

## SPECTRAL AND ASYMPTOTIC PROPERTIES OF DOMINATED OPERATORS

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### Abstract

We investigate the relationship between the peripheral spectrum of a positive operator  $T$  on a Banach lattice  $E$  and the peripheral spectrum of the operators  $S$  dominated by  $T$ , that is,  $|Sx| \leq T|x|$  for all  $x \in E$ . This can be applied to obtain inheritance results for asymptotic properties of dominated operators.

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### Introduction

The investigation of operators on Banach lattices leads to the natural question which properties of a positive operator  $T$  on a Banach lattice  $E$  are inherited by the operators  $S$  dominated by  $T$ , that is,  $|Sx| \leq T|x|$  for all  $x \in E$ . For certain properties one has to impose the additional assumption, that the operator  $S$  is also positive.

There are numerous results on inheritance of operator properties such as compactness, weak compactness, or being a kernel or a Dunford-Pettis operator (see, for example, [1, 4, 7, 9, 13, 14, 20, 27]; see also [2, 19, 22, 28] for a comprehensive survey and further developments). Only recently the inheritance of spectral and asymptotic properties of an operator has been investigated (see, for example, [3, 5, 17, 18, 21, 23–25]).

In the present paper we are mainly interested in properties of the peripheral spectrum of a dominated operator. We always assume that the dominating operator  $T$  satisfies a certain growth condition (G). Then for positive operators  $S$  dominated by  $T$  one has

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$\sigma(S) \cap r(T)\Gamma \subseteq \sigma(T) \cap r(T)\Gamma$ , that is, either the spectral radii satisfy  $r(S) < r(T)$  or the peripheral spectrum  $\sigma(S) \cap r(S)\Gamma$  of  $S$  is contained in the peripheral spectrum  $\sigma(T) \cap r(T)\Gamma$  of  $T$  (see Theorem 1.4). If  $T$  satisfies an ergodicity condition and/or the Banach lattice  $E$  has order continuous norm or is a  $KB$ -space, one obtains the corresponding inclusion  $P\sigma(S) \cap r(T)\Gamma \subseteq P\sigma(T) \cap r(T)\Gamma$  for the point spectrum (see Theorem 2.2, Corollary 2.4 and Theorem 2.6). If  $r(T)$  is a Riesz point of  $T$  and  $S$  a (not necessarily positive) operator dominated by  $T$ , then  $r(S) < r(T)$  or the peripheral spectrum of  $S$  contains only Riesz points (see Theorem 3.1). This generalizes a result of Caselles [5, Theorem 4.1], where  $S$  is assumed to be positive. Finally we apply the above results and investigate inheritance of asymptotic properties such as uniform convergence of  $S^{n+1} - S^n$  to 0 (see Theorem 4.1), almost periodicity and strong convergence of the powers  $S^n$  (see Theorem 4.2 and Corollary 4.3), and uniform ergodicity of  $S$  (see Theorem 4.5). In particular we generalize a result of Caselles [5, Corollary 4.6] and extend results of Råbiger [24, 25].

Our notation is standard and follows mainly the books of Meyer-Nieberg [19] and Schaefer [26]. Unexplained terminology can be found there. We briefly recall some frequently used notions. By  $\Gamma := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\lambda| = 1\}$  we denote the *unit circle*. Throughout the whole paper we consider spaces over  $\mathbb{C}$ . If  $E$  is a Banach space, then  $\mathcal{L}(E)$  is the space of all bounded linear operators on  $E$  and  $E'$  the (*topological*) dual of  $E$ . For  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  let  $T' \in \mathcal{L}(E')$  be the *adjoint* of  $T$ . Moreover,  $\sigma(T)$  denotes the *spectrum*,  $r(T) := \sup\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma(T)\}$  the *spectral radius*,  $P\sigma(T) := \{\lambda \in \sigma(T) : \lambda \text{ is an eigenvalue of } T\}$  the *point spectrum*, and  $\rho(T) := \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(T)$  the *resolvent set* of  $T$ . For  $\lambda \in \rho(T)$  we set  $R(\lambda, T) := (\lambda I - T)^{-1}$ .

Now let  $E$  be a (complex) Banach lattice with modulus  $|\cdot|$ . Then  $E_+ := \{x \in E : x = |x|\}$  is the set of all *positive* elements in  $E$ . The dual space  $E'$  is again a Banach lattice and  $x' \in E'$  is positive if and only if  $\langle x', x \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $x \in E_+$ . For operators  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  we write  $S \leq T$  if  $(T - S)E_+ \subseteq E_+$ , and  $T$  is called *positive* if  $0 \leq T$ .

## 1. The peripheral spectrum of dominated positive operators

In this section we show that for operators  $0 \leq S \leq T$  on a Banach lattice  $E$  one always has  $\sigma(S) \cap r(T)\Gamma \subseteq \sigma(T) \cap r(T)\Gamma$  provided that  $T$  satisfies a certain growth condition (G).

At first we recall some well-known facts and fix some notations. Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be a bounded linear operator on a Banach space  $E$ . If  $G$  is a closed linear subspace of  $E$  such that  $TG \subseteq G$  we denote by  $T|_G = T|_G$  the restriction of  $T$  to  $G$  and by  $T_{/G} = T_{/G}$  the induced operator on the quotient space  $E/G$  given by  $T_{/G}(x + G) := Tx + G$ ,  $x \in E$ . The following lemma is well-known (see [26, V, Exercise 5]).

LEMMA 1.1. *Under the conditions above one has*

- (i)  $(\sigma(T_l) \cup \sigma(T_r)) \cap r(T)\Gamma \subseteq \sigma(T) \cap r(T)\Gamma$ .
- (ii)  $\max(r(T_l), r(T_r)) = r(T)$ .
- (iii)  $\lambda \in r(T)\Gamma$  is a pole of the resolvent  $R(\cdot, T)$  (of order  $k$ ) if and only if  $\lambda$  is a pole of  $R(\cdot, T_l)$  and  $R(\cdot, T_r)$  (of order  $k_l$  and  $k_r$ , respectively), and then  $\sup(k_l, k_r) \leq k \leq k_l + k_r$ . Moreover, if  $P$  is the residuum of  $R(\cdot, T)$  at  $\lambda$ , then  $PG \subseteq G$  and  $P_l$  and  $P_r$  is the residuum of  $R(\cdot, T_l)$  and  $R(\cdot, T_r)$  at  $\lambda$ , respectively.

