

## THE MAZUR PROPERTY FOR COMPACT SETS

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We give a “convex” characterization to the following smoothness property, denoted by  $(CI)$ : every compact convex set is the intersection of balls containing it. This characterization is used to give a transfer theorem for property  $(CI)$ . As an application we prove that the family of spaces which have an equivalent norm with property  $(CI)$  is stable under  $c_0$  and  $l_p$  sums for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . We also prove that if  $X$  has a transfinite Schauder basis, and  $Y$  has an equivalent norm with property  $(CI)$  then the space  $X \hat{\otimes}_\rho Y$  has an equivalent norm with property  $(CI)$ , for every tensor norm  $\rho$ .

Similar results are obtained for the usual Mazur property  $(I)$ , that is, the family of spaces which have an equivalent norm with property  $(I)$  is stable under  $c_0$  and  $l_p$  sums for  $1 < p < \infty$ .

**Introduction.** Mazur [6] was the first who considered the following separation property, denoted by  $(I)$ :

Every bounded closed convex set is the intersection of balls containing it.

Later, Phelps [7] proved that property  $(I)$  is weaker than the Fréchet differentiability of the norm, and gave a dual characterization for  $(I)$  in the finite dimensional case.

Phelps' theorem was extended to the infinite dimensional case in [3], where the property  $(I)$  was dually characterized.

Here we will give another extension of Phelps' theorem by characterizing the following property, denoted by  $(CI)$ :

Every compact convex set is an intersection of balls.

This property was recently introduced by Whitfield and Zizler [9].

We use this characterization to give a “transfer theorem” for property  $(CI)$ , which is analogous to the one given for property  $(I)$  [2].

We also prove a stability result for property  $(CI)$ , which is of the same nature as the one given by Zizler for l.u.c. renormings [10]. Our proof can be modified to give a similar stability result for property  $(I)$ .

Some renorming results of Whitfield-Zizler [9], and Deville [2] are particular cases of these stability results.

*Notation.* Our notation is standard. A point  $x \in X$  is said to be extremal if  $x = 0$  or  $x/\|x\|$  is an extreme point of the unit ball of  $X$ . Similar conventions will be used for  $w^*$ -exposed points,  $w^*$ -denting points, and  $w^*$ -strongly exposed points.

The unit ball and the unit sphere of a Banach space  $X$  will be denoted by  $B(X)$  and  $S(X)$  respectively. We also denote by  $B(z, r)$  [resp.  $S(z, r)$ ] the ball [resp. the sphere] centered at  $z$  and of radius  $r$  (the underlying Banach space is understood).

For a subset  $C$  of a Banach space  $X$  we denote by  $cv(C)$  [resp.  $\overline{cv}(C)$ ] the convex [resp. closed convex] hull of  $C$ .

**1. Dual characterization for property (CI).** The following theorem is analogous to the one given for property (I) [3]. Techniques used in the proof can be found in Phelps' paper [7].

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space. The following properties are equivalent:*

(i) *Every compact convex set is the intersection of balls containing it.*

(ii) *The cone of extreme points of  $X^*$  is dense in  $X^*$  for the topology  $\mathcal{F}$  of uniform convergence on compact sets of  $X$ .*

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Let  $f \in S(X^*)$ ,  $K$  a compact subset of  $B(X)$ , and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We want to find  $g \in \text{Ext}(B(X^*))$ , and  $\lambda > 0$ , such that

$$\|f - \lambda g\|_K = \sup_K |f - \lambda g| \leq \varepsilon.$$

Without loss of generality we can suppose that  $K$  is absolutely convex and  $\|f\|_K \geq 1 - \varepsilon/2$ .

(Indeed, let  $x \in B(X)$  such that  $f(x) > 1 - \varepsilon/2$ , and let  $L$  be the closed convex symmetric hull of  $K \cup \{x\}$ . The above mentioned reduction is then possible since  $\|\cdot\|_L \geq \|\cdot\|_K$ .) Let  $u \in K$  be such that  $f(u) = 1 - \varepsilon/2$ , and put  $u' = (\varepsilon/4)u$ , and  $D = K \cap f^{-1}(0)$ . By (i), there exists  $z \in X$ ,  $r > 0$ , such that  $u' \notin B(z, r)$ , and  $D \subset B(z, r)$ .

