

# ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEQUENCE SPACES THAT HAVE SCHAUDER BASES

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**1. Introduction.** It is known that every Banach space which possesses a Schauder basis is essentially a space of sequences (6, Section 11.4). The primary objectives of this paper are: (1) to illustrate the close connection between sectionally bounded BK spaces and Banach spaces which have a Schauder basis, and (2) to consider some results in these theories in such a way as to render them easy and natural. In order to reach the largest number of readers we shall use (6) as the sole basis of our discussion. References to other authors are made in order to direct the reader to the original source of a theorem or to a related discussion.

A BK space is a Banach space of sequences of real or complex numbers,  $S = \{(x_i)\}$ , on which the coordinate functionals are continuous; that is,  $(x_i^v) \rightarrow (x_i)$  in  $S$  implies  $x_i^v \rightarrow x_i$  for each  $i$ . The topology that makes a given space,  $S$ , of sequences a BK space is unique (6, Section 11.3, Corollary 1). Thus if the norms  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|_0$  on  $S$  make  $S$  a BK space, they are equivalent, i.e. there are  $k$  and  $K > 0$  such that  $k\|(x_i)\| \leq \|(x_i)\|_0 \leq K\|(x_i)\|$  for each  $(x_i)$  in  $S$ . If  $\mathbf{x} = (x_i)$ ,  $P_n \mathbf{x}$  denotes the  $n$ th section of  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, 0, \dots)$ ;  $\mathbf{e}_j = (\delta_{ij})_{i=1}^\infty = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$  where 1 is in the  $j$ th place. The BK spaces which we shall discuss are always assumed to contain all finite sequences. A BK space is sectionally bounded if  $\sup_n \|P_n \mathbf{x}\| < \infty$  for each  $\mathbf{x} \in S$  (4, p. 58).

A Schauder basis for a Banach space  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is a sequence  $Z = \{\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2, \dots\}$  such that each member  $\mathbf{z}$  of  $X$  has a unique expansion

$$\mathbf{z} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i \mathbf{z}_i$$

where  $t_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , are scalars. The norm defined by

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_0 = \sup_n \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \mathbf{z}_i \right\|$$

is equivalent to  $\|\cdot\|$ , and the functionals  $f_i(\mathbf{z}) = t_i$  are continuous (6, Section 11.4, Theorem 1). Hence, the space  $S_z$  of all sequences  $(t_i)$  for which

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i \mathbf{z}_i$$

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converges in  $X$ , given the norm

$$\|(t_i)\| = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i \mathbf{z}_i \right\|,$$

is a BK space, and it is a sectionally bounded BK space with the equivalent norm

$$\|(t_i)\|_0 = \sup_n \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \mathbf{z}_i \right\|.$$

Under the mapping

$$(t_i) \leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i \mathbf{z}_i,$$

$S$  with the norm  $\| \cdot \|_0$  is topologically isomorphic to  $X$ . Under this mapping  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots$  in  $S_2$  correspond to the basis  $Z$ , so they form a basis for  $S_2$ . Thus as far as isomorphic properties are concerned, we may restrict our study of bases to the case of  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots$  a basis for a BK space. In addition, we shall assume that the basis is bounded away from 0 and  $\infty$ , i.e.

$$0 < \inf_n \|\mathbf{e}_n\| \leq \sup_n \|\mathbf{e}_n\| < \infty.$$

This is not a severe restriction since a basis can always be normalized and the resulting sequence is also a basis.

**2. The proper sequential norm.** In this section we shall discuss a means of constructing sectionally bounded BK spaces in which  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots$  is bounded away from 0 and  $\infty$ . Let  $s$  represent the space of all sequences with addition and scalar multiplication defined coordinatewise.

2.1. *Definition.* A proper sequential norm (p.s.n.) is a function,  $N$ , from  $s$  into  $K^*$  which satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $N$  is a norm, i.e.
  - (a)  $N(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) \leq N(\mathbf{x}) + N(\mathbf{y})$ ,
  - (b)  $N(a\mathbf{x}) = |a| N(\mathbf{x})$  for each scalar  $a$ ,
  - (c)  $N(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$ ,  $N(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  if and only if  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ ,
- (2)  $0 < \inf_n N(\mathbf{e}_n) \leq \sup_n N(\mathbf{e}_n) < \infty$ .
- (3)  $N(\mathbf{x}) = \sup_n N(P_n \mathbf{x})$ .

