The Daugavet property

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J. Becerra Guerrero and M. Martín,
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V. Kadets, M. Martín, and J. Merí.
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M. Martín and T. Oikhberg,
An alternative Daugavet property.
Outline

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In a Banach space $X$ with the **Radon-Nikodým property** the unit ball has many denting points.

- $x \in S_X$ is a **denting point** of $B_X$ if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ one has
  \[ x \notin \overline{co} \left( B_X \setminus (x + \varepsilon B_X) \right). \]

- $C[0,1]$ and $L_1[0,1]$ have an extremely opposite property: for every $x \in S_X$ and every $\varepsilon > 0$
  \[ \overline{co} \left( B_X \setminus (x + (2 - \varepsilon)B_X) \right) = B_X. \]

- This geometric property is equivalent to a property of operators on the space.
The Daugavet equation

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

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

- A Banach space $X$ is said to have the Daugavet property if every rank-one operator on $X$ satisfies (DE).
- If $X^*$ has the Daugavet property, so does $X$. The converse is not true:

  $C[0,1]$ has it but $C[0,1]^*$ not.


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

Some examples...

1. $K$ perfect, $\mu$ atomeless, $E$ arbitrary Banach space

   $\implies C(K,E)$, $L_1(\mu,E)$, and $L_\infty(\mu,E)$ have the Daugavet property.

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

2. $A(D)$ and $H^\infty$ have the Daugavet property.

   (Wojtaszczyk, 1992)
More examples...

3. A function algebra whose Choquet boundary is perfect has the Daugavet property.
   
   \((Werner, 1997)\)

4. “Large” subspaces of \(C[0,1]\) and \(L_1[0,1]\) have the Daugavet property (in particular, this happens for finite-codimensional subspaces).
   
   \((Kadets–Popov, 1997)\)

5. A \(C^*\)-algebra has the Daugavet property if and only if it is non-atomic.

6. The predual of a von Neumann algebra has the Daugavet property if and only if the algebra is non-atomic.
   
   \((Oikhberg, 2002)\)

7. \(\text{Lip}(K)\) when \(K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n\) is compact and convex.
   
   \((Ivankhno, Kadets, Werner, 2007)\)
Let $X$ be a Banach space with the Daugavet property. Then

- $X$ does not have the Radon-Nikodým property.
  \[(\text{Wojtaszczyk, 1992})\]
- Every slice of $B_X$ and every $w^*$-slice of $B_{X^*}$ have diameter 2.
  \[(\text{Kadets–Shvidkoy–Sirotkin–Werner, 2000})\]
- Actually, every weakly-open subset of $B_X$ has diameter 2.
  \[(\text{Shvidkoy, 2000})\]
- $X$ contains a copy of $\ell_1$. $X^*$ contains a copy or $L_1[0,1]$.
- Actually, given $x_0 \in S_X$ and slices $\{S_n : n \geq 1\}$, one may take $x_n \in S_n$ $\forall n \geq 1$ such that $\{x_n : n \geq 0\}$ is equivalent to the $\ell_1$-basis.
  \[(\text{Kadets–Shvidkoy–Sirotkin–Werner, 2000})\]
Theorem [KSSW]. TFAE:

- $X$ 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
  \[ \text{Re} x^*(y) > 1 - \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \|x - y\| \geq 2 - \varepsilon. \]
- For every $x \in S_X$, $x^* \in S_{X^*}$, and $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $y^* \in S_{X^*}$ such that
  \[ \text{Re} y^*(x) > 1 - \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \|x^* - y^*\| \geq 2 - \varepsilon. \]
- For every $x \in S_X$ and every $\varepsilon > 0$, we have
  \[ B_X = \overline{\text{co}} \left( \{ y \in B_X : \|x - y\| \geq 2 - \varepsilon \} \right). \]
Theorem

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

- Every weakly compact operator on $X$ satisfies (DE).

  \[(\text{Kadets–Shvidkoy–Sirotkin–Werner, 2000})\]

- Actually, every operator on $X$ not fixing a copy of $\ell_1$ satisfies (DE).

  \[(\text{Sirotkin, 2000})\]

Consequences

1. $X$ does not have unconditional basis.

   \[(\text{Kadets, 1996})\]

2. Moreover, $X$ does not embed into any space with unconditional basis.

   \[(\text{Kadets–Shvidkoy–Sirotkin–Werner, 2000})\]

3. Actually, $X$ does not embed into an unconditional sum of Banach spaces without a copy of $\ell_1$.

   \[(\text{Shvidkoy, 2000})\]
A 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...

