## $\nabla$ -FREDHOLM OPERATORS IN BANACH–KANTOROVICH SPACES

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ABSTRACT. The paper is devoted to studying  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operators in Banach–Kantorovich spaces over a ring of measurable functions. We show that a bounded linear operator acting in Banach–Kantorovich space is  $\nabla$ -Fredholm if and only if it can be represented as a sum of an invertible operator and a cyclically compact operator.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

It is well-known that one of the important notions in the theory of operator equations in Banach spaces is that of a Fredholm operator. In 1943 by M. S. Nikolsky it was proved that a bounded linear operator acting in Banach space is Fredholm if and only if it can be represented as a sum of an invertible operator and a compact operator (see [1]). In this paper we considered the  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operators acting in a Banach–Kantorovich space over a ring of measurable functions. It is known [2] that every Banach-Kantorovich space over a ring measurable functions can be represented as a measurable bundle of Banach spaces. Cyclically compact sets and operators in lattice-normed spaces were introduced by Kusraev in [3] and [4], respectively. In [5] (see also [6]) a general form of cyclically compact operators in Kaplansky–Hilbert module, as well as a variant of Fredholm alternative for cyclically compact operators, are also given. In [7] it was proved that every cyclically compact operator acting in Banach–Kantorovich space over a ring measurable functions can be represented as a measurable bundle of compact operators acting in Banach spaces. For different aspects of cyclical compactness, see [8-11]. In [12]there was given a structure of modules over the ring of measurable functions, which is represented as a measurable bundle of finite dimensional spaces. Using this representation we show that every  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operator acting in Banach–Kantorovich space can be represented as a measurable bundle of Fredholm operators acting in Banach spaces and prove a vector version of Nikolsky theorem for a bounded linear operators acting in Banach–Kantorovich spaces.

#### 2. Preliminaries

Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measurable space with a finite measure and  $L^0 = L^0(\Omega)$  be the algebra of equivalence classes of all complex measurable functions on  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ .

A complex linear space E is said to be normed by  $L^0$  if there is a map  $\|\cdot\| : E \longrightarrow L^0$ such that for any  $x, y \in E, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , the following conditions are fulfilled:  $\|x\| \ge 0$ ;  $\|x\| = 0 \iff x = 0$ ;  $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|$ ;  $\|x + y\| \le \|x\| + \|y\|$ .

The pair  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  is called a lattice-normed space over  $L^0$ . A lattice-normed space E is called *d*-decomposable if for any  $x \in E$  with  $\|x\| = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ ,  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in L^0$ ,  $\lambda_1\lambda_2 = 0$  there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in E$  such that  $x = x_1 + x_2$  and  $\|x_i\| = \lambda_i$ , i = 1, 2. A net  $(x_\alpha)$  in E is

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(bo)-converging to  $x \in E$ , if  $||x_{\alpha} - x|| \xrightarrow{(o)} 0$  in  $L^0$  (note that the order convergence in  $L^0$  coincides with convergence almost everywhere).

A lattice-normed space E which is *d*-decomposable and complete with respect to (*bo*)-convergence is called a *Banach–Kantorovich space* (BKS).

It is known that every BKS E over  $L^0$  is a module over  $L^0$  and  $||\lambda x|| = |\lambda|||x||$  for all  $\lambda \in L^0$ ,  $x \in E$  (see [2], [4]).

We shall consider a map  $X : \omega \in \Omega \to (X(\omega), \|\cdot\|_{X(\omega)})$ , where  $(X(\omega), \|\cdot\|_{X(\omega)})$  is a Banach space for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . A function u is called a section of X if it is defined on  $\Omega$  almost everywhere and takes a value  $u(\omega) \in X(\omega)$  for  $\omega \in \text{dom}(u)$ , where dom(u) is the domain of u.

Let L be some set of sections.

**Definition 2.1.** [2] (see also [6]). A pair (X, L) is called a measurable Banach bundle (MBB) over  $\Omega$ , if

- a)  $\lambda_1 c_1 + \lambda_2 c_2 \in L$  for all  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C}, c_1, c_2 \in L$ , where
- $\lambda_1 c_1 + \lambda_2 c_2 : \omega \in \operatorname{dom}(c_1) \cap \operatorname{dom}(c_2) \to \lambda_1 c_1(\omega) + \lambda_2 c_2(\omega);$
- b) the function  $||c|| : \omega \in \text{dom}(c) \to ||c(\omega)||_{X(\omega)}$  is measurable for all  $c \in L$ ;
- c) for all  $\omega \in \Omega$  the set  $\{c(\omega) : c \in L, \omega \in \text{dom}(c)\}$  is dense in  $X(\omega)$ .

A section s is called simple if there exists  $c_i \in L, A_i \in \Sigma, i = \overline{1, n}$ , such that  $s(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^n \chi_{A_i}(\omega)c_i(\omega)$ . A section u is called measurable if there exists a sequence  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of simple sections such that  $||s_n(\omega) - u(\omega)||_{X(\omega)} \to 0$  for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

We denote by  $\mathcal{M}(\Omega, X)$  the set of all measurable sections and  $L^0(\Omega, X)$  denotes the factorization of this set with respect to equality almost everywhere. By  $\hat{u}$  we denote the class from  $L^0(\Omega, X)$ , containing section  $u \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega, X)$ . A function  $\omega \to ||u(\omega)||_{X(\omega)}$  is measurable for all  $u \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega, X)$ . By  $||\hat{u}||$  we denote the element in  $L^0$ , containing the function  $||u(\omega)||_{X(\omega)}$ .

