

## ***(Z; $\lambda, \mu$ )-Absolutely Summing Operators***

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We extend two kinds of concepts,  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing operators and  $(Z; p)$ -absolutely summing operators, to  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing operators.

### **Introduction**

Pietsch [11] introduced the concept of absolutely  $p$ -summing operators in normed spaces. This concept was extended in Ramanujan [12] to absolutely  $\lambda$ -summing operators by using the symmetric sequence space  $\lambda$ . Also, Mityagin and Pelczyński [8] introduced the concept of  $(p, r)$ -absolutely summing operators in Banach spaces and this was extended in Miyazaki [9] to  $(p, q; r)$ -absolutely summing operators by using the sequence spaces  $l_{p,q}$  and  $l_r$ . We extended the above concepts to  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing operators in normed spaces by the aid of abstract sequence spaces  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ . On the other hand, the first concept was recently extended in Ceitlin [2] to  $(Z, p)$ -absolutely summing operators by making use of the Banach space  $Z$ .

The main object of this paper is to extend these two kinds of concepts,  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing operators and  $(Z, p)$ -absolutely summing operators, to  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing operators by using the above  $\lambda, \mu$  and the Banach space  $Z$  and to develop a theory of such operators. We also investigate  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -quasi-integrable operators which extend the concept of  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing operators.

In Section 1, we define the  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -quasi-integrable operators and the  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing operators. In Section 2, we state some general properties of  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -quasi-integrable operators and  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing operators. We investigate in Section 3 some inclusion relations between the spaces of the above operators. Section 4 is devoted to studying the composition theorem of two  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing operators. In Section 5, we investigate  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -quasi-integrable operators and  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing operators, when their domain and range are particular normed spaces.

### **§1. Notations and Definitions**

For a sequence space  $\lambda$  the  $\alpha$ -dual is denoted by  $\lambda^\times$ . If  $\lambda^{\times\times} = \lambda$ , then  $\lambda$  is said to be a Köthe space. We start with the sequence space  $c_0$  of all scalar sequences converg-

ing to zero and the sequence space  $\omega$  of all scalar sequences in which an extended quasi-norm  $p$  and an extended norm  $q$  are given respectively. We shall then define the sequence space  $\lambda \subset c_0$  (resp.  $\mu \subset \omega$ ) to be the space consisting of all  $x \in c_0$  (resp.  $x \in \omega$ ) such that  $p(x) < \infty$  (resp.  $q(x) < \infty$ ). We shall denote the extended quasi-norm  $p$  (resp. the extended norm  $q$ ) by  $\|\cdot\|_\lambda$  (resp.  $\|\cdot\|_\mu$ ).

We assume that  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  satisfy the following conditions:

(a) If for any  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots) \in c_0$  and  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n, \dots) \in \omega$  we set  $x^i = (x_1, \dots, x_i, 0, \dots)$  and  $y^i = (y_1, \dots, y_i, 0, \dots)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , then  $p(x^i) \rightarrow p(x)$  and  $q(y^i) \rightarrow q(y)$ .

(b)  $p$  and  $q$  are both absolutely monotone.

(c)  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are both the  $K$ -symmetric spaces. That is, if  $x_\pi$  is the sequence which is obtained as a rearrangement of the sequence  $x$  corresponding to a permutation  $\pi$  of the positive integers, then  $p(x) = p(x_\pi)$  for each  $x \in \lambda$  and each  $\pi$ , and  $q(y) = q(y_\pi)$  for each  $y \in \mu$  and each  $\pi$ .

(d)  $\mu$  is a Köthe space.

(e) The topology given by the norm  $q$  on  $\mu$  is the Mackey topology of the dual pair  $(\mu, \mu^*)$  so that  $\mu^* = (\mu, q)$ .

(f)  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  have the norm preservation property. That is, if  $x = (x_i)$  is such that  $x_i = 0$  for all  $i \neq n$ , then  $p(x) = |x_n|$  and  $q(x) = |x_n|$ .

We say the above  $\lambda$  and  $l_\infty$  to be spaces of type  $A$  and say the above  $\mu$  to be a space of type  $M$ .

If  $\mu$  is of type  $M$ , then we have  $l_1 \subset \mu \subset l_\infty$  and either  $\mu \subset c_0$  or  $\mu = l_\infty$ .

We showed in [6] that the Lorentz space  $l_{p,q}$  ( $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ ) is of type  $A$  and the space  $l_p$  ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ) is of type  $M$ .

Next we start with two normed spaces  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  and  $(F, \|\cdot\|)$  and a Banach space  $(Z, \|\cdot\|)$ . Let  $\mu$  be of type  $M$ . Then we denoted in [6] by  $\mu(E)$  the vector sequences  $x = (x_n)$ ,  $x_n \in E$ , which are weakly contained in  $\mu$  in the sense that for each  $a \in E'$  the sequence  $(\langle x_n, a \rangle)$  of scalars is in  $\mu$ . Here we denote by  $S(E, Z)$  the unit sphere in the space  $L(E, Z)$  of all continuous linear operators of  $E$  to  $Z$ . Then we shall denote by  $\mu_K^Z(E)$  (resp.  $\mu^Z(E)$ ) the vector sequences  $x = (x_n)$ ,  $x_n \in E$  such that for each  $A \in K \subset S(E, Z)$  with  $K$  compact in the simple convergence topology (resp. for each  $A \in L(E, Z)$ ), the sequence  $(\|Ax_n\|)$  of scalars is in  $\mu$ .

