

SELECTIONS ASSOCIATED TO McSHANE'S  
EXTENSION THEOREM FOR LIPSCHITZ FUNCTIONS

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1. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $Y$  a nonvoid subset of  $X$ . A function  $f: Y \rightarrow R$  is called Lipschitz on  $Y$  if there exists  $K \geq 0$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad |f(x) - f(y)| \leq K d(x, y),$$

for all  $x, y \in Y$ . A number  $K \geq 0$  verifying (1.1) is called a *Lipschitz constant* for  $f$ .

It is easy to show that the quantity  $\|f\|_Y$  defined by

$$(1.2) \quad \|f\|_Y = \sup \{ |f(x) - f(y)| / d(x, y) : x, y \in Y, x \neq y \}$$

is the smallest Lipschitz constant for  $f$  and we shall call it the *Lipschitz norm* of  $f$ .

Denote by  $\text{Lip } Y$  the set of all real-valued Lipschitz functions on  $Y$ . The set  $\text{Lip } X$  and the quantity  $\|f\|_X$  are defined similarly.

Obviously, with respect to the usual operations of addition and multiplication by scalars for functions,  $\text{Lip } Y$  and  $\text{Lip } X$  are linear spaces and the functionals  $\|\cdot\|_Y$  and  $\|\cdot\|_X$  are seminorms on these spaces. The functionals  $\|\cdot\|_Y$  and  $\|\cdot\|_X$  are not norms because they vanish on constant functions.

Mc Shane [5] proved the following extension theorem for Lipschitz functions:

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $\emptyset \neq Y \subset X$ . Then every Lipschitz function on  $Y$  has a norm preserving extensions to  $X$ , i.e. for every  $f \in \text{Lip } Y$  there exists  $F \in \text{Lip } X$  such that*

$$F|_Y = f \text{ and } \|F\|_X = \|f\|_Y.$$

Now let  $x_0 \in Y$  be fixed and denote by  $\text{Lip}_0 Y$  the subspace of  $\text{Lip } Y$  formed of all functions in  $\text{Lip } Y$  vanishing at  $x_0$ , i.e.

$$(1.3) \quad \text{Lip}_0 Y = \{f \in \text{Lip } Y : f(x_0) = 0\}.$$

The space  $\text{Lip}_0 X$  is defined similarly:

$$(1.4) \quad \text{Lip}_0 X = \{F \in \text{Lip } X : F(x_0) = 0\}.$$

In this case the functionals  $\|\cdot\|_Y$  and  $\|\cdot\|_X$  are norms on  $\text{Lip}_0 Y$  respectively on  $\text{Lip}_0 X$  and,  $\text{Lip}_0 X$  and  $\text{Lip}_0 Y$  are Banach spaces with respect to these norms.

Again by Mc Shane's extension theorem, every  $f \in \text{Lip}_0 Y$  has a norm preserving extension  $F \in \text{Lip}_0 X$ . Two such extensions are effectively given by the formulas:

$$(1.5) \quad F_1(x) = \sup \{f(y) - \|f\|_Y d(x, y) : y \in Y\}$$

and

$$(1.6) \quad F_2(x) = \inf \{f(y) + \|f\|_Y d(x, y) : y \in Y\},$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

Denote by  $E : \text{Lip}_0 Y \rightarrow 2^{\text{Lip}_0 X}$  the set-valued operator defined by

$$(1.7) \quad E(f) = \{F \in \text{Lip}_0 X : F|_Y = f \text{ and } \|F\|_X = \|f\|_Y\},$$

for all  $f \in \text{Lip}_0 Y$ , and call it the *Mc Shane extension operator*.

An extremal convex subset of the unit ball  $B_Z$  of a normed space  $Z$  is called a *face* of  $B_Z$ , i.e. a convex subset  $C \subset B_Z$  is a face of  $B_Z$  if  $\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y \in C$  for two elements  $x, y \in B_Z$  and a number  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , implies  $x, y \in C$ . A one-point face is an extremal point of  $B_Z$ . Obviously every face of  $B_Z$  is closed and an extremal point of a face of  $B_Z$  is an extremal point of  $B_Z$ .

In the following theorem we summarize some useful properties of the extension operator.

