## The Endomorphisms of $L_p$ $(0 \le p \le 1)$

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1. Introduction. In [12] Kwapień gives a representation theorem for the endomorphisms of the F-space  $L_0(=L_0(0,1))$  of all real (or complex) measurable functions on (0,1) with the topology of convergence in measure; this followed an earlier paper of Berg, Peck and Porta [1] on the complemented subspaces of  $L_0$ . We first state Kwapień's theorem for future reference. The version given below is a slight modification of Kwapień's original statement.

**Theorem 1.1.** (Kwapień) Let K be a Polish space and let  $\lambda$  be a probability measure defined on the Borel subsets  $\mathcal{B}$  of K. Let  $(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measure space with  $\mu(X) = 1$ . Let  $T: L_0(K, \mathcal{B}, \lambda) \to L_0(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a continuous linear operator; then T takes the form

(1.1.1) 
$$Tf(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(x) f(\sigma_n x) \qquad \mu\text{-a.e.} \qquad f \in L_0(K)$$

where

- (i)  $\{a_n\}$  is a sequence of elements of  $L_0(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  such that  $\mu\{x : a_n(x) \neq 0 \text{ for infinitely many } n\} = 0$ .
- (ii)  $\sigma_n: X \to K$  is a sequence of  $\Sigma \mathcal{B}$  measurable mappings satisfying the condition that if  $\lambda(A) = 0$  then  $\mu(\sigma_n^{-1}(A) \cap \{x : a_n(x) \neq 0\}) = 0$ .

Conversely if  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{\sigma_n\}$  satisfy (i) and (ii), then (1.1.1) defines an operator from  $L_0(K)$  into  $L_0(X)$ .

We have modified Kwapién's statement to the extent that we assume each  $\sigma_n$   $\Sigma$ -measurable and not merely measurable with respect to the completion of  $\Sigma$ . This is permissible since K is Polish.

Let us now state Theorem 1.1 in a different form.

**Theorem 1.2.** Let K be a compact metric space and let  $\lambda$  be a probability measure on K. Let  $(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a measure space with  $\mu(X) = 1$ . Let  $T: L_0(K, \mathcal{B}, \lambda) \to L_0(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a continuous linear operator; then T takes the form

(1.2.1) 
$$Tf(x) = \int_{K} f(t)d\nu_{x}(t) \qquad \mu\text{-a.e.}, \qquad f \in L_{0}(K)$$