

# **Almost L-Dunford-Pettis sets in Banach lattices and its applications**

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## **Abstract**

We introduce and study the notion of almost L-Dunford-Pettis sets in Banach lattices and we give some characterizations of it in terms of sequences. As an application, we establish new properties of almost Dunford-Pettis completely continuous operators. Finally, by introducing the concept of aL-Dunford-Pettis property in Banach lattices, we investigate the weak compactness of almost Dunford-Pettis completely continuous operator.

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# **1. Introduction and notation**

A norm bounded subset *A* of a Banach space *X* is said to be Dunford-Pettis set, if every weakly null sequence  $(f_n)$  in  $X'$  converges uniformly to zero on A, that is,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sup_{x\in A} f_n(x) = 0$ . Recall from [6] that a norm bounded subset *A* of a topological dual Banach space *X′* is an L-Dunford-Pettis if every weakly null sequence (*xn*), which is a Dunford-Pettis subset of *X* converges uniformly to zero on A, that is  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sup_{f\in A} f(x_n) =$ 0.

A Banach space *X* has

- the relatively compact Dunford-Pettis property (DPrcP for short) if every weakly null sequence, which is a Dunford-Pettis set in  $X$ , is norm null  $[7]$ .

- the L-Dunford-Pettis property if every L-Dunford-Pettis set in *X′* is relatively weakly compact [6].

A Banach lattice *E* has the positive relatively compact Dunford-Pettis property (PDPrcP for short) if every disjoint weakly null sequence, which is [a](#page-8-0) Dunford-Pettis set in *X*, is norm null [4]. Note that if a Banach lattice *E* has the DPrcP then, it has PDPrcP but the conve[rs](#page-8-1)e is not true in general (see Example 3.4 of  $[4]$ ).

An operator *T* from a Banach space *X* into a another Banach space *Y* is called Dunford-Pettis completely continuous (DPcc for short) if each weakly null sequence  $(x_n)$ , which is a Dunford-[Pe](#page-8-2)ttis set in *X*, we have  $||T(x_n)||_Y \to 0$ , as  $n \to \infty$  [7]. Recall from [4] that an operator *T* from a Banach lattice *E* into a Banach space *[Y](#page-8-2)* is called almost Dunford-Pettis completely continuous (aDPcc for short) if each disjoint weakly null sequence  $(x_n)$ , which is a Dunford-Pettis set in *E*, we have  $||T(x_n)||_Y \to 0$ , as  $n \to \infty$ .

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Dunford-Pettis sets definition is given firstly by K.T. Andrews [2] as a norm bounded subset *A* of a Banach space *X* is a Dunford-Pettis set whenever every weakly compact operator from *X* to an arbitrary Banach space *Y* carries *A* to a norm totally bounded set. Then Andrew characterized the Dunford-Pettis sets by using sequences (*fn*) in *X′* . Recently in [3], Bouras considered the disjoint version of the D[un](#page-8-3)ford-Pettis sets and introduced the almost Dunford-Pettis sets in Banach lattices. Following Bouras, a bounded subset *A* of a Banach lattice *E* is said to be an almost Dunford-Pettis set if every disjoint weakly null sequence  $(f_n)$  in  $E'$  converges uniformly to zero on A. In this paper, using the disjoint seque[n](#page-8-4)ce techniques we consider the disjoint version of L-Dunford-Pettis sets, that we call almost L-Dunford-Pettis sets in Banach lattices (Definition 2.1). In addition, we introduce the aL-Dunford-Pettis property which is shared by those Banach lattice whose every almost L-Dunford-Pettis subset of his topological dual is relatively weakly compact (Definition 4.1).

