

## WEAK CONVERGENCE AND WEAK COMPACTNESS IN ABSTRACT $M$ SPACES

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**ABSTRACT.** This paper presents some properties of bounded linear functionals on  $\sigma$  complete abstract  $M$  spaces, from which some criteria for weak convergence and weak compactness in such spaces are obtained.

### 1. ABSTRACT $M$ SPACES AND ABSTRACT $L$ SPACES

**Definition 1** [1, 2]. Let  $X$  be a Banach lattice.

- (1)  $X$  is called an abstract  $M$  space ( $X \in AM$ ) if  $x \wedge y = 0$  implies

$$\|x + y\| = \max\{\|x\|, \|y\|\}.$$

- (2)  $X$  is called an abstract  $L$  space ( $X \in AL$ ) if  $x \wedge y = 0$  implies

$$\|x + y\| = \|x\| + \|y\|.$$

For a Banach lattice  $X$  and  $x \in X$ ,  $f, g \in X^*$ , as in [1], we define

$$(f \vee g)(x) = \sup\{f(u) + g(x - u) : 0 \leq u \leq x\} \quad (x \geq 0),$$

$$(f \wedge g)(x) = \inf\{f(u) + g(x - u) : 0 \leq u \leq x\} \quad (x \geq 0).$$

Then by Theorem 118.1 and 118.5 in [3], we have

**Lemma 2.** Let  $X$  be a Banach lattice. Then

- (1)  $X \in AM$  implies  $X^* \in AL$  and  $X \in AL$  implies  $X^* \in AM$ ;  
 (2)  $X \in AM$  iff for any  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x, y \geq 0$  implies

$$\|x \vee y\| = \max\{\|x\|, \|y\|\};$$

- (3)  $X \in AL$  iff for any  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x, y \geq 0$  implies

$$\|x + y\| = \|x\| + \|y\|.$$

Let  $X$  be a lattice and  $x, u, v \in X$  and  $u \geq 0$ ,  $v \geq 0$ . By Theorem 11.8 and 11.10 in [2], if  $x = u - v$ , then  $u = x^+ + u \wedge v$  and  $v = x^- + u \wedge v$ , where  $x^+ = x \vee 0$  and  $x^- = (-x) \vee 0$ . Especially, if  $u \wedge v = 0$ , then  $u = x^+$  and  $v = x^-$ . If  $X \in AL$ , then  $\|x\| = \|x^+\| + \|x^-\|$  and by Lemma 2,  $\|u\| = \|x^+\| + \|u \wedge v\|$ ,  $\|v\| = \|x^-\| + \|u \wedge v\|$ . Hence, we have

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**Lemma 3.** Let  $X \in AL$  and  $x \in X$ . Then the above decomposition  $x = x^+ - x^-$  is unique in the sense that if  $x = u - v$ ,  $u \geq 0$ ,  $v \geq 0$ , and  $\|u\| + \|v\| = \|x\|$ , then  $u = x^+$  and  $v = x^-$ .

For a subset  $E$  of a Banach lattice  $X$  and  $x \in X$ , we write

$$E^\perp = \{x \in X : x \perp y \text{ for all } y \in E\}, \quad x^\perp = \{x\}^\perp,$$

where  $x \perp y$  means  $|x| \wedge |y| = 0$ . If  $x \in X = E + E^\perp$ , then  $x$  can be uniquely decomposed into  $x = u + v$ , where  $u \in E$  and  $v \in E^\perp$ . In this case, we write  $x|_E = u$  and  $f|_E(x) = f(u)$  for  $f \in X^*$ .

**Definition 4.** Let  $X$  be a Banach lattice. Then

(a)  $X$  is said to be  $\sigma$  complete, if for every order bounded sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$ ,  $\bigvee_{n \geq 1} (x_n)$  exists in  $X$ .

(b)  $X$  is said to be bounded  $\sigma$  complete, provided that any norm bounded and order monotone sequence in  $X$  is order convergent.

