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The theory of principal modules was developed in our papers [9], [10]. An application of this theory was already given in our lecture delivered at the First Romanian-GDR Seminar on Banach Space Theory held at Bucharest in 1981 (see [11]). The purpose of this paper is to present some further applications. Our methods work also in the non-locally convex case; this possibility allows us to derive A.R. Schep's result on kernel operators as a consequence of principal modules theory.

1. Principal modules

In this section we recall some basic definitions and results from [9] and [10].

For a vector lattice E we shall use the standard notations:

$$E_+ = \{x \mid x \in E, x \geq 0\},$$

$$[x, y] = \{z \mid z \in E, x \leq z \leq y\},$$

$$E(x) = \{y \mid y \in E, (\exists) a, a \in E_+, |y| \leq a|x|\}.$$

A lattice-ordered algebra with unit is a vector lattice A with a strong unit e endowed with a bilinear multiplication $(a, b) \mapsto ab$ such that $ae = ea = a$ and $|ab| = |a||b|$ for every $a, b \in A$.

Let A be a lattice-ordered algebra with unit. By an A -module we shall mean a vector lattice E which is an algebraic module over A such that $A_+E_+ \subset E_+$. For E Archimedean the definition implies that $|ax| = |a||x|$ for every $a \in A, x \in E$. By a submodule of E we shall mean an algebraic submodule. A set $M \subset E_+$ will be called A_+ -stable if $A_+M \subset M$.

Let A, B be Archimedean lattice-ordered algebras with units e_1, e_2 and let $A \otimes B$ be the tensor product in the sense of D.H. Fremlin ([4]). There is an unique structure of lattice-ordered algebra with unit on $A \otimes B$ such that $(a_1 \otimes b_1)(a_2 \otimes b_2) = a_1a_2 \otimes b_1b_2$ for every $a_1, a_2 \in A$,

$e_1 \otimes e_2$; its unit is $e_1 \otimes e_2$. Suppose that E is an Archimedean A -module and also a B -module. Then we can give an unique structure of $A \bar{\otimes} B$ on E such that $(a \otimes b)x = a(bx)$ for every $a \in A$, $b \in B$, $x \in E$.

A principal A -module is an A -module E endowed with a locally solid topology such that $\{ax | a \in A\}$ is dense in the principal order ideal generated by x for every $x \in E$.

Let E be an A -module and let F be a B -module. Suppose that E and F are principal, that F is order complete and its topology is order continuous. Denote by $L'_F(E, F)$ the vector lattice of all continuous order bounded linear maps from E to F . Define structures of A -module and B -module on $L'_F(E, F)$ by

$$(aU)(x) = U(ax),$$

$$(bU)(x) = bU(x).$$

Then $L'_F(E, F)$ becomes an $A \bar{\otimes} B$ -module. The solid strong topology on $L'_F(E, F)$ has as a basis of neighborhoods of 0 the sets $\{U | U \in L'_F(E, F), U(x) \in V\}$ for every $x \in E_+$ and every neighborhood V of 0 in F .

Theorem 1.1 ([10]). With respect to the solid strong topology, $L'_F(E, F)$ is a principal $A \bar{\otimes} B$ -module.

For the applications we shall need the following lemmas.

Lemma 1.1 Let E be a principal A -module and let F be a closed B -submodule. Then F is an order ideal.

Lemma 1.2 Let E be a principal A -module and let $M \subseteq E_+$ be A_+ -stable and closed. If $x \in M$ then $[0, x] \subseteq M$.

Lemma 1.3 Suppose that E is an A -module and a B -module endowed with a locally solid topology and let F be a closed A -submodule and B -submodule. Then F is an $A \bar{\otimes} B$ -submodule.

Lemma 1.4 Under the same hypothesis as in lemma 1.3 let $M \subseteq E_+$ be a closed A_+ -stable and B_+ -stable subset such that $M + M \subseteq M$. Then M is $(A \bar{\otimes} B)_+$ -stable.

2. Kernel operators

Theorem 2.1 Let E, F be A -modules such that E is order complete, F is principal and its topology is separated and Fatou (see [5], ch. 2 for definition). Let $U : E \rightarrow F$ be an order continuous positive A -linear map. Then $U([0, x]) = [0, U(x)]$ for every $x \in E_+$.

