

# *Representation of Dimant strongly ( $p, \sigma$ )-continuous multilinear operators by trace duality*

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**ABSTRACT:** We introduce a tensor norm which represents the space of Dimant strongly  $(p, \sigma)$ -continuous multilinear operators by trace duality.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES.

The concept of  $(p, \sigma)$ -absolutely continuous linear operators, was introduced by Matter [10], in order to analyze super-reflexive Banach spaces, establishing many of its fundamental properties. In the nineties, this concept developed by López Molina and Sánchez Pérez [8]. The class of  $(p, \sigma)$ -absolutely continuous operators can be considered as an “interpolated” class between the  $p$ -summing operators and the continuous operators, preserving some of the characteristic properties of the first class.

In 2013 Dahia et al. [6] defined and characterized the class of  $(p; p_1, \dots, p_m; \sigma)$ -absolutely continuous multilinear operators on Banach spaces as a natural multilinear extension of the classical class of  $(p, \sigma)$ -absolutely continuous linear operators and extends almost all the ones that are satisfied by the class of absolutely  $p$ -summing and  $p$ -dominated multilinear operators. On the other hand, the class of all Dimant strongly  $(p, \sigma)$ -continuous multilinear operators was introduced by Achour et al. in [1] as an intermediate class between the class of strongly multilinear operators (see [7]) and the class of all continuous multilinear operators.

In this paper, we present a tensor norm that satisfies that the topological dual of the corresponding normed tensor product is isometric to the space of all Dimant strongly  $(p, \sigma)$ -continuous multilinear operators. Note that the idea of tensorial representation has worked successfully in many subclass of multilinear operators (see [2], [3], [4], [5], [6], [9] and the references therein).

Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $X_j, (j = 1, \dots, m), Y$  be Banach spaces over  $\mathbb{K}$ , ( $\mathbb{K}$  either  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ). We will denote by  $\mathcal{L}(X_1, \dots, X_m; Y)$  the Banach space of all continuous  $m$ -linear mappings from  $X_1 \times \dots \times X_m$  into  $Y$ , under the norm

$$\|T\| = \sup_{x_j \in B_{X_j}, 1 \leq j \leq m} \|T(x^1, \dots, x^m)\|,$$

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where  $B_{X_j}$  denotes the closed unit ball of  $X_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq m$ ). Let now  $X$  be a Banach space and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . We write  $p^*$  for the real number satisfying  $1/p + 1/p^* = 1$ . We denote by  $\ell_p^n(X)$  the space of all sequences  $(x_i)_{i=1}^n$  in  $X$  with the norm

$$\|(x_i)_{i=1}^n\|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

and by  $\ell_{p,\omega}^n(X)$  the space of all sequences  $(x_i)_{i=1}^n$  in  $X$  with the norm

$$\|(x_i)_{i=1}^n\|_{p,\omega} = \sup_{\|\phi\|_{X^*} \leq 1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle x_i, \phi \rangle|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

where  $X^*$  denotes the topological dual of  $X$ .

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ . For all  $(x_i^j)_{i=1}^n \subset X_j$ , ( $1 \leq j \leq m$ ) we put

$$\delta_{p\sigma}((x_i^j)_{i=1}^n) = \sup_{\varphi \in B_{\mathcal{L}(X_1, \dots, X_m)}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( |\varphi(x_i^1, \dots, x_i^m)|^{1-\sigma} \prod_{j=1}^m \|x_i^j\|^\sigma \right)^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}.$$

It is clear that

$$\sup_{\varphi \in B_{\mathcal{L}(X_1, \dots, X_m)}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\varphi(x_i^1, \dots, x_i^m)|^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} \leq \delta_{p\sigma}((x_i^j)_{i=1}^n),$$

for all  $(x_i^j)_{i=1}^n \subset X_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq m$ .

