

# ON PROPERTY- $(R_1)$ AND RELATIVE CHEBYSHEV CENTERS IN BANACH SPACES-II

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ABSTRACT. We continue to study (strong) property- $(R_1)$  in Banach spaces. As discussed by Pai & Nowroji in [*On restricted centers of sets*, J. Approx. Theory, **66**(2), 170–189 (1991)], this study corresponds to a triplet  $(X, V, \mathcal{F})$ , where  $X$  is a Banach space,  $V$  is a closed convex set, and  $\mathcal{F}$  is a subfamily of closed, bounded subsets of  $X$ . It is observed that if  $X$  is a Lindenstrauss space then  $(X, B_X, \mathcal{K}(X))$  has strong property- $(R_1)$ , where  $\mathcal{K}(X)$  represents the compact subsets of  $X$ . It is established that for any  $F \in \mathcal{K}(X)$ ,  $\text{Cent}_{B_X}(F) \neq \emptyset$ . This extends the well-known fact that a compact subset of a Lindenstrauss space  $X$  admits a nonempty Chebyshev center in  $X$ . We extend our observation that  $\text{Cent}_{B_X}$  is Lipschitz continuous in  $\mathcal{K}(X)$  if  $X$  is a Lindenstrauss space. If  $Y$  is a subspace of a Banach space  $X$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  represents the set of all finite subsets of  $B_X$  then we observe that  $B_Y$  exhibits the condition for simultaneously strongly proximal (viz. property- $(P_1)$ ) in  $X$  for  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  if  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$  satisfies strong property- $(R_1)$ , where  $\mathcal{F}(X)$  represents the set of all finite subsets of  $X$ . It is demonstrated that if  $P$  is a bi-contractive projection in  $\ell_\infty$ , then  $(\ell_\infty, \text{Range}(P), \mathcal{K}(\ell_\infty))$  exhibits the strong property- $(R_1)$ , where  $\mathcal{K}(\ell_\infty)$  represents the set of all compact subsets of  $\ell_\infty$ . Furthermore, stability results for these properties are derived in continuous function spaces, which are then studied for various sums in Banach spaces.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. **Prerequisites:** Some standard notations used in this study are introduced as follows:  $X$  indicates a Banach space, whereas a subspace denotes a closed linear subspace. For  $x \in X$  and  $r > 0$ ,  $B(x, r)$  and  $B[x, r]$  denote open and closed balls, respectively, each with its center at  $x$  and radius  $r$ . Furthermore,  $B_X$  and  $S_X$  denote the closed unit ball and unit sphere of  $X$ ,

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respectively. Further,  $\mathcal{B}(X), \mathcal{C}(X), \mathcal{K}(X)$ , and  $\mathcal{F}(X)$  denote the set of all closed and bounded, closed and convex, compact, and finite subsets of  $X$ , respectively. Real numbers are assumed to be the underlying field for all spaces. For  $x \in X, V \in \mathcal{C}(X)$ , and  $B \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ , the following are defined:

**Notation.**

- (1)  $r(x, B) = \sup\{\|x - b\| : b \in B\}$
- (2)  $\text{rad}_V(B) = \inf\{r(x, B) : x \in V\}$
- (3)  $\text{Cent}_V(B) = \{v \in V : r(v, B) = \text{rad}_V(B)\}$
- (4)  $\delta - \text{Cent}_V(B) = \{v \in V : r(v, B) \leq \text{rad}_V(B) + \delta\}$
- (5) For  $B \subseteq X$ ,  $B_\eta = \{x \in X : d(x, B) \leq \eta\}$  for  $\eta > 0$ .
- (6)  $S_\eta(B) = \{x \in X : r(x, B) \leq \eta\}$  for  $\eta > 0$ .

Note that

- (1)  $\text{Cent}_V(B) = \left\{ \bigcap_{b \in B} B[b, \text{rad}_V(B)] \right\} \cap V$ .
- (2)  $\delta - \text{Cent}_V(B) = \left\{ \bigcap_{b \in B} B[b, \text{rad}_V(B) + \delta] \right\} \cap V$ .

However, if  $V \in \mathcal{C}(X)$  and  $B \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ , the set  $\text{Cent}_V(B)$  may be empty, although the set  $\delta - \text{Cent}_V(B)$  is nonempty for any  $\delta > 0$ . A triplet  $(X, V, \mathcal{F})$ —where  $V \in \mathcal{C}(X)$  and  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(X)$ , a subfamily of closed bounded subsets, exhibits the *restricted center property* (**rcp**) if for all  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\text{Cent}_V(F) \neq \emptyset$ . Here,  $\text{rad}_V(F)$  represents the radius of the smallest ball (if it exists) in  $X$  centered at  $V$  and containing  $F$ ,  $\text{Cent}_V(F)$  represents the possible points of the centers of these balls, and  $\delta - \text{Cent}_V(F)$  represents the set of points in  $V$  which are at most  $\text{rad}_V(F) + \delta$  away from  $F$ . Several researchers have investigated various characteristics (stated in the subsequent discussions) related to the entities defined above, viz.  $\text{Cent}_V(F), \text{rad}_V(F)$  (see [3, 8, 10, 13]), determined by various geometric properties of the Banach space and also the type of the closed convex subset  $V$ .

**Definition 1.1.** [10] Let  $V \in \mathcal{C}(X)$  and  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(X)$ . The triplet  $(X, V, \mathcal{F})$  exhibits *property-(R<sub>1</sub>)* if for  $v \in V, F \in \mathcal{F}$ , and  $r_1, r_2 > 0$ , the conditions  $r(v, F) \leq r_1 + r_2$  and  $S_{r_2}(F) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  imply that  $V \cap B[v, r_1 + \varepsilon] \cap S_{r_2 + \varepsilon}(F) \neq \emptyset$ , for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Equivalently (see [3, Theorem 2.2, 2.4]), the triplet  $(X, V, \mathcal{F})$  exhibits *property-(R<sub>1</sub>)* if for  $v \in V, F \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $r_1, r_2 > 0$  the conditions  $r(v, F) < r_1 + r_2$  and  $S_{r_2}(F) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  imply that  $V \cap B[v, r_1] \cap S_{r_2}(F) \neq \emptyset$ .

The above is a set-valued analogue of the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -ball property ([14]) and clearly a subspace  $V$  has the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -ball property in  $X$  if  $(X, V, \mathcal{F})$  has property- $(R_1)$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  contains the singletons. The article by Pai and Nowroji ([10]) reported that if  $(X, V, \mathcal{F})$  exhibits property- $(R_1)$ , then it has **rcp**. However, in [7] it is demonstrated that the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -ball property is insufficient to ensure **rcp** for finite subsets. In this context we recall [12, Proposition 2.2]. It is observed for a family of bounded subsets  $\mathcal{F}$ , if for all  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\text{Cent}_{B_Y}(F) \neq \emptyset$  for a subspace  $Y$ , then for all  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\text{Cent}_Y(F) \neq \emptyset$ . This concludes if  $(X, B_X, \mathcal{F})$  exhibits **rcp**, then  $\text{Cent}_X(F) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Several characterizations for property- $(R_1)$  have been derived by Daptari and Paul [3]. It is clear that for an arbitrary  $V \in \mathcal{C}(X)$  and  $v \in V$ ,  $r(v, F) \leq \text{rad}_V(F) + d(v, \text{Cent}_V(F))$ , for all  $F \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** [3, Theorem 2.4] *Let  $V$  be a closed convex subset of  $X$ . Then, the triplet  $(X, V, \mathcal{F})$  exhibits property- $(R_1)$  if and only if for  $v \in V$  and  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $r(v, F) = \text{rad}_V(F) + d(v, \text{Cent}_V(F))$ .*

Daptari and Paul [4] studied a stronger version of property- $(R_1)$ , called *strong property- $(R_1)$* , which is in fact a set-valued version of the *strong  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -ball property* (see [7]).

