

## REPRESENTATION OF COMPACT AND WEAKLY COMPACT OPERATORS ON THE SPACE OF BOCHNER INTEGRABLE FUNCTIONS

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**If  $X^*$  has the Radon-Nikodym property, then for every compact operator  $T: L_1(\mu, X) \rightarrow Y$  there is a bounded function  $g: \Omega \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  that is measurable for the uniform operator topology on  $L(X, Y)$  such that**

$$T(f) = \int_{\Omega} fg d\mu$$

**for all  $f$  in  $L_1(\mu, X)$ . The same result holds for weakly compact operators if  $X^*$  is separable Schur space. These representations yield Radon-Nikodym theorems for operator valued measures and a generalization of a theorem of D. R. Lewis.**

The representation of linear operators on the Banach space  $L_1(\mu, X)$  of Bochner integrable functions, has been the object of much study for the past forty years. Dunford and Pettis began this investigation in 1940 [6] with the representation of weakly compact and norm compact operators on  $L_1(\mu)$  by a Bochner integral. Their work was based on an earlier paper of Pettis [9] and was complemented by the work of Phillips [11]. More recently, the theory of liftings has been used by Dinculeanu [5] and others to obtain a representation for the general linear operator on  $L_1(\mu, X)$ . In this paper we will use methods in the spirit of Dunford, Pettis, and Phillips to show that if  $X^*$  has the Radon-Nikodym property, then the compact operators on  $L_1(\mu, X)$  are representable by measurable kernels and if  $X^*$  is a separable Schur space (i.e., weakly convergent sequences converge in norm) then the weakly compact operators on  $L_1(\mu, X)$  are representable by measurable kernels. As corollaries, we obtain a Radon-Nikodym theorem for operator-valued measures and a generalization of a theorem of D. R. Lewis [4, p. 88] on weakly measurable functions that are equivalent to norm measurable functions.

Throughout this paper  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a finite measure space and  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  are Banach spaces with duals  $X^*, Y^*$ , and  $Z^*$  respectively. The space of all bounded linear operators from  $X$  to  $Y$  will be denoted by  $L(X, Y)$ . The subspaces of  $L(X, Y)$  consisting of all the weakly compact and norm compact operators from  $X$  to  $Y$  will be denoted by  $W(X, Y)$  and  $K(X, Y)$ . The space  $L_1(\mu, X)$  is the space of  $\mu$ -Bochner integrable functions on  $\Omega$  with values in  $X$  and

$L_\infty(\mu, X)$  is the space of  $X$ -valued  $\mu$ -Bochner integrable functions on  $\Omega$  that are essentially bounded. An operator  $T: L_1(\mu, X) \rightarrow Y$  is representable by a measurable kernel if there is a bounded measurable  $g: \Omega \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  such that

$$T(f) = \text{Bochner} - \int_{\Omega} fg d\mu .$$

From this, it follows that  $\|T\| = \|g\|_\infty$  [5, p. 283]. Recall that a Banach space is weakly compactly generated if it is the closed linear span of one of its weakly compact sets. Finally, note that if  $\pi$  is a partition of  $\Omega$  into a countable number of disjoint elements of  $\Sigma$  and if  $f$  is in  $L_1(\mu, X)$ , then the function  $E_\pi: L_1(\mu, X) \rightarrow L_1(\mu, X)$  defined by

$$E_\pi(f) = \sum_{E \in \pi} \frac{\int_E f d\mu}{\mu E} \chi_E$$

(here the convention  $0/0 = 0$  is observed) is a linear operator.

Most of the first lemma is well-known so we omit the proof.

**LEMMA 1.** *For each countable partition  $\pi$ , the operator  $E_\pi$  is a contraction on  $L_1(\mu, X)$  and  $L_\infty(\mu, X)$ . Moreover, if the partitions are directed by refinement, then*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\pi} \|E_\pi(f) - f\|_1 &= 0 && \text{for all } f \text{ in } L_1(\mu, X) \\ \lim_{\pi} \|E_\pi(f) - f\|_\infty &= 0 && \text{for all } f \text{ in } L_\infty(\mu, X) . \end{aligned}$$

Before stating the main theorem we require a preliminary definition. A function  $g$  in  $L_\infty(\mu, L(X, Y))$  is said to have its essential range in the uniformly (weakly) compact operators if there is a (weakly) compact set  $C$  in  $Y$  such that  $g(\omega)x \in C$  for almost all  $\omega$  in  $\Omega$  and  $x$  in  $X$  with  $\|x\| \leq 1$ .

