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The aim of this paper is to prove that for every if for every extended Riesz norm  $\rho$  on an order complete Riesz space  $E$  the seminorm  $\rho_L$  has the weak Fatou property then  $E$  has the Egoroff property; a result of this kind was already announced in [4] but the proof was not correct. Results of similar nature, but considering the Fatou property instead of the weak Fatou property were given in [1] and [2].

A Riesz space  $E$  has the Egoroff property if for any  $x \in E_+$  and any double sequence  $(x_{nk})_{n,k \geq 1} \subset E_+$  such that  $x_{nk} \uparrow_k x$  for every  $n \geq 1$  there is  $\varphi: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  and a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1} \subset E$  such that  $x_n \leq x_{n, \varphi(n)}$  and  $x_n \uparrow x$ .

An extended Riesz seminorm on the Riesz space  $E$  is a function  $\rho: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{\infty\}$  such that:

- i)  $\rho(x+y) \leq \rho(x) + \rho(y)$ ,  $\rho(ax) = a\rho(x)$  for  $x, y \in E$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}_+$ .
- ii)  $\rho(x) \leq \rho(y)$  for  $x, y \in E$  and  $|x| \leq |y|$ .

An extended Riesz seminorm  $\rho$  is a Riesz norm if  $x \neq 0$  implies  $\rho(x) > 0$ .

The extended Riesz seminorm  $\rho$  has the weak Fatou property if there is  $c \geq 1$  such that from  $0 \leq x_n \uparrow x$  it follows that  $\rho(x) \leq c \sup_{n \geq 1} \rho(x_n)$ .

For every extended Riesz seminorm  $\rho$  the Lorentz seminorm  $\rho_L$  is defined by

$$\rho_L(x) = \inf \left\{ \sup_{n \geq 1} \rho(x_n) \mid 0 \leq x_n \uparrow |x| \right\}.$$

Theorem. Assume that the continuum hypothesis holds. Then

for every order complete Riesz space  $E$  the following are equivalent:

i) For every extended Riesz norm  $\rho$  on  $E$  the seminorm  $\rho_L$  has the weak Fatou property.

ii)  $E$  has the Egoroff property.

The proof of the theorem needs some lemmas.

A weakly  $\sigma$ -distributive Riesz space is a  $\sigma$ -order complete Riesz space  $E$  such that for every order bounded double sequence  $(x_{nk})_{n,k \geq 1} \subset E_+$  increasing in  $k$  for every  $n$  we have:

$$\inf_{n \geq 1} \sup_{k \geq 1} x_{nk} = \sup_{\varphi: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}} \inf_{n \geq 1} x_{n, \varphi(n)}.$$

A Riesz space is called order separable if for every  $x \in E$  and every  $A \subset E$  such that  $x = \sup A$  there is a countable subset  $B \subset A$  such that  $x = \sup B$ .

Lemma 1. Let  $E$  be a weakly  $\sigma$ -distributive order separable Riesz space. Then  $E$  has the Egoroff property.

Proof. Let  $0 \leq x_{nk} \uparrow x$  for every  $n \geq 1$ . We want to show that there are  $(y_n)_{n \geq 1} \subset E$  and  $\psi: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  $y_n \leq x_{n, \psi(n)}$  and  $y_n \uparrow x$ .

As  $E$  is weakly  $\sigma$ -distributive we have

$$x = \inf_{n \geq 1} \sup_{k \geq 1} x_{nk} = \sup_{\varphi: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}} \inf_{n \geq 1} x_{n, \varphi(n)}.$$

As  $E$  is order separable there is a sequence  $(\varphi_m)_{m \geq 1}$  of maps  $\varphi_m: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$x = \sup_{m \geq 1} \inf_{n \geq 1} x_{n, \varphi_m(n)}.$$

Let  $\psi: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\psi_n: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be given by



$$\psi_n = \sup_{1 \leq k \leq n} \varphi_k$$

$$\psi(n) = \psi_n(n).$$

Put

$$y_n = \inf_{m \geq 1} x_{m, \psi_n(m)}$$

The sequence  $(y_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is increasing. We have

$$x = \sup_{m \geq 1} \inf_{n \geq 1} x_{n, \varphi_m(n)} \leq \sup_{m \geq 1} \inf_{n \geq 1} x_{n, \psi_m(n)} \leq \sup_{m \geq 1} y_m \leq x.$$

Hence  $y_n \uparrow x$ . On the other side

$$y_n = \inf_{m \geq 1} x_{m, \psi_n(m)} \leq x_{n, \psi_n(n)} = x_{n, \psi(n)}.$$

The proof is complete.

