowed with the norm

$$|||f||| = \left( \int_S \|f(s)\|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p}.$$

We will denote by  $|||\cdot|||_*$  the norm of the conjugate space  $(L^p(\mu, E))^*$ . For our purposes an integral representation theorem for the elements of  $(L^p(\mu, E))^*$  will be useful. Its most general form is due to A. and C. Ionescu Tulcea [8] (see also Dinculeanu [7, p. 119]); as far as it is known (see [5, p. 116]), it is used here, in the study of the structure of  $L^p(\mu, E)$ , for the first time. We state it as a lemma.

LEMMA 0. *Let  $(S, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space. Then for each linear continuous functional  $L$  on  $L^p(\mu, E)$  there exists a function  $g, g : S \rightarrow E^*$  such that:*

(a) *the function  $s \rightarrow \langle g(s), f(s) \rangle$  is an element of  $L^1(\mu, \mathbf{R})$  for every  $f \in L^p(\mu, E)$ ;*

(b)  *$L(f) = \int_S \langle g(s), f(s) \rangle d\mu$  for every  $f \in L^p(\mu, E)$ ;*

(c) *the function  $s \rightarrow \|g(s)\|_*$  is an element of  $L^q(\mu, \mathbf{R})$ ,  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ ; and*

(d)  $|||L|||_* = \left( \int_S \|g(s)\|_*^q d\mu \right)^{1/q}.$

**2. Reformulation of the rotundity properties.** In order to obtain useful reformulations of the above rotundity conditions, we consider a class  $\mathcal{G}$  of real functions  $G(u, v, t)$  defined for  $u \geq 0, v \geq 0, t \geq 0$ . We say that  $G \in \mathcal{G}$  provided that:

i)  $G(u, v, t) > G(u, v, t')$  if  $t < t'$ ;

ii)  $G$  is continuous;

iii)  $G(u, v, u + v) \geq 0$ ; and

iv)  $G(u, v, u + v) = 0$  if and only if  $u = v$ .

The class  $\mathcal{G}$  contains, for example, the functions  $G_r, 1 < r < \infty$ , given by

(\*) 
$$G_r(u, v, t) = 2^{r-1}(u^r + v^r) - t^r.$$

LEMMA 1. *For every Banach space  $E$  the following are equivalent:*

i)  $E$  is (WUR);

ii) any  $G \in \mathcal{G}$  satisfies the condition:

(1) *for bounded sequences  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\} \subset E, G(\|x_n\|, \|y_n\|, \|x_n + y_n\|) \rightarrow 0$  implies  $x_n - y_n \xrightarrow{w} 0$ ; and*

iii) *the condition (1) satisfied by some  $G \in \mathcal{G}$ .*

PROOF. j)  $\Rightarrow$  jj). Arguing by contradiction, we assume that there exist  $G \in \mathcal{G}$ ,  $f \in E^*$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  and two bounded sequences  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\} \subset E$  for which  $G(\|x_n\|, \|y_n\|, \|x_n + y_n\|) \rightarrow 0$  and  $|f(x_n - y_n)| \geq \varepsilon$ . Since  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$  are bounded, we can suppose that  $d_1, d_2, l \in [0, \infty[$  exist such that  $\|x_n\| \rightarrow d_1, \|y_n\| \rightarrow d_2, \|x_n + y_n\| \rightarrow l$ ; obviously,  $l \leq d_1 + d_2$ . On the other hand, i) and iii) imply

$$0 \leq G(\|x_n\|, \|y_n\|, \|x_n\| + \|y_n\|) \leq G(\|x_n\|, \|y_n\|, \|x_n + y_n\|)$$

and so, letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using ii), we have

$$0 \leq G(d_1, d_2, d_1 + d_2) \leq G(d_1, d_2, l) = 0.$$

Hence, by iv),  $d_1 = d_2 = d$  follows, whereas i) gives  $l = 2d$ . Clearly  $d > 0$ .

Now, we consider the norm one sequences  $\{x_n/\|x_n\|\}, \{y_n/\|y_n\|\}$  with  $n$  sufficiently large. We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f\left(\frac{x_n}{\|x_n\|} - \frac{y_n}{\|y_n\|}\right) \right| \\ & \geq \left| f\left(\frac{x_n}{d} - \frac{y_n}{d}\right) \right| - \left| f\left(\frac{x_n}{\|x_n\|} - \frac{x_n}{d}\right) + f\left(\frac{y_n}{d} - \frac{y_n}{\|y_n\|}\right) \right| \\ & \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{d} - \left| f\left(\frac{x_n}{\|x_n\|} - \frac{x_n}{d}\right) + f\left(\frac{y_n}{d} - \frac{y_n}{\|y_n\|}\right) \right|; \end{aligned}$$

consequently, for  $n$  sufficiently large,

$$(\alpha) \quad \left| f\left(\frac{x_n}{\|x_n\|} - \frac{y_n}{\|y_n\|}\right) \right| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2d}.$$

