

On quasi norm attaining operators between Banach spaces

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Preliminaries and the new definition

Section 1

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Basic notation

X, Y Banach spaces

\mathbb{T} modulus one scalars

B_X closed unit ball

S_X unit sphere

X^* topological dual

$\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ bounded linear operators from X to Y

$\mathcal{K}(X, Y)$ compact linear operators from X to Y

$\mathcal{W}(X, Y)$ weakly compact linear operators from X to Y

Norm attaining functionals

Norm attaining functionals

$$X \text{ Banach space, } \text{NA}(X, \mathbb{K}) := \left\{ f \in X^* : \|f\| = \max_{x \in S_X} |f(x)| \right\}.$$

Some well-known results

- $\text{NA}(X, \mathbb{K})$ weak-star dense (Hahn–Banach theorem),
- X reflexive $\implies \text{NA}(X, \mathbb{K}) = X^*$ (Hahn–Banach theorem),
- X reflexive $\longleftarrow \text{NA}(X, \mathbb{K}) = X^*$ (James' theorem),

Bishop–Phelps theorem

$\text{NA}(X, \mathbb{K})$ is dense in X^* for every Banach space X .

- The study of norm attaining functionals has many applications,
- and there are many problems being studied nowadays,
- for instance, some results related to lineability properties inside $\text{NA}(X, \mathbb{K})$.

Norm attaining operators

Norm attaining operators

X, Y Banach spaces, $\text{NA}(X, Y) := \left\{ T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y) : \|T\| = \max_{x \in S_X} \|Tx\| \right\}$.

$$\blacksquare T \in \text{NA}(X, Y) \iff T(B_X) \cap \|T\|S_Y \neq \emptyset.$$

A few results

- **Lindenstrauss, 1963:** $\text{NA}(X, Y)$ is not always dense,
- it is dense when X is reflexive or $c_0 \subset Y \subset \ell_\infty$ or Y polyhedral finite dimensional.
- **Bourgain, 1977:** if X has the RNP $\implies \text{NA}(X, Y)$ dense for every Y ,
- **Huff, 1981:** if X fails the RNP \implies exists X_1, X_2 isomorphic to X such that $\text{NA}(X_1, X_2)$ is not dense.
- Therefore, X has the RNP $\iff \overline{\text{NA}(X_1, Y)} = \mathcal{L}(X_1, Y) \forall X_1 \simeq X, \forall Y$.
- If $\overline{\text{NA}(X, Y_1)} = \mathcal{L}(X, Y_1) \forall X \forall Y_1 \simeq Y \implies Y$ RNP, $\iff ?$
- **Gowers, 1990:** there is G such that $\text{NA}(G, \ell_p)$ not dense for $1 < p < \infty$.
- **Acosta, 1999:** ℓ_p above can be substituted by any infinite-dimensional strictly convex space and by ℓ_1 (using different domain spaces).

Norm attaining operators II

Some more results

- **Zizler, 1973:** $\{T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y) : T^* \in \text{NA}(Y^*, X^*)\}$ is always dense in $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$.
- **Johnson–Wolfe, 1979:** for most “classical” Banach spaces as domain, compact operators can be approximated by norm attaining operators.
 - They use a strong form of the approximation property of X^* .
- **Johnson–Wolfe, 1979:** for isometric preduals of $L_1(\mu)$ as range or for $L_1(\mu)$ as range (real case), compact operators can be approximated by norm attaining operators.
 - They use Lazar–Lindenstrauss kind of results for Y .
- **Diestel, Johnson–Wolfe, 1970's:** is $\mathcal{K}(X, Y)$ always contained in $\overline{\text{NA}(X, Y)}$?
- **M., 2014:** there exist compact operators which cannot be approximated by norm attaining operators.

The main problem which remain open

Are finite rank operators approximable by norm attaining operators?

Lipschitz maps

Notation

$\text{Lip}_0(X, Y)$ space of Lipschitz maps from X to Y (which are 0 at 0), endowed with the Lipschitz constant as norm.

Strongly norm attaining Lipschitz maps

$F \in \text{Lip}_0(X, Y)$ **strongly attains its (Lipschitz) norm** if there exist $(x, y) \in X \times X$, $x \neq y$ such that $\frac{\|F(x) - F(y)\|}{\|x - y\|} = \|F\|_L$.

