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# **Real Interpolation and Measure of Weak Noncompactness**

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Abstract. Behavior of weak measures of noncompactness under real interpolation is investigated. It is shown that "convexity type" theorems hold true for weak measures of noncompactness.

# Preliminaries

## 1. Weak measure of noncompactness

Let X be an arbitrary Banach space and D be a bounded subset of X. The weak measure of noncompactness of D (the measure of noncompactness of D in the weak topology)  $\omega(D)$ , is defined as

$$\omega(D) = \omega_X(D) := \inf \{ \varepsilon > 0 : D \subset \varepsilon U_X + W, W \subset X \text{ weakly compact} \}$$

where  $U_X$  denotes the closed unit ball of X. This concept was first introduced by DE BLASI [9] and has been applied to obtain fixed point theorems [11] and existence results for differential and functional equations in Banach spaces (see [2], [3]).

Several facts will be useful in the following section:

- 1.  $\omega(D) = 0$  if and only if D is relatively weakly compact.
- 2.  $A \subset B$  implies  $\omega(A) \leq \omega(B)$ .
- 3.  $\omega(A + B) \leq \omega(A) + \omega(B)$ .
- 4.  $\omega(\lambda A) = \lambda \omega(A)$  for  $\lambda \ge 0$ .
- 5.  $\omega(A) \leq \beta(A)$  where  $\beta$  denotes the usuall ball measure of noncompactness.

6. If  $X_0 \subset X$  and  $||x||_X \leq c ||x||_{X_0}$  for all  $x \in X_0$ , then  $\omega_X(D) \leq c\omega_{X_0}(D)$  for all  $D \subset X_0$  bounded.

Also it is well known that  $\omega(U_X) = 0$  if X is reflexive,  $\omega(U_X) = 1$  if X is not reflexive [9].

Let  $T \in L(X, Y)$  be a bounded linear map. T is called a weak k-set contraction  $(k \ge 0)$  if

$$\omega_{\chi}(T(D)) \leq k\omega_{\chi}(D)$$
 for all bounded sets  $D \subset X$ .

Here  $\omega_X$ ,  $\omega_Y$  are weak measures of noncompactness in X and Y, respectively. The number

$$\omega(T) = \omega(T_{\chi, \chi}) := \min \{k : T \text{ is a weak } k \text{-set contraction}\}$$

is called the measure of weak noncompactness of T. The  $T_{X,Y}$  denotes the bounded linear map from X to Y.

## Properties.

- 1. If  $X_0 \subset X$  and  $||x||_X \le c ||x||_{X_0}$  for all  $x \in X_0$ , then  $\omega(T_{X_0,Y}) \le c\omega(T_{X,Y})$ .
- 2. If  $Y_0 \subset Y$  and  $\|y\|_Y \leq c \|y\|_{Y_0}$  for all  $y \in Y_0$ , then  $\omega(T_{X,Y}) \leq c \omega T_{X,Y_0}$ .
- 3.  $\omega(T_{X,Y}) = \omega_Y(T(U_X)) := \inf \{r > 0 : T(U_X) \subset rU_Y + W_Y, W_Y \subset Y \text{ weakly compact} \}.$

Proof. 1. and 2. are staightforward. To prove 3., observe that

$$\omega(T_{X,Y}) = \sup \{ \omega_Y(T(D)) : D \text{ is bounded}, \ \omega_X(D) = 1 \} \ge \omega_Y(T(U_X)),$$

where  $\sup \emptyset = 0$  by definition. Moreover, if D is bounded and  $\omega_X(D) = 1$ , then given any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a weakly compact set  $W_X \subset X$  such that  $D \subset (1 + \varepsilon) U_X + W_X$ . Thus  $T(D) \subset T((1 + \varepsilon) U_X + W_X)$ . Using the subadditivity and the homogeneity property of  $\omega$  together with the fact that  $T(W_X)$  is a weakly compact set, we have

$$\omega(T(D)) \le \omega[(1 + \varepsilon) T(U_{\chi})] = (1 + \varepsilon) \omega(T(U_{\chi})).$$

Hence

$$\omega(T(D)) \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \,\omega_{\gamma}(T(U_{\chi})),$$

and it is now immediate that  $\omega(T_{X,Y}) \leq \omega_Y(T(U_X))$ .