On the other hand,

$$(\beta) \quad 2 \geq \left\| \frac{x_n}{\|x_n\|} + \frac{y_n}{\|y_n\|} \right\| \geq \left\| \frac{x_n}{d} + \frac{y_n}{d} \right\| - \left\| \left( \frac{x_n}{\|x_n\|} - \frac{x_n}{d} \right) - \left( \frac{y_n}{d} - \frac{y_n}{\|y_n\|} \right) \right\| \rightarrow 2.$$

( $\alpha$ ) and ( $\beta$ ) contradict j).

jj)  $\Rightarrow$  jjj). This is trivial.

jjj)  $\Rightarrow$  j). Consider two arbitrary norm one sequences  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\} \subset E$  such that  $\|x_n + y_n\| \rightarrow 2$ . Then, for any  $G \in \mathcal{G}$ , we have

$$G(\|x_n\|, \|y_n\|, \|x_n + y_n\|) \rightarrow G(1, 1, 2) = 0.$$

Since we are assuming jjj), we get  $x_n - y_n \xrightarrow{w} 0$ .

The proofs of the following Lemmas 2-4 are analogous to that of Lemma 1. They will be therefore omitted.

LEMMA 2. For every conjugate Banach space  $E^*$  the following are equivalent:

- j)  $E^*$  is (W\*UR);
- jj) any  $G \in \mathcal{G}$  satisfies the condition:
  - (2) for bounded sequences  $\{f_n\}, \{g_n\} \subset E^*$ ,  $G(\|f_n\|_*, \|g_n\|_*, \|f_n + g_n\|_*) \rightarrow 0$  implies  $f_n - g_n \xrightarrow{w^*} 0$ ;
- jjj) the condition (2) is satisfied by some  $G \in \mathcal{G}$ .

LEMMA 3. For every Banach space  $E$  the following are equivalent:

- j)  $E$  is (WLUR);
- jj) any  $G \in \mathcal{G}$  satisfies the condition:
  - (3) for  $x \in E$  and bounded sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset E$ ,  $G(\|x\|, \|x_n\|, \|x + x_n\|) \rightarrow 0$  implies  $x_n \xrightarrow{w} x$ ;
- jjj) the condition (3) is satisfied by some  $G \in \mathcal{G}$ .

LEMMA 4. For every conjugate Banach space  $E^*$  the following are equivalent:

- j)  $E^*$  is (W\*LUR);
- jj) any  $G \in \mathcal{G}$  satisfies the condition:
  - (4) for  $f \in E^*$  and a bounded sequence  $\{f_n\} \subset E^*$ ,  $G(\|f\|_*, \|f_n\|_*, \|f + f_n\|_*) \rightarrow 0$  implies  $f_n \xrightarrow{w^*} f$ ;
- jjj) the condition (4) is satisfied by some  $G \in \mathcal{G}$ .

**3. Lifting of the rotundity conditions.** In this section we prove our main results concerning the lifting of the considered rotundity conditions from  $E$  to  $L^p(\mu, E)$  (or from  $E^*$  to  $(L^p(\mu, E))^*$ ).

For the sake of brevity and clarity we prove them supposing that  $(S, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space. We shall show later on (see Remarks 1 and 2) how this assumption can be dropped. Also, to avoid triviality, we always suppose the existence of a set  $X \in \Sigma$  with  $0 < \mu(X) < \infty$ .

THEOREM 1.  $L^p(\mu, E)$  is (WUR) if and only if  $E$  is.

PROOF. The "only if" part is clear since  $E$  is isometrically embedded in  $L^p(\mu, E)$ .

To prove the reverse implication, assume that  $E$  is (WUR). We show that jjj) of Lemma 1 is true for  $L^p(\mu, E)$ , by taking  $G = G_p, G_p$  given by (\*). All we need to prove is that, for bounded sequences  $\{f_n\}, \{g_n\} \subset L^p(\mu, E), G_p(\|\|f_n\|\|, \|\|g_n\|\|, \|\|f_n + g_n\|\|) \rightarrow 0$  implies  $L(f_n - g_n) \rightarrow 0$  for each  $L \in (L^p(\mu, E))^*$ .