Proof. Let \mathcal{R} be a family of Fatou pseudonorms defining the topology τ of F . We introduce the topology τ_1 on E by the pseudonorms $x \mapsto \rho(U(|x|))$ for every $\rho \in \mathcal{R}$. τ_1 is Fatou and U is continuous for

τ_1 and τ . Let $x \in E_+$ and $y \in [0, U(x)]$. As F is principal there is a net $(a_\delta) \subset A_+$ such that $a_\delta \leq e$ and $a_\delta U(x) \rightarrow y$ for τ . The sequence $a_\delta x$ is τ_1 -Cauchy; indeed, as F is Archimedean we have

$$U(|a_\delta x - a_{\delta'} x|) \leq U(|a_\delta - a_{\delta'}| x) = |a_\delta - a_{\delta'}| U(x) = |a_\delta U(x) - a_{\delta'} U(x)|.$$

As $0 \leq a_\delta x \leq x$ it follows by Nakano's theorem ([5], ch.2) that there is $x_1 \in [0, x]$ such that $a_\delta x \rightarrow x_1$ for τ_1 . As U is continuous and τ is separated we have $y = U(x_1)$.

As an application we prove A.R. Schep's result from [7]. Let $X_i = (S_i, \sum_1, \mu_1)$, $i=1,2$ be σ -finite measure spaces and let $X_1 \times X_2$ be the product measure space. Let $L_0(X_i)$ be the vector lattice of equivalence classes of measurable functions on S_i and let E_i be an order ideal in $L_0(X_i)$. We denote by $I(E_1, E_2)$ the order ideal of those $f \in L_0(X_1 \times X_2)$ such that the class of the function $t \mapsto \int f(s, t) h(s) d\mu_1(s)$ belongs to E_2 for every $h \in E_1$. Every $f \in I(E_1, E_2)$ defines a kernel operator $K(f) \in L_r(E_1, E_2)$ (the vector lattice of all order bounded linear maps from E_1 to E_2). In this way we have defined an order continuous positive linear map $K : I(E_1, E_2) \rightarrow L_r(E_1, E_2)$.

Let $A(X_i)$ be the lattice-ordered algebra with unit of all simple functions in $L_0(X_i)$. Let A be the vector subspace of $L_0(X_1 \times X_2)$ generated by the characteristic functions of the sets $M_1 \times M_2$ with $M_i \in \sum_1$. We have $A(X_1) \otimes A(X_2) = A$ and there is a canonical isomorphism $\alpha : A(X_1) \otimes A(X_2) \rightarrow A$. By using the usual pointwise product we define structures of $A(X_i)$ -module on E_i and of A -module on $I(E_1, E_2)$; by using the isomorphism α , $I(E_1, E_2)$ becomes also an $A(X_1) \otimes A(X_2)$ -module. The construction described in section 1 shows that $L_r(E_1, E_2)$ is an $A(X_1) \otimes A(X_2)$ -module; it is easily seen that K is $A(X_1) \otimes A(X_2)$ -linear.

Define the order continuous topology on E_2 by the pseudonorms

$$h \mapsto \int_M |h| \wedge \chi_{S_2} d\mu_2, \quad M \in \sum_2, \mu_2(M) < \infty;$$

define a topology on E_1 by the pseudonorms

$$g \mapsto \int_M U(|g|) \wedge \chi_{S_2} d\mu_2, \quad M \in \sum_2, \mu_2(M) < \infty, U \in L_r(E_1, E_2)_+.$$

In this way E_1 and E_2 become principal modules and $L'_r(E_1, E_2) = L_r(E_1, E_2)$. Hence $L_r(E_1, E_2)$ is a principal $A(X_1) \otimes A(X_2)$ -module in the strong solid topology. By taking in theorem 2.1 $E = I(E_1, E_2)$, $F = L_r(E_1, E_2)$, $U = K$ we obtain the following result which is the principal step in proving that the kernel operators form a band in $L_r(E_1, E_2)$.

Theorem 2.2 $K([0, f]) = [0, K(f)]$ for every $f \in I(E_1, E_2)$.

3. Principal modules of linear operators on Banach lattices

For an order complete vector lattice E let $\mathcal{A}(E)$ be the vector subspace of $L_r(E, E)$ generated by the projections on bands; $\mathcal{A}(E)$ is a lattice-ordered algebra with unit and the map $(A, x) \mapsto A(x)$ defines a structure of $\mathcal{A}(E)$ -module on E . This module is principal for every locally solid topology on E . If E, F are order complete vector lattices then $\mathcal{A}(E) \otimes \mathcal{A}(F) = \mathcal{A}(E \otimes F)$.

