

Semiprojective Banach lattices

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Topological order unit

An element e of Banach lattice E is called a topological order unit if J_e is dense in E .

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Theorem 3 (Avilés, Martínez-Cervantes, Rodríguez-Abellán, 2020)

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For a compact metric space K a Banach lattice $C(K; \mathbb{R})$ is semiprojective iff it is projective.

Theorem 5 (Kania, N.)

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For every set Γ , the Banach lattice $\ell_1(\Gamma)$ is semiprojective. It is 1^+ -projective if and only if Γ is countable.

Theorem 6 (Kania, N.)

Let A be a semiprojective Banach lattice, let X be a separable Banach lattice, let $J \subseteq X$ be a closed ideal, and let $T: A \rightarrow X/J$ be a contractive lattice homomorphism. Then there exists a lattice homomorphism $\hat{T}: A \rightarrow X$ such that $Q \circ \hat{T} = T$, where $Q: X \rightarrow X/J$ is the quotient map.

Further properties of semiprojectivity

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Theorem 7 (Kania, N.)

Let E be a non-zero separable Banach lattice such that $\text{Hom}(E, \mathbb{R}) = \{0\}$. Then E is not semiprojective.

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Let (Ω, Σ, μ) be an atomless measure space and let Φ be an Orlicz function. Denote by $H^\Phi(\mu)$ the corresponding Orlicz heart, equipped with the Luxemburg norm. If $H^\Phi(\mu)$ is non-zero and separable, then $H^\Phi(\mu)$ is not semiprojective. If moreover $L^\Phi(\mu)$ is non-zero and separable, then $L^\Phi(\mu)$ is not semiprojective.

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Question 3

Is every separable Banach lattice an inductive limit of semiprojective Banach lattices?

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