

**BOUNDED HOLOMORPHIC MAPPINGS AND
THE COMPACT APPROXIMATION PROPERTY
IN BANACH SPACES**

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Abstract: We study the compact approximation property in connection with the space of bounded holomorphic mappings on a Banach space. When U is a bounded balanced open subset of a Banach space E , we show that the predual of the space of the bounded holomorphic functions on U , $G^\infty(U)$, has the compact approximation property if and only if E has the compact approximation property. We also show that E has the compact approximation property if and only if each continuous Banach-valued polynomial on E can be uniformly approximated on compact sets by polynomials which are weakly continuous on bounded sets.

1 – Introduction

Let E and F be complex Banach spaces, and let $L(E; F)$ be the Banach space of all continuous linear operators $T: E \rightarrow F$. E is said to have the approximation property (AP for short) if given a compact set $K \subset E$ and $\epsilon > 0$, there is a finite rank operator $T \in L(E; E)$ such that $\|Tx - x\| < \epsilon$ for every $x \in K$. E is said to have the compact approximation property (CAP for short) if given a compact set $K \subset E$ and $\epsilon > 0$, there is a compact operator $T \in L(E; E)$ such that $\|Tx - x\| < \epsilon$ for every $x \in K$. The AP implies the CAP, but Willis [12] has shown that the reverse implication is not true.

Let U be an open subset of E , and let $\mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F)$ denote the Banach space of all bounded holomorphic mappings $f: U \rightarrow F$, with the norm of the supremum.

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When $F = \mathbb{C}$, we write $\mathcal{H}^\infty(U)$ instead of $\mathcal{H}^\infty(U; \mathbb{C})$. Let $G^\infty(U)$ denote the predual of $\mathcal{H}^\infty(U)$ constructed by Mujica [8]. If U is open, balanced and bounded, then Mujica [8] proved that E has the AP if and only if $G^\infty(U)$ has the AP if and only if, for each Banach space F , every $f \in \mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F)$ lies in the τ_γ -closure of the subspace of all $g \in \mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F)$ with a finite dimensional range, where τ_γ is a locally convex topology on $\mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F)$ which is finer than the compact-open topology.

In this paper we show that if U is open, balanced and bounded, then E has the CAP if and only if $G^\infty(U)$ has the CAP if and only if, for each Banach space F , every $f \in \mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F)$ lies in the τ_γ -closure of the subspace of all $g \in \mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F)$ with a relatively compact range. We obtain this result by combining the techniques of Mujica [8] and results of Aron and Prolla [2] and Aron, Hervés and Valdivia [1].

We also show that E has the CAP if and only if each continuous Banach-valued polynomial on E can be uniformly approximated on compact sets by compact polynomials, or equivalently, by polynomials which are weakly continuous on bounded sets. This improves results of Mujica and Valdivia [10, Proposition 2.2] and Mujica [9, Proposition 3.3].

2 – The compact approximation property

The symbol \mathbb{C} represents the field of all complex numbers, \mathbb{N} represents the set of all positive integers, and $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$.

An operator T in $L(E; F)$ is said to have a finite rank if $T(E)$ is finite dimensional, and an operator T in $L(E; F)$ is called a compact operator if T takes bounded subsets of E to relatively compact subsets of F . Let $L_k(E; F)$ denote the subspace of all compact operators of $L(E; F)$. When $F = \mathbb{C}$ we write E' instead of $L(E; \mathbb{C})$.

The following characterization of the CAP is similar to the characterization of the AP due to Grothendieck (see [6, Theorem 1.e.4]). τ_c will always denote the compact-open topology.

Proposition 1. *For a Banach space E the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) E has the CAP.
- (ii) $L(E; E) = \overline{L_k(E; E)}^{\tau_c}$.
- (iii) For every Banach space F , $L(F; E) = \overline{L_k(F; E)}^{\tau_c}$.

- (iv) For every Banach space F , $L(E; F) = \overline{L_k(E; F)}^{\tau_c}$.
- (v) For every choice of $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset E$ and $(x'_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset E'$ such that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|x_n\| \cdot \|x'_n\| < \infty$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x'_n(Tx_n) = 0$ for every $T \in L_k(E; E)$, we have that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x'_n(x_n) = 0$. ■

Using Proposition 1 (v) we easily get the following

Corollary 2. *If E is a reflexive Banach space, then E' has the CAP if and only if E has the CAP.* ■

It is known that a Banach space E has the AP if E' has the AP (see [6, Theorem 1.e.7]). But the following problem, mentioned by Casazza [3, Problem 8.5], still remains open.

