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Abstract: Certain couples of $L_{P}(a, r)$-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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81 . Introduction. 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 $I_{p}(a, r)$ to $L_{g}(b, s)$ are compact" is denoted by $\left.\left(L_{f}(a, r), L_{g}(b, a)\right)\right)$ © $\cdot$ Our main result shows that, in all the cases considered, the relation $\left(L_{p}(a, r), L_{g}(b, a)\right) \in \mathcal{R}$ 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
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. Hecessany and sufficient conditions for

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\left(L_{p}(a, \infty), L_{g}(b, \infty)\right) \in \Omega
$$

Leman. Let $I$ be an operator from $L_{f}(a, r)$ to $L_{g}(b, s)$, $0<r, s \leqslant \infty$, defined by $T\left(e_{j}\right)=\left(e^{\mathbf{F}_{i j}}\right)_{i}$. Then there exists a $\mathbf{k}_{0}$ such that

$$
\overline{\operatorname{Tin}}\left(\frac{\sup _{i} r_{i j}}{P\left(r_{k_{0}} a_{j}\right)}\right) \leqslant 1
$$

Proof: Consider the topological dual spaces
$\left(L_{Y}(a, r)\right)^{\prime}=I_{Y}(a, r)^{x}$ and $\left(L_{g}(b, s)\right)^{\prime}=L_{g}(b, s)^{x}$.
Then the transpose

$$
\tau_{I}: L_{g}(b, s)^{x} \rightarrow I_{I}(a, r)^{x}
$$

of $T$, is continuous when both spaces are equipped with their strong topology.
Since the set $\left\{\boldsymbol{e}_{i} \mid i=1,2, \ldots\right\}$ is strongly bounded in $I_{f}(b, s)^{x}$ and since $L_{f}(a, r)^{x}$ is nuclear under its strong topology, the set $B=\left\{\tilde{\tau}^{\tau} T\left(e_{i}\right) \mid i=1,2, \ldots\right\}$ will be a simpile subset of $L_{p}(a, r)^{x}$ (see [4]).
Ide.

$$
\left(\operatorname{coup}_{i} e^{r_{i j}}\right)_{j}=\left(e^{\sup _{i} r_{i j}}\right)_{j} \in I_{i}(a, r)^{x}
$$

## Hence

$\exists M, \exists r_{0}$ such that $\forall j: e^{\sup r_{i j}} \leqslant e^{M+f\left(r_{k_{0}} a_{j}\right)}$
or

$$
\forall j: \frac{\sup _{i} r_{i j}}{f\left(r_{\mathbf{k}_{0}} a_{j}\right)} \leqslant \frac{M}{f\left(r_{\mathbf{k}_{0}} a_{j}\right)}+1
$$

from which the conclusion follows.
Remark 1. Given the increasing sequences $\left(f\left(a_{m}\right)\right)_{n}$ and $\left(g\left(b_{n}\right)\right)_{n}$, we can find increasing sequences of indices $\left(p_{i}\right)$ and $\left(q_{i}\right)$ such that:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\ldots & \leqslant g\left(b_{q_{i}-1}\right) \\
& \leqslant g\left(b_{q_{i}}\right) \leqslant \ldots \leqslant g\left(b_{p_{i-1}}\right) \leqslant f\left(a_{p_{i-1}}-1\right) \leqslant f\left(a_{p_{i}}\right) \leqslant \ldots, \text { for all i. } .
\end{aligned}
$$

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

$$
f\left(a_{j}\right) \in f\left(a_{p_{i(j)}}-1\right)<g\left(b_{q_{i(j)}}\right)
$$

Proposition 1. Let $\left(p_{i}\right)$ and $\left(q_{i}\right)$ be the increasing sequences of indices defined in the preceding remark.
If
(a) $\exists k_{1}$ such that $\forall m: \lim _{i} \frac{g\left(m b_{q_{i}-1}\right)}{f\left(k_{1}{ }^{p_{p_{i-1}}}\right)}=0$
and
(b) $\quad \exists_{m_{1}}$ such that $\forall k: \lim _{i} \frac{f\left(k a_{p_{i}-1}\right)}{g\left(m_{1} b_{q_{i}}\right.}=0$,
then all the operators from $L_{p}(a, \infty)$ to $L_{g}(b, \infty)$ are compact. I.e. $\left(L_{p}(a, \infty), L_{g}(b, \infty)\right) \in \Omega$.

Proof: Let the operator $T: L_{f}(a, \infty) \rightarrow L_{g}(b, \infty)$ be represented by the matrix ( $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{i} j}$ ).
It is easy to see that, for our purpose, it is sufficient to consider those operators $T$ for which $t_{i j}>0, \forall i, \forall j$.

