

# On $M$ -structure, the asymptotic-norming property and locally uniformly rotund renormings

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**Abstract.** Let  $r, s \in [0, 1]$ , and let  $X$  be a Banach space satisfying the  $M(r, s)$ -inequality, that is,

$$\|x^{***}\| \geq r\|\pi_X x^{***}\| + s\|x^{***} - \pi_X x^{***}\| \quad \text{for } x^{***} \in X^{***},$$

where  $\pi_X$  is the canonical projection from  $X^{***}$  onto  $X^*$ . We show some examples of Banach spaces not containing  $c_0$ , having the point of continuity property and satisfying the above inequality for  $r$  not necessarily equal to one. On the other hand, we prove that a Banach space  $X$  satisfying the above inequality for  $s=1$  admits an equivalent locally uniformly rotund norm whose dual norm is also locally uniformly rotund. If, in addition,  $X$  satisfies

$$\limsup_{\alpha} \|u^* + sx_{\alpha}^*\| \leq \limsup_{\alpha} \|v^* + x_{\alpha}^*\|$$

whenever  $u^*, v^* \in X^*$  with  $\|u^*\| \leq \|v^*\|$  and  $(x_{\alpha}^*)$  is a bounded weak\* null net in  $X^*$ , then  $X$  can be renormed to satisfy the  $M(r, 1)$  and the  $M(1, s)$ -inequality such that  $X^*$  has the weak\* asymptotic-norming property I with respect to  $B_X$ .

## 1. Introduction

Following [4] and [10], a subspace  $X$  of a Banach space  $Y$  is said to be an *ideal* in  $Y$  if there exists a norm-one projection  $P$  on  $Y^*$  with  $\text{Ker } P = X^{\perp}$ . If, moreover,

$$\|y^*\| \geq r\|Py^*\| + s\|y^* - Py^*\| \quad \text{for } y^* \in Y^*$$

holds for given  $r, s \in [0, 1]$ , then we say that  $X$  is an *ideal satisfying the  $M(r, s)$ -inequality in  $Y$* . When  $Y$  is the bidual of a Banach space  $X$  and the associated

projection is the canonical projection, we will say, for simplicity, that  $X$  satisfies the  $M(r, s)$ -inequality (see [1]). For  $r=s=1$ , we obtain the classical notion of  $M$ -ideal (see [12]).

A Banach space  $X$  has the *point of continuity property* if for every nonempty closed and bounded subset of  $X$ , the identity map has some point of weak-to-norm continuity. We prove that if  $X$  is a nonreflexive Banach space satisfying the  $M(1, s)$ -inequality, then  $X$  fails to have the point of continuity property, but there are Banach spaces having the point of continuity property, and satisfying the  $M(r, s)$ -inequality for  $r$  not necessarily equal to one, as can be seen below.

In a Banach space  $X$ , we denote the closed unit ball by  $B_X$  and the unit sphere by  $S_X$ . The canonical projection is denoted by  $\pi_X$ . The Banach space of all bounded linear operators on  $X$  and its subspace of compact operators will be denoted by  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  and  $\mathcal{K}(X)$ , respectively.

A Banach space  $X$  is a  $U^*$ -space or has *property  $U^*$*  if  $\|x^{***} - \pi_X x^{***}\| < \|x^{***}\|$  whenever  $x^{***} \in X^{***}$  with  $\pi_X x^{***} \neq 0$  (see [1] and [2]). Observe that the  $M(r, 1)$ -inequality implies property  $U^*$ .

Following [12], given  $r, s \in [0, 1]$ , we will say that  $X$  has *property  $M^*(r, s)$*  if whenever  $u^*, v^* \in X^*$  with  $\|u^*\| \leq \|v^*\|$  and  $(x_\alpha^*)$  is a bounded weak\* null net in  $X^*$ , then

$$\limsup_\alpha \|ru^* + sx_\alpha^*\| \leq \limsup_\alpha \|v^* + x_\alpha^*\|.$$

It is clear that property  $M^*(1, 1)$  is equivalent to property  $(M^*)$  (see [12]).

