

REARRANGEMENT THEOREM FOR THE WEAK TOPOLOGY \*

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**Abstract.** We prove a refined version of a rearrangement theorem contained in B. K. Lahiri and S. K. Bhattacharya, *A note on rearrangements of series*, Math. Student **64**, 1-4 (1995), 141-145 (1996).

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**1 Introduction.** The finite-dimensional version of *the rearrangement theorem* looks as follows:

**Theorem 1.** ([11], [5, Lemma I], [10]) *Let  $X$  be a finite-dimensional real normed space and let  $(x_k)$  be a sequence of elements of  $X$ ,  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $S \in X$ . If some subsequence  $(S_{k_n})$  of  $(S_n)$  converges in  $X$  to  $S$  and  $(x_k)$  tends to 0 in  $X$ , then there exists a permutation  $\pi$  of the set of natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  such that the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_{\pi(k)}$  converges in  $X$  to  $S$ .*

The following statement represents a first extension of Theorem 1 to an infinite-dimensional case.

**Theorem 2.** [6, Lemma I] *Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $X = L^p$ ,  $r = \min(p, 2)$  and  $(x_k)$  be a sequence of elements of  $X$ ,  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $S \in X$ . If some subsequence  $(S_{k_n})$  of  $(S_n)$  converges in  $X$  to  $S$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|x_k\|^r < \infty$ , then there exists a permutation  $\pi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_{\pi(k)}$  converges in  $X$  to  $S$ .*

Later on Theorem 2 for  $X = L^2$  was rediscovered in [2], where for the proof the following lemma is used:

**Lemma 1.** [2, Lemma] *Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space, let  $n > 1$  be a natural number,  $x_k \in H$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n$  and  $a := \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$ . Then it is possible to find a permutation  $\pi : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that*

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$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^k x_{\pi(j)} \right\| \leq \|a\| + \left( \sum_{j=1}^k \|x_{\pi(j)}\|^2 + \|a\|(\|a\| + 2M) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad k = 1, \dots, n,$$

where  $M = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \|x_k\|$ .

In [8] the following 'weak topology' version of [2, Theorem] is contained:

**Theorem 3.** [8, Theorem 1] *Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space, and let  $(x_k)$  be a sequence of elements of  $H$ ,  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $S \in X$ . If some subsequence  $(S_{k_n})$  of  $(S_n)$  converges in the weak topology of  $H$  to  $S$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|x_k\|^2 < \infty$ , then there exists a permutation  $\pi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_{\pi(k)}$  converges in the weak topology of  $H$  to  $S$ .*

The proof of Theorem 3 in [8] is based on the following version of Lemma 1:

**Lemma 2.** [8, Lemma] *Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space with the inner product  $(\cdot|\cdot)$ , let  $n > 1$  be a natural number,  $x_k \in H$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n$  and  $a := \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$ . Then it is possible to find a permutation  $\pi : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that*

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^k (x_{\pi(j)}|y) \right| \leq |(a|y)| + \left( \|y\|^2 \sum_{j=1}^k \|x_{\pi(j)}\|^2 + |(a|y)|(|(a|y)| + 2M_y) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad k = 1, \dots, n \quad \forall y \in H,$$

where  $M_y = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |(x_k|y)|$ .

In its turn in [8] Lemma 2 is derived from the following statement:

**Lemma 3.** [8, p.142] *Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space with the inner product  $(\cdot|\cdot)$ ,  $n > 1$  be a natural number, let  $x_k \in H$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n$  be such that  $\sum_{k=1}^n x_k = 0$ . Then it is possible to find a permutation  $\pi : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that*

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^k (x_{\pi(j)}|y) \right|^2 \leq \sum_{j=1}^k |(x_{\pi(j)}|y)|^2, \quad k = 1, \dots, n \quad \forall y \in H.$$

As this is shown in [3], Lemma 3 *is not correct*. It follows that the proof of Theorem 3 presented in [8] *is not correct as well*. Nevertheless, we shall show that the following refined version of Theorem 3 is valid:

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space, and let  $(x_k)$  be a sequence of elements of  $H$ ,  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $S \in X$ . If some subsequence  $(S_{k_n})$  of  $(S_n)$  converges in the weak topology of  $H$  to  $S$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|x_k\|^2 < \infty$ , then there exists a permutation  $\pi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_{\pi(k)}$  converges in the topology of  $H$  to  $S$ .*

**2 Steinitz's range and proofs.** For a topological vector space  $X$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  we write  $X^*$  for the dual space consisting of all continuous linear functionals  $x^* : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

To a sequence  $(x_n)$  extracted from a Hausdorff (locally convex) topological vector space  $X$  let us associate two subsets  $SR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k)$  and  $StR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k)$  of  $X$  as follows:

- an element  $x \in X$  belongs to  $SR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k)$  if there exists a permutation  $\pi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that the sequence  $(\sum_{k=1}^n x_{\pi(k)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges in the topology of  $X$  to  $x$ . The set  $SR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k)$  is called *the sum range* of  $(x_n)$  (cf. [7, Definition 2.1.1]).
- an element  $x \in X$  belongs to  $StR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k)$  if  $x^*(x) \in SR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x^*(x_k))$  for every  $x^* \in X^*$ . The set  $StR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k)$  is called *the Steinitz range* of  $(x_n)$  [4].

For a sequence  $(x_n)$  extracted from a Hausdorff locally convex topological vector space  $X$  we have:

- $SR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k) \subset StR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k)$  (this is evident).
- If  $StR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $StR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k)$  is a (weakly) closed affine subspace of  $X$  (this is essentially a consequence of Riemann's theorem on conditionally convergent series, see [4, Proposition 2.1]; see also [1, Proposition 1], where this is proved under the assumption  $SR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k) \neq \emptyset$ ).
- If  $X$  is finite-dimensional, then  $SR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k) = StR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k)$  (in view of previous item it can be said that this is a reformulation of the famous Steinitz's theorem on conditionally convergent series).
- Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $X = L^p$ . Suppose that in case  $2 \leq p < \infty$  we have  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|x_k\|^2 < \infty$ , while in case  $1 < p \leq 2$  we have  $\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \in X$ , then  $SR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k) = StR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k)$  [9, Theorem 1].

*Proof of Theorem 4.*

By [9, Theorem 1], it is sufficient to show that  $S \in StR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k)$ . To do this, fix  $y \in H$  and let us verify that

$$(S|y) \in SR\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (x_k|y)\right).$$

Clearly, some subsequence of the sequence  $(\sum_{k=1}^n (x_k|y))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $(S|y)$ ; we have also that  $\lim_k (x_k|y) = 0$ . So, *by one-dimensional version of Theorem 1* there exists a permutation  $\pi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$(S|y) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (x_{\pi(k)}|y).$$

Therefore,

$$(S|y) \in SR \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (x_k|y) \right)$$

From this, since  $y \in H$  is arbitrary, we get that  $S \in StR(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k)$ .

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