Let  $K_N = \sup_n N(\mathbf{e}_n)$  and  $k_N = \inf_n N(\mathbf{e}_n)$ . Since

$$2N(\mathbf{x}) \geq N(P_n \mathbf{x}) + N(P_{n-1} \mathbf{x}) \geq N(P_n \mathbf{x} - P_{n-1} \mathbf{x}) = N(x_n \mathbf{e}_n) \geq k_N |x_n|$$

and

$$N(x) \leq N(x_1 \mathbf{e}_1) + N(x_2, \mathbf{e}_2) + \dots \leq |x_1| K_N + |x_2| K_N + \dots,$$

we have

$$(4) \quad \frac{1}{2} k_N \sup_n |x_n| \leq N(x) \leq K_N \sup_n \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|.$$

2.2. THEOREM. For a p.s.n.,  $N$ , the set  $S_N$  of all  $x$  for which  $N(\mathbf{x}) < \infty$ , is a Banach space with norm  $N$ , and  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots$  form a basis for their closed linear span in  $S_N$ .

*Proof.* Condition (1) of 2.1 shows that  $S_N$  is a linear space and  $N$  is a norm in  $S_N$ . If  $\{\mathbf{x}^{(n)}\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $S_N$ ,  $x_i = \lim_n x_i^{(n)}$  exists for each  $i$  because of (4). Write  $\mathbf{x} = (x_i)$ ; then  $\lim_n N(P_k(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{(n)})) = 0$  for each  $k$  by the second inequality in (4). If  $H$  is such that  $p$  and  $q \geq H$  imply

$$N(\mathbf{x}^{(p)} - \mathbf{x}^{(q)}) < \epsilon,$$

then for each  $k$ ,  $N(P_k(\mathbf{x}^{(p)} - \mathbf{x}^{(q)})) < \epsilon$ , so  $N(P_k(\mathbf{x}^{(p)} - \mathbf{x})) \leq \epsilon$  for  $p \geq H$ . Thus  $N(\mathbf{x}^{(p)} - \mathbf{x}) \leq \epsilon$  for  $p \geq H$  which implies  $N(\mathbf{x}) < \infty$  and

$$\lim_n N(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^{(n)}) = 0.$$

The elements  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots$  are a basis for their closed linear span; in other words, basic; because for each pair of integers  $p > q > 0$  and arbitrary scalars  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p$ ;

$$N\left(\sum_{i=1}^q a_i \mathbf{e}_i\right) \leq N\left(\sum_{i=1}^p a_i \mathbf{e}_i\right)$$

(6, Section 11.4, Theorem 5).

Inequality (4) shows that  $S_N$  is a BK space. The subspace of  $S_N$  for which  $\{\mathbf{e}_i\}$  is a basis will be designated  $S_N^0$ . If  $(S, || ||)$  is any BK space having  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots$  for a basis which is bounded away from 0 and  $\infty$ , define

$$N(x) = \sup_n \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \mathbf{e}_i \right\|.$$

Then  $N$  is a p.s.n. which is equivalent to  $|| ||$  on  $S$ , so  $S$  is a closed subspace of  $S_N$  which implies  $S = S_N^0$ . Therefore, every Banach space which has a basis is topologically isomorphic to a space  $S_N^0$  for  $N$ , a p.s.n.

Examples of p.s.n.'s are:  $N(\mathbf{x}) = \sup |x_i|$  for which  $S_N = m$ , the space of bounded sequences and  $S_N^0 = c_0$ , the space of sequences which converge to 0;

$$N(x) = \sup_n \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$$

for which  $S_N = S_N^0 = l_1$ , the space of absolutely convergent series; and the  $l_p$  norms,

$$N(x) = \sup_n \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}$$

for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ; see (6, p. 289).

2.3. THEOREM. Let  $(S, || ||)$  be a sectionally bounded BK space in which  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots$  are bounded away from 0 and  $\infty$ . Define  $N(\mathbf{x})$  to be

$$\sup_n \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \mathbf{e}_i \right\|;$$

then  $N$  is a p.s.n. and  $S$  is a closed subspace of  $S_N$  which contains  $S_N^0$ .

*Proof.* Direct calculation shows that  $N$  is a p.s.n. Since  $S$  is sectionally bounded,  $N(\mathbf{x}) < \infty$  for each  $x$  in  $S$ , thus  $S \subseteq S_N$ . But  $S$  and  $S_N$  are BK spaces, so by (6, Section 11.3, Corollary 1) the topology of  $S$  is stronger than that of  $S_N$ . This implies that  $S$  is a closed subspace of  $S_N$  because  $N(\mathbf{x}) \geq \|\mathbf{x}\|$  for  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $S$ . Also  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots$  are in  $S$ , so  $S_N^0 \subseteq S$ .

