

# Some properties of b-weakly compact operators on Banach lattice

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**Abstract**—We investigate the sufficient condition under which each positive b-weakly compact operator is Dunford-Pettis. We also investigate the necessary condition on which each positive b-weakly compact operator is Dunford-Pettis. Necessary condition on which each positive b-weakly compact operator is weakly compact is also considered. We give the operator that is semi-compact, but it is not b-weakly. We present a necessary and sufficient condition under which each positive semi-compact operator is b-weakly compact.

**Keywords**—b-weakly compact, Dunford-Pettis operator, M-weakly compact operator, L-weakly compact operator, semi-compact operator, weakly sequentially continuous lattice operations, order continuous norm, positive Schur property.

## I. INTRODUCTION

**R**ECALL that a subset  $A$  of a Riesz space  $E$  is called b-order bounded in  $E$  if it is order bounded in  $(E^\sim)^\sim$ . A Riesz space is said to have property (b) if  $A \subset E$  is order bounded whenever  $A$  is order bounded in  $(E^\sim)^\sim$ . Note that every perfect Riesz space and therefore every order dual has property (b). Every reflexive Banach lattice has property (b). Every KB space has property (b) and if  $(E^\sim)^\sim$  is retractable on  $E$  then  $E$  has property (b). On the other hand, by considering  $A = \{e_n\}$  in  $c_0$ , we see that  $c_0$  does not have property (b). An operator  $T : E \rightarrow X$ , mapping each b-order bounded subset of Banach lattice  $E$  into a relatively weakly compact subset of Banach space  $X$  is called a b-weakly compact operator. The collection of b-weakly compact operators will be denoted by  $W_b(E, F)$ . Then  $W_b(E, F)$  is a closed subspace of  $L(E, F)$ , the vector space of all continuous operators from  $E$  into  $F$ . Operators mapping order intervals into relatively weakly compact sets are called o-weakly operators and denoted by  $W_o(E, F)$ . The collection of weakly compact operators will be denoted by  $W(E, F)$ . Then  $W(E, F) \subseteq W_b(E, F) \subseteq W_o(E, F)$ , [9] gave examples to show that these inclusions may be proper.

An operator is said to be a Dunford-Pettis operator if it carries relatively weakly compact subsets onto norm totally bounded subsets. An operator  $T$  from a Banach lattice  $E$  into a Banach lattice  $F$  is said to be M-weakly compact if each disjoint bounded sequence  $(x_n)$  of  $E$ , we have  $\lim_n \|T(x_n)\| = 0$ . And an operator  $T$  from a Banach lattice  $E$  into a Banach lattice  $F$  is called L-weakly compact if for each disjoint bounded sequence  $(y_n)$ , in the solid hull of  $T(B_E)$ , we have  $\lim_n \|y_n\| = 0$  where  $B_E$  is the closed unit ball of  $E$ .

In 2003, S.Alpay and B.Altin [9] studied the property (b). They proved that Banach lattice  $E$  is a KB-space if and only

if it has order continuous norm and property (b) [9, Theorem 2.1]. They also gave the definition of b-weakly compact operator. They characterized that  $T : E \rightarrow X$  is b-weakly compact operator if and only if for each b-order bounded  $A \subset E$  and disjoint sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $A$  satisfies  $\lim_n \|T(x_n)\| = 0$  [9, Theorem 2.8]. In 2006, S.Alpay and B.Altin [10] investigate Riesz spaces and Banach lattices enjoying property (b). They proved that if Banach  $F$  is Dedekind complete, then the space of order bounded operators from Banach  $E$  into  $F$  has property (b) if and only if  $F$  has property (b) [10, Theorem 2]. Every order closed Riesz subspace of a Dedekind complete Riesz space  $E$  with property (b) has property (b) [10, Theorem 2]. In 2007, S.Alpay and B.Altin [11] characterized the b-weak compactness of  $T$  in terms of its mapping properties [11, Theorem 1, Theorem 2, Theorem 4]. In 2007, B.Altin [13] investigated the order structure of b-weakly compact operator. In 2009, S.Alpay and B.Altin [12] gave characterized of KB-spaces in terms of b-weakly compact operators. A Banach lattice  $F$  is KB-space if and only if for each Banach lattice  $E$  and positive disjointness preserving operator  $T : E \rightarrow F$  is b-weakly compact. In 2009, B. Aqzzouz and A. Elbou, and J. Hmichane [14] establish necessary and sufficient conditions under which b-weakly compact operators between Banach lattices have b-weakly compact adjoint or operators with b-weakly compact adjoint are themselves b-weakly compact.  $T : E \rightarrow F$  between Banach lattices is a b-weakly compact operator, then its adjoint  $T' : F' \rightarrow E'$  is b-weakly compact if and only if  $F'$  or  $E'$  is a KB-space. Each operator  $T : E \rightarrow F$  is b-weakly compact whenever its adjoint  $T' : F' \rightarrow E'$  is b-weakly compact if and only if  $E$  or  $F$  is a KB-space.

