# SOME IDEALS OF OPERATORS BETWEEN SPACES OF OPERATORS

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For  $A \in L(X, Y)$ ,  $B \in L(Z, T)$  we consider the operator  $h : L(Y, Z) \rightarrow L(X, T)$ , h(U) = BUA. We prove that in some hypotheses about A and B the operator h is in some ideal of operators. As a consequence we obtain that the ideals of Dunford-Pettis dual operator and weak\*-norm sequentially continuous operators are projective tensor stable,  $Nc^{dual} \otimes_{\pi} DP^{dual} \subset Nc^{dual}$ ,  $GP^{dual} \otimes_{\pi} DP^{dual} \subset GP^{dual}$ .

Let  $U \in L(X, Y)$  be. U is called a Dunford-Pettis operator if:  $x_n \to 0$ weak, implies  $U(x_n) \to 0$  in norm. U is called an unconditionally converging operator if: for each weakly unconditionally Cauchy series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ , i.e.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x^*(x_n)| < \infty$ , for each  $x^* \in X^*$ , it follows that:  $U(x_n) \to 0$  in norm. A sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in N} \subset X$  is called limited sequence if for every  $x_n^* \to 0$ weak<sup>\*</sup>, implies  $x_n^*(x_n) \to 0$ . An operator  $U \in L(X, Y)$  is called a Gelfand-Phillips operator if for each  $(x_n)_{n \in N} \subset X$  limited weakly null sequence it follows:  $U(x_n) \to 0$  in norm. U has weak<sup>\*</sup>-norm sequentially continuous dual if:  $x_n^* \to 0$  weak<sup>\*</sup>, implies  $U^*(x_n^*) \to 0$  in norm. We denote DP, Nc, GPthe ideal of the Dunford-Pettis, unconditionally converging, Gelfand-Phillips operators.

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**Proposition 1.** Let  $A \in DP^{dual}(X, Y)$  (resp.  $A \in Nc^{dual}(X, Y)$ ),  $B \in DP(Z, T)$  and  $h : L(Y, Z) \rightarrow L(X, T)$ , h(U) = BUA. Then h is a Dunford-Pettis operator (resp. an unconditionally converging operator).

*Proof.* Suppose first that  $A \in DP^{dual}(X, Y)$ . Let  $(U_n)_{n \in N} \subset L(Y, Z)$  such that:  $U_n \to 0$  weak. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $x_n \in X$ ,  $||x_n|| = 1$ , such that:

(1) 
$$||h(U_n)|| - \frac{1}{n} < ||h(U_n)(x_n)|| = ||(BU_n A)(x_n)||.$$

Let  $z^* \in Z^*$ ,  $y^{**} \in Y^{**}$  and  $y^{**} \otimes z^*$ :  $L(Y, Z) \to R(C)$  be the functional,  $(y^{**} \otimes z^*)(S) = y^{**}(S^*(z^*))$ . Since  $U_n \to 0$  weak, we obtain  $\langle U_n, y^{**} \otimes z^* \rangle \to 0$ , i.e.  $\langle z^* \circ U_n, y^{**} \rangle \to 0$ , or  $y^{**} \in Y^{**}$  being arbitrary, that:  $z^* \circ U_n \to 0$  weak. But  $A \in DP^{dual}(X, Y)$  implies  $A^*(z^* \circ U_n) \to 0$  in norm or,  $z^* \circ U_n \circ A \to 0$ in norm of  $X^*$ , hence  $(z^* \circ U_n \circ A)(x_n) \to 0$ , i.e.  $\langle (U_n \circ A)(x_n), z^* \rangle \to 0$ and since  $z^* \in Z^*$  is arbitrary this shows that:  $(U_n \circ A)(x_n) \to 0$  weak. Now  $B \in DP(Z, T)$  and hence:  $B((U_n \circ A)(x_n)) \to 0$  in norm of T, i.e.  $(B \circ U_n \circ A)(x_n) \to 0$  in norm of T and the relation (1) implies  $||h(U_n)|| \to 0$ , i.e. h is a Dunford-Pettis operator.

