

# THE THEORY OF $p$ -SPACES WITH AN APPLICATION TO CONVOLUTION OPERATORS<sup>(1)</sup>

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**Abstract.** The class of  $p$ -spaces is defined to consist of those Banach spaces  $B$  such that linear transformations between spaces of numerical  $L_p$ -functions naturally extend with the same bound to  $B$ -valued  $L_p$ -functions. Some properties of  $p$ -spaces are derived including norm inequalities which show that 2-spaces and Hilbert spaces are the same and that  $p$ -spaces are uniformly convex for  $1 < p < \infty$ . An  $L_q$ -space is a  $p$ -space iff  $p \leq q \leq 2$  or  $p \geq q \geq 2$ ; this leads to the theorem that, for an amenable group, a convolution operator on  $L_p$  gives a convolution operator on  $L_q$  with the same or smaller bound. Group representations in  $p$ -spaces are examined. Logical elementarity of notions related to  $p$ -spaces are discussed.

**0. Introduction.** Let  $R$  designate the field of real or complex numbers. We denote by  $\mathcal{B}$  the category whose objects are complete normed linear spaces over  $R$  and whose morphisms are the bounded  $R$ -linear transformations of norm  $\leq 1$ . Thus  $\mathcal{B}(B, C)$  is the unit ball of  $\text{HOM}(B, C)$ , the latter being the Banach space of all bounded  $R$ -linear transformations from  $B$  to  $C$ . The endofunctor  $C \mapsto \text{HOM}(B, C)$  has a left adjoint  $A \mapsto A \otimes B$ . In more concrete terms, the tensor product may be viewed this way: each element  $t \in A \otimes B$  has a representation  $t = \sum_1^\infty a_n \otimes b_n$  where  $\{a_n\} \subset A$ ,  $\{b_n\} \subset B$  and  $\|t\| \leq \sum \|a_n\| \|b_n\| < \infty$ , indeed  $\|t\|$  is the infimum of  $\sum \|a_n\| \|b_n\|$  taken over all representations. The concrete viewpoint is given only as a heuristic crutch.

Suppose  $(\mu)$  is a measure space and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . There is an obvious endofunctor  $L_p(\mu; \cdot)$  of the category  $\mathcal{B}$  and a natural epimorphism

$$\varepsilon_p(\mu): L_p(\mu; R) \otimes \cdot \rightarrow L_p(\mu; \cdot).$$

Suppose that  $(\nu)$  is also a measure space and  $\varphi: L_p(\mu; R) \rightarrow L_p(\nu; R)$  is a morphism.

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Given an object  $B$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  we may ask whether there exists a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L_p(\mu; B) & \xrightarrow{\varphi_B} & L_p(\nu; B) \\ \varepsilon_p(\mu, B) \uparrow & & \uparrow \varepsilon_p(\nu, B) \\ L_p(\mu; R) \otimes B & \xrightarrow{\varphi \otimes B} & L_p(\nu; R) \otimes B. \end{array}$$

Since  $\varepsilon_p(\mu, B)$  is an epimorphism, if the morphism  $\varphi_B$  exists it is unique.

Write  $\mathcal{L}_p$  to designate the full subcategory of  $\mathcal{B}$  whose objects are the  $L_p(\mu, R)$ -spaces. We shall say that an object  $B$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  is a  $p$ -space if for each  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_p$  there is a morphism  $\varphi_B$  such that the above diagram is commutative. The full subcategory of  $\mathcal{B}$  whose objects are  $p$ -spaces will be denoted by  $\mathcal{B}_p$ .

There is an equivalent characterization of  $p$ -spaces which is useful in the applications we have in mind. Given a Banach space  $B$ , write  $B' = \text{HOM}(B, R)$  for the conjugate space. Then there is a canonical morphism  $B \otimes B' \rightarrow R$ , called the "trace," which has the effect  $b \otimes b' \rightarrow \langle b, b' \rangle =$  the value of  $b'$  at  $b$ . ( $B \otimes B'$  may be viewed as the space of trace-class operators on  $B$ .) The trace induces a transformation

$$(E \otimes B) \otimes (F \otimes B') \xrightarrow{c_B} E \otimes F,$$

which is natural in  $E$  and  $F$ , called "tensor contraction," its effect is  $(e \otimes b) \otimes (f \otimes b') \rightarrow \langle b, b' \rangle e \otimes f$ . The examples of interest here are  $E = L_p(\mu; R)$ ,  $F = L_{p'}(\nu; R)$  where  $p'$  is the conjugate index to  $p$ :  $1/p + 1/p' = 1$ .

**THEOREM 0.** *A Banach space  $B$  is a  $p$ -space iff for each pair  $\mu, \nu$  of measure spaces there is a commutative diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L_p(\mu; B) \otimes L_{p'}(\nu; B') & \xrightarrow{\gamma_B} & L_p(\mu; R) \otimes L_{p'}(\nu; R) \\ \varepsilon_p(\mu, B) \otimes \uparrow \varepsilon_{p'}(\nu, B') & & \nearrow c_B \\ [L_p(\mu; R) \otimes B] \otimes [L_{p'}(\nu; R) \otimes B'] & & \end{array}$$

where  $c_B$  is tensor contraction.

Heuristically, the way to picture Theorem 0 is this. Suppose  $\mu$  is a Radon measure on a locally compact space  $X$  and  $\nu$  is a Radon measure on a locally compact space  $Y$ . Let  $u: X \rightarrow B$  and  $v: Y \rightarrow B'$  be continuous functions of compact support. Define  $\varphi: X \times Y \rightarrow R$  by  $\varphi(x, y) = \langle u(x), v(y) \rangle$  where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the pairing of  $B$  and  $B'$ . The condition that  $B$  is a  $p$ -space is that  $\varphi$  represent an element of  $L_p(\mu; R) \otimes L_{p'}(\nu; R)$  where norm satisfies  $\|\varphi\| \leq \|u\|_p \|v\|_{p'}$ .

The fundamental theorem on the Bochner integral [1] is that for all measure spaces  $\mu$  the transformation

$$\varepsilon(\mu): L_1(\mu; R) \otimes \cdot \rightarrow L_1(\mu; \cdot)$$

is a natural isomorphism. Thus  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1$ , and we may restrict our attention to  $\mathcal{B}_p$

for  $1 < p < \infty$ . The only other complete characterization available is  $\mathcal{B}_2 = \mathcal{L}_2 =$  Hilbert spaces. The main analytical result in this paper is

**THEOREM 1.** *Suppose  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ . If  $p \leq q \leq 2$  or  $p \geq q \geq 2$  then  $\mathcal{L}_q \subset \mathcal{B}_p$ . In all other cases the only  $\mathcal{L}_q$ -spaces which are  $p$ -spaces are 0 and  $R$ .*

The point of insisting on a categorical approach is that the genuine analytic content of Theorem 1 involves only finite-dimensional Banach spaces and rests on a result of Paul Lévy, see §2 below. Indeed, the affirmative part of Theorem 1 for real scalars could be deduced from the special case already given by Marcinkiewicz and Zygmund [7].