**THEOREM 2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $Y \subset X$ ,  $x_0 \in Y$  fixed and  $f \in \text{Lip}_0 Y$ . Then

- 1°  $E(f)$  is a nonvoid convex, bounded and closed subset of  $\text{Lip}_0 X$ ;
- 2° Every  $F \in E(f)$  verifies the inequalities

$$(1.8) \quad F_1(x) \leq F(x) \leq F_2(x), \quad x \in X,$$

where  $F_1, F_2$  are the extensions of  $f$  given by (1.5) and (1.6);

3° For  $\|f\|_Y = 1$ , the set  $E(f)$  is a face of the unit ball  $B_{\text{Lip}_0 X}$  if and only if  $f$  is an extremal point of the unit ball of  $\text{Lip}_0 Y$ .

*Proof.* 1°. Let  $F, G \in E(f)$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . Obviously that  $(\lambda F + (1 - \lambda)G)|_Y = f$  and  $\|\lambda F + (1 - \lambda)G\|_X \leq \lambda \|F\|_X + (1 - \lambda)\|G\|_X = \lambda \|f\|_Y + (1 - \lambda)\|f\|_Y = \|f\|_Y$ . Since  $\|\lambda F + (1 - \lambda)G\|_X \geq \|(\lambda F + (1 - \lambda)G)|_Y\|_Y = \|f\|_Y$ , it follows that  $\lambda F + (1 - \lambda)G \in E(f)$ , proving the convexity of  $E(f)$ .

As  $\|F\|_X = \|f\|_Y$ , for all  $F \in E(f)$ , it follows that  $E(f)$  is bounded.

To prove the closedness of  $E(f)$ , let  $(F_n)$  be a sequence in  $E(f)$  converging to a function  $F \in \text{Lip}_0 X$ . As  $F(x_0) = 0 = F_n(x_0)$ , for all  $n \in N$ , it follows that

$$|F_n(x) - F(x)| = |F_n(x) - F(x) - (F_n(x_0) - F(x_0))| \leq$$

$$\leq \|F_n - F\|_X d(x, x_0) \rightarrow 0$$

for every  $x \in X$ , implying the pointwise convergence of the sequence  $(F_n(x))$  to  $F(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $F_n(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in Y$  and all  $n \in N$  it follows  $F(x) = f(x)$ , for all  $x \in Y$ . Also  $F_n \rightarrow F$  in  $\text{Lip}_0 X$  and  $\|F_n\|_X = \|f\|_Y, n \in N$ , imply  $\|F\|_X = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|F_n\|_X = \|f\|_Y$  showing that  $F \in E(f)$ .

2°. To prove the second inequality in (1.8) suppose, on the contrary, that there exists  $x_1 \in X$  such that  $F(x_1) > F_2(x_1)$ . Since the functions  $F, F_2$  are continuous on  $X$  and  $F|_Y = f = F_2|_Y$ , it follows that they agree on the closure  $\bar{Y}$  of  $Y$ . Therefore  $x_1 \in X \setminus \bar{Y}$ , implying  $d(x_1, y) > 0$  for all  $y \in Y$ . Taking into account definition (1.6) of  $F_2$  and the inequality  $F_2(x_1) < F(x_1)$ , there exists an element  $y_1 \in Y$  such that

$$(1.9) \quad f(y_1) + \|f\|_Y d(x_1, y_1) < F(x_1)$$

As  $f(y_1) = F(y_1)$ , the inequality (1.9) gives the contradiction  $\|f\|_Y = \|F\|_X \geq (F(x_1) - F(y_1))/d(x_1, y_1) > \|f\|_Y$ .

The first inequality in (1.8) can be proved in a similar way.

3°. Let  $B_{\text{Lip}_0 Y}, B_{\text{Lip}_0 X}$  be the closed unit balls of the spaces  $\text{Lip}_0 Y$  respectively  $\text{Lip}_0 X$ . Let  $f$  be an extremal point of  $B_{\text{Lip}_0 Y}$  and suppose that  $H_1, H_2 \in B_{\text{Lip}_0 X}$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  are such that  $\lambda H_1 + (1 - \lambda)H_2 \in E(f)$ . Since  $f$  is extremal the equality  $\lambda H_1|_Y + (1 - \lambda)H_2|_Y = f$  implies  $H_1|_Y = f = H_2|_Y$ . Also  $1 = \|f\|_Y \leq \|\lambda H_1 + (1 - \lambda)H_2\|_X \leq \lambda \|H_1\|_X + (1 - \lambda)\|H_2\|_X \leq 1$  implies  $\|H_1\|_X = \|H_2\|_X = 1 = \|f\|_Y$ , showing that  $H_1, H_2 \in E(f)$ .

