

The Daugavet property of  $C^*$ -algebras  
and von Neumann preduals.  
Geometric characterizations

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## The Daugavet equation

$X$  Banach space,  $T \in L(X)$

$$\|Id + T\| = 1 + \|T\| \quad (\text{DE})$$

## Classical examples

### 1 Daugavet, 1963:

Every compact operator on  $C[0, 1]$  satisfies (DE).

### 2 Lozanoskii, 1966:

Every compact operator on  $L_1[0, 1]$  satisfies (DE).

### 3 Abramovich, Holub, and more, 80's:

$X = C(K)$ ,  $K$  perfect compact space

or  $X = L_1(\mu)$ ,  $\mu$  atomless measure

$\implies$  every weakly compact  $T \in L(X)$  satisfies (DE).

## The Daugavet property

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*(Kadets–Shvidkoy–Sirotkin–Werner, 1997 & 2000)*

Prior versions of: *Chauveheid, 1982; Abramovich–Aliprantis–Burkinshaw, 1991*

## Some examples...

- 1  $K$  perfect,  $\mu$  atomeless,  $X$  arbitrary Banach space  
 $\implies C(K, X)$ ,  $L_1(\mu, X)$ , and  $L_\infty(\mu, X)$  have the Daugavet property.

*(Kadets, 1996; Nazarenko, –; Shvidkoy, 2001)*

- 2  $K$  arbitrary. If  $X$  has the Daugavet property, then so does  $C(K, X)$ .

*(M.–Payá, 2000)*

## More examples...

- 3 The  $c_0$ ,  $\ell_1$ , and  $\ell_\infty$  sums of Banach spaces with the Daugavet property have the Daugavet property.
- 4  $A(\mathbb{D})$  and  $H^\infty$  have the Daugavet property.

*(Wojtaszczyk, 1992)*

- 5  $R \subset L_1[0, 1] =: L_1$  reflexive, then  $L_1/R$  has the Daugavet property.

*(Kadets–Shvidkoy–Sirotkin–Werner, 2000)*

- 6 A  $C^*$ -algebra has the Daugavet property if and only if it is non-atomic.
- 7 The predual of a von Neumann algebra has the Daugavet property if and only if the algebra is non-atomic.

*(Oikhberg, 2002)*

## Some *propaganda* . . .

Let  $X$  be a Banach space with the Daugavet property. Then

- $X$  does not have the Radon-Nikodým property.

(Wojtaszczyk, 1992)

- Every slice of  $B_X$  and every  $w^*$ -slice of  $B_{X^*}$  have diameter 2.

(Kadets–Shvidkoy–Sirotkin–Werner, 2000)

- Actually, every weakly-open subset of  $B_X$  has diameter 2.

(Shvidkoy, 2000)

- $X$  contains a copy of  $\ell_1$ .  $X^*$  contains a copy of  $L_1[0, 1]$ .

(Kadets–Shvidkoy–Sirotkin–Werner, 2000)

### More *propaganda* . . .

Let  $X$  be a Banach space with the Daugavet property. Then

- $X$  has no unconditional basis.

*(Kadets, 1996)*

- Actually,  $X$  does not embed into a space with unconditional basis.

*(Kadets–Shvidkoy–Sirotkin–Werner, 2000)*

- Even more, whenever  $X$  embeds into an unconditional sums of Banach spaces, then one addend contains  $\ell_1$ .

*(Shvidkoy, 2000)*



# Geometric characterizations

## Theorem [KSSW]

- $X$  has the Daugavet property.
- For every  $x \in S_X$ ,  $x^* \in S_{X^*}$ , and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $y \in S_X$  such that

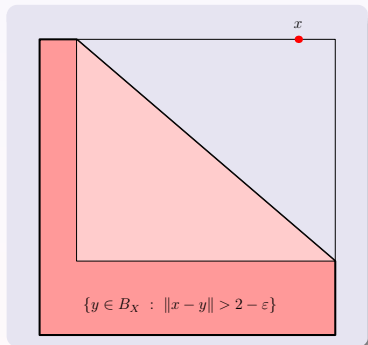
$$\operatorname{Re} x^*(y) > 1 - \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \|x - y\| \geq 2 - \varepsilon.$$

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$$\operatorname{Re} y^*(x) > 1 - \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \|x^* - y^*\| \geq 2 - \varepsilon.$$

- For every  $x \in S_X$  and every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$B_X = \overline{\operatorname{co}}(\{y \in B_X : \|x - y\| \geq 2 - \varepsilon\}).$$



# Are there other norm equalities for operators?

## Theorem

Let  $X$  be a Banach space with  $\dim(X) > 1$ . Let us suppose that

$$\|g(T)\| = f(\|T\|)$$

for every rank-one operator  $T \in L(X)$ , where

- $g : \mathbb{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  is analytic, and
- $f : \mathbb{R}_0^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is arbitrary.

