

## Extraction of Subsequences in Banach Spaces

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### THE PROPERTIES

Surely, one of the earliest *extraction-of-subsequences property* is the Riesz characterization of finite-dimensional Banach spaces:

(*F*) *Each bounded sequence admits a convergent subsequence.*

In the search of an infinite-dimensional analogue of (*F*), the following weaker form of (*F*) appeared:

(*W*) *Each bounded sequence admits a weakly convergent subsequence.*

The Banach-Alaoglu and Eberlein-Smulian theorems assert that property (*W*) is equivalent to the reflexivity of the space. Rosenthal's  $\ell_1$ -theorem [38] is a *tour de force* based on this idea: if "weakly convergent" is replaced by "weakly Cauchy" one obtains an equivalent condition for "*X does not contain a copy of  $\ell_1$* ". We shall not enter into this line of results. Recently, Rosenthal [39] obtained an *extraction-of-subsequences property* equivalent to the property of "*not containing a copy of  $c_0$* ":

(*Nc*<sub>0</sub>) *Each weak-Cauchy sequence admits a basic subsequence satisfying*

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|\Sigma_{j=1}^n c_j x_j\| < +\infty \implies \Sigma c_j \text{ converges.}$$

The property of not having quotients isomorphic to  $c_0$  has been characterized by González and Onieva [21]:

(*NQc*<sub>0</sub>) *Each weak\* convergent sequence in  $X^*$  admits a weak Cauchy subsequence.*

There remain unknown characterizations of the containment of copies of other  $\ell_p$ .

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Going back to our mainstream, an application of the Hahn–Banach theorem shows that if  $(x_n)$  is a weakly convergent sequence in a Banach space  $X$ , having the point  $x$  as its weak limit, then there exists a sequence  $(\sigma_n)$  formed by convex combinations of the  $x_n$ 's, which is norm convergent to  $x$ . In fact, the sequence  $(x_n)$  is weakly null if and only if for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a finite convex combination  $\sum_i \tau_i x_i$  such that  $\|\sum_i \pm \tau_i x_i\| < \epsilon$  for every choice of signs. An old question going back to Banach and Saks [3] is whether it is possible that that convex combination can be chosen to be the arithmetic means; i.e.,  $\sigma_n = (x_1 + \dots + x_n)/n$ .

DEFINITION 1. A sequence  $(x_n)$  in a Banach space  $X$  is said to be a *Banach–Saks* sequence if it has norm convergent arithmetic means; i.e., if the sequence  $(x_1 + \dots + x_n)/n$  converges. A Banach space  $X$  is said to have the *Banach–Saks property* if

(BS) *Each bounded sequence admits a Banach–Saks subsequence.*

Examples of Banach spaces having and having not this property shall be shown later. Here we want to introduce several stronger forms of reflexivity and of the Banach–Saks property. To this end, we define two kinds of sequences in a Banach space:

DEFINITION 2. ([25]) A sequence  $(x_n)$  in a Banach space  $X$  is said to be *p-Banach–Saks*,  $1 < p < +\infty$ , if, for some constant  $\lambda_p$  and all  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\|\sum_{k=1}^N x_k\| \leq \lambda_p \cdot N^{1/p}$ . We shall denote by  $\lambda_p(\{x_n\})$  the infimum of those constants  $\lambda_p$  satisfying the above inequality. The sequence  $(x_n)$  is said to be *p-Banach–Saks convergent to x* if the sequence  $(x_n - x)$  is *p-Banach–Saks*.

Notice that a *p-Banach–Saks* sequence can contain subsequences having constant  $\lambda$  arbitrarily large, and even unbounded subsequences: the sequence  $(x_k)$  of real numbers taking the values  $x_k = n$ , for  $k = 2^n$ , and  $x_k = 0$  otherwise is a simple example. We shall call *hereditarily p-Banach–Saks* to a sequence  $(x_n)$  such that, for some constant  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\|\sum_{k=1}^N x_{n_k}\| \leq \lambda \cdot N^{1/p}$  for every choice of integers  $n_1 < \dots < n_N$ . Hereditarily *p-Banach–Saks* sequences were introduced by Pelczynski [36] under the name of  $\tau_{1/p}$ -convergent sequences.

