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Abstract. The main result of this paper asserts that each Dunford-Pettis operator on an AL-space having no discrete elements satisfies Daugavet's equation $\|I + T\| = 1 + \|T\|$; this extends a result of Holub on weakly compact operators. The proof is based on some properties of orthomorphisms in a Banach lattice, which also yield a short proof of another result of Holub on Daugavet's equation for bounded operators on an arbitrary AL- or AM-space.

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1. Introduction

A linear operator $T : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$ on a Banach space \mathbb{E} satisfies Daugavet's equation if

$$\|I + T\| = 1 + \|T\|$$

holds, where $I : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$ denotes the identity operator. Daugavet's equation clearly fails for $T := -I$, but it holds under suitable conditions on \mathbb{E} and T .

The first results on Daugavet's equation were obtained by Daugavet [6] and Lozanovskii [13] who proved that the identity $\|I + T\| = 1 + \|T\|$ holds for each compact operator on $C[0,1]$ or $L^1[0,1]$. These results were subsequently extended into various directions [4,5,7-12,16]; in particular, it follows from results of Foias and Singer [8] and Holub [9,10] that Daugavet's equation remains valid for each weakly compact operator on $C[0,1]$ or $L^1[0,1]$, and that each bounded operator on these spaces satisfies at least one of the identities $\|I + T\| = 1 + \|T\|$ and $\|I - T\| = 1 + \|T\|$.

In the present paper we shall study Daugavet's equation for linear operators on a Banach lattice. Using some properties of orthomorphisms, we shall prove that Daugavet's equation holds for each Dunford-Pettis operator on an AL-space having no discrete elements, and that each bounded operator on an arbitrary AL- or AM-space satisfies at least one of the identities $\|I + T\| = 1 + \|T\|$ and $\|I - T\| = 1 + \|T\|$. The first of these results extends a result of Holub [10] on weakly compact operators; the second is essentially due to Holub [9,10] and has recently been given a short proof by Abramovich [1], but the proof given here is equally short and avoids the use of representation theorems.

Throughout this paper, let \mathbb{E} be a Banach lattice, let $L(\mathbb{E})$ denote the normed ordered vector space of all bounded operators $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$, and let $I : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$ denote the identity operator. A linear operator $Q : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$ is an orthomorphism if it is order bounded and if $Q(B) \subseteq B$ holds for each band B of \mathbb{E} . Let $\text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})$ denote the Riesz space [3; Theorem 8.9] of all orthomorphisms $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$. If \mathbb{E} is either an AL-space or an order complete AM-space with unit, then $L(\mathbb{E})$ is an order complete Banach lattice [3; Theorem 15.3 and the remark preceding it] and $\text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})$ agrees with the (projection) band generated by I in $L(\mathbb{E})$ [3; Theorem 8.11]. This property of $\text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})$ together with Lemma 2.3 below indicates a natural connection between Daugavet's equation and orthomorphisms on Banach lattices.

2. The results

We start with a simple but useful lemma on positive operators:

2.1. Lemma. Let \mathbb{E} be an AL- or AM-space. Then Daugavet's equation holds for each positive $T \in L(\mathbb{E})$.

Proof. Suppose first that \mathbb{E} is an AL-space and consider a positive operator $T : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$. Then

$$\| (I+T)z \| = \| z \| + \| Tz \|$$

holds for each $z \in \mathbb{E}_+$, and this yields

$$\| I + T \| = 1 + \| T \| .$$

In the case where \mathbb{E} is an AM-space, the assertion now follows by duality. □

Our next result concerns bounded operators which are not necessarily positive:

2.2. Theorem. Let \mathbb{E} be an AL- or AM-space. Then the identity

$$\max \{ \| I+T \| , \| I-T \| \} = 1 + \| T \|$$

holds for each $T \in L(\mathbb{E})$.

Proof. Let us first assume that \mathbb{E} is an order complete AM-space with unit $e \in \mathbb{E}_+$.