Then, only three cases are possible:

- 1  $g$  is constant,
- 2  $g(t) = \alpha t$  for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}$ ,  
(both are trivial cases)
- 3  $g(t) = \alpha + \beta t$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \neq 0$ . In this case,  $f(t) = |\alpha| + |\beta| t$   
and  $X$  has the Daugavet property.

(M.–Merí, in progress)

## *A new sufficient condition*

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### Theorem

Let  $X$  be a Banach space such that

$$X^* = Y \oplus_1 Z$$

with  $Y$  and  $Z$  norming subspaces. Then,  $X$  has the Daugavet property.

A closed subspace  $W \subseteq X^*$  is **norming** if

$$\|x\| = \sup \{|w^*(x)| : w^* \in W, \|w^*\| = 1\}$$

or, equivalently, if  $B_W$  is  $w^*$ -dense in  $B_{X^*}$ .

## Proof of the theorem

We have...

$X^* = Y \oplus_1 Z$ ,  
 $B_Y, B_Z$   $w^*$ -dense in  $B_{X^*}$ .



We need...

fixed  $x_0 \in S_X$ ,  $x_0^* \in S_{X^*}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , find  $y^* \in S_{X^*}$  such that  
 $\|x_0^* + y^*\| > 2 - \varepsilon$  and  $\operatorname{Re} y^*(x_0) > 1 - \varepsilon$ .

- Write  $x_0^* = y_0^* + z_0^*$  with  $y_0^* \in Y$ ,  $z_0^* \in Z$ ,  $\|x_0^*\| = \|y_0^*\| + \|z_0^*\|$ , and write  
 $U = \{x^* \in B_{X^*} : \operatorname{Re} x^*(x_0) > 1 - \varepsilon\}$ .
- Take  $z^* \in B_Z \cap U$  and a net  $(y_\lambda^*)$  in  $B_Y \cap U$ , such that  $(y_\lambda^*) \xrightarrow{w^*} z^*$ .
- $(y_\lambda^* + y_0^*) \rightarrow z^* + y_0^*$  and the norm is  $w^*$ -lower semi-continuous, therefore  
 $\liminf \|y_\lambda^* + y_0^*\| \geq \|z^* + y_0^*\| = \|z^*\| + \|y_0^*\| > 1 + \|y_0^*\| - \varepsilon$ .
- Then, we may find  $\mu$  such that  $\|y_\mu^* + y_0^*\| \geq 1 + \|y_0^*\| - \varepsilon/2$ .
- Finally, observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_0^* + y_\mu^*\| &= \|(y_0^* + y_\mu^*) + z_0^*\| = \\ &= \|y_0^* + y_\mu^*\| + \|z_0^*\| > 1 + \|y_0^*\| - \varepsilon + \|z_0^*\| = 2 - \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

and that  $\operatorname{Re} y_\mu^*(x_0) > 1 - \varepsilon$  (since  $y_\mu^* \in U$ ).

## Some immediate consequences

### Corollary

Let  $X$  be an  $L$ -embedded space with  $\text{ext}(B_X) = \emptyset$ . Then,  $X^*$  (and hence  $X$ ) has the Daugavet property.

### Corollary

If  $Y$  is an  $L$ -embedded space which is a subspace of  $L_1 \equiv L_1[0, 1]$ , then  $(L_1/Y)^*$  has the Daugavet property.