Let E, F be Banach lattices such that F has order continuous norm. Let \hat{E} be the order ideal generated by E in E'' . We define a structure of $\mathcal{A}(\hat{E}) \otimes \mathcal{A}(F)$ -module on $L_r(E, F)$ in the following way: if $a \in \mathcal{A}(\hat{E}) \otimes \mathcal{A}(F)$ and $U \in L_r(E, F)$ let aU be the restriction to E of the map aU'' .

The proofs of the following theorems follow from theorem 1.1.

Theorem 3.1 If E, F are order complete Banach lattices and F has order continuous norm then $L_r(E, F)$ is an $\mathcal{A}(E) \otimes \mathcal{A}(F)$ -principal module in the solid strong topology.

Theorem 3.2 If F has order continuous norm then $L_r(E, F)$ is an $\mathcal{A}(\hat{E}) \otimes \mathcal{A}(F)$ -principal module in the solid strong topology.

Let E, F be Banach lattices such that F is order complete. The solid uniform topology on $L_r(E, F)$ is given by the norm $U \mapsto \| |U| \|$. A subset M of E is called L -bounded if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is $y \in E_+$ such that $\| (|x| - y)_+ \| \leq \varepsilon$ for every $x \in M$.

Let E, F be Banach lattices. We denote by $LW(E, F)$ the set of those linear maps $U : E \rightarrow F$ such that the image of the unit ball in E by U is L -bounded; if F is order complete we denote by $IW_r(E, F)$ the order ideal of those $U \in L_r(E, F)$ such that $|U| \in LW(E, F)$. The solid L -bounded topology on $L_r(E, F)$ is given by the seminorms $U \mapsto \sup_{x \in K} \| |U|(x) \|$ for every L -bounded set $K \subset E_+$.

Theorem 3.3 Suppose that E' and F have order continuous norms, that E is a principal A -module and that F is a principal B -module. Then $IW_r(E, F)$ is an $A \otimes B$ -principal module in the solid uniform topology.

Theorem 3.4 Suppose that F has order continuous norm, that E is a principal A -module and that F is a principal B -module. Then $L_r(E, F)$ is an $A \otimes B$ -principal module in the solid L -bounded topology.

Theorem 3.5 Suppose that E' and F have order continuous norms. Then $IW_r(E, F)$ is an $\mathcal{A}(\hat{E}) \otimes \mathcal{A}(F)$ -principal module in the solid uniform topology.

Theorem 3.6 Suppose that F has order continuous norm. Then $L_r(E, F)$ is an $\mathcal{A}(\hat{E}) \otimes \mathcal{A}(F)$ - principal module in the solid L -bounded topology.

These theorems are derived from theorem 1.1, theorem 3.2 and the following lemmas:

Lemma 3.1 Suppose that E' and F have order continuous norms. Let $U \in LW_r(E, F)_+$. Then the solid strong topology and the solid uniform topology coincide on $[-U, U]$.

Lemma 3.2 Let E, F be Banach lattices such that F is order complete and let $U \in L_r(E, F)_+$. Then the solid strong topology and the solid L -bounded topology coincide on $[-U, U]$.

Theorem 3.7 Let E be a Banach lattice having order continuous norm, let \mathcal{U} be an algebraic two-sided closed ideal in the algebra of all continuous linear maps from E to E and let $U \in \mathcal{U} \cap L_r(E, E), V \in L_r(E, E)$ and $W \in LW(E, E)$ be such that $|V| \leq |U|$. Then $VW \in \mathcal{U}$.

Proof. By theorems 3.1 and 3.4 there is a net $a_\delta \in \mathcal{A}(E) \otimes \mathcal{A}(E)$ such that $a_\delta U \rightarrow V$ for the solid L -bounded topology. As \mathcal{U} is a two-sided ideal we have $(a_\delta U)W \in \mathcal{U}$. As $W \in LW(E, E)$ it follows that $(a_\delta U)W \rightarrow VW$ in the uniform topology; hence $VW \in \mathcal{U}$.

Taking \mathcal{U} to be ideal of compact operators and $V = W$ we find a result of C.D. Aliprantis and O. Burkinshaw ([1]).

4. The approximation of linear operators by finite-rank operators

Let E, F be Banach spaces. We denote by $\mathcal{F}(E, F)$ the set of all continuous finite-rank operators from E to F . A linear map $U : E \rightarrow F$ is called approximable if it belongs to the closure $A(E, F)$ of $\mathcal{F}(E, F)$ in the uniform topology.