#### 2. Real interpolation

Let  $\{A_0, A_1\}$  be a pair of Banach spaces which are continuously embedded into some Hausdorf linear topological space X. Then the vector spaces  $A_0 + A_1$  and  $A_0 \cap A_1$  are Banach spaces with respect to the norms:

$$||a||_{A_0+A_1} = \inf \{ ||a_0|| + ||a_1|| : a = a_0 + a_1, a_0 \in A_0, a_1 \in A_1 \}$$

for  $a \in A_0 + A_1$  and

$$||a||_{A_0 \cap A_1} = \max \{ ||a||_{A_0}, ||a||_{A_1} \}$$

for  $a \in A_0 \cap A_1$ .

A Banach space A is called an intermediate space with respect to  $\{A_0, A_1\}$  if

$$A_0 \cap A_1 \subset A \subset A_0 + A_1$$

and the corresponding embeddings are continous. If, in addition, every bounded operator in  $A_0 + A_1$  that leaves  $A_0$  and  $A_1$  invariant also maps A boundedly into itself, then A is

called an interpolation space for  $\{A_0, A_1\}$ . Let  $L(\{A_0, A_1\}, \{B_0, B_1\})$  be the family of all linear maps  $T: A_0 + A_1 \rightarrow B_0 + B_1$  such that the restriction of T to  $A_j$  is in  $L(A_j, B_j)$  for j = 0, 1. If A and B are intermediate spaces with respect to  $\{A_0, A_1\}$  and  $\{B_0, B_1\}$  respectively, we say that A and B are interpolation spaces of exponent  $\theta$  (0 <  $\theta$  < 1) with respect to  $\{A_0, A_1\}$  and  $\{B_0, B_1\}$  if given any  $T \in L(\{A_0, A_1\}, \{B_0, B_1\})$ , the restriction of T to A is in L(A, B) and

$$||T_{A,B}|| \leq ||T_{A_0,B_0}||^{1-\theta} ||T_{A_1,B_1}||^{\theta}.$$

Several methods of constructing interpolation spaces of exponent  $\theta$  with respect to Banach pairs  $\{A_0, A_1\}$  and  $\{B_0, B_1\}$  are known (see [22]). The real method is defined as follows  $(0 < \theta < 1, 1 \le p \le \infty)$ . If  $p < \infty$ ,

$$A_{\theta,p} = (A_0, A_1)_{\theta,p} = \left\{ a \in A_0 + A_1 : \|a\|_{\theta,p} = \left( \int_0^\infty [t^{-\theta} K(t,a)]^p \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/p} < \infty \right\}.$$

If  $p = \infty$ , then

$$A_{\theta,\infty} = \left\{ a \in A_0 + A_1 \colon \|a\|_{\theta,p} = \sup_{0 < t < \infty} t^{-\theta} K(t,a) < \infty \right\}$$

where  $K(t, a) = \inf \{ \|a_0\|_{A_0} + t \|a_1\|_{A_1} : a = a_0 + a_1, a_0 \in A_0, a_1 \in A_1 \}.$ It can be shown that if  $a \in A_0 \cap A_1$ , then

$$||a||_{\theta,p} \leq ||a||_{A_0}^{1-\theta} ||a||_{A_1}^{\theta}$$

Finally, given A and B intermediate spaces with respect to  $\{A_0, A_1\}$  and  $\{B_0, B_1\}$ , we say that A is of K-type  $\theta, \theta \in (0, 1)$ , if there is a positive constant c such that for all t > 0,

$$K(t, a) \le ct^{\theta} \|a\|_A$$
 for all  $a \in A$ .