In the sequel we make use of the following construction. For details we refer to [26, V.1]. If  $E$  is a Banach space let  $l_\infty(E)$  be the space of bounded  $E$ -valued sequences endowed with the sup-norm. For a free ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  we consider the closed subspace  $c_{\mathcal{U}}(E) := \{(x_n) \in l_\infty(E) : \lim_{\mathcal{U}} \|x_n\| = 0\}$ . The quotient space  $E_{\mathcal{U}} := l_\infty(E)/c_{\mathcal{U}}(E)$  is called *ultrapower* or  $\mathcal{U}$ -*power* of  $E$ . For  $(x_n) + c_{\mathcal{U}}(E) \in E_{\mathcal{U}}$  we also write  $\widehat{(x_n)}$ . The mapping  $x \mapsto (x, x, \dots)$  is an isometric embedding of  $E$  into  $E_{\mathcal{U}}$  and thus  $E$  can be considered a closed subspace of  $E_{\mathcal{U}}$ . Every operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  induces an operator  $T_{\mathcal{U}} \in \mathcal{L}(E_{\mathcal{U}})$  by means of  $T_{\mathcal{U}}\widehat{(x_n)} := \widehat{(Tx_n)}$ . Its restriction to  $E$  satisfies  $T_{\mathcal{U}|E} = T$ . Moreover, the following holds (see [26, V.1]).

LEMMA 1.2. (i)  $\|T_{\mathcal{U}}\| = \|T\|$ .

(ii)  $\sigma(T_{\mathcal{U}}) = \sigma(T)$ .

(iii)  $\sigma(T_{\mathcal{U}}) \cap r(T)\Gamma \subseteq P\sigma(T_{\mathcal{U}})$ .

(vi)  $R(\lambda, T_{\mathcal{U}}) = R(\lambda, T)_{\mathcal{U}}$  for all  $\lambda \in \rho(T)$ .

(v)  $\lambda \in \sigma(T)$  is a pole of order  $k$  of  $R(\cdot, T)$  if and only if the same holds for  $R(\cdot, T_{\mathcal{U}})$ .

If  $E$  is a Banach lattice and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  is a positive operator, then  $E_{\mathcal{U}}$  is again a Banach lattice and  $T_{\mathcal{U}} \in \mathcal{L}(E_{\mathcal{U}})$  is positive. For  $\widehat{(x_n)} \in E_{\mathcal{U}}$  one has  $|\widehat{(x_n)}| = \widehat{(|x_n|)}$ .

Now let  $0 \leq S \leq T$  be operators on a Banach lattice  $E$ . In the following lemma we present a condition under which an eigenvalue of  $S$  is also an eigenvalue of  $T$ .

LEMMA 1.3. *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice and let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$ . Suppose there is  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $x \in E$  such that  $Sx = \alpha x$  and  $T|x| = |x|$ . Then  $Tx = \alpha x$ .*

PROOF. The assumptions imply  $|x| \leq S|x| \leq T|x| = |x|$ . Thus  $0 \leq |(T - S)x| \leq (T - S)|x| = |x| - S|x| \leq 0$ , and hence  $Tx = Sx = \alpha x$ .

REMARK. The conditions of the lemma are satisfied if  $0 \leq S \leq T$ ,  $Sx = \alpha x$  for  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $x \in E$ , and there is a strictly positive linear form  $x' \in E_+^+$  such that  $T'x' \leq x'$ . (Recall that  $x' \in E_+^+$  is *strictly positive* if  $\langle x', y \rangle > 0$  for all  $y \in E_+ \setminus \{0\}$ .) In fact, from  $0 \leq T|x| - |x|$  and  $0 \leq \langle T|x| - |x|, x' \rangle = \langle |x|, (T' - I)x' \rangle \leq 0$  we obtain  $T|x| = |x|$  by the strict positivity of  $x'$ .

Now we come to the main result of this section. Recall that an operator  $T$  on a Banach space  $E$  satisfies the *growth condition*  $(G)$  if  $\limsup_{\lambda \downarrow r(T)} \|(\lambda - r(T))R(\lambda, T)\| < \infty$ . Lemma 1.2 implies that then  $T_{\mathcal{U}} \in \mathcal{L}(E_{\mathcal{U}})$  has also property  $(G)$  for every ultrapower  $E_{\mathcal{U}}$  of  $E$ . Clearly every operator with uniformly bounded powers and spectral radius 1 satisfies  $(G)$ . Moreover a positive operator  $T$  on a Banach lattice  $E$  with  $r(T) = 1$  has property  $(G)$  if and only if the *Cesaro means*  $T_n := n^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} T^k$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , are uniformly bounded (see [10, 1.5, 1.7]).

**THEOREM 1.4.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice and let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$  and  $T$  satisfies  $(G)$ . Then  $\sigma(S) \cap r(T)\Gamma \subseteq \sigma(T) \cap r(T)\Gamma$ .*

**PROOF.** The assumptions imply  $0 \leq r(S) \leq r(T)$ . If  $r(T) = 0$  there is nothing to prove. Otherwise we may assume  $r(T) = 1$  and, by passing to an ultrapower,  $\sigma(S) \cap \Gamma \subseteq P\sigma(S)$ . Let  $\alpha \in \sigma(S) \cap \Gamma$  and choose  $0 \neq x \in E$  such that  $Sx = \alpha x$ . Then  $|x| \leq S|x| \leq T|x|$ . For  $y \in E$  let  $p(y) := \limsup_{\lambda \downarrow 1} (\lambda - 1)\|R(\lambda, T)|y|\|$  (see also [19, proof of 4.1.11]). Since  $T$  satisfies  $(G)$  the mapping  $p$  is a continuous lattice seminorm. Then  $J := \ker p$  is a closed ideal in  $E$ . From  $p(Ty) \leq \|T\|p(y)$  we obtain  $TJ \subseteq J$  and  $SJ \subseteq J$ . Let  $S_J$  and  $T_J$  be the operators on  $E/J$  induced by  $S$  and  $T$ , respectively. From  $|x| \leq T|x|$  it follows that  $p(x) \geq \|x\| > 0$ , and hence  $\tilde{x} := x + J \neq 0$ . Clearly  $S_J\tilde{x} = \alpha\tilde{x}$ . Moreover, since  $T$  satisfies  $(G)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p(T|x| - |x|) &= \limsup_{\lambda \downarrow 1} (\lambda - 1)\|R(\lambda, T)(T - \lambda + \lambda - 1)|x|\| \\ &= \limsup_{\lambda \downarrow 1} (\lambda - 1)^2\|R(\lambda, T)|x|\| = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $T|x| - |x| \in J$ ; that is,  $T_J|\tilde{x}| = |\tilde{x}|$ . Now Lemma 1.3 implies  $T_J\tilde{x} = \alpha\tilde{x}$ . Hence  $\alpha \in \sigma(T)$  by Lemma 1.1.

As in the proof of [26, V.4.9], one can extend Theorem 1.4 to operators  $T$  which are  $(G)$ -solvable. Recall that a positive operator  $T$  on a Banach lattice  $E$  is  $(G)$ -solvable, if there exist finitely many closed  $T$ -invariant ideals  $\{0\} = I_1 \subseteq I_2 \subseteq \cdots \subseteq I_n = E$  such that the operator  $T_k$  induced on  $I_k/I_{k-1}$  satisfies  $(G)$  for all  $2 \leq k \leq n$ .