A sequence  $\mathbf{x} = (x_i)$  can be partitioned into consecutive blocks; thus:

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{x}_j, \quad \mathbf{x}_j = \sum_{i=p(j-1)}^{p(j)-1} x_i \mathbf{e}_i$$

where  $1 = p(0) < p(1) < \dots$  is an arbitrary increasing sequence of indices. The convergence of

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{x}_j$$

refers to coordinatewise convergence, i.e. the usual topology of  $s$ . The following idea is reminiscent of that of the block basis (1, p. 152; 3).

2.4. LEMMA. *Let  $N$  be a p.s.n. and  $\mathbf{t}$  be any sequence partitioned into blocks,*

$$\mathbf{t} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{t}_j, \quad \mathbf{t}_j = \sum_{i=p(j-1)}^{p(j)-1} t_i \mathbf{e}_i,$$

*such that  $0 < \inf_j N(\mathbf{t}_j) \leq \sup_j N(\mathbf{t}_j) < \infty$ . The function defined by*

$$M(\mathbf{x}) = N\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \mathbf{t}_i\right)$$

*is a p.s.n., and  $S_M$  and  $S_M^0$  are isometric to closed subspaces of  $S_N$  and  $S_N^0$  respectively.*

*Proof.* That  $M$  is a p.s.n. can be verified directly from the defining conditions. The correspondence between  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $S_M$  and

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \mathbf{t}_i$$

in  $S_N$  is an isometry between  $S_M$  and a closed subspace of  $S_N$ . If

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \mathbf{t}_i$$

is in  $S_N^0$ , then  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $S_M^0$  since

$$M(\mathbf{x} - P_n \mathbf{x}) = N\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \mathbf{t}_i - \sum_{i=1}^{p(n)} x_i \mathbf{t}_i\right)$$

which converges to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . On the other hand, if  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $S_M^0$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \mathbf{t}_i$$

converges in  $S_N$ , but  $\mathbf{t}_i$  is in  $S_N^0$  for each  $i$ , so

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \mathbf{t}_i$$

is in  $S_N^0$ .

2.5. *Definition.* A p.s.n.  $M$  such as described in the previous lemma will be called the p.s.n. subordinate to  $N$  (with respect to  $\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2, \dots$ ).

For example, let  $N(\mathbf{x}) = \sup_n |x_n|$ , and let

$$\mathbf{t}_1 = \mathbf{e}_1, \quad \mathbf{t}_2 = \mathbf{e}_2 + \mathbf{e}_3, \quad \mathbf{t}_3 = \mathbf{e}_4 + \mathbf{e}_5 + \mathbf{e}_6, \dots$$

Then the subordinate p.s.n. with respect to  $\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2, \dots$  is  $M(\mathbf{x})$

$$M(\mathbf{x}) = N(x_1, x_2, x_2, x_3, x_3, x_3, \dots) = \sup_n |x_n|.$$

Thus  $S_M = S_N = m$  and  $S_M$  is isometric to the subspace of  $S_N$  of all  $x$  for which  $x_2 = x_3, x_4 = x_5 = x_6$ , etc.

### 3. The conjugate space of $S_N^0$ .

3.1. *Definition.* The conjugate p.s.n. of  $N$ , a p.s.n., is the function from  $s$  into  $R^*$  given by

$$N'(\mathbf{y}) = \sup \left( \sup_n \left| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \right| ; N(x) \leq 1 \right).$$

The verification that  $N'$  is a p.s.n. is a straightforward application of its definition and properties of the supremum. However, this task is largely unnecessary in view of the following theorem.

3.2. **THEOREM.** *The conjugate space of  $S_N^0$ ,  $(S_N^0)^*$ , is isometric to  $S_{N'}$  under the correspondence of  $f$  in  $(S_N^0)^*$  to  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $S_{N'}$  where  $y_i = f(\mathbf{e}_i)$  for each  $i$ . Also*

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i$$

for each  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $S_N^0$ .

*Proof.* Given  $f$  in  $(S_N^0)^*$  and

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \mathbf{e}_i \text{ in } S_N^0, \quad f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i$$

by the continuity of  $f$ . If  $N(\mathbf{x}) \leq 1$ ,

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \right| = |f(P_n \mathbf{x})| \leq \|f\| N(P_n \mathbf{x}) \leq \|f\|$$

where  $\| \cdot \|$  is the norm in  $(S_N^0)^*$ . Thus  $\mathbf{y} \in S_{N'}$  and  $N(\mathbf{y}) \leq \|f\|$ .

