



## $c$ -Continuous polynomials on $\ell_1$

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*Abstract:* In this article we study the  $n$ -homogeneous polynomials  $P$  that are  $c$ -continuous on bounded subsets of  $\ell_1$ . We show that  $P$  can be decomposed in the form  $R + Q$ , where  $Q$  and  $R$  are  $n$ -homogeneous polynomials, with  $R$  weakly star continuous and  $Q(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \ker u$  for  $u = (1, 1, \dots, 1, \dots)$ . We conclude that  $P = \sum_{j=0}^n u^{n-j} \otimes R_j$ , where  $R_j$  is a weakly star continuous  $j$ -homogeneous polynomial for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $E$  and  $F$  be Banach spaces and  $\Phi$  be an arbitrary subset of  $E'$ . A function  $f : E \rightarrow F$  is said to be  $\Phi$ -continuous on bounded subsets of  $E$ , if for each bounded set  $\Omega \subset E$ ,  $a \in \Omega$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there are  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p$  in  $\Phi$  and  $\delta > 0$ , such that if  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $|\phi_j(x - a)| < \delta$ , for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ , then  $\|f(x) - f(a)\| < \varepsilon$ . In a similar way we define uniform  $\Phi$ -continuity on bounded subsets of  $E$ .

In [1] is showed that in every Banach space  $E$ , every  $m$ -homogeneous polynomial  $P : E \rightarrow F$  which is weakly continuous on bounded sets of  $E$  is weakly uniformly continuous on bounded sets. The corresponding problem for holomorphic functions is still open.

**PROBLEM 1.** If  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a holomorphic function which is weakly continuous on bounded sets, is  $f$  weakly uniformly continuous?

This problem was raised in 1982 by Aron et al. in [1] and cited in many works, such as [1, 2, 3, 5, 8]. It is obvious that the problem has an affirmative

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answer if  $E$  is reflexive. However, Dineen in [6] showed that this problem has an affirmative answer if  $E = c_0$  and more generally in [4], it is shown that this problem also has an affirmative answer in every Banach space with the  $U$  property and without a copy of  $\ell_1$ . In particular, this is true for every Banach space that is an  $M$ -ideal in its bidual, such as Banach spaces with a shrinking and unconditional Schauder basis.

The Problem 1 is also so-called “*the  $\ell_1$ -problem*”, since Aron et al., showed in [1, Example 3.5], that if Problem 1 has an affirmative answer for the space  $\ell_1$ , then it has an affirmative answer for all Banach spaces  $E$ .

Every entire function  $f : \ell_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , which is  $c_0$ -continuous on bounded sets of  $\ell_1$ , is  $c_0$ -uniformly continuous on bounded sets, since every bounded set is relatively  $\sigma(\ell_1, c_0)$ -compact. However, it changes if we consider the space  $c$  of the convergent sequences and the topology  $\sigma(\ell_1, c)$  in  $\ell_1$ , since the bounded subsets of  $\ell_1$  are not relatively  $\sigma(\ell_1, c)$ -compact. In fact, the sequence of vectors  $(e_n)$  of the canonical basis of  $\ell_1$  does not converge in this topology. Thus we raise the next problem apparently weaker than  $\ell_1$ -problem.

**PROBLEM 2.** Is every  $c$ -continuous holomorphic function on bounded subsets of  $\ell_1$ ,  $c$ -uniformly continuous?

This paper is motivated by the question mentioned above. We focus our attention on polynomials and entire functions on  $\ell_1$  that are  $c$ -continuous on bounded sets.

## 2. NOTATIONS

If  $E$  is a complex Banach space,  $B(E)$  and  $E'$  will denote the closed unit ball and the topological dual of  $E$ , respectively. For each positive integer  $m$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(^m E)$  is the space of continuous  $m$ -linear mappings from  $E \times \cdots \times E$  to  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathcal{P}(^m E)$  is the space of continuous  $m$ -homogeneous polynomials from  $E$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ . For each polynomial  $P \in \mathcal{P}(^m E)$ , there exists a unique symmetric mapping  $\check{P} \in \mathcal{L}(^m E)$  such that  $P(x) = \check{P}(x, \dots, x) = \check{P}(x^m)$ . When  $m = 1$ , we have that  $\mathcal{L}(^1 E) = \mathcal{P}(^1 E) = E'$  and for  $m = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(^0 E)$  and  $\mathcal{L}(^0 E)$  are associated to  $\mathbb{C}$ .

The space  $\mathcal{L}(^m E)$  is a Banach space, under the norm

$$A \in \mathcal{L}(^m E) \mapsto \|A\| = \sup \{|A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)| : x_j \in E, \|x_j\| \leq 1\},$$

and therefore for every  $x, y \in E$  and every integer positive  $j$ , with  $0 \leq j \leq m$ ,

we have that

$$|A(x^{m-j}, y^j)| \leq \|A\| \|x^{m-j}\| \|y^j\|.$$

Also,  $\mathcal{P}({}^m E)$  is a Banach space with respect to the norm

$$\|P\| = \sup_{x \in B(E)} |P(x)|$$

and we have that

$$\|P\| \leq \left\| \overset{\vee}{P} \right\| \leq \frac{m^m}{m!} \|P\|.$$

We refer to [9] or [5] for the general theory of polynomials and holomorphic mappings on Banach spaces.