It is known [2] that  $(L^0(\Omega, X), \|\cdot\|)$  is BKS over  $L^0$ .

We denote by  $\mathcal{L}^{\infty}(\Omega)$  the set of all bounded complex measurable functions on  $\Omega$  and  $L^{\infty}(\Omega) = \{f \in L^0 : \exists \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda > 0, |f| \leq \lambda \mathbf{1}\}$ , where  $\mathbf{1}$  is unit in  $L^0$ . Let

$$\mathcal{L}^{\infty}(\Omega, X) = \{ u \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega, X) : \| u(\omega) \|_{X(\omega)} \in \mathcal{L}^{\infty}(\Omega) \}$$

and  $L^{\infty}(\Omega, X) = \{ \hat{u} \in L^0(\Omega, X) : ||\hat{u}|| \in L^{\infty}(\Omega) \}.$ 

The sets  $\mathcal{M}(\Omega, X)$  and  $\mathcal{L}^{\infty}(\Omega, X)$  are often identified with  $L^{0}(\Omega, X)$  and  $L^{\infty}(\Omega, X)$ , by identifying a measurable section u and the corresponding equivalence class  $\hat{u}$ .

We consider a lifting  $p: L^{\infty}(\Omega) \to \mathcal{L}^{\infty}(\Omega)$  (see [2]).

**Definition 2.2.** [2] (see also [6]). The map  $\rho_X : L^{\infty}(\Omega, X) \to \mathcal{L}^{\infty}(\Omega, X)$  is called a vector valued lifting on  $L^{\infty}(\Omega, X)$  (associated with p), if:

a)  $\rho_X(\hat{u}) \in \hat{u}, \operatorname{dom}(\rho_X(\hat{u})) = \Omega$  for all  $\hat{u} \in L^{\infty}(\Omega, X)$ ;

- b)  $\|\rho_X(\hat{u})(\omega)\|_{X(\omega)} = p(\|\hat{u}\|)(\omega)$  for all  $\hat{u} \in L^{\infty}(\Omega, X)$ ;
- c)  $\rho_X(\hat{u} + \hat{v}) = \rho_X(\hat{u}) + \rho_X(\hat{v})$  for all  $\hat{u}, \hat{v} \in L^{\infty}(\Omega, X)$ ;
- d)  $\rho_X(e\hat{u}) = p(e)\rho_X(\hat{u})$  for all  $\hat{u} \in L^{\infty}(\Omega, X)$  and  $e \in L^{\infty}(\Omega)$ ;
- e) the set  $\{\rho_X(\hat{u})(\omega) : \hat{u} \in L^{\infty}(\Omega, X)\}$  is dense in  $X(\omega)$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

It is known [2, Theorem 4.4.1] that for any BKS E over  $L^0$  there is a MBB (X, L) such that E is isometrically isomorphic to  $L^0(\Omega, X)$  and on  $L^{\infty}(\Omega, X)$  there exists a vector valued lifting such that  $\{\rho_X(\hat{u})(\omega) : \hat{u} \in L^{\infty}(\Omega, X)\} = X(\omega)$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

Let  $\nabla$  be the Boolean algebra of idempotents in  $L^0$ . If  $(u_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A} \subset L^0(\Omega, X)$  and  $(\pi_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  is a partition of the unit in  $\nabla$ , then the series  $\sum_{\alpha} \pi_\alpha u_\alpha$  (bo)-converges in  $L^0(\Omega, X)$  and its sum is called the mixing of  $(u_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  with respect to  $(\pi_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ . We denote this sum by  $\min(\pi_\alpha u_\alpha)$ . A subset  $K \subset L^0(\Omega, X)$  is called cyclic, if  $\min(\pi_\alpha u_\alpha) \in K$  for each  $(u_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A} \subset K$  and any partition of the unit  $(\pi_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  in  $\nabla$ . For every directed set A

denote by  $\nabla(A)$  the set of all partitions of the unit in  $\nabla$ , which are indexed by elements of the set A. More precisely,

$$\nabla(A) = \{\nu : A \to \nabla : (\forall \alpha, \beta \in A) (\alpha \neq \beta \to \nu(\alpha) \land \nu(\beta) = 0) \land \bigvee_{\alpha \in A} \nu(\alpha) = 1\}.$$

For  $\nu_1, \nu_2 \in \nabla(A)$  we put  $\nu_1 \leq \nu_2 \leftrightarrow \forall \alpha, \beta \in A$ ,  $(\nu_1(\alpha) \wedge \nu_2(\beta) \neq 0 \rightarrow \alpha \leq \beta)$ . Then  $\nabla(A)$  is a directed set. Let  $(u_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in A}$  be a net in  $L^0(\Omega, X)$ . For every  $\nu \in \nabla(A)$  we put  $u_{\nu} = \min(\nu(\alpha)u_{\alpha})$  and obtain a new net  $(u_{\nu})_{\nu \in \nabla(A)}$ . Every subnet of the net  $(u_{\nu})_{\nu \in \nabla(A)}$  is called cyclic subnet of the original net  $(u_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in A}$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [4] (see also [5], [6]). A subset  $K \subset L^0(\Omega, X)$  is called *cyclically compact*, if K is cyclic and every net in K has a cyclic subnet that (*bo*)-converges to some point of K. A subset in  $L^0(\Omega, X)$  is called *relatively cyclically compact* if it is contained in a cyclically compact set.