The article is organized as follows. In Section 2 we establish som[e ch](#page-1-0)aracterizations of almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in terms of sequences (Proposition 2.2), and we show that each order interval in a dual Banach lattice is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set (Proposition 2.4). Also, [we](#page-7-0) give some equivalent condition for  $T'(A)$  to be almost L-Dunford-Pettis set where *A* is a norm bounded solid subset of *E* and  $T : E \to F$  is an order bounded operator between two Banach lattices (Theorem 2.7). In Sectio[n 3,](#page-2-0) using the notion of almost L-Dunford-Pettis set, we give characterizations of aDPcc operator and PDPrcP [\(Th](#page-2-1)eorem 3.1 and Corollary 3.2). After that, we characterize Banach lattice *E* such that each almost L-Dunford-Pettis set of *E′* is L-Dunford-Pettis (Theorem 3.12), and we derive some sufficient conditions such that the PDPrcP c[oinc](#page-3-0)ide with the DPrcP (Corollary 3.13). In Section 4, we prove that a Banach lattice *E* has the aL-Dunford-Pettis property if and only if eac[h a](#page-4-0)DPcc operator [from](#page-5-0) a Banach lattice *E* into any Banach space *Y* is weakly compact (Theorem 4.2), and we deduce an important result about [the](#page-6-0) reflexive space (Corollary 4.3).

To state our results, we need to fix some notations and recall some definitions. A Banach lattice is a Banach space  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  such that *E* is a vector lattice and its norm satisfies the following proper[ty:](#page-7-1) for each  $x, y \in E$  such that  $|x| \le |y|$ , we have  $||x|| \le ||y||$ . If *E* is a Banach l[atti](#page-8-5)ce, its topological dual *E′* , endowed with the dual norm, is also a Banach lattice. The sequence  $(x_n)$  of a Banach lattice *E* is disjoint if  $|x_n| \wedge |x_m| = 0, n \neq m$  (we denote by  $x_n \perp x_m$ ).

Recall that a nonzero element *x* of a vector lattice *G* is discrete if the order ideal generated by  $x$  equals the subspace generated by  $x$ . The vector lattice  $G$  is discrete, if it admits a complete disjoint system of discrete elements. The lattice operations of a Banach lattice *E* are weakly sequentially continuous, whenever  $x_n \to 0$  for  $\sigma(E, E')$  as  $n \to \infty$  $\text{imply } |x_n| \to 0 \text{ for } \sigma(E, E'), \text{ as } n \to \infty.$  We will use the term operator  $T: X \longrightarrow Y$ between two Banach space to mean a bounded linear mapping, its dual operator *T ′* is defined from *Y*' into *X*' by  $T'(f)(x) = f(T(x))$  for each  $f \in Y'$  and for each  $x \in X$ . We refer the reader to [1] for unexplained terminology of Banach lattice theory and operators.

#### **2. Almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in a topological dual of Banach lattice**

We start this w[or](#page-8-6)k by a definition of almost L-Dunford-Pettis set, which is a disjoint version of L-Dunford-Pettis set.

**Definition 2.1.** Let *E* be a Banach lattice. A norm bounded subset *A* of *E′* is called an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set, if every disjoint weakly null sequence  $(x_n)$ , which is a DP set in *E* converge uniformly to zero on *A*, that is,  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \sup_{f\in A} |f(x_n)| = 0$ .

<span id="page-1-0"></span>Now, for a norm bounded subset of a topological dual Banach lattice, we give a characterization of an almost L-Dunford-Pettis sets.

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let E be a Banach lattice and let A be a norm bounded subset of E′ . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *A is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in*  $E'$ .
- <span id="page-2-0"></span>(2) For every sequence  $(f_n)$  in A and every disjoint weakly null sequence  $(x_n)$ , which *is a Dunford-Pettis set in E, we have*  $f_n(x_n) \to 0$  *as*  $n \to \infty$ *.*

*Proof.* (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Assume by way of contradiction that *A* is not an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in  $E'$ . Then, there exists a disjoint weakly null sequence  $(x_n)$ , which is a Dunford-Pettis subset of *E* such that  $\sup_{f \in A} |f(x_n)| > \epsilon > 0$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$  and each *n*. Hence, for every *n* there exists some  $f_n$  in A such that  $|f_n(x_n)| > \epsilon$ , which is impossible from our hypothesis (2). This prove that *A* is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in *E′* .

