# $bvca(\Sigma, X)$ REVISITED

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Abstract. Assuming that  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$  is a measurable space and X is a Banach space we provide a quite general sufficient condition on X for  $bvca(\Sigma, X)$  (the Banach space of all X-valued countably additive measures of bounded variation equipped with the variation norm) to contain a copy of  $c_0$  if and only if X does. Some well-known results on this topic are straightforward consequences of our main theorem.

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**1. Preliminaries.** Throughout this paper X will be a Banach space over the field K of real or complex numbers. Our notation is standard [3, 4]. If  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$  is a measurable space,  $ca(\Sigma, X)$  denotes the Banach space over K of all X-valued countably additive measures F on  $\Sigma$  provided with the semivariation norm ||F|| and  $bvca(\Sigma, X)$  stand for the Banach space of all X-valued countably additive measures F of bounded variation on  $\Sigma$  equipped with the variation norm |F|. We represent by  $ca^+(\Sigma)$  the set of all positive and finite measures defined on  $\Sigma$ . If  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a finite measure space, recall that a weakly  $\mu$ -measurable function  $f: \Omega \to X$  is said to be Dunford integrable if  $x^* f \in \mathcal{L}_1(\mu)$  for every  $x^* \in X^*$ . If f is Dunford integrable and  $E \in \Sigma$ the map  $x^* \mapsto \int_E x^* f \, d\mu$ , denoted by (D)  $\int_E f \, d\mu$ , is a continuous linear form on  $X^*$ . If  $(D) \int_E f d\mu \in X$  for each  $E \in \Sigma$  then f is called Pettis integrable and one writes  $(P)\int_E f d\mu$  instead of  $(D)\int_E f d\mu$ . A strongly  $\mu$ -measurable function  $f: \Omega \to X$  is said to be Bochner integrable if  $\int_{\Omega} ||f(\omega)|| d\mu(\omega) < \infty$ . As usual we denote by  $L_1(\mu, X)$  the Banach space of all (equivalence classes of)  $\mu$ -Bochner integrable functions equipped with the norm  $||f||_1 = \int_{\Omega} ||f(\omega)|| d\mu(\omega)$ . Recall that a series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  in X is said to be weakly unconditionally Cauchy (wuC) if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x^*x_n| < \infty$  for each  $x^* \in X^*$ .

If each  $\mu \in ca^+(\Sigma)$  is purely atomic, then  $ca(\Sigma, X)$  contains a copy of  $c_0$  or  $\ell_{\infty}$  if and only if X contains, respectively, a copy of  $c_0$  or  $\ell_{\infty}$  [5]. Assuming that X has the Radon–Nikodym property with respect to each  $\mu \in ca^+(\Sigma)$ , then  $bvca(\Sigma, X)$  contains a copy of  $c_0$  or  $\ell_{\infty}$  if and only if X does [7]. As a consequence, if each  $\mu \in ca^+(\Sigma)$  is purely atomic then  $bvca(\Sigma, X)$  contains a copy of  $c_0$  or  $\ell_{\infty}$  if and only if X contains, respectively, a copy of  $c_0$  or  $\ell_{\infty}$ . If there exists a nonzero atomless measure  $\mu \in ca^+(\Sigma)$ , the latter statement is no longer true [11]. However, if the range space of the measures is a dual Banach space  $X^*$ , then  $bvca(\Sigma, X^*)$  contains a copy of  $c_0$  or  $\ell_{\infty}$  if and only if  $X^*$  does [10].

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**2.** Banach spaces with property (M). If  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a complete probability space, we shall denote by  $\mathcal{H}_1(\mu, X)$  the set of all those functions  $f : \Omega \to X$  such that  $||f(\cdot)|| \in \mathcal{L}_1(\mu)$ . We shall say that two functions  $f, g \in \mathcal{H}_1(\mu, X)$  are  $\mu$ -equivalent if there is a  $\mu$ -zero set N such that  $f(\omega) = g(\omega)$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega \setminus N$  and we shall denote by  $H_1(\mu, X)$ the set of all classes of  $\mu$ -equivalent functions. By  $\mathcal{L}_{w^*}^{\infty}(\mu, X^*)$  we shall design the linear space over  $\mathbb{K}$  of all  $\mu$ -essentially bounded functions  $\varphi : \Omega \to X^*$  which are weak\* measurable whereas  $bvca_{\mu}(\Sigma, X)$  will represent the linear subspace of  $bvca(\Sigma, X)$  of all those measures F for which there is some a > 0 (which depends on F) such that  $||F(E)|| \leq a \mu(E)$  for each  $E \in \Sigma$ , [2].