Problem: Let E be a Banach space. If E' has the CAP, must E have the CAP? □

Corollary 2 is an affirmative answer in the case of reflexive Banach spaces.

It is easy to show that if E has the CAP, then every complemented subspace of E has the CAP. Using Proposition 1 (v) and [5, Proposition 1] we have the following

Proposition 3. *For a reflexive Banach space E , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (a) E has the CAP.
- (b) Every complemented subspace of E has the CAP.
- (c) Every complemented and separable subspace of E has the CAP. ■

3 – The compact approximation property and bounded holomorphic mappings

The letter U denotes a nonvoid open subset of E . The symbol U_E represents the unit open ball of E , and the symbol B_E represents the closed unit ball of E .

Let $\mathcal{P}(E; F)$ denote the vector space of all continuous polynomials from E into F . We say that $P \in \mathcal{P}(E; F)$ is compact if P takes bounded subsets of E to relatively compact subsets of F . Let $\mathcal{P}_k(E; F)$ denote the subspace of all compact members of $\mathcal{P}(E; F)$.

Let $\mathcal{P}_w(E; F)$ (resp. $\mathcal{P}_{wu}(E; F)$) denote the subspace of all members of $\mathcal{P}(E; F)$ which are weakly (resp. weakly uniformly) continuous in the bounded subsets of E .

Let $\mathcal{P}({}^m E; F)$ denote the subspace of all m -homogeneous members of $\mathcal{P}(E; F)$, let $\mathcal{P}_w({}^m E; F)$ (resp. $\mathcal{P}_{wu}({}^m E; F)$) denote the subspace of all members of $\mathcal{P}({}^m E; F)$ which are weakly (resp. weakly uniformly) continuous on bounded subsets of E , for every $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

Let $\mathcal{H}(U; F)$ denote the vector space of all holomorphic mappings from U into F . Let $\mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F)$ denote the subspace of all bounded members of $\mathcal{H}(U; F)$, and let $\mathcal{H}_K^\infty(U; F)$ be the subspace of all members of $\mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F)$ which have relatively compact range.

When $F = \mathbb{C}$ we write $\mathcal{H}^\infty(U)$ and $\mathcal{P}({}^m E)$ instead of $\mathcal{H}^\infty(U; \mathbb{C})$ and $\mathcal{P}({}^m E; \mathbb{C})$.

We refer to [4] or [7] for the properties of $\mathcal{P}(E; F)$ and $\mathcal{H}(U; F)$, and to [1] and [2] for the properties of $\mathcal{P}_w(E; F)$ and $\mathcal{P}_{wu}(E; F)$.

The symbol Λ denotes a directed set.

The following result of J.Mujica [7] is essential to prove Theorem 5.

Theorem 4 ([8, Theorem 2.1]). *Let U be an open subset of a Banach space E . Then there is a Banach space $G^\infty(U)$ and a mapping $\delta_U \in \mathcal{H}^\infty(U; G^\infty(U))$ with $\|\delta_U\| = 1$ and with the following universal property: For each Banach space F and each mapping $f \in \mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F)$, there is a unique operator $T_f \in L(G^\infty(U); F)$ such that $T_f \circ \delta_U = f$. The correspondence*

$$f \in \mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F) \longrightarrow T_f \in L(G^\infty(U); F)$$

is an isometric isomorphism. These properties characterize $G^\infty(U)$ uniquely up to an isometric isomorphism. ■

The space $G^\infty(U)$ is defined as the closed subspace of all linear functionals $u \in \mathcal{H}^\infty(U)'$ such that $u|_{B_{\mathcal{H}^\infty(U)}}$ is τ_c -continuous, and the evaluation mapping $\delta_U: x \in U \rightarrow \delta_x \in G^\infty(U)$ is defined by $\delta_x: f \in \mathcal{H}^\infty(U) \rightarrow f(x) \in \mathbb{C}$, for every $x \in U$.

Definition ([8, Theorem 4.8]). Let E and F be Banach spaces, and let U be an open subset of E . Let τ_γ denote the locally convex topology on $\mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F)$ generated by all the seminorms of the form

$$p(f) = \sup_j \alpha_j \|f(x_j)\| ,$$

where $(x_j)_{j=1}^\infty$ varies over all sequences in U , and $(\alpha_j)_{j=1}^\infty$ varies over all sequences of positive numbers tending to zero. □

The next result is similar to a result of J.Mujica [8, Theorem 5.6].