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

We need...

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

- Write \( x_0^* = y_0^* + z_0^* \) with \( y_0^* \in Y, z_0^* \in Z, \|x_0^*\| = \|y_0^*\| + \|z_0^*\| \), and write
  \[ U = \{x^* \in B_{X^*} : \text{Re } x^*(x_0) > 1 - \varepsilon/2 \}. \]

- Take \( z^* \in B_Z \cap U \) and a net \((y_\lambda^*)\) in \( B_Y \cap U \), such that \((y_\lambda^*) \overset{w^*}{\longrightarrow} z^*. \)
- \((y_\lambda^* + y_0^*) \longrightarrow z^* + y_0^* \) and the norm is \( w^*\text{-lower semi-continuous}, \) so
  \[ \liminf \|y_\lambda^* + y_0^*\| \geq \|z^* + y_0^*\| = \|z^*\| + \|y_0^*\| > 1 + \|y_0^*\| - \varepsilon/2. \]

- Then we may find \( \mu \) such that \( \|y_\mu^* + y_0^*\| \geq 1 + \|y_0^*\| - \varepsilon/2. \)
- Finally, observe that
  \[ \|x_0^* + y_\mu^*\| = \|(y_0^* + y_\mu^*) + z_0^*\| = \]
  \[ = \|y_0^* + y_\mu^*\| + \|z_0^*\| > 1 + \|y_0^*\| - \varepsilon + \|z_0^*\| = 2 - \varepsilon, \]
  and that \( \text{Re } y_\mu^*(x_0) > 1 - \varepsilon \) (since \( y_\mu^* \in U \)). \( \checkmark \)
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.  
  \textit{(Kadets–Shvidkoy–Sirotkin–Werner, 2000)}
- If $Y \subset L_1$ is $L$-embedded, then $L_1/Y$ does not have the RNP.  
  \textit{(Harmand–Werner–Werner, 1993)}
Application:
The Daugavet property of $C^*$-algebras and von Neumann preduals

- von Neumann preduals
- $C^*$-algebras
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 $\text{ext} \left( B_{X_*} \right)$ is empty, then $X$ and $X_*$ have the Daugavet property.

Example: $L_\infty[0, 1]$ and $L_1[0, 1]$.

Actually, much more can be proved:
Theorem

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

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

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

$$p^2 = p^* = p \quad \text{and} \quad pXp = C_p.$$
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. So, $X$ has the Daugavet property. 
Example: $C[0, 1]$
sketch of the proof of the theorem

We have...

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

We need...

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

- Write $X^{**} = A \oplus_\infty N$ and $Y = A \cap X$.
- $Y$ 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
  $$X \hookrightarrow X^{**} = A \oplus_\infty N \twoheadrightarrow N$$
  in injective. Since it is an homomorphism, it is an isometry.
- But $N^* \equiv N$, so $N$ is norming for $N$ and now, also for $X$. \(\checkmark\)
Theorem

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

- $X$ has the Daugavet property.
- The norm of $X$ is extremely rough, i.e.
  \[
  \limsup_{\|h\| \to 0} \frac{\|x + h\| + \|x - h\| - 2}{\|h\|} = 2
  \]
  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.
The Daugavet property of Lindenstrauss spaces

Lindenstrauss spaces
**Lindenstrauss spaces**

**Definition**

X is a **Lindenstrauss space** if $X^* \equiv L_1(\mu)$ (isometrically) for some measure $\mu$.

**Examples**

1. $C(K)$ spaces, $C_0(L)$ spaces.
2. $A(K)$ (affine continuous functions on a Choquet simplex).
3. $G$-spaces due to Grothendieck...

**An equivalent relation**

$X$ Lindenstrauss space, $f, g \in \text{ext}(B_{X^*})$,

$$f \sim g \iff \dim_K(\{f, g\}) = 1.$$  

**Werner, 1997**

$X$ Lindenstrauss space.