B is of J-type  $\theta$  if there is a positive constant C such that

$$||b||_{B} \leq C ||b||_{B_{0}}^{\theta} ||b||_{B_{1}}^{1-\theta}$$
 for all  $b \in B_{0} \cap B_{1}$ .

Real interpolation  $A_{\theta,p}$  spaces are of both K-type  $\theta$  and J-type  $\theta$ .

### 3. Some results on real interpolation of compact and weakly compact operators

In 1960, M. A. KRASNOSEL'SKII [13] proved the following version of the Riesz-Thorin theorem for compact operators: Let  $T: L_{p_0} \to L_{q_0}$  be bounded and  $T: L_{p_1} \to L_{q_1}$  be compact, where all four exponents are in the range  $[1, \infty]$  and  $q_0 < \infty$ , then  $T: L_{p_{\theta}} \to L_{q_{\theta}}$  is compact as well. Here, as usual,  $\theta$  is any number in (0, 1) and  $\frac{1}{p_{\theta}} = \frac{1-\theta}{p_0} + \frac{\theta}{p_1}$ , 1 1 -  $\theta$  ,  $\theta$  $\frac{1}{q_{\theta}} = \frac{1-\theta}{q_0} + \frac{\theta}{q_1}.$ 

In light of the theorem of KRASNOSEL'SKII, it is natural to ask, given two interpolation pairs  $\{A_0, A_1\}$  and  $\{B_0, B_1\}$  and interpolation spaces A and B obtained by the real method, with respect to  $\{A_0, A_1\}$  and  $\{B_0, B_1\}$ , whether T, viewed as a map from A to B, inherits any compactness properties which it may possess as an element of  $L(A_i, B_i)$ .

An one sided answer to this question was given by LIONS and PEETRE [14]. They showed that if  $B_0 = B_1$  and A is of K-type  $\theta$  for some  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ , then  $T: A \to B_0$  is compact if either  $T: A_0 \to B_0$  or  $T: A_1 \to B_0$  is compact. They also have a similar result when  $B_0 \neq B_1$  and  $A_0 = A_1$ . The general case, in which  $A_0 \neq A_1$  and  $B_0 \neq B_1$ , was solved by PERSSON [19]. He shows that if  $T: A_0 \to B_0$  is compact then so is  $T: A \to B$ . To do this he was forced to make the assumption that  $\{B_0, B_1\}$  have a certain approximation property. This restriction on  $\{B_0, B_1\}$  was removed in the later work of HAYAKAWA [12], but at the expense of the additional hypothesis that  $T: A_1 \to B_1$  is also compact. Subsequent work in this area deals with the problems of interpolating measures of noncompactness [10] or behavior of width numbers or entropy numbers under interpolation [20], [21]. Recently CWIKEL [7] showed that if  $T: A_0 \to B_0$  is compact and  $T: A_1 \to B_1$  is bounded, then  $T: (A_0, A_1)_{\theta, p} \to (B_0, B_1)_{\theta, p}$ is compact too.

A bounded linear operator  $T: A \to B$  between Banach spaces A and B is weakly compact if  $T(U_A)$  is relatively weakly compact. Clearly if either A or B is reflexive, then every bounded linear operator  $T: A \to B$  is weakly compact. Moreover, weakly compact operators factor through reflexive Banch spaces. This important results is due to DAVIS, FIGIEL, JOHNSON, and PELCZYNSKI [8] which states as:

If  $T: A \to B$  is a weakly compact operator, then there is a reflexive Banach space C and bounded liner operators  $S: A \to C$ ,  $R: C \to B$  such that RS = T. B. BEAUZAMY in [4] has shown that for  $0 < \theta < 1$  and  $1 the real interpolation spaces <math>(A_0, A_1)_{\theta, p}$  are reflexive if and only if the imbedding  $I: A_0 \cap A_1 \to A_0 + A_1$  is weakly compact. Similar results have been shown to be true for more general interpolation spaces [18].

