

## Linear operators on the space of bounded continuous functions with strict topologies

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**Abstract** Let  $X$  be a completely regular Hausdorff space, and let  $C_b(X)$  denote the Banach space of all real-valued bounded continuous functions on  $X$ . We study linear operators from  $C_b(X)$  provided with the strict topology  $\beta_\sigma$  to a Banach space  $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$ . In particular, we derive a Yosida–Hewitt type decomposition for weakly compact operators from  $C_b(X)$  to  $E$ .

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### 1 Introduction and terminology

For terminology concerning vector lattices we refer to [1]. We denote by  $\sigma(L, K)$  and  $\tau(L, K)$  the weak topology and the Mackey topology on  $L$  with respect to a dual pair  $(L, K)$ . By  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  we denote the sets of natural and real numbers. From now on we assume that  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  is a real Banach space, and let  $E'$  and  $E''$  stand for the Banach dual and the Banach bidual of  $E$ , respectively.

We assume that  $X$  is a completely regular Hausdorff space. Let  $C_b(X)$  be the Banach space of all real-valued bounded continuous functions on  $X$  endowed with the supremum norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ . Then the Banach dual  $C_b(X)'$  of  $C_b(X)$  with the natural

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order ( $\Phi_1 \leq \Phi_2$  if  $\Phi_1(u) \leq \Phi_2(u)$  for each  $0 \leq u \in C_b(X)$ ) is a Dedekind complete Banach lattice. By  $C_b(X)''$  we will denote the Banach bidual of  $C_b(X)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{B}$  (respectively,  $\mathcal{B}a$ ) be the algebra (respectively,  $\sigma$ -algebra) of Baire sets in  $X$ , which is the algebra (respectively,  $\sigma$ -algebra) generated by the class of all zero-sets of functions of  $C_b(X)$ . Let  $M(X)$  stand for the space of all Baire measures on  $\mathcal{B}$ . Then  $M(X)$  with the norm  $\|\mu\| = |\mu|(X)$  (= the total variation of  $\mu$ ) and the natural order ( $\mu_1 \leq \mu_2$  if  $\mu_1(A) \leq \mu_2(A)$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{B}$ ) is a Dedekind complete Banach lattice. Due to the Alexandroff representation theorem (see [20], [21, Theorem 5.1])  $C_b(X)'$  can be identified with  $M(X)$  through the lattice isomorphism  $M(X) \ni \mu \mapsto \Phi_\mu \in C_b(X)'$ , where  $\Phi_\mu(u) = \int_X u(x)d\mu$  for all  $u \in C_b(X)$ , and  $\|\Phi_\mu\| = \|\mu\|$ .

A functional  $\Phi \in C_b(X)'$  is said to be  $\sigma$ -additive if  $\Phi(u_n) \rightarrow 0$  for each sequence  $(u_n)$  in  $C_b(X)$  such that  $u_n(x) \downarrow 0$  for all  $x \in X$ . We will denote by  $L_\sigma(C_b(X))$  the set of all  $\sigma$ -additive functionals on  $C_b(X)$ .

In the topological measure theory the so-called strict topologies on  $C_b(X)$  are of importance (see [17, 21] for more details). In this paper we will consider the strict topology  $\beta_\sigma$  on  $C_b(X)$ . Note that Sentilles [17] used for  $\beta_\sigma$  the name superstrict topology and denoted it by  $\beta_1$ .

Now we recall the concept of the strict topology  $\beta_\sigma$  on  $C_b(X)$ . Let  $\beta X$  stand for the Stone-Čech compactification of  $X$ . For  $v \in C_b(X)$ ,  $\bar{v}$  denotes its unique continuous extension to  $\beta X$ . For a compact subset  $Q$  of  $\beta X \setminus X$  let  $C_Q(X) = \{v \in C_b(X) : \bar{v}|_Q \equiv 0\}$ . Let  $\beta_Q$  be the locally convex topology on  $C_b(X)$  defined by the family of seminorms  $\{p_v : v \in C_Q(X)\}$ , where  $p_v(u) = \sup_{x \in X} |u(x)v(x)|$  for  $u \in C_b(X)$ . We define the strict topology  $\beta_\sigma$  on  $C_b(X)$  to be the inductive limit topology  $\text{Lin}\beta_Z$  of the topologies  $\beta_Z$  taken over the family  $\mathcal{Z}$  of all zero sets such that  $Z \subset \beta X \setminus X$  (see [17, pp. 314–315]).