Now, suppose that  $f, \|f\|_Y = 1$ , is not an extremal point of  $B_{\text{Lip}_0 Y}$ . Then there exist two distinct elements  $f_1, f_2$  in  $B_{\text{Lip}_0 Y}$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  such that  $f = \lambda f_1 + (1 - \lambda)f_2$ . If  $H_i \in E(f_i), i = 1, 2$ , then  $H_1|_Y + (1 - \lambda)H_2|_Y = \lambda f_1|_Y + (1 - \lambda)f_2|_Y = f$  and  $1 = \|f\|_Y = \|\lambda H_1 + (1 - \lambda)H_2\|_X \leq \lambda \|H_1\|_X + (1 - \lambda)\|H_2\|_X \leq 1$ , showing that  $\lambda H_1 + (1 - \lambda)H_2 \in E(f)$ . Since  $H_i|_Y = f_i \neq f, i = 1, 2$ , it follows that  $H_i \in E(f), i = 1, 2$  and  $E(f)$  is not a face of  $B_{\text{Lip}_0 X}$ .

**Remark 1.** The extensions  $F_1, F_2$  of a function  $f \in \text{Lip}_0 Y$ , given by (1.5) and (1.6), are extremal points of the face  $E(f)$  and consequently they are extremal elements of the unit ball  $B_{\text{Lip}_0 X}$ , too. Indeed, if  $F, G \in E(f)$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  are such that  $E_1 = \lambda F + (1 - \lambda)G$  then, by (1.8),  $F_1 \leq F$  and  $F_1 \leq G$  implying  $F = F_1 = G$ . The extremality of  $F_2$  is proved similarly.

2. Let

$$Y^\perp = \{F \in \text{Lip}_0 X : F|_Y = 0\},$$

be the annihilator subspace of  $Y$  in  $\text{Lip}_0 X$ .

A subset  $\Lambda$  of  $\text{Lip}_0 X$  is called *proximal* in  $\text{Lip}_0 X$  if every  $F \in \text{Lip}_0 X$  has a nearest point in  $\Lambda$ , i.e. there exists  $G \in \Lambda$  such that  $\|F - G\|_X = d(F, \Lambda)$ , where

$$d(F, \Lambda) = \inf \{ \|F - H\|_X : H \in \Lambda \}.$$

The *metric projection*  $P_\Lambda : \text{Lip}_0 X \rightarrow 2^\Lambda$  is defined by

$$P_\Lambda(F) = \{ G \in \Lambda : \|F - G\|_X = d(F, \Lambda) \}.$$

If  $P_\Lambda(F)$  is a singleton for every  $F \in \text{Lip}_0 X$  then  $\Lambda$  is called a *Chebyshevian subset* of  $\text{Lip}_0 X$ .

There is a closed relation between the extension operator  $E$  and the projection operator  $P_{Y^\perp}$ , illustrated in the following theorem:

**THEOREM 3.** *The following assertions hold:*

- 1° The subspace  $Y^\perp$  is proximal in  $\text{Lip}_0 X$ ;
- 2° The equality

$$(2.1) \quad d(F, Y^\perp) = \|F|_Y\|_Y,$$

is true for all  $F \in \text{Lip}_0 X$ ;

3° A function  $G \in Y^\perp$  is a best approximation element for  $F$  if and only if there exists  $H \in E(F|_Y)$  such that  $G = F - H$ , or equivalently

$$(2.2) \quad P_{Y^\perp}(F) = F - E(F|_Y).$$

*Proof.* First we prove formula (2.1). If  $F \in \text{Lip}_0 X$ , then for any  $G \in Y^\perp$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|F|_Y\|_Y &= \sup \{ |F(y) - F(y')| / d(y, y') : y, y' \in Y, y \neq y' \} = \\ &= \sup \{ |(F - G)(y) - (F - G)(y')| / d(y, y') : y, y' \in Y, y \neq y' \} \\ &\leq \sup \{ |(F - G)(x) - (F - G)(x')| / d(x, x') : x, x' \in X, x \neq x' \} \\ &= \|F - G\|_X, \end{aligned}$$

implying that  $\|F|_Y\|_Y \leq d(F, Y^\perp)$ .