So put $T\left(e_{j}\right)=\left(e^{\boldsymbol{r}_{\mathbf{j}}}\right)_{i}$. Then

$$
I T\left(e_{j}\right) \|_{m}=\sup _{i} e^{r_{i j}+g\left(m b_{i}\right)}
$$

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

$$
\left\|T\left(e_{j}\right)\right\|_{m}=e^{r_{i(m, j)}, j+g\left(m b_{i(m, j}\right)}
$$

Put

$$
c_{m j}=\log \left\|T\left(e_{j}\right)\right\|_{m^{*}}
$$

I.e.

$$
\begin{equation*}
c_{m j}=r_{i(m, j), j}+g\left(m b_{i(m, j)}\right) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The continuity of $T$ is then expressed by

$$
\forall_{m}, \exists k_{m} \text { such that } \sup _{j} e^{c_{m j}-f\left(k_{m} a_{j}\right)}<\infty .
$$

So:
(2) $\forall m, \exists k_{m}, \exists j_{m}$ such that $c_{m j} \leqslant f\left(k_{m} a_{j}\right)$ for $j \geq j_{m}$.

The compactness of $T$ will be proved if
(3) $\exists k$ such that $\forall m, \exists j_{m}: c_{m j} \leqslant f\left(k a_{j}\right)$ for $j \geq j_{m}$.

We put $J_{m}=\left\{j \mid c_{m j}>0\right\}$.
(Remark that, if $J_{m}$ is finite or empty for all $m$, the operator $T$ is compact.)

Since $c_{m}$; increases with $m$ we havs $J_{m} \supset J_{m}$, whenever
min'. Denote by $m_{0}$ the smallest value of $m$ for Wich $J_{m}$ is infinite. Suppose we had:
(4) $\exists m_{2} \geq m_{0}, \exists J_{m_{2}}^{\prime}$ infinite subsequences of $J_{m_{2}}$ such that for $j \in J_{m_{2}}^{\prime}: g\left(b_{i}\left(m_{2}, j\right)\right)>f\left(a_{j}\right)$.

Then take $m_{1}$ from assumption (b), $t>\max \left(m_{2}, m_{1}\right), k_{m_{2}}$ and $k_{t}$ from (2) and finally $k>\max \left(k_{m_{2}}, k_{t}\right)$.
Then for $j \in J_{m_{2}}$ we have:

$$
0<\frac{c_{t j}}{f\left(k a_{j}\right)}<\frac{c_{t, j}}{f\left(k_{t} a_{j}\right)}<1 \text { for } j \geq j_{t}
$$

So
(*) $\sup _{j \in J_{m_{2}}} \frac{c_{t j}-c_{m_{2} j}}{P\left(k a_{j}\right)}<\infty$.
On the other hand, by the definition of $c_{m j}$, we obtain

$$
c_{t j} \geq r_{i\left(m_{2}, j\right), j}+g\left(t b_{i\left(m_{2}, j\right)}\right)
$$

So

$$
c_{t j}-c_{m_{2} j} \geq g\left(t b_{i\left(m_{2}, j\right)}\right)-g\left(m_{2} b_{i\left(m_{2}, j\right)}\right)
$$

whence

$$
\frac{c_{t j}-c_{m_{2}} j}{f\left(k a_{j}\right)} \geq \frac{g\left(t b_{i\left(m_{2}, j\right)}\right)}{f\left(k a_{j}\right)}\left[1-\frac{g\left(m_{2} b_{i\left(m_{2}, j\right)}\right)}{g\left(t b_{i\left(m_{2}, j\right)}\right)}\right]
$$

It follows from (4) that $\lim _{j \in J_{m_{2}}^{\prime}} i\left(m_{2}, j\right)=\infty$.
Thus

$$
\lim _{j \in J_{m_{2}}^{\prime}} \frac{g\left(m_{2} b_{i}\left(m_{2}, j\right)\right.}{g\left(t b_{i\left(m_{2}, j\right)}\right.}=0
$$

Moreover, with the notation of the remark we obtain from
(4) that for $j \in J_{m_{2}}^{\prime}$ :

$$
\frac{g\left(t b_{i\left(m_{2}, j\right)}\right)}{f\left(k a_{j}\right)} \geq \frac{g\left(t b_{q_{i(j)}}\right)}{f\left(k a_{p_{i(j)}}\right)} \geq \frac{g\left(m_{1} b_{q_{i(j)}}\right)}{f\left(k a_{\left.p_{i(j)}-1\right)}\right.},
$$

which by assumption b) implies

$$
\lim _{j \in J_{m_{2}}^{\prime}} \frac{g\left(t b_{i}\left(m_{2}, j\right)\right.}{f\left(k a_{j}\right)}=\infty
$$