We have in mind applications to group representations. Let  $G$  designate a locally compact group. A *representation*  $\xi$  of  $G$  consists of a complex Banach space  $E(\xi)$  and a continuous homomorphism  $U_\xi: G \rightarrow \text{AUT}_s E(\xi)$ , the group of automorphisms (isometries) of  $E(\xi)$  endowed with the strong operator topology. A morphism  $\xi \xrightarrow{h} \eta$  of representations in a morphism  $E(\xi) \xrightarrow{h} E(\eta)$  of Banach spaces such that  $U_\eta(x) \circ h = h \circ U_\xi(x)$  for each  $x \in G$ . We obtain a category  $\text{Rep}(G)$  in which sums, tensor products, etc. are easily defined in the obvious way. Isomorphism classes of representations form too fine a distinction, e.g. there is one isomorphism class of trivial representation for each isomorphism class of Banach spaces. To avoid this difficulty the following procedure is used. Given a representation  $\xi$  let  $E = E(\xi)$ , and let  $E' = \text{HOM}(E, C)$  be the conjugate Banach space. Then there is a morphism  $E \otimes E' \xrightarrow{\Pi(\xi)} C_u(G)$ , the space of bounded uniformly continuous functions on  $G$  in the supremum norm, defined by  $\Pi(\xi)(e \otimes f)(x) = f(U_\xi(x)e)$ . The coimage of  $\Pi(\xi)$  is called the space of  $\xi$ -representative functions, and it is denoted by  $A(\xi)$ . Thus  $A(\xi)$  is a Banach space whose elements are canonically identified with certain bounded uniformly continuous functions on  $G$ ; the norm in  $A(\xi)$  is the quotient norm from  $E \otimes E'$ . *Example.*  $\xi$  is trivial iff  $A(\xi) =$  constant functions.

For the sum of representations it is clear that addition of functions gives an epimorphism  $A(\xi) + A(\eta) \rightarrow A(\xi + \eta)$ .

Similarly, for the tensor product of representations, multiplication of functions gives a morphism  $A(\xi) \otimes A(\eta) \rightarrow A(\xi \otimes \eta)$ .

Of particular interest are the regular representations. Let  $L_p(G; \cdot)$  designate the functor arising from the left-invariant Haar measure on  $G$ . A functor  $\lambda_p: \text{Rep}(G) \rightarrow \text{Rep}(G)$  is defined by putting  $\lambda_p(\xi)$  the representation whose representation space is  $E(\lambda_p(\xi)) = L_p(G; E(\xi))$  and whose operators are given  $x \rightarrow U(x)$  where  $U(x)f(y) = U_\xi(x)f(x^{-1}y)$ , the element  $f \in L_p(G; E(\xi))$  being viewed as a function on  $G$  with values in  $E(\xi)$ . The representation  $\lambda_p(C)$  ( $C$  being the trivial representation on  $C$ ) is called the *left-regular representation* on  $L_p$ . We write  $A_p = A(\lambda_p(C))$ . (Had we used the right-regular representation we would have gotten the same  $A_p$ .) There are two important remarks to make about the representation  $\lambda_p(\xi)$ .

REMARK I. Given a representation  $\xi$ , let  $\xi^0$  designate the trivial representation with the same representation space. Then there is a natural isomorphism  $\lambda_p(\xi) \xrightarrow{T(\xi)} \lambda_p(\xi^0)$  of representations given by  $T(\xi)f(y) = U_\xi(y^{-1})f(y)$  for  $f \in L_p(G; E(\xi))$ .

REMARK II. Multiplication of functions gives a morphism  $A_p \otimes A(\xi) \rightarrow A(\lambda_p(\xi))$ . The relevance of  $p$ -spaces in representation theory is a consequence of

LEMMA 0. *If  $B \neq 0$  is a  $p$ -space then  $A(\lambda_p(B)) = A_p$ .*

**Proof.** Recall that  $A(\xi)$  is in general defined as the coimage of  $E(\xi) \otimes E'(\xi) \xrightarrow{\Pi(\xi)} C_u(G)$ . Let  $L_p(G; B) \otimes L_{p'}(G; B) \xrightarrow{\gamma_B} L_p(G; C) \otimes L_{p'}(G; C)$  be the morphism of Theorem 0. Then

$$\Pi(\lambda_p(B)) = \Pi(\lambda_p(C)) \circ \gamma_B.$$

Since  $\gamma_B$  is an extremal epimorphism, taking coimages gives the desired equality.

Combining this last result with Remarks I and II gives

THEOREM A. *If  $\xi$  is a representation in a  $p$ -space  $E(\xi)$ , then multiplication of functions gives a morphism  $A_p \otimes A(\xi) \rightarrow A_p$ .*

Taking  $\xi = \lambda_p(C)$  we get

COROLLARY.  *$A_p$  is a Banach algebra under pointwise addition and multiplication of functions.*

A deeper result which depends on Theorem 1 is

THEOREM B. *If  $p \leq q \leq 2$  or  $p \geq q \geq 2$  then multiplication of functions gives a morphism  $A_p \otimes A_q \rightarrow A_p$ .*

**Proof.** Take  $\xi = \lambda_q(C)$  in Theorem A.

For amenable groups Theorem B has some powerful implications. One can show that the conjugate Banach space to  $A_p$  is canonically isomorphic to  $\text{CONV}_p$ , the operators on  $L_p(G; C)$  which commute with right-translations. The result is

THEOREM C. *Let  $G$  be an amenable group and suppose  $p \leq q \leq 2$  or  $p \geq q \geq 2$ . Then identification of functions gives a morphism  $A_q \rightarrow A_p$ . Dually there is a morphism  $\text{CONV}_q \rightarrow \text{CONV}_p$ , i.e. convolution operators on  $L_p(G; C)$  are convolution operators on  $L_q(G; C)$  with contraction of norms.*

The details of Theorem C will be given elsewhere. One remark is in order. The right-regular representations give the same  $A_p$ , and one finds that if  $\check{f}(x) = f(x^{-1})$  then  $f \mapsto \check{f}$  is an isomorphism of  $A_p$  with  $A_{p'}$ . For commutative groups  $A_p = A_{p'}$ , and Theorem C is an easy deduction from the Riesz Convexity Theorem. On the other hand it is not known whether for any noncommutative group one has  $A_p = A_{p'}$  when  $p \neq 2$ . Thus the only known proof of Theorem C depends on Theorem 1 above.