Let  $\Phi \subset E'$  be an arbitrary family. We say that a bounded sequence  $(x_n) \subset E$ , is  $\Phi$ -Cauchy if for all  $\phi \in \Phi$ , the numerical sequence  $\phi(x_n)$  converges. We say that  $(x_n) \subset E$ , is  $\Phi$ -convergent if there exists  $x \in E$  such that  $\lim_n \phi(x_n) = \phi(x)$ , for every  $\phi \in \Phi$ . In this case we write  $\Phi\text{-}\lim_n x_n = x$ . For example, in the space  $\ell_1$  space, the sequence of canonical basis vectors  $(e_n)$  is  $c$ -Cauchy, but  $(e_n)$  is not  $c$ -convergent. We denote by  $\mathcal{P}_\Phi({}^m E)$  the space of all  $\Phi$ -sequentially continuous polynomials on bounded subsets of  $E$ .  $\mathcal{P}_\Phi({}^m E)$  is a norm-closed subspace of  $\mathcal{P}({}^m E)$ .

The following result is an immediate consequence of [1, Lemma 2.4, Lemma 2.6, Proposition 2.8].

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $E$  be a complex Banach space and  $\Phi$  be any separable subspace of  $E'$ .*

- (i) *If  $P \in \mathcal{P}_\Phi({}^m E)$ , then for every bounded  $\Phi$ -Cauchy sequence  $(x_n)$ , the sequence of  $(m - 1)$ -homogeneous polynomials  $T_n(x) = \overset{\vee}{P}(x_n, x^{m-1})$  converges in norm. In particular, if  $(x_n)$  is  $\Phi$ -convergent to 0 then  $(T_n)$  converges in norm to the null polynomial.*
- (ii) *If  $P \in \mathcal{P}_\Phi({}^m E)$  then the  $m$ -linear mapping  $\overset{\vee}{P} : E \times \cdots \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is  $\Phi$ -continuous. Besides, for each  $a \in E$  and every integer  $j$  with  $0 \leq j \leq m$ , the mapping  $T_j(x) = \overset{\vee}{P}(a^j, x^{m-j})$  is  $\Phi$ -continuous on bounded subsets of  $E$ .*

### 3. c-CONTINUOUS POLYNOMIALS

The canonical basis  $(e_j)$  of  $\ell_1$  is  $c$ -Cauchy and therefore by Theorem 1, given a polynomial  $P \in \mathcal{P}_c({}^m \ell_1)$  the sequence of polynomials  $T_k(x) =$

$\bigvee P(e_k, x^{m-1})$  converges in the norm. If  $P \in \mathcal{P}_{c_0}({}^m\ell_1)$ , then  $T_k$  converges to 0 in norm, since  $c_0 - \lim_k e_k = 0$ .

If  $\phi \in \mathcal{P}({}^1\ell_1) = \ell_\infty$  is  $c$ -continuous on bounded subsets of  $\ell_1$  then  $\phi \in c$ . In fact, suppose that  $\phi = (\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots)$ . Since the sequence  $(e_k)$  is  $c$ -Cauchy, then by Theorem 1, the sequence  $(\phi_k) = (\phi(e_k))$  converges, that is  $(\phi_k) \in c$ . In the same way, we show that if  $\phi \in \mathcal{P}({}^1\ell_1)$  is  $c_0$ -continuous on bounded subsets of  $\ell_1$ , then  $\phi \in c_0$ . However, this last result is a particular case of [7, Theorem V.5.6].

We denote by  $(e_n^*)$  the associated sequence of coefficient functionals for the basis  $(e_n)$  of  $\ell_1$ .

**PROPOSITION 1.** *Let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence of complex-valued functions defined on  $\ell_1$ . If  $(f_n)$  is pointwise bounded, then for all  $x, y \in \ell_1$  the series  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) f_j(y)$  converges. Moreover, we have that:*

- (i) *If  $(R_n) \subset \mathcal{P}({}^m\ell_1)$  converges to 0 pointwise and*

$$P(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) R_j(x),$$

*then  $P \in \mathcal{P}({}^{m+1}\ell_1)$ .*

- (ii) *If  $\Phi = c$  or  $\Phi = c_0$  and  $(R_n) \subset P_\Phi({}^m\ell_1)$  converges to 0 in norm and*

$$P(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) R_j(x),$$

*then  $P \in \mathcal{P}_\Phi({}^m\ell_1)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(e_j^*)$  be the coordinate functionals associated with the canonical basis  $(e_j)$  of  $\ell_1$ . For each  $y \in \ell_1$  we have  $(f_i(y)) \in \ell_\infty$  and therefore  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) f_j(y)$  converges.

(i) Since  $(R_n)$  converges to 0 pointwise, then  $(R_n)$  is uniformly bounded on  $B(\ell_1)$  by [9, Theorem 2.6], that is,  $\sup_{j \geq 1} \|R_j\| < \infty$ . Thus  $|R_j(x)| \leq \|R_j\| \|x\|^m$ , for all  $x \in B(\ell_1)$  and  $j \geq 1$ . Obviously  $R(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) R_j(x)$  is an  $(m+1)$ -homogeneous polynomial and

$$|P(x)| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) R_j(x) \right| \leq \sup_{j \geq 1} |R_j(x)| \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |e_j^*(x)| \leq \sup_{j \geq 1} \|R_j\| \|x\|^{m+1},$$

hence

$$\|P\| = \sup_{x \in B(\ell_1)} |P(x)| \leq \sup_{j \geq 1} \|R_j\|,$$

and therefore it is continuous.

(ii) For each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  define  $T_k(x) := \sum_{j=1}^k e_j^*(x) R_j(x)$ . Since  $(e_j^*) \subset \Phi$  and  $(R_j) \subset P_\Phi({}^m\ell_1)$ , then  $(T_k) \subset P_\Phi({}^{m+1}\ell_1)$ . Now, for all  $x \in B(\ell_1)$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n > m$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |T_m(x) - T_n(x)| &\leq \left| \sum_{j=m+1}^n e_j^*(x) R_j(x) \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{j=m+1, \dots, n} |R_j(x)| \sum_{j=m+1}^n |e_j^*(x)| \\ &\leq \sup_{j=m+1, \dots, n} \|R_j\| \|x\|^{m+1} \leq \sup_{j \geq m+1} \|R_j\| \|x\|^{m+1}, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore  $\|T_m - T_n\| \leq \sup_{j \geq m+1} \|R_j\|$ . Since  $\lim \|R_j\| = 0$ , it follows that  $(T_m)$  is a Cauchy sequence in the space  $P_\Phi({}^m\ell_1)$  and therefore convergent in norm. Since  $P(x) = \lim_k T_k(x)$  for all  $x \in \ell_1$ , it follows that  $P \in P_\Phi({}^m\ell_1)$ . ■

Our interest in the  $\ell_1$  space is due to the following result.

