

SOME INEQUALITIES ON w^*UR MODULUS OF CONVEXITY AND GEOMETRIC PROPERTIES OF BANACH SPACES X AND X^*

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Abstract. Let X be a Banach space. In this paper, we study the properties of w^*UR modulus of convexity of X^* respect to x , $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x)$, where $0 \leq \varepsilon \leq 2$ and $x \in S(X)$, and the relationship between the values of w^*UR modulus and reflexivity, uniform non-squareness and normal structure respectively. Among other results, we proved that if $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$ for all $x \in S(X)$, and any $0 < \varepsilon < 2$ then both X and X^* have uniform normal structure.

1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let X be a normed linear space. Let $B(X) = \{x \in X : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ and $S(X) = \{x \in X : \|x\| = 1\}$ be the unit ball, and the unit sphere of X , respectively. Let X^* be the dual space of X , and X^{**} be the dual space of X^* respectively.

The concept of normal structure was defined by Brodskiĭ and Mil'man:

DEFINITION 1.1. [1] A bounded and convex subset K of a Banach space X is said to have normal structure if every convex subset H of K that contains more than one point contains a point $x_0 \in H$, such that $\sup\{\|x_0 - y\| : y \in H\} < d(H)$, where $d(H) = \sup\{\|x - y\| : x, y \in H\}$ denotes the diameter of H .

A Banach space X is said to have normal structure if every bounded and convex subset of X has normal structure.

A Banach space X is said to have weak normal structure if for each weakly compact convex set K of X has normal structure.

A Banach space X is said to have uniform normal structure if there exists $0 < c < 1$ such that for any bounded closed convex subset K of X that contains more than one point, there exists $x_0 \in K$ such that $\sup\{\|x_0 - y\| : y \in K\} \leq c \cdot d(K)$.

For a reflexive Banach space, the normal structure and weak normal structure coincide.

Let D be a nonempty subset of a Banach space X . A mapping $T : D \rightarrow D$ is called to be non-expensive whenever $\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \|x - y\|$ for all $x, y \in D$. A Banach space is said to have fixed point property if for every bounded closed and convex subset D of

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X and for each non-expansive mapping $T : D \rightarrow D$, there is a point $x \in D$ such that $x = Tx$ [11].

Kirk proved that if a Banach space X has weak normal structure then it has weak fixed point property, that is, every non-expansive mapping from a weakly compact and convex subset of X into itself has a fixed point [11].

DEFINITION 1.2. [9] A Banach space X is called uniformly non-square if there exists $\delta > 0$ such that if $x, y \in S(X)$, then either $\frac{\|x+y\|}{2} \leq 1 - \delta$ or $\frac{\|x-y\|}{2} \leq 1 - \delta$.

DEFINITION 1.3. [3] Let X and Y be Banach spaces. We say that Y is *finitely representable in X* if for any $\varepsilon > 0$ and any finite dimensional subspace $N \subseteq Y$ there is an isomorphism $T : N \rightarrow X$ such that for any $y \in N$, $(1 - \varepsilon)\|y\| \leq \|Ty\| \leq (1 + \varepsilon)\|y\|$.

The Banach space X is called *super-reflexive* if any space Y which is finitely representable in X is reflexive.

REMARK 1.4. It is well known that:

- (a) if X is uniformly non-square then X is super-reflexive and therefore X is reflexive;
- (b) X is super-reflexive if and only if X^* is super-reflexive.

The concept of modulus of uniformly rotund or uniformly convex was defined by Clarkson:

DEFINITION 1.5. [2] Let X be a Banach space, the modulus of convexity is a function from $[0, 2]$ to $[0, 1]$ defined by the formula:

$$\delta_X(\varepsilon) = \inf\{1 - \frac{1}{2}\|x+y\| : x, y \in S(X), \|x-y\| \geq \varepsilon\},$$

where $0 \leq \varepsilon \leq 2$.