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $X^*$  have the Radon-Nikodym property. Then there is an isometric isomorphism between the space of compact operators  $K(L_1(\mu, X), Y)$  and the subspace of  $L_\infty(\mu, K(X, Y))$  consisting of those functions whose essential range is in the uniformly compact operators. In fact,  $T$  in  $K(L_1(\mu, X), Y)$  and  $g$  in  $L_\infty(\mu, K(X, Y))$  are in correspondence if and only if*

$$T(f) = \int_{\Omega} fg d\mu \quad \text{for all } f \text{ in } L_1(\mu, X) .$$

*Proof.* Let  $T$  be in  $K(L_1(\mu, X), Y)$ . Notice that for any par-

tition  $\pi$ ,  $f$  in  $L_1(\mu, X)$ , and  $g$  in  $L_\infty(\mu, X^*) = (L_1(\mu, X))^*$ , we have that

$$\int_{\Omega} E_{\pi}(f)gd\mu = \int_{\Omega} fE_{\pi}(g)d\mu .$$

It follows from this that the adjoint of  $TE_{\pi}$  is  $E_{\pi}T^*$ . Now, if the partitions  $\pi$  are countable, we have that

$$\lim_{\pi} E_{\pi}f = f \quad \text{for all } f \text{ in } L_{\infty}(\mu, X^*)$$

by Lemma 1. Since  $\|E_{\pi}\|_{\infty} \leq 1$ , this limit is uniform on compact sets. By Schauder's theorem,  $T^*: Y^* \rightarrow L_{\infty}(\mu, X^*)$  is compact and so

$$\lim_{\pi} E_{\pi}T^*y^* = Ty^*$$

uniformly for  $\|y^*\| \leq 1$ . Therefore,

$$\lim_{\pi} E_{\pi}T^* = T^*$$

in the operator norm. Since  $E_{\pi}T^* = (TE_{\pi})^*$ , it follows that

$$\lim_{\pi} TE_{\pi} = T$$

in operator norm.

Now, for each countable partition  $\pi$ , define  $g_{\pi}: \Omega \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  by

$$g_{\pi}(\cdot)x = \sum_{A \in \pi} \frac{T(x\chi_A)\chi_A(\cdot)}{\mu A} .$$

Then for each partition  $\pi$ ,  $\omega$  in  $\Omega$ , and  $x$  in  $X$  with  $\|x\| \leq 1$ , we have that  $g_{\pi}(\omega)x \subseteq T\{f: f \text{ in } L_1(\mu, X), \|f\|_1 \leq 1\}$ . Since  $T$  is compact, it follows that  $g_{\pi}(\omega)$  is in  $K(X, Y)$  for each partition  $\pi$  and  $\omega$  in  $\Omega$ . Moreover, one easily sees that

$$TE_{\pi}(f) = \int_{\Omega} fg_{\pi}d\mu$$

for all simple functions  $f$  in  $L_1(\mu, X)$  and thus for all functions  $f$  in  $L_1(\mu, X)$ . Hence if  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are two partitions, then

$$(TE_{\pi_1} - TE_{\pi_2})(f) = \int_{\Omega} f(g_{\pi_1} - g_{\pi_2})d\mu .$$

Since

$$\lim_{\pi_1, \pi_2} \|TE_{\pi_1} - TE_{\pi_2}\| = 0 ,$$

an appeal to [5, p. 283] establishes that

$$\lim_{\pi_1, \pi_2} \|g_{\pi_1} - g_{\pi_2}\|_{\infty} = \lim_{\pi_1, \pi_2} \|TE_{\pi_1} - TE_{\pi_2}\| = 0.$$