DEFINITION 2.1. We say that a Banach space X has property (M) with respect to a measurable space  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$  if given a complete probability measure  $\mu : \Sigma \to [0, 1]$  there is a map  $T_{\mu} : bvca_{\mu}(\Sigma, X) \to H_1(\mu, X)$  with linear range which is linear as a map into its range and for each  $F \in bvca_{\mu}(\Sigma, X)$  it holds that

$$|F| = \int_{\Omega} \|f(\omega)\| \, d\mu(\omega)$$

for each function  $f \in T_{\mu}(F)$ . If X has property (M) with respect to every measurable space  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$ , then we shall say that X has property (M).

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** Each dual Banach space  $X^*$  has property (M).

*Proof.* If  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a complete probability space, according to a well-known consequence of the lifting theorem [2, Theorem 1.5.2] there is a linear injective map  $S_{\mu} : bvca_{\mu}(\Sigma, X^*) \to \mathcal{L}^{\infty}_{w^*}(\mu, X^*)$  such that for each  $F \in bvca_{\mu}(\Sigma, X^*)$  the function  $f = S_{\mu}(F)$  satisfies:

(1) For each  $E \in \Sigma$  and  $x \in X$  one has

$$F(E) x = \int_{E} f(\omega) x d\mu(\omega).$$

(2) The function  $\omega \to ||f(\omega)||$  is measurable, belongs to  $\mathcal{L}_1(\mu)$  and

$$|F|(E) = \int_{E} \|f(\omega)\| \, d\mu(\omega)$$

for each  $E \in \Sigma$ .

Since  $S_{\mu}(bvca_{\mu}(\Sigma, X^*))$  is a linear subspace of  $\mathcal{L}_{w^*}^{\infty}(\mu, X^*)$  contained in  $\mathcal{H}_1(\mu, X^*)$ , if Q denotes the quotient map from  $\mathcal{H}_1(\mu, X^*)$  onto  $H_1(\mu, X^*)$  which maps  $f \in \mathcal{H}_1(\mu, X^*)$  into the class  $\widehat{f}$  of all those functions of  $\mathcal{H}_1(\mu, X^*)$  which are  $\mu$ -equivalent to f, the map  $T_{\mu} := Q \circ S_{\mu}$  which carries F into the class  $\widehat{f}$  satisfies the required conditions.  $\Box$ 

PROPOSITION 2.2. If  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$  is a measurable space such that X has the Radon– Nikodym property with respect to each  $\mu \in ca^+(\Sigma)$ , then X has property (M) with respect to  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$ . If X has the Radon–Nikodym property, then X has property (M).

*Proof.* Let us assume that X has the Radon–Nikodym property with respect to each complete measure space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \lambda)$  with  $\lambda \in ca^+(\Sigma)$ . Let  $\mu$  be a complete probability on  $\Sigma$  and let  $F \in bvca_{\mu}(\Sigma, X)$ . Since X has the Radon–Nikodym property with respect to the complete probability space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  and  $F \ll \mu$ , there is a unique  $\tilde{f} \in L_1(\mu, X)$ 

such that

$$F(E) = (B) \int_{E} f \, d\mu$$

for each  $f \in \tilde{f}$ , so that

$$|F|(E) = \int_{E} \|f(\omega)\| \, d\mu(\omega)$$

for each  $f \in \tilde{f}$ . Since  $\mathcal{L}_1(\mu, X) \subseteq \mathcal{H}_1(\mu, X)$ , if  $\hat{f}$  denotes the class in  $H_1(\mu, X)$  defined by a representative  $f \in \tilde{f}$ , the map  $T_{\mu} : bvca_{\mu}(\Sigma, X) \to H_1(\mu, X)$  defined by  $T_{\mu}(F) = \hat{f}$  is linear into its range and satisfies the required conditions.

