

## RIESZ SEMINORMS WITH FATOU PROPERTIES

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**ABSTRACT.** A seminormed Riesz space  $L_\rho$  satisfies the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property (resp. the Fatou property) if  $\theta \leq u_n \uparrow u$  in  $L$  (resp.  $\theta \leq u_\alpha \uparrow u$  in  $L$ ) implies  $\rho(u_n) \uparrow \rho(u)$  (resp.  $\rho(u_\alpha) \uparrow \rho(u)$ ). The following results are proved:

- (i) A normed Riesz space  $L_\rho$  satisfies the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property if, and only if, its norm completion does and  $L_\rho$  has  $(A, 0)$ .
- (ii) The quotient space  $L_\rho/I_\rho$  has the Fatou property if  $L_\rho$  is Archimedean with the Fatou property. ( $I_\rho = \{u \in L: \rho(u) = 0\}$ .)
- (iii) If  $L_\rho$  is almost  $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete with the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property, then  $L_\rho/I_\rho$  has the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property.

A counterexample shows that (iii) may be false for Archimedean Riesz spaces.

**1. Riesz seminorms.** For notation and terminology not explained below we refer the reader to [5]. A seminormed Riesz space  $L_\rho$  is a Riesz space  $L$  equipped with a seminorm  $\rho$  satisfying  $\rho(u) \leq \rho(v)$  whenever  $|u| \leq |v|$  holds in  $L$ .

For seminormed Riesz spaces  $L_\rho$  the following properties were introduced:

- $(A, 0)$ :  $u_n \downarrow \theta$  in  $L$  and  $\{u_n\}$  is a  $\rho$ -Cauchy sequence implies  $\rho(u_n) \rightarrow 0$ .
- $(A, i)$ :  $u_n \downarrow \theta$  in  $L$  implies  $\rho(u_n) \rightarrow 0$ .
- $(A, ii)$ :  $u_\alpha \downarrow \theta$  in  $L$  implies  $\rho(u_\alpha) \rightarrow 0$ .

Following Luxemburg and Zaanen [4, Notes II and XIII] we also have:

**Definition 1.1** ( $\sigma$ -Fatou property). A seminormed Riesz space  $L_\rho$  satisfies the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property whenever  $\theta \leq u_n \uparrow u$  in  $L$  implies  $\rho(u_n) \uparrow \rho(u)$ . (Fatou property). A seminormed Riesz space  $L_\rho$  satisfies the Fatou property whenever  $\theta \leq u_\alpha \uparrow u$  in  $L$  implies  $\rho(u_\alpha) \uparrow \rho(u)$ .

Obviously the Fatou implies the  $\sigma$ -Fatou,  $(A, i)$  implies the  $\sigma$ -Fatou and  $(A, ii)$  implies the Fatou property. Also the  $\sigma$ -Fatou implies the  $(A, 0)$  property. Indeed, if  $\{u_n\}$  is a  $\rho$ -Cauchy sequence with  $u_n \downarrow \theta$  in  $L$ , then

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$\theta \leq u_m - u_n \uparrow_{n \geq m} u_m$  in  $L$ , for each fixed  $m$ , and hence  $\rho(u_m - u_n) \uparrow_{n \geq m} \rho(u_m)$ . This implies  $\rho(u_n) \rightarrow 0$ .

**Example 1.2.** (i) Let  $L$  be the Riesz space of all real sequences which are eventually constant. Let  $\rho(u) = |u(\infty)| + \sup\{|u_n|: n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  for all  $u \in L$ . ( $u(\infty) = u(n)$  for all sufficiently large  $n$ .) Note that the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property does not hold in  $L_\rho$ . However  $L_\rho$  does satisfy the  $(A, 0)$  property.

(ii) Let  $L$  be as in (i) and let  $\rho(u) = \sup\{|u(n)|: n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  for all  $u$ . Then  $L_\rho$  is noncomplete with the Fatou property. Note that  $(A, i)$  does not hold.

(iii) Let  $L$  be the Riesz space of all bounded real valued Lebesgue measurable functions defined on  $[0, 1]$ , with  $f \leq g$  if  $f(x) \leq g(x)$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ . Let  $\rho(u) = \int_0^1 |u(x)| dx + \sup\{|u(x)|: x \in [0, 1]\}$  for all  $u \in L$ . Note that  $L$  is  $\rho$ -complete with the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property but without the Fatou property.

