

**UNIFORM ASYMPTOTIC NORMAL STRUCTURE,
THE UNIFORM SEMI-OPIAL PROPERTY AND
FIXED POINTS OF ASYMPTOTICALLY REGULAR
UNIFORMLY LIPSCHITZIAN SEMIGROUPS. PART I**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we introduce the uniform asymptotic normal structure and the uniform semi-Opial properties of Banach spaces. This part is devoted to a study of the spaces with these properties. We also compare them with those spaces which have uniform normal structure and with spaces with $WCS(X) > 1$.

1. INTRODUCTION

Normal structure is one of the basic concepts in metric fixed point theory. It was introduced by Brodskii and Milman [6] and applied in Kirk's well-known fixed point theorem [24]. Asymptotic normal structure appeared for the first time in a paper by Baillon and Schöneberg [4] in which they generalized Kirk's theorem. The semi-Opial property was considered in the context of the fixed point property in product spaces [25]. To study more carefully the geometric structure of Banach spaces Bynum [9] introduced the normal structure coefficient $N(X)$ which was applied by Casini and Maluta [10] to obtain a fixed point theorem for uniformly lipschitzian mappings. This result has been recently improved by Domínguez Benavides [15]. In his paper he used both $N(X)$ and the weakly convergent sequence coefficient $WCS(X)$ [9]. In the first part of the present paper we introduce new geometric coefficients: the asymptotic normal structure and the semi-Opial coefficients. In the second part of our paper we apply them to the fixed point theory of uniformly lipschitzian nonlinear semigroups.

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2. THE ASYMPTOTIC NORMAL STRUCTURE AND THE SEMI-OPIAL COEFFICIENTS

Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a Banach space. As we mentioned in the Introduction, Bynum [9] introduced the coefficient $N(X)$ related to normal structure. Namely, he defined $N(X)$ as the biggest constant k such that

$$k \cdot r(C) \leq \text{diam}(C)$$

for each nonempty bounded convex set $C \subset X$, where $\text{diam}(C)$ denotes the diameter of C and $r(C)$ is the Chebyshev radius of C with respect to itself, i.e.,

$$r(C) = \inf_{y \in C} \sup_{x \in C} \|x - y\|.$$

If $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is a bounded sequence in $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ and $\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}$ is a subsequence, then we denote by $r_a(\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1})$ the asymptotic radius for the norm $\|\cdot\|$ of this subsequence with respect to the set $\overline{\text{conv}}(\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1})$ (the closure in the norm $\|\cdot\|$ of the convex hull of the whole sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$), i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} r_a(\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}) &= \\ &= \inf \left\{ r_a(x, \{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}) = \limsup_i \|x - x_{n_i}\| : x \in \overline{\text{conv}}(\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Throughout this paper we will use the following notation:

$$\alpha_k = \text{diam}_{\|\cdot\|}(\{x_n\}_{n \geq k}), \quad \text{diam}_a(\{x_n\}) = \lim_k \alpha_k = \alpha.$$

One can consider (see [9] and [2]) the following weakly convergent sequence coefficient:

$$\begin{aligned} WCS(X) &= \sup \{k : k \cdot r_a(\{x_n\}) \leq \text{diam}(\{x_n\}) \\ &\text{for every weakly convergent sequence } \{x_n\} \text{ in } X = \\ &= \sup \left\{ k : k \cdot \limsup_n \|x_n\| \leq \text{diam}(\{x_n\}) \right. \\ &\left. \text{for every weakly null sequence } \{x_n\} \text{ in } X \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us observe that in the above definition of $WCS(X)$, $\text{diam}(\{x_n\})$ can be replaced by $\text{diam}_a(\{x_n\})$ and that our definition is a little different from the one in common use.

We always have

$$1 \leq N(X) \leq WCS(X),$$

and for some Banach spaces (see e.g. [15]) the strict inequalities

$$1 < N(X) < WCS(X)$$

are valid.

Recall that a bounded sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ with $x_n - x_{n+1} \rightarrow 0$ is called asymptotically regular.

We say that X has asymptotic normal structure (with respect to the weak topology) [4], *ANS* (respectively, *w-ANS*) for short, if for each bounded closed (weakly compact) and convex subset C of X consisting of more than one point and each asymptotically regular sequence $\{x_n\}$ in C , there is a point $x \in C$ such that

$$\liminf_n \|x - x_n\| < \text{diam}(C)$$

(see also [1, 2, 7, 8, 19, 20, 26, 30, 36]).

Recall that a Banach space is said to have the semi-Opial (weak semi-Opial) property [8, 25], *SO* (*w-SO*) for short, if for each bounded nonconstant asymptotically regular sequence $\{x_n\}$ (with a weakly compact convex hull), there exists a subsequence $\{x_{n_i}\}$, weakly convergent to x , such that

$$\liminf_i \|x - x_{n_i}\| < \text{diam}(\{x_n\}).$$

Let us observe that in Examples 1 and 5 on page 461 in [25] the authors use, in fact, the weak semi-Opial property. Similarly in Theorem 4 in [25] we can assume that $(X_2, \|\cdot\|)$ has the weak semi-Opial property.

A Banach space X is said to satisfy the Opial condition [32] (respectively, the nonstrict Opial condition [22]) if whenever a sequence $\{x_n\}$ in X converges weakly to x , then

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_n \|x - x_n\| &< \liminf_n \|y - x_n\| \\ \left(\liminf_n \|x - x_n\| \leq \liminf_n \|y - x_n\| \right) \end{aligned}$$

for every $y \in X \setminus \{x\}$.

For more information about the connections between the above mentioned geometric properties of Banach spaces (and other ones) see [1, 2, 3, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 27, 29, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40].

We now define the asymptotic normal structure coefficient by

$$\sup \left\{ k : k \cdot \inf_{\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}} r_a(\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}) \leq \text{diam}_a(\{x_n\}) \right. \\ \left. \text{for each bounded sequence } \{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \text{ with } x_n - x_{n+1} \rightarrow 0 \right\}.$$

We denote it by $AN(X)$.