**Definition 1.1.** A mapping  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X_1, \dots, X_m; Y)$  is Dimant strongly  $(p, \sigma)$ -continuous if there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that for any  $x_1^j, \dots, x_n^j \in X_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq m$ , we have

$$\|(T(x_i^1, \dots, x_i^m))_{i=1}^n\|_{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \leq C \delta_{p\sigma}((x_i^j)_{i=1}^n). \quad (1.1)$$

The class of all Dimant strongly  $(p, \sigma)$ -continuous  $m$ -linear operators from  $X_1 \times \dots \times X_m$  into  $Y$ , which is denoted by  $\mathcal{L}_p^{s,\sigma}(X_1, \dots, X_m; Y)$  is a Banach space with the norm  $\|T\|_{\mathcal{L}_p^{s,\sigma}}$  which is the smallest constant  $C$  such that the inequality (1.1) holds.

## 2 TENSORIAL REPRESENTATION

We introduce a tensor norm on  $X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes Y$  so that the topological dual of the resulting space is isometric to  $(\mathcal{L}_p^{s,\sigma}(X_1, \dots, X_m; Y^*), \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{L}_p^{s,\sigma}})$ .

The injective tensor norm on  $X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes Y$  is defined by

$$\epsilon(u) = \sup_{\phi_j \in B_{X_j^*}, \phi \in B_{Y^*}} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_1(x_i^1) \dots \phi_m(x_i^m) \phi(y_i) \right|,$$

where  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_i^m \otimes y_i$  is any representation of  $u \in X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes Y$ . The projective tensor norm on  $X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes Y$  is defined by

$$\pi(u) = \inf \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i^1\| \dots \|x_i^m\| \|y_i\|,$$

where the infimum is taken over all representations of  $u$  of the form  $u = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_i^m \otimes y_i$  with  $x_i^j \in X_j, y_i \in Y, i = 1, \dots, n, j = 1, \dots, m$ .

For  $1 \leq p, r < \infty, 0 \leq \sigma < 1$  with  $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1-\sigma}{p} = 1$  and  $u \in X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes Y$ , we consider

$$d_{p,\sigma}(u) = \inf \delta_{p\sigma}((x_i^j)_{i=1}^n) \|(y_i)_{i=1}^n\|_r,$$

where the infimum is taken over all representations of  $u$  of the form  $u = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_i^m \otimes y_i$ .

**Proposition 2.1.**  $d_{p,\sigma}$  is a reasonable crossnorm on  $X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes Y$  and  $\epsilon \leq d_{p,\sigma} \leq \pi$ .

*Proof.* Let  $u', u'' \in X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes Y$ . For all  $\epsilon > 0$  choose representations of  $u'$  and  $u''$  of the form

$$u' = \sum_{i=1}^{n'} x_i'^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_i'^m \otimes y_i', \quad u'' = \sum_{i=1}^{n''} x_i''^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_i''^m \otimes y_i'',$$

such that

$$d_{p,\sigma}(u') + \epsilon \geq \delta_{p\sigma}((x_i'^j)_{i=1}^{n'}). \left\| (y_i')_{i=1}^{n'} \right\|_r \quad \text{and} \quad d_{p,\sigma}(u'') + \epsilon \geq \delta_{p\sigma}((x_i''^j)_{i=1}^{n''}). \left\| (y_i'')_{i=1}^{n''} \right\|_r.$$

