

# REFLEXIVITY OF CYCLIC BANACH SPACES

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In a Banach space  $\mathfrak{X}$  with an unconditional basis  $\{e_n\}$  the projections  $E(\sigma)$ ;  $\sigma \subset N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n, \dots\}$  defined by  $E(\sigma)(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n e_n) = \sum_{n \in \sigma} \alpha_n e_n$ ;  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n e_n \in \mathfrak{X}$  form a  $\sigma$ -complete *atomic* Boolean algebra of projections  $\mathcal{E}$  for which there exists a vector  $x_0 \in \mathfrak{X}$  (for instance,  $x_0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e_n / 2^n \|e_n\|$ ) such that  $\mathfrak{X} = \text{clm}\{Ex_0 | E \in \mathcal{E}\}$ . Viewed from this point, the Banach spaces having unconditional basis form a subclass of the family of *cyclic spaces*  $\mathfrak{X} = \text{clm}\{Px_0 | P \in \mathcal{B}\}$  for some  $x_0 \in \mathfrak{X}$  and a  $\sigma$ -complete (not-necessarily atomic) Boolean algebra of projections  $\mathcal{B}$  on  $\mathfrak{X}$ . Cyclic spaces have been introduced by W. G. Bade [1], [2] in connection with the multiplicity theory for spectral operators on Banach spaces. A typical example is  $L_1(0, 1)$ , the space of all integrable functions on  $[0, 1]$ , which has no unconditional basis (cf. A. Pełczyński [13, Proposition 9]) but is a cyclic space with respect to the Boolean algebra of projections consisting of "multiplications" by characteristic functions.

W. G. Bade suggested recently in a discussion that it might follow from the theory of normed lattices that a cyclic space is reflexive provided its second conjugate is separable. Using a theorem of T. Ogasawara [12] on normed Riesz spaces we shall be able to prove in the present note that reflexivity of a cyclic space  $\mathfrak{X}$  is insured by the condition (weaker than separability of the second conjugate) that neither  $l_1$  nor  $c_0$  would be isomorphic to a subspace of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . This result generalizes a well-known characterization of reflexivity for spaces with unconditional bases given by R. C. James [5].

Other properties of Banach spaces in connection with Boolean algebras of projections have been described recently in [6], [7], [10], [14].

**1. Preliminaries.** In this section we shall summarize briefly some notion and results needed in the sequel. A Boolean algebra of projections  $\mathcal{B}$  is called complete (cf. W. G. Bade [1]) if for every family  $P_\alpha \in \mathcal{B}$  the projections  $\bigvee P_\alpha$  and  $\bigwedge P_\alpha$  exist in  $\mathcal{B}$  and satisfy

$$(\bigvee P_\alpha)\mathfrak{X} = \text{clm}\{P_\alpha\mathfrak{X}\}; \quad (\bigwedge P_\alpha)\mathfrak{X} = \bigcap (P_\alpha\mathfrak{X}).$$

If  $\mathcal{B}$  is complete then there is a uniform bound  $M$  for the norms of the projections  $P \in \mathcal{B}$  (cf. W. G. Bade [1, Theorem 2.2]). Regarding  $\mathcal{B}$  as

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a spectral measure  $P(\cdot)$  on the Borel sets  $\Sigma$  of its Stone space  $\Omega$ , it follows from N. Dunford [3] that for every bounded Borel function  $f$ , the integral  $S(f) = \int_{\Omega} f(\omega) P(d\omega)$  exists in the uniform operator topology and satisfies:

$$\|S(f)\| \leq 4M \sup_{\omega \in \Omega} |f(\omega)|.$$

If  $f$  is not bounded and  $e_m = \{\omega \in \Omega, |f(\omega)| \leq m\}$ ,  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ , the operator  $S(f)$  is unbounded having the domain

$$D(S(f)) = \left\{ x \mid x \in \mathfrak{X}, \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_{e_m} f(\omega) P(d\omega) x \text{ exists} \right\}.$$

In presenting definitions and results concerning normed lattices we will make use of the terminology and references from W. A. J. Luxemburg and A. C. Zaanen [8, Notes VI and XIII]. Accordingly, a real Banach space  $L$  is called a complete Riesz normed space if it is partially ordered by  $\leq$  such that:

- (i)  $u \leq v$  implies  $u + w \leq v + w$  for every  $u, v, w \in L$ .
- (ii)  $u \geq 0$  implies  $\alpha u \geq 0$  for every  $\alpha \geq 0$ .
- (iii) For every pair  $u, v \in L$ , the least upper bound  $\sup(u, v)$  and the greatest lower bound  $\inf(u, v)$  exist in  $L$ .
- (iv) The norm satisfies  $\|u\| \leq \|v\|$  if  $|u| \leq |v|$  (where  $|u| = \sup(u, -u)$ ).