PROPOSITION 2.3. Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$  be a measure space with  $\Sigma = 2^{\Omega}$ . If  $B_{X^*}$  (the closed unit ball of  $X^*$ ) is weak\* sequentially dense in  $B_{X^{***}}$  (the closed unit ball of  $X^{***}$ ) and X is norm-one complemented in  $X^{**}$ , then X has property (M) with respect to  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mu$  be a complete probability on  $\Sigma$ . The following argument is based on the proof of [8, Theorem 1.1]. By the lifting theorem there is a linear injective map  $R_{\mu} : bvca_{\mu}(\Sigma, X^{**}) \to \mathcal{L}^{\infty}_{w^*}(\mu, X^{**})$  such that if  $f := R_{\mu}(F)$  then

(1)  $x^*F(E) = \int_E f(\omega)x^* d\mu(\omega)$  for each  $x^* \in X^*$  and  $E \in \Sigma$ , and

(2)  $|F|(E) = \int_{E} ||f(\omega)|| d\mu(\omega)$  for each  $E \in \Sigma$ .

Since  $B_{X^*}$  is weak<sup>\*</sup> sequentially dense in  $B_{X^{***}}$ , given  $x^{***} \in B_{X^{***}}$  there is a sequence  $\{x_n^*\}$  in  $B_{X^*}$  that converges to  $x^{***}$  under the weak\* topology of  $B_{X^{***}}$ . Then, choosing a fixed  $F \in bvca_{\mu}(\Sigma, X)$  and setting  $f := R_{\mu}(F)$ , it follows that  $f(\omega)x_n^* \to x^{***}f(\omega)$  for each  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Since  $|f(\omega)x_n^*| \le ||f(\omega)||$  for  $\mu$ -almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$  then  $x^{***}f \in \mathcal{L}_1(\mu)$  so that  $f : \Omega \to X^{**}$  is Dunford integrable in  $\Omega$ . Moreover, the dominated convergence theorem and condition 1 above imply that

$$x^{***}F(E) = \int_{E} x^{***}f(\omega) \ d\mu(\omega)$$

for each  $E \in \Sigma$ . This guarantees that the function  $f : \Omega \to X^{**}$  is Pettis integrable and that  $F(E) = (P) \int_E f d\mu$  for each  $E \in \Sigma$ . On the other hand, since  $x^{***}f \in \mathcal{L}_1(\mu)$  for each  $x^{***} \in X^{***}$ , if S is a norm-one linear projection form  $X^{**}$  onto X then

$$\int_{E} x^{*} (S \circ f)(\omega) \ d\mu (\omega) = \langle S^{*} x^{*}, F(E) \rangle = \langle x^{*}, S(F(E)) \rangle = x^{*} F(E)$$

for each  $x^* \in X^*$ . This establishes that  $S \circ f : \Omega \to X$  is Pettis integrable and that

$$F(E) = (P) \int_{E} (S \circ f)(\omega) \, d\mu(\omega)$$

for all  $E \in \Sigma$ . Since  $\omega \mapsto ||(S \circ f)(\omega)||$  is  $\mu$ -measurable because  $\Sigma = 2^{\Omega}$ , it follows that

$$|F| \le \int_{\Omega} \|(S \circ f)(\omega)\| \ d\mu(\omega).$$
(2.1)

But the fact that ||S|| = 1 and condition 2 yield

$$\int_{\Omega} \|(S \circ f)(\omega)\| \ d\mu(\omega) \le \int_{\Omega} \|f(\omega)\| \ d\mu(\omega) = |F|.$$
(2.2)

Form (2.1) and (2.2) we conclude that

$$|F| = \int_{\Omega} \|(S \circ f)(\omega)\| \ d\mu(\omega).$$
(2.3)

Since  $(S \circ R_{\mu})(bvca(\Sigma, X))$  is a linear space contained in  $\mathcal{H}_1(\mu, X)$ , if Q denotes the quotient map from  $\mathcal{H}_1(\mu, X)$  onto  $H_1(\mu, X)$ , the map  $T_{\mu} := Q \circ S \circ R_{\mu}$  which carries F into the class  $\hat{h}$  in  $\mathcal{H}_1(\mu, X)$  given by  $h = (S \circ R_{\mu})(F)$  is as required.