We can write  $u', u''$  in the following way

$$u' = \sum_{i=1}^{n'} z_i'^1 \otimes \dots \otimes z_i'^m \otimes t_i', \quad u'' = \sum_{i=1}^{n''} z_i''^1 \otimes \dots \otimes z_i''^m \otimes t_i'',$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} z_i'^1 &= \frac{(d_{p,\sigma}(u') + \epsilon)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}}{\delta_{p\sigma}((x_i'^j)_{i=1}^{n'})} x_i'^1, & z_i'^j &= x_i'^j, j = 2, \dots, m, i = 1, \dots, n', \\ t_i' &= \frac{\delta_{p\sigma}((x_i'^j)_{i=1}^{n'})}{(d_{p,\sigma}(u') + \epsilon)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}} y_i', i = 1, \dots, n', \\ z_i''^1 &= \frac{(d_{p,\sigma}(u'') + \epsilon)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}}{\delta_{p\sigma}((x_i''^j)_{i=1}^{n''})} x_i''^1, & z_i''^j &= x_i''^j, j = 2, \dots, m, i = 1, \dots, n'', \\ t_i'' &= \frac{\delta_{p\sigma}((x_i''^j)_{i=1}^{n''})}{(d_{p,\sigma}(u'') + \epsilon)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}} y_i'', i = 1, \dots, n''. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{p\sigma}((z_i'^j)_{i=1}^{n'}) &= (d_{p,\sigma}(u') + \epsilon)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}, j = 1, \dots, m \quad \text{and} \quad \left\| (t_i')_{i=1}^{n'} \right\|_r \leq (d_{p,\sigma}(u') + \epsilon)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \\ \delta_{p\sigma}((z_i''^j)_{i=1}^{n''}) &= (d_{p,\sigma}(u'') + \epsilon)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}}, j = 1, \dots, m \quad \text{and} \quad \left\| (t_i'')_{i=1}^{n''} \right\|_r \leq (d_{p,\sigma}(u'') + \epsilon)^{\frac{1}{r}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{p\sigma}((z_i'^j)_{i=1}^{n'}) \cdot \left\| (t_i')_{i=1}^{n'} \right\|_r &\leq d_{p,\sigma}(u') + d_{p,\sigma}(u'') + 2\epsilon, \\ \delta_{p\sigma}((z_i''^j)_{i=1}^{n''}) \cdot \left\| (t_i'')_{i=1}^{n''} \right\|_r &\leq d_{p,\sigma}(u') + d_{p,\sigma}(u'') + 2\epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

The two last inequalities imply that  $d_{p,\sigma}(u' + u'') \leq d_{p,\sigma}(u') + d_{p,\sigma}(u'') + 2\epsilon$ , hence the triangular inequality is proved for  $d_{p,\sigma}$ . It is easy to see that  $d_{p,\sigma}(\lambda u) = |\lambda| d_{p,\sigma}(u)$  for all  $u \in X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes Y$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$ . Now, let  $u = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_i^m \otimes y_i \in X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes Y$ ,  $\psi \in B_{Y^*}$  and  $\phi_j \in B_{X_j^*}, j = 1, \dots, m$ . By Hölder's inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_1(x_i^1) \dots \phi_m(x_i^m) \psi(y_i) \right| \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\phi_1(x_i^1) \dots \phi_m(x_i^m)|^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} \| (y_i)_{i=1}^n \|_r \\ &\leq \sup_{\phi \in B_{\mathcal{L}(X_1, \dots, X_m)}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\phi(x_i^1, \dots, x_i^m)|^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} \| (y_i)_{i=1}^n \|_r \\ &\leq \delta_{p\sigma}((x_i^j)_{i=1}^n) \| (y_i)_{i=1}^n \|_r. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\epsilon(u) \leq \delta_{p\sigma}((x_i^j)_{i=1}^n) \| (y_i)_{i=1}^n \|_r$ . Since this holds for every representation of  $u$ , we obtain  $\epsilon(u) \leq d_{p,\sigma}(u)$ . Thus  $d_{p,\sigma}(u) = 0$  implies  $u = 0$ . Hence  $d_{p,\sigma}$  is a norm on  $X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes Y$ . It is clear that  $d_{p,\sigma}(x^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x^m \otimes y) \leq$

$\|x^1\| \dots \|x^m\| \|y\|$  for every  $x^j \in X_j, j = 1, \dots, m$  and  $y \in Y$ . Let  $\phi_j \in X_j^*$  with  $\phi_j \neq 0, j = 1, \dots, m$ , let  $\psi \in Y^*$  and let  $u = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_i^m \otimes y_i$ . Then applying Hölder's inequality yields

