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ONE GENERAL METHOD IN OPERATOR THEORY

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An order bounded operator with target a Dedekind complete vector lattice is determined up to an orthomorphism from the kernels of its strata. Some applications to 2-disjoint operators are briefly discussed.

A linear functional on a vector space is determined up to a scalar from its zero hyperplane. In contrast, a linear operator is recovered from its kernel up to a simple multiplier on a rather special occasion. Fortunately, Boolean valued analysis [1] prompts us that some operator analog of the functional case is valid for each operator with target a Kantorovich space, a Dedekind complete vector lattice. The present expository talk addresses some opportunities that are opened up along the lines of this rather promising approach.

Let X be a Riesz space, and let Y be a Kantorovich (or Dedekind complete Riesz) space Y with base a complete Boolean algebra B . Without loss of generality, we may assume that Y is a nonzero space embedded as an order dense ideal in the universally complete Kantorovich space $\mathcal{R}\downarrow$ which is the descent of the reals \mathcal{R} inside the separated Boolean valued universe $\mathbb{V}^{(B)}$ over B (cp. [1, Theorem 5.2.4]).

We further let X^\wedge stand for the standard name of X in $\mathbb{V}^{(B)}$. Clearly, X^\wedge is a Riesz space over \mathbb{R}^\wedge inside $\mathbb{V}^{(B)}$. Denote by $l := T\uparrow$ the ascent of T to $\mathbb{V}^{(B)}$. Clearly, l acts from X^\wedge to the ascent Y^\uparrow of Y in the sense of the Boolean valued universe $\mathbb{V}^{(B)}$. Therefore,

$$l(x^\wedge) = Tx$$

inside $\mathbb{V}^{(B)}$ for all $x \in X$, which means in terms of truth values that

$$\llbracket l : X^\wedge \rightarrow \mathcal{R} \rrbracket = \mathbb{1}, \quad (\forall x \in X) \llbracket l(x^\wedge) = Tx \rrbracket = \mathbb{1}.$$

Since l is defined up to a scalar from $\ker(l)$, we infer the following analog of the Sard theorem.

Theorem 1. *Let S and T be linear operators from X to Y . Then $\ker(bS) \supset \ker(bT)$ for all $b \in B$ if and only if there is an orthomorphism α on Y such that $S = \alpha T$.*

We see that a linear operator T is in sense determined up to an orthomorphism from the family of the kernels of the strata bT of T . This remark opens a possibility of studying some properties of T in terms of the kernels of the strata of T .

Clearly, T is a Riesz homomorphism if and only if so is its ascent $l = T\uparrow$. Since the ascent of the sum is the sum of the ascents of the summands, we reduce the proof of Theorem 2 to the case of the functionals.

From now on we will consider an order bounded operator $T : X \rightarrow Y$. Straightforward calculations of truth values show that $T_+ \uparrow = l_+$ and $T_- \uparrow = l_-$ inside $\mathbb{V}^{(B)}$. Moreover, $\llbracket \ker(l) \rrbracket$ is a Riesz subspace of $X^\wedge = \mathbb{1}$ whenever so are $\ker(bT)$ for all $b \in B$. Indeed, given $x, y \in X$, put

$$b := \llbracket Tx = 0^\wedge \rrbracket \wedge \llbracket Ty = 0^\wedge \rrbracket.$$

This means that $x, y \in \ker(bT)$. Hence, we see by condition that $bT(x \vee y) = 0$. In other words,

$$\llbracket Tx = 0^\wedge \rrbracket \wedge \llbracket Ty = 0^\wedge \rrbracket \leq \llbracket T(x \vee y) = 0^\wedge \rrbracket.$$

Whence

$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket \ker(l) \text{ is a Riesz subspace of } X^\wedge \rrbracket \\ &= \llbracket (\forall x, y \in X^\wedge)(l(x) = 0^\wedge \wedge l(y) = 0^\wedge \rightarrow l(x \vee y) = 0^\wedge) \rrbracket \\ &= \bigwedge_{x, y \in X} \llbracket l(x^\wedge) = 0^\wedge \wedge l(y^\wedge) = 0^\wedge \rightarrow l((x \vee y)^\wedge) = 0^\wedge \rrbracket = \mathbb{1}. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that a subspace H of a Riesz space X is a *G-space* or *Grothendieck subspace* (cp. [2, 3]) provided that H enjoys the following property:

$$(\forall x, y \in H) (x \vee y \vee 0 + x \wedge y \wedge 0 \in H).$$

By analogous calculations of truth values we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket \ker(l) \text{ is a Grothendieck subspace of } X^\wedge \rrbracket \\ &= \llbracket (\forall x, y \in X^\wedge)(l(x) = 0^\wedge \wedge l(y) = 0^\wedge \rightarrow l(x \vee y \vee 0 + x \wedge y \wedge 0) = 0^\wedge) \rrbracket \\ &= \bigwedge_{x, y \in X} \llbracket l(x^\wedge) = 0^\wedge \wedge l(y^\wedge) = 0^\wedge \rightarrow l((x \vee y \vee 0 + x \wedge y \wedge 0)^\wedge) = 0^\wedge \rrbracket. \end{aligned}$$

Assuming that the kernel of each stratum bT is a Grothendieck subspace, take $x, y \in X$ and put

$$b := \llbracket Tx = 0^\wedge \rrbracket \wedge \llbracket Ty = 0^\wedge \rrbracket.$$

This means that $x, y \in \ker(bT)$. By hypothesis $bT(x \vee y \vee 0 + x \wedge y \wedge 0) = 0$. In other words,

$$\llbracket Tx = 0^\wedge \rrbracket \wedge \llbracket Ty = 0^\wedge \rrbracket \leq \llbracket T(x \vee y \vee 0 + x \wedge y \wedge 0) = 0^\wedge \rrbracket.$$

It follows now that

$$\llbracket \ker(l) \text{ is a Grothendieck subspace of } X^\wedge \rrbracket = \mathbb{1}.$$

By way of example, we may now assert that the following theorems appear as the descents of their scalar analogs.

Theorem 2. *An order bounded operator T from X to Y may be presented as the difference of some Riesz homomorphisms and only if the kernel of each stratum bT of T is a Riesz subspace of X for all $b \in B$.*

Theorem 3. *The modulus of an order bounded operator $T : X \rightarrow Y$ is the sum of some pair of Riesz homomorphisms if and only if the kernel of each stratum bT of T with $b \in B$ is a Grothendieck subspace of the ambient Riesz space X .*

To prove the relevant scalar claims, we use one of the formulas of subdifferential calculus:

Theorem 4 (of decomposition). *Assume that H_1, \dots, H_N are cones in a Riesz space X . Assume further that f and g are positive functionals on X . The inequality*

$$f(h_1 \vee \dots \vee h_N) \geq g(h_1 \vee \dots \vee h_N)$$

holds for all $h_k \in H_k$ ($k := 1, \dots, N$) if and only if to each decomposition of g into a sum of N positive terms $g = g_1 + \dots + g_N$ there is a decomposition of f into a sum of N positive terms $f = f_1 + \dots + f_N$ such that

$$f_k(h_k) \geq g_k(h_k) \quad (h_k \in H_k; k := 1, \dots, N).$$

REMARK 1. The complete proofs of Theorems 2 and 3 are given in [4, 5]. Theorem 4 appeared in this form in [6].

REMARK 2. Note that the sums of Riesz homomorphisms were first described by S. J. Bernau, C. B. Huijsmans, and B. de Pagter in terms of n -disjoint operators in [7]. A survey of some conceptually close results on n -disjoint operators is given in [8, § 5.6].

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