If $\delta_X(\varepsilon) > 0$ for any $0 < \varepsilon \leq 2$, X is called uniformly rotund or uniformly convex. The abbreviation *UR* is used for this space.

Gao proved that if there exists $0 \leq \varepsilon \leq 1$ such that $\delta_X(1 + \varepsilon) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$, then X has uniform normal structure [4].

The concept of modulus of weakly uniformly rotund or weakly uniformly convex was defined by Smulain:

DEFINITION 1.6. [14] Let X be a Banach space and $f \in S(X^*)$, the modulus of convexity of X with respect to f , is a function from $[0, 2] \times S(X^*)$ to $[0, 1]$ defined by the formula:

$$\delta_X(\varepsilon, f) = \inf\{\{1\} \cup \{1 - \frac{1}{2}\|x+y\| : x, y \in S(X), |\langle x-y, f \rangle| \geq \varepsilon\}\},$$

where $0 \leq \varepsilon \leq 2$.

If $\delta_X(\varepsilon, f) > 0$ for all $f \in S(X^*)$ and $0 < \varepsilon \leq 2$, X is called weakly uniformly rotund or weakly uniformly convex. The abbreviation wUR is used for this space.

The reason for specifically including 1 in the set whose infimum defines the wUR modulus is to avoid the following particular situation: when f is a non-norm attaining functional, so there are no points x, y in $S(X)$ such that $|\langle x - y, f \rangle| \geq 2$. Therefore $\delta_X(2, f)$ would not be well defined.

The following results were proved for $\delta_X(\varepsilon, f)$ by Gao [5]:

THEOREM 1.7. *For a Banach space X , if $\delta_X(\varepsilon, f) > 1 - \varepsilon$ for all $f \in S(X^*)$ and $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ then X is reflexive.*

THEOREM 1.8. *For a Banach space X , if $\delta_X(1, f) > 0$ for all $f \in S(X^*)$, then X has weak normal structure.*

THEOREM 1.9. *For a Banach space X , if $\delta_X(\varepsilon, f) > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$ for all $f \in S(X^*)$ and $0 < \varepsilon < 2$ then X is uniform non-square and has uniform normal structure.*

THEOREM 1.10. [15] *For any $f \in X^*$, $\frac{\delta_X(\varepsilon, f)}{\varepsilon}$ is an increasing function of ε in $(0, 2]$, and $\delta_X(\varepsilon, f)$ is a continuous function in $0 \leq \varepsilon < 2$.*

2. Normal structure and inequalities on w^*UR modulus

The concept of the modulus of weakly* uniformly rotund or weakly* uniformly convex was defined by Smulian too.

DEFINITION 2.1. [14] *Let X be a Banach space and $x \in S(X)$, the modulus of convexity of X^* with respect to x , is a function from $[0, 2] \times S(X)$ to $[0, 1]$ defined by the formula:*

$$\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) = \inf\{1 - \frac{1}{2}\|f + g\| : f, g \in S(X^*), |\langle x, f - g \rangle| \geq \varepsilon\},$$

where $0 \leq \varepsilon \leq 2$.

If $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) > 0$ for all $x \in S(X)$ and $0 < \varepsilon \leq 2$, X^* is called weakly* uniformly rotund or weakly* uniformly convex. The abbreviation w^*UR is used for this space.

THEOREM 2.2. [8] *Let X be a Banach space. Then X is not reflexive if and only if for any $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ there are a sequence $\{x_n\} \subseteq S(X)$ and a sequence $\{f_n\} \subseteq S(X^*)$ such that*

- (a) $\langle x_m, f_n \rangle = \varepsilon$ whenever $n \leq m$; and
- (b) $\langle x_m, f_n \rangle = 0$ whenever $n > m$.