Let  $w$  be the unique element of  $[S(z, r) \cap cv(u', z)]$ . Put  $x = (w - z)/r$ , and let  $g \in \text{Ext}(B(X^*))$  such that  $\|x\| = g(x) = 1$ . Then it is easy to see that:

$$0 \leq g(w) = \sup_{B(z,r)} g < g(u'), \quad \text{so } \|g\|_K > 0.$$

Let  $\lambda > 0$  be such that  $\|\lambda g\|_K = 1$ . Then for every  $k \in D$  we have:

$$\lambda g(k) \leq \lambda g(u') = \varepsilon \lambda g(u)/4 \leq \varepsilon/4,$$

and by symmetry of  $D$ , we have  $\|\lambda g\|_D \leq \varepsilon/4$ .

Phelps' lemma implies then:

$$\left\| \frac{f}{\|f\|_K} + \lambda g \right\|_K \leq \varepsilon/2 \quad \text{or} \quad \left\| \frac{f}{\|f\|_K} - \lambda g \right\|_K \leq \varepsilon/2.$$

(Phelps' lemma is applied to the space  $(\text{Sp}K, j_K)$ : the linear space generated by  $K$  equipped with the gauge (or the Minkowski functional) of  $K$ .)

But  $f(u)/\|f\|_K \geq f(u) \geq 1 - \varepsilon/2 > \varepsilon/2$  (if  $\varepsilon \ll 1$ ) and  $\lambda g(u) \geq 0$ , so we have necessarily  $\|f/\|f\|_K - \lambda g\|_K \leq \varepsilon/2$ .

Then

$$\|f - \lambda g\|_K \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \left\| \frac{f}{\|f\|_K} - f \right\|_K \leq \varepsilon.$$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). (Our proof is simpler than the one given by Whitfield and Zizler [9].) Let  $K$  be a compact convex subset of  $X$  not containing 0. By (ii) and the Hahn-Banach theorem there exists  $g \in \text{Ext}(B(X^*))$  such that  $\inf_K g > 0$ .

Let us first note the following easy fact:

On bounded subsets of  $X^*$ , the  $w^*$ -topology coincides with the topology  $\mathcal{T}$  of uniform convergence on compact sets of  $X$ .

From the extremality of  $g$ , we deduce that there exists an  $x \in S(X)$ ,  $\delta > 0$ , such that:

$$g \in S(B(X^*); x, \delta) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{diam}_{\|\cdot\|_K}[S(B(X^*); x, \delta)] \leq \varepsilon,$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is defined by  $3\varepsilon = \inf_K g$ .

Let us consider now the increasing family of balls (for  $r > 1$ ):  $D_r = B(r\epsilon x, (r - 1)\epsilon)$ , and let us show that  $K \subset \dot{D}_r$  for some  $r$ .

If not, let  $y \in [\bigcap_{r>0}(K \setminus \dot{D}_r)]$ , and let  $g_r \in S(X^*)$  be such that  $g_r(r\epsilon x - y) = \|r\epsilon x - y\| \geq (r - 1)\epsilon$ . Then  $g_r(x) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} 1$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} (g - g_r)(y) &= g(y) + g_r(r\epsilon x - y) - \epsilon r g_r(x) \\ &\geq 3\epsilon + (r - 1)\epsilon - \epsilon r g_r(x) \\ &= 2\epsilon + r\epsilon(1 - g_r(x)) \geq 2\epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction to the choice of  $x$  and  $\delta$ . □

**REMARK.** Let us show that property (CI) is the "natural" intersection property which is associated to Gateaux-smoothness. In order to do this, we will describe the similarities between the dual characterizations of properties (I) and (CI).