It is known that  $\beta_\sigma$  is a locally convex-solid topology and is a  $\sigma$ -Dini topology, that is,  $u_n \rightarrow 0$  for  $\beta_\sigma$  whenever  $u_n(x) \downarrow 0$  for all  $x \in X$  (see [17, Theorem 6.2], [21, Theorem 11.16]). Then

$$(C_b(X), \beta_\sigma)' = \{\Phi_\mu : \mu \in M_\sigma(X)\} = L_\sigma(C_b(X)), \quad (1.1)$$

where  $M_\sigma(X)$  stands for the space of  $\sigma$ -additive Baire measures (see [21, §4]). Moreover,  $(C_b(X), \beta_\sigma)$  is a strong Mackey space, i.e., each countably  $\sigma(M_\sigma(X), C_b(X))$ -compact subset of  $M_\sigma(X)$  is  $\beta_\sigma$ -equicontinuous (see [21, Theorem 11.5]). It follows that  $\beta_\sigma = \tau(C_b(X), M_\sigma(X))$ . It is known that  $\beta_\sigma$  is the finest locally convex topology on  $C_b(X)$  which agrees with itself on  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ -bounded (equivalently,  $\beta_\sigma$ -bounded) sets (see [17, Theorem 4.1], [21, Theorem 11.2]). This means that  $(C_b(X), \beta_\sigma)$  is a generalized DF-space (see [15, §1]).

In this paper we study linear operators from  $C_b(X)$  provided with  $\beta_\sigma$  to  $E$ . In particular, we derive a Yosida–Hewitt type decomposition for weakly compact operators from  $C_b(X)$  to  $E$ .

## 2 Linear operators on $C_b(X)$ with the strict topology $\beta_\sigma$

In this section we study linear operators from  $C_b(X)$  (provided with the strict topology  $\beta_\sigma$ ) to a Banach space  $E$ . For a bounded linear operator  $T : C_b(X) \longrightarrow E$

let  $T' : E' \rightarrow C_b(X)'$  denote its conjugate, i.e.,  $\langle u, T'(e') \rangle = \langle T(u), e' \rangle$  for  $u \in C_b(X)$  and  $e' \in E'$ .

**Definition 2.1** A bounded linear operator  $T : C_b(X) \rightarrow E$  is said to be  $\sigma$ -additive if  $\|T(u_n)\|_E \rightarrow 0$  for each sequence  $(u_n)$  in  $C_b(X)$  such that  $u_n(x) \downarrow 0$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Now we prove a characterization of  $\sigma$ -additive operators  $T : C_b(X) \rightarrow E$ .

**Proposition 2.1** For a bounded linear operator  $T : C_b(X) \rightarrow E$  the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $T'(E') \subset L_\sigma(C_b(X))$  i.e.,  $e' \circ T \in L_\sigma(C_b(X))$  for each  $e' \in E'$ .
- (ii)  $T$  is  $(\sigma(C_b(X), M_\sigma(X)), \sigma(E, E'))$ -continuous.
- (iii)  $T$  is  $(\beta_\sigma, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -continuous.
- (iv)  $T$  is sequentially  $(\beta_\sigma, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -continuous.
- (v)  $T$  is  $\sigma$ -additive.

*Proof* (i)  $\iff$  (ii) See [1, Theorem 9.26].