In [13], for the class of dual spaces, Zhibao Hu and Bor-Luh Lin introduced a property stronger than the asymptotic-norming property defined by James and Ho in [15], where it is proved that the asymptotic-norming property implies the Radon–Nikodým property. Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $\Phi \subset B_{X^*}$  a *one-norming set* of  $X$ , that is,

$$\|x\| = \sup_{x^* \in \Phi} x^*x \quad \text{for } x \in X.$$

A sequence  $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $S_X$  is said to be *asymptotically normed* by  $\Phi$  if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there are  $x^* \in \Phi$  and  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x^*x_n > 1 - \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$ . For  $\varkappa = \text{I, II, III}$ , a sequence  $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $X$  is said to have the *property  $\varkappa$*  if

- (I)  $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  is convergent;
- (II)  $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  has a convergent subsequence;
- (III)  $\bigcap_{n=1}^\infty \overline{\text{co}}\{x_k : k \geq n\} \neq \emptyset$ .

Let  $\Phi \subset B_X$  be a one-norming set of  $X^*$ . Then  $X^*$  is said to have the *weak\* asymptotic-norming property*  $\varkappa$ ,  $\varkappa = I, II, III$ , with respect to  $\Phi$  (in short,  $\Phi$ -ANP- $\varkappa$ ) if every sequence in  $S_{X^*}$  that is asymptotically normed by  $\Phi$  has the property  $\varkappa$ . It is showed in [13] that if  $\Phi$  is a one-norming set in  $B_X$ , then  $X^*$  has the  $\Phi$ -ANP- $\varkappa$  if and only if  $X^*$  has the  $B_X$ -ANP- $\varkappa$ ,  $\varkappa = I, II, III$ . The space  $X^*$  is said to have the *weak\* asymptotic-norming property*  $\varkappa$  (*weak\*-ANP- $\varkappa$* ) if  $X$  admits an equivalent norm for which  $X^*$  has the  $B_X$ -ANP- $\varkappa$ .

Given a Banach space  $X$ , its norm is called *locally uniformly convex* or *locally uniformly rotund* (LUR) if for any  $x \in S_X$  and  $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $S_X$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n + x\| = 2$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x\| = 0$ . The norm of  $X$  is said to be *strictly convex* or *rotund* if  $x = y$  whenever  $x, y \in S_X$  and  $\|x + y\| = 2$ .

M. Raja has showed in [19] that given a Banach space  $X$ , its dual  $X^*$  admits an equivalent dual LUR norm if and only if  $X$  can be renormed such that the weak and the weak\* topologies agree on  $S_{X^*}$ . So, the weak\*-ANP- $\varkappa$ ,  $\varkappa = I, II, III$ , are equivalent (see [13]).

Given a Banach space  $X$ , its dual  $X^*$  has the *weak\*-Kadec-Klee property* if for any sequence  $(x_n^*)_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $X^*$  and  $x^* \in X^*$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n^* - x^*\| = 0$  whenever  $\text{weak}^* \text{-} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n^* = x^*$  and  $\|x_n^*\| = \|x^*\|$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

It is clear that if  $X$  is an  $M$ -ideal, then  $X$  is Hahn-Banach smooth, that is,  $\|\pi_X x^{***}\| < \|x^{***}\|$  whenever  $x^{***} \in X^{***}$  with  $x^{***} \neq \pi_X x^{***}$ . It is known [12] that if a Banach space  $X$  has property  $(M^*)$ , then the weak\* and the norm topologies agree on  $S_{X^*}$ . Using a different argument, the same result is obtained when  $\mathcal{K}(X)$  is an  $M$ -ideal in  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ . We obtain the same results (see Theorem 3.2 below) supposing that  $X$  satisfies the  $M(r, s)$ -inequality for  $r$  and  $s$  with  $(1-r)/s$  arbitrarily close to zero,  $\mathcal{K}(X)$  is an ideal satisfying the  $M(1, s)$ -inequality and  $X$  has property  $M^*(1, s)$  ( $s$  not necessarily equal to one). In particular, by the mentioned result of Raja,  $X^*$  admits an equivalent dual LUR norm (see Corollary 4.2).