Recall first that  $X$  has property (I) if and only if the set of  $w^*$ -denting points of  $B(X^*)$  is norm dense in  $S(X^*)$  [3]. And observe that the definition of  $w^*$ -denting points (resp. extreme points) is obtained from the one of  $w^*$ -strongly exposed points (resp.  $w^*$ -exposed points) by allowing the  $w^*$ -slices not to be parallel.

**2. A “Transfer Theorem” for property (CI).** In this section we will prove a “transfer theorem” which is analogous to the corresponding one for property (I) [2]. For other “transfer theorems” see [4], [5].

In this paper all the linear operators we consider are assumed to be bounded.

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $T: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear operator such that  $T$  and  $T^*$  are injective.*

*If  $Y$  has an equivalent norm with property (CI), then  $X$  has an equivalent norm with property (CI).*

*Proof.* Recall that we denote by  $\mathcal{T}$  ( $= \mathcal{T}_X$ ) the topology on  $X^*$  of uniform convergence on compact sets of  $X$ .

We decompose the proof into three steps:

1. If  $T: X \rightarrow Y$  is a linear operator, then  $T^*: Y^* \rightarrow X^*$  is  $\mathcal{T}_Y - \mathcal{T}_X$  continuous.

Indeed, let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and let  $K$  be a compact subset of  $X$ . Then  $T(K)$  is a compact subset of  $Y$ , and:

$$T^*(\{y^* \in Y^*: \sup_{T(K)} y^* < \varepsilon\}) \subset \{x^* \in X^*: \sup_K x^* < \varepsilon\}.$$

2.  $X$  is the dual of  $(X^*, \mathcal{T})$ .

Indeed, every  $x \in X$  is  $w^*$ -continuous on  $X^*$ , hence  $\mathcal{T}$ -continuous. On the other hand, if  $\xi \in (X^*, \mathcal{T})^*$ , then  $\xi$  is continuous on  $(B(X^*), \mathcal{T}) = (B(X^*), w^*)$ , so  $\xi \in X$ . (Another way to see this is to observe that  $\mathcal{T}$  is coarser than the Mackey topology associated to  $w^*$ .)

It is now easy to deduce the following:

*Claim.* If  $H$  is a subspace of  $X^*$  which is  $w^*$ -dense in  $X^*$ , then  $H$  is  $\mathcal{T}$ -dense in  $X^*$ .

3. If  $T: X \rightarrow Y$  is such that  $T^*$  is injective, then  $X$  has an equivalent norm for which  $T^*(\text{Ext}(Y^*)) \subset \text{Ext}(X^*)$ .

Indeed, let  $\|\cdot\|$  be the original norm of  $X$ , and  $C = T^*(B(Y^*))$ .

Define on  $X^*$  a convex  $w^*$ -lower-semicontinuous function by:

$$\psi(x^*) = \|x^*\|^* + \int_0^\infty e^{-t} \text{dist}(x^*, tC) dt,$$

and define the new norm on  $X$  by:

$$B_{|\cdot|_*}(x^*) = \{x^* : \psi(x^*) \leq 1\}.$$

REMARKS. (i) To see that  $\psi$  is  $w^*$ -lower semicontinuous ( $w^*$ -l.s.c.) it suffices to observe the easy (and well known) fact that for a  $w^*$ -compact subset  $K$  of  $X^*$  the function  $x^* \rightarrow \text{dist}(x^*, K)$  is  $w^*$ -l.s.c.

(ii) The functional  $\psi(x^*)$  is symmetric, i.e.:  $\psi(x^*) = \psi(-x^*)$ , since  $C$  is, and satisfies  $\|x^*\| \leq \psi(x^*) \leq 2\|x^*\|$ ; hence the set  $\{\psi(x^*) \leq 1\}$  is the unit ball of a dual equivalent norm on  $X^*$ , which is simply the gauge of the set  $\{\psi(x^*) \leq 1\}$ .