Kadets–M.–Soloviova, 2016

Even for $X = Y = \mathbb{R}$, there are Lipschitz functions which cannot be approximated by strongly norm attaining Lipschitz functions.

Two options:

- Study the problem for general metric spaces as X (for other day...).
- Study weaker forms in which a Lipschitz maps may attains its norm.

Godefroy's weaker definition for Lipschitz maps

Norm attaining Lipschitz maps towards vectors (Godefroy, 2015)

$F \in \text{Lip}_0(X, Y)$ attains its norm towards $u \in Y$ if $\|u\| = \|F\|_L$ and there exist $(x_n, y_n) \in X \times X$, $x_n \neq y_n$ such that $\frac{F(x_n) - F(y_n)}{\|x_n - y_n\|} \rightarrow u$.

Example (Godefroy, 2015)

If Y is a renorming of c_0 with the Kadets–Klee property, then no Lipschitz isomorphism from c_0 onto Y can be approximated by Lipschitz maps which attain their norm towards directions of Y .

- This extends a result by Lindenstrauss of 1963 for bounded linear operators,
- the proof is not easy,
- in the words of Gilles, the example shows that even the greater flexibility allowed by non linearity does not always provide norm attaining objects.
- In particular, the set of Lipschitz maps which attain their norm towards directions of Y is not dense in $\text{Lip}_0(c_0, Y)$.
- On the other hand, density holds if $\dim(Y) < \infty$, for instance.

The new concept for bounded linear operators

Quasi norm attaining bounded linear operator

$T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ **quasi attains its norm** ($T \in \text{QNA}(X, Y)$) if there exists $(x_n) \subset B_X$ such that $Tx_n \rightarrow y \in \|T\|S_Y$.

- We say T quasi attains its norm **towards** y .
- Equivalently, $\overline{T(B_X)} \cap \|T\|S_Y \neq \emptyset$ ($T \in \text{NA}(X, Y)$) $\iff T(B_X) \cap \|T\|S_Y \neq \emptyset$
- Viewing T as Lipschitz map, it is Godefroy's definition.

First remarks

- $\text{NA}(X, Y) \subset \text{QNA}(X, Y)$,
- $\mathcal{K}(X, Y) \subset \text{QNA}(X, Y)$.

Positive examples

The remarks give a lot of positive examples, some of which we will present next.

Negative example (a consequence of Godefroy's example)

Y renorming of c_0 with the Kadets–Klee property $\implies \overline{\text{QNA}(c_0, Y)} \neq \mathcal{L}(c_0, Y)$.

First results on quasi norm attaining operators

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First positive results I

Remark

- $\text{NA}(X, Y) \subset \text{QNA}(X, Y)$.

Examples

$\text{NA}(X, Y)$ (and so $\text{QNA}(X, Y)$) is dense in $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ when...

- X has RNP,
- $c_0 \leq Y \leq \ell_\infty$,
- $X = L_1(\mu)$ and $Y = L_1(\nu)$,
- $X = L_1(\mu)$ and $Y = L_\infty(\nu)$,
- X Asplund and $Y = C(K)$,
- $X = C(K_1)$ and $Y = C(K_2)$,
- $X = C(K)$ and Y does not contain c_0 .

First positive results II

Remark

- $\mathcal{K}(X, Y) \subset \text{QNA}(X, Y)$.

Examples

$\mathcal{K}(X, Y) = \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ and so $\text{QNA}(X, Y) = \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ when...

- (Pitt) $X \leq \ell_p$ and $Y \leq \ell_r$ with $1 \leq r < p < \infty$,
- (Rosenthal) $X \leq c_0$ and Y does not contain c_0 ,
- (Rosenthal) $X \leq L_p(\mu)$, $Y \leq L_r(\nu)$, $1 \leq r < p < \infty$ and
- $X = L_1(\mu)$ and $Y = L_\infty(\nu)$,
 - $1 \leq r < 2$ and ν is atomic,
 - or $p > 2$ and μ is atomic.

Negative results I

Lemma (R. Payá, in a discussion on this topic)

$T \in \text{QNA}(X, Y)$, T **monomorphism** $\implies T \in \text{NA}(X, Y)$.

