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THE ASSOCIATED TENSOR NORM TO  $(q, p)$ -ABSOLUTELY  
SUMMING OPERATORS ON  $C(K)$ -SPACES

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*Abstract.* We give an explicit description of a tensor norm equivalent on  $\mathcal{C}(K) \otimes F$  to the associated tensor norm  $\nu_{qp}$  to the ideal of  $(q, p)$ -absolutely summing operators. As a consequence, we describe a tensor norm on the class of Banach spaces which is equivalent to the left projective tensor norm associated to  $\nu_{qp}$ .

As far as we know there is no explicit description for the tensor norm  $\nu_{qp}$  associated to the ideal  $\mathcal{P}_{(q,p)}$  of  $(q, p)$ -absolutely summing operators. The purpose of this note is to define explicitly a norm equivalent to this one in the case of tensor products of type  $\mathcal{C}(K) \otimes F$ . As a consequence, we shall be able to give an easy and direct definition of a tensor norm equivalent to the left projective tensor norm  $\setminus \nu_{qp}$ . The key of our results is the connection on  $\mathcal{C}(K)$  spaces of  $\mathcal{P}_{(q,p)}$  with the ideal  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}$  of  $(p, \sigma)$ -absolutely continuous operators defined by Matter in [4] and the knowledge of the tensor norm associated to  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}$ , which was obtained by the authors in [3].

Throughout this note we use standard Banach space notation. The class of all Banach spaces will be denoted by BAN. If  $E \in \text{BAN}$ ,  $B_E$  will be the unit ball of  $E$  and  $J_E$  will denote the canonical inclusion of  $E$  into  $E''$ .  $K$  will be always a compact Hausdorff topological space and  $\mathcal{C}(K)$  the Banach space of all scalar continuous functions on  $K$ . If  $E \in \text{BAN}$ ,  $B_{E'}$  will be considered as a compact space with the topology  $\sigma(E', E)$ . We define  $I_E: E \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(B_{E'})$  to be the canonical isometric embedding. We refer the reader to [1] and [7] for all definitions concerning tensor norms and operator ideals respectively. If  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ,  $p'$  is the extended real number satisfying  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$ .  $(\mathcal{P}_p, \Pi_p)$  will be the normed ideal of  $p$ -absolutely summing

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operators on BAN. For every  $E \in \text{BAN}$ ,  $(x_i) \in E^{\mathbb{N}}$ ,  $p \in [1, \infty]$  and  $\sigma \in [0, 1[$  we define (changing  $\Sigma$  by sup when  $p = \infty$ )

$$\pi_p((x_i)) := \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|x_i\|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

and

$$\delta_{p\sigma}((x_i)) := \sup_{x' \in B_{E'}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (|\langle x_i, x' \rangle|^{1-\sigma} \|x_i\|^\sigma)^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}.$$

**1. Definition.** (Matter [4]): Let  $0 \leq \sigma < 1$  and  $E, F \in \text{BAN}$ . We say that  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$  is a  $(p, \sigma)$ -absolutely continuous operator if there exist  $G \in \text{BAN}$  and an operator  $S \in \mathcal{P}_p(E, G)$  such that

$$(1) \quad \|Tx\| \leq \|x\|^\sigma \|Sx\|^{1-\sigma} \quad \forall x \in E.$$

In such case, we put  $\Pi_{p,\sigma}(T) = \inf \Pi_p(S)^{1-\sigma}$ , taking the infimum over all  $G$  and  $S \in \mathcal{P}_p(E, G)$  such that (1) holds. We denote by  $(\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}, \Pi_{p,\sigma})$  the normed ideal of  $(p, \sigma)$ -absolutely continuous operators in BAN.