Assume  $N'(\mathbf{y}) < \infty$ . For  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $S_N^0$  and each  $n$ ,

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \right| = N(\mathbf{x}) \left| \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i/N(\mathbf{x})) y_i \right| \leq N(\mathbf{x}) N'(\mathbf{y}).$$

Hence the functional

$$f_n(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

is continuous on  $S_N^0$  and  $\|f_n\| \leq N'(\mathbf{y})$ . Since  $\lim_n f_n(\mathbf{e}_i) = y_i$  for each  $i$ , and  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots$  is fundamental in  $S_N^0$ , the Banach Steinhaus Theorem (6, Section 7.6, Theorem 3) implies that  $f(\mathbf{y}) = \lim_n f_n(\mathbf{y})$  is a continuous linear functional defined on  $S_N^0$  and  $\|f\| \leq N'(\mathbf{y})$ .

For  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $S_N^0$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  in  $S_{N'}$ , define

$$(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i.$$

Theorem 3.2 implies that  $S_{N'}$  can be identified with  $(S_N^0)^*$  and that the duality between these two spaces given by  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  can be identified with that between  $S_N^0$  and  $(S_N^0)^*$  given by  $f(\mathbf{x})$ . For convenience, we describe this by saying that  $S_{N'}$  represents  $(S_N^0)^*$ .

3.3. COROLLARY. For  $N$ , a p.s.n.,  $S_{N'}$  is (1) the space of all sequences  $\mathbf{y}$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i$$

converges for each  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $S_N^0$  and (2) the space of all sequences  $\mathbf{y}$  for which

$$\sup_n \left| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \right| < \infty$$

for each  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $S_N$ .

*Proof.* If  $\mathbf{y}$  is such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i$$

converges for each  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $S_N^0$ , define the linear functional  $f$  on  $S_N^0$  by

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i.$$

Since  $S_N^0$  is a BK space,  $f$  is continuous (6, Section 11.3, Corollary 5). Thus  $\mathbf{y}$  is in  $S_{N'}$  and  $N'(\mathbf{y}) = \|f\|$  by Theorem 3.2. In the course of proving the same theorem, we showed that if  $\mathbf{y} \in S_{N'}$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i$$

converges for each  $\mathbf{x} \in S_N^0$ ; cf. (6, Section 11.3, Problem 1).

If  $\mathbf{x} \in S_N$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in S_{N'}$ ,

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i \right| \leq N(\mathbf{x})N(\mathbf{y})$$

for each  $n$ ; hence

$$\sup_n \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i \right| < \infty.$$

On the other hand, if  $\mathbf{y}$  is such that

$$\sup_n \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i \right| < \infty$$

for each  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $S_N$ , define the seminorm

$$\phi_n(\mathbf{x}) = \left| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \right| \text{ on } S_N.$$

Then the collection  $\{\phi_n\}$  is pointwise bounded on  $S_{N'}$ , hence uniformly bounded (6, Section 7.6, Theorem 1). Thus

$$\begin{aligned} N'(\mathbf{y}) &= \sup \left\{ \sup_n \left| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \right| : N(\mathbf{x}) \leq 1 \right\} \\ &= \sup \{ \sup_n \phi_n(\mathbf{x}) : N(\mathbf{x}) \leq 1 \} = \sup_n \|\phi_n\| < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

3.4. LEMMA. For each sequence  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $(N')'(\mathbf{x}) = N(\mathbf{x})$ .

Proof. The statement will follow from (3) of 2.1 if we prove that

$$(N')'(P_k \mathbf{x}) = N(P_k \mathbf{x}) \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots$$

When  $N'(\mathbf{y}) \leq 1$ ,  $N'(P_n \mathbf{y}) \leq 1$ , so

$$(N')'(P_k \mathbf{x}) = \sup \left\{ \left| \sum_{i=1}^k x_i y_i \right| : N'(\mathbf{y}) \leq 1 \right\} = \sup \{ |f(P_k \mathbf{x})| : \|f\| \leq 1 \} = N(P_k \mathbf{x}).$$

The last statement is a consequence of (6, Section 4.4, Theorem 2 and Corollary 3).