- Let $(x_n) \subset B_X$ and $u \in \|T\|S_Y$ such that $Tx_n \rightarrow u$.
- Consider $T^{-1}: T(X) \rightarrow X$ bounded linear.
- As $T(X)$ is closed, $u \in T(X)$ and we may consider $x_0 = T^{-1}(u) \in X$.
- Observe that $x_n = T^{-1}(Tx_n) \rightarrow T^{-1}u = x_0$, hence $\|x_0\| = 1$.
- Besides, $Tx_0 = T(T^{-1}(u)) = u$, so $\|Tx_0\| = \|u\| = \|T\|$ and $T \in \text{NA}(X, Y)$.

Main consequence

If there is $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ **monomorphism**, $T \notin \overline{\text{NA}(X, Y)} \implies \overline{\text{QNA}(X, Y)} \neq \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$.

Negative results II

We use

If there is $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ **monomorphism**, $T \notin \overline{\text{NA}(X, Y)} \implies \overline{\text{QNA}(X, Y)} \neq \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$.

Example 1 (extending Godefroy's first negative result)

X infinite dimensional subspace of c_0 , Y strictly convex renorming of c_0
 $\implies \text{QNA}(X, Y)$ is not dense in $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$.

- $T: X \rightarrow Y$ norm attaining at $x_0 \in S_X$,
- As $X \leq c_0$, the linear span of $A = \{z \in X: \|x_0 \pm z\| \leq 1\}$ is of finite-codimension.
- As Y is strictly convex, $T(A) = \{0\}$, so T has finite-rank.
- Now, the formal inclusion of X into Y does not belong to $\overline{\text{NA}(X, Y)}$ and, therefore, it does not belong to $\overline{\text{QNA}(X, Y)}$.

Negative results III

We use

If there is $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ monomorphism, $T \notin \overline{\text{NA}(X, Y)} \implies \overline{\text{QNA}(X, Y)} \neq \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$.

Example 2 (improving a result by Johnson–Wolfe)

There exists S such that $\text{QNA}(L_1[0, 1], C(S))$ is not dense in $\mathcal{L}(L_1[0, 1], C(S))$.

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NORM ATTAINING OPERATORS AND SIMULTANEOUSLY CONTINUOUS RETRACTIONS

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ABSTRACT. A compact metric space S is constructed and it is shown that there is a bounded linear operator $T: L^1[0, 1] \rightarrow C(S)$ which cannot be approximated by a norm attaining operator. Also it is established that there

+ showing that T is a monomorphism!

Negative results. IV

We use

If there is $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ **monomorphism**, $T \notin \overline{\text{NA}(X, Y)} \implies \overline{\text{QNA}(X, Y)} \neq \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$.

Example 3 (improving a result by Bourgain–Huff)

X without the RNP \implies there exist X_1, X_2 isomorphic to X such that $\text{QNA}(X_1, X_2)$ is not dense in $\mathcal{L}(X_1, X_2)$.

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For two Banach spaces X and Y let $L(X, Y)$ denote the space of bounded linear operators from X into Y . If X does not have the Radon-Nikodým property, then there exist renormings X_1 and X_2 of X such that the identity operator on X cannot be approximated by members of $L(X_1, X_2)$ attaining their norms.

Reviewed by [J. Bourgain](#)

The Radon–Nikodým property

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A new positive result

Theorem

$T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ strong RNP operator, $\varepsilon > 0$. There exists $S \in \text{QNA}(X, Y)$ such that:

- $\|T - S\| < \varepsilon$,
- moreover, there is $z_0 \in \overline{S(B_X)} \cap \|S\|S_Y$ such that whenever $(x_n) \subseteq B_X$ satisfies that $\|Sx_n\| \rightarrow \|S\|$, we may find a sequence $(\theta_n) \subseteq \mathbb{T}$ such that $S(\theta_n x_n) \rightarrow z_0$; in particular, there is $\theta_0 \in \mathbb{T}$ and a subsequence $(x_{\sigma(n)})$ of (x_n) such that $Sx_{\sigma(n)} \rightarrow \theta_0 z_0$.