**Definition 1.3.** [4] Let  $V \in \mathcal{C}(X)$  and  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(X)$ . The triplet  $(X, V, \mathcal{F})$  exhibits *strong property- $(R_1)$*  if for  $v \in V, F \in \mathcal{F}, r_1, r_2 > 0$  the conditions  $r(v, F) \leq r_1 + r_2$  and  $S_{r_2}(F) \cap V \neq \emptyset$  imply that  $V \cap B[v, r_1] \cap S_{r_2}(F) \neq \emptyset$ .

Several characterizations and examples of strong property- $(R_1)$  are provided in [4]. Certain properties relevant to this study are listed below.

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $V$  be a subspace of  $X$ , and  $\mathcal{F}$  be a subfamily of  $\mathcal{B}(X)$ . Then, the following are equivalent.*

- (a)  $(X, V, \mathcal{F})$  exhibits *strong property- $(R_1)$* .
- (b)  $(X, V, \mathcal{F})$  exhibits property- $(R_1)$  and  $\forall F \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\text{Cent}_{B_V}(F) \neq \emptyset$ .
- (c)  $\forall v \in V$  and  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $r(v, F) = \text{rad}_V(F) + \|v - z\|$ , for certain  $z \in \text{Cent}_V(F)$ .

In all the above characterizations for (strong) property- $(R_1)$ , one can choose  $v = 0$ . In [3] Daptari and Paul reported that the space  $C(K)$  where  $K$  is a compact Hausdorff space yields many subspaces that satisfy (strong) property- $(R_1)$ . It is well-known that an  $M$ -ideal (see [6, pg.1]) in a Lindenstrauss space is categorized as such a subspace (see [10, Proposition 2.3] and

[4, Theorem 3.6]). For instance, if  $x^*$  is an extreme point of the dual unit ball of a Lindenstrauss space  $X$ , then  $\ker(x^*)$  exhibits strong property- $(R_1)$  for the set of all compact subsets of  $X$ . The result in [10, Proposition 2.3] follows directly in consideration of Theorem 2.4 when combined with [4, Theorem 3.5]. This study examined (strong) property- $(R_1)$  and establishes various consequences, stability properties, and examples thereof.

**1.2. Summary of results:** The remainder of this paper is structured as follows.

Section 2 discusses several phenomena associated with property- $(R_1)$  and strong property- $(R_1)$ . It is demonstrated with respect to the finite subsets of a Lindenstrauss space, the unit ball exhibits strong property- $(R_1)$ . Moreover, it is observed if  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$  exhibits strong property- $(R_1)$ , then  $(X, B_Y, \mathcal{F}(B_X))$  has property- $(P_1)$ .

A projection  $P : X \rightarrow X$  such that  $\|P\| \leq 1, \|I - P\| \leq 1$  is referred to as a bi-contractive projection on  $X$ . In Section 3, the range of any bi-contractive projection in  $\ell_\infty$  is derived as exhibiting strong property- $(R_1)$  with respect to the compact subsets. This concludes the unit ball of such subspaces exhibits restricted Chebyshev center for all compact subsets of  $\ell_\infty$ .

Section 4 demonstrates that the properties considered in this study remain stable under continuous function spaces. For a compact Hausdorff space  $K$ ,  $C(K, X)$  is considered to be the vector space of all continuous functions from  $K$  that take values in  $X$ . For an  $f \in C(K, X)$ ,  $\sup_{k \in K} \|f(k)\|$  defines a norm that makes the space complete. It is demonstrated that if  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$  exhibits property- $(R_1)$ , then  $(C(K, X), C(K, Y), \mathcal{F}(C(K, X)))$  has property- $(R_1)$ , and vice versa. This study adopts the technique used by Yost in [14, Theorem 2.1] to confirm that a Weierstrass–Stone subspace of  $C(K, X)$  exhibits strong property- $(R_1)$  for the finite subsets.

Section 5 discusses a few cases when (strong) property- $(R_1)$  is stable with respect to various sums of Banach spaces.

## 2. VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PROPERTY- $(R_1)$

The following theorem can be obtained from certain standard inequalities:  $|\text{rad}_V(F_1) - \text{rad}_V(F_2)| \leq d_H(F_1, F_2)$ ,  $|r(v_1, F) - r(v_2, F)| \leq \|v_1 - v_2\|$ , for

$v_1, v_2 \in V$  and  $F_1, F_2, F \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ . Here,  $d_H$  represents the Hausdorff metric defined over  $\mathcal{B}(X)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $V \in \mathcal{C}(X)$ . If  $(X, V, \mathcal{F}(X))$  exhibits property- $(R_1)$ , then  $(X, V, \mathcal{K}(X))$  exhibits property- $(R_1)$ .*

Similar to Theorem 2.1, in certain cases, the strong property- $(R_1)$  of a  $V \in \mathcal{C}(X)$  for finite subsets is sufficient for ensuring the same for compact subsets.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Let  $(X, \tau_X)$  represents a locally convex topological vector space, where  $\tau_X$  be a topology weaker than  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ . In addition to that, we assume that any (norm) bounded net in  $X$  has a  $\tau_X$  convergent subnet in  $X$ , and  $\|\cdot\|$  is lower semicontinuous in  $(X, \tau_X)$ . Then, for a  $\tau_X$ -closed  $V \in \mathcal{C}(X)$ ,  $(X, V, \mathcal{K}(X))$  exhibits strong property- $(R_1)$  whenever  $(X, V, \mathcal{F}(X))$  has strong property- $(R_1)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $K \in \mathcal{K}(X)$ . The aim is to prove that  $r(0, K) = \text{rad}_V(K) + \|z\|$  for certain  $z \in \text{Cent}_V(K)$ .

There exists a sequence  $F_n \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  such that  $d_H(K, F_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus,  $r(0, F_n) = \text{rad}_V(F_n) + \|z_n\|$ , where  $z_n \in \text{Cent}_V(F_n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Because  $(z_n)$  is bounded in  $X$ , there exists a subnet  $(z_{n_i})$  of  $(z_n)$  such that  $z_{n_i} \rightarrow z$  in  $(X, \tau_X)$  for a certain  $z \in V$ . Hence,

$$\|z\| \leq \liminf_i \|z_{n_i}\| = \liminf_i [r(0, F_{n_i}) - \text{rad}_V(F_{n_i})] = r(0, K) - \text{rad}_V(K).$$

CLAIM:  $r(z, K) = \text{rad}_V(K)$ .

Because  $z_{n_i} \rightarrow z$  in  $(X, \tau_X)$ , the following is obtained.

$$\begin{aligned} r(z, K) &\leq \liminf_i r(z_{n_i}, K) \\ &\leq \liminf_i [r(z_{n_i}, F_{n_i}) + d(F_{n_i}, K)] \\ &= \liminf_i [\text{rad}_V(F_{n_i}) + d(F_{n_i}, K)] = \text{rad}_V(K) \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $r(z, K) = \text{rad}_V(K)$ , and thus  $z \in \text{Cent}_V(K)$ . Therefore,  $d(0, \text{Cent}_V(K)) \leq \|z\| \leq r(0, K) - \text{rad}_V(K)$ . The other inequality is evident. This completes the proof.  $\square$

The following is obtained by applying Theorem 2.2.

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $X$  be a dual (reflexive) Banach space and  $V$  be a weak\* (respectively, norm) closed convex subset of  $X$ . If  $(X, V, \mathcal{F}(X))$  exhibits strong property- $(R_1)$ , then  $(X, V, \mathcal{K}(X))$  exhibits strong property- $(R_1)$ .*

Following the arguments used in [12, Lemma 2.1] it is easy to observe that,

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  be a subfamily of  $\mathcal{B}(X)$ . If  $(X, B_Y, \mathcal{F})$  has (strong) property- $(R_1)$  then  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F})$  has (strong) property- $(R_1)$ .*

Let  $V \in \mathcal{C}(X)$ . Let us recall the following.