**COROLLARY 1.5.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice and  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  operators such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$ . If  $T$  is  $(G)$ -solvable, then  $\sigma(S) \cap r(T)\Gamma \subseteq \sigma(T) \cap r(T)\Gamma$ .*

If  $T$  is a positive operator and  $r(T)$  is a pole of the resolvent map  $\lambda \mapsto R(\lambda, T)$ , then  $T$  is  $(G)$ -solvable (see [26, p.326, Example 4]). In particular, this is the case if  $r(T)$  is a Riesz point of  $T$ , that is, a pole of the resolvent map  $R(\cdot, T)$  with finite dimensional residuum.

**COROLLARY 1.6.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice and  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  operators such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$ . If  $r(T)$  is a Riesz point, then  $\sigma(S) \cap r(T)\Gamma \subseteq \sigma(T) \cap r(T)\Gamma$ .*

**REMARK.** If  $r(S) = r(T)$ , then by a result of Caselles [5, Theorem 4.1]  $r(S)$  is a Riesz point of  $S$ , and hence  $\sigma(S) \cap r(S)\Gamma$  consists entirely of Riesz points (see [26, V.5.5]). In Theorem 3.1 we will show that this conclusion actually holds for any operator  $S$  such that  $|Sx| \leq T|x|$  for all  $x \in E$ .

## 2. The peripheral point spectrum of dominated positive operators

In this section we give analogues of Theorem 1.4 for the point spectrum. At first we recall some well-known facts from ergodic theory and the theory of Banach lattices. The following proposition is a special case of a general ergodic theorem due to Eberlein [9, Theorem 3.1].

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be an operator on a Banach space  $E$  and suppose that  $r(T) = 1$  and  $T$  satisfies (G). Then for  $x \in E$  the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} (\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, T)x$  exists in  $E$ .
- (ii)  $((\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, T)x)_{\lambda > 1}$  has a weak cluster point (as  $\lambda \rightarrow 1$ ).

In this case  $y := \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} (\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, T)x$  satisfies  $Ty = y$ .

An operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  is called *Abel ergodic* if

$$P_T x := \lim_{\lambda \downarrow r(T)} (\lambda - r(T))R(\lambda, T)x \text{ exists for all } x \in E.$$

From  $(\lambda - r(T))R(\lambda, T) = (a\lambda - ar(T))R(a\lambda, aT)$ ,  $\lambda \in \rho(T)$ ,  $a > 0$ , it follows that  $T$  is Abel ergodic if and only if  $aT$  is Abel ergodic for all  $a > 0$ . If  $T$  is Abel ergodic and  $r(T) > 0$ , then  $P_T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  is a projection,  $P_T E = \{x \in E : Tx = r(T)x\}$ , and  $\ker P_T = \overline{(r(T) - T)E}$  (see [16, 2.1.9]). By the uniform boundedness principle, every Abel ergodic operator satisfies (G).

For our next theorem we need a construction from the theory of Banach lattices (see [26, II.8, Example 1]). Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice and  $y' \in E'_+$ . The mapping  $p : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ ;  $x \mapsto \langle y', |x| \rangle$  is a continuous lattice seminorm on  $E$  with kernel  $\ker p = N(y') := \{x \in E : \langle y', |x| \rangle = 0\}$ . Then  $p$  induces a lattice norm on  $E/\ker p$ . Let  $(E, y')$  be its (norm) completion, which is again a Banach lattice, and let  $j_{y'} : E \rightarrow (E, y')$  be the lattice homomorphism induced by the quotient map  $q : E \rightarrow E/\ker p$ . It turns out that  $(E, y')$  is an *AL-space*, that is, on  $(E, y')_+$  the norm is additive. If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  is a positive operator such that  $T'y' \leq y'$ , then  $TN(y') \subseteq N(y')$ . Hence  $T$  induces an operator  $T_\ell$  on  $E/\ker p$  which is a positive

contraction for the norm induced by  $p$ . Thus  $T_I$  has a unique contractive positive extension  $\tilde{T} \in \mathcal{L}((E, y'))$ . We call  $\tilde{T}$  the operator on  $(E, y')$  induced by  $T$ .

Now we can state the following inheritance result for the point spectrum.

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice and let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$  and  $\alpha T$  is Abel ergodic for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . Then  $P\sigma(S) \cap r(T)\Gamma \subseteq P\sigma(T) \cap r(T)\Gamma$ .*

**PROOF.** Firstly let  $r(T) = 0$ . Clearly,  $T$  satisfies (G), and hence  $\sup_{\lambda > 0} \|\lambda R(\lambda, T)\| < \infty$ . From  $|\lambda R(\lambda, T)x| \leq |\lambda| R(|\lambda|, T)|x|$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $x \in E$ , we obtain  $\sup_{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}} \|\lambda R(\lambda, T)\| < \infty$ . Then  $\lambda \mapsto \lambda R(\lambda, T) = I + TR(\lambda, T)$  has a removable singularity at 0. Thus  $TR(\lambda, T)$  has a holomorphic extension to the whole complex plane. Since  $\lim_{|\lambda| \rightarrow \infty} TR(\lambda, T) = 0$ , Liouville's theorem implies  $TR(\cdot, T) = 0$ , and hence  $T = 0$ .

Now let  $r(T) > 0$ . Without loss of generality we may assume  $r(T) = 1$ . Let  $\alpha \in P\sigma(S) \cap \Gamma$  and choose  $0 \neq x \in E$  such that  $Sx = \alpha x$ . Then  $|x| \leq S|x| \leq T|x|$ . Since  $T$  is Abel ergodic,  $y := \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} (\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, T)|x|$  exists and  $0 \leq |x| \leq y = Ty$ . Let  $x' \in E'_+$  be such that  $\langle x', |x| \rangle > 0$ . Again by Abel ergodicity,  $y' := \sigma(E', E) - \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} (\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, T)'x'$  exists and  $0 \leq S'y' \leq T'y' = y'$ . Moreover,  $\langle y', |x| \rangle = \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} \langle (\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, T)'x', |x| \rangle = \langle x', y \rangle \geq \langle x', |x| \rangle > 0$ . Let  $\tilde{S}$  and  $\tilde{T}$  be the operators on the  $AL$ -space  $(E, y')$  induced by  $S$  and  $T$ , respectively. Then  $0 \leq \tilde{S} \leq \tilde{T}$  and  $\tilde{S}$  and  $\tilde{T}$  are contractions. Let  $\tilde{x} := j_{y'}x$ . We have  $\tilde{S}\tilde{x} = \alpha\tilde{x}$  and  $\|\tilde{x}\| = \langle y', |x| \rangle > 0$ , hence  $\alpha \in P\sigma(\tilde{S})$ . Moreover  $|\tilde{x}| \leq \tilde{S}|\tilde{x}| \leq \tilde{T}|\tilde{x}|$ . Since the norm of  $(E, y')$  is strictly monotone on  $(E, y')_+$  and  $\tilde{T}$  is contractive we obtain  $\tilde{T}|\tilde{x}| = |\tilde{x}|$ . Then Lemma 1.3 implies  $\tilde{T}\tilde{x} = \alpha\tilde{x}$ . Now  $\alpha^{-1}T$  is Abel ergodic. Then  $z := \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} (\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, \alpha^{-1}T)x$  exists in  $E$  and  $Tz = \alpha z$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} j_{y'}z &= \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} j_{y'}(\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, \alpha^{-1}T)x = \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} (\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, \alpha^{-1}\tilde{T})j_{y'}x \\ &= \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} (\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, \alpha^{-1}\tilde{T})\tilde{x} = \tilde{x} \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $z \neq 0$  which shows  $\alpha \in P\sigma(T) \cap \Gamma$ .