1. **Preliminaries.** We define a measure space  $(\mu)$  to be a Boolean  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{M}_\mu$  together with a countably additive function  $\mu: \mathcal{M}_\mu \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$  such that for  $E \in \mathcal{M}_\mu$ ,  $\mu(E) = \sup \{\mu(F) : E \supset F \in \mathcal{M}_\mu, \mu(F) < \infty\}$  and  $\mu(E) = 0$  iff  $E = \emptyset$ , the minimum element of  $\mathcal{M}_\mu$ . For  $1 \leq p < \infty$  the functors  $L_p(\mu; \cdot)$  on  $\mathcal{B}$  are constructed by the following procedure. Put  $\mathcal{D}_\mu$  for the directed set whose objects  $\Delta$  are finite collections of disjoint elements  $D \in \mathcal{M}_\mu$  with  $0 < \mu(D) < \infty$  and whose morphisms are  $\Gamma < \Delta$  when each element of  $\Gamma$  is a union of elements of  $\Delta$ . Given a Banach space  $B$  put  $L_p(\mu\Delta; B)$  for the vector space of functions  $f: \Delta \rightarrow B$  with the norm  $\|f\| = \{\sum_{D \in \Delta} |f(D)|_B^p \mu(D)\}^{1/p}$ . If  $\Gamma < \Delta$  there is a natural extremal monomorphism  $L_p(\mu\Gamma; B) \xrightarrow{i(\Gamma, \Delta)} L_p(\mu\Delta; B)$  defined by  $f \mapsto g$  where  $g(D) = f(C)$  if  $\Delta \ni D \subset C \in \Gamma$  and  $g(D) = 0$  if  $D \in \Delta$  meets no element of  $\Gamma$ . The inductive limit of the direct system of functors  $L_p(\mu\Delta; \cdot)$  is, by definition,  $L_p(\mu; \cdot)$ . The natural "inclusions"  $i(\Gamma, \Delta)$  have natural retractions  $r(\Delta, \Gamma)$  where  $L_p(\mu\Delta; B) \xrightarrow{r(\Delta, \Gamma)} L_p(\mu\Gamma; B)$  is defined by  $g \mapsto f$  where  $f(C) = \mu(C)^{-1} \sum_{D \subset C} g(D) \mu(D)$ . In the limit one has

$$L_p(\mu\Delta; \cdot) \xrightarrow{i(\Delta)} L_p(\mu; \cdot) \xrightarrow{r(\Delta)} L_p(\mu\Delta; \cdot)$$

where  $i$  is "inclusion,"  $r$  is "conditional expectation," and  $r \circ i = \text{id}$ .

The projective limit of  $L_p(\mu\Delta; \cdot) \xrightarrow{r(\Delta\Gamma)} L_p(\mu\Gamma; \cdot)$  taken with  $\mathcal{D}_\mu$  as an inverse system yields functors  $\bar{L}_p(\mu; \cdot)$ . There are natural extremal monomorphisms  $L_p(\mu; \cdot) \subset \bar{L}_p(\mu; \cdot)$ . Moreover, if  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $1/p + 1/p' = 1$  there is a natural identification of  $\bar{L}_{p'}(\mu; B')$  with the conjugate space of  $L_p(\mu; B)$ ; this is a triviality since conjugation takes inductive limits into projective limits. What is not banal are conditions under which  $L_p(\mu; B)$  and  $\bar{L}_p(\mu; B)$  coincide. If, however, one knows a priori that  $L_p(\mu; B)$  is reflexive it is immediate that it coincides with  $\bar{L}_p(\mu; B)$  and has  $L_{p'}(\mu; B')$  for conjugate space; fortunately this simple remark is all that is needed here.

The definition of  $L_p(\mu; \cdot)$  given above is technically very convenient and side-steps pathologies. It requires only a little care to convert other definitions into the form used here. For example, suppose  $X$  is a locally compact Hausdorff space. Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be the collection of compact subsets of  $X$ . A Radon measure on  $X$  is a function  $\mu: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  with the properties: (1)  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ ; (2)  $\mu(K) \leq \mu(L)$  if  $K \subset L$ ; (3)  $\mu(K \cup L) = \mu(K) + \mu(L)$  if  $K \cap L = \emptyset$ ; (4) if  $K \subset M$  then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $L \subset M \setminus K$  such that  $\mu(M) < \mu(K) + \mu(L) + \varepsilon$ . One can then prove that there exists a unique countably-additive set-function, also denoted by  $\mu$ , defined on the Borel field of  $X$  such that  $\mu(E) = \sup \{\mu(K) : E \supset K \in \mathcal{K}\}$ . A measure space  $(\mu)$  is obtained by taking  $\mathcal{M}_\mu$  to be the Borel sets modulo Borel sets of measure 0. Let  $\tilde{L}_p(\mu; B)$  be defined as the Banach space obtained from the vector space of continuous maps  $f: X \rightarrow B$  of compact support endowed with the pseudonorm  $\|f\|_p = \{\int |f|_B d\mu\}^{1/p}$ . It is very easy to see that one has natural transformations

$$L_p(\mu\Delta; B) \xrightarrow{i(\Delta)} \tilde{L}_p(\mu; \cdot) \xrightarrow{\tilde{r}(\Delta)} L_p(\mu\Delta; \cdot)$$

where  $\tilde{r}(\Delta)$  is "conditional expectation" and  $\tilde{i}(\Delta)$  arises by lifting the elements of  $\Delta$  to Borel sets in  $X$  and approximating the indicator function of a Borel set of finite measure in the  $L_p$ -norm by continuous functions of compact support. In the limit one has

$$L_p(\mu; \cdot) \xrightarrow{\tilde{i}} \tilde{L}_p(\mu; \cdot) \xrightarrow{\tilde{r}} \bar{L}_p(\mu; \cdot)$$

where  $\tilde{r} \circ \tilde{i}$  in the inclusion of  $L_p$  in  $\bar{L}_p$ . Since  $\tilde{r}$  is obviously a monomorphism,  $\tilde{i}$  must be an isomorphism.