A result of Pinsker and Amemiya ([3], theorem 75.5) states that under the continuum hypothesis, every order complete Riesz space with the Egoroff property is order separable. It is also easy to prove that a  $\sigma$ -order complete Riesz space with the Egoroff property is weakly  $\sigma$ -distributive. Hence, the preceding lemma gives a converse to these statements.

We say that a Riesz space has property i) if it satisfies i) from the statement of the theorem.

If  $E$  is a  $\sigma$ -order complete space we denote by  $P_x$  the projection on the band generated by  $x$ .

Lemma 2. Let  $E$  be an Archimedean Riesz space. Suppose there is a  $\sigma$ -order complete Riesz space  $F$ , a positive  $\sigma$ -order continuous linear map  $T: E \rightarrow F$ , an element  $x \in E_+$ , a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1} \subset E_+$  and a double sequence  $(x_{nk})_{n, k \geq 1} \subset E_+$  such that:

- i)  $x_n \uparrow x$ .
- ii)  $x_{nk} \uparrow x$  for every  $n \geq 1$
- iii)  $P_{Tx_m} Tx \neq Tx$  for every  $n \geq 1$
- iv)  $\inf_{n \geq 1} \sum_{k=1}^n x_{nk} \varphi(n) = 0$  for every  $\varphi: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ .

Then  $E$  has not the property i).

Proof. We may assume that  $x_{nk}$  is decreasing in  $n$  for every  $k \geq 1$  (otherwise replace  $x_{nk}$  by  $\inf_{l \leq m \leq n} x_{nl}$ ).

Let  $K$  be the solid convex hull of  $\{x_{nk} \wedge x_n \mid n, k \geq 1\}$ .

Define the extended Riesz seminorm  $\varrho$  by

$$\varrho(y) = \inf \{a \mid a \geq 0, y \in aK\}$$

(it is understood that  $\inf \emptyset = \infty$ ).

If  $v \in K$  then  $|v| \leq x$ . Hence if  $\varrho(y) = 0$  then  $|y| \leq ax$  for every  $a > 0$ .

As  $E$  is Archimedean,  $y = 0$ . Thus  $\varrho$  is an extended Riesz norm.

Suppose that  $E$  has the property i). Then  $\varrho_L$  has the weak Fatou property. As  $x_{nk} \wedge x_n \in K$  it follows that

$$\varrho_L(x_{nk} \wedge x_n) \leq \varrho(x_{nk} \wedge x_n) \leq 1$$

for every  $n, k \geq 1$ . Hence  $\varrho_L(x_n) \leq c$  for every  $n \geq 1$ . Applying once again

the weak Fatou property we get  $\varrho_L(x) \leq c^2$ . Put  $d = c^2 + 1$ . There is

$(y_m)_{m \geq 1} \subset E_+$  such that  $0 \leq y_m \uparrow x$  and  $\varrho(y_m) < d$  for  $m \geq 1$ . If  $z_m = \frac{1}{d} y_m$  then

$z_m \uparrow \frac{1}{d} x$  and  $z_m \in K$ . Hence, there is a triple sequence  $(\lambda_{nk}^m)_{m,n,k \geq 1}$  such that:

- i) For every  $m \geq 1$  the set  $\{(n, k) \mid \lambda_{nk}^m \neq 0\}$  is finite,
- ii)  $z_m \leq \sum_{n,k \geq 1} \lambda_{nk}^m (x_{nk} \wedge x_n)$ .
- iii)  $\sum_{n,k \geq 1} \lambda_{nk}^m = 1$  for every  $m \geq 1$ .



