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Let (X, Σ, μ) be a measure space. If x, y are two measurable real valued functions then x, y are said to be orthogonal in lattice theoretic sense, in short, $x \perp_L y$ if $\mu\{t \mid x(t) y(t) \neq 0\} = 0$. If F is a real valued function on the Banach space $L_p(\mu)$ ($1 \leq p \leq \infty$) then F is said to be additive if $x, y \in L_p(\mu)$ and $x \perp_L y$ then $F(x + y) = F(x) + F(y)$. Integral representations of additive functionals on $L_p(\mu)$ has been the subject of extensive study in recent years. For these and related results we refer to Drewnowski and Orlicz [1], Mizel and Sundaresan [2], Mizel [3] and Sundaresan [4].

The concept of orthogonality involved in the definition of additive functionals though very natural in these function spaces there are other concepts of orthogonality in a Banach space, in particular applicable to the function spaces $L_p(\mu)$, which are natural generalizations of the usual concept of orthogonality in Euclidian spaces and are of intrinsic geometric interest. For several such concepts of orthogonality we refer to James [5,6].

We are particularly interested in the definition of orthogonality

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adopted in [6]. According to [6] if B is a real Banach space and $x, y \in B$ then x is orthogonal to y , in short, $x \perp_J y$ if $\|x + \lambda y\| \geq \|x\|$ for all real values of λ .

The purpose of the present paper is to study functionals F on spaces $L_p(\mu)$ where F is required to be additive in the sense if $x, y \in L_p(\mu)$ and $x \perp_J y$ then $F(x + y) = F(x) + F(y)$. For the motivation of study of such functionals it is enough to note that if $x, y \in L_p(\mu)$ and $x \perp_L y$ then $x \perp_J y$ while the following counter example shows that this implication cannot be reversed. Let μ be the Lebesgue measure contracted to the unit interval I . Consider the functions x, y defined by $x = C_{[0,1/2]} - C_{[1/2,1]}$ and y is the constant function 1, where if M is a set C_M is the characteristic function of M . It is verified that $x, y \in L_p(\mu)$ and $x \perp_J y$ while x and y are not orthogonal in lattice theoretic sense.

Before proceeding to the main result we recall the necessary terminology, notations and few useful results.

In what follows p is arbitrary, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, unless otherwise specified. (X, Σ, μ) is a fixed totally σ -finite nonatomic positive measure space. A function $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a Caratheodary function, in short a C -function, if

- (1) $\varphi(\cdot, t) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous for almost all $t \in X$ and
- (2) $\varphi(r, \cdot) : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is measurable for all $r \in \mathbb{R}$. It is verified that if x is a measurable real valued function so is the function $\varphi \circ x$ defined by $\varphi \circ x(t) = \varphi(x(t), t)$. A C -function φ is said to be a C_p -function if $\varphi \circ x \in L_1(\mu)$ for all $x \in L_p(\mu)$.

It is known, Krasnosel'skii [7], that if $p < \infty$ and $\mu(X) < \infty$ then a C -function φ is a C_p -function if and only if there exists a function $\alpha \in L_1(\mu)$ and a positive number b such that

$$|\varphi(r,t)| \leq \alpha(t) + b |r|^p$$

for all $r \in \mathbb{R}$.

A function $F: L_p(\mu) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an A_L -function if it satisfies the following condition. (1) If $x, y \in L_p(\mu)$ and $x \perp_L y$ then $F(x+y) = F(x) + F(y)$. (2) If $p = \infty$ then F is uniformly continuous relative to L_∞ norm on each bounded subset $M \subset L_\infty(\mu)$ and if $p < \infty$ then F has the same property provided M is supported by a set of finite measure. (3) F is continuous on the Banach space $L_p(\mu)$ if $p < \infty$ and is continuous with respect to bounded a.e convergence if $p = \infty$. F is said to be an A_J -function if F satisfies the conditions (2) and (3) stated above in addition to (1') if $x, y \in L_p(\mu)$ and $x \perp_J y$ then $F(x+y) = F(x) + F(y)$. Since $x \perp_L y \Rightarrow x \perp_J y$ every A_J -function is an A_L -function.

We recall the following theorem stated in [2] in a form suitable for our purpose.

Theorem 1. Let F be a real valued function on $L_p(\mu)$ ($1 \leq p \leq \infty$). Then F is an A_L -function if and only if there exists a C_p -function $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that for all $x \in L_p(\mu)$

$$F(x) = \int_X \varphi \circ x \, d\mu$$

where $\varphi(0,t) = 0$ for t a.e in X .

The main purpose of the paper is to characterise the class of all A_J -functions on $L_p(\mu)$. Before proceeding to the characterization we need a useful lemma from functional equations. In the rest of the paper if $M \subset X$, the characteristic function of M is denoted by I_M .