Thus the net  $(g_{\pi})$  is Cauchy in the norm of  $L_{\infty}(\mu, K(X, Y))$ . It follows that there is a  $g$  in  $L_{\infty}(\mu, K(X, Y))$  such that

$$\lim_{\pi} \|g_{\pi} - g\|_{\infty} = 0$$

and so

$$\lim_{\pi} \int_{\Omega} f g_{\pi} d\mu = \int_{\Omega} f g d\mu$$

for all  $f$  in  $L_1(\mu, X)$ . We also have, for almost all  $\omega$ , that

$$g(\omega)x \subseteq \overline{T\{f: f \in L_1(\mu, X), \|f\| \leq 1\}}$$

for all  $x$  in  $X$  with  $\|x\| \leq 1$ . Hence the essential range of  $g$  consists of uniformly compact operators. Finally, Lemma 1 ensures that

$$T(f) = \lim_{\pi} TE_{\pi}(f) = \lim_{\pi} \int_{\Omega} f g_{\pi} d\mu = \int_{\Omega} f g d\mu.$$

Conversely, suppose that  $g: \Omega \rightarrow K(X, Y)$  is a bounded measurable function such that there is a compact set  $C \subset Y$  with  $g(\omega)x$  in  $C$  for almost all  $\omega$  in  $\Omega$  and all  $x$  in  $X$  with  $\|x\| \leq 1$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume  $g(\omega)x$  is in  $C$  for all  $\omega$  in  $\Omega$ . Define

$$T(f) = \int_{\Omega} f g d\mu$$

for  $f \in L_1(\mu, X)$ . Another appeal to [5, p. 283] shows  $\|T\| = \|g\|_{\infty}$ . Let

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \chi_{E_i}$$

be a simple function in  $L_1(\mu, X)$  with  $\|f\| \leq 1$  i.e.,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\| \mu E_i \leq 1.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} T(f) &= \int_{\Omega} f g d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{E_i} g(\omega) x_i d\mu(\omega) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\| \mu E_i \cdot \frac{1}{\mu E_i} \int_{E_i} g(\omega) \frac{x_i}{\|x_i\|} d\mu \end{aligned}$$

is in  $\overline{\text{co}} C$  by [4, p. 48]. Since  $\overline{\text{co}} C$  is compact by Mazur's theorem, the operator  $T$  is compact. This completes the proof.

That  $X^*$  has the Radon-Nikodym property is necessary as well as sufficient for the first part of the above proof. Indeed, if each  $T$  in  $K(L_1(\mu, X), Y)$  is representable by a Bochner integrable  $g$  in  $L_\infty(\mu, K(X, Y))$ , then taking  $Y$  to be the scalars shows that  $L_1(\mu, X)^* = L_\infty(\mu, X^*)$  which implies [4, p. 98] that  $X^*$  has the RNP. An immediate consequence of Theorem 2 is a Radon-Nikodym theorem for certain operator valued measures.

**COROLLARY 3.** *Let  $X^*$  have the RNP and let  $G: \Sigma \rightarrow K(X, Y)$  be a  $\mu$ -continuous vector measure of bounded variation. If, for each  $E_1$  in  $\Sigma$  with  $\mu E_1 > 0$ , there exists  $E_2$  in  $\Sigma$  with  $E_2 \subseteq E_1$  and  $\mu(E_2) > 0$  such that*

$$\left\{ \frac{G(E)x}{\mu(E)} : x \in X, E \in \Sigma, E \subseteq E_2, \mu(E) > 0, \|x\| \leq 1 \right\}$$

*is relatively norm compact, then there exists a Bochner integrable  $g: \Omega \rightarrow K(X, Y)$  such that*

$$G(E) = \int_E g d\mu$$

*for each  $E$  in  $\Sigma$ .*

*Proof.* By exhaustion [4, p. 70], the corollary is established if for each  $E_1$  in  $\Sigma$  with  $\mu(E_1) > 0$  we can find  $E_2$  in  $\Sigma$  with  $E_2 \subseteq E_1$  and  $\mu E_2 > 0$  and a Bochner integrable  $g$  such that

$$G(E) = \int_E g d\mu$$

for all  $E$  in  $\Sigma$  with  $E \subseteq E_2$ . So let  $E_1 \in \Sigma$  with  $\mu(E_1) > 0$  and select the  $E_2 \subseteq E_1$  guaranteed by the hypothesis. Define an operator  $T$  on the simple functions in  $L_1(\mu, X)$  by