(ii)  $\iff$  (iii) It is known that  $T$  is  $(\sigma(C_b(X), M_\sigma(X)), \sigma(E, E'))$ -continuous if and only if  $T$  is  $(\tau(C_b(X), M_\sigma(X)), \|\cdot\|_E)$ -continuous (see [1, Ex. 11, p. 149]). Since  $\beta_\sigma = \tau(C_b(X), M_\sigma(X))$ , the proof is complete.

(iii)  $\implies$  (iv) It is obvious.

(iv)  $\implies$  (v) Assume that  $T$  is sequentially  $(\beta_\sigma, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -continuous, and let  $(u_n)$  be a sequence in  $C_b(X)$  such that  $u_n(x) \downarrow 0$  for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $\beta_\sigma$  is a  $\sigma$ -Dini topology, we get  $u_n \rightarrow 0$  for  $\beta_\sigma$ . Hence  $\|T(u_n)\|_E \rightarrow 0$ .

(v)  $\implies$  (i) It is obvious.

Let  $\xi$  be a linear topology on  $C_b(X)$ . Recall that a linear operator  $T : C_b(X) \rightarrow E$  is said to be  $(\xi, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -weakly compact if there exists a neighbourhood  $V$  of zero for  $\xi$  such that  $T(V)$  is a relatively  $\sigma(E, E')$ -compact subset of  $E$ . From now on we will briefly say that  $T$  is weakly compact whenever  $T$  is  $(\|\cdot\|_\infty, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -weakly compact.

**Proposition 2.2** For a linear operator  $T : C_b(X) \rightarrow E$  the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $T$  is weakly compact and  $(\beta_\sigma, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -continuous.
- (ii)  $T$  is  $(\beta_\sigma, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -weakly compact.

*Proof* (i)  $\implies$  (ii) Assume that  $T$  is weakly compact and  $(\beta_\sigma, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -continuous. Since  $\beta_\sigma$ -bounded subsets of  $C_b(X)$  are  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ -bounded,  $T$  transforms  $\beta_\sigma$ -bounded sets into relatively  $\sigma(E, E')$ -compact sets in  $E$ . But  $(C_b(X), \beta_\sigma)$  is a generalized DF-space, so in view of [15, Theorem 3.1]  $T$  is  $(\beta_\sigma, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -weakly compact, as desired.

(ii)  $\implies$  (i) Assume that  $T$  is  $(\beta_\sigma, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -weakly compact, i.e., there exists a neighbourhood  $V$  of zero for  $\beta_\sigma$  such that  $T(V)$  is a relatively  $\sigma(E, E')$ -compact set in  $E$ . Hence  $T(V) \subset B_E(r)$  ( $= \{e \in E : \|e\|_E \leq r\}$ ) for some  $r > 0$ . Then for  $\varepsilon > 0$  we get  $T(\frac{\varepsilon}{r}V) \subset B_E(\varepsilon)$ , and it follows that  $T$  is  $(\beta_\sigma, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -continuous. Clearly  $T$  is weakly compact because  $\beta_\sigma$  is weaker than the  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ -topology.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3** Assume that a linear operator  $T : C_b(X) \rightarrow E$  is  $(\beta_\sigma, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -continuous. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $T$  is weakly compact.
- (ii)  $T$  is  $(\beta_\sigma, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -weakly compact.

*Remark* It is well known (see [17]) that the strict topologies  $\beta_t$  and  $\beta_\tau$  on  $C_b(X)$  both coincide with the Buck's original topology  $\beta$  (see [9]) in the locally compact case. Sentilles [16] showed that if  $T$  is a  $(\beta, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -continuous linear operator from  $C_b(X)$  ( $X$  is locally compact) to  $E$ , then  $T$  is weakly compact if and only if  $T$  is  $(\beta, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -weakly compact.