From Lemma 3.4 and Theorem 2.2 we obtain:

3.5. THEOREM. (a)  $S_{N'}$  represents  $(S_N^0)^*$ , (b)  $S_N$  represents  $(S_{N'}^0)^*$ .

3.6. THEOREM. For p.s.n.'s  $M$  and  $N$  the following statements are equivalent: (a)  $S_M^0 = S_N^0$ , (b)  $S_M = S_N$ , (c)  $S_{M'} = S_{N'}$ , (d)  $S_{M'^0} = S_{N'^0}$ .

Proof. (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). If  $S_M^0 = S_N^0$ ,  $M$  and  $N$  are equivalent norms on  $S_M^0$ ; so for each  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\sup_n M(P_n \mathbf{x}) < \infty$  if and only if  $\sup_n N(P_n \mathbf{x}) < \infty$ . Thus by (2.1-3)  $S_M = S_N$ .

(b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) follows from Corollary 3.3.

(c)  $\Rightarrow$  (d). Since  $M$  and  $N$  are equivalent norms on  $S_M$ ,  $\lim_n N(\mathbf{x} - P_n \mathbf{x}) = 0$ , if and only if  $\lim_n M(\mathbf{x} - P_n \mathbf{x}) = 0$ .

That (d)  $\Rightarrow$  (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a) follows from Lemma 3.4 and the preceding.

**4. The balanced and the symmetric proper sequential norms.**

4.1. *Definition.* A p.s.n.  $N$  is balanced if  $N(\mathbf{x}) = \sup\{N(a_i x_i) : |a_i| \leq 1\}$  for each sequence  $\mathbf{x}$ .

4.2. **LEMMA.** *Suppose  $M$  is a p.s.n. with the property that  $M(\mathbf{x}) < \infty$  implies  $M(a_i x_i) < \infty$  for each  $(a_i) \in m$ . Then there is a balanced p.s.n.,  $N$  for which  $S_M = S_N$ .*

*Proof.* Given  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $S_M$ , define the linear operator  $T_x$  from  $m$  into  $S_M$  by  $T_x \mathbf{a} = (a_i x_i)$ . Since both  $m$  and  $S_M$  are BK spaces,  $T_x$  is continuous (6, Section 11.3, Corollary 5). If

$$N(\mathbf{x}) = \sup\{M(a_i x_i) : |a_i| \leq 1\},$$

$N(\mathbf{x})$  is the norm of  $T_x$  in the uniform topology of operators between  $m$  and  $S_M$ . Direct calculations will prove that  $N$  is a p.s.n. and the previous discussion shows that  $S_N \supseteq S_M$ . But  $N(\mathbf{x}) \geq M(\mathbf{x})$  for each  $\mathbf{x}$ , so  $S_M \subseteq S_N$ .

4.3. **LEMMA.** *If  $M$  is a balanced p.s.n., so is  $M'$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mathbf{y}$  is a sequence and  $|a_i| \leq 1$  for each  $i$ . Since  $M(a_i x_i) \leq 1$  whenever  $M(\mathbf{x}) \leq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} M'(a_i y_i) &= \sup\left\{ \sup_n \left| \sum_{i=1}^n a_i y_i x_i \right| : M(\mathbf{x}) \leq 1 \right\} \\ &\leq \sup\left\{ \sup_n \left| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \right| : M(\mathbf{x}) \leq 1 \right\} = M'(\mathbf{y}). \end{aligned}$$

4.4. *Definition.* A Schauder basis  $X$  of a Banach space  $X$  is unconditional if for each

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i \mathbf{x}_i \text{ in } X$$

the convergence of the series to  $\mathbf{x}$  is unconditional. That is, given  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a finite set of integers  $F$  such that if  $G$  is a finite set of integers containing  $F$ ,

$$\left\| \sum_{i \in G} a_i \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x} \right\| \leq \epsilon$$

(2, p. 73; 3, p. 518).

4.5. **THEOREM.** *If  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots$  is an unconditional basis for a BK space  $T$ , there is a balanced p.s.n.  $N$  such that  $T = S_N^0$ .*

*Proof.* By the discussion following Theorem 2.2, there is a p.s.n.  $M$  for which  $S_M^0 = T$ . If  $\mathbf{x}$  is in  $S_M^0$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  is in  $S_M'$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i$$

converges unconditionally to  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  since

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \mathbf{e}_i$$

converges unconditionally to  $\mathbf{x}$ . This fact plus Corollary 3.3 imply

$$S_{M'} = \left\{ \mathbf{y}: \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i \text{ converges absolutely for each } \mathbf{x} \text{ in } S_M^0 \right\}.$$

Hence, if  $\mathbf{y} \in S_{M'}$  so is  $(a_i y_j)$  for  $(a_i)$  in  $m$ . By Lemma 4.2 there is a balanced p.s.n.  $N_1$  such that  $S_{N_1} = S_{M'}$ . Let  $N = N_1'$ ; then  $N$  is balanced according to Lemma 4.3 and  $S_N^0 = S_M^0$  by Theorem 3.6.