$$T(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n G(A_i \cap E_2)x_i \quad \text{if} \quad f = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \chi_{A_i}, \quad A_i \text{ in } \Sigma, A_i \cap A_j = \phi$$

if  $i \neq j$ . Notice that if  $\|f\| \leq 1$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\| \mu A_i \leq 1,$$

then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\| \mu(A_i \cap E_2) \leq 1$$

and so

$$T(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\| \mu(A_i \cap E_2) \cdot \frac{G(A_i \cap E_2) \frac{x_i}{\|x_i\|}}{\mu(A_i \cap E_2)}$$

is in

$$\overline{\text{co}} \left\{ \frac{G(E)x}{\mu E} : x \in X, E \in \Sigma, E \subseteq E_2, \mu(E) > 0, \|x\| \leq 1 \right\},$$

a set which is compact by Mazur's theorem. Thus  $T$  has a compact linear extension to all of  $L_1(\mu, X)$ . Hence, by Theorem 2, there exists a Bochner integrable  $g: \Omega \rightarrow K(X, Y)$  such that

$$T(f) = \int_{\Omega} f g d\mu$$

for all  $f \in L_1(\mu, X)$ . In particular, if  $E$  is in  $\Sigma$  and  $E \subseteq E_2$ , then

$$G(E)x = T(x\chi_E) = \int_E g x d\mu.$$

Since  $g$  is Bochner integrable, we have, by [4, p. 47], that

$$G(E) = \int_E g d\mu$$

as required.

Our next result is a generalization of a theorem of D. R. Lewis [4, p. 88] dealing with the equivalence of weakly measurable and measurable functions. The proof uses the following result of Amir and Lindenstrauss [1, p. 43]: If  $X$  is a weakly compactly generated space and  $X_0 \subseteq X$  and  $Y_0 \subseteq X^*$  are separable subspaces, then there is a bounded projection  $P: X \rightarrow X$  with separable range such that  $X_0 \subseteq P(X)$  and  $Y_0 \subseteq P^*(X^*)$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.** *Let  $X^*$  and  $Y$  be weakly compactly generated Banach spaces. If  $f: \Omega \rightarrow K(X, Y)$  is a bounded function such that for each  $y^*$  in  $Y^*$  the function  $y^*f(\cdot): \Omega \rightarrow X^*$  is measurable, then there is a bounded measurable function  $g: \Omega \rightarrow K(X, Y)$  such that for each  $y^*$  in  $Y^*$ ,  $y^*f(\cdot) = y^*g(\cdot)$   $\mu$ -a.e., (the exceptional set may depend on  $y^*$ ).*

*Proof.* We claim that the set  $A = \{y^*f(\cdot): y^* \in Y^*, \|y^*\| \leq 1\}$  is compact in  $L_1(\mu, X^*)$ . If not, then there is a sequence  $y_n^*$  in the unit ball of  $Y^*$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\|y_n^*f(\cdot) - y_m^*f(\cdot)\|_{L_1(\mu, X^*)} > \delta$$

for  $m \neq n$ . Choose a bounded projection  $P_1: Y \rightarrow Y$  with separable

range such that  $P_1^*y_n^* = y_n^*$  for all  $n$ . Since each  $y_n^*f(\cdot): \Omega \rightarrow X^*$  is measurable and hence essentially separably valued, there is a bounded projection  $P_2: X^* \rightarrow X^*$  with separable range and sets  $\Omega_n$  in  $\Sigma$  with  $\mu(\Omega \setminus \Omega_n) = 0$  and  $y_n^*f(\Omega_n) \subseteq P_2(X^*)$  for every  $n$ . Now, since each  $f(\omega)$  is a compact operator we have, for all  $x^{**}$  in  $X^{**}$ , that  $f(\omega)^{**}x^{**}$  is in the natural image of  $Y$  in  $Y^{**}$  and so we may define  $h: \Omega \rightarrow K(X^{**}, Y)$  by  $h(\omega)x^{**} = P_1f(\omega)^{**}P_2^*x^{**}$ . We claim that for each  $x^{**}$  in  $X^{**}$ , the function  $h(\cdot)x^{**}: \Omega \rightarrow Y$  is measurable. To see this, note that since  $P_1$  has separable range, the functions  $h(\cdot)x^{**}$  are separably valued and since