Let  $B(\mathcal{B})$  (resp.  $B(\mathcal{B}a)$ ) denote the Banach space of all totally  $\mathcal{B}$ -measurable (respectively, totally  $\mathcal{B}a$ -measurable) functions  $u : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , provided with the uniform norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  (see [11, § 6]).  $(B(\mathcal{B}a), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  is a  $\sigma$ -Dedekind complete AM-space (see [3, Theorem 13.2]). Then  $C_b(X) \subset B(\mathcal{B})$  (see [4, Lemma 1.2]) and one can inject isometrically  $B(\mathcal{B})$  into  $C_b(X)''$  by the mapping  $\pi : B(\mathcal{B}) \longrightarrow C_b(X)''$ , where for each  $u \in B(\mathcal{B})$

$$\pi(u)(\Phi_\mu) = \int_X u(x)d\mu \quad \text{for all } \mu \in M(X).$$

Let  $i : E \rightarrow E''$  stand for the canonical isometry, i.e.,  $i(e)(e') = e'(e)$  for all  $e \in E$  and  $e' \in E'$ . Moreover, let  $j : i(E) \longrightarrow E$  denote the left inverse of  $i$ , i.e.,  $j \circ i = id_E$ .

Now assume that  $T : C_b(X) \rightarrow E$  is a weakly compact operator. Let  $T'' : C_b(X)'' \longrightarrow E''$  denote the biconjugate of  $T$ . Then  $T''(C_b(X)') \subset i(E)$  (see [1, Theorem 17.2]) and we can define a representing measure  $m : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow E$  by

$$m(A) := j(T''(\pi(\mathbb{1}_A))) \quad \text{for all } A \in \mathcal{B}$$

(here  $\mathbb{1}_A$  stands for the characteristic function of a set  $A$ ). Using the Alexandroff representation theorem (see [21, Theorem 5.1]) we obtain that for each  $e' \in E'$ ,  $e' \circ m \in M(X)$  and

$$e'(T(u)) = \int_X u(x) d(e' \circ m) \quad \text{for all } u \in C_b(X). \tag{2.1}$$

Let

$$\tilde{T} := j \circ T'' \circ \pi : B(\mathcal{B}) \longrightarrow E.$$

Then  $\tilde{T}$  is a bounded linear operator and

$$\tilde{T}(u) = \int_X u(x) dm \quad \text{for all } u \in B(\mathcal{B}),$$

and  $\|\tilde{T}\| = \|m\|(X)$  ( $=$  the semivariation of  $m$ ) (see [10, Theorem 1.1.13]). Since  $T'' : C_b(X)'' \rightarrow E''$  is a weakly compact operator (see [1, Theorem 17.2]) and the mapping  $j : i(E) \rightarrow E$  is  $(\sigma(i(E), E'), \sigma(E, E'))$ -continuous, we see that  $\tilde{T}$  is also weakly compact. It follows that  $m$  is strongly bounded (see [10, Theorem 6.1.1]). One can easily verify that

$$T(u) = \tilde{T}(u) = \int_X u(x) dm \quad \text{for all } u \in C_b(X).$$

It is well known that the  $\sigma$ -order continuous dual  $B(\mathcal{B}a)_{\sigma}^{\sim}$  of  $B(\mathcal{B}a)$  can be identified with the Banach lattice  $ca(\mathcal{B}a)$  of countably additive signed measures on  $\mathcal{B}a$  throughout the lattice isomorphism  $ca(\mathcal{B}a) \ni v \mapsto \Phi_v \in B(\mathcal{B}a)_{\sigma}^{\sim}$ , where  $\Phi_v(u) = \int_X u(x) dv$  for all  $u \in B(\mathcal{B}a)$  (see [3, Theorem 13.5]). Then the Mackey topology  $\tau(B(\mathcal{B}a), ca(\mathcal{B}a))$  is a locally solid  $\sigma$ -Lebesgue topology on  $B(\mathcal{B}a)$  (see [?, Ex. 18, p. 178]AB2) and  $(B(\mathcal{B}a), \tau(B(\mathcal{B}a), ca(\mathcal{B}a)))$  is a generalized DF-space (see [13, § 4]).