PROPOSITION 2.3. *Let X be a Banach space, then:*

- (a) $\delta_{(X^*)^*}(\varepsilon, f) \leq \delta_X(\varepsilon, f)$, where $f \in S(X^*)$.
- (b) $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x)$ is a non-decreasing function of ε for any $x \in S(X)$.
- (c) For a Banach space X , if X^* is wUR then X^* is w^*UR .
- (d) Let X_2^* be a 2-dimensional subspace of X^* , then $\delta_{X_2^*}(\varepsilon, x) = \inf_{X_2^* \subseteq X^*} (\delta_{X_2^*}(\varepsilon, x))$.
- (e) $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x)$ is a continuous function of $\varepsilon \in [0, 2)$ for any $x \in S(X)$.

Proof.

- (a) Since $S(X) \subseteq S(X^{**})$.
- (b) From definition of w^*UR .
- (c) It is a direct result of (a).
- (d) From definition of w^*UR .
- (e) First we show that: Let X_2 be a 2 dimensional Banach space, $x \in S(X_2)$, and $u, v \in S(X_2^*)$ are independent. Let $f_2 - f_1 = au, g_2 - g_1 = bu, h_2 - h_1 = cu, \frac{f_1+f_2}{2} = dv, \frac{g_1+g_2}{2} = ev$, and $\frac{h_1+h_2}{2} = fv$, where all a, b, c, d, e , and $f > 0$, and all f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2, h_1 and $h_2 \in S(X^*)$. If $\langle x, f_2 - f_1 \rangle + \langle x, h_2 - h_1 \rangle = 2 \langle x, g_2 - g_1 \rangle$, then $a + c = 2b$, therefore from convexity of $S(X_2^*)$, we have $d + f \leq 2e$. Let $\delta_{X_2^*}^{u,v}(\varepsilon, x) = \inf\{1 - \frac{1}{2}\|f + g\| : f, g \in S(X_2^*), f - g = \alpha u, f + g = \beta v, |\langle x, f - g \rangle| \geq \varepsilon\}$, where $0 \leq \varepsilon \leq 2$. This means that for any $x \in S(X_2)$ and $u, v \in S(X_2^*)$, $\delta_{X_2^*}^{u,v}(\varepsilon, x)$ is a convex function of ε . The following proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 5.1 in [7]: Let $0 \leq \varepsilon_1 < 2$. For $0 < \varepsilon \leq 2$, the convexity of $\delta_{X_2^*}^{u,v}(\varepsilon, x)$ implies that: $\frac{\delta_{X_2^*}^{u,v}(\varepsilon, x) - \delta_{X_2^*}^{u,v}(\varepsilon_1, x)}{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_1} \leq \frac{\delta_{X_2^*}^{u,v}(2, x) - \delta_{X_2^*}^{u,v}(\varepsilon_1, x)}{2 - \varepsilon_1} \leq \frac{1}{2 - \varepsilon_1}$. Therefore, $\delta_{X_2^*}^{u,v}(\varepsilon, x) - \delta_{X_2^*}^{u,v}(\varepsilon_1, x) \leq \frac{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_1}{2 - \varepsilon_1}$. From (d) of above Proposition 2.3, we have $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) - \delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon_1, x) \leq \frac{\varepsilon - \varepsilon_1}{2 - \varepsilon_1}$. This proved that $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x)$ is a continuous function of $\varepsilon \in [0, 2)$ for any $x \in S(X)$. \square

THEOREM 2.4. For a Banach space X , if $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) > 1 - \varepsilon$ for all $x \in S(X)$ and $0 < \varepsilon < 1$, then X is reflexive.