Clearly, bounded  $\sigma$  complete Banach lattices are  $\sigma$  complete. The inverse does not hold; for instance,  $c_0$  is  $\sigma$  complete but not bounded  $\sigma$  complete. Moreover, according to [1], the space  $C(K)$  of all continuous functions on a compact Hausdorff topological space  $K$  is  $\sigma$  complete if and only if  $K$  is basically disconnected, i.e., the closure of every open  $F_\sigma$  subset of  $K$  is an open set.

For more detail about Banach lattices, also see [4] and [5].

## 2. BOUNDED LINEAR FUNCTIONALS ON ABSTRACT $M$ SPACES

For a Banach space  $X$ , we always denote by  $B(X)$  and  $S(X)$  the unit ball and the unit sphere of  $X$  respectively.

**Theorem 5.** Let  $X \in AM$  be  $\sigma$  complete and  $f \in X^*$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a subspace  $E$  of  $X$  such that  $X = E + E^\perp$  and  $\|f^+|_{E^\perp}\| < \varepsilon$ ,  $\|f^-|_E\| < \varepsilon$ .

*Proof.* Pick  $x \in S(X)$  satisfying  $f(x) > \|f\| - \varepsilon$ , and set  $E = (x^-)^\perp$ . Then  $x^+ \in E$ ,  $x^- \in E^\perp$ , and by [1]  $X = E + E^\perp$ . Moreover, by Lemma 2,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f^+|_E\| + \|f^+|_{E^\perp}\| + \|f^-|_E\| + \|f^-|_{E^\perp}\| \\ &= \|f^+\| + \|f^-\| = \|f\| < f(x) + \varepsilon \\ &= f^+|_E(x) + f^+|_{E^\perp}(x) - f^-|_E(x) - f^-|_{E^\perp}(x) + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f^+|_{E^\perp}(x) \leq 0$  and  $f^-|_E(x) \geq 0$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f^+|_{E^\perp}\| + \|f^-|_E\| \\ &= \|f^+\| - \|f^+|_E\| + \|f^-\| - \|f^-|_{E^\perp}\| \\ &\leq \|f^+\| - f^+|_E(x) + \|f^-\| - f^-|_{E^\perp}(x) \\ &< f^+|_{E^\perp}(x) - f^-|_E(x) + \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 6.** If a Banach lattice  $X$  is bounded  $\sigma$  complete and  $B(X)$  is order closed, then every positive  $f \in X^*$  (i.e.,  $f \geq 0$ ) is norm attainable, i.e., there exists  $x \in S(X)$  satisfying  $f(x) = \|f\|$ .

*Proof.* Pick  $x_n (\geq 0) \in S(X)$  such that  $f(x_n) \rightarrow \|f\|$ . Since  $X$  is bounded  $\sigma$  complete and  $B(X)$  is order closed,  $y = \bigvee_n (x_n)$  exists in  $X$  and  $\|y\| = 1$ . Hence,  $y \geq x_n \geq 0$  and  $f \geq 0$  implies  $\|f\| \geq f(y) \geq f(x_n) \rightarrow \|f\|$ .  $\square$

**Remark.** If  $X \in AM$  is not bounded  $\sigma$  complete, then the conclusion of Theorem 6 may be false. For instance, if  $X = c_0$  and  $f = (c_n) \in l_1$  with infinitely many  $c_n \neq 0$ , then  $f$  is not norm attainable.

If  $B(X)$  is not order closed, then the statement of the theorem is not necessarily true. For example, take  $X = l_\infty$  and define

$$|||x||| = \sup_{n \geq 1} \left\{ |x_n|, k \cdot \limsup_{i \rightarrow \infty} |x_i| \right\}, \quad x = (x_n) \in l_\infty,$$

where  $k > 1$  is a constant. Then the norm  $||| \cdot |||$  satisfies  $\|x\|_\infty \leq |||x||| \leq k\|x\|_\infty$  for all  $x \in l_\infty$  and  $\|x\|_\infty = |||x|||$  for all  $x \in c_0$ . But for any bounded linear functional  $f = (c_n) \in l_1$  on  $l_\infty$  with infinitely many  $c_n \neq 0$ ,  $f$  cannot attain its norm on  $B(l_\infty, ||| \cdot |||)$ .