**REMARK.** The proof shows that a positive operator  $T$  is the zero operator if  $r(T) = 0$  and  $T$  satisfies (G).

If the powers of  $T$  converge strongly, then  $\alpha T$  is Abel ergodic for all  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $P\sigma(T) \cap \Gamma \subseteq \{1\}$ . Thus we obtain the following result.

**COROLLARY 2.3.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice and let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$  and  $(T^n)$  is strongly convergent. Then  $P\sigma(S) \cap \Gamma \subseteq P\sigma(T) \cap \Gamma \subseteq \{1\}$ .*

If  $E$  is a Banach lattice with order continuous norm we can relax the conditions on the operator  $T$ . Recall that a Banach lattice  $E$  has *order continuous norm* if every decreasing net  $(x_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$  in  $E_+$ , such that  $\inf_\alpha x_\alpha = 0$  satisfies  $\lim_\alpha \|x_\alpha\| = 0$ . Examples of such spaces are  $c_0$ ,  $L^p$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , and all reflexive Banach lattices. Order continuity of the norm is equivalent to the fact that for every relatively weakly compact set  $C \subseteq E_+$ , the *solid hull*  $\text{so}C := \{y \in E : |y| \leq x \text{ for some } x \in C\}$  is relatively weakly compact as well (see [2, 13.8]), or that every closed ideal in  $E$  is a projection band (see [26, II.5.14]).

**COROLLARY 2.4.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice with order continuous norm and let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$  and  $T$  is Abel ergodic. Then  $P\sigma(S) \cap r(T)\Gamma \subseteq P\sigma(T) \cap r(T)\Gamma$ .*

**PROOF.** We have to consider only the case  $r(T) > 0$  (see the remark after Theorem 2.2) and without loss of generality we may assume  $r(T) = 1$ . Now let  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . If  $\lambda > 1$  and  $x \in E$  then

$$\begin{aligned} |(\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, \alpha^{-1}T)x| &\leq (\lambda - 1) \sum_{n \geq 0} \lambda^{-(n+1)} |\alpha^{-n}T^n||x| \\ &\leq (\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, T)|x|. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $T$  is Abel ergodic,  $T$  and hence  $\alpha^{-1}T$  satisfies (G). Moreover  $C := \{(\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, T)|x| : 1 < \lambda \leq 2\}$  is relatively compact and  $D := \{(\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, \alpha^{-1}T)x : 1 < \lambda \leq 2\}$  is contained in the solid hull of  $C$ . The order continuity of the norm then implies that  $D$  is relatively weakly compact. Thus  $\alpha^{-1}T$  is Abel ergodic by Proposition 2.1. The assertion follows now from Theorem 2.2.

The next lemma is a pointwise version of Corollary 2.4.

**LEMMA 2.5.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice with order continuous norm and let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$  and  $T$  satisfies (G). Let  $\alpha \in r(T)\Gamma$  and  $0 \neq x \in E$  be such that  $Sx = \alpha x$ . If  $\lim_{\lambda \downarrow r(T)} (\lambda - r(T))R(\lambda, T)|x|$  exists in  $E$ , then  $\alpha \in P\sigma(T)$ .*

**PROOF.** If  $r(T) = 0$ , then by the remark after Theorem 2.2 we have  $T = 0$ , and hence  $0 \in P\sigma(T)$ . Now let  $r(T) > 0$ . Without loss of generality we may assume  $r(T) = 1$ . Then  $|x| \leq S|x| \leq T|x|$ . Since  $T$  satisfies (G) there exists  $x' \in E'_+$  such that  $T'x' = x'$  and  $\langle x', |x| \rangle > 0$  (see [26, V.4.8]). Let  $N(x') := \{y \in E : \langle x', |y| \rangle = 0\}$ . Since  $E$  has order continuous norm the closed ideal  $N(x')$  is a projection band (see [26, II.5.14]), and hence  $E = N(x') \oplus N(x')^\perp$ , where  $N(x')^\perp := \{u \in E : \inf(|u|, |v|) = 0 \text{ for all } v \in N(x')\}$ . Let  $Q$  be the band projection from  $E$  onto  $N(x')^\perp$ . Since  $0 \leq S'x' \leq T'x' = x'$  the operators  $S$  and  $T$  leave  $N(x')$  invariant, that is,  $S(I - Q)E \subseteq (I - Q)E$  and  $T(I - Q)E \subseteq (I - Q)E$ . If we represent

$S$  and  $T$  as operator matrices according to the decomposition  $E = N(x') \oplus N(x')^\perp$ , we obtain

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} S_1 & S_2 \\ 0 & S_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad T = \begin{pmatrix} T_1 & T_2 \\ 0 & T_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $S_3 = QS|_{QE}$  and  $T_3 = QT|_{QE}$ . In particular  $0 \leq S_3 \leq T_3$ . Let  $\tilde{x}' := x'_{|QE}$ . Then  $\tilde{x}' \in (QE)'$  is strictly positive and for  $y \in QE$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \tilde{x}', T_3 y \rangle &= \langle x', QT y \rangle = \langle x', QT y \rangle + \langle x', (I - Q)T y \rangle \\ &= \langle x', T y \rangle = \langle x', y \rangle = \langle \tilde{x}', y \rangle; \end{aligned}$$

that is,  $T_3 \tilde{x}' = \tilde{x}'$ . Let  $\tilde{x} := Qx$ . From  $|x| = |Qx| + |(I - Q)x|$  it follows that

$$\langle \tilde{x}', |\tilde{x}| \rangle = \langle x', |Qx| + |(I - Q)x| \rangle = \langle x', |x| \rangle > 0,$$

and hence  $\tilde{x} \neq 0$ . The  $S$ -invariance of  $N(x')$  yields  $S_3 Qx = Q Sx$ , and hence  $S_3 \tilde{x} = \alpha \tilde{x}$ . The remark after Lemma 1.3 then implies  $T_3 \tilde{x} = \alpha \tilde{x}$ .

Let now  $\lambda > 1$  and  $y \in E$ . Then

$$|R(\lambda, \alpha^{-1}T)y| = \left| \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{T^n y}{\alpha^n \lambda^{n+1}} \right| \leq \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{T^n |y|}{\lambda^{n+1}} = R(\lambda, T)|y|.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\lambda > 1} \|(\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, \alpha^{-1}T)\| &\leq \sup_{\lambda > 1} \|(\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, T)\| < \infty \quad \text{and} \\ \{(\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, \alpha^{-1}T)x : 1 < \lambda \leq 2\} &\subseteq \text{so}\{(\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, T)|x| : 1 < \lambda \leq 2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the limit  $\lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} (\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, T)|x|$  exists and  $E$  has order continuous norm,  $\{(\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, \alpha^{-1}T)x : 1 < \lambda \leq 2\}$  is relatively weakly compact. Proposition 2.1 then implies that  $z := \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} (\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, \alpha^{-1}T)x$  exists in  $E$ , and  $Tz = \alpha z$ .