Proof. The idea of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1 of [5]. Suppose X is not reflexive. For any $0 < \varepsilon < 1$, let the sequence $\{x_m\} \subseteq S(X)$ and the sequence $\{f_n\} \subseteq S(X^*)$ satisfy the two conditions in Theorem 2.2. Let $n_1 < m < n_2$, we have $\langle x_m, f_{n_1} - f_{n_2} \rangle = \varepsilon$. Let $n_1 < n_2 < m_1$, we have $\langle x_{m_1}, f_{n_1} + f_{n_2} \rangle = 2\varepsilon$, therefore $\|f_{n_1} + f_{n_2}\| \geq 2\varepsilon, 1 - \frac{\|f_{n_1} + f_{n_2}\|}{2} \leq 1 - \varepsilon$. This implies $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x_m) = \inf\{1 - \frac{\|f+g\|}{2}, \langle x_m, f - g \rangle \geq \varepsilon\} \leq 1 - \frac{\|f_{n_1} + f_{n_2}\|}{2} \leq 1 - \varepsilon$, for this fixed $x_m \in S(X)$. \square

LEMMA 2.5. [12] *If X is a Banach space with $B(X^*)$ is weak* sequentially compact (for example, X is reflexive or separable, or has an equivalent smooth norm) and fails to have weak normal structure, then for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there are a sequence $\{x_n\} \subseteq S(X)$ and a sequence $\{f_n\} \subseteq S(X^*)$ such that:*

- (a) $|\|x_i - x_j\| - 1| < \varepsilon$, where $i \neq j$;
- (b) $\langle x_i, f_i \rangle = 1$, where $1 \leq i \leq \infty$;
- (c) $|\langle x_j, f_i \rangle| < \varepsilon$, where $i \neq j$; and
- (d) $\|f_i - f_j\| > 2 - \varepsilon$, where $i \neq j$.

THEOREM 2.6. *For a Banach space X which satisfies one of any condition in above Lemma 2.5, if $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ for all $x \in S(X)$ and $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ then X has weak normal structure.*

Proof. Suppose X satisfies one of any condition in above Lemma 2.5 but fails to have weak normal structure, for any $0 < \varepsilon < 1$, let $f = f_i \in S(X^*), g = f_j \in S(X^*)$ and $x = x_i \in S(X)$ where $i \neq j$ be chosen as in above Lemma 2.5. We have $\|f - g\| \geq 2 - \varepsilon$, so $1 - \frac{\|f - g\|}{2} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ and $\langle x, f + g \rangle \geq 1 - \varepsilon$. From definition of $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x)$ we have $\delta_{X^*}(1 - \varepsilon, x) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ for this $x \in S(X)$. This implies that if $\delta_{X^*}(1 - \varepsilon, x) > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ for all $x \in S(X)$ and $0 < \varepsilon < 1$, then X has weak normal structure. It is equivalent to the condition $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ for all $x \in S(X)$ and $0 < \varepsilon < 1$. \square

REMARK 2.7. Since $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x)$ is a non-decreasing function of ε for any $x \in S(X)$, to use Theorem 2.4 and Theorem 2.6 we only need to check those ε that arbitrarily close to 1.

LEMMA 2.8. [6] *If $x_1, x_2 \in B(X)$ and $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ are such that $\frac{\|x_1 + x_2\|}{2} > 1 - \varepsilon$, then for all $0 \leq c \leq 1$ and $z = cx_1 + (1 - c)x_2 \in [x_1, x_2]$, the line segment connecting x_1 and x_2 , it follows that $\|z\| > 1 - 2\varepsilon$.*

The following characteristic of reflexivity is given by James:

LEMMA 2.9. [8] *The Banach space is reflexive if and only if each bounded linear functional on X is norm -attaining.*

THEOREM 2.10. *For a Banach space X , if $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$ for all $x \in S(X)$ and $0 < \varepsilon < 2$ then X^* is uniform non-square.*

Proof. Suppose X^* is not uniform non-square. For any $0 < \varepsilon < 2$, let $f, g \in S(X^*)$ such that both $\|f + g\| \geq 1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ and $\|f - g\| \geq 1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. So we have $\frac{\|f + g\|}{2} \geq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$, and $\frac{\|f - g\|}{2} \geq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$. This implies $1 - \frac{\|f - g\|}{2} \leq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$. $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$ for all $x \in S(X)$ and $0 < \varepsilon < 2$ implies $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) > 1 - \varepsilon$ for all $x \in S(X)$ and $\frac{2}{3} < \varepsilon < 1$. From Remark 2.7 and Theorem 2.4, X^* , hence X is reflexive, and therefore from Lemma 2.9, there exist