Interpolation of weakly compact operators were also investigated by L. MALIGRANDA-A. QUEVEDO [16], YU. A. BRUDNYI-N. YA. KRUGLJAK [6], L. MALIGRANDA [15] and M. MASTYLO [17] where they show that given  $1 and <math>T \in L(\{A_0, A_1\}, \{B_0, B_1\})$ one has that  $T: (A_0, A_1)_{\theta, p} \to (B_0, B_1)_{\theta, p}$  is weakly compact if and only if  $T: A_0 \cap A_1 \to B_0 + B_1$  is weakly compact. Their results generalizes the theorem of BEAUZAMY [4].

## The results

**Definition.** A Banach couple  $\{B_0, B_1\}$  with the property that  $B_0 \cap B_1$  is dense in  $B_0$  and  $B_1$  us called *coujugate couple*.

It is known that if  $\{B_0, B_1\}$  is a conjugate couple of Banach spaces, then  $(B_0 \cap B_1)^*$  is isometrically isomorphic to  $B_0^* + B_1^*$  [5].

**Lemma.** Let  $\{B_0, B_1\}$  be a Banach couple. Suppose that  $W_0$  and  $W_1$  are weakly compact sets contained in the spaces  $B_0$  and  $B_1$ , respectively. Then  $W_0 \cap W_1$  is weakly compact in  $B_0 \cap B_1$ .

Proof. Let  $C_i = (B_0 \cap B_1, \|\cdot\|_{B_i}), i = 0, 1$ . Since  $C_0 \cap C_1 = B_0 \cap B_1$  is dense in both  $C_0$  and  $C_1$ , we have

$$(C_0 \cap C_1)^* = C_0^* + C_1^*$$

or equivalently  $(B_0 \cap B_1, \|\cdot\|_{B_0 \cap B_1})^* = (B_0 \cap B_1, \|\cdot\|_{B_0})^* + (B_0 \cap B_1, \|\cdot\|_{B_1})^*$ . Take a sequence of elements  $(x_n)$  in  $W_0 \cap W_1$ . Since  $W_0$  is weakly compact, there is a subsequence

 $(x_{n,k})$  of  $(x_n)$  such that  $x_{n,k} \to x$  (weakly) in  $B_0$ . But  $(x_{n,k})$  is also weakly compact in  $W_1 \subset B_1$ , so there exists a subsequence  $(x_{n,k,j})$  of  $(x_{n,k})$  such that  $x_{n,k,j} \to x$  (weakly) in  $B_1$ . It follows that  $x_{n,k,j} \to x$  (weakly) in  $C_0$  and  $C_1$  ( $W_0 \cap W_1 \subset C_0 \cap C_1 = B_0 \cap B_1$ ). Next we observe that  $x_{n,k,j} \to x$  (weakly) in  $C_0 \cap C_1$ , because given  $x^* \in (C_0 \cap C_1)^*$ , say  $x^* = x_0^* + x_1^*$ with  $x_0^* \in C_0^*$ ,  $x_1^* \in C_1^*$  one gets

$$\langle x^*, x_{n,k,j} \rangle = \langle x_0^*, x_{n,k,j} \rangle + \langle x_1^*, x_{n,k,j} \rangle \to \langle x^*, x \rangle.$$

Since  $C_0 \cap C_1 = B_0 \cap B_1$ , we have that  $x_{n,k,j} \to x$  (weakly) in  $B_0 \cap B_1$  and so  $W_0 \cap W_1$  is weakly compact in  $B_0 \cap B_1$ .  $\Box$ 

Using the above Lemma, we obtain the following theorem, which can be considered as a Riesz-Thorin type theorem for measure of weak noncompactness. Similar results for ordinary measure of noncompactness can be found in [10].