$$y^*h(\cdot)x^{**} = y^*P_1f(\cdot)^{**}P_2^*x^{**} = x^{**}P_2f(\cdot)^*P_1^*y^*$$

and each  $f(\cdot)P_1y^*: \Omega \rightarrow X^*$  is measurable, the functions  $h(\cdot)x^{**}$  are weakly measurable. An appeal to the Pettis measurability theorem [4, p. 42] establishes the measurability of  $h(\cdot)x^{**}$ . Now if  $Y_0$  is the Banach space obtained by taking the closed linear span of  $P_1Y$  in  $Y$ , then  $Y_0$  is separable and  $h$  can be viewed as taking its values in  $K(X^{**}, Y_0)$ . Moreover, if we define  $S: Y \rightarrow Y_0$  by  $Sy = P_1y$ , then  $h(\omega)x^{**} = SP_1f(\omega)^{**}P_2^*x^{**}$ . Thus, if  $y_0^*$  is in  $Y_0^*$ , then  $h(\omega)^*y_0^* = P_2^{**}f(\omega)^{**}P_1^*S^*y_0^*$  is in  $P_2X^*$ , since the range of  $f(\omega)^{**}$  is in  $X^*$  and  $P_2^{**}$  extends  $P_2$ . Let  $Z = \overline{P_2X^*}$  and  $B = \{T: T \text{ in } K(X^{**}, Y_0), T^*Y_0^* \subset Z\}$ . We claim that  $B$  is separable. To see this, let  $U$  and  $V$  denote the closed unit balls of  $Z^*$  and  $Y_0^*$  endowed with the weak\* topologies. Since  $Y_0$  and  $Z$  are separable,  $U$  and  $V$  are compact metric spaces, and thus, so is  $U \times V$ . For each  $T$  in  $B$ , define a function  $JT$  on  $U \times V$  by  $JT(u, v) = uT^*v$ . Then the map  $T \rightarrow JT$  is a linear isometry of  $B$  into  $C(U \times V)$  [8] and so, by [7, p. 437],  $B$  is separable. Since the values of  $h$  in  $K(X^{**}, Y_0)$  lie in  $B$  and  $\|h(\omega_1) - h(\omega_2)\|_{K(X^{**}, Y)} = \|h(\omega_1) - h(\omega_2)\|_{K(X^{**}, Y_0)}$  for all  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  in  $\Omega$ , the values of  $h$  in  $K(X^{**}, Y)$  form a separable set. Now because  $h(\cdot)x^{**}$  is measurable for each  $x^{**}$  in  $X^{**}$ , an appeal to [5, p. 102] establishes that  $h$  is measurable. Since  $h$  is bounded,  $h$  is Bochner integrable and so we may choose a sequence  $h_n$  of  $K(X^{**}, Y)$ -valued simple functions such that

$$\lim_n \int_\Omega \|h - h_n\| d\mu = 0.$$

Define operators  $S_n$  and  $S$  from  $L_\infty(\mu, X^{**})$  to  $Y$  by

$$S_n(g) = \int_\Omega gh_n d\mu \quad \text{and} \quad S(g) = \int_\Omega gh d\mu$$

for  $g$  in  $L_\infty(\mu, X^{**})$ . Since each  $h_n$  takes on only a finite number of values, each  $S_n$  is a compact operator. Moreover, we have that

$$\|(S - S_n)(g)\| \leq \int_\Omega \|g\| \|h - h_n\| d\mu \leq \|g\|_\infty \int_\Omega \|h - h_n\| d\mu$$

for all  $g$  in  $L_\infty(\mu, X^{**})$ . It follows immediately that the operator  $S$  is compact. The adjoint of  $S$  is the operator  $y^* \rightarrow y^*h(\cdot)$  and hence by Schauder's theorem is also compact. But  $y_n^*h(\cdot) = y_n^*f(\cdot)$  a.e. This contradicts

$$\|y_n^*f(\cdot) - y_m^*f(\cdot)\|_{L_1(\mu, X^*)} > \delta$$

for  $m \neq n$  and establishes that the set  $A$  is compact.