$x, y \in S(X)$ such that $\langle x, f \rangle = \langle y, g \rangle = 1$. The following proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.3 of [5]. Consider the 2-dimensional subspace X_2 of X spanned by x and y , and x and y are clockwise located on $\widehat{x, y} \subseteq S(X_2)$, and the 2-dimensional subspace X_2^* of X^* spanned by f and g , and f and g are clockwise located on $\widehat{f, g} \subseteq S(X_2^*)$. Since $\langle x, f - g \rangle \geq 0$, and $\langle y, f - g \rangle \leq 0$, and $\langle t, f - g \rangle$ is a continuous function for $t \in \widehat{x, y} \subseteq S(X_2)$, there must be a $z \in \widehat{x, y} \subseteq S(X_2)$, such that $\langle z, f - g \rangle = 0$. Let $\langle z, f \rangle = \langle z, g \rangle = l$, then for all $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$, $\langle z, \alpha f + (1 - \alpha)g \rangle = l$. Taking $0 < \alpha_1 < 1$ such that $h = \frac{\alpha_1 f + (1 - \alpha_1)g}{\|\alpha_1 f + (1 - \alpha_1)g\|} \in S(X^*)$ with $\langle z, h \rangle = \langle z, \frac{\alpha_1 f + (1 - \alpha_1)g}{\|\alpha_1 f + (1 - \alpha_1)g\|} \rangle = 1$, then $\|\alpha_1 f + (1 - \alpha_1)g\| = \langle z, \alpha_1 f + (1 - \alpha_1)g \rangle = l$. Since $\frac{\|f+g\|}{2} \geq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4} = 1 - (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4})$, from Lemma 2.8, we have $\langle z, \frac{f+g}{2} \rangle = l = \|\alpha_1 f + (1 - \alpha_1)g\| \geq 1 - 2(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Therefore, $\langle z, f + g \rangle \geq \varepsilon$. By using Hahn-Banach Theorem to extend z from X_2 to X , from definition of $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x)$, we have $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, z) \leq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$ for this $z \in S(X)$, and any $0 < \varepsilon < 2$. \square

REMARK 2.11. Since $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x)$ is a non-decreasing function of ε for any $x \in S(X)$, to use Theorem 2.10 we only need to check those ε that arbitrarily close to 2.

THEOREM 2.12. For a Banach space X , if $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$ for all $x \in S(X)$, and any $0 < \varepsilon < 2$ then X has normal structure and X^* is uniform non-square.

Proof. Since $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$, for all $x \in S(X)$, and $0 < \varepsilon < 2$ implies $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) > 1 - \varepsilon$ for all $x \in S(X)$, and $\varepsilon > \frac{2}{3}$, from Theorem 2.4, X is reflexive. Since $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$, for all $x \in S(X)$, and $0 < \varepsilon < 2$ implies $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ for all $x \in S(X)$, and $0 < \varepsilon < 1$, from Theorem 2.6, X has weak normal structure. So the Theorem 2.12 is a direct result of Theorem 2.4, Theorem 2.6 and Theorem 2.10. \square

3. Uniform normal structure and inequalities on w^*UR modulus

We consider the uniform normal structure.

Let \mathcal{F} be a filter of an index set I , and let $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a subset in a Hausdorff topological space X , $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$ is said to converge to x with respect to \mathcal{F} , denoted by $\lim_{\mathcal{F}} x_i = x$, if for each neighborhood U of x , $\{i \in I : x_i \in U\} \in \mathcal{F}$.

