

SYMMETRY GROUPS ON ORDERED BANACH SPACES

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A symmetry of an ordered Banach space is an order and norm isomorphism which commutes with its ideal centre. A class of ordered Banach spaces is introduced to show that, for a space in this class, the group of symmetries is trivial if and only if the space is lattice-ordered. When this group becomes larger, the space approaches an antilattice. This phenomenon is also investigated.

1. Preliminaries.

Let B be a real Banach space ordered by a closed and proper positive cone B^+ . Throughout this paper, B is always assumed to be archimedean.

The canonical half-norm N associated with B^+ , due to [3], is defined by

$$N(x) = \inf \{ \|x + y\| : y \in B^+ \} \text{ for all } x \in B.$$

An element $x \in B$ is said to be orthogonally decomposable if there exist elements y and z of B^+ such that

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$$x = y - z, \quad ||y|| = N(x) \quad \text{and} \quad ||z|| = N(-x).$$

If every element of B is orthogonally decomposable, then B is said to be orthogonally decomposable. (See [17].)

Let $L(B)$ be the Banach space of all continuous linear operators on B with the operator bound norm. The positive cone $L(B)^+$ consists of ϕ in $L(B)$ such that $\phi(B^+) \subset B^+$. B is said to have the Robinson property if

$$||\phi|| = \sup \{ ||\phi(x)|| : ||x|| \leq 1, x \in B^+ \}$$

for all $\phi \in L(B)^+$. (See [16].)

An N -automorphism of B is a bijective element ϕ of $L(B)$ such that $N(\phi(x)) = N(x)$ for all $x \in B$. The set of all N -automorphisms of B is denoted by $G(B)$, which is obviously a group. The following two facts have been proved in [17].

(1.1) *When B is orthogonally decomposable, $\phi \in G(B)$ if and only if $||\phi(x)|| = ||x||$ for all $x \in B^+$ and ϕ is an o. d. isomorphism (that is, ϕ is a continuous bijection and $\phi(x) = \phi(y) - \phi(z)$ is an orthogonal decomposition of $\phi(x)$ if and only if $x = y - z$ is an orthogonal decomposition of x).*

(1.2) *When B is orthogonally decomposable and has the Robinson property, then $\phi \in G(B)$ if and only if ϕ is a bipositive isometry.*

The ideal centre of B is the set $Z(B)$ of all elements T of $L(B)$ such that there exists a number λ , depending on T , such that $-\lambda x \leq Tx \leq \lambda x$ for all $x \in B^+$. For $T \in Z(B)$, we can define a norm

$$||T||_0 = \inf \{ \lambda \geq 0 : -\lambda x \leq Tx \leq \lambda x \text{ for all } x \in B^+ \}.$$

A sufficient condition for $||T||_0 = ||T||$ for all $T \in Z(B)$ is that both the norms of B and B^* , the dual of B , are absolutely monotone. (See [15], Lemma 2.3 and [4], Theorem 1.3.1.) If this is the case, $Z(B)$ is an ordered Banach space with an archimedean order and the multiplicative unit. Hence, by [10], it is an abelian real Banach algebra. For the spectrum Ω of $Z(B)$, the Gelfand transform is an isometric, order and algebraic isomorphism onto $C(\Omega)$. Furthermore, by [15], Corollary 1.13, for every $a \in B^+$, the map $T \mapsto Ta$ is a lattice homomorphism of $Z(B)$

onto a sublattice of B . Following [15], we call B regular if $\|T\|_0 = \|T\|$ for all $T \in Z(B)$.

An element ϕ of $G(B)$ such that $\phi T = T\phi$ for all $T \in Z(B)$ is called a symmetry. (See [7] and [8].) The set of all symmetries is denoted by $S(B)$, which is obviously a subgroup of $G(B)$.

The positive cone $(B^*)^+$ of the dual B^* is the set of all $f \in B^*$ such that $f(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in B^+$. An element f of $(B^*)^+$ is said to be order-continuous if $x = \sup(x_i)$ for an increasing net of positive elements (x_i) implies $f(x) = \sup f(x_i)$. The set of all order-continuous elements of $(B^*)^+$ is denoted by B^{oc} . As in the case of $C[0,1]$, it is possible that B^{oc} can contain only the zero functional. On the other hand, if the norm of B is order-continuous, then $B^{oc} = (B^*)^+$.

An element a of B^+ is said to be (oc)-quasi-interior if $f(a) = 0$ and $f \in B^{oc}$ imply $f = 0$.

Now we set

$$B(G) = \{x \in B : \phi(x) = x \text{ for all } \phi \in G(B)\}$$

and

$$B(S) = \{x \in B : \phi(x) = x \text{ for all } \phi \in S(B)\}.$$

If $B(S)$ contains an (oc)-quasi-interior point, B is said to be H-finite; otherwise, B is called H-infinite.