Let  $y_0^* \in \text{Ext}(Y^*)$ , and choose  $t_0 > 0$  such that  $|t_0 T^*(y_0^*)|^* = 1$ . We want to prove that  $t_0 T^*(y_0^*) = x_0^* \in \text{Ext}(B_{|\cdot|_*}(X^*))$ .

Let  $x_1^*, x_2^*$  be such that  $2x_0^* = x_1^* + x_2^*$ ,  $|x_1^*|^* = |x_2^*|^* = 1$ . Then  $\psi(x_0^*) = \psi(x_1^*) = \psi(x_2^*) = 1$ , and by a convexity argument, and the fact that  $t \rightarrow \text{dist}(x^*, tC)$  is continuous for every  $x^* \in X^*$ , we deduce that for every  $t$ , we have  $2\text{dist}(x_0^*, tC) = \text{dist}(x_1^*, tC) + \text{dist}(x_2^*, tC)$ .

So  $\text{dist}(x_1^*, t_0 C) = \text{dist}(x_2^*, t_0 C) = 0$ , but  $C$  is norm closed, then  $x_1^* \in t_0 C$  and  $x_2^* \in t_0 C$ .

By injectivity of  $T^*$ , and extremality of  $y_0^*$ , we deduce that  $x_0^*$  is extremal.

The theorem is now an easy consequence of the above three facts. Indeed, give  $X$  and  $Y$  equivalent norms for which  $\text{Ext}(Y^*)$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -dense in  $Y^*$ , and  $T^*(\text{Ext}(Y^*)) \subset \text{Ext}(X^*)$ . Then  $T^*(\text{Ext}(Y^*))$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -dense in  $T^*(Y^*)$  which is itself  $\mathcal{F}$ -dense in  $X^*$ . The conclusion follows.  $\square$

REMARKS. (i). Property (CI) is hereditary (a subspace of a space with an equivalent (CI)-norm, has an equivalent (CI)-norm) if and only if the above “transfer theorem” is valid without the hypothesis “ $T^*$  injective”.

The if part is trivial.

Suppose (CI) is hereditary. Let  $T: X \rightarrow Y$  be an injective operator. If we factorize  $T$  by its image:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{T} & Y \\ & \searrow S & \nearrow \uparrow \\ & & Z = \overline{T(X)} \end{array}$$

the heredity of property (CI), and Theorem 2, implies that  $X$  has an equivalent (CI)-norm if  $Y$  does.

The same remark applies to Deville’s “transfer theorem” for Property (I): Let  $T: X \rightarrow Y$  be such that  $T^*$  and  $T^{**}$  are injective; then  $X$  has an equivalent (I)-norm if  $Y$  does.

(ii) It was proved in [3], that if the norm of  $X$  is locally uniformly convex, then its dual norm on  $X^*$  satisfies property  $(*I)$ : every  $w^*$ -compact set is an intersection of balls.

In particular spaces  $l^\infty(\Gamma)$  have equivalent  $(CI)$ -norms. Then, if property  $(CI)$  is hereditary, every Banach space will have an equivalent  $(CI)$ -norm (since the spaces  $l^1(\Gamma)$  have equivalent l.u.c. norms, and every Banach space is a subspace of some  $l^\infty(\Gamma)$ -space).

**3. Applications.** In [9], Whitfield and Zizler proved that every Banach space with a transfinite Schauder basis has an equivalent norm with property  $(CI)$ .

In [2], Deville uses his “transfer theorem” for property  $(I)$  to prove that the James’ spaces  $J(\eta)$  have equivalent norms with property  $(I)$ .

We give here a “unified” proof of these results which is simpler than Whitfield-Zizler’s proof, and give a generalization of Deville’s result on  $J(\eta)$  spaces.

Recall first that a family of projections  $(P_\alpha)_{0 \leq \alpha \leq \mu}$ ,  $\mu$  ordinal, is a transfinite Schauder decomposition of the Banach space  $X$  if:

- (i)  $P_0 = 0$ ,  $P_\mu = \text{id}_X$
- (ii)  $P_\alpha P_\beta = P_{\min(\alpha, \beta)}$  for every  $\alpha, \beta \leq \mu$
- (iii)  $\Phi: [0, \mu] \times X \rightarrow X: \Phi(\alpha, x) = P_\alpha x$  is separately continuous.