It remains to show  $z \neq 0$ . The  $T$ -invariance of  $N(x')$  implies  $T_3 Qy = QT y$  for every  $y \in E$ . Hence  $T_3^n Qy = QT^n y$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $y \in E$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} Qz &= \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} (\lambda - 1) \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{Q(\alpha^{-1}T)^n x}{\lambda^{n+1}} = \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} (\lambda - 1) \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\alpha^{-n} T_3^n \tilde{x}}{\lambda^{n+1}} \\ &= \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} (\lambda - 1) \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\tilde{x}}{\lambda^{n+1}} = \tilde{x} \neq 0, \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $z \neq 0$ .



If in Theorem 2.2 the Banach lattice  $E$  is a  $KB$ -space we can further relax the conditions on  $T$ . Recall that a Banach lattice  $E$  is a  $KB$ -space if  $E$  is a (projection) band in its bidual  $E''$ . In this case every increasing uniformly bounded sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $E_+$  converges in norm (see [26, II.5.15]). Note that every  $KB$ -space has order continuous norm. Examples of  $KB$ -spaces are  $L^p$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , and all reflexive Banach lattices.

**THEOREM 2.6.** *Let  $E$  be a  $KB$ -space and let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$  and  $T$  satisfies (G). Then  $P\sigma(S) \cap r(T)^\Gamma \subseteq P\sigma(T) \cap r(T)^\Gamma$ .*

**PROOF.** If  $r(T) = 0$  the assertion follows from the remark after Theorem 2.2. As above, the case  $r(T) > 0$  can be reduced to the case  $r(T) = 1$ . Let  $Sx = \alpha x$  for  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $0 \neq x \in E$ . Then  $|x| \leq S|x| \leq T|x|$ . Hence the sequence  $(T^n|x|)$  is increasing. On the other hand, if  $\lambda > 1$ , then  $(\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, T)|x| \geq (\lambda - 1) \sum_{m \geq n} T^m|x|/\lambda^{m+1} \geq \lambda^{-n}T^n|x|$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Property (G) implies that  $(T^n|x|)$  is uniformly bounded. Since  $E$  is a  $KB$ -space  $y := \lim_n T^n|x|$  exists in  $E$  and  $|x| \leq y = Ty$ . Thus if  $\lambda > 1$  then  $0 \leq (\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, T)|x| \leq y$ . Hence  $\{(\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, T)|x| : \lambda > 1\}$  is contained in the order interval  $[0, y]$  which is weakly compact (see [26, II.5.10]). By Proposition 2.1 the limit  $\lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} (\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, T)|x|$  exists. Now Lemma 2.5 implies  $\alpha \in P\sigma(T)$  and the proof is finished.

The following example shows that in Theorem 2.2 and Corollary 2.4 the condition on  $T$  (Abel ergodicity) and in Theorem 2.6 the condition on  $E$  ( $KB$ -space) cannot be omitted.

**EXAMPLE 2.7.** Let  $E = c_0$  be the space of all sequences converging to 0. Define operators  $S$  and  $T$  on  $E$  by  $Sx := (\xi_1, 0, \xi_2, \xi_3, \dots)$  and  $Tx := (\xi_1, \xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \dots)$ ,  $x = (\xi_n) \in E$ . Then  $0 \leq S \leq T$ ,  $\|T\| = 1$  and  $Se_1 = e_1$  where  $e_1 = (1, 0, 0, \dots)$ . In particular  $1 \in P\sigma(S)$ . On the other hand, let  $x = (\xi_n) \in E$  be such that  $Tx = x$ . Then  $\xi_1 = \xi_2 = \dots$ . However, the only constant sequence belonging to  $E$  is the zero sequence, hence  $1 \notin P\sigma(T)$ . Since  $(\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, T)e_1$  does not converge as  $\lambda \downarrow 1$  the operator  $T$  is not Abel ergodic. Finally, if  $\alpha \in \Gamma \setminus \{1\}$ , then an easy computation shows that 1 is not an eigenvalue of  $\alpha T'$ . Thus, by [16, Theorem 2.1.4, Theorem 2.1.5], the operator  $\alpha T$  is Abel ergodic for each  $\alpha \in \Gamma \setminus \{1\}$ .

From the results on the point spectrum we can deduce inheritance properties for the residual spectrum. In fact, if  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  is an operator on a Banach space  $E$ , consider  $R\sigma(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : (\lambda - T)E \text{ is not dense in } E\}$ , the *residual spectrum* of  $T$ . Then  $R\sigma(T) = P\sigma(T')$  by the Hahn-Banach Theorem. Thus Theorem 2.6 leads to the following result.

**THEOREM 2.8.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice such that  $E'$  has order continuous norm and let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$ , and  $T$  satisfies (G). Then  $R\sigma(S) \cap r(T)\Gamma \subseteq R\sigma(T) \cap r(T)\Gamma$ .*

**PROOF.** The assumptions on  $S$  and  $T$  imply that  $0 \leq S' \leq T'$  and  $T'$  satisfies (G). If  $E'$  has order continuous norm, then  $E'$  is already a  $KB$ -space (see [19, 2.4.14]). Thus Theorem 2.6 yields

$$R\sigma(S) \cap r(T)\Gamma = P\sigma(S') \cap r(T)\Gamma \subseteq P\sigma(T') \cap r(T)\Gamma = R\sigma(T) \cap r(T)\Gamma.$$

**REMARK.** One also obtains analogues of Theorem 2.2 and Corollaries 2.3 and 2.4 for the residual spectrum.

### 3. The essential spectrum of dominated operators

If  $0 \leq S \leq T$  are operators on a Banach lattice  $E$  and  $r(T)$  is a Riesz point of  $T$ , then by a result of Caselles [5, Theorem 4.1] either  $r(S) < r(T)$  or  $r(T)$  is a Riesz point of  $S$ . In this section we show that an analogous conclusion holds for every operator  $S$  which is *dominated by*  $T$ , that is, such that  $|Sx| \leq T|x|$  for all  $x \in E$ .

Let us make this more precise. For an operator  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  on a Banach space  $E$  let  $\Phi(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \ker(\lambda - T) \text{ and } E/(\lambda - T)E \text{ are finite dimensional}\}$  be the *Fredholm domain*,  $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(T) := \mathbb{C} \setminus \Phi(T)$  the (Wolf) *essential spectrum*, and  $r_{\text{ess}}(T) := \sup\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma_{\text{ess}}(T)\}$  the *essential spectral radius* of  $T$ . If  $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(T) = \emptyset$ , we set  $r_{\text{ess}}(T) = -\infty$ . It is well-known that  $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(T) \subseteq \sigma(T)$  is compact and  $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(T) \neq \emptyset$  if  $E$  is infinite dimensional (see [11, XI, p.205]). Recall that  $\lambda \in \sigma(T)$  is a *Riesz point* of  $T$  if  $\lambda$  is a pole of the resolvent map with residuum of finite rank. It turns out that  $\{\lambda \in \sigma(T) : |\lambda| > r_{\text{ess}}(T)\}$  contains only Riesz points (see [11, XI.8.4]). Conversely, every Riesz point of  $T$  belongs to  $\sigma(T) \setminus \sigma_{\text{ess}}(T)$  (see [11, XI.5.3]). If  $r(T) = 0$  and  $0$  is a Riesz point, then  $T$  is nilpotent and hence  $E$  is finite dimensional (notice that the Neumann series is the Laurent expansion of the resolvent  $R(\cdot, T)$ ).