To state our results, we need to fix some notation and recall some definitions. A Banach lattice is an AM-space if and only if the norm is additive on the positive cone of the dual. An element  $e > 0$  in a Riesz space is said to be an order unit whenever for each  $x$  there exists some  $\lambda > 0$  with  $|x| \leq \lambda e$ . Now if a Banach lattice  $E$  has an order unit  $e > 0$ , then  $A_e = E$  holds, and the norm  $\|x\|_\infty = \inf\{\lambda > 0 : |x| \leq \lambda e\}$  is equivalent to the original norm of  $E$ . In other words, if a Banach lattice  $E$  has an order unit  $e$ , then  $E$  can be renormed in such a way that it becomes an AM-space having  $[-e, e]$  as its closed unit ball. A Banach lattice has order continuous norm if and only if every order bounded disjoint sequence is norm convergent to zero. A Banach lattice  $E$  is said to be a KB-space, whenever every increasing norm bounded sequence of  $E^+$  is norm convergent. For example, each reflexive Banach lattice is KB-space. Also, each KB-space has an order continuous norm, but a Banach lattice with an order continuous norm is not necessary a KB-

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space. In fact, the Banach lattice  $c_0$  has an order continuous norm but it is not a KB-space. However, if  $E$  is a Banach lattice, the topological dual  $E'$  is a KB-space if and only if its norm is order continuous. The Banach lattice  $E$  has the positive Schur property if each weakly null sequence with positive sequence in  $E$  converges to zero in norm. A Banach lattice  $E$  is said to have weakly sequentially continuous lattice operations whenever  $x_n \xrightarrow{w} 0$  in  $E$  implies  $|x_n| \xrightarrow{w} 0$  in  $E$ . In an AM-space the lattice operations are weakly sequentially continuous. Also, every Banach lattice with the Schur property (i.e.,  $x_n \xrightarrow{w} 0$  implies  $\|x_n\| \rightarrow 0$ ) has weakly sequentially continuous lattice operations. Thus, for example, the Banach lattice  $C[0,1]$ ,  $l_1$ ,  $l_1 \oplus C[0,1]$  all have weakly sequentially continuous lattice operations.

The goal of this paper is to investigate the sufficient condition under which each positive b-weakly compact operator is Dunford-Pettis. We also investigate the necessary condition on which each positive b-weakly compact operator is Dunford-Pettis. Necessary condition on which each positive b-weakly compact operator is weakly compact is also considered. We give the operator that is semi-compact, but it is not b-weakly. We present a necessary and sufficient condition under which each positive semi-compact operator is b-weakly compact.

All notions concerning Banach lattices and not explained here are can find in [1] and [2].

## II. PROPERTIES OF B-WEAKLY COMPACT OPERATORS

**Theorem 1:** For Banach lattice  $F$ , each positive b-weakly compact operator from AM-space into  $F$  is Dunford-Pettis.

**Proof:** Let  $\rho(x) = \|Tx\|$  for every  $x \in E$ , then  $\rho$  is a continuous lattice seminorm on  $E$ . Suppose  $T : E \rightarrow F$  is not a Dunford-Pettis operator, since AM-space has weakly sequentially continuous lattice operators, there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset E_+$  with  $x_n \xrightarrow{w} 0$ , and  $\|Tx_n\| \geq 1$ .