The particular convenience here of the given definition of  $L_p$ -spaces rests on two observations. The natural diagram (in  $B$ )

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L_p(\mu\Delta; B) & \xrightarrow{i(\Delta, B)} & L_p(\mu; B) \\ \varepsilon_p(\mu\Delta, B) \uparrow & & \uparrow \varepsilon_p(\mu, B) \\ L_p(\mu\Delta; R) \otimes B & \xrightarrow{i(\Delta, R) \otimes B} & L_p(\mu; R) \otimes B \end{array}$$

is commutative and the right-hand side is the inductive limit of the left-hand side. The natural diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L_p(\nu; B) & \xrightarrow{r(\Gamma, B)} & L_p(\nu\Gamma; B) \\ \varepsilon_p(\nu, B) \uparrow & & \uparrow \varepsilon_p(\nu\Gamma, B) \\ L_p(\nu; R) \otimes B & \xrightarrow{r(\Gamma, R) \otimes B} & L_p(\nu\Gamma; R) \otimes B \end{array}$$

is commutative, and although the left-hand side is not always the projective limit of the right-hand side (it is if  $B$  is a  $p$ -space) the image of

$$L_p(\nu; R) \otimes B \rightarrow \text{proj lim } [L_p(\nu\Gamma; R) \otimes B] \rightarrow \text{proj lim } L_p(\nu\Gamma; B) = \bar{L}_p(\nu; B)$$

lies in the subspace  $L_p(\nu; B)$  of  $\bar{L}_p(\nu; B)$ . It is easy to verify that any morphism  $\varphi: L_p(\mu; R) \rightarrow L_p(\nu; R)$  is sufficiently well approximated by the morphism  $r(\Gamma, R) \circ \varphi \circ i(\Delta, R)$  where  $\Delta \in \mathcal{D}_\mu$  and  $\Gamma \in \mathcal{D}_\nu$  that if for a given Banach space  $B$  and each  $\Gamma, \Delta$  there is a morphism  $\varphi_B(\Gamma, \Delta): L_p(\mu\Delta; B) \rightarrow L_p(\nu\Gamma; B)$  such that

$$\varphi_B(\Gamma, \Delta) \circ \varepsilon_p(\mu\Delta; B) = \varepsilon_p(\nu\Gamma; B) \circ \{[r(\Gamma, R) \circ \varphi \circ i(\Delta, R)] \otimes B\}$$

then  $\varphi_B = \text{proj lim}_{\mathcal{D}_\nu} \text{ind}_{\mathcal{D}_\mu} \varphi_B(\Gamma, \Delta)$  has the property that  $\varphi_B \circ \varepsilon_p(\mu; B) = \varepsilon_p(\nu; B) \circ (\varphi \otimes B)$ . The functors  $L_p(\mu\Delta; \cdot)$  are naturally isomorphic to  $L_p(m; \cdot)$  where  $m$  is the cardinality  $|\Delta|$ . Thus the test for whether a Banach space  $B$  is a  $p$ -space may be reduced to the consideration of morphisms  $\varphi: L_p(m; R) \rightarrow L_p(n; R)$  where  $m$  and  $n$  range over the natural numbers. A restatement of this fact is

**PROPOSITION 0.** *Given a pair  $m, n$  of natural numbers, say for a Banach space  $B$  that  $B \in \mathcal{B}_p(m, n)$  if*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left| \sum_{j=1}^m M_{ij} b_j \right|_B^p \leq \sum_{k=1}^m |b_k|^p$$

for each  $m$ -tuple  $b_1, \dots, b_m \in B$  and each matrix  $M$  with  $m$  columns and  $n$  rows having entries in  $R$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left| \sum_{j=1}^m M_{ij} r_j \right|^p \leq \sum_{k=1}^m |r_k|^p$$

for all  $m$ -tuples  $r_1, \dots, r_m \in R$ . Then the class of  $p$ -spaces is characterized by  $\mathcal{B}_p = \bigcap_{m,n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{B}_p(m, n)$ .

REMARK. As will be seen in Lemma 1, the elements of  $\mathcal{B}_p(2, 2)$  already have the Clarkson inequalities, in particular  $\mathcal{B}_2 = \mathcal{B}_2(2, 2) =$  Hilbert spaces. It seems unlikely, however, that  $\mathcal{B}_p = \mathcal{B}_p(m, n)$  for any finite  $m, n$  if  $p \neq 1, 2$ .

Many properties of  $p$ -spaces can be derived from abstract arguments. In a category with pullbacks and pushouts we say that a monomorphism  $i$  is an *extremal monomorphism* if  $i = f \circ g$  and  $g$  is an epimorphism imply that  $g$  is an isomorphism. If  $A \xrightarrow{i} B$  is an extremal monomorphism we say that  $A$  is a *subobject* of  $B$ . In the category of Banach spaces, extremal monomorphism = isometry; hence a subspace has the same norm as the ambient space. Dually for *extremal epimorphisms* and *quotients*. Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a directed set and  $\mathcal{B}$  a complete category; given a functor  $F: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  such that whenever  $x, y \in \mathcal{D}$  and  $x < y$  the morphism  $F(x) \rightarrow F(y)$  is an extremal monomorphism, we say that the inductive limit,  $\text{ind } \lim_{\mathcal{D}} F$  is a *direct union*.

If  $\mathcal{B}$  is a category with a terminal object and  $\mathcal{S}$  is a category with objects  $a, b, z$  and morphisms  $a \rightarrow b, a \rightarrow z$ , then the inductive limit of a functor  $F: \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  such that  $F(z) = 0$  is called a "cokernel." A cokernel is a quotient, and the converse is true in some categories, e.g. Banach spaces. Inductive limits commute with each other; so that to show that an inductive limit has certain properties with respect to  $L_p(\mu; \cdot)$  functors it is often sufficient to consider only  $L_p(\mathbf{m}; \cdot)$  with  $m$  a natural number, e.g.  $L_p(\mu; \cdot)$  commutes with direct unions and preserves extremal epimorphisms (view these as cokernels). Also  $L_p(\mu; \cdot)$  preserves extremal monomorphisms (although tensor products do not in general). The following list gives obvious results.

PROPOSITION 1. *A subspace of a  $p$ -space is a  $p$ -space.*

PROPOSITION 2. *A direct union of  $p$ -spaces is a  $p$ -space.*

PROPOSITION 3. *A quotient of a  $p$ -space is a  $p$ -space.*

PROPOSITION 4.  *$B \in \mathcal{B}_p$  iff  $B' \in \mathcal{B}_p$ .*

PROPOSITION 5. *If  $B$  is a  $p$ -space so is  $L_p(\mu; B)$  for any measure space  $(\mu)$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are  $p$ -spaces so is  $A \oplus_p B$ , the completion of  $A + B$  for the norm  $\|(a, b)\| = \{|a|_A^p + |b|_B^p\}^{1/p}$ .*

Some remarks.

REMARK 1. A Banach space  $B$  is a  $p$ -space iff each finite-dimensional subspace is a  $p$ -space.