**PROPOSITION 2.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach space with a bounded unconditional Schauder basis  $(b_n)$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $(P_j) \subset \mathcal{P}({}^mE)$  be a sequence such that for all  $x \neq 0$  we have  $\lim_j P_j(x) \neq 0$ . If for all  $x = \sum_{j=1}^\infty x_j b_j \in E$  the function  $Q(x) := \sum_{j=1}^\infty x_j P_j(x)$  is defined and continuous on  $E$ , then  $E$  is isomorphic to  $\ell_1$ .*

*Proof.* In fact, let be  $x = \sum_{j=1}^\infty x_j b_j \neq 0$  and  $(\theta_j) \subset \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\theta_j| = 1$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots$  such that  $\theta_j x_j P_j(x) = |x_j P_j(x)|$ , then  $\bar{x} = \sum_{j=1}^\infty x_j \theta_j b_j \in E$  and therefore

$$Q(\bar{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^\infty x_j \theta_j P_j(x) = \sum_{j=1}^\infty |x_j| |P_j(x)|.$$

Since  $\lim_j P_j(x) \neq 0$ , then there exists an positive integer  $j_0$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|P_j(x)| > \delta$ , for  $j \geq j_0$ . Hence we have that

$$Q(\bar{x}) \geq \sum_{j=1}^{j_0} |x_j| |P_j(x)| + \delta \sum_{j=j_0+1}^\infty |x_j|.$$

Thus  $(x_j) \in \ell_1$ . This proves that  $(b_j) \succ (e_j)$ . Since  $(b_j)$  is bounded then  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |x_j| < \infty$  implies that  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x_j b_j \in E$ . Thus,  $(e_j) \succ (b_j)$  and therefore  $E$  is isomorphic to  $\ell_1$ . ■

The conclusion of Proposition 1 (ii) is not true if the sequence  $(P_j)$  converges to 0. In fact, if  $E = \ell_2$  and  $P_j(x_1, x_2, \dots) = 1/j$ , then  $Q(x_1, x_2, \dots) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x_j P_j(x) \in \mathcal{P}({}^2\ell_2)$ .

**COROLLARY 1.** *Let  $(R_j) \subset \mathcal{P}_c({}^m\ell_1)$  be a sequence of polynomials convergent in norm. If  $P(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x_j R_j(x)$  then  $P \in \mathcal{P}_c(\ell_1)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{P}_c({}^m\ell_1)$  is a closed subspace of  $\mathcal{P}({}^m\ell_1)$ , then  $R = \lim R_j \in \mathcal{P}_c({}^m\ell_1)$ . Now, if  $u = (1, 1, \dots) \in c$  then

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) (R_j(x) - R(x)) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) R(x) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) (R_j(x) - R(x)) + u(x) R(x). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_j \|R_j - R\| = 0$ , then by Proposition 1(2) the polynomial

$$Q(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) (R_j(x) - R(x)),$$

is  $c$ -continuous on bounded sets. Obviously  $S(x) := u(x) R(x)$  is also  $c$ -continuous on bounded subsets of  $\ell_1$ . ■

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach space. If  $\phi \in E'$ ,  $R \in \mathcal{P}({}^{m-1}E)$  and  $Q(x) := \phi(x) R(x)$ , then for all  $x, y \in E$  we have*

$$\check{Q}(x, y^{m-1}) = \frac{1}{m} \phi(x) R(y) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right) \phi(y) \check{R}(x, y^{m-2}).$$

*Proof.* Let  $T : E \times \dots \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be the  $m$ -linear map defined by

$$T(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m) = \phi(z_1) \check{R}(z_2, z_3, \dots, z_m).$$

Then  $Q(x) = T(x, x, \dots, x)$ , and by [9, Proposition 1.6] we have

$$\begin{aligned} \check{Q}(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) &= \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_m} T(z_{\sigma(1)}, z_{\sigma(2)}, \dots, z_{\sigma(m)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{\sigma \in S_m} \phi(z_{\sigma(1)}) \check{R}(z_{\sigma(2)}, z_{\sigma(3)}, \dots, z_{\sigma(m)}). \end{aligned}$$

If  $z_2 = z_3 = \dots = z_m = z$ , then we obtain

$$\phi(z_{\sigma(1)}) \check{R}(z_{\sigma(2)}, z_{\sigma(3)}, \dots, z_{\sigma(n)}) = \begin{cases} \phi(z_1) \check{R}(z, z, \dots, z) & \text{if } \sigma(1) = 1, \\ \phi(z) \check{R}(z_1, z, \dots, z) & \text{if } \sigma(1) \neq 1. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, if  $K = \{\sigma \in S_m : \sigma(1) = 1\}$ , then  $\#K = (m - 1)!$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \check{Q}(z_1, z^{m-1}) &= \frac{1}{m!} \left( \sum_{\sigma \in K} \phi(z_1) \check{R}(z, z, \dots, z) + \sum_{\sigma \in S_m - K} \phi(z) \check{R}(z_1, z, \dots, z) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{m!} \left( (m - 1)! \phi(z_1) R(z) + (m! - (m - 1)!) \phi(z) \check{R}(z_1, z^{m-2}) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \phi(z_1) R(z) + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{m} \right) \phi(z) \check{R}(z_1, z^{m-2}). \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 2. For  $m \geq 1$ , let  $(R_j) \subset \mathcal{P}(^{m-1}\ell_1)$  be a pointwise convergent sequence to zero and  $P(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) R_j(x)$ . Then for all  $x, y \in \ell_1$  we have

$$\check{P}(x, y^{m-1}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) R_j(y) + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{m} \right) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(y) \check{R}_j(x, y^{m-2}).$$