If  $T$  is a positive operator on a Banach lattice  $E$  and  $r(T)$  is a Riesz point of  $T$ , then by a result of Niirō and Sawashima all elements of  $\sigma(T) \cap r(T)\Gamma$  are poles of the resolvent. An inspection of the proof given by Lotz and Schaefer (see [26, V.5.5]) even shows that  $\sigma(T) \cap r(T)\Gamma$  consists entirely of Riesz points (see also [18, Corollary 2.3]). Now the result of Caselles [5, Theorem 4.1] reads as follows (see also [18, Proposition 2.5]):

**PROPOSITION.** *If  $0 \leq S \leq T$  are operators on a Banach lattice  $E$  such that  $r(T)$  is a Riesz point of  $T$ , then  $r_{\text{ess}}(S) < r(T)$ .*

Our aim is to prove the following generalization of Caselles' result.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice and let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be operators such that  $S$  is dominated by  $T$ , and  $r(T)$  is a Riesz point of  $T$ . Then  $r_{\text{ess}}(S) < r(T)$ . In particular,  $\sigma(S) \cap r(T)\Gamma$  contains only Riesz points.*

The proof of Theorem 3.1 is divided into several 'auxiliary results'. Our first lemma is due to Greiner [12, Proposition 1.32] (see also [6, Lemma 8.9]) and has its origin in a result of Schaefer [26, V.5.1, V.7.4]. If  $E$  is a Banach lattice and  $z \in E_+$ , then  $E_z$  denotes the ideal generated by  $z$  endowed with the norm  $p_z(x) := \inf\{r > 0 : |x| \leq rz\}$ . The space  $E_z$  is a Banach lattice (see [26, II.7.2]). Moreover there is an isometric lattice isomorphism from  $E_z$  onto a space  $C(K)$ ,  $K$  compact, which maps  $z$  to  $1_K$  (see [26, II.7.2, II.7.4]).

**LEMMA 3.2.** *Let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be operators on a Banach lattice  $E$  such that  $S$  is dominated by  $T$ . Suppose there is  $\alpha \in \Gamma$  and  $0 \neq z \in E$  such that  $Sz = \alpha z$  and  $T|z| = |z|$ . Then there is a surjective isometry  $V \in \mathcal{L}(\overline{E_{|z|}})$  such that  $Sx = \alpha VTV^{-1}x$  for all  $x \in \overline{E_{|z|}}$ .*

If  $T$  is an operator on a Banach space  $E$ ,  $G \subseteq E$  a closed  $T$ -invariant subspace and  $\lambda \in \sigma(T) \cap r(T)\Gamma$  a Riesz point of  $T$ , then Lemma 1.1 implies that  $\lambda$  is a Riesz point or belongs to the resolvent set of the induced operators  $T|_G$  and  $T|_{E/G}$ , respectively. In case  $G$  is an ideal in a Banach lattice  $E$ , Caselles [5, Lemma 4.4] has shown that the converse is true. We formulate his result in a slightly different form.

**LEMMA 3.3.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$ ,  $I \subseteq E$  a closed  $T$ -invariant ideal, and  $T|_I$  and  $T|_{E/I}$  the induced operators on  $I$  and  $E/I$ , respectively. Suppose that  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is a Riesz point of  $T|_I$  and  $T|_{E/I}$ , or a Riesz point of either  $T|_I$  or  $T|_{E/I}$  and belongs to the resolvent set of the other operator. Then  $\lambda$  is a Riesz point of  $T$ .*

Now we prove a special case of Theorem 3.1. Recall that a positive operator  $T$  on a Banach lattice  $E$  is *irreducible* if  $\{0\}$  and  $E$  are the only closed  $T$ -invariant ideals in  $E$ . We call  $u \in E_+$  a *topological order unit* if the ideal generated by  $u$  is dense in  $E$ . For  $z' \in E'$  and  $z \in E$  we denote by  $z' \otimes z$  the operator given by  $(z' \otimes z)x := \langle z', x \rangle z$ ,  $x \in E$ .

**LEMMA 3.4.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice and let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be operators such that  $S$  is dominated by  $T$ ,  $r(T)$  is a Riesz point of  $T$ , and  $T$  is irreducible. Then  $r_{\text{ess}}(S) < r(T)$ .*

**PROOF.** If  $E$  is finite dimensional there is nothing to prove. Otherwise we have  $r(T) > 0$  and without loss of generality we may assume  $r(T) = 1$ . If  $r(S) < 1$

the assertion holds. Now let  $r(S) = 1$  and  $\lambda \in \sigma(S) \cap \Gamma$ . Consider an ultrapower  $E_{\mathcal{U}}$  of  $E$  and the operator  $S_{\mathcal{U}}$  induced by  $S$ . Then  $\lambda \in P\sigma(S_{\mathcal{U}})$  by Lemma 1.2. Choose  $0 \neq \hat{v} \in E_{\mathcal{U}}$  such that  $S_{\mathcal{U}}\hat{v} = \alpha\hat{v}$ . Clearly,  $S_{\mathcal{U}}$  is dominated by  $T_{\mathcal{U}}$ . The irreducibility of  $T$  implies that 1 is a pole of order 1 of  $R(\cdot, T)$  and the residuum  $P$  at 1 is given by  $P = z' \otimes u$ , where  $z' \in E'_+$  is strictly positive and  $u \in E_+$  is a topological order unit (see [26, V.5.1, V.5.2]). Lemma 1.2 implies that 1 is a pole of order 1 of  $R(\cdot, T_{\mathcal{U}})$  with residuum  $P_{\mathcal{U}} = \hat{z}' \otimes \hat{u}$ , where  $\hat{u} := (u, u, \dots) \in E_{\mathcal{U}}$  and  $\hat{z}' \in (E_{\mathcal{U}})'_+$  is given by  $\langle \hat{z}', \hat{x} \rangle := \lim_{\mathcal{U}} \langle z', x_n \rangle$ ,  $\hat{x} = (x_n) \in E_{\mathcal{U}}$ . Thus  $P_{\mathcal{U}}$  has rank 1, and hence 1 is a Riesz point of  $T_{\mathcal{U}}$ .