$(\text{ext}(B_{X^*}) / \sim, w^*)$ perfect $\implies$ $X$ has the Daugavet property.

But more can be said...
The result

**Theorem (Becerra-M., 2006)**

Let $X$ be a Lindenstrauss space. TFAE:

1. $X$ has the Daugavet property.
2. The norm of $X$ is extremely rough.
3. The norm of $X$ is not Fréchet-smooth at any point.
4. $\text{ext}(B_{X^*}) / \sim$ does not have any isolated point.

★ Only (3) $\implies$ (4) needs proof.

★ We use the following result which is of independent interest:

**Proposition**

Let $X$ be a Banach space, $f \in \text{ext}(B_{X^*})$ which $[f]$ isolated point of $\text{ext}(B_{X^*}) / \sim$ $\implies f$ $w^*$-strongly exposed point of $B_{X^*}$.

★ It is a consequence of Choquet’s lemma.
The alternative Daugavet equation

5 The alternate Daugavet equation
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The alternative Daugavet equation

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

\[
\max_{|\omega|=1} \|\text{Id} + \omega T\| = 1 + \|T\| \tag{aDE}
\]

*(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: $C([0,1],\ell_2)$.

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

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


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

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

for every operator $T \in L(X)$. 
Numerical index 1

- \( C(K) \) and \( L_1(\mu) \) have numerical index 1.
  \( (Duncan–McGregor–Pryce–White, 1970) \)
- All function algebras have numerical index 1.
  \( (Werner, 1997) \)
- A \( C^* \)-algebra has numerical index 1 iff it is commutative.
  \( (Huruya, 1977; Kaidi–Morales–Rodríguez-Palacios, 2000) \)
- In case \( \dim(X) < \infty \), \( X \) has numerical index 1 iff
  \[ |x^*(x)| = 1 \quad x^* \in \text{ext}(B_{X^*}), \ x \in \text{ext}(B_X). \]
  \( (McGregor, 1971) \)
- If \( \dim(X) = \infty \) and \( X \) has numerical index 1, then \( X^* \supseteq \ell_1 \).
  \( (Avilés–Kadets–M.–Merí–Shepelska, 2009) \)
The alternative Daugavet property

\[ c_0 \oplus_\infty C([0,1], \ell_2) \text{ has the ADP, but neither the Daugavet property, nor numerical index 1.} \]

For RNP or Asplund spaces, the ADP implies numerical index 1.

Every Banach space with the ADP can be renormed still having the ADP but failing the Daugavet property.
**Theorem.** TFAE:

- $X$ has the ADP.
- For every $x \in S_X$, $x^* \in S_{X^*}$, and $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $y \in S_X$ such that
  $$|x^*(y)| > 1 - \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \|x - y\| \geq 2 - \varepsilon.$$
- For every $x \in S_X$, $x^* \in S_{X^*}$, and $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $y^* \in S_{X^*}$ such that
  $$|y^*(x)| > 1 - \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \|x^* - y^*\| \geq 2 - \varepsilon.$$
- For every $x \in S_X$ and every $\varepsilon > 0$, we have
  $$B_X = \overline{co} \left( \{ y \in B_X : \|x - y\| \geq 2 - \varepsilon \} \right).$$
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.
Norm equalities for operators

- The equations
- Extremely non-complex Banach spaces
Motivating question

Are there other norm equalities like Daugavet equation which could define interesting properties of Banach spaces?

Concretely

We looked for non-trivial norm equalities of the forms

\[ \|g(T)\| = f(\|T\|) \quad \text{or} \quad \|\text{Id} + g(T)\| = f(\|g(T)\|) \]

\((g \text{ analytic, } f \text{ arbitrary})\) satisfied by all rank-one operators on a Banach space.

Solution

We proved that there are few possibilities...
Equalities of the form $\|g(T)\| = f(\|T\|)$

**Theorem**

$X$ real or complex with $\dim(X) \geq 2$. Suppose that the norm equality

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

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

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

Then, there are $a, b \in \mathbb{K}$ such that

$$g(\zeta) = a + b \zeta \quad (\zeta \in \mathbb{K}).$$

**Corollary**

Only three norm equalities of the form

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

are possible:

- $b = 0$: $\|a \text{Id}\| = |a|$,  
- $a = 0$: $\|b T\| = |b| \|T\|$,  
  (trivial cases)
- $a \neq 0$, $b \neq 0$:  
  $\|a \text{Id} + b T\| = |a| + |b| \|T\|$,  
  (Daugavet property)
Equalities of the form $\|\text{Id} + g(T)\| = f(\|g(T)\|)$

**Remark**

If $X$ has the Daugavet property and $g$ is analytic, then

$$\|\text{Id} + g(T)\| = |1 + g(0)| - |g(0)| + \|g(T)\|$$

for every rank-one $T \in L(X)$.