We have the following characterization of  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K), F)$ :

**2. Proposition.** *Let  $F \in \text{BAN}$  and let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{C}(K), F)$ . Then*

$$T \in \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K), F)$$

*iff there are  $C > 0$  and a Radon probability measure  $\lambda$  on  $K$  such that*

$$(2) \quad \|Tx\| \leq C \|x\|^\sigma \|I_K(x)\|^{1-\sigma} \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{C}(K),$$

*where  $I_K$  is the canonical map  $I_K: \mathcal{C}(K) \rightarrow L_p(K, \lambda)$ . In addition,  $\pi_{p,\sigma}(T)$  is the infimum of numbers  $C$  for which (2) holds.*

**Proof.** Let  $T \in \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K), F)$ . Then there is  $G \in \text{BAN}$  and  $S \in \mathcal{P}_p(\mathcal{C}(K), G)$  such that (1) holds. By Pietsch's factorization theorem (see [7], 17.3.5), there is a probability measure  $\lambda$  on  $K$  and  $R \in \mathcal{L}(L_p(K, \lambda), G)$  such that  $S = RI_K$  and  $\Pi_p(S) = \inf \|R\|$  over all  $R$  and  $\lambda$ . Then (2) holds and  $\inf C \leq \inf \|R\|^{1-\sigma} = \Pi_p(S)^{1-\sigma}$ . Taking the infimum over all  $S$  in (1), we have  $\inf C \leq \Pi_{p,\sigma}(T)$ . Conversely, if (2) holds, the map  $S = C^{1/(1-\sigma)} I_K \in \mathcal{P}_p(\mathcal{C}(K), L_p(K, \lambda))$  verifies (1) and hence  $T \in \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K), F)$  and  $\Pi_{p,\sigma}(T) \leq \Pi_p(S)^{1-\sigma} = C$ . Then the conclusion follows.  $\square$

The following result is due essentially to Pisier.

**3. Proposition.** For all  $F \in \text{BAN}$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $0 \leq \sigma < 1$  we have

$$\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K), F) = \mathcal{P}_{(\frac{p}{1-\sigma}, p)}(\mathcal{C}(K), F).$$

Moreover,

$$\Pi_{(\frac{p}{1-\sigma}, p)}(T) \leq \Pi_{p,\sigma}(T) \leq \left( \frac{p}{1-\sigma} \right)^{(1-\sigma)/p} \Pi_{(\frac{p}{1-\sigma}, p)}(T).$$

*Proof.* The inclusion  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma} \subset \mathcal{P}_{(\frac{p}{1-\sigma}, p)}$  and the first inequality are immediate from theorem 4.1 of Matter in [4]. On the other hand, by theorem 2.4 of Pisier in [8], every  $T \in \mathcal{P}_{(\frac{p}{1-\sigma}, p)}(\mathcal{C}(K), F)$  verifies our proposition 2 and the second inequality.  $\square$

It is well known that  $\mathcal{P}_{(q,p)}(\mathcal{C}(K), F)$  does not depend on the parameter  $p$  (see [6] and [8]). From proposition 3 we get

**4. Corollary.** Let  $F \in \text{BAN}$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \sigma < 1$  and  $q = \frac{p}{1-\sigma}$ . Then for every  $1 \leq s < \infty$  and  $0 < \tau < 1$  such that  $\frac{s}{1-\tau} = q$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(K), F) = \mathcal{P}_{s,\tau}(\mathcal{C}(K), F)$ . Moreover, if  $\tau \geq \sigma$  there is a  $C \geq 1$  such that  $\Pi_{s,\tau}(T) \leq \Pi_{p,\sigma}(T) \leq C\Pi_{s,\tau}(T)$  for every  $T \in \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(C(K), F)$ .