*Proof.* Let  $Q_j(x) = e_j^*(x) R_j(x)$ . Lemma 1 implies that for all  $x, y \in \ell_1$  we have

$$\check{Q}_j(x, y^{m-1}) = \frac{1}{m} e_j^*(x) R_j(y) + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{m} \right) e_j^*(y) \check{R}_j(x, y^{m-2}).$$

Since  $(R_j)$  converges pointwise to zero, then by [9, Theorem 2.6],  $(R_j)$  is bounded in norm. Hence, by Proposition 1, the series  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) R_j(y)$  converges. Let  $(S_j)$  be a sequence of  $(m - 1)$ -homogeneous polynomials defined by  $S_j(y) = \check{R}_j(x, y^{m-2})$ . Then the sequence  $(S_j)$  converges pointwise to zero

by the polarization formula [9, Theorem 1.10]. Therefore, by Proposition 1 the series  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(y) \check{R}_j(x, y^{m-2})$  converges and since

$$P(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) R_j(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Q_j(x),$$

it follows by linearity that  $\check{P}(x, y^{m-1}) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \check{Q}_j(x, y^{m-1})$ . So

$$\check{P}(x, y^{m-1}) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m} e_j^*(x) R_j(y) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right) e_j^*(y) \check{R}_j(x, y^{m-2}). \quad \blacksquare$$

It follows from Lemma 2 that if  $P(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) R_j(x)$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots) \in \ell_1$ , then

$$\check{P}(e_k, y^{m-1}) = \frac{1}{m} R_k(y) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(y) \check{R}_j(e_k, y^{m-2}).$$

We do not know if the converse of Proposition 1(2) is true for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . However, the following proposition shows that if  $\Phi = c_0$ , the pointwise convergence of  $(R_n)$  is necessary.

**PROPOSITION 3.** *Let  $(R_n) \subset \mathcal{P}({}^m\ell_1)$ , be a sequence of  $c_0$ -continuous polynomials and for each  $x \in \ell_1$  define*

$$P(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e_n^*(x) R_n(x).$$

*If  $P$  is  $c_0$ -continuous in the bounded subsets of  $\ell_1$ , then  $(R_n)$  converges pointwise to zero.*

*Proof.* We prove the assertion by induction on  $m$ . Recall that if  $(e_k)$  is the canonical basis of  $\ell_1$  and  $(\phi_j) \subset c_0$  is a bounded sequence such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi_n(e_k) = 0$  for every  $k$ , then  $\lim_j \phi_j(a) = 0$  for all  $a \in \ell_1$ .

Consider the bounded sequence  $(\phi_n) \subset c_0 = \mathcal{P}_{c_0}({}^1\ell_1)$ , and the polynomial  $P(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e_n^*(x) \phi_n(x)$ . Assume that the polynomial  $P$  is  $c_0$ -continuous on bounded subsets of  $\ell_1$ . Then, by Lemma 2, we have

$$\check{P}(e_k, y) = \frac{1}{2} \phi_k(y) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(y) \phi_j(e_k),$$



thus

$$(3.1) \quad \check{P}(e_k, e_l) = \frac{1}{2}(\phi_k(e_l) + \phi_l(e_k)).$$

As  $P \in \mathcal{P}_{c_0}(\ell_1)$ , then for each  $l$  we have  $\lim_k \check{P}(e_k, e_l) = 0$ , also for each  $l$  we have  $\lim_k \phi_l(e_k) = 0$  because  $\phi_l \in c_0$ . Thus, Equation 3.1 implies that for each  $l$  we have  $\lim_k \phi_k(e_l) = 0$  and therefore for all  $a \in \ell_1$ , we have  $\lim \phi_n(a) = 0$ . This shows the assertion for  $m = 1$ .

We assume the assertion true for  $m$ . Let  $(R_n) \in P_{c_0}({}^{m+1}\ell_1)$  be a bounded sequence and  $P(x) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty e_n^*(x) R_n(x)$ . Assume that  $P \in \mathcal{P}_{c_0}({}^{m+2}\ell_1)$ . By Lemma 2, we have

$$(3.2) \quad \check{P}(e_k, y^{m+1}) = \frac{1}{m+2} R_k(y) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{m+2}\right) \sum_{j=1}^\infty e_j^*(y) \check{R}_j(e_k, y^m).$$

As  $P \in P_{c_0}({}^{m+2}\ell_1)$ , then by Theorem 1, the polynomial  $T_k(y) = \check{P}(e_k, y^m)$  is  $c_0$ -continuous on bounded subsets of  $\ell_1$ . Also by hypothesis  $R_k \in P_{c_0}({}^m\ell_1)$ , thus the identity 3.2 implies that for each  $k$ , the polynomial

$$S_k(y) := \sum_{j=1}^\infty y_j \check{R}_j(e_k, y^{m-1}),$$

is  $c_0$ -continuous on bounded subsets of  $\ell_1$ . By Theorem 1, for each  $k, j$ , the polynomial  $U_j(y) = \check{R}_j(e_k, y^{m-1})$  is  $c_0$ -continuous on bounded subsets of  $\ell_1$ . Also, by [9, Theorem 2.2] we have

$$\sup_j \|U_j\| \leq \sup_j \|\check{R}_j\| < \frac{m^m}{m!} \sup_j \|R_j\| < \infty.$$