- Our aim here is not to show that $g$ has a suitable form,
- but it is to see that for every $g$ another simpler equation can be found.
- From now on, we have to separate the complex and the real case.
Equalities of the form $\|\text{Id} + g(T)\| = f(\|g(T)\|)$

- **Complex case:**

**Proposition**

$X$ complex, $\dim(X) \geq 2$. Suppose that

$$\|\text{Id} + g(T)\| = f(\|g(T)\|)$$

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

- $g : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ analytic non-constant,
- $f : \mathbb{R}^+_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous.

Then

$$\|(1 + g(0))\text{Id} + T\| = |1 + g(0)| - |g(0)| + \|g(0)\text{Id} + T\|$$

for every rank-one $T \in L(X)$.

We obtain two different cases:

- $|1 + g(0)| - |g(0)| \neq 0$ or
- $|1 + g(0)| - |g(0)| = 0$. 
Equalities of the form $\|\text{Id} + g(T)\| = f(\|g(T)\|)$. Complex case

**Theorem**
If $\text{Re} g(0) \neq -1/2$ and

$$\|\text{Id} + g(T)\| = f(\|g(T)\|)$$

for every rank-one $T$, then $X$ has the Daugavet property.

**Theorem**
If $\text{Re} g(0) = -1/2$ and

$$\|\text{Id} + g(T)\| = f(\|g(T)\|)$$

for every rank-one $T$, then exists $\theta_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

$$\|\text{Id} + e^{i\theta_0} T\| = \|\text{Id} + T\|$$

for every rank-one $T \in L(X)$.

**Example**
If $X = C[0,1] \oplus_2 C[0,1]$, then

- $\|\text{Id} + e^{i\theta} T\| = \|\text{Id} + T\|$ for every $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$, rank-one $T \in L(X)$.
- $X$ does not have the Daugavet property.
**Equalities of the form** $\|\text{Id} + g(T)\| = f(\|g(T)\|)$. **Real case**

- **Real case:**

**Remarks**

- The proofs are not valid (we use Picard’s Theorem).
- They work when $g$ is onto.
- But we do not know what is the situation when $g$ is not onto, even in the easiest examples:
  - $\|\text{Id} + T^2\| = 1 + \|T^2\|$, 
  - $\|\text{Id} - T^2\| = 1 + \|T^2\|$.

**Example**

If $X = C[0, 1] \oplus_2 C[0, 1]$, then

- $\|\text{Id} - T\| = \|\text{Id} + T\|$ for every rank-one $T \in L(X)$.
- $X$ does **not** have the Daugavet property.
Extremely non-complex Banach spaces: the motivating question

Godefroy, private communication

Is there any real Banach space $X$ (with $\dim(X) > 1$) such that

$$\|\text{Id} + T^2\| = 1 + \|T^2\|$$

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

Definition

$X$ is extremely non-complex if $\text{dist}(T^2, -\text{Id})$ is the maximum possible, i.e.

$$\|\text{Id} + T^2\| = 1 + \|T^2\| \quad (\forall T \in L(X))$$
The solution (Koszmider–M.–Merí, 2009)

Existence

There are infinitely many nonisomorphic extremely non-complex Banach spaces.

Examples

1. $C(K)$ spaces with “few operators”.
2. A $C(K_1)$ containing a (1-complemented) isometric copy of $\ell_\infty$.
3. A $C(K_2)$ containing a complemented copy of $c_0$.
4. Many spaces nonisomorphic to $C(K)$ spaces

Main application

There exists a Banach space $\mathcal{X}$ such that

$$\text{Iso}(\mathcal{X}) = \{-\text{Id}, +\text{Id}\} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Iso}(\mathcal{X}^*) \supset \text{Iso}(\ell_2).$$