If in the definition of $AN(X)$ we add the condition that the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ has a weakly compact $\overline{\text{conv}}(\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1})$, then we get the asymptotic normal structure coefficient with respect to the weak topology, *w-AN* (X), for short. In other words,

$$\begin{aligned} w\text{-AN}(X) &= \sup \left\{ k : k \cdot \inf_{\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}} r_a(\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}) \leq \text{diam}_a(\{x_n\}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \text{for each sequence } \{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \text{ such that} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \overline{\text{conv}} \left(\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \right) \text{ is weakly compact and } x_n - x_{n+1} \rightarrow 0 \right\}.$$

The semi-Opial coefficient with respect to the weak topology, *w-SOC* for short, is defined as follows:

$$w\text{-SOC} (X) = \sup \left\{ k : k \cdot \inf_{\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}, x_{n_i} \rightarrow y} r_a \left(y, \{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1} \right) \leq \text{diam}_a (\{x_n\}) \right.$$

for each sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ such that

$$\left. \overline{\text{conv}} \left(\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \right) \text{ is weakly compact and } x_n - x_{n+1} \rightarrow 0 \right\}.$$

If $AN(X) > 1$, then we say that $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ has uniform asymptotic normal structure, *UAN* for short. If $w\text{-}AN(X) > 1$, then we say that $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ has uniform asymptotic normal structure with respect to the weak topology (*w-UAN*). Similarly, if $w\text{-}SOC(X) > 1$, then $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ has the uniform semi-Opial property with respect to the weak topology (*w-USO*).

Directly from the above definitions we get

$$1 \leq AN(X) \leq w\text{-}AN(X),$$

$$(1) \quad 1 \leq WCS(X) \leq w\text{-}SOC(X) \leq w\text{-}AN(X).$$

We do not know if $w\text{-}AN(X)$ is different from $w\text{-}SOC(X)$, but we will present an example of a Banach space with $1 < WCS(X) < w\text{-}SOC(X)$ (Example 6.2). There are Banach spaces which have asymptotic normal structure but lack *UAN*, and there are also Banach spaces with $1 = AN(X) < w\text{-}AN(X)$ (Example 6.1).

Proposition 2.1. *In the definitions of $w\text{-}AN(X)$ and $w\text{-}SOC(X)$ we can replace $\text{diam}_a(\{x_n\})$ by $\text{diam}(\{x_n\})$.*

Proof. Let us observe that in the above definition every asymptotically regular sequence $\{x_n\}$ can be replaced by $\{x_n\}_{n \geq m}$ with arbitrary m . This yields the claimed statement. ■

Theorem 2.1. *If a Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ has $AN(X) > 1$, then it is reflexive.*

Proof. It is sufficient to recall the following result of D.P. Milman and V.D. Milman [31]: If a Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is not reflexive, then for each $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a sequence $\{y_n\}$ with the following properties:

1. $\|y_n\| = 1$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$;
2. $1 + \epsilon \geq \|z_{1j} - z_{j\omega}\| \geq 1 - \epsilon$ for each $j = 1, 2, \dots$ and for each $z_{1j} \in \overline{\text{conv}} \left(\{y_n\}_{n=1}^j \right)$ and $z_{j\omega} \in \overline{\text{conv}} \left(\{y_n\}_{n=j+1}^\infty \right)$;
3. $1 - \epsilon \leq \|z_{1j}\| \leq 1$ and $1 - \epsilon \leq \|z_{j\omega}\| \leq 1$ for each $z_{1j} \in \overline{\text{conv}} \left(\{y_n\}_{n=1}^j \right)$ and $z_{j\omega} \in \overline{\text{conv}} \left(\{y_n\}_{n=j+1}^\infty \right)$.

Hence, if a Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is not reflexive and $\epsilon > 0$, then we can choose elements y_n which satisfy the above conditions 1.-3. and next we construct an asymptotically regular sequence $\{x_n\}$ by dividing every segment $[y_n, y_{n+1}]$ into 2^n equal subsegments and taking their endpoints as subsequent elements of $\{x_n\}$. For this bounded sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ we have $x_n - x_{n+1} \rightarrow 0$ and $\frac{1+\epsilon}{1-\epsilon} \cdot r_a(y, \{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}) \geq \text{diam}_a(\{x_n\})$ for each subsequence $\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}$ and $y \in \overline{\text{conv}}\{x_n\}$. ■

Remark 2.1. *The condition $w\text{-AN}(X) > 1$ implies the weak fixed point property for nonexpansive mappings as a consequence of the Baillon-Schöneberg theorem (see also [7]).*

Theorem 2.2. *i) If a Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ has $N(X) > 1$, then $w\text{-SOC}(X) > 1$.*

ii) If a Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ has the nonstrict Opial property, then $w\text{-SOC}(X) = w\text{-AN}(X)$.

Proof. i) If $N(X) > 1$, then X is reflexive [29], and

$$1 < N(X) \leq WCS(X) \leq w\text{-SOC}(X)$$

(see (1) and [33]).

ii) We get this equality directly from the definition of the nonstrict Opial property. ■

Remark 2.2. *There exist $w\text{-USO}$ spaces without the nonstrict Opial property. For example, $L^p([0, 2\pi])$ with $1 < p < \infty$ and $p \neq 2$ is such a space. It has uniform normal structure, and thus (see point i) in the above theorem) it is $w\text{-USO}$, but it does not satisfy the nonstrict Opial condition [32].*

We finish this section by showing the stability of the uniform asymptotic normal structure and the uniform semi-Opial properties.