Now choose  $y_n^*$  in  $Y^*$  such that  $y_n^*(\cdot)$  is dense in  $A$ . If  $h$  is constructed as above for this sequence  $(y_n^*)$ , then  $h$  is measurable and so, by Egoroff's theorem, for all  $\delta > 0$  there is a set  $E$  in  $\Sigma$  with  $\mu(\Omega \setminus E) < \delta$  such that  $h\chi_E$  can be approximated uniformly by simple functions. Fix  $\delta > 0$  and choose such a set  $E$ . It follows that the sequence  $y_n^*f(\cdot)\chi_E = y_n^*h(\cdot)\chi_E$  is relatively compact in  $L_\infty(\mu, X^*)$ . Since this sequence is  $L_\infty(\mu, X^*)$ -dense in  $\{y^*f(\cdot)\chi_E : \|y^*\| \leq 1\}$ , this set is relatively compact in  $L_\infty(\mu, X^*)$ .

Now define  $T: Y^* \rightarrow L_\infty(\mu, X^*)$  by  $Ty^* = y^*f(\cdot)\chi_E$ . Then  $T$  is compact and as an operator on  $L_1(\mu, X)$ ,  $T^*: L_1(\mu, X) \rightarrow Y^{**}$  is compact. Notice that the dominated convergence theorem ensures that  $T$  is  $w^*$  to  $w^*$  sequentially continuous. Thus, if  $y^{**}$  is in  $T^*(L_1(\mu, X))$ , then  $y^{**}$  is a weak\* sequentially continuous functional on  $Y^*$ . But since  $Y$  is weakly compactly generated, this means  $y^{**}$  is a  $w^*$  continuous functional on  $Y^*$  [3, p. 148]. Hence,  $T^*(L_1(\mu, X))$  is contained in  $Y$ . Theorem 2 now produces a Bochner integrable  $g: E \rightarrow K(X, Y)$  such that

$$T^*(k) = \int_E kgd\mu$$

for all  $k$  in  $L_1(\mu, X)$ . But, if  $y^*$  is in  $Y^*$ , then  $T^{**}y^* = y^*g$ . It follows that  $y^*g = y^*f$  a.e. on  $E$ . Since  $\mu(\Omega \setminus E) < \delta$ , this completes the proof.

Theorem 2 does not hold for weakly compact operators. To see this, let  $\Omega$  be the unit interval endowed with Lebesgue measure and let  $r_n(\cdot)$  be the  $n$ th Rademacher function i.e.,  $r_n(\omega) = \text{signum}(\sin 2^n\pi\omega)$ . Consider the function  $g: [0, 1] \rightarrow L(\ell_2, \ell_2)$  defined by  $g(\omega)(\alpha_n) = (r_n(\omega)\alpha_n)$  for all  $(\alpha_n) \in \ell_2$ . The function  $g$  is not essentially separably valued, since if  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are different numbers in  $[0, 1]$  there exists a Rademacher function  $r_n$  with  $|r_n(\omega_1) - r_n(\omega_2)| = 2$  and hence,  $\|g(\omega_1) - g(\omega_2)\|_{L(\ell_2, \ell_2)} \geq 2$ . Thus,  $g$  is not measurable. Define an operator  $T: L_1(\mu, \ell_2) \rightarrow \ell_2$  by

$$T(f) = \int_{[0,1]} fgd\mu$$

and note that  $T$  is weakly compact. If  $T$  were representable by a kernel, then that kernel would be equal to  $g$  a.e. and so  $g$  would be



measurable, which is a contradiction. However, we can use Proposition 4 to obtain a representation theorem for weakly compact operators by imposing further conditions on  $X^*$ .

