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<u>Abstract</u>: Certain couples of $L_f(a,r)$ -spaces, between which all the operators are compact, are characterized. This result is related to the existence of a common stepspace in both spaces.

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§ 1. <u>Introduction</u>. This paper is a continuation of the investigation begun in 1. The problem considered here is to characterize certain couples of $L_{f}(a,r)$ -spaces between which all the operators are compact. The relation "All the operators from $L_{f}(a,r)$ to $L_{g}(b,s)$ are compact" is denoted by $(L_{f}(a,r), L_{g}(b,s))) \in \mathcal{R}$.

Our main result shows that, in all the cases considered, the relation $(L_f(a,r),L_g(b,s)) \in \mathcal{R}$ is symmetric and is equivalent to the statement

"the spaces $L_{f}(a,r)$ and $L_{g}(b,s)$ have no common stepspace".

The definitions and terminology not explained here, as well as the situation of the problem in the theory of nuclear Fréchet spaces (and of $L_{p}(a,r)$ -spaces in particular), can

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be found in [1]. In that paper we restrict ourselves to the diagonal operators. It turned out that the existence of a non-compact diagonal operator was related to the existence of a non-compact generalized diagonal operator.

The question "What happens in the case when all the generalized diagonal operators between the spaces are compact?" will be solved in this paper.

§ 2. Necessary and sufficient conditions for $(L_{p}(a, \infty), L_{p}(b, \infty)) \in \mathcal{R}$.

Lemma. Let T be an operator from $L_f(a,r)$ to $L_g(b,s)$, $0 < r, s \le \infty$, defined by $T(e_j) = (e^{ij})_i$. Then there exists a k_o such that

$$\frac{\sup_{j} r_{ij}}{\lim_{j} (\frac{1}{r_k a_j})} \leq 1.$$

<u>Proof</u>: Consider the topological dual spaces $(L_f(a,r))' = L_f(a,r)^{\times}$ and $(L_g(b,s))' = L_g(b,s)^{\times}$. Then the transpose

$$\tau_{\mathbf{T}} \colon L_{\mathbf{g}}(\mathbf{b},\mathbf{s})^{\times} \longrightarrow L_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{a},\mathbf{r})^{\times}$$

of T, is continuous when both spaces are equipped with their strong topology.

Since the set $\{\mathbf{s}_i \mid i = 1, 2, ...\}$ is strongly bounded in $L_g(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{s})^X$ and since $L_f(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r})^X$ is nuclear under its strong topology, the set $\mathbf{B} = \{\mathcal{T}^T(\mathbf{e}_i) \mid i = 1, 2, ...\}$ will be a simple subset of $L_f(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{r})^X$ (see [4]). I.e.

$$(\sup_{i} e^{ij})_{j} = (e^{j})_{j} \in L_{r}(a,r)^{K}$$

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Hence

$$\sup_{\substack{ij \in \mathbf{k}_{o} \text{ such that } \forall j: e^{i} \leq e}} \sup_{\substack{i \leq e}} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n}$$

or

$$\forall j : \frac{\underset{i}{\overset{i}{r_{k_o}a_j}}}{f(r_{k_o}a_j)} \neq \frac{M}{f(r_{k_o}a_j)} \neq 1,$$

from which the conclusion follows.

<u>Remark 1</u>. Given the increasing sequences $(f(a_m))_n$ and $(g(b_n))_n$, we can find increasing sequences of indices (p_i) and (q_i) such that:

$$\cdots 4g(b_{q_i-1}) 4f(a_{p_{i-1}}) 4f(a_{p_{i-1}+1}) 4\cdots 4f(a_{p_i-1})$$

$$< g(b_{q_i}) + \cdots + g(b_{q_{i+1}-1}) + f(a_{p_i}) + \cdots, \text{ for all } i.$$

For each j we denote by $p_{i(j)}$ (resp. $q_{i(j)}$) the smallest integer between the p_i (resp. q_i), such that

$$f(a_j) \leq f(a_{p_{i(j)}}) < g(b_{q_{i(j)}}).$$

<u>Proposition 1</u>. Let (p_i) and (q_i) be the increasing sequences of indices defined in the preceding remark. If