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $(f_n)$  be a sequence in *A* and  $(x_n)$  be a disjoint weakly null sequence, which is a Dunford-Pettis set in *E*. Since

$$
|f_n(x_n)| \le \sup_{f \in A} |f(x_n)|,
$$

for every *n*, and *A* is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in  $E'$  then,  $f_n(x_n) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ . This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

As a consequence of Proposition 2.2, we obtain the following result.

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let E be a Banach lattice and let* (*fn*) *be a norm bounded sequence in E′ . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *The subset*  $\{f_n, n \in N\}$  *is a[n a](#page-2-0)lmost L-Dunford-Pettis set in E'*.
- (2) For every disjoint weakly null sequence  $(x_n)$ , which is a Dunford-Pettis set in  $E$ , *we have*  $f_n(x_n) \to 0$  *as*  $n \to \infty$ *.*

The following proposition shows that every order interval in a topological dual Banach lattice is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set.

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let E be a Banach lattice. Then, for every*  $f \in (E')^+$ ,  $[-f, f]$  *is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in E′ .*

<span id="page-2-1"></span>*Proof.* Let (*xn*) be a disjoint weakly null sequence, which is a Dunford-Pettis set in *E*, and put  $W = \{x_n : n \in N\}$ . Then, W is a relatively weakly compact set of E and  $(|x_n|)$ is a disjoint sequence in the solid hull of *W*. Now, by Theorem 4.34 of [1], we see that  $(|x_n|)$  is a weakly null sequence of E. Since

$$
f(|x_n|) = \sup \{|g(x_n)| : g \in [-f, f]\} \to 0
$$

as  $n \to \infty$  for all  $f \in (E')^+$ , it follows that  $[-f, f]$  is an almost L-Dunford-[P](#page-8-6)ettis set in  $E'$ for all  $f \in (E')^+$ , and this ends the proof.

From Proposition 2.4 and Theorem 1.73 of [1], we get

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let T be an order bounded operator from a Banach lattice E into another Banach lattice*  $F$ *. Then,*  $T'([-f, f])$  *is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in*  $E'$  *for every*  $f \in (F')^+$ .

<span id="page-2-2"></span>*Proof.* Since *T* be an order bounded operator from a Banach lattice *E* into another Banach lattice F, by Theorem 1.73 of [1], we obtain that  $T' : F' \to E'$  is also order bounded. Thus,  $T'([-f, f])$  is an order bounded subset of E' for all  $f \in (F')^+$ , and so there exists  $g \in (E')^+$  such that  $T'([-f, f]) \subset [-g, g]$ . Now, from Proposition 2.4, we conclude that  $T'([-f, f])$  is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in  $E'$  for every  $f \in (F')^+$ , as desired.

In order to prove the next theorem, we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.6.** Let E be a Banach lattice, and let  $(g_n)$  be a norm bounded sequence in  $E^+$ . *Then the sequence defined for*  $n \geq 2$  *by* 

$$
f_n = \left(g_n - 4^n \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} g_i - 2^{-n} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 2^{-i} g_i\right)^+,
$$

<span id="page-3-1"></span>*is a disjoint sequence of*  $E^+$ .

*Proof.* Let  $n > m \geq 2$ , then

$$
0 \le f_n \le (g_n - 4^n g_m)^+,
$$

and

$$
0 \le 4^n f_m \le 4^n (g_m - 4^{-n} g_n)^+ = (4^n g_m - g_n)^+ = (g_n - 4^n g_m)^-.
$$

Since  $(g_n - 4^n g_m)^+ \bot (g_n - 4^n g_m)^-$ , we deduce that  $f_n \bot f_m$ , as desired. □

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let T be an order bounded operator from a Banach lattice E into another Banach lattice F, and let A be a norm bounded solid subset of F ′ . The following statements are equivalent:*

- <span id="page-3-0"></span>(1)  $T'(A)$  *is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in E'.*
- $(2)$   $\{T'(f_n), n \in N\}$  *is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in E'*, *for each disjoint sequence*  $(f_n) \subset A^+ = A \cap (F')^+.$