### It was already known that...

- If  $Y \subset L_1$  is reflexive, then  $L_1/Y$  has the Daugavet property.  
*(Kadets–Shvidkoy–Sirotkin–Werner, 2000)*
- If  $Y \subset L_1$  is  $L$ -embedded, then  $L_1/Y$  does not have the RNP.  
*(Harmand–Werner–Werner, 1993)*

## *Applications:*

The Daugavet property of

$C^*$ -algebras and von Neumann preduals

## von Neumann preduals

### von Neumann preduals

- A  $C^*$ -algebra  $X$  is a **von Neumann algebra** if it is a dual space.
- In such a case,  $X$  has a unique predual  $X_*$ .
- $X_*$  is always  $L$ -embedded.
- Therefore, if  $\text{ext}(B_{X_*})$  is empty, then  $X$  and  $X_*$  have the Daugavet property.

Actually, much more can be proved:



## Theorem

Let  $X_*$  be the predual of the von Neumann algebra  $X$ . Then, TFAE:

- $X$  has the Daugavet property.
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- Every weakly open subset of  $B_{X_*}$  has diameter 2.
- $B_{X_*}$  has no strongly exposed points.
- $B_{X_*}$  has no extreme points.
- $X$  is **non-atomic** (i.e. it has no atomic projections).

An **atomic projection** is an element  $p \in X$  such that

$$p^2 = p^* = p \quad \text{and} \quad pXp = \mathbb{C}p.$$

# $C^*$ -algebras

Let  $X$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra. Then,  $X^{**}$  is a von Neumann algebra.  
Write  $X^* = (X^{**})_* = A \oplus_1 N$ , where

- $A$  is the atomic part,
  - $N$  is the non-atomic part.
- 
- Every extreme point of  $B_{X^*}$  is in  $B_A$ .
  - Therefore,  $A$  is norming.
  - What's about  $N$  ?

## Theorem

If  $X$  is non-atomic, then  $N$  is norming. Therefore,  $X$  has the Daugavet property.

# sketch of the proof of the theorem

We have...

$X$  non-atomic  $C^*$ -algebra,  
 $X^* = \mathcal{A} \oplus_1 N$ .



We need...

$N$  to be norming for  $X$ , i.e.,  
 $\|x\| = \sup\{|f(x)| : f \in B_N\} \quad (x \in X)$ .

- Write  $X^{**} = \mathcal{A} \oplus_\infty \mathcal{N}$  and  $Y = \mathcal{A} \cap X$ .
- $Y$  is an ideal of  $X$ , so  $Y$  has no atomic projections.
- Therefore, the norm of  $Y$  has no point of Fréchet-smoothness.
- But  $Y$  is an Asplund space, so  $Y = 0$ .
- Now, the mapping

$$X \longrightarrow X^{**} = \mathcal{A} \oplus_\infty \mathcal{N} \longrightarrow \mathcal{N}$$

is injective. **Since it is an homomorphism, it is an isometry.**

- But  $N^* \equiv \mathcal{N}$ , so  $N$  is norming for  $\mathcal{N}$ .

## Theorem

Let  $X$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra. Then, TFAE:

- $X$  has the Daugavet property.
- The norm of  $X$  is **extremely rough**, i.e.,

$$\limsup_{\|h\| \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|x + h\| + \|x - h\| - 2}{\|h\|} = 2$$

for every  $x \in S_X$  (equivalently, every  $w^*$ -slice of  $B_{X^*}$  has diameter 2).

- The norm of  $X$  is not Fréchet-smooth at any point.
- $X$  is non-atomic.

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$X$  Banach space,  $T \in L(X)$

$$\max_{|\omega|=1} \|Id + \omega T\| = 1 + \|T\| \quad (\text{aDE})$$

(Duncan–McGregor–Pryce–White, 1970; Holub, Abramovich... , 80's)

Two equivalent formulations:

- There exists  $\omega \in \mathbb{T}$  such that  $\omega T$  satisfies (DE).
- The **numerical radius** of  $T$ ,  $v(T)$ , coincides with  $\|T\|$ , where

$$v(T) := \sup\{|x^*(Tx)| : x^* \in S_{X^*}, x \in S_X, x^*(x) = 1\}.$$

## Two possible properties

Let  $X$  be a Banach space.

- $X$  is said to have the **alternative Daugavet property (ADP)** iff every rank-one operator on  $X$  satisfies (aDE).
- Then, every weakly compact operator also satisfies (aDE).
- If  $X^*$  has the ADP, so does  $X$ . The converse is not true.