This is in contradiction with (*).
Therefore (4) cannot be true.
I.e.
$\forall m \geq m_{0}, \quad \exists j_{m}$ such that $g\left(b_{i\left(m_{2}\right.}, j\right) \leqslant f\left(a_{j}\right)$, for $j \geq j_{m}, j \in J_{m}$.
Taking $k_{1}$ from assumption a) and making use of the notations in the remark, we then obtain
$\forall m \geq m_{0}, \quad \exists j_{m}$ such that $0 \leq \frac{g\left(m b_{i(m, j)}\right)}{f\left(k_{1} a_{j}\right)} \leqslant \frac{g\left(m b_{q_{i(j)}}\right)}{f\left(k_{1} a_{p_{i(j)}}\right)}$, ,
for $j \in J_{m}, \delta \geq j_{m}$.
From assumption (a) it then follows that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\forall m \geq m_{0} \lim _{j \in J_{m}} \frac{g\left(m b_{i}(m, j)\right)}{f\left(k_{1} a_{j}\right)}=0 . \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

We are now in a position to prove that $T$ is compact. Take $k_{0}$ from the lemma, $k_{1}$ as above and $k_{2}>\max \left(k_{1}, k_{0}\right)$. We'1l prove that (3) is satisfied for $k=k_{2}$. Choose any $m$. If $m<m_{0}$, (3) is satisfied since then $c_{m j} \leqslant 0$. If $m \geq m_{0}$, (3) is satisfied for $j \in \mathbb{N} \backslash J_{m}$ and it is left to check on (3) for $j \in J_{m}$ ( $j$ sufficiently large).

Now

$$
\frac{c_{m j}}{f\left(k_{2} a_{j}\right)}=\frac{r_{i(m, j)}, j}{f\left(k_{2} a_{j}\right)}+\frac{g\left(m b_{i(m, j)}\right)}{f\left(k_{2} a_{j}\right)}
$$

So, by the lemma and (5) the desired conclusion follows.
Theorem. If $f^{-1} \circ g$ and $g^{-1} \circ f$ are slowly increasing then the following are equivalent:
(i) $\left(\left(L_{p}(a, \infty), L_{g}(b, \infty)\right) \in \Omega\right.$.
(ii) All the generalized diagonal operators $f$ rom $L_{p}(a, \infty)$ to $L_{g}(b, \infty)$ are compact.
(iii) $L_{p}(a, \infty)$ and $L_{g}(b, \infty)$ have no common step-space.
(iv) $\quad\left(\left(L_{g}(b, \infty), L_{P}(a, \infty) \in \mathcal{R}\right.\right.$.
(v) All the generalized diagonal operators from $L_{g}(b, \infty)$ to $L_{f}(a, \infty)$ are compact.
( vi ) The conditions in the preceding proposition.
Proof: (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (vi): Consider, with obvious notations, the couples of step-spaces:
(A) $\left(L_{p}\left(a_{p_{i}-1}, \infty\right), L_{g}\left(b_{q_{i}-1}, \infty\right)\right)$ and
(B) $\quad\left(L_{p}\left(a_{p_{i}-1}, \infty\right), L_{g}\left(b_{q_{i}}, \infty\right)\right)$.

Then all the diagonal operators between the spaces under (A) (resp. (B)) are compact.
I.e. [1] (§ 4 Theorem, (i) $\Longrightarrow(v)$ and § 3 Lemma 1, (ii)):
(*) $\forall k, \exists i_{k}$ such that $f\left(k a_{p_{i-1}}\right)<g\left(b_{q_{i}-1}\right)$ for $i \geq i_{k}$ or
(**) $\forall m, \exists i_{m}$ such that $f\left(m b_{q_{i}-1}\right)<f\left(a_{p_{i-1}}\right)$ for $i \geq i_{m}$ or
(***) there exists a partition $\mathbb{N}=\mathbb{N}_{1} \cup \mathbb{N}_{2}$ such that (*) holds on $N_{1}$ and ( $* *$ ) holds on $N_{2}$.

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) $\Longrightarrow$ (ii) is trivial we have already, by the proposition, (i) $\Longleftrightarrow$ (ii) $\Longleftrightarrow$ (vi).

Proof of (iii) $\Longleftrightarrow$ (ii): Suppose that $T$ is a non-compact generalized diagonal operator from $L_{P}(a, \infty)$ 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 $\mathbb{N}$.

Then by the Theorem in [1] §4 (proof of $(i) \Longrightarrow(v)$ ) the spaces $L_{f}(a, \infty)_{I}$ and $L_{g}(b, \infty)_{J}$ and hence also the spaces $L_{f}(a, \infty)$ and $L_{g}(b, \infty)$ have a common step-space. This contradicts (iii). On the other hand, if $L_{f}(a, \infty)$ and $L_{g}(b, \infty)$ 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.