Lemma 1. Let φ be a continuous function on $R \rightarrow R$ satisfying the functional equation

$$\varphi(p + q) + \varphi(p - q) = \varphi(q) + \varphi(-q) + 2\varphi(p), \quad \varphi(0) = 0,$$

then there exists real constants C_1 and C_2 such that

$$\varphi(t) = C_1 t^2 + C_2 t \quad \text{for all } t \in R.$$

Proof. From equations (1) and (2) it is seen that

$$\varphi(2t) = 3\varphi(t) + \varphi(-t) \quad \text{for all } t \in R. \quad \text{Hence if } G(t) = \varphi(t) + \varphi(-t)$$

then $G(2t) = 2^2 G(t)$. Assuming inductively that $G(mt) = m^2 G(t)$

for all natural numbers $m \leq n$ and substituting $p = nt, q = t$ in

$$(1) \text{ it is verified that } G((m+1)t) = (m+1)^2 G(t).$$

Thus $G\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = \frac{m^2}{n^2} G(1)$ for all rationals $\frac{m}{n}$. Since G is

continuous it follows that $G(t) = t^2 G(1)$ for all $t \in R$.

Let ψ be the function $\psi(t) = \varphi(t) - \frac{1}{2} ct^2$ where $G(1) = C$.

Then ψ is a continuous function and ψ satisfies the functional

$$\text{equation } \psi(r + s) + \psi(r - s) = 2\psi(r), \quad \psi(0) = 0. \quad \text{Hence}$$

$\psi(t) = at$ for all $t \in R$ where a is a constant. Hence

$$\varphi(t) = at + \frac{1}{2} ct^2 \quad \text{completing the proof of the lemma.}$$

Theorem 2. Let F be a function on $L_p(\mu) \rightarrow R$.

(a) If $p \neq 2$ then F is an A_J -function if and only if there exists a real valued measurable function β on X such that if

$x \in L_p(\mu)$ then the function $\beta(t)$ is in $L_1(\mu)$ and

$$F(x) = \int_X \beta(t) x(t) d\mu(t).$$

(b) If $p = 2$ then F is an A_J -function on $L_p(\mu)$ if and only if there is a real number c and a function β as in (a) such that for all $x \in L_2(\mu)$

$$F(x) = \int (cx^2(t) + \beta(t) x(t)) d\mu(t)$$

Proof. Since the functions $\varphi_i : R \times X \rightarrow R$, $i = 1, 2$ defined by $\varphi_1(r, t) = \beta(t) r$ and $\varphi_2(r, t) = cr^2 + \beta(t) r$ are verified to be C_p and C_2 functions respectively it follows from Theorem 1 that the function F defined by the equations in (a) and (b) is an A_L -function on the corresponding space $L_p(\mu)$. If $p \neq 2$ F is linear on $L_p(\mu)$ and certainly it is an A_J -function by noting that in a Hilbert space $x \perp_J y$ if and only if the inner product $(x, y) = 0$.

Conversely let F be an A_J -function on the space $L_p(\mu)$. Since an A_J -function is also an A_L -function it follows from Theorem 1 that there exists a C_p -function φ such that for all $x \in L_p(\mu)$

$$F(x) = \int_X \varphi(x(t), t) d\mu(t).$$

Since $\mu(X) > 0$ and μ is nonatomic there exists a measurable set M , $0 < \mu(M) < \infty$, a pair of disjoint measurable subsets M_1, M_2 of M such that $\mu(M_i) > 0$, $i = 1, 2$ and $M_1 \cup M_2 = M$. Let r, s be any two real numbers and x, y be the functions $x = r I_{M_1} + I_{M_2}$ and $y = s I_M$. It is verified that $x, y \in L_p(\mu)$ and $x \perp_J y$. Hence $F(x + y) = F(x) + D(y)$. Thus from the integral representation of F it is verified that $\int_X \varphi(s, t) d\mu(t) + \int_{M_1} \varphi(r, t) d\mu(t) + \int_{M_2} \varphi(-r, t) d\mu(t) = \int_M \varphi(r + s, t) d\mu(t) + \int_M \varphi(s - r, t) d\mu(t)$

Similarly considering the functions $r I_{M_1}$ and $s I_M$ we obtain an equation same as the preceding one except that M_1 and M_2 are to be interchanged. From these equations it is verified that

$$\int_M 2 \varphi(s,t) d\mu(t) + \int \varphi(r,t) d\mu(t) + \int \varphi(-r,t) d\mu(t) \\ = \int_M [\varphi(r+s,t) + \varphi(s-r,t)] d\mu(t).$$

Since this equation is true for every measurable set M , $\mu(M) < \infty$, and μ is nonatomic it follows from the uniqueness assertion in Radon - Nikodym theorem that for a given pair of real numbers r,s and for t a.e. that

$$(*) \quad \varphi(r+s,t) + \varphi(s-r,t) = \varphi(r,t) + \varphi(-r,t) + 2\varphi(s,t).$$