Tool: Bourgain–Stegall non-linear optimization principle

Suppose D is a bounded RNP set of a Banach space Y and $\phi: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is upper semicontinuous and bounded above. Then, the set

$$\{y^* \in Y^* : \phi + \text{Re } y^* \text{ strongly exposes } D\}$$

is a dense G_δ subset of Y^* .

A new positive result: Proof

- Apply Bourgain–Stegall to $D := \overline{T(B_X)}$ and $\phi(y) = \|y\|$,
- We get $y_0 \in D$ and $y_0^* \in Y^*$ with $\|y_0^*\| < \varepsilon/\|T\|$ such that $\phi + \operatorname{Re} y_0^*$ strongly exposed D so, by rotating,
 - (1) $\|y\| + |y_0^*(y)| \leq \|y_0\| + \operatorname{Re} y_0^*(y) \quad \forall y \in D$;
 - (2) if $(x_n) \subset B_X$ satisfies $\|Tx_n\| + |y_0^*(Tx_n)| \rightarrow \|y_0\| + y_0^*(y_0)$, then exists $(\theta_n) \subset \mathbb{T}$ such that $T(\theta_n x_n) \rightarrow y_0$.

■ $Sx := Tx + y_0^*(Tx) \frac{y_0}{\|y_0\|}$, so $\|S - T\| < \varepsilon$ and $\|Sx\| \leq \|y_0\| + y_0^*(y_0)$.

■ Write $z_0 = \left(1 + \frac{y_0^*(y_0)}{\|y_0\|}\right) y_0$ and observe that $\|z_0\| = \|y_0\| + y_0^*(y_0)$.

■ Moreover, if $(x_n) \subset B_X$ satisfies that $\|Sx_n\| \rightarrow \|S\|$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_0\| + y_0^*(y_0) = \|S\| &= \lim_n \left\| Tx_n + y_0^*(Tx_n) \frac{y_0}{\|y_0\|} \right\| \\ &\leq \lim_n \left(\|Tx_n\| + |y_0^*(Tx_n)| \right) \leq \|y_0\| + y_0^*(y_0). \end{aligned}$$

■ By (2), we can find $(\theta_n) \subseteq \mathbb{T}$ such that $T(\theta_n x_n) \rightarrow y_0$, and hence

$$S(\theta_n x_n) = T(\theta_n x_n) + y_0^*(T(\theta_n x_n)) \frac{y_0}{\|y_0\|} \rightarrow \left(1 + \frac{y_0^*(y_0)}{\|y_0\|}\right) y_0 = z_0. \quad \checkmark$$

A new positive result. III

Remark

Let X and Y be Banach spaces and let $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ be a strong RNP operator. Consider for $\varepsilon > 0$ the point $y_0 \in \overline{T(B_X)} \subset Y$ and the operator $S \in \text{QNA}(X, Y)$ given in the proof of the Theorem. Then,

- (a) $T - S$ is a rank-one operator.
- (b) $S(B_X) \subseteq T(B_X) + \{\lambda y_0 : \lambda \in \mathbb{K}, |\lambda| \leq \rho\}$ for some $\rho > 0$.
- (c) $\overline{S(X)} = \overline{T(X)}$.
- (d) S quasi attains its norm toward a point of the form $z_0 = \lambda y_0$ for some $\lambda > 0$.
- (e) S^* attains its norm at some $z^* \in S_{Y^*}$ which strongly exposes $\overline{S(B_X)}$ at z_0 .

Consequences I

Corollary

If X or Y has the RNP, then $\text{QNA}(X, Y)$ is dense in $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$.

- The case of X having RNP needs Bourgain's result.
- The case of Y having RNP is the new one and it is false for NA.

Corollary

$\text{QNA}(X, Y) \cap \mathcal{W}(X, Y)$ is always dense in $\mathcal{W}(X, Y)$.

Examples

There are many examples of pair of spaces (X, Y) for which $\text{QNA}(X, Y)$ is dense while $\text{NA}(X, Y)$ not. For instance:

- For $1 < p < \infty$, there exists W such that $\text{NA}(W, \ell_p)$ is not dense, while $\text{QNA}(X, \ell_p)$ is dense for every X .
- In the complex case, $w \in \ell_2 \setminus \ell_1$ decreasing, $\text{NA}(d_*(w, 1), d(w, 1))$ is not dense in $\mathcal{L}(d_*(w, 1), d(w, 1))$, while $\text{QNA}(X, d(w, 1))$ is dense for every X .