(iv) The cartesian product of the spaces in (ii) and (iii) with the product norm gives a noncomplete normed Riesz space without the Fatou and  $(A, i)$  properties, but with the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property.  $\square$

We recall that a Riesz subspace  $L$  of a Riesz space  $M$  is said to be order dense in  $M$  if  $\sup\{v \in L: \theta \leq v \leq u\} = u$  holds in  $M$  for all  $u \in M^+$ . If  $M$  is Archimedean (and hence so is  $L$ ) then the universal completion of  $M$  [5, pp. 338–341] equally serves as the universal completion of  $L$ ; consequently  $M$  can be considered as a Riesz subspace of the universal completion of  $L$ . Now, if  $L_\rho$  is a normed Riesz space with  $(A, 0)$  then  $L_\rho$  is order dense in its norm completion  $\bar{L}_\rho$  [3, Theorem 61.5, p. 652] and so  $\bar{L}_\rho$  "seats" in the universal completion of  $L$  as an order dense Riesz subspace. This observation will be used in the next theorem.

**Theorem 1.3.** *If the normed Riesz space  $L_\rho$  satisfies the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property, then we have:*

- (i) *The norm completion  $\bar{L}_\rho$  of  $L_\rho$  satisfies the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property.*
- (ii)  $\rho(u) = \inf\{\lim \rho(u_n): \{u_n\} \subseteq L^+, u_n \uparrow \text{ and } u_n \wedge |u| \uparrow |u| \text{ in } \bar{L}_\rho\}$ , for every  $u$  in  $\bar{L}_\rho$ .

**Proof.** Let  $K$  be the universal completion of  $L$  [5, Theorem 50.8, p. 340]. Define  $\lambda$  on  $K$  by the formula:

$$\lambda(u) = \inf\{\lim \rho(u_n): \{u_n\} \subseteq L^+; u_n \uparrow \text{ and } u_n \wedge |u| \uparrow |u| \text{ in } K\}$$

with  $\inf \emptyset = +\infty$ . Then we have:

- (i)  $\lambda(u) = \rho(u)$  for all  $u$  in  $L$ .

To verify (i) use the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property of  $\rho$ .

(ii)  $\lambda(u) = \lambda(|u|)$  for all  $u$  in  $K$ , and  $\theta \leq u \leq v$  in  $K$  implies  $\lambda(u) \leq \lambda(v)$ .

(iii)  $\lambda(u) \geq 0$  for all  $u$  in  $K$  and  $\lambda(u) = 0$  implies  $u = \theta$ .

To see (iii) use the order density of  $L$  in  $K$ .

(iv)  $\lambda(u + v) \leq \lambda(u) + \lambda(v)$ ,  $\lambda(\alpha u) = |\alpha| \lambda(u)$  for all  $u, v$  in  $K$  and all  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(v) If  $\{u_n\} \subseteq L^+$  and  $\theta \leq u_n \uparrow u$  in  $K$ , then  $\rho(u_n) \uparrow \lambda(u)$ .

(vi) Let  $U = \{u \in K^+ : \theta \leq u_n \uparrow u, \text{ for some sequence } \{u_n\} \subseteq L^+\}$ .

Assume  $\theta \leq u_n \uparrow$  in  $K$ ,  $\{u_n\} \subseteq U$  and  $\lambda(u_n) \uparrow \alpha < +\infty$ . Then  $\theta \leq u_n \uparrow u$  in  $K$  and  $\lambda(u) = \alpha$  for some  $u$  in  $U$ .

To see (vi) pick  $\{u_{n,k} : k = 1, 2, \dots\} \subseteq L^+$  such that  $u_{n,k} \uparrow_k u_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ). Define  $w_n = \sup\{u_{i,n} : i = 1, \dots, n\} \in L^+$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) and note that  $\rho(w_n) \leq \alpha$  for all  $n$ . Now, let  $\theta < v \in L$ . Pick  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $m\rho(v) = \rho(mv) > \alpha$ , and observe that  $w_n \wedge mv \uparrow mv$  implies  $\rho(mv) \leq \alpha$ . So,  $\sup\{w_n \wedge mv : n = 1, 2, \dots\} < mv$ . This observation implies  $\theta \leq w_n \uparrow u$  in  $K$  [2, Proposition 1, p. 342]. (Since  $E$  is order dense in  $C_\infty(X)$ , observe that Fremlin's proof works if we replace the assumption "for every  $x > 0$  in  $C_\infty(X)$ " by "for every  $x > 0$  in  $E$ ".) Thus  $\theta \leq w_n \uparrow u$  and  $u \in U$ . Now, combine (v) with the relation  $w_n \leq u_n$  for all  $n$  to obtain  $\theta \leq u_n \uparrow u$  and  $\lambda(u) = \alpha$ .