Let now Q be the set of rationals. Since $Q \times Q$ is a countable set it is verified that there exists a μ -null set N such that for all $t \notin N$ the equation $(*)$ continues to be true for all $(r,s) \in Q \times Q$. Since $\varphi(\cdot,t)$ is a continuous function for t a.e. the equation $(*)$ is verified for all $(r,s) \in R \times R$ and for t outside a nullset. Since $\varphi(0,t) = 0$ a.e. it follows from Lemma 1 that there exist functions α, β on $X \rightarrow R$ such that for t a.e.

$$\varphi(r,t) = \alpha(t) r^2 + \beta(t) r.$$

Since φ is a C -function $\varphi(1,\cdot)$ and $\varphi(-1,\cdot)$ are measurable functions. Thus α, β could be assumed to be measurable functions.

We proceed to show that α is a constant a.e. and further if $p \neq 2$ then $\alpha = 0$

We assert (A) if s is any real number then either $\mu\{t \mid \alpha(t) > s\} = 0$ or $\mu\{t \mid \alpha(t) < s\} = 0$ and (B) if for some real number c , $\mu(\alpha^{-1}(c)) > 0$ then $\alpha(t) = c$ for t a.e. i.e. $\mu(\alpha^{-1}(c)) = \mu(X)$.

If the assertion in (A) is false there exist measurable sets M_1, M_2 , $0 < \mu(M_1) = \mu(M_2) < \infty$ such that $M_1 \cap M_2 = \emptyset$ and $\alpha(t) > s$ on M_1 and $\alpha(t) < s$ on M_2 . Let $x_1 = I_{M_1} - I_{M_2}$ and $y_1 = I_M$ where $M = M_1 \cup M_2$. It follows that $x_1 \perp_J y_1$. Hence $F(x_1 + y_1) = F(x_1) + F(y_1)$. Now appealing to the integral representation of F and noting $\varphi(r, t) = \alpha(t) r^2 + \beta(t) r$ it is verified that
$$\int_{M_1} (\alpha(t) - s) d\mu(t) - \int_{M_2} (\alpha(t) - s) d\mu(t) = 0$$

since $\mu(M_1) = \mu(M_2)$. However this equation contradicts the fact that $\mu(M_i) > 0$ for $i = 1, 2$ and $\alpha(t) - s > 0$ on M_1 and $\alpha(t) - s < 0$ on M_2 . This completes the proof of (A). We proceed to verify (B). Let c be as in the hypothesis of (B). If $\alpha(t) = c$ for $t \in X$ is not true then either $\mu\{t \mid \alpha(t) > c\}$ or $\mu\{t \mid \alpha(t) < c\}$ is positive. Let for definiteness $\mu(\alpha^{-1}] c, \infty[) > 0$. Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(\alpha^{-1}] c + 1/n, \infty[) = \mu(\alpha^{-1}] c, \infty[)$ there is an integer n_1 such that $\mu(\alpha^{-1}] c + 1/n_1, \infty[) > 0$. Thus if $c < s < c + 1/n_1$ then $\mu(\alpha^{-1}] - \infty, s[$ and $\mu(\alpha^{-1}] s, \infty[$ are both positive contradicting (A). Thus (B) is verified.

Next we proceed to show (C) that there is a real number c such that $\mu(\alpha^{-1}(c)) > 0$. If this is not true then (*) for every real number r , $\mu(\alpha^{-1}(r)) = 0$. Thus from (A) it is verified that either $\mu(\alpha^{-1}] 0, \infty[) = \mu(X)$ or $\mu(\alpha^{-1}] - \infty, 0[) = \mu(X)$. Let us assume the first alternative is true. Then recalling (*)

it is verified that $0 < \mu(\alpha^{-1}] 0, \infty [) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \mu(\alpha^{-1}] n, n + 1 [)$.

Thus from (A) and (*) it is verified that there exists an interval $]m, m + 1[$ such that

$\mu(\alpha^{-1}] m, m + 1 [) = \mu(X)$. Once again from (*) it follows that

if $F_1 = [m, m + 1]$ then $\mu(\alpha^{-1}(F_1)) = \mu(X)$. Noting that

$\mu(\alpha^{-1}] m, m + 1 [) = \mu(\alpha^{-1}] m, m + 1/2 [) + \mu(\alpha^{-1}] m + 1/2, m + 1 [)$ and

repeating the above argument it is verified that there is a closed

interval $F_2 \subset F_1$, length $F_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ such that $\mu(\alpha^{-1}(F_2)) = \mu(X)$. Repeating

this procedure there is a decreasing sequence of closed intervals $\{F_i\}$

such that length $F_i \rightarrow 0$ and $\mu(\alpha^{-1}(F_i)) = \mu(X)$. Thus if c is

is the real number $\{c\} = \bigcap F_i$ then $\mu(\alpha^{-1}(c)) = \mu(X)$ contradicting

(*). Hence (C) is verified.