If  $x = (x_n)$  belongs to  $\mu(E)$ , we showed in [6] that  $\sup_{\|a\| \leq 1} q(|\langle x_n, a \rangle|) < \infty$ . We denoted by  $\varepsilon_\mu$  the functional defined on  $\mu(E)$  by  $\varepsilon_\mu(x) = \sup_{\|a\| \leq 1} q(|\langle x_n, a \rangle|)$ . We shall denote by  $\varepsilon_{\mu_K}^Z$  (resp.  $\varepsilon_\mu^Z$ ) the functional defined on  $\mu_K^Z(E)$  (resp.  $\mu^Z(E)$ ) by  $\varepsilon_{\mu_K}^Z(x) = \sup_{A \in K} q(\|Ax_n\|)$  (resp.  $\varepsilon_\mu^Z(x) = \sup_{A \in S(E, Z)} q(\|Ax_n\|)$ ). Here  $\varepsilon_\mu$ ,  $\varepsilon_{\mu_K}^Z$  and  $\varepsilon_\mu^Z$  can easily be verified to be semi-norms.

LEMMA 1. Let  $E$  be a normed space, let  $Z$  be a Banach space and let  $\mu$  be of type  $M$ . Then we have the following properties:

(1) Let a set  $K \subset S(E, Z)$  be compact in the simple convergence topology. Then if  $x = (x_n) \in \mu_K^Z(E)$ ,  $\varepsilon_{\mu_K}^Z(x) = \sup_{A \in K} \|(\|Ax_n\|)\|_\mu < \infty$ .

(2) If  $x = (x_n) \in \mu^Z(E)$ ,  $\varepsilon_\mu^Z(x) = \sup_{A \in S(E, Z)} \|(\|Ax_n\|)\|_\mu < \infty$ .

PROOF. We shall prove (1). The proof of (2) is similar. Let  $B_{\mu^\times}$  be the unit sphere in  $\mu^\times$  as the dual space and let  $x = (x_n) \in \mu_K^Z(E)$ . Then we set

$$W((x_n), B_{\mu^\times}) = \{A \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} n\Gamma(K) \mid \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_n| \|Ax_n\| \leq 1 \quad \text{for any } (\alpha_n) \in B_{\mu^\times}\}.$$

We can easily prove that  $W((x_n), B_{\mu^\times})$  is absolutely convex and closed in the simple convergence topology. Here  $W((x_n), B_{\mu^\times})$  is absorbing in  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} n\Gamma(K)$ . In fact, let  $A$  be an arbitrary element in  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} n\Gamma(K)$ . Since  $B_{\mu^\times}$  is a bounded set in  $\mu^\times$ , it follows that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_n| \|Ax_n\| \leq \rho \quad \text{for any } (\alpha_n) \in B_{\mu^\times},$$

that is,  $A \in \rho W((x_n), B_{\mu^\times})$ . Consequently  $W((x_n), B_{\mu^\times})$  is a barrel in  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} n\Gamma(K)$  in the simple convergence topology. Since  $K$  is compact in the simple convergence topology, it follows that

$$\sup_{A \in K} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_n| \|Ax_n\| \leq \rho_1 \quad \text{for all } (\alpha_n) \in B_{\mu^\times}.$$

Therefore we have  $\sup_{A \in K} \|(\|Ax_n\|)\|_\mu < \infty$ . The proof is complete.

Let  $\lambda$  be of type  $\Lambda$ . Then we define  $\lambda[F]$  as the space of all vector sequences  $y = (y_n)$ ,  $y_n \in F$ , such that the sequence  $(\|y_n\|) \in \lambda$ . We denote by  $\alpha_\lambda$  the functional defined on  $\lambda[F]$  by  $\alpha_\lambda(y) = p(\|y_n\|)$  which is also denoted by  $\|(y_n)\|_{\lambda[F]}$ . Thus  $\lambda[F]$  is topologised in a natural way by quasi-norm  $\alpha_\lambda(y)$ . We can easily show that  $\mu_K^Z(E) \supset \mu^Z(E) \supset \mu[E]$  for any  $\mu$  of type  $M$ .

We now recall the definition of  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing operators [6].

DEFINITION 1. Let  $E$  and  $F$  be normed spaces, let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be of type  $\Lambda$  and of type  $M$  respectively and let  $T$  be a linear operator of  $E$  to  $F$ . Then the operator  $T$  is said to be  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing if there exists a number  $\rho > 0$  such that

$$\|(Tx_i)\|_{\lambda[F]} \leq \rho \sup_{\|a\| \leq 1} \|(\langle x_i, a \rangle)\|_\mu$$

for all finite sets of elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in  $E$ .

For each  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing operator  $T: E \rightarrow F$  we put

$$\pi_{\lambda, \mu}(T) = \inf \rho,$$

where the infimum is taken over all  $\rho$  with the properties indicated. We denote by  $\pi_{\lambda,\mu}(E, F)$  the collection of all  $(\lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing operators of  $E$  to  $F$ .

An operator  $T \in L(E, F)$  is called finite if its image space is finite dimensional and the collection of all finite operators is denoted by  $A(E, F)$ . Then we give the following definitions.

**DEFINITION 2.** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be normed spaces, let  $Z$  be a Banach space, let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be of type  $A$  and of type  $M$  respectively and let  $T$  be a linear operator of  $E$  to  $F$ . Then the operator  $T$  is said to be  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -quasi-integrable (resp. finitely  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -quasi-integrable) if there exists a set  $K \subset S(E, Z)$  (resp.  $K \subset S(E, Z) \cap A(E, Z)$ ), compact in the simple convergence topology, and  $\rho > 0$  such that

$$\|(Tx_i)\|_{\lambda[F]} \leq \rho \sup_{A \in K} \|(\|Ax_i\|)\|_{\mu}$$

for each finite set of elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in  $E$ . Let  $\rho_K$  be the infimum of such  $\rho$  for fixed  $K$  and let  $\sigma_{\lambda,\mu}^Z$  be the infimum of the number  $\rho_K$  over all  $K$ . We denote by  $QI_{\lambda,\mu}^Z(E, F)$  (resp.  $FQI_{\lambda,\mu}^Z$ ) the collection of all  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -quasi-integrable operators (resp. finitely  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -quasi-integrable operators) of  $E$  to  $F$ .

