

Banach spaces with the “scalar-plus-compact” and “invariant subspace” properties.

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We will discuss two structural properties of the space of bounded linear operators $\mathcal{L}(X)$ of a Banach space X . The first one is the “scalar-plus-compact” property of X , concerning Banach spaces X such that every $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ is of the form $\lambda I + K$ with I the identity operator and K a compact one. The first space with the “scalar-plus-compact” property was presented in [2] and more results were given in [1], [5]. A common feature of all those examples is the Bourgain-Delbaen \mathcal{L}^∞ -structure [7]. In this talk we will explain how the latter affects the structure of $\mathcal{L}(X)$. The second property of $\mathcal{L}(X)$ concerns the invariant subspace one. Namely, whether every $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ admits a non-trivial closed invariant subspace. By classical results ([6]), every space X with the “scalar-plus-compact” property, also satisfies the invariant subspace property. In particular, the space \mathfrak{X}_K presented in [2] is the first known example with that property. On the other hand, in [8], [9], [10], examples of bounded operators on non-reflexive spaces admitting no closed invariant subspaces are exhibited. In the second part of the talk we will present the first known examples of reflexive spaces with the invariant subspace property ([3], [4]).

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