REMARK 2. The serious problems about  $p$ -spaces may be stated in terms of the range  $1 < p \leq 2$ .

REMARK 3. For any pair  $(\mu, \nu)$  of measure spaces there is a measure space  $(\mu \times \nu)$  such that  $L_p(\mu; L_p(\nu, R))$ ,  $L_p(\nu; L_p(\mu, R))$ , and  $L_p(\mu \times \nu; R)$  are canonically isomorphic. Thus spaces of the form  $L_p(\mu; R)$  together with their subspaces and quotients spaces are the only obvious  $p$ -spaces when  $1 < p < \infty$ ; no examples of  $p$ -spaces are known to me which are not obtained this way.

The next is an example of how abstract methods may be used.

**Proof of Theorem 0.** Since tensor products commute with inductive limits, to prove the existence of the required morphism

$$\gamma_B: L_p(\mu; B) \otimes L_{p'}(\nu; B') \rightarrow L_p(\mu; R) \otimes L_{p'}(\nu; R)$$

for arbitrary measure spaces  $\mu, \nu$  it suffices to consider the cases  $\mu = \mathbf{m}, \nu = \mathbf{n}$  where  $m$  and  $n$  range over the natural numbers. Now suppose  $B$  is finite dimensional. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are finite-dimensional Banach spaces then  $X \otimes Y'$  and  $\text{HOM}(X, Y)$  are conjugate to each other. Thus the existence of

$$\gamma_B: L_p(\mathbf{m}; B) \otimes L_{p'}(\mathbf{n}; B') \rightarrow L_p(\mathbf{m}; R) \otimes L_{p'}(\mathbf{n}; R)$$

is equivalent to the existence of a conjugate morphism

$$\delta_B: \text{HOM}(L_p(\mathbf{m}; R), L_p(\mathbf{n}; R)) \rightarrow \text{HOM}(L_p(\mathbf{m}; B), L_p(\mathbf{n}; B))$$

where  $\varphi_B = \delta_B(\varphi)$  is exactly the morphism required in the definition of  $p$ -space. In view of Proposition 0, we have proved Theorem 0 for finite-dimensional Banach spaces  $B$ . Now let  $B$  be an arbitrary Banach space and  $F \xrightarrow{i} B$  a finite-dimensional subspace;  $m$  and  $n$  are kept fixed in all that follows. Suppose the required morphism  $\gamma_B$  exists. Then we get a morphism

$$\gamma_{F,B}: L_p(\mathbf{m}; F) \otimes L_{p'}(\mathbf{n}; B') \rightarrow L_p(\mathbf{m}; R) \otimes L_{p'}(\mathbf{n}; R)$$

given by  $\gamma_{F,B} = \gamma_B \circ (L_p(\mathbf{m}; i) \otimes L_{p'}(\mathbf{n}; B'))$ . Now  $B' \xrightarrow{i'} F'$  is an extremal epimorphism; hence so is  $L_{p'}(\mathbf{n}; i')$ ; and therefore  $L_p(\mathbf{m}; F) \otimes L_{p'}(\mathbf{n}; i')$  is an extremal epimorphism whose kernel is obviously contained in the kernel of  $\gamma_{F,B}$ . It follows that  $\gamma_{F,B}$  must factor through  $L_p(\mathbf{m}; F) \otimes L_{p'}(\mathbf{n}; F')$ ; this gives the existence of  $\gamma_F$ . Conversely, if  $\gamma_F$  exists we may define  $\gamma_{F,B}$  by  $\gamma_{F,B} = \gamma_F \circ (L_p(\mathbf{m}; E) \otimes L_{p'}(\mathbf{n}; i'))$ . Assuming that  $\gamma_F$  exists for every finite-dimensional subspace  $F$ , the morphism  $\gamma_B = \text{ind lim}_F \gamma_{F,B}$  has the required properties.

**2. Subspaces of  $\mathcal{L}_p$ -spaces.** To say that a Banach space  $B$  is a subspace of an  $\mathcal{L}_p$ -space is to say that there exists a measure space  $(\mu)$  and an extremal monomorphism  $B \xrightarrow{i} L_p(\mu; R)$ . A continuous function  $\psi$  defined on a group  $X$  is negative-



definite if  $\sum \psi(x_i - x_j) c_i \bar{c}_j \leq 0$  for all finite collections,  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  and  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in C$  with  $\sum c_i = 0$ .

**THEOREM 2.** *A Banach space  $B$  is a subspace of an  $\mathcal{L}_p$ -space,  $1 \leq p \leq 2$ , iff  $x \mapsto \|x\|^p$  is a negative-definite function on  $B$ . (Equivalently  $x \mapsto \exp(-\|x\|^p)$  is a positive-definite function on  $B$ .)*

**COROLLARY 1.** *If  $p \leq q \leq 2$  then an  $\mathcal{L}_q$ -space is a subspace of an  $\mathcal{L}_p$ -space.*

**Proof of Corollary 1.** A theorem of Bochner [2] states that if  $\psi$  is a positive-valued negative-definite function and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  then  $\psi^\alpha$  is negative-definite. If  $B$  is an  $\mathcal{L}_q$ -space then  $\psi(x) = \|x\|^q$  is negative-definite by Theorem 2; hence  $x \mapsto \|x\|^p$ , which is  $\psi^\alpha$  for  $\alpha = p/q$ , is negative-definite.

**COROLLARY 2.** *If  $p \leq q \leq 2$  or  $p \geq q \geq 2$  then  $\mathcal{L}_q \subset \mathcal{B}_p$ .*

**Proof of Corollary 2.** By Propositions 1 and 2 it follows from Corollary 1 for finite-dimensional  $\mathcal{L}_q$  spaces with  $p \leq q \leq 2$  that  $\mathcal{L}_q \subset \mathcal{B}_p$  since  $\mathcal{L}_p \subset \mathcal{B}_p$  is already known (and obvious). If  $p \geq q \geq 2$  then  $\mathcal{L}_q \subset \mathcal{B}_{p'}$  which implies  $\mathcal{L}_q \subset \mathcal{B}_p$ .

The necessity of the condition of Theorem 2 is banal. One has only to prove that  $x \mapsto \|x\|^p$  is negative-definite on  $L_p(\mu; R)$  since the condition is obviously hereditary. On the other hand it is clearly preserved by direct unions; so it is sufficient to prove it for  $L_p(m; R)$ . For  $x \in L_p(m; R)$  one has  $\|x\|^p = |x_1|^p + \dots + |x_m|^p$ ; and the sum of negative-definite functions is negative-definite. Therefore the only question is whether  $x \mapsto |x|^p$  is negative-definite on  $R$ . Now  $\psi(x) = |x|^2$  is obviously negative-definite on  $R$  (whether  $R = \mathbf{R}$  or  $\mathbf{C}$ ), and  $|x|^p = \psi^\alpha(x)$  for  $\alpha = p/2 \leq 1$ .