*Proof.*  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  Obvious.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$  Let  $(x_n)$  be a disjoint weakly null sequence, which is a Dunford-Pettis set in *E*. To finish the proof, we have to prove that  $\sup_{g \in A} |T'(g)(x_n)| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Assume by way of contradiction that  $\sup_{g \in A} |T'(g)(x_n)|$  does not converge to 0 as  $n \to \infty$ . So there exists some  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\sup_{g \in A} |T'(g)(x_n)| > \epsilon$  for each n. Hence, there exists  $g_n \in A^+$  such that  $g_n(|T(x_n)|) > \epsilon$  for all natural number *n*. Let  $g \in A^+$ . Then from Corollary 2.5, we see that  $T'([g,g])$  is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis sets in  $E'$ , and we have  $g(|T(x_n)|) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Let  $n_1 = 1$ . Since  $g_{n_1}(T(x_n)) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ , there exists some natural number  $n_2$  such that  $n_2 > n_1 = 1$  and  $g_{n_1}(|T(x_{n_2})|) < \frac{\epsilon}{2^{2 \times 2}}$  $\frac{\epsilon}{2^{2\times 2+2}}$ . Also, because  $\sum_{k=1}^{2} g_{n_k}(|T(x_n)|) \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ , there exists some natural number  $n_3$  such that  $n_3 > n_2 > n_1 = 1$  $n_3 > n_2 > n_1 = 1$  $n_3 > n_2 > n_1 = 1$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{2} g_{n_k}(|T(x_{n_3})|) < \frac{\epsilon}{2^{2 \times 3}}$  $\frac{\epsilon}{2^{2\times 3+2}}$ . By induction, we get a strictly increasing subsequence  $(n_k)$  of N such that

$$
\left(\sum_{k=1}^{m-1} g_{n_k}\right) \left(\left|T(x_{n_m})\right|\right) < \frac{\epsilon}{2^{2m+2}} \text{ for all } m \ge 2.
$$

Now, let

$$
h = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-k} g_{n_k}
$$

and

$$
f_m = (g_{n_m} - 4^m \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} g_{n_k} - 2^{-m} h)^+
$$
 for all  $m \ge 2$ .

So by Lemma 2.6, we see that  $(f_m)$  is a disjoint sequence in  $(F')^+$ , as  $0 \le f_m \le g_{n_m}$ , *g*<sup>*n*</sup>*m* ∈ *A* and *A* is a solid subset of *F*<sup>'</sup> then,  $f_m$  ∈  $A$ <sup>+</sup>. Hence, we have

$$
f_m(|T(x_{n_m})|) = (g_{n_m} - 4^m \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} g_{n_k} - 2^{-m} h)^+ (|T(x_{n_m})|)
$$
  
\n
$$
\geq (g_{n_m} - 4^m \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} g_{n_k} - 2^{-m} h)(|T(x_{n_m})|)
$$
  
\n
$$
> \epsilon - \frac{\epsilon}{4} - 2^{-m} h(|T(x_{n_m})|).
$$

This prove that  $f_m(|T(x_{n_m})|) > \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  $\frac{\epsilon}{2}$  for *m* sufficiently large (because  $2^{-m}h(|T(x_{n_m})|) \to 0$ ). Since  $f_m(|T(x_{n_m})|) = \sup\{|T'(y)(x_{n_m})|, |y| \leq f_m\}$ , for m sufficiently large there exists some  $y_m \in F'$  such that  $|y_m| \leq f_m$  and  $|T'(y_m)(x_{n_m})| > \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  $\frac{\epsilon}{2}$ . It is clear that  $(y_m^+)$  and  $(y_m^-)$ are norm bounded disjoint sequences in  $A^+$  and so, by our hypothesis we obtain

$$
\frac{\epsilon}{2} < |T'(y_m)(x_{n_m})|
$$
\n
$$
\leq |T'(y_m^+)(x_{n_m})| + |T'(y_m^-)(x_{n_m})|
$$
\n
$$
\leq \sup_{k \in N} |T'(y_k^+)(x_{n_m})| + \sup_{k \in N} |T'(y_k^-)(x_{n_m})| \to 0,
$$

as  $m \to \infty$ . This leads to a contradiction, and we are done.