**DEFINITION 3.** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be normed space, let  $Z$  be a Banach space, let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be of type  $A$  and of type  $M$  respectively and let  $T$  be a linear operator of  $E$  to  $F$ . Then the operator  $T$  is said to be  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing if there exists a number  $\rho > 0$  such that

$$\|(Tx_i)\|_{\lambda[F]} \leq \rho \sup_{A \in S(E, Z)} \|(\|Ax_i\|)\|_{\mu}$$

for each finite set of elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in  $E$ .

For each  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing operator  $T: E \rightarrow F$  we put

$$\pi_{\lambda,\mu}^Z(T) = \inf \rho,$$

where the infimum is taken over all  $\rho$  with the properties indicated. We denote by  $\pi_{\lambda,\mu}^Z(E, F)$  the collection of all  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing operators of  $E$  to  $F$ .

**REMARK.**  $\|(Tx_i)\|_{\lambda[F]}$  appearing above is to be interpreted as the quasi-norm of the element  $(Tx_1, \dots, Tx_n, 0, \dots)$  in the vector sequence space  $\lambda[F]$ , and  $\|(\|Ax_i\|)\|_{\mu}$  is similarly interpreted.

**PROPOSITION 1.** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be normed spaces, let  $Z$  be a Banach space and let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be of type  $A$  and of type  $M$  respectively. Then we have the following properties:

- (1)  $\pi_{\lambda,\mu}(E, F) \subset FQI_{\lambda,\mu}^Z(E, F) \subset QI_{\lambda,\mu}^Z(E, F) \subset \pi_{\lambda,\mu}^Z(E, F)$ .
- (2) If  $Z$  is finite dimensional, we have

$$\pi_{\lambda, \mu}(E, F) = FQI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F) = QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F) = \pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F).$$

PROOF. We shall prove (2). If Z is finite dimensional, the identity operator I: Z → Z is (μ, μ)-absolutely summing. Therefore if T ∈ π<sub>λ, μ</sub><sup>Z</sup>(E, F), we have the following inequalities for each finite set of elements x<sub>1</sub>, ..., x<sub>n</sub> in E:

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\|Tx_i\|)\|_{\lambda} &\leq \rho \sup_{A \in S(\bar{E}, Z)} \|(\|Ax_i\|)\|_{\mu} \\ &\leq \rho \rho' \sup_{A \in S(\bar{E}, Z)} \sup_{\|\xi\| \leq 1} \|(\langle Ax_i, \xi \rangle)\|_{\mu} \\ &\leq \rho \rho' \sup_{A \in S(\bar{E}, Z)} \sup_{\|\xi\| \leq 1} \|(\langle x_i, A'\xi \rangle)\|_{\mu} \\ &\leq \rho \rho' \sup_{\|a\| \leq 1} \|(\langle x_i, a \rangle)\|_{\mu}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have T ∈ π<sub>λ, μ</sub>(E, F). The proof of (2) is complete. We omit the proof of (1).

## §2. General properties

PROPOSITION 2. Let L(E, F) be the normed space of all bounded linear operators with the norm  $\|T\| = \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|Tx\|$ , let λ be of type A and let μ be of type M. Then:

- (1)  $QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F) \subset L(E, F)$  and  $\|T\| \leq \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T)$  for every  $T \in QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$ .
- (2)  $\pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F) \subset L(E, F)$  and  $\|T\| \leq \pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T)$  for every  $T \in \pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$ .

PROOF. If  $T \in QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$ , for any ε > 0 there exists ρ<sub>K</sub> < σ<sub>λ, μ</sub><sup>Z</sup>(T) + ε. Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\|Tx\|, 0, \dots)\|_{\lambda} &\leq \rho_K(T) \sup_{A \in K} \|(\|Ax\|, 0, \dots)\|_{\mu} \\ &\leq \rho_K(T) \sup_{A \in K} \|Ax\| \\ &\leq (\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T) + \varepsilon) \|x\|. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently we have  $\|T\| \leq \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T)$ . Thus (1) has been proved. (2) can be similarly proved.

THEOREM 1. Let E and F be normed spaces, let Z be a Banach space and let λ and μ be of type A and of type M respectively. Then:

(a) Let λ be of type M. Then if a set K ⊂ S(E, F) is compact in the simple convergence topology, the following properties of T: E → F are equivalent:

$$(1) \|(\|Tx_i\|)\|_{\lambda} \leq \rho \sup_{A \in K} \|(\|Ax_i\|)\|_{\mu}$$

for each finite set {x<sub>1</sub>, ..., x<sub>n</sub>} in E.

$$(2) \text{ If } x = (x_i) \in \mu_K^Z(E), \text{ then } \hat{T}x = (Tx_i) \in \lambda[F].$$

- (b) Let us consider the following properties of  $T: E \rightarrow F$ .
- (i)  $T$  is a  $(Z; \lambda, \mu)$ -absolutely summing operator.
  - (ii) If  $x = (x_i) \in \mu^Z(E) \cap c_0(E)$ ,  $\hat{T}x = (Tx_i) \in \lambda[F]$ .
  - (iii) If  $x = (x_i) \in \mu^Z(E)$ , then  $\hat{T}x = (Tx_i) \in \lambda[F]$ .

Then

- (1) (i) and (ii) are equivalent.
- (2) If  $\lambda$  is of type  $M$ , (i), (ii) and (iii) are equivalent.
- (3) Let  $\lambda$  be of type  $M$ . Then even if  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  do not satisfy the condition (f), (i) and (iii) are equivalent.

PROOF. We shall prove (a). The proof of (b) is similar.