Thus,  $(U_j) \subset \mathcal{P}_{c_0}({}^{m-1}\ell_1)$  is a bounded sequence and by induction hypothesis, given  $k$  and  $y \in \ell_1$ , we have

$$(3.3) \quad \lim_j \check{R}_j(e_k, y^{m-1}) = 0.$$

For each  $j$  and  $x \in \ell_1$  define  $\psi_j(x) = \check{R}_j(x, y^{m-1})$ . Since  $R_j \in P_{c_0}({}^{m+1}\ell_1)$  then we have that  $(\psi_j) \subset c_0$  by Theorem 1, and

$$\|\psi_j\| \leq \frac{m^m}{m!} \sup_j \|R_j\| \|y\|^{m-1} < \infty \quad \text{for all } j \geq 1.$$

Equation 3.3 implies that for each  $k$  we have that  $\lim_j \psi_j(e_k) = 0$  and therefore for all  $x \in \ell_1$  we have  $\lim_j \psi_j(x) = 0$ . In particular  $\lim_j \psi_j(y) = 0$ , that is  $\lim R_j(y) = 0$ . This proves our assertion for  $m + 1$ , and the proof is complete. ■

We recall that if  $\psi \in c \subset \ell_\infty$  then  $\psi = \lambda u + \phi$ , where  $\phi \in c_0$ ,  $u = (1, 1, \dots, 1, \dots) \in c$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Now, for each  $j$  we have  $\|\psi\| \geq |\psi(e_j)| = |\lambda u(e_j) + \phi(e_j)| = |\lambda_j + \phi_j(e_k)|$  and letting  $j \rightarrow \infty$  we have  $\|\psi\| \geq |\lambda|$ . Therefore, if  $(\lambda_j) \subset \mathbb{C}$ ,  $(\phi_j) \subset c_0$  and  $\lim_j \|\lambda_j u + \phi_j\| = 0$  then  $\lim_j \lambda_j = 0$  and  $\lim_j \|\phi_j\| = 0$ . This result can be generalized to polynomials in the space  $\mathcal{P}_c({}^m \ell_1)$ .

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $(Q_j) \subset \mathcal{P}_c({}^m \ell_1)$  and  $(R_j) \subset \mathcal{P}_{c_0}({}^m \ell_1)$  be sequences of polynomials such that  $Q_j(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \ker u$ . If  $\lim_j \|Q_j + R_j\| = 0$ , then  $\lim_j \|R_j\| = 0$  and  $\lim_j \|Q_j\| = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $P_j = Q_j + R_j$  then  $P_j \in \mathcal{P}_c({}^m \ell_1)$  for every  $j$ . Now, if  $z \in \ker u$  then

$$|P_j(z)| = |R_j(z)|.$$

Thus

$$\sup_{x \in B(\ell_1) \cap \ker u} |R_j(x)| = \sup_{x \in B(\ell_1) \cap \ker u} |P_j(x)| \leq \sup_{x \in B(\ell_1)} \|P_j(x)\| = \|P_j\|.$$

Therefore

$$(3.4) \quad \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{x \in B(\ell_1) \cap \ker u} |R_j(x)| = 0.$$

If  $x = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \alpha_j e_j \in B(\ell_1)$ , then for every  $n$  we have

$$x = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \alpha_j (e_j - e_{j+n}) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \alpha_j e_{j+n}.$$

Note that

$$y_n := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \alpha_j (e_j - e_{j+n}) \in 2B(\ell_1) \cap \ker u, \quad \text{and} \quad z_n := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \alpha_j e_{n+j} \in B(\ell_1).$$

By Leibniz's formula [9, Theorem 1.8], we have

$$R_j(x) = R_j(y_n + z_n) = R_j(y_n) + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{n}{k} \check{R}_j(y_n^k, z_n^{m-k}).$$

Since  $R_j \in P_{c_0}(\ell_1)$ ,  $\|z_n\| \leq 2$  for every  $n$ , and  $c_0 - \lim_n z_n = 0$ , then by Theorem 1, for each  $k = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1$ , we have

$$\lim_n \left( \sup_{y \in B(\ell_1)} \left| \bigvee R_j(y^k, z_n^{m-k}) \right| \right) = 0.$$

Thus, for each  $k = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1$ , and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n_0, n_1, \dots, n_{m-1}$  such that

$$\sup_{x \in B(\ell_1)} \left| \bigvee R_j(x^k, z_n^{m-k}) \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{m+1}}, \text{ for all } n \geq n_k, k = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1,$$

and therefore

$$\sup_{x \in B(\ell_1)} \left| \bigvee R_j(x^k, z_n^{m-k}) \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{m+1}}, \text{ for all } n \geq \max\{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_{m-1}\}.$$

Thus, for all  $n \geq \max\{n_0, n_1, \dots, n_{m-1}\}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |R_j(x)| &= \left| R_j(y_n) + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{m}{k} \bigvee R_j(y_n^k, z_n^{m-k}) \right| \\ &= |R_j(y_n)| + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{m}{k} \left| \bigvee R_j(y_n^k, z_n^{m-k}) \right| \\ (3.5) \quad &\leq \sup_{y \in 2B(\ell_1) \cap \ker u} |R_j(y)| + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{m}{k} \sup_{x \in B(\ell_1)} \left| \bigvee R_j(x^k, z_n^{m-k}) \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{y \in 2B(\ell_1) \cap \ker u} |R_j(y)| + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{m}{k} \frac{\varepsilon}{2^{m+1}} \\ &= \sup_{y \in 2B(\ell_1) \cap \ker u} |R_j(y)| + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

By 3.4 we have  $\lim_j \sup_{y \in B(\ell_1) \cap \ker u} |R_j(y)| = 0$ , hence there exists  $j_0$  such that for  $j \geq j_0$  we have

$$\sup_{y \in 2B(\ell_1) \cap \ker u} |R_j(y)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2},$$