Consequences II. Characterizing the RNP

Corollary

Z Banach space. TFAE:

- (a) Z has the RNP.
- (b) $\text{QNA}(Z', Y)$ is dense in $\mathcal{L}(Z', Y)$ for every Banach space Y and every equivalent renorming Z' of Z .
- (c) $\text{QNA}(X, Z')$ is dense in $\mathcal{L}(X, Z')$ for every Banach space X and every equivalent renorming Z' of Z .

Remarks

- (a) \iff (b) is true for NA,
- (c) \implies (a) is true for NA,
- but (a) \implies (c) is FALSE for NA, as shown by Gowers.

A stronger property and its consequences

UQNA

$T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ **uniquely quasi attains its norm** towards $u \in Y$ iff whenever $(x_n) \subset B_X$ satisfies $\|Tx_n\| \rightarrow \|T\|$ there is $(x_{\sigma(n)})$ and $\theta \in \mathbb{T}$ such that $Tx_{\sigma(n)} \rightarrow \theta u$.

Corollary

If X or Y has the RNP, then $\text{UQNA}(X, Y)$ is dense in $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$.

Corollary

- $\mathcal{K}(X, Y) \cap \text{UQNA}(X, Y)$ is dense in $\mathcal{K}(X, Y)$,
- $\mathcal{W}(X, Y) \cap \text{UQNA}(X, Y)$ is dense in $\mathcal{W}(X, Y)$.

Consequence

$\text{UQNA}(X, Y)$ dense in $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$, $\mathcal{A} \subset B_X$ with $\overline{\text{conv}}(\mathcal{A}) = B_X$

$$\implies \left\{ T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y) : \exists (x_n) \subset \mathcal{A}, \exists y \in \|T\|S_Y \text{ with } (Tx_n) \rightarrow y \right\}$$

is dense in $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$.

An application: a consequence on Lipschitz maps

Norm attaining Lipschitz maps towards vectors (Godefroy, 2015)

$F \in \text{Lip}_0(X, Y)$ attains its norm towards $u \in Y$ if $\|u\| = \|F\|$ and there exist $(x_n, y_n) \in X \times X$, $x_n \neq y_n$ such that $\frac{F(x_n) - F(y_n)}{\|x_n - y_n\|} \rightarrow u$.

Consequence of our results

If Y has RNP, then Lipschitz maps which attains their norms towards vectors are dense in $\text{Lip}_0(X, Y)$ for every X .

- The proof uses Lipschitz-free spaces and linearization of Lipschitz maps,
- and the last result of the previous page.

Further results

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Characterizing properties using QNA

The idea is to discuss when each of the inclusions in the chain

$$\text{NA}(X, Y) \subseteq \text{QNA}(X, Y) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$$

is an equality.

$$\text{NA}(X, Y) = \text{QNA}(X, Y)$$

For a Banach space X , TFAE:

- X is reflexive,
- $\text{NA}(X, Y) = \text{QNA}(X, Y)$ for every Y ,
- exists $Y \neq \{0\}$ such that $\text{NA}(X, Y) = \text{QNA}(X, Y)$.

$$\text{QNA}(X, Y) = \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$$

- $\dim(X) = \infty \implies \mathcal{L}(X, c_0) \setminus \text{QNA}(X, c_0) \neq \emptyset$.
- $\dim(Y) = \infty \implies \mathcal{L}(\ell_1, Y) \setminus \text{QNA}(\ell_1, Y) \neq \emptyset$.

Relationship with adjoint operators

Proposition

$$T \in \text{QNA}(X, Y) \implies T^* \in \text{NA}(Y^*, X^*).$$

Counterexample

The identity from c_0 to c_0 endowed with Day's norm does not belong to QNA, but its adjoint belongs to NA.

Proposition

$T \in \mathcal{W}(X, Y)$, TFAE:

- $T \in \text{QNA}(X, Y)$,
- $T^* \in \text{NA}(Y^*, X^*)$.

Consequence (new proof using Zizler's result)

$\text{QNA}(X, Y) \cap \mathcal{W}(X, Y)$ is dense in $\mathcal{W}(X, Y)$.