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\{B_0, B_1\}$  be a Banach couple and A be a Banach space. Suppose that B is of J-type  $\theta$  for some  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ . If  $T \in L(\{A, A\}, \{B_0, B_1\})$ , then

$$\omega(T_{A,B}) \leq C(\omega(T_{A,B_0}))^{1-\theta} (\omega(T_{A,B_1}))^{\theta}$$

Proof. Let D be a bounded subset of A. Setting  $k_0 = \omega(T_{A,B_0})$  and  $k_1 = \omega(T_{A,B_1})$  we have  $\omega_{B_i}(T(D)) \leq k_i \delta$  where  $\delta = \omega_A(D)$  and i = 0, 1. From the definition of weak measure of noncompactness we have that  $T(D) \subset (k_0 \delta) U_{B_0} + W_0$ ,  $W_0$  is a weakly compact set in  $B_0$ , and similarly,  $T(D) \subset (k_1 \delta) U_{B_1} + W_1$ ,  $W_1$  is a weakly compact set in  $B_1$ . In other words we have  $||Tx - w_0||_{B_0} \leq k_0 \delta$  and  $||Tx - w_1||_{B_1} \leq k_1 \delta$  where  $w_0 \in W_0$ ,  $w_1 \in W_1$ . Since B is of J-type  $\theta$ ,

$$||Tx - w'||_{B} \le C ||Tx - w'||_{B_{0}}^{1-\theta} ||Tx - w'||_{B_{1}}^{\theta}$$
 for all  $w' \in W_{0} \cap W_{1}$ 

i.e.,

$$T(D) \subset k_0^{1-\theta} k_1^{\theta} \delta(U_{B_0} \cap U_{B_1}) + W_0 \cap W_1.$$

By the above lemma  $W_0 \cap W_1$  is weakly compact in  $B_0 \cap B_1$ . Then  $W_0 \cap W_1$  is also weakly compact in B since  $B_0 \cap B_1 \subset B$ , and the result follows.  $\Box$ 

**Remark.** The above theorem does not use the linearity of T, therefore under suitable hypothesis, one can obtain a similar result for nonlinear weak k-set contraction.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\{A_0, A_1\}$  be a Banach couple and B be a Banach space. Suppose that A is of K-type  $\theta$  for some  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ . If  $T \in L(\{A_0, A_1\}, \{B, B\})$ , then

**a.** 
$$\omega(T_{A,B}) \leq c(1-\theta)^{(\theta-1)} \theta^{-\theta} \omega(T_{A_0,B}) \omega(T_{A_1,B})^{\theta},$$

**b.** 
$$\omega(T_{A,B}) \le \omega(T_{A_0 \cap A_1,B}) \le \frac{\left(\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}\right)^{\theta} + \left(\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}\right)^{1-\theta}}{4c} \omega(T_{A_0 \cap A_1,B})^{1-\theta} d^{\theta}$$

where  $d = \max(||T_{A_0,B}||, ||T_{A_1,B}||)$ .

Proof. a. Let D be a bounded subset of A and let t > 0. Since A is of K-type  $\theta$ , given any  $a \in D$  there exists  $a_0 \in A_0$ ,  $a_1 \in A_1$ , such that  $a = a_0 + a_1$ , and

$$||a_0||_{A_0} \le ct^{\theta} ||a||_A$$
,  $||a_1||_{A_1} \le ct^{\theta-1} ||a||_A$  for  $i = 0, 1$ .

Let  $D_i = \{a \in A_i : \|\alpha_i\|_{A_i} \le ct^{\theta^{-i}} \|a\|_A\}$  for i = 0, 1. Observe that the  $D_i$ 's are nonempty and  $D \subset D_0 + D_1$ . Using the inequalities above we obtain

$$\begin{split} \omega_{\mathcal{B}}(T(D_0)) &\leq k_0 \omega_{A_0}(D_0) \leq k_0 c t^{\theta} \omega_{\mathcal{A}}(D) ,\\ \omega_{\mathcal{B}}(T(D_1)) &\leq k_1 \omega_{A_1}(D_1) \leq k_1 c t^{\theta-1} \omega_{\mathcal{A}}(D) , \end{split}$$