DEFINITION 3. A sequence  $(x_n)$  in a Banach space  $X$  is said to be *weakly-p-summable*,  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ , if  $(x^*(x_n))_n \in \ell_p$  for each  $x^* \in X^*$ . Equivalently, if a constant  $w_p > 0$  exists such that, for all  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\|\sum_{k=1}^N \alpha_n x_n\| \leq w_p \cdot \|(\alpha_n)\|_{p^*}$ . We

shall denote by  $w_p(\{x_n\})$  the infimum of those constants  $w_p$  satisfying the above inequality. The sequence  $(x_n)$  is said to be weakly- $p$ -convergent to  $x$  if the sequence  $(x_n - x)$  is weakly- $p$ -summable.

Weakly- $p$ -summable and  $p^*$ -Banach-Saks sequences have some similitude: a sequence  $(x_n)$  is weakly- $p$ -summable when a bound of the form  $\|\sum_{k=1}^N \theta_n x_n\| \leq K$  exists for all sequences  $(\theta_n)$  belonging to the unit ball of  $\ell_{p^*}$ ; the sequence  $(x_n)$  is  $p^*$ -Banach-Saks when a bound of the form  $\|\sum_{k=1}^N \theta_n x_n\| \leq K$  exists when  $(\theta_n)$  is any of the following sequences in the unit ball of  $\ell_{p^*}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &(1, 0, 0, \dots) \\ &\left(\frac{1}{p^*\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{p^*\sqrt{2}}, 0, 0, \dots\right) \\ &\left(\frac{1}{p^*\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{p^*\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{p^*\sqrt{3}}, 0, 0, \dots\right) \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

It is, therefore, obvious that weakly- $p$ -summable sequences are  $p^*$ -Banach-Saks. In fact, weakly- $p$ -summable sequences are even hereditarily- $p^*$ -Banach-Saks. The converse is false in a strong sense. In  $\mathbb{R}$ , the sequence  $(n^{-1/2})$  is hereditarily-2-Banach-Saks but not weakly-2-summable. Nevertheless, it contains, naturally, weakly-2-summable subsequences. We proceed to show an hereditarily-2-Banach-Saks sequence containing no weakly-2-summable subsequences:

**EXAMPLE 4.** Let  $\Delta_n$  denote the subset of  $[0, 1]$  formed by all real numbers such that their  $n^{\text{th}}$  cipher, when represented in base 3, is 0 or 2. Now consider the following sequence of functions inductively defined:

$$f_1 = \chi_{\Delta_1} \quad \text{and} \quad f_{n+1} = (1 + \max\{f_1, \dots, f_n\}) \cdot \chi_{\Delta_{n+1}}.$$

The sequence  $g_n(t) = f_n^{-1/2}(t)$  when  $f_n(t) \neq 0$ , and  $g_n(t) = 0$  otherwise, is normalized and hereditarily 2-Banach-Saks in  $C[0, 1]^{**}$ , but no subsequence of it is weakly-2-summable.

Another aspect of the differences between both classes of sequences is the following: any weakly-2-summable, as the continuous image of the canonical basis of  $\ell_2$ , lies inside the range of a vector measure (see [1]). There exist, however, 2-Banach-Saks sequences which do not lie inside the range of a vector measure, e.g.: the unit vector basis of the Lorentz sequence space constructed

with norming sequence  $(c_n)$  defined by the equality  $\Sigma_{n \leq N} c_n = n^{1/p}$  (see [37], [12]). The sequence of Example 4 is another example.