(a)
$$\exists k_1$$
 such that $\forall m : \lim_{i} \frac{g(m b_{q_i-1})}{f(k_1 a_{p_{i-1}})} = 0$

and

(b)
$$\exists m_1$$
 such that $\forall k : \lim_{i} \frac{f(k a_{p_i}^{-1})}{g(m_1 b_{q_i})} = 0$,

then all the operators from $L_{f}(a,\infty)$ to $L_{g}(b,\infty)$ are compact. I.e. $(L_{f}(a,\infty), L_{g}(b,\infty)) \in \mathcal{R}$.

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<u>Proof</u>: Let the operator T: $L_{f}(a, \infty) \longrightarrow L_{g}(b, \infty)$ be represented by the matrix $(t_{i,j})$.

It is easy to see that, for our purpose, it is sufficient to consider those operators T for which $t_{i,i} > 0$, $\forall i$, $\forall j$.

So put $T(e_j) = (e^{r_{ij}})_i$. Then

$$\|T(e_j)\|_m = \sup_i e^{r_i j^+ g(m b_i)}$$

and this sup is attained somewhere; at the index i(m,j) say. Thus

$$\|\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{e}_{j})\|_{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{r}_{i(\mathbf{m},j),j}+\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{m} \ \mathbf{b}_{i(\mathbf{m},j)})}$$

Put

$$c_{mj} = \log ||T(e_j)||_{m}$$

I.e.

(1)
$$c_{mj} = r_{i(m,j),j} + g(m b_{i(m,j)}).$$

The continuity of T is then expressed by

$$\begin{array}{l} \forall_{m}, \exists k_{m} \text{ such that } \sup_{j} e^{c_{m}j^{-f}(k_{m}a_{j})} < \infty \end{array} . \\ \text{So:} \\ (2) \quad \forall m, \exists k_{m}, \exists j_{m} \text{ such that } c_{mj} \leq f(k_{m}a_{j}) \text{ for } j \geq j_{m}. \\ \text{The compactness of T will be proved if} \\ (3) \quad \exists k \text{ such that } \forall m, \exists j_{m}:c_{mj} \leq f(k a_{j}) \text{ for } j \geq j_{m}. \\ \text{We put } J_{m} = \{j \mid c_{mj} > 0\}. \\ (\text{Remark that, if } J_{m} \text{ is finite or empty for all } m, \text{ the operator T is compact.}) \\ \text{ Since } c_{mj} \text{ increases with m we have } J_{m} \supset J_{m}, \text{ whenever} \end{array}$$

m > m'. Denote by m_0 the smallest value of m for "hich J_m is infinite. Suppose we had:

(4) $\exists m_2 \geq m_0$, $\exists J_{m_2}$ infinite subsequences of J_{m_2} such that for $j \in J_{m_2}$: $g(b_{i(m_2,j)}) > f(a_j)$.

Then take m_1 from assumption (b), $t > \max(m_2, m_1)$, k_{m_2} and k_t from (2) and finally $k > \max(k_{m_2}, k_t)$. Then for $j \in J_{m_2}$ we have:

$$0 < \frac{c_{tj}}{f(k a_j)} < \frac{c_{tj}}{f(k_t a_j)} < 1 \text{ for } j \ge j_t.$$

So

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(*)
$$\sup_{j \in J_{m_2}} \frac{c_{tj} - c_{m_2j}}{f(k a_j)} < \infty$$

On the other hand, by the definition of $c_{m,i}$, we obtain

$$c_{tj} \geq r_{i(m_2,j),j} + g(t b_{i(m_2,j)})$$

So

$$c_{tj} - c_{m_2j} \ge g(t \ b_{i(m_2,j)}) - g(m_2 b_{i(m_2,j)}),$$

whence

$$\frac{c_{tj} - c_{m_2j}}{f(\mathbf{k} \mathbf{a}_j)} \ge \frac{g(t \ b_{i(m_2,j)})}{f(\mathbf{k} \mathbf{a}_j)} \left[1 - \frac{g(m_2b_{i(m_2,j)})}{g(t \ b_{i(m_2,j)})}\right]$$

It follows from (4) that $\lim_{\substack{j \in J'_{m_2}}} i(m_2, j) = \infty$.