Such a decomposition is said to be shrinking if

$$X^* = \overline{\text{span}} \bigcup_{\alpha < \mu} (P_{\alpha+1}^* - P_\alpha^*)(X^*).$$

The following theorem should be compared with Zizler’s theorem on l.u.c. renormings [10].

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $(P_\alpha)_{0 \leq \alpha \leq \mu}$  be a Schauder decomposition [resp. a shrinking Schauder decomposition] of the Banach space  $X$ . Suppose that for every  $\alpha, 0 \leq \alpha < \mu$ , the space  $X_\alpha = (P_{\alpha+1} - P_\alpha)(X)$  has an equivalent norm with property  $(CI)$  [resp. with property  $(I)$ ]. Then the space  $X$  has an equivalent norm with property  $(CI)$  [resp. with property  $(I)$ ].*

“Transfer theorems” for properties  $(I)$  and  $(CI)$  permit the proof of the theorem to be reduced to the following special case:

**PROPOSITION 4.** *Let  $(X_\alpha, \|\cdot\|_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  be a family of spaces with property  $(CI)$  [resp. with property  $(I)$ ], then the space  $X = (\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Gamma} X_\alpha)_{c_0}$  has an equivalent norm with property  $(CI)$  [resp. with property  $(I)$ ].*

*Proof.* Let  $\|\cdot\|$  be an equivalent lattice norm on  $c_0(\Gamma)$  which is  $C^\infty$  [1]. (Lattice norms on  $c_0(\Gamma)$  are norms satisfying the following property: If two elements  $x = (x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$ , and  $y = (y_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  are such that  $|x_\alpha| \leq |y_\alpha|$  for every  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , then  $\|x\| \leq \|y\|$ .  $C^\infty$  stands for infinitely Fréchet-differentiable.)

Define on  $X$  an equivalent norm by:

$$\|(x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}\| = \|(\|x_\alpha\|_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}\|.$$

A direct computation shows that its dual norm on  $X^* = (\bigoplus_{\alpha \in \Gamma} X_\alpha^*)_{l^1}$  is given by  $\|(x_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}\|^* = \|(\|x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}\|^*$ .

Let  $A$  be such that for every  $(a_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \in c_0(\Gamma)$  we have

$$\frac{1}{A} \text{Sup}_{\alpha \in \Gamma} |a_\alpha| \leq \|(a_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}\| \leq A \text{Sup}_{\alpha \in \Gamma} |a_\alpha|.$$

*First case. Property (CI).*

*Step 1.* We first show the following:

*Claim.* If  $x^* = (x_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \in X^*$  is such that  $x_\alpha^* \in \text{Ext}(X_\alpha^*)$  for every  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , and  $(\|x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  is a  $w^*$ -exposed point of  $l^1(\Gamma)$ , then  $x^* \in \text{Ext}(X^*)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(a_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  be an element of  $c_0(\Gamma)$  which exposes  $(\|x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$ :

$$\|(a_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}\| = \|(\|x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}\|^* = \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} a_\alpha \|x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^* = 1;$$

then  $a_\alpha \geq 0$  for every  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ .

If  $2x^* = x_1^* + x_2^*$ , and  $|x_1^*|^* = |x_2^*|^* = 1$ , then

$$2 = 2 \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} a_\alpha \|x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^* \leq \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} a_\alpha \|x_{1,\alpha}^*\|_\alpha^* + \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} a_\alpha \|x_{2,\alpha}^*\|_\alpha^* \leq 2.$$

So  $\sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} a_\alpha \|x_{1,\alpha}^*\|_\alpha^* = \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} a_\alpha \|x_{2,\alpha}^*\|_\alpha^* = 1$ .