As a consequence of Theorem 2.7, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 2.8.** *Let T be an order bounded operator from a Banach lattice E into another Banach lattice F, and let A be a norm bounded solid subset of F ′ . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $T'(A)$  *is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in E'.*
- (2)  $f_n(T(x_n)) \to 0$  *as*  $n \to \infty$ , for every disjoint weakly null sequence  $(x_n)$ , which is a *Dunford-Pettis set in*  $E^+$  *and for each disjoint sequence*  $(f_n)$  *in*  $A^+$ *.*

Next, we derive another consequence of Theorem 2.7.

**Corollary 2.9.** *Let E be a Banach lattice and let A be a norm bounded solid subset of E′ . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *A is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in*  $E'$ .
- $(2) \{f_n, n \in N\}$  *is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in*  $E'$ , *for each disjoint sequence*  $(f_n) \subset A^+ = A \cap (F')^+.$

#### **3. Almost L-Dunford-Pettis set, aDPcc operator and PDPrcP**

The following theorem gives a new characterization of order bounded aDPcc operator from a Banach lattice *E* into another *F* in term of almost L-Dunford-Pettis sets in *E′* .

**Theorem 3.1.** *For an order bounded operator T from a Banach lattice E into another F. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *T is an aDPcc operator.*
- <span id="page-4-0"></span>(2)  $T'(B_{F'})$  *is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in E'.*
- $(3)$   $\{T'(f_n), n \in N\}$  *is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in E'*, for each disjoint sequence  $(f_n) \subset B^+_{F'}$ .
- (4)  $f_n(T(x_n)) \to 0$  *as*  $n \to \infty$ , for every disjoint weakly null sequence  $(x_n)$ , which is a *Dunford-Pettis set in*  $E^+$  *and for each disjoint sequence*  $(f_n) \subset B^+_{F'}$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) Let  $(x_n)$  be a disjoint weakly null sequence, which is a Dunford-Pettis subset of *E′* . Since

$$
||T(x_n)|| = \sup_{f \in T'(B_{F'})} |f(x_n)|,
$$

then, it is clear that *T* is an aDPcc operator if and only if  $T'(B_{F'})$  is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis in *E′* .

- $(2) \Leftrightarrow (3)$  Follows from Theorem 2.7.
- $(3) \Leftrightarrow (4)$  Follows from Proposition 2.3.

As a simple consequence of Theorem 3.1, we get a characterization of PDPrcP in Banach lattices.

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let E be a Banach lattice. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *E has the PDPrcP.*
- (2) *BE′ is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set.*
- <span id="page-5-0"></span> $(3)$   $\{f_n, n \in N\}$  *is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in*  $E'$ , for each disjoint sequence  $(f_n) \subset B_{E'}^+$ .
- (4)  $f_n(x_n) \to 0$  *as*  $n \to \infty$ , for every disjoint weakly null sequence  $(x_n)$ , which is a *Dunford-Pettis set in*  $E^+$  *and for each disjoint sequence*  $(f_n) \subset B^+_{E'}$ .

In the next result, we obtain a new characterization of PDPrcP in Banach lattices in term of almost L-Dunford-Pettis sets.

**Theorem 3.3.** *A Banach lattice E has the PDPrcP if and only if every bounded subset of E′ is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set.*

*Proof.* For the "if" part, since  $B_{E'}$  is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set, by Corollary 3.2 we conclude that *E* has the PDPrcP.

For the "only if" part, assume by way of contradiction that there exists a bounded subset *A*, which is not an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set of *E′* . Then, there exists a disjoint weakly null sequence  $(x_n)$ , which is a Dunford-Pettis set of *E* such that  $\sup_{f \in A} |f(x_n)| > \epsilon > 0$  $\sup_{f \in A} |f(x_n)| > \epsilon > 0$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$  and each *n*. Hence, for every *n* there exists some  $f_n$  in *A* such that  $|f_n(x_n)| > \epsilon$ .