Thus

$$\lim_{j \in J_{m_2}^{\prime}} \frac{g(m_2 b_{i(m_2,j)})}{g(t \ b_{i(m_2,j)})} = 0.$$

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Moreover, with the notation of the remark we obtain from (4) that for $j \in J'_{m_2}$:

$$\frac{g(t \ b_{i(m_{2},j)})}{f(k \ a_{j})} \ge \frac{g(t \ b_{q_{i(j)}})}{f(k \ a_{p_{i(j)}-1})} \ge \frac{g(m_{l}b_{q_{i(j)}})}{f(k \ a_{p_{i(j)}-1})} ,$$

which by assumption b) implies

$$\lim_{j \in J_{\underline{m}_{2}}} \frac{g(t \ b_{i(\underline{m}_{2},j)})}{f(k \ a_{j})} = \infty .$$

This is in contradiction with (*). Therefore (4) cannot be true. I.e.

 $\forall m \ge m_0$, $\exists j_m$ such that $g(b_{i(m_2,j)}) \le f(a_j)$, for $j \ge j_m, j \in J_m$.

Taking k_1 from assumption a) and making use of the notations in the remark, we then obtain

$$\forall \mathbf{m} \geq \mathbf{m}_{0}, \exists \mathbf{j}_{\mathbf{m}} \text{ such that } 0 \neq \frac{g(\mathbf{m} \ \mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{i}(\mathbf{m},\mathbf{j})})}{f(\mathbf{k}_{1}\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{j}})} \neq \frac{g(\mathbf{m} \ \mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{i}(\mathbf{j})}-1})}{f(\mathbf{k}_{1}\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{i}(\mathbf{j})}-1})},$$

for $j \in J_m$, $d \ge j_m$.

From assumption (a) it then follows that

(5)
$$\forall m \ge m_0 \lim_{j \in J_m} \frac{g(m \ b_i(m, j))}{f(k_1 a_j)} = 0.$$

We are now in a position to prove that T is compact. Take \mathbf{k}_0 from the lemma, \mathbf{k}_1 as above and $\mathbf{k}_2 > \max(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_0)$. We'll prove that (3) is satisfied for $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k}_2$. Choose any m. If $\mathbf{m} < \mathbf{m}_0$, (3) is satisfied since then $\mathbf{c}_{mj} \leq 0$. If $\mathbf{m} \geq \mathbf{m}_0$, (3) is satisfied for $j \in \mathbb{N} \setminus J_m$ and it is left to check on (3) for $j \in J_m$ (j sufficiently large).

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$$\frac{c_{mj}}{f(k_2a_j)} = \frac{r_{i(m,j),j}}{f(k_2a_j)} + \frac{g(m \ b_{i(m,j)})}{f(k_2a_j)}$$

So, by the lemma and (5) the desired conclusion follows.

<u>Theorem</u>. If f^{-1} , g and g^{-1} , f are slowly increasing then the following are equivalent:

(i) $((L_{p}(a, \infty), L_{g}(b, \infty)) \in \mathcal{R}$.

(ii) All the generalized diagonal operators from $L_{f}(a, \infty)$ to $L_{\rho}(b, \infty)$ are compact.

(iii) $L_{f}(a, \infty)$ and $L_{g}(b, \infty)$ have no common step-space.

(iv) (($L_g(b, \infty)$, $L_f(a, \infty) \in \mathcal{R}$.

(v) All the generalized diagonal operators from $L_{\rho}(b,\infty)$ to $L_{\rho}(a,\infty)$ are compact.

(vi) The conditions in the preceding proposition.

<u>Proof</u>: (ii) \implies (vi): Consider, with obvious notations, the couples of step-spaces:

- (A) $(L_{f}(a_{p_{i}-1},\infty), L_{g}(b_{q_{i}-1},\infty))$ and
- (B) $(L_{f}(a_{p_{i}}), \infty), L_{g}(b_{q_{i}}, \infty)).$

Then all the diagonal operators between the spaces under (A) (resp. (B)) are compact.