### 3. Main theorem and its consequences.

THEOREM 3.1. If X has property (M) with respect to a measurable space  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$ , then  $bvca(\Sigma, X)$  contains a copy of  $c_0$  if and only if X does.

*Proof.* Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$  be a measurable space, let  $\{F_n\}$  denote a normalized basic sequence in  $bvca(\Sigma, X)$  equivalent to the unit vector basis of  $c_0$  and set  $\mu := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} |F_n|$ , so that  $||F_n(E)|| \le 2^n \mu(E)$  for each  $E \in \Sigma$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . By  $\mu$ -completing the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\Sigma$  and extending by zero the  $F_n$  if necessary we may assume  $\mu$  to be complete. Clearly span( $\{F_n\}$ )  $\subseteq bvca_{\mu}(\Sigma, X)$  and the fact that X has property (M) with respect to  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$  provides a linear map  $T_{\mu}$  from span( $\{F_n\}$ ) into  $H_1(\mu, X)$  such that

$$|F| = \int_{\Omega} \|f(\omega)\| \ d\mu(\omega) \tag{3.1}$$

for each  $f \in T_{\mu}(F)$ , with  $F \in \text{span}(\{F_n\})$ .

For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  pick a concrete representative  $f_n \in T_{\mu}(F_n)$ . Since the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n$  in  $bvca(\Sigma, X)$  is wuC, there is C > 0 such that  $|\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_i f_i| < C$  for all finite set of signs  $\varepsilon_i$ . Using the fact that  $T_{\mu}$  is a linear map into its range, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{i} T_{\mu} \left( F_{i} \right) = T_{\mu} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{i} f_{i} \right)$$
(3.2)

for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_i f_i$  is a representative of the class  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_i T_{\mu} F_i$ , equations (3.1) and (3.2) imply

$$\int_{\Omega} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{i} f_{i}(\omega) \right\| d\mu(\omega) = \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{i} f_{i} \right| < C$$
(3.3)

for each  $\varepsilon_i \in \{-1, 1\}, 1 \le i \le n \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Equation (3.3) along with Rosenthal's disjointification lemma (*cf.* [2, Lemma 1.2.1]) forces the sequence { $||f_n(\cdot)||$ } in  $\mathcal{L}_1(\mu)$  to be uniformly integrable (this is almost contained in the proof of [2, Theorem 2.1.1] as well as in the first part of the proof of [8, Lemma 2.3]). Now, setting  $A_1 = \{\omega \in \Omega : \overline{\lim}_{n \to \infty} ||f_n(\omega)|| > 0\}$ , we claim that  $\mu(A_1) > 0$ . Indeed, otherwise  $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||f_n(\omega)|| = 0$  for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ , and since the { $||f_n(\cdot)||$ } is uniformly integrable it follows from Vitali's lemma ([9, Exercise 13.38] or [6, IV.10 Theorem 9]) that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\int_{\Omega}\|f_n(\omega)\|\ d\mu(\omega)=0,$$

contradicting that  $\int_{\Omega} ||f_n(\omega)|| d\mu(\omega) = 1$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Denoting by  $\Delta$  the product space  $\{-1, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ ,  $\Gamma$  the  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $\Delta$  generated by the *n*-cylinders of  $\Delta$ , n = 1, 2, ... and  $\nu$  the probability measure  $\bigotimes_{i=1}^{\infty} \nu_i$  on  $\Gamma$ , where  $\nu_i : 2^{\{-1,1\}} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  satisfies that  $\nu_i(\emptyset) = 0$ ,  $\nu_i(\{-1\}) = \nu_i(\{1\}) = 1/2$  and  $\nu_i(\{-1, 1\}) = 1$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , we may consider the  $\mu$ -measurable map  $\varphi_n : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\varphi_n(\omega) = \int_{\Delta} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i f_i(\omega) \right\| d\nu(\varepsilon)$$