Proceeding by contradiction, we assume the existence of bounded sequences  $\{f_n\}, \{g_n\} \subset L^p(\mu, E), \sigma > 0$  and  $L \in (L^p(\mu, E))^*$  for which  $G_p(\|\|f_n\|\|, \|\|g_n\|\|, \|\|f_n + g_n\|\|) \rightarrow 0$  and  $L(f_n - g_n) \geq 2\sigma$ .

Now, according to Lemma 0,  $L$  has an integral representation  $L(f) = \int_S \langle h(s), f(s) \rangle d\mu, f \in L^p(\mu, E)$ , where  $h, h : S \rightarrow E^*$ , is weak\* measurable and such that  $\left(\int_S \|h(s)\|_*^q d\mu\right)^{1/q} = \|L\|_*, 1/p + 1/q = 1$ .

Hence

$$\int_S \langle h(s), f_n(s) - g_n(s) \rangle d\mu \geq 2\sigma, \text{ for each } n \in N.$$

Since  $h$  satisfies condition c) of Lemma 0, for each  $\eta > 0$  there exists a set  $S_\eta \in \Sigma, 0 < \mu(S_\eta) < \infty$ , for which  $\left(\int_{S \setminus S_\eta} \|h(s)\|_*^q d\mu\right)^{1/q} \leq \eta$ ; it follows that for some  $\tilde{S} \in \Sigma, 0 < \mu(\tilde{S}) < \infty$ ,

$$\int_{\tilde{S}} \langle h(s), f_n(s) - g_n(s) \rangle d\mu > \sigma, \text{ for each } n \in N.$$

The inequalities

$$G_p(\|\|f_n\|\|, \|\|g_n\|\|, \|\|f_n + g_n\|\|) \geq \int_{\tilde{S}} G_p(\|\|f_n(s)\|\|, \|\|g_n(s)\|\|, \|\|f_n(s) + g_n(s)\|\|) d\mu, \text{ for each } n \in N,$$

and the fact that the integrands are nonnegative (by properties i) and iii) of the class  $\mathcal{G}$  allow us to suppose (by taking a subsequence if necessary) that  $G_p(\|\|f_n(s)\|\|, \|\|g_n(s)\|\|, \|\|f_n(s) + g_n(s)\|\|) \rightarrow 0$  a.e. on  $\tilde{S}$ .

Let

$$P_n = \left\{ s \in \tilde{S} : \langle h(s), f_n(s) - g_n(s) \rangle \geq \frac{\sigma}{2\mu(\tilde{S})} \right\}, n \in N.$$

We have for every  $n \in N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &\leq \int_{\tilde{S}} \langle h(s), f_n(s) - g_n(s) \rangle d\mu \\ &= \int_{P_n} \langle h(s), f_n(s) - g_n(s) \rangle d\mu + \int_{\tilde{S} \setminus P_n} \langle h(s), f_n(s) - g_n(s) \rangle d\mu \\ &\leq \left( \int_{P_n} \|h(s)\|_*^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \left( \int_{P_n} \|f_n(s) - g_n(s)\|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p} + \frac{\sigma}{2\mu(\tilde{S})} \mu(\tilde{S} \setminus P_n), \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\int_{P_n} \|h(s)\|_*^q \geq \left( \frac{\sigma}{2\gamma} \right)^q,$$

where  $\gamma$  is any upper bound for the real sequence  $\{\|f_n\| + \|g_n\|\}$ .

This implies the existence of a positive lower bound  $\eta$  for the real sequence  $\{\mu(P_n)\}$ .

Let

$$Q_n = \left\{ s \in P_n : (\|f_n(s)\| + \|g_n(s)\|)^p \leq \frac{2\gamma^p}{\eta} \right\}.$$

Then, we have, for every  $n \in N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mu(P_n)}{\eta} \gamma^p &\geq \int_{P_n} (\|f_n(s)\| + \|g_n(s)\|)^p d\mu \\ &\geq \int_{P_n \setminus Q_n} (\|f_n(s)\| + \|g_n(s)\|)^p d\mu \\ &\geq \int_{P_n \setminus Q_n} (\|f_n(s)\| + \|g_n(s)\|)^p d\mu \geq \mu(P_n \setminus Q_n) \frac{2\gamma^p}{\eta}; \end{aligned}$$

hence  $\mu(Q_n) \geq \frac{\eta}{2}$  for every  $n \in N$ .

Consequently, denoting  $Q = \limsup_n Q_n$ , we have  $\mu(Q) \geq \eta/2$ .

Then it is possible to take  $t \in Q$  for which  $G_p(\|f_n(t)\|, \|g_n(t)\|, \|f_n(t) + g_n(t)\|) \rightarrow 0$ .