In [12] it is proved that every  $M$ -ideal admits an equivalent LUR norm whose dual norm is LUR. It is also proved that if  $X$  is an  $M$ -ideal, then  $X$  admits an equivalent norm for which  $X$  is still an  $M$ -ideal and whose dual norm is strictly convex. In Theorem 4.5 below, we prove that if  $X$  is a nonreflexive Asplund space having property  $U^*$ , then there exists an equivalent LUR norm on  $X$  whose dual norm is LUR. On the other hand, it is proved in the same result that  $X$  admits an equivalent norm for which  $X$  has still property  $U^*$  and whose dual norm is strictly convex. If, moreover,  $X$  has property  $M^*(1, s)$  (in particular, if  $\mathcal{K}(X)$  is an ideal satisfying the  $M(1, s)$ -inequality in  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ ), then  $X$  can be renormed to satisfy the  $M(1, s)$ -inequality and such that  $X^*$  has the  $B_X$ -ANP-I (see Theorem 4.7). As a consequence, we obtain that a Banach space  $X$  having property  $(M^*)$  admits an equivalent norm for which it is an  $M$ -ideal and  $X^*$  has the  $B_X$ -ANP-I.

## 2. The $M(r, s)$ -inequality and the point of continuity property

First, we have the following result.

**Proposition 2.1.** ([1, Corollary 3.4]) *Let  $X$  be a nonreflexive Banach space satisfying the  $M(1, s)$ -inequality (in particular if  $X$  is an  $M$ -ideal). Then  $X$  contains an isomorphic copy of  $c_0$ , so  $X$  fails to have the point of continuity property.*

Now we present some Banach spaces which do not contain  $c_0$ , but satisfy the  $M(r, s)$ -inequality. Let  $J$  denote the James space,  $JT$  the James tree space (see, e.g., [7] and [8] for the definitions) and  $JT_\infty$  the space constructed by Ghoussoub and Maurey in [9]. Note that the space  $J$  has the Radon–Nikodým property (and so has the point of continuity property), since  $J$  is isometric to a separable dual space. It is well known [9], [17] that the predual  $B$  of the space  $JT$  has the point of continuity property but fails to have the Radon–Nikodým property. On the other hand, it is proved in [9] that the predual  $B_\infty$  fails to have the point of continuity property.

**Examples 2.2.** (1) ([1, Example 3.5]). *The space  $J$  can be renormed to satisfy the  $M(r, 1)$ -inequality.*

(2) *The spaces  $B$  and  $B_\infty$  satisfy the  $M(1/\sqrt{2}, 1/\sqrt{2})$ -inequality.*

*Proof.* Let  $(e_{n,k})_{(n,k) \in T}$  be the usual basis in  $JT$ . A careful reading of [8, Chapter VIII] allows us to assert that there exists a sequence  $(K_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  of finite rank operators on  $B$  with  $\|K_n\| \leq 1$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K_n x = x$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K_n^* x^* = x^*$  for every  $x \in B$ ,  $x^* \in JT$ , and writing  $x^* = \sum_{n'=0}^\infty \sum_{k'=1}^{2^{n'}} t_{n',k'} e_{n',k'}$  for  $x^* \in JT$ , we have, for all  $n$ ,

$$K_n^* x^* = \sum_{n'=1}^n \sum_{k'=1}^{2^{n'}} t_{n',k'} e_{n',k'}.$$

It is easy to show that, for all  $n$  and  $x^* \in JT$ ,

$$\|K_n^* x^*\|^2 + \|x^* - K_n^* x^*\|^2 \leq \|x^*\|^2.$$

Hence, for every  $n$  and  $x, y \in B$  with  $\|x\|, \|y\| \leq 1$ ,

$$\|K_n x + (y - K_n y)\| \leq \sqrt{2}.$$

So, by [3, Propositions 3.1 and 4.1], the result follows. The proof for the space  $B_\infty$  is similar.  $\square$

### 3. $M$ -structure and the asymptotic-norming property

First, we introduce the following notation: given a Banach space  $X$ , for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , define

$$A_\varepsilon = \left\{ (r, s) : \frac{1-r}{s} < \varepsilon \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad A^\varepsilon = \left\{ (r, s) : \frac{1-s}{r} < \varepsilon \right\},$$

and consider the sets

$$B = \{(r, s) : X \text{ satisfies the } M(r, s)\text{-inequality}\};$$

$$C = \{(r, s) : X \text{ has property } M^*(r, s)\};$$

$$D = \{(r, s) : \mathcal{K}(X) \text{ is an ideal satisfying the } M(r, s)\text{-inequality in } \mathcal{L}(X)\}.$$

The next result is due to Zhibao Hu and Bor-Luh Lin (see [13, Theorems 2.5, 3.1 and 3.3] and [14, Theorem 1]).