Suppose now  $A \in Nc^{dual}(X, Y)$ . Let be now  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$  a weakly unconditionally Cauchy series. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $x_n \in X$ ,  $||x_n|| = 1$ , such that:

(2) 
$$||h(U_n)|| - \frac{1}{n} < ||h(U_n)(x_n)|| = ||(BU_n A)(x_n)||.$$

Let  $z^* \in Z^*$ ,  $y^{**} \in Y^{**}$  and  $y^{**} \otimes z^*$ :  $L(Y, Z) \to R(C)$  be the functional,  $(y^{**} \otimes z^*)(S) = y^{**}(S^*(z^*))$ . Since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n$  is a weakly unconditionally Cauchy series we obtain:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle U_n, y^{**} \otimes z^* \rangle| < \infty$ , i.e.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle z^* \circ U_n, y^{**} \rangle| < \infty$ . But  $y^{**} \in Y^{**}$  being arbitrary this means that:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z^* \circ U_n$  is a weakly unconditionally Cauchy series. But  $A \in Nc^{dual}(X, Y)$  implies  $A^*(z^* \circ U_n) \to 0$  in norm or,  $z^* \circ U_n \circ A \to 0$  in norm of  $X^*$ , from where:  $(z^* \circ U_n \circ A)(x_n) \to 0$ , i.e.  $\langle (U_n \circ A)(x_n), z^* \rangle \to 0$  and since  $z^* \in Z^*$  is arbitrary this shows that;  $(U_n \circ A)(x_n) \to 0$  weak. Now  $B \in DP(Z, T)$  and hence:  $B((U_n \circ A)(x_n)) \to 0$ in norm of T, i.e.  $(B \circ U_n \circ A)(x_n) \to 0$  in norm of T and the relation (2)

implies  $||h(U_n)|| \to 0$ , i.e. *h* is an unconditionally converging operator. Let us observe that the same proof is still true if  $h : K(Y, Z) \to K(X, T)$ , h(U) = BUA, where K(X, Y) is the space of all compact operators from X into the Y equipped with the operatorial norm. **Corollary 2.** a) The ideal of all Dunford-Pettis dual operators is projective tensor stable, i.e.  $DP^{dual} \otimes_{\pi} DP^{dual} \subset DP^{dual}$ . b)  $Nc^{dual} \otimes_{\pi} DP^{dual} \subset Nc^{dual}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $U \in L(X, X_1)$ ,  $V \in L(Y, Y_1)$  and  $U \otimes_{\pi} V : X \otimes_{\pi} Y \to X_1 \otimes_{\pi} Y_1$ the projective tensor product. Then:  $h = (U \otimes_{\pi} V)^* : L(X_1, Y_1^*) \to L(X, Y^*)$ has the action  $h(\psi) = V^* \circ \psi \circ U$ , i.e. is the operator h from Proposition 1 corresponding to A = U,  $B = V^*$ . The corollary follows from Proposition 1.

A naturally question is: the ideal of all dual unconditionally converging operators is projective tensor stable, i.e.  $Nc^{dual} \otimes_{\pi} Nc^{dual} \subset Nc^{dual}$ ? The answer is no. Take the identity operator  $i : l_2 \rightarrow l_2$  which has the dual unconditionally converging, since  $l_2$  does not contain a copy of  $c_0$  and use the well-known result of Pelczynski, but the dual of  $i \otimes_{\pi} i : l_2 \otimes_{\pi} l_2 \rightarrow l_2 \otimes_{\pi} l_2$ is the identity operator on  $L(l_2, l_2)$  which contains copy of  $c_0$  and hence is not unconditionally convergent. (The application  $\varphi : c_0 \rightarrow L(l_2, l_2), x \rightarrow \varphi(x)$ where  $\varphi(x) : l_2 \rightarrow l_2, \varphi(x)(y) = (x_n y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, x = (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}, y = (y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in l_2$  is an isometry). The point a) extend a result of [4].

Also in [3] is proved that if X has the Schur property, then  $l_1^s(X)$ , the space of all unconditionally convergent series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ , equipped with the norm

 $\varepsilon((x_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}) = \sup_{\|x^*\| \le 1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x^*(x_n)|, \text{ has the Schur property. Since as is well-known}$ 

 $l_1^s(X) = K(c_0, X)$  and the identity operator correspond to  $h : K(c_0, X) \rightarrow K(c_0, X), h(U) = iUI, i : c_0 \rightarrow c_0, I : X \rightarrow X$  being the identity operator, then using the remark from the Proposition 1, we obtain that h is a Dunford-Pettis operator, i.e.  $l_1^s(X) = K(c_0, X)$  has the Schur property.

**Proposition 3.** *The ideal of all dual weak*<sup>\*</sup>*-norm sequentially continuous operators is projective tensor stable.* 

*Proof.* Let  $A \in L(X, Y)$ ,  $B \in L(Z, T)$  be two operators with dual weak\*-norm sequentially continuous,  $A \otimes_{\pi} B : X \otimes_{\pi} Z \to Y \otimes_{\pi} T$  the projective tensor product and  $h = (U \otimes_{\pi} V)^* : L(Y, T^*) \to L(X, Z^*)$  the dual of  $U \otimes_{\pi} V$ , which has the action  $h(\psi) = B^* \circ \psi \circ A$ . Let  $\psi_n \to 0$  weak\*. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $x_n \in X$ ,  $z_n \in Z$ ,  $||x_n|| = ||z_n|| = 1$ , such that:

(3) 
$$||h(\psi_n)|| - \frac{1}{n} < ||[h(\psi_n)(x_n)](z_n)|| = ||[(B^* \circ \psi_n \circ A)(x_n)](z_n)||.$$

Then for each  $y \in Y$  and  $t \in T$ ,  $\langle t, \psi_n(y) \rangle = \langle y \otimes t, \psi_n \rangle \to 0$ , i.e.  $\psi_n(y) \to 0$ weak\*. Since  $B^* : T^* \to Z^*$  is weak\*-norm sequentially continuous we have:  $B^*(\psi_n(y)) \to 0$  in norm of  $Z^*$ , and thus  $[(B^* \circ \psi_n)(y)](z_n) \to 0$ . Denoting for  $z \in Z$  by  $\hat{z} \in Z^{**}$  the canonical mapping associated to z into the bidual the above relation shows that:  $(\hat{z_n} \circ B^* \circ \psi_n)(y) \to 0$ , i.e.  $\hat{z_n} \circ B^* \circ \psi_n \to 0$  weak<sup>\*</sup>. Now since  $A^* : Y^* \to X^*$  is weak<sup>\*</sup>-norm sequentially continuous, we have:  $A^*(\hat{z_n} \circ B^* \circ \psi_n) \to 0$  in norm of  $X^*$  and hence:  $[A^*(\hat{z_n} \circ B^* \circ \psi_n)](x_n) \to 0$  in norm of X,  $[\hat{z_n} \circ B^* \circ \psi_n](Ax_n) = [(B^* \circ \psi_n \circ A)(x_n)](z_n) \to 0$ , in norm of X. The relation (3) implies that:  $||h(\psi_n)|| \to 0$ , i.e. h is weak<sup>\*</sup>-norm sequentially continuous and the proposition is proved.

**Proposition 4.** a) Let  $A \in GP^{dual}(X, Y)$ ,  $B \in GP(Z, T)$  and  $h : K(Y, Z) \rightarrow K(X, T)$ , h(U) = BUA. Then h is a Gelfand-Phillips operator.

b) Let  $A \in GP^{dual}(X, Y)$ ,  $B \in DP(Z, T)$  and  $h : L(Y, Z) \rightarrow L(X, T)$ , h(U) = BUA. Then h is a Gelfand-Phillips operator.

*Proof.* a) Let  $(U_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset K(Y, Z)$  such that:  $U_n \to 0$  weak and  $(U_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a limited sequence. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $x_n \in X$ ,  $||x_n|| = 1$ , such that:

(4) 
$$||h(U_n)|| - \frac{1}{n} < ||h(U_n)(x_n)|| = ||(BU_n A)(x_n)||.$$

Let  $z^* \in Z^*$ ,  $y^{**} \in Y^{**}$  and  $y^{**} \otimes z^* : K(Y, Z) \to R(C)$  be the functional,  $(y^{**}\otimes z^{*})(S) = y^{**}(S^{*}(z^{*}))$ . Since  $U_n \to 0$  weak we obtain  $\langle U_n, y^{**}\otimes z^{*} \rangle \to 0$ , i.e.  $\langle z^* \circ U_n, y^{**} \rangle \rightarrow 0$ , or  $y^{**} \in Y^{**}$  being arbitrary that:  $z^* \circ U_n \rightarrow 0$ weak. Also  $(z^* \circ U_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset Y^*$  is a limited sequence. Indeed, if  $y_n^{**} \to 0$ weak<sup>\*</sup>, then  $(y_n^{**} \otimes z^*)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset (K(Y, Z))^*$  defined as above is clearly weak<sup>\*</sup> converging to 0, and since  $(U_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a limited sequence  $\langle U, y_n^{**} \otimes z^* \rangle \to 0$ ,  $y_n^{**}(U^*(z^*)) \rightarrow 0$ . But  $A \in GP^{dual}(X, Y)$  implies  $A^*(z^* \circ U_n) \rightarrow 0$  in norm or,  $z^* \circ U_n \circ A \to 0$  in norm of  $X^*$ , hence  $(z^* \circ U_n \circ A)(x_n) \to 0$ , i.e.  $\langle (U_n \circ A)(x_n), z^* \rangle \to 0$  and since  $z^* \in Z^*$  is arbitrary this shows that:  $(U_n \circ A)(x_n) \to 0$  weak. Also  $((U_n \circ A)(x_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset Z$  is a limited sequence. Indeed, for  $z_n^* \to 0$  weak<sup>\*</sup>, let  $\alpha_n : K(Y, Z) \to R(C)$  be the functional  $\alpha_n(S) = z_n^*((S \circ A)(x_n)) = [S^*(z_n^*)](Ax_n)$ . Since  $S \in K(Y, Z)$ ,  $S^*$  is compact and hence weak\*-norm sequentially continuous, i.e.  $S^*(z_n^*) \to 0$  in norm and in particular,  $\alpha_n(S) = [S^*(z_n^*)](Ax_n) \rightarrow 0$ . Thus  $\alpha_n \rightarrow 0$  weak<sup>\*</sup>, hence  $(U_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  being a limited sequence  $\alpha_n(U_n) \to 0$ ,  $z_n^*((U_n \circ A)(x_n)) \to 0$ , i.e.  $((U_n \circ A)(x_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset Z$  is a limited sequence. Now  $B \in GP(Z, T)$  and hence:  $B((U_n \circ A)(x_n)) \to 0$  in norm of T, i.e.  $(B \circ U_n \circ A)(x_n) \to 0$  in norm of T and the relation (4) implies:  $||h(U_n)|| \rightarrow 0$ , i.e. h is a Gelfand-Phillips operator.