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (2): Let (1) be valid and let  $x = (x_i) \in \mu_K^Z(E)$ . Then for each fixed  $i$ , we consider  $x^i = (x_1, \dots, x_i, 0, \dots)$  and obtain

$$\|(\|Tx_1\|, \dots, \|Tx_i\|, 0, \dots)\|_\lambda \leq \rho \sup_{A \in \mathcal{K}} \|(\|Ax_1\|, \dots, \|Ax_i\|, 0, \dots)\|_\mu$$

and since the norm  $\|\cdot\|_\mu$  is absolutely monotone, the above expression is  $\leq \rho \varepsilon_{\mu_K}^Z(x)$ . Since  $\lambda$  satisfies the condition (a), we have  $\|(\|Tx_i\|)\|_\lambda < \infty$ . Consequently  $\hat{T}x \in \lambda[F]$ . Thus (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) is proved.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Let (2) be valid and let (1) be not valid. Then for any positive integer  $j$  there exists a finite set  $\{x_i^j\}_{1 \leq i \leq n(j)}$  in  $E$  satisfying  $\sup_{A \in \mathcal{K}} \|(\|Ax_i^j\|)\|_\mu \leq 1$  and  $\|(\|Tx_i^j\|)\|_\lambda > j2^j$ . By our assumption it follows that the sequence  $x$  of vectors

$$x_1^1/2, \dots, x_{n(1)}^1/2, x_1^2/2^2, \dots, x_{n(2)}^2/2^2, \dots, x_1^j/2^j, \dots, x_{n(j)}^j/2^j, \dots$$

is in  $\mu_K^Z(E)$ . Also since the norm defining the topology  $\lambda$  is absolutely monotone, it follows that  $\hat{T}x \notin \lambda[F]$ . This is a contradiction. The proof is complete.

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be normed spaces, let  $Z$  be a Banach space and let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be of type  $M$ . Then we have the following properties:

- (1) The space  $QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$  is a normed space with the norm  $\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T)$  and if  $F$  is a Banach space,  $QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$  is complete.
- (2) The space  $\pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$  is a normed space with the norm  $\pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T)$  and if  $F$  is a Banach space,  $\pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$  is complete.

PROOF. We shall only prove (1), since the proof of (2) is similar. First we prove that  $\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T)$  is a norm. If  $T \in QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$ , for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\rho_K(T) < \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T) + \varepsilon$ . Therefore for each finite set of elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in  $E$  we have the following inequality

$$\|(\|Tx_i\|)\|_\lambda \leq \rho_K(T) \sup_{A \in \mathcal{K}} \|(\|Ax_i\|)\|_\mu.$$

Hence we have

$$\|(\|aTx_i\|)\|_\lambda \leq |a| \rho_K(T) \sup_{A \in \mathcal{K}} \|(\|Ax_i\|)\|_\mu.$$

Consequently we have

$$\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(aT) \leq \rho_K(aT) \leq |a| \rho_K(T) \leq |a| (\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T) + \varepsilon).$$

Hence  $\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(aT) \leq |a| \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T)$ . In the same way we have  $|a| \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T) \leq \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(aT)$ . Therefore we have

$$|a| \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T) = \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(aT).$$

Next we show the following inequality:

$$\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(S+T) \leq \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(S) + \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T) \quad \text{for any } S, T \in QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F).$$

For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist  $\rho_K(S)$  and  $\rho_K(T)$  such that

$$\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(S) + \varepsilon > \rho_K(T) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T) + \varepsilon > \rho_K(S).$$

Therefore for each finite set  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  in  $E$ , we have the following inequalities:

$$\|(\|Sx_i\|)\|_{\lambda} \leq \rho_K(S) \sup_{A \in K} \|(\|Ax_i\|)\|_{\mu}$$

and

$$\|(\|Tx_i\|)\|_{\lambda} \leq \rho_K(T) \sup_{A \in K} \|(\|Ax_i\|)\|_{\mu}.$$

Consequently we have

$$\|(\|(S+T)x_i\|)\|_{\lambda} \leq (\rho_K(S) + \rho_K(T)) \sup_{A \in K \cup K'} \|(\|Ax_i\|)\|_{\mu}.$$

This implies that  $\rho_K(S) + \rho_K(T) \geq \rho_{K \cup K'}(S+T)$ . Therefore we have

$$\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(S) + \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T) \geq \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(S+T).$$

This proves that  $\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z$  is a norm.

Secondly, assuming that  $F$  is a Banach space, we prove that  $QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$  is complete. Let  $\{T_n\}$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$ . Then for given  $\varepsilon > 0$  the inequality  $\|T_n - T_m\| \leq \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T_n - T_m) < \varepsilon$  holds for  $n, m > N$ . Thus  $\{T_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the Banach space  $L(E, F)$  and therefore there exists a  $T \in L(E, F)$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T_n - T\| = 0$ . Since  $\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T_n - T_m) < \varepsilon$  for  $n, m > N$ , for  $n, m > N$  and for each finite set  $\{x_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  in  $E$  there exists a set  $K \subset S(E, Z)$ , compact in the simple convergence topology, and we get

$$\|(\|T_n x_i - T_m x_i\|)\|_{\lambda} \leq \varepsilon \sup_{A \in K} \|(\|Ax_i\|)\|_{\mu}.$$

This implies

$$\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T_n - T) \leq \rho_K(T_n - T) \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for any } n > N.$$

The proof is complete.

**PROPOSITION 3.** *Let  $E$  and  $F$  be normed spaces, let  $Z$  be a Banach space and let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be of type  $A$  and of type  $M$  respectively. Then:*

- (1) *If  $\mu \cap c_0 \not\subset \lambda$ , then  $\pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F) = \{0\}$ .*
- (2)  *$FQI_{\infty, \mu}^Z(E, F) = L(E, F)$ .*

**PROOF.** (1) If possible, let  $T (\neq 0) \in \pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$  and let  $(a_n) \in \mu \cap c_0 \setminus \lambda$ . Here  $a_i$  may be assumed to be positive for  $i=1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $x_0$  be an element in  $E$  such that  $\|x_0\| = 1$  and  $\|Tx_0\| = v (\neq 0)$ . Then we have  $(\|T(a_i/v)x_0\|) = (a_i) \in \mu \cap c_0 \setminus \lambda$  but  $(\|(a_i/v)x_0\|) = (a_i/v) \in \mu \cap c_0$ . For any  $A \in L(E, Z)$  we have

$$\|(\|A(a_i/v)x_0\|)\|_{\mu} \leq \|(\|A\| \| (a_i/v)x_0 \|)\|_{\mu} < \infty.$$

Therefore for any  $A \in L(E, Z)$ , we have  $(\|A(a_i/v)x_0\|) \in \mu$ . Consequently  $((a_i/v)x_0) \in \mu^Z(E) \cap c_0(E)$ . This contradicts  $T \in \pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$ , which proves (1).