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Then the following are true:*

- (1)  $X^*$  has the  $B_X$ -ANP-I if and only if  $X^*$  has the  $B_X$ -ANP-II and the norm of  $X^*$  is strictly convex;
- (2)  $X^*$  has the  $B_X$ -ANP-II if and only if the weak\* and the norm topologies agree on  $S_{X^*}$  if and only if  $B_{X^*}$  is weak\* sequentially compact and  $X^*$  has the weak\*-Kadec-Klee property;
- (3)  $X^*$  has the  $B_X$ -ANP-III if and only if  $X$  is Hahn-Banach smooth.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Then the following are true:*

- (1) if  $B \cap A_\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  (in particular if  $X$  satisfies the  $M(1, s)$ -inequality), then  $X^*$  has the  $B_X$ -ANP-III;
- (2) if  $X$  has property  $M^*(1, s)$ , then  $X^*$  has the  $B_X$ -ANP-II;
- (3) if  $\mathcal{K}(X)$  is an ideal satisfying the  $M(1, s)$ -inequality in  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ , then  $X^*$  has the  $B_X$ -ANP-II.

*Proof.* (1) By [2, Lemma 4.2],  $X$  is Hahn-Banach smooth. So, by Theorem 3.1,  $X^*$  has the  $B_X$ -ANP-III.

(2) Let  $(x_\alpha^*)$  in  $S_{X^*}$  be weak\* converging to  $x^* \in S_{X^*}$ , and pick a weak\* strongly exposed point  $x_0^*$  of  $B_{X^*}$  (its existence is guaranteed by [4, Proposition 2.1]). So, by property  $M^*(1, s)$ , we have that

$$\limsup_\alpha \|x_0^* + s(x_\alpha^* - x^*)\| \leq \limsup_\alpha \|x_0^* + (x_\alpha^* - x^*)\| = 1.$$

Then, it follows that  $(x_\alpha^*)$  converges to  $x^*$  in the norm topology. Hence, applying Theorem 3.1,  $X^*$  has the  $B_X$ -ANP-II.

(3) The proof of this part is similar to the one given in [12, Proposition VI.4.6]. We state it here for completeness.

Let  $(x_\alpha^*)$  in  $S_{X^*}$  be weak\* converging to  $x^* \in S_{X^*}$ . By [4, Theorem 2.5] and [1, Proposition 2.5],  $X^*$  has the Radon–Nikodým property. So, for fixed  $\varepsilon > 0$ , by [18, Lemma 2.18], there are  $x_0 \in S_X$  and  $t > 0$  such that the slice  $S(x_0, B_{X^*}, t)$  has diameter less than  $\varepsilon$ . Let  $x \in S_X$  with  $x^*(x) > 1 - \frac{1}{4}t$ . We can suppose, without loss of generality, that  $x_\alpha^*(x) > 1 - \frac{1}{4}t$  for all  $\alpha$ . Pick  $y^* \in S_{X^*}$  such that  $y^*(x_0) = 1$ , so  $y^* \in S(x_0, B_{X^*}, t)$ . By [4, Lemma 2.2], there exists  $U \in \mathcal{K}(X)$  such that

$$\|y^* \otimes x \pm s(I - U)\| \leq 1 + \frac{1}{4}t,$$

where  $I$  is the identity operator of  $X$ . Then, as in [12, Proposition VI.4.6], for every  $\alpha$ , we have that

$$\frac{x_\alpha^*(x)y^* \pm s(x_\alpha^* - U^*x_\alpha^*)}{1 + \frac{1}{4}t} \in S(x_0, B_{X^*}, t).$$

Finally, since  $\text{diam } S(x_0, B_{X^*}, t) < \varepsilon$  and  $U^*$  is weak\*-to-norm continuous on  $B_{X^*}$ , it follows that, for every  $\alpha$ ,  $s\|x_\alpha^* - x^*\| \leq 3\varepsilon$ . So,  $\|x_\alpha^* - x^*\| \rightarrow 0$ , and we apply Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

The next result shows that condition  $r = 1$  cannot be dropped to obtain Hahn–Banach smoothness.