*Proof.* It follows from theorem 4.1 in [4], the fact that  $g(\sigma) = a^{1-\sigma}b^\sigma$  is an increasing function on  $[0, 1[$  for  $0 \leq a \leq b < \infty$  and the open mapping theorem.  $\square$

We have defined in [3] a family  $\alpha_{q,\nu,q,\sigma}$  of tensor norms on BAN which generalizes the known tensor norms  $\alpha_{pq}$  of Lapresté (see [2] and [1]). In particular, choosing  $\nu = 0$  and  $q = 1$  we get the following:

**5. Definition.** Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and  $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ . The tensor norm  $d_{p,\sigma}$  on BAN is defined by

$$d_{p,\sigma}(z; E \otimes F) := \inf \left\{ \delta_{p',\sigma}((x_i)) \pi_{(\frac{p'}{1-\sigma})'}((y_i)) \mid z = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \otimes y_i \right\} \quad \forall z \in E \otimes F.$$

It is proved in [3] that  $d'_{p,\sigma}$  is the associated tensor norm to the deal  $\mathcal{P}_{p',\sigma}$ , i.e.  $(E \hat{\otimes}_{d_{p,\sigma}} F)' = \mathcal{P}_{p',\sigma}(E, F')$ . Hence

**6. Corollary.** If  $F \in \text{BAN}$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ,  $0 \leq \sigma < 1$  and  $q = \frac{p}{1-\sigma}$ , then  $(\mathcal{C}(K) \otimes_{d_{p,\sigma}} F)'$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{P}_{(q,p)}(\mathcal{C}(K), F')$ , i.e. on  $\mathcal{C}(K) \otimes F$ , the associated tensor norm to  $\mathcal{P}_{(q,p)}$  is equivalent to  $d'_{p',\sigma}$ .

**7. Definition.** Let  $(\mathcal{U}, U)$  be a normed operator ideal in BAN and  $E, F \in \text{BAN}$ . We say that  $T \in \mathcal{U}(E, F)$  has the extension property if there is  $\bar{T} \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), F'')$  such that  $J_F T = \bar{T} I_E$ .

Note that this definition is not coincident with the given one by Matter in [4] section 5. We denote by  $\mathcal{U}^{\text{ext}}(E, F)$  the set of all operators  $T \in \mathcal{U}(E, F)$  with the extension property. It is easy to see that

$$U^{\text{ext}}(T) = \inf \{U(\bar{T}) \mid \bar{T}|_E = T \text{ and } \bar{T} \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), F'')\}$$

is a norm in  $\mathcal{U}^{\text{ext}}(E, F)$ .

When  $\mathcal{U}$  is a maximal operator ideal with associated tensor norm  $\alpha$ , we denote by  $\setminus\mathcal{U}$  the maximal operator ideal associated to the left projective tensor norm  $\setminus\alpha$ . The following characterization shows, in particular, that  $(\mathcal{U}^{\text{ext}}, U^{\text{ext}})$  is a normed operator ideal in BAN and gives us an easy description of the ideal  $\setminus\mathcal{U}$ :

**8. Proposition.** *The following are equivalent:*

- 1)  $T \in \mathcal{U}^{\text{ext}}(E, F)$
- 2)  $T \in \setminus\mathcal{U}(E, F)$
- 3) *There are a compact space  $K$ , a Radon measure  $\mu$  on  $K$  and operators  $R \in \mathcal{L}(E, L_\infty(K, \mu))$  and  $\bar{T} \in \mathcal{U}(L_\infty(K, \mu), F'')$  such that  $J_F T = \bar{T} R$ .*

Moreover  $U^{\text{ext}}(T) = \setminus U(T) = \inf \|R\|U(\bar{T})$ , taking the infimum over all factorizations as in 3).

*Proof.* 1)  $\Rightarrow$  2). This implication and the inequality  $\setminus U(T) \leq U^{\text{ext}}(T)$  follow from proposition 20.12 in [1].

2)  $\Rightarrow$  3). Use again proposition 20.12 in [1].