Theorem 5. *Let E be a Banach space, and let U be a balanced, bounded, and open set in E . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (a) E has the CAP.
- (b) For each Banach space F , $\mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F) = \overline{\mathcal{P}_w(E; F)}^{\tau_\gamma}$.
- (c) For each Banach space F , $\mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F) = \overline{\mathcal{P}_k(E; F)}^{\tau_\gamma}$.
- (d) For each Banach space F , $\mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F) = \overline{\mathcal{H}_K^\infty(U; F)}^{\tau_\gamma}$.
- (e) $\delta_U \in \overline{\mathcal{H}_K^\infty(U; G^\infty(U))}^{\tau_\gamma}$.
- (f) $G^\infty(U)$ has the CAP.
- (g) For each Banach space F , and for each open set $V \subset F$,

$$\mathcal{H}^\infty(V; E) = \overline{\mathcal{H}_K^\infty(V; E)}^{\tau_\gamma}.$$

- (h) $I_U \in \overline{\mathcal{H}_K^\infty(U; E)}^{\tau_\gamma}$.

Proof: (a) \Rightarrow (b): Let $f \in \mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F)$. Let p be a continuous seminorm on $(\mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F), \tau_\gamma)$. Then by [8, Proposition 5.2] there is a $P \in \mathcal{P}(E; F)$ such that $p(P - f) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$. On the other hand, by [8, Proposition 4.9] $\tau_\gamma = \tau_c$ on $\mathcal{P}^k(E; F)$, for every $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$. Now let $P = P_0 + P_1 + \cdots + P_n$, where $P_j \in \mathcal{P}^j(E; F)$, for every $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$. Hence, since E has the CAP, then by [10, Proposition 2.1], and [9, Proposition 3.3] there is a $Q_j \in \mathcal{P}_w^j(E; F)$ such that $p(Q_j - P_j) < \frac{\epsilon}{2(n+1)}$, for every $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$. Note that $Q_0 + Q_1 + \cdots + Q_n = Q \in \mathcal{P}_w(E; F)$. Since $p(Q - P) < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$, then $p(Q - f) \leq p(Q - P) + p(P - f) < \epsilon$. Thus, we have (b).

(b) \Rightarrow (c): By [1, Theorem 2.9] we have $\mathcal{P}_w(E; F) = \mathcal{P}_{wu}(E; F)$, and by [2, Lemma 2.2] we have $\mathcal{P}_{wu}(E; F) \subset \mathcal{P}_k(E; F)$. Hence from (b) we get (c).

(c) \Rightarrow (d): Since U is bounded, we have $\mathcal{P}_k(E; F) \subset \mathcal{H}_K^\infty(U; F)$. Hence from (c) we get (d).

(d) \Rightarrow (e): We know from Theorem 4 that $\delta_U \in \mathcal{H}^\infty(U; G^\infty(U))$. But, taking $F = G^\infty(U)$ in (d), we have that $\mathcal{H}^\infty(U; G^\infty(U)) = \overline{\mathcal{H}_K^\infty(U; G^\infty(U))}^{\tau_\gamma}$.

(e) \Rightarrow (f): Let $\delta_U \in \overline{\mathcal{H}_K^\infty(U; G^\infty(U))}^{\tau_\gamma}$. It is enough to show that the identity mapping I on $G^\infty(U)$ belongs to $\overline{L_k(G^\infty(U); G^\infty(U))}^{\tau_c}$. In fact, from (e), there is a net $(f_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \subset \mathcal{H}_K^\infty(U; G^\infty(U))$ such that $f_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau_\gamma} \delta_U$. Then by Theorem 4, and [8, Proposition 3.4 and Theorem 4.8] we have a corresponding net $(T_{f_\alpha})_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \subset L_k(G^\infty(U); G^\infty(U))$ which converges to I for τ_c . Therefore, we have $I \in \overline{L_k(G^\infty(U); G^\infty(U))}^{\tau_c}$.

(f) \Rightarrow (a): Since by [8, Proposition 2.3] E is topologically isomorphic to a complemented subspace of $G^\infty(U)$, it follows from (f) that E has the CAP.