**Definition 2.5.** [10] For a subfamily  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{B}(X)$ , the triplet  $(X, V, \mathcal{F})$  exhibits property- $(P_1)$  if for  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  there exists  $\delta(\varepsilon, F) > 0$  such that  $\delta - \text{Cent}_V(F) \subseteq \text{Cent}_V(F) + \varepsilon B_X$ .

$(X, V, \mathcal{F})$  exhibits property- $(P_1)$  if it has property- $(R_1)$ . In addition, a Banach space  $X$  is considered a Lindenstrauss space if  $X^*$  is isometric with  $L_1(\mu)$  for a certain measure space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ . [9] is a standard reference for a comprehensive study of Lindenstrauss-type Banach spaces. Furthermore,  $X$  is a Lindenstrauss space if and only if for any finite family of closed balls  $\{B_i\}_{i=1}^n$  that are pairwise intersecting in  $X$ , they actually intersect in  $X$  ([9, Theorem 5.5, 6.1]). In this statement,  $n$  can be replaced with 4. As discussed in Section 1, our next theorem extends the fact that any finite subset of a Lindenstrauss space has a nonempty Chebyshev center.

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $X$  be a Lindenstrauss space. Then,  $(X, B_X, \mathcal{F}(X))$  has rcp.*

*Proof.* Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  be such that  $F = \{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n\}$ . Consider the family of balls  $\mathcal{B} = \{B_X, B[z_1, \text{rad}_{B_X}(F)], B[z_2, \text{rad}_{B_X}(F)], \dots, B[z_n, \text{rad}_{B_X}(F)]\}$ . Evidently, for any two  $z_i, z_j \in F$ ,  $\|z_i - z_j\| \leq 2 \cdot \text{rad}_{B_X}(F)$ .

Furthermore, for  $z \in F$ ,  $\|z - 0\| \leq r(0, F) \leq r(s, F) + 1$  for any  $s \in B_X$ .

Hence,  $\|z - 0\| \leq \text{rad}_{B_X}(F) + 1$  from where it follows that  $B[z, \text{rad}_{B_X}(F)] \cap B_X \neq \emptyset$ . Because  $X$  is  $L_1$ -predual,  $\bigcap_{B \in \mathcal{B}} B \neq \emptyset$ .

Hence, the result follows.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $X$  be a Lindenstrauss space. Then,  $(X, B_X, \mathcal{F}(X))$  exhibits property- $(P_1)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  such that  $F = \{z_1, \dots, z_n\}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Let  $x \in \varepsilon - \text{Cent}_{B_X}(F)$ .

CLAIM:  $x \in \text{Cent}_{B_X}(F) + \varepsilon B_X$ .

Our assumption yields  $\|x - z_i\| \leq \text{rad}_{B_X}(F) + \varepsilon$  for all  $i = 1 \cdots, n$ . Thereafter,  $B[x, \varepsilon] \cap B[z_i, \text{rad}_{B_X}(F)] \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i = 1 \cdots, n$ . Additionally,  $\|z_i - z_j\| \leq 2 \cdot \text{rad}_{B_X}(F)$ . Further, we have  $\|z_i - 0\| \leq r(0, F) \leq r(s, F) + 1$  for all  $s \in B_X$  for all  $i = 1, \cdots, n$ . Hence,  $\|z_i - 0\| \leq \text{rad}_{B_X}(F) + 1$ . Since  $X$  is a Lindenstrauss space, we have  $B[x, \varepsilon] \cap (\cap_{i=1}^n B[z_i, \text{rad}_{B_X}(F)]) \cap B_X \neq \emptyset$ . In other words,  $B[x, \varepsilon] \cap \text{Cent}_{B_X}(F) \neq \emptyset$ , and hence the claim follows.  $\square$

**Remark 2.8.** (a) *Let us recall that (see [3, Theorem 2.4]) the case  $\delta = \varepsilon$  in the definition of property- $(P_1)$  ensures property- $(R_1)$ . Hence, we have  $(X, B_X, \mathcal{F}(X))$  has property- $(R_1)$  when  $X$  is a Lindenstrauss space. In fact, we can draw a stronger conclusion, as derived in Theorem 2.9.*

(b) *From [3, Theorem 2.5], it now follows that if  $X$  is a Lindenstrauss space, then  $\text{Cent}_{B_X} : (\mathcal{F}(X), d_H) \rightarrow (\mathcal{B}(X), d_H)$  is Lipschitz continuous.*

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $X$  be a Lindenstrauss space. Then,  $(X, B_X, \mathcal{F}(X))$  exhibits strong property- $(R_1)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in B_X$  and  $F = \{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n\} \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ . Furthermore, let  $r(x, F) \leq r_1 + r_2$  and  $S_{r_2}(F) \cap B_X \neq \emptyset$  for  $r_1, r_2 > 0$ .

The condition  $r(x, F) \leq r_1 + r_2$  ensures  $B[x, r_1] \cap B[z_i, r_2] \neq \emptyset$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . In addition,  $S_{r_2}(F) \cap B_X \neq \emptyset$  ensures that  $\|z_i - z_j\| \leq 2r_2$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $B[z_i, r_2] \cap B_X \neq \emptyset$ . However, owing to *n.2.I.P.* of  $X$ ,  $B_X \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^n B[z_i, r_2] \cap B[x, r_1] \neq \emptyset$  is obtained. This completes the proof.  $\square$

As discussed in Theorem 1.4,  $\text{Cent}_{B_Y}(F) \neq \emptyset$  for  $F \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  if  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$  exhibits strong property- $(R_1)$ . In Theorem 2.10 it is derived that  $B_Y$  admits property- $(P_1)$  for a suitable subfamily of finite subsets of  $X$ .

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$  exhibit strong property- $(R_1)$ . Then,  $(X, B_Y, \mathcal{F}(B_X))$  has property- $(P_1)$ .*

*Proof.* We utilize the techniques used in [7, Theorem 2.9]. The detailed proof is included for completeness.

Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}(B_X)$ ,  $d = \text{rad}_Y(F) > 0$ , and  $r(0, F) < 1 + d$ . Hence, there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that  $r(0, F) - d = 1 - \eta$ .

Considering  $\varepsilon > 0$ , choose  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that  $\delta + \frac{3\delta}{\delta + \eta} < \varepsilon$ .

Now,  $d = \text{rad}_{B_Y}(F)$  (see [4, Theorem 3.8]). Let  $y \in \delta - \text{Cent}_{B_Y}(F)$  (that is,  $r(y, F) < \text{rad}_{B_Y}(F) + \delta$ ). Now, by strong property- $(R_1)$ ,  $r(y, F) = \text{rad}_Y(F) + d(y, \text{Cent}_Y(F)) = d + \inf_{z \in \text{Cent}_Y(F)} \|z - y\|$ , that is,  $d(y, \text{Cent}_Y(F)) = r(y, F) - d < \delta$ . Hence, there exists  $y_0 \in \text{Cent}_Y(F)$  such that  $\|y - y_0\| < \delta$ . Clearly,  $\|y_0\| < \|y\| + \delta \leq 1 + \delta$ .

CLAIM: There exists  $z \in \text{Cent}_Y(F) \cap B_Y$  such that  $\|y - z\| < \varepsilon$ .

Now,  $r(0, F) - d = 1 - \eta = d(0, \text{Cent}_Y(F))$  and there exists  $z_1 \in \text{Cent}_Y(F)$  with  $\|z_1\| = 1 - \eta$ .

