

CONDITIONS FOR THE CONVEXITY OF THE LIMIT SET OF RIEMANN SUMS  
OF A VECTOR-VALUED FUNCTION

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Let there be given a bounded function  $f$  from the segment  $[0, 1]$  into a Banach space and suppose that  $\Gamma$  is a partition of this segment by the points  $a_k$  and  $b_k$ :

$$0 = a_1 < b_1 = a_2 < b_2 = \dots < b_N = 1.$$

In each interval  $(a_j, b_j)$  we select a point  $x_j$ . The vector from  $X$  that is equal to  $\sum_1^N f(x_j) \Delta_j$ , where  $\Delta_j = b_j - a_j$ , is called the Riemann sum  $\sigma_f(\Gamma, \{x_j\})$ , corresponding to the given function  $f$ , the given partition  $\Gamma$ , and the selected set  $\{x_j\}$ . We will say that a partition  $\Gamma$  is finer than  $\varepsilon$  if  $\Delta_j < \varepsilon$  for arbitrary  $j$ . A point  $y \in X$  is called a limit power of the Riemann sums of  $f$  if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exist a partition  $\Gamma$  that is finer than  $\varepsilon$  and a set of points  $\{x_j\}$  such that  $\|\sigma_f(\Gamma, \{x_j\}) - y\| \leq \varepsilon$ . Let us denote the set of all limit points of the Riemann sums of the function  $f$  by  $\mathcal{J}(f)$ . If  $X$  is the real axis, then  $\mathcal{J}(f)$  is the segment joining the lower and the upper Riemann integrals of  $f$ . As proved in [1], if  $X$  is a finite-dimensional space or a Hilbert space, then  $\mathcal{J}(f)$  is a convex set.

The aim of the present article is, in the first place, to extend the result of [1] to B-convex Banach spaces and, secondly, to give an example of a bounded function  $g$  from the segment  $[0, 1]$  into the space  $\mathcal{L}_1$  such that  $\mathcal{J}(g)$  is not a convex set.

We will say that a Banach space  $Y$  has type  $p$  with a constant  $C$  if for each set of vectors  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \in Y$  there exists a set of numbers  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n = \pm 1$  such that

$$\left\| \sum_{k=1}^n \xi_k y_k \right\|^p \leq C \sum_{k=1}^n \|y_k\|^p.$$

A Banach space is said to be B-convex if it has type  $p > 1$ . For example, all spaces  $L_p$  for  $1 < p < \infty$  are B-convex.

**THEOREM 1.** Let a Banach space  $Y$  have type  $p > 1$  with a constant  $C$ . Let a function  $f: [0; 1] \rightarrow Y$  be such that  $\|f(x)\| \leq k < \infty$  for each  $x$  in its domain. Then  $\mathcal{J}(f)$  is a convex set.

**Proof.** Let  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  belong to  $\mathcal{J}(f)$ . We prove that  $(y_1 + y_2)/2 \in \mathcal{J}(f)$ . Let there be given an  $N > 1$ . We select partitions  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$ , finer than  $2^{-2N}$ , and point sets  $\{x_k^1\}$  and  $\{x_k^2\}$ , such that  $\|\sigma_f(\Gamma_1, \{x_k^1\}) - y_1\| \leq 2^{-N}$  and  $\|\sigma_f(\Gamma_2, \{x_k^2\}) - y_2\| \leq 2^{-N}$ . Let  $y_1^j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq 2^N$ ) denote the part of the sum  $\sigma_f(\Gamma_1, \{x_k^1\})$ , corresponding to the segments, whose right endpoints are less than  $j/2^N$ , and the left endpoints are greater than  $(j-1)/2^N$ . Then

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{2^N} y_1^j - \sigma(\Gamma_1, \{x_k^1\}) \right\| \leq 2^N \cdot k \cdot 2^{-2N} = \frac{k}{2^N}.$$

We introduce vectors  $y_2^j$  in the same manner. The following inequality is fulfilled for them:

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{2^N} y_2^j - \sigma(\Gamma_2, \{x_k^2\}) \right\| \leq \frac{k}{2^N}.$$

Let  $\{\xi_j\}_1^{2^N}$  be a set of signs such that

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{2^N} \frac{y_1^j - y_2^j}{2} \xi_j \right\|^p \leq C \sum_{j=1}^{2^N} \left\| \frac{y_1^j - y_2^j}{2} \right\|^p \leq C \sum_{j=1}^{2^N} \left( \frac{k}{2^{N+1}} \right)^p = \frac{C \cdot k^p}{2^{p \cdot 2^{(p-1)N}}}.$$