*(Abramovich, 1991; M.–Oikhberg, 2004)*

- $X$  is said to have **numerical index 1** iff  $v(T) = \|T\|$  for every operator on  $X$ . **Equivalently, if EVERY operator on  $X$  satisfies (aDE).**

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The **numerical index** of a Banach space  $X$  is the greater constant  $k$  such that

$$v(T) \geq k\|T\|$$

for every operator  $T \in L(X)$ .

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## Observation

No analogous property is possible for the Daugavet equation:

$$\|Id + (-Id)\| = 0 \neq 1 + \|-Id\|.$$

## Numerical index 1

- $C(K)$  and  $L_1(\mu)$  have numerical index 1.

*(Duncan–McGregor–Pryce–White, 1970)*

- $A(\mathbb{D})$  also has numerical index 1.

*(Crabb–Duncan–McGregor, 1972)*

- In case  $\dim(X) < \infty$ ,  $X$  has numerical index 1 iff

$$|x^*(x)| = 1 \quad x^* \in \text{ext}(B_{X^*}), \quad x \in \text{ext}(B_X).$$

*(McGregor, 1971)*

- In case  $\dim(X) = \infty$ , if  $X$  has numerical index 1 and it has the RNP, then  $X \supseteq \ell_1$ .

*(López–M.–Payá, 1999)*

- A  $C^*$ -algebra has numerical index 1 iff it is commutative.

*(Huruya, 1977)*

## The alternative Daugavet property

- The ADP is weaker than the Daugavet property and the numerical index 1.
- $c_0 \oplus_\infty C([0, 1], \ell_2)$  has the ADP, but neither the Daugavet property, nor numerical index 1.
- Every Banach space with the ADP can be renormed still having the ADP but lacking the Daugavet property.

# Geometric characterizations

## Theorem

- $X$  has the ADP.
- For every  $x \in S_X$ ,  $x^* \in S_{X^*}$ , and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $y \in S_X$  such that

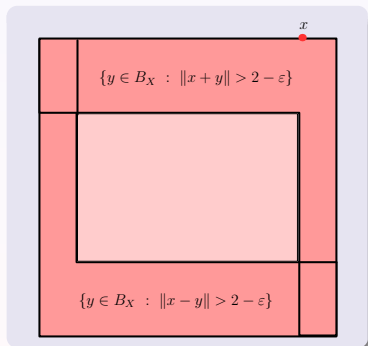
$$|x^*(y)| > 1 - \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \|x - y\| \geq 2 - \varepsilon.$$

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Let  $V_*$  be the predual of the von Neumann algebra  $V$ .

The Daugavet property of  $V_*$  is equivalent to:

- $V$  has no atomic projections, or
- the unit ball of  $V_*$  has no extreme points.

$V_*$  has numerical index 1 iff:

- $V$  is commutative, or
- $|v^*(v)| = 1$  for  $v \in \text{ext}(B_V)$  and  $v^* \in \text{ext}(B_{V^*})$ .

The alternative Daugavet property of  $V_*$  is equivalent to:

- the atomic projections of  $V$  are central, or
- $|v(v_*)| = 1$  for  $v \in \text{ext}(B_V)$  and  $v_* \in \text{ext}(B_{V_*})$ , or
- $V = C \oplus_\infty N$ , where  $C$  is commutative and  $N$  has no atomic projections.

Let  $X$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra.

The Daugavet property of  $X$  is equivalent to:

- $X$  does not have any atomic projection, or
- the unit ball of  $X^*$  does not have any  $w^*$ -strongly exposed point.

$X$  has numerical index 1 iff:

- $X$  is commutative, or
- $|x^{**}(x^*)| = 1$  for  $x^{**} \in \text{ext}(B_{X^{**}})$  and  $x^* \in \text{ext}(B_{X^*})$ .

The alternative Daugavet property of  $X$  is equivalent to:

- the atomic projections of  $X$  are central, or
- $|x^{**}(x^*)| = 1$ , for  $x^{**} \in \text{ext}(B_{X^{**}})$ , and  $x^* \in B_{X^*}$   $w^*$ -strongly exposed, or
- $\exists$  a commutative ideal  $Y$  such that  $X/Y$  has the Daugavet property.

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