Let X and Y be MBBs over  $\Omega$  with vector valued liftings  $\rho_X$  and  $\rho_Y$  on  $L^{\infty}(\Omega, X)$  and  $L^{\infty}(\Omega, Y)$ , respectively. A linear operator  $T : L^0(\Omega, X) \to L^0(\Omega, Y)$  is called  $L^0$ -bounded, if there exists an element  $c \in L^0$  such that  $||T(x)|| \leq c||x||$  for any  $x \in L^0(\Omega, X)$ . Every  $L^0$ -bounded linear operator  $T : L^0(\Omega, X) \to L^0(\Omega, Y)$  is  $L^0$ -linear, i. e.,  $T(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha T(x) + \beta T(y)$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in L^0, x, y \in L^0(\Omega, X)$  (see [4]).

A linear operator T is called cyclically compact, if for every bounded set B in  $L^0(\Omega, X)$ the set T(B) is relatively cyclically compact in  $L^0(\Omega, Y)$ . For a  $L^0$ -bounded linear operator T we put  $||T|| = \sup\{||T(x)|| : ||x|| \le 1\}$ .

It is known [7] (see also [6, p. 530]), that for any  $L^0$ -bounded (cyclically compact) linear operator  $T: L^0(\Omega, X) \to L^0(\Omega, Y)$  there is a family of bounded (compact) linear operators  $\{T_\omega : X(\omega) \longrightarrow Y(\omega)\}$  such that for any  $x \in L^0(\Omega, X)$  the following equality holds:  $T(x)(\omega) = T_\omega(x(\omega))$  for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . If  $||T|| \in L^\infty(\Omega)$ , then  $\rho_Y(T(x))(\omega) =$  $T_\omega(\rho_X(x)(\omega))$  for all  $x \in L^\infty(\Omega, X)$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

Conversely, if  $\{T_{\omega} : X(\omega) \longrightarrow Y(\omega)\}$  is a family of bounded (compact) linear operators such that  $T_{\omega}(x(\omega)) \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega, Y)$  for any  $x \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega, X)$ , then the operator  $T : L^0(\Omega, X) \longrightarrow L^0(\Omega, Y)$  defined by  $T(\hat{u}) = T_{\omega}(u(\omega))$  is  $L^0$ -bounded (cyclically compact).

Let  $L^0(\Omega, X)^*$  be the dual space of  $L^0(\Omega, X)$ , i. e., the set of all  $L^0$ -bounded linear functionals from  $L^0(\Omega, X)$  into  $L^0$ . For every  $f \in L^0(\Omega, X)^*$  with  $||f|| \in L^{\infty}(\Omega)$  we put  $f_{\omega}(\rho_X(x)(\omega)) = p(f(x))(\omega), x \in L^{\infty}(\Omega, X), \omega \in \Omega$ . Then  $f_{\omega} \in X(\omega)'$  for every  $\omega \in \Omega$ , where  $X(\omega)'$  is the dual space of  $X(\omega)$ . Let  $X'(\omega) = \{f_{\omega} : f \in L^0(\Omega, X)^*, ||f|| \in L^{\infty}(\Omega)\}, X': \omega \to X'(\omega), L' = \{\omega \to f_{\omega} : f \in L^0(\Omega, X)^*, ||f|| \in L^{\infty}(\Omega)\}.$ 

It is known [2, Theorem 4.4.7] that (X', L') is a MBB with vector valued lifting;  $X'(\omega)$  is a closed subspace in  $X(\omega)'$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ ;  $L^0(\Omega, X')$  is isometrically isomorphic to  $L^0(\Omega, X)^*$ .

A module E over  $L^0$  is said to be finite dimensional (or finitely generated), if there are  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$  in E such that for any  $x \in E$  there exist  $\lambda_i \in L^0$   $(i = \overline{1, n})$  with  $x = \lambda_1 x_1 + \cdots + \lambda_n x_n$ . The elements  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$  are called generators of E. We denote by d(E) the minimal number of generators of E.

A module E over  $L^0$  is called  $\sigma$ -finite-dimensional, if there exists a partition  $(\pi_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in A}$ of the unit in  $\nabla$  such that  $\pi_{\alpha}E$  is finitely generated for any  $\alpha$ . A finite-dimensional module E over  $L^0$  is called homogeneous of type n, if for every nonzero  $e \in \nabla$  we have n = d(eE).

A family  $\{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n\}$  in E is called  $\nabla$ -linearly independent, if for all  $\pi \in \nabla$  and  $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_n \in L^0$ , from  $\pi \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k x_k = 0$  it follows that  $\pi \lambda_1 = \cdots = \pi \lambda_n = 0$ .

A module E is homogeneous of type n if and only if there exist generators  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$  in E, consisting of  $\nabla$ -linearly independent elements (see [12], Proposition 6). Such generators form a  $\nabla$ -basis of E.

An  $L^0$ -bounded linear operator  $T : L^0(\Omega, X) \to L^0(\Omega, Y)$  is called finite dimensional or finitely generated ( $\sigma$ -finite dimensional, homogeneous of type n) if  $R(T) = \{T(x) : x \in L^0(\Omega, X)\}$  is a finite dimensional (respectively  $\sigma$ -finite dimensional, homogeneous of type n) submodule in  $L^0(\Omega, Y)$ .