**Proposition 3.3.** *The space  $J$  admits an equivalent norm for which it still satisfies the  $M(r, 1)$ -inequality, but fails to be Hahn–Banach smooth.*

*Proof.* Let  $r \in ]0, 1[$  be such that  $J$  satisfies the  $M(r, 1)$ -inequality, and let  $\tilde{J} = \mathbf{R} \times J$  be the equivalent renorming of  $J$  with the norm

$$\|(\alpha, x)\| = \max\{|\alpha| + (1 - r)\|x\|, \|x\|\}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbf{R}, x \in J,$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the norm on  $J$  for which  $J$  satisfies the  $M(r, 1)$ -inequality. We prove that  $\tilde{J}$  satisfies the  $M(r, 1)$ -inequality and fails to be Hahn–Banach smooth. In fact, it is easy to show that  $\tilde{J}^{***} = \mathbf{R} \times J^{***}$  with the norm

$$\|(\alpha, \varphi)\| = \max\{r|\alpha| + \|\varphi\|, |\alpha|\}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbf{R}, \varphi \in J^{***}.$$

Then, for every  $(\alpha, \varphi) \in \tilde{J}^{***}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} r\|(\alpha, \pi_J(\varphi))\| + \|(0, \varphi - \pi_J(\varphi))\| &= r \max\{r|\alpha| + \|\pi_J(\varphi)\|, \|\pi_J(\varphi)\|\} + \|\varphi - \pi_J(\varphi)\| \\ &\leq \max\{r|\alpha| + \|\varphi\|, \|\varphi\|\} = \|(\alpha, \varphi)\|. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, it is straightforward to show that, for every  $(\alpha, \varphi) \in \tilde{J}^{***}$ ,

$$P_{\tilde{J}^\perp}(\alpha, \varphi) = \{0\} \times [B_{J^\perp}(\varphi, \max\{\text{dist}(\varphi, J^\perp), (1 - r)|\alpha|\})].$$

So, it follows that  $\tilde{J}$  fails to be Hahn–Banach smooth.  $\square$

*Remark 3.4.* Observe that, since the space  $J$  does not contain a copy of  $c_0$ ,  $J$  cannot be renormed to satisfy the  $M(1, s)$ -inequality for any  $s \in ]0, 1[$ .

#### 4. $M$ -structure and LUR renormings

It is well known [12, Theorem III.4.6] that every  $M$ -ideal admits an equivalent LUR norm whose dual norm is also LUR. In the mentioned result, it is proved that there exists an equivalent norm on every  $M$ -ideal for which its dual norm is strictly convex and it is still an  $M$ -ideal. The next result is essentially proved in [12, Theorem VI.4.17].

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $r, s \in ]0, 1[$  with  $r + \frac{1}{2}s > 1$ . If  $\mathcal{K}(X)$  is an ideal satisfying the  $M(r, s)$ -inequality in  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ , then  $X$  has property  $M^*(r, s)$ .*

*Proof.* By [4, Theorem 3.1], there is a net  $(K_\alpha)$  in  $B_{\mathcal{K}(X)}$  with  $\lim_\alpha \|K_\alpha x - x\| = 0$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\lim_\alpha \|K_\alpha^* x^* - x^*\| = 0$  for all  $x^* \in X^*$ , such that

$$\limsup_\alpha \|rSK_\alpha + sT(I - K_\alpha)\| \leq 1 \quad \text{for } S, T \in B_{\mathcal{L}(X)}.$$

So,

$$\limsup_\alpha \|rS + s(I - K_\alpha)\| \leq 1 \quad \text{for } S \in B_{\mathcal{K}(X)}.$$

Now the proof follows as the one given in [3, Proposition 4.1].  $\square$

Since a Banach space  $X$  is Hahn–Banach smooth if and only if the weak and the weak\* topologies agree on  $S_{X^*}$  (see [12, Lemma III.2.14], by Theorems 3.1 and 3.2, the above lemma, [3, Proposition 3.1] and [19, Proposition 2] we have the following result.