With these definitions we are ready to strengthen the Banach–Saks property:

**DEFINITION 5.** A Banach space  $X$  is said to have the  $p$ -Banach–Saks property ( $1 < p < +\infty$ ) if

$(BS_p)$  *Each bounded sequence admits a  $p$ -Banach–Saks convergent subsequence.*

And now the reflexivity:

**DEFINITION 6.** We shall say that a Banach space  $X \in W_p$ ,  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ , if

$(W_p)$  *Each bounded sequence admits a weakly- $p$ -convergent subsequence.*

To be able to work also with non-reflexive spaces, we shall speak about those properties in the *weak* sense when *weakly null* sequences admit a subsequence of the type indicated. Thus, a Banach space has the *weak-Banach–Saks* property if weakly null sequences admit subsequences having norm convergent arithmetic means. It has the *weak- $W_p$*  property if weakly null sequences admit weakly- $p$ -summable subsequences, and it has the *weak- $p$ -Banach–Saks* property if weakly null sequences admit  $p$ -Banach–Saks subsequences.

It is clear that property (weak)  $W_p$  implies the (weak)  $p^*$ -Banach–Saks property. Surprisingly, the converse is almost true:

**THEOREM 7.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space with the (weak)  $p$ -Banach–Saks property. Then, for all  $r > p^*$ ,  $X$  has the (weak)  $W_r$  property.*

A direct proof of this result can be found in [9]. A proof of the implication weak- $p$ -Banach–Saks  $\Rightarrow$  weak  $W_r$ , for all  $r > p^*$  was provided by Rakov [36]. Here we show a third different method:

*Proof.* If  $(x_n)$  is a weakly-null sequence in a Banach space  $X$ , and  $p > 1$  is given then, for every choice of positive integers  $i, j$  the set

$$F_{i,j} = \left\{ (n_k) \in P_{\omega}(\mathbb{N}) : \frac{\|\Sigma_{k=1}^N x_{n_k}\|}{N^{1/p}} \leq \frac{1}{i} \quad \forall N > j \right\}$$

is closed in  $P_{\omega}(\mathbb{N})$ . Hence the set

$$B_p = \left\{ (n_k) \in P_{\omega}(\mathbb{N}) : \lim_{N \rightarrow \omega} \frac{\|\Sigma_{k=1}^N x_{n_k}\|}{N^{1/p}} \leq 0 \right\} = \bigcap_{i=1}^{\omega} \bigcup_{j=1}^{\omega} F_{i,j}$$

is a Borel subset of  $P_{\omega}(\mathbb{N})$  and so completely Ramsey. Thus, if  $X$  has the  $p$ -Banach-Saks property then for each  $q < p$ , every bounded sequence in  $X$  has a subsequence which is hereditarily  $q$ -Banach-Saks convergent.

Now, it is not difficult to see that if  $(x_n)$  is a normalized sequence in a Banach space satisfying

$$\|\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i x_{k_i}\| \leq C \cdot N^{1/p} \cdot \max\{|\lambda_i| : 1 \leq i \leq N\}$$

for all sequences  $(\lambda_i)$  of scalars and  $(k_i)$  of integers, and for all integers  $N$ , then for any  $1 < r < p$  there exists a constant  $D$  such that

$$\|\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i x_{k_i}\| \leq D \cdot \|(\lambda_i)\|_r$$

(the first part of this proof was provided by the referee of [9]; the second part is the correct statement of Lemma 3.4 of [19]). ■

Rakov [37], gave an example showing that weak- $p$ -Banach-Saks does not imply weak  $W_{p^*}$ . We conjecture that the same is true in the general case:

OPEN PROBLEM. *Are  $W_p$  and  $p^*$ -Banach-Saks equivalent?*

Maybe it is interesting here to remark that Knaust [30] has proved the implication  $p$ -Banach-Saks  $\Rightarrow W_{p^*}$  for Orlicz sequence spaces.

Another surprising fact concerning subsequences was established by Knaust and Odell in [27] and [28]:

**THEOREM 8.** (Knaust and Odell) *In a Banach space  $X$  having the weak- $W_p$  property,  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ , there exists a uniform constant  $c_p(X)$  such that every weakly null sequence admits a weakly- $p$ -summable subsequence having constant not greater than  $c_p(X)$ .*

The behaviour of the uniform constant  $c_p$  has some interest. In [10], it was shown that if  $(X_n)$  is a sequence of Banach spaces and  $\lambda$  is a Banach sequence space having a monotone basis then  $c_p(\lambda(X_1, X_2, \dots)) \leq c_p(\lambda) + \sup\{c_p(X_n)\}$ .