- (2) By Proposition 1, we have

$$\pi_{\infty, \mu}(E, F) \subset FQI_{\infty, \mu}^Z(E, F) \subset L(E, F).$$

Also, by [6], we have  $\pi_{\infty, \mu}(E, F) = L(E, F)$ . This implies  $FQI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F) = L(E, F)$ . The proof is complete.

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $E, F$  and  $G$  be normed spaces, let  $Z$  be a Banach space and let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be of type  $A$  and of type  $M$  respectively. Then:*

- (1) (i) *If  $S \in L(E, F)$  and  $T \in QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(F, G)$ , then  $TS \in QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, G)$  and  $\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(TS) \leq \|S\| \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T)$ .*
- (ii) *If  $S \in QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$  and  $T \in L(F, G)$ , then  $TS \in QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, G)$  and  $\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(TS) \leq \|T\| \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(S)$ .*
- (2) (i) *If  $S \in L(E, F)$  and  $T \in \pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(F, G)$ , then  $TS \in \pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, G)$  and  $\pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(TS) \leq \|S\| \pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T)$ .*
- (ii) *If  $S \in \pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$  and  $T \in L(F, G)$ , then  $TS \in \pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, G)$  and  $\pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(TS) \leq \|T\| \pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(S)$ .*

**PROOF.** We shall prove (1). The proof of (2) is similar.

(i) For each finite set of elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in  $E$ , by our assumption the following inequalities are valid:

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\|TSx_i\|)\|_{\lambda} &\leq \rho_K(T) \sup_{A \in \bar{K}} \|(\|ASx_i\|)\|_{\mu} \\ &\leq \rho_K(T) \|S\| \sup_{A \in \bar{K}} \|(\|A(S/\|S\|)x_i\|)\|_{\mu} \\ &\leq \rho_K(T) \|S\| \sup_{Z \in \bar{K}'} \|(\|Ax_i\|)\|_{\mu}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $TS \in QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, G)$ . For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\rho_K(T) < \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T) + \varepsilon$  and by the



above inequality the following inequality is valid:

$$\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(TS) \leq \rho_K(TS) \leq \rho_K(T) \|S\| \leq \|S\| (\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T) + \varepsilon).$$

Consequently we have  $\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(TS) \leq \|S\| \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(T)$ , which proves (i).

(ii) By our assumption there exists a set  $K \subset S(F, Z)$ , compact in the simple convergence topology, and for each finite set of elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in  $E$  the following inequality is valid:

$$\|(\|TSx_i\|)\|_{\lambda} \leq \|T\| \|(\|Sx_i\|)\|_{\lambda} \leq \|T\| \rho_K(S) \sup_{A \in K} \|(\|Ax_i\|)\|_{\mu}.$$

Therefore we have  $TS \in QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, G)$ . For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\rho_K(S)$  such that  $\rho_K(S) < \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(S) + \varepsilon$ . Then by the above inequality we have

$$\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(TS) \leq \|T\| \rho_K(S) \leq \|T\| (\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(S) + \varepsilon).$$

Therefore  $\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(TS) \leq \|T\| \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(S)$ . The proof is complete.

**COROLLARY.** Let  $E$  be a normed space, let  $Z$  be a Banach space and let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be of type  $A$  and of type  $M$  respectively. Then  $QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, E)$  (resp.  $\pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, E)$ ) is a two side ideal in  $L(E, E)$  and for  $S \in QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, E)$  (resp.  $S \in \pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, E)$ ) and  $T \in L(E, E)$ , the following inequalities hold:  $\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(ST) \leq \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(S) \|T\|$  (resp.  $\pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(ST) \leq \pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(S) \|T\|$ ) and  $\sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(TS) \leq \sigma_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(S) \|T\|$  (resp.  $\pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(TS) \leq \pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(S) \|T\|$ ).

We use the following result of [6].

**LEMMA 2.** Let  $\lambda$  be of type  $A$ . Then we have  $\lambda \otimes E \subset \lambda[E]$ .

Now we denote by  $\lambda \otimes_{\alpha_{\lambda}} F$  the quasi-normed space  $\lambda \otimes F$  with the topology induced by the quasi-norm  $\alpha_{\lambda}$  and also by  $\mu \otimes_{\varepsilon_{\mu}^Z} E$  (resp.  $\mu \otimes_{\varepsilon_{\mu}^Z} E$ ) the normed space  $\mu \otimes E$  (resp. the semi-normed space  $\mu \otimes E$ ) with the topology induced by the norm  $\varepsilon_{\mu}^Z$  (resp. the semi-norm  $\varepsilon_{\mu_K}^Z$ ).

**PROPOSITION 4.** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be normed spaces, let  $Z$  be a Banach space and let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be of type  $A$  and of type  $M$  respectively. If  $T: E \rightarrow F$ , we have the following properties:

(1) Let  $\lambda$  be of type  $M$  and let  $QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F) \neq \{0\}$ . Then  $T$  belongs to  $QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$  if and only if there exists a set  $K \subset S(E, Z)$ , compact in the simple convergence topology, such that  $I \otimes T: \mu \otimes_{\varepsilon_{\mu_K}^Z} E \rightarrow \lambda \otimes_{\alpha_{\lambda}} F$  is continuous.

(2) Let  $\mu \neq I_{\infty}$  and let  $\pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F) \neq \{0\}$ . Then  $T$  belongs to  $\pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$  if and only if  $I \otimes T: \mu \otimes_{\varepsilon_{\mu}^Z} E \rightarrow \lambda \otimes_{\alpha_{\lambda}} F$  is continuous.