Since  $t \in \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty Q_{h(n)}$ , for a suitable subsequence  $\{Q_{h(n)}\}$  of  $\{Q_n\}$ , then  $\{f_{h(n)}(t)\}, \{g_{h(n)}(t)\}$  are bounded sequences in  $E$  and so, by Lemma 1,  $f_{h(n)}(t) - g_{h(n)}(t) \xrightarrow{w} 0$ . This is absurd since  $\langle h(t), f_{h(n)}(t) - g_{h(n)}(t) \rangle \geq \frac{\sigma}{2\mu(\tilde{S})}$  for each  $n \in N$ .

The proof is complete.

The proof of Theorem 1 can be adapted to show the following

**THEOREM 2.**  $(L^p(\mu, E))^*$  is  $(W^*UR)$  if and only if  $E^*$  is.

In a similar way, the proofs of the remaining results concerning (WLUR) and (W\*LUR) are quite analogous, so it will be enough to display only one of them. To show that our techniques work in the case of a conjugate Banach space, we will prove Theorem 4 concerning (W\*LUR).

**THEOREM 3.**  $L^p(\mu, E)$  is (WLUR) if and only if  $E$  is.

**THEOREM 4.**  $(L^p(\mu, E))^*$  is (W\*LUR) if and only if  $E^*$  is.

**PROOF.** Clearly, if  $(L^p(\mu, E))^*$  is (W\*LUR), then  $E^*$  is. Vice-versa, suppose that  $E^*$  is (W\*LUR). We show that j) of Lemma 4 is true for  $L^p(\mu, E)^*$ , by taking  $G = G_q$ ,  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ ,  $G_q$  given by (\*). Proceeding by contradiction, we assume the existence of an  $L \in (L^p(\mu, E))^*$ , a bounded sequence  $\{L_n\} \subset (L^p(\mu, E))^*$ , a  $\sigma > 0$  and an  $f \in L^p(\mu, E)$ , for which  $G_q(\|L\|_*, \|L_n\|_*, \|L + L_n\|_*) \rightarrow 0$  and  $(L_n - L)(f) \geq \sigma$ .

According to Lemma 0,  $L, L_1, L_2, \dots$  have integral representations by means of weak\* measurable  $g, g_1, g_2, \dots$ .

By (d) of Lemma 0,

$$G_q(\|g(s)\|_*, \|g_n(s)\|_*, \|g(s) + g_n(s)\|_*) d\mu = G_q \left( \left( \int_S \|g(s)\|_*^q d\mu \right)^{1/q}, \left( \int_S \|g_n(s)\|_*^q d\mu \right)^{1/q}, \left( \int_S \|g(s) + g_n(s)\|_*^q d\mu \right)^{1/q} \right) \rightarrow C$$

and, by (b) of Lemma 0,

$$\int_S (g_n(s) - g(s), f(s)) d\mu \geq \sigma.$$

As in Theorem 1 we can suppose that

$$G_q(\|g(s)\|_*, \|g_n(s)\|_*, \|g(s) + g_n(s)\|_*) \rightarrow 0 \text{ a.e. on } S;$$

hence, by properties i) and iii) of the class  $\mathcal{G}$ , we obtain

$$G_q(\|g(s)\|_*, \|g_n(s)\|_*, \|g(s)\|_* + \|g_n(s)\|_*) \rightarrow 0 \text{ a.e. on } S.$$



Since  $\lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} G_q(u, v, u + v) = \infty$ , we have that  $\{g_n(s)\}$  is a bounded sequence in  $E^*$ , a.e. on  $S$ . Using Lemma 4,  $g_n(s) \xrightarrow{w^*} g(s)$  a.e. on  $S$ . It follows that  $\langle g_n(s) - g(s), f(s) \rangle \rightarrow 0$  a.e. on  $S$ . On the other hand, for any  $X \in \Sigma$  and any  $n \in N$ , we have

$$\int_X |\langle g_n(s) - g(s), f(s) \rangle| d\mu \leq \text{const} \left( \int_X \|f(s)\|^p d\mu \right)^{1/q}.$$

As a consequence of this, if we define, for  $s \in S$  and  $n \in N$ ,

$$h_n(s) = |\langle g_n(s) - g(s), f(s) \rangle|,$$

then we have that  $\{h_n\}$  is a sequence in  $L^1(\mu, \mathbf{R})$  for which all the assumptions of Vitali Convergence Theorem [6, Theorem III.6.15] are satisfied. It follows that  $h_n \rightarrow 0$  in  $L^1(\mu, \mathbf{R})$ , whence

$$\int_S \langle g_n(s) - g(s), f(s) \rangle d\mu \rightarrow 0,$$

a contradiction. The proof is complete.