where  $k_0 = \omega(T_{A_0,B})$  and  $k_1 = \omega_B(T_{A_1,B})$ . Since  $D \subset D_0 + D_1$  and T is linear, it follows that

$$\omega_{\mathcal{B}}(T(D)) \le \omega_{\mathcal{B}}(T(D_0 + D_1) \le \omega_{\mathcal{B}}(T(D_0)) + \omega_{\mathcal{B}}(T(D_1))$$
$$\le c(k_0 t^{\theta} + k_1 t^{\theta^{-1}}) \omega_{\mathcal{A}}(D).$$

Hence  $\omega(T_{A,B}) \le c(k_0 t^{\theta} + k_1 t^{\theta-1})$  for all t > 0. Minimizing the right-hand side over t > 0 we obtain the result.

b. Define, as usual, the spaces  $\Delta(\tilde{A}) = A_0 \cap A_1$  and  $\Sigma(\tilde{A}) = A_0 + A_1$  with the norms defined as in Section 2 above. Since A is said to be of K-type  $\theta$ ,  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ , there is a positive constant c such that for all  $a \in A$  and all t > 0,

$$K(t,a) \leq ct^{\theta} \|a\|_{A}$$

Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then there exists t > 1 such that  $t^{-\theta} < (\varepsilon/4) c^{-1}$  and  $t^{\theta-1} < (\varepsilon/4) c^{-1}$ . If  $x \in U_A$ , then from above we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|a_0\|_{A_0} + t^{-1} \|a_1\|_{A_1} &\le t^{-\theta} + \varepsilon/4 \le \varepsilon/2 , \\ \|a_0'\|_{A_0} + t \|a_1'\|_{A_1} &\le ct^{\theta} + \varepsilon/4 \le t\varepsilon/2 , \end{aligned}$$

where  $a = a_0 + a_1 = a'_0 + a'_1$  is such that  $a_0, a'_0 \in A_0, a_1, a'_1 \in A_1$ .

Observe that  $||a_0||_{A_0} < \varepsilon/2$ ,  $||a_1||_{A_1} < t\varepsilon/2$ ,  $||a'_0||_{A_0} < t\varepsilon/2$ , and  $||a'_1||_{A_1} < \varepsilon/2$ . Let  $b = a - a_0 - a'_1$ . Then  $b = a'_0 - a_0 \in A$  and  $||b||_{A_0} \le ||a_0||_{A_0} + ||a'_0||_{A_0} < t\varepsilon$ . But  $b = a_1 - a'_1 \in A_1$  and  $||b||_{A_1} \le ||a_1||_{A_1} + ||a'_1||_{A_1} < t\varepsilon$ . Therefore  $b \in A_0 \cap A_1$  and  $||b||_{A(\hat{A})} \le t\varepsilon$ . Now since  $a - b = a_0 + a'_1$  and  $||a - b||_{\Sigma(\hat{A})} \le ||a_0||_{A_0} + ||a'_1||_{A_1} < \varepsilon$ , we have  $a = b + a_0 + a'_1$  with  $b \in \Delta(\widehat{A})$ , and  $||b||_{A(\widehat{A})} \le t\varepsilon$ ,  $||a_0 + a'_1||_{\Sigma(\widehat{A})} < \varepsilon$ . Thus for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is t > 1 such that

(\*) 
$$U_A \subset \frac{1}{t\varepsilon} U_{\Delta(\tilde{A})} + \varepsilon^{-1} U_{\Sigma(\tilde{A})}$$