Since  $T'_{\mathcal{U}}\hat{z}' = \hat{z}'$  the closed ideal  $I := \{\hat{x} \in E_{\mathcal{U}} : \langle \hat{z}', |\hat{x}| \rangle = 0\} \subseteq E_{\mathcal{U}}$  is invariant for  $T_{\mathcal{U}}$  and  $S_{\mathcal{U}}$ , respectively. Let  $(T_{\mathcal{U}})_I$  and  $(S_{\mathcal{U}})_I$  be the induced operators on  $I$ . From  $P_{\mathcal{U}}I = \{0\}$  and Lemma 1.1 it follows that  $1 \in \rho((T_{\mathcal{U}})_I)$ . Since  $(T_{\mathcal{U}})_I$  is positive this implies  $r((T_{\mathcal{U}})_I) < 1$  (see [26, V.4.1]), and hence  $r((S_{\mathcal{U}})_I) < 1$ . In particular  $\hat{v} \notin I$ .

Let  $W := (T_{\mathcal{U}})_I$  and  $U := (S_{\mathcal{U}})_I$  be the induced operators on  $F := E_{\mathcal{U}}/I$  and let  $z$  and  $y$  be the canonical images of  $\hat{v}$  and  $\hat{u}$  in  $F$ , respectively. Then  $U$  is dominated by  $W$ , 1 is a Riesz point of  $W$  with corresponding residuum  $Q := (P_{\mathcal{U}})_I = \hat{z}' \otimes y$ , and  $0 \neq \alpha z = Uz$ . Since  $|\hat{v}| = |S_{\mathcal{U}}\hat{v}| \leq T_{\mathcal{U}}|\hat{v}|$  and  $T'_{\mathcal{U}}\hat{z}' = \hat{z}'$  we obtain  $T_{\mathcal{U}}|\hat{v}| - |\hat{v}| \in I$ , and hence  $W|z| = |z| = \lambda y$  for some  $\lambda > 0$ .

Let  $J$  be the closed ideal in  $F$  generated by  $y$ . Then  $J$  is invariant for  $W$ ,  $Q$  and  $U$ . Let  $W_I$ ,  $U_I$  and  $W_J$ ,  $Q_J$ ,  $U_J$  be the induced operators on  $J$  and  $F/J$ , respectively. Then  $Q_J = 0$ , and hence  $1 \in \rho(W_J)$ . Since  $W_J$  is positive and  $U_J$  is dominated by  $W_J$  we obtain  $r(U_J) \leq r(W_J) < 1$ . On the other hand, 1 is a Riesz point of  $W_I$  and  $W_I$ ,  $U_I$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $z$  satisfy the assumptions of Lemma 3.2. Thus the operators  $U_I$  and  $\alpha W_I$  are similar, and hence  $\alpha$  is a Riesz point of  $U_I$ . Now Lemma 3.3 and  $r(U_J) < 1$  imply that  $\alpha$  is a Riesz point of  $U = (S_{\mathcal{U}})_I$ . Since  $r((S_{\mathcal{U}})_I) < 1$  by the same argument, we obtain that  $\alpha$  is a Riesz point of  $S_{\mathcal{U}}$ . Thus  $\alpha$  is a Riesz point of  $S = S_{\mathcal{U}|E}$ .

Now we prove Theorem 3.1. We follow the lines of a proof of Lotz and Schaefer (see [26, V.5.5] and [5, Theorem 4.1]).

**PROOF OF THEOREM 3.1.** If  $E$  is finite dimensional the assertion is obvious. Now let  $E$  be infinite dimensional. Since  $r(T)$  is a Riesz point we have  $r(T) > 0$ . Then without loss of generality we may assume  $r(T) = 1$ . The proof is now divided into three steps.

(1) We first assume that  $r(T) = 1$  is a pole of order one of  $R(\cdot, T)$  and its residuum  $P$  is strictly positive, that is,  $Px \in E_+ \setminus \{0\}$  for all  $x \in E_+ \setminus \{0\}$ . Then  $PE = \text{Fix}(T)$  (see [8, Theorem 2.17]) and from [26, III.11.5] it follows that  $PE$  is a finite dimensional sublattice of  $E$ . Thus  $PE$  is the linear span of normalized, mutually orthogonal vectors  $e_1, \dots, e_n \in (PE)_+$ . Let  $J_k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , be the closed ideal in  $E$  generated by  $e_k$ . Then  $TJ_k \subseteq J_k$  and by [26, III.8.5] each  $T_k := T|_{J_k}$  is irreducible.

Since  $S$  is dominated by  $T$ , each  $J_k$  is invariant for  $S$ . Hence we can apply Lemma 3.4 to  $T_k$  and  $S_k := S|_{J_k}$  and obtain  $r_{\text{ess}}(S_k) < 1$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . Now  $J := \sum_{k=1}^n J_k$  is a closed ideal (see [26, III.1.2]) which is invariant for  $T$  and  $S$ . Since  $PE \subseteq J$  and  $T$  is positive, the induced operator  $T_J$  on  $E/J$  satisfies  $r(T_J) < 1$ . Therefore the same holds for the induced operator  $S_J$  on  $E/J$ . On the other hand,  $r_{\text{ess}}(S|_J) < 1$  by the foregoing reasoning. Hence the assertion follows from Lemma 3.3.

(2) Next, let  $r(T) = 1$  be a pole of order one of  $R(\cdot, T)$  with (not necessarily strictly positive) residuum  $P$ . Since  $TP = PT$ , the ideal  $J := \{x \in E : P|x| = 0\}$  is invariant under  $T$  and  $r(T_J) < 1$ . Thus  $SJ \subseteq J$  and  $r(S_J) < 1$ . For the induced operators  $T_J$  and  $S_J$  on  $E/J$  we are in the situation of (1). Hence the assertion follows from Lemma 3.3.

(3) Finally, let  $r(T) = 1$  be a pole of order  $k > 1$ . Then  $Q := \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} (\lambda - 1)^k R(\lambda, T)$  is a positive operator on  $E$  satisfying  $Q^2 = 0$ . Since  $TQ = QT$  the ideal  $J := \{x \in E : Q|x| = 0\}$  is  $T$ -invariant. For the induced operators  $T_J$  and  $T_J$  on  $J$  and  $E/J$ , respectively, we obtain that 1 is a pole of order  $k - 1$  of  $R(\cdot, T_J)$  and a pole of order 1 of  $R(\cdot, T_J)$ . Moreover,  $SJ \subseteq J$  and the induced operators  $S_J$  and  $S_J$  on  $J$  and  $E/J$  are dominated by  $T_J$  and  $T_J$ , respectively. Thus the assertion follows by induction over  $k$  and applying Lemma 3.3.

#### 4. Asymptotic properties of dominated operators

In this section we apply the previous results to investigate inheritance of asymptotic properties. Recall that by the theorem of Katznelson-Tzafriri [15, Theorem 1] an operator  $T$  on a Banach space  $E$  with uniformly bounded powers  $T^n$  satisfies  $\lim_n \|T^n - T^{n+1}\| = 0$  if and only if  $\sigma(T) \cap \Gamma \subseteq \{1\}$ . Now the following result is an immediate consequence of Theorem 1.4.