Any  $\sigma$ -finite dimensional operator  $T : L^0(\Omega, X) \to L^0(\Omega, Y)$  can be represented as  $T = \sum_{\alpha \in A} \pi_\alpha T_\alpha$ , where  $(\pi_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  is a partition of the unit in  $\nabla, T_\alpha : L^0(\Omega, X) \to L^0(\Omega, Y)$ 

are homogeneous operators of finite type for all  $\alpha$ . If T is finite dimensional, then  $(\pi_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in A}$  is a finite partition of the unit in  $\nabla$ .

Any cyclically compact operator  $T: X \to Y$  is  $L^0$ -bounded. Since the unit ball in a  $\sigma$ -finite dimensional module over  $L^0$  is a cyclically compact set ([12], Corollary 2), any  $\sigma$ -finite dimensional operator is cyclically compact.

Now we give a definition of  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operators, which was introduced by Kusraev [4] (see also [5], [6]). Let  $T: L^0(\Omega, X) \to L^0(\Omega, Y)$  be a  $L^0$ -bounded linear operator.

We consider the homogeneous equations

$$T(x) = 0, \quad T^*(g) = 0$$

and, respectively, the main equation

$$T(x) = y$$

and the conjugate equation

$$T^*(g) = f.$$

An operator T is called  $\nabla$ -Fredholm, if there exists a partition of unity  $(\pi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}$ in  $\nabla$  such that the following conditions are fulfilled:

1) The homogeneous equation  $\pi_0 T(x) = 0$  has the only zero solution. The homogeneous conjugate equation  $\pi_0 T^*(g) = 0$  has the only zero solution. The equation  $\pi_0 T(x) = \pi_0 y$  is solvable and has a unique solution for a given arbitrary  $y \in L^0(\Omega, Y)$ . The conjugate equation  $\pi_0 T^*(g) = f$  is solvable and has a unique solution for a given arbitrary  $f \in L^0(\Omega, X)^*$ .

2) For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the homogeneous equation  $\pi_n T(x) = 0$  has  $n - \nabla$ -linearly independent solutions  $x_{1,n}, \ldots, x_{n,n}$  and the homogeneous conjugate equation  $\pi_n T^*(g) = 0$  has  $n - \nabla$ -linearly independent solutions  $g_{1,n}, \ldots, g_{n,n}$ .

3) The equation T(x) = y is solvable if and only if  $\pi_n g_{i,n}(y) = 0$   $(n \in \mathbb{N}, i \leq n)$ . The conjugate equation  $T^*(g) = f$  is solvable if and only if  $\pi_n f_{i,n}(x) = 0$   $(n \in \mathbb{N}, i \leq n)$ .

4) The general solution x of the equation T(x) = y has the form

$$x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \pi_n (x_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_{i,n} x_{i,n}),$$

where  $x_n$  is a particular solution of the equation  $\pi_n T(x) = \pi_n y$  and  $\{c_{i,n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}, i \leq n}$  are arbitrary elements in  $L^0$ .

The general solution g of the conjugate equation  $T^*(g) = f$  has the form

$$g = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \pi_n (g_n + \sum_{i=1}^n c_{i,n} g_{i,n}),$$

where  $g_n$  is a particular solution of the equation  $\pi_n T^*(g) = \pi_n f$ , and  $\{c_{i,n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}, i \leq n}$  are arbitrary elements in  $L^0$ .

#### 3. Measurable bundles of Fredholm operators

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $T : L^0(\Omega, X) \to L^0(\Omega, Y)$  be a  $L^0$ -bounded linear operator. If  $T_\omega : X(\omega) \to Y(\omega)$  are Fredholm operators and dim ker  $T_\omega = n$  for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ , then 1) R(T) is (bo)-closed in  $L^0(\Omega, Y)$  and  $R(T^*)$  is (bo)-closed in  $L^0(\Omega, X)^*$ ;

- 2)  $R(T) = {}^{\perp} \ker T^*, \text{ where } {}^{\perp} \ker T^* = \{y \in L^0(\Omega, Y) : f(y) = 0, \forall f \in \ker T^*\};$
- $\begin{array}{l} 2) R(T^{*}) = (\ker T)^{\perp}, \text{ where } (\ker T)^{\perp} = \{f \in L^{0}(\Omega, X)^{*} : f(x) = 0, \forall x \in \ker T\}; \\ \end{array}$
- $\int I(I) (\text{Ker} I), \quad \text{where } (\text{Ker} I) \int E I(I, A) \cdot J(X) = 0, \forall X \in \text{Ker}$
- 4) ker T and ker  $T^*$  are homogeneous of type n.

*Proof.* Replacing T with  $\frac{T}{1+||T||}$ , we may assume that  $||T|| \in L^{\infty}(\Omega)$ . Since  $T_{\omega}$  is a Fredholm operator for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ , we see that  $R(T_{\omega})$  is closed in  $Y(\omega)$  for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Therefore [13, Theorem 2] implies 1), 2), and 3).