Let us construct a partition  $\Gamma_3$ , finer than  $2^{-N}$ , and select points  $\{x_k^3\}$ , such that if  $\xi_j = +1$ , then the partition  $\Gamma_3$  coincides with  $\Gamma_1$  and  $x_k^3$  coincides with  $x_m^1$  on the segment  $((j-1)/2^N; j/2^N)$  and if  $\xi_j = -1$ , then  $\Gamma_3$  and  $\{x_k^3\}$  coincide with  $\Gamma_2$  and  $\{x_k^2\}$  respectively on this segment. Then

$$\left\| \sigma_f(\Gamma_3, \{x_k^3\}) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2^N} (y_1^j + y_2^j) \right\| \leq \frac{k}{2^N} + \left\| \sum_1^{2^N} \xi_j \frac{y_1^j - y_2^j}{2} \right\| \leq \frac{k}{2^N} + \left( \frac{c \cdot k^p}{2^p \cdot 2^{(p-1)N}} \right)^{1/p}.$$

Consequently,

$$\left\| \sigma_f(\Gamma_3, \{x_k^3\}) - \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2^N} + 2 \frac{k}{2^N} + \left( \frac{c \cdot k^p}{2^p \cdot 2^{(p-1)N}} \right)^{1/p}.$$

The right-hand side of the last inequality converges to zero as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . Consequently,  $(y_1 + y_2)/2 \in \mathcal{Y}(f)$ . Since  $\mathcal{Y}(f)$  is closed, it follows that it is a convex set. The theorem is proved.

Now, we begin with the construction of a function with nonconvex set of limit points of the Riemann sums. We fix  $\varepsilon = 10^{-6}$ ; and introduce in our consideration the function  $\Psi(t)$ , the distance of  $t$  from the nearest integral point, which is defined on the whole axis. We select two denumerable families of points on the segment  $[0, 1]$ :  $T^1 = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} T_n^1$  and  $T^2 = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} T_n^2$ , where  $T_n^j = \{t_{n,k}^j\}$  ( $j = 1, 2; 1 \leq k \leq 2^n$ ) is the set of roots of the equation

$$\frac{1}{2^n} \Psi(2^n \cdot t) = \frac{\sqrt{i+1}}{4^n} \cdot \varepsilon^2$$

that lie on the segment  $[0, 1]$ . Let us observe that the sets  $T_n^j$  are pairwise disjoint. Let  $e(1), e(2), \dots$  denote the unit vectors of the canonical basis of the space  $\mathcal{L}_1$  and let us define the desired function  $g(t)$  from  $[0, 1]$  into  $\mathcal{L}_1$  in the following manner:

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} e(1) & \text{for } t \notin T^1 \cup T^2, \\ e(2) + \left[ e(2^{n+1} + 2k) - \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} e(2^{n+1} + 2i) \right] & \text{for } t = t_{n,k}^1, \\ e(3) + \left[ e(2^{n+1} + 2k - 1) - \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} e(2^{n+1} + 2i - 1) \right] & \text{for } t = t_{n,k}^2. \end{cases}$$

**THEOREM 2.**  $J(g)$  is not a convex set.

**Proof.** If we take the partition of the segment  $[0, 1]$  into  $2^n$  equal segments as  $\Gamma$  and the points  $t_{n,k}^1$  as  $x_k$ , then

$$\sigma_g(\Gamma, \{x_j\}) = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{j=1}^{2^n} \left[ e(2) + e(2^{n+1} + 2j) - \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} e(2^{n+1} + 2i) \right] = e(2).$$

Consequently,  $e(2) \in \mathcal{Y}(g)$ . Analogously,  $e(3) \in \mathcal{Y}(g)$ . But, as we now show,  $[e(2) + e(3)]/2 \notin \mathcal{Y}(g)$ . Indeed, suppose that for a certain partition  $\Gamma$  and a certain choice of  $\{x_j\}$  we have

$$\left\| \sigma_g(\Gamma, \{x_j\}) - \frac{e(2) + e(3)}{2} \right\| \leq \varepsilon^2.$$

Let us represent  $\sigma_g(\Gamma, \{x_k\}) = \sum g(x_k) \Delta_k$  in the form

$$\sum_1 g(x_k) \Delta_k + \sum_2 g(x_k) \Delta_k + \sum_3 g(x_k) \Delta_k,$$

where the first sum is formed from all those terms for which  $x_k \in T^1$ , and the second sum is formed from all those terms for which  $x_k \in T^2$ , and the sum  $\sum_3$  is formed from all those terms for which  $x_k \notin T^1 \cup T^2$ . We get

$$\varepsilon^2 \geq \left\| \sigma_g(\Gamma, \{x_k\}) - \frac{e(2) + e(3)}{2} \right\| = \left\| \sum_3 g(x_k) \Delta_k \right\| + \left\| \frac{e(2)}{2} - \sum_1 g(x_k) \Delta_k \right\| + \left\| \frac{e(3)}{2} - \sum_2 g(x_k) \Delta_k \right\|.$$