Extending Payá's result and limitations

Lemma (R. Payá)

$T \in \text{QNA}(X, Y)$, T **monomorphism** $\implies T \in \text{NA}(X, Y)$.

Two extensions

- $T \in \text{QNA}(X, Y)$, $T(X)$ closed, and $\ker T$ proximal $\implies T \in \text{NA}(X, Y)$.
- $T \in \text{QNA}(X, Y)$, $[\ker T]^\perp \subset \text{NA}(X, \mathbb{K}) \implies T \in \text{NA}(X, Y)$.

Example

The formal identity map T from Gowers' space G to ℓ_2 belongs to QNA , $\ker T = \{0\}$, but $T \notin \overline{\text{NA}(G, \ell_2)}$.

Example

If X is reflexive with $\dim(X) = \infty$, $[\ker T]^\perp \subset \text{NA}(X, \mathbb{K})$ for every $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$, but $\mathcal{L}(X, c_0) \setminus \text{NA}(X, c_0) \neq \emptyset$.

Remarks and open questions

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The analogue to Lindenstrauss properties

Properties quasi A and quasi B

- X has **property quasi A** if $\overline{\text{QNA}(X, Z)} = \mathcal{L}(X, Z)$ for every Z .
 - Y has **property quasi B** if $\overline{\text{QNA}(W, Y)} = \mathcal{L}(W, Y)$ for every W .
- The corresponding properties for NA are called **Lindenstrauss properties A and B**.

Isomorphic results

- X has property quasi A in every equivalent norm $\iff X$ has RNP,
 - Separable spaces (actually WCG) can be renormed to have property (quasi) A.
 - Y has property quasi B in every equivalent norm $\iff Y$ has RNP,
 - Every Banach space can be renormed to have property (quasi) B.
- We know that property quasi B is different from Lindenstrauss property B, but...

Question

Does property quasi A implies Lindenstrauss property A?

Uniquely quasi norm attaining operators

UQNA

$T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ **uniquely quasi attains its norm** towards $u \in Y$ iff whenever $(x_n) \subset B_X$ satisfies $\|Tx_n\| \rightarrow \|T\|$ there is $(x_{\sigma(n)})$ and $\theta \in \mathbb{T}$ such that $Tx_{\sigma(n)} \rightarrow \theta u$.

Example

$\text{Id} \in \mathcal{L}(c_0, c_0)$ does not belong to the closure of $\text{UQNA}(c_0, c_0)$.
Recall that $\text{NA}(c_0, c_0)$ (and so $\text{QNA}(c_0, c_0)$) is dense in $\mathcal{L}(c_0, c_0)$.

Proposition

If Y is LUR, then $\text{QNA}(X, Y) \subseteq \overline{\text{UQNA}(X, Y)}$ for every X .

Question

Find other sufficient conditions on X or Y to get $\text{QNA}(X, Y) \subseteq \overline{\text{UQNA}(X, Y)}$.

On a problem by M. Ostroskii

Open problem (Ostrovskii, 2005)

Does there exist X infinite-dimensional with $\text{NA}(X, X) = \mathcal{L}(X, X)$?

- The only possible candidates for X are separable reflexive spaces without one-complemented subspaces with the AP.

Question

Does there exist X infinite-dimensional with $\text{QNA}(X, X) = \mathcal{L}(X, X)$?

Some remarks

- If X is reflexive, the two problems are the same.
- As $\mathcal{K}(X, X) \subseteq \text{QNA}(X, X)$, one may think in testing spaces with “very few operators” (i.e. $\mathcal{L}(X, X) = \{\lambda \text{Id} + S : \lambda \in \mathbb{K}, S \in \mathcal{K}(X, X)\}$).
- $T = \lambda \text{Id} + S$ with $\lambda \neq 0$ and $S \in \mathcal{K}(X, X)$, if T belongs to $\text{QNA}(X, X)$, then $T \in \text{NA}(X, X)$.

Applications?

Applications of NA

- There are many applications of the study of $\text{NA}(X, Y)$,
- for instance to differential equations,
- mainly using “variational principles”, some of them consequences of the Bourgain–Stegall variational principle.

Main open problem

Find possible applications of QNA, maybe of the theorem on the RNP and UQNA.