For each $U \in \text{Crth}(\mathbb{E})$, we have

$$|I + \square| \vee |I - U| = I + |U|$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad \max \{ \| I+U \| , \| I-U \| \} &= \| |I+U| \vee |I-U| \| \\ &= \| I + |U| \| \\ &= 1 + \| U \| , \end{aligned}$$

by [3; Theorem 15.5] and Lemma 2.1.

Consider now $T \in L(\mathbb{E})$ and choose $S \in \text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})$ and $R \in \text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})^\perp$ satisfying

$$T = S + R .$$

Since $|R|e$ is dominated by a scalar multiple of e , there exists a positive $Q \in \text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})$ satisfying

$$Qe = |R|e ,$$

by [3; Theorem 8.15]. Moreover, for each $P \in \text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})$, we have

$$|P+Q|v|P-Q| = |P| + Q$$

and

$$|P| + |R| = |P+R| = |P-R| ,$$

hence

$$(|P+Q|v|P-Q|)e = |P+R|e = |P-R|e ,$$

and thus

$$(2) \quad \max \{ \|P+Q\| , \|P-Q\| \} = \|P+R\| = \|P-R\| .$$

Replacing P by S , $I+S$, and $I-S$ in (2), we obtain

$$\max \{ \|S+Q\| , \|S-Q\| \} = \|T\|$$

$$\max \{ \|I+S+Q\| , \|I+S-Q\| \} = \|I+T\|$$

$$\max \{ \|I-S+Q\| , \|I-S-Q\| \} = \|I-T\| ;$$

similarly, replacing U by $S+Q$ and $S-Q$ in (1), we obtain

$$\max \{ \|I+S+Q\| , \|I-S-Q\| \} = 1 + \|S+Q\|$$

$$\max \{ \|I+S-Q\| , \|I-S+Q\| \} = 1 + \|S-Q\| .$$

This yields

$$\max \{ \|I+T\| , \|I-T\| \}$$

$$= \max \{ \|I+S+Q\| , \|I+S-Q\| , \|I-S+Q\| , \|I-S-Q\| \}$$

$$= 1 + \|T\| .$$

In the case where \mathbb{E} is an AL-space or an arbitrary AM-space, the assertion now follows by duality. \square

The following result is another consequence of Lemma 2.1:

2.3. Lemma. Let \mathbb{E} be an AL-space of an order complete AM-space with unit. Then Daugavet's equation holds for each $T \in L(\mathbb{E})$ satisfying $I \wedge |T| = 0$.

Proof. By assumption, we have

$$|I+T| = I + |T|$$

and thus

$$\|I+T\| = \|I+|T|\| = 1 + \|T\| ,$$

by Lemma 2.1. □

We now turn to the main result of this paper. Recall that a linear operator $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$ is a Dunford-Pettis operator if it maps the weakly convergent sequences of \mathbb{E} into the norm convergent sequences of \mathbb{E} , and that every Dunford-Pettis operator is bounded. Let $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{E})$ denote the subspace of $L(\mathbb{E})$ consisting of all Dunford-Pettis operators $\mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$. Also, recall that an element $u \in \mathbb{E}_+ \setminus \{0\}$ is discrete if the ideal generated by u in \mathbb{E} agrees with the subspace generated by u in \mathbb{E} .

2.4. Theorem. Let \mathbb{E} be an AL-space having no discrete elements. Then Daugavet's equation holds for each $T \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{E})$.

Proof. Consider $T \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{E})$ and define $S := I \wedge |T|$. Since $\text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})$ as well as $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{E})$ are bands of $L(\mathbb{E})$ [3; Theorems 15.5 and 19.1E], we have $S \in \text{Orth}(\mathbb{E}) \cap \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{E})$.

Consider now $z \in \mathbb{E}_+$. For each $y \in [0, Sz]$, there exists some $Q \in \text{Orth}(\mathbb{E})$ satisfying

$$y = QSz$$

and $Qz \in [0, z]$, by [3; Theorem 8.15 and its proof]. Since S is an orthomorphism, we obtain

$$y = QSz = SQz \in S[0, z],$$

by [3; Theorems 8.24 and 8.21]. This yields

$$[0, Sz] = S[0, z].$$

Since S is also a Dunford-Pettis operator, the set $S[0, z]$ is compact [3; Theorem 19.18]. Thus, the order interval $[0, Sz]$ is compact, hence Sz belongs to the band generated by the collection of all discrete elements of \mathbb{E} [2; Theorem 21.12], and the assumption on \mathbb{E} yields $Sz = 0$.