Corollary 2.3.5 of [2] shows that for every  $0 < c < 1$ , there exists a subsequence  $(k(n))_{n=1}^\infty \subset N$  and a disjoint sequence  $\{y_n\} \subset E_+$  such that

$$y_n \leq x_{k(n)}, \|Ty_n\| \geq c$$

for all  $n \in N$ . Since  $y_n \leq x_{k(n)}$  and  $x_n \xrightarrow{w} 0$ , the uniform boundness theorem implies that the sequence  $y_n$  is bounded.

Observing that  $(y_1 + \dots + y_n)_1^\infty$  is a monotone norm bounded sequence, there exists  $x'' \in E_+''$  such that

$$0 \leq y_1 + \dots + y_n \leq x''$$

together with the fact that  $T$  is b-weakly compact, it follows that

$$\|Ty_n\| \rightarrow 0 (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

This gives a contradiction.  $\square$

**Theorem 2:** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be two Banach lattices, if every positive b-weakly compact operator  $T : E \rightarrow F$  is Dunford-Pettis, then the norm of  $F$  is order continuous or the lattice operations of  $E$  are weakly sequentially continuous.

**Proof:** If the norm of  $F$  is not order continuous and the lattice operations of  $E$  are not weakly sequentially continuous, A.W.Wickstead constructed in the proof of Theorem 2 of [4] two positive operators  $S, T : E \rightarrow F$  such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$  and

$T$  is compact and hence it is b-weakly compact, Proposition 2.2 of [6] implies  $S$  is b-weakly compact, but it is not Dunford-Pettis.  $\square$

**Theorem 3:** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be two Banach lattices, if every positive b-weakly compact operator  $T : E \rightarrow F$  is weakly compact, then one of the following statements is valid:

- (a) The norm of the topological dual  $E'$  is order continuous.
- (b)  $F$  is reflexive.

**Proof:** Suppose that neither the norm of  $E'$  is order continuous nor  $F$  is reflexive, then there exist a sublattice  $H$  of  $E$  which is isomorphic to  $l_1$  and a positive projection  $P : E \rightarrow l_1$ .

On the other hand, since the closed unit ball  $B_F$  of  $F$  is not weakly compact, there exists a sequence  $(e_n)$  in  $B_F$  which does not have any weakly convergent subsequence.

Consider the operator  $S : l_1 \rightarrow F$  defined by

$$S(x_n) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty x_n e_n$$

It is easy to see that  $S \cdot P$  is o-weakly compact, since  $l_1$  is a KB-space, it is b-weakly compact, but it is not weakly compact.  $\square$

**Theorem 4:** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be two Banach lattices, if each positive o-weakly compact operator  $T : E \rightarrow F$  is L-weakly compact, then one of the following conditions holds.

- (a)  $F$  are KB-spaces.
- (b)  $E'$  has the positive Schur property.

**Proof:** Suppose  $F$  is not a KB-space, Theorem 2.4.12 of [4] implies that  $F$  contains a sublattice isomorphism to  $c_0$ . Applying Theorem 3.1 of [3] it suffices to show each disjoint weak null sequence  $(x'_n)_1^\infty \subset E'_+$  is norm convergent to 0.

For each  $x \in E$  define  $T : E \rightarrow c_0$  by

$$Tx = (x'_n(x))_1^\infty$$

Theorem 17.5 of [1] implies  $T$  is a weakly compact operator, hence it is o-weakly compact, it is L-weakly compact. Theorem 18.13 of [1] implies

$$T' : l_1 \rightarrow E'$$

is M-weakly compact. As

$$T'(e_n) = x'_n$$

for all  $n \in N$ , where  $e_n$  is the sequence with n'th entry equals to 1 and all others are zero, we conclude that

$$\|x'_n\| \rightarrow 0 (n \rightarrow \infty)$$

$\square$

Recall that A continuous operator  $T : E \rightarrow F$  is said to be semi-compact if for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $u \in F^+$  such that  $T(U) \subset [-u, u] + \epsilon V$  where  $U, V$  denote the closed unit balls of  $E$  and  $F$ , respectively. Each compact operator, M-weakly compact (L-weakly compact) operator between Banach lattice is semi-compact. However, a semi-compact operator need not be compact, weakly compact, M-weakly compact (L-weakly compact). For instance, the identity operator  $I : \ell_\infty \rightarrow \ell_\infty$  is semi-compact, but it does not have any one of the above mentioned compactness properties.