The real version of Theorem 2 is known. For finite-dimensional real Banach spaces it was observed by the author [5] to be a consequence of a theorem of Paul Lévy [6, §63] on symmetric stable laws in several variables. The extension to the infinite-dimensional case is due to Bretagnolle, Dacunha-Castelle, and Krivine [3]. We do not need this extension, but we wish to comment later on the proof, see §4.

A complex Banach space  $B$  is a real Banach space equipped with an automorphism  $i$  such that  $i^2 = -\text{id}$  and  $\|\cos \theta b + \sin \theta(ib)\| = \|b\|$  for all  $b \in B$  and all  $\theta \in \mathbf{R}$ . The complex case of Theorem 2 follows from the next (the condition that  $x \mapsto \|x\|^p$  be negative-definite does not depend on whether real or complex scalars are used).

**PROPOSITION 6.** *Let  $B$  be a complex Banach space and  $B_{\mathbf{R}}$  the same space viewed as a real Banach space. For each real morphism  $B_{\mathbf{R}} \xrightarrow{\varphi} L_p(\mu; \mathbf{R})$  there is a complex morphism  $B \xrightarrow{\psi} L_p(\mu; \mathbf{C})$  given by  $\psi(b) = c_p \varphi(b) - i c_p \varphi(ib)$  where  $c_p$  is a universal constant depending only on  $p$ . If  $\varphi$  is an isometry so is  $\psi$ .*

**Proof.** There is a constant  $c_p$  such that

$$(2\pi)^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} |\operatorname{Re}(e^{i\theta} z)|^p d\theta = c_p^p |z|^p$$

for each  $z \in C$ . Observe that for each  $b \in B$ ,  $\varphi(e^{i\theta}b) = \operatorname{Re}\{e^{i\theta}\psi(b)\}c_p^{-1}$ . Since  $\|\varphi(e^{i\theta}b)\| \leq \|b\|$  for each  $\theta$  it follows that

$$\int |\operatorname{Re}\{e^{i\theta}\psi(b)\}|^p d\mu \leq c_p^p \|b\|^p.$$

Integrating with respect to  $d\theta$  and interchanging the order of integration we get  $\int |\psi(b)|^p d\mu \leq \|b\|^p$  which is what was to be proved, since  $b \rightarrow \psi(b)$  is obviously complex linear.

**3. Properties of  $p$ -spaces.** The affirmative part of Theorem 1 is a corollary of Theorem 2; the negative part follows from Lemmas 1 and 2 below. Indeed, Lemma 1 asserts that the elements of  $\mathcal{B}_p(2, 2)$  must satisfy certain inequalities on the norm that were obtained for  $\mathcal{L}_p$ -spaces by Clarkson [4]. In particular, for  $1 < p < \infty$ , a space in  $\mathcal{B}_p(2, 2)$  is uniformly convex. Combining the Clarkson inequalities with Lemma 2, one gets that the only  $\mathcal{L}_q$ -spaces in  $\mathcal{B}_p(3, 2)$  with  $q < p \leq 2$  or  $q > p \geq 2$  are 0 and  $R$ . After Lemma 3 one has the following, even for  $\mathcal{B}_p(3, 3)$ .

**PROPOSITION 7.** *Suppose  $1 < p < \infty$ . Then a  $p$ -space is uniformly convex, hence reflexive, and its norm function is strongly differentiable everywhere except at the origin.*

The lemmas below are all based on elementary calculations using well-chosen morphisms  $L_p(\mathbf{m}; R) \rightarrow L_p(\mathbf{n}; R)$ .

**LEMMA 1.** *If  $B \in \mathcal{B}_p$  then for all  $x, y \in B$*

$$\|x+y\|^p + \|x-y\|^p \leq 2^r (\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p), \quad r = \max(1, p-1).$$

**Proof.**  $(\xi, \eta) \mapsto 2^{-r/p}(\xi + \eta, \xi - \eta)$  is an endomorphism of  $L_p(\mathbf{2}, R)$ .

**COROLLARY.**  $\mathcal{L}_q \cap \mathcal{B}_p = \{0, R\}$  unless  $q$  is between  $p$  and  $p'$ .

**Proof.** Each  $\mathcal{L}_q$ -space other than 0 or  $R$  contains a subspace isomorphic to  $L_q(\mathbf{2}, R)$ . Hence it suffices to show that  $L_q(\mathbf{2}, R) \notin \mathcal{B}_p$ . Take  $x = (1, 1)$  and  $y = (1, -1)$  and look at the inequality of Lemma 1. We have  $\|x+y\| = \|x-y\| = 2$  while  $\|x\| = \|y\| = 2^{1/q}$ . For  $p \leq 2$  we must have  $2 \cdot 2^p \leq 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2^{p/q}$ , i.e.  $q \leq p'$ . For  $p \geq 2$  the inequality is  $2 \cdot 2^p \leq 2^{p-1} \cdot 2 \cdot 2^{p/q}$ , i.e.  $q \leq p$ . Therefore  $q \leq \max(p, p')$ . With  $x = (1, 0)$  and  $y = (0, 1)$  we get  $q \geq \min(p, p')$ .

**COROLLARY.**  $\mathcal{B}_2 = \text{Hilbert spaces}$ .

**Proof.** For  $p=2$ , the inequality of Lemma 1 forces equality.

**LEMMA 2.** *Suppose  $2 \leq p < \infty$  and  $B \in \mathcal{B}_p$ . Then for  $x, h \in B$  with  $\|x\| = 1$  and  $\|h\| \leq 1$  we have*

$$\|x+h\|^p + \|x-h\|^p - 2\|x\|^p \leq 2^{p-2}p(p-1)\|h\|^2.$$

**Proof.** Let  $\alpha$  with  $0 < \alpha < 1$  be given. Then there exists  $\beta$  with  $0 < \beta < 2$  such that the maximum,  $\gamma$ , of  $|\xi + \alpha\eta|^p + |\xi - \alpha\eta|^p + |\beta\eta|^p$  on the "sphere"  $\xi^p + \eta^p = 1$  is

achieved at  $\xi = \eta = 2^{-1/p}$ . Then  $(\xi, \eta) \rightarrow \gamma^{-1}(\xi + \alpha\eta, \xi - \alpha\eta, \beta\eta)$  is a morphism  $L_p(2, R) \rightarrow L_p(3, R)$ . Hence if  $B \in \mathcal{B}_p$  and  $x, y \in B$  with  $\|x\| = 1 = \|y\|$  we must have

$$\|x + \alpha y\|^p + \|x - \alpha y\|^p + \|\beta y\|^p \leq (1 + \alpha)^p + (1 - \alpha)^p + \beta^p.$$

Putting  $h = \alpha y$  gives

$$\|x + h\|^p + \|x - h\|^p - 2 \leq (1 + \|h\|)^p + (1 - \|h\|)^p - 2.$$

COROLLARY.  $\mathcal{L}_q \cap \mathcal{B}_p = \{0, R\}$  if  $q < 2 \leq p < \infty$ .