**Theorem 7.** Let  $X \in AM$  be bounded  $\sigma$  complete and  $B(X)$  order closed. Then  $f \in X^*$  is norm attainable iff there exists a subspace  $E$  of  $X$  such that  $f^+ = f|_E$ ,  $f^- = -f|_{E^\perp}$ .

**Proof. Sufficiency.** By Theorem 6, there exist  $x, y (\geq 0) \in S(X)$  such that  $f^+(x) = \|f^+\|$  and  $f^-(y) = \|f^-\|$ . Since  $f^+ = f|_E$  and  $f^- = -f|_{E^\perp}$ , we may assume  $x \in E$  and  $y \in E^\perp$  (otherwise we replace  $x, y$  by  $x|_E, y|_{E^\perp}$  respectively). Let  $u = x - y$ . Then  $\|u\| = \|x - y\| = \max\{\|x\|, \|y\|\} = 1$  and hence, Lemma 2 implies

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\| &= \|f^+\| + \|f^-\| = f^+(x) + f^-(y) \\ &= f|_E(x) + f|_{E^\perp}(-y) = f(u). \end{aligned}$$

**Necessity.** Choose  $x \in S(X)$  satisfying  $f(x) = \|f\|$ , and define  $E = (x^-)^\perp$ . Then  $X = E + E^\perp$  and  $x^+ \in E$ ,  $x^- \in E^\perp$ . Observe that  $\|f\| = \|f|_E\| + \|f|_{E^\perp}\|$ ; to prove  $f^+ = f|_E$  and  $f^- = -f|_{E^\perp}$ , it suffices to show  $f|_E \geq 0$  and  $-f|_{E^\perp} \geq 0$  thanks to Lemma 3. Indeed, if  $f|_E(y) < 0$  for some  $y (\geq 0) \in S(X)$ , then we may assume  $y \in E$ . Therefore,  $z = -x^- - y$  satisfies  $\|z\| = \max\{\|x^-\|, \|y\|\} = 1$  and thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \|f^-\| &\geq f^-(-z) = f(z) - f^+(z) \geq f(z) \\ &= f|_{E^\perp}(-x^-) - f|_E(y) > f|_{E^\perp}(-x^-) = -f|_{E^\perp}(x). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\|f^+\| \geq f(x|_E) = f|_E(x)$ , this leads to a contradiction that

$$\|f\| = \|f^+\| + \|f^-\| > f|_E(x) - f|_{E^\perp}(x) = f(x) = \|f\|.$$

Similarly, we can verify  $-f|_{E^\perp} \geq 0$ .  $\square$

**Definition 8** [6]. Let  $X$  be a Banach space.  $x \in S(X)$  is called an extreme point of  $B(X)$  if  $x = \lambda y + (1 - \lambda)z$ ,  $y, z \in B(X)$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , imply  $y = z$ . In this case, we write  $x \in \text{ext } B(X)$ .

Since by the Rainwater Theorem [6],  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  weakly in a Banach space  $X$  iff  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded, and  $f(x_n) \rightarrow 0$  for every  $f \in \text{ext } B(X^*)$ , we are encouraged to investigate the extreme points of the unit ball of a dual space.

**Theorem 9.** Let  $X \in AM$  be  $\sigma$  complete and  $f \in S(X^*)$ . Then  $f \in \text{ext } B(X^*)$  iff  $f(x)f(y) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$  satisfying  $x \wedge y = 0$ .

**Proof. Sufficiency.** First we show  $\|f^+\| \|f^-\| = 0$ . In fact, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , by Theorem 5, there exist two orthogonal subspaces  $E, F$  of  $X$  such that

$X = E + F$  and  $\|f^-\|_E < \varepsilon$ ,  $\|f^+\|_F < \varepsilon$ . Choose  $x \in S(X)$  such that  $f(x) > \|f\| - \varepsilon$ , and let  $x = u + v$ , where  $u \in E$  and  $v \in F$ . Then  $f(u)f(v) = 0$  since  $u \wedge v = 0$ . If  $f(v) = 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\|f\| - \varepsilon < f(x) &= f^+|_E(u) - f^-|_E(u) \\ &\leq \|f^+|_E\| + \|f^-|_E\| < \|f^+\| + \varepsilon.\end{aligned}$$

Letting  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we find  $\|f^-\| = \|f\| - \|f^+\| = 0$ . Similarly, if  $f(u) = 0$ . Then  $\|f^+\| = 0$ . Hence, without loss of generality, we may assume  $f = f^+$ .