for n = 1, 2, ... Since

$$\int_{\Delta} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{i} f_{i}(\omega) \right\| d\nu\left(\varepsilon\right) \leq \int_{\Delta} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \varepsilon_{i} f_{i}\left(\omega\right) \right\| d\nu\left(\varepsilon\right)$$

for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$ , then  $\{\varphi_n\}$  is a monotone increasing sequence of nonnegative functions. Thus (3.3) and Fubini's theorem yield  $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{\Omega} \varphi_n(\omega) d\mu(\omega) \leq C$ . Hence, by the monotone convergence theorem there exists a  $\mu$ -null set  $A_2 \in \Sigma$  such that  $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \varphi_n(\omega) < \infty$  for each  $\omega \in \Omega \setminus A_2$ . Considering the set  $A := A_1 \cap (\Omega \setminus A_2)$ , it is obvious that  $\mu(A) > 0$ , hence  $A \neq \emptyset$ . Moreover,  $\overline{\lim_{n \to \infty}} \|f_n(\omega)\| > 0$  and

$$\sup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\int_{\Delta}\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n}\varepsilon_{i}f_{i}(\omega)\right\|d\nu\left(\varepsilon\right)<\infty$$

for each  $\omega \in A$ . Choosing  $\omega_0 \in A$  and a strictly increasing sequence of positive integers  $\{n_i\}$  such that  $\inf_{i \in \mathbb{N}} ||f_{n_i}(\omega_0)|| > 0$ , setting  $y_i := f_{n_i}(\omega_0)$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and using the properties of the measure space we conclude that

$$\sup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\int_{0}^{1}\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n}r_{i}\left(t\right)y_{i}\right\|dt=\sup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\int_{\Delta}\left\|\sum_{i=1}^{n}\varepsilon_{i}y_{i}\right\|d\nu\left(\varepsilon\right)<\infty,$$

where  $\{r_i\}$  is the Rademacher sequence on [0, 1]. Since X is a normed space, Bourgain averaging theorem [1] (see also [2, Lemma 2.1.2]) provides a subsequence of  $\{y_n\}$  which is a basic sequence in X equivalent to the unit vector basis of  $c_0$ .

REMARK 3.1. The sequence  $\{f_n\}$  with  $f_n \in T_{\mu}F_n$  constructed in the first part of the proof of Theorem 3.1 is such that for any finite sequence of scalars  $\{a_1, \ldots, a_n\}$  the function  $\omega \mapsto ||a_1f_1(\omega) + \cdots + a_nf_n(\omega)||$  is  $\mu$ -measurable and there are two absolute constant  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  with

$$\alpha \sup_{1 \le i \le n} |a_i| \le \int_{\Omega} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f_i(\omega) \right\| d\mu(\omega) \le \beta \sup_{1 \le i \le n} |a_i|.$$

From these facts one can deduce the existence of some  $\omega_0 \in \Omega$  and of certain subsequence of  $\{f_n(\omega_0)\}$  which is a basic sequence in X equivalent to the unit vector basis of  $c_0$  just in the same way as Theorem 2 is deduced from Theorem 1 in [1]. This provides an alternative argument to the proof of our main theorem.

COROLLARY 3.2. ([10]) The space  $bvca(\Sigma, X^*)$  contains a copy of  $c_0$  if and only if  $X^*$  does.

*Proof.* This is a straightforward consequence of Proposition 2.1 and Theorem 3.1.  $\Box$ 

COROLLARY 3.3. ([7]) If X has the Radon–Nikodym property with respect to each  $\mu \in ca^+(\Sigma)$ , then  $bvca(\Sigma, X)$  contains a copy of  $c_0$  if and only if X does.

*Proof.* This is a straightforward consequence of Proposition 2.2 and Theorem 3.1.  $\Box$ 

COROLLARY 3.4. ([8]) Assume that  $B_{X^*}$  is weak\* sequentially dense in  $B_{X^{***}}$  and that  $\Sigma = 2^{\Omega}$ . If X is norm-one complemented in  $X^{**}$ , then  $bvca(\Sigma, X)$  contains a copy of  $c_0$  if and only if X does.

*Proof.* This is a straightforward consequence of Proposition 2.3 and Theorem 3.1.  $\Box$ 

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