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ABSTRACT. Let T be a locally compact Hausdorff space and let X be a Banach space which contains no copy of c_o . Then it is well known that every bounded linear operator $U : C_o(T) \rightarrow X$ is weakly compact and hence is representable with respect to a unique X -valued σ -additive regular Borel measure on T . The object of the present note is to provide a simple, direct and elegant proof of the representability of U and then to deduce that U is weakly compact.

Suppose T is a locally compact Hausdorff space and let $C_o(T)$ be the Banach space of all complex valued continuous functions on T vanishing at infinity, with the supremum norm $\|\cdot\|_T$, given by $\|f\|_T = \sup_{t \in T} |f(t)|$.

Let $U : C_o(T) \rightarrow X$ be a bounded linear operator, where X is a complex Banach space containing no copy of c_o (in symbols, $c_o \not\subset X$). Then by Theorems 5.1 and 5.3 of Thomas [12] and by Theorem 5 of Bessaga and Pelczyński [2] it follows that U is weakly compact. This can also be deduced from Theorem 5 of Pelczyński [10], by considering the bounded linear operator $\hat{U} : C(\hat{T}) \rightarrow X$, where \hat{T} is the Alexandroff compactification of T by adjunction of the point $\{\infty\}$, $C(\hat{T}) = \{f : \hat{T} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}, f \text{ continuous}\}$ and $\hat{U}(f) = U(f - f(\infty))$. Then by Lemma 2 of Kluvanek [9] there exists a unique

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X -valued σ -additive regular Borel measure G on T such that

$$Uf = \int_T f dG, \quad f \in C_o(T) \quad (*)$$

and thus the representability of U is obtained. Alternatively, following the ideas in the proof of Theorems 3.1 and 3.2 of [1], (*) can be deduced from the weak compactness of U as follows: Let $G(E) = U^{**}(\chi_E)$, $E \in \mathcal{B}(T)$. Then $U^{**}C_o(T)^{**} \subset X$, as U is weakly compact. Since G is σ -additive in $\sigma(X^{**}, X^*)$ -topology, by the Orlicz-Pettis theorem G is σ -additive on $\mathcal{B}(T)$ in norm topology of X and consequently (*) holds. Moreover, by Theorem 2 of [7] and Appendix 1 of [12] it follows that G is a regular X -valued Borel measure.

In the study of representation of bounded multilinear operators on $\prod_1^d C_o(T_i)$, where $T_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, d$, are locally compact Hausdorff spaces, it has been shown in Dobrakov [5] that every bounded multilinear operator $V : \prod_1^d C_o(T_i) \rightarrow X$ admits a multilinear integral representation with respect to a unique X -valued Baire multimeasure Υ on $\prod_1^d \mathcal{B}_o(T_i)$, whenever the complex Banach space X contains no copy of c_o . Moreover, as observed in Dobrakov and Panchapagesan [6], the example given in Pelczyński [11, p.385] serves to give a non weakly compact multilinear operator V with range in a Banach space containing no copy of c_o . Thus, for bounded multilinear operators, the concepts of weak compactness and representability are not equivalent, even though these coincide for bounded linear operators on $C_o(T)$. The latter fact is exploited above to obtain the representability of a bounded linear operator $U : C_o(T) \rightarrow X$, whenever the Banach space X contains no copy of c_o .

Because of the above situation in the case of multilinear operators, the following question arises naturally: Can the representability of U be proved without using its weak compactness? The object of the present note is to answer the question affirmatively; and it turns out that the present direct proof is quite simple and elegant.

Let \mathcal{K} (resp. \mathcal{K}_o) be the family of all compacts (resp. compact G_δ s) in T . Let $\mathcal{B}_o(T)$ be the σ -ring generated by \mathcal{K}_o . The members of $\mathcal{B}_o(T)$ are called the Baire sets in T . The σ -algebra of all Borel sets in T is the σ -algebra $\mathcal{B}(T)$ generated by the class of all open sets in T .

Let \mathcal{R} be a ring of sets in T and let X be a complex Banach space. If $m : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow X$ is an additive set function, then m is said to be an (X -valued) vector measure. Moreover, the vector measure m is said to be σ -additive if it is countably additive in the norm topology of X . The dual of X is denoted by X^* and the second dual (of X) by X^{**} .

Definition 1. *An X -valued vector measure m on $\mathcal{B}_o(T)$ (resp. $\mathcal{B}(T)$) is said to be regular, if, given $\varepsilon > 0$ and $E \in \mathcal{B}_o(T)$ (resp. $E \in \mathcal{B}(T)$), there exists $C \in \mathcal{K}_o$ (resp. $C \in \mathcal{K}$) and an open set $U \in \mathcal{B}_o(T)$ (resp. an open set U in T) such that $C \subset E \subset U$ and $\|m(F)\| < \varepsilon$ for all $F \in \mathcal{B}_o(T)$ (resp. $F \in \mathcal{B}(T)$) with $F \subset U \setminus C$.*

Definition 2. *A vector measure $m : \mathcal{B}_o(T) \rightarrow X$ (resp. $\mathcal{B}(T) \rightarrow X$) is called an X -valued Baire (resp. Borel) measure on T .*

Lemma 3. *Every X -valued σ -additive Baire measure on T is regular and admits a unique X -valued σ -additive regular Borel extension on $\mathcal{B}(T)$.*

The above lemma is the same as Lemma 1 of Kluvánek [9].