Theorem 4.1 Let E, F be Banach lattices such that E', F have order continuous norms. Then $LW_r(E, F) \cap A(E, F)$ is a band in $LW_r(E, F)$.

Proof. It is easily seen that $LW_r(E, F) \cap A(E, F)$ is an $\mathcal{A}(\hat{E}) \otimes \mathcal{A}(F)$ -submodule of $LW_r(E, F)$. By theorem 3.5 and lemma 1.1 it is an order ideal; by lemma 3.1 is a band.

If E, F are normed vector lattices let $P(E, F)$ be the set of all linear maps $U : E \rightarrow F$ such that there are $f_1, \dots, f_n \in E'_+$ and $y_1, \dots,$

$y_n \in F_+$ such that $U(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x)y_i$ for every $x \in E$. A linear map

$U : E \rightarrow F$ is called positively approximable if it belongs to the uniform closure of $P(E, F)$.

Theorem 4.2 Let E, F be Banach lattices such that E', F have order continuous norms. Then the set of those $U \in L_{\mathcal{R}}(E, F)$ such that $|U|$ is positively approximable is a band in $L_{\mathcal{R}}(E, F)$.

Proof. Same proof as for theorem 4.1 using theorem 3.5, lemma 3.2 and lemma 3.1.

Let E, F be normed vector spaces. The compact topology on the space $L(E, F)$ of all linear continuous maps from E to F is given by the seminorms $U \mapsto \sup_{x \in K} \|U(x)\|$ for every precompact set K . We denote by $CA(E, F)$ the closure of $\mathcal{F}(E, F)$ with respect to the compact topology. The example of A. Szankowski (see [6], ch.1g) shows that there is a reflexive Banach lattice E such that $1_E \notin CA(E, E)$. Let E, F be normed vector lattices. We denote by $CA_+(E, F)$ the closure of $P(E, F)$ with respect to the compact topology.

Theorem 4.3 Let E, F be Banach lattices such that F has order continuous norm. The following are true:

- i) $CA(E, F) \cap L_{\mathcal{R}}(E, F)$ is a band in $L_{\mathcal{R}}(E, F)$.
- ii) $\{U \in L_{\mathcal{R}}(E, F), |U| \in CA_+(E, F)\}$ is a band in $L_{\mathcal{R}}(E, F)$.

Proof.

i) It suffices to prove that $CA(E, F) \cap L_{\mathcal{R}}(E, F)$ is an order ideal because an application of lemma 3.2 will show that it is a band.

To this purpose it suffices to prove that $CA(E(x), F) \cap L_{\mathcal{R}}(E(x), F)$ is an order ideal for every $x \in E_+$. This will follow from theorem 3.4 and lemma 1.1 if we construct a lattice-ordered algebra A with unit such that $E(x)$ is a principal A -module and $CA(E(x), F)$ is an $A \otimes \mathcal{A}(F)$ -submodule. As $E(x)$ is isomorphic to a space $C(X)$ we may take $A = C(X)$; as $CA(E(x), F)$ is an A -submodule and an $\mathcal{A}(F)$ -submodule it is an $A \otimes \mathcal{A}(F)$ -submodule by lemma 1.3.

ii) Same proof as for i) using lemmas 1.2 and 1.4.

Let E, F be Banach lattices such that F is order complete. We denote by $SLA(E, F)$ (respectively by $SSA(E, F)$) the closure of $\mathcal{F}(E, F)$ in the solid L -bounded topology (respectively the solid strong topology). We denote by $SLA_+(E, F)$ (respectively by $SSA_+(E, F)$) the closure of $P(E, F)$ in the solid L -bounded topology (respectively the solid strong topology).

Lemma 4.1 Let E, F be Banach lattices such that F has order continuous norm. Let $U, V \in L_{\mathcal{R}}(E, F)$ be such that $0 \leq U \leq V$ and $V \in SLA_+(E, F)$. Then $U \in SLA_+(E, F)$.

Proof. Apply theorem 3.6 and lemma 1.2.

We denote by $\mathcal{J}(E, F)$ the band generated by $\mathcal{F}(E, F)$ in $L_{\mathcal{R}}(E, F)$.

Theorem 4.4 Let E, F be Banach lattices such that F has order continuous norm and let $U \in L_{\mathcal{R}}(E, F)$. The following are equivalent:

- i) $U \in \mathcal{J}(E, F)$.
- ii) $U \in \text{SLA}(E, F)$.
- iii) $U \in \text{SSA}(E, F)$.
- iv) $U_+, U_- \in \text{SLA}_+(E, F)$.
- v) $U_+, U_- \in \text{SSA}_+(E, F)$.