One of the most striking results about extraction of subsequences is the following one of Brunel and Sucheston [7].

**THEOREM 9.** *Each bounded sequence  $(x_n)$  in a Banach space  $X$  contains a subsequence  $(x_m)$  with the following property: for each finite set  $I \subset \mathbb{N}$  and each finite sequence  $a = (a_i)_{i \in I}$  there exists a number  $L(a)$  such that*

$$L(a) = \lim \left\| \sum_{i=1}^N a_i x_{m(i)+f(i)} \right\| \quad \text{as } f(i) \rightarrow \infty.$$

*Proof.* Let  $a = (a_i)_{i \in I}$  be a fixed sequence of rational numbers. Define a function  $\psi: \mathbb{N}^{\text{card } I} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  by  $\psi(\bar{n}) = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^N a_i x_{n_i} \right\|$ . The image of  $\psi$  lies in some interval, say  $[0, \alpha]$ . Consider the subsets  $A_1 = \{\bar{n} : \psi(\bar{n}) \in [0, \alpha/2]\}$  and  $B_1 = \{\bar{n} : \psi(\bar{n}) \in [\alpha/2, \alpha]\}$ . Obviously,  $A_1$  or  $B_1$  is infinite. Given any sequence  $(i_n)$  of integers, Ramsey's theorem allows one to conclude that either  $A_1$  or  $B_1$  contains all  $\bar{n}$  formed from terms of a certain subsequence of  $(i_n)$ . Iterating the argument and diagonalizing the subsequences obtained, one arrives to a point  $L(a)$ , intersection of a nested sequence of closed intervals, such that  $|\psi(\bar{n}) - L(a)| < \epsilon$  for any choice  $n_1 < \dots < n_N$  sufficiently far in the final subsequence.

A new diagonalization passing through an enumeration of all finite sequences of rationals leads to a new subsequence with the desired property.

The case of arbitrary finite sequences, not necessarily rationals, follows by density. ■

This result of Brunel and Sucheston is the key behind Rakov's approach to the  $p$ -Banach-Saks property [37]:

**THEOREM 10.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space with the Banach-Saks property. Assume that each weakly null sequence admits, for some  $p > 1$ , a  $p$ -Banach-Saks subsequence. Then there exists some number  $q > 1$  such that each weakly null sequence admits a  $q$ -Banach-Saks subsequence.*

#### THE EXAMPLES

Clearly,  $\ell_p$  spaces,  $1 < p < +\infty$ , have the  $W_{p^*}$  property, while  $\ell_1$  and  $c_0$  have the weak- $W_1$  property.  $L_p$  spaces have property  $W_{\max\{2, p^*\}}$ . Szlenk [43], proved that  $L_1[0, 1]$  has the weak-Banach-Saks property. Since  $L_1[0, 1]$  contains isomorphic copies of  $\ell_p$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq 2$ , it is clear that it does not have the  $p$ -Banach-Saks property for no  $p > 1$ . Rakov's result then implies that Szlenk's result is optimal.

The first example of a Banach space not having the weak-Banach-Saks property was constructed by Schreier [42]. This is the space obtained by completion of the space of finite sequences with respect to the following norm:

$$\|x\|_S = \sup_{\{A \text{ admissible}\}} \sum_{j \in A} |x_j|,$$

where a finite sub-set of natural numbers  $A = \{n_1 < \dots < n_k\}$  is said to be *admissible* if  $k \leq n_1$ .