**PROOF.** We shall prove (1). The proof of (2) is similar. Assume that there exists a set  $K \subset S(E, Z)$ , compact in the simple convergence topology, such that  $I \otimes T: \mu \otimes_{\varepsilon_{\mu_K}^Z} E \rightarrow \lambda \otimes_{\alpha_{\lambda}} F$  is continuous and  $T$  does not belong to  $QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$ . Then for any positive integer  $j$  there exists a finite set  $\{x_i^j\}_{1 \leq i \leq n(j)}$  in  $E$  satisfying  $\alpha_{\lambda}((Tx_i^j)) > j\varepsilon_{\mu_K}^Z((x_i^j))$ .

Since  $\sum_{i=1}^n e_i \otimes x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n (0, \dots, 0, x_i, 0, \dots) = (x_1, \dots, x_n, 0, \dots)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_\lambda(I \otimes T(\sum_{i=1}^n e_i \otimes x_i)) &= \alpha_\lambda(\sum_{i=1}^n e_i \otimes Tx_i) \\ &= \alpha_\lambda((Tx_i)) > j e_{\mu_K}^Z((x_i)) \\ &= j e_{\mu_K}^Z(\sum_{i=1}^n e_i \otimes x_i). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently  $I \otimes T: \mu \otimes_{\varepsilon_{\mu_K}^Z} E \rightarrow \lambda \otimes_{\alpha_\lambda} F$  is not continuous. This is a contradiction. Thus the sufficiency is proved. Conversely, assume that  $T \in QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$ . Then there exists a set  $K \subset S(E, Z)$ , compact in the simple convergence topology, such that  $T: \mu_K^Z(E) \rightarrow \lambda[F]$  is continuous. Therefore  $I \otimes T: \mu \otimes_{\varepsilon_{\mu_K}^Z} E \rightarrow \lambda \otimes_{\alpha_\lambda} F$  is continuous, for  $\mu \otimes_{\varepsilon_{\mu_K}^Z} E \subset \mu_K^Z(E)$  and  $\hat{T}$  and  $I \otimes T$  have the same values on  $\mu \otimes E$ . This completes the proof.

### §3. Some inclusion relations

Suppose that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are sequence spaces. We define  $\alpha \cdot \beta = \{(x_n, y_n) | (x_n) \in \alpha, (y_n) \in \beta\}$ . Here we denote by  $D(\beta, \alpha)$  the set of diagonal matrices carrying  $\beta$  into  $\alpha$ . We use the following results of Crofts [4].

LEMMA 3.  $D(\beta, \alpha) \subset (\beta \cdot \alpha^*)^\times$  and, if  $\alpha$  is a Köthe space,  $D(\beta, \alpha) = (\beta \cdot \alpha^*)^\times$ .

PROPOSITION 5. Let  $E$  and  $F$  be normed spaces, let  $Z$  be a Banach space, let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be of type  $A$  and let  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be of type  $M$ . Then:

- (1) Let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be of type  $M$ . Then if  $\mu_1 \supset \mu_2$  and  $\lambda_2 \supset \lambda_1$ , then  $QI_{\lambda_1, \mu_1}^Z(E, F) \subset QI_{\lambda_2, \mu_2}^Z(E, F)$ .
- (2) If  $\mu_1 \supset \mu_2$  and  $\lambda_2 \supset \lambda_1$ , then  $\pi_{\lambda_1, \mu_1}^Z(E, F) \subset \pi_{\lambda_2, \mu_2}^Z(E, F)$ .

THEOREM 4. Let  $E$  and  $F$  be normed spaces, let  $Z$  be a Banach space, let  $\lambda$  and  $\tilde{\lambda}$  be of type  $A$  and let  $\mu$  and  $\tilde{\mu}$  be of type  $M$ . Then:

- (1) Let  $\lambda$  and  $\tilde{\lambda}$  be of type  $M$ . If there exists a sequence space  $v \subset I_\infty$  satisfying the condition  $v \cdot \tilde{\mu} \subset \mu$  and  $(v \cdot \lambda^\times)^\times \subset \tilde{\lambda}$ , then we have  $QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F) \subset QI_{\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\mu}}^Z(E, F)$ .
- (2) If there exists a sequence space  $v \subset I_\infty$  satisfying the condition  $v \cdot \tilde{\mu} \subset \mu$  and  $(v \cdot \lambda^\times)^\times \subset \tilde{\lambda}$ , then we have  $\pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F) \subset \pi_{\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\mu}}^Z(E, F)$ .

PROOF. We shall only prove (1), since the proof of (2) is similar. Let  $T \in QI_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(E, F)$ . Then there exists a set  $K \subset S(E, Z)$ , compact in the simple convergence topology, such that  $(x_i) \in \mu_K^Z(E)$  implies  $(Tx_i) \in \lambda[F]$ . If  $(x_i) \in \tilde{\mu}_K^Z(E)$ , for any  $\alpha = (\alpha_i) \in v$  and for any  $A \in K$  we have  $(\alpha_i \|Ax_i\|) = \alpha(\|Ax_i\|) \in v \cdot \tilde{\mu} \subset \mu$ . Therefore we have  $|\alpha|(\|Tx_i\|) = (\|T(\alpha_i x_i)\|) \in \lambda$ . Since  $\lambda$  is solid,  $\alpha(\|Tx_i\|) \in \lambda$  and therefore we have

$(\|Tx_i\|) \in D(v, \lambda)$ . Hence by Lemma 3  $(\|Tx_i\|) \in (v \cdot \lambda^*)^\times \subset \tilde{\lambda}$ . Thus  $T$  is  $(Z; \tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{\mu})$ -quasi-integrable operator. The proof is complete.

