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**Abstract**

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## ON THE CONTINUITY OF THE METRIC PROJECTION ON CERTAIN CLASSES OF SUBSPACES IN A BANACH SPACE

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Let  $E$  and  $F$  be metric spaces, and let  $K(F)$  be the set of all closed subsets of the space  $F$ . A mapping  $\varphi : E \rightarrow K(F)$  is called a multivalued mapping from  $E$  into  $F$ .  $\varphi$  is called lower semicontinuous <sup>(3)</sup> if the set  $\{x \in E : \varphi_x \subset G\}$  is open in  $E$  for every open subset  $G \subset F$ , and  $H$ -upper semicontinuous <sup>(4,5)</sup> if for every  $x \in E$  the set  $\varphi_x$  is nonempty and the condition  $x_n \rightarrow x$  implies the condition

$$\tilde{\rho}(\varphi_{x_n}, \varphi_x) = \sup\{\rho(y, \varphi_x) : y \in \varphi_{x_n}\} \rightarrow 0.$$

Both definitions coincide with the usual definition of continuity if  $\varphi$  is single-valued. If the mapping  $\varphi$  is upper semicontinuous and  $\varphi_x \neq \emptyset$  for every  $x \in E$ , then  $\varphi$  will be  $H$ -upper semicontinuous; moreover, if  $\varphi_x$  is compact for every  $x \in E$ , then the converse is also true <sup>(5)</sup>.

Let  $M$  be a set in  $E$ . The multivalued mapping  $T_M$ , which assigns to each point  $x \in E$  the set

$$T_M x = \{y \in M : \rho(x, y) = \rho(x, M)\},$$

is called the metric projection of  $E$  onto  $M$  <sup>(2)</sup>. The set  $M$  is called a set of existence <sup>(1)</sup> if  $T_M x \neq \emptyset$  for every  $x \in E$ , and Chebyshev <sup>(1)</sup> if  $T_M x$  is a singleton for every  $x \in E$ .

Everywhere in what follows:  $X$  is a  $B$ -space over the field of real numbers;  $S = \{x \in X : \|x\| = 1\}$ ,  $S^* = \{f \in X^* : \|f\| = 1\}$ ;  $x_n \rightharpoonup x_0$  if the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  converges weakly to  $x_0$ ;  $\overline{\text{sp}}\{f_n\}$  is the closed linear span of the sequence  $\{f_n\} \subset X^*$ ;  $\dim \text{sp}\{f_n\}$  is the dimension of the subspace  $\text{sp}\{f_n\}$ .

**Theorem 1.** *In a reflexive  $B$ -space  $X$  the following assertions are equivalent:*

- a) *the metric projection onto every closed subspace is lower semicontinuous;*
- b)  *$X$  satisfies the following condition (L): from  $\{x_n\} \subset S$ ,  $x_0 \in S$ ,  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty \subset S^*$ ,  $f_n(x_n) = f_0(x_0) = 1$ ,  $x_n \rightharpoonup x_0$ ,  $\|x_n - x_0\|_{\text{sp}\{f_n\}} \rightarrow 0$ , where*

$$\|x_n - x_0\|_{\text{sp}\{f_n\}} = \sup\{f(x_n - x_0) : f \in \text{sp}\{f_n\} \cap S^*\},$$

it follows that  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ ;

- c)  $X$  satisfies the following condition (L.1): from  $\{x_n\} \subset S$ ,  $x_0 \in S$ ,  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty \subset S^*$ ,  $f_n(x_n) = f_0(x_0) = 1$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ ,  $\rho(x_n - x_0, L) \rightarrow 0$ , where  $L = \bigcap_{n=0}^\infty \{x : f_n(x) = 0\}$ , it follows that  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ .

**Corollary 1.** In a reflexive  $B$ -space  $X$  satisfying condition (L) (or, what is the same, condition (L.1)), the metric projection onto every Chebyshev subspace is continuous.