On the other hand, by Theorem 1, there exists  $H \in \text{Lip}_0 X$  such that  $H|_Y = F|_Y$  and  $\|H\|_X = \|F|_Y\|_Y$ . It follows that  $F - H \in Y^\perp$  and  $\|F|_Y\|_Y = \|F - (F - H)\|_X \geq \inf \{ \|F - G\|_X : G \in Y^\perp \} = d(F, Y^\perp)$ , showing that  $\|F|_Y\|_Y = d(F, Y^\perp)$ .

Assertion 3° and formula (2.2) follow from [6], Lemma 1, p. 223 and assertion 1° follows from 3°.

Now, by Theorem 2, 1°, the set  $P_{Y^\perp}(F) = F - E(F|_Y)$  is bounded, convex and closed, for any  $F \in \text{Lip}_0 X$ .

We shall say that the set  $Y \subset X$  has the *property (U)* if every  $f \in \text{Lip}_0 Y$  has a unique Lipschitz extension  $F \in \text{Lip}_0 X$ , i.e.  $E(f)$  is a singleton for every  $f \in \text{Lip}_0 Y$ . By Theorem 3, the set  $Y$  has property (U) if and only if  $Y^\perp$  is a Chebyshevian subspace of  $\text{Lip}_0 X$ .

2. A natural question is when have the set valued operators  $E$  and  $P_{Y^\perp}$  continuous selections. If  $S : A \rightarrow 2^B$  is a set-valued application, a function  $s : A \rightarrow B$  is called a *selection* for  $S$  if  $s(x) \in S(x)$ , for all  $x \in A$ .

In the following theorems, we shall prove the existence of continuous selections for the operators  $E$  and  $P_{Y^\perp}$  in the particular case  $X = R$ , with the usual distance  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ .

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $X = R$ ,  $Y = [a, b] \subset R$  and  $x_0 \in [a, b]$  fixed. Then the extension operator  $E : \text{Lip}_0 Y \rightarrow 2^{\text{Lip}_0 R}$  has a continuous and positively homogeneous selection  $e$ .*

*Proof.* Define  $e_2 : \text{Lip}_0 Y \rightarrow \text{Lip}_0 R$  by

$$e_2(f) = F_2, \quad f \in \text{Lip}_0 Y,$$

where  $F_2$  is the maximal extension of  $f$  given by (1.6).

If  $\alpha > 0$  then

$$\begin{aligned} e_2(\alpha f)(x) &= \inf \{ \alpha f(y) + \| \alpha f \|_Y |x - y| : y \in [a, b] \} \\ &= \alpha \cdot \inf \{ f(y) + \| f \|_Y |x - y| : y \in [a, b] \} = \\ &= \alpha \cdot F_2(x) \end{aligned}$$

showing that  $e_2$  is positively homogeneous.

To prove the continuity of  $e_2$  for  $\varepsilon > 0$ , take  $\delta = \varepsilon/3$  and show that

$$(2.3) \quad |e_2(f) - e_2(g)| \leq \varepsilon,$$

for all  $f, g \in \text{Lip}_0 Y$  such that  $\|f - g\|_Y < \delta$ .

It is easy to check that the maximal extension  $F_2$  of  $f$  has the form

$$\begin{aligned} F_2(x) &= f(a) - \|f\|_Y(x - a), \quad \text{for } x < a \\ &= f(x), \quad \text{for } x \in [a, b] \\ &= f(b) + \|f\|_Y(x - b), \quad \text{for } x > b. \end{aligned}$$

If  $g \in \text{Lip}_0 Y$  is such that  $\|f - g\|_Y < \delta = \varepsilon/3$ , then similarly the maximal extension  $G_2$  of  $g$  has the expression:

$$\begin{aligned} G_2(x) &= g(a) - \|g\|_Y(x - a), \quad \text{for } x < a \\ &= g(x), \quad \text{for } x \in [a, b] \\ &= g(b) + \|g\|_Y(x - b), \quad \text{for } x > b. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that the difference  $H_2 = H_2 - G_2$  has the expression

$$\begin{aligned} H_2(x) &= f(a) - g(a) - (\|f\|_X - \|g\|_X)(x - a), \text{ for } x < a \\ &= f(x) - g(x), \text{ for } x \in [a, b] \\ &= f(b) - g(b) + (\|f\|_X - \|g\|_X)(x - b), \text{ for } x > b. \end{aligned}$$

We have to consider several cases:

Case 1°.  $x, y > b, x \neq y$ . In this case

$$(2.4) \quad |H_2(x) - H_2(y)| \leq \| \|f\|_X - \|g\|_X \| \cdot |x - y| \leq \|f - g\|_X \cdot |x - y| < \varepsilon |x - y|.$$

Case 2°.  $x, y < a, x \neq y$ . Reasoning like in Case 1° one obtains

$$(2.5) \quad |H_2(x) - H_2(y)| < \varepsilon \cdot |x - y|.$$

Case 3°.  $a \leq x, y \leq b, x \neq y$ . In this case

$$(2.6) \quad |H_2(x) - H_2(y)| = |(f - g)(x) - (f - g)(y)| \leq \|f - g\|_X \cdot |x - y| \leq (\varepsilon/3) \cdot |x - y|.$$

Case 4°.  $a < x < b \leq y$ . In this case

$$(2.7) \quad |H_2(x) - H_2(y)| = |(f - g)(x) - (f - g)(b) - (\|f\|_X - \|g\|_X)(x - b)| \leq (\|f\|_X - \|g\|_X) + (\|f\|_X - \|g\|_X) \cdot |x - b| \leq 2 \cdot \|f - g\|_X |x - y| < (2\varepsilon/3) \cdot |x - y|.$$

Case 5°.  $y < a \leq x \leq b$ . Reasoning like in Case 4° one obtains

$$(2.8) \quad |H_2(x) - H_2(y)| \leq (2\varepsilon/3) \cdot |x - y|.$$

Case 6°.  $x < a < b < y$ . In this case

$$(2.9) \quad |H_2(x) - H_2(y)| = |(f - g)(a) - (\|f\|_X - \|g\|_X)(x - a) - (f - g)(b) - (\|f\|_X - \|g\|_X)(y - b)| \leq \| \|f\|_X - \|g\|_X \| \cdot |a - b| + (\|f\|_X - \|g\|_X) \cdot |x + y - a - b| < < 3 \cdot \|f - g\|_X |x - y| < 3\varepsilon |x - y| = \varepsilon \cdot |x - y|.$$

Taking into account the inequalities (2.4)–(2.9), it follows that

$$\|F_2 - G_2\|_X = \|H_2\|_X = \sup \{ |H_2(x) - H_2(y)| : x, y \in R, x \neq y \} < \varepsilon$$

i.e.  $|e_2(f) - e_2(g)| < \varepsilon$ .

*Remark 2.* The selection  $e_1(f) = F_1$ , where  $F_1$  is the minimal extension of  $f$  defined by (1.5) is also continuous and positively homogeneous. This can be proved directly or taking into account the equality

$$(2.10) \quad e_1(f) = -e_2(-f),$$

which holds for all  $f \in \text{Lip}_0 Y$ .

Combining these two results one obtains the following consequence:

**COROLLARY 5.** *The extension operator  $E: \text{Lip}_0 Y \rightarrow 2^{\text{Lip}_0 R}$  has a continuous and homogeneous selection given by*

$$e(f) = (1/2) \cdot (e_1(f) + e_2(f)), f \in \text{Lip}_0 Y.$$

*Proof.* Obviously that  $e$  is continuous and positively homogeneous. On the other hand by (2.10), it follows

$$e(-f) = -e(f), f \in \text{Lip}_0 Y,$$

implying the homogeneity of  $e: e(\alpha f) = \alpha \cdot e(f), \alpha \in R, f \in \text{Lip}_0 Y$ .

**3.** This section is concerned with the existence of selections for the metric projection  $P_{Y^\perp}$  in the case  $X = R, Y = [a, b], \forall a \in [a, b]$ . A selection  $p: \text{Lip}_0 X \rightarrow Y^\perp$  of  $P_{Y^\perp}$  is called *additive modulo  $Y^\perp$* , provided

$$(3.1) \quad p(F + G) = p(F) + p(G),$$

for all  $F \in \text{Lip}_0 X$  and  $G \in Y^\perp$ .