**COROLLARY.** *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space, let  $F$  be a Banach space and let  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  be of type  $\Lambda$  and of type  $M$  respectively. Then if  $\lambda \supset \mu$  and  $\lambda$  is a Köthe space, we have  $\pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(H, F) = L(H, F)$ .*

**PROOF.** Set  $v = (l_1^* \cdot \mu)^\times = \mu^\times$ . Then  $v \cdot \mu \subset l_1$  and  $(\mu^\times \cdot l_1^*)^\times = \mu^{\times \times} \subset \lambda^{\times \times} = \lambda$ . By Theorem 4 we have  $\pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(H, F) \supset \pi_{l_1, l_1}^Z(H, F)$  and by [2] we have  $\pi_{l_1, l_1}^Z(H, F) = L(H, F)$ . Therefore we have  $\pi_{\lambda, \mu}^Z(H, F) = L(H, F)$ . The proof is complete.

#### §4. The composition theorem

**DEFINITION 4.** *A Banach space  $F$  is said to have the extension property if each operator  $T_0 \in L(E_0, F)$ ,  $E_0$  being any linear subspace of an arbitrary Banach space  $E$ , can be extended to a  $T \in L(E, F)$  preserving its norm.*

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $E, F$  and  $G$  be normed spaces, let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $1 \leq r_i \leq \infty$  ( $i=1, 2$ ) be real numbers such that  $1/p + 1/r_1 \leq 1/r_2$ , let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be sequence spaces of type  $\Lambda$  satisfying  $\lambda_2 \supset \lambda_1 \cdot l_p$ , and let us assume that  $Z$  is a Banach space having the extension property. Then for any  $T \in QI_{l_p, l_p}^Z(E, F)$  and  $S \in \pi_{\lambda_1, l_{r_1}}^Z(F, G)$  the composition  $ST$  belongs to  $QI_{\lambda_2, l_{r_2}}^Z(E, G)$  and satisfies  $\sigma_{\lambda_2, l_{r_2}}^Z(ST) \leq C \pi_{\lambda_1, l_{r_1}}^Z(S) \cdot \sigma_{l_p, l_p}^Z(T)$ , where  $C$  is a constant.*

**PROOF.** It suffices to prove the assertion under assumption  $1/r_2 = 1/p + 1/r_1$ . Since  $T$  is a  $(Z; l_p, l_p)$ -quasi-integrable operator, by [2] there is a probability measure, that is, a regular positive Borel measure  $\mu$  with total mass 1 on a set  $K \subset S(E, Z)$ , compact in the simple convergence topology, such that  $\|Tx\| \leq \rho_K(T) \left( \int_K \|Ax\|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p}$  for every  $x \in E$ . Let  $\{x_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  be an arbitrary finite set of elements in  $E$ . Put  $x_i = x_i^0 \xi_i$  where  $\xi_i = \left( \int_K \|Ax_i\|^{r_2} d\mu \right)^{1/p}$ . Then by our assumption, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\|STx_i\|)\|_{\lambda_2} &\leq C \|(\|STx_i^0\|)\|_{\lambda_1} \cdot \|(\|\xi_i\|)\|_{l_p} \\ &\leq C \pi_{\lambda_1, l_{r_1}}^Z(S) \sup_{B \in S(F, Z)} \|(\|BTx_i^0\|)\|_{l_{r_1}} \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|Ax_i\|^{r_2} d\mu \right)^{1/p}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is a constant. Here there exists a  $Z$ -scalarly measurable and  $Z'$ -valued derivative  $g_\eta$  such that the terms of form  $\langle BTx, \eta \rangle$ ,  $\eta \in Z'$ , can be written as

$$\langle BTx, \eta \rangle = \int_K \langle g_\eta, Ax \rangle d\mu$$

with  $g_\eta \in L_{Z', W}(K, \mu)$  for all  $\eta \in Z'$  satisfying the inequality

$$\left( \int_K \|g_\eta\|^{p'} d\mu \right)^{1/p'} \leq \|B\| \rho_K(T) \|\eta\|, \quad 1/p + 1/p' = 1.$$

In fact, let  $E_Z^p(K, \mu)$  be the subspace of  $L_Z^p(K, \mu)$  which is constituted by the rest class  $\hat{\phi}_x$  for  $\phi_x(A) = Ax \in L(K, Z)$ . Then for each  $B \in L(F, Z)$ , there exists a linear operator  $\beta_B$  on  $E_Z^p(K, \mu)$  into  $Z$  defined by  $\langle \hat{\phi}_x, \beta_B \rangle = BTx$ . It satisfies

$$\|\langle \hat{\phi}_x, \beta_B \rangle\| \leq \|B\| \|Tx\| \leq \rho_K(T) \|B\| \left( \int_K \|Ax\|^p d\mu \right)^{1/p}.$$

Since  $Z$  has the extension property, we obtain the above result by [1]. Hence by Hölder's inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle BTx, \eta \rangle| &\leq \int_K \|Ax\| \|g_\eta\| d\mu \\ &\leq \int_K \|Ax\|^{r_2/p} (\|Ax\|^{r_2} \|g_\eta\|^{p'})^{1/r_1} \|g_\eta\|^{p'/r_2} d\mu \\ &\leq \left( \int_K \|Ax\|^{r_2} d\mu \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_K \|Ax\|^{r_2} \|g_\eta\|^{p'} d\mu \right)^{1/r_1} \left( \int_K \|g_\eta\|^{p'} d\mu \right)^{1/r_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $x_i^0$  in the above inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle BTx_i^0, \eta \rangle|^{r_1} &\leq \left( \int_K \|Ax_i\|^{r_2} \|g_\eta\|^{p'} d\mu \right) \left( \int_K \|g_\eta\|^{p'} d\mu \right)^{r_1/r_2}, \\ \|BTx_i^0\|^{r_1} &= \sup_{\|\eta\| \leq 1} |\langle BTx_i^0, \eta \rangle|^{r_1} \\ &\leq \left( \int_K \|Ax_i\|^{r_2} (\sup_{\|\eta\| \leq 1} \|g_\eta\|)^{p'} d\mu \right) \left( \int_K (\sup_{\|\eta\| \leq 1} \|g_\eta\|)^{p'} d\mu \right)^{r_1/r_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|BTx_i^0\|^{r_1} \right)^{1/r_1} &\leq \left( \int_K \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|Ax_i\|^{r_2} \right) (\sup_{\|\eta\| \leq 1} \|g_\eta\|)^{p'} d\mu \right)^{1/r_1} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_K \sup_{\|\eta\| \leq 1} \|g_\eta\|^{p'} d\mu \right)^{1/r_2} \\ &\leq \sup_{A \in K} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|Ax_i\|^{r_2} \right)^{1/r_1} \left( \sup_{\|\eta\| \leq 1} \int_K \|g_\eta\|^{p'} d\mu \right)^{1/p'}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently we have

$$\|(\|STx_i\|)\|_{\lambda_2} \leq C\pi_{\lambda_1, 1, r_1}^Z(S) \sup_{A \in K} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|Ax_i\|^{r_2} \right)^{1/r_2} \cdot \rho_K(T).$$

The proof is complete.