Let  $w_\lambda = \lambda y_0 + (1 - \lambda)z_1$ , then  $\|w_\lambda\| \leq \lambda(1 + \delta) + (1 - \lambda)(1 - \eta) = 1 + \delta\lambda - (1 - \lambda)\eta$ .

Now,  $1 + \delta\lambda - (1 - \lambda)\eta = 1 \iff 1 - \lambda = \frac{\delta}{\delta + \eta} \iff \lambda = \frac{\eta}{\delta + \eta}$ .

Let  $\lambda = \frac{\eta}{\delta + \eta}$  and  $z = w_\lambda$ , then  $0 < \lambda < 1$ .

$\|y_0 - z\| = (1 - \lambda)\|y_0 - z_1\| \leq \frac{3\delta}{\delta + \eta}$  because  $\|y_0 - z_1\| \leq 2 + 1 = 3$ .

Additionally,  $z \in \text{Cent}_Y(F)$  because  $\text{Cent}_Y(F)$  is convex and  $\|z\| \leq 1 + \delta\lambda - (1 - \lambda)\eta = 1$ .

Hence, we have  $z \in \text{Cent}_{B_Y}(F)$  and  $\|y - z\| \leq \|y - y_0\| + \|y_0 - z\| < \delta + \frac{3\delta}{\delta + \eta} < \varepsilon$ . This proves the claim.

Hence,  $\delta - \text{Cent}_{B_Y}(F) \subseteq \text{Cent}_{B_Y}(F) + \varepsilon B_X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.11.** *Let  $Y$  be a subspace of a Banach space  $X$ . If  $(X^{**}, Y^{\perp\perp}, \mathcal{F}(X^{**}))$  has property- $(R_1)$ , then  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$  has property- $(R_1)$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is straightforward and follows from the extended version of *Principle of local reflexivity*, as stated in [1, Theorem 3.2].  $\square$

We do not have the answer to the following question.

**Question 2.12.** *Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Does the triplet  $(X^{**}, Y^{\perp\perp}, \mathcal{F}(X^{**}))$  have property- $(R_1)$  if  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$  has the property- $(R_1)$ ?*

### 3. EXAMPLES FROM SUBSPACES OF $\ell_\infty$

Let us recall that a subspace  $Y$  of  $X$  has the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -ball property if and only if for  $x \in X$ ,  $\|x\| = d(x, Y) + d(0, P_Y(x))$  (see [5]). Here  $P_Y(x) = \{y \in Y : \|x - y\| = d(x, Y)\}$ , the set of points in  $Y$  which are nearest to  $x$ . It is well-known that in  $\ell_\infty(2)$ , the subspace  $\text{span}\{(1, 1)\} = Z$  (say) has the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -ball property. The simplest manner of observing this is that for any



$(p, q) \in \ell_\infty(2)$ ,  $d((p, q), Z) = \frac{|p-q|}{2}$  and the unique best approximation from  $(p, q)$  to the subspace  $Z$  is  $(\frac{p+q}{2}, \frac{p+q}{2})$ . Hence for  $(p, q) \in \ell_\infty(2)$ , the above identity turns out to be equivalent to  $|p| \vee |q| = |\frac{p-q}{2}| + |\frac{p+q}{2}|$ , which is true for an arbitrary pair of real numbers  $p, q$ .

Consequently, using similar arguments, it can be easily observed that  $\text{span}\{(1, -1)\}$  (=W say) has the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -ball property in  $\ell_\infty(2)$ . This study claims that both subspaces, viz.  $Z, W$ , exhibit property- $(R_1)$  for finite subsets of  $\ell_\infty(2)$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $X = \ell_\infty(2)$  and  $Z = \text{span}\{(1, 1)\}$ . Then,  $(X, Z, \mathcal{F}(X))$  exhibits strong property- $(R_1)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ . Furthermore, let  $(z, z) \in Z$  and  $r_1, r_2 > 0$  be such that  $r((z, z), F) \leq r_1 + r_2$  and  $S_{r_2}(F) \cap Z \neq \emptyset$ .

CLAIM:  $B[(z, z), r_1] \cap S_{r_2}(F) \cap Z \neq \emptyset$ .

If  $\text{card}(F) = 1$ , then the claim follows from the fact that  $Z$  has the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -ball property in  $X$ . Suppose that the assertion holds for  $\text{card}(F) = n$ . The following proof is when  $\text{card}(F) = n + 1$ . Assume that  $F = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_{n+1}, y_{n+1})\}$ .

Let  $(p, p) \in S_{r_2}(F) \cap Z = \bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} B[(x_i, y_i), r_2] \cap Z$ . Because  $Z$  exhibits strong property- $(R_1)$  when  $F$  has  $n$  elements, the following is obtained for certain  $(s_i, s_i) \in \ell_\infty(2)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ :  $(s_i, s_i) \in B[(z, z), r_1] \cap \bigcap_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{n+1} B[(x_j, y_j), r_2]$ .

Here,  $s_1, s_2$  are chosen and the arguments are as stated below.

CASE 1: When  $p \leq s_1 \leq s_2$ .

Then,  $-r_2 \leq p - x_1 \leq s_1 - x_1 \leq s_2 - x_1 \leq r_2$  and  $-r_2 \leq p - y_1 \leq s_1 - y_1 \leq s_2 - y_1 \leq r_2$ , and thus  $(s_1, s_1) \in B[(x_1, y_1), r_2]$ .

Thus,  $(s_1, s_1) \in B[(z, z), r_1] \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} B[(x_i, y_i), r_2] \cap Z = B[(z, z), r_1] \cap S_{r_2}(F) \cap Z$ .

Similar arguments can be used for the cases:

CASE 2:  $p \leq s_2 \leq s_1$ ,

CASE 3:  $s_1 \leq s_2 \leq p$  and

CASE 4:  $s_2 \leq s_1 \leq p$ .

We now remain with the following cases.

CASE 5: When  $s_1 \leq p \leq s_2$ .

Then,  $z \leq s_1 + r_1 \leq p + r_1$  and  $p - r_1 \leq s_2 - r_1 \leq z$ , and thus  $|p - z| \leq r_1$ .

Thus,  $(p, p) \in B[(z, z), r_1] \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} B[(x_i, y_i), r_2] \cap Z = B[(z, z), r_1] \cap S_{r_2}(F) \cap Z$ .

CASE 6: When  $s_2 \leq p \leq s_1$ .

Then,  $z \leq s_2 + r_1 \leq p + r_1$  and  $p - r_1 \leq s_1 - r_1 \leq z$ , and thus  $|p - z| \leq r_1$ .

Thus,  $(p, p) \in B[(z, z), r_1] \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} B[(x_i, y_i), r_2] \cap Z = B[(z, z), r_1] \cap S_{r_2}(F) \cap Z$ .

Hence, the result follows when  $\text{card}(F) = n + 1$ , and this completes the proof.  $\square$

Moreover, a similar conclusion can be derived for the subspace  $\text{span}\{(1, -1)\}$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $X = \ell_\infty(2)$  and  $W = \text{span}\{(1, -1)\}$ . Then,  $(X, W, \mathcal{F}(X))$  has strong property- $(R_1)$  in  $X$ .*

We now establish that the range of any bi-contractive projection in  $\ell_\infty$  exhibits property- $(R_1)$ . Let us recall that, if  $P : \ell_\infty \rightarrow \ell_\infty$  is a bi-contractive projection, then either  $Px(n) = \frac{x(n)+x(\tau(n))}{2}$  or  $Px(n) = \frac{x(n)-x(\tau(n))}{2}$  for  $x \in \ell_\infty$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (see [2, Theorem 3.9]). Here,  $\tau : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is a permutation such that  $\tau^2 = I$  (identity).