Therefore, we have $I \wedge |T| = S = 0$, and the assertion follows from Lemma 2.3. □

Under the assumption of Theorem 2.4, every weakly compact operator on \mathbb{E} is a Dunford-Pettis operator, but the converse is not true; see [3; Theorems 19.6 and 19.23].

We finally note that Theorem 2.4 cannot be extended to arbitrary AL-spaces: In fact, if \mathbb{E} is an AL-space having a discrete element $u \in \mathbb{E}_+ \setminus \{0\}$, then the band $B(\{u\})$ generated by u is a one-dimensional subspace of \mathbb{E} , by [14; Proposition 8.3]; consequently, the band projection $P : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow B(\{u\})$ is compact, but Daugavet's equation fails for $T := -P$.

3. Remarks.

The following results can be proven in the same way as Lemmas 2.1 and 2.3:

3.1. Lemma. Let \mathbb{E} be a Banach lattice satisfying $\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p = \|x+y\|^p$ for some $p \in [1, \infty)$ and all $x, y \in \mathbb{E}_+$. If $J \in L(\mathbb{E})$ is a positive isometry, the

$$\|J+T\| = 1 + \|T\|$$

holds for each positive $T \in L(\mathbb{E})$.

3.2. Lemma. Let \mathbb{E} be an AL-space. If $J \in L(\mathbb{E})$ is a positive isometry, then

$$\|J+T\| = 1 + \|T\|$$

holds for each $T \in L(\mathbb{E})$ satisfying $J \wedge |T| = 0$.

Corresponding results hold in an AM-space or an order complete AM-space with unit, respectively, if in Lemmas 2.1 and 2.3 the identity operator is replaced by a surjective positive isometry.

Obviously, Daugavet's equation holds for $T := I$, and this implies that the condition of Lemma 2.3 is only sufficient, but not necessary, for Daugavet's equation to hold. Also, the fact that Daugavet's equation fails for $T := -I$ can be generalized as follows: If $T \in L(\mathbb{E})$ satisfies $0 < T \leq I$, then $\|I - T\|$ is strictly smaller than $1 + \|T\|$.

We conclude with a brief discussion of Daugavet's equation for almost integral and absolute kernel operators:

Let \mathbb{E} be an AL-space or an order complete AM-space with unit. A linear operator $T : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$ is an almost integral operator if it is contained in the band of $L(\mathbb{E})$ which is generated by the linear operators $S : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$ satisfying $Sz = x'(z)y$ for some $x' \in \mathbb{E}$ and $y \in \mathbb{E}$ depending on S and all $z \in \mathbb{E}$. Synnatzschke [15] proved that \mathbb{E} has no discrete elements if and only if each almost integral operator $T : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$ satisfies $I \wedge |T| = 0$, and in this case it follows from Lemma 2.3 that T satisfies Daugavet's equation. In the case where \mathbb{E} is an AL-space, this result can also be deduced from [17; Theorem 123.5(ii)], [3; Theorem 19.18], and Theorem 2.4; in the case where \mathbb{E} is an order complete AM-space with unit, it is due to Synnatzschke [16].

Consider now a σ -finite measure space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ and $p \in [1, \infty]$. A linear operator $T : L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ is an absolute kernel operator if there exists an $\mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ -measurable function

$t : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying

$$\int_{\Omega} |t(\cdot, \omega)| f(\omega) \, d\mu(\omega) \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$$

and

$$(Tf)(\cdot) = \int_{\Omega} t(\cdot, \omega) f(\omega) \, d\mu(\omega)$$

for all $f \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$. If $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ has no atoms, then $L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ has no discrete elements and a linear operator $L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ is an absolute kernel operator if and only if it is an almost integral operator [17; Theorem 94.7]. Thus, for $p \in \{1, \infty\}$, Daugavet's equation holds for each absolute kernel operator $L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ whenever $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ has no atoms.

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