**THEOREM 6.** *The metric projection  $P_{Y^\perp}$  has a homogeneous, additive modulo  $Y^\perp$  and continuous selection  $p$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $e$  be the homogeneous and continuous selection of the extension operator  $E$ , given in Corollary 5. Taking into account Theorem 3 and equality (2.10), define  $p: \text{Lip}_0 X \rightarrow Y^\perp$  by the formula

$$p = I - e \circ r,$$

where  $r: \text{Lip}_0 X \rightarrow \text{Lip}_0 Y$  is the restriction operator given by  $r(F) = F|_Y$  and  $I: \text{Lip}_0 X \rightarrow \text{Lip}_0 X$  is the identity map. Then

$$p(F) = (I - e \circ r)(F) = F - e(F|_Y) \in P_{Y^\perp}(F).$$

Indeed  $F - e(F|_Y) = (1/2)(F - F_1) + (1/2)(F - F_2) \in P_{Y^\perp}(F)$ , since the set  $P_{Y^\perp}(F)$  is convex.

Obviously the selection  $p$  is continuous and

$$p(\alpha F) = \alpha F + e(\alpha F|_Y) = \alpha(F + e(F|_Y)) = \alpha \cdot p(F),$$

for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , showing that  $p$  is homogeneous.

Now

$$(3.2) \quad p(F + G) = F + G - e((F + G)|_Y) = F + G - e(F|_Y) - e(G|_Y) \\ = F - e(F|_Y) + G = p(F) + G = p(F) + p(G),$$

for all  $F \in \text{Lip}_0 X$  and  $G \in Y^\perp$ , since for  $G \in Y^\perp$ ,  $P_{Y^\perp}(G) = \{G\}$  and  $p(G) = G$ .

By (3.2), the selection  $p$  is additive modulo  $Y^\perp$  and Theorem 6 is proved.

It is easily seen that the kernel of  $P_{Y^\perp}$

$$\text{Ker } P_{Y^\perp} = \{F \in \text{Lip}_0 X, 0 \in P_{Y^\perp}(F)\}$$

verifies the equality

$$(3.3) \quad \text{Ker } P_{Y^\perp} = \{F \in \text{Lip}_0 X : \|F\|_X = \|F|_Y\|_Y\}.$$

**COROLLARY 7.** For  $X = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $Y = [a, b]$  and  $x_0 \in [a, b]$  the following assertions are true:

- The extension operator  $E$  has a linear and continuous selection;
- The metric projection  $P_{Y^\perp}$  has a linear and continuous selection;
- There exists a subspace  $W$  of the subspace  $\text{Ker } P_{Y^\perp}$  such that every  $F \in \text{Lip}_0 X$  can be uniquely represented in the form  $F = H + G$ , with  $H \in W$ ,  $G \in Y^\perp$ , i.e. the subspace  $Y^\perp$  is complemented in  $\text{Lip}_0 X$ .

*Proof.* (a) We show that the application  $e: \text{Lip}_0 Y \rightarrow \text{Lip}_0 X$  defined by

$$(3.4) \quad e(f) = (1/2)(F_1 + F_2),$$

where  $F_1, F_2$  are the extremal extensions of  $f$  given by (1.5) and (1.6), is linear and continuous selection of  $E$ .

Writing explicitly  $e$  we find that

$$e(f)(x) = f(a), \text{ for } x < a,$$

$$= f(x), \text{ for } x \in [a, b],$$

$$= f(b), \text{ for } x > b,$$

for any  $f \in \text{Lip}_0 Y$ . Obviously  $e(\alpha f + \beta g)(x) = \alpha \cdot e(f)(x) + \beta \cdot e(g)(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and all  $f, g \in \text{Lip}_0 Y$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , showing that  $e$  is linear. The continuity of  $e$  was proved in Corollary 5.

(b) The application  $p: \text{Lip}_0 Y \rightarrow Y^\perp$  defined, for  $F \in \text{Lip}_0 X$ , by

$$(3.5) \quad p(F) = F - e(F|_Y) = F - (1/2)(F_1 + F_2),$$

where  $F_1, F_2$  are the extensions given by (1.5), (1.6), is linear and continuous.

(c) Let

$$(3.6) \quad W = \{e(F|_Y) : F \in \text{Lip}_0 X\}.$$

The linearity of  $e$  implies that  $W$  is a subspace of  $\text{Lip}_0 X$ . By (3.3) and the equality

$$\|e(F|_Y)\|_X = \|F|_Y\|_Y$$

it follows that  $W \subset \text{Ker } P_{Y^\perp}$ .