2. Problems.

When B is a Banach lattice, we have

$$Z(B) = \{T \in L(B) : |Tx| \leq \lambda|x| \text{ for all } x \in B \text{ and some } \lambda\}.$$

It is known ([2], Theorem 3.2) that, when B is σ -complete, $T \in Z(B)$ if and only if T commutes with all band projections.

(2.1) *When B is a σ -complete Banach lattice, we have $S(B) = \{1\}$, where 1 denotes the identity operator.*

Proof. Let $\phi \in S(B)$. Since $Z(B)$ contains all band projections, ϕ commutes with all band projections. Hence, $\phi \in Z(B)$. Now, B is

orthogonally decomposable, has the Robinson property and norm, together with the dual norm, is absolutely monotone. Therefore, $\|\phi\| = \|\phi\|_0 = 1$ and, hence, $0 \leq \phi(x) \leq x$ for all $x \in B^+$. Similarly, $0 \leq \phi^{-1}(x) \leq x$ for all $x \in B^+$. Hence, $\phi = I$.

Now, let B be a general ordered Banach space. The above fact leads to the following question: is B lattice-ordered if $S(B) = \{1\}$? More generally, we shall consider the following problem.

Problem 1. Is $B(S)$ lattice-ordered?

We shall show that the answer is affirmative for a special class of ordered Banach spaces. This shows that, as B becomes more lattice-like, $S(B)$ will become smaller and $B(S)$ will become larger. An ordered Banach space is called an antilattice if $z = \sup(x, y)$ implies $x \geq y$ or $x \leq y$. (See [11] and [13].) Then, $B(S)$ will be the smallest when B is an antilattice. We consider this problem in the following three forms.

Problem 2. If B is an H -finite antilattice, is $B(S)$ generated by a single (oc) -quasi-interior point?

Problem 3. If B is an H -infinite antilattice, do we have $B(S) = \{0\}$?

Problem 4. If $S(B) = G(B)$, is B an antilattice?

3. Ordered Banach spaces of type (P) .

Let B be an ordered Banach space. We suppose that there is a family $\{P_\alpha : \alpha \in B^+\}$ of projections (the idempotent elements of $L(B)$). An orthogonal decomposition $a = b - c$ is called proper if the following two conditions are satisfied:

- (1) $P_b(c) = P_c(b) = 0$;
- (2) If $\phi(a) = a$ for some $\phi \in S(B)$, then $\phi(b) = b$.

For every $a \in B^+$, we set

$$B_\alpha^+ = \{x \in B^+ : f(x) = 0 \text{ if } f \in B^{oc} \text{ and } f(a) = 0\}.$$

An ordered Banach space B is said to be of type (P) if it is regular and it is equipped with a family $\{P_a : a \in B^+\}$ such that the following conditions are satisfied:

$$(P1) \quad P_a(B^+) = B_a^+ \quad \text{and} \quad a \in B_a^+ \quad \text{for all} \quad a \in B^+$$

$$(P2) \quad \text{If} \quad a \in B(S), \quad \text{then} \quad P_a \leq 1.$$

(P3) Every element of B admits a proper decomposition.

Before proceeding further, we give some examples.

Example 1. Banach lattices which are σ -complete and in which the norms are order-continuous are of type (P). In this case, P_a is defined by

$$P_a(x) = \sup_{n \geq 1} (x \wedge na),$$

which is the band projection associated with $\{a\}^{\perp\perp}$. By definition, the norms of Banach lattices are absolutely monotone. Hence B is regular. Since the norm is order-continuous, $B^{oc} = (B^*)^+$, and B_a^+ coincides with the "positive bipolar" considered in [14] where the equality (P1) has been proved. (P2) and (P3) follow immediately from (2.1) and the basic properties of band projections.

Example 2. Let M be a von Neumann algebra and $B = M^h$ be the ordered Banach space of all hermitian elements of M . Then B is of type (P). First note that, this is obviously regular. For each $a \in B^+$, define P_a by $P_a(x) = s(a)xs(a)$, where $s(a)$ is the support of a . Since $B^{oc} = (M^*)^+$, the positive part of the predual M_* , $f(a) = 0$ for $f \in B^{oc}$ implies $f(s(a)) = 0$, and the relation (P1) can be proved directly or by a modification of a result in [5], p. 357. As to (P2), we first note that $T \in Z(B)$ if and only if $T1 \cap M \in M'$ and $Tx = x \cdot T1$ for every $x \in B$. For the proof of this fact, see, for instance, [1]. Since M^h is orthogonally decomposable and has the Robinson property, $G(B)$ is the set of all bipositive isometries on M^h . In other words, $G(B)$ is the set of restrictions, to M^h , of all Jordan $*$ -isomorphisms

ϕ of M such that $\phi(1) = 1$. Furthermore, it follows from the above characterization of $Z(B)$ that $\phi \in S(B)$ if and only if ϕ is the restriction of a Jordan $*$ -isomorphism of M which is identical on the centre $M \cap M'$. Hence, we have $B(S) = (M \cap M')^h$. Therefore, if $a \in B(S)$, then $s(a)$ is a central projection. Hence, $P_a(x) \leq x$ for all $x \in B^+$. Finally, the condition (P3) is satisfied because the usual orthogonal decomposition $a = a^+ - a^-$, $a^+ a^- = 0$, is a proper decomposition.