**Theorem 5:** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be nonzero Banach lattices such that  $F$  is  $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete. Then the following statements are equivalent.

1) Each positive semi-compact operator  $T : E \rightarrow F$  is  $b$ -weakly compact.

2) At least one of the following conditions holds:

a) The norm of  $E$  is order continuous.

b) The norm of  $F$  is order continuous.

**Proof:** 2)  $\Rightarrow$  1) Suppose that  $E$  has order continuous norm and  $T : E \rightarrow F$  is a positive semi-compact operator. Theorem 12.9 of [1] implies that each order interval of Banach lattice  $E$  is weakly compact, together with the fact that  $T$  is a positive semi-compact operator, it follows that  $T$  is weakly compact. Hence,  $T$  is  $b$ -weakly compact.

2)  $\Rightarrow$  1) Suppose that  $F$  has order continuous norm and  $T : E \rightarrow F$  is a positive semi-compact operator. For each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists some  $u \in F^+$  such that

$$T(U) \subseteq [-u, u] + \epsilon V$$

$U$  and  $V$  denote the closed unit balls of  $E$  and  $F$ , respectively. Theorem 12.9 of [1] implies that the order interval  $[-u, u]$  in  $F$  is weakly compact, combined with Theorem 10.17 of [1] show that  $T(U)$  is relatively weakly compact, it follows that  $T$  is weakly compact. Hence,  $T$  is  $b$ -weakly compact.

1)  $\Rightarrow$  2) Assume by way of contradiction that neither  $E$  nor  $F$  has an order continuous norm. To finish the proof, we have to construct a positive semi-compact operator  $T : E \rightarrow F$  which is not  $b$ -weakly compact.

Since the norm on  $E$  is not order continuous, applying Theorem 12.13 of [1] that there exists some  $x \in E^+$  and a sequence  $(x_n) \subset [0, x]$  which does not converge to zero in norm. We may assume that  $\|x_n\| = 1$  for all  $n$ .

Hence, by lemma 2.1 of [15] there exists a positive disjoint sequence  $(g_n)$  of  $E'$  with  $\|g_n\| \leq 1$  such that

$$g_n(x_n) = 1 \text{ for all } n \text{ and } g_n(x_m) = 0 \text{ for } n \neq m.$$

For all  $x \in E$ , define the positive operator  $R : E \rightarrow \ell_\infty$  by

$$R(x) = (g_1(x), g_2(x), \dots)$$

Note that  $R(B_E) \subset B_{\ell_\infty}$ .

On the other hand, as the norm on  $F$  is not order continuous, applying Theorem 12.13 of [1] that there exists some  $y \in F^+$  and a sequence  $(y_n) \subset [0, y]$  which does not converge to zero in norm. We may assume that  $\|y_n\| = 1$  for all  $n$ .

Since  $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \leq y$  holds for all  $n$ , and  $F$  is  $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete, for all  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots) \in \ell_\infty$ , define the positive operator  $S : \ell_\infty \rightarrow F$  by

$$S(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots) = \lim \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i$$

Defines a lattice isomorphism from  $\ell_\infty$  into  $F$  where  $\lim \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i$  denotes the order limit of the partial sum  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i y_i$ .

Since the sequence  $(y_n)$  is order bounded and disjoint, for each  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots) \in B_{\ell_\infty}$ , we see that

$$|S(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots)| = \lim \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i| y_i \leq (\sup |\alpha_i|) \cdot y \leq y$$

Hence  $S(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots) \in [-y, y]$ , and we have  $S(B_{\ell_\infty}) \subset [-y, y]$ .

Now consider the operator  $T = S \circ R : E \rightarrow F$  by

$$T(x) = \lim \sum_{i=1}^n g_i(x) y_i$$

it is positive, and we have

$$T(B_E) = S(R(B_E)) \subset S(B_{\ell_\infty}) \subset [-y, y]$$

It is clear that  $T$  is semi-compact.