For  $F \in \text{Lip}_0 X$  define

$$(3.7) \quad G(x) = 0, \text{ for } x \in [a, b] \\ = F(x) - F(a), \text{ for } x < a \\ = F(x) - F(b), \text{ for } x > b$$

and

$$(3.8) \quad H(x) = F(x), \text{ for } x \in [a, b] \\ = F(a), \text{ for } x < a \\ = F(b), \text{ for } x > b.$$

Then  $F = H + G$ ,  $G \in Y^\perp$  and  $H = e(F|_Y) \in W$ .

To prove that  $\text{Lip}_0 X$  is the topological direct sum of the subspaces  $Y^\perp$  and  $W$ , it is sufficient to prove that the projection operator on  $Y^\perp$  is continuous, i.e. that the application  $F \rightarrow G$ , where  $G \in Y^\perp$  is the function defined in (3.7) is a linear and continuous operator from  $\text{Lip}_0 X$  to  $Y^\perp$ .

The linearity is obvious. To prove the continuity suppose that  $F_n \rightarrow F$  in  $\text{Lip}_0 X$ , i.e.  $\|F_n - F\|_X \rightarrow 0$ . Then

$$G_n(x) = 0, \text{ } x \in [a, b]$$

$$= F_n(x) - F_n(a), \text{ } x < a$$

$$= F_n(x) - F_n(b), \text{ } x > b$$



and

$$\begin{aligned} U_n(x) &= G_n(x) - G(x) = 0, \quad x \in [a, b] \\ &= F_n(x) - F(x) + (F(a) - F_n(a)), \quad x < a \\ &= F_n(x) - F(x) + (F(b) - F_n(b)), \quad x > b. \end{aligned}$$

Again, we have to consider several cases:

Case 1.  $x, y < a$ . In this case

$$|U_n(x) - U_n(y)| = |(F_n - F)(x) - (F_n - F)(y)| \leq \|F_n - F\|_x \cdot |x - y|.$$

The same inequality is obtained for  $x, y > b$ .

Case 2.  $a < x < b < y$ . In this case

$$\begin{aligned} |U_n(x) - U_n(y)| &= |U_n(y)| = |F_n(y) - F(y) - (F(b) - F_n(b))| = \\ &= |(F_n - F)(y) - (F_n - F)(b)| \leq \|F_n - F\|_x |y - b| \leq \|F_n - F\|_x \cdot |x - y| \end{aligned}$$

The same inequality holds for  $x < a < y < b$ .

Case 3.  $x < a < b < y$ . In this case

$$\begin{aligned} |U_n(x) - U_n(y)| &= |F_n(x) - F(x) - (F_n(a) - F(a)) - F_n(y) + F(y) + \\ &+ F_n(b) - F(b)| \leq |(F_n - F)(x) - (F_n - F)(y)| + |(F_n - F)(b) - \\ &- (F_n - F)(a)| \leq \|F_n - F\|_x \cdot |x - y| + \|F_n - F\|_x \cdot (b - a) \\ &\leq 2\|F_n - F\|_x \cdot |x - y|. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$|U_n(x) - U_n(y)| \leq 2\|F_n - F\|_x \cdot |x - y|,$$

for all  $x, y \in R$ , implying  $\|U_n\|_x \leq 2\|F_n - F\|_x \rightarrow 0$ .

It follows that  $F_n \rightarrow F$  implies  $G_n \rightarrow G$ , showing that the projection operator on  $Y^\perp$  is continuous and consequently  $\text{Lip}_0 X$  is the direct sum of  $Y^\perp$  and  $W$ . Corollary 7 is completely proved.

Remarks 3. (a) In the considered case ( $X = R$ ,  $Y = [a, b]$ ,  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ ), we have  $e_1(f) \neq e_2(f)$ , for all  $f \in \text{Lip}_0 Y$ ,  $f \neq 0$ . In fact  $e_1(f) < e(f) < e_2(f)$ ,  $f \in \text{Lip}_0 Y$ .

(b) Let  $X = [0, 1]$  with  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ ,  $Y = \{0, 1\}$  and  $x_0 = 0$ . Then  $e_1(f) = e_2(f) = e(f)$ , for all  $f \in \text{Lip}_0 Y$ . It follows that  $Y^\perp = \{F \in \text{Lip}_0 X : F(0) = F(1) = 0\}$  is a Chebyshevian subspace of  $\text{Lip}_0 X$ . In this case  $\text{Lip}_0 X = \text{Ker } P_{Y^\perp} \oplus Y^\perp$  and the extension operator  $E$  and the metric projection  $P_{Y^\perp}$  are linear and single valued.

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