4) Put  $N(\omega) = \{\rho_X(x)(\omega) : x \in \ker T \bigcap L^{\infty}(\Omega, X)\}$ . Let  $x \in \ker T \bigcap L^{\infty}(\Omega, X)$ . We have  $T_{\omega}(\rho_X(x)(\omega)) = \rho_Y(T(x))(\omega) = \rho_Y(0)(\omega) = 0$ . Thus  $N(\omega) \subset \ker T_{\omega}$ . Therefore dim  $N(\omega) \leq n$ . By [12, Theorem 1] ker T is a finitely generated submodule in  $L^0(\Omega, X)$  and  $d(\ker T) \leq n$ . Then by [12, Proposition 3] there exist a (bo)-closed submodule M in  $L^0(\Omega, X)$  such that  $L^0(\Omega, X) = \ker T \oplus M$ .

Consider an operator  $S: M \to R(T)$  defined by  $S(x) = T(x), x \in M$ . Then ker  $S = \{0\}$  and R(S) = R(T). Since R(T) is (bo)-closed in  $L^0(\Omega, Y)$ , we see that R(T) is a BKS over  $L^0$ . By [14, Theorem 2] the operator  $S^{-1}: R(T) \to M$  is  $L^0$ -bounded. Without loss of generality we may assume that  $||S^{-1}|| \in L^{\infty}(\Omega)$ .

Now show that ker  $T_{\omega} = N(\omega)$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . We take  $x_{\omega} \in \ker T_{\omega}$  and  $x \in L^{\infty}(\Omega, X)$ such that  $\rho_X(x)(\omega) = x_{\omega}$ . Then  $x = x_1 + x_2$ , where  $x_1 \in \ker T$ ,  $x_2 \in M$ . Since  $\rho_X(x)(\omega) = \rho_X(x_1)(\omega) + \rho_X(x_2)(\omega)$  we get

(1) 
$$T_{\omega}(\rho_X(x)(\omega)) = T_{\omega}(\rho_X(x_1)(\omega)) + T_{\omega}(\rho_X(x_2)(\omega)).$$

Because  $x_1 \in \ker T$ , we have  $T_{\omega}(\rho_X(x_1))(\omega) = \rho_Y(T(x_1))(\omega) = 0$ . From  $\rho_X(x)(\omega) \in \ker T_{\omega}$  it follows that  $T_{\omega}(\rho_X(x))(\omega) = 0$ . Therefore by (1) we get  $T_{\omega}(\rho_X(x_2))(\omega) = 0$ . Since  $x_2 \in M$  we have

$$||x_2|| = ||S^{-1}(S(x_2))|| \le ||S^{-1}|| ||S(x_2)|| = ||S^{-1}|| ||T(x_2)||.$$

Thus

$$\|\rho_X(x_2)(\omega)\|_{X(\omega)} \le p(\|S^{-1}\|)(\omega)\|T_{\omega}(\rho_X(x_2)(\omega)\|_{Y(\omega)} = 0.$$

Therefore  $\rho_X(x_2)(\omega) = 0$ . Hence  $x_\omega = \rho_X(x)(\omega) = \rho_X(x_1)(\omega)$ . Since  $x_1 \in \ker T$  we get  $x_\omega \in N(\omega)$ . Therefore ker  $T_\omega = N(\omega)$ . Since ker  $T_\omega = n$  for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$  by [12, Theorem 1] it follows that ker T is homogeneous of type n.

Now we shall show that ker  $T^*$  is homogeneous of type n. By a similar argument as in the case of the operator T we have that ker  $T^*$  is a finitely generated module and  $d(\ker T^*) \leq n$ .

Let  $S = T|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega,X)}, f \in L^{\infty}(\Omega,Y)^{*}$  and  $x \in L^{\infty}(\Omega,X)$ . Then  $S^{*}(f)(x) = f(S(x)) = f(T(x)) = T^{*}(f)(x)$ . Thus  $T^{*}|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega,Y)^{*}} = S^{*}$  and  $d(\ker T^{*}) \ge d(\ker S^{*})$ .

We show that  $d(\ker S^*) \geq n$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $\ker S^*$  is homogeneous of type m. Let  $\{\psi_1, \ldots, \psi_m\}$  be a  $\nabla$ -basis in ker  $S^*$ . By [12, Proposition 2] there exist  $\{z_1, \ldots, z_m\} \subset L^0(\Omega, X)$  such that  $z_i(\psi_j) = \delta_{i,j}1$ , where  $\delta_{i,j}$  the Kronecker symbol. Without loss of generality we can assume that  $||z_k|| \in L^{\infty}(\Omega)$  for all  $k = \overline{1, m}$ .

For 
$$y \in L^{\infty}(\Omega, Y)$$
 denote  $\overline{y} = y - \sum_{i=1}^{m} \psi_i(y) z_i$ . Then  $\psi_k(\overline{y}) = \psi_k(y) - \sum_{i=1}^{m} \psi_i(y) \psi_k(z_i) = \psi_k(y) - \psi_k(y) -$ 