Theorem 2.3. *Let $(X_1, \|\cdot\|_1)$ and $(X_2, \|\cdot\|_2)$ be isomorphic Banach spaces and let $d(X_1, X_2)$ be the Banach-Mazur distance between them. Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} AN(X_1) &\leq d(X_1, X_2) \cdot AN(X_2), \\ w\text{-AN}(X_1) &\leq d(X_1, X_2) \cdot w\text{-AN}(X_2), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$w\text{-SOC}(X_1) \leq d(X_1, X_2) \cdot w\text{-SOC}(X_2).$$

Proof. All the inequalities have similar proofs. For example, we prove the third one:

$$w\text{-SOC}(X_1) \leq d(X_1, X_2) \cdot w\text{-SOC}(X_2).$$

Let $\{x_n\}$ be asymptotically regular in X_2 , and let $\overline{\text{conv}}\{x_n\}$ be weakly compact. Let $T : X_2 \rightarrow X_1$ be an isomorphism and assume $0 < k < w\text{-SOC}(X_1)$. Then there exists a weakly convergent to y subsequence $\{Tx_{n_i}\}$ such that

$$kr_a(T^{-1}y, \{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}) \leq k \|T^{-1}\| r_a(y, \{Tx_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1})$$

$$\leq \|T^{-1}\| \cdot \text{diam}_a(\{Tx_n\}) \leq \|T^{-1}\| \cdot \|T\| \cdot \text{diam}_a(\{x_n\}).$$

Hence we get

$$\frac{k}{\|T^{-1}\| \cdot \|T\|} \leq w\text{-SOC}(X_2)$$

which yields the claimed inequality. ■

Remark 2.3. *Theorem 2.3 can be understood as a stability result for the weak fixed point property for nonexpansive mappings. This means that if $w\text{-AN}(X_1) > 1$ and $d(X_1, X_2) < w\text{-AN}(X_1)$, then $w\text{-AN}(X_2) > 1$, and by Remark 2.1 the space X_2 also has the weak fixed point property for nonexpansive mappings.*

3. CONNECTIONS BETWEEN ASYMPTOTICALLY REGULAR SEQUENCES AND PROPERTIES OF BANACH SPACES

It is natural to ask, when either $\text{AN}(X)$ or $w\text{-SOC}(X)$ is equal to ∞ . The following theorem gives the answer.

Theorem 3.1. *i) $\text{AN}(X) = \infty$ if and only if $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is finite dimensional.
ii) $w\text{-SOC}(X) = \infty$ if and only if $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is a Schur space.
iii) $w\text{-AN}(X) = \infty$ if and only if $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is a Schur space.*

Proof. i) The equality $\text{AN}(X) = \infty$ is equivalent to the following

$$\sup \left\{ \inf_{\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}} r_a(\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}) : \{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \text{ is bounded and } x_n - x_{n+1} \rightarrow 0 \right\} = 0$$

If X is finite dimensional, then the above equality is obvious.

When X is infinite dimensional, then by the Riesz Lemma [12] there exists a sequence $\{y_n\}$ such that

$$\|y_n\| = 1 \quad \text{for } n=1,2,\dots$$

and for $n = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\|y - y_{n+1}\| \geq 1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \quad \text{for every } y \in \text{lin}\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}.$$

Let us observe that

$$\liminf_n \|x - y_n\| \geq 1$$

for each $x \in \text{lin}\{y_n\}$. Now we construct a new sequence $\{x_n\}$ in the following way. We divide each segment $[y_n, y_{n+1}]$ into 2^n equal parts and take the endpoints as subsequent elements of $\{x_n\}$. This sequence satisfies $x_n - x_{n+1} \rightarrow 0$. We will show that for each $x \in \text{lin}\{x_n\}$ we have

$$(2) \quad \inf_{\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}} r_a(x, \{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}) \geq \frac{1}{4}.$$

Indeed, every x_n can be written in the following way:

$$x_n = \alpha_n y_{k(n)} + (1 - \alpha_n) y_{k(n)+1},$$

where $0 \leq \alpha_n \leq 1$. If we choose any subsequence $\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}$, then without loss of generality we may assume that $\alpha_{n_i} \rightarrow \alpha$. It is obvious that $k(n) \rightarrow \infty$ and therefore $k(n_i) \rightarrow \infty$ too.

First we claim that for $0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{3}{4}$ and for each $x \in \text{lin}\{x_n\} = \text{lin}\{y_n\}$ we have

$$(3) \quad \liminf_i \|x - x_{n_i}\| \geq \frac{1}{4}.$$

Indeed, for such an α we get

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_i \|x - x_{n_i}\| &= \liminf_i \left\| x - \alpha_{n_i} y_{k(n_i)} - (1 - \alpha_{n_i}) y_{k(n_i)+1} \right\| \\ &\geq \liminf_i (1 - \alpha_{n_i}) \left(1 - \frac{1}{k(n_i) + 1} \right) = 1 - \alpha \geq \frac{1}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Next we obtain

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} \liminf_i \|x - x_{n_i}\| &= \liminf_i \left\| x - \alpha_{n_i} y_{k(n_i)} - (1 - \alpha_{n_i}) y_{k(n_i)+1} \right\| \\ &\geq \liminf_i \left\| x - \alpha_{n_i} y_{k(n_i)} \right\| - \lim_i \left\| (1 - \alpha_{n_i}) y_{k(n_i)+1} \right\| \\ &\geq \lim_i \alpha_{n_i} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k(n_i)} \right) - \lim_i (1 - \alpha_{n_i}) = 2\alpha - 1 \geq \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

for $\frac{3}{4} \leq \alpha \leq 1$ and for each $x \in \text{lin}\{x_n\}$.

Hence (3) and (4) imply that the inequality (2) is valid and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup \left\{ \inf_{\{x_{n_i}\}_{n \geq 1}} r_a(\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}) : \{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \text{ is bounded and } x_n - x_{n+1} \rightarrow 0 \right\} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

This means that $AN(X) < \infty$.

ii) If $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is a Schur space [12], then the following equality

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup \left\{ \inf \left\{ r_a(y, \{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}) : \{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1} \text{ is weakly convergent and} \right. \right. \\ &y = w\text{-}\lim_i x_{n_i} \left. \right\} : \{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \text{ with a weakly compact } \overline{\text{conv}}(\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}) \text{ and} \\ &x_n - x_{n+1} \rightarrow 0 \left. \right\} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

is obvious.

