

A DECOMPOSITION OF BOUNDED SCALARLY MEASURABLE  
FUNCTIONS TAKING THEIR RANGES  
IN DUAL BANACH SPACES

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ABSTRACT. A decomposition of scalarly measurable functions taking their range in the dual of a Banach space into a Pettis integrable part and a weak\* scalarly null part is introduced and analyzed.

**1. Introduction.** It is shown in [11] that if  $X$  is a separable Banach space,  $K$  is a compact Hausdorff space, and  $f: K \rightarrow X^*$  is a bounded universally scalarly measurable function, then  $f$  is universally Pettis integrable. In order to prove this, they first show the following:

LEMMA. *Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a finite measure space and let  $X$  be a separable Banach space. If  $f: \Omega \rightarrow X^*$  is a bounded scalarly measurable function such that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $E \in \Sigma$  such that  $\mu(\Omega \setminus E) < \varepsilon$  and  $\{ \langle f, x \rangle_{X^*E} : \|x\| \leq 1 \}$  is weakly precompact in  $L^\infty(\mu)$ , then  $f$  is  $\mu$ -Pettis integrable.*

They also point out that the separability hypothesis in both of these cannot be removed. In particular there is an example due to Phillips (see Example B in the next section) of a function  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow l^\infty[0, 1]$  such that  $f$  is scalarly Borel measurable but not Lebesgue Pettis integrable.

In [8] Musial shows that if  $X$  is a separable Banach space then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $X$  does not contain any isomorphic copy of  $l^1$ .
- (ii)  $X^*$  has the weak Radon Nikodym property.
- (iii) If  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a complete measure space and  $f: \Omega \rightarrow X^*$  is bounded and weak\* scalarly measurable, then  $f$  is Pettis integrable.
- (iv) If  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a complete measure space and  $f: \Omega \rightarrow X^*$  is bounded and weak\* scalarly measurable, then  $f$  is scalarly measurable.

Janika was able to extend the equivalence of statements (i) and (ii) for the case  $X$  not necessarily separable in [7]. However, when we remove the separability hypothesis, statements (i) and (ii) are not equivalent to statements (iii) and (iv) as seen in Example C in the next section.

The purpose of this paper is to extend the above-mentioned results to the case  $X$  not necessarily separable by a suitable weakening of the conclusion.

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Let us introduce some definitions and preliminary facts. Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a finite measure space and  $X$  be a Banach space. A function  $f: \Omega \rightarrow X^*$  is *scalarly measurable* if  $x^{**} \circ f$  is measurable for every  $x^{**} \in X^{**}$ , and  $f$  is *weak\* scalarly measurable* if  $x \circ f$  is measurable for every  $x \in X$ . The function  $f$  is  $\mu$ -Pettis integrable if for every  $E \in \Sigma$ , there exists  $x_E^* \in X^*$  such that

$$x^{**}(x_E^*) = \int_E x^{**} \circ f \, d\mu \quad \text{for every } x^{**} \in X^{**}.$$

In this case,  $x_E^* = P\text{-}\int_E f \, d\mu$ .

If  $K$  is a compact Hausdorff space, then  $f: K \rightarrow X^*$  is *universally scalarly measurable* if  $f$  is scalarly measurable with respect to all Radon measures on  $K$ . A weak\* compact subset  $K$  of  $X^*$  is called a *Pettis set* if the canonical injection  $K \rightarrow X^*$  is scalarly measurable for each Radon measure on  $(K, \text{weak}^*)$ .

A subset  $K$  of a Banach space  $X$  is called *weakly precompact* if every bounded sequence has a weakly Cauchy subsequence. Rosenthal's theorem [10] states that a bounded subset  $K$  of a Banach space  $X$  is weakly precompact if and only if  $K$  does not contain an isomorphic copy of the basis of  $l^1$ .

A Banach space  $X$  has the *weak Radon Nikodym property* (WRNP) if for every finite measure space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ , every operator  $T: L^1(\mu) \rightarrow X^*$  is Pettis representable, i.e. there exists a Pettis integrable function  $f$  such that  $T(g) = P\text{-}\int fg \, d\mu$ .

**2. Weak\* scalarly null functions.** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a finite measure space. We define a function  $f: \Omega \rightarrow X^*$  to be  $\mu$ -weak\* scalarly null if  $x \circ f = 0$  a.e.- $[\mu]$  for every  $x \in X$ .

**PROPOSITION 1.** *Let  $X$  be a separable Banach space. Then  $f$  is  $\mu$ -weak\* scalarly null if and only if  $f = 0$  a.e.- $[\mu]$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $(x_j)_{j=1}^\infty$  be dense in  $X$ . Let  $N_j$  be  $\mu$ -null sets such that  $x_j \circ f(t) = 0$  if  $t \in \Omega \setminus N_j$ . Clearly  $f(t) = 0$  if  $t \in \Omega \setminus (\bigcup_{j=1}^\infty N_j)$ .