(vii) Let  $\theta \leq u$ ,  $\lambda(u) < +\infty$  and let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then there exists  $v \in U$ ,  $u \leq v$  such that  $\lambda(v) \leq \lambda(u) + \epsilon$ .

To verify (vii), pick  $\{u_n\} \subseteq L^+$ ,  $u_n \uparrow$ ,  $u_n \wedge |u| \uparrow |u|$  and such that  $\lim \rho(u_n) \leq \lambda(u) + \epsilon$ . As in case (vi) note that  $u_n \uparrow v$  in  $K$  for some  $v$  of  $U$ . Now use (v) to obtain  $\lambda(v) \leq \lambda(u) + \epsilon$ .

(viii) Let  $L_\lambda = \{u \in K : \lambda(u) < +\infty\}$ . Then  $L_\lambda$  is a complete normed Riesz space.

For (viii) use (vii) and a routine argument to show that  $L_\lambda$  satisfies the Riesz-Fischer property and hence it is  $\lambda$ -complete [4, Theorem 26.3, Note VIII, p. 105].

(ix) The closure of  $L_\rho$  in  $L_\lambda$ ,  $\bar{L}_\rho$ , is the norm completion of  $L_\rho$ .

Now, let  $\theta \leq u_n \uparrow u$  in  $\bar{L}_\rho$ . Since  $L$  is order dense in  $K$ ,  $u_n \uparrow u$  also holds in  $K$ . Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , pick an element  $u_0$  in  $\bar{L}_\rho$ ,  $u \leq u_0$ ,  $u_0 \in U$  with  $\lambda(u_0 - u) < \epsilon$  (see [3, Theorem 60.3, p. 648]). Similarly pick  $v_n$  in  $\bar{L}_\rho$ ,  $u_n \leq v_n \leq u_0$ ,  $\lambda(v_n - u_n) \leq \epsilon/2^{n+1}$  and  $v_n \in U$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Put  $w_n = \sup\{v_i : i = 1, \dots, n\}$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) and note  $\lambda(w_n - u_n) \leq \epsilon$  and  $u_n \leq w_n \leq u_0$  for all  $n$ . Hence  $w_n \uparrow u_1 \leq u_0$  in  $L_\lambda$  and so  $u \leq u_1 \leq u_0$  in  $L_\lambda$ . But then  $\lambda(u) \leq \lambda(u_1) = \lim \lambda(w_n) \leq \lim \lambda(u_n) + \epsilon$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$ . Hence  $\lambda(u_n) \uparrow \lambda(u)$ , i.e.,

$\bar{L}_\rho$  satisfies the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property. Part (ii) follows immediately from the above construction.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.4.** *Let  $L_\rho$  be a normed Riesz space with norm completion  $\bar{L}_\rho$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (i)  $L_\rho$  satisfies the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property.
- (ii)  $\bar{L}_\rho$  satisfies the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property and  $L_\rho$  has  $(A, 0)$ .

**Proof.** To see that (ii) implies (i) use Theorem 61.5 of [3, p. 652].  $\square$

For  $L = C_{[0,1]}$  and  $\rho(u) = \int_0^1 |u(x)| dx$  we have  $\bar{L}_\rho = L_1([0, 1])$ . Note that  $\bar{L}_\rho$  satisfies the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property (in fact the  $(A, ii)$  property). However,  $L_\rho$  does not satisfy the  $(A, 0)$  property [5, Exercise 18.14(i), p. 104].

We close this section recalling a notion useful for the next section. A Riesz space  $L$  is called almost  $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete if it can be embedded as a super order dense Riesz subspace of a  $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete Riesz space  $K$ , i.e., if  $L$  is a Riesz subspace of  $K$  (more precisely  $L$  is Riesz isomorphic to a Riesz subspace of  $K$ ) such that for every  $\theta \leq u \in K$ , there exists a sequence  $\{u_n\} \subseteq L$  with  $\theta \leq u_n \uparrow u$  in  $K$  (see [1]).

**2. The quotient Riesz space.**  $L_\rho/I_\rho$ . The null ideal of a given seminormed Riesz space  $L_\rho$  is denoted by  $I_\rho$ , i.e.,  $I_\rho = \{u \in L : \rho(u) = 0\}$ . It is evident that  $I_\rho$  is a  $\sigma$ -ideal (resp. a band) if  $\rho$  satisfies the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property (resp. the Fatou property). It is also obvious that the quotient Riesz space  $L_\rho/I_\rho$  becomes a normed Riesz space under the norm  $[\rho]$  ( $[u] = \rho(u)$ ,  $[u]$  denotes the equivalence class of  $u$ ).