Since  $(a_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  exposes  $(\|x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$ , we have:  $\|x_{1,\alpha}^*\|_\alpha^* = \|x_{2,\alpha}^*\|_\alpha^* = \|x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^*$ , for every  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . And by the extremality of  $x_\alpha^*$  for every  $\alpha$ , we have  $x^* = x_1^* = x_2^*$ .

*Step 2.* We will prove that the set of extreme points described in Step 1 is  $\mathcal{F}$ -dense in  $X^*$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0, K \subset B(X)$  be a compact subset of  $X, x^* \in X^*, |x^*|^* = 1$ . Suppose  $K$  is convex and symmetric.

Put  $a_\alpha^* = \|x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^*, K_\alpha = \pi_\alpha(K)$ , where  $\pi_\alpha$  is the natural projection of  $X$  onto  $X_\alpha$ . Then  $K_\alpha \subset AB(X_\alpha)$ .

For each  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , choose  $\tilde{x}_\alpha^* \in \text{Ext}(X_\alpha^*)$ ,  $\|\tilde{x}_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^* = 1$ ,  $\mu_\alpha^* \geq 0$ , such that  $\|\mu_\alpha^* \tilde{x}_\alpha^* - x_\alpha^*\|_{K_\alpha}^* \leq \varepsilon a_\alpha^*$ .

Choose  $\Gamma_0 \subset \Gamma$ ,  $\Gamma_0$  finite, such that  $\sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma \setminus \Gamma_0} a_\alpha^* \leq \varepsilon$ .

For  $\alpha \in \Gamma_0$ , put  $\lambda_\alpha^* = \mu_\alpha^*$ , and for  $\alpha \in \Gamma \setminus \Gamma_0$ , put  $\lambda_\alpha^* = a_\alpha^*$ . Then  $(\lambda_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \in l^1(\Gamma)$ .

Choose  $(\tilde{\lambda}_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  to be a  $w^*$ -exposed point of  $l^1(\Gamma)$  such that:

$$\|(\tilde{\lambda}_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}\|^* = \|(\lambda_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}\|^* \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} |\tilde{\lambda}_\alpha^* - \lambda_\alpha^*| \leq \varepsilon.$$

By Step 1,  $(\tilde{\lambda}_\alpha^* \tilde{x}_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  is an extreme point of  $X^*$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} |(\tilde{\lambda}_\alpha^* \tilde{x}_\alpha^* - x_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}|_K^* &\leq \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \|\tilde{\lambda}_\alpha^* \tilde{x}_\alpha^* - x_\alpha^*\|_{K_\alpha}^* \\ &\leq \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma_0} \{A|\tilde{\lambda}_\alpha^* - \lambda_\alpha^*| + \|\lambda_\alpha^* \tilde{x}_\alpha^* - x_\alpha^*\|_{K_\alpha}^*\} + A \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma \setminus \Gamma_0} \|\tilde{\lambda}_\alpha^* \tilde{x}_\alpha^* - x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^* \\ &\leq 2A\varepsilon + A \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma \setminus \Gamma_0} \{|\tilde{\lambda}_\alpha^* - \lambda_\alpha^*| + \|\lambda_\alpha^* \tilde{x}_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^* + \|x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^*\} \leq 5A\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

*Second case. Property (I).* Recall first that a Banach space has property (I) if and only if the set of  $w^*$ -denting points of  $B(X^*)$  is norm dense in  $S(X^*)$  [3].

*Step 1.* We will show the following:

*Claim.* If  $x^* = (x_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \in X^*$  is such that  $x_\alpha^* \in w^*\text{-dent}(X_\alpha^*)$  for every  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , and  $(\|x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  is a  $w^*$ -strongly exposed point of  $l^1(\Gamma)$ , then  $x^* \in w^*\text{-dent}(X^*)$ .