A filter \mathcal{U} on I is called an ultrafilter if it is maximal with respect to the ordering of the set inclusion. An ultrafilter is called trivial if it is of the form $\{A : A \subseteq I, i_0 \in A\}$ for some $i_0 \in I$. We will use the fact that if \mathcal{U} is an ultrafilter, then:

- (i) for any $A \subseteq I$, either $A \subseteq U$ or $I - A \subseteq U$;
- (ii) if $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$ has a cluster point x , then $\lim_{\mathcal{U}} x_i$ exists and equals to x .

Let $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$ be a family of Banach spaces and let $l_\infty(I, X_i)$ denote the subspace of the product space equipped with the norm $\|(x_i)\| = \sup_{i \in I} \|x_i\| < \infty$.

DEFINITION 3.1. [13]. Let \mathcal{U} be an ultrafilter on I and let $N_U = \{(x_i) \in l_\infty(I, X_i) : \lim_{\mathcal{U}} \|x_i\| = 0\}$. The ultra-product of $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$ is the quotient space $l_\infty(I, X_i)/N_U$ equipped with the quotient norm.

We will use $(x_i)_{\mathcal{U}}$ to denote the element of the ultra-product. It follows from Remark (ii) above, and the definition of quotient norm that

$$\|(x_i)_{\mathcal{U}}\| = \liminf_{\mathcal{U}} \|x_i\|. \tag{3.1}$$

In the following we will restrict our index set I to be \mathbb{N} , the set of natural numbers, and let $X_i = X, i \in \mathbb{N}$ for some Banach space X . For an ultrafilter \mathcal{U} on \mathbb{N} , we use $X_{\mathcal{U}}$ to denote the ultra-product. Note that if \mathcal{U} is nontrivial, then X can be embedded into $X_{\mathcal{U}}$ isometrically.

LEMMA 3.2. [13]. *Suppose that \mathcal{U} is an ultrafilter on \mathbb{N} and X is a Banach space. Then $(X^*)_{\mathcal{U}} \cong (X_{\mathcal{U}})^*$ if and only if X is super-reflexive; and in this case, the mapping J defined by*

$$\langle (x_i)_{\mathcal{U}}, J((f_i)_{\mathcal{U}}) \rangle = \liminf_{\mathcal{U}} \langle x_i, f_i \rangle, \quad \text{for all } (x_i)_{\mathcal{U}} \in X_{\mathcal{U}}$$

is the canonical isometric isomorphism from $(X^*)_{\mathcal{U}}$ onto $(X_{\mathcal{U}})^*$.

THEOREM 3.3. [5] *Let X be a super-reflexive Banach space. Then for any non-trivial ultrafilter \mathcal{U} on \mathbb{N} , and for any $0 < \varepsilon < 2$, we have $\delta_{X_{\mathcal{U}}}(\varepsilon, (f_i)_{\mathcal{U}}) > a$ for all $(f_i)_{\mathcal{U}} \in S(X_{\mathcal{U}}^*)$ if and only if $\delta_X(\varepsilon, f) > a$ for all $f \in S(X^*)$.*

THEOREM 3.4. *Let X be a super-reflexive Banach space. Then for any nontrivial ultrafilter \mathcal{U} on \mathbb{N} , and for any $0 < \varepsilon < 2$, we have $\delta_{X_{\mathcal{U}}^*}(\varepsilon, (x_i)_{\mathcal{U}}) > a$ for all $(x_i)_{\mathcal{U}} \in S(X_{\mathcal{U}})$ if and only if $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) > a$ for all $x \in S(X)$.*

Proof. From Remark 1.4, X is super-reflexive if and only if X^* is super-reflexive. So X is isomorphic and isometry to X^{**} , therefore $X_{\mathcal{U}}$ is isomorphic and isometry to $X_{\mathcal{U}}^{**}$. The Theorem 3.4 is a direct result of Theorem 3.3. \square

LEMMA 3.5. [10] *If X is a super-reflexive Banach space, then X has uniform normal structure if and only if $X_{\mathcal{U}}$ has normal structure.*