Consequently,  $\sum_3 \Delta_k \leq \varepsilon^2$ ;

$$\frac{e(2)}{2} - \sum_1 g(x_k) \Delta_k \leq \varepsilon^2; \quad \left\| \frac{e(3)}{2} - \sum_2 g(x_k) \Delta_k \right\| \leq \varepsilon^2.$$

Now, we investigate the sum  $\sum_1$  separately. Let us represent  $\sum_1$  in the form  $\sum_1^1 g(x_k) \Delta_k + \sum_1^2 g(x_k) \Delta_k + \dots + \sum_1^n g(x_k) \Delta_k$ , where all the terms for which  $x_k \in T_m^1$  occur in  $\sum_1^m$ . Let the set of  $m$  such that  $\sum_1^m \Delta_k \neq 0$  be denoted by  $A$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_1 g(x_k) \Delta_k - \frac{e(2)}{2} \right\| &= \left\| \sum_1 \Delta_k e(2) - \frac{e(2)}{2} + \sum_{n \in A} \sum_1^n [g(x_k) - e(2)] \Delta_k \right\| = \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{2} - \sum_1 \Delta_k \right| + \sum_{n \in A} \left\| \sum_1^n [g(x_k) - e(2)] \Delta_k \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\left| \frac{1}{2} - \sum_1 \Delta_k \right| + \sum_{n \in A} \left\| \sum_1^n [g(x_k) - e(2)] \Delta_k \right\| \leq \varepsilon^2. \quad (1)$$

Let  $B$  denote the set of those  $n \in A$  for which

$$\left\| \sum_1^n [g(x_k) - e(2)] \Delta_k \right\| > \varepsilon \cdot \sum_1^n \Delta_k.$$

It follows from the inequality (1) that  $\sum_{n \in B} \sum_1^n \Delta_k < \varepsilon$ . Let  $C$  denote the set  $A \setminus B$ . The following inequalities are fulfilled:

$$\sum_{n \in C} \sum_1^n \Delta_k > \frac{1}{2} - \varepsilon - \varepsilon^2, \quad (2)$$

$$\left\| \sum_1^n [g(x_k) - e(2)] \Delta_k \right\| \leq \varepsilon \sum_1^n \Delta_k \quad (\text{for all } n \in C). \quad (3)$$

Let  $R_1(n)$  be equal to  $2^n$  minus the number of terms in the sum  $\sum_1^n$ . We will define the function  $R_1(n)$  only for  $n \in C$ . The inequality (3) can be rewritten in the following form: For all  $n \in C$

$$\left| \sum_1^n \Delta_k - \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_1^n \Delta_j \right| + R_1(n) \cdot \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_1^n \Delta_j \leq \varepsilon \sum_1^n \Delta_j. \quad (4)$$

It follows from (4) that for all  $n \in C$ , at least  $(1 - \varepsilon) \cdot 2^n$  elements of  $T_n^1$  "occur" as  $x_k$  in the sum  $\sum_1^n g(x_k) \Delta_k$ .

Now, let us recall how the set  $T_n^1$  is constituted. This set consists of  $2^n$  points of the segment  $[0, 1]$  such that a point of the set  $T_n^1$  is situated at a distance  $4^{-n} \varepsilon^2 \sqrt{2}$  on the left and on the right of each point of the form  $k/2^{n-1}$ , i.e., each point of the form  $k/2^{n-1}$  is squeezed between two points of the set  $T_n^1$ .

Let  $n \in C$ , and  $m > n$ . A segment  $(a_k, b_k)$  from  $\sum_1^m$  will be said to be squeezed between points from  $\sum_1^n$ , if there exist two points  $x_r$  and  $x_j$  in  $\sum_1^n$  such that  $x_r \leq a_k < b_k \leq x_j$ , and  $\|x_r - x_j\| = 2 \cdot 4^{-n} \cdot \varepsilon^2 \cdot \sqrt{2}$ . The total length of the segments from  $\sum_{m > n} \sum_1^m$  that are squeezed between the points  $x_k$  from  $\sum_1^n$  does not exceed  $2^n \cdot 4^{-n} \cdot \varepsilon^2 \cdot \sqrt{2} = 2^{-n} \varepsilon^2 \sqrt{2}$ . Therefore, the total length of all the "squeezed" segments is less than  $\sum_{n \in C} 2^{-n} \varepsilon^2 \sqrt{2} < 2\varepsilon^2$ . Let us combine all the nonsqueezed segments from  $\sum_1^n$  for all  $n$  into a sum and denote it by  $\sum_{1, n}$ . Since the total length of the segments that belong to  $\sum_{n \in C} \sum_1^n$ , but do not belong to  $\sum_{n \in C} \sum_{1, n}$ , does not exceed  $2\varepsilon^2$ , it follows from (1) that