b) Let  $(U_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}} \subset L(Y, Z)$  such that:  $U_n \to 0$  weak and  $(U_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a limited sequence. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $x_n \in X$ ,  $||x_n|| = 1$ , such that:

(5) 
$$||h(U_n)|| - \frac{1}{n} < ||h(U_n)(x_n)|| = ||(BU_n A)(x_n)||.$$

Let  $z^* \in Z^*$ ,  $y^{**} \in Y^{**}$  and  $y^{**} \otimes z^*$ :  $L(Y, Z) \to R(C)$  be the functional,  $(y^{**} \otimes z^*)(S) = y^{**}(S^*(z^*))$ . Since  $U_n \to 0$  weak, we obtain  $\langle U_n, y^{**} \otimes z^* \rangle \to 0$ , i.e.  $\langle z^* \circ U_n, y^{**} \rangle \to 0$  or  $y^{**} \in Y^{**}$  being arbitrary that:  $z^* \circ U_n \to 0$  weak. Also  $(z^* \circ U_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset Y^*$  is a limited sequence. Indeed, if  $y_n^{**} \to 0$  weak\*, then  $(y_n^{**} \otimes z^*)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset (K(Y, Z))^*$  defined as above is clearly weak\* converging to 0, and since  $(U_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a limited sequence  $\langle U, y_n^{**} \otimes z^* \rangle \to 0$ ,  $y_n^{**}(U^*(z^*)) \to 0$ . But  $A \in GP^{dual}(X, Y)$  implies  $A^*(z^* \circ U_n) \to 0$  in norm or,  $z^* \circ U_n \circ A \to 0$ in norm of  $X^*$ , hence  $(z^* \circ U_n \circ A)(x_n) \to 0$ , i.e.  $\langle (U_n \circ A)(x_n), z^* \rangle \to 0$ and since  $z^* \in Z^*$  is arbitrary this shows that:  $(U_n \circ A)(x_n) \to 0$  weak. Now  $B \in DP(Z, T)$  and hence:  $B((U_n \circ A)(x_n)) \to 0$  in norm of T, i.e.  $(B \circ U_n \circ A)(x_n) \to 0$  in norm of T and the relation (5) implies:  $||h(U_n)|| \to 0$ , i.e. h is a Gelfand-Phillips operator.

The point a) is an extension of Corollary 2.3 from [1] and the point b) is an extension of Theorem 2 from [2].

## **Corollary 5.** $GP^{dual} \otimes_{\pi} DP^{dual} \subset GP^{dual}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $U \in L(X, X_1)$ ,  $V \in L(Y, Y_1)$  and  $U \otimes_{\pi} V : X \otimes_{\pi} Y \to X_1 \otimes_{\pi} Y_1$ the projective tensor product. Then:  $h = (U \otimes_{\pi} V)^* : L(X_1, Y_1^*) \to L(X, Y^*)$ has the action  $h(\psi) = V^* \circ \psi \circ U$ , i.e. is the operator h from Proposition 4 corresponding to A = U,  $B = V^*$ . The corollary follows from Proposition 4.

The same example as above, i.e. the identity operator on  $L(l_2, l_2)$ , which is the dual of  $i \otimes_{\pi} i : l_2 \otimes_{\pi} l_2 \rightarrow l_2 \otimes_{\pi} l_2$  ( $i : l_2 \rightarrow l_2$  is a Gelfand-Phillips operator,  $l_2$  is separable) shows that the dual of Gelfand-Phillips operators is not projective tensor stable, since  $L(l_2, l_2)$  contains a copy of  $l_{\infty}$  and  $l_{\infty}$  is not a Gelfand-Phillips space.

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