Define  $\psi: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  by

$$\psi(m) = \sup\{k \mid k \geq 1, (\exists n) \lambda_{nk}^m \neq 0\}.$$

Put

$$\lambda_n^m = \sum_{k \geq 1} \lambda_{nk}^m$$

As  $\lambda_{nk}^m \neq 0$  implies  $k \leq \psi(m)$  we have

$$\sum_{n, k \geq 1} \lambda_{nk}^m (x_{nk} \wedge x_n) \leq \sum_{n, k \geq 1} \lambda_{nk}^m (x_n, \psi(m) \wedge x_n) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \lambda_n^m (x_n, \psi(m) \wedge x_n).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} z_m &\leq \sum_{n \geq 1} \lambda_n^m (x_n, \psi(m) \wedge x_n), \\ \sum_{n \geq 1} \lambda_n^m &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Now we prove the following:

(A) For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $m \geq 1$  such that for every  $m_1 > m$  there is  $m_2 > m_1$  such that  $\sum_{m \leq n < m_1} \lambda_n^{m_2} \leq \varepsilon$ .

Otherwise there would be an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for every  $m \geq 1$  there is  $m_1 > m$  such that  $m_2 > m_1$  implies  $\sum_{m \leq n < m_1} \lambda_n^{m_2} > \varepsilon$ . Let  $k \geq 1$  be such that

$k\varepsilon > 1$ . Choose  $1 = m_0 < m_1 \dots < m_k$  inductively such that

$\sum_{m_i \leq n < m_{i+1}} \lambda_n^m > \varepsilon$  for  $0 \leq i \leq k-1$  and  $m > m_{i+1}$ . Let  $m = m_k + 1$ . Then

$$1 = \sum_{n \geq 1} \lambda_n^m \geq \sum_{0 \leq i \leq k-1} \sum_{m_i \leq n < m_{i+1}} \lambda_n^m > k\varepsilon$$

which is a contradiction.

Now take  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2d}$  and get  $m$  with the property in the statement of (A). Choose inductively an increasing sequence  $(m_p)_{p \geq 1}$  such that  $m_1 = m+1$  and  $\sum_{m \leq n < m_{p-1}} \lambda_n^m \leq \varepsilon$  for  $p \geq 2$ . Fix  $p \geq 2$ . We have for  $q \geq p$

$$Tz_{m_p} \leq Tz_{m_q} \leq \sum_{n \geq 1} \lambda_n^{m_q} T(x_n, \psi(m_q) \wedge x_n).$$

But

$$\sum_{1 \leq n < m} \lambda_n^{m_q} T(x_n, \psi(m_q) \wedge x_n) \leq \left( \sum_{1 \leq n < m} \lambda_n^{m_q} \right) Tx_m$$

$$\sum_{m \leq n < m_{q-1}} \lambda_n^{m_q} T(x_n, \psi(m_q) \wedge x_n) \leq \left( \sum_{m \leq n < m_{q-1}} \lambda_n^{m_q} \right) Tx \leq \frac{1}{2d} Tx$$

$$\sum_{m_{q-1} \leq n} \lambda_n^{m_q} T(x_n, \psi(m_q) \wedge x_n) \leq Tx_{m_{q-1}, \psi(m_q)}.$$

Hence

$$Tz_{m_p} \leq \sum_{1 \leq n \leq m} \lambda_n^{m_q} Tx_m + \frac{1}{2d} Tx + Tx_{m_{q-1}, \psi(m_q)}$$

Applying  $I - P_{Tx_m}$  we get

$$(I - P_{Tx_m})(Tz_{m_p} - \frac{1}{2d} Tx) \leq Tx_{m_{q-1}, \psi(m_q)}$$

Define  $\varphi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  by

$$\varphi(n) = \psi(m_p) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq n \leq m_{p-1}$$

$$\varphi(n) = \psi(m_{q+1}) \quad \text{for } m_{q-1} < n \leq m_q, \quad q \geq p.$$

Then



$$0 \leq \inf_{q \geq p} T x_{m_{q-1}}, \psi(m_q) \leq \inf_{n \geq 1} T x_n, \varphi(n) = 0.$$

It follows that

$$(I - P_{T x_m}) (T z_m - \frac{1}{2d} T x) \leq 0.$$

As  $z_m \uparrow \frac{1}{d} x$  we have  $T z_m \uparrow \frac{1}{d} T x$ . Hence

$$(I - P_{T x_m}) (\frac{1}{2d} T x) = 0$$

which together with  $P_{T x_m} T x \neq T x$  gives a contradiction.