**REMARK 1.** To extend Theorem 1 to the case of an arbitrary measure space  $(S, \Sigma, \mu)$  it is enough to notice that, by Lemma III.8.5 of [6], for any two sequences  $\{f_n\}, \{g_n\} \subset L^p(\mu, E)$  there exist a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space  $(S_1, \Sigma_1, \mu_1)$  and a closed separable subspace  $E_1$  of  $E$  such that  $L^p(\mu_1, E_1)$  is isometrically isomorphic to a (closed) subspace  $M$  of  $L^p(\mu, E)$  and  $\{f_n\}, \{g_n\} \subset M$ . Since  $L^p(\mu_1, E_1)$  is (WUR) if  $E_1$  is (this has already been shown), it is clear that condition jjj) of Lemma 1 is verified for  $L^p(\mu, E)$  if  $E$  is (WUR).

A similar argument shows that Theorem 3 holds for an arbitrary measure space.

**REMARK 2.** Also the extension of Theorem 2 and Theorem 4 to the case of an arbitrary measure space  $(S, \Sigma, \mu)$  is achieved by means of a suitable application of Lemma III.8.5 of [6]. Indeed, according to that, for any sequence  $\{H_n\} \subset (L^p(\mu, E))^*$  and any  $f \in L^p(\mu, E)$ , there are a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space  $(S_1, \Sigma_1, \mu_1)$  and a closed separable subspace  $E_1$  of  $E$  such that:

h) there exists an isometric isomorphism  $i$  from  $L^p(\mu_1, E_1)$  into  $L^p(\mu, E)$ ;

hh)  $f \in i(L^p(\mu_1, E_1))$ ; and

hhh) for each  $n \in N$ , the norm of the element  $H_n \circ i$  of  $(L^p(\mu_1, E_1))^*$  is equal to  $|||H_n|||_*$ .

From this remark it is clear that condition jjj) of Lemma 2 (resp. Lemma 4) is verified if  $E^*$  is  $(W^*UR)$  (resp. if  $E^*$  is  $W^*LUR$ ).

**REMARK 3.** The techniques used in this paper allow us to extend the lifting results concerning *local uniform rotundity* and *uniform rotundity in every direction* due to Smith and Turett [16, Theorem 2 and Theorem 6] to the case of an arbitrary (not necessarily finite) measure space  $(S, \Sigma, \mu)$ . Moreover they can be used to prove that the conjugate space  $(L^p(\mu, E))^*$  is *strictly rotund* or *uniformly rotund in every direction* whenever  $E^*$  is. We leave the details to the reader.

**4. Addendum: two examples.** To finish we would like to display some examples showing that no implication in the chart (C) can be reversed.

**EXAMPLE 1.** (*a  $(W^*UR)$  conjugate norm in  $l^\infty$  that is not  $(WLUR)$* ). By [19; Theorem 5, p. 427] it is possible to introduce in  $c_0$  an equivalent norm which is  $(WUR)$ . The corresponding dual norm in  $l^1$  is uniformly Gateaux differentiable and so it determines a dual norm in  $l^\infty$  that is  $(W^*UR)$  (for these implications see Cudia [2; Corollary 3.14, p. 295]). On the other hand  $l^\infty$  cannot be equivalently renormed  $(WLUR)$  (see [12, Theorem 5.3, p. 261]).

**EXAMPLE 2** (*a  $(WLUR)$  conjugate norm in  $l^1 \times l^2$  that is not  $(W^*UR)$* ). In [15] Smith gives an example (Example 6) of a conjugate norm on  $l^1$  which is  $(LUR)$ , denoting it by  $|| \cdot ||_E$ , and an example (Example 1) of a conjugate norm on  $l^2$  which is  $(LUR)$  but not  $(W^*UR)$ , denoting it by  $|| \cdot ||_L$ . Then, the norm  $|| (x, y) ||_{E \times L} = (||x||_E^2 + ||y||_L^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  on  $l^1 \times l^2$  is an equivalent conjugate norm that is  $((LUR)$  and hence  $(WLUR)$  but not  $(W^*UR)$ .

**REMARK 4.** We observe that Example 1 furnishes an example of conjugate norm in  $l^\infty$  that is  $(W^*UR)$ , whereas  $l^\infty$  does not satisfy the Radon–Nikodym property; in the same way, Example 2 furnishes an example of a norm in  $l^1 \times l^2$  that is  $(WLUR)$ , whereas  $(l^1 \times l^2)^* = l^\infty \times l^2$  does not satisfy the Radon–Nikodym property.

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