(a) \Rightarrow (g): Suppose that E has the CAP. Let F be a Banach space, and let $V \subset F$ be an open subset. Let $f \in \mathcal{H}^\infty(V; E)$. Then, by Theorem 4, there is a $T_f \in L(G^\infty(V); E)$. Hence, by Proposition 1, there is a net $(T_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \subset L_k(G^\infty(V); E)$ such that $T_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau_c} T_f$. By Theorem 4 $(T_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Lambda} = (T_{f_\alpha})_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$ correspond to a net $(f_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$ in $\mathcal{H}^\infty(V; E)$. By [8, Proposition 3.4], $(f_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \subset \mathcal{H}_K^\infty(V; E)$, and by [8, Theorem 4.8], $f_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau_\gamma} f$. Hence we have (g).

(g) \Rightarrow (a): By (g) $\mathcal{H}^\infty(U_F; E) = \overline{\mathcal{H}_K^\infty(U_F; E)}^{\tau_\gamma}$. We claim that $L(G^\infty(U_F); E) = \overline{L_k(G^\infty(U_F); E)}^{\tau_c}$. Let $T \in L(G^\infty(U_F); E)$. Then by Theorem 4 there is a $f \in \mathcal{H}^\infty(U_F; E)$ such that $T = T_f$. Hence, by hypothesis there exists a net $(f_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \subset \mathcal{H}_K^\infty(U_F; E)$ such that $f_\alpha \xrightarrow{\tau_\gamma} f$. By Theorem 4 and [8, Proposition 3.4, and Theorem 4.8] there is a corresponding net $(T_{f_\alpha})_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \subset L_k(G^\infty(U_F); E)$ which converges to T for τ_c . Hence we have that $L(G^\infty(U_F); E) = \overline{L_k(G^\infty(U_F); E)}^{\tau_c}$. We claim that $L(F; E) = \overline{L_k(F; E)}^{\tau_c}$. Let $A \in L(F; E)$. By [8, Proposition 2.3], there are operators $S \in L(F; G^\infty(U_F))$ and $R \in L(G^\infty(U_F); F)$ such that $R \circ S(y) = y$ for every $y \in F$. Then, $A \circ R \in L(G^\infty(U_F); E)$ and hence there is a net $(B_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \subset L_k(G^\infty(U_F); E)$ which converges to $A \circ R$ for τ_c . Thus, $B_\alpha \circ S \in L_k(F; E)$ and converges to $A \circ R \circ S = A$ for τ_c . Therefore we have that $L(F; E) = \overline{L_k(F; E)}^{\tau_c}$.

(d) \Rightarrow (h): Obvious.

(h) \Rightarrow (d): Suppose that $I_U \in \overline{\mathcal{H}_K^\infty(U; E)}^{\tau_\gamma}$. Let $f \in \mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F)$, let p be a continuous seminorm on $(\mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F), \tau_\gamma)$. We want to find $g \in \mathcal{H}_K^\infty(U; F)$ such that $p(g - f) < 1$. We may assume that

$$p(h) = \sup_j \alpha_j \|h(x_j)\|, \quad \forall h \in \mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F),$$

where $(x_j)_{j=1}^\infty \subset U$ and $(\alpha_j)_{j=1}^\infty \in c_0$ with $\alpha_j > 0$ for every $j \in \mathbb{N}$. By [8, Proposition 5.2] there exists $P \in \mathcal{P}(E; F)$ such that

$$p(P - f) < \frac{1}{2}.$$

Write $P = P_0 + P_1 + \dots + P_m$, with $P_k \in \mathcal{P}({}^k E; F)$, $\forall k = 0, 1, \dots, m$. Certainly $P_0 \in \mathcal{H}_K^\infty(U; F)$. For every $k = 1, \dots, m$ we shall find $u_k \in \mathcal{H}_K^\infty(U; E)$ such that

$$(*) \quad p(P_k \circ u_k - P_k) < \frac{1}{2m}.$$

Then it will follow that

$$P_0 + \sum_{k=1}^m P_k \circ u_k \in \mathcal{H}_K^\infty(U; F)$$

and

$$p\left(P_0 + \sum_{k=1}^m P_k \circ u_k - f\right) = p\left(P - P_1 - P_2 - \dots - P_m + \sum_{k=1}^m P_k \circ u_k - f\right) < 1,$$

thus proving (d).