Consequently any interesting example of a weak\* scalarly null function will occur only if the function takes its range in a nonseparable space.

*Examples.* In each of the following examples,  $\mu$  is Lebesgue measure on  $[0, 1]$  and  $\Sigma$  is the Lebesgue measurable subsets of  $[0, 1]$ .

**EXAMPLE A.** Let  $X = l^2 [0, 1]$ . Define  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow l^2 [0, 1] = X^*$  by

$$f(s)(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } s = t, \\ 0 & \text{if } s \neq t. \end{cases}$$

If  $x \in l^2 [0, 1]$  then  $x \circ f$  is countably nonzero since  $x$  has countable support. Therefore,  $f$  is  $\mu$ -weak\* scalarly null. It is also easy to see that  $f$  is  $\mu$ -Pettis integrable and that  $P\text{-}\int_E f \, d\mu = 0$  for every  $E \in \Sigma$ , even though  $f$  is not equal to zero a.e.- $[\mu]$ .

**EXAMPLE B (PHILLIPS).** Let  $X = l^1 [0, 1]$ . Let  $B$  be the subset of  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  constructed by Sierpinski having the following properties:

(i) for every  $t_0 \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\{s: (s, t_0) \in B\}$  is countable.

(ii) for every  $s_0 \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\{t: (s_0, t) \notin B\}$  is countable.

Define  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow l^\infty [0, 1]$  by  $f(s)(t) = \chi_B(s, t)$ . It is shown in [5] that  $f$  is bounded and scalarly Borel measurable but not  $\mu$ -Pettis integrable. If  $x \in l^1 [0, 1]$ , it is clear that  $x \circ f$  is countably nonzero and  $f$  is  $\mu$ -weak\* scalarly null.

EXAMPLE C. Let  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow l^1[0, 1]$  be given by  $f(t) = e_t$ . If  $x \in c_0[0, 1]$ , then again  $x \circ f$  is countably nonzero and  $f$  is  $\mu$ -weak\* scalarly null. However, if  $A$  is any subset of  $[0, 1]$ , then  $\chi_A \in l^\infty[0, 1]$  and  $\chi_A \circ f = \chi_A$ . Hence  $f$  is not scalarly measurable.

The above examples show that a nontrivial weak\* scalarly null function may be Pettis integrable, scalarly measurable but not Pettis integrable, or even not scalarly measurable.

PROPOSITION 2. Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a finite measure space. If  $f: \Omega \rightarrow X^*$  is bounded and scalarly measurable then the following are equivalent:

(i) There exists a  $\mu$ -Pettis integrable function  $g$  and a  $\mu$ -weak\* scalarly null function  $h$  such that  $f = g + h$ .

(ii) There exists a  $\mu$ -Pettis integrable function  $g$  such that for every  $x^{**} \in X^{**}$ ,  $T_f^{**}(x^{**}) = x^{**} \circ g$  in  $L^1(\mu)$ .

(iii) For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $A \in \Sigma$  and a Pettis integrable function  $g$  such that  $\mu(\Omega \setminus A) < \varepsilon$  and  $(x \circ f)\chi_A = x \circ g$  a.e.- $[\mu]$  for every  $x \in X$ .

PROOF. (i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii) If  $f = g + h$  and  $h$  is weak\* scalarly null, then  $x \circ f = x \circ g$  in  $L^1(\mu)$  for every  $x \in X$ . Since  $g$  is Pettis integrable it is clear that  $T_g^{**}(x^{**}) = x^{**} \circ g$  in  $L^1(\mu)$  for every  $x^{**} \in X^{**}$ . Hence we have that for every  $x^{**} \in X^{**}$ ,

$$T_f^{**}(x^{**}) = T_g^{**}(x^{**}) = x^{**} \circ g \quad \text{in } L^1(\mu).$$

(ii)  $\rightarrow$  (iii) Clear.

(iii)  $\rightarrow$  (i) Use a standard exhaustion argument as in Lemma III.2.4 in [3] to get a Pettis integrable function  $g$  such that  $x \circ f = x \circ g$  a.e.- $[\mu]$  for every  $x \in X$ . Clearly  $h = f - g$  is  $\mu$ -weak\* scalarly null.

We say a bounded scalarly measurable function is  $\mu$ -Pettis decomposable if any and hence all of the above statements are true. An immediate consequence of Proposition 1 is that if  $X$  is a separable Banach space then a bounded scalarly measurable function  $f: \Omega \rightarrow X^*$  is Pettis decomposable if and only if  $f$  is Pettis integrable.