By relation 3.5 we obtain

$$|R_j(x)| < \varepsilon, \text{ for all } x \in B(\ell_1) \text{ and } j \geq j_0.$$

Thus for all  $j \geq j_0$ ,  $\|R_j\|_{B(\ell_1)} < \varepsilon$ . This shows that  $\lim_j \|R_j\| = 0$ . Now  $Q_j = P_j - R_j$ , implies that  $\lim_j \|Q_j\| \leq \lim_j \|P_j\| + \lim_j \|R_j\| = 0$ . ■

**THEOREM 3.** *Every polynomial  $P \in \mathcal{P}_c({}^m\ell_1)$  can be decomposed in the form  $P = Q + R$ , where  $Q \in P_c({}^{m-1}\ell_1)$  with  $Q(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \ker u$  and  $R \in P_{c_0}({}^{m-1}\ell_1)$ .*

*Proof.* For  $m = 1$  the statement is obvious. Suppose it is true for  $m-1$ . Let  $P \in \mathcal{P}_c({}^m\ell_1)$  and for each  $j$  consider the polynomials  $T_j(x) = \check{P}(e_j, x^{m-1})$ . Then by Theorem 1 we have that  $T_j \in P_c({}^{m-1}\ell_1)$  and by induction hypothesis we have

$$\check{P}(e_j, x^{m-1}) = T_j(x) = Q_j(x) + R_j(x),$$

where  $Q_j \in P_c({}^{m-1}\ell_1)$ ,  $R_j \in P_{c_0}({}^{m-1}\ell_1)$  and  $Q_j(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \ker u$  for all  $j$ . Since  $(e_j)$  is  $c$ -Cauchy, then  $(T_j)$  converges in norm to a polynomial  $\bar{P} \in P_c({}^{m-1}\ell_1)$  and by induction hypothesis we have  $\bar{P} = \bar{Q} + \bar{R}$ , with  $\bar{Q} \in P_c(\ell_1)$ ,  $\bar{R} \in P_{c_0}(\ell_1)$  and  $\bar{Q}(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \ker u$ . By Lemma 2  $\lim_j R_j = \bar{R}$  and  $\lim_j Q_j = \bar{Q}$  in norm. So

$$P(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) \check{P}(e_j, x^{m-1}) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) (Q_j(x) + R_j(x))$$

And therefore

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) (Q_j(x) - \bar{Q}(x)) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) \bar{Q}(x) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) (R_j(x) - \bar{R}(x)) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) \bar{R}(x) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) (Q_j(x) - \bar{Q}(x)) + \bar{Q}(x) u(x) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) (R_j(x) - \bar{R}(x)) + \bar{R}(x) u(x) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) (Q_j(x) - \bar{Q}(x)) + (\bar{Q}(x) + \bar{R}(x)) u(x) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) (R_j(x) - \bar{R}(x)). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lim_j \|Q_j(x) - \bar{Q}(x)\| = 0$ , the polynomial

$$x \mapsto \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) (Q_j(x) - \bar{Q}(x))$$

is  $c$ -continuous on bounded subsets of  $\ell_1$  by Proposition 1 and vanishes on  $\ker u$ . Also the polynomial  $x \mapsto (\bar{Q}(x) + \bar{R}(x)) u(x)$  vanishes on  $\ker u$ . Since  $\lim_j \|R_j(x) - \bar{R}(x)\| = 0$ , and  $R_j, \bar{R} \in \mathcal{P}_{c_0}(^{m-1}\ell_1)$ , Proposition 1 implies that  $x \mapsto \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) (R_j(x) - \bar{R}(x))$  is a  $c_0$ -continuous polynomial on bounded subsets of  $\ell_1$ .

We define

$$Q(x) = (\bar{Q}(x) + \bar{R}(x)) u(x) + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) (Q_j(x) - \bar{Q}(x)),$$

$$R(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) (R_j(x) - \bar{R}(x)).$$

■

LEMMA 3. Let  $E$  be a Banach space,  $\phi \in E'$  and  $Q \in \mathcal{P}(^m E)$  be a polynomial such that  $Q(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \ker \phi$ . Then there exists a polynomial  $R \in \mathcal{P}(^{m-1} E)$  such that  $Q = \phi R$ .

*Proof.* Pick  $a \in E$  such that  $\phi(a) = 1$  and define the map  $T : E \rightarrow E$  by  $T(x) = \phi(x)a - x$ . Then  $T$  is a continuous linear operator and  $T(x) \in \ker \phi$  for all  $x \in E$ . By Leibniz's formula, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Q(x) &= Q(\phi(x)a - T(x)) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{m}{j} (-1)^{m-j} \check{Q}((\phi(x)a)^j, (T(x))^{m-j}) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \binom{m}{j} (-1)^{m-j} \check{Q}((\phi(x)a)^j, (T(x))^{m-j}) + Q(T(x)) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \binom{m}{j} (-1)^{m-j} \phi^j(x) \check{Q}(a^j, (T(x))^{m-j}) \\ &= \phi(x) \sum_{j=1}^m \binom{m}{j} (-1)^{m-j} \phi^{j-1}(x) \check{Q}(a^j, (T(x))^{m-j}). \end{aligned}$$

Note that for each  $j$  the map  $x \mapsto \phi^{j-1}(x) \check{Q}(a^j, (T(x))^{m-j})$  is an  $(m-1)$ -homogeneous polynomial. So

$$R(x) := \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \binom{m}{j} (-1)^{m-j} \phi^{j-1}(x) \check{Q}(a^j, (T(x))^{m-j}),$$

is a continuous  $(m-1)$ -homogeneous polynomial and

$$Q(x) = \phi(x) R(x).$$

■

**COROLLARY 2.** *Let  $Q \in \mathcal{P}_c({}^m\ell_1)$  such that  $Q(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \ker u$ , then there exists  $R \in \mathcal{P}_c({}^{m-1}\ell_1)$  such that  $Q(x) = u(x) R(x)$  for all  $x \in \ell_1$ .*