Now, fix k with $1 \leq k \leq m$, let $\beta_j = \sqrt[k]{\alpha_j}$, for every $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and let $K = \{\beta_j x_j : j \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{0\}$. Since K is compact, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $\|P_k(y) - P_k(x)\| < \frac{1}{2^m}$ whenever $x \in K$ and $\|y - x\| < \delta$. By (h), there exists $u_k \in \mathcal{H}_K^\infty(U; E)$ such that $\sup_j \beta_j \|u_k(x_j) - x_j\| < \delta$. Hence $p(P_k \circ u_k - P_k) = \sup_j \|P_k(\beta_j u_k(x_j)) - P_k(\beta_j x_j)\| < \frac{1}{2^m}$, showing that u_k satisfies (*). Thus the proof of the theorem is complete. ■

Observe that in the previous theorem, in item (g), taking the weaker condition $\mathcal{H}^\infty(U_E; E) = \overline{\mathcal{H}_K^\infty(U_E; E)}^{\tau_\gamma}$ we can obtain the same result.

Using the same proof of [10, Proposition 2.2], we can also prove the following

Proposition 6. *Let E and F be Banach spaces. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (a) $\mathcal{P}(E; F) = \overline{\mathcal{P}_k(E; F)}^{\tau_c}$.
- (b) $\mathcal{P}(^m E; F) = \overline{\mathcal{P}_k(^m E; F)}^{\tau_c}$ for every $m \in \mathbb{N}$. ■

In the proof of the next Corollary we will use the following version of a theorem of Ryan [11], which appeared in [9] (see also [8, Theorems 2.4 and 4.1]): For each Banach space E and each $m \in \mathbb{N}$ let $Q(^m E)$ be the closed subspace of all linear continuous functionals $v \in \mathcal{P}(^m E)'$ such that $v|_{B_{\mathcal{P}(^m E)}}$ is τ_c -continuous, and let $\delta_m: x \in E \rightarrow \delta_x \in Q(^m E)$ denote the evaluation mapping, that is, $\delta_x(P) = P(x)$, for every $x \in E$ and $P \in \mathcal{P}(^m E)$. Then $Q(^m E)$ is a Banach space with the norm induced by $\mathcal{P}(^m E)'$, and $\delta_m \in \mathcal{P}(^m E; Q(^m E))$ with $\|\delta_m\| = 1$. The pair $(Q(^m E), \delta_m)$ has the following universal property: For each Banach space F and each $P \in \mathcal{P}(^m E; F)$, there is a unique operator $T_P \in L(Q(^m E); F)$ such that $T_P \circ \delta_m = P$. The correspondence

$$P \in \mathcal{P}(^m E; F) \longrightarrow T_P \in L(Q(^m E); F)$$

is an isometric isomorphism, and is also a topological isomorphism when both spaces are endowed with the compact-open topology τ_c . Moreover $P \in \mathcal{P}_k({}^m E; F)$ if, and only if $T_P \in L_k(Q({}^m E); F)$.

Corollary 7. *For a Banach space E , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (a) E has the CAP.
- (b) For each Banach space F , $\mathcal{P}(E; F) = \overline{\mathcal{P}_w(E; F)}^{\tau_c}$.
- (c) For each Banach space F , $\mathcal{P}(E; F) = \overline{\mathcal{P}_k(E; F)}^{\tau_c}$.
- (d) $Q({}^m E)$ has the CAP, for every $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof: (a) \Rightarrow (b): It follows from Theorem 5 and the fact that $\tau_\gamma \geq \tau_c$ on $\mathcal{H}^\infty(U; F)$ (see [8, Proposition 4.9]).

(b) \Rightarrow (c): Clear.

(c) \Rightarrow (d): It follows from Proposition 6 and the aforementioned result of Ryan that $L(Q({}^m E); F) = \overline{L_k(Q({}^m E); F)}^{\tau_c}$ for each Banach space F . Hence by Proposition 1 $Q({}^m E)$ has the CAP, for every $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

(d) \Rightarrow (a): Clear since $Q({}^1 E) = E$. ■

Corollary 7 improves [10, Proposition 2.2] and [9, Proposition 3.3].

Willis [12] has constructed a Banach space Z which has the CAP, but does not have the AP. If U is an open, balanced, bounded subset of Z , then it follows from Theorem 5 and [8, Theorem 5.4] that $G^\infty(U)$ has the CAP, but does not have the AP. The same is true for $Q({}^m Z)$ for every $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

One can obtain results similar to Theorem 5 and Corollary 7 for the metric compact approximation property. For the definition see [3].

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