Kakutani [26], proved that a uniformly convex Banach space has the Banach-Saks property. Later on, Nishiura and Waterman [34] proved that a Banach space with the Banach-Saks property must be reflexive, a fact which led Sakai [40] to ask whether a reflexive Banach space must also have the Banach-Saks property. Baerstein [2] showed a method to obtain, for each  $1 < p < +\infty$ , a reflexive Banach space  $B_p$  which does not have the Banach-Saks property. These are the spaces obtained by completion of the space of finite sequences with respect to the following norm:

$$\|x\|_{B_p} = \sup \left\{ \left[ \sum_k \|E_k\|_1^p \right]^{1/p} : E_1 < E_2 < \dots < E_n, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\},$$

where each  $E_n$  is admissible.

Beauzamy and Lapresté [4], remarked that since the canonical inclusion  $\ell_1 \hookrightarrow S$  is weakly compact but not a Banach-Saks operator, real interpolation between  $\ell_1$  and  $S$  would provide other examples of reflexive Banach spaces without the Banach-Saks property.

Recovering Kakutani's ideas, it is possible to prove [9]:

**THEOREM 11.** *Let  $X$  be an infinite dimensional super-reflexive Banach space. Then there are numbers  $1 < q < p$  such that  $X \in W_p$  and  $X \notin W_q$ .*

Since any  $\ell_p$ -sum of finite dimensional spaces is in  $W_{p^*}$  but not in  $W_r$ , for all  $r < p^*$ , the space  $\Sigma_p \ell_1^k$  shows that Theorem 11 is not an equivalence. Tsirelson's space is an example of a non super-reflexive Banach space having all  $W_p$  properties ( $1 < p$ ). See [11] for details. A similar result to this seems to have been obtained by Knaust [31] and Kotlyar [33].

The calculus of  $p$  could be: let  $\delta$  be such that any two points in the unit sphere such that  $\|x - y\| \geq \epsilon$  satisfy  $\|x + y\| \leq 2(1 - \delta)$ . Take  $p$  such that  $(2(1 - \delta))^p < 2$ . The space is  $W_{p^*}$ . Kotlyar calculates  $p$  as  $p = \log_{2/\theta}(1/\theta)$  where  $\theta = \min_{0 < \epsilon < 1} \max\{(\epsilon + 1)/2, 1 - \delta(\epsilon)\}$  and  $\delta(\epsilon)$  is the modulus of convexity.

Given a property  $P$  of Banach spaces, a second set of problems which naturally arises is whether "X has property  $P$ " implies that  $L_p(X)$  or  $\ell_p(X)$  have property  $P$ . In [35], Partington proved that the Banach-Saks property passes from  $X$  to  $\ell_p(X)$ ; in fact, he proved:

**THEOREM 12.** *Let  $\lambda$  be a Banach sequence space having a monotone basis, and let  $(X_n)$  be a sequence of Banach spaces. If each  $X_n$  and  $\lambda$  have the Banach-Saks property, then the same is true for  $\lambda(X_1, X_2, \dots)$ .*

The result is false if “Banach-Saks” is replaced by “weak-Banach-Saks”: a careful choice  $1 < p_n < \log n / (\log n - \log c)$  implies that the sequence  $x_n = (e_n, e_n, e_n, \dots)$  ( $n$  times) does not contain Banach-Saks subsequences in the space  $c_0(\ell_{p_1}, \ell_{p_2}, \dots, \ell_{p_n}, \dots)$ .

It can be proved that Partington’s result is “almost” true for the  $p$ -Banach-Saks properties. Firstly, one verifies that  $W_p$  properties pass to vector sequence spaces [10]:

**THEOREM 13.** *Let  $\lambda$  be a Banach sequence space having a monotone basis, and let  $X$  be a Banach space. If  $X$  and  $\lambda$  have the property (weak)  $W_p$ , then the same is true for  $\lambda(X)$ .*

and then, using the implication  $p$ -Banach-Saks  $\Rightarrow W_r$  for all  $r > p^*$ , one obtains:

*If  $\lambda$  and  $X$  have the (weak)  $p$ -Banach-Saks property, then  $\lambda(X)$  has the (weak)  $r$ -Banach-Saks property for all  $r < p$ .*