 $\psi_k(y) - \psi_k(y) = 0, \ k = \overline{1, m}$ . Thus  $\overline{y}$  belongs to  $^{\perp} \ker S^*$ . Therefore by [13, Theorem 2] the point  $\overline{y}$  belongs  $R(S) = ^{\perp} \ker S^*$ . Thus there exists  $\overline{x} \in L^{\infty}(\Omega, X)$  such that  $S(\overline{x}) = \overline{y}$ . Applying the lifting  $\rho_Y$  to  $\overline{y} = y - \sum_{i=1}^m \psi_i(y) z_i$  we have that any  $y(\omega) \in Y(\omega)$  can be represented in the form  $y(\omega) = \overline{y}(\omega) + \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i(\omega) z_i(\omega)$ , where  $\overline{y}(\omega) \in R(T_{\omega}), \alpha_i(\omega) \in \mathbb{C}, z_i(\omega) = \rho_Y(z_i)(\omega), \ i = \overline{1, m}$ . Since  $T_{\omega}$  is a Fredholm operator and dim  $\ker T_{\omega} = n$ 

 $\mathbb{C}, z_i(\omega) = \rho_Y(z_i)(\omega), i = 1, m.$  Since  $T_\omega$  is a Fredholm operator and dim ker  $T_\omega = n$ there exists a subspace  $M(\omega) \subset Y(\omega)$  such that dim  $M(\omega) = n$  and  $Y(\omega) = R(T_\omega) \oplus$  $M(\omega)$ . Therefore,  $\{z_1(\omega), \ldots, z_m(\omega)\}$  is contains n linearly independent elements. Thus  $m \ge n$ . Therefore m = n and ker  $T^*$  is homogeneous of type n. The following result shows that a measurable bundle of Fredholm operators generates a  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operator.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $T : L^0(\Omega, X) \to L^0(\Omega, Y)$  be a  $L^0$ -bounded linear operator. If  $T_{\omega}$  is a Fredholm operator for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ , then T is a  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operator.

*Proof.* Let  $T_{\omega}$  be a Fredholm operator for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Then dim ker  $T_{\omega} < \infty$  for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . By [12, Theorem 1] there exists a partition of the unit  $(\pi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $\nabla$  such that

$$d(\ker \pi_n T) = d(\ker \pi_n T^*) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \pi_n = 0\\ n, & \text{if } \pi_n \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

Case 1.  $\pi_0 = \mathbf{1}$ . Then ker  $T = \{0\}$  and ker  $T^* = \{0\}$ . By Proposition 3.1 we have  $R(T) = {}^{\perp}\{0\} = L^0(\Omega, Y)$  and  $R(T^*) = \{0\}^{\perp} = L^0(\Omega, X)^*$ . Hence, ker  $T = \{0\}$ , ker  $T^* = \{0\}$ ,  $R(T) = L^0(\Omega, Y)$  and  $R(T^*) = L^0(\Omega, X)^*$ . This means that T is a  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operator.

Case 2.  $\pi_0 \neq \mathbf{1}$ . In this case there exists  $n \geq 1$  such that  $\pi_n \neq 0$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $\pi_n = \mathbf{1}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then by Proposition 3.1, ker T and ker  $T^*$  are homogeneous of type n.

Let  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  and  $g_1, \ldots, g_n$  be  $\nabla$ -bases in ker T and ker  $T^*$ , respectively. By Proposition 3.1 we have that the equation T(x) = y (respectively  $T^*(g) = f$ ) is solvable if and only if  $g_k(y) = 0$  (respectively  $f(x_k) = 0$ ) for all  $k = \overline{1, n}$ .

Now fix some solution  $x^*$  of the main equation. Let x be an arbitrary solution of the main equation. Then  $x - x^* \in \ker T$ . Since  $d(\ker T) = n$  there are  $c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_n \in L^0$  such that  $x = x^* + c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \cdots + c_nx_n$ . The general form of the solution of the conjugate equation is established by similar arguments.

# 4. NIKOLSKY THEOREM FOR A LINEAR OPERATORS IN BANACH–KANTOROVICH SPACES

Let T be a  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operator and ker T be homogeneous of type n. Let  $\{e_1, \ldots, e_n\}$ and  $\{\psi_1, \ldots, \psi_n\}$  be  $\nabla$ -bases in ker T and ker T<sup>\*</sup>, respectively. We take  $\{f_1, \ldots, f_n\}$  from  $L^0(\Omega, X)^*$  and  $\{z_1, \ldots, z_n\}$  from  $L^0(\Omega, X)$  such that  $f_i(e_j) = \delta_{i,j} \mathbf{1}$  and  $\psi_i(z_j) = \delta_{i,j} \mathbf{1}$ (see [12, Proposition 2]).

We consider a finitely generated operator  $K: L^0(\Omega, X) \to L^0(\Omega, Y)$  defined by

(2) 
$$K(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} f_i(x) z_i, \quad x \in L^0(\Omega, X).$$

**Proposition 4.1.** Let  $T : L^0(\Omega, X) \to L^0(\Omega, Y)$  be a  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operator and ker T be homogeneous of type n. Then the operator B = T + K is invertible and  $B^{-1}$  is  $L^0$ -bounded, where K defined by (2).

*Proof.* We show that ker  $B = \{0\}$  and  $R(B) = L^0(\Omega, Y)$ . 1) ker  $B = \{0\}$ . Take  $x \in \ker B$ . This means that

(3) 
$$T(x) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} f_i(x) z_i.$$

Since  $\psi_i(z_j) = \delta_{i,j} \mathbf{1}$  we get  $\psi_k(T(x)) = -\sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x)\psi_k(z_i) = -f_k(x)$ . On the other hand,  $\psi_k(T(x)) = T^*(\psi_k)(x) = 0(x) = 0$ . Thus  $f_k(x) = 0, k = \overline{1, n}$ . Hence (3) has the form T(x) = 0, thus  $x = \sum_{m=1}^n \xi_m e_m$ , where  $\xi_m \in L^0$ ,  $m = \overline{1, n}$ . From  $f_k(x) = 0, k = \overline{1, n}$  we obtain  $0 = f_k(x) = f_k(\sum_{m=1}^n \xi_m e_m) = \sum_{m=1}^n \xi_m f_k(e_m) = \xi_m$ . Therefore  $\xi_m = 0$  for all m. Thus x = 0. Hence ker  $B = \{0\}$ .