Example 3. Let M be a von Neumann algebra on a Hilbert space H and suppose that there is a cyclic and separating vector $\xi_0 \in H$ for M . Then, by the Tomita-Takesaki theory, there are a conjugation operator J and a modular operator Δ associated with ξ_0 . The real part of H ,

$$H^J = \{ \xi \in H : J\xi = \xi \},$$

is then an ordered Hilbert space ordered by the "natural cone"

$$H^+ = \overline{\{ \Delta^{\frac{1}{4}} x \xi_0 : x \in M^+ \}}.$$

(See [6] and [9].) This is of type (P). Since the norm is absolutely monotone, H^J is regular. We define P_ξ by $P_\xi = p_\xi j(p_\xi)$, where p_ξ is the projection on the subspace $[M'\xi]$ and $j(p_\xi) = Jp_\xi J$. By [9], Theorems 4.5 and 4.6, we have

$$P_\xi(H^+) = \{ \eta \in H^+ : (\eta, \rho) = 0 \text{ if } \rho \in H^+ \text{ and } (\rho, \xi) = 0 \}.$$

Therefore, we have the equality (P1) if the norm is order-continuous. To prove this, suppose that $\eta = \sup (\eta_i)$ for an increasing net $(\eta_i) \subset H^+$. Then, $-\eta \leq \eta_i \leq \eta$. The element η can be assumed to be cyclic and separating, because otherwise we can take $\eta + (1 - p_\eta)j(1 - p_\eta)\xi_0$ instead of η . Since $\eta \in H^+$, H^+ is equal to the closure of $\{ \Delta^{\frac{1}{4}} x \eta : x \in M^+ \}$ and there is an order isomorphism Φ of M^h onto the set

$$\{ \rho \in H^J : -\lambda \eta \leq \rho \leq \lambda \eta \text{ for some } \lambda \}$$

defined by $\phi(x) = \Delta_{\eta}^{\frac{1}{2}} x \eta$. ([9], Theorem 2.7.) Since (η_i) is contained in this set, there are $x_i \in M^h$ and $x \in M^h$ such that $\phi(x_i) = \eta_i$, $\phi(x) = \eta$ and $x = \sup(x_i)$. Furthermore, $\|x_i \xi - x \xi\| \rightarrow 0$ for every $\xi \in H$. Then, since $\|J(x_i - x)\eta\| \rightarrow 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\eta_i - \eta\|^2 &= (\Delta_{\eta}^{\frac{1}{2}}(x_i - x)\eta, \Delta_{\eta}^{\frac{1}{2}}(x_i - x)\eta) \\ &= (\Delta_{\eta}^{\frac{1}{2}}(x_i - x)\eta, (x_i - x)\eta) \\ &= (J(x_i - x)\eta, (x_i - x)\eta) \\ &\leq \|J(x_i - x)\eta\| \cdot \|(x_i - x)\eta\| \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

To prove (P2), we start with a result in [7] that $Z(H^J) = (M \cap M')^h$.

On the other hand, $G(H^J)$ is obviously the set of all unitary operators $u \in L(H)$ such that $u(H^+) = H^+$. Hence, $S(H^+)$ is the set of all unitary operators u in $R(M, M')$, the von Neumann algebra generated by M and M' , such that $u(H^+) = H^+$. Now, suppose that $\xi \in H^J(S)$. Then, $uj(u)\xi = \xi$ for all unitary element u of M , because $uj(u) \in S(H^J)$. Since $j(u)\xi = u^*\xi$, we have $[M^*\xi] = [M\xi]$, which means that p_{ξ} is a central projection. Therefore, $p_{\xi} \leq 1$, and, hence, $P_{\xi} \leq 1$. The condition (P3) is satisfied because the usual orthogonal decomposition $\xi = \xi^+ - \xi^-$, $(\xi^+, \xi^-) = 0$, is a proper decomposition.

4. Problems 1, 2 and 3.

We start with a lemma.

(4.1) *Suppose that B is an ordered Banach space which is regular and B^+ is generating. Then, if B is an antilattice and $0 \leq P = P^2 \leq 1$, then $P = 0$ or $P = 1$.*

Proof. Since $P \in Z(B)$ and $1 - P \in Z(B)$, for each $a \in B^+$ we have that Pa and $(1 - P)a$ belong to a lattice-ordered subset of B , because B is regular. Then, since B is an antilattice, Pa and

$(1 - P)a$ must be comparable, that is, $Pa \leq (1 - P)a$ or $Pa \geq (1 - P)a$.