Let us assume that $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is not a Schur space. We will show

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup \left\{ \inf \left\{ r_a(y, \{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}) : \{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1} \text{ is weakly convergent and} \right. \right. \\ &y = w\text{-}\lim_i x_{n_i} \left. \right\} : \{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \text{ with a weakly compact } \overline{\text{conv}}(\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}) \text{ and} \\ &x_n - x_{n+1} \rightarrow 0 \left. \right\} \geq \frac{1}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

In X there exists a weakly null sequence $\{y_n\}$ with $\|y_n\| = 1$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Therefore, we can choose a subsequence $\{y_{n_k}\}$ such that for every $y \in [y_{n_k}, y_{n_{k+1}}]$ we have $\|y\| \geq \frac{1}{8}$. Indeed, we take $y_{n_1} = y_0$ and next if we have chosen y_{n_1}, \dots, y_{n_k} , then we take $n_{k+1} > n_k$ so large that

$$\|(1 - \alpha)y_{n_k} + \alpha y_{n_{k+1}}\| \geq \frac{1}{8}$$

for every $0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{3}{4}$. This is possible because of the lower semicontinuity of $\|\cdot\|$ with respect to the weak topology we get

$$\liminf_n \|(1 - \alpha)y_{n_k} + \alpha y_{n_k}\| \geq (1 - \alpha)\|y_{n_k}\| \geq \frac{1}{4}.$$

Now for this $y_{n_{k+1}}$ and each $\frac{3}{4} \leq \alpha \leq 1$ we also have

$$\|(1 - \alpha)y_{n_k} + \alpha y_{n_{k+1}}\| \geq \|\alpha y_{n_{k+1}}\| - \|(1 - \alpha)y_{n_k}\| = 2\alpha - 1 \geq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Now we construct an asymptotically regular sequence $\{x_n\}$ by dividing every segment $[y_{n_k}, y_{n_{k+1}}]$ into 2^n equal parts and then taking the endpoints as subsequent elements of $\{x_n\}$. It is obvious that

$$\inf_{\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}} r_a(0, \{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}) \geq \frac{1}{8}$$

and the proof is complete.

iii) Assume that X is not Schur. We will show that

$$\sup \left\{ \inf_{\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}} r_a(\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}) : \{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \text{ with a weakly compact } \overline{\text{conv}}(\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}) \text{ and } x_n - x_{n+1} \rightarrow 0 \right\} > 0.$$

We use the asymptotically regular sequence $\{x_n\}$ constructed in the proof of ii). We know that $\|x_n\| \geq \frac{1}{8}$ for each n and that $w\text{-}\lim x_n = 0$. Now we prove that

$$\liminf_n \|x - x_n\| \geq \frac{1}{16}$$

for every $x \in X$. Indeed, if $\|x\| \geq \frac{1}{16}$, then by the lower semicontinuity of $\|\cdot\|$ with respect to the weak topology we get

$$\liminf_n \|x - x_n\| \geq \|x\| \geq \frac{1}{16}.$$

On the other hand for $\|x\| \leq \frac{1}{16}$ we obtain

$$\liminf_n \|x - x_n\| \geq \liminf_n (\|x_n\| - \|x\|) \geq \frac{1}{16}$$

and this completes the proof. ■

We end this section with a characterization of reflexive spaces by asymptotically regular sequences.

Theorem 3.2. *A Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is reflexive if and only if every asymptotically regular sequence has a weakly convergent subsequence.*

Proof. It is known [11] that in reflexive spaces each bounded sequence has a weakly convergent subsequence.

Let us now assume that in the Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ every asymptotically regular sequence has a weakly convergent subsequence. To get the reflexivity of $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ it is sufficient to prove ([11]) that each decreasing sequence $\{C_n\}$ of nonempty, bounded, closed and convex sets has a nonempty intersection. Without loss of generality we can assume that $diam(C_n) > 0$ for each n . Now we choose y_n from each set C_n and next we construct an asymptotically regular sequence $\{x_n\}$ by dividing every segment $[y_n, y_{n+1}]$ into 2^n equal parts and the taking the endpoints as subsequent elements of $\{x_n\}$. This sequence contains a weakly convergent subsequence $\{x_{n_i}\}$. Its weak limit is a common element of C_n for $n = 1, 2, \dots$. ■

Remark 3.1. *A proof similar to the above one was used in [8] to prove that every Banach space with the SO property is reflexive.*

4. ON THE 3-SPACE PROBLEM

In this section we consider the following problem: When can the uniform asymptotic normal structure property or the uniform semi-Opial property be extended from a subspace to the whole space? Two slightly different approaches to the solution of this problem will be demonstrated in the following theorems.

Theorem 4.1. *Suppose that $X = W \oplus Z$, where W is a closed subspace of X , Z is a Schur space, and the projection onto W has norm 1. Then we have $w\text{-SOC}(X) = w\text{-SOC}(W)$.*

Proof. Suppose $\{x_n\} = \{w_n + z_n\}$ is an asymptotically regular sequence, $w_n \in W, z_n \in Z$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$ and $\overline{\text{conv}}\{x_n\}$ is weakly compact. For each $k < w\text{-SOC}(W)$ we find a subsequence $\{x_{n_i}\}$ such that

$$x_{n_i} = w_{n_i} + z_{n_i} \rightharpoonup w + z, \quad w \in W, z \in Z$$

and

$$k \lim_i \|w_{n_i} - w\| \leq diam_a \{w_n\}.$$

Then we have $w + z \in \overline{\text{conv}}\{x_n\}, z_{n_i} \rightarrow z$ and

$$k \lim_i \|w_{n_i} + z_{n_i} - w - z\| = k \lim_i \|w_{n_i} - w\| \leq diam_a \{w_n\}.$$

Now, since the projection on W is of norm 1, we obtain

$$k \lim_i \|w_{n_i} + z_{n_i} - w - z\| \leq diam_a \{w_n\} \leq diam_a \{x_n\}$$

and therefore $w\text{-SOC}(X) = w\text{-SOC}(W)$. ■

Now we consider the Cartesian product of two spaces.