**Corollary 4.2.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space, and consider the following statements:*

- (a)  $B \cap A_\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  (in particular,  $X$  satisfies the  $M(1, s)$ -inequality);
- (b)  $C \cap A_\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  (in particular,  $X$  has property  $M^*(1, s)$ );
- (c)  $D \cap A_\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  (in particular,  $\mathcal{K}(X)$  is an ideal satisfying the  $M(1, s)$ -inequality in  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ ).

*If  $X$  satisfies one of the above statements, then  $X^*$  admits an equivalent dual locally uniformly rotund norm.*

In what follows, we will suppose that  $X$  is a nonreflexive Banach space. We will use a different technique to obtain that if  $X$  is an Asplund space having property  $U^*$ , then  $X$  admits an equivalent LUR norm whose dual norm is also LUR. We begin with the next result, which is proved in [12, Proposition III.2.11] for  $M$ -ideals.

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space satisfying the  $M(r, s)$ -inequality (respectively having property  $U^*$ ),  $Y$  be a Banach space and  $T: Y \rightarrow X$  be a weakly compact operator. Then*

$$|x^*|^* = \|x^*\| + \|T^*x^*\| \quad \text{for } x^* \in X^*$$

*defines an equivalent dual norm on  $X^*$  for which  $(X, |\cdot|)$  satisfies the  $M(r, s)$ -inequality (respectively has property  $U^*$ ).*

*Proof.* Following [12, Proposition III.2.11], we obtain that, for every  $x^{***} \in X^{***}$ ,

$$|x^{***}|^{***} = \|x^{***}\| + \|T^{***}x^{***}\| \quad \text{and} \quad T^{***}x^{***} = T^*(\pi_X x^{***}).$$

So, if  $X$  satisfies the  $M(r, s)$ -inequality, then

$$\begin{aligned} |x^{***}|^{***} &= \|x^{***}\| + \|T^*(\pi_X x^{***})\| \\ &\geq r\|\pi_X x^{***}\| + s\|x^{***} - \pi_X x^{***}\| + r\|T^*(\pi_X x^{***})\| \\ &= r|\pi_X x^{***}|^{***} + s|x^{***} - \pi_X x^{***}|^{***}. \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose that  $X$  has property  $U^*$ , and let  $x^{***} \in X^{***}$  with  $\pi_X x^{***} \neq 0$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |x^{***}|^{***} &= \|x^{***}\| + \|T^*(\pi_X x^{***})\| \\ &> \|x^{***} - \pi_X x^{***}\| + \|T^*(\pi_X x^{***})\| \geq |x^{***} - \pi_X x^{***}|^{***}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 4.4.** *Let  $X$  be an Asplund space having property  $U^*$ . Then  $X$  admits a shrinking Markushevich basis.*

*Proof.* By [1, Theorem 4.4],  $X$  is weakly compactly generated, so [5, p. 237]  $X$  is weakly countably determined. Then, by [5, Proposition II.1.5 and Corollary VII.1.13] and [16, Lemma 4],  $X$  admits a shrinking Markushevich basis.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.5.** *If  $X$  is an Asplund space having property  $U^*$ , then*

- (1)  *$X$  admits an equivalent LUR norm whose dual norm is also LUR;*
- (2) *there exists an equivalent norm on  $X$  for which  $X$  still has property  $U^*$  and whose dual norm is strictly convex.*

*Proof.* (1) This follows from [1, Theorem 4.4] and [5, Theorem VII.1.14].