$$\sum_{n \in C} \left\| \sum_{1, n} [g(x_k) - e(2)] \Delta_k \right\| \leq 10\varepsilon^2, \quad (5)$$

and it follows from (2) that

$$\sum_{n \in C} \sum_{1, n} \Delta_k > \frac{1}{2} - \varepsilon - \varepsilon^2 - 2\varepsilon^3. \quad (6)$$

Let  $C_1$  denote the set of all  $n \in C$  such that

$$\|\sum_{1, n} [g(x_k) - e(2)] \Delta_k\| \leq \varepsilon \sum_{1, n} \Delta_k. \quad (7)$$

In the same way as we have obtained (2) from (1), we get the following inequality from (5) and (6):

$$\sum_{n \in C_1} \sum_{1, n} \Delta_j > \frac{1}{2} - 15 \cdot \varepsilon - 3 \cdot \varepsilon^2.$$

Let us define  $R_2(n)$  as  $2^n$  minus the number of terms in the sum  $\sum_{1, n}$ . Analyzing the inequality (7) in the same manner as we have analyzed the inequality (3) earlier, we get

$$R_2(n) \leq \varepsilon \cdot 2^n \quad (8)$$

for all  $n \in C_1$ . Let  $N$  denote  $\max\{n: n \in C_1\}$ . We prove that the sum  $\sum_{1, N} g(x_k) \Delta_k$  is practically equal to the sum  $\sum_{1, N} g(x_k) \Delta_k$ .

Let  $n < N$  and  $n \in C_1$ . At least  $2^n (1 - 2\varepsilon)$  points of  $T_N^1$  are squeezed between the points from  $\Sigma_{1, n}$ . Since all the "squeezed" segments have been deleted from  $\sum_{1, N}$  it follows that  $R_2(N) \geq 2^n (1 - 2\varepsilon)$ . Hence from (8) we get

$$2^N \frac{\varepsilon}{1 - 2\varepsilon} \geq 2^n. \quad (9)$$

We decompose  $\sum_{n \in C_1 \setminus \{N\}} \sum_{1, n} \Delta_j$  into two sums:  $\sum^1$  and  $\sum^2$ . In  $\sum^1$  we combine all the "small" segments (such that  $\Delta_j < \frac{1}{2^{N-2}}$ ), and in  $\sum^2$  we combine the remaining ones (i.e., "large" segments). From (9) we get

$$\sum^1 \Delta_k < \sum_{n \in C_1 \setminus \{N\}} \sum_{1, n} \frac{1}{2^{N-2}} < 2^N \frac{\varepsilon}{1 - 2\varepsilon} \frac{2}{2^{N-2}} < 10\varepsilon. \quad (10)$$

Each segment of length  $\Delta_j$  from  $\sum^2$  covers at least  $\Delta_j \cdot 2^{N-1}$  points of  $T_N^1$ . Therefore,  $R_2(n) \geq \frac{1}{2} 2^N \sum^2 \Delta_j$ . It follows from (8) that  $\sum^2 \Delta_j < 2\varepsilon$ . Hence it follows from (10) that  $\sum^1 \Delta_j + \sum^2 \Delta_j < 12\varepsilon$ . Consequently,  $\sum_{1, N} \Delta_j > \frac{1}{2} - 30\varepsilon$ , i.e.,  $\sum_1$  is practically equal to the sum  $\sum_{1, N}$ .

In the same manner, we can introduce the sums  $\Sigma_{2, n}$  and in exactly the same manner we can show that  $\Sigma_2$  is practically equal to the sum  $\Sigma_{2, M}$ . Let  $N > M$ . In the same manner as the above arguments, we get

$$2^M \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{1 - 2\varepsilon} 2^N \text{ and } \sum_{2, M} \Delta_k < 12\varepsilon.$$

This is a contradiction. Consequently,  $[e(2) + e(3)]/2 \notin \mathcal{Y}(g)$ . The theorem is proved.

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