It then follows that, for every $a \in B^+$, we have either $Pa = 0$ or $Pa = a$. Suppose that there are nonzero elements a and b of B^+ such that $Pa = 0$ and $Pb = b$. Then, $P(a + b) = b$ and $a + b \neq b$, which is a contradiction. Hence, since B^+ is generating, we have either $P = 0$ or $P = 1$.

We now give the answers to the first three problems when B is of type (P).

(4.2) Let B be an ordered Banach space of type (P).

(1). $B(S)$ is lattice-ordered.

(2). If B is an H -finite antilattice, $B(S)$ is generated by an (oc)-quasi-interior point.

(3). If B is an H -infinite antilattice, $B(S) = \{0\}$.

Proof. (1). Let $a \in B(S)$ and $a = b - c$ be a proper decomposition. By (P3), $b \in B(S)$. Therefore, $P_b \leq 1$ by (P2). Furthermore, (P1) implies $P_b \geq 0$. Therefore, if $x \geq a$ and $x \geq 0$, we have $b = P_b a \leq P_b x \leq x$. This means $b = \sup(a, 0)$.

(2). Since $B(S)$ is a sublattice of an antilattice, it is totally ordered. Hence it is generated by a single element. Since B is H -finite, the element must be an (oc)-quasi-interior point.

(3). Suppose that $a \in B(S)$ and $a \neq 0$. By (P3), we can assume that $a \in B^+$. By (P1) and (P2), we have $0 \leq p_a \leq 1$. Hence by (4.1), we have $P_a = 0$ or $P_a = 1$. However, by (P1), $p_a = 0$ implies $a = 0$, a contradiction. Hence, $P_a = 1$, or, equivalently, $B_a^+ = B^+$ by (P1). Hence, a is an (oc)-quasi-interior point. This contradicts the assumption.

An immediate consequence of (4.2) (1) is the following fact.

(4.3) When B is an ordered Banach space of type (P), $S(B) = \{1\}$ implies that B is lattice-ordered.

5. Problem 4.

The answer to this problem is in the negative. We shall give a negative example when B is a finite-dimensional von Neumann algebra. We recall that every finite-dimensional von Neumann algebra M is a direct sum

$$M = M_{k_1} \oplus M_{k_2} \oplus \dots \oplus M_{k_m},$$

where M_{k_n} is the algebra of all $k_n \times k_n$ matrices. The set $\{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m\}$ characterizes the structure of M . We shall show that $G(M^h) = S(M^h)$ if and only if the numbers in this set are different.

(5.1) *Let M be a finite-dimensional von Neumann algebra. Then, $G(M^h) = S(M^h)$ if and only if M is a direct sum of factors which are not mutually Jordan $*$ -isomorphic.*

Proof. There are factors $M_n (n = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ such that M is a direct sum : $M = M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus \dots \oplus M_m$. Since the centre of M is the direct sum of centres of M_n , the central projections of M are linear combinations of the following projections:

$$e_1 = 1 \oplus 0 \oplus \dots \oplus 0, \quad e_2 = 0 \oplus 1 \oplus \dots \oplus 0,$$

$$e_m = 0 \oplus \dots \oplus 0 \oplus 1.$$

Now, suppose, for instance, that M_1 and M_2 are Jordan $*$ -isomorphic and ψ is the isomorphism. Then, the map defined by

$$\phi(x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_m) = (\psi^{-1}(x_2) \oplus \psi(x_1) \oplus x_3 \oplus \dots \oplus x_m)$$

is a Jordan $*$ -isomorphism of M and $\phi(e_1) = e_2$. Therefore,

$G(M^h) \neq S(M^h)$. To prove the converse, let $\phi \in G(M^h)$. Since ϕ preserves the minimal projections, ϕ maps the set $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$ into itself.

If ϕ is not identical on the centre of M , we may suppose that $\phi(e_1) = e_2$. Then, a map $\psi : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ is defined by the following relation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi(x \otimes 0 \otimes \dots \otimes 0) &= \phi((x \otimes 0 \otimes \dots \otimes 0)e_1) \\
 &= \phi(x \otimes 0 \otimes \dots \otimes 0)e_2 \\
 &= 0 \otimes \psi(x) \otimes 0 \otimes \dots \otimes 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

This ψ is a Jordan $*$ -isomorphism of M_1 onto M_2 .

Remark. $G(M^n) = S(M^n)$ if and only if every bijective *o. d.* homomorphism on H is a normal operator. This, and the related problems on *o. d.* homomorphisms, will be discussed in a subsequent paper.

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