A Riesz space  $L$  is said to be  $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete if every sequence in  $L$  which is bounded from above has a least upper bound. The notations  $u_r \downarrow 0$  for a net  $\{u_r\} \subset L$  means  $\{u_r\}$  is a decreasing net whose greatest lower bound is zero.

The following theorem due to T. Ogasawara [12, Chapter V, §4, Theorem 1] is stated here in the form found in W. A. J. Luxemburg and A. C. Zaanen [8, Note XIII, Theorem 40.1].

**THEOREM A.** *A complete Riesz normed space  $L$  is reflexive if and only if the following three conditions are satisfied:*

- (a)  $u_r \downarrow 0$  implies  $\|u_r\| \rightarrow 0$  for every net  $\{u_r\} \subset L$ .
- (b)  $\phi_r \downarrow 0$  implies  $\|\phi_r\| \rightarrow 0$  for every net  $\{\phi_r\} \subset L^*$  ( $L^*$  is the conjugate of  $L$ ).
- (c)  $u_r \geq 0$  and  $\sup \|u_r\| < +\infty$  implies  $\sup u_r \in L$  for every increasing net  $\{u_r\} \subset L$ .

**2. Reflexivity of  $\mathfrak{M}(x_0)$ .** Throughout this section  $\mathfrak{B}$  will denote a complete Boolean algebra of projections on the Banach space  $\mathfrak{X}$  for which there exists  $x_0 \in \mathfrak{X}$  such that

$$\mathfrak{X} = \mathfrak{M}(x_0) = \text{clm}\{Px_0 \mid P \in \mathfrak{B}\}.$$

The uniform bound for the norm of the projections  $P \in \mathfrak{B}$  will be denoted by  $M$ . According to W. G. Bade [2, Theorem 4.5],

$$\mathfrak{X} = \{S(f)x_0 \mid x_0 \in D(S(f))\}.$$

LEMMA 1. For each  $x \in \mathfrak{X}$ , define  $|x|$  by  $|x| = \sup \|S(\phi)x\|$  where the supremum is taken over all Borel functions  $\phi$  for which  $|\phi(\omega)| \leq 1$ ;  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

Then  $|\cdot|$  is a norm on  $\mathfrak{X}$  equivalent to the original norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and such that:

- (a)  $\|x\| \leq |x| \leq 4M\|x\|$ ;  $x \in \mathfrak{X}$ .
- (b) If  $S(f_1)x_0 \in \mathfrak{X}$  and  $f_1(\omega) \geq f_2(\omega) \geq 0$ ;  $\omega \in \Omega$  for some Borel function  $f_2$  then  $S(f_2)x_0 \in \mathfrak{X}$  and  $|S(f_1)x_0| \geq |S(f_2)x_0|$ .
- (c)  $|P| \leq 1$ ;  $P \in \mathfrak{B}$ .
- (d)  $|S(f)x_0| = |S(|f|)x_0|$ ;  $S(f)x_0 \in \mathfrak{X}$ .

The proof follows immediately from the definition of  $|x|$  and properties of operators  $S(f)$ , and we omit it.

Denote  $\mathfrak{X}^{(r)} = \{x \in \mathfrak{X} \mid x = S(f)x_0, f \text{ real}\}$ . Obviously  $\mathfrak{X}^{(r)}$  is a real Banach space which can be ordered by setting  $S(f_1)x_0 \leq S(f_2)x_0$  whenever  $f_1(\omega) \leq f_2(\omega)$  a.e. in  $\Omega$ . Let us remark that  $\mathfrak{X}^{(r)}$  can be considered as the "real part" of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . In view of Lemma 1, part (b) and the Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem for vector measures (cf. [4, IV-10-10]) we have the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.  $\{\mathfrak{X}^{(r)}, \leq\}$  is a complete Riesz normed space. Moreover, it is  $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete.

Now, denote as usual by  $c_0$  the space of sequences convergent to zero and by  $l_1$  the space of sequences whose series are absolutely convergent.