$$\begin{aligned} & |\phi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_m \otimes \psi(u)| \\ &= \left| \phi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_m \otimes \psi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_i^m \otimes y_i\right) \right| \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\phi_1(x_i^1) \dots \phi_m(x_i^m)|^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} \|(\psi(y_i))_{i=1}^n\|_r \\ &\leq \|\phi_1\| \dots \|\phi_m\| \|\psi\| \sup_{\phi \in B_{\mathcal{L}(X_1, \dots, X_m)}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\phi(x_i^1, \dots, x_i^m)|^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} \|(y_i)_{i=1}^n\|_r \\ &\leq \|\phi_1\| \dots \|\phi_m\| \|\psi\| \delta_{p\sigma}((x_i^j)_{i=1}^n) \|(y_i)_{i=1}^n\|_r. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $|\phi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_m \otimes \psi(u)| \leq \|\phi_1\| \dots \|\phi_m\| \|\psi\| d_{p,\sigma}(u)$ . Therefore  $\phi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_m \otimes \psi$  is bounded and satisfies  $|\phi_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \phi_m \otimes \psi| \leq \|\phi_1\| \dots \|\phi_m\| \|\psi\|$  and we have shown that  $d_{p,\sigma}$  is a reasonable crossnorm. It only remains to show that  $d_{p,\sigma} \leq \pi$ . For every representation  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_i^m \otimes y_i$ , of  $u \in X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes Y$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{p,\sigma}(u) &\leq \delta_{p\sigma}((x_i^j)_{i=1}^n) \|(y_i)_{i=1}^n\|_r \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^m \|x_i^j\|^{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|y_i\|^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \end{aligned}$$

In the representation of  $u$ , replacing  $x_i^j$  by  $\frac{(\prod_{k=1}^m \|x_i^k\| \|y_i\|)^{\frac{1}{q_j}}}{\|x_i^j\|} x_i^j$  and  $y_i$  by  $\frac{(\prod_{k=1}^m \|x_i^k\| \|y_i\|)^{\frac{1}{r}}}{\|y_i\|} y_i$  with  $q_1, \dots, q_m > 1$  such that  $\frac{1}{q_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{q_m} = \frac{1-\sigma}{p}$ , by a simple calculation, we obtain  $d_{p,\sigma}(u) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^m \|x_i^k\| \|y_i\|$ . Taking the infimum over all representation of  $u$ , we find  $d_{p,\sigma}(u) \leq \pi(u)$ .  $\square$

In what follows, we consider the tensor product of linear operators in connection with the reasonable crossnorm  $d_{p,\sigma}$ . We show that the reasonable crossnorm  $d_{p,\sigma}$  is actually a tensor norm [11, Page 127].

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $X_j, Y_j, X, Y$  be Banach spaces,  $p \geq 1, 0 \leq \sigma < 1, T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  and  $T_j \in \mathcal{L}(X_j, Y_j), (j = 1, \dots, m)$ . Then there is a unique continuous linear operator*

$$T_1 \otimes_{d_{p,\sigma}} \dots \otimes_{d_{p,\sigma}} T_m \otimes_{d_{p,\sigma}} T : (X_1 \widehat{\otimes} \dots \widehat{\otimes} X_m \widehat{\otimes} X, d_{p,\sigma}) \longrightarrow (Y_1 \widehat{\otimes} \dots \widehat{\otimes} Y_m \widehat{\otimes} Y, d_{p,\sigma}),$$

such that

$$T_1 \otimes_{d_{p,\sigma}} \dots \otimes_{d_{p,\sigma}} T_m \otimes_{d_{p,\sigma}} T(x^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x^m \otimes x) = (T_1 x^1) \otimes \dots \otimes (T_m x^m) \otimes (Tx),$$

for every  $x^j \in X_j, (j = 1, \dots, m)$  and  $x \in X$ . Moreover

$$\|T_1 \otimes_{d_{p,\sigma}} \dots \otimes_{d_{p,\sigma}} T_m \otimes_{d_{p,\sigma}} T\| = \|T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_m \otimes T\| = \|T\| \prod_{j=1}^m \|T_j\|.$$