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice and let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$ ,  $\sup_n \|T^n\| < \infty$  and  $\lim_n \|T^n - T^{n+1}\| = 0$ . Then  $\lim_n \|S^n - S^{n+1}\| = 0$ .*

In [24] and [25] it is shown that for operators  $0 \leq S \leq T$  on a Banach lattice  $E$  with order continuous norm strong convergence of  $(T^n)$  to a projection  $P_T$  of finite rank implies strong convergence of  $(S^n)$ . We will see that the rank condition on  $P_T$  can be replaced by a spectral condition on  $T$ .

At first we prove an inheritance result for a property which is slightly more general than strong convergence of the powers  $T^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . An operator  $T$  on a Banach space  $E$  is called *almost periodic*, if  $\{T^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is relatively compact for all  $x \in E$ . In this case the Jacobs-Glicksberg-deLeeuw splitting theorem (see [16, §2.4]) yields a decomposition  $E = E_0 \oplus E_r$  of  $E$  where

$$E_0 = E_0(T) = \{x \in E : \lim_n T^n x = 0\} \quad \text{and}$$

$$E_r = E_r(T) = \overline{\text{lin}}\{x \in E : Tx = \alpha x \text{ for some } \alpha \in \Gamma\}.$$

Now we obtain the following inheritance result for almost periodicity (see [24, Proposition 3.10] and [25, Theorem 4.6]). Notice that we do not impose any restriction on the projection  $Q_T$  from  $E$  onto  $E_r$ .

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice with order continuous norm and let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$  and  $T$  is almost periodic. If  $\sigma(T) \cap \Gamma \neq \Gamma$ , then  $S$  is almost periodic.*

**PROOF.** By the uniform boundedness principle,  $\sup_n \|S^n\| \leq \sup_n \|T^n\| < \infty$ , and hence  $r(T) \leq 1$ . If  $r(T) < 1$ , then  $r(S) \leq r(T) < 1$ , which implies  $\lim_n \|S^n\| = 0$ . Thus we may assume  $r(T) = 1$ . By a result of Lotz (see [26, V.4.9])  $\sigma(T) \cap \Gamma$  is cyclic, that is,  $\lambda \in \sigma(T) \cap \Gamma$  implies  $\lambda^n \in \sigma(T)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $\sigma(T) \cap \Gamma$  is not the whole unit circle it must be a finite union of finite subgroups of  $\Gamma$ . Hence there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\sigma(T^m) \cap \Gamma = \{1\}$ . By Theorem 1.4 we have  $\sigma(S^m) \cap \Gamma \subseteq \sigma(T^m) \cap \Gamma = \{1\}$ . On the other hand,  $\{T^{mn}x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is relatively compact for  $x \in E$ . Since  $E$  has order continuous norm  $\{S^{mn}x : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \text{so}\{T^{mn}|x| : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is relatively weakly compact for all  $x \in E$ . If  $\lambda > 1$  then  $(\lambda - 1)R(\lambda, S^m)x$  is in the closed convex hull of  $\{S^{mn}x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  which is again weakly compact by Eberlein's theorem. Then Proposition 2.1 implies that  $S^m$  is Abel ergodic and  $E = \text{Fix}(S^m) \oplus \overline{(I - S^m)E}$ . Since  $\sigma(S^m) \cap \Gamma \subseteq \{1\}$ , the Katznelson-Tzafriri theorem (see [15, Theorem 1]) yields  $\lim_n \|S^{mn} - S^{m(n+1)}\| = 0$ . Thus  $\lim_n S^{mn}x = 0$  for all  $x \in \overline{(I - S^m)E}$ , and hence  $(S^{mn})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is strongly convergent. Thus  $\{S^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^m S^k \{S^{m(n-1)}x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is relatively compact for all  $x \in E$ .

If  $(T^n)$  is strongly convergent we obtain strong convergence of  $(S^n)$ .

**COROLLARY 4.3.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice with order continuous norm and let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$  and  $(T^n)$  is strongly convergent. If  $\sigma(T) \cap \Gamma \neq \Gamma$ , then  $(S^n)$  is strongly convergent.*

**PROOF.** By Theorem 4.1 the operator  $S$  is almost periodic. Then the Jacobs-Glicksberg-deLeeuw decomposition yields  $E = E_0(S) \oplus E_r(S)$ . By Corollary 2.3 we have  $P\sigma(S) \cap \Gamma \subseteq P\sigma(T) \cap \Gamma \subseteq \{1\}$ . Thus  $E_r(S) = \text{Fix}(S)$ . Hence  $(S^n)$  is strongly convergent.

If  $(T^n)$  is uniformly convergent, then  $1 \in \rho(T)$  or  $1$  is isolated in  $\sigma(T)$  (see [16, 2.2.7]). So we obtain the following result.

**COROLLARY 4.4.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice with order continuous norm and let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be such that  $0 \leq S \leq T$  and  $(T^n)$  is uniformly convergent. Then  $(S^n)$  is strongly convergent.*

REMARKS. (a) In Corollary 4.4 one cannot expect a better convergence of the sequence  $(S^n)$  (see [23, 2.6 Remark (a)]).

(b) We do not know if the conclusion of Theorem 4.2 and Corollary 4.3 still holds without the spectral condition on  $T$ . At least in that case one knows that  $\{S^n x : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is relatively weakly compact for all  $x \in E$ , that is,  $S$  is *weakly almost periodic*.

We conclude with an application of Theorem 3.1. Recall that an operator  $T$  on a Banach space  $E$  is *uniformly ergodic* if the Cesaro means  $T_n := \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} T^k / n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , are uniformly convergent. The limit  $P_T := \lim_n T_n$  is called the *ergodic projection* corresponding to  $T$ . It is well known that  $T$  is uniformly ergodic if and only if  $\lim_n \|T^n\|/n = 0$  and 1 is a pole of the resolvent  $R(\cdot, T)$  (see [8, Theorem 3.16]). In this case  $P_T$  coincides with the spectral projection corresponding to the spectral set  $\{1\}$  (see [8, Theorem 2.23]). Thus  $T$  is uniformly ergodic with ergodic projection of finite rank if and only if  $\lim_n \|T^n\|/n = 0$  and 1 is a Riesz point of  $T$ .

Now we obtain the following generalization of a result of Caselles [5, Corollary 4.6].

**THEOREM 4.5.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach lattice and let  $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$  be operators such that  $S$  is dominated by  $T$ . If  $T$  is uniformly ergodic with ergodic projection of finite rank, then  $S$  is uniformly ergodic with ergodic projection of finite rank.*

**PROOF.** Our assumptions imply  $r(S) \leq r(T) \leq 1$ . If  $r(S) < 1$  there is nothing to prove. If  $r(S) = r(T) = 1$ , then 1 is a Riesz point of  $T$ . Theorem 3.1 yields  $r_{\text{ess}}(S) < 1$ . In particular 1 is a Riesz point of  $S$ . On the other hand,  $\|S^n\| \leq \|T^n\|$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and hence  $\lim_n \|S^n\|/n = 0$ . Thus the assertion follows from the previous discussion.

**FINAL REMARK.** The authors obtained corresponding results for pseudo-resolvents. This is the subject of a forthcoming paper.

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