LEMMA 3. If no subspace of  $\mathfrak{X}^{(r)}$  is isomorphic to  $c_0$  then for every increasing sequence  $0 \leq S(f_1)x_0 \leq S(f_2)x_0 \leq \dots$  with  $\sup_n |S(f_n)x_0| < +\infty$  we have  $x_0 \in D(S(\sup_n f_n))$ , i.e.  $S(\sup_n f_n)x_0 \in \mathfrak{X}^{(r)}$ .

PROOF. Assume there exists in  $\mathfrak{X}^{(r)}$  an increasing sequence  $0 \leq S(g_1)x_0 \leq S(g_2)x_0 \leq \dots$  with  $|S(g_n)x_0| \leq K$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  such that  $g(\omega) = \sup_n g_n(\omega)$  is not integrable with respect to the vector measure  $P(\cdot)x_0$ . According to W. G. Bade [2, Theorem 4.3], there exists a functional  $x_0^* \in (\mathfrak{X}^{(r)})^*$  such that  $\mu(\cdot) = x_0^*P(\cdot)x_0$  is a positive measure equivalent to the vector measure  $P(\cdot)x_0$ . Since

$$\int_{\Omega} g_n(\omega) \mu(d\omega) \leq K \|x_0^*\|, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

by Fatou's Lemma (cf. [4, III-6-19]),  $g$  is integrable with respect to

$\mu$  and therefore it is finite a.e. in  $\Omega$ . Consequently  $\Omega = \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \delta_m$  where  $\delta_m = \{\omega \mid \omega \in \Omega, m-1 \leq g(\omega) < m\}$ . By a theorem of Lusin (cf. [4, III-6-3]) we can assume with no loss of generality that  $\{g_n\}$  converges  $\mu$ -uniformly to  $g$ , i.e., there exists a sequence of disjoint Borel sets  $\{\sigma_p\}$  such that  $\Omega = \bigcup_{p=1}^{\infty} \sigma_p$  and  $\{g_n\}$  converges uniformly to  $g$  on every set  $\sigma_p$ ,  $p = 1, 2, \dots$ . The subsets  $\delta_m \cap \sigma_p$ ,  $m, p = 1, 2, \dots$  form a sequence of disjoint subsets of  $\Omega$  which will be denoted by  $\{\eta_k\}$ . Obviously,  $\Omega = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \eta_k$ .

If  $\eta_k = \delta_{m_k} \cap \sigma_{p_k}$  let us set

$$\phi_j = \sum_{k=1}^j m_k \chi_{\eta_k}; \quad j = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where  $\chi_{\eta}$  denotes the characteristic function corresponding to the set  $\eta$ . It follows immediately that  $x_0 \in D(S(\phi_j))$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ;  $0 \leq S(\phi_1)x_0 \leq S(\phi_2)x_0 \leq \dots$  and

$$\begin{aligned} |S(\phi_j)x_0| &= \left| \sum_{k=1}^j m_k P(\eta_k)x_0 \right| \leq \left| \sum_{k=1}^j (m_k - 1) P(\eta_k)x_0 \right| \\ &\quad + \left| P\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^j \eta_k\right)x_0 \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Lemma 1 we have

$$|S(\phi_j)x_0| \leq \left| \sum_{k=1}^j \int_{\eta_k} g(\omega) P(d\omega)x_0 \right| + |x_0|$$

and since the convergence is uniform on  $\bigcup_{k=1}^j \eta_k$

$$|S(\phi_j)x_0| \leq K + |x_0|, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots$$

Furthermore,  $\phi(\omega) = \sup_j \phi_j(\omega) = m_k \geq g(\omega)$  for  $\omega \in \eta_k$  which implies in view of Lemma 1, part (b) that  $x_0 \notin D(S(\phi))$ . Thus, the sequence  $\{S(\phi_j)x_0\}$  has no limit. The following arguments are similar to those used by R. C. James in [5, Lemma 1]. Since the sequence  $\{S(\phi_j)x_0\}$  is not convergent one can easily construct an increasing sequence of integers  $\{j_n\}$  such that  $|S(\phi_{j_{n+1}})x_0 - S(\phi_{j_n})x_0| \geq \epsilon$ ;  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . Set  $\psi_n = \phi_{j_{n+1}} - \phi_{j_n}$  and remark that the functions  $\psi_n$  have disjoint supports and

$$\epsilon \leq |S(\psi_n)x_0| \leq 2(K + |x_0|), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