Lemma 3. Let  $E$  be a  $\sigma$ -order complete Riesz space. Let  $0 \leq a < 1$ ,  $x \in E_+$  and  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1} \subset E_+$  be such that  $x_n \uparrow x$  and  $(ax - x_n) \neq 0$  for every  $n \geq 1$ . Then there is a sequence  $(y_n)_{n \geq 1}$  such that  $0 \leq y_n \uparrow x$  and  $P_{y_n} x \neq x$  for every  $n \geq 1$ .

Proof. Let  $y_n = P_{(x_n - ax)_+} x$ . Obviously  $y_n \uparrow x$  and  $P_{y_n} x = y_n$ . Suppose that  $P_{y_n} x = x$ . Then  $y_n = x$ . We have

$$0 \leq x + P_{(ax - x_n)_+} x = P_{(x_n - ax)_+} x + P_{(ax - x_n)_+} x \leq x,$$

thus

$$P_{(ax - x_n)_+} x = 0.$$

Therefore

$$0 \leq P_{(ax - x_n)_+} (ax - x_n) = -P_{(ax - x_n)_+} x_n \leq 0$$

which implies

$$P(ax-x_n)_+ x_n = 0.$$

It follows that

$$(ax-x_n)_+ = P(ax-x_n)_+ (ax-x_n)_+ = (P(ax-x_n)_+ (ax-x_n))_+ = 0$$

which is a contradiction.

A Riesz subspace  $F$  of the Riesz space  $E$  is called relatively  $\sigma$ -order closed if from  $x \in E_+$ ,  $x_n \in F$  and  $x_n \uparrow x$  it follows that  $x \in F$ .

Lemma 4. Let  $E$  be a  $\sigma$ -order complete Riesz space and let  $F$  be a relatively  $\sigma$ -order closed Riesz subspace of  $E$ . If  $E$  has property i) then  $F$  also has property i).

Proof. Let  $\varphi$  be an extended Riesz norm on  $F$ . Define the extended Riesz seminorm  $\bar{\varphi}$  on  $E$  by

$$\bar{\varphi}(x) = \inf \{ \varphi(y) \mid y \in F, |x| \leq y \}$$

( $\inf \emptyset = \infty$ ). As  $F$  is relatively  $\sigma$ -order closed, for every  $x \in E$  such that  $\bar{\varphi}(x) < \infty$  there is  $y \in F_+$  such that  $|x| \leq y$  and  $\varphi(y) = \bar{\varphi}(x)$ . In particular it follows that  $\bar{\varphi}$  is an extended Riesz norm. It will then suffice to prove that  $\varphi_L(x) = \bar{\varphi}_L(x)$  for every  $x \in F_+$ .

Let  $x \in F_+$  and let  $x_n \in F_+$  be such that  $x_n \uparrow x$  in  $F$ . Then  $x_n \uparrow x$  in  $E$ . We have

$$\bar{\varphi}_L(x) \leq \sup_{n \geq 1} \bar{\varphi}(x_n) \leq \sup_{n \geq 1} \varphi(x_n)$$



hence

$$\bar{g}_L(x) \leq g_L(x).$$

To prove the converse inequality, let  $x_n \in E_+$  be such that  $x_n \uparrow x$ . We want to prove that  $\sup_{n \geq 1} \bar{g}(x_n) \geq g_L(x)$ . We may assume that  $\bar{g}(x_n) < \infty$  for  $n \geq 1$ . There is  $y_n \in E_+$  such that  $x_n \leq y_n$  and  $g(y_n) = \bar{g}(x_n)$ . Put

$$z_n = \inf_{m \geq n} y_m \wedge x.$$

Then  $z_n \in E$  and  $x_n \leq z_n \leq x$ , hence  $z_n \uparrow x$ . We have

$$g(z_n) \leq g(y_n) = \bar{g}(x_n)$$

hence

$$g_L(x) \leq \sup_{n \geq 1} g(z_n) \leq \sup_{n \geq 1} \bar{g}(x_n).$$

Proof of the theorem.