2)  $R(B) = L^0(\Omega, Y)$ . Let  $y \in L^0(\Omega, Y)$ . Put

(4) 
$$\overline{y} = y - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \psi_i(y) z_i$$

Since  $\psi_k(\overline{y}) = \psi_k(y) - \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i(y)\psi_k(z_i) = \psi_k(y) - \psi_k(y) = 0, k = \overline{1, n}$ , and T is  $\nabla$ -Fredholm we have  $\overline{y} \in R(T)$ . Take  $\overline{x} \in L^0(\Omega, X)$  such that  $T(\overline{x}) = \overline{y}$ . Put  $x = \overline{x} + \sum_{i=1}^n [\psi_i(y) - f_i(\overline{x})]e_i$ . By (4) and using the identities  $T(x) = T(\overline{x}), K(\overline{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(\overline{x})z_i, K(e_i) = z_i$  we get  $B(x) = T(x) + K(x) = T(\overline{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(\overline{x})z_i + \sum_{i=1}^n [\psi_i(y) - f_i(\overline{x})]z_i = \overline{y} + \sum_{i=1}^n \psi_i(y)z_i = y_i$ .

Therefore ker  $B = \{0\}$ ,  $R(B) = L^0(\Omega, Y)$  and by [14, Theorem 2] we have that  $B^{-1}$  is an  $L^0$ -bounded operator.

The following result is a vector version of the Nikolsky theorem for linear operators on Banach–Kantorovich spaces.

**Theorem 4.2.** For an  $L^0$ -bounded linear operator  $T : L^0(\Omega, X) \to L^0(\Omega, Y)$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

1)  $T_{\omega}$  is a Fredholm operator for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ ;

2) T is a  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operator;

3) there are operators A, K from  $L^0(\Omega, X)$  to  $L^0(\Omega, Y)$  such that A is invertible, K is  $\sigma$ -finite-dimensional and T = A + K;

4) there are operators A, K from  $L^0(\Omega, X)$  to  $L^0(\Omega, Y)$  such that A is invertible, K is cyclically compact and T = A + K.

*Proof.* Implication  $1 \ge 2$  follows from Theorem 3.2.

2)  $\Rightarrow$  3). Let T be a  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operator and  $(\pi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}$  a partition of the unit in  $\nabla$  such that  $d(\pi_n \ker T) = n, n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

Case 1.  $\pi_0 = 1$ . In this case ker  $T = \{0\}$ . Since T is  $\nabla$ -Fredholm we get  $R(T) = L^0(\Omega, Y)$ . By [14, Theorem 2], the operator  $T^{-1}$  is  $L^0$ -bounded. Therefore in this case we put A = T, K = 0.

Case 2.  $\pi_0 \neq 1$ . For  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operators  $\pi_n T$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , by Proposition 4.1 there are finitely generated operators  $K_n : \pi_n L^0(\Omega, X) \to \pi_n L^0(\Omega, Y)$  such that  $A_n = \pi_n T + K_n$ is an invertible operator from  $\pi_n L^0(\Omega, X)$  on  $\pi_n L^0(\Omega, Y)$ . Since  $K_n$  is  $L^0$ -bounded for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $L^0(\Omega, Y)$  is a BKS over  $L^0$ , there exists  $K(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \pi_n K_n(\pi_n x)$  for all

 $x \in L^0(\Omega, X)$ . Then K is a  $\sigma$ -finite-dimensional operator, A = T + K is invertible and T = A + (-K).

3)  $\Rightarrow$  4) is trivial, because every  $\sigma$ -finite-dimensional operator is cyclically compact. 4)  $\Rightarrow$  1). We need following.

**Proposition 4.3.** If an  $L^0$ -bounded linear operator  $T : L^0(\Omega, X) \to L^0(\Omega, Y)$  is an invertible, then  $T_{\omega}$  is invertible for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

Proof. Let T be invertible and  $U: L^0(\Omega, Y) \to L^0(\Omega, X)$  be the inverse of T. We take a partition  $(\pi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of unit in  $\nabla$  such that  $\pi_n ||U|| \in L^\infty(\Omega)$  and  $\pi_n ||T|| \in L^\infty(\Omega)$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\pi_n U(y) \in L^\infty(\Omega, X)$  and  $\pi_n T(x) \in L^\infty(\Omega, Y)$  for all  $x \in L^\infty(\Omega, X)$ ,  $y \in L^\infty(\Omega, Y)$ . Denote  $\Omega_n = \{\omega \in \Omega : p(\pi_n)(\omega) = 1\}$  and  $\Omega_0 = \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty \Omega_n$ . For  $\omega \in \Omega_n$  we put  $U_\omega(\rho_Y(y)(\omega)) = \rho_X(U(\pi_n y))(\omega)$  for all  $y \in L^\infty(\Omega, Y)$ . For  $y \in L^\infty(\Omega, Y)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|U_{\omega}(\rho_{Y}(y)(\omega))\|_{X(\omega)} &= \|\rho_{X}(U(\pi_{n}y))(\omega)\|_{X(\omega)} = p(\|U(\pi_{n}y)\|)(\omega) \\ &\leq p(\pi_{n}\|U\|\|y\|)(\omega) = p(\pi_{n}\|U\|)(\omega)\|\rho_{Y}(y)(\omega)\|_{Y(\omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $U_{\omega}$  is a bounded operator for any  $\omega \in \Omega_0$ . Since