For any sequence  $(\alpha_n) \in c_0$  observe that

$$\sum_{n=p}^q \alpha_n \psi_n(\omega) \leq \max_{p \leq n \leq q} |\alpha_n| \phi_{j_{q+1}}(\omega),$$

which implies in view of Lemma 1, part (b) that

$$\left| \sum_{n=p}^q \alpha_n S(\psi_n) x_0 \right| \leq \max_{p \leq n \leq q} |\alpha_n| (K + |x_0|).$$

Consequently,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n S(\psi_n) x_0$  converges and

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n S(\psi_n) x_0 \right| \leq (K + |x_0|) \sup_n |\alpha_n|.$$

On the other hand, according to Lemma 1, part (c)

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n S(\psi_n) x_0 \right| \geq |\alpha_n| |S(\psi_n) x_0| \geq \epsilon |\alpha_n|, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

i.e.

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n S(\psi_n) x_0 \right| \geq \epsilon \sup_n |\alpha_n|.$$

Thus the subspace  $\text{clm} \{S(\psi_n) x_0; n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is isomorphic to  $c_0$ , which contradicts our hypothesis. Q.E.D.

The next step will be to study  $\mathfrak{X}^*$ , the conjugate of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . Let  $S(f)^* = \int f(\omega) P^*(d\omega)$  be the adjoint of the closed, densely defined operator  $S(f) = \int f(\omega) P(d\omega)$ ,  $D(S(f)^*)$  its domain and  $x_0^* \in (\mathfrak{X}^{(r)})^*$  the functional already introduced in the proof of the previous lemma whose construction is given by W. G. Bade [2, Theorem 4.3]. According to W. G. Bade [2, Theorem 8.4]

$$\mathfrak{X}^* = \{S(f)^* x_0^* \mid x_0^* \in D(S(f)^*)\}$$

and hence  $(\mathfrak{X}^{(r)})^* = \{S(f)^* x_0^* \mid x_0^* \in D(S(f)^*), f \text{ real}\}$ . One can easily see that  $(\mathfrak{X}^{(r)})^*$  with the order  $S(f_1)^* x_0^* \leq S(f_2)^* x_0^*$  whenever  $f_1(\omega) \leq f_2(\omega)$  a.e. in  $\Omega$  is also a complete Riesz normed space (see also W. A. J. Luxemburg and A. C. Zaanen [8, Note VII, Theorem 22.5]).

LEMMA 4. *If no subspace of  $\mathfrak{X}^{(r)}$  is isomorphic to  $l_1$  then for every decreasing sequence  $S(f_1)^* x_0^* \geq S(f_2)^* x_0^* \geq \dots$  whose greatest lower bound is 0 we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |S(f_n)^* x_0^*| = 0$ .*

PROOF. Suppose there exists a decreasing sequence  $S(h_n)^* x_0^* \in (\mathfrak{X}^{(r)})^*$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h_n(\omega) = 0$  a.e. in  $\Omega$  and  $|S(h_n)^* x_0^*| \geq \epsilon$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . By arguments already used in the proof of the previous lemma we can construct a sequence of Borel sets  $\Omega \supset \Omega_1 \supset \Omega_2 \supset \dots \supset \Omega_p \supset \dots$  such that  $\{h_n(\omega)\}$  converges uniformly for  $\omega \in \Omega_{p'} = \Omega - \Omega_p$ ,  $p = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $\bigcap_{p=1}^{\infty} \Omega_p = \emptyset$ . Obviously for every  $p$  there

exists an integer  $n_p$  (and we can assume that  $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_p < \dots$ ) for which  $|S(h_{n_p} \chi_{\Omega_p'}'')^* x_0^*| < \epsilon/2$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |S(h_1 \chi_{\Omega_p})^* x_0^*| &\geq |S(h_{n_p} \chi_{\Omega_p})^* x_0^*| \geq |S(h_{n_p})^* x_0^*| - |S(h_{n_p} \chi_{\Omega_p'}'')^* x_0^*| \\ &\geq \epsilon - \epsilon/2 = \epsilon/2, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we can find vectors  $x_p = S(g_p)x_0 \in \mathfrak{X}^{(r)}$  with  $|S(g_p)x_0| = 1$  and such that

$$[S(h_1)^* x_0^*][S(g_p \chi_{\Omega_p})x_0] \geq \epsilon/4, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots$$

Consequently  $[S(h_1)^* x_0^*][S(|g_p| \chi_{\Omega_p})x_0] \geq \epsilon/4, p = 1, 2, \dots$