(2) Let  $(x_i, f_i)_{i \in \Gamma}$  be a shrinking Markushevich basis obtained in the above lemma and let us consider the operator  $S: X^* \rightarrow c_0(\Gamma)$  defined by

$$Sx^* = (x^*(x_i))_{i \in \Gamma} \quad \text{for } x^* \in X^*.$$



It is clear that  $S$  is injective and weak\*-to-weak continuous. Let the norm  $|\cdot|$  be defined on  $X^*$  by

$$|x^*| = \|x^*\| + \|Sx^*\| \quad \text{for } x^* \in X^*.$$

If we consider Day's norm on  $c_0(\Gamma)$ , which is LUR and thus strictly convex (see [6, pp. 95ff.]), then the norm  $|\cdot|$  is a dual strictly convex norm on  $X^*$  (see [6, Theorem 1, p. 100] and [5, Theorem II.2.4]). On the other hand, the operator  $S$  is weakly compact and, if it is considered as an operator into  $l_\infty(\Gamma)$ , it is weak\*-to-weak\* continuous. Hence,  $S$  is the adjoint of a weakly compact operator from  $l_1(\Gamma)$  into  $X$ . So, by the above proposition,  $(X, |\cdot|)$  has property  $U^*$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.6.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space, and consider the following statements:*

- (a)  $B \cap A^\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  (in particular,  $X$  satisfies the  $M(r, 1)$ -inequality);
- (b)  $C \cap A^\varepsilon \neq \emptyset$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  (in particular,  $X$  has property  $M^*(r, 1)$ );
- (c)  $r > \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\mathcal{K}(X)$  is an ideal satisfying the  $M(r, 1)$ -inequality in  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ .

*If  $X$  satisfies one of the above statements, then the following are true:*

- (1)  $X$  admits an equivalent LUR norm whose dual norm is also LUR;
- (2) there exists an equivalent norm on  $X$  whose dual norm is strictly convex, and for which  $X$  satisfies the  $M(r, s)$ -inequality for all  $(r, s) \in B$ .

*Proof.* By [3, Proposition 3.1], (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a), and, by Lemma 4.1, (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (b). So, we suppose only the statement (a). By [2, Lemma 4.2],  $X$  has property  $U^*$ . On the other hand, there exists  $(r, s) \in B$  such that  $r + s > 1$ . So, by [1, Proposition 2.4],  $X$  is an Asplund space. Hence, applying Theorem 4.5 and Proposition 4.3, the proof is concluded.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.7.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space having property  $U^*$ . If  $X$  has property  $M^*(1, s)$  (in particular,  $\mathcal{K}(X)$  is an ideal satisfying the  $M(1, s)$ -inequality in  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ ), then  $X$  admits an equivalent norm  $|\cdot|$  for which  $X$  has property  $U^*$  and  $X^*$  has the  $B_X$ -ANP-I. Moreover,  $(X, |\cdot|)$  satisfies the  $M(r, s)$ -inequality for all  $(r, s) \in B$ .*

*Proof.* First, observe that  $X$  is an Asplund space (see Lemma 4.1, [3, Proposition 3.1] and [1, Proposition 2.5]). Consider the dual norm  $|\cdot|$  defined in Theorem 4.5(2), which is strictly convex. So, by [11, Theorem 1],  $B_{(X^*, |\cdot|)}$  is weak\* sequentially compact. Now we prove that  $(X^*, |\cdot|)$  has the weak\*-Kadec-Klee property. In fact, let  $(x_n^*)_{n=1}^\infty$  be a sequence in  $S_{(X^*, |\cdot|)}$  and  $x^* \in S_{(X^*, |\cdot|)}$  with  $\text{weak}^*\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n^* = x^*$ . By passing to a subsequence, we can suppose that  $\|Sx_n^*\| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Sx_n^*\|$ . Since  $|x_n^*| = |x^*| = 1$  for all  $n$ , we have that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n^*\| = 1 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Sx_n^*\| \leq 1 - \|Sx^*\| = \|x^*\|.$$

Therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n^*\| = \|x^*\|$ . By Theorem 3.2,  $X^*$  has the  $B_X$ -ANP-II. Hence, by Theorem 3.1, we have that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n^* - x^*\| = 0$ , so  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_n^* - x^*| = 0$ . Finally, again by Theorem 3.1,  $(X^*, |\cdot|)$  has the  $B_X$ -ANP-I.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.8.** *If  $X$  has property  $(M^*)$  (in particular, if  $\mathcal{K}(X)$  is an  $M$ -ideal in  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ ), then  $X$  admits an equivalent norm for which  $X$  is an  $M$ -ideal and  $X^*$  has the  $B_X$ -ANP-I.*

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