The preceding theorem implies that every Banach space having an unconditional basis can be realized as a space of the type  $S_N^0$  for  $N$  a balanced p.s.n. Conversely, if  $N$  is a balanced p.s.n., it is not hard to show that  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots$  is an unconditional basis of  $S_N^0$ .

4.6. *Definition.* A p.s.n.  $N$  is symmetric if  $N(\mathbf{x}) = N(x_{\pi(1)}, x_{\pi(2)}, \dots)$  for each permutation  $\pi$  on the integers.

We shall not study the properties of the symmetric p.s.n. in detail here. If  $N$  is symmetric,  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots$  is a symmetric basis for  $S_N^0$ ; that is, if

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i \mathbf{e}_i \text{ converges,}$$

then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_{\pi(i)} \mathbf{e}_i$$

converges for each permutation  $\pi$  on the integers (5). Conversely, every Banach space with a symmetric basis can be realized as a space  $S_N^0$  where  $N$  is a symmetric p.s.n.

It can be shown that every symmetric p.s.n. is balanced. Symmetric p.s.n.'s are the  $l_p$  norms and the supremum norm. A p.s.n. that is balanced but not symmetric is

$$N(\mathbf{x}) = \sup_n \sum_{i=1}^n |x_{2i}| + \sup_n |x_{2n-1}|.$$

**5. Applications.** The subject matter of this section is primarily a development of results found in (3) in a manner that emphasizes the duality of sequence spaces. By examining the relevant definitions, it can be seen that condition (a) of Theorem 5.1 below is equivalent to having  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots$  a boundedly complete basis for  $S_N^0$  (3, Theorem 1, Condition (a)) and condition (b) is equivalent to having  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots$  a shrinking basis for  $S_N^0$  (3, Theorem 1, Condition (b)); cf. (2, p. 69, Definition 3; 6, Section 11.4, Theorem 7).

5.1. THEOREM. *The space  $S_N^0$  is reflexive if and only if (a)  $S_N^0 = S_N$  and (b)  $S_{N'}^0 = S_{N'}$ .*

*Proof.* If (a) and (b) hold, then  $S_N^0$  is reflexive by Theorem 3.2.

If  $S_N^0$  is reflexive and  $\mathbf{x} \in S_N$ , then  $\mathbf{x}$  represents a continuous linear functional on  $S_{N'}^0$ . Let  $F$  be a continuous extension of this functional to all of  $S_{N'}$  (6, Section 4.4, Corollary 1). Since  $S_N^0$  is reflexive and  $S_{N'}$  represents the conjugate space of  $S_N^0$ ,  $F$  corresponds to a sequence  $\mathbf{z}$  in  $S_N^0$ . But

$$(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{e}_i) = f(\mathbf{e}_i) = (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{e}_i)$$

for each  $i$ , which implies  $\mathbf{x} \in S_N^0$ , so (a) holds. To obtain (b) observe that  $S_N^0$  reflexive implies  $S_{N'}$ , and, hence,  $S_{N'}^0$  reflexive (6, Section 7.2, problem 19).

We omit the proofs of the following two lemmas which are easy.

5.2. LEMMA. *If  $N$  is a balanced p.s.n. and  $(1, 1, 1, \dots)$  is in  $S_N$ , then  $S_N = m$ .*

5.3. LEMMA. *A p.s.n. that is subordinate to a balanced p.s.n. is balanced.*

The next theorem corresponds to (3, Lemmas 1 and 2).