*Question:* If  $L_\rho$  satisfies the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property, does the normed Riesz space  $L_\rho/I_\rho$  satisfy the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property?

The next theorem gives a condition for the answer to be affirmative.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Assume that the seminormed Riesz space  $L_\rho$  satisfies the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property and that  $L$  is almost  $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete. Then the normed Riesz space  $L_\rho/I_\rho$  satisfies the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property.*

**Proof.** Let  $K$  be a  $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete Riesz space containing  $L$  as a super order dense Riesz subspace. We can assume that the ideal generated by  $L$  is all of  $K$ . Given  $u \in K$  pick  $\{u_n\} \subseteq L$  with  $\theta \leq u_n \uparrow |u|$  in  $K$  and define  $\lambda(u) = \lim \rho(u_n)$ . Note that  $\lambda(u)$  is independent of the sequence chosen and that  $\lambda$  is a Riesz seminorm of  $K$  with the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property and with  $\lambda = \rho$  on  $L$ .

Let  $L/I_\lambda$  be the canonical image of  $L$  in  $K_\lambda/I_\lambda$ . Observe that  $L_\rho/I_\rho$

is Riesz isomorphic to  $L/I_\lambda$  (the mapping  $[u] = u + I_\rho \rightarrow u + I_\lambda = [u]$  does it) and that the quotient norm  $[\rho]$  on  $L_\rho/I_\rho$  and the norm induced from  $K_\lambda/I_\lambda$  to  $L/I_\lambda$  coincide. Now let  $[\theta] \leq [u_n] \uparrow [u]$  in  $L_\rho/I_\rho$ , so  $[\theta] \leq [u_n] \uparrow [u]$  holds also in  $L/I_\lambda$ . We can assume  $\theta \leq u_n \uparrow \leq u$  in  $L$ , so  $\theta \leq u_n \uparrow v \leq u$  holds in  $K$  and hence  $[\theta] \leq [u_n] \uparrow [v]$  in  $K_\lambda/I_\lambda$  [5, Theorem 18.11, p. 103]. Since  $L/I_\lambda$  is order dense in  $K_\lambda/I_\lambda$ ,  $[u_n] \uparrow [u]$  also holds in  $K_\lambda/I_\lambda$  and hence  $[v] = [u]$ , so  $\lambda(v) = \lambda(u) = \rho(u)$ .

Thus  $[\rho]([u_n]) = \rho(u_n) = \lambda(u_n) \uparrow \lambda(v) = \rho(u) = [\rho]([u])$ , and the proof is finished.  $\square$

*Question:* If we replace the almost  $\sigma$ -Dedekind completeness of  $L$  by Archimedeaness is Theorem 2.1 still true?

The following example shows that the answer is negative in general.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $L$  be the Archimedean Riesz space  $C(\mathbb{R}_\infty)$ . ( $\mathbb{R}_\infty$  is the one point compactification of the real numbers considered with the discrete topology (see [5, Example (v), p. 141]). Note that  $L$  is not almost  $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete. Now, define the Riesz seminorm  $\rho$  on  $L$ , by  $\rho(u) = |u(\infty)| + \sup\{|u(n)| : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ . Note that  $\rho$  satisfies the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property but not the Fatou property. (In fact  $\rho$  satisfies the (A, i) property.) Note also that  $I_\rho$  is a band.

Now, let  $u_n = \chi_{\{1, \dots, n\}}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Then  $\theta \leq u_n \uparrow \leq e$  in  $L$  ( $e(x) = 1$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ) and  $\rho(u_n) = 1$  for all  $n$ . It is easily seen that  $[\theta] \leq [u_n] \uparrow [e]$  holds in  $L_\rho/I_\rho$ . But

$$[\rho]([u_n]) = \rho(u_n) = 1 \not\uparrow [\rho]([e]) = \rho(e) = 2.$$

Hence  $L_\rho/I_\rho$  does not satisfy the  $\sigma$ -Fatou property.  $\square$

A better situation holds if  $\rho$  satisfies the Fatou property. The next theorem tells us that  $L_\rho/I_\rho$  satisfies the Fatou property if  $L_\rho$  does.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $L_\rho$  be an Archimedean seminormed Riesz space with the Fatou property. Then the normed Riesz space  $L_\rho/I_\rho$  satisfies the Fatou property.

**Proof.** Repeat the proof of Theorem 2.1 replacing  $K$  by  $L^\delta$ , the Dedekind completion of  $L$ .  $\square$

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