It follows that

$$\tau(B(\mathcal{B}a), ca(\mathcal{B}a))|_{C_b(X)} \subset \beta_{\sigma} = \tau(C_b(X), M_{\sigma}(X)). \quad (2.2)$$

Indeed, let  $(u_n)$  be a sequence in  $C_b(X)$  and  $u_n(x) \downarrow 0$  for all  $x \in X$ . Then  $u_n \downarrow 0$  in  $B(\mathcal{B}a)$  (in the vector lattice sense); hence  $u_n \rightarrow 0$  for  $\tau(B(\mathcal{B}a), ca(\mathcal{B}a))$ . This means that  $\tau(B(\mathcal{B}a), ca(\mathcal{B}a))|_{C_b(X)}$  is a  $\sigma$ -Dini topology on  $C_b(X)$ . Since  $\beta_{\sigma}$  is the finest  $\sigma$ -Dini topology on  $C_b(X)$  (see [[21, Theorem 11.16]), we conclude that the inclusion (2.2) holds.

Now we are ready to state the following result.

**Proposition 2.4** *Let  $T : C_b(X) \rightarrow E$  be a  $(\beta_{\sigma}, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -weakly compact linear operator, and let  $m : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow E$  be its representing measure. Then  $m$  has a unique countably additive extension  $\bar{m} : \mathcal{B}a \rightarrow E$  and the corresponding integration operator  $T_{\bar{m}} : B(\mathcal{B}a) \rightarrow E$  is  $(\tau(B(\mathcal{B}a), ca(\mathcal{B}a)), \|\cdot\|_E)$ -weakly compact and  $T_{\bar{m}}(u) = \tilde{T}(u) = T(u)$  for  $u \in C_b(X)$ .*

*Proof* In view of Proposition 2.1  $e' \circ T \in L_{\sigma}(C_b(X))$  for each  $e' \in E'$ . Hence by (2.1) and (1.1) we obtain that  $e' \circ m \in M_{\sigma}(X)$  for each  $e' \in E'$ . This means that  $e' \circ m : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is countably additive for each  $e' \in E'$ . Since  $m : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow E$  is strongly bounded, by the Carathéodory–Hahn–Kluvanek extension theorem (see [10, Theorem 1.5.2])  $m$  has a unique countably additive extension  $\bar{m} : \mathcal{B}a \rightarrow E$ . Next, by [13, Corollary 12] the corresponding integration operator  $T_{\bar{m}} : B(\mathcal{B}a) \rightarrow E$  is  $(\tau(B(\mathcal{B}a), ca(\mathcal{B}a)), \|\cdot\|_E)$ -weakly compact.

Now let  $u \in C_b(X) \subset B(\mathcal{B}) \subset B(\mathcal{B}a)$ . Then there exists a sequence  $(s_n)$  of  $\mathcal{B}$ -simple functions such that  $\|s_n - u\|_{\infty} \rightarrow 0$ . Hence we get  $T_{\bar{m}}(u) = \lim_n T_{\bar{m}}(s_n) = \lim_n T_m(s_n) = \tilde{T}(u) = T(u)$ . Thus the proof is complete.  $\square$

### 3 Yosida–Hewitt type decomposition for weakly compact operators on $C_b(X)$

There are many versions and generalizations of the classical Yosida–Hewitt decomposition theorem [22] in diverse setting, e.g. for vector-valued and group valued measures (see [7, 19, 14, 18, 12]), operators between vector-lattices and order-weakly compact operators from vector lattices to Banach spaces (see [5, 6]). Brooks and Wright [8] obtained a Yosida–Hewitt type decomposition for weakly compact operators on a von Neumann algebra  $\mathcal{M}$ . In this section we derive a Yosida–Hewitt type decomposition for weakly compact operators from  $C_b(X)$  to a Banach space  $E$ .