Let  $g, h \in S(X^*)$  satisfy  $2f = g + h$ . Then  $2f = (g^+ + h^+) - (g^- + h^-)$  and by Lemma 2,

$$\begin{aligned}\|2f\| &\leq \|g^+\| + \|h^+\| + \|g^-\| + \|h^-\| \\ &= \|g\| + \|h\| = 2 = \|2f\|.\end{aligned}$$

It follows from Lemma 3 that  $g^+ + h^+ = 2f$  and  $g^- = h^- = 0$ .

Now we show  $g = h = f$ , i.e.,  $f \in \text{ext } B(X^*)$ . This follows if we prove that  $g(y) = h(y) = 0$  whenever  $f(y) = 0$  (by [7, §1.5, Theorem 1], this means  $f = ag = bh$ , but  $f, g, h \in S(X^*)$  and  $2f = g + h$ , so  $a = b = 1$ ). First we assume  $y \geq 0$ ; then from  $g(y) \geq 0$ ,  $h(y) \geq 0$ , and  $g(y) + h(y) = 2f(y) = 0$  we have  $g(y) = h(y) = 0$ . For the general case, since  $f(y) = 0$  and by the condition given in the theorem,  $f(y^+)f(y^-) = 0$ , we have  $f(y^+) = f(y^-) = 0$ . Hence,  $g(y) = h(y) = 0$  follows from the first case.

*Necessity.* If there exist  $x, y \in X$  satisfying  $x \wedge y = 0$  but  $f(x) > 0$  and  $f(y) > 0$ , then we set  $E = y^\perp$ , and then by [1]  $X = E + E^\perp$ . Let  $g = f|_E$  and  $h = f|_{E^\perp}$ . Then  $\|g\| > 0$ ,  $\|h\| > 0$  since  $x \in E$ ,  $y \in E^\perp$ . Therefore, from

$$f = \|g\| \frac{g}{\|g\|} + \|h\| \frac{h}{\|h\|}$$

and  $\|g\| + \|h\| = \|f\| = 1$  according to Lemma 2, we see  $f \in \text{ext } B(X^*)$ .  $\square$

### 3. WEAK CONVERGENCE AND WEAK COMPACTNESS IN ABSTRACT $M$ SPACES

We begin with a lemma.

**Lemma 10.** *Let  $X$  be a  $\sigma$  complete lattice. Then for any  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in X$ ,  $X$  can be decomposed into  $m$  many pairwise orthogonal subspaces.  $X = E_1 + \dots + E_m$  such that  $(x_n - \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq m} x_i)|_{E_n} = 0$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq m$ .*

*Proof.* Since for any  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $(x - z) \wedge (y - z) = x \wedge y - z$ , replacing  $z$  by  $x \wedge y$ , we obtain

$$(*) \quad (x - x \wedge y) \perp (y - x \wedge y).$$

Set  $\bigwedge_{1 \leq n \leq m} (x_n) = x'$  and  $E_1 = (x_1 - x')^\perp$ . Then by [1],  $X = E_1 + E_1^\perp$ . Moreover, replacing  $x, y$  by  $x_1, \bigwedge_{2 \leq n \leq m} (x_n)$  in (\*) respectively, we see

$$(x_1 - x')|_{E_1} = 0, \quad \left( \bigwedge_{2 \leq n \leq m} (x_n) - x' \right)|_{E_1^\perp} = 0.$$

Let  $E_2 = \{x \in E_1^\perp : x \perp (x_2 - x')|_{E_1^\perp}\}$ . Then we also have  $E_1^\perp = E_2 + E_2^\perp \cap E_1^\perp$ . Again by (\*) (replace  $x, y$  by  $x_2|_{E_1^\perp}, \bigwedge_{3 \leq n \leq m} (x_n)$  respectively there), we have

$$(x_2 - x')|_{E_2} = 0, \quad \left( \bigwedge_{3 \leq n \leq m} (x_n) - x' \right)|_{E_2^\perp \cap E_1^\perp} = 0.$$