Thus, if  $P$  is a bi-contractive projection on  $\ell_\infty$  and  $\tau$  is the corresponding permutation on  $\mathbb{N}$ , then, for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , either  $\tau(n) = n$  or  $\tau(n) = m$  for certain  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and, in the second case,  $\tau(m) = n$ . This concludes for a bi-contractive projection  $P : \ell_\infty \rightarrow \ell_\infty$ ,

- (1) When  $\tau(n) = n$ : either  $Px(n) = x(n)$  or  $Px(n) = 0$ .
- (2) When  $\tau(n) = m$  ( $n \neq m$ ): either  $(Px(n), Px(m)) = \alpha(1, 1)$ , or  $(Px(n), Px(m)) = \alpha(1, -1)$  for some scalar  $\alpha$ .

Hence, if  $P \neq 0$ , then  $P(\ell_\infty)$  is isometrically isomorphic with either  $(\prod_{n \in A} (\alpha_n, \alpha_n))_\infty \oplus_\infty (\prod_{m \in B} (\beta_m, -\beta_m))_\infty \oplus_\infty W$  or  $\ell_\infty$ . Here,  $W$  is an  $M$ -summand of  $\ell_\infty$  and  $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ . Based on [4, Theorem 3.5],  $W$  exhibits strong property- $(R_1)$  in  $\ell_\infty$ . Furthermore, the subspaces  $(\prod_{n \in A} (\alpha_n, \alpha_n))_\infty$  and  $(\prod_{m \in B} (\beta_m, -\beta_m))_\infty$  exhibit strong property- $(R_1)$  in  $\ell_\infty$  when considering Propositions 3.1 and 3.2 and Theorem ???. Finally, according to Theorem ??, the subspace  $\text{range}(P)$  has strong property- $(R_1)$  in  $\ell_\infty$ . Hence, the following is obtained.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $P$  be a bi-contractive projection in  $\ell_\infty$  and  $Y = \text{range}(P)$ . Then,  $(\ell_\infty, Y, \mathcal{F}(\ell_\infty))$  has strong property- $(R_1)$ .*

We now consider the derivation for the subspace  $\text{span}\{(1, 1, \dots, 1, \dots)\}$ , which exhibits strong property- $(R_1)$  in  $\ell_\infty$  for finite subsets.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $X = \ell_\infty$  and  $Y = \text{span}\{(1, 1, \dots)\}$ . Then,  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$  exhibits strong property-( $R_1$ ).*

*Proof.* Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ ,  $(x, x, \dots) \in Y$ ,  $r_1, r_2 > 0$  be such that  $r((x, x, \dots), F) \leq r_1 + r_2$  and  $S_{r_2}(F) \cap Y \neq \emptyset$ .

CLAIM:  $B[(x, x, \dots), r_1] \cap S_{r_2}(F) \cap Y \neq \emptyset$ .

STEP 1: Let  $\text{card}(F) = 1$ . Let  $F = \{(x(1), x(2), \dots)\}$ . Then, we have  $B[(x, x, \dots), r_1] \cap B[(x(1), x(2), \dots), r_2] \neq \emptyset$  and  $B[(x(1), x(2), \dots), r_2] \cap Y \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $(z(1), z(2), \dots) \in B[(x, x, \dots), r_1] \cap B[(x(1), x(2), \dots), r_2]$  and  $(y, y, \dots) \in B[(x(1), x(2), \dots), r_2]$ .

Let  $\alpha = \inf_{i \in \mathbb{N}} z(i)$  and  $\beta = \sup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} z(i)$ . Then,  $\alpha \leq z(i) \leq \beta$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

CASE 1: When  $y \leq \alpha$ .

Then,  $y \leq \alpha \leq z(i)$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,  $-r_2 \leq y - x(i) \leq \alpha - x(i) \leq z(i) - x(i) \leq r_2$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence,  $|\alpha - x(i)| \leq r_2$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then, there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $z(N) - \varepsilon \leq \alpha$ . Hence,  $x - \varepsilon \leq z(N) + r_1 - \varepsilon \leq \alpha + r_1$  and  $\alpha - r_1 \leq z(N) - r_1 \leq x$ . Thus,  $|\alpha - x| \leq r_1 + \varepsilon$ .

Therefore,  $(\alpha, \alpha, \dots) \in B[(x, x, \dots), r_1] \cap B[(x(1), x(2), \dots), r_2]$ .

CASE 2: When  $\alpha \leq y \leq \beta$ .

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . There exists  $N, N' \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $z(N) - \varepsilon \leq \alpha$  and  $\beta \leq z(N') + \varepsilon$ . Subsequently,  $x - \varepsilon \leq z(N) - \varepsilon + r_1 \leq \alpha + r_1 \leq y + r_1$  and  $y - r_1 \leq \beta - r_1 \leq z(N') + \varepsilon - r_1 \leq x + \varepsilon$ . Then,  $|y - x| \leq r_1 + \varepsilon$ .

Hence,  $(y, y, \dots) \in B[(x, x, \dots), r_1] \cap B[(x(1), x(2), \dots), r_2]$ .

CASE 3: When  $\beta \leq y$ .

Then,  $z(i) \leq \beta \leq y$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Furthermore,  $-r_2 \leq z(i) - x(i) \leq \beta - x(i) \leq y - x(i) \leq r_2$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence,  $|\beta - x(i)| \leq r_2$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then, there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\beta \leq z(N) + \varepsilon$ . Hence,  $x \leq z(N) + r_1 \leq \beta + r_1$  and  $\beta - r_1 \leq z(N) - r_1 + \varepsilon \leq x + \varepsilon$ . Thus,  $|\beta - x| \leq r_1 + \varepsilon$ .

Thus,  $(\beta, \beta, \dots) \in B[(x, x, \dots), r_1] \cap B[(x(1), x(2), \dots), r_2]$ .

Hence,  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$  has strong property-( $R_1$ ) when  $\text{card}(F) = 1$ .

STEP 2: Suppose that the assertion holds for all  $F \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  when  $\text{card}(F) = n$ . Let  $\text{card}(F) = n + 1$ . Let  $F = \{x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}\}$ , where  $x_i = (x_i(1), x_i(2), \dots)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n + 1$ . Then, we have  $B[(x, x, \dots), r_1] \cap B[(x_i(1), x_i(2), \dots), r_2] \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n + 1$  and  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} B[(x_i(1), x_i(2), \dots), r_2] \cap Y \neq \emptyset$ . Now, because  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$

exhibits property- $(R_1)$  when  $\text{card}(F) = n$ , the following is obtained:  $B[(x, x, \dots), r_1] \cap \bigcap_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq 2}}^{n+1} B[(x_i(1), x_i(2), \dots), r_2] \cap Y \neq \emptyset$  and  $B[(x, x, \dots), r_1] \cap \bigcap_{i=2}^{n+1} B[(x_i(1), x_i(2), \dots), r_2] \cap Y \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $(p, p, \dots) \in B[(x, x, \dots), r_1] \cap \bigcap_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq 2}}^{n+1} B[(x_i(1), x_i(2), \dots), r_2]$ ,  $(q, q, \dots) \in B[(x, x, \dots), r_1] \cap \bigcap_{i=2}^{n+1} B[(x_i(1), x_i(2), \dots), r_2]$  and  $(s, s, \dots) \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} B[(x_i(1), x_i(2), \dots), r_2]$ .

CASE 1: When  $s \leq p \leq q$ .

Then,  $-r_2 \leq s - x_2(i) \leq p - x_2(i) \leq q - x_2(i) \leq r_2$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus,  $(p, p, \dots) \in B[(x_2(1), x_2(2), \dots), r_2]$ .

Hence,  $(p, p, \dots) \in B[(x, x, \dots), r_1] \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} B[(x_i(1), x_i(2), \dots), r_2]$ .

Similar ideas can be adopted to establish the following cases.

CASE 2:  $s \leq q \leq p$ .

CASE 3:  $p \leq q \leq s$ .

CASE 4:  $q \leq p \leq s$ .