On the other hand, since  $(f_n) \subset A$ , there exists some  $K > 0$  such that  $||f_n||_{E'} \leq K$  for all *n*. Thus,

$$
|f_n(x_n)| \le K ||x_n||,
$$

for each *n*, so by our hypothesis,  $|f_n(x_n)| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ , which is impossible. This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

Let us define the following.

**Definition 3.4.** Let *E* be a Banach lattice, *E* has the property (*a*) if for every weakly null sequence  $(x_n)$ , which is a Dunford-Pettis set in *E* we have  $|x_n| \to 0$  for  $\sigma(E, E')$  as *n → ∞*.

**Remark 3.5.** Let *E* be a Banach lattice. Note that *E* is discrete with order continuous norm  $\Rightarrow$  the lattice operations of E are weakly sequentially continuous (see Proposition 2.5.23 of  $[5]$ )  $\Rightarrow$  *E* has the property  $(a)$ .

<span id="page-5-2"></span>We need to recall of the following characterization of aDPcc operators, which is established in Theorem 3.9 of [4].

**Theore[m](#page-8-7) 3.6.** *An operator T from a Banach lattice E into a Banach space Y is aDPcc if and only if*  $||T(x_n)|| \rightarrow 0$  *as*  $n \rightarrow \infty$  *for every weakly null sequence*  $(x_n)$ *, which is a Dunford-Pettis set in E*+*[.](#page-8-2)*

In the following result, we establish a sufficient condition such that the class of aDPcc operators and the class of DPcc operators coincide.

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let E be a Banach lattice and Y be a Banach space such that E has the property* (*a*)*, then each aDPcc operator from E into Y is DPcc.*

<span id="page-5-1"></span>*Proof.* Let *T* be an aDPcc operator from *E* into *Y*. We prove that *T* is DPcc, let  $(x_n)$  be a weakly null sequence, which is a Dunford-Pettis set in *E*. Since *E* has the property (*a*) then  $(x_n^+)$  and  $(x_n^-)$  be weakly null sequences in  $E^+$ , and it is clear that are Dunford-Pettis sets. Now, it follows from Theorem 3.6 that  $||T(x_n^+)|| \to 0$  and  $||T(x_n^-)|| \to 0$  as  $n \to \infty$ . Thus,

$$
||T(x_n)|| = ||T(x_n^+) - T(x_n^-)|| \le ||T(x_n^+)|| + ||T(x_n^-)|| \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty,
$$

and we are done.

$$
\Box
$$

Now, from Theorem 3.7 and Corollary 3.20 of [4], we derive

**Corollary 3.8.** *Let E and F be two Banach lattices such that E has the property* (*a*) *or F is discrete with order continuous norm, then each positive aDPcc operator from E into F is DPcc.*

The following result give a necessary and sufficient condition such that each order interval in a topological dual Banach lattice is an L-Dunford-Pettis set.

**Proposition 3.9.** *Let E be a Banach lattice. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) For every  $f \in (E')^+$ ,  $[-f, f]$  is an *L*-Dunford-Pettis set in *E'*.
- (2)  $E$  *has the property*  $(a)$ *.*

<span id="page-6-2"></span>*Proof.* Let  $(x_n)$  be a weakly null sequence, which is a Dunford-Pettis set of E, then the result follows from the equality:

$$
f(|x_n|) = \sup\{|g(x_n)| : g \in [-f, f]\},\
$$

for every  $f \in (E')^+$  and every *n*.

We need the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.10.** *A Banach space X has the DPrcP if and only if the closed unit ball BX′ of X′ is L-Dunford-Pettis.*

<span id="page-6-1"></span>*Proof.* Let  $(x_n)$  be a weakly null sequence, which is a Dunford-Pettis set of X, then the result follows from the equality:

$$
||x_n|| = \sup_{f \in B_{X'}} |f(x_n)|,
$$

for every *n*.