The passage to  $L_p(X)$  seems to be more difficult. Schachermayer [41] and Bourgain [22] showed that the Banach-Saks property is not  $L_2$ -hereditary. Schachermayer produced a tree-like version of Scherier space, which we shall denote  $E$ . Since the canonical inclusion  $\ell_1 \hookrightarrow E$  is a Banach-Saks operator, the real interpolation spaces  $E_{\theta,q} = (\ell_1, E)_{\theta,q}$  have the Banach-Saks property. Schachermayer proved that  $L_2([0,1], E_{\theta,q})$  has not the Banach-Saks property. Beauzamy and Lapresté [4], used a tree-like version of Baernstein spaces,  $E_p$ , to show that the Banach-Saks property is not  $L_2$ -hereditary. It can also be seen that  $E_p$  has property  $W_{p^*}$ , from which it follows that properties  $W_p$  are not  $L_p$ -hereditary.

Despite these examples of Schachermayer and Bourgain, Cembranos has obtained the following remarkable result [15].

**THEOREM 14.** *For a Banach space  $X$  the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $L_1(X)$  has the weak-Banach-Saks property.
- (2)  $L_p(X)$  has the weak-Banach-Saks property ( $1 \leq p < +\infty$ ).



(3)  $L_1(X)$  is weak Komlós.

From which it follows that the following conditions are also equivalent:

(i)  $L_1(X)$  has the weak-Banach-Saks property and  $X$  is reflexive.

(ii)  $L_p(X)$  has the Banach-Saks property ( $1 < p < +\infty$ ).

(iii)  $L_1(X)$  is Komlós.

Recall here Komlós' theorem:

**THEOREM 15.** For every bounded sequence  $(f_n)$  in  $L_1(\mu)$  there exist a subsequence  $(f_m)$  and  $f$  in  $L_1(\mu)$  such that

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f_{m_i} \rightarrow f \text{ almost everywhere}$$

for each subsequence  $(f_{m_i})$  of  $(f_m)$ .

When Komlós theorem holds in the space  $L_1(X)$  it is said that  $L_1(X)$  is a Komlós space. When Komlós theorem holds replacing "bounded sequence" by "weakly null sequence" it will be said that  $L_1(X)$  is a weak Komlós space.

#### THE APPLICATIONS

*Hereditary Dunford-Pettis property.* A Banach space  $X$  is said to have the Dunford-Pettis property if weakly compact operators defined on  $X$  are compact or, equivalently, if for arbitrary weakly null sequences  $(x_n)$  and  $(x_n^*)$  in  $X$  and  $X^*$ , respectively,  $\lim \langle x_n^*, x_n \rangle = 0$ . A Banach space  $X$  is said to have the hereditary Dunford-Pettis property if each closed subspace of  $X$  has the Dunford-Pettis property.

Using a result of Elton [16], it can be seen that property weak  $W_1$  is equivalent to the hereditary Dunford-Pettis property and, therefore, to property  $S$  of Knaust and Odell [27]. One has:

**THEOREM 16.** If  $X$  and  $\lambda$  have the hereditary Dunford-Pettis property, then  $\lambda(X)$  has the hereditary Dunford-Pettis property.

This includes the cases  $\lambda = c_0, \ell_1$  of Cembranos [13], [14] and  $\lambda = \ell_1$  of Knaust [29].

*Spaces of Polynomials.* Let  $X$  be a (real or complex) Banach space. For  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ , a map  $P$  is said to be a continuous  $m$ -homogeneous polynomial if it has the form  $P(x) = A(x, x, \dots, x)$ , where  $A$  is a continuous  $m$ -linear scalar valued form on  $X^m$ . A continuous polynomial is a finite sum