3)  $\Rightarrow$  1). Suppose that  $J_F T$  admits a factorization as in 3). Since  $L_\infty(K, \mu)$  is isometric to some  $\mathcal{C}(W)$  where  $W$  is a compact Stonean space (see for instance the section 3.10 of [1]),  $R$  has a norm preserving extension  $H \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), L_\infty(\mu))$ . Thus  $U^{\text{ext}}(T) \leq U(\bar{T}H) \leq \|H\|U(\bar{T}) \leq \|R\|U(\bar{T})$  and  $U^{\text{ext}}(T) \leq \setminus U(T)$ .  $\square$

**9. Corollary.** *Let  $q \geq p$  and  $\sigma \in [0, 1[$  such that  $q = \frac{p}{1-\sigma}$ . For all  $E, F \in \text{BAN}$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}^{\text{ext}}(E, F)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{P}_{q,p}^{\text{ext}}(E, F)$ .*

When  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}$  we can determine explicitly the tensor norm associated with  $\mathcal{U}^{\text{ext}} = \setminus\mathcal{U}$ . Given  $E, F \in \text{BAN}$ , let  $\alpha_{p,\sigma}$  be the norm on  $E \otimes F$

$$\alpha_{p,\sigma}(z; E \otimes F) = d_{p,\sigma}((I_E \otimes \text{Id}_F)(z); \mathcal{C}(B_{E'}) \otimes F).$$

$\alpha_{p,\sigma}$  is a tensor norm in BAN as consequence of the following theorem:

**10. Theorem.** *Given  $q \geq p$ , let  $\sigma \in [0, 1[$  be such that  $q = \frac{p}{1-\sigma}$ . Then*

$$(E \otimes_{\alpha_{p',\sigma}} F)' = \mathcal{P}_{(q,p)}^{\text{ext}}(E, F')$$

i.e.  $\alpha'_{p',\sigma}$  is equivalent to the tensor norm associated to  $\mathcal{P}_{(q,p)}^{\text{ext}}$ .

**Proof.**  $E \otimes_{\alpha'_{p',\sigma}} F$  is a topological subspace of  $\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}) \otimes_{d_{p',\sigma}} F$ . Then

$$(E \otimes_{\alpha'_{p',\sigma}} F)' = (\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}) \otimes_{d_{p',\sigma}} F)' / (E \otimes F)^\perp = \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), F') / (E \otimes F)^\perp$$

where  $(E \otimes F)^\perp$  is the orthogonal to  $E \otimes F$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), F')$ . Let  $\|\cdot\|_0$  be the norm on  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), F') / (E \otimes F)^\perp$ . It is clear that every element  $\widehat{T}$  of this quotient ( $\widehat{\cdot}$  denotes the classes in the quotient) defines a unique operator  $T$  in  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}^{\text{ext}}(E, F')$  such that

$$\Pi_{p,\sigma}^{\text{ext}}(T) \leq \inf\{\Pi_{p,\sigma}(S) \mid S \in \widehat{T}\} = \|\widehat{T}\|_0.$$

Conversely, since there is a projection  $P$  from  $F'''$  onto  $F'$  of norm 1, every  $T \in \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}^{\text{ext}}(E, F')$  has an extension  $S \in \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), F''')$ . If  $T_0 = PS$ , then  $\widehat{T}_0 \in \mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), F') / (E \otimes F)^\perp$  and  $\|\widehat{T}_0\|_0 \leq \Pi_{p,\sigma}(PS) \leq \Pi_{p,\sigma}(S)$ . Hence  $\|\widehat{T}_0\|_0 \leq \Pi_{p,\sigma}^{\text{ext}}(T)$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}(\mathcal{C}(B_{E'}), F') / (E \otimes F)^\perp$  is isometric with  $\mathcal{P}_{p,\sigma}^{\text{ext}}(E, F')$ . Corollary 9 gives the conclusion.  $\square$

**11. Corollary.** *If  $q \geq p \in [1, \infty[$ , and  $\sigma \in [0, 1[$  is such that  $q = \frac{p}{1-\sigma}$ , then  $\alpha'_{p',\sigma}$  is equivalent to  $\nu_{qp}$ .*

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