Theorem 4.2. *Let $(X_1, \|\cdot\|_1)$ and $(X_2, \|\cdot\|_2)$ be Banach spaces. If $(X_1, \|\cdot\|_1)$ is w -USO and $(X_2, \|\cdot\|_2)$ has $WCS(X_2) > 1$, then $X_1 \times X_2$ equipped with the l_p -norm $\|\cdot\| = (\|\cdot\|_1^p + \|\cdot\|_2^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ ($1 \leq p < \infty$) is also w -USO.*

Proof. Let $0 < \theta < 1$ be such that $\frac{1}{\theta} < \min(w\text{-SOC}(X_1), WCS(X_2))$. Let us take an arbitrary asymptotically regular sequence $\{x_n\} = \{(x_{1n}, x_{2n})\}$ in $(X_1 \times X_2, \|\cdot\|)$ with a weakly compact $\overline{\text{conv}}\{x_n\}$. Then $\{x_{1n}\}$ is also asymptotically regular in $(X_1, \|\cdot\|_1)$ and we can choose a subsequence $\{x_{n_i}\}$ such that $\{x_{n_i}\}$ tends weakly to (x_1, x_2) (see [13, 17, 33, 40]) and

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \text{diam}_a \{x_n\} \\ &\geq \text{diam}_a \{x_{n_i}\} = \lim_{\substack{i, k \rightarrow \infty \\ i \neq k}} \|x_{n_i} - x_{n_k}\| = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n_i} - x_{n_k}\|, \\ r &= \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{n_i} - x\|, \\ d_1 &= \text{diam}_a \{x_{1n}\} \\ \geq \bar{d}_1 &= \text{diam}_a \{x_{1n_i}\} = \lim_{\substack{i, k \rightarrow \infty \\ i \neq k}} \|x_{1n_i} - x_{1n_k}\|_1 = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{1n_i} - x_{1n_k}\|_1, \\ r_1 &= \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{1n_i} - x_1\|_1 \leq \theta d_1, \\ \bar{d}_2 &= \text{diam}_a \{x_{2n_i}\} = \lim_{\substack{i, k \rightarrow \infty \\ i \neq k}} \|x_{2n_i} - x_{2n_k}\|_2 = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{2n_i} - x_{2n_k}\|_2, \\ r_2 &= \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{2n_i} - x_2\|_2. \end{aligned}$$

Let us observe that

$$\begin{aligned} d_1 &\leq d, \\ r^p &= r_1^p + r_2^p \leq \bar{d}_1^p + \bar{d}_2^p \leq d^p, \end{aligned}$$

$$(5) \quad r_1 \leq \theta d_1 \leq \theta d$$

and

$$r_2 \leq \theta \bar{d}_2.$$

Now we have to consider two possibilities: either

$$r_1^p + \bar{d}_2^p \leq \frac{1 + 3\theta^p}{4} d^p$$

or

$$r_1^p + \bar{d}_2^p \geq \frac{1 + 3\theta^p}{4} d^p.$$

For the first possibility we obtain

$$(6) \quad r^p = r_1^p + r_2^p \leq r_1^p + \bar{d}_2^p \leq \frac{1 + 3\theta^p}{4} d^p.$$

For the second possibility we have

$$\bar{d}_2^p \geq \frac{1 + 3\theta^p}{4} d^p - r_1^p \geq \frac{1 + 3\theta^p}{4} d^p - \theta^p d^p = \frac{1 - \theta^p}{4} d^p$$

by (5) and therefore we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (7) \quad r^p &= r_1^p + r_2^p \leq r_1^p + \theta^p \bar{d}_2^p \\
 &\leq \bar{d}_1^p + \bar{d}_2^p - (1 - \theta^p) \bar{d}_2^p \leq d^p - \frac{(1 - \theta^p)^2}{4} d^p \\
 &= \left[1 - \frac{(1 - \theta^p)^2}{4} \right] d^p.
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, inequalities (6) and (7) imply

$$\begin{aligned}
 r &\leq \max \left\{ \left(\frac{1 + 3\theta^p}{4} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \left[1 - \frac{(1 - \theta^p)^2}{4} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \right\} d \\
 &= \left[1 - \frac{(1 - \theta^p)^2}{4} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} d.
 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. ■

5. THE SPACE X_β^p AND ITS w -SOC

In this section we give an example of a space with $N(X) < AN(X) < w$ -SOC(X). To this end, let us consider l^p with the norm

$$\|x\| = \max \left\{ \|x\|_\infty, \frac{\|x\|_p}{\beta} \right\},$$

where $p > 1, 1 < \beta < +\infty, \|x\|_\infty = \max \{|x(j)| : j = 1, 2, \dots\}$ and

$\|x\|_p = \left(\sum_{j=1}^\infty |x(j)|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$. We denote this space by X_β^p . The space X_β^2 was introduced by R.C. James [5]. This is essentially the space which has been discussed in various places in the literature, e.g., [1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 39].

For the convenience of the reader we recall the notations from Section 2. If $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is a bounded sequence in $(l^p, \|\cdot\|)$ and $\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}$ is a subsequence, then $r_a(\{x_{n_i}\}_{n_i \geq 1})$ denote the asymptotic radius of this sequence with respect to the set $\overline{conv}(\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1})$ in the norm $\|\cdot\|$. We also have

$$\alpha_k = diam_{\|\cdot\|}(\{x_n\}_{n \geq k}) \quad \text{and} \quad diam_a(\{x_n\}) = \lim_k \alpha_k = \alpha.$$

Let us observe that for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and for each $y \in C$ there exists an index $j_{n,y}$

(we fix it here for every pair n,y) such that

$$(8) \quad \|x_n - y\|_\infty = |x_n(j_{n,y}) - y(j_{n,y})|$$

$(x_n = (x_n(j))_{j \geq 1}$ and $y = (y(j))_{j \geq 1}$).