And so on, we find pairwise orthogonal subspaces  $E_1, \dots, E_{m-1}, E_m = E_{m-1}^\perp \cap E_{m-2}^\perp$  of  $X$  such that  $X = E_1 + \dots + E_m$  and  $(x_n - x')|_{E_n} = 0$ ,  $n \leq m$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 11.** *Let  $X \in AM$  be  $\sigma$  complete. Then  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  weakly in  $X$  iff  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded and  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|\bigwedge_{i \leq m} (|x_{n_i}|)\| = 0$  for all subsequences  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$ .*

*Proof. Sufficiency.* If  $\{x_n\}$  does not converge to zero weakly, then by the Rainwater Theorem there exist some  $f \in \text{ext } B(X^*)$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and a subsequence of  $\{x_n\}$ , again denoted by  $\{x_n\}$ , such that  $f(x_n) > \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Since by the proof of Theorem 9,  $f^+ = 0$  or  $f^- = 0$  and  $f(x_n) = f^+(x_n^+) + f^-(x_n^-) - f^-(x_n^+) - f^+(x_n^-)$ , without loss of generality, we may assume  $f \geq 0$  and  $x_n \geq 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Choose  $m \geq 1$  such that  $\|\bigwedge_{n \leq m} (x_n)\| < \varepsilon$ . Then by Lemma 10,  $X$  can be decomposed into the direct sum of pairwise orthogonal subspaces  $E_1, \dots, E_m$  such that  $x_n|_{E_n} = x'|_{E_n}$  for all  $n \leq m$ , where  $x' = \bigwedge_{n \leq m} (x_n)$ . By Theorem 9, there exists some  $n \leq m$  such that  $f = f|_{E_n}$  which leads to a contradiction that

$$\varepsilon < f(x_n) = f(x_n|_{E_n}) = f(x'|_{E_n}) \leq \|f\| \cdot \|x'\| < \varepsilon.$$

*Necessity.* Suppose that  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  weakly in  $X$ . If the condition is not necessary, then there exist a constant  $\varepsilon > 0$  and a subsequence of  $\{x_n\}$ , again denoted by  $\{x_n\}$ , satisfying  $\|\bigwedge_{n \leq m} (|x_n|)\| > 2\varepsilon$  for all  $m \geq 1$ . We first define  $y_1^1 = x_1^+$  and  $y_2^1 = x_1^-$ . Suppose that  $\{y_s^k : s \leq 2^k, k \leq m\}$  have already been defined. Then we set  $y_{2^s-1}^{m+1} = y_s^m \wedge x_{m+1}^+$  and  $y_{2^s}^{m+1} = y_s^m \wedge x_{m+1}^-$ . By induction, we find  $\{y_i^m\}$  satisfying  $y_i^m \wedge y_j^m = 0$  for all  $m \geq 1$  and all  $i, j \leq 2^m$  with  $i \neq j$ , and moreover, for any  $k \leq m$ , we have either  $x_k^+ \wedge y_s^m = 0$  or  $x_k^- \wedge y_s^m = 0$  for each  $s = 1, 2, \dots, 2^m$ . Hence, if we pick  $j \leq 2^m$  such that  $z_m = y_j^m$  satisfies  $\|z_m\| = \max_{j \leq 2^m} \|y_j^m\|$ , then

$$\|z_m\| = \left\| \sum_{i \leq 2^m} y_i^m \right\| = \left\| \bigwedge_{n \leq 2^m} (x_n) \right\| > 2\varepsilon.$$