I.e. [1] (§ 4 Theorem, (i) - (v) and § 3 Lemma 1, (ii)):

(*) $\forall k$, $\exists i_k$ such that $f(k = p_{i-1}) < g(b_{q_i-1})$ for $i \ge i_k$ or

 $(**) \forall m, \exists i_m \text{ such that } f(m b_{q_i-1}) < f(a_{p_{i-1}}) \text{ for } i \geq i_m$ or

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(***) there exists a partition $\mathbb{N} = \mathbb{N}_1 \cup \mathbb{N}_2$ such that (*) holds on \mathbb{N}_1 and (**) holds on \mathbb{N}_2 .

Now (*) and (***) lead to a contradiction with the sequence of inequalities stated in the preceding proposition, while, taking $k_1 > 1$ in (**), we obtain assumption (a) in this proposition. In the same way it is proved that case (B) leads to assumption (b) in the proposition.

Since (i) \implies (ii) is trivial we have already, by the proposition, (i) \iff (ii) \iff (vi).

<u>Proof of</u> (iii) \iff (ii): Suppose that T is a non-compact generalized diagonal operator from $L_f(a, \infty)$ to $L_g(b, \infty)$. Then T can be considered as a (non-compact) diagonal operator from $L_f(a, \infty)_I$ to $L_g(b, \infty)_J$ for suitable subsequences I and J of N.

Then by the Theorem in [1] § 4 (proof of (i) \Longrightarrow (v)) the spaces $L_{f}(a, \omega)_{I}$ and $L_{g}(b, \omega)_{J}$ and hence also the spaces $L_{f}(a, \omega)$ and $L_{g}(b, \omega)$ have a common step-space. This contradicts (iii). On the other hand, if $L_{f}(a, \omega)$ and $L_{g}(b, \omega)$ have a common step-space there is obviously a non-compact generalized diagonal operator between them.

The remaining equivalences follow, by symmetry, also from the Theorem in [1] § 4.

<u>Remark 2</u>. As can be seen in [1] (§ 2, d) and § 4, Prop. 2 + Remark 1), the case r = s = 0 behaves in exactly the same way as the case $r = s = \infty$. Therefore the preceding results are also true (with the same proof) in the case r = s = 0.

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§ 3. <u>Necessary and sufficient conditions for</u> $L_{f}(a,r), L_{g}(b,s) \in \mathcal{R}$, $(0 < r, s < \infty)$

<u>Remark 1</u>. Given the increasing sequences $(f(r a_n))_n$ and $(g(s b_n))_n$, we can find increasing sequences of indices (p_i) and (q_i) such that

$$\cdots \neq g(\mathbf{s} \ \mathbf{b}_{q_{i}-1}) \neq \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r} \ \mathbf{a}_{p_{i}-1}) \neq \cdots \neq \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r} \ \mathbf{a}_{p_{i}-1}) < g(\mathbf{s} \ \mathbf{b}_{q_{i}}) \neq \cdots$$
$$\cdots \neq g(\mathbf{s} \ \mathbf{b}_{q_{i+1}-1}) \neq \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r} \ \mathbf{a}_{p_{i}}) \neq \cdots$$

As before, for each j we denote by $p_{i(j)}$ (resp. $q_{i(j)}$) the smallest integer between the p_i (resp. q_i) such that

$$f(\mathbf{r} \mathbf{a}_{j}) \neq f(\mathbf{r} \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{p}_{i(j)}-1}) < g(\mathbf{s} \mathbf{b}_{q_{i(j)}})$$

<u>Proposition 1</u>. Let (p_i) and (q_i) be the increasing sequences of indices defined in the preceding remark. If

(a)
$$\exists \mathbf{k}_1$$
 such that $\lim_{i} \frac{g(s \ b_{q_i-1})}{f(\mathbf{r}_{k_1} \mathbf{a}_{p_{i-1}})} = 0$

and

(b)
$$\exists m_1 \text{ such that } \lim_{i} \frac{f(r a_{p_i-1})}{g(s_{m_1}b_{q_1})} = 0,$$

then $(L_{\mathbf{f}}(a,r), L_{\mathbf{g}}(b,s)) \in \mathcal{R}$.