*Proof.* We define the map  $T : \ell_1 \rightarrow \ell_1$  by  $T(x) = u(x)e_1 - x$ , then  $T$  is obviously a  $c$ -continuous linear operator and  $T(x) \in \ker u$  for all  $x \in \ell_1$ . By Lemma 3 we have

$$Q(x) = Q(u(x)e_1 - T(x)) = u(x) \sum_{j=1}^m \binom{m}{j} u^{j-1}(x) \check{Q}(e_1^j, (T(x))^{m-j}).$$

Since  $Q \in \mathcal{P}_c({}^m\ell_1)$  then for each  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , the polynomial  $S_j : \ell_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  given by  $S_j(z) = \check{Q}(e_1^j, z^{m-j})$ , is  $c$ -continuous on bounded subsets of  $\ell_1$ . Therefore  $S_j \circ T \in \mathcal{P}_c(\ell_1)$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and we have that

$$\begin{aligned} R(x) &= \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \binom{m}{j} u^{j-1}(x) (S_j \circ T)(x) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \binom{m}{j} u^{j-1}(x) \check{Q}(e_1^j, (T(x))^{m-j}), \end{aligned}$$

is a  $c$ -continuous polynomial on bounded sets, and  $Q = uR$ . ■

**THEOREM 4.** *If  $P \in \mathcal{P}_c({}^m\ell_1)$ , then for  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$  there are polynomials  $R_j \in \mathcal{P}_{c_0}({}^j\ell_1)$ , such that*

$$P(x) = R_0(x) u^m(x) + u^{m-1}(x) R_1(x) + \dots + u(x) R_{m-1}(x) + R_m(x).$$

*Proof.* By Theorem 3 we have  $P = Q_m + R_m$ , where  $Q_m \in \mathcal{P}_c({}^m\ell_1)$ ,  $R_m \in \mathcal{P}_{c_0}({}^m\ell_1)$  and  $Q(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \ker u$ . By Lemma 3,  $Q_m = uS_{m-1}$  with  $S_{m-1} \in \mathcal{P}_c({}^m\ell_1)$ . Thus, we have

$$P = uS_{m-1} + R_m.$$

Since  $S_{m-1} \in \mathcal{P}_c({}^{m-1}\ell_1)$ , then by Theorem 3 we have  $S_{m-1} = Q_{m-1} + R_{m-1}$ , where  $Q_{m-1} \in \mathcal{P}_c({}^{m-1}\ell_1)$ ,  $Q_{m-1}(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in \ker u$  and  $R_{m-1} \in \mathcal{P}_{c_0}({}^{m-1}\ell_1)$  and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} P &= u(Q_{m-1} + R_{m-1}) + R_m(x) \\ &= uQ_{m-1} + R_{m-1}u + R_m(x). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3 we have that  $Q_{m-1} = uS_{m-2}$ , with  $S_{m-2} \in \mathcal{P}_c({}^m\ell_1)$ . Therefore we have

$$P(x) = u(x)^2 S_{m-2} + R_{m-1}u + R_m(x).$$

Proceeding in this way we find for each  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$ , the polynomials  $R_j \in \mathcal{P}_{c_0}({}^j\ell_1)$ , and  $S_j \in \mathcal{P}_c({}^j\ell_1)$ , such that

$$P(x) = u^m R_0 + R_1 u^{m-1} + \dots + R_{m-1} u + R_m(x),$$

where  $R_0 := S_0$ . ■

#### 4. c-CONTINUOUS ENTIRE FUNCTIONS

Let  $\Omega$  be an open subset of complex Banach space  $E$ . A mapping  $f : \Omega \subset E \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is said to be holomorphic, if for each  $a \in \Omega$  there exists a ball  $B(a, r) \subset \Omega$  and a sequence of polynomials  $(P_m)$  with  $P_m \in \mathcal{P}({}^m\ell_1)$ ,  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , such that  $f(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} P_m(x)$  uniformly for  $x \in B(a, r)$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{H}(\Omega)$  the vector space of all holomorphic mappings from  $\Omega$  into  $\mathbb{C}$ . A holomorphic function  $f \in \mathcal{H}(E)$  is said to be of bounded type if it maps bounded sets into bounded sets. We denote by  $\mathcal{H}_b(E)$  the space of the holomorphic functions on  $E$  of bounded type.

Let  $\Phi \subset E'$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{H}_\Phi(E)$  the space of all functions  $f \in \mathcal{H}(E)$  that are  $\Phi$ -continuous on bounded subsets of  $E$ , and by  $\mathcal{H}_{\Phi u}(E)$  the space of all functions  $f \in \mathcal{H}(E)$  that are uniformly  $\Phi$ -continuous on bounded subsets of  $E$ .

In 1982 Aron et al. in [1] have shown that the  $\ell_1$  problem has a positive answer if  $\mathcal{H}_{\ell_\infty}(\ell_1) \subset \mathcal{H}_b(\ell_1)$ . On the other hand, it is obviously that

$\mathcal{H}_{c_0}(\ell_1) \subset \mathcal{H}_b(\ell_1)$  because every bounded set of  $\ell_1$  is relatively  $\sigma(\ell_1, c_0)$ -compact, but bounded subsets of  $\ell_1$  are not necessarily relatively  $\sigma(\ell_1, c)$ -compact. These considerations have motivated us to raise the following question.

**PROBLEM 3.** If  $f : \ell_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a holomorphic function which is  $c$ -continuous on bounded sets, is  $f$  of bounded type?