**Remark 3.11.** It is clear that every L-Dunford-Pettis set in a dual Banach lattice is almost L-Dunford-Pettis, but the converse is not true in general. In fact, if we put  $E =$  $L^1$  [0, 1]  $\oplus L^2$  [0, 1] then, *E* has the PDPrcP but does not have the DPrcP (see Example 3.4 of [4]), hence from Corollary 3.2 and Proposition 3.10, we see that the closed unit ball  $B_{E'}$  is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set but it is not L-Dunford-Pettis.

Now, we are in a position to give our major result, and we characterize Banach lattice *E* suc[h t](#page-8-2)hat each almost L-Dunf[ord](#page-5-0)-Pettis set of *E′* [is L-](#page-6-1)Dunford-Pettis.

**Theorem 3.12.** *Let E be a Banach lattice. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) *Each almost L-Dunford-Pettis set of E′ is L-Dunford-Pettis.*
- (2)  $E$  *has the property*  $(a)$ *.*
- <span id="page-6-0"></span>(3) *Each aDPcc operator from E to any Banach lattice F is DPcc.*
- (4) *Each aDPcc operator from E to*  $\ell^{\infty}$  *is DPcc.*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $f \in (E')^+$  then,  $[-f, f]$  is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in *E'* (see Proposition 2.4), and by our hypothesis, we have that [*−f, f*] is an L-Dunford-Pettis set in *E′* . Now, from Proposition 3.9, we see that *E* has the propery (*a*).

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  Let *T* be an aDPcc operator from *E* to any Banach lattice *F*, since *E* has the property (*a*) then, by Theorem 3.7, *T* is DPcc operator.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (4)$  [Ob](#page-2-1)vious.

(4) *⇒* (1) Suppose by way o[f co](#page-6-2)ntradiction that there exist an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set *A* in *E′* which is not L-Dunford-Pettis. As *A* is not L-Dunford-Pettis subst of *E′* , so there e[x](#page-5-1)ists a weakly null sequence  $(x_n)$ , which is a Dunford-Pettis subset of  $E$  such that  $\sup_{f \in A} |f(x_n)| > \epsilon > 0$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$  and each *n*. Hence, for every *n* there exists some  $f_n$  in *A* such that  $|f_n(x_n)| > \epsilon$ .

On the other hand, consider the operator  $T : E \to \ell^{\infty}$  defined by

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$$
T(x) = (f_n(x))_{n=0}^{\infty} \text{ for all } x \in E.
$$

We show that *T* is aDPcc operator. Since *A* is almost L-Dunford-Pettis subst of *E′* , then for every disjoint weakly null sequence  $(y_m)$ , which is a Dunford-Pettis of  $E$ , we obtain

$$
||T(y_m)||_{\infty} = ||(f_n(y_m))_{n=0}^{\infty}||_{\infty}
$$
  
= 
$$
\sup_{n \in N} |f_n(y_m)|
$$
  

$$
\leq \sup_{f \in A} |f(y_m)| \to 0,
$$

as  $m \to \infty$ , this prove that *T* is aDPcc, and by our hypothesis we see that *T* is DPcc. Now, we have

$$
\epsilon < |f_n(x_n)| \le ||T(x_n)||_{\infty} \to 0, \text{ as } n \to \infty,
$$

which is impossible, and this ends the proof.  $\Box$ 

Consequently, we obtain some sufficient conditions such that the PDPrcP and DPrcP in Banach lattice conicide.

**Corollary 3.13.** *Let E be a Banach lattice. Suppose that one of the following assertions is valid:*

- (1) *Each almost L-Dunford-Pettis set of E′ is L-Dunford-Pettis.*
- (2)  $E$  *has the property*  $(a)$ *.*
- (3) *The lattice operations of E are weakly sequentially continuous.*
- (4) *E is discrete.*
- (5) *Each aDPcc operator from E to*  $\ell^{\infty}$  *is DPcc.*

*Then, E has the PDPrcP if and only if E has the DPrcP.*

*Proof.* (1), (2) and (5) Follows from Theorem 3.12, in particular, we put in assertion (3) of this Theorem  $F = E$  and  $T = Id_E : E \to E$  the identity operator.