**PROPOSITION 6.** *Let  $E, F$  and  $G$  be normed spaces, let  $1 \leq p < \infty, 1 \leq r \leq \infty, 1/p + 1/r \leq 1$ , let  $\lambda$  be of type  $\Lambda$  satisfying  $l_p \cdot \lambda \subset l_1$  and assume that  $Z$  is a Banach space having the extension property. Then for any  $T \in QI_{p, 1}^Z(E, F)$  and any  $S \in \pi_{\lambda, 1}^Z(F, G)$*

the composition  $ST$  belongs to  $ST \in QI_{l_1, l_1}^Z(E, G)$ .

PROOF. In case of  $p=1$ , this is clear by Theorem 3. We shall show this in case of  $p>1$ . Put  $1/p+1/p'=1$ . Then it satisfies  $\lambda \subset l_p$ , and  $l_r \supset l_{p'}$ . By Proposition 5,  $S \in \pi_{\lambda, l_r}^Z(F, G) \subset \pi_{l_p', l_p}^Z(F, G)$ . Hence applying Theorem 5 to  $S$  and  $T$ , we obtain  $ST \in QI_{l_1, l_1}^Z(E, G)$ . Thus the proof is complete.

### §5. Special cases

LEMMA 4. Let  $E$  be isomorphic to a subspace of  $L_1(\mu)$  for a measure space  $(K, \Sigma, \mu)$ , let  $F$  be any normed space, let  $Z$  be a Banach space and let  $\lambda$  be of type  $M$ . Then  $T \in L(E, F)$  belongs to  $FQI_{\lambda, l_1}^Z(E, F)$  if and only if for any  $S \in L(c_0, E)$  the composition  $TS$  belongs to  $FQI_{\lambda, l_1}^Z(c_0, F)$ .

PROOF. By virtue of Theorem 3 it is clear that if  $T \in FQI_{\lambda, l_1}^Z(E, F)$  and  $S \in L(c_0, E)$ , then  $TS \in FQI_{\lambda, l_1}^Z(c_0, F)$ . Conversely, we assume that  $T \in L(E, F)$  satisfies the condition  $TS \in FQI_{\lambda, l_1}^Z(c_0, F)$  for any  $S \in L(c_0, E)$  but  $T \notin FQI_{\lambda, l_1}^Z(E, F)$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\{x_i\} \subset E$  such that  $\sum_i x_i$  converges unconditionally and  $\|(\|Tx_i\|)\|_\lambda = \infty$ . Here we define  $S \in L(c_0, E)$  by  $S((a_i)) = \sum_i a_i x_i$  for each  $(a_i) \in c_0$ . Then we have  $\|(\|TS(e_i)\|)\|_\lambda = \infty$ . Since by [3]  $L(c_0, Z) = l_1(Z)$ , we have  $\sum_i \|Ae_i\| < \infty$  for any  $A \in L(c_0, Z) \cap A(c_0, Z)$ . By virtue of Theorem 1, this is a contradiction and the proof is complete.

THEOREM 6. Let  $E$  and  $F$  be normed spaces and let  $Z$  be a Banach space. Then:

(1) Let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be of type  $M$  (resp.  $\Lambda$ ). Then if  $l_2 \cdot \lambda_1^x \supset \lambda_2^x$  and  $\lambda_2$  is a Köthe space, we have  $QI_{\lambda_1, l_1}^Z(E, F) \subset QI_{\lambda_2, l_2}^Z(E, F)$  (resp.  $\pi_{\lambda_1, l_1}^Z(E, F) \subset \pi_{\lambda_2, l_2}^Z(E, F)$ ).

(2) Let  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  be of type  $M$ , let  $E$  and  $F$  be the same spaces as in Lemma 3 and assume that  $Z$  has the extension property. Then if  $l_2 \cdot \lambda_1^x \subset \lambda_2^x$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  are Köthe spaces, we have  $FQI_{\lambda_1, l_1}^Z(E, F) \supset FQI_{\lambda_2, l_2}^Z(E, F)$ .

PROOF. (1) Putting  $v = (l_1^x \cdot l_2)^x = l_2$ , we have  $(l_2 \cdot \lambda_1^x)^x \subset \lambda_2^x = l_2$  and  $l_2 \cdot l_2 \subset l_1$ . Therefore by Theorem 4  $QI_{\lambda_1, l_1}^Z(E, F) \subset QI_{\lambda_2, l_2}^Z(E, F)$ .

(2) Let  $T \in FQI_{\lambda_2, l_2}^Z(E, F)$ ,  $S \in L(c_0, E)$  is always 2-absolutely summing and therefore  $(Z; l_2, l_2)$ -quasi-integrable by Proposition 1. Since  $(l_2 \cdot \lambda_1^x) \subset \lambda_2^x$ , it follows that  $l_2 \cdot \lambda_2 \subset \lambda_1$ . Therefore by Theorem 5 we have  $TS \in FQI_{\lambda_1, l_1}^Z(c_0, F)$ . Hence by Lemma 4, we have  $T \in FQI_{\lambda_1, l_1}^Z(E, F)$ , which completes the proof.

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