An affirmative answer to this problem would answer affirmatively Problem 2.

We denote by  $\mathcal{P}_{c_0}^{(m)}(\ell_1)$  the space of all polynomials of the form  $Q = \sum_{j=0}^m Q_j$ , with  $Q_j \in \mathcal{P}_{c_0}(^j\ell_1)$  for all  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$ . If  $U_m(x) := \sum_{j=0}^m u^{m-j}(x)$ , for all  $x \in \ell_1$ , we define the  $m$ -homogeneous polynomial  $U \otimes Q \in \mathcal{P}_c(^m\ell_1)$  by

$$(U \otimes Q)(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m u^{m-j}(x)Q_j(x).$$

We denote by  $\mathcal{P}_{f^*}(^m\ell_1)$  the space of continuous polynomials of finite type that are  $c_0$ -continuous on bounded subsets of  $\ell_1$ .

**LEMMA 4.** If  $R(x) \in \mathcal{P}_{c_0}^{(m)}(\ell_1)$ , then given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a polynomial  $Q = \sum_{j=0}^m Q_j$  with  $Q_j \in \mathcal{P}_{f^*}(^j\ell_1)$  such that  $\|U_m \otimes (R - Q)\| < \varepsilon$ .

*Proof.* If  $x \in \ell_1$ , we denote by

$$q^n(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n e_j^*(x) e_j \quad \text{and} \quad q_n(x) = \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} e_j^*(x) e_j.$$

Then  $x = q^n(x) + q_{n+1}(x)$ . Now, if  $\phi = (\phi_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \in c_0$ , then  $\lim_n \max_{i \geq n} |\phi_i| = 0$ . As  $\max_{i \geq n} |\phi_i| = \sup_{x \in B(\ell_1)} \phi(q_n(x))$  we have  $\lim_n \sup_{x \in B(\ell_1)} \phi(q_n(x)) = 0$ . That is

$$(4.1) \quad \lim_n \sup_{x \in B(\ell_1)} \phi(x - q^n(x)) = 0.$$

Let  $R = \sum_{j=0}^m R_j$ , with  $R_j \in \mathcal{P}_{c_0}(^j\ell_1)$ . Then by [1], for each  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$ , the polynomial  $R_j$  is  $c_0$ -uniformly continuous on bounded sets. By 4.1, this implies that given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $n_0$  such that  $|R_j(x) - R_j(q^n(x))| <$



$\varepsilon/(m+2)$ , for all  $n \geq n_0$ ,  $x \in B(\ell_1)$  and  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Thus  $\|R_j - R_j q^n\| \leq \varepsilon/(m+2)$  for  $n \geq n_0$  and  $j = 0, 1, \dots, m$ . Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u^{m-j} \otimes (R_j - R_j q^n)\| &= \sup_{x \in B(\ell_1)} |u^{m-j}(x)(R_j(x) - R_j q^n(x))| \\ &\leq \sup_{x \in B(\ell_1)} |R_j(x) - R_j q^n(x)| \\ &= \|R_j - R_j q^n\| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{m+2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for  $n \geq n_0$  we have

$$\|R - Rq^n\| = \left\| \sum_{j=0}^m U_m \otimes (R - Rq^n) \right\| \leq \sum_{j=0}^m \|R - Rq^n\| < \varepsilon.$$

Since  $R \in \mathcal{P}_{c_0}^{(m)}(\ell_1)$  and  $q^n : \ell_1 \rightarrow \ell_1$  is a finite range operator, we have that  $Rq^n \in \mathcal{P}_{f^*}^{(m)}(\ell_1)$ . ■

If  $f = \sum_{n=0}^\infty P_n \in H_b(\ell_1)$  is a holomorphic function of bounded type with  $P_n \in \mathcal{P}_c^{(n)}(\ell_1)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then using the same arguments as in [1], it is not difficult to show that  $f \in H_c(\ell_1)$ .

PROPOSITION 4. *The following statements are equivalent.*

- (i) *Every holomorphic function  $f \in H_c(\ell_1)$  of the form  $f = \sum_{m=0}^\infty U_m \otimes Q_m$  with  $Q_m \in \mathcal{P}_{c_0}^{(m)}(\ell_1)$  is of bounded type.*
- (ii) *Every holomorphic function  $f \in H_c(\ell_1)$  of the form  $f = \sum_{m=0}^\infty U_m \otimes Q_m \in H_c(\ell_1)$  with  $Q_m \in \mathcal{P}_{f^*}^{(m)}(\ell_1)$ , is of bounded type.*

*Proof.* The implication (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) is obvious since  $\mathcal{P}_{f^*}^{(m)}(\ell_1) \subset \mathcal{P}_{c_0}^{(m)}(\ell_1)$ . Let us prove (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Let  $f = \sum_{m=0}^\infty U_m \otimes Q_m \in H_b(\ell_1)$  with  $Q_m \in \mathcal{P}_{c_0}^{(m)}(\ell_1)$  for every  $m$ . Since  $Q_m \in \mathcal{P}_{c_0}^{(m)}(\ell_1)$ , by Lemma 4 there exists a  $R_m \in \mathcal{P}_{f^*}^{(m)}(\ell_1)$ , such that  $\|U_m \otimes (Q_m - R_m)\|^{1/m} < \frac{1}{m^m}$ . Thus  $\lim \|U_m \otimes (Q_m - R_m)\|^{1/m} = 0$  and by [6, p. 206], the holomorphic function  $g = \sum U_m \otimes (Q_m - R_m)$  is of bounded type and therefore  $g \in H_c(\ell_1)$ . Then  $f - g = \sum U_m \otimes R_m \in H_c(\ell_1)$ . By hypothesis  $h = f - g \in H_b(\ell_1)$  and therefore  $f = g + h \in H_b(\ell_1)$ . ■

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