The space X_β^p has the nonstrict Opial property [22].

Theorem 5.1. *If a sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is bounded and $x_n - x_{n+1} \rightarrow 0$, then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (9) \quad & \inf_{x \in \overline{\text{conv}}(\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1})} \left(\liminf_n \|x_n - x\| \right) \\
 &= \inf_{\{x_{n_i}\}} \left[r_a(\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}) \right] \\
 &\leq \min \left[1, \max \left(2^{-\frac{1}{p}}, \frac{\beta}{4^{\frac{1}{p}}} \right) \right] \cdot \text{diam}_a(\{x_n\})
 \end{aligned}$$

and this constant is the best possible. Therefore

$$w\text{-SOC}(X_\beta^p) = \max \left[1, \min \left(2^{\frac{1}{p}}, \frac{4^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\beta} \right) \right].$$

Proof. We begin our proof in the case $1 < \beta < 4^{\frac{1}{p}}$.

Let

$$C = \overline{\text{conv}}(\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}) \quad \text{and} \quad C_k = \overline{\text{conv}}(\{x_n\}_{n \geq k}), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Clearly $\text{diam}C_k = \alpha_k$. Let us observe the following fact. For every subsequence $\{x_{n_i}\}$ which is weakly convergent to y we have ([2, 39])

$$\begin{aligned}
 (10) \quad \liminf_i \|y - x_{n_i}\|_p &\leq \limsup_i \|y - x_{n_i}\|_p \leq \frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{p}}} \text{diam}_{a, \|\cdot\|_p}(\{x_{n_i}\}) \\
 &\leq \lim_k \frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{p}}} \text{diam}_{\|\cdot\|_p} C_k \leq \lim_k \frac{\beta}{2^{\frac{1}{p}}} \text{diam}_{\|\cdot\|_p} C_k = \frac{\beta}{2^{\frac{1}{p}}} \alpha.
 \end{aligned}$$

Next choosing in an arbitrary way a subsequence $\{x_{n_{i_l}}\}$ such that

$$\liminf_i \|y - x_{n_i}\|_\infty = \lim_l \|y - x_{n_{i_l}}\|_\infty,$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (11) \quad \liminf_i \|y - x_{n_i}\| &\leq \liminf_l \max \left\{ \|y - x_{n_{i_l}}\|_\infty, \frac{\|y - x_{n_{i_l}}\|_p}{\beta} \right\} \\
 &\leq \max \left\{ \lim_l \|y - x_{n_{i_l}}\|_\infty, \limsup_l \frac{\|y - x_{n_{i_l}}\|_p}{\beta} \right\} \\
 &\leq \max \left\{ \lim_l \|y - x_{n_{i_l}}\|_\infty, \frac{\alpha}{2^{\frac{1}{p}}} \right\} \\
 &= \max \left\{ \liminf_i \|y - x_{n_i}\|_\infty, \frac{\alpha}{2^{\frac{1}{p}}} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we can begin the proof of our inequality (9). For $1 < \beta < 4^{\frac{1}{p}}$ it reduces to

$$\inf_{x \in \overline{\text{conv}}(\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1})} \left(\liminf_n \|x_n - x\| \right) \leq \max \left(2^{-\frac{1}{p}}, \frac{\beta}{4^{\frac{1}{p}}} \right) \cdot \text{diam}_a(\{x_n\}).$$

Without loss of generality we can assume that $\alpha > 0$, and this implies that for each k we have $\alpha_k \geq \alpha > 0$. Suppose that for some asymptotically regular sequence $\{x_n\}$ and for some t with $\max \left(\frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{p}}}, \frac{\beta}{4^{\frac{1}{p}}} \right) < t < 1$ the following inequality is valid:

$$(12) \quad \inf_{x \in C} \left(\liminf_n \|x_n - x\| \right) > t\alpha.$$

We will try to reach a contradiction. For our t there exists $\epsilon > 0$ such that the inequalities

$$(13) \quad \epsilon < t\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\beta^p}{2} \alpha^p + \epsilon < 2(t\alpha - \epsilon)^p$$

are valid.

Let us take an arbitrary subsequence $\{x_{n_i}\}$ which converges weakly to some y . Directly from the definition of the norm $\|\cdot\|$, by (11) and by $t > \frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{p}}}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} t\alpha &< \liminf_n \|x_n - y\| \leq \liminf_i \|x_{n_i} - y\| \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \liminf_i \|x_{n_i} - y\|_\infty, \frac{\alpha}{2^{\frac{1}{p}}} \right\} = \liminf_i \|x_{n_i} - y\|_\infty \\ &\leq \liminf_i \max \left\{ \|x_{n_i} - y\|_\infty, \frac{\|x_{n_i} - y\|_p}{\beta} \right\} = \liminf_i \|x_{n_i} - y\|, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$(14) \quad \liminf_i \|x_{n_i} - y\|_\infty = \liminf_i \|x_{n_i} - y\| > t\alpha.$$

By formulas (8) and (14) and because $\{x_{n_i}\}$ tends weakly to y we get

$$(15) \quad \lim_i j_{n_i, y} = +\infty.$$

Using (8, 14, 15) and $\lim_n \|x_n - x_{n+1}\| = 0$ we can find \tilde{n} and $\tilde{i}, \tilde{i} \geq \tilde{n}$, such that for $n \geq \tilde{n}$ and $i \geq \tilde{i}$ we have

$$(16) \quad \|x_n - x_{n+1}\|_\infty \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3},$$

$$(17) \quad \|x_{n_i} - y\|_\infty = |x_{n_i}(j_{n_i, y}) - y(j_{n_i, y})| > t\alpha,$$

and

$$(18) \quad |y(j)| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3}$$

for each $j \geq \min_{i \geq \tilde{i}} \tilde{j}_{n_i, y}$. Therefore (17) and (18) yield

$$(19) \quad \|x_{n_i}\| \geq \|x_{n_i}\|_\infty \geq |x_{n_i}(j_{n_i, y})| \geq t\alpha - \frac{\epsilon}{3}$$

for $i \geq \tilde{i}$.