We now remain with the following cases.

CASE 5:  $p \leq s \leq q$ .

Then,  $x \leq p + r_1 \leq s + r_1$  and  $s - r_1 \leq q - r_1 \leq x$ . Thus,  $|s - x| \leq r_1$ .

Hence,  $(s, s, \dots) \in B[(x, x, \dots), r_1] \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} B[(x_i(1), x_i(2), \dots), r_2]$ .

CASE 6: When  $q \leq s \leq p$ .

Then,  $x \leq q + r_1 \leq s + r_1$  and  $s - r_1 \leq p - r_1 \leq x$ . Thus,  $|s - x| \leq r_1$ .

Hence,  $(s, s, \dots) \in B[(x, x, \dots), r_1] \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} B[(x_i(1), x_i(2), \dots), r_2]$ .

Thus, the assertion holds for all  $F \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ .  $\square$

It is clear that the subspaces of type  $(\Pi_n(\alpha_n, \alpha_n))_\infty$  or  $(\Pi_m(\beta_m, -\beta_m))_\infty$  stated before Theorem 3.3 are  $w^*$ -closed, and so is the subspace in Theorem 3.4. Hence, by Corollary 2.3, the conclusions in Theorems 3.3 and 3.4 remain valid for  $\mathcal{K}(X)$ .

#### 4. SUBSPACES OF $C(K, X)$ WITH PROPERTY- $(R_1)$

In this section, the following fact is proven. By  $K$  and  $C(K, X)$ , we denote a compact Hausdorff space and the Banach space of  $X$ -valued continuous functions over  $K$ , as discussed in Section 1.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Then,  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$  has property- $(R_1)$  if and only if  $(C(K, X), C(K, Y), \mathcal{F}(C(K, X)))$  has property- $(R_1)$ .*

Before proving Theorem 4.1, a few supporting results must be derived. For a real valued function  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we denote  $S(f) = \overline{\{t \in S : f(t) \neq 0\}}$ , the support of  $f$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k \in C(K)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then, there exists a finite family  $(\varphi_i)_{i=1}^m \subseteq C(K)$ , where  $(\varphi_i)_{i=1}^m$  forms a partition of unity and there exists  $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_k \in \text{span}\{\varphi_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  such that  $\|f_i - h_i\|_\infty < \varepsilon$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .*

*Proof.* CASE 1: When  $k = 1$ .

Let  $\{V_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be a finite open cover of  $K$  such that  $|f(z) - f(w)| < \varepsilon$  for  $z, w \in V_i$  and  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $(\varphi_i)_{i=1}^n$  be a partition of unity such that  $0 \leq \varphi_i \leq 1$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $S(\varphi_i) \subseteq V_i$  ([11, Theorem 2.13]). Choose  $v_i \in V_i$  and define  $h = \sum_{i=1}^n f(v_i)\varphi_i$ . Then,  $|f(x) - h(x)| = |\sum_{i=1}^n f(x)\varphi_i(x) - \sum_{i=1}^n f(v_i)\varphi_i(x)| \leq \sum_j |\varphi_{i_j}(x)| |f(x) - f(v_{i_j})|$ . The last sum is taken over all those  $j$ 's for which  $x \in V_{i_j}$ . Clearly,  $\sum_j \varphi_{i_j}(x) |f(x) - f(v_{i_j})| \leq \varepsilon$ .

CASE 2: When  $k > 1$ .

Without loss of generality, this study assumes that  $k = 2$ ; no new ideas are involved in other values of  $k$ .

Let  $(\varphi_i)_{i=1}^n$  and  $(\varrho_i)_{i=1}^m$  be two partitions of unity in  $C(K)$ , such that there exists  $h_1, h_2$ , where  $h_1 \in \text{span}\{\varphi_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $h_2 \in \text{span}\{\varrho_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ , where  $\|f_i - h_i\| < \varepsilon$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then,  $\{\varphi_i \varrho_j : 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$  is a partition of unity and  $h_i \in \text{span}\{\varphi_i \varrho_j : 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

Let  $(\varphi_i)_{i=1}^N$  be a finite partition of unity in  $C(K)$  corresponding to an open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $K$  obtained as in [11, Theorem 2.13]. Then, we call  $(\varphi_i)_{i=1}^N$  a partition of unity in  $C(K)$  subordinate to the cover  $\mathcal{U}$ . In this case,  $(\varphi_i)_{i=1}^N$  corresponds to a subspace  $Z$  of  $C(K, X)$ :  $Z = \{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i \varphi_i : x_i \in X, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . It is clear that  $Z \cong \bigoplus_{\ell_\infty(N)} X$ .

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $K$  be a compact Hausdorff space, and  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n \in C(K, X)$ . Then, for  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a subspace  $Z$  of  $C(K, X)$ , where  $Z \cong \bigoplus_{\ell_\infty(m)} X$  for some  $m$ , and  $d(f_i, Z) \leq \varepsilon$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .*

*Proof.* This study followed Proposition 4.2 to construct a subspace  $Z \subseteq C(K, X)$ . If  $S_i = f_i(K)$ , then  $S_i \subseteq X$  is a compact set. Let us fix  $i$ . For every  $s \in S_i$ , let  $B(s, \varepsilon) \cap S_i$  be a ball in  $S_i$ . For a finite sub-cover  $\mathcal{U}_i$

of  $\{f_i^{-1}(B(s, \varepsilon) \cap S_i) : s \in S_i\}$ , we may choose a finite partition of unity subordinate to the cover  $\mathcal{U}_i$ ; say,  $(\varphi_j)$ . If  $(s_j)_{j=1}^n \subseteq S_i$  is a finite set of points corresponding to the cover  $\mathcal{U}_i$ , then  $\|f_i - \sum_j \varphi_j s_j\| \leq \varepsilon$ .

We now continue the process for other values of  $i$ . Following the arguments for  $n$  functions as derived in Proposition 4.2, it is concluded for a finite dimensional subspace  $Z$  of  $C(K, X)$ , where  $Z \cong \bigoplus_{\ell_\infty(m)} X$ , for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Clearly,  $d(f_i, Z) \leq \varepsilon$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , and this completes the proof.  $\square$

We state the following result without proof, which is useful to derive Theorem 4.5. A routine verification of the (strong) property- $(R_1)$  can lead to the proof of the following. We derive similar results in Section 5. For any unexplained notation used in Theorem 4.4, we refer to section 5.

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Then,  $(X, Y, \mathcal{B}(X))$  exhibits (strong) property- $(R_1)$  if and only if  $(X_\infty, Y_\infty, \mathcal{B}(X_\infty))$  exhibits (strong) property- $(R_1)$ .*

We are now ready to prove Theorem 4.1.

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Then,  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$  has property- $(R_1)$  if and only if  $(C(K, X), C(K, Y), \mathcal{F}(C(K, X)))$  has property- $(R_1)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}(C(K, X))$  and  $g \in C(K, Y)$ . Let  $r_1, r_2 > 0$  such that  $S_{r_2}(F) \cap C(K, Y) \neq \emptyset$  and  $r(g, F) \leq r_1 + r_2$ . Consequently, the following is developed.