*Proof.* Put  $a_\alpha^* = \|x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^*$ , and let  $(a_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  be such that  $\|(a_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}\| = \|(a_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}\|^* = \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} a_\alpha a_\alpha^* = 1$ ; then  $a_\alpha \geq 0$  for every  $\alpha$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and choose  $\Gamma_0 \subset \Gamma$ ,  $\Gamma_0$  finite such that  $\sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma \setminus \Gamma_0} a_\alpha^* \leq \varepsilon$  and  $\inf_{\Gamma_0} a_\alpha^* = \delta > 0$ .

Choose  $\eta_1 > 0$ , and  $x_\alpha \in X_\alpha$ , for every  $\alpha \in \Gamma_0$ , such that  $\|x_\alpha\|_\alpha = 1$ , and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_\alpha(y_\alpha^*) &\geq a_\alpha^*(1 - \eta_1) \\ \|y_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^* &\leq a_\alpha^* \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \|y_\alpha^* - x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^* \leq \varepsilon a_\alpha^*.$$

For  $\alpha \in \Gamma \setminus \Gamma_0$ , pick any  $x_\alpha \in X_\alpha$ ,  $\|x_\alpha\|_\alpha = 1$ .

Choose  $\varepsilon' \leq \varepsilon$ , such that  $1 - \eta_1 \leq (1 - \varepsilon'/\delta)/(1 + \varepsilon'/\delta)$ , and let  $\eta_2 > 0$  be such that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} a_\alpha b_\alpha^* &\geq 1 - \eta_2 \\ \|(b_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}\|^* &\leq 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} |b_\alpha^* - a_\alpha^*| \leq \varepsilon'.$$

Now if  $y^* = (y_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  is such that:

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} a_\alpha x_\alpha(y_\alpha^*) \geq 1 - \eta_2 \quad \text{and} \quad |y^*|^* = \|(\|y_\alpha^*\|_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}\|^* \leq 1,$$

then

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} a_\alpha \|y_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^* \geq 1 - \eta_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \|(x_\alpha(y_\alpha^*))_{\alpha \in \Gamma}\|^* \leq 1.$$

So we have

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} |a_\alpha^* - \|y_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^*| \leq \varepsilon' \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} |a_\alpha^* - x_\alpha(y_\alpha^*)| \leq \varepsilon'.$$

For  $\alpha \in \Gamma_0$ , we have:

$$x_\alpha \left( \frac{y_\alpha^*}{\|y_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^*} \right) \geq \frac{a_\alpha^* - \varepsilon'}{a_\alpha^* + \varepsilon'} \geq \frac{1 - \varepsilon'/\delta}{1 + \varepsilon'/\delta} \geq 1 - \eta_1$$

from this we deduce  $\|y_\alpha^* - x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^* \leq \varepsilon a_\alpha^* + |a_\alpha^* - \|y_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^*|$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \|y_\alpha^* - x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^* \\ & \leq \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma_0} \{\varepsilon a_\alpha^* + |a_\alpha^* - \|y_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^*|\} + \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma \setminus \Gamma_0} \{\|x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^* + \|y_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^*\} \\ & \leq A\varepsilon + \varepsilon + \varepsilon + \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma \setminus \Gamma_0} \{|\|y_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^* - a_\alpha^*| + a_\alpha^*\} \leq (A + 4)\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

which concludes the proof of  $x^* \in w^*$ -dent( $X^*$ ).

*Step 2.* We will show that the set of  $w^*$ -denting points described in Step 1 is norm dense in  $X^*$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and  $x^* = (x_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \in X^*$ ,  $|x^*|^* = 1$ . Put  $a_\alpha^* = \|x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^*$ .

For every  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ , choose  $\tilde{x}_\alpha^* \in w^*$ -dent( $X_\alpha^*$ ) such that  $\|\tilde{x}_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^* = 1$  and  $\|a_\alpha^* \tilde{x}_\alpha^* - x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^* \leq \varepsilon a_\alpha^*$ .

Choose a  $w^*$ -strongly exposed point  $(\tilde{a}_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  of  $l^1(\Gamma)$  such that  $\|(\tilde{a}_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}\|^* = 1$  and  $\sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} |a_\alpha^* - \tilde{a}_\alpha^*| \leq \varepsilon$ . We can suppose  $\tilde{a}_\alpha^* \geq 0$  for every  $\alpha$ .