**Proof.** It suffices to show that  $L_q(2, R) \notin \mathcal{B}_p$ . Take  $x = (1, 0)$  and  $h = (0, \alpha)$ . The inequality of the lemma gives

$$2(1 + \alpha^q)^{p/q} - 2 \leq 2^{p-2}p(p-1)\alpha^2$$

which cannot hold for small  $\alpha$  since  $(1 + \alpha^q)^{p/q} - 1 \sim (p/q)\alpha^q$  as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ .

LEMMA 3. For  $B \in \mathcal{B}_p$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ , the function  $x \mapsto \|x\|^p$  is differentiable on  $B$ .

**Proof.** Given  $x, u \in B$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} t^{-1}\{\|x + tu\|^p - \|x\|^p\} = F(x; u)$  always exists. The problem is to show that for each  $x \in B$ ,  $F(x; \cdot)$  is a real-linear function on  $B$ . We henceforth regard  $B$  as a real Banach space. The proof of Lemma 2 shows that  $F(x; -u) = -F(x; u)$  for all  $x, u \in B$ . Consider the matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

as an element of  $\text{HOM}(L_p(3; C), L_p(3; C))$ . When  $p = 1$ ,  $\|M\| = 3$ , when  $p = 2$ ,  $\|M\| = 3^{1/2}$ . Hence by the Riesz Convexity Theorem,  $3^{-1/p}M$  gives a morphism  $L_p(3; R) \rightarrow L_p(3; R)$  for  $1 \leq p \leq 2$ ; that is to say

$$\|x - y - z\|^p + \|x + y\|^p + \|x + z\|^p \leq 3(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p + \|z\|^p).$$

Putting  $y = tu$ ,  $z = tv$  we get

$$\|x - t(u+v)\|^p + \|x + tu\|^p + \|x + tv\|^p - 3\|x\|^p \leq 3t^p(\|u\|^p + \|v\|^p).$$

Therefore, for  $1 < p \leq 2$  we get  $F(x; -u-v) + F(x; u) + F(x; v) \leq 0$ ; and since  $F(x; \cdot)$  is odd it must be linear. An argument similar to that of Lemma 2 shows that  $|F(x; u)| \leq p\|x\|^{p-1}\|u\|$ . Since  $F(x; x) = p\|x\|^p$  and  $B$  is uniformly convex, it follows that  $x \rightarrow p^{-1}F(x; \cdot)$  is a one-to-one map of the unit sphere of  $B$  into the unit sphere of  $B'$ . Since  $B'$  is uniformly convex, this map must be onto (the argument is this: given  $\xi \in B'$  with  $\|\xi\| = 1$  there exists  $x \in B$  with  $\|x\| = 1$  and  $\langle x, \xi \rangle = 1$ ; put  $\eta = p^{-1}F(x; \cdot)$ ; then  $\langle x, \frac{1}{2}(\xi + \eta) \rangle = 1$  so  $\|\frac{1}{2}(\xi + \eta)\| = 1$  which forces  $\xi = \eta$ ). For  $\xi, \eta \in B'$  put

$$\Phi(\xi; \eta) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} t^{-1}\{\|\xi + t\eta\|^{p'} - \|\xi\|^{p'}\}.$$

If  $\xi$  is on the unit sphere in  $B'$  then  $\xi = p^{-1}F(x; \cdot)$  for some  $x \in B$ . One can establish that  $\Phi(\xi; \eta) = p' \langle x, \eta \rangle$ , and hence  $\xi \rightarrow \|\xi\|^{p'}$  gives a differentiable function on  $p'$ . This allows me to conclude the assertion of the lemma for  $2 < p < \infty$ .

**4. Sheaves and elementarity.** Let  $X$  be a paracompact Hausdorff space and  $\mathcal{B}$  a complete category. Put  $\tau^*(X)$  for the category of reverse inclusions of open subsets of  $X$ . Let  $F: \tau^*(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  be a covariant functor. For each  $x \in X$  put  $F_x = \text{ind} \lim_{\mathcal{N}_x} F$  where  $\mathcal{N}_x$  is a fundamental system of neighborhoods of  $x$ . The functor  $F$  is a  $\mathcal{B}$ -valued *sheaf* over  $X$  if

(S1) Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be any collection of open subsets of  $X$  and  $\mathcal{A}^*$  the subcategory of  $\tau^*(X)$  constituted by the morphisms  $U \supset U \cap V$  for  $U, V \in \mathcal{A}$ ; then if  $A$  is the union of the elements of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $F(A)$  with the morphisms  $F(A) \rightarrow F(U)$ ,  $U \in \mathcal{A}$  gives a projective limit,  $\text{proj} \lim_{\mathcal{A}^*} F$ .

(S2) For each open set  $U$  in  $X$  the canonical morphism  $F(U) \rightarrow \prod_{x \in U} F_x$  an extremal monomorphism.

If  $X \xrightarrow{\varphi} Y$  is a continuous map of paracompact Hausdorff spaces and  $F$  is a sheaf over  $X$  we obtain a sheaf over  $Y$  by defining  $\varphi F: \tau^*(Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  as  $\varphi F(V) = F(\varphi^{-1}(V))$ . The sheaf  $\varphi F$  is called the direct image of  $F$ .

A class of objects of  $\mathcal{B}$  will be called semi-elementary if it is stable for isomorphism and has the property: if  $F$  is a  $\mathcal{B}$ -valued sheaf over a discrete space  $X$  each of whose stalks  $F_x$  belongs to the class and  $\beta: X \rightarrow \check{X}$  is the map of  $X$  into its Čech compactification then all the stalks of the direct image  $\beta F$  belong to the class. A stalk of the form  $(\beta F)_y$  where  $y \in \check{X}$  is called an *ultraproduct*. Presumably, semi-elementary classes are defined by properties of a special logical form appropriate to the category in question.