5.4. THEOREM. *Suppose  $N$  is a balanced p.s.n. and  $S_N^0 \neq S_N$ , then*

- (a) *There is a closed subspace of  $S_N$  topologically isomorphic to  $m$ .*
- (b) *There is a closed subspace of  $S_N^0$  topologically isomorphic to  $c_0$ .*
- (c) *There is a closed subspace of  $S_N^0$  topologically isomorphic to  $l_1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{t}$  be in  $S_N$  but not  $S_N^0$ . Then

$$\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \mathbf{e}_i \right\}$$

is not a Cauchy sequence, so there is a number  $\eta > 0$  and integers

$$1 = p(0) < p(1) < \dots$$

such that

$$N\left(\sum_{i=p(k-1)}^{p(k)-1} t_i \mathbf{e}_i\right) > \eta.$$

Let

$$\mathbf{t}_k = \sum_{i=p(k-1)}^{p(k)-1} t_i \mathbf{e}_i$$

and let  $M$  be the p.s.n. subordinate to  $N$  with respect to  $\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2, \dots$ . Then  $M$  is a balanced p.s.n. by Lemma 5.4 and  $S_M = m$  by Lemma 5.2 because  $M(1, 1, \dots) = N(\mathbf{t}) < \infty$ . By Lemma 2.4,  $S_M = m$  is isometric to a closed subspace of  $S_N$  and  $S_M^0 = c_0$  to a closed subspace of  $S_N^0$ . This establishes (a) and (b).

Let

$$\mathbf{s}_k = \sum_{i=p(k-1)}^{p(k)-1} s_i \mathbf{e}_i$$

be a sequence in  $S_{N'}$ , such that  $N'(\mathbf{s}_k) \leq 1$  and  $(\mathbf{t}_k, \mathbf{s}_k) > \eta$  for each  $k$ . The existence of such a sequence follows from the fact that  $S_{N'}$  is the conjugate space of  $S_N^0$  (6, Section 4.4, Corollary 3). If

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_k \mathbf{s}_k$$

converges, so do

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=p(k-1)}^{p(k)-1} y_k s_i \mathbf{e}_i \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=p(k-1)}^{p(k)-1} |y_k| s_i \mathbf{e}_i$$

since  $N$  is balanced. Therefore,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=p(k-1)}^{p(k)-1} |y_k| s_i t_i$$

converges, which implies

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |y_k|$$

converges. Consequently, the closed linear span of  $\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, \dots$  in  $S_{N'}^0$  is topologically isomorphic to  $l_1$ .

5.5. THEOREM. For  $N$  a balanced p.s.n.,  $S_N^0$  is reflexive if it has no subspace isomorphic with  $l_1$  or  $c_0$ , or if  $S_N^0$  and  $S_{N'}$  have no subspace isomorphic to  $l_1$ .

*Proof.* If  $S_N^0$  is not reflexive, then either  $S_N^0 \neq S_N$  or  $S_{N'} \neq S_{N'}^0$ . If  $S_N^0 \neq S_N$ , then (b) and (c) of 5.4 show that there is a closed subspace of  $S_N^0$  topologically isomorphic to  $c_0$  and a closed subspace of  $S_{N'}^0$  topologically isomorphic to  $l_1$ . If  $S_N^0 \neq S_{N'}$ , apply (b) and (c) of 5.5 to  $S_{N'}^0$  and  $S_{N''}^0 = S_N^0$ .

The method of proving the second statement is similar.

We shall now discuss the example in (3) of a non-reflexive Banach space isomorphic to its second conjugate. Define

$$J(\mathbf{x}) = \sup \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (x_{p(2i-1)} - x_{p(2i)})^2 + (x_{p(2n+1)})^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where the supremum is taken over all positive integers  $n$  and finite increasing sequences of integers  $p(1), p(2), \dots, p(2n + 1)$ . It is clear that  $J$  satisfies the conditions defining a p.s.n. except possibly for (1)-(a), the triangular inequality. For the reader's convenience we repeat James's proof that it does (3, p. 524). Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is an increasing sequence of integers

$$p(1), p(2), \dots, p(2n + 1)$$

for which

$$J(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) \leq \epsilon + \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (x_{p(2i-1)} + y_{p(2i-1)} - x_{p(2i)} - y_{p(2i)})^2 + (x_{p(2n+1)} + y_{p(2n+1)})^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq J(\mathbf{x}) + J(\mathbf{y}) + \epsilon.$$

5.6. LEMMA. (a)  $S_J \subseteq c$ , (b)  $S_{J^0} = S_J \cap c_0$ , (c)  $S_{J'} = S_{J^0}$ .

*Proof.* (a) Suppose  $\lim_n x_n$  does not exist; then there is  $\epsilon > 0$  and a sequence  $p(1) < p(2) < \dots$  such that  $|x_{p(2i-1)} - x_{p(2i)}| > \epsilon$  for each  $i$ . Thus

$$J(\mathbf{x}) \geq \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (x_{p(2i-1)} - x_{p(2i)})^2 + (x_{p(2n+1)})^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq n^{\frac{1}{2}}\epsilon$$

for each  $n$ , which implies  $\mathbf{x} \notin S_J$ .