*Proof.* By [11, Page 7] there is a unique linear operator

$$T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_m \otimes T : (X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes X) \longrightarrow (Y_1 \otimes \dots \otimes Y_m \otimes Y),$$

such that  $T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_m \otimes T(x^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x^m \otimes x) = (T_1 x^1) \otimes \dots \otimes (T_m x^m) \otimes (Tx)$  for every  $x^j \in X_j, j = 1, \dots, m$  and  $x \in X$ . We may suppose  $T_j \neq 0, j = 1, \dots, m$  and  $T \neq 0$ . Let  $u = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_i^m \otimes x_i \in X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes X$ , hence the sum  $\sum_{i=1}^n (T_1 x_i^1) \otimes \dots \otimes (T_m x_i^m) \otimes (T x_i)$  is a representation of  $T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_m \otimes T(u)$  in  $Y_1 \otimes \dots \otimes Y_m \otimes Y$ . Then, for  $p \geq 1, 0 \leq \sigma < 1$  and  $r \geq 1$  with  $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1-\sigma}{p} = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & d_{p,\sigma}(T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_m \otimes T(u)) \\ &\leq \delta_{p\sigma}((T_j x_i^j)_{i=1}^n) \|(T x_i)_{i=1}^n\|_r \\ &\leq \|T\| \prod_{j=1}^m \|T_j\| \delta_{p\sigma}((x_i^j)_{i=1}^n) \|(x_i)_{i=1}^n\|_r. \end{aligned}$$

Since this holds for every representation of  $u$ , we get

$$d_{p,\sigma}(T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_m \otimes T(u)) \leq \|T\| \prod_{j=1}^m \|T_j\| d_{p,\sigma}(u).$$

This means that  $T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_m \otimes T$  is bounded for the crossnorms on  $d_{p,\sigma}$  and

$$\|T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_m \otimes T\| \leq \|T\| \prod_{j=1}^m \|T_j\|.$$

On the other hand, as  $d_{p,\sigma}$  is an reasonable crossnorm, we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tx\| \prod_{j=1}^m \|T_j x^j\| &= d_{p,\sigma}((T_1 x^1) \otimes \dots \otimes (T_m x^m) \otimes (Tx)) \\ &\leq \|T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_m \otimes T\| d_{p,\sigma}(x^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x^m \otimes x) \\ &= \|T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_m \otimes T\| \|x\| \prod_{j=1}^m \|x^j\|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\|T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_m \otimes T\| \geq \|T\| \prod_{j=1}^m \|T_j\|$  and therefore

$$\|T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_m \otimes T\| = \|T\| \prod_{j=1}^m \|T_j\|.$$

Now, taking the unique continuous extension of the operator  $T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T_m \otimes T$  to the completions of  $X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes X$  and  $Y_1 \otimes \dots \otimes Y_m \otimes Y$ , which we denote by  $T_1 \otimes_{d_{p,\sigma}} \dots \otimes_{d_{p,\sigma}} T_m \otimes_{d_{p,\sigma}} T$ , we obtain a unique linear operator from  $(X_1 \widehat{\otimes}_{d_{p,\sigma}} \dots \widehat{\otimes}_{d_{p,\sigma}} X_m \widehat{\otimes}_{d_{p,\sigma}} X, d_{p,\sigma})$  into  $(Y_1 \widehat{\otimes}_{d_{p,\sigma}} \dots \widehat{\otimes}_{d_{p,\sigma}} Y_m \widehat{\otimes}_{d_{p,\sigma}} Y, d_{p,\sigma})$  with the norm

$$\|T_1 \otimes_{d_{p,\sigma}} \dots \otimes_{d_{p,\sigma}} T_m \otimes_{d_{p,\sigma}} T\| = \|T\| \prod_{j=1}^m \|T_j\|.$$