(3) Follows from Remark 3.5 and (2).

(4) If *E* has the PDPrcP, then, its norm is order continuous, and as *E* is discrete so by Remark 3.5 and assertion (3), we deduce that *[E](#page-6-0)* has the DPrcP, and this completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

### **4. aL-Dunford-Pettis property in Banach lattices**

Let *E* [be](#page-5-2) a Banach lattice, note that each relatively weakly compact subset *A* of a dual topological Banach lattice *E′* is L-Dunford-Pettis (see Proposition 2.3 of [6]), and hence *A* is almost L-Dunford-Pettis. The converse of this property is not true in general, in fact, the closed unit ball  $B_{\ell^{\infty}}$  of  $\ell^{\infty}$  is almost L-Dunford-Pettis set (see Corollary 3.2), but it is not relatively weakly compact.

Now, we give the following definition.

**Definition 4.1.** A Banach lattice *E* has the aL-Dunford-Pettis property, if e[very](#page-5-0) almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in *E′* is relatively weakly compact.

<span id="page-7-0"></span>Note that an aDPcc operator is not weakly compact in general. In fact,  $Id_{\ell^1}$  is aDPcc, but it is not weakly compact.

Used the idea of aL-Dunford-Pettis property in Banach lattice, we establish the weak compactness of aDPcc operators.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let E be a Banach lattice, then, the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1) *E has the aL-Dunford-Pettis property,*
- (2) *for each Banach space Y, every aDPcc operator from E into Y is weakly compact,*
- <span id="page-7-1"></span>(3) *every aDPcc operator from E into*  $\ell^{\infty}$  *is weakly compact.*

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Suppose that *E* has the aL-Dunford-Pettis property and  $T: E \rightarrow Y$  is aDPcc operator. Thus  $T'(B_{Y'})$  is an almost L-Dunford-Pettis set in  $E'$ . So by hypothesis, it is relatively weakly compact and *T* is a weakly compact operator.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3)$  Obvious.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  If *E* does not have the aL-Dunford-Pettis property, there exists an almost L-Dunford-Pettis subset *A* of *E′* which is not relatively weakly compact. So there is a sequence  $(f_n) \subseteq A$  with no weakly convergent subsequence. Now, we show that the operator  $T: E \to \ell^{\infty}$  defined by  $T(x) = (f_n(x))$  for all  $x \in E$  is aDPcc but it is not weakly compact. As  $(f_n) \subseteq A$  is almost L-Dunford-Pettis set, then for every disjoint weakly null sequence  $(x_m)$ , which is a Dunford-Pettis set in  $E$  we have

$$
||T(x_m)|| = \sup_n |f_n(x_m)| \to 0, \text{ as } m \to \infty,
$$

so T is aDPcc operator. Hence  $T'((\lambda_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n f_n$  for every  $(\lambda_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \in \ell^1 \subset (\ell^{\infty})'.$ If  $e'_n$  is the usual basis element in  $\ell^1$  then  $T'(e'_n) = f_n$ , for all  $n \in N$ . Thus,  $T'$  is not a weakly compact operator and neither is  $T$ . This finishes the proof.  $\Box$ 

As a consequence of Theorem 4.2, we derive the following result.

**Corollary 4.3.** *A PDPrc space has the aL-Dunford-Pettis property if and only if it is reflexive.*

<span id="page-8-5"></span>*Proof.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) If a Banach lattice *[E](#page-7-1)* has the PDPrcP, then the identity operator *Id<sub>E</sub>* on *E* is aDPcc. As *E* has the aL-Dunford-Pettis property, it follows from Theorem 4.2 that  $Id_E$ is weakly compact, and hence *E* is reflexive.

(*⇐*) Obvious.

**Remark 4.4.** Note that the Banach lattice  $\ell^1$  is not reflexive and has the P[DP](#page-7-1)rcP, then from Corollary 4.3, we conclude that  $\ell^1$  does not have the aL-Dunford-Pettis property.

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