**3. Decomposition and the RS-property.** In [13], Talagrand defines a weak\* measurable function  $f: \Omega \rightarrow X^*$  to have the *RS-property* if the Radon image measure  $\nu = \mu \circ f^{-1}$  is such that for every  $n$  there is a Pettis set  $K_n$  such that  $\nu(\Omega \setminus K_n) \leq 1/2^n$ . He then shows that if  $f$  is weak\* scalarly bounded, then  $f$  has the RS-property if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $E \in \Sigma$  with  $\mu(\Omega \setminus E) < \varepsilon$  such that the set  $\{(f, x)\chi_E: \|x\| \leq 1\}$  is weakly precompact. Therefore the Lemma of Riddle, Saab, and Uhl mentioned in the introduction can be stated as follows: If  $X$  is a separable Banach space and  $f: \Omega \rightarrow X^*$  is bounded, scalarly measurable and has the RS-property, then  $f$  is Pettis integrable. We are now able to extend this result.

THEOREM 3. Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a finite measure space and  $X$  a Banach space. If  $f: \Omega \rightarrow X^*$  is a bounded scalarly measurable function such that  $f$  has the RS-property, the  $f$  is  $\mu$ -Pettis decomposable.

PROOF. By Theorem 7-3-15 of [13], if  $f$  has the RS-property, then there exists a Pettis integrable function  $g: \Omega \rightarrow X^*$  such that  $x \circ f = x \circ g$  in  $L^1(\mu)$  for every

$x$  in the unit ball of  $X$ . Consequently, by part (iii) of Proposition 2,  $f$  is  $\mu$ -Pettis decomposable.

In Proposition 7-3-16 of [13], Talagrand exhibits a Pettis integrable function  $\varphi: [0, 1] \rightarrow l^\infty$  that does not have the RS-property. Obviously  $\varphi$  is Pettis decomposable. Hence it is clear that decomposability is strictly weaker than the RS-property.

Talagrand raises the following question: If  $K$  is a compact Hausdorff space and  $f: K \rightarrow X^*$  is universally scalarly measurable, must  $f$  have the RS-property for every Radon measure  $\mu$  on  $K$ ? It is also natural to ask the following:

QUESTION. If  $K$  is a compact Hausdorff space,  $X$  is a Banach space, and  $f: K \rightarrow X^*$  is bounded and universally scalarly measurable, must  $f$  be  $\mu$ -decomposable for every Radon measure  $\mu$ ?

In [10], Riddle and Saab show that the answer to Talagrand's question is yes if  $f$  is universally Lusin measurable, and in fact such an  $f$  must be Pettis integrable.

**4. Pettis decomposition and the weak Radon Nikodym property.** We begin this section with the following observation.

LEMMA 4. *Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a perfect measure space and  $f: \Omega \rightarrow X^*$  be a bounded weak\* scalarly measurable function. If  $f = g + h$ , where  $g$  is scalarly measurable and  $h$  is weak\* scalarly null, then the operator  $T_f: X \rightarrow L^1(\mu)$ , defined by  $T_f(x) = x \circ f$  for every  $x \in X$ , is compact.*

PROOF. Since  $h$  is weak\* scalarly null,  $T_f(x) = T_g(x)$  in  $L^1(\mu)$  for every  $x \in X$ . However, since  $g$  is scalarly measurable, the operator  $T_g$  is compact by Proposition 3 of [1].

We are now able to prove the following extension of Musial's result.

THEOREM 5. *If  $X$  is a Banach space, then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $X$  does not contain an isomorphic copy of  $l^1$ .
- (ii)  $X^*$  has the WRNP.
- (iii) If  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a complete measure space and  $f: \Omega \rightarrow X^*$  is bounded and weak\* scalarly measurable, then  $f$  is Pettis decomposable.
- (iv) If  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a complete measure space and  $f: \Omega \rightarrow X^*$  is bounded and weak\* scalarly measurable, then  $f = g + h$ , where  $g$  is scalarly measurable and  $h$  is weak\* scalarly null.

PROOF. Janika proved the equivalence of (i) and (ii) in [7]. The fact that (ii) implies (iii) is given in Theorem 2 of [8]. We have only left to show (iv) implies (i).

It is shown in [2, Theorem 3.5] that if  $X$  is a Banach space that contains  $l^1$ , then there exists a bounded weak\* Lebesgue measurable function  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow X^*$  such that the operator  $T_f: X \rightarrow L^1[0, 1]$  is not compact. Hence by Lemma 4, this function cannot satisfy the conclusion of statement (iv).

ADDENDUM. The question in §3 has been affirmatively answered by the author in "Pettis decomposition for universally scalarly measurable functions".

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