**Theorem 2.** In order that in a reflexive  $B$ -space  $X$  the metric projection onto every closed subspace of finite defect-

then (respectively, onto every closed subspace of defect  $\leq k$ ) is upper semi-continuous, it is necessary and sufficient that  $X$  satisfy the following condition ( $L^\infty$ ): from  $\{x_n\} \subset S$ ,  $x_0 \in S$ ,  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty \subset S^*$ ,  $f_n(x_n) = f_0(x_0) = 1$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ ,  $\dim \text{sp}\{f_n\} < \infty$  it follows that  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$  (respectively, that  $X$  satisfy the following condition  $L^k$ : from  $\{x_n\} \subset S$ ,  $x_0 \in S$ ,  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty \subset S^*$ ,  $f_n(x_n) = f_0(x_0) = 1$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ ,  $\dim \text{sp}\{f_n\} \leq k$  it follows that  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ ).

**Corollary 2.** In a reflexive  $B$ -space  $X$  satisfying condition ( $L^\infty$ ) (respectively, satisfying condition ( $L^k$ )), the metric projection onto every Chebyshev subspace of finite defect (respectively, onto every Chebyshev subspace of defect  $\leq k$ ) is continuous.

**Theorem 3.** In order that, in a  $B$ -space  $X$ , every closed subspace be Chebyshev with a continuous metric projection, it is necessary and sufficient that  $X$  be reflexive and satisfy the following condition ( $L_R$ ): from  $\{x_n\} \subset S$ ,  $x_0 \in S$ ,  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty \subset S^*$ ,  $f_n(x_n) = f_0(x_0) = 1$ ,  $\|x_n - x_0\|_{\text{sp}\{f_n\}} \rightarrow 0$  it follows that  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$  (or, what is the same, condition

$$(L_R.1) : \quad \text{from } \{x_n\} \subset S, x_0 \in S, \{f_n\}_{n=0}^\infty \subset S^*, f_n(x_n) = f_0(x_0) = 1, \rho(x_n - x_0, L) \rightarrow 0,$$

where

$$L = \bigcap_{n=0}^\infty \{x : f_n(x) = 0\},$$

it follows that  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ ).

**Theorem 4.** In order that, in a strictly convex and reflexive  $B$ -space  $X$ , the metric projection onto every closed subspace of finite defect (respectively, onto every closed subspace of defect  $\leq k$ ) be continuous, it is necessary and sufficient that  $X$  satisfy condition ( $L^\infty$ ) (respectively, that  $X$  satisfy condition ( $L^k$ )).

**Theorem 5.** In a reflexive  $B$ -space the metric projection onto every closed hyperplane is  $H$ -upper semicontinuous (in a strictly convex space, continuous).

**Theorem 6.** In a  $B$ -space  $X$  satisfying condition  $(L)$ , the metric projection onto every reflexive subspace is  $H$ -upper semicontinuous. In particular, the metric projection onto every reflexive Chebyshev subspace is continuous.

A  $B$ -space  $X$  is called compactly rotund  $(^4, ^5)$  (respectively, weakly compactly rotund  $(^4, ^5)$ ) if for every  $f \in S^*$  the set  $\{x : f(x) = 1\} \cap S$  is either empty or compact (respectively, it is either empty or weakly compact).

**Theorem 7.** In a weakly compactly rotund  $B$ -space  $X$  satisfying condition  $(L)$ , the metric projection onto every reflexive subspace is upper semicontinuous.

**Theorem 8.** In a  $B$ -space  $X$ , the metric projection onto every hyperplane that is an existence set is  $H$ -upper semicontinuous.

**Theorem 9.** In order that, in a  $B$ -space  $X$ , the metric projection onto every closed hyperplane be upper semicontinuous, it is necessary and sufficient that  $X$  be compactly rotund.

**Example.** Consider, in the space  $l_2$  of real numerical sequences  $x = \{\xi_i\}$  summable with square, the following norm, equivalent to the original one:

$$\|x\|_{S'} = \inf\{|\lambda| : x \in \lambda S'\},$$

where

$$S' = \left\{ x = \{\xi_i\} \in l_2 : \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\xi_i^2}{i^2} \leq 1, \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \xi_i^2 \leq 3 \right\}.$$

Denote by  $X$  the space  $l_2$  with the norm  $\|x\|_{S'}$ . It is not difficult to see that  $X$  is reflexive, strictly convex, and satisfies condition  $(L^\infty)$ . Con-

Thus, by virtue of Theorem 4, in the space  $X$  the metric projection onto each closed subspace of finite defect is discontinuous. It can be shown, however, that in  $X$  the metric projection onto some convex closed set is discontinuous.

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