$P = P_0 + P_1 + \dots + P_n$ , where  $P_0$  is a constant and each  $P_n$  is a continuous  $m$ -homogeneous polynomial. A sequence  $(x_n) \subset X$  is said to be weak-polynomial convergent to  $x$  if  $P(x_n) \rightarrow P(x)$  for all continuous polynomials on  $X$ . In [8], Carne, Cole and Gamelin defined a  $\Lambda$ -space as a Banach space such that every sequence weak-polynomial convergent to zero is norm null, and conjectured that, for  $1 < p < +\infty$ ,  $L_p$ -spaces are  $\Lambda$ -spaces, proving themselves the conjecture for  $p \geq 2$ . In [23], Jaramillo and Prieto proved that super-reflexive spaces are  $\Lambda$ -spaces. In fact, what they proved is:

**THEOREM 17.** *If  $X^*$  has, for some  $p < +\infty$ , property  $W_p$ , then  $X$  is a  $\Lambda$ -space.*

which is a combination of Theorem 11 and the observation that a weakly- $p$ -summable sequence  $(x_n^*)$  in  $X^*$  defines a continuous  $N$ -homogeneous polynomial  $P(x) = \sum_{k=1}^N (x_k^*(x))^N$  in  $X$ .

This result allows one to prove that several interesting Banach spaces are  $\Lambda$ -spaces: Tsirelson space  $T$  (the dual of Tsirelson original space, since  $T^* \in W_p$ , for all  $p > 1$ ; see [11]), the duals of Schachermayer spaces  $(E_q)^*$  (since  $E_q \in W_{q^*}$ ; see [10] and [4]) and Baernstein  $B_q$  spaces:

**THEOREM 18.** *Let  $1 < p < +\infty$ . Baernstein's spaces  $B_p$  are  $\Lambda$ -spaces.*

*Proof.* Following Theorem 12, it is only needed to verify that  $(B_p)^*$  has property  $W_p$ .

Let  $(u_k)$  be a bounded sequence of  $(B_p)^*$ . By the reflexivity of  $(B_p)^*$  and a standard application of the Besaga-Pelczynski selection principle, it can be assumed that  $(u_k)$  is a weakly null sequence of  $(B_p)^*$  formed by normalized blocks of the canonical basis  $(e_n^*)$ , i.e.,  $u_k = \sum_{n \in I_k} \lambda_n x_n$ , for some sequence  $I_1 < I_2 < \dots$  of finite sets. This sequence of blocks is weakly- $p$ -summable:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\sum_{j=1}^N \theta_j u_j\|_{(B_p)^*} &= \sup \{ |\sum_{j=1}^N \theta_j u_j(x)| : \|x\|_{B_p} \leq 1 \} \leq \\ &\sup \{ \sum_{j=1}^N |\theta_j u_j(x)| : \|x\|_{B_p} \leq 1 \} \leq \sup \{ \sum_{j=1}^N |\theta_j| \|I_j x\|_{B_p} : \|x\|_{B_p} \leq 1 \} \leq \\ &\sup \left\{ \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N |\theta_j|^{p^*} \right]^{1/p^*} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^N \{\|I_j x\|_{B_p}\}^p \right]^{1/p} : \|x\|_{B_p} \leq 1 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , it is clear that there is a chain of admissible sets  $\{E_j\}$  such that  $\{\|I_j x\|_{B_p}\}^p \leq \{\|E_j x\|_1\}^p + \epsilon/2^j$ . This finishes the proof. ■

*Comment.* Seifert proved that  $(B_p)^*$  has the Banach–Saks property.

For every  $1 < p < +\infty$ ,  $\ell_p(T)$ ,  $\ell_p(B_q)$  or  $\ell_p((E_q)^*)$  are also  $\Lambda$ -spaces.

Other results where a suitable extraction of subsequences pays off can be found in [6] and [20].

**THEOREM 19.** ([20]) *If  $X^*$  has, for some  $1 < p < +\infty$ , the property  $W_p$ , then the space of all weakly continuous  $m$ -homogeneous polynomials  $P_w({}^m X)$ ,  $m \geq p$ , contains an isomorphic copy of  $c_0$ .*

and

**THEOREM 20.** ([6]) *If  $X^*$  has, for some  $1 < p < +\infty$ , the property  $W_p$ , then every  $R$ -bounding set (i.e., every set where all rational functions are bounded) is relatively compact in  $X$ .*

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