Since  $M(X)$  is a Dedekind complete vector lattice and  $M_\sigma(X)$  is a band of  $M(X)$  (see [21, Theorem 7.2]), we see that  $M_\sigma(X)$  is a projective band of  $M(X)$  (see [1, Theorem 3.8]). Thus we obtain the following Yosida–Hewitt decomposition

$$M(X) = M_\sigma(X) \oplus M_{pfa}(X),$$

where  $M_{pfa}(X)$  ( $= M_\sigma(X)^d$  - the disjoint complement of  $M_\sigma(X)$  in  $M(X)$ ) stands for the space of purely finitely additive members of  $M(X)$ . Hence

$$C_b(X)' = L_\sigma(C_b(X)) \oplus L_{pfa}(C_b(X)),$$

where  $L_{pfa}(C_b(X)) (= L_\sigma(C_b(X))^d)$ —the disjoint complement of  $L_\sigma(C_b(X))$  in  $C_b(X)'$ —stands for the space of *purely finitely additive* functionals in  $C_b(X)'$ . Since  $C_b(X)$  is a AM-space,  $M(X)$  is a AL-space. This means that  $\|\mu\| = \|\mu_c\| + \|\mu_p\|$  and  $\|\Phi_\mu\| = \|\Phi_{\mu_c}\| + \|\Phi_{\mu_p}\|$  when  $\mu = \mu_c + \mu_p$  with  $\mu_c \in M_\sigma(X)$  and  $\mu_p \in M_{pfa}(X)$ .

*Remark* Note that if  $X$  is pseudocompact, then  $\beta_\sigma$  coincides with the  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ -topology and hence  $M_\sigma(X) = M(X)$ . Then  $L_\sigma(C_b(X)) = C_b(X)'$  and  $L_{pfa}(C_b(X)) = \{0\}$ .

**Definition 3.1** A bounded linear operator  $T : C_b(X) \rightarrow E$  is said to be *purely finitely additive* if  $e' \circ T \in L_{pfa}(C_b(X))$  for each  $e' \in E'$ .

Now we are in position to prove a Yosida–Hewitt type decomposition for weakly compact operators from  $C_b(X)$  to  $E$ .

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $T : C_b(X) \rightarrow E$  be a weakly compact operator and let  $m : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow E$  be its representing measure. Then

- (i)  $m$  can be uniquely decomposed as  $m = m_c + m_p$ , where  $m_c : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow E$  and  $m_p : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow E$  are strongly bounded measures, and  $e' \circ m_c \in M_\sigma(X)$  (hence  $m_c$  has a unique countably additive extension  $\overline{m_c} : \mathcal{B}_{\text{a}} \rightarrow E$ ) and  $e' \circ m_p \in M_{pfa}(X)$  for each  $e' \in E'$ .
- (ii)  $T$  can be uniquely decomposed as  $T = T_1 + T_2$ , where  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are weakly compact operators,  $T_1$  is  $\sigma$ -additive (hence  $T_1$  is  $(\beta_\sigma, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -weakly compact) and  $T_2$  is purely finitely additive, and

$$T_1(u) = \int_X u(x) dm_c \text{ and } T_2(u) = \int_X u(x) dm_p \text{ for all } u \in C_b(X).$$

In consequence,

$$T(u) = \int_X u(x) dm = \int_X u(x) dm_c + \int_X u(x) dm_p \quad \text{for all } u \in C_b(X).$$

*Proof* We have  $C_b(X)' = L_\sigma(C_b(X)) \oplus L_{pfa}(C_b(X))$  and  $\|\Phi\| = \|\Phi_1\| + \|\Phi_2\|$ , where  $\Phi_1 \in L_\sigma(C_b(X))$  and  $\Phi_2 \in L_{pfa}(C_b(X))$ . Thus we have natural projections

$$P_k : C_b(X)' \longrightarrow C_b(X)',$$

where  $P_k(\Phi) = \Phi_k$  and  $\|P_k\| \leq 1$  ( $k = 1, 2$ ). Now we can consider the conjugate operators

$$P'_k : C_b(X)'' \longrightarrow C_b(X)''$$

defined by  $P'_k(V)(\Phi) = V(P_k(\Phi))$  for  $V \in C_b(X)''$  and  $\Phi \in C_b(X)'$ . One can observe that  $(P'_k \circ \pi)(u) = \pi(u) \circ P_k$  for all  $u \in B(\mathcal{B})$ . Define linear operators ( $k = 1, 2$ )

$$\tilde{T}_k := j \circ T'' \circ P'_k \circ \pi : B(\mathcal{B}) \longrightarrow E.$$

