# arepsilon-WEAKLY CHEBYSHEV SUBSPACES AND QUOTIENT SPACES

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ABSTRACT. It will be determined under what conditions  $\varepsilon$ -quasi Chebyshev and  $\varepsilon$ -weakly Chebyshev subspaces are transmitted to and from quotient spaces.

#### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Let X be a (complex or real) Banach space,  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and let W be a subspace of X. A point  $y_0 \in W$  is said to be a  $\varepsilon$ -approximation for  $x \in X$  if

$$||x - y_0|| < d(x, W) + \varepsilon.$$

For  $x \in X$ , put

$$P_{W,\varepsilon}(x) = \{ y \in W : ||x - y|| \le d(x, W) + \varepsilon \}$$

and

$$P_W(x) = \{ y \in W : ||x - y|| = d(x, W) \}.$$

It is clear that  $P_{W,\varepsilon}(x)$  is a non-empty, bounded and convex subset of X. Also,  $P_{W,\varepsilon}(x)$  is closed for all  $x \in X$ , if W is closed.

We know that a subspace W of a Banach space X is called proximinal (respectively, quasi-Chebyshev or Weakly-Chebyshev)

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if  $P_W(x)$  is non-empty (and respectively, compact or weakly compact) for all  $x \in X$ .

Recently, these types of subspaces are investigated (see [3]-[8]). There are some works on sum and quotient of proximinal subspaces of Banach spaces (see [1],[2]). Also, the first author has defined  $\varepsilon$ -quasi Chebyshev and  $\varepsilon$ -weakly Chebyshev subspaces of Banach spaces (see [9],[10]).

**Definition 1.1.** Let X be a Banach space. A subspace W is called  $\varepsilon$ -quasi Chebyshev ( $\varepsilon$ -weakly Chebyshev) in X if  $P_{W,\varepsilon}(x)$  is a compact (weakly compact) set in X for each  $x \in X$ .

Note that, every  $\varepsilon$ -quasi Chebyshev subspace is  $\varepsilon$ -weakly Chebyshev. But, the converse is not true, (see [10]).

Let M be a proximinal subspace of a Banach space X, and let  $f \in M^{\perp}$  be arbitrary. Define the linear functional  $T_f$  on X/M by  $T_f(x+M)=f(x)$  for all  $x+M\in X/M$ . Since M is proximinal,  $T_f\in (X/M)^*$  and  $\|T_f\|\leq \|f\|$ .

We conclude this section by a list of known lemmas needed in the proof of the main results.

**Lemma 1.2.** [12; Theorem 4]. Let W be a subspace of a normed linear space X,  $x \in X \setminus \overline{W}$  and  $g_0 \in W$ . Then,  $g_0 \in P_W(x)$  if and only if  $||x - g_0|| = ||x - g_0||_{W^{\perp}}$ , where  $||x - g_0||_{W^{\perp}} = \sup\{|f(x - g_0)| : ||f|| \le 1, f \in W^{\perp}\}$ .

**Lemma 1.3.** [9; Theorem 2.11]. Let W be a closed subspace of a Banach space X and  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Then, W is  $\varepsilon$ -quasi Chebyshev subspace of X if and only if W is finite dimensional.

**Lemma 1.4.** [10; Theorem 2.7]. Let W be a closed subspace of a Banach space X and  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Then, W is  $\varepsilon$ -weakly Chebyshev subspace of X if and only if W is reflexive.

### 2. Main Results

Now, we are ready to state and prove our main results.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let M be a proximinal subspace of a Banach space X,  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and let W be a  $\varepsilon$ -quasi Chebyshev subspace of X such that M is a subspace of W. Then,  $\frac{W}{M}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -quasi Chebyshev in  $\frac{X}{M}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\pi: X \longrightarrow \frac{X}{M}$  be the canonical map. Since  $P_{\frac{W}{M},\varepsilon}(x+M) = \pi(P_{W,\varepsilon}(x))$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\pi$  is continuous,  $\frac{W}{M}$  is a  $\varepsilon$ -quasi-Chebyshev subspace of  $\frac{X}{M}$ .  $\square$ 

**Theorem 2.2.** Let M be a finite dimensional subspace of a Banach space X,  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and let W be a closed subspace of X. Then the followings are equivalent:

- (a) M + W is  $\varepsilon$ -quasi Chebyshev in X.
- (b)  $\frac{M+W}{M}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -quasi Chebyshev in  $\frac{X}{M}$ .

**Proof.** It is an immediate consequence of Lemma 1.2 and the relation  $dim(M+W)=dim(\frac{M+W}{M})+dim(M)$ , which implies that M+W is finite dimensional if M and  $\frac{M+W}{M}$  are finite dimensional.  $\square$ 

**Corollary 2.3.** Let M be a finite dimensional subspace of a Banach space X,  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and let W be a closed subspace of X such that M is a subspace of W. If  $\frac{W}{M}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -quasi Chebyshev in  $\frac{X}{M}$ ,

then W is  $\varepsilon$ -quasi Chebyshev in X.