Next, we select  $f_m \in S(X^*)$  such that  $f_m(z_m) = \|z_m\|$ . Since  $z_m \geq 0$  and  $X^* \in AL$ , we must have  $f_m \geq 0$ . In view of the Alaoglu Theorem [6],  $\{f_m\}$  has a  $w^*$ -cluster  $f \in B(X^*)$ . It follows that for each fixed  $n \geq 1$ , we can find some  $m \geq n$  such that  $|f(x_n) - f_m(x_n)| < \varepsilon$ . Let  $F_m = z_m^\perp$  and  $E_m = F_m^\perp$ . Then  $X = E_m + F_m$  by [1]. Note that  $X^* \in AL$  implies  $\|f_m\| = \|f_m|_{E_m}\| + \|f_m|_{F_m}\|$ ; from the fact

$$1 \geq \|f_m|_{E_m}\| \geq f_m\left(\frac{z_m}{\|z_m\|}\right) = 1$$

we see  $\|f_m|_{F_m}\| = 0$ . Since by the choice of  $z_m$ ,  $m \geq n$  implies that  $x_n^+ \wedge z_m = 0$  or  $x_n^- \wedge z_m = 0$ , we may assume  $x_n^+ \wedge z_m = 0$ . Thus,  $x_n^-|_{E_m} \geq z_m|_{E_m}$ , and so

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x_n)| &\geq |f_m(x_n)| - |f(x_n) - f_m(x_n)| \\ &> |f_m(x_n)| - \varepsilon = |f_m|_{E_m}(x_n) - \varepsilon \\ &\geq f_m|_{E_m}(z_m) - \varepsilon = f_m(z_m) - \varepsilon \\ &= \|z_m\| - \varepsilon > \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts the hypothesis that  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  weakly.  $\square$

**Theorem 12.** Let  $X$  be a dual  $\sigma$  complete  $AM$  space. Then a bounded subset  $A$  of  $X$  is weakly compact iff

$$\sup_{(x_n) \subset A} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{x \in K} \left\| \bigwedge_{n \leq m} (|x_n - x|) \right\| = 0$$

where  $K = K(x_n)$  is the set of sequentially  $w^*$ -clusters of  $\{x_n\}$  and, as usual, we denote  $\inf\{r : r \in E\} = +\infty$  for  $E = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* Necessity. Let  $A$  be a weakly compact subset of  $X$ . Then for any sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $A$  we can pick a subsequence  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  weakly convergent to some point  $x$  in  $X$  and then obviously  $x \in K = K(x_n)$ . Therefore, it follows from Theorem 11

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \bigwedge_{i \leq m} (|x_{n_i} - x|) \right\| \\ &\geq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \bigwedge_{n \leq m} (|x_n - x|) \right\| \\ &\geq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{y \in K} \left\| \bigwedge_{n \leq m} (|x_n - y|) \right\| \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Sufficiency. For any sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $A$ , by the given condition,  $K = K(x_n) \neq \emptyset$ , hence,  $\{x_n\}$  contains a subsequence, again denoted by  $\{x_n\}$ ,  $w^*$ -convergent to some point  $x \in K$ . Hence, for any subsequence  $\{x_{n_i}\}$  of this subsequence,  $K' = K(x_{n_i}) = \{x\}$  implies

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \bigwedge_{i \leq m} (|x_{n_i} - x|) \right\| = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{y \in K'} \left\| \bigwedge_{i \leq m} (|x_{n_i} - y|) \right\| = 0.$$

By Theorem 11,  $x_n \rightarrow x$  weakly.  $\square$

*Remark 1.* Replacing  $X$  in Theorem 11 or Theorem 12 by  $L_\infty$  or  $l_\infty$ , we obtain criteria of weak convergence and weak compactness for those spaces. But for  $X = l_\infty$ , since  $w^*$ -convergence of a bounded sequence in  $X$  coincides with convergence in coordinates, which is also equivalent to weak convergence in  $X = c_0$ , we can prove, without any difficulties, the following corollary and from which one can easily deduce the relative results given in [8].

**Corollary 13.** A bounded subset  $A$  of  $l_\infty$  or  $c_0$  is weakly compact iff

$$\sup_{(x_n) \subset A} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \min_{n \leq m} (|x_n - x_k|) \right\| = 0.$$

*Remark 2.* By [1], if an  $AM$  space  $X$  has a strong unit  $e$ , i.e.,  $x \in B(X)$  if and only if  $|x| \leq e$ , then  $X$  is order isometric to a  $C(K)$  space for an appropriate compact Hausdorff space  $K$ . However, in this paper, the  $AM$  spaces are not assumed to have any units.

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