Since  $T'' : C_b(X)'' \longrightarrow E''$  is a weakly compact operator with  $T''(C_b(X)') \subset i(E)$ , and the mapping  $j$  is  $(\sigma(i(E), E')), \sigma(E', E)$ -continuous, we obtain that  $\tilde{T}_k$  are weakly compact.

Let  $m_c(A) := \tilde{T}_1(\mathbb{1}_A)$  and  $m_p(A) := \tilde{T}_2(\mathbb{1}_A)$  for  $A \in \mathcal{B}$ . Hence  $m_c : \mathcal{B} \longrightarrow E$  and  $m_p : \mathcal{B} \longrightarrow E$  are strongly bounded measures and  $\|m_c\|(X) = \|\tilde{T}_1\|$  and  $\|m_p\|(X) = \|\tilde{T}_2\|$ . Moreover, for all  $u \in B(\mathcal{B})$  we have

$$\tilde{T}_1(u) = \int_X u(x) dm_c, \quad \tilde{T}_2(u) = \int_X u(x) dm_p. \quad (3.1)$$

Note that  $\tilde{T}(u) = \tilde{T}_1(u) + \tilde{T}_2(u)$  for all  $u \in B(\mathcal{B})$ . Hence

$$m(A) = m_c(A) + m_p(A) \quad \text{for all } A \in \mathcal{B}.$$

For  $k = 1, 2$  define  $T_k = \tilde{T}_k|_{C_b(X)} : C_b(X) \longrightarrow E$ . Then  $T(u) = T_1(u) + T_2(u)$  for all  $u \in C_b(X)$  and  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are weakly compact.

For each  $e' \in E'$  and all  $u \in C_b(X)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (e' \circ T_k)(u) &= e'(T_k(u)) = ((T'' \circ P'_k \circ \pi)(u))(e') \\ &= (T''(\pi(u) \circ P_k))(e') \\ &= (\pi(u) \circ P_k)(T'(e')) \\ &= \pi(u)(P_k(e' \circ T)) \\ &= P_k(e' \circ T)(u). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $e' \circ T \in C_b(X)' = L_\sigma(C_b(X)) \oplus L_{pfa}(C_b(X))$ , we get  $e' \circ T_1 \in L_\sigma(C_b(X))$  and  $e' \circ T_2 \in L_{pfa}(C_b(X))$ . In view of Proposition 2.1,  $T_1$  is  $\sigma$ -additive and  $T_2$  is purely finitely additive. Moreover, by Proposition 2.2,  $T_1$  is  $(\beta_\sigma, \|\cdot\|_E)$ -weakly compact. The uniqueness of the decomposition  $T = T_1 + T_2$  follows from the uniqueness of the decomposition  $e' \circ T = e' \circ T_1 + e' \circ T_2$  for each  $e' \in E'$ . Moreover, in view of (3.1) for  $u \in C_b(X)$  we have

$$(e' \circ T_1)(u) = \int_X u(x) d(e' \circ m_c) \text{ and } (e' \circ T_2)(u) = \int_X u(x) d(e' \circ m_p).$$

Hence  $e' \circ m_c \in M_\sigma(X)$  and  $e' \circ m_p \in M_{pfa}(X)$ . By Proposition 2.4  $m_c$  has a unique countably additive extension  $\overline{m_c} : \mathcal{B}a \longrightarrow E$ .  $\square$

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