(b) Let  $\mathbf{x} \in S_J \cap c_0$ . Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there must be  $K$  so large that whenever  $K < p(1) < p(2) < \dots < p(2n)$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_{p(2i-1)} - x_{p(2i)})^2 < \epsilon^2/2$$

and such that  $n \geq K$  implies  $|x_n| < \epsilon/\sqrt{2}$ . If  $k > K$  and

$$k \leq p(1) < p(2) < \dots < p(2n + 1),$$

then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_{p(2i-1)} - x_{p(2i)})^2 + (x_{p(2n+1)})^2 < \epsilon^2/2 + \epsilon^2/2 = \epsilon^2.$$

Therefore,  $J(\mathbf{x} - P_k \mathbf{x}) \leq \epsilon$  for  $k \geq K$ .

(c) The argument used here is essentially that of James (3, p. 524). Suppose there is  $\mathbf{y} \in S_N$ , for which  $\lim_k J'(\mathbf{y} - P_k \mathbf{y}) ; 0$  is false. Then there is  $\epsilon > 0$  and integers  $1 = k(1) \leq k(2) \leq \dots$  such that

$$J\left(\sum_{j=k(i)}^{k(i+1)-1} y_j \mathbf{e}_j\right) > \epsilon \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots$$

Since  $S_{J'}$  represents the conjugate space of  $S_{J^0}$ , there is a sequence  $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots$  such that

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \sum_{j=k(i)}^{k(i+1)-1} x_j \mathbf{e}_j, \quad J(\mathbf{x}_i) \leq 1, \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\mathbf{x}_i, \sum_{j=k(i)}^{k(i+1)-1} y_j \mathbf{e}_j\right) > \epsilon \quad \text{for each } i.$$

Let  $\mathbf{z}$  be the sequence with  $z_i = (1/n)x_i$  for  $k(n) \leq i \leq k(n+1)$ . Note that  $|z_i| < 1/n$  for any given  $n$  when  $i$  becomes sufficiently large so  $\mathbf{z} \in c_0$ . For  $p(1) < p(2) < \dots < p(2n + 1)$  consider the sum

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (z_{p(2i-1)} - z_{p(2i)})^2 + (z_{p(2n+1)})^2.$$

For each  $i$  either (i)  $z_{p(2i-1)}$  and  $z_{p(2i)}$  are coordinates of the same  $\mathbf{x}_n/n$  or (ii) they are coordinates of different elements,  $\mathbf{x}_n/n$  and  $\mathbf{x}_{n+r}/(n+r)$ . The sum of the squares of the differences of the numbers of type (ii) is less than or equal to

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [1/n + 1/(n+1)]^2 < 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1/n)^2$$

while the remaining terms have sum less than or equal to

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (J(\mathbf{z}_n)/n)^2 \leq 1/n^2.$$

Thus the sum in question is

$$\leq 5 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^2;$$

so  $J(\mathbf{z}) < \infty$ , which implies  $\mathbf{z} \in S_N^0$ . But

$$(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}) \geq \epsilon \left( \sum_{n=1}^p 1/n \right)$$

for each  $p$ , which is a contradiction.

Since  $\mathbf{e}_0 = (1, 1, \dots)$  is in  $S_J$  but not  $S_J^0$ ,  $S_J^0$  is not reflexive. However, by (a) and (b) of Lemma 5.6 every member  $\mathbf{x}$  of  $S_J$  can be written uniquely

$$\mathbf{x} = x_0 \mathbf{e}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (x_i - x_0) \mathbf{e}_i, \quad x_0 = \lim_i x_i.$$

Define  $T$  from  $S_J$  into  $S_J^0$  by  $T\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$  where  $y_1 = x_0$ ,  $y_i = x_{i-1} - x_0$  for  $i > 1$ . It can be verified directly that  $J(\mathbf{y}) < \infty$  and that  $\mathbf{y} \in c_0$ ; hence  $\mathbf{y}$  is in  $S_J^0$ . Since the coefficient functionals of a basis are continuous,  $T$  is a closed, thus a continuous, operator. It is also easy to show that  $T$  is onto and one to one. Since  $S_J$  represents the conjugate space of  $S_J^0$  which is equal to  $S_{J'}$ ,  $S_J^0$  is isomorphic to its second conjugate.

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