Lemma 4. *Let $U : C_0(T) \rightarrow X$ be a bounded linear operator. Then there exists a weak* σ -additive vector measure G defined on $\mathcal{B}(T)$ with values in X^{**} such that*

*(i) $x^*G(\cdot)$ is a regular σ -additive complex valued Borel measure on T for $x^* \in X^*$;*

- (ii) the mapping $x^* \rightarrow x^*G(\cdot)$ of X^* into $C_o(T)^*$ is weak*- to weak*-continuous;
- (iii) $x^*Uf = \int_T f d(x^*G)$, for each $f \in C_o(T)$ and each $x^* \in X^*$; and
- (iv) $\|U\| = \|G\|(T)$, where $\|G\|$ is the semi-variation of the vector measure G , and by definition

$$\|G\|(T) = \sup\left\{\left\|\sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i G(E_i)\right\| : |\alpha_i| \leq 1, (E_i)_1^r \subset \mathcal{B}(T) \text{ with } E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset \text{ for } i \neq j\right\}$$

Moreover, the vector measure $G : \mathcal{B}(T) \rightarrow X^{**}$ satisfying (i)-(iii) is unique.

Proof. The proof of the first part of Theorem VI.2.1. of [3] holds here verbatim to prove (i)-(iv) if we replace Ω , $C(\Omega)$ and Σ there by T , $C_o(T)$ and $\mathcal{B}(T)$, respectively.

Now, let us prove the uniqueness of G . If $G_1 : \mathcal{B}(T) \rightarrow X^{**}$ is another vector measure satisfying (i)-(iii), then, for each $x^* \in X^*$, the regular σ -additive complex valued Borel measures x^*G and x^*G_1 , represent the same bounded linear functional x^*U on $C_o(T)$ and hence $x^*G(E) = x^*G_1(E)$ for $E \in \mathcal{B}(T)$. Since this holds for each $x^* \in X^*$, it follows that $G = G_1$.

Now we shall state and prove the principal result.

Theorem 5. Let $U : C_o(T) \rightarrow X$ be a bounded linear operator and let us suppose that the Banach space X contains no copy of c_o . Let $G_o = G|\mathcal{B}_o(T)$, where G is as in Lemma 4. Then:

- (i) G_o has range in X and G_o is σ -additive.
- (ii) G is an X -valued σ -additive regular Borel measure.

$$(iii) \quad Uf = \int_T f dG, \quad f \in C_o(T).$$

$$(iv) \quad \|U\| = \|G\|(T).$$

(v) G is uniquely determined by (ii) and (iii).

Consequently, U is weakly compact.

Proof. By Lemma 4 there exists a unique weak* σ -additive X^{**} -valued Borel measure G on $\mathcal{B}(T)$ such that

$$x^*Uf = \int_T f d(x^*G), \quad f \in C_o(T) \quad (1)$$

for each $x^* \in X^*$, x^*G is a regular σ -additive complex valued Borel measure and the mapping $x^* \rightarrow x^*G$ satisfies (ii) of Lemma 4. Moreover, by Lemma 4 (iv), $\|U\| = \|G\|(T)$. Thus (v) holds.

Let $C \in \mathcal{K}_o(T)$. By Theorem 55.B of Halmos [8] there exists a decreasing sequence (f_n) in $C_o(T)$ such that $f_n \searrow \chi_C$ pointwise on T . Then by (1) and by the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem

$$x^*G(C) = \lim_n \int_T f_n d(x^*G) = \lim_n x^*Uf_n \quad (2)$$

for each $x^* \in X^*$. Let $Uf_n = x_n$.

For $x^* \in X^*$, x^*G is σ -additive and hence there exist σ -additive positive measures $\mu_{x^*,j} : \mathcal{B}(T) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$, such that

$$x^*G = (\mu_{x^*,1} - \mu_{x^*,2}) + i(\mu_{x^*,3} - \mu_{x^*,4}).$$

Again by (1) and by the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |(x^*(x_n - x_{n+1}))| &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \int_T (f_n - f_{n+1}) d(x^*G) \right| \\
&\leq \sum_{j=1}^4 \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_T (f_n - f_{n+1}) d\mu_{x^*,j} \right) \\
&\leq \sum_{j=1}^4 \left(\int_T f_1 d\mu_{x^*,j} + \mu_{x^*,j}(C) \right) \\
&< \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$|x^*(x_1)| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x^*(x_{n+1} - x_n)| < \infty$$

for each $x^* \in X^*$. Since $c_o \notin X$, by Theorem 5 of [2] or by Corollary I.4.5 of [3] the formal series $x_1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x_{n+1} - x_n)$ converges unconditionally in norm to some vector $x_o \in X$. In other words, $\lim_n x_n = x_o$ (in norm topology). Then by (2) we have

$$x^*G(C) = \lim_n x^*Uf_n = \lim_n x^*x_n = x^*x_o$$

for each $x^* \in X^*$. Since $G(C) \in X^{**}$, it follows that $G(C) = x_o \in X$. Thus we have proved that $G(\mathcal{K}_o) \subset X$.