Proof.

ii) \Rightarrow iv) It suffices to prove that $U_+, U_- \in \text{SLA}_+(E, F)$ for every $U \in \mathcal{F}(E, F)$. We have $U(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x)y_i$ hence $|U| \leq V$ where $V(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n |f_i|(x)|y_i|$. By lemma 4.1 the result follows.

iii) \Rightarrow i) Let P be the projection on the band orthogonal to $\mathcal{J}(E, F)$ and let $U \in \text{SSA}(E, F)$. From the relation $|P(U)| = P(|U-V|) \leq |U-V|$ which is true for every $V \in \mathcal{F}(E, F)$ it follows that $P(U) = 0$; hence $U \in \mathcal{J}(E, F)$.

i) \Rightarrow ii) From lemma 4.1 and the equivalence ii) \Leftrightarrow iv) it follows that $\text{SLA}(E, F)$ is an order ideal; by lemma 3.2 it is a band. As $\mathcal{F}(E, F) \subset \text{SLA}(E, F)$ the result follows.

Let E, F be Banach lattices such that F is order complete. We denote by $\text{RA}(E, F)$ the closure of $\mathcal{F}(E, F)$ in the solid uniform topology and by $\text{RA}_+(E, F)$ the closure of $\mathcal{P}(E, F)$ in the solid uniform topology.

Lemma 4.2 Let E, F be Banach lattices such that E' and F have order continuous norms. Let $U, V \in L_r(E, F)$ be such that $0 \leq U \leq V$ and $V \in \text{RA}_+(E, F)$. Then $U \in \text{RA}_+(E, F)$.

Proof. Same proof as for lemma 4.2 using theorem 3.5 and lemma 1.2.

Theorem 4.5 Let E, F be Banach lattices such that E' and F have order continuous norms and let $U \in L_r(E, F)$. The following are equivalent:

- i) $U \in \mathcal{J}(E, F)$ and $|U|$ is compact.
- ii) $U \in \text{RA}(E, F)$.
- iii) $U_+, U_- \in \text{RA}_+(E, F)$.

Proof.

ii) \Rightarrow iii) Similar to the proof of ii) \Rightarrow iv) in theorem 4.4, using lemma 4.3.

ii) \Rightarrow i) Obviously $|U|$ is compact and $U \in \text{SSA}(E, F)$; by theorem 4.4, $U \in \mathcal{J}(E, F)$.

i) \Rightarrow ii) Let $\mathcal{V} = \{V | V \in L_r(E, F), |V| \wedge |U| \in \text{RA}_+(E, F)\}$.

By lemma 4.2 \mathcal{V} is an order ideal; by lemma 3.1 it is a band. From lemma 4.2 we have that $\mathcal{F}(E, F) \subset \mathcal{V}$; hence $\mathcal{J}(E, F) \subset \mathcal{V}$. In particular $|U| \in \text{RA}_+(E, F)$; as $U_+, U_- \leq |U|$ it follows from lemma 4.2 that $U \in \text{RA}(E, F)$.

Theorems 4.4 and 4.5 improve the following results of U.

Schlotterbeck (see [8]):

If F has order continuous norm and $U \in \mathcal{J}(E, F)$ then $U \in CA(E, F)$.

If E, F are reflexive, U is compact positive and $U \in \mathcal{J}(E, F)$ then $U \in RA_+(E, F)$.

5. M-tensor products

Let E, F be Banach lattices having order continuous norms. We denote by $L_m(E', F)$ the Banach lattice of those linear maps $U : E' \rightarrow F$ such that the image of the unit ball by U is order bounded. The norm on $L_m(E', F)$ is given $\|U\|_m = \|\sup \{U(f) \mid f \in E', \|f\| \leq 1\}\|$. Let $\mathcal{F}_*(E', F)$ be the subspace of $\mathcal{F}(E', F)$ generated by the maps $f \mapsto f(x)y$ with $x \in E$, $y \in F$ and let $M_*(E', F)$ be the closure of $\mathcal{F}_*(E', F)$ in $L_m(E', F)$ with respect to the norm $\|\cdot\|_m$. It is known that $M_*(E', F)$ is a sublattice of $L_m(E', F)$ isometric and order isomorphic to the M-tensor product $E \hat{\otimes}_M F$ ([2]).

Theorem 5.1. $M_*(E', F)$ is an order ideal in $L_r(E', F)$.

The proof goes along the same lines as for the previous results.

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