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $X^*$  be a separable Schur space. Then there is an isometric isomorphism between the space of weakly compact operators  $W(L_1(\mu, X), Y)$  and the subspace of  $L_\infty(\mu, W(X, Y))$  consisting of those functions whose essential range is in the uniformly weakly compact operators. In fact,  $T$  in  $W(L_1(\mu, X, Y))$  and  $g$  in  $L_\infty(\mu, W(X, Y))$  are in correspondence if, and only if,*

$$T(f) = \int_{\Omega} fgd\mu$$

for all  $f$  in  $L_1(\mu, X)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $T$  be in  $W(L_1(\mu, X), Y)$ . By the Factorization Lemma [2, p. 314], there is a reflexive space  $R$  and operators  $S: L_1(\mu, X) \rightarrow R$  and  $J: R \rightarrow Y$  such that  $T = JS$ . Suppose  $S$  is representable by a measurable kernel  $h: \Omega \rightarrow L(X, R)$ . Then  $T$  is representable by the measurable kernel  $g: \Omega \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  given by  $g(\omega)x = Jh(\omega)x$  for all  $x$  in  $X$  and  $\omega$  in  $\Omega$ . Hence, without loss of generality, we may assume that  $Y$  is reflexive.

Let  $G: \Sigma \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  be the representing measure of  $T$  i.e.,

(i)  $G(E)x = T(x\chi_E)$  for all  $x$  in  $X$  and  $E$  in  $\Sigma$

(ii)  $T(f) = \int_{\Omega} fdG$  for all  $f$  in  $L_1(\mu, X)$  and

(iii) 
$$\|T\| = \sup_{\mu E > 0} \frac{\|G(E)\|}{\mu E}.$$

An appeal to [10, p. 345] produces a bounded function  $g: \Omega \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  such that

(1)  $g(\cdot)x: \Omega \rightarrow Y$  is Bochner integrable for all  $x$  in  $X$  and

(2)  $G(E)x = \int_E g(\omega)x d\mu(\omega)$  for all  $x$  in  $X$  and  $E$  in  $\Sigma$ .

It follows quickly from the density of simple functions in  $L_1(\mu, X)$  that

$$T(f) = \int_{\Omega} fgd\mu$$

for all  $f$  in  $L_1(\mu, X)$ . Consider, for each  $y^*$  in  $Y^*$ , the functions  $y^*g(\cdot): \Omega \rightarrow X^*$ . Since these functions are separably valued and weak\* measurable, they are measurable by [4, p. 42]. Now  $L(X, Y) = K(X, Y)$ , since  $X^*$  is a Schur space and  $Y$  is reflexive. Consequently, Proposition 4 now produces a bounded measurable  $h: \Omega \rightarrow K(X, Y)$

such that, for each  $y^*$  in  $Y^*$ ,  $y^*g(\cdot) = y^*h(\cdot)\mu$ -a.e. Thus, for all  $y^*$  in  $Y^*$  and  $f$  in  $L_1(\mu, X)$  we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle y^*, Tf \rangle &= \int_{\Omega} \langle y^*, g(\omega)f(\omega) \rangle d\mu(\omega) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \langle y^*, h(\omega)f(\omega) \rangle d\mu \\ &= y^* \left( \int_{\Omega} hf d\mu \right) \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$T(f) = \int_{\Omega} hf d\mu .$$

It follows easily that

$$h(\omega)x \subseteq \overline{T\{f: f \text{ in } L_1(\mu, X), \|f\|_1 \leq 1\}}$$

for almost all  $\omega$  in  $\Omega$  and all  $x$  in  $X$  with  $\|x\| \leq 1$ . Hence, the essential range of  $h$  consists of uniformly weakly compact operators.

The converse is proved in the same way as in Theorem 2 so we omit the proof.

Our final result follows from Theorem 5 in the same way that Corollary 3 follows from Theorem 2 so the proof is omitted.

**COROLLARY 6.** *Let  $X^*$  be a separable Schur space and let  $G: \Sigma \rightarrow K(X; Y)$  be a  $\mu$ -continuous vector measure of bounded variation. If, for each  $E_1$  in  $\Sigma$  with  $\mu E_1 > 0$ , there exists an  $E_2$  in  $\Sigma$  with  $E_2 \subseteq E_1$  and  $\mu(E_2) > 0$  such that*

$$\left\{ \frac{G(E)x}{\mu E} : x \text{ in } X, E \text{ in } \Sigma, E \subseteq E_2, \mu E > 0, \|x\| \leq 1 \right\}$$

*is relatively weakly compact, then there exists a Bochner integrable  $g: \Omega \rightarrow K(X, Y)$  such that*

$$G(E) = \int_E g d\mu$$

*for each  $E$  in  $\Sigma$ .*

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