THEOREM 3.6. *For a Banach space X , if $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$ for all $x \in S(X)$, and any $0 < \varepsilon < 2$ then X^* is uniform non-square, X is super-reflexive and both X and X^* have uniform normal structure.*

Proof. $\delta_{X^*}(\varepsilon, x) > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$ for all $x \in S(X)$, and any $0 < \varepsilon < 2$ implies that X has weak normal structure from Theorem 2.6, and X^* is uniformly non-square from Theorem 2.10. So, X^* , hence X is super-reflexive. Then the result follows directly from Theorems 3.4 and Lemma 3.5. \square

$$\text{Let } \text{sgn}(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{be the sign function of } x.$$

EXAMPLE 3.7. Let $X = l_1$, and $X^* = l_\infty$, then $\delta_{l_\infty}(\varepsilon, x) = 0$ for all $x \in S(l_1)$ and $0 \leq \varepsilon < 2$.

Proof. For any $x = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots\} \in S(l_1)$, we have $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i| = 1$. For any $\delta > 0$ take n such that $\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| > 1 - \delta$, we have $|x_j| < \delta$ for all $j > n$. Let $f_1 = (\text{sgn}(x_1), \text{sgn}(x_2), \text{sgn}(x_3), \dots, \text{sgn}(x_n), 1, 0, 0, \dots) \in S(l_\infty)$, and $f_2 = (-\text{sgn}(x_1), -\text{sgn}(x_2), -\text{sgn}(x_3), \dots, -\text{sgn}(x_n), 1, 0, 0, \dots) \in S(l_\infty)$. We have $\langle x, f_1 - f_2 \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i(2\text{sgn}(x_i)) = 2\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| > 2 - 2\delta$. But $\|f_1 + f_2\|_{l_\infty} = \|(0, 0, 0, \dots, 2, 0, 0, 0, \dots)\|_{l_\infty} = 2$, so $1 - \frac{\|f_1 + f_2\|_{l_\infty}}{2} = 0$. We have $\delta_{l_\infty}(\varepsilon, x) = 0$ for all $x \in S(l_1)$ and $0 \leq \varepsilon < 2 - 2\delta$. Since δ can be arbitrarily small we have $\delta_{l_\infty}(\varepsilon, x) = 0$ for all $x \in S(l_1)$ and $0 \leq \varepsilon < 2$. \square

EXAMPLE 3.8. Let $X = c_0$, and $X^* = l_1$, then $\delta_{l_1}(\varepsilon, x) = 0$ for all $x \in S(c_0)$ and $0 \leq \varepsilon < 1$.

Proof. For any $x = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots\} \in S(c_0)$, there exists an i , such that $|x_i| = 1$, and for any $\eta > 0$ there exists a j such that $|x_j| < \eta$, where $i < j$. Let $f_1 = (0, 0, 0, \dots, \text{sgn}(x_i), \dots, 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots) \in S(l_1)$, where i -th position of f_1 is $\text{sgn}(x_i)$ and others are 0; and $f_2 = (0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, 0, \dots) \in S(l_1)$, where j -th position of f_2 is 1 and others are 0. We have $\langle x, f_1 - f_2 \rangle > 1 - \eta$. But $\|f_1 + f_2\|_{l_1} = \|(0, 0, 0, \dots, \text{sgn}(x_i), \dots, 1, 0, 0, \dots)\|_{l_1} = 2$, so $1 - \frac{\|f_1 + f_2\|_{l_1}}{2} = 0$. We have $\delta_{l_1}(\varepsilon, x) = 0$ for all $x \in S(c_0)$ and $0 \leq \varepsilon < 1 - \eta$. Since η can be arbitrarily small we have $\delta_{l_1}(\varepsilon, x) = 0$ for all $x \in S(c_0)$ and $0 \leq \varepsilon < 1$. \square

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