We omit the proof, which is similar to the one in the case $r = s = c_0$.

As an example we treat a special case in which the technical conditions in the preceding proposition are easy to check. The result (*) obtained is similar to those obtained for power series spaces (see [31 Theorem 6 and [4] Theorem 3).

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<u>Proposition 2</u>. If $\lim_{n} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_{n}} = \infty$ and s > r, then $(L_{f}(a,r), L_{f}(a,s)) \in \mathcal{R}$. Hence in this case the space $L_{f}(a,s)$ contains no subspace which is isomorphic to a space ce $L_{f}(a,r)$, for r < s (*).

<u>Proof</u>: We first determine the nature of the sequences of indices (p_i) and (q_i) in this particular case. We have $\frac{a_{p_{i-1}}}{a_{q_i}-1} \ge \frac{s}{r} > 1$ and thus is $p_{i-1} \ge q_i$. If $p_{i-1} > q_i$ then $\lim_i \frac{a_{p_{i-1}}}{a_{q_i}} = \infty$, whence $\lim_i \frac{a_{p_i-1}}{a_{q_i}} = \infty$, which contradicts $\frac{a_{p_i-1}}{a_{q_i}} < \frac{s}{r}$.

So $p_{i-1} = q_i$ for i sufficiently large. So, for i sufficiently large, putting $q_i = i + 1$, we obtain for the sequence of inequalities:

$$\dots < s a_i \leq r a_{i+1} < s a_{i+1} \leq r a_{i+2} < \dots$$

It is left to check on the conditions (a) and (b) in proposition 1.

Fix
$$k = k_0$$
. Then $\lim_{i} \frac{sa_i}{r_{k_0}a_{i+1}} = 0$, or $sa_i < r_{k_0}a_{i+1}$, for i

sufficiently large.

Take now $k_1 > k_0$, then

$$0 \leq \frac{f(s a_{i})}{f(r_{k_{1}}a_{i+1})} < \frac{f(r_{k_{0}}a_{i+1})}{f(r_{k_{1}}a_{i+1})}$$

Since $\lim_{i} \frac{f(\mathbf{r}_{k_{0}} \mathbf{a}_{i+1})}{f(\mathbf{r}_{k_{1}} \mathbf{a}_{i+1})} = 0$, condition (a) is satisfied.

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On the other hand, since s > r we can take m_0 such that $s_{m_0} > r$. Then $f(ra_{i+1}) < f(a_{m_0}a_{i+1})$.

Taking $m_1 > m_0$ we obtain

$$0 \leq \frac{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{r} \mathbf{a}_{i+1})}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{s}_{m_1}\mathbf{a}_{i+1})} < \frac{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{s}_{m_0}\mathbf{a}_{i+1})}{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{s}_{m_1}\mathbf{a}_{i+1})},$$

from which contidion (b) follows.

The proof of the next theorem is the same as in the case $r = s = \infty$ and is therefore omitted.

<u>Theorem</u>. If f^{-1} , g and g^{-1} , f are slowly increasing, then the following are equivalent:

(i) $(L_{f}(a,r), L_{g}(b,s)) \in \mathcal{R}$.

(ii) All the generalized diagonal operators from $L_{\rho}(a,r)$ to $L_{\rho}(b,s)$ are compact.

(iii) $L_{f}(a,r)$ and $L_{g}(b,s)$ have no common step-space. (iv) $(L_{g}(b,s), L_{f}(a,r)) \in \mathcal{R}$.

(v) All the generalized diagonal operators from $L_g(b,s)$ to $L_f(a,r)$ are compact.

(vi) The conditions in proposition 1.

<u>Remark 2</u>. In the case $-\infty < r$, s < 0 analogous results can be obtained with still the same proof (cfr. Remark 2, § 2).

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