CLAIM:  $S_{r_2+\varepsilon}(F) \cap B(g, r_1 + \varepsilon) \cap C(K, Y) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Suppose that  $h \in S_{r_2}(F) \cap C(K, Y)$ . From Proposition 4.3, there exists  $Z \subseteq C(K, X)$ , where  $Z \cong \bigoplus_{\ell_\infty(k)} X$  for certain  $k$  such that for all  $f \in F$ ,  $d(f, Z) < \varepsilon$ . Let  $F = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$  and  $F' = \{f'_1, f'_2, \dots, f'_n\}$  where  $f'_i \in Z$  and  $\|f_i - f'_i\| < \varepsilon$ . Additionally, there exists  $W \subseteq C(K, Y)$ , where  $W \cong \bigoplus_{\ell_\infty(m)} Y$  such that there exist  $g', h' \in W$  and  $\|g - g'\| < \varepsilon$ ,  $\|h - h'\| < \varepsilon$ , here  $g$  and  $h$  are taken as above. Subsequently, without loss of generality,  $m = k$  may be assumed. Furthermore, from the assumption,  $S_{r_2+2\varepsilon}(F') \cap W \neq \emptyset$  and  $r(g', F') \leq r_1 + r_2 + 2\varepsilon$  is obtained. In addition, from Theorem 4.4 ( $\bigoplus_{\ell_\infty(k)} X, \bigoplus_{\ell_\infty(k)} Y, \mathcal{F}(\bigoplus_{\ell_\infty(k)} X)$ ) with property- $(R_1)$  is obtained; hence,  $S_{r_2+2\varepsilon}(F') \cap B(g', r_1 + 2\varepsilon) \cap W \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $h \in S_{r_2+2\varepsilon}(F') \cap B(g', r_1 + 2\varepsilon) \cap W$ . After identifying  $h$  with an element in  $C(K, Y)$ , we obtain  $h \in S_{r_2+3\varepsilon}(F) \cap B(g, r_1 + 3\varepsilon) \cap C(K, Y)$ . Moreover, because  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary, the proof follows.  $\square$

However, it is not yet known whether analogous results such as Theorem 4.5 are true for the spaces of the form  $L_1(\mu, X)$  or not. Nevertheless, if the triplet  $(L_1(\mu, X), L_1(\mu, Y), \mathcal{F}(L_1(\mu, X)))$  has property- $(R_1)$ , then  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$  has property- $(R_1)$ .

**Theorem 4.6.** *Let  $E$  be a real Lindenstrauss space,  $K$  and  $S$  be compact Hausdorff spaces, and  $\psi : K \rightarrow S$  be a continuous onto map. Let  $\psi^* : C(S, E) \rightarrow C(K, E)$  be the natural isometric embedding expressed as  $\psi^* f = f \circ \psi$ . Then,  $(C(K, E), \psi^* C(S, E), \mathcal{F}(C(K, E)))$  exhibits strong property- $(R_1)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}(C(K, E))$  such that  $F = \{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$ . Suppose that  $r > 0$  such that  $r(0, F) \leq 1 + r$  and  $S_r(F) \cap \psi^* C(S, E) \neq \emptyset$ . Furthermore, define  $\eta : S \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(E)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(y) &= B[0, 1] \cap \left( \bigcap_{k \in \psi^{-1}(y)} \bigcap_{i=1}^n B[f_i(k), r] \right) \\ &= B[0, 1] \cap \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^n \{a \in E : f_i(\psi^{-1}(y)) \subseteq B[a, r]\} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Each  $\eta(y)$  is closed and convex.

CLAIM:  $\eta(y) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $y \in S$ .

Let  $\psi^* g \in \psi^* C(S, E) \cap S_r(F) = \psi^* C(S, E) \cap \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^n B[f_i, r] \right)$ .

For  $k_1, k_2 \in \psi^{-1}(y)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_i(k_1) - f_j(k_2)\| &\leq \|f_i(k_1) - g(y)\| + \|f_j(k_2) - g(y)\| \\ &\leq \|f_i - \psi^* g\| + \|f_j - \psi^* g\| \leq 2r \end{aligned}$$

for  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ . Hence,  $B[f_i(k_1), r] \cap B[f_j(k_2), r] \neq \emptyset$ . Because  $\|f_i\| \leq r + 1$ ,  $B[0, 1] \cap B[f_i(k), r] \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Thus, the entire family of balls defining  $\eta(y)$  has a pairwise non-empty intersection property. Moreover, owing to the collection of centers  $\{0\} \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^n f_i(\psi^{-1}(y))$  being compact,  $\eta(y) \neq \emptyset$  is obtained.

CLAIM:  $\eta$  is lower semicontinuous.

Let  $G \subseteq E$  be open, and  $y_0 \in \{y : \eta(y) \cap G \neq \emptyset\}$  and  $a \in \eta(y_0) \cap G$ . Then,  $\|a\| \leq 1$ ,  $f_i(\psi^{-1}(y_0)) \subseteq B[a, r]$  and  $B[a, \varepsilon] \subseteq G$  for certain  $\varepsilon > 0$  and for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . As  $K$  is compact, the map  $y \rightarrow \psi^{-1}(y)$  is upper semicontinuous. Hence,  $N = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \{y : f_i(\psi^{-1}(y)) \subseteq \text{int} B[a, r + \varepsilon]\}$  is an open set containing  $y_0$ . If  $y \in N$ , then  $B[a, \varepsilon] \cap B[f_i(k), r] \neq \emptyset$  for all  $k \in \psi^{-1}(y)$  and for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Additionally,  $B[a, \varepsilon] \cap B[0, 1] \neq \emptyset$ . Furthermore,

because  $E$  is a real Lindenstrauss space,  $\eta(y) \cap B[a, \varepsilon] \neq \emptyset$  for all  $y \in N$ . Thus,  $N \subseteq \{y : \eta(y) \cap G \neq \emptyset\}$ , where  $\{y : \eta(y) \cap G \neq \emptyset\}$  is open and  $\eta$  is lower semicontinuous.

Now, applying Michael's selection theorem, a continuous selection  $h : S \rightarrow E$  is obtained, such that  $h(y) \in \eta(y)$  for all  $y \in S$ . Accordingly,  $\psi^*h \in \cap_{i=1}^n B[f_i, r] \cap B[0, 1] \cap \psi^*C(S, E)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

The following is obtained as a consequence of Theorem 4.6.

**Corollary 4.7.** *Let  $K, S, E, \psi$  be as in Theorem 4.6. Furthermore,  $y_0 \in S$  is set and let  $M = \{\psi^*f : f \in C(S, E) \text{ and } f(y_0) = 0\}$ . Then,  $(C(K, E), M, \mathcal{F}(C(K, E)))$  has strong property- $(R_1)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $f, r, \eta$  be similar to that in the proof of Theorem 4.6. If  $\psi^*g \in M \cap \cap_{i=1}^n B[f_i, r]$ ,  $\|f_i(x)\| = \|f_i(x) - \psi^*g(x)\| \leq r$  for all  $x \in \psi^{-1}(y_0)$  and for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Hence,  $0 \in \eta(y_0)$ . If we define  $\eta_0 : S \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(E)$  by

$$\eta_0(y) = \begin{cases} \eta(y) & \text{if } y \neq y_0 \\ \{0\} & \text{if } y = y_0 \end{cases}$$

This  $\eta_0$  is clearly lower semicontinuous. Subsequently, on applying Michael's selection theorem, a continuous selection  $h : S \rightarrow E$  is obtained, such that  $h(y) \in \eta_0(y)$  for all  $y \in K$ . Hence, the assertion follows.  $\square$

## 5. STABILITY RESULTS

For a Banach space  $X$  we introduce the following notations.

$$\begin{aligned} X_0 &= \bigoplus_{c_0} X = \{(x_n) : x_n \in X, \lim_n \|x_n\| = 0\}, \\ X_\infty &= \bigoplus_{\ell_\infty} X = \{(x_n) : x_n \in X, \sup_n \|x_n\| < \infty\} \\ X_1 &= \bigoplus_{\ell_1} X = \{(x_n) : x_n \in X, \sum_n \|x_n\| < \infty\} \\ \bigoplus_{\ell_1(m)} X &= \bigoplus_{i=1}^m X \text{ with norm } \sum_{i=1}^m \|x_i\| \text{ and} \\ \bigoplus_{\ell_\infty(m)} X &= \bigoplus_{i=1}^m X \text{ with norm } \max_{i=1}^m \|x_i\|. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Then,  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$  has (strong) property- $(R_1)$  if and only if  $(X_0, Y_0, \mathcal{F}(X_0))$  has (strong) property- $(R_1)$ .*

*Proof.* First, the result for property- $(R_1)$  is derived.