On the other hand, for all  $n$ , we have

$$T(x_n) = \lim \sum_{i=1}^n g_i(x_n) y_i = y_n$$

It follows that  $\|T(x_n)\| = \|y_n\| = 1$ . As the sequence  $(x_n)$  is order bounded and disjoint in  $E$ , it is clear that  $T$  is not order weakly compact. Hence,  $T$  is not  $b$ -weakly compact.  $\square$

**Theorem 6:** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be nonzero Banach lattices. Then the following statements are equivalent.

1) Each positive semi-compact operator  $T' : F' \rightarrow E'$  is  $b$ -weakly compact.

2) At least one of the following conditions holds:

a) The norm of  $E'$  is order continuous.

b) The norm of  $F'$  is order continuous.

**Proof:** 1)  $\Rightarrow$  2) Assume by way of contradiction that neither  $E'$  nor  $F'$  has an order continuous norm. To finish the proof, we have to construct a positive semi-compact operator  $T' : F' \rightarrow E'$  which is not  $b$ -weakly compact.

Since the norm on  $E'$  is not order continuous, applying Theorem 2.6 of [15] that there exists a disjoint sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset E^+$  with  $\|x_n\| \leq 1$  for all  $n$  and there exists some  $0 \leq x' \in E'$  with  $x'(x_n) = 1$  for all  $n$ . Moreover, the components  $x'_n$  of  $x'$ , in the carrier  $C_{x_n}$  from an order bounded disjoint sequence in  $(E')^+$  such that

$$x'_n(x_n) = x'(x_n) = 1 \text{ for all } n \text{ and } x'_n(x_m) = 0 \text{ for } n \neq m.$$

Note that  $0 \leq x'_n \leq x'$  holds for all  $n$ .

For all  $x \in E$ , define the positive operator  $R : E \rightarrow \ell_1$  by

$$R(x) = (x'_n(x))_{n=1}^\infty$$

Since  $\sum_{i=1}^\infty |x'_n(x)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^\infty x'_n(|x|) \leq x'(|x|)$  holds for each  $x \in E$ , the operator  $R$  is well defined.

On the other hand, as the norm on  $F'$  is not order continuous, applying Theorem 12.13 of [1] that there exists some  $f' \in F'_+$  and a disjoint sequence  $(f'_n) \subset [0, f']$  which does not converge to zero in norm. We may assume that  $\|f'_n\| = 1$  for all  $n$ . Hence, for each  $n$ , we can choose  $f_n \in F_+$  with  $\|f_n\| = 1$  and  $f'_n(f_n) \geq \frac{1}{2} \|f'_n\| = \frac{1}{2}$ .

For all  $(\lambda_n) \in \ell_\infty$  consider the positive operator  $S : \ell_\infty \rightarrow F$  defined by

$$S(\lambda_n) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \lambda_n f_n$$

Since  $(\lambda_n) \in \ell_\infty$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \|\lambda_n f_n\| = \sum_{n=1}^\infty |\lambda_n|$ , it follows that  $S$  is well defined.

Now, for all  $x \in E$ , consider the operator  $T = S \circ R : E \rightarrow F$  defined by

$$T(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x'_n(x) f_n$$

Its adjoint  $T' : F' \rightarrow E'$  defined by

$$T'(g') = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g'_n(f_n) x'_n$$

for all  $g' \in F'$ . Since  $\ell_{\infty}$  is an AM-space with unit, it follows that  $R'$  is semi-compact, hence  $T'$  is semi-compact.

On the other hand, note that the sequence  $f'_n$  is order bounded and disjoint, and

$$\begin{aligned} \|T'(f'_n)\| &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|f'_n(f_n) x'_i\| \right\| \\ &\geq \|f'_n(f_n) x'_n\| \geq \frac{1}{2} \|x'_n\| \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} x'_n(x_n) \geq \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $T'$  is not o-weakly compact, it is not b-weakly compact.  $\square$

### III. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we investigate the sufficient condition under which each positive b-weakly compact operator is Dunford-Pettis. We also investigate the necessary condition on which each positive b-weakly compact operator is Dunford-Pettis. Necessary condition on which each positive b-weakly compact operator is weakly compact is also considered. We give the operator that is semi-compact, but it is not b-weakly. We present a necessary and sufficient condition under which each positive semi-compact operator is b-weakly compact.

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