Remark 2. As can be seen in [1] (§ 2, d) and § 4, Prop. $2+$ Remark l), 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 $r=s=0$.
83. Necessary and sufficient conditions for

$$
L_{p}(a, r), L_{g}(b, s) \in \Omega \quad,(0<r, s<\infty)
$$

Remark 1. Given the increasing sequences $\left(f\left(r a_{n}\right)\right)_{n}$ and $\left(g\left(s b_{n}\right)\right)_{n}$, we can find increasing sequences of indices $\left(p_{i}\right)$ and $\left(q_{i}\right)$ such that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \ldots \leqslant g\left(s b_{q_{i}-1}\right) \leqslant f\left(r a_{p_{i-1}}\right) \leqslant \ldots \leqslant f\left(r a_{p_{i}-1}\right)<g\left(s b_{q_{i}}\right) \leqslant \ldots \\
& \ldots \leqslant g\left(s b_{q_{i+1}-1}\right) \leqslant f\left(r a_{p_{i}}\right) \leqslant \ldots
\end{aligned}
$$

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

$$
f\left(r a_{j}\right) \in f\left(r a_{p_{i(j)}}-1\right)<g\left(s{ }^{b} q_{i(j)}\right) .
$$

Proposition 1. Let ( $p_{i}$ ) and ( $q_{i}$ ) be the increasing sequences of indices defined in the preceding remark. If
(a)

$$
\exists k_{1} \text { such that } \lim _{i} \frac{g\left(s b_{q_{i}-1}\right)}{f\left(r_{k_{1}}{ }^{a} p_{i-1}\right)}=0
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
3 m_{1} \text { such that } \lim _{i} \frac{f\left(r a_{p_{i}-1}\right)}{g\left(s_{m_{1}}^{b} q_{1}\right)}=0, \tag{b}
\end{equation*}
$$

then $\left(L_{f}(a, r), L_{g}(b, s)\right) \in R$.
We omit the proof, which is similar to the one in the case $r=s=\infty$.

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 [3] Theorem 6 and [4] Theorem 3).

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

Proof: We first determine the nature of the sequences of indices $\left(p_{i}\right)$ and ( $q_{i}$ ) in this particular case. We have $\frac{{ }^{a} p_{p_{i-1}}}{{ }^{a} q_{i}-1} \frac{s}{r}>1$ and thus is $p_{i-1} \geq q_{i}$.
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 $\frac{{ }^{a}{ }_{p_{i}-1}}{{ }^{a_{q_{i}}}}<\frac{a}{\mathbf{r}}$.

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:
$\ldots<s a_{i} \leqslant r a_{i+1}<s a_{i+1} \leqslant r a_{i+2}<\cdots$
It is left to check on the conditions (a) and (b) in proposition 1.

Fix $k=k_{0}$. Then $\lim _{i} \frac{s a_{i}}{r_{\mathbf{k}_{0}} \mathbf{a}_{i+1}}=0$, or $s a_{i}<r_{\mathbf{k}_{0}} a_{i+1}$, for $i$ sufficiently large.

Take now $k_{1}>k_{0}$, then

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

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

On the other hand, since $s>r$ we can take $m_{0}$ such that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& s_{m_{0}}>r . \text { Then } f\left(r a_{i+1}\right)<f\left(a_{m_{0}} a_{i+1}\right) \\
& \text { Taking } m_{1}>m_{0} \text { we obtain } \\
& 0 \leq \frac{f\left(r a_{i+1}\right)}{f\left(s_{m_{1}} a_{i+1}\right)}<\frac{f\left(s_{m_{0}} a_{i+1}\right)}{f\left(s_{m_{1}} a_{i+1}\right)},
\end{aligned}
$$

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.

Theorem. If $f^{-1} \circ g$ and $g^{-1}$ of are slowly increasing, then the following are equivalent:
(i) $\left(L_{p}(a, r), L_{g}(b, s)\right) \in \pi$.
(ii) All the generalized diagonal operators from $L_{f}(a, r)$ to $L_{g}(b, s)$ are compact.
(iii) $L_{\rho}(a, r)$ and $L_{g}(b, s)$ have no common step-space.
(iv) $\left(L_{g}(b, s), L_{f}(a, r)\right) \in \mathcal{R}$.
( $\vee$ ) All the generalized diagonal operators from $L_{g}(b, s)$ to $L_{f}(a, r)$ are compact.
( $\vee i$ ) The conditions in proposition 1.
Remark 2. In the case $-\infty<\mathbf{r}, \mathrm{s}<0$ analogous results can be obtained with still the same proof (cfr. Remark 2, § 2).

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