On the other hand  $T \in L(\{A_0, A_1\}, \{B, B\})$ . Therefore  $T(U_{\Sigma(\tilde{A})}) \subset dU_B$ , where  $d = \max(||T_{A_0,B}||, ||T_{A_1,B}||)$ . Suppose  $r > \omega(T_{A(\tilde{A}),B})$ . Then  $T(U_{A(\tilde{A})}) \subset rU_B + W_B$  with  $W_B$  a weakly compact set in B. Using equation (\*) above, we have that

$$T(U_A) \subset \frac{1}{t\varepsilon} T(U_{\Delta(\tilde{A})}) + \varepsilon^{-1} T(U_{\Delta(\tilde{A})})$$

and

$$T(U_A) \subset \frac{1}{t\varepsilon} (rU_B + W_B) + \varepsilon^{-1} dU_B = \left(\frac{r}{t\varepsilon} + \varepsilon^{-1} d\right) U_B + \frac{1}{t\varepsilon} W_B,$$

which implies that

$$\omega(T_{A,B}) \leq \frac{r}{t\varepsilon} + \varepsilon^{-1}d.$$

Since  $t^{\theta-1} < \varepsilon/4c$ , we have

$$\omega(T_{A,B}) \le (r/t + d) t^{1-\theta}/4c = (rt^{-\theta} + dt^{1-\theta})/4c,$$

therefore

$$\omega(T_{A_0 \cap A_1, B}) \leq [\omega(T_{A_0 \cap A_1, B}) t^{-\theta} + dt^{1-\theta}]/4c.$$

Minimizing the right-hand side over t > 1, we obtain

$$\omega(T_{A_0 \cap A_1, B}) \leq \frac{\left(\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}\right)^{\theta} + \left(\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}\right)^{1-\theta}}{4c} \omega(T_{A_0 \cap A_1, B})^{1-\theta} d^{\theta}. \quad \Box$$

Let W(A, B) denote the space of weakly compact operators from A to B. The corresponding quotient norm is  $||T||_{\omega} = \text{dist}(T, W(A, B))$ . Recall that  $\omega$  and  $||\cdot||_{\omega}$  are submultiplicative seminorms on L(A, B) and that  $\omega(T) \leq ||T||_{\omega}$  for any operator T. In [1] it is shown that the seminorms  $\omega$  and  $||T||_{\omega}$  are equivalent in L(A, B) if and only if B has the following weak compact approximation property (W.A.P. for short).

We say that a Banach space B has the W.A.P. if there is a  $\lambda \ge 1$  such that for any weakly compact set  $S \subset B$  and any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a weakly compact operator  $R: B \to B$  with

$$\sup_{x\in S} \|x - Rx\| \le \varepsilon \text{ and } \|id - R\| \le \lambda.$$

**Corollary**. a. Let  $\{B_0, B_1\}$  be a Banach couple and A be a Banach space. Suppose that B is of J-type  $\theta$  for some  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  and has W.A.P. If  $T \in L(\{A, A\}, \{B_0, B_1\})$ , then

 $\|T_{A,B}\|_{\omega} \leq C_1 \|T_{A,B_0}\|_{\omega}^{1-\theta} \|T_{A,B_1}\|_{\omega}^{\theta}.$ 

b. Let  $\{A_0, A_1\}$  be a Banach couple and B be a Banach space with W.A.P.. Suppose that A is of K-type  $\theta$  for some  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ . If  $T \in L(\{A_0, A_1\}, \{B, B\})$ , then

$$\|T_{A,B}\|_{\omega} \leq c_1 (1-\theta)^{\theta-1} \theta^{-\theta} \|T_{A_0,B}\|_{\omega}^{1-\theta} \|T_{A_1,B}\|_{\omega}^{\theta}.$$

Proof. Using the fact that the space B has W.A.P., we have

$$\omega(T_{A,B}) \leq \|T_{A,B}\|_{\omega} \leq \lambda \omega(T_{A,B}).$$

Now apply Theorem 1 and Theorem 2a to obtain the above inequalities.  $\Box$ 

**Remark.** ASTALA and TYLLI [1] proved that if B is an  $\mathcal{L}^p$  space for p = 1 or  $p = \infty$  (for notation see [1]), then B has the weak approximation property if and only if B has the Schur property. It is well known that among the examples of spaces mentioned above  $\ell^1$  has the Schur property.

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