Now let $\Sigma = \{E \in \mathcal{B}_o(T) : G(E) \in X\}$. As $\mathcal{K}_o \subset \Sigma$, it follows that $R(\mathcal{K}_o)$, the ring generated by \mathcal{K}_o , is contained in Σ . Let $\{E_n\}_1^{\infty}$ be a monotone sequence in Σ with $\lim_n E_n = E$. When $E_n \nearrow$ put $F_n = E_n \setminus E_{n-1}$ with $E_0 = \emptyset$ for $n=1,2,\dots$, and when $E_n \searrow$ put $F_n = E_n \setminus E_{n+1}$ for $n=1,2,\dots$. Clearly, $G(F_n) \in X$ for all n . Then $E = \bigcup_1^{\infty} F_n$ when $E_n \nearrow$ and $E_1 \setminus E = \bigcup_1^{\infty} F_n$ when $E_n \searrow$. Since x^*G is σ -additive on $\mathcal{B}(T)$, it follows that

$$x^*G(E) = \sum_1^{\infty} x^*G(F_n) \text{ when } E_n \nearrow$$

and

$$x^*G(E) = x^*G(E_1) - \sum_1^{\infty} x^*G(F_n) \text{ when } E_n \searrow.$$

Thus in both the cases, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x^*G(F_n)| < \infty$ for each $x^* \in X^*$. As $c_o \notin X$, by Theorem 5 of [2] or by Corollary I.4.5 of [3] the series $\sum_1^{\infty} G(F_n)$ is unconditionally convergent in norm to some vector in X . Then it follows in both the cases that $\lim_n G(E_n) = \omega_o \in X$. Since x^*G is σ -additive,

$$x^*G(E) = \lim_n x^*G(E_n) = x^*\omega_o$$

for all $x^* \in X^*$ and hence $G(E) = \omega_o \in X$. This shows that $E \in \Sigma$ and that Σ is a monotone class. Then by Theorem 6.B of Halmos [8] we conclude that $\Sigma = \mathcal{B}_o(T)$, so that $G_o(\mathcal{B}_o(T)) = G(\mathcal{B}_o(T)) \subset X$.

Since x^*G_o is σ -additive on $\mathcal{B}_o(T)$ for each $x^* \in X^*$ and since the range of G_o is contained in X , by the Orlicz-Pettis theorem it follows that G_o is σ -additive (in the norm topology of X) on $\mathcal{B}_o(T)$. This proves (i).

By Lemma 3, there exists a unique X -valued σ -additive regular Borel measure G' on $\mathcal{B}(T)$ such that $G'|_{\mathcal{B}_o(T)} = G_o$. Since each $f \in C_o(T)$ is G_o -integrable by Theorem 8 of [4], it follows that

$$\int_T f dG_o \in X, f \in C_o(T). \quad (3)$$

Then by (1), (3) and the discussion on p. 526 of [4] we have

$$x^* \int_T f dG_o = \int_T f dx^*G_o = \int_T f d(x^*G) = x^*Uf = \int_T f d(x^*G')$$

for $x^* \in X^*$ and $f \in C_o(T)$.

Thus the bounded linear functional X^*U is represented by σ -additive complex valued regular Borel measures x^*G and x^*G' and hence $x^*G = x^*G'$. Since this holds for all $x^* \in X^*$, G' is X -valued and G is X^{**} -valued, we conclude that $G' = G$. This

proves (ii).

Since $G_o = G|_{\mathcal{B}_o(T)}$, (iii) follows from (3).

If $\tilde{G} : \mathcal{B}(T) \rightarrow X$ satisfies (ii) and (iii), then $x^*\tilde{G}$ and x^*G are σ -additive regular complex valued Borel measures representing the bounded linear functional x^*U and hence $x^*\tilde{G} = x^*G$ for each $x^* \in X^*$. Consequently, by the Hahn-Banach theorem $\tilde{G} = G$. This proves (v).

The weak compactness of U is immediate from (ii) and (iii) and from Theorem VI.1.1 of [3].

This completes the proof.

The following sufficiency part of Theorem 5.3 of Thomas [12], restricted to Banach spaces, follows as a corollary of the above theorem.

Corollary 6. *Every bounded linear operator $U : C_o(T) \rightarrow X$ is weakly compact, whenever the Banach space X contains no copy of c_o .*

The following extends Corollary VI.2.16 of [3] to $C_o(T)$.

Corollary 7. *A complemented infinite dimensional subspace of $C_o(T)$ contains a copy of c_o .*

Proof. Suppose X is a complemented infinite dimensional subspace of $C_o(T)$ and let P be a bounded projection of $C_o(T)$ onto X . If $c_o \not\subset X$, then by Corollary 6, P is weakly compact. Then the proof of Corollary VI.2.16 of [3] applies here to show that

P is compact and hence that X is finite dimensional.

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