 $U_{\omega}(T_{\omega}(\rho_X(x)(\omega))) = \rho_X(x)(\omega) \quad \text{and} \quad T_{\omega}(U_{\omega}(\rho_Y(y)(\omega))) = \rho_Y(y)(\omega)$ 

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for any  $x \in L^{\infty}(\Omega, X)$ ,  $y \in L^{\infty}(\Omega, Y)$ , we have that  $U_{\omega}$  is an inverse of  $T_{\omega}$ . 

Suppose that T = A + K, where A is invertible, K is a cyclically compact operator. Then  $A_{\omega}$  is invertible (Proposition 4.3) and  $K_{\omega}$  is a compact operator [7, Theorem 4] for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . By Nikolsky's classical theorem,  $T_{\omega} = A_{\omega} + K_{\omega}$  is a Fredholm operator for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . 

**Corollary 4.4.** Let X, Y and Z be MBBs over  $\Omega$  with vector valued liftings. If U:  $L^0(\Omega, X) \to L^0(\Omega, Y)$  and  $V: L^0(\Omega, Y) \to L^o(\Omega, Z)$  are  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operators then UV is a  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operator.

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $U: L^0(\Omega, X) \to L^0(\Omega, X)$  be a  $L^0$ -bounded linear operator such that  $U^m$  is cyclically compact for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then I - U is a  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operator.

*Proof.* Without loss of generality we may assume that ||U|| = 1. Let  $\{U_{\omega} : \omega \in \Omega\}$  be a measurable bundle of operator U. For any  $x \in L^{\infty}(\Omega, X)$  it follows that

 $\rho_X(U^m(x))(\omega) = \rho_X(U(U^{m-1}(x))(\omega) = \dots = U^m_\omega(\rho_X(x)(\omega)).$ 

Therefore, the family  $\{U_{\omega}^m : \omega \in \Omega\}$  is a measurable bundle of cyclically compact operators  $U^m$ . Since  $U^m$  is cyclically compact by [7, Theorem 4] it follows that  $U^m_{\omega}$  is a compact operator for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Therefore  $I_{\omega} - U_{\omega}$  is a Fredholm operator for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . By Theorem 4.2 we have that I - U is a  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operator.

*Remark*. In [4] (see also [5], [6]) Kusraev proves that I - U is a  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operator if U is a cyclically compact operator.

**Example**. Let  $L^{2,0}(\Omega^2)$  be the set of complex-valued measurable functions f on  $\Omega^2$  such that

$$\int\limits_{\Omega} |f(s,\omega)|^2 \, d\mu(s) \in L^0$$

exists.

For  $f \in L^{2,0}(\Omega^2)$  denote  $||f||(\omega) = \sqrt{\int_{\Omega} |f(s,\omega)|^2 d\mu(s)}$ . Then  $(L^{2,0}(\Omega^2), \|\cdot\|)$  is a

BKS over  $L^0$ . Let  $k(t, s, \omega)$  be a complex-valued measurable function on  $\Omega^3$  such that  $\int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} |k(t,s,\omega)|^2 d\mu(s) d\mu(t) \text{ exists.}$ 

Consider an operator  $T: L^{2,0}(\Omega^2) \to L^{2,0}(\Omega^2)$  defined by

$$T(f)(t,\omega) = \int_{\Omega} k(t,s,\omega) f(s,\omega) \, d\mu(s), \quad f \in L^{2,0}(\Omega^2).$$

For any  $\omega \in \Omega$  we put  $k_{\omega}(t,s) = k(t,s,\omega)$ . Then for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$  the function  $k_{\omega}(t,s)$ belongs to  $L^2(\Omega^2)$ . For almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$  the operator  $T_\omega : L^2(\Omega) \to L^2(\Omega)$  is defined by

$$T_{\omega}(f_{\omega})(t) = \int_{\Omega} k_{\omega}(t,s) f_{\omega}(s) d\mu(s), \quad f_{\omega} \in L^{2}(\Omega).$$

It is well-known that  $T_{\omega}$  is a compact operator for almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . For  $f \in L^{2,0}(\Omega^2)$ we have

$$T(f)(t,\omega) = \int_{\Omega} k(t,\omega,s)f(s,\omega) \, d\mu(s) = \int_{\Omega} k_{\omega}(t,s)f_{\omega}(s) \, ds = T_{\omega}(f_{\omega})(t)$$

for almost all  $(t,\omega) \in \Omega^2$ , where  $f_{\omega}(s) = f(s,\omega)$ . This means that  $\{T_{\omega} : \omega \in \Omega\}$  is a measurable bundle of compact operators. Therefore, by [7, Theorem 3] the operator Tis cyclically compact. By Theorem 4.5 we have that I - T is a  $\nabla$ -Fredholm operator.

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