ii)  $\Rightarrow$  i) This is known. In fact, ii) implies that  $g_L$  has the Fatou property ([2]).

i)  $\Rightarrow$  ii) We prove first that  $E$  is weakly  $\sigma'$ -distributive. If this is not the case, there is by [4] an extended Riesz norm  $g$  on  $E$  such that  $g_L$  is not a norm. Hence there is  $x \in E_+ \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $g_L(x) = 0$ . This implies the existence of  $(x_{nk})_{n,k \geq 1} \in E_+$  such that  $x_{nk} \uparrow_k x$  and  $\sup_{k \geq 1} (x_{nk}) \leq \frac{1}{n}$  for every  $n \geq 1$ . Let  $\varphi: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  and let  $y = \inf_{n \geq 1} x_{n, \varphi(n)}$ . We have

$$g(y) \leq g(x_{n, \varphi(n)}) \leq \frac{1}{n}$$

hence  $g(y) = 0$  which implies that  $y = 0$ .

There is a sequence  $(z_n)_{n \geq 1}$  such that  $0 \leq z_n \uparrow x$  and  $(\frac{1}{2}x - z_n) \neq 0$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Otherwise for every  $n \geq 1$  there would be a  $\varphi(n) \geq 1$  such that  $x_{n, \varphi(n)} \geq \frac{1}{2}x$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore by lemma 3 there is a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  such that  $0 \leq x_n \uparrow x$  and  $P_{x_n} x \neq x$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

By lemma 1 applied to  $F=E$  and  $T=1_E$  we obtain that  $E$  has not property i), which is a contradiction. Hence  $E$  is weakly  $\sigma$ -distributive.

Second we prove that  $E$  is order separable. If not, there is an uncountable order bounded set  $M \subset E_+$  consisting of disjoint elements. Let  $B(M)$  be the Riesz space of all bounded functions  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Define  $H: B(M) \rightarrow E$  by

$$H(f) = \sup_{\substack{F \subset M \\ F \text{ finite}}} \sum_{x \in F} f(x)x$$

for every  $f \in B(M)_+$  and then extend  $H$  by linearity. Then  $H$  is a Riesz isomorphism of  $B(M)$  onto  $H(B(M))$  and  $H(B(M))$  is a relatively  $\sigma$ -order closed Riesz subspace of  $E$ . By lemma 4,  $B(M)$  has property i). As  $M$  is uncountable and we assume the continuum hypothesis holds, a result of Banach and Kuratowsky ([3], ch.10) states that there is a double sequence  $(M_{nk})_{n, k \geq 1}$  of subsets of  $M$  such that  $M_{nk} \subset M_{n, k+1}$ ,  $\bigcup_{k \geq 1} M_{nk} = M$  for every  $n \geq 1$  and  $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} M_{n, \varphi(n)}$  is at most countable for every  $\varphi: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ . There is also a sequence  $(M_n)_{n \geq 1}$  of subsets of  $M$  such that  $M_n \subset M_{n+1}$ ,  $\bigcup_{n \geq 1} M_n = M$  and  $M \setminus M_n$  is not countable. This can be obtained as follows: there is an one-to-one map  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$ . Then put  $M_n = M \setminus g((n, \infty))$ .

Let  $G$  be the order ideal of all bounded maps  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\{x \mid f(x) \neq 0\}$  is at most countable and let  $F$  be the quotient Riesz space  $\frac{B(M)}{G}$ . Let  $T: B(M) \rightarrow F$  be the quotient map;  $T$  is  $\sigma$ -order continuous. Let



$$x_{nk} = \chi_{M_{nk}}$$

$$x_n = \chi_{M_n}$$

$$x = \chi_M$$

( $\chi_A$  being the characteristic function of a set  $A \subset M$ ). Then  $x_{nk} \uparrow x$  for  $n \geq 1$ ,  $x_n \uparrow x$ ,  $\inf Tx_n, \varphi(n) = 0$  for every  $\varphi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  and

$$P_{Tx_n} Tx = TP_{x_n} x \neq Tx.$$

An application of Lemma 2 shows that  $B(M)$  has not property i), which is a contradiction. Hence  $E$  is order separable.

By lemma 1,  $E$  has the Egoroff property.

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