Now let us return to the sequence $\{x_n\}$ and set

$$(20) \quad j_n = \begin{cases} \max \{j : |x_n(j)| \geq t\alpha - \frac{\epsilon}{3}\} & \text{if there exists } j \\ & \text{such that } |x_n(j)| \geq t\alpha - \frac{\epsilon}{3}, \\ \max \{j : |x_n(j)| = \|x_n\|_\infty\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We claim that

$$(21) \quad \lim_n j_n = +\infty.$$

If this were false, then there would exist a subsequence $\{n_i\}$ with a bounded $\{j_{n_i}\}$. We could then choose a subsequence $\{x_{n_{i_l}}\}$ which tends weakly to its weak limit y . In this case (see formulas (19) and (20)) we have

$$j_{n_{i_l}, y} \leq j_{n_{i_l}}$$

for all l greater than or equal to some \tilde{l} and therefore (see (15)) $\lim_l j_{n_{i_l}} = +\infty$ which contradicts our assumption.

Since $\lim_n j_n = +\infty$ (see (21)), there exists a subsequence $\{n_i\}$ such that $\{x_{n_i}\}$ converges weakly to some y and

$$(22) \quad j_{n_i} < j_{n_{i+1}}$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots$. Since $\|x_n - x_{n+1}\| \rightarrow 0$ we get $x_{n_{i+1}} \rightharpoonup y$ and therefore for $i \geq \tilde{i}$ (see formulas (16, 17, 18, 19, 20)) we get

$$(23) \quad \begin{aligned} & |x_{n_{i+1}}(j_{n_{i+1}, y}) - y(j_{n_{i+1}, y})| = \|x_{n_{i+1}} - y\|_\infty \\ & \geq \|x_{n_i} - y\|_\infty - \|x_{n_i} - x_{n_{i+1}}\|_\infty \geq t\alpha - \frac{\epsilon}{3}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(24) \quad \begin{aligned} & |x_{n_{i+1}}(j_{n_i, y}) - y(j_{n_i, y})| \\ & \geq |x_{n_i}(j_{n_i, y}) - y(j_{n_i, y})| - |x_{n_i}(j_{n_i, y}) - x_{n_{i+1}}(j_{n_i, y})| \\ & \geq \|x_{n_i} - y\|_\infty - \|x_{n_i} - x_{n_{i+1}}\|_\infty \geq t\alpha - \frac{\epsilon}{3}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(25) \quad \begin{aligned} & |x_{n_{i+1}}(j_{n_{i+1}}) - y(j_{n_{i+1}})| \geq |x_{n_{i+1}}(j_{n_{i+1}})| - |y(j_{n_{i+1}})| \\ & \geq \min \left\{ t\alpha - \frac{\epsilon}{3}, \|x_{n_{i+1}}\|_\infty \right\} - |y(j_{n_{i+1}})| \\ & \geq \min \left\{ t\alpha - \frac{\epsilon}{3}, \|x_{n_i}\|_\infty - \|x_{n_i} - x_{n_{i+1}}\|_\infty \right\} - |y(j_{n_{i+1}})| \\ & \geq t\alpha - \frac{2\epsilon}{3} - \frac{\epsilon}{3} = t\alpha - \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

We will now show that there exists $\tilde{\tilde{i}} > \tilde{i}$ such that for $i \geq \tilde{\tilde{i}}$ we have $j_{n_{i+1}, y} = j_{n_i, y}$.

Indeed, let us take $\tilde{\tilde{i}} > \tilde{i}$ such that

$$(26) \quad \|y - x_{n_i+1}\|_p^p \leq \frac{\beta^p}{2} \alpha^p + \epsilon$$

is satisfied for $i \geq \tilde{\tilde{i}}$ (this is possible by (10)). If $j_{n_i+1,y} \neq j_{n_i,y}$, then by (13, 23, 24) we would obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2(t\alpha - \epsilon)^p &\leq |x_{n_i+1}(j_{n_i,y}) - y(j_{n_i,y})|^p + |x_{n_i+1}(j_{n_i+1,y}) - y(j_{n_i+1,y})|^p \\ &\leq \|x_{n_i+1} - y\|_p^p \leq \frac{\beta^p}{2} \alpha^p + \epsilon < 2(t\alpha - \epsilon)^p. \end{aligned}$$

But this is impossible.

Therefore for every $i \geq \tilde{\tilde{i}}$ we have

$$(27) \quad j_{n_i,y} = j_{n_i+1,y}.$$

Next by (16, 22, 27) for $i \geq \tilde{\tilde{i}}$ we have

$$j_{n_i+1,y} = j_{n_i,y} \leq j_{n_i} < j_{n_i+1} \text{ and } \|x_{n_i} - x_{n_i+1}\|_\infty \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3}.$$

Hence by (13, 23, 25, 26) we get the following contradiction

$$\begin{aligned} 2(t\alpha - \epsilon)^p &\leq |x_{n_i+1}(j_{n_i+1,y}) - y(j_{n_i+1,y})|^p + |x_{n_i+1}(j_{n_i+1}) - y(j_{n_i+1})|^p \\ &\leq \|x_{n_i+1} - y\|_p^p \leq \frac{\beta^p}{2} \alpha^p + \epsilon < 2(t\alpha - \epsilon)^p. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the sequence $\{j_{n_i}\}$ cannot be strictly increasing, contrary to (22).

Hence the inequality (12) is false and therefore the claimed inequality

$$\inf_{x \in C} \left(\liminf_n \|x_n - x\| \right) \leq t\alpha$$

is valid for arbitrary t satisfying $\max\left(\frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{p}}}, \frac{\beta}{4^{\frac{1}{p}}}\right) < t < 1$. We conclude that

$$w\text{-SOC} \left(X_\beta^p \right) \geq \max \left(2^{\frac{1}{p}}, \frac{4^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\beta} \right)$$

for $1 < \beta < 4^{\frac{1}{p}}$.