It is sufficient to prove that  $(X_0, Y_0, \mathcal{F}(X_0))$  exhibits property- $(R_1)$  if  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$  has property- $(R_1)$ . Proof of this fact is outlined below.



Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}(X_0)$  and  $F(n) \subseteq X$  be the corresponding component, that is,  $F(n) \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ . Suppose  $F = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$ ,  $y_0 = (y_0(n)) \in Y_0$  and  $r_1, r_2 > 0$  be such that  $S_{r_2}(F) \cap Y_0 \neq \emptyset$  and  $r(y_0, F) < r_1 + r_2$ .

CLAIM:  $S_{r_2}(F) \cap B[y_0, r_1] \cap Y_0 \neq \emptyset$

It is clear that there exists  $N$  sufficiently large, such that  $0 \in S_{r_2}(F(n)) \cap B[y_0(n), r_1] \cap Y$ , for all  $n > N$ . Now, for  $1 \leq n \leq N$ , we choose  $y(n) \in S_{r_2}(F(n)) \cap B[y_0(n), r_1] \cap Y$ . As a result, an element  $(y(n))$ , a member of the set as specified in the claim above, exists.

Nevertheless, regarding the remaining part, it is sufficient to prove that  $(X_0, Y_0, \mathcal{F}(X_0))$  exhibits strong property- $(R_1)$  if  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$  exhibits strong property- $(R_1)$ .

This study only shows that  $\text{Cent}_{B_{Y_0}}(F) \neq \emptyset$ , for  $F \in \mathcal{F}(X_0)$ .

Let  $F \in \mathcal{F}(X_0)$  and  $F(n) \in \mathcal{F}(X)$  be as defined above. Based on the assumption,  $\text{Cent}_{B_Y}(F(n)) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $y(n) \in \text{Cent}_{B_Y}(F(n))$  be obtained for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

It is clear that  $y = (y(n)) \in \bigoplus_{c_0} Y$ , because  $\text{rad}_{B_Y}(F(n)) \rightarrow 0$ .

Since for any  $z = (z(1), z(2), \dots) \in \bigoplus_{c_0} B_Y$ ,  $r(y, F) \leq r(z, F)$  and because  $\|(y(n))\|_\infty \leq 1$ ,  $y \in \text{Cent}_{\bigoplus_{c_0} B_Y}(F) = \text{Cent}_{B_{Y_0}}(F)$ , the result follows from Theorem 1.4.  $\square$

**Remark 5.2.** (a) *If  $Y$  is a finite co-dimensional proximal subspace of  $c_0$ , then there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $Y = F \oplus_\infty Z$ , where  $F$  is a subspace of  $\ell_\infty(n)$  and  $Z = \{(x_i) \in c_0 : x_i = 0, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . From Theorem 4.4, it is clear that  $Y$  has property- $(R_1)$  in  $c_0$  if and only if  $F$  has property- $(R_1)$  in  $\ell_\infty(n)$ . We do not know the characterization of  $\alpha_i \in \ell_1(n)$  where  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , considering  $\dim(c_0/Y) = m$ , satisfying the condition that  $\cap_i \ker(\alpha_i)$  has property- $(R_1)$  in  $\ell_\infty(n)$ .*

(b) *If  $Y$  is a finite co-dimensional proximal subspace of  $c_0$ , then from the decomposition  $Y = F \oplus_\infty Z$ , it is also clear that  $Y$  has property- $(R_1)$  in  $c_0$  if and only if  $Y$  has property- $(R_1)$  in  $\ell_\infty$ .*

We now consider the result for the  $\ell_1$ -sum.

**Proposition 5.3.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $Y_1, Y_2$  be two subspaces of  $X$ . Then, for  $F_1, F_2 \in \mathcal{B}(X)$  the following can be obtained:*

- (a)  $r((y_1, y_2), F_1 \times F_2) = r(y_1, F_1) + r(y_2, F_2) \forall (y_1, y_2) \in Y_1 \oplus_1 Y_2$ .
- (b)  $\text{rad}_{Y_1 \oplus_1 Y_2}(F_1 \times F_2) = \text{rad}_{Y_1}(F_1) + \text{rad}_{Y_2}(F_2)$ .
- (c)  $\text{Cent}_{Y_1 \oplus_1 Y_2}(F_1 \times F_2) = \text{Cent}_{Y_1}(F_1) \oplus_1 \text{Cent}_{Y_2}(F_2)$ .

$$(d) \ d(0, \text{Cent}_{Y_1 \oplus_1 Y_2}(F_1 \times F_2)) = d(0, \text{Cent}_{Y_1}(F_1)) + d(0, \text{Cent}_{Y_2}(F_2)).$$

Let  $X$  be a Banach space. For a fixed  $n$ , define  $\mathcal{H} = \{\prod_{i=1}^n F_i : F_i \in \mathcal{F}(X)\}$ . The following is obtained as a consequence of Proposition 5.3.

**Theorem 5.4.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Then,  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$  exhibits property- $(R_1)$  if and only if  $(\bigoplus_{\ell_1(n)} X, \bigoplus_{\ell_1(n)} Y, \mathcal{H})$  exhibits property- $(R_1)$ .*

For a Banach space  $X$ , recall the notations defined before Section 1.2. For  $F \in \mathcal{F}(X)$ , we identify  $F \times F \times \dots \times F$  ( $n$  – times) with  $\{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, 0, 0, \dots) : x_i \in F\}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{F} = \{\prod_{i=1}^n F_i : F_i = F, F \in \mathcal{F}(X), n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .  $\mathfrak{F}$  is now identified with a subfamily of  $\mathcal{B}(X_1)$ , more precisely a subfamily of  $\mathcal{F}(X_1)$ .

**Theorem 5.5.** *Let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Then,  $(X, Y, \mathcal{F}(X))$  exhibits property- $(R_1)$  if and only if  $(X_1, Y_1, \mathfrak{F})$  exhibits property- $(R_1)$ .*

*Proof.* Here, proving that the condition is sufficient concludes the proof.

Let  $\mathcal{W} \in \mathfrak{F}$ ,  $y \in Y_1$ , and  $r_1, r_2 > 0$  be such that  $r(y, \mathcal{W}) < r_1 + r_2$  and  $S_{r_2}(\mathcal{W}) \cap Y_1 \neq \emptyset$ . Then, clearly  $\mathcal{W} = \prod_{i=1}^N F_i$  and we obtain a large  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  ( $l > N$ ) such that  $\|y_i\| < r_1 + r_2$ , for all  $i \geq l$ . Let  $\mathcal{W}_l = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_l) : \exists (w_i) \in \mathcal{W}, x_i = w_i, 1 \leq i \leq l\}$  and  $\Lambda = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_l)$ .

It is clear that  $r(\Lambda, \mathcal{W}_l) < r_1 + r_2$  and  $S_{r_2}(\mathcal{W}_l) \cap \bigoplus_{\ell_1(l)} Y \neq \emptyset$ .

Now, from Theorem 5.4,  $S_{r_2}(\mathcal{W}_l) \cap B[\Lambda, r_1] \cap \bigoplus_{\ell_1(l)} Y \neq \emptyset$  is obtained.

Let  $(z_1, \dots, z_l)$  be in the intersection above. Let  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_l, 0, \dots)$ . Then,  $z \in S_{r_2}(\mathcal{W}) \cap B[y, r_1] \cap Y_1$ . Hence, the conclusion follows.  $\square$

However, it is not known whether the  $\ell_1$ -sum remains stable for  $(X_1, Y_1, \mathcal{F}(X_1))$ .

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