In the case where  $\mathcal{B}$  is the category of Banach spaces and  $F$  is a  $\mathcal{B}$ -valued sheaf over  $X$ , for each element  $f \in F(U)$  we put  $f(x)$  for the value of  $f$  under the canonical morphism  $F(U) \rightarrow F_x$  where  $x \in U$ . According to (S2),  $\|f\|_U = \sup_{x \in U} \|f(x)\|$  where  $\|f\|_U$  is the norm in  $F(U)$  and  $\|f(x)\|$  is the norm in  $F_x$ . If  $U \supset V$  we shall write  $\|f\|_V$  for the norm of the image of  $f$  under  $F(U) \rightarrow F(V)$ . Given  $x \in X$  and  $b \in F_x$  there exists a decreasing sequence  $\{U_n\}$  of neighborhoods of  $x$  and elements  $f_n \in F(U_n)$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = b$  and for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an integer  $m$  such that  $\|f_m - f_n\|_{U_n} < \varepsilon$  whenever  $n > m$ . It follows that  $x \mapsto \|f(x)\|$  is an upper semicontinuous function on  $U$  when  $f \in F(U)$ ; indeed  $\|f(x)\| = \inf_{V \in \mathcal{N}_x} \sup_{y \in V} \|f(y)\|$ .

In case  $X$  is a discrete space,  $\check{X}$  the Čech compactification, and  $F$  a Banach-valued sheaf over  $X$  we must have for each open  $V \subset \check{X}$  and  $g \in \beta F(V)$  that  $y \mapsto \|g(y)\|$  is a continuous function on  $V$ . It is an immediate consequence of Proposition 0 that  $\mathcal{B}_p$  is a semi-elementary class of Banach spaces. What is much deeper is that  $\mathcal{L}_p$  is a semi-elementary class in the category of *real* Banach spaces. This follows from the work of Nakano [8] where the basic category is Banach lattices, but Banach-lattice ultraproducts coincide with the Banach-space ultraproducts. (Note:  $\{\mathcal{R}\}$  is semi-elementary in real Banach spaces but not in real vector spaces; the norm-

function on a Banach space kills infinitesimals.) For complex  $\mathcal{L}_p$ -spaces it is not known whether the class is semi-elementary, much less is there a concrete "elementary" characterization.

Bretagnolle, Dacunha-Castelle, and Krivine [3] proved that the class of subspaces of real  $\mathcal{L}_p$ -spaces is stable for direct unions by observing that  $\mathcal{L}_p$  was semi-elementary and then using a concrete form of the following argument. A category  $\mathcal{B}$  is said to have the "Grothendieck property" if whenever  $\mathcal{D}$  is a directed set and  $F, G: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  are functors connected by natural extremal monomorphisms  $F \rightarrow G$  then the natural morphisms  $\text{ind } \lim_{\mathcal{D}} F \rightarrow \text{ind } \lim_{\mathcal{D}} G$  is an extremal monomorphism. Banach spaces have the Grothendieck property.

**PROPOSITION 8.** *Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a semi-elementary class in a complete category with the Grothendieck property. Let  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{E}$  be the class of subobjects of objects of  $\mathcal{E}$ . The  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{E}$  is semi-elementary and stable for direct unions.*

**Proof.** That  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{E}$  is semi-elementary is an obvious consequence of the Grothendieck property and the fact that projective limits, in particular products, always preserve extremal monomorphisms. Now let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a directed set and  $\Phi: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  a functor such that for each  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $\Phi(x) \in \mathcal{H}\mathcal{E}$ . We suppose that when  $x < y$ ,  $\Phi(x) \rightarrow \Phi(y)$  is an extremal monomorphism; then  $\text{ind } \lim_{\mathcal{D}} \Phi$  is a direct union. Regard  $\mathcal{D}$  as a discrete space and define  $F: \tau^*(\mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  by  $F(u) = \prod_{x \in u} \Phi(x)$ . When  $U \supset V$  the morphism  $F(U) \rightarrow F(V)$  is projection on a partial product. For the stalks of the sheaf  $F$  there is a natural identification of  $F_x$  with  $\Phi(x)$ . Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be an ultrafilter of cofinal subsets of  $\mathcal{D}$ . Then there is a point  $c \in \tilde{\mathcal{D}}$ , the Čech compactification, such that  $\mathcal{N}$  is the trace on  $\mathcal{D}$  of the open neighborhoods of  $c$ . Put  $\Gamma = (\beta F)_c = \text{ind } \lim_{\mathcal{N}} F$ . We have  $\Gamma \in \mathcal{H}\mathcal{E}$  since  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{E}$  is semi-elementary. Write  $(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{B})$  for the category of functors from the directed set  $\mathcal{N}$  to  $\mathcal{B}$ . Given  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ , put  $S_x = \{y \in \mathcal{D} : x < y\}$  and define a functor  $G: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{B})$  by  $G(x)(U) = F(U \cap S_x)$ , the morphism  $G(x) \rightarrow G(y)$  when  $x < y$  being the natural partial product projections. We may regard  $\text{ind } \lim_{\mathcal{N}}$  as a functor from  $(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{B})$  to  $\mathcal{B}$  and hence  $\text{ind } \lim_{\mathcal{N}} G$  as a functor from  $\mathcal{D}$  to  $\mathcal{B}$ . Because of the way  $\mathcal{N}$  was chosen,  $\{U \cap S_x : U \in \mathcal{N}\}$  is cofinal in  $\mathcal{N}$  for each  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ . Thus there is a natural identification of  $\text{ind } \lim_{\mathcal{N}} G$  with  $\Gamma$ . Write  $\Phi^*: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{B})$  for the functor  $\Phi^*(x)(U) = \Phi(x)$ . There is a natural transformation  $\Phi^* \rightarrow G$  coming from  $\Phi(x) \rightarrow \prod_{x < y \in U} \Phi(y)$  as a product of morphisms  $\Phi(x) \rightarrow \Phi(y)$ . For fixed  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $\Phi^*(x) \rightarrow G(x)$  are natural extremal monomorphisms. By the Grothendieck property,  $\text{ind } \lim_{\mathcal{N}} \Phi^*(x) \rightarrow \text{ind } \lim_{\mathcal{N}} G(x)$  is an extremal monomorphism, but this is simply a natural transformation  $\Phi \rightarrow \Gamma$ . Once again by the Grothendieck property,  $\text{ind } \lim_{\mathcal{D}} \Phi \rightarrow \text{ind } \lim_{\mathcal{D}} \Gamma = \Gamma$  is an extremal monomorphism, i.e. the direct union  $\text{ind } \lim_{\mathcal{D}} \Phi$  is a subobject of  $\Gamma \in \mathcal{H}\mathcal{E}$ , hence the direct union is in  $\mathcal{H}\mathcal{E}$ .

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