To show that the constant

$$\min \left[1, \max \left(2^{\frac{1}{p}}, \frac{4^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\beta} \right) \right]$$

is the best possible in X_β^p ($1 < p < \infty$ and $1 < \beta < \infty$), let us consider two sequences. We define the sequence $\{x_n\}$ by (see [4])

$$x_n = \begin{cases} \frac{(2k+1)^2 - n}{4k+1} e_k + e_{k+1} & \text{if } (2k)^2 < n \leq (2k+1)^2, \\ e_{k+1} + \frac{n - (2k+1)^2}{4k+3} e_{k+2} & \text{if } (2k+1)^2 < n \leq (2k+2)^2, \end{cases}$$

where $\{e_k\}$ is the standard basis in l^p . Then we have $x_n \rightarrow 0, x_{n+1} - x_n \rightarrow 0,$

$$diam_{a\|\cdot\|} \{x_n\} = \max \left(\frac{4^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\beta}, 1 \right)$$

and

$$\|x_{(2k+1)^2}\| = 1.$$

This yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \left(\frac{4^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\beta}, 1 \right) \cdot \inf_{x \in \overline{\text{conv}}\{x_n\}} \left(\liminf_n \|x_n - x\| \right) \\ &= \max \left(\frac{4^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\beta}, 1 \right) \cdot r_a(\{x_{(2k+1)^2}\}) = \max \left(\frac{4^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\beta}, 1 \right) = diam_{a\|\cdot\|}(\{x_n\}). \end{aligned}$$

The second sequence is defined as follows:

$$x_n = \left[r_n \cos \left(\frac{n - (2k)^2}{8k + 4} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right] e_k + \left[r_n \sin \left(\frac{n - (2k)^2}{8k + 4} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right] e_{k+1},$$

where

$$r_n = \left\{ \left[\cos \left(\frac{n - (2k)^2}{8k + 4} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right]^p + \left[\sin \left(\frac{n - (2k)^2}{8k + 4} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right]^p \right\}^{-\frac{1}{p}}$$

for $(2k)^2 < n \leq (2k + 2)^2$ and $k = 1, 2, \dots$. For this sequence we get $x_n \rightarrow 0, x_{n+1} - x_n \rightarrow 0,$

$$diam_{a\|\cdot\|} \{x_n\} = \max \left(1, \frac{2^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\beta} \right)$$

and

$$\|x_{4k^2+4k+2}\| = \max \left(\frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{p}}}, \frac{1}{\beta} \right) = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{p}}} \max \left(1, \frac{2^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\beta} \right).$$

Hence we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \inf_{x \in \overline{\text{conv}}\{x_n\}} \left(\liminf_n \|x_n - x\| \right) = \\ &= 2^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot r_a(\{x_{4k^2+4k+2}\}) = \max \left(1, \frac{2^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\beta} \right) = diam_{a\|\cdot\|}(\{x_n\}). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. ■

Remark 5.1. A Banach space Y which is isomorphic to X_β^p with $1 < \beta < 4^{\frac{1}{p}}$ has the weak fixed point property for nonexpansive mappings if

$$d(Y, X_\beta^p) < \min \left(2^{\frac{1}{p}}, \frac{4^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\beta} \right)$$

(see Remark 2.3), but recently T. Domínguez Benavides and M.Á. Japón Pineda obtained a better result for X_β^2 . Namely, if

$$d(Y, X_\beta^2) < M(X_\beta^2) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{3} & \text{for } 1 < \beta \leq \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}, \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\beta} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{\beta^2 - 1}{2}}\right) & \text{for } \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} < \beta < \sqrt{2}, \\ 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \text{for } \sqrt{2} \leq \beta, \end{cases}$$

then Y has the weak fixed point property [16]. But we have to mention that in the second part of our paper the coefficient $w\text{-SOC}(X)$ is applied to the problem of existence of fixed points of asymptotically regular uniformly lipschitzian semigroups, where till now we have not been able to use the coefficient $M(X)$.

6. COMPARISON OF THE BASIC GEOMETRIC COEFFICIENTS OF BANACH SPACES

As we mentioned in Section 2 the following inequalities

$$AN(X) \leq w\text{-}AN(X),$$

and

$$WCS(X) \leq w\text{-}SOC(X)$$

are always valid. The following examples show that for particular spaces strict inequalities may occur.

Example 6.1. *If we take the Cartesian product $X_{\sqrt{2}}^2 \times l^1$ equipped with the l^1 norm, then this space is nonreflexive and therefore by Theorem 2.1, $AN(X_{\sqrt{2}}^2 \times l^1) = 1$, but after applying Theorems 2.2, 4.2 and 5.1 we obtain $w\text{-}AN(X_{\sqrt{2}}^2 \times l^1) = w\text{-}SOC(X_{\sqrt{2}}^2 \times l^1) = \sqrt{2}$.*

Example 6.2. *Taking X_β^2 with $1 < \beta < \sqrt{2}$ and applying Theorem 5.1 we obtain $1 < WCS(X_\beta^2) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\beta} < w\text{-}SOC(X_\beta^2) = \sqrt{2}$.*

Example 6.3. *Let us consider the product space*

$$X = \left\{ x = \{x_p\}_{p=1}^\infty : x_p \in l^p, \left(\sum_{p=1}^\infty \|x_p\|_p^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \|x\| \right\}.$$

Since X contains isometric copies of l^p for every p and since both the semi-Opial coefficient and the asymptotic normal structure coefficient satisfy

$$w\text{-}SOC(l^p) = AN(l^p) = 2^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

the space X has neither the uniform asymptotic normal structure nor the uniform semi-Opial properties. But it easy to observe that X is still SO. In fact, it has the Opial property [26].

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