Since in general the functions  $|g_p| \chi_{\Omega_p}$  have no disjoint supports one can find an increasing sequence of integers  $\{p_s\}$  such that the functions  $\phi_s = |g_{p_s}| \chi_{\Omega_{p_s} - \Omega_{p_{s+1}}}$ ;  $s = 1, 2, \dots$ , have disjoint supports and

$$[S(h_1)^* x_0^*][S(\phi_s)x_0] \geq \epsilon/8; \quad s = 1, 2, \dots$$

Hence, for any sequence  $(\alpha_s) \in l_1$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |S(h_1)^* x_0^*| \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_s| &\geq |S(h_1)^* x_0^*| \left| \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \alpha_s S(\phi_s)x_0 \right| \\ &\geq |S(h_1)^* x_0^*| \left| S\left(\sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \alpha_s \phi_s\right)x_0 \right| \\ &= |S(h_1)^* x_0^*| \left| S\left(\sum_{s=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_s| \phi_s\right)x_0 \right| \\ &\geq [S(h_1)^* x_0^*] \left[ S\left(\sum_{s=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_s| \phi_s\right)x_0 \right] \\ &= \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_s| [S(h_1)^* x_0^*][S(\phi_s)x_0] \geq \frac{\epsilon}{8} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_s|, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $l_1$  is isomorphic to the subspace  $\text{clm}\{S(\phi_s)x_0; s = 1, 2, \dots\}$ , which is a contradiction. Q.E.D.

**THEOREM 5.** *The cyclic space  $\mathfrak{X} = \mathfrak{M}(x_0)$  is reflexive if and only if no subspace of it is isomorphic to either  $l_1$  or  $c_0$ .*

**PROOF.** Since every subspace of a reflexive space is also reflexive no subspace of  $\mathfrak{X}$  can be isomorphic to  $l_1$  or  $c_0$  provided  $\mathfrak{X}$  is reflexive. To prove the converse notice first that it suffices to show that  $\mathfrak{X}^{(r)}$  is reflexive. For this purpose we shall use Theorem A. Indeed, condition (a) of this theorem holds in view of a theorem of H. Nakano [11, pp.

321–322] (see also W. A. J. Luxemburg and A. C. Zaanen [8, Note X, Theorem 33.4]), the Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem for vector measures and the fact that  $\mathfrak{X}^{(r)}$  is  $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete. Condition (b) follows from W. A. J. Luxemburg and A. C. Zaanen [8, Note X, Theorem 33.8], (used for  $(\mathfrak{X}^{(r)})^*$ ), again the Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem, and Lemma 4 provided no subspace of  $\mathfrak{X}^{(r)}$  is isomorphic to  $l_1$ . Finally, if no subspace of  $\mathfrak{X}^{(r)}$  is isomorphic to  $c_0$ , Lemma 3 and W. A. J. Luxemburg and A. C. Zaanen [8, Note XI, Theorem 34.2] imply that condition (c) is also satisfied. This completes the proof.

COROLLARY 6. *If  $\mathfrak{X}^{**}$  is separable then  $\mathfrak{X}$  is reflexive.*

PROOF. If  $\mathfrak{X}$  has a subspace isomorphic to either  $c_0$  or  $l_1$  then  $\mathfrak{X}^{**}$  cannot be separable since  $(c_0)^{**} = m$  and  $l_1^* = m$  ( $m$  denotes the space of all bounded sequences) and  $m$  is not separable.

REMARKS. 1. This corollary can be proved directly by using Lemma 2 and another result of T. Ogasawara [12, Chapter V; §4, Theorem 3] (see also W. A. J. Luxemburg [9, Theorem 45.1]).

2. Corollary 6 is not true for an arbitrary Banach space (cf. R. C. James [5]).

3. In connection with the proof of Lemma 4, one can observe that if  $e_s$  denotes the support of  $\phi_s$  then

$$PS(f)x_0 = \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{[S(h_1)^* x_0^*][S(f\chi_{e_s})x_0]}{[S(h_1)^* x_0^*][S(\phi_1)x_0]} S(\phi_s)x_0$$

is a bounded projection (with  $\text{norm} \leq (8/\epsilon) |S(h_1)^* x_0^*|$ ) onto the subspace  $\text{clm} \{S(\phi_s)x_0; s=1, 2, \dots\}$  which is isomorphic to  $l_1$ . Similar arguments show that in Lemma 3 the subspace  $\text{clm} \{S(\phi_n)x_0; n=1, 2, \dots\}$  (which is isomorphic to  $c_0$ ) is also the range of a projection with  $\text{norm} \leq (K + |x_0|)/\epsilon$ .

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