The following example shows that finite dimensionality of M can not omit in Corollary 2.3.

**Example 2.4.** Let  $X=c_0, W=\{\{x_n\}_{n\geq 1}\in X: x_1=0\}$  and  $M=\{\{x_n\}_{n\geq 1}\in X: x_1=x_2=0\}$ . Then, it is easy to show that M and W are proximinal subspaces of X. Since  $dim\frac{W}{M}=1$ , by Lemma 1.2,  $\frac{W}{M}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -quasi Chebyshev in  $\frac{X}{M}$ , but W is not  $\varepsilon$ -quasi Chebyshev in X.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let M be a proximinal subspace of a Banach space X,  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and let W be a  $\varepsilon$ -weakly Chebyshev subspace of X such that M is a subspace of W. Then,  $\frac{W}{M}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -weakly Chebyshev in  $\frac{X}{M}$ .

**Proof.** It is an immediate consequence of Lemma 1.3 and the well known fact ([11]) that a reflexive space has every its quotient spaces reflexive.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 2.6.** Let X be a Banach space and S a finite dimensional subspace of a X such that  $\frac{X}{S}$  is reflexive. Then, X is reflexive.

**Proof.** It is well known that X is reflexive if and only if the unit ball B of X is weakly compact. As a consequence of the Eberlein-Šmulian Theorem B is weakly compact if and only if every sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n\geq 1}$  in B has a weakly convergent subsequence. Let  $\{a_n\}_{n\geq 1}$  be a sequence in B. Since S is finite dimensional, S is complemented subspace of X. That is, there exists a projection  $P: X \longrightarrow S$ . That means that P is a linear bounded and onto map with  $P^2 = P$ . We note that W := ker(P) is a complement of S. That is W is closed, S + W = X and  $S \cap W = \{0\}$ .

We note that  $\{a_n + S\}_{n\geq 1}$  belongs to the unit ball of  $\frac{X}{S}$ . Thus, from reflexivity of  $\frac{X}{S}$  we obtain a subsequence  $\{a_{n_k} + S\}_{n\geq 1}$  converging weakly to an element  $a + S \in \frac{X}{S}$ . Since S is finite dimensional and  $m_k := P(a_{n_k} - a) \in S$  and  $||m_k|| \leq 2||P||$  we can suppose, without loss of generality, that there exists  $m_0 \in S$  with  $||m_k - m_0|| \longrightarrow 0$ .

Now, we can consider the subset of  $X^*$  defined by

$$V = \{ f \in X^* : f(x) = f(P(x)) \text{ for all } x \in X \}.$$

It is easy to check that V is a closed subspace of X which is a complement of  $S^{\perp}$  (in fact,  $V = (\text{Range}(I - P))^{\perp})$ . that means, V is closed,  $V \cap S^{\perp} = \{0\}$  and  $V + S^{\perp} = X^*$ . As is well known we can identify  $S^{\perp}$  with  $(\frac{X}{S})^*$ . Let  $f \in X^*$  be arbitrary. We can split f in the form  $f = f_1 + f_2$  with  $f_1 \in S^{\perp}$  and  $f_2 \in V$ . Therefore, we have

$$f(a_{n_k}) = f_1(a_{n_k}) + f_2(a_{n_k}) = T_{f_1}(a_{n_k} + S) + f_2(a_{n_k}).$$
 We have that  $T_{f_1}(a_{n_k} + S) \longrightarrow T_{f_1}(a + S) = f_1(a).$ 

On the other hand,

$$f_2(a_{n_k}) = f_2(a_{n_k} - a) + f_2(a) = f_2(P(a_{n_k} - a)) + f_2(a)$$
  
=  $f_2(m_k) + f_2(a) \longrightarrow f_2(m_0) + f_2(a)$ .

Therefore, from  $f_1(m_0) = 0$  we get

$$f(a_{n_k}) \longrightarrow f_1(a) + f_2(a) + f_2(m_0) = (f_1 + f_2)(a + m_0) = f(a + m_0).$$
  
Hence,  $\{a_{n_k}\}_{k>1}$  converges weakly to  $a + m_0$ .  $\square$ 

**Corollary 2.7.** Let M be a finite dimensional subspace of a Banach space X,  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given and let W be a closed subspace of X such that M is a subspace of W. If  $\frac{W}{M}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -weakly Chebyshev in  $\frac{X}{M}$ , then W is  $\varepsilon$ -weakly Chebyshev in X.

The following example shows that finite dimensionality of M can not omit in Corollary 2.7.

**Example 2.8.** Let  $X = \ell^{\infty}$ ,  $W = \ell^{1}$ ,  $M = \{\{x_{n}\}_{n \geq 1} \in W : x_{1} = 0\}$  and let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. By Lemma 1.3, W is not  $\varepsilon$ -weakly

Chebyshev in X. Since  $dim \frac{W}{M} = 1$ ,  $\frac{W}{M}$  is  $\varepsilon$ -weakly Chebyshev in  $\frac{X}{M}$ .

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