From (B) and (C) it follows that α is a constant function.

This completes the proof of the theorem for $p = 2$.

We complete the proof of the theorem by showing that if $p = 2$, $\alpha(t) = 0$ a.e.

If $1 \leq p < 2$ since $\varphi \circ x \in L_p(\mu)$ whenever $x \in L_p(\mu)$ as noted earlier restricting our attention to a measurable set M , $0 < \mu(M) < \infty$, we find that there is a function $a \in L_p(\mu)$ and a positive number b such that

$$|\alpha(t) r^2 + \beta(t) r| \leq a(t) + b |r|^p \text{ a.e. in } M.$$

From this inequality since $p < 2$ it follows that

$\alpha(t) = 0$ a.e. in M . Thus $\alpha(t) = 0$ a.e.

Next we proceed to the case $p > 2$ but $p \neq \infty$.

Let $\alpha(t) = c$ a.e. Then from the implication

$x \perp_J y \Rightarrow F(x) + F(y) = F(x + y)$ it is verified that

$$(s) \quad x \perp_J y \Rightarrow c \int_X x(t) y(t) d\mu(t) = 0.$$

Let $c \neq 0$. Let M_1, M_2 be two disjoint measurable subsets of X such that $0 < \mu(M_1) = \mu(M_2) < \infty$. Consider the functions

$$x = 2^{\frac{1}{p-1}} I_{M_1} + 8^{\frac{1}{p-1}} I_{M_2} \quad \text{and} \quad y = 4 I_{M_1} - I_{M_2}.$$

Then it is verified that $x \perp_J y$. Thus from (s) since $c \neq 0$ it

follows that $\int_X x(t) y(t) d\mu(t) = 0$. By direct evaluation of

the integral it is verified that the integral is not equal to 0, obtaining a contradiction. Hence $\alpha(t) = 0$ a.e.

The case when $p = \infty$ is similarly dealt except instead of x, y of the preceding case we consider the functions defined as follows. Let M_1, M_2, M_3 be three pair wise disjoint measurable sets such that $0 < \mu(M_1) = \mu(M_2) = \mu(M_3) < \infty$.

Let $x = I_M$ and $y = -I_{M_2}$ where $M = M_1 \cup M_2 \cup M_3$. It is

verified that $x, y \in L_\infty(\mu)$ and $x \perp_J y$. However

$$\int_X x(t) y(t) d\mu(t) \neq 0.$$

Thus as in the preceding case $\alpha(t) = 0$ a.e.

Remark: We note that since F is a continuous function

on $L_p(\mu)$ that the function $x \rightarrow \int \beta(t) x(t) d\mu$ is a

continuous linear functional. Thus if $1 \leq p < \infty$ then

$\beta \in L_q(\mu)$ where $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$ if $p > 1$ and $q = \infty$ if $p = 1$.

Thus we note that every A_J -function on $L_2(\mu)$ is of the form $F(x) = c \|x\|^2 + f(x)$ where c is some real number and f is a continuous linear functional on $L_2(\mu)$.

In conclusion we note that if B is a Banach space and if there is a function $F : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

(1) $x \perp_J y \Rightarrow F(x + y) = F(x) + F(y)$ and (2) $F(x) = c \|x\|^2 + f(x)$ for some real number $c \neq 0$ and for some $f \in B^*$ (the dual of B) and $\dim B \geq 3$ then B is a Hilbert space. For if there is such a function F then it is verified that

$$x \perp_J y \Rightarrow \|x + y\|^2 = \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2.$$

Thus if $x \perp_J y$ then since $\lambda x \perp_J y$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ it follows that $\|y + \lambda x\|^2 = \lambda^2 \|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 \geq \|y\|^2$.

Thus $y \perp_J x$. Hence orthogonality (J) is symmetric. Thus from the footnote on p. 283 in [6] it follows that B is a Hilbert space. This observation provides an alternate proof of the part asserting $\alpha(t) = 0$ a.c. if $p \neq 2$ in the proof of Theorem 2 in this paper.

As already noted in the introduction there are other concepts of orthogonality in normed linear spaces, [5]. However the one considered in this paper is the most interesting since it is closely related to hyperplanes and linear functionals as one notices by referring to [6].

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Errata

Page	Line	Read	Instead
1	9	Orlicz	Orlizc
5	1	$\beta(t) x(t)$	$\beta(t)$
5	24	\int_M	\int_X
6	1	$r I_{M_2} - r I_{M_1}$	$r I_{M_1}$