Then  $\tilde{x}^* = (a_\alpha^* \tilde{x}_\alpha^*)_{\alpha \in \Gamma}$  is a  $w^*$ -denting point of  $X^*$ ,  $|\tilde{x}^*|^* = 1$ , and

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \|\tilde{a}_\alpha^* \tilde{x}_\alpha^* - x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^* \leq \sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} |\tilde{a}_\alpha^* - a_\alpha^*| + \|a_\alpha^* \tilde{x}_\alpha^* - x_\alpha^*\|_\alpha^* \leq (A + 1)\varepsilon.$$

This achieves the proof of Proposition 4. □

*Proof of Theorem 3.* For every  $\alpha, 0 \leq \alpha < \mu$ , denote by  $\pi_\alpha$  the operator  $(P_{\alpha+1} - P_\alpha)$  when considered as an operator from  $X$  into  $(P_{\alpha+1} - P_\alpha)(X) = X_\alpha$ .

Standard argument shows that for every  $x \in X$

$$(\|P_{\alpha+1}x - P_\alpha x\|)_{0 \leq \alpha < \mu} \in c_0([0, \mu]).$$

Let  $\|\cdot\|_\alpha$  be an equivalent norm on  $X_\alpha$  with property (CI) [resp. with property (I)]. We can suppose  $\|\cdot\|_\alpha \leq \|\cdot\|$  on  $X_\alpha$ , for each  $\alpha$ , where  $\|\cdot\|$  is the norm induced by  $X$  on  $X_\alpha$ .

Let

$$T: X \rightarrow Y = \left[ \bigoplus_{0 \leq \alpha < \mu} (X_\alpha, \|\cdot\|_\alpha) \right]_{c_0} : Tx = (\pi_\alpha(x))_{0 \leq \alpha < \mu}.$$

Then  $T$  is continuous and injective.

The operator  $T^*: Y^* \rightarrow X^*$  is given by

$$T^*((x_\alpha^*)_{0 \leq \alpha < \mu}) = \sum_{0 \leq \alpha < \mu} \pi_\alpha^*(x_\alpha^*).$$

Then  $T^*$  is injective.

Moreover,  $T^*(Y^*)$  is norm dense in  $X^*$  when the decomposition is shrinking [since  $\pi_\alpha^*(X_\alpha^*) = (P_{\alpha+1}^* - P_\alpha^*)(X^*)$ ].

The theorem follows in case of property (CI) by our “transfer theorem”, and in case of property (I) by Deville’s “transfer theorem” [2].  $\square$

Using techniques of [8], it can be proved.

**PROPOSITION 5.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space with a transfinite Schauder basis, and  $Y$  a space with an equivalent norm with property (CI). Then the space  $X \hat{\otimes}_\rho Y$  has an equivalent norm with property (CI), for every tensor norm  $\rho$ .*

The idea of the proof is to show that if  $(P_\alpha)_{0 \leq \alpha \leq \mu}$  is a Schauder basis of  $X$ , then the family  $(P_\alpha \otimes \text{Id}_Y)_{0 \leq \alpha \leq \mu}$  is a Schauder decomposition of  $X \hat{\otimes}_\rho Y$ , and to apply Theorem 3.

**REMARK.** If  $(X_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is a sequence of Banach spaces with equivalent (CI)-norms, then  $(\bigoplus_{n=1}^\infty X_n)_{l^\infty}$  has an equivalent (CI)-norm. Indeed, consider the operator  $T: (\bigoplus_{n=1}^\infty X_n)_{l^\infty} \rightarrow (\bigoplus_{n=1}^\infty X_n)_{c_0}: T((x_n)_{n \geq 1}) = (x_n/n)_{n \geq 1}$ , and apply Theorem 2.

It is not clear whether the family of spaces with equivalent (CI)-norms is stable under (uncountable)  $l^\infty$ -sums.

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