□

Follows the idea of [9, Theorem 3.7] we prove the following result

**Theorem 2.3.** *The space  $(\mathcal{L}_p^{s,\sigma}(X_1, \dots, X_m; Y^*), \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{L}_p^{s,\sigma}})$  is isometrically isomorphic to  $(X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes Y, d_{p,\sigma})^*$  through the mapping  $\Psi$  defined by*

$$\Psi(T)(x^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x^m \otimes y) = T(x^1, \dots, x^m)(y),$$

for every  $T \in \mathcal{L}_p^{s,\sigma}(X_1, \dots, X_m; Y^*)$ ,  $x^j \in X_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , and  $y \in Y$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to see that the correspondence  $\Psi$  defined as above is linear. It remains to show the surjectivity and that  $\|\Psi(T)\|_{(X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes Y, d_{p,\sigma})^*} = \|T\|_{\mathcal{L}_p^{s,\sigma}}$  for all  $T$  in  $\mathcal{L}_p^{s,\sigma}(X_1, \dots, X_m; Y^*)$ . Let  $\phi \in (X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes Y, d_{p,\sigma})^*$  and we take  $T \in \mathcal{L}_p^{s,\sigma}(X_1, \dots, X_m; Y^*)$  defined by  $T(x^1, \dots, x^m)(y) = \phi(x^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x^m \otimes y)$ . Let  $(x_i^1, \dots, x_i^m)_{i=1}^n \subset X_1 \times \dots \times X_m$ . For each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , choose  $(y_i)_{i=1}^n \subset Y$ ,  $\|y_i\| = 1$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \|T(x_i^1, \dots, x_i^m)\|_{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \leq \varepsilon + \sum_{i=1}^n |T(x_i^1, \dots, x_i^m)(y_i)|_{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}}. \tag{2.1}$$

Now, for  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{K}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i T(x_i^1, \dots, x_i^m)(y_i) \right| \\ &= \left| \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_i^m \otimes y_i \right) \right| \\ &\leq \|\phi\|_{d_{p,\sigma}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_i^m \otimes (\lambda_i y_i) \right) \\ &\leq \|\phi\|_{\delta_{p\sigma}}((x_i^j)_{i=1}^n) \|(\lambda_i)_{i=1}^n\|_r. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum over all  $(\lambda_i)_{i=1}^n \subset \mathbb{K}$  such that  $\|(\lambda_i)_{i=1}^n\|_r \leq 1$ , we obtain

$$\|(T(x_i^1, \dots, x_i^m)(y_i))_{i=1}^n\|_{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \leq \|\phi\| \cdot \delta_{p\sigma}((x_i^j)_{i=1}^n).$$

Since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary, the latter inequality together (2.1) imply that

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|T(x_i^1, \dots, x_i^m)\|_{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \right)^{\frac{1-\sigma}{p}} \leq \|\phi\| \delta_{p\sigma}((x_i^j)_{i=1}^n).$$

Showing that  $T \in \mathcal{L}_p^{s,\sigma}(X_1, \dots, X_m; Y^*)$  and  $\|T\|_{\mathcal{L}_p^{s,\sigma}} \leq \|\phi\|$ . Conversely, take  $T \in \mathcal{L}_p^{s,\sigma}(X_1, \dots, X_m; Y^*)$  and define a linear functional  $\phi_T$  on  $X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes Y$  by  $\phi_T(u) = \sum_{i=1}^n T(x_i^1, \dots, x_i^m)(y_i)$ , where  $u = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_i^m \otimes y_i$ , with  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_i^j \in X_j$ ,  $y_i \in Y$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$ . An application of Hölder's inequality reveals that,

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi_T(u)| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |T(x_i^1, \dots, x_i^m)(y_i)| \\ &\leq \|(T(x_i^1, \dots, x_i^m))_{i=1}^n\|_{\frac{p}{1-\sigma}} \|(y_i)_{i=1}^n\|_r \\ &\leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{L}_p^{s,\sigma}} \delta_{p\sigma}((x_i^j)_{i=1}^n) \|(y_i)_{i=1}^n\|_r. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $|\phi_T(u)| \leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{L}_p^{s,\sigma}} d_{p,\sigma}(u)$ . This shows that  $\phi_T \in (X_1 \otimes \dots \otimes X_m \otimes Y, d_{p,\sigma})^*$  with  $\|